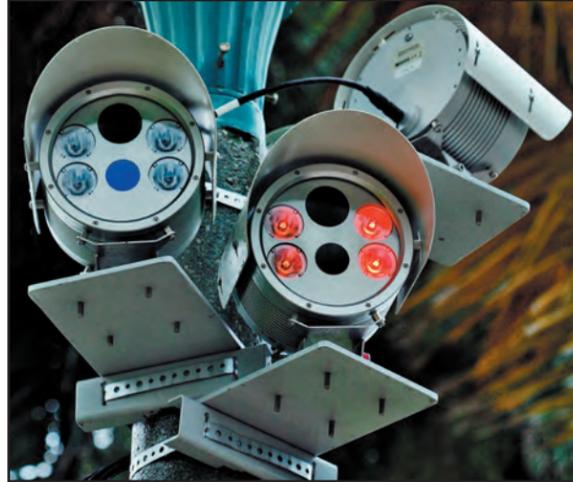


Along the Coast

ON CAMERA



Delray brings new license plate scanners to barrier island

By Rich Pollack

It started as a routine traffic stop on State Road A1A in Delray Beach, with the driver of the Nissan Altima pulled over for displaying an expired tag.

Before it ended, the driver, a 24-year-old from Pompano Beach, was arrested on charges of carrying a concealed firearm, loitering and prowling, violating probation and driving without a license. Police also found in his pocket a small tool used for smashing car windows.

The man might never have been stopped had it not been for the latest technology, permanent license plate recognition scanners, that have been working throughout the barrier island portion of the city since early March.

While the Police Department is cautious about

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Delray Beach officer Anthony Sala speaks with a driver pulled over when a license plate recognition camera (top) alerted him to an expired tag. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Along the Coast

Ideas emerge to reform \$1B addiction industry

By Mary Hladky

The numbers are staggering. The addiction treatment industry generates an estimated \$1 billion in revenues a year in Palm Beach County, making it an economic engine ranking below only tourism, agriculture and construction.

Those who study the industry say that number, reported by *The Palm Beach Post*, almost certainly understates the size. It could be, at a minimum, twice that large.

Costs associated with the industry are huge. They include \$1.1 billion a year as of 2015 in heroin-related hospital charges across Florida that are largely paid for by Medicaid and Medicare, with taxpayers footing the bill, according to a *Post* analysis.

Unnecessary urine testing of addicts, paid for by insurers, adds at least another \$1 billion a year to the tab, according to one industry expert.

And that's before adding in heroin-related costs incurred by police, fire rescue, courts and prisons.

It also doesn't count the cost of lives cut short by opioid use, or lost wages and workplace productivity. The industry is fueled by the

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Manalapan

When 'Hurricane Xi' blew into town

By Ron Hayes

A day before Chinese President Xi Jinping would arrive at the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa to talk international trade with President Donald Trump, Sheriff Ric Bradshaw held a news conference at the county's Emergency Operations Center to tell residents what to expect.

Hundreds of demonstrators, both protesters and greeters, might come to the area, the sheriff said.

"We are not going to tolerate any civil disobedience, throwing of objects or any other

type of disorderly conduct whatsoever," he promised. "At the first sign of that, it will be dealt with."

Bradshaw said he was planning for the summit as if it were an approaching hurricane. Deputies would work 12-hour shifts. Vacations would be canceled.

The National Hurricane Center does not give Atlantic storms names beginning with the letter X, but on Wednesday, April 5, Hurricane Xi's arrival in Manalapan was only a day away.

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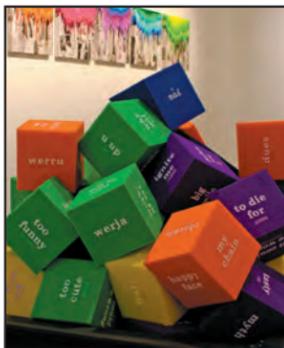
Supporters draped flags to greet the Chinese president, but security fencing displaced them. Joe Skipper/The Coastal Star

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Coastal Stars



Ben and Mayra Stern of Highland Beach have fostered more than two dozen dogs of a variety of breeds and sizes until the dogs are ready for their forever homes. The Sterns kept Cubby, whom they call their 'ambassador.'

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The Coastal Star

Editor's Note

Safe walking seems little more than a pipe dream

As I sit through city commission meetings, I keep hearing development proposals pitched citing a trend of buildings for millennials that won't require the usual city-required parking allocations.

City planners seem to love this concept. The younger generation doesn't drive, they say. They'll take Uber, Zip cars, bicycles, mass transit and other alternatives to get around. I hope they do. And I hope they don't plan on walking.

It's not safe. Florida leads the nation with seven of the most dangerous metropolitan communities to walk. The Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach metro area comes in at No. 11 in a report released in January.

It's not a surprise. The basic transportation grid in Florida has always been to move cars, not people. It's only in the past 10 years I've heard planners and developers talking about alternative transportation. And, of course, their focus is on the most populated areas of our cities.

Those of us who live along the coast, however, know that even along the relatively uncrowded barrier island, it can be dangerous to walk or bike. I live in Ocean Ridge near A1A and hear emergency sirens heading to crashes on many weekend days — most often car vs. bicycle.

This past month there was a posting on our website asking, "Why the rush?" from a Highland Beach resident. I am sympathetic. I find myself staring down distracted drivers almost every time I try to cross the road inside the designated pedestrian crossings.

On one memorable evening this past month, I was returning from the beach with my husband and nephew when we all gauged the distance of an approaching car and figured it would slow as it saw us in the crosswalk — marked as it is with reflective signs

saying it is a state law to stop for pedestrians.

Granted, it was getting dark, but we were wearing bright-colored clothing and there were three of us.

The approaching car not only didn't slow, it came very near to hitting us.

We leapt out of the way, only to have the passenger open the car door as the car finally slowed and shout at us to be careful because "we didn't see you." I believe the driver truly didn't see us and even he was a little shook up. I also believe the driver was either driving too fast or not paying attention. No surprise, Florida is No. 2 in the country for distracted driving, according to a recent national survey.

It's not going to get better anytime soon.

Not only is Florida's population growing, but Palm Beach County's tourism numbers are booming. I witness sunburned tourists riding rental bikes along A1A all the time. And in the coastal areas without sidewalks, I see families pushing baby carriages along the road's edge. Both seem like logical, even lovely things to do, but I wonder if they are aware of the dangers.

Each year, the city of Delray Beach recognizes a Ride of Silence to honor those injured or killed in automobile-bicycle collisions. This year, that event will be May 17, with the ride beginning at Old School Square. I hope in the future, there is not also a need for a Walk of Silence.

Until city leaders and transportation planners can work out ways to change how we commute and recreate, the onus for pedestrian and bicycle safety is on all of us.

Be careful out there.

— Mary Kate Leming,
Editor



Dogs find forever love through temporary home

By Rich Pollack

Ben Stern was devastated when Smokey, his beloved pet Pomeranian of 16 years, died in 2013.

"He was the first pet I truly got attached to," Stern said. "When he passed away, it was gut-wrenching. My heart was ripped open more than ever before."

Stern was despondent for weeks, unable to focus.

His wife, Mayra, who had grown up in a family with pets, suggested getting another dog, but her husband wasn't ready. After six months, however, she was able to persuade him to take a different route. Rather than adopt, the Sterns would agree to foster a dog.

"Fostering was a perfect option for me, as I was still not ready to adopt another dog but was ready to fill the void," he said.

Since that day in early 2014, the Sterns have fostered more than two dozen dogs of all breeds and sizes, bringing them into their Highland Beach home and caring for them until the animals are ready to be adopted.

"I have pictures with all of them," said Ben Stern, 54.

Fostering a pet, as you might imagine, isn't easy. Many come with issues, physical or emotional; and then there comes the time when the foster dog is handed over to a new family he or she will live with permanently.

"I cry with each dog," Ben Stern said. "I'm sad for a week, but knowing that they've found a loving home, that's the goal."

For the Sterns, who work closely with All for One Pet Rescue based in Royal Palm Beach, the rewards of fostering dogs far outweigh the downside.

"They come to us with broken spirits and then, with love and patience, we help make them better," Mayra Stern said. "We give these dogs a second

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chance and their new families an amazing dog that will bring joy to their lives, too."

Because they have the flexibility to work from home in their real estate business, the Sterns can spend time with dogs they foster. They get help from their son, Alex, 13, and from their secret foster-care weapon, Cubby, a 3-year-old mixed breed who is part border collie, part spaniel and part black Labrador retriever.

The one foster dog the Sterns couldn't quite bring themselves to give up, Cubby is the Sterns' "ambassador," working with each of the new ones and helping all feel welcome.

"He's a therapy dog for the other dogs," said Mayra, 44.

The Sterns say a few of the other dogs they have fostered stand out in large part because of the issues they've brought with them.

Norman, for example, a blind bichon frisé, was the first dog the Sterns fostered. He was getting ready for eye surgery and needed drops in his eyes every three hours. He stayed with the family for about two months, before and after surgery, and evolved into a different dog.

"Once he got his sight back,

he became Normal Norman," Mayra Stern said.

Another dog that had a special place in the Sterns' hearts was Jasmine, a purebred Pomeranian like Smokey and Duster, Mayra's dog when she and Ben first met.

Jasmine had been used for breeding and had never been out of a cage for four years. While she was fine with other dogs, she wasn't so great with people and needed a lot of socialization.

While most dogs that come to All for One are either found, taken out of other local shelters or given up by their owners, the organization recently took in a few dogs from South Korea, rescued from a dog meat farm by the Humane Society International.

One was Princess, who ended up with the Sterns and eventually found a good home.

Because it is all-volunteer based and not a shelter, All for One depends on people to foster dogs until they can be adopted. The organization covers all costs, including food and medical bills, and through events at local pet supply stores and other venues helps to find permanent homes for the pets.

Families and individuals are always being sought to foster the dogs, but Ben Stern makes it clear that it's not for everyone.

For the Sterns, however, it's something they plan to do for quite some time.

"I can see myself doing this for the rest of my life," Mayra Stern said. ★

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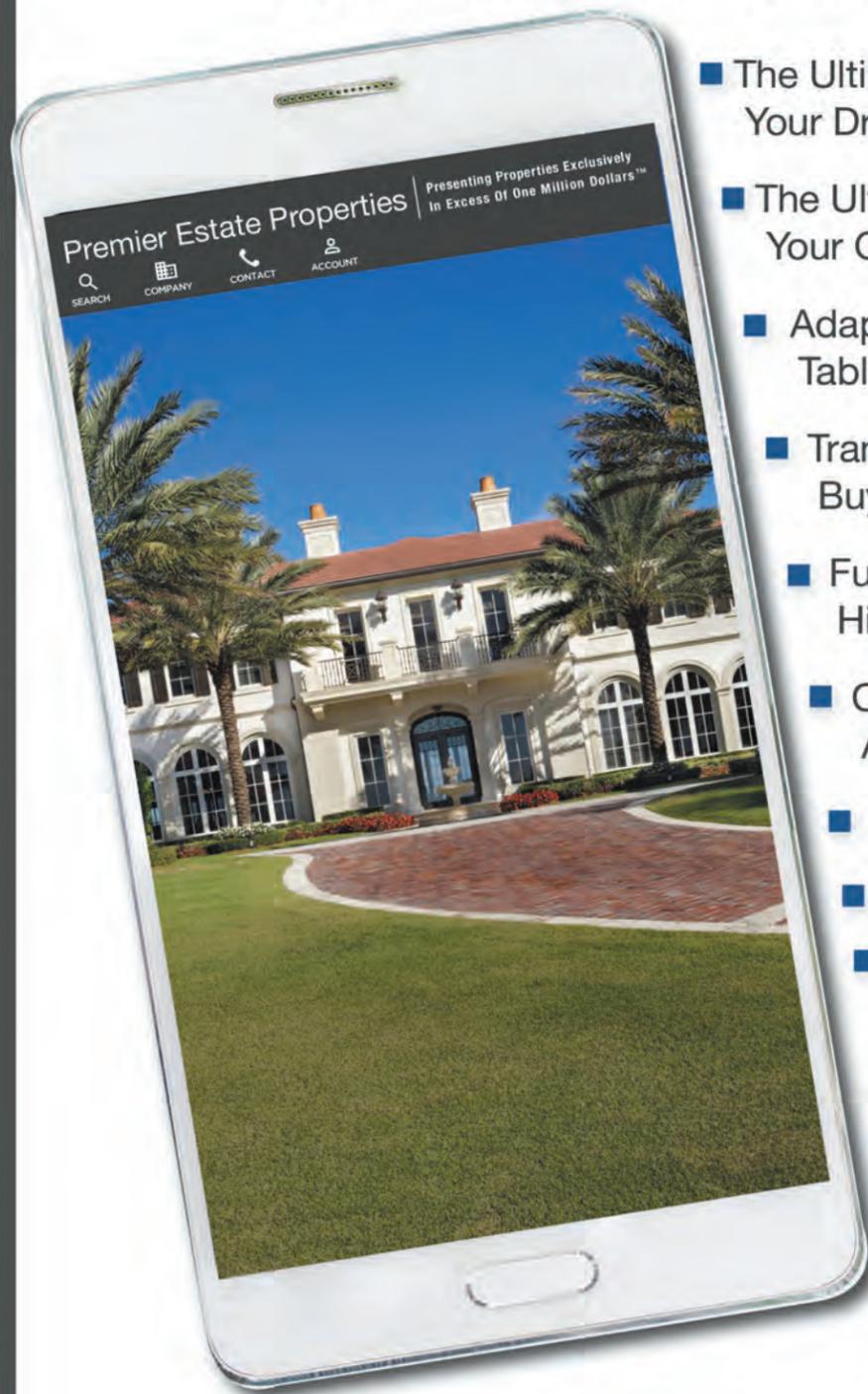
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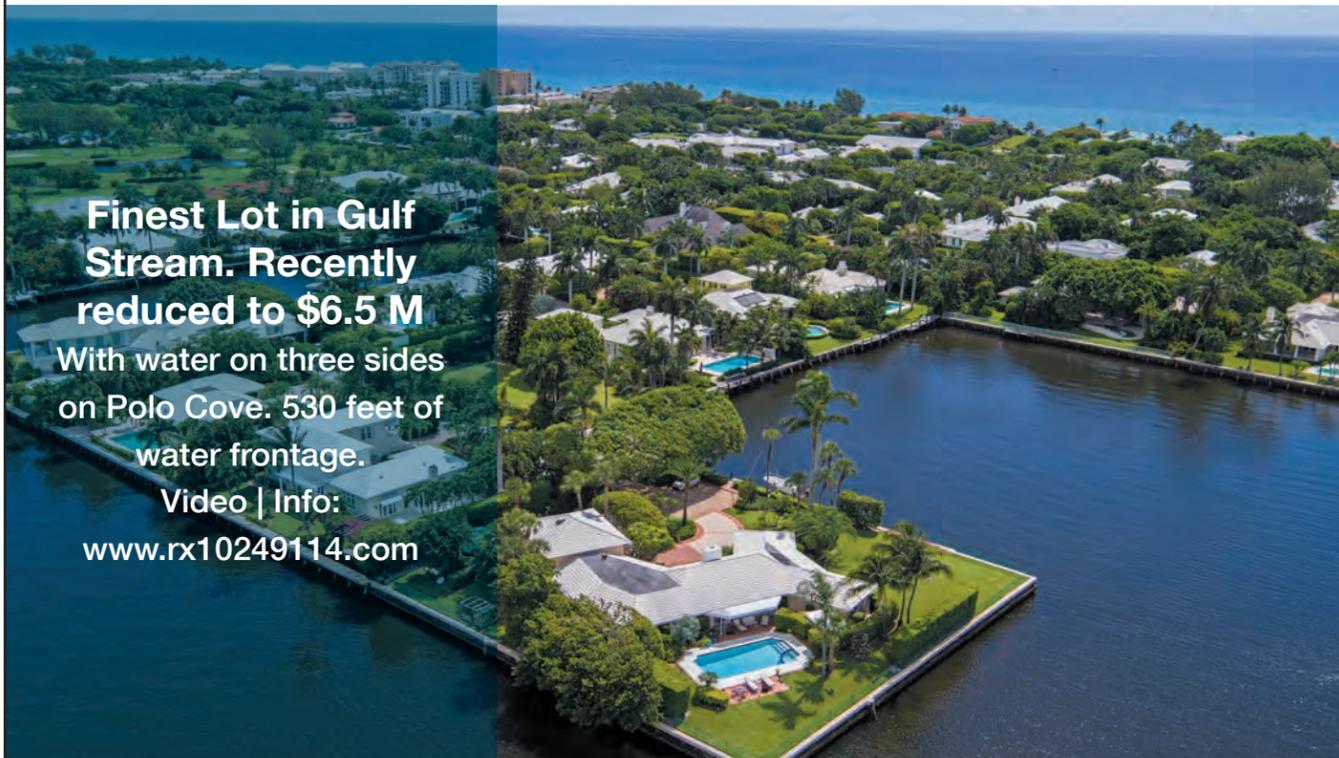


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announcing where cameras are, Police Chief Jeff Goldman acknowledges that they are strategically placed to ensure officers on patrol are notified when suspicious or stolen vehicles as well as those with expired or stolen tags enter the city.

“There is no way to get off or on the island without passing a camera,” he said.

For Delray Beach police, the license plate recognition system is helping the department do what it has always done, but more efficiently, Goldman says.

“It’s like having that many more eyes on the street,” he said.

The Pompano Beach man’s arrest proves Goldman’s point.

For months, Delray Beach has seen a rash of burglaries to parked vehicles, both locked and unlocked, and police have been especially vigilant in trying to track down and arrest suspected thieves.

On the morning of the arrest, a police officer was patrolling State Road A1A when he received a notification on the computer in his patrol car that a vehicle with an expired tag was heading toward him, according to a police report. On his screen was an image of the vehicle as well as a photograph of the tag.

Through his computer, the officer was able to verify that the tag was expired and then make his traffic stop.

The new web-based license plate recognition system, which includes local, state and national law enforcement data, can send information simultaneously to computers in patrol cars.

“This allows us to ‘be everywhere’ and not have to be everywhere,” Goldman said, adding that now an officer can be in the far end of his or her area and still know if vehicles with system-listed tags are coming into the area.

“This is a great investigative

tool,” he said.

Detective Mike Shiner, who heads the license plate recognition project for the department, said he was able to use the system to dispel a burglary suspect’s claim that he was nowhere near the burglarized home by showing him a photo of his vehicle in the area at about the time police believe the burglary was committed.

“I could prove he was there,” Shiner said.

Delray Beach has been using a mobile license plate recognition system for years, but earlier plans to install permanent cameras in Delray Beach and other coastal communities hit a snag when the Florida Department of Transportation prohibited police departments from putting them on state rights of way.

Newer technology, however, now makes it possible for cameras to be positioned off the roadway and still get clear and reliable pictures of tags at a rapid pace. In Delray Beach, the majority of cameras are on city-owned property.

Other coastal communities, including Highland Beach and Ocean Ridge, are exploring the installation of license plate recognition systems. Manalapan and Boca Raton already have systems in place. Boynton Beach police use mobile license plate scanners but would not comment on if there are plans to install cameras at fixed locations.

Ocean Ridge Police Chief Hal Hutchins says he’s been investigating license plate recognition systems for several months and will bring the concept back to the Town Commission later this year as part of budget discussions.

Like several other coastal communities, Ocean Ridge has been exploring the use of license plate recognition systems for several years, even

before Hutchins’ appointment as chief just more than two years ago.

“The issue is still under consideration and it will be part of the budget process going forward,” he said.

In Highland Beach, Police Chief Craig Hartmann said his department could have license plate recognition technology in place within a few months.

“This is just another way to implement technology to create the safest environment we can for the community,” he said.

In the first four weeks of March alone, more than 400,000 tags had been scanned in Delray Beach.

The cost of installing the system is about \$160,000, with the money coming not from taxpayers, but from the city’s

law enforcement trust fund, which is based on revenue from sales of recovered vehicles and other items.

Goldman said the department plans to expand the use of permanent license plate recognition systems to other parts of the city in the near future.

“The installation on the barrier island is the first of many,” he said. ★

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Ocean Ridge

Ocean Ridge moves toward architectural style reviews

By Dan Moffett

Ocean Ridge commissioners have given preliminary approval to an ordinance that authorizes the town's Planning and Zoning Commission to review developments and consider architectural design and compatibility with neighborhoods.

The proposed law allows the planning and zoning board to take on some functions similar to those of architectural committees in neighboring municipalities such as Gulf Stream and Manalapan.

During site plan reviews, the board could rule on matters such as height and scale, and "harmony in architectural style, form, texture, mass and lines as well as materials, colors, and use

of architectural elements."

The ordinance proposal came to the commission at the request of planning and zoning members who were frustrated over recent large single-family home projects that were out of scale with the neighborhoods around them yet conformed to the town's code.

Mark Marsh, a board member, told the commission that the ordinance wasn't perfect, but "we have to start somewhere" to curb development that doesn't fit with the character of the homes around it. Marsh said the law is intended to be "a check and balance" to prevent incongruous construction.

Former Mayor Ken Kaleel, an attorney who often represents developers, argued that the

commission should take a thoughtful approach and think twice before going forward with the ordinance. Kaleel said he "guaranteed" that, sooner or later, the town would end up in court trying to explain and defend its architectural restrictions.

"Control is elusive," Kaleel said. Architecture is subjective and trends change, he said, and it's virtually impossible to determine objectively what's compatible or in character with the style of most any street in Ocean Ridge.

"We're not a Gulf Stream. We're not a Palm Beach where styles are similar," Kaleel said.

The proposed ordinance passed its first reading, 4-0, on May 1, with Commissioner Gail Adams Aaskov absent. The

measure is scheduled to come up for final approval at the June 5 town meeting.

Seasonal beach policing discussed

Commissioner Steve Coz is proposing a plan to help deal with the growing numbers of beachgoers from the mainland who are coming to the town, especially during the tourist season.

Coz wants to hire two part-time certified reserve police officers to monitor the beach during the winter and spring months of peak use. Police Chief Hal Hutchins says he might be able to find the reserve officers to hire.

The commission plans to look at the cost of the idea during the May 22 budget workshop that begins at 4 p.m.

Coz also is proposing improved signage, traffic calming devices, fines for commercial beach use, and license plate recognition cameras to respond to the groundswell of visitors.

Ocean Avenue bridge

Residents near Ocean Avenue can expect about six months of annoyances as the Florida Department of Transportation begins a \$1 million bridge painting project.

Work was scheduled to begin April 24 and is expected to continue into the fall. The contractors, Seminole Equipment, Inc., and RSH Inc., asked the Town Commission to allow work during the day, six days a week, to complete the project sooner.

"We wouldn't mind lane closures during the days if it speeds the work up," Mayor Geoff Pugh said as commissioners granted the request.

The mayor told the contractors that the town was willing to allow work at night but no sandblasting or loud noise that might disturb residents. Workers will have to close the bridge for up to 10 nights to paint the tips. There will be no work on Sundays and holidays. ★

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Town preparing street paving plan

By Dan Moffett

Ocean Ridge residents soon could see tangible benefits from the Palm Beach County penny sales tax increase voters approved in November when the town begins repaving its streets.

Town engineers identified a priority list of 11 streets covering about 3.5 miles that need repairs.

Commissioners set aside \$200,000 in the current fiscal year's budget to help pay for the work, and the town is counting on roughly \$100,000 in penny sales tax revenue through the fall to cover most of the balance or help pay the costs of traffic calming devices.

A final report from engineers determined most of the repaving will be "typical mill and overlay work," said the town's engineering consultant, Lisa Tropepe of Engenuity Group. Tropepe's findings showed the town's streets won't need major rebuilding.

Town Manager Jamie Titcomb says commissioners will have the flexibility to add or subtract streets — and determine which streets should be done first — during the first phase of what figures to be a multiyear project to repave nearly the entire town.

The town will be able to join a paving contractor's contract with several other Palm Beach County communities to minimize red tape and get the project going relatively soon. Titcomb said contractors are in store for a busy summer of street work because other municipalities are using their penny tax revenue to make

repairs, too.

Newly elected Commissioner Don MaGruder said to avoid damaging new work, the town shouldn't repave streets around construction areas until after the heavy trucks are gone.

The streets scheduled for repair in the first phase of the project this summer are Engle Drive, West Anna Street, East Anna Street, Ridge Lane, Beachway Drive, Harbour Drive North, Harbour Drive South, Island Drive, Island Drive South, Bonita Drive and Marlin Drive.

In other business:

- Commissioners approved Geoff Pugh as mayor and James Bonfiglio as vice mayor for one-year terms. Pugh, 54, has served on the commission since 2003 and as mayor for five years.

- Bonfiglio, 63, joined the commission in 2014 and was appointed vice mayor late last year after the resignation of Richard Lucibella.

- Titcomb told commissioners that, during the upcoming budget workshops, the town should consider creating a full-time building clerk position to deal with the "exponential increase" in requests for building permits and inspections.

The town currently hires an outside contractor to handle its permitting and inspection work.

Titcomb said having an in-house inspector could improve efficiency and generate fees to help cover the expense of creating a new employee position. Commissioners agreed to consider the idea during their budgeting process for the next fiscal year. ★

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Briny Breezes

Briny delays decision on magistrate after residents' outcry

By Dan Moffett

Just about every municipality in Florida uses a magistrate to settle disputes over code violations between homeowners and local government.

Briny Breezes doesn't, and that's not likely to change without a fight.

In a scene reminiscent of a decade ago when Brinyites considered selling their land to developers, an overflow crowd packed Town Hall to protest a change residents believe could mean selling out their idiosyncratic culture.

Apparently it all started in Joe Coyner's bathroom. A 30-year Briny resident who serves on several of its corporate committees, Coyner wanted a new shower and hired someone to install it. No one obtained a permit from the town.

A building inspector saw parts of the old shower outside



More than 60 Briny Breezes residents, including speaker Joe Coyner, showed up at the April 27 council meeting to complain about a proposed ordinance that would create a magistrate position to resolve building code disputes. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

Coyner's mobile home and cited him for a violation. The town charged him \$171 for the missing permit and another fee to expedite the paperwork. Coyner says he talked to legal and building experts

outside the town who say no permit was needed, so he says no inspection of the work is needed.

Coyner and Briny officials have been locked in a standoff for months now over the

permit charges and inspection. Besides Coyner, two other cases, involving work by an unlicensed contractor, are similarly stalled because of disputes over code violations. In March, the Town

Council by consensus asked its attorney, John Skrandel, to draft a proposed ordinance for discussion at the April 27 meeting. The ordinance would allow the town to hire a magistrate to resolve its code disputes. A magistrate is an authorized official, usually a lawyer, who acts as a judge to rule on cases and impose fines.

Word of the magistrate idea touched off a firestorm. Dozens of Brinyites signed a petition opposing the move, and the fire marshal's limit of 70 filled Town Hall for the meeting.

"I am totally opposed to setting up this magistrate form of government," Coyner said. "We have very competent people here. ... We can solve our own problems."

"You're destroying the fabric of Briny," said Joe Masterson, whom the town accuses of working as an unlicensed electrical contractor in the park.

"This is creating an adversarial relationship," Tom Byrne told the council. "I don't like what I'm seeing."

Several residents complained the town shouldn't bring in "outsiders" to solve problems that should be handled internally — Brinyite to Brinyite.

"This is an overreaching action. This is something that's not needed," said former Mayor Roger Bennett, who argued cases of noncompliance are too rare to warrant the new law and new expense.

Council President Sue Thaler and Deputy Town Clerk Jackie Ermola agreed that stalemates are infrequent, saying about 99 percent of the code disputes settle quickly and amicably.

"But for the 1 percent that don't, then what?" Thaler asked. She said the council has no authority to deal with homeowners who ignore violations and fines.

"What do we do with people who won't obey the law?" Alderman Bobby Jurovaty asked. He said he was concerned about uncorrected, serious violations that would pose safety threats even to neighbors — electrical fires, for example.

After more 2 ½ hours of often heated debate, the council voted to table the proposal until October, when Briny's snowbirds return and the park is full of opinions. Aldermen Jim McCormick, Christina Adams and Chick Behringer voted for the postponement; Thaler and Jurovaty opposed it, arguing the town shouldn't allow the problem to fester for six more months.

At 4 p.m. Oct. 12, the council plans to hold a joint workshop with the Planning and Zoning Board to discuss the magistrate idea. The public is invited. ★

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Manalapan

Mayor aims to mediate club's dispute with resort

By Dan Moffett

One of the first orders of business for newly elected Mayor Keith Waters is brokering peace between members of the La Coquille Club and the Eau Palm Beach Spa & Resort.

For months, some members have complained to the Town Commission that the club, which Eau manages, is not responsive to their requests and isn't financially transparent.

Under Manalapan's planned unit development agreement with the hotel, the club is intended to be operated as a "first-class social club for the residents of the town."

Former Mayor David Cheifetz criticized the club's management during the April 25 town meeting, saying "there's some financial accountability that's missing and should be looked into." Former Commissioner Robert Evans also complained that club management ignored members' requests for more transparency.

Michael King, the Eau's managing director, disagreed, telling the commission that the club's financial records are detailed, accurate and "readily available" to any member who wants to see them.

"All the revenue generated by La Coquille is reported on the

financial statement," King said.

He told the commission the club has lost an average of \$58,000 a year during his eight years as director. King said that for years the club's board showed no interest in the nuts and bolts of how it was run. Now that there is interest, he said the hotel is responding.

Waters said he believed that finding liaisons to improve communications between the club board and hotel will clear up most of the complaints. Waters said he hopes to have the issues resolved during the summer so the club can enter the tourist season with a fresh start. He praised the

performance of the club in delivering the service it's supposed to, noting tables have been hard to get. "The club is operating at the highest level I've ever seen," he said.

In other business, the commission unanimously approved two ordinance changes so that commissioners

get the last word on architectural and landscaping reviews of commercial projects.

Waters proposed the amendments, saying the changes would streamline the process and allow the Architectural Commission to finish its work before the town considers project approval. ★

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Delray Beach

Commission OKs settlement with Atlantic Crossing developer

By Jane Smith

After city commissioners insisted the two-way road be placed back into the Atlantic Crossing development, they were ready to settle the lawsuit with the project's developer.

"I do not think we can get a much better project

without considerable risk," Mayor Cary Glickstein said at a specially called April 12 commission meeting. "The time has come to move forward."

The Delray Beach City Commission unanimously approved settling the lawsuit. The city spent \$471,788 on the

litigation as of March 31.

"Reaching settlement has been challenging," said Dean Kissos, chief operating officer of the Ohio-based Edwards Cos. "We're eager to work with the city to get Atlantic Crossing underway, and finally bring the east end of Atlantic Avenue to life."

The project must go through two city review boards and come back to the commission for final approval, a process that will take another four to six months.

"We look forward to having the settlement become final," Kissos said, "enabling us to dismiss the state and federal lawsuits, assuming there are no third-party challenges to the agreement."

If someone challenges the settlement, then Edwards would continue its lawsuit against the city, according to the settlement's terms.

When complete, Atlantic Crossing will have 82 luxury condos, 261 apartments, 83,462 square feet of office space, 39,394 square feet of restaurants and 37,642 square feet of shops, at the northeast corner of Federal Highway and Atlantic Avenue.

Edwards' development order expires Sept. 9, 2021, unless the governor declares an emergency, such as for Hurricane Matthew in 2016. The declaration would give

extra time to all developments in the state.

The project's developers sued the city in state court in June 2015 for not approving the project's amended site plan. When the case was transferred to federal court that fall, the developers wanted at least \$25 million in damages. The federal claims were dismissed in July 2016 and the case returned to state court last fall.

In March, the Atlantic Crossing developer agreed to these terms:

- Create a two-way road into the project from Federal Highway.
- Move the underground garage entrance into the project's interior.
- Contribute \$175,000 to a shuttle bus.

- Pay for the design, permit and construction costs of a mast arm traffic signal at the intersection of Northeast First Street and northbound Federal Highway and the intersection of Atlantic Northeast Seventh avenues.
- Temporarily close Northeast Seventh Avenue at the project's north end during construction to keep traffic out of the Palm Trail neighborhood.

Edwards then submitted additional changes that capped the amount spent on traffic calming efforts in the Marina Historic District. The \$125,000 worth of changes would include landscape bump-outs, a traffic circle and landscape medians.

The current and former presidents of the district's homeowners association questioned the basis for that amount at the April 12 commission meeting. Glickstein said the amount came from the city's engineering staff, which said the total cost was under \$100,000.

Sandy Zeller, former district president, recalled a 2013 meeting with Randal Krejcarek, then the city's environmental services chief, to review the traffic calming efforts. The changes would have to be re-cost at today's prices, said John Morgan, who now heads the department.

The Atlantic Crossing developer also wanted to tie state approvals for traffic signals to a time frame. It gave the city 210 days to obtain the approvals. Some residents questioned why the time frame was not for applying for the approvals, because the city

has no control over state staff.

The wording was "hotly debated" by the developer's attorney, who refused to change it, said Jamie Cole, from the city's outside counsel Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman of Fort Lauderdale. If the state does not give the approvals in that time, the developer doesn't have to pay for the traffic signals at two intersections, Cole said. He is confident the approvals can be obtained in that time frame.

His law firm colleague Kathryn Mehaffey handed out a revised document at the start of the April 12 meeting. The revision clarified that the state approval request was for the traffic signals on city land, outside of the project. The two-way road, on land inside the project, is not part of the change, Cole said.

Jestena Boughton, who lives near the Atlantic Crossing site and owns the Colony Hotel, questioned whether the design and layout of restaurants and stores has changed over the years. The project was approved in 2014, although it was designed years earlier. More purchases are made online these days, she said.

"I wish (Atlantic Crossing's) footprint were smaller and that you could see the open space from the street," Boughton said.

In his closing comments, the mayor said, "Jestena really hit it. Many of us in the community would have liked to see a much different project. ... The market will speak to the developer about the size of the stores and restaurants."

Edwards Vice President Don DeVere said in an email, "Decisions regarding the sizes of the retail spaces will be market driven."

Glickstein also thanked Cole and his team for their perseverance in getting the lawsuit settled.

"There will never be a perfect project," said Robert Ganger, chairman emeritus of the Florida Coalition for Preservation.

The coalition, a grass-roots group dedicated to responsible development, was involved in raising money to pay for a private traffic study surrounding Atlantic Crossing.

"We at the coalition want to commend you, Mayor Glickstein. You got as much as you could. We are truly grateful to you," Ganger said. ★

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Delray Beach

Work on beach promenade disrupts parking

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach started working on its \$3.1 million redo of the beach promenade in early April.

The north end of the municipal beach soon became a construction zone. No on-street parking was allowed. The city is urging beachgoers to park in the lots on the west side of Ocean Boulevard or to use the two city garages downtown and take the trolley to the beach.

In late April, the contractor established a construction zone at the south end of the beach, banning on-street parking from Casuarina Road north to the Sandoway parking lot.

When finished by fall, the promenade will have wider sidewalks and smart parking meters that can take credit cards or be programmed through a smartphone. There will also be coordinated beach furniture, including new shower poles, trash cans, water fountains and benches.

Originally, the city wanted

the benches to be unadorned.

But residents who bought plaques to commemorate good times at the beach were disappointed. They wrote emotional appeals and talked at City Commission meetings about the significance of the plaques purchased with benches.

Commissioner Mitch Katz offered a compromise that would allow the original plaques, when possible, to be attached to the new benches.

“That’s wonderful,” said Bob Victorin, Beach Property Owners Association president. He wrote to Katz, saying a city employee promised him the plaques would remain when Victorin purchased his bench with a plaque.

The city was planning to respect the donors and their intentions by offering the return of the benches and a carved brick paver that would form the base of the flagpole at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Ocean Boulevard.

But that offer was not well-

received.

The city’s Environmental Services Department is in the process of determining whether the original plaques can be attached to the new benches, said John Morgan, department head. His department will decide on a case-by-case basis which plaques can be reused, because they are not all the same size.

The compromise also pleased bike shop owner Albert Richwagen, who purchased a bench with a plaque at the south end. His plaque honored his father, Robert L. Richwagen.

“That’s great. That’s more than they had to do,” he said. “The agreement I signed said the benches could be removed at any time for work along the beach.”

While starting work on the beach’s north end, the contractor found problems with the knee wall, Morgan said. The wall, about 20 inches high and 12 inches wide, extends for nearly a half-mile on the west side of the beach, stopping



Workers with MBR Construction use a small end-loader to remove broken-up pieces of the sidewalk across A1A from Anchor Park. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

about a quarter-mile north of the Atlantic Avenue Pavilion. People sit on the wall when taking off their shoes before hitting the sand.

The wall is made of stacked concrete the city used back in the 1960s when it didn’t have much of a beach, Morgan said. “Once it was sandblasted and the paint removed, rusted rebar was seen poking through the

concrete,” he said.

Patching of the wall was an annual fix, Morgan said. The contractor designed a long-term fix that is not as labor-intensive. The fix involves capping the entire length of the wall.

That process will cost the city \$85,000. The contractor will charge only \$44,000 because of a \$41,000 credit. ★

Boaters get update on seawall and dock projects

By Jane Smith

Boat-loving residents came to Delray Beach’s outreach meeting to hear when work would begin on raising the seawall in Veterans Park and on replacing two docks there for marine access to the Intracoastal Waterway.

The docks will be exactly where they are right now, said Brian LaMotte, project engineer with Wantman Group Inc., of West Palm Beach. Moving them would require more permits, delaying the project’s start, he said in late April.

Delray Beach will pay about \$80,000 to Wantman to survey, design and supervise the construction of the seawall cap and the two docks.

The public seawall will be 20 inches higher and level for its entire 400-foot length to the Atlantic Avenue bridge, said Timothy DeLand, a Wantman engineer.

Then in 25 years, the city can decide whether another 16 inches are needed because of rising sea levels.

The height can be raised with a triangular parapet on top of the seawall, LaMotte said.

The docks, which have rotted wood, were closed last September because they were unsafe to use, LaMotte said. The replacement docks should be usable by January.

The tentative schedule calls for the City Commission to approve the construction contract in June, said Isaac Kovner, city engineer. Callaway Marine Technologies Inc., of West Palm Beach, will do the work for \$585,000, he said.

Delray Beach is in the

bidding process for the southern portion of the repair work along Marine Way and the city’s marina. That work is set to begin next year.

One resident who lives on Marine Way questioned why the projects weren’t coordinated because rising water would find the low spot and flood the area.

Kovner agreed and then he explained the government process for doing projects. First, the city has to budget the money, next hire a consultant who will survey the site to make recommendations of what should be done, then the construction project will go out for bid and the City Commission must approve the contract.

Capt. Joe Reardon, who operates Delray Yacht Cruises out of Veterans Park, said during low tide times, some smaller boats won’t be able to tie off. “More ladders will be needed,” he said.

The current contract calls for two ladders, Kovner said. But four more ladders and lower cleats for tying off can be added after commission approval, under the contingency portion, he said.

Reardon will install a hydraulic lift for his yachts to use during low tide times.

Depending on the boat sizes, LaMotte said, about three boats can use the 90-foot dock at one time. Dock parking is limited to two hours, according to the city’s Parks and Recreation Department.

Kovner asked the group of 20 people how often they would like to meet to get updates. Monthly was agreed to be appropriate.

Delray Beach also is surveying the condition of public and private seawalls along the Intracoastal Waterway. The work is supposed to be finished in

mid-summer, said Missie Barletto, assistant director of the Environmental Services Department.

Two directors of the Beach Property Owners Association,

Andy Katz and Bob Victorin, attended the meeting. They said they would spread the word when the survey is finished to their members who live on the east side of the waterway. ★

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Gulf Stream

Alice and Pete Dye: A legacy of golf course greatness

By Brian Biggane

From Harbour Town in Hilton Head, S.C., to Whistling Straits in Wisconsin, to Crooked Stick in Indiana, golf course designers Pete and Alice Dye have built some of the most famous courses in the world. And as residents of Gulf Stream since 1969, they've left their mark across coastal Palm Beach County.

Stewart Iglehart, one of the founders of St. Andrews Club, reached out to Pete and Alice to build the club's par-3 course adjacent to the Intracoastal back in 1972.

"Pete was busy so I took it on," said Alice, who on May 20 will be presented with the prestigious Donald Ross Award by the American Society of Golf Course Architects in Jupiter. "To call what was there a swamp would be an upgrade."

"Some of the farms out in west Delray were being sold then, so they were taking dirt out and Stewart would buy it and bring it in. One night he called and said, 'I just can't bring any more dirt in. That's all you're going to have to work with.'"

"I said, 'Stewart, if you don't bring any more dirt you're going to have a canoe club.' So he brought more in, and St. Andrews now is a really nice par-3 golf course."

While Pete, 91, and Alice, 90, are among the longest-tenured residents of the area, Pete's visits date to the early 1930s.

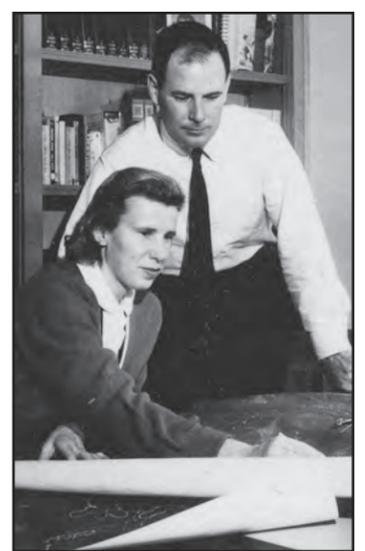
"There was a flu epidemic where they lived in Ohio, and when Pete was 6, one of his younger cousins died of the flu," Alice said. "So Pete's father put everybody in the car and brought them down, and that's how his family started coming to Delray Beach."

Pete and Alice met at Rollins College in Winter Park and were married in 1950. They settled in Indianapolis, where Pete sold insurance, but found themselves returning to Florida time and again so Alice, one of the nation's top amateur female golfers, could play in tournaments.

"It would be St. Augustine, then The Breakers, Coral Ridge [in Fort Lauderdale] and Miami Country Club," Alice said. "Pete's family had a house at Atlantic Avenue and the ocean; A1A would be paved for about a block south of Atlantic and then it would be sand. That was in the '50s."

After Pete got into the golf design business, the pair decided Florida made a better home base than Indy.

"Indianapolis had a tiny airport and terrible weather and he could never get home in the winter," Alice said. "So we bought a house over on Seventh Avenue [in Delray] and would come down in the winter and put our boys [Perry and P.B.] in school, first at St. Vincent's,



TOP: Pete Dye was a hands-on supervisor during reconstruction of the Gulf Stream Golf Club in 2013-14.

LEFT: Pete and Alice with one of their dogs through the years, all named Sixty. The last Sixty died in December.

Photos provided by Ken May

ABOVE: The Dyes' lifetime of course design was in full swing in the 1950s. Alice this month will receive the Donald Ross Award for design.

Photo provided by Alice Dye

the Catholic school, and then Atlantic High."

Pete and Alice made an instant impression on their neighbors after moving into their current house just north of Gulf Stream Golf Club in 1969.

"The house needed painting and I had seen this house in the Seagate area that was a pale yellow, that I thought was so nice," Alice said. "The painter did some work with a yellow on a board and I thought it was nice, and Pete and I left to play golf. When we came back, you could see this house ... Midas Muffler never had a color this yellow. Needless to say we were not too popular."

Alice said the demographics of the area have changed markedly since the days when what is now The Little Club was a polo field and families would come down for a month or so in high season.

"The kids needed a school, which led to Gulf Stream School being built, and over time what were a lot of small houses were eventually torn down and bigger ones were built. So the neighborhood has gotten

younger, and Gulf Stream has become a wonderful school."

It was only a few years ago that members at Gulf Stream Golf Club decided their course needed some modernizing and offered the job to Pete Dye — with one significant stipulation.

"They knew Pete's reputation for building really difficult golf courses, which is what the owners typically have asked for," Alice said. "This was the opposite: The members wanted Gulf Stream to be easier. So in the beginning they asked him to start with one hole. He said, 'I can't bring a crew in here for one hole.'"

When Donald Ross built the course in 1920, he put bunkers 50 yards short of the green, which had become problematic for the average players who struggled to clear them so they could reach the green in two. Additionally, the greens had become severely sloped from back to front over time, so players who purposely went right or left of the bunkers faced approach shots made more difficult by the slopes.

Membership ultimately

relented and Dye took on the job, redoing the front nine in the summer of 2013 and the back nine a year later.

The members' reaction? "They're all out there now," Alice said. "You can hardly get on the course."

Alice's status as both a top player and designer has helped her become a pioneer for the women's game. She became the first woman president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects and the first woman to serve as an independent director of the PGA of America.

While Pete has struggled with dementia in recent years, he has continued to work, all the while amazing Alice with his remarkable ability to look at a piece of undeveloped land and see a finished golf course.

"We'll be standing there looking at a site, and what I see and what he sees are not the same," she said. "I'm practical, and Pete is really visionary. I can't imagine moving this much dirt; there's bushes and stuff in my way. I don't think he's ever seen it as not finished. He

looks at the brambles and sees it finished. I look at the brambles and think, 'What are we going to do with those?'"

Those who know the Dyes know they have had a succession of dogs, all named Sixty and all of whom have typically accompanied Pete to every job site. The latest Sixty died at age 13, just before Christmas, and Alice said that "as of right now" there are no plans to find another.

While the Dyes continue to work on a handful of projects, the time for scaling back has finally come.

"We're not going to take on any more," Alice said. "We're going to finish what we've got. [Pete's] still good in the field and he's very creative, but he's 91 now, so we've come to the end of taking on new work. Our boys have been a really big help."

Both P.B. and Perry will carry on.

P.B. is a part-time Gulf Stream resident with additional homes in Urbana, Ohio, and the Dominican Republic, while Perry is based in Denver. ★

Manalapan

Manalapan, Boynton compete for Hypoluxo water deal

By Dan Moffett

A bidding war for water customers has broken out between Manalapan and Boynton Beach, with some 550 Hypoluxo residents likely to benefit with lower monthly bills and perhaps even better service.

For decades, Manalapan has sold water and provided sewer service to residents on the east side of Hypoluxo. The contract between the two municipalities expires in 2020, and Manalapan, to ensure the long-term viability of its plant, wants to lock Hypoluxo into a 30-year deal with an immediate and sizable rate reduction.

“What we’re offering is pretty straightforward — an immediate 35 percent rate cut,” said Manalapan’s consultant, Kevin O’Donnell of Nova Energy Consultants in Cary, N.C. “And that goes straight in the bank.”

Meanwhile, Boynton Beach has a much larger, growing water operation that is hungry for new business. City Utilities Director Colin Groff says if Hypoluxo switches to Boynton’s system, Hypoluxo residents can expect an immediate 25 percent rate cut, besides the stability and service only a large operator can deliver.

“The reason our rates are low is because we have great economies of scale,” Groff said. “We’re able to do things more inexpensively.”

O’Donnell and Groff squared off for an amicable debate over their competing proposals during a workshop before the Hypoluxo Town Council on April 19. After longtime Hypoluxo Mayor Ken Schultz died in November, council members decided to postpone a decision on water until his successor was seated after the March election. New Mayor Michael Brown said he intends to continue soliciting input from residents and bring the issue to the council soon.

“It is a very important decision,” Brown said. “However, I think we know that both water utilities are very good quality water utilities. It’s not like if we choose one or the other the water quality or service is going to change dramatically.”

Groff told the council that size should matter in making the choice. Because it has more than 110,000 customers and dozens of employees, Boynton’s utility can react to emergencies quickly and offer services such as automated metering and online bill paying. He said his utility has an “extremely healthy” balance sheet and a great bond rating that will help deter rate increases.

Groff said he expects

customers’ bills to reflect only small upward adjustments for inflation and no large capital projects to force increases for the next 10 years. He said his utility could afford to offer Hypoluxo “inside city rates” that matched the lowest in Boynton.

O’Donnell and Manalapan Town Manager Linda Stumpf told the council that being a small utility was actually an asset. With fewer than 900 total customers and seven full-time employees, the town’s utility is able to deliver more personalized service. O’Donnell said Manalapan’s utility is financially secure and the town has no intention to sell it. In quality, Stumpf said the two systems “are very similar and both meet the same standards.”

Several residents said

Manalapan’s sudden ability to make deep cuts to rates now suggests that Hypoluxo customers probably have been overpaying for years. Stumpf said reductions are only possible now because Manalapan has recently improved efficiencies in its system and is willing to accept lower rates in exchange for the stability of a long-term deal.

Manalapan officials say they were caught off guard by the latest Boynton proposal, which offers a substantially lower rate structure than earlier ones.

“These rates are something Manalapan can’t compete with,” Stumpf said.

Manalapan Mayor Keith Waters says the town will continue to negotiate with Hypoluxo but also prepare alternative plans for the utility if a deal falls through. ★

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Bruce Gimmy, who has run The Trouser Shop on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach for 32 years, will be leaving for a different reason: retirement. He is looking for someone to take over the traditional retail



Gimmy

business that he loves. At age 74, he says he’s ready “to fulfill my bucket list of travel to Australia, New Zealand, China, South

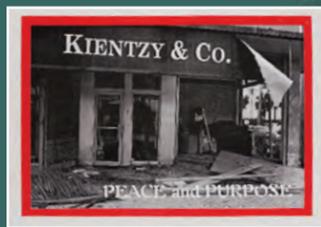
American and the United Kingdom... to be my spouse’s yard man!”

And his tailor, Jana Roza, is leaving for a good government job.

Gimmy’s shop features resort wear, Fancies (patterns and seer-suckers) shorts, regular and long-rise shorts and pants, blazers and made-in-the-USA shirts. His shop is known as “fit specialists” because of the custom tailoring offered.

“The perfect [owner] candidate would be a successful men’s retailer up north who would like a Florida store on busy Atlantic Avenue,” Gimmy said. “Seasonally they could ship leftover summer garments from the Northern store south to catch the Florida season and then vice versa.”

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Annual Christmas Card 2005 showing damage to storefront from Hurricane Wilma, October 24, 2005



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Along the Coast

RIGHT: Supporters of the Falun Gong spiritual discipline say the Chinese Communist government set out to eradicate it through propaganda, imprisonment and torture.

FAR RIGHT: Elizabeth Poole, of Love, Liz Custom Jewelry, lamented a reduction in business during the visit.



Manalapan is epicenter of storm as greeters, protesters converge

XI

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Wednesday, April 5, 10:30 a.m.

Meanwhile, over at Plaza del Mar, the patriotic porta-potties wait, ready to serve.

Red doors, white roofs, blue sides, they stand behind 3-foot-high concrete barricades across from the hotel.

The barricades line South Ocean Boulevard from the Lantana beach parking lot south to the plaza's last driveway and west along East Ocean Avenue to the main entrance.

Supporters have draped the barricades directly in front of the hotel with American flags, Chinese flags and long yellow banners to WELCOME President Xi, but they won't stay long.

While sheriff's cruisers guard the hotel and parking lot, red, white and blue lights flashing, workmen are topping the barricades with lengths of 8-foot wire fencing. As the fencing goes up, the flags and banners come down.

Inside the plaza, a few local protesters have already arrived.

Uncertain just how much chaos Hurricane Xi might bring, the plaza's management has canceled the regular Friday gathering of the four days-per-week Farmer/Artisan Market, and some of the concessionaires are disgruntled.

"It's already ruining our business," says Elizabeth Poole, of Love, Liz Custom Jewelry. So far today, she's sold only a mermaid necklace, a sea glass necklace and a starfish necklace, Poole says. "The flow's not what it normally is. We don't have the street traffic."

Behind her table of fresh vegetables across the way, Deborah Kahn agrees.

"They probably took \$250 or \$300 out of my pocket because of this spectacle," she says. "Have the meeting in Washington. All you're doing is bringing problems to West Palm Beach."

Inside the Ice Cream Club, Joan Knott — a scooper with 17 years' experience — is waiting for the commemorative green tea ice cream to arrive. From her spot behind the counter, she can look out at the satellite TV trucks and a line of gleaming black SUVs with darkly tinted windows, parked just west of the porta-potties.

On the patio, a gentleman in a black suit with darkly tinted sunglasses and a lapel mic stands in the shade, licking a cone.

Thursday, April 6, noon

The president of China and the green tea ice cream arrive in Manalapan on the same day, but not at the same time.

Shortly before noon, Clay Damon, the Ice Cream Club's marketing manager, delivers a 3-gallon tub of green tea, specially prepared for the president's visit.

"We have 150 flavors," Damon says

proudly. "Our Mexican hot chocolate does extremely well in Miami, so if the Mexican president ever comes to Manalapan, we'll have that here, too."



Xi

President Xi's plane was still out over the Atlantic, flying in from Finland, but those hundreds of protesters and greeters that Sheriff Bradshaw expected have been here since early morning, eyeing each other across East Ocean Avenue.

The greeters, in bright red T-shirts, occupy the south side of the avenue, in front of the plaza. They hold both Chinese and American flags, large and small, while a man with a bullhorn blasts the Chinese national anthem.

The protesters, in bright yellow T-shirts, own the north side of the street. They hold signs that say things like, "Forced Organ Harvesting of Falun Gong Practitioners Is Not Tolerated."

Red shirts and yellow shirts, they fill both sides of Ocean Avenue, but the greeters clearly outnumber the protesters. If 500 people are lining the barricades, nearly 300 are here to greet President Xi, not confront him. For every yellow T-shirt in sight, there are two or three red.

The greeters are clearly organized. In addition to red shirts, they carry matching lunch bags, and a tall pallet of bottled water stands beside check-in tables at the west end of the plaza.

Are they being paid to support President Xi?

"No," says Bill, a greeter holding a large American flag. He's from Miami, but won't give his last name. "Well, maybe if we are missing work to be here they will compensate us for our pay."

The two sides tolerate each other peacefully, if only by ignoring each other.

And they are not all Asian.

Roger Silverio, 71, in a red T-shirt, drove up from Miami. He's Cuban, but two of his sons and one grandson are married to Chinese women.

"I know many, many, many Chinese, and I love them because they're very good to me," he explains. "I support President Trump and I think he's trying to make America strong and live in peace. We need peace."

Almost directly across from Silverio, a woman named Dzifa Amoa had come all the way from Gainesville, Ga., to stand with the protesters.

"Technically, I'm African-American," she says, "but Falun Gong cuts down all barriers."

Founded in 1992, Falun Gong, or "Dharma Wheel Practice," is a spiritual discipline that combines meditation and exercise under three basic tenets, of truthfulness, compassion and tolerance.

By 1999, the movement had become so popular the Chinese Communist government set out to eradicate it through propaganda, imprisonment and torture, the protesters said.



Alternating Chinese and American flags acknowledge Chinese President Xi's impending visit.

In 2006, an investigation led by Canadian MP David Kilgour reported that the source of 41,500 Chinese organ transplants in the previous five years could not be determined and concluded that there had been "large-scale organ seizures from unwilling Falun Gong practitioners."

As the greeters and protesters hold their flags and banners, a young man wearing a yarmulke and roller blades skates among the Chinese throng with a box of matzo cradled in his arm.

"Excuse me, are you Jewish?" he asks, swooping past the satellite trucks. "Are you Jewish?"

Mendel Stolik, 15, is the son of Rabbi Leibel Stolik, whose Congregation Chabad meets in the plaza. He is offering complimentary matzo for Passover week — or trying to.

"Mostly I'm giving it to journalists and passersby," he says before he rolls away, undiscouraged.

At 12:30 p.m. exactly, sheriff's deputies in riot fatigues and plastic face masks

begin lining up along the barricades, spaced about 10 feet apart and facing both the greeters and protesters.

The deputies are silent as the protesters chant, "Free Tibet! Free Tibet!" and interfere, firmly but politely, only if anyone seems about to cross the barrier.

For the next two hours they wait, without a lot to say to each other.

Finally, at 2:20 p.m., the motorcade carrying President Xi Jinping crosses the Lantana bridge and passes between those lines of red shirts, yellow shirts and sheriff's deputies.

Cheers of welcome and cries of outrage fill the air. Flags are waved and fists shaken as deputies on growling motorcycles escort two gleaming black limousines with heavily tinted windows.

President Xi could see the greeters and protesters, if he wanted, but they could not see in to see if he was seeing them. And if he did, it wasn't for long. The limousines sweep by at about 30 miles an hour, turn right onto South Ocean Boulevard and



FAR LEFT: Using Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa as a backdrop, Chinese journalists record a segment on President Xi's visit. **LEFT:** Barriers with fencing were placed across the east side of the parking lot of Plaza del Mar to help control potential protesters.



...sit and help secure the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa entrance. Workers later put fencing atop the concrete barriers. **Photos by Joe Skipper/The Coastal Star**

disappear up the hotel's circular driveway. Red shirts or yellow shirts, they had waited for hours. And he was gone in seconds.

Friday, April 7

Yusra Hakkani left Boynton Beach for her job at the Ice Cream Club about 9:30 a.m.

President Xi left the Eau Palm Beach for his summit meeting with President Trump at 10:32 a.m.

He got to work before she did.

"I was coming up South Dixie Highway from Gateway Boulevard when a sheriff's roadblock turned me around," Hakkani says. "So I turned into a neighborhood and got lost, then I came back down south to the Boynton Beach bridge and came up A1A and was stopped again by the Manalapan police for about 35 or 40 minutes."

When Hakkani finally reached Plaza Del Mar, the red and yellow T-shirts were still there, but not nearly as many, and

yesterday's sense of anticipation was gone.

Both greeters and protesters were hanging out now, eating ice cream.

Ryan Xu, 25, a protester, ordered a milkshake.

Vanilla, not green tea.

"I flew in from Los Angeles on Wednesday," he said. "Oh, yes, I paid my own way. Of course."

He seemed a little offended that anyone might think otherwise.

In China, all he knew about Falun Gong was what the government told him. But after coming to the U.S. in 2011, he investigated.

"The government said they are evil, but I found a completely different story," he said. "The Communist Party always spreads bad rumors. In China, you are not allowed to have your own mind."

In 2016, Kilgour and his colleagues published an update to their 2006 study. The 789-page report estimated that perhaps as many as 1.5 million Chinese had died as a result of illicit organ

harvesting.

"If I go back, I will be killed," Xu said.

And so he had paid his own way from California, to stand for hours in the hot sun, behind a barricade in Manalapan, pointing a sign at a car that was gone in a flash.

Was it worth the trip?

He seemed a little offended that anyone would ask.

"It's not about the results," he said.

"It's about wanting people to know what's going on in China."

Saturday, April 8

The red, white and blue porta-potties are gone this morning.

The fencing is piled on a tractor-trailer blocking the northbound lane of A1A while workers in orange safety vests collect the steel poles that held it.

The Secret Service is gone, the satellite TV trucks are gone, and the Farmer/ Artisan Market is open again, doing a lazy, Saturday morning business.

At the Ice Cream Club, the 3-gallon tub of green tea sold out at \$4.25 a scoop, \$6 a double, and chocolate almond has taken its place.

Ryan Xu flew home to L.A., and President Trump played golf.

Hosting the Chinese president had been "a great honor," Trump tweeted. "Goodwill and friendship were formed," but "only time will tell on trade."

In the end, Hurricane Xi wasn't much more than a Cat 1 storm, if that.

Five protesters were arrested Thursday for trying to jump in front of the motorcade, Sheriff Bradshaw reported.

Everyone else was pretty orderly.

On April 30, Congress agreed to a proposed budget that includes \$61 million to reimburse local law enforcement agencies for expenses incurred while protecting Trump in New York and Florida.

Bradshaw estimated the cost to taxpayers of Hurricane Xi had been about \$280,000 in overtime pay.★

Gulf Stream



William Thrasher and his wife, Phyllis, laugh at the oversized key Gulf Stream police presented him at his retirement party. The Thrashers bought a Winnebago to tour parks across the country and lost the keys. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

Thrasher gets warm send-off from town officials, employees

By Steve Plunkett

The last week of April was longtime Town Manager William Thrasher's last week to roam Town Hall.

On April 27, Gulf Stream's municipal employees and police officers gathered in Town Hall for lunch and a cake to honor Thrasher the day before his retirement took effect.

At the Town Commission's April 17 meeting, Mayor Scott Morgan proclaimed the day to be William H. Thrasher Day "in recognition of the 21 years of outstanding and dedicated

service."

People who worked with Thrasher "benefited from his professionalism, wealth of knowledge and sense of humor," Morgan's resolution said.

Thrasher was hired as Gulf Stream's finance director on April 29, 1996. As town manager for 17 years, he also acted as its zoning administrator and planning director.

Thrasher arrived in Gulf Stream after answering an ad placed by then-Mayor William F. Koch Jr., whom he considered

a mentor. Thrasher also served through Commissioner Joan Orthwein's two-year tenure as mayor.

"Bill, the town of Gulf Stream obviously is indebted to you here," Morgan said before leading everyone in the commission chamber in a round of applause.

"Over the last three years, I have been supported by your advice, your steady, patient advice, your calm demeanor in the face of many things that this town has confronted, and I am personally grateful for your service," Morgan said. ★



Gunther Volvo plans to build a 31,050-square-foot showroom-service area and three-level parking garage on Federal Highway. Place Au Soleil homeowners fear the project will fill their neighborhood with noise and light. **Rendering courtesy City of Delray Beach**

Place Au Soleil gears up for next battle with Gunther Volvo over parking garage

By Steve Plunkett

Decision day is May 10 in Place Au Soleil's fight to shield the neighborhood from a three-story garage Gunther Volvo wants to build right behind their single-family homes.

Delray Beach's Site Plan Review and Appearance Board postponed considering Gunther's proposal at its April 26 meeting because it lacked a quorum. The car dealership backs up to Gulf Stream but sits inside Delray Beach.

Earlier in the month, the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency praised Gunther's proposal, but encouraged its lawyer to work more to address Place Au Soleil's concerns about noise and light.

At the April 17 meeting of the Gulf Stream Town Commission, the president of the neighborhood's homeowner association, Chet Snavelly, said he and Mayor Scott Morgan met with Gunther representatives and Delray Beach officials to craft a solution, but without success.

"The noise situation and the light situation were pretty much dismissed in Volvo's response letter to our meeting," Snavelly said. "Volvo was not interested in spending any money for any redesign."

Morgan recruited the rest of the Town Commission to join the battle by having commissioners sign a letter opposing the plan that they had previously authorized Morgan to

sign by himself. The letter was to go to Delray Beach planning officials and Mayor Cary Glickstein.

"I just feel it should be signed by everyone," Morgan said.

Snavelly said a barrier of aluminum louvers behind the 519-car garage would block the light and muffle the sound. So far, Gunther has agreed only to raise the concrete wall at the back of the parcel from 6 feet high to 8 feet.

Fort Lauderdale-based Gunther bought the Volvo and neighboring Volkswagen dealerships in 2012 for \$13.5 million from AutoNation. The land, which lies on a plat named Borton Motors after an earlier dealership, is designated for "auto sales" in Delray Beach's land-use plan and zoned "automotive commercial."

In other business, commissioners met in closed sessions with their attorneys to decide what to do with one public records lawsuit brought by resident Martin O'Boyle and seven cases brought by resident Chris O'Hare. Outside counsel Robert Sweetapple said at the end of the month there had been no movement in any of the suits.

O'Boyle urged the commissioners before the closed sessions to accept what he called his "sacrificial lamb" to end the litigation, without providing many details. "If you want to resolve all [the cases] as I do, we together have an opportunity to be fair with one another and accomplish just that goal," O'Boyle said. ★

Judge James R. Knott Award

Historic Courtroom, West Palm Beach – April 25



Robert Ganger holds his Judge James R. Knott Historical Contribution Award, flanked by J. Grier Pressly III (left), chairman of the board of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County, and Harvey Oyer III. **Photo provided by Capehart Photography**

Robert Ganger, a vice chairman of the board of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County, won the group's Judge James R. Knott Historical Contribution Award, its highest honor, for his help in securing the endorsement of government officials and raising \$9 million to restore the 1916 Palm Beach County Courthouse.



Susan Oyer

Ganger, of Gulf Stream, helped persuade the County Commission to not tear down the historic courthouse and worked to negotiate a lease for the society to use the building. "This was the most pivotal, challenging, exhilarating and scary time in this institution's long history, and Bob was one of the steady hands on the tiller during the bumpy ride," said Harvey Oyer III, who nominated Ganger and presented the award April 25.

The Knott award, for contributing to the preservation, promotion or enrichment of county history, is named for a judge who was president of the historical society from 1957 to 1969 and wrote historical vignettes for *The Palm Beach Post* from 1977 to 1985. Oyer's sister, Susan Oyer of Boynton Beach, was given the society's Fannie James Pioneering Award for her efforts as president of the Lake Worth Pioneers' Association Inc. to keep alive the memories and spirit of the county's earliest pioneers.

In May, the association will hold its 123rd annual meeting, where stories are passed on to younger generations. James, an African-American pioneer, was the first postmistress of the Jewell Post Office (now Lake Worth), from 1889 to 1903.

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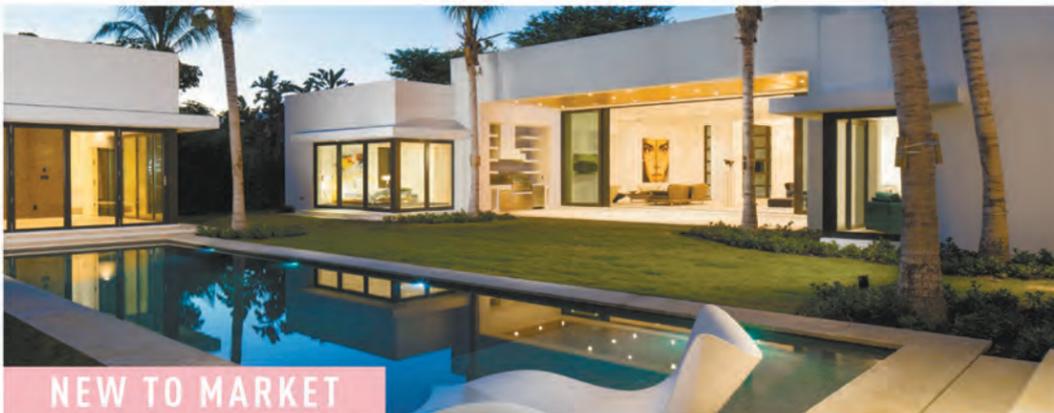
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Christina Cleveland

When Christina Cleveland was hired straight out of college as a stockbroker by the Merrill Lynch office in Tallahassee, the managing director told her that she was either going to be exceptionally great at her job, or hiring her was going to be a “big mistake” on his part.

Thirty-three years later, Cleveland, now a certified financial planner, is still with the company and was named to the *Forbes* inaugural list of America’s Top Women Wealth Advisers for 2017. The honor was given to the top 200 from among 14,000 nominees.

“It’s kind of breathtaking and humbling,” said Cleveland, a coastal Delray Beach resident who is a senior vice president in wealth management investments for the Merrill Lynch office in Boca Raton.

As a wealth management adviser, Cleveland helps her clients develop customized financial strategies to achieve their personal goals, whether it be saving for retirement, living through retirement, transferring wealth to future generations or helping fund their philanthropic interests.

What Cleveland finds most rewarding about her work are the long-term relationships she has with her clients.

“When somebody comes in and we decide that we’re going to establish a working relationship, this relationship typically lasts their lifetime, and then possibly their children’s,” she said. “I enjoy knowing and caring about them deeply.”

Cleveland finds time to be involved in community organizations that “speak to my heart.” She lends financial support to her pet charities: Spanish River Church, SOS Children’s Village and the Delray Beach Achievement Centers for Children and Families. One Sunday a month, at Spanish River Church, she performs a 30-minute drama program for the 3- to 5-year-olds that pertains to the day’s lesson.

She is the CEO of the South Florida Women’s Exchange for Bank of America Merrill Lynch, which brings women of the company together, regardless of their positions, through networking, mentoring and community involvement.

In her spare time, Cleveland



Christina Cleveland, a certified financial planner in Boca Raton, also is busy with several charities and her church. She lives in coastal Delray Beach. The boy in the photo on her desk is her son, Max.

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enjoys paddleboarding on the ocean with her husband, Chris, and 6-year-old son, Max. She also has a keen interest in butterfly gardening, which she learned about from her husband, a nature enthusiast.

She and her husband have filled their yard with host plants that attract specific butterflies, such as milkweed for monarchs, cassia for sulphur butterflies, and a lime prickly-ash plant for giant swallowtails.

“No matter what butterfly you want to have in your backyard, if you just plant their host plant, they will come,” said Cleveland. “It’s fun, and it works.”

While at Florida State University earning a bachelor of science degree in finance, Cleveland was a member of student government and was already honing her money-handling skills.

“We were in charge of a big budget with hundreds of thousands of dollars that we allocated among different student programs,” she said.

“Being hired by Merrill Lynch was truly a life-changing event. They took a chance on me when I was very young,” said Cleveland. “It’s the perfect job for me. It’s all about helping people accomplish each of their unique goals in life, whatever they might be, and I enjoy trying to make that happen.”

— Marie Puleo

Q. Where did you grow up? Where did you go to school?

A. My father was an engineer on Long Island and had an opportunity to take a job associated with the space program in Florida when I was 9. It was a chance for us to hopefully have healthier winters and to move closer to his parents, who had retired to Delray Beach.

We moved to Indialantic (near the Kennedy Space Center). As children, it was exciting to watch the rocket launches from our front yard.

My father said I could attend any college I wanted as long as it was in the state of Florida and he’d match me dollar for dollar on cost.

At Florida State University, I was involved in student government from the moment I stepped onto campus. I was elected to office in my first and second year, served as a student lobbyist at the Capitol in my third year, and in my senior year was the gubernatorial appointee to the board of regents. These activities at college would ultimately shape my life.

Q. What professions have you worked in and what accomplishments have you been most proud of?

A. I have a short list of professions. They consist of waitress and Merrill Lynch

wealth management adviser. That’s what happens when you get hired into the perfect job for you right out of college.

Q. What advice do you have for a young person selecting a career today?

A. If you don’t know which direction you want to go in life, I would suggest taking a few aptitude tests. The aptitude tests give you careers to think about that match your special gifts. When an opportunity comes along for a job that was on your aptitude list, give it a chance!

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Delray Beach?

A. My grandparents lived in Delray Beach. It was 1992, and housing was still in a slump from the savings and loan crisis, and I started looking for a house. There was this cute little cottage in the Seagate neighborhood that was sitting in an estate waiting to be sold, and it had my name on it. So much has changed since then, in the town and in the neighborhood, but I still love my cottage and Delray Beach.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Delray Beach?

A. I love the ocean and the beach. So often the water is crystal clear and a magical, tropical blue color. The Gulf Stream comes so close to our

shore, it brings amazing breezes all year long.

Q. What book are you reading now?

A. I just finished *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, by J.D. Vance.

Q. What music do you listen to when you need inspiration? When you want to relax?

A. For relaxation and inspiration I like to listen to piano music. For a mood pickup, it’s songs like *Happy*, *Better When I’m Dancing* and Bruno Mars’ *Uptown Funk*.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your decisions?

A. Do unto others as you would have done to you.

Q. Have you had mentors in your life?

A. My mentors have been my clients. I’ve had the privilege of having a front-row seat in successful people’s lives. There are gems of wisdom and lessons to be learned in each person that you really get to know. When you see an admirable trait or action, you have the chance to decide if that is something you would like to emulate or develop in yourself.

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

A. My knowledge on up-and-coming actresses is a little lacking right now since we have only watched animated shows and movies with our son for the past six years. I’m going with Disney’s *Elena of Avalor*. She is smart, persistent, kind and has a very good heart. She is not easily deterred even in the face of opposition.



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Obituaries

Dr. William Paul Luke

GULF STREAM — William Paul Luke, M.D., 89, passed away peacefully on April 25 at home in Gulf Stream, succumbing to Lou Gehrig's disease, which he had fought for 15 years. Not a record, but he tried.



He was eased on his way by his loving caregivers and friends of many years, Alicia Prado and Amanda Liptak, and son David.

He is survived by his three children, David, Hunter and Laurie; daughter-in-law LuAnne Luke and son-in-law David McCaskey; along with Hunter's sons, Griffin and Dawson, and Laurie's daughters, Sarah and Morgan. They all will miss him, as will nieces Judy and Debbie and nephew Richard; and his four stepchildren, Sandy, Hans, Donna and Andrew, whom he considered as his own.

He was a proud grandfather of seven step-grandkids and loved all mentioned equally and well. He was predeceased by wives Joey and Joan, father William, mother Lenora and his sister Yvonne.

Dr. Luke led a great life with a gentle enthusiasm for all that he endeavored, and his huge heart was apparent to all so fortunate to be called friend or co-worker. He was sure to bring a smile to all whenever or wherever he encountered them. Though he achieved much and was honored by many, his greatest joy was the happiness and success of others. He led a life of love, thoughtfulness, generosity and compassion and the world is a shade less bright without him. He was so lucky to have had two phenomenal women as his wives and with them he shared his many milestones, both personal and professional.

Upon graduation from the Boston University school of medicine, he set forth on his professional adventures. He joined the staff of Cape Cod Hospital, where he held positions of chief of surgery, chief of staff and a position on the board of directors. As a member of the board of regents at Boston University he was instrumental in the establishment of the residency program at Cape Cod Hospital.

This all occurred while he was busy as a partner in

Cape Cod Surgical Associates, which he had formed with his great friend John McVey and soon included Sepo Rapo, Rich Lewis and John Scarpato. They all later established the Cape Cod Vascular Laboratory.

Toward the end of his career on the Cape and beyond, Dr. Luke spent time for many years with Sepo Rapo in the jungles of Nicaragua assisting in the treatment of the native population in a MASH-type hospital, which the staff could reach only by small plane.

To stay busy later he joined the staff at the Toronto General Hospital at the invitation of good friend Dr. Griff Pearson as a visiting professor of surgery. He would do this for many years even after retiring to Florida with Joan.

Dr. Luke had many interests and hobbies in which he fully immersed himself. Among them was sailing. He and friends started the Cape Cod Cruising Club and he participated in many of the famous Figawi races on Cape Cod.

Flying also ranked high (he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis while getting his instrument rating). Croquet was a passion he shared with Joan and they donated funds to build the croquet lawn at the St. Andrews Club. He was particularly proud to be elected to the Croquet Hall of Fame in 2010 as one of 103 members.

Never one to sit idle, he spent his final years teaching himself to build museum-quality ship models, some of which took up to a half year to complete.

He was very active in the ALS community and lobbied Congress for funding when he was still able to travel to Washington and personally conducted voluminous research on his own to understand the disease.

A memorial service was held May 2 at Lorne and Sons Funeral Home, 745 NE Sixth Ave., Delray Beach. Dr. Luke will be interred on Cape Cod surrounded by his family at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, make donations in his name to the ALS Association Florida Chapter, 3242 Parkside Center Circle, Tampa, FL 33619.

— *Obituary submitted by the family*

Susan Eileen (McDonald) Norton

By Emily J. Minor

BOYNTON BEACH — Susan Eileen (McDonald) Norton, whose good manners and slight frame often belied her stubbornness, true grit and power on the tennis court, died last month after fighting a rare cancer that showed itself last May, subsided just long enough to offer



hope, then returned in March with a vengeance. She was 55. "She never complained," said her sister, Kathy Baffer, who lives in coastal Delray Beach. "She always wanted to fight this, right to the end. Now she's our guardian angel."

A Florida girl through and through, Mrs. Norton grew up in Boca Raton and attended Saint Andrew's School with her twin brother, John III, and, later, Kathy. She was always athletic and loved competition, her sister said, performing on most of Saint Andrew's varsity teams and once setting a record for the 5K run.

Besides tennis — the two sisters loved to play doubles — Mrs. Norton was an accomplished golfer. She also loved the quiet of gardening.

After leaving Boca Raton in 1979 to attend Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C., the former Susan McDonald came back to Palm Beach County, where she launched a successful career with Arvida selling real estate. In 1989, she married Dr. Stephen Norton, a dentist she met through mutual neighborhood friends.

The couple had three children — Stephen, 25, and twins Emily and Gregory, 23 — all three of whom are now studying at the College of Dental

Medicine, Nova Southeastern University.

As the children grew, Mrs. Norton turned her attention to the kids, her husband's dental practice and her physical fitness. Patients knew her as the smiling officer manager, always reassuring, her dog, Zeuss, tucked at her feet.

Mrs. Norton ate well, exercised and had a strong faith. So when she got sick last May with angiosarcoma, a cancer that affected her heart, it was particularly jarring, her sister said.

"She was always just so full of life," Baffer said. "We all knew she was going to beat this."

Mrs. Norton's family spent months researching the best treatments. Her brother once flew her from the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio to a specialty ward in Houston. There, she lay in ICU for far too long.

But after chemo treatments in Houston, she returned to the family's home in Pine Tree Country Club Estates and was able to enjoy many weekends with her husband, children and dogs at the family's retreat on Lake June. Baffer said her sister was feeling relatively well until early March, when complications began to pile up.

She died April 4, her last rites administered by a favorite priest. She was buried in a small cemetery near the family's Lake June home.

Besides her husband, children, sister and brother, Mrs. Norton is survived by many nieces and nephews. Her parents, Millie and John, preceded her in death.

The family asks that memorial donations be made to the Sarcoma Foundation of America, which can be found online at www.curesarcoma.org. The family has long been members of St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church.

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Boynton Beach

Historic high school at center of approved downtown plan

By Jane Smith

City residents should soon have a walkable downtown with open spaces and tree-shaded streets as well as their beloved, historic Boynton Beach High School restored to its 1920s glamour days and in use again.

In mid-April, the Boynton Beach City Commission unanimously agreed to work with E2L Real Estate Solutions of Winter Park.

That allows the city manager to craft a public-private partnership with E2L, outlining the first phase of the \$250 million deal. It will include deadlines and financing methods to pay for the public and private portions.

The E2L team wants to build apartments, assisted-living units, a hotel and three parking garages.

The first phase also will include “a guaranteed maximum price of the buildings ... and possibly start of the rehab work on the old high school,” Colin Groff, an assistant city manager, told commissioners April 17.

Groff gave commissioners an ambitious schedule for the first phase, saying it could return to them for approval in June.

“I like that they are keeping the historic buildings,” said Susan Oyer, a longtime resident who sits on the city’s Historic Resources Preservation Board. “They are keeping the trees, the playground — all of the things the residents care about.”

If all goes according to the plan, residents will be able to attend charrettes in the summer to have their say on the designs of the public buildings, the interior layout of the old high school, the open spaces, the amphitheater, the playgrounds, the landscaping and signs, Groff said.

He advised residents and commissioners not to think



The conceptual plan features a five-story glass City Hall attached to the existing city library. Part of the library would become a City Hall addition. Across Ocean Avenue from the proposed City Hall is the historic high school. This view is looking to the southeast. Seacrest Boulevard is in the foreground. **Rendering provided by E2L Real Estate Solutions LLC**



In the 1920s, architect Addison Mizner sketched out his idea for Boynton Beach City Hall. Resident Susan Oyer prefers Mizner’s plan. **Photo courtesy of the Boynton Beach City Library**

that the public buildings would look like what E2L’s architect proposed: in particular, the glass building to be City Hall.

“It looks hideous. It’s more appropriate for a newer city,” said Oyer, a fifth-generation Floridian who is a public school teacher. “Boynton needs a more appropriate look that would adapt pieces of the Addison Mizner plans.”

In the 1920s, Mizner presented a rough sketch of what a two-story Boynton Beach City Hall would look like using his Mediterranean Revival style of architecture. But the city soon went bankrupt and had to sell off a piece of its oceanfront land to repay debts.

The Mizner sketch lay unused for decades until 1987, when the

leader of the city’s Community Redevelopment Agency wanted to resurrect it as the plan for a new City Hall. That did not happen.

Oyer will send commissioners and Groff the Mizner sketch with her ideas on how it could be turned into a three-story building.

Team named at meeting

In late March, E2L introduced its team to the city selection committee.

The master developer is Mark Hefferin of E2L Holdings in Winter Park. Information supplied to the city says that the company has more than \$1 billion in construction experience.

At the selection committee presentation, Hefferin mentioned the possibility of the hotel carrying the Guy Harvey brand. A Guy Harvey spokesman said it was too soon for the company to say yes or no to the project.

Hefferin’s team includes developer John Markey, whose JKM Developers of Boca Raton built the Cortina residential project and nearby dog park in western Boynton Beach.

“We are the hometown guys backed by the largest financial company internationally,” Markey told the selection committee. “We are the financial solution.”

Markey proposes turning the 16 acres of Town Square into a community development district with the private buildings financed by BlackRock bonds sold to investors. That structure calls for the city to make an agreement with its CRA to have the increase in taxable values of the private buildings used to make the annual bond payments

What’s in store

E2L Real Estate Solutions’ plan for Boynton Beach’s Town Square includes:

- Existing historic high school that combines uses from the Madsen Arts Center and Civic Center
- Existing Schoolhouse Children’s Museum
- Existing city library
- New City Hall
- New Fire Station No. 1
- Two eight-story apartment buildings
- Five-story assisted living facility
- Ten two-story townhomes
- Six-story hotel

It does not include a new police headquarters building. E2L suggested two sites: a city-owned parcel on High Ridge Road or in the vacant Home Expo building at the northeast corner of Southwest Eighth Street and Woolbright Road.

to investors.

Markey said he became involved with BlackRock in 2010 when a BlackRock entity approached his firm to invest in distressed properties in Florida.

For his part of Town Square, Markey wants to build independent-living townhomes for older residents and a multistory building that offers assisted care.

The E2L team also includes architect Rick Gonzalez of West Palm Beach, who told the selection team: “I’ve been waiting 16 years to work on the high school.”

His historic restoration projects include Mar-a-Lago, President Donald Trump’s Palm Beach estate that was turned into a private club. Gonzalez recently helped design a helipad on the historic estate that can withstand the weight of a Marine One helicopter, needed after Trump was elected president.

“I’m glad Markey and Gonzalez are involved,” said Barbara Ready, chairwoman of the Historic Resources Preservation Board. “They like

to listen to the people.”

A possible kink in the high school plans comes from Juan Contin, who is appealing his state court loss. He has until May 15 to file paperwork that explains the legal reason why his case should be reconsidered. Contin, an architect, sued in 2013 after the city wouldn’t let him turn the high school into an events center.

Local lawyer Michael Weiner will take the Town Square plans through the city’s development approval process as part of the E2L team.

“We need to get the people here first,” Weiner told the selection committee. “Then the sky’s the limit of what can go in here — possibly even a grocery store.”

The project’s boundaries roughly are Boynton Beach Boulevard on the north, Seacrest Boulevard on the west, Southeast Second Avenue on the south and Southeast First Street on the east.

Hefferin’s team also has former state Rep. Sharon Merchant, who owns a marketing company. “We understand that the most important thing for you is that your constituents are knowledgeable,” she told the selection committee.

Her firm will do that by having webcams on the project, putting out social media posts, producing newsletters and hosting hotlines.

Nancy Franczak-Stewart, promoter of GarlicFest, also is involved. She told the selection committee: “My events put Delray Beach on the map. I look forward to bringing that experience to you.”

E2L Solutions paid \$100,000 when it was selected, to be used to evaluate its proposal. At the May 2 commission meeting, Stantec Consulting Services of Tampa was hired to help the city define the Town Square deal and provide financial analysis. The contract has a cap of \$90,000.

Mayor Steven Grant said he is eager for Town Square to start.

“It’s an extremely exciting time in Boynton Beach,” he said. “The challenge will be to keep the momentum going.” ★

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opioid crisis gripping the nation and the thousands of mostly young and out-of-state users who flock to Florida, especially to Palm Beach County, to get help as word has spread about the many treatment centers nestled within a tropical paradise.

They can land in corrupt centers and bed-providing sober homes that engage in deceptive marketing, insurance fraud and patient brokering. The business model of the fraudulent operators isn't intended to cure addiction, since operators make money when addicts relapse and new treatment costs can be billed to insurers.

But all too often, their lives end in tragedy. Opioid deaths in the county spiked 314 percent between 2012 and 2016, according to data Dr. Michael Bell, the county's medical examiner, shared with Palm Beach County commissioners at their April 4 meeting.

Deaths jumped from 305 in 2015 to 592 last year, largely because heroin is now cut with fentanyl and carfentanyl, making it exponentially more potent — and deadly.

"I've been doing this for 38 years," Alton Taylor, executive director of the Drug Abuse Foundation of Palm Beach County in Delray Beach, told commissioners. "I've seen a lot during that time, but I've never seen anything like this. Its lethality is unprecedented."

'Horrendous abuses' found

Critics of the unscrupulous treatment centers and sober homes have been sounding the alarm since 2012, with limited success at getting reforms. But the pace of efforts increased dramatically in the last year.

The push started when the state Legislature gave Palm Beach County State Attorney Dave Aronberg \$250,000 to investigate allegations of fraud and abuse and propose

solutions.

Aronberg convened a grand jury. Its report, issued in December, outlined the vast scope of the problems and made recommendations for new legislation.

The grand jury recommended, among other things, laws that make deceptive advertising a crime, establish oversight of sober homes and strengthen patient brokering penalties.

While noting there are good operators in the county who help addicts, the report also said: "The grand jury has seen evidence of horrendous abuses that occur in recovery residences that operate with no standards. For example, some residents were given drugs so they could go back into detox, some were sexually abused and others forced



Aronberg

to work in labor pools. There is currently no oversight on these businesses that house this vulnerable class."

Aronberg also formed the Sober Homes Task Force, which reached similar conclusions about the problems and what to do about them.

"The lack of effective oversight of this industry, especially in the private sector, has allowed bad actors to flourish, significantly contributing to the rising death toll," its January report said.

Significant legislation based on those recommendations was introduced this year by state Sen. Jeff Clemens, D-Lake Worth, and state Rep. Bill Hager, R-Boca Raton. Hager's bill unanimously passed the Florida House of Representatives in late April. The bill then moved to the Senate, where Clemens sponsored the partner legislation.

At press time, Aronberg and his chief assistant were in Tallahassee to lobby connections in the Senate. They

hoped to substitute the Senate version with the House bill. The House bill is seen as the stronger bill as it allows the Department of Children and Families to regulate recovery residences.

"Everyone is walking on eggshells," said Mike Edmondson, state attorney spokesman. The legislative session was scheduled to end on May 5.

An unrelated bill would add deadly synthetic drugs to the state's drug-trafficking statute, giving state prosecutors the ability to seek stronger sentences. This bill also unanimously passed the House and moved to the Senate.

Law enforcement ramps up

The task force's law enforcement arm has swung into action, arresting nearly two dozen people as of mid-April on charges including insurance fraud and patient brokering, which involves taking kickbacks to steer patients to particular treatment facilities.

The County Commission weighed in on April 4, approving the hiring of a county opioid czar, as well as two new staff members for the swamped Medical Examiner's Office, and spending \$3 million over the next two years to pay for these positions as well as treatment efforts.

New federal guidelines issued last year by the Department of Justice and the Department of Housing and Urban Development have clarified how cities can enact their own ordinances regulating sober homes. Cities had been stymied after Boca Raton fought to keep sober homes out of residential neighborhoods, but lost a court case in 2007 after racking up \$1.3 million in costs and legal fees.

Boynton Beach issued a six-month moratorium on applications for sober homes in December while city staff reviews the new guidelines. Delray Beach is crafting new regulations that Mayor Cary Glickstein expects to be considered by city commissioners this summer.

And a bevy of Palm Beach County officials — including Aronberg, county commissioners and Palm Beach County Chief Circuit Judge Jeffrey Colbath — called on Gov. Rick Scott to declare the opioid crisis a public health emergency to marshal resources to fight it. On April 11, Scott declined to do so — or to pledge more funding to fight the epidemic. Instead, he and Attorney General Pam Bondi scheduled four "listening" workshops around the state to seek solutions to the crisis.

Delray hit especially hard

While the problems of addiction and bad actors in the treatment industry are everywhere, no Palm Beach County city has felt the brunt more than Delray Beach.

In 2016, city workers responded to about 1,600 emergency calls related to opioid overdoses, according to

the mayor. Every overdose call costs the city nearly \$2,500, Glickstein said. And while no one knows the exact number of sober homes in the city, they could number as many as 700.

Another impact is the cloud cast over the city as a result of its reputation as the epicenter for the crisis in the county.

Companies considering location or expansion in Delray Beach ask about it, Glickstein said.

"The overdose recovery industry has no doubt made it more difficult for the city to retain and recruit businesses here," he said, adding this is also true

across the county. "It is part of the conversation of whether [a company] should stay or go."

So it is unsurprising that Glickstein is passionate about reining in unscrupulous operators.

"We are being crushed," Glickstein told legislators in March. "We are losing businesses. We are losing tax revenue. These people [addicts] are ending up homeless, penniless. We need help. We need the cavalry and we need it now."

Glickstein isn't alone in feeling overwhelmed.

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Capt. Houston Park said county and city first responders rushed to at least 4,661 heroin-related incidents last year. Each response to a call costs county fire rescue between \$1,000 and \$1,500. Narcan, administered to reverse an overdose, costs \$75 for 8 milligrams. As heroin's potency has increased, first responders often need to administer 10 mg.

"Our responders are seeing a higher incidence of younger people dying," Park said. "We are trained to handle and respond to these emergencies, but it does have an increased emotional toll."

Medical Examiner Bell said his office's workload has increased dramatically over the last two years.

"There are certainly days when we feel overwhelmed," Bell said. The addition of an associate medical examiner and forensic technician will help, he said, but the problem isn't going away. "Certainly I don't see any end in the immediate future. People are still dying of overdoses."

Bad operators find benefits

Addiction treatment centers and sober homes have long existed in Palm Beach County, without causing problems.

"Until 10 years ago, sober home operators in Delray were by and large law-abiding, quality providers. It was part of their calling," said John Lehman, president of the

Florida Association of Recovery Residences, a not-for-profit organization that oversees voluntary certification of sober homes for the Department of Children and Families.

"Then somebody figured out how to make big money doing this. Big money."

The spigots began to open with the 2008 Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, which resulted in a huge increase in coverage for substance abuse treatment. Then, in 2010, the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, allowed young adults to stay on their parents' policies until age 26, eliminated

exclusions for pre-existing conditions and required treatment for mental health and substance abuse to be included in every insurance policy.

That meant people had coverage to treat substance abuse, and insurers had to pay for it. If an addict relapsed, insurance would cover new rounds of treatment.

The onset of the opioid crisis ensured there were plenty of addicts who would seek treatment. Unscrupulous operators rushed in to take advantage.

But addiction is recognized as a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Act, making it difficult for government to oversee the industry.

The grand jury found that insurance fraud is rampant, citing one treatment provider who billed a patient's insurer over \$600,000, mainly for drug tests, over seven months.

Particularly problematic are urinalysis tests, which are used to confirm an addict is staying clean. But unscrupulous operators are requiring them frequently and billing inflated amounts. While a test kit costs under \$10 at a pharmacy, the grand jury said these operators are charging more than \$5,000 per test.

Deceptive marketing has become standard practice in the treatment industry, the grand jury said. Operators falsely represent their services and locations and act improperly to lure patients to their centers, regardless of whether they can provide appropriate treatment.

Illegal patient brokering also is commonplace, the Sober Homes Task Force report states.

Treatment providers pay a kickback to sober homes in return for the homes' referral of patients to those providers. The patients, who often have no income, in turn get a free place to stay while they attend outpatient treatment programs, although the task force found the homes are often nothing more than flophouses.

Some operators illegally offer gym memberships, weekly

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Delray Beach

City grapples with costs, regulation of recovery industry

By Jane Smith

Nearly 10 years after Delray Beach was dubbed “the recovery capital of America” by *The New York Times*, that branding still irritates some elected officials.

“This leadership is not sitting idly by. We want to see that reputation diminish very quickly,” Mayor Cary Glickstein said at the April 18 City Commission meeting.

He was referring to an email blast sent a day earlier by treatment center lawyer Jeffrey Lynne. Trying to create interest in a Recovery Business Council, Lynne wrote: “Making Delray Beach the ‘Recovery’ Capital once again.” The interim city manager had asked the commission to take a position on promoting that industry. The mayor said he was not interested and recognized the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce for moving quickly to cancel the kickoff meeting.

“We are demonstrating that we are part of the solution by shining a bright light on what is largely a sham industry, in my opinion,” the mayor said.

The city recorded 65 fatal drug overdoses in 2016, making its per capita overdose death rate more than double that of Palm Beach County and triple the rate of Broward County.

For the first quarter of this year, fatal overdoses slipped by one from the same period last year, according to Police Department data.

To combat the opioid epidemic,

the city is banking on getting updated and new state legislation and new city ordinances.

The state laws, proposed by the Palm Beach County State Attorney’s Sober Homes Task Force, would tighten rules on treatment center marketing and patient brokering.

Delray detective plays lead role

Delray Beach Detective Nicole Lucas plays a leading role in the law enforcement arm of the task force. Her investigations have resulted in the arrests of more than 12 treatment center and sober home operators.

She worked with sober home operators who went undercover and recorded treatment center managers when they talked about paying the sober home operators to bring clients to them. The illegal practice is called patient brokering.

In late March, Lucas received a plaque for her efforts from the South County Recovery Residence Association. The group is a grass-roots coalition of sober homes in Delray Beach. It began 15 years ago as way to compile a list of ethical recovery residences, said Jim Tichy, president and co-owner of The Lodge.

“There was too much crap going on in our industry,” Tichy said. “We work with the Delray police and code departments.”

To craft its own rules, Delray Beach is relying on a joint statement procured by U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel. The statement contains language that allows cities to regulate recovery residences so that they don’t overwhelm one neighborhood, creating an institutional-like setting.

“The city of Delray Beach is NOT at

war with recovering addicts or people with disabilities,” Max Lohman, the city attorney, wrote in an email.

The city is battling unscrupulous operators who use federal housing and disability laws “to perpetuate the slavery of addiction at the expense of those among us who are most in need of our protection,” Lohman wrote. “By protecting recovering addicts from further victimization, we will also protect our community.”

To study the location of its group homes, the city hired Daniel Lauber, an expert planner who is also a lawyer from the Chicago area. Frankel had recommended Lauber for his knowledge of the Fair Housing Act. The city attorney expects Lauber to deliver his study in early May.

Depending on the completeness of the study, Lohman predicted an ordinance would come before the City Commission in late July or early August.

Earlier this year, the city began requiring group home operators to register annually for a medical accommodation that allows more than three unrelated people to live together.

Public safety budget affected

Meanwhile, the city’s public safety departments will ask for money in next year’s budget to battle the plague of overdose calls.

“Currently we are working on collecting better data for our upcoming presentation to the commissioners,” said Dani Moschella, Delray Beach police spokeswoman. “That should give them a better understanding of percentage of time that the recovery community

demands of our resources.”

The Police Department will request five additional officers in next year’s budget, Moschella said.

“That is not all because of the recovery industry,” she said, “but because the entire service population continues to grow and tax our force.”

The Fire-Rescue Department will seek \$60,000 to handle the overdose calls, up from \$30,000 in the current budget, according to Kevin Green, assistant chief of operations.

City paramedics administered 1,935 doses of Narcan last year, Green replied via email. Narcan stops a user’s high.

“We do have patients who receive multiple doses,” Green wrote. “Now, each dose is 4 mg. Some patients may need 12-20 mg.”

Meanwhile, Lynne and the mayor are engaged in a war of words. At the April 18 commission meeting, the mayor said Lynne had “co-opted and used without authorization the Chamber’s logos” for the Recovery Business Council.

As proof that he was working jointly with the Chamber, Lynne said the Chamber has a page on its website dedicated to the Recovery Business Council.

Lynne sent two emails requesting an apology. On April 25, his law partner, Adam Beighley, wrote in support of Lynne to the mayor and city commissioners. Beighley wrote that Lynne wanted a public apology at the next City Commission meeting.

The mayor did not apologize despite Beighley’s request at the May 2 meeting.★

massages, gift cards and more, with brokers known as “body snatchers” persuading addicts to move to another home or provider who offers “better stuff.”

Progress with lawmakers

The bills introduced by Clemens and Hager were not identical, but both addressed key grand jury recommendations.

They cracked down on fraudulent marketing, stiffened existing penalties for patient brokering and prohibited kickbacks for patient referrals. They also expanded the jurisdiction of the Statewide Prosecutor to investigate and prosecute patient brokering.

The skyrocketing number of overdose deaths “is why we are getting significant support for this legislation,” Chief Assistant State Attorney Al Johnson said.

But the bills don’t resolve all the problems, he said.

“The legislation is not the end of it. More needs to be done,” Johnson said. “But it is a game changer on the private side of the industry.”

Glickstein agreed there will be more work to do next legislative session. “If those are passed, we are going to see much more accountability as it relates to the operation of sober homes and the relationship between sober homes and treatment providers,” he said. “It is no silver bullet ... but it is a very positive step in the right direction.”

If strong legislation clears the Legislature, “that is going to create a new risk-reward matrix for the bad guys,” Lehman said. “I think we will see a lot of them disappear overnight.”

Marc Woods, a Delray Beach code enforcement inspector, said that is already happening because of the arrests made by the task force. He estimates 40 have shut down in the city.

“When the state attorney started making arrests for patient brokering, I noticed houses were closing. I noticed kids with suitcases standing outside of houses,” he said.

Good ones want bad out

Good riddance, say legitimate treatment center and sober home operators.

Tony Foster, the interim CEO and chief operating officer of The Treatment Center of the Palm Beaches in Lake Worth and a task force member, said bad actors tarnish a needed industry.

“You don’t hear about the good operators. You only hear about the bad ones. The bad ones taint the good ones,” he said. If the bad ones close down, “the industry will be left with a much more professional group of people operating the business,” he said.

George Jahn, who owns Sober Living in Delray with his wife, Sue, and is a task force member, said only about three sober homes in Delray Beach are operating legitimately.

The bad ones make it more difficult for him to remain in the business he started 24 years ago, because they are accepting kickbacks and can provide addicts with free rent, while he charges \$245 a week.

The legal operators want the bad ones shut down, he said. So when they become aware of illegal activity, they report it to a hot line set up at the State Attorney’s Office.

Arrests of the bad actors “all derived from someone filing a complaint,” he said.

That is just one way legitimate business owners are trying to be part of the solution, they said.

Foster donated \$25,000 to county Fire Rescue in December to help it buy Narcan after he heard its cost strained the agency’s budget. “We wanted to do our part,” he said.

Foster also is assisting a pilot study at JFK Medical Center in Atlantis that is giving patients treated for overdoses Suboxone, a drug that curbs withdrawal symptoms, and counseling. He has set aside five beds at his facility for people released from JFK who need a free place to stay.

Joe Bryan, who with his two brothers owns The Beachcomber treatment center near Briny Breezes, said the outcry about problems in the industry obscures the fact that good operators employ a lot of people and pay them good wages, creating a big economic benefit.

The three largest legitimate treatment centers in Delray Beach employ about 640 people, he said.

At Bryan’s facility, counselors earn \$50,000, with health insurance and paid vacation and sick time. Everyone earns well above minimum wage, he said.

Clients’ family members travel to Palm Beach County for visits, staying in hotels and eating at restaurants and giving the economy another boost.

And then there is the hard-to-calculate benefit of those who get help and beat addiction, get good jobs, raise families and live productive lives.

“You hear about the troubles,” Bryan said. “You won’t hear about all the teachers we get back to work. There are a lot of families that are back together because of what we do.”★

Jane Smith contributed to this story.

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Boynton Beach

Boulevard 'wave' redesign aims at cohesive, fresh look

By Jane Smith

Boynton Beach Boulevard will be beautified to match the up-and-coming downtown the city's redevelopment agency is trying to create.

In mid-April, the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency selected one of three designs presented by Kimley-Horn's West Palm Beach office. The boulevard will have a wave theme to create a cohesive look to the street. It will have wider sidewalks, narrower travel lanes, canopy trees, landscaped medians and dedicated bike lanes.

The waves along the outer edges of the sidewalk can be made using concrete with blue glass beads added or pavers with blue glass beads embedded in the top layer, said Marwan Mufleh, senior vice president at Kimley-Horn.

CRA board member Christina Romelus asked whether the special pavers would cost more. The consultants said yes, but they



Blue glass beads could be used to create a wave pattern along the sidewalks and intersections of Boynton Beach Boulevard. Rendering provided by Kimley-Horn

would present other options for the CRA board to select.

At the Seacrest Boulevard and Boynton Beach Boulevard intersection, pavers can't be used because a state road is involved, Mufleh said a few days after the CRA meeting. The state is worried that the

pavers will crack when vehicles travel across them. The waves in the intersection can be made using a concrete treatment, he said.

Mufleh told CRA board members that Kimley-Horn did pedestrian counts at two places near I-95 along Boynton

Beach Boulevard, which is State Road 804. The intersection near Galaxy Elementary did not warrant a crosswalk.

But farther east, the intersection with a Marathon gas station at Northwest/Southwest Second Street had a pedestrian count of 19 per

hour, just one shy of the state standard for crosswalks.

Mufleh said he would talk to state transportation officials about putting a crosswalk there.

Kimley-Horn will be paid \$557,000 for the design and survey work, which includes getting Florida Department of Transportation approval. It will receive another \$3,000 for expenses.

Kimley-Horn will work with Florida Power & Light to bury the power lines so that light poles along Boynton Beach Boulevard don't have visible wires.

Total cost of the Boynton Beach Boulevard beautification, from the interstate east to Federal Highway, was estimated at \$12 million by Michael Simon, the CRA interim executive director.

In three months, the firm will come back to the CRA to present 30 percent of the drawings.

"By this time next year, we'll be finished," Mufleh said. ★

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Boating accident

Boynton Inlet, Ocean Ridge – April 16



A Palm Beach County sheriff's deputy examines a cooler that washed ashore after a boat with three people aboard flipped just south of the Boynton Inlet. One of the boaters was taken to a hospital and treated for a broken arm; the others were examined at the scene and released. Rough waves, rip currents and strong winds were linked to other rescues by lifeguards at the inlet during April. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

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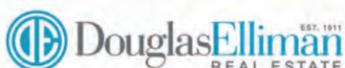


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Lantana

Water Tower Commons project hits bump in road on parking spaces

By Mary Thurwachter

Developers for Water Tower Commons gave the Lantana Town Council a first look at what the residential portion of the project would look like, but were unable to drive home a request to reduce the required number of parking spaces.

Ken Tuma, representing Lantana Development — a partnership between Southeast Legacy and Wexford Capital — said the first phase of the luxury residential development would include a pool, dog-walking area and 360 apartments in nine multifamily buildings.

“A high percentage (46 percent) of the units would be one-bedroom apartments,” he said at the April 24 council meeting. “The three-story buildings would have entrances with breezeways to make it look special and inviting.

“Four-story buildings would have elevators. The clubhouse, the heart of the community, will be one story with two-story character and will have a game lounge and coffee bar with Wi-Fi.



A rendering of part of the apartment complex. The developers have asked for a variance to lower the parking allotment to two spaces per unit. **Rendering provided**

“We’re going after millennials and we’re asking for some relief with parking,” Tuma said.

Town code requires 2½ parking spaces per unit, and developers asked to have a variance so that two spaces per apartment would be acceptable.

Rents for the apartments would range from \$1,200 to \$2,000 per month.

Tuma said the apartments would be owned, maintained and managed by the Richman Group, the country’s seventh-largest rental apartment owner.

Landscaping plans call for a variety of trees, such as live oaks, gumbo limbo and royal palms.

“We’re going to have 1.4 acres of green space,” Tuma said, that is, if the requested parking variance were to be accepted.

“These people are experts,” he said of the Richman Group. “They have done their research and from their experience this is what is needed. They have to make sure this is right.”

Representatives from the Richman Group said two spaces

per apartment would be ample and that they would never skimp on parking.

But Lantana council members are sticklers for parking space requirements, as they proved a year ago when Aura Seaside, a development of waterfront property previously owned by the Cenacle Sisters, sought and was denied a reduction in the town’s parking space requirement.

“I like our code on parking spots,” said council member Phil Aridas. “I’m sticking with it.”

Mayor Dave Stewart offered a compromise, 2.15 places per unit, which the council, including Aridas, did approve.

Another motion — made and seconded after representatives from the Richman Group argued that the 2.15 proposal would throw off the entire formula, send designers back to the drawing board and likely mean a reduction in green space — made another plea for the two spaces per unit.

That motion failed by a 3-2 vote and developers were given a recess to discuss the matter.

When they returned, Tuma asked for, and was granted, a postponement on further action on the project until the council’s May 22 meeting.

Water Tower Commons is a 72-acre retail and residential project being built on the site of the state-owned A.G. Holley tuberculosis hospital, east of Interstate 95 on Lantana Road. The development is expected to create 700 new, permanent jobs and generate \$13 million in new tax revenue for Lantana during the next 20 years.

A.G. Holley hospital was built in the early 1950s on state-owned land and sold in 2014 for \$15.6 million to Lantana Development.

The town previously approved the commercial portion of Water Tower Commons, including a grocery store, a fitness center, pharmacy, restaurants and more than 120,000 square feet of retail. Last month, the town learned that the first announced store in the development is a Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market. ★

South Palm Beach

Council orders conceptual rendering for possible new Town Hall

By Dan Moffett

South Palm Beach council members have approved paying another \$15,000 to architects for a conceptual rendering of what a new Town Hall might look like and for estimates of how much it might cost.

But they are a long way from signing off on a new building.

“We’ll have something to look at,” Mayor Bonnie Fischer said. “But that doesn’t mean we’re going to do it.”

Said Vice Mayor Robert Gottlieb, “It may be that nothing happens at all.”

Architect Steven Knight of Alexis Knight Architects in West Palm Beach completed a three-month study of the town’s only public building and told the council that the cost of

constructing a new Town Hall is roughly the same as trying to repair and improve the current one. That conclusion led council members to give Knight the go-ahead to develop possible design options for a new structure — something that might serve the town’s needs for decades to come.

“I see the new building as being vastly different than the one you have now,” Knight said during the April 26 town meeting.

The new design could be a two-story building, with a community room on the second floor and parking underneath. Knight told the council the existing structure — which was built in 1976 and remodeled twice — has problems and limitations that would be

difficult to correct. Among them:

- Inadequate parking. Town Hall should have about 80 parking spaces but the parcel isn’t large enough to easily accommodate them.

- Hurricane and disability code compliance. The roof, doors and windows won’t stand up to high storm winds, and the entrances and restrooms don’t pass federal access standards.

- An overall lack of storage and workspace. Knight said the new building should be about 10,000 square feet larger.

The council voted 3-1 to approve the design work, with Elvadianne Culbertson opposing. The town paid Knight about \$34,000 for the study, so the additional \$15,000 brings his total under the \$50,000

the council set aside for the exploratory project.

In other business:

- Developers of the 3550 project on the former site of the old Hawaiian hotel delivered a check for about \$250,000 to the town’s building department last month, roughly half the permit fees required.

“This is huge news — great news for the town financially,” said Town Manager Bob Vitas. “This is big money.”

The check means that developers Gary Cohen of Paragon Acquisition Group and Manhattan-based DDG are forging ahead with plans to build a 30-unit luxury condo building. Vitas said construction should begin in July and take about 18 months, at a cost of between \$30

million and \$35 million. Once completed, the building could increase the town’s tax revenues by 30 percent.

“This is really going to go forward, and we’re thrilled,” Vitas said. “It’s been a long road with that property, getting something to happen.”

- The council unanimously approved Gottlieb to take over as vice mayor for Joe Flagello, who died suddenly in March. “I would rather that Joe were still here,” Gottlieb said. “We miss him greatly.”

The town is looking for a replacement for Cmdr. Robert Rizzotto, the second-ranking officer in the Police Department. Rizzotto is moving to North Carolina. “It’s another hard loss for this town,” Fischer said. “He’ll be hard to replace.” ★

More delays for beach stabilization project

By Dan Moffett

There will be no beach stabilization in South Palm Beach or Lantana for at least another year, Palm Beach County environmental officials say.

“It’s going to be a whole year late now,” said Bob Vitas, South Palm’s town manager.

After months of trying, the project’s managers still don’t have all the easement agreements and government permits they need to begin work by the target start in November.

Kimberly Miranda, the county’s project director, says the new target for beginning installation of concrete groins

to capture sand and slow erosion is November 2018. There are still plenty of buts and acronyms standing in the way of progress, however.

“A November 2018 start date is dependent upon several factors,” Miranda says, “including receipt of the record of decision (ROD) for the environmental impact statement (EIS), DEP [Department of Environmental Protection] and USACE [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers] permits and securing state funding.”

You get the idea. Beyond this bureaucratic mishmash of letters and requirements, the county’s legal staff is still trying

to persuade Concordia East condo owners in South Palm to sign an easement agreement that allows workers access to the building’s beachfront.

Gaylord Palermo, the Concordia board president, says the 120 unit owners he represents aren’t satisfied with the liability protections the county is willing to give them. Until his lawyer and the county lawyers resolve their differences, Palermo says Concordia isn’t signing anything.

“We’re not going to be guilted into this,” he said.

South Palm Beach Mayor Bonnie Fischer said she’s hopeful Concordia residents will join the 15 other beachfront

property owners — condo groups and individuals — who have signed on.

“At Concordia East, I believe they actually do want the project to move forward,” Fischer said. “But they want some of their issues resolved. Whether that will happen is up to the county and the Concordia people.”

Miranda says the county is determined to get easements from every group on the beach: “The county intends to construct the project with full participation from all of the coastal properties located within the project area.”

She said county commissioners are expected to

approve the easements already signed in June.

Because of turtle nesting season, the project managers have only a narrow four-month window each year, from Nov. 1 to March 1, for groin construction. And if that isn’t enough, before the groins can go in, the county still has to build the artificial reefs needed to protect the natural hard bottoms along the South Palm Beach shore.

Fischer says she hopes that work will begin in June 2018.

“There’s a lot that has to happen, but hopefully things will continue to move forward,” the mayor said. ★

Business Spotlight

DDG's McMillan pitching luxury south of Palm Beach

By Dan Moffett

Don't ask Joseph A. McMillan Jr. how many units he's sold at 3550 South Ocean.

"We have not publicly released the number of signed contracts," he says.

What he will disclose is that the luxury condo project on the South Palm Beach oceanfront has attracted a parade of well-heeled potential buyers since sales began in January.

"We've seen a very diverse and robust set of buyers," McMillan says. "They seem to be a mix of some full-time residents in the area — some coming from Wellington that may have a large home or horse farm and want to move to a beach cottage — and buyers from the Northeast, some from Canada, Chicago and a smaller subset of international buyers."

McMillan, the chairman and CEO of the Manhattan-based DDG real estate investment

group, intends to sell 30 units priced between \$2.3 million and \$6 million on the former site of the ramshackle Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn, colloquially

remembered as "The Hawaiian." Surrounding the narrow



Plans for the new seven-story building at 3550 South Ocean call for floor-to-ceiling windows in every unit to take advantage of the views. **Rendering provided**

1-acre lot are hundreds of condos valued around 10 percent as much.

The new building could increase the town's tax base by 30 percent.

To say that South Palm Beach has never seen anything like the 3550 is a grand understatement that McMillan plans to exploit.

"I think our units are priced well," he says. "I think the main selling point of the building is the product itself. It is oceanfront, it has a very robust amenity package with private plunge pools on all the penthouses. Every unit has a view of the ocean with floor-to-

ceiling windows, direct elevator access, fitness center, two private parking spaces, gated security and 24-hour concierge. The amenities of the building are really what is selling the building."

As part of the deal, buyers will be entitled to enjoy some of the amenities at Manalapan's Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa.

The two- and three-bedroom units range from 2,500 to 3,400 square feet and are designed by architecture firms Kobi Karp of Miami and GarciaStromberg of West Palm Beach.

McMillan believes a cyclical opportunity is working in

his favor and justifies the 3550 pricing. Most of the construction along South Florida's beaches is one or two generations old. Luxury buyers, he says, crave something new.

"If you look at Palm Beach County and Palm Beach island in particular, there's been very little new development of high-end luxury [condo] construction. There's pent-up demand because there's been a dearth of new construction on the ocean for a very long time, and we are the beneficiaries of that. We are the first new condo development on Palm Beach island in almost 12 years."

McMillan says he expects to begin construction of the seven-story building before the end of June, with a completion target sometime late in 2018.

DDG came into the marketplace in May when the property's owner, developer Gary Cohen of Paragon Acquisition Group in Delray Beach, partnered with McMillan's firm to help with sales.

McMillan, 45, founded DDG in 2009, and the company has developed dozens of residential and mixed-use projects in New York and San Francisco.

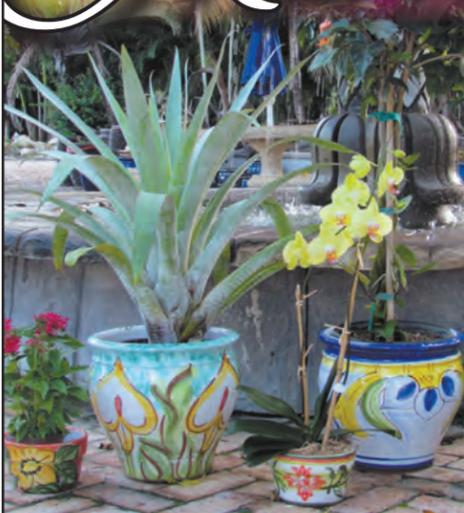
An Army veteran, McMillan holds a bachelor's degree in commerce and finance from the University of Virginia. DDG has opened an office in Manalapan's Plaza del Mar as part of its first venture into Florida.

In reaching out to that diverse group of potential buyers, DDG is also benefiting from an unexpected political development — the election of President Donald Trump, whose Mar-a-Lago retreat is just 6 miles up the road.

"I think that the fact that a sitting president chooses to call this place home is not lost on people, regardless of party affiliation, Republican or Democrat," McMillan says. "I think there's tremendous value in that." ★

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Business Spotlight

Kientzy jewelry shop closing its doors after 35 years in Delray Beach

After 35 years, George and Mary Kientzy's **Kientzy & Co. Fine Jewelers** is closing its doors. It's time to semi-retire, says **George Kientzy**, 71. Before opening in Delray Beach, he had a shop in New London, Conn., and before that, George worked on Jewelers Row in Philadelphia. That all adds up to 50-plus years in the business.

"We've just really enjoyed great years in Delray Beach," he says. He's been a member of the Rotary Club for several years, and he served on the Bethesda Hospital Foundation board. **Mary** worked as a music instructor, and their three children went to Trinity Lutheran School.

"With all the twists and turns, it's hard to give our history in a short interview," George Kientzy says. After so many years in the community he appreciates the heartfelt connections he's made with his customers, and he makes note of longtime employees: his brother, Joseph Kientzy, along with Ben Adams, Cliff Gross, Shannon Boyd and Eddie Rosenbaum.

There have also been some difficult moments. "Mary and I had guns held to our heads in our Connecticut store," George said. "We found out later that if the burglars hadn't gotten away with jewelry, they would have kidnapped our son, who was just a baby then."

And during Hurricane Wilma, their Delray store was hit hard. "A tornado inside the hurricane blew out our back doors and wiped us out."

But while they rebuilt after that episode, their son, John Paul, who worked with them in their store, died two years ago, and George and his wife are mourning. Their son's death is the biggest reason they are closing the store, says Kientzy,



George and Mary Kientzy are ready for semi-retirement after decades in the jewelry business. They plan to close the store at the end of June. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

adding that the store has kept the couple busy and, as such, was a blessing.

"The community has come in to console us. There's a relationship that exists beyond buying and selling, and that means a lot to my wife and me."

George and Mary will keep their store open until the end of June.

"After doing something for all those years and knowing the business inside and out, it gets into your blood. We might have an online store," he says.

Their store, at 1053 E. Atlantic Ave., is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

The Fancy Flamingo boutique in Boynton Beach's Ocean Plaza has closed. It was owned by a mother-daughter team. **Sandy Hedges** is retiring, while her daughter, **Tammy Deery**, has started her own clothing line, **Beachgirl**, which will be offered in stores and online at www.facebook.com/beachgirlus/.

Delray Beach was selected by the National Civic League as one of 27 finalists for the **All-America City** award for outstanding civic accomplishments. This year, the award's focus is on communities that have helped low-income children on school readiness, school attendance, summer learning and grade-level reading. The 27 top community delegation contenders will make a presentation to a jury of national civic experts in June in Denver.

Discover the Palm Beaches, the official tourism marketing corporation for Palm Beach County, reported a year-over-year increase in visitor spending of almost 1 percent, to \$4.6 billion for 2016, over \$4.5 billion in 2015. Tourism numbers for the Palm Beaches were record-breaking again last year, reaching 7.35 million visitors.

Visitors and residents are

encouraged to share photos and videos of their favorite moments in the county through Discover the Palm Beaches' new "Friends Trust Friends" social media campaign with the hashtag #ThePalmBeaches.

According to the **Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches**, the median sale price for single-family homes in the county increased 8.9 percent to \$325,000 in March as inventory of active listings dropped 0.4 percent to 7,655 homes. Closed sales increased 10.3 percent to 1,676 transactions with a 12.4 percent year-over-year increase in cash sales at 651 transactions.

In April, in recognition of Fair Housing Month, the Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches, with the Palm Beach County Office of Equal Opportunity and the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, announced the winners of their annual Fair Housing contest. The elementary school poster contest first-place winner of a \$100 gift card was **Mateo Eaton**, a student of Imagine Schools at the Chancellor Campus, Boynton Beach.

Lang Realty raised \$3,750 for the American Red Cross' Home Fire Program through sales generated at the company's Open House Extravaganza. Also, prizes were awarded through a random drawing of all who toured the homes. Among the winners was **Dr. Marc Rosenberg** of Delray Beach, who won a \$500 Visa gift card.

For the 2017 Delray Beach Home Tour in March, **The Corcoran Group** sponsored one of the homes, with its agents serving as volunteers to help raise funds and awareness for The Achievement Centers for Children & Families. Agents involved included **Ann Bennett, Barbara Whittaker, Jennifer Kilpatrick, Laura Rodriguez, Wendy Overton, Tina Smith, Candace Friis,**

Michael and Holly Thom, Betsy Cooke, Betty Devitt and Gay Bridges.

The Metropolitan development in Delray Beach will feature interiors designed by tennis pro **Venus Williams**, who operates V*Starr Interiors. Douglas Elliman's director of luxury sales, **Senada Adzem**, and her team were selected to direct sales and marketing. Located at 33 SE Third Ave. in Delray Beach, the development is expected to be completed in late summer 2018. Its temporary sales office is at 55 SE Second Ave., Delray Beach. Call 917-657-2840.

More than 1,100 guests celebrated dinner together at a five-block-long, 1,320-foot table on East Atlantic Avenue for the ninth annual **Savor the Avenue** 2017 in March. This culinary tradition, a partnership with the *Delray Beach* magazine, *Boca Raton* magazine and the Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority, showcased 16 restaurants downtown.

For the fifth year, participating restaurants competed in the "Best in Show" table-décor contest. The first-place winner was **Salt 7**; second place went to **50 Ocean**; and the third-place winner was **Max's Harvest**. The People's Choice Award went to Salt 7.

Participating restaurants were 32 East, 50 Ocean, Cabana El Rey, Café Luna Rosa, Chel!, City Oyster & Sushi Bar, Cut 432, Lemongrass, Max's Harvest, Gary Rack's Farmhouse Kitchen, Rack's Fish House & Oyster Bar, Rocco's Tacos, ROK:BRGR, Salt 7, The Office, and Vic & Angelo's.

Boynton Beach Food, Wine & Brew Festival will be 6 to 9 p.m. May 11 at Benvenuto Restaurant, 1730 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. This annual event features a sampling of cuisines from Boynton Beach restaurants and lounges, as well as wine and craft beer tastings. To make reservations, call 732-9501.

Jayson Koss, 31, founder and CEO of **Delivery Dudes**, celebrated the grand opening March 30 of Delivery Dudes' world headquarters in a restored 1905 historic home at 102 NE First Ave.

Delivery Dudes began in Delray Beach in 2009 with Koss on his Moped delivering meals from area restaurants to locals. Today, Delivery Dudes is in 42 cities in four states.

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Delivery Dudes founder and CEO Jayson Koss cuts the ribbon at the company's new headquarters, located on Northeast First Avenue in Delray Beach. Photo provided

The average delivery time is 45 minutes.

In Delray Beach, Delivery Dudes has more than 100 menus on its site. Delivery Dudes also services areas in Boca Raton and Boynton Beach.

Habit for Humanity of South Palm Beach County is having 100 female leaders join forces to raise \$100,000 to build a safe and affordable home for a low-income family. The organization's "Women Build" project invites teams of women to raise money and gives them the opportunity to help build a home alongside a resident family in the construction process from May 11 to 13.

Habitat for Humanity recognizes that women are uniquely positioned to nurture families and build communities, so it concludes the event on Mother's Day.

To participate, each woman must commit to raising or giving \$1,000 to the campaign by visiting www.habitatsouthpalmbeach.org and clicking on "Women Build" at the top of the home page.

For Mother's Day, the **Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority** presents the **Downtown Delray Orchid Giveaway**, May 1-13. For every \$200 spent in that period in a downtown store, buyers will receive one Phalaenopsis orchid plant. (Restaurant receipts not valid.)

After presenting their receipts, buyers can pick up their orchid at one of two orchid stations, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 10-12 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 13. The stations will be in front of Hands Stationers, 325 E. Atlantic Ave., and Petite Connection, 1049 E. Atlantic Ave.

Also, you can enter to win a Mother's Day prize package online until May 17, at www.DelrayOrchidGiveaway.com. Valued at more than \$500, the package includes downtown Delray Beach dining, spa, shopping and attraction certificates.

For Orchid Giveaway details, visit www.downtowndelraybeach.com and facebook.com/DelrayDDA, or call the DDA at 243-1077.

From 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on May 17, **Adopt-A-Family** will partner with **C.W.S. Bar +**

Kitchen, 522 Lucerne Ave., Lake Worth, for the Great Give, which is part of the agency's single-day fundraising event to help homeless and vulnerable families with children throughout the county. With a minimum \$20 donation, each guest will receive a cocktail and bar bites. For information or to make your donation, visit www.adoptafamilypbc.org or call 253-1361.

The **Cultural Council of Palm Beach County** has appointed global finance expert **Nathan Slack** as chairman of



Slack

its board of directors. Slack, of Delray Beach, began his career at J.P. Morgan almost 18 years ago and has since served

in a variety of roles around the world, most recently as managing director and market manager at J.P. Morgan Private Bank in Palm Beach. He also serves on the board of directors of the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County.

Nicole Fontaine has joined the **Katz & Associates** team in Boca Raton.

Karen C. Erren has been named executive director of the **Palm Beach County Food Bank**. Most recently, she was



Erren

Pasadena, Calif.

Boca Raton resident **Maxine Adler**, a recently retired public relations professional and

the director of new business development for the marketing and communications agency **Russ Reid** in

agency owner, has written her memoir with **Judy Goldstein**, a member of the Adler Network team. Among her clients, Adler represented developers and designers who were involved in creating South Florida, and her new book, *An Inside Seat*, gives readers an inside look at that process.

"We didn't design the book to be a how-to, but we do present insight into the PR profession along with ideas and strategies that will inform and educate others," Adler said.

The print paperback and e-book version of *An Inside Seat* can be ordered through Amazon or from the CreateSpace Store. The Kindle e-book may also be ordered.



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Along the Coast



Maurice Johnson created this hat, complete with silk flowers, feathers and a veil. Photos by Ruth Cincotta/The Coastal Star

PASSING THE HAT

A retiring Boca milliner fretted about finding a suitable successor. Today, she's brimming with pride over her heir apparent — a pastor with a flair for design and a dedication to the centuries-old craft.

By Mary Thurwachter

With both Mother's Day and the Kentucky Derby in May, this is a big month for hat makers.

But finding a milliner — not just someone who sells women's hats but one who designs and makes stylish headpieces from scratch — isn't so easy anymore.

For years, fashionable women looking for a special topper for Easter, Mother's Day, the Triple Crown races, social functions or church, flocked to Hats Etcetera,

the specialty shop on Federal Highway in Boca Raton where milliner Carina Gatto held court.



Gatto

"We're still here," Gatto said, although she retired from hat making a year ago. "We're just 'Etcetera' now. We do embroidery and monogramming. There isn't a hat to be found in the shop." In-vogue, made-from-scratch hats

can be found, however, at the Wellington home of Gatto's protégé, Maurice Johnson, senior pastor at Roanoke

See **HATS** on page AT6



Maurice Johnson, a Baptist pastor, has launched Mable Dean Millinery Creations at his home in Wellington.

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Philanthropy Notes

Braman gives \$25,000 to Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society

Braman Motorcars general manager Stephen Grossman ceremoniously gave Andrew Aiken, president and CEO of the Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society, a \$25,000 check as part of a multiyear commitment to support the zoo's tiger exhibit.

The money enabled the natural habitat for four Malayan tigers to nearly double in size and provided extra space for behind-the-scenes tiger housing.

"Their ongoing support of the health and wellness, education and daily operations [involving] the four Malayan tigers that call Palm Beach Zoo home is pivotal in helping us expand our role as Malayan tiger ambassadors," Aiken said.

Said Grossman, "This partnership makes sense because both organizations are about relationships. For Braman, it's between us, our customers and the community. For the Palm Beach Zoo, it's between people, the animals and the community."

Secretary of state lauds Young Singers

Young Singers of the Palm

Beaches received a \$1,000 Diversity and Inclusion Award from Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner.

The award recognizes Florida-based arts organizations with initiatives that reflect inclusion. It is given by the Division of Cultural Affairs and Citizens for Florida Arts and made possible through funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Young Singers of the Palm Beaches CEO Beth Clark and managing director Melanee Blankstein accepted the award in Gainesville during the 2017 Convening Culture Conference. The money will go toward "Choir in the Glades," an after-school program offered to elementary- and middle-school children in the Belle Glade area.

Boys & Girls Club raises more than \$100,000

The Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach celebrated its fifth-annual fundraiser March 8 at the Seagate Country Club. The Be Great Celebration Dinner raised more than \$100,000 to benefit the club.

The dinner honored club



Nearly 250 were in attendance to support the Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club at its Be Great Celebration Dinner on March 8. **ABOVE:** Event co-chairwomen Kirsten Stanley and Sue Ambrech flank honoree Muriel Losee-Pratt. **LEFT:** Former board member John Lynch also was honored. **Photos provided**

supporter Muriel Losee-Pratt; Youth of the Year Karah Pierre of Delray Beach, a club member and Atlantic Community High School student; and former board member John Lynch.

Sue Ambrecht, Beau Delafield, Patsy Randolph, Kirsten Stanley and Juliet Warner chaired the event.

Sponsors included Muriel Losee-Pratt, Kenneth and Sue Ambrecht, Marc and Melissa deBaptiste, Beau and Carrie Delafield, Goldman Sachs, and Gary and Penny Kosinski as well as James Morley Jr., Murat Davidson Jr., Bruce and Margaret Warwick, Eric

Sorensen, Henrik and Louise Vanderlip, George Bell, the McCarthy Foundation, and Michael and Ondine Hefley.

New program provides free cribs, diapers, formula

Boca West Foundation, Boca Raton Regional Hospital and Sweet Dream Makers have kicked off an initiative that will help new mothers who need it most.

"Beginnings" guarantees that no baby will leave the hospital without a crib, diapers and formula. Boca West Foundation, via board member Neil Gillman and wife, Doris, has committed \$20,000 toward the initiative. In addition, the foundation has made a \$10,000 donation for the renovation of the maternity wing.

"This is going to be a transformational partnership in that we will be able to help so many families and especially the children," said Sarah Pollak, director of development and donor relations at the hospital.

Added Suzanne Broad, founder of Sweet Dream

Makers, whose mission is to promote the health and wellness of children and families by providing beds and other essential furniture, "A bed for every child is a dream come true, but thanks to the support of the Gillmans through the Boca West Foundation, it is now a reality."

Community Foundation names new VP

The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties appointed Sheila Kinman as vice president for development. Kinman is responsible for connecting donors to philanthropic causes, facilitating legacy and planned gifts and establishing impactful charitable funds.

Boca Chamber celebrates DIAMOND Awards

The 11th annual DIAMOND Award Luncheon took place Feb. 24 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club and was attended by close to 300 who watched Susan Saturday and Rebecca Zerbo earn high honors.

The Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce annually recognizes professional women in south county who contribute to the vibrancy of the community. A DIAMOND Award recipient is a dedicated, inspiring, accomplished, motivated, outstanding, noble and driven woman.

Saturday, of BBX Capital and Bluegreen Vacations, was the award recipient this year.

Zerbo, who founded the charitable organization Positive Pocket to empower, inspire and motivate people affected by bullying, received the Pearl Award. The award is given to a young female who is a graduate of the Chamber's Young Entrepreneurs Academy.

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Pay it Forward

Ballet competition, opera performance, presentation of scholarships all in store during week of NSAL events

By Amy Woods

The National Society of Arts and Letters Florida East Coast Chapter will put Boca Raton on the map this month when it welcomes delegates from the national organization to its annual meeting.

The city will experience a weeklong cultural immersion beginning May 29, with arts-related activities unfolding at Florida Atlantic University, the Wick Theatre & Costume Museum and other venues throughout the city. An elite ballet competition titled *En Pointe* takes place June 2, featuring 17 young dancers vying for a \$12,000 prize.

"It's a major, major event that will be in Boca and something very different," said Shari Upbin, president of the local chapter.

Judges for the competition are Tony Award-winning choreographer Christopher Wheeldon, American Ballet Theatre's Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School artistic director Cynthia Harvey, New York's Eglevsky Ballet executive artistic director Maurice Brandon Curry and internationally acclaimed dance

If You Go

What: En Pointe: Classical Ballet Competition

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 2

Where: Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton

Cost: Free

Information: Call 917-797-6653 or visit nsalfloridaeast.org

What: Red Rose National Awards Gala

When: 6 p.m. June 3

Where: Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, 2425 W. Maya Palm Drive, Boca Raton

Cost: \$350

Information: Call 391-6380 or visit redrose gala.nsalfloridaeast.org

photographer and West Palm Beach resident Steven Caras.

"These dancers coming in from all over the country will actually get not only an opportunity to win big money, which they need, they also will have an opportunity to meet these judges in a very closed environment," Upbin said.

The competitors will participate in a master class the next day that includes one-on-one sessions with the judges.

"If you're a young dancer, what better opportunity for networking than to meet with someone famous and helpful who's been there, done that," Upbin said.

The events conclude with the Red Rose National Awards Gala on June 3 at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club. The evening of cocktails, dinner and dancing will feature a performance by opera singer Zaray Rodriguez, winner of the NSAL's Dorothy Lincoln-Smith Voice Competition.

"The purpose of the gala is to honor the young artists and the young people," Co-Chairwoman Alyce Erickson said. "We have some really fabulous people attending."

The Gold Medal of Merit will go to Wheeldon for his lifetime achievements in the arts and for serving as a role model for budding artists. Scholarships also will be presented to three FAU students and three Lynn University students.

"It's good stuff," Erickson said. "It's wonderful. It's all about the young people." ★



The local chapter of National Society of Arts and Letters will host an elite ballet competition June 2 spotlighting 17 young dancers vying for a \$12,000 prize. ABOVE: Co-chairwoman Alyce Erickson and chapter executives Brian Edwards and Shari Upbin with ballerina Sophie Miklosovic. Photo provided

Pay it Forward

Events are current as of 4/30. Please check with organizers for any changes.

MAY

Thursday - 5/11 - Women in Leadership Awards at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Executive Women of the Palm Beaches luncheon recognizes local women for outstanding accomplishments. 11 am. \$80-\$150. 868-7070 or ewpb.org/wila.

5/11 - Bethesda Hospital Foundation's Women of Grace reception at Bethesda Hospital East, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Be the first to hear the announcement about the 2017 honorees during a new event in the main lobby. 5:30-7 pm. Free. 737-7733, Ext. 84428 or bethesdahospitalfoundation.org.

Tuesday - 5/16 - Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County's Men's Night Out at Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Go all-in for an all-out blitz and an opportunity to meet Lane Kiffin, FAU's new head football coach, which includes an open bar and dinner. 6 pm. \$65. 852-6063 bocafed.org.

Wednesday - 5/17 - Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County's/Florence DeGeorge Boys & Girls Club's "A Taste of London at The Chesterfield" at The Chesterfield Palm Beach, 363 Coconut Row. See one of the stars of Bravo's hit television show *Ladies of London* - and first-time author - Marissa Hermer at a fundraising afternoon tea. 1-3 pm. \$175. 683-3287 or bgcpbc.org.

Friday - 5/19 - Man & Woman of the Year Grand Finale at Hilton West Palm Beach, 600 Okeechobee Blvd. Benefits Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Dinner, dancing and silent and live auctions. 7 pm. \$175. 616-8682 or lls.org.

Wednesday - 5/24 - Founder's Award: A Celebration of Philanthropy at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Keynote Speaker: Alberto Ibarguen. Benefits the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. 11:30 am-1 pm. \$75. 340-4508 or cfpbmc.org.

JUNE

Thursday - 6/1 - VLFPR Casino Night at Benvenuto, 1730 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Benefits Virginia Lounsbury Foundation for POTS Research. Gaming, dancing, silent auction, black and white attire. 6:30 pm cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, 7:30 pm dinner and cash bar. \$100. 364-0600 or vlfpr.org.

Saturday - 6/3 - National Society of Arts and Letters Florida East Coast Chapter's Red Rose National Awards Gala at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, 2425 W. Maya Palm Drive, Boca Raton. Get ready to be entertained at the annual extravaganza featuring a performance by opera singer Zaray Rodriguez, winner of NSAL's Dorothy Lincoln-Smith Voice Competition. 6 pm. \$350. 391-6380 or redrose gala.nsalfloridaeast.org.

Tuesday - 6/20 - Zonta Club of Greater Deerfield Beach's Meet and Greet/Prospective Member Reception at DoubleTree by Hilton, 100 Fairway Drive, Deerfield Beach. Bring a friend and join the Zonta sisters for food and fellowship. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 392-2223 or zonta-district11.org.



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Celebrations

Miniature golf event

Putt'n Around, Delray Beach – April 1



Members of the Delray Beach Initiative met for some miniature golf fun to raise money for Atlantic Community High School. More than \$5,000 in proceeds will be used for college-prep courses for students who otherwise would not be able to afford them. 'The Delray Beach Initiative is passionate about helping and enhancing the lives of children in the Delray Beach area,' Chairwoman Allison Turner said. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Turner, Donald Schneider and Carol Eaton. **Photo provided**

Circle of Hope Gala

Westchester Country Club, Boynton Beach – March 30



Nearly 130 guests celebrated the 13th annual event, which raised \$140,000 for Women's Circle. They enjoyed a cocktail hour with a silent auction, dinner, music and a program. Highlights included a guest appearance by French-American artist Duaiv, who created a painting that evening that was sold at the live auction. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Kathy Rogers, Women's Circle President Pernille Ostberg and event Co-Chairwoman Helen Babione. **Photo provided by Paulette Martin**

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Grant-awards celebration

Lynn University, Boca Raton – April 6



Impact 100 Palm Beach County had its sixth annual ceremony awarding high-impact, \$100,000 grants in each of five focus areas: arts and culture; education; environment; family; and health and wellness. Out of an initial 61 applicants, a total of 27 semifinalists were narrowed down to 10 finalists. The winners were Boca Raton Children's Museum, KidSafe Foundation, Florida Atlantic University Pine Jog Environmental Center, Parent Child Center and Miracle League of Palm Beach County. This year, a record-breaking 562 members contributed \$1,000 apiece, collectively raising \$562,000 to change the community. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Carmen Rodriguez, Jasmine Coyle, Ray Coleman and Anne Henderson. **Photo provided by Sherry Ferrante Photography**

The Event 2.0

Boca West Country Club, Boca Raton – March 1



A crowd of 500-plus attended a high-energy affair benefiting the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County. The audience welcomed to the stage Brett Ratner, a Miami Beach native who is a successful movie director and has more than \$1 billion in box-office sales. Ratner attended with his mother, his rabbi and his mentor and spoke about Jewish culture, history and values. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Michael Krauss, Terri Waitzer, Janis Light and Rob Marqusee. **Photo provided by Jeffrey Tholl Photography**

Savor the Avenue

Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach – March 27



With its White Party theme and gourmet-style comfort food, Caffe Luna Rosa made the ninth annual eating affair an evening to remember for its 110 guests, all wearing white. Seated at 18 reserved tables stretched along the closed roadway, they enjoyed outstanding service and superb sustenance. The restaurant was one of 16 that participated. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Rebecca Himmel, Chef Ernesto DeBlasi, Bonnie Beer, Steven Krynski, Fran Marincola, Nikola Stijak, Kim Marincola, Aaron Hallyburton, Sean Nathan, Melinda Hallyburton and Jenny Melisiotis. **Photo provided by Rich Pollack**

Celebrations

Unicorn Gala

Boca West Country Club, Boca Raton – March 11



The Unicorn Children's Foundation annual event inspired hope and raised awareness — all in the name of children with special needs. Chaired by Gregory Fried and hosted by Miss Florida Teen USA 2016 Gracie Smith, this year's event featured a performance by speed artist Michael Israel. More than \$240,000 in proceeds was raised at the affair. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Bill Kruegel, Barry Halperin, Rafael Cabrera, Gary Collins, Jay DiPietro and Fried. **Photo provided by Mitchell Zachs**

Cabaret Brunch

Boca West Country Club, Boca Raton – March 5



The Zonta Club of Greater Deerfield Beach honored two exemplary women for their outstanding service to the community. Barbara McCormick and Lexi Masciarella received the Heart and Soul Award. The club belongs to Zonta International, a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women. **LEFT:** McCormick. **RIGHT:** Masciarella. **Photos provided**

41st anniversary gala

The Breakers, Palm Beach – March 26



Il Circolo, the Italian Cultural Society, raised more than \$30,000 for earthquake victims in Italy, as well as for scholarships for local students, at the gala. After a cocktail hour with a Tuscan antipasto in the Mediterranean Ballroom, the 250-plus guests were welcomed into the Venetian Ballroom for music by Gino De Marco's band. Giada Valenti sang the national anthems of Italy and America, and dinner followed. **ABOVE:** (l-r, seated) Nina Nathel, Lucy De Feo and James Oussani; (standing) Gregory Oussani and Marina Perna. **Photo provided**

Love of Literacy Luncheon

Kravis Center, West Palm Beach – March 16



The 26th annual event raised \$200,000 for the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County's programs, offered to more than 27,000 adults, children and families each year. In excess of 550 guests turned out to hear award-winning author, poet and naturalist Diane Ackerman speak. Ackerman's nonfiction book *The Zookeeper's Wife* was made into a movie showing in theaters nationwide. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Brenda Medore, Ackerman and luncheon Chairwoman Bettina Young. **Photo provided**

Country club cocktails

Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, Boca Raton – March 30



The second in a series of informative, invitation-only events helped spread the word about Trustbridge, the parent company of Hospice by the Sea and Hospice of Palm Beach County. The reception included a dialogue with three experts: Dr. Leonard Hock Jr., chief medical officer; Jacqueline Lopez-Devine, chief clinical officer; and Christina Herwig, counseling resource leader. Attendees also heard from Greg Leach, president of the two nonprofits. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Hock, Barbara Gutin, Lopez-Devine, Herwig and Leach. **Photo provided**

Musical luncheon

The Beach Club, Palm Beach – March 14

A panoply of talent was presented at the final luncheon of the Dreyfoos School of the Arts Foundation Guild's seasonal series, from visual artists creating pieces on the spot to clas-



sical and modern ballet performances. Guild President Theodora Aspegren was thanked for her year-long efforts, along with founder Dorothy Lappin and Vice President Simon Benson Offit. Proceeds from the monthly events, which run December through March, support academic and artistic curricula.

LEFT: Peter Cowan and Lisa Marie Browne. **Photo provided by CAPEHART**

Celebrations

Boca Bacchanal

Boca Raton – March 24 & 25

In its 15th year, the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum main fundraiser brought more food, wine and late nights than ever to make it an unforgettable weekend. The event raised \$200,000. The vintner dinners took place March 24 in private homes, and the Bacchanalia took place March 25 at the Mizner Park Amphitheater. **RIGHT:** (l-r) Paul and Kathy Adkins, Amy and Mike Kazma and Robin and Charles Deyo. **Photo provided**



Style & Substance Luncheon

The Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale – March 24



The Symphony of the Americas Society had its annual affair to honor those who distinguish themselves through service to and support of the community. About 400 guests attended, raising \$150,000 to benefit the symphony's outreach efforts. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Paul Sallarulo, Karla Nelson-Thatcher, Melanie Popper and Paul Finizio. **Photo provided**

Heart of a Woman

Boca Raton Resort & Club, Boca Raton – Feb. 21

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse's 10th annual luncheon celebrated the courage, determination and strength of those overcoming abuse. Lily Rose Lee, formerly Michelle Knight, the first of three women abducted by notorious Cleveland kidnapper Ariel Castro, was guest speaker. Lee recounted the story of her years in captivity, her escape and the inner strength and capacity for hope that have helped her rebuild her life.

RIGHT: (l-r) Frank, Gail and Windee Veros. **Photo provided by Ivan Gastaldo**



HATS

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Missionary Baptist Church in downtown West Palm Beach.

The two have known each other for about 12 years, having met when Johnson and his wife, Charmaine, a lifelong fine hat aficionado, walked into Gatto's shop at 6455 N. Federal Highway in Boca Raton.

"My wife didn't buy a hat off the shelf that day, but we ended up going back to have Carina do a custom design," Johnson said.

The result was a stunning beret-style pillbox made with starbright Swiss braid, adorned with gold and bronze organza flower buds and trimmed with a gold-bead/Swarovski crystal band.

"That was the hat that started it all for us," he said. "After that, my wife only wanted to wear Carina's designs."

Until now, that is.

These days Charmaine, a kindergarten teacher and mother of three, finds herself in the enviable position of being married to a milliner.

Over the years, Johnson and Gatto got to know each other because Johnson would frequently bring down an outfit or a pair of shoes his wife planned to wear to a special event and wanted a stylish hat to go with them.



Maurice Johnson made this hat to complement a pair of his wife's shoes. **Photos by Ruth Cincotta/The Coastal Star**

"My wife was working and couldn't always go down to the shop in Boca," Johnson said. So the clergyman came to Gatto with details of what his wife had in mind.

"He always had a clear idea of what he wanted," Gatto said. During the last couple of years, as Gatto eyed retirement, she invited Johnson to work with her.

Hat making is hard work, Gatto said, and her hand strength wasn't as good as it had been. Turned out, her protégé learned fast and clearly had an aptitude for hat making.

"He's very talented," said Gatto, 74. "He has a great eye for



The hat that started it all: Carina Gatto created this beret-style pillbox for Maurice Johnson's wife, Charmaine.

color and design. He comes up with ideas I would never have thought of."

Johnson, 41, wasn't looking for a new profession and, in fact, isn't giving up his day job at the church.

"I would have never in a million years thought I could make a hat from scratch," he said. As a teenager, he was interested in becoming a mortician, like others in his family.

It didn't take long, though, for Johnson, who grew up in West Palm Beach, to seek the counsel of his pastor about a calling he felt toward the ministry.

Johnson has been at Roanoke Missionary Baptist Church for 15 years. Being a man of the cloth is stressful, he said, and hat making, he has discovered, is therapeutic.

From his light-filled office/millinery studio at his Wellington home, he designs, creates and decorates women's hats. "When I'm in here, the kids don't come in," he said.

His original inspirations for hat design were his grandmother, Mable Dean, and her sister. In fact, Johnson named his company after his grandmother. "She and her sister were true women of grace," he said.

For new designs, Johnson finds ideas in various places, from flowers and bushes outside his office, to lampshades, to shoes, to other pretty toppers he admires, including some he sees on the women in his church.

All the hat making work is done by hand, and Johnson doesn't use a glue gun to secure feathers or flowers or other adornments to his creations.

"Glue is a no-no," he said. "Carina wouldn't approve."

Gatto, who lives in Delray Beach, learned to make hats as a little girl in the Netherlands from her mother.

"It came naturally to me," she said.

In Boca Raton, Gatto enjoyed

a large following.

One of the hats she made was worn to William and Kate's royal wedding, and some were purchased by movie stars, including Stephanie Powers, who wrote Gatto a letter to tell her how much she loved her hat. Many of her creations have gone to the Kentucky Derby.

Gatto has lived in the U.S. for 50 years and is an American citizen. She made her living for many years as a paralegal and didn't launch her millinery career until she was 50.

"It's never too late for someone to start another career," Gatto said.

She continues to mentor Johnson. "Every now and then I get an S.O.S.," Gatto said. And since Johnson now owns all her hat-making equipment, she drives to his home studio to help him find solutions.

"I'm really proud of him," Gatto said. "I worked very hard at my trade and it's nice to find someone who shares my passion. It shows people certain traditions do not die out."

Johnson has already created dozens of hats and is working on a website where he can sell them. In the meantime, customers can reach him by phone at Mable Dean Millinery Creations, 777-3881. The company is owned by Johnson and his wife. ★

Around Town

Blue Anchor founder says pub 'in good hands' with new Midwest owners

Around the first of the year, word began to circulate that **Blue Anchor**, Delray Beach's venerable English-style pub, was on the market. After delivering thousands of pints, bangers and mash and fish and chips for more than two decades, founder **Lee Harrison** was going fishing. But before he could cast a line on the Withlacoochee River in the Central Florida

town of Lake Panasoffkee, population 3,551, he had to hook a buyer. Didn't take long.

On April 11, Lee signed out. But not to worry.

"The old girl is in good hands," Harrison quipped on Facebook, referring to new owners **Mark and Peggy Snyder**. "Please make them welcome, my friends. I loved my 21 years at the helm and will no doubt be popping in from time to time."

After decades in the tabloid news business, England-born Harrison was just looking to buy a place where he could watch soccer on TV when he and a partner came across the vacant building at 804 E. Atlantic Ave. Little did he know Blue Anchor would provide the foundation for what would become the Atlantic Avenue restaurant explosion.

"Blue Anchor is where we would go to work over our plans," said Butch Johnson, who would meet his partners there to formulate plans for 32 East.

Midwesterners by birth, the Snyders hit Delray about six years ago after a long stint in Texas. Mark has been in the restaurant business for about 35 years, mostly with chains such as TGI Fridays and Hurricane Grill & Wings. Their three daughters, two in college and one beyond, want their parents to stay put.

"They want a place to come home to, a place to bring their children when they get a chance and said Delray was the place," Peggy said as she tended bar and rang up tabs at a recent happy hour.

The veteran staff remains behind the bar and in the kitchen, and international soccer, a Blue Anchor TV tradition from the Harrison era, remains a staple. But as a veteran of visits to the Masters and U.S. Open, Mark may tune one screen to golf.

Coming May 8: **Green Owl**, second edition.
A popular breakfast and lunch spot since 1983, the

Owl was one of five Atlantic Avenue businesses in the 300 block to close last summer as new owners began raising rents. Owl owner **Dave Gensman** considered looking for a new perch off the avenue, but building owner **Menin Development**, which also owns the old Huber's Pharmacy space at 400 E. Atlantic, had other ideas.

"We are not only real estate developers and owners, but also corporate and personal residents of Delray," Menin Executive VP **Marc Yavinsky** said in a Facebook statement. "With all of the change coming to the avenue and to downtown Delray, we think it is important for the community to recognize and preserve longtime institutions such as the Green Owl and are proud we are able to do so."

So Gensman is crossing the street to a modernized Owl: "We are looking forward to a new, updated restaurant while maintaining the charm of the Owl. I would like to thank Marc Yavinsky and Menin Development for understanding the importance of having a place like the Owl in Delray."

Meanwhile, farther down in Boca Raton, **Louie Bossi's** is heating up. After a trial run beginning May 1, the 300-seat restaurant in Hyatt Place goes full tilt May 10 with lunch and dinner. Bossi's No. 2 (the original is in Fort Lauderdale) is the latest iteration from Big Time Restaurant Group (Big City Tavern, Grease Burger, Rocco's Taco, City Oyster and City Cellar). It's Italian, everything made from scratch and the first local eatery with a bocce court.

A few months down the road, Big Time intends to bring Bossi to 44 E. Atlantic in Delray. The first floor of the former Masonic Lodge was most recently occupied by Cafe Bleu, a coffee shop. Lots of renovations in the works. (Where will they squeeze in the bocce court?)

Some folks will say great; some will say there goes the neighborhood. On the north side of Atlantic and a few yards east, in the space vacated two years ago by Ginger Boutique next door to Sazio restaurant, **Tommy Bahama** has opened. The question remains: Will mom-and-pops be able to stay afloat as landlords raise rents?

Avenuers who aren't happy with the new directions can always head up Dixie, almost to Boynton Beach, to take out their frustrations in the ring. The new **Delray Beach Boxing** promises everything but commentary by Howard



Mark and Peggy Snyder have taken over the taps at the Blue Anchor. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

Cosell. Primarily a fitness center, it also features a 24-foot-square ring for sparring and the occasional competitive match, and "ringside seats" at a well-stocked bar, plus a genuine red phone booth from London where guests can place orders through Delivery Dudes. Could this be the new Delray? Check back in 10 years.

Just up Federal in Boynton Beach, **Las Ventanas**, the mixed-use complex at the corner of Woolbright and Federal, is jumping. New owner **Pollack Shores** is giving the property a new paint job and other fixes for residents ... and its new tenant. **Baciami Italiano**, the latest

project from the **Pellegrinos** — **Steve Sr. and Steve Jr.** — opened in mid-April, offering true Italian hospitality and authentic dishes from a wood-burning brick oven overseen by Executive Chef **Anthony Ianniello**. No strangers to the area, the Pellegrinos are the

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guy behind Prime and Il Bacio in Delray Beach.

At the **Four Seasons** in Palm Beach, a Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation inspector discovered 13 live roaches in the kitchen during a routine visit in mid-April. Thirteen is not a high number, but impeccable food service has always been a major draw at the resort.

Adding insult to injury, the inspectors also found several cases of food stored at improper temperatures and in unapproved locations.

The violations forced closure of the main kitchen until the no-nos were corrected a few hours later.

“The health and well-being of our guests and employees is always our top priority,” resort spokeswoman **Laurie Herrick** said. “We do take these matters very seriously.”

Proving ‘em wrong, one snap at a time.

Sharrod Neasman was a pretty good high school football player in Palmetto, Fla., but



Neasman

not good enough to earn a college offer. He worked two jobs, at FedEx and PacSun, for two years before enrolling at Florida Atlantic on his own dime and earning a spot on the team. Despite sustaining a knee injury in his sophomore year, he finally received a scholarship and so impressed coaches and teammates that he was named defensive captain in his senior year.

Neasman left FAU in 2016 with a degree, not in police science or sports marketing, but



An April 1 announcement and YouTube video drew national attention to FAU. **ABOVE:** A student brings her pig to computer lab as part of the ‘animal-friendly’ university the video touted. **Photo provided**

in mechanical engineering. Pro football? Chances looked slim — FAU had a poor record, and he wasn’t physically imposing for a defensive back. No team drafted him.

Undeterred, he arranged a tryout with the Atlanta Falcons.

They cut him, then called him back five days later to work on the practice squad. Five weeks later he was on the roster. Five months later, Sharrod Neasman, No. 20, became the first FAU alumnus to play in the Super Bowl.

Unfortunately for Atlanta, New England staged the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history, and on the more than 90 snaps for Atlanta’s weary defense, Neasman was on the field for only three.

Now the Falcons are evaluating personnel; news reports say one starting safety is looking elsewhere and coaches are looking for a new safety with more speed.

But don’t count Neasman out. He has traveled this road before.

Speaking of FAU, an

announcement and YouTube video on April 1 attracted nationwide attention as the school announced its new role as an “animal-friendly” university.

“Many universities have a pet-friendly campus,” President **John Kelly** declared as he walked one of his three rescue dogs. “Our intention is to be unique and offer an animal-friendly campus.”

Cut to psychology professor Lauren Mavica with her pet dachshund; a student at a computer terminal, pet pig in lap; another student with a saddled show-jumper. The video announced that Fido fountains, waste disposal systems and litter boxes would appear on campus this summer, plus a student-pet joint grooming program in the campus barber shop and a staff veterinarian.

But don’t look for show jumpers in the quad or pet owls perched atop computer monitors.

Consider the date.

“I am unaware of any reports that anyone took

the video seriously,” FAU spokeswoman Brittany Sullivan said, adding that it was received in good humor. Produced by the campus video team, it drew mention in *Time* magazine and *The Washington Post’s* list of April fool schemes.

Maybe it wouldn’t hurt Donald Trump to forgo a round of golf in favor of an audience with students in the **Leon Charney Diplomacy Program** at FAU. POTUS might pick up a tip or two about diplomacy and foreign affairs.

In April, among 5,500 students from 350 universities gathered at the National Model United Nations competition in New York, the program received the Distinguished Delegation Award. Since its founding in 1996, the diplomacy program of FAU’s Peace, Justice and Human Rights Initiative has trained students in world affairs, dispute resolution and debate. The U.N. award was the program’s 19th for national and international academic excellence.

Two weeks after the New York event, FAU announced that the diplomacy program had been renamed for Charney and would be bolstered by a \$1 million grant from the Charney family.

A resident of New York, Tel Aviv and Boca Raton who died a year ago, Charney was quite the character — lawyer, writer, broadcaster, Manhattan real estate mogul, self-made billionaire and occasional cantor. But his greatest work was done behind the scenes.

At the behest of President Jimmy Carter and Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, Charney provided a backdoor channel that allowed Israel and Egypt to cobble together the document that led to the 1978 Camp David Accords.

“I never acted on behalf of

anybody,” Charney once said. “I acted on behalf of peace.”

The Kravis Center may still be churning out hot shows in its 25th anniversary year, but it’s already looking forward to the next season. Hailed as “sparkling, fresh and lively,” *The Sound of Music* runs May 9-14, after which the music turns a bit bawdy with Monty Python’s *Spamalot* from May 19 to June 4. TV pundit **Trevor Noah** visits June 3, the **Gipsy Kings** on June 11, and Tracee Ellis Ross’ mom, the up-and-coming singer **Diana Ross**, June 24.

But fall and winter don’t look so bad either: *La Cage aux Folles*, Oct. 6-22; 2017 Rock Hall of Famer **Yes**, featuring old-timers Jon Anderson, Rick Wakeman and Trevor Rabin (no Chris Squire or Steve Howe, et al, but Yes, nonetheless), Oct. 13, and the Israel Philharmonic with **Zubin Mehta**, Nov. 4.

Five years ago this month in Naples, the world lost an incredible voice. Fortunately for us, a trove of Donna Summer’s music remains, as does the one individual closest to her — **Mary Gaines Bernard**, her backup singer for 35 years who happens to be her sister.

On New Year’s Eve 2015 at Crest Theatre in Delray Beach, Mary launched *Donna Summer, A Musical Journey*. It was so well received that she’ll return, this time outside in the Old School Square Pavilion, May 28.

Disco digs, tuxes or jeans, Afros or dreads, dancing shoes or sneakers — they all fit. (www.oldschool.org or 243-7922.)



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Dining

Chicken vindaloo brings on the spice

The Plate: Chicken vindaloo
The Place: Flavor of India, 1516 N. Dixie Highway, Lake Worth; 582-8600.
The price: \$14.95

The skinny: Long ago, a friend of mine who does not care much for spice ordered chicken vindaloo. He later described the experience as “vindaloo-vian.”

It simply was too much heat.



I love spice, so it’s almost impossible to make something too hot for me.

And that had been a complaint about

Flavor of India — forget Clara Peller asking, “Where’s the beef?” It was me asking, “Where’s the heat?”

Well, things have changed my last couple of visits to this restaurant, the closest East Indian restaurant to our readership north of Delray Beach.

Vindaloo is a complex curry — with garlic, onion, cinnamon, cloves, cumin, mustard seed, turmeric, tamarind paste and other savory ingredients.



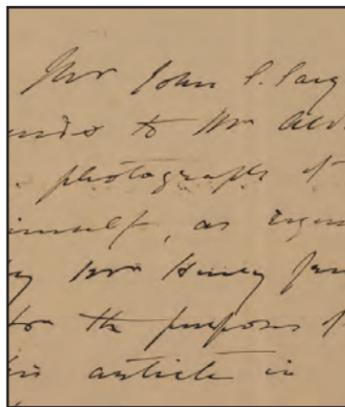
Combined, they create a fiery sauce that coats the tender bits of chicken and chunks of potato in a rich tapestry of flavors. You’ll want to order naan to soak up the aromatic sauce.

We also enjoyed tender, slightly smoky tandoori and cooled it all down with a Kingfisher ale.

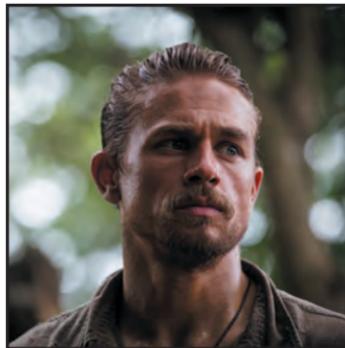
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— *Scott Simmons*

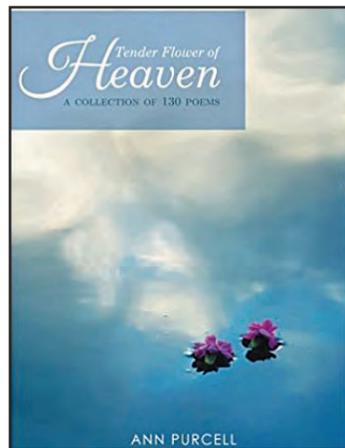
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Art

Cultural Council exhibit lets pictures do the talking

By Gretel Sarmiento
ArtsPaper Art Writer

Whoever said a picture was worth one or 10,000 words didn't count on the picture itself containing any. We won't do the math but, by that rationale, a new series of works from 16 local artists is worth a lot more.

Text is the main attraction and inspiration of *Mark My Words*, a new exhibition running through May 27 at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County. We don't mean long passages or entire book pages displayed in glass cases. Texting lingo, poems, random phrases and cursing appear framed by splashes of colors, printed on foam cubes or as dialogue in a nightmarish scene.

Dana Donaty's surreal *Champagne Dreams* is filled with talkative and highly opinionated creatures. One of them thinks to itself, "all of the deeply philosophical and pretentious arty bullocks I am thinking now." While another articulates, "the blazing color offers special offense, no?"

The characters are likely unwelcome guests to an artsy party or gallery opening and might represent the honest thoughts of the woman in black holding a glass of champagne. The unfiltered conversation on display is both a treat and a break from a culture fixed on keeping appearances and practicing diplomacy.

It's hard to tame our childhood enthusiasm at the sight of *The Difference Between Them*. The playful sculpture, by Marilyn Walter and Irene Revelas, is made up of colorful gigantic cubes with texting messages printed on them: Too funny. R U Da. Gotta go. Enuff.



Champagne Dreams by Dana Donaty is one of the works featured in the Cultural Council exhibit. **Photo courtesy Cultural Council**

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Theater

New plays, playwrights gain the spotlight at FAU Theatre Lab festival



A new work by NPR personality and playwright Peter Sagal will be read during the festival. **Photo provided**

By Hap Erstein
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

Florida Atlantic University's Theatre Lab ends its second full season — its first with a slate of fully produced plays — with a New Play Festival, May 10-14, in Parliament Hall on FAU's Boca Raton campus.

The festival kicks off with an evening of short plays selected from submissions by participants in the master

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classes of the Playwrights Forum, led by associate artistic director Matt Stabile. But the chief focus of the festival is reading five full-length play scripts, searching for candidates for next season's Theatre Lab main stage.

Artistic director Lou Tyrrell readily concedes that he has not yet selected any plays for production beginning this fall. Nor does he seem bothered by that fact.

"At Florida Stage, as we got bigger, we had to select our season sooner," he explains. "In the early days of Theatre Club of the Palm Beaches," the early version of Florida Stage,

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Alex Trow and Ben Graney in *I Now Pronounce* by Tasha Gordon-Solmon, part of the 2017 Humana Festival in Louisville, Ky. Photo by Bill Brymer

Theater

Louisville new-play festival important bellwether of emerging talent, themes

By Hap Erstein
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. —For 41 years, the for-profit health-care provider Humana and its charitable arm, the Humana Foundation, have been underwriting a pioneering new play festival at Actors Theatre of Louisville in Kentucky. (actorstheatre.org)

Through submissions and commissions, the nonprofit stage company selects and fully produces a half dozen or so new scripts annually, many of which then wend their way to New York and throughout the regional stage network of the country. (I was at the festival from March 31 to April 2.)

Particularly in its early years, when the Humana Festival for New American Plays was the only such large-scale incubator program, it had a major impact on the theater world. Plays that premiered at Humana went on to win Pulitzer Prizes for drama (*The Gin Game*, *Crimes of the*

Heart, *Dinner With Friends*), Broadway acclaim (*night*, *Mother* and *Agnes of God*) and received numerous productions around the nation (*Keely and Du*, *Private Eyes*, *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea*).

ATL's artistic director Les Waters, long a champion of new work, inherited the Humana Festival when he took over at the theater in January 2012. Fortunately for him, his literary staff does the first read of the 500-600 scripts that come in through agent referrals.

"We don't have an open-door policy," concedes Waters. "If we opened it to unsolicited manuscripts, we'd be at 2,000-3,000 for the festival each year. That would be just impossible, instead of almost manageable."

With the dross eliminated, Waters read roughly 10 percent of the submissions, along with his artistic team, to reach this year's six scripts to be produced in a month-long repertory of premieres.

Although the Humana

Festival was never intended as an indicator of trends in the American theater — merely a showcase of the best scripts available — that is what most of the theater writers who make a pilgrimage to Louisville are there to discover.

Conspicuously absent from this year's festival were plays that reflected the political turmoil in the country after the divisive presidential campaign. Waters has no doubt that they are being written now, but the selection lead time meant that decisions were already made before the Trump hit the fan.

"These shows were all chosen pre-election, so we'll see what people are writing next year," says Waters. "I think we'll get to them soon enough."

He describes this year's festival plays, whose subjects include air guitar competitions, wedding snafus, parenting challenges and the Cuban missile crisis, as "all political in their own way."

Waters chose to direct a drama — the festival's only drama — Jorge Ignacio Cortinas's *Recent Alien Abductions*. A cross between a domestic violence tale and TV's *The X-Files*, it is also the most overtly political work in the festival. "The others are all political without directly looking at the political situation that we find ourselves in at the moment," Waters explains.

Making the six chosen plays look even better than they are on paper is the design excellence and first-rate acting pool that the Humana Festival attracts. And for two weekends, Actors Theatre traditionally shows off the skill of its tech staff, presenting all six plays over the course of 48 hours.

For those two weekends, scouts from theater companies around the country as well as theater reviewers and journalists descend on Louisville, which temporarily becomes the nation's theater capital. And the health of the American theater seems robust.

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"we could choose a season in September. Now it's similar again, because we don't have 2,000 subscribers waiting to re-subscribe. I just want it to be the three right plays."

Three of the playwrights whose works will be read by casts of popular South Florida actors will be familiar to audiences of Florida Stage and The Arts Garage — Christopher Demos-Brown, Tammy Ryan and Peter Sagal. The two others are young emerging writers who have not yet been produced — Gia Marotta and Gina Montet.

Tyrrell insists he is unsure which of the scripts will be embraced by the audience and emerge from the festival with a slot in the season. "I have no idea how these plays are going to land," he concedes. "I've been surprised many times before. Often the success with the audience is because of the cast, which can just lift a story off the page and run with it."

Tyrrell keeps tabs on playwrights he has worked with



Tyrrell

previously, so he reached out to the veteran writers in this year's festival and simply asked what they were working on.

In the case of Demos-Brown — author of Carbonell Award-winner *When the Sun Shone Brighter* — "I called him and said, 'Whatcha got?' He said, 'Well, I'm working on this idea,'" a Trump-era political play.

But Demos-Brown had not started writing at that point. "So I gave him a deadline," recalls Tyrrell, "and he gulped and went, 'OK.' He's writing it now. I haven't seen a draft. This is the kind of exciting thing that you want to be doing." Called *The November Laws*, it will be read at 7:30 p.m. May 11.

Next up is *381 Blecker* by Gia Marotta, a product of the University of Texas writing program who was recommended to Tyrrell by playwright Steven Dietz and acclaimed dramaturge Liz Engleman.

"Gia's play concerns two sisters and a brother in the 1980s living on (Greenwich Village's) Blecker Street. She's a dancer-choreographer, he's a dance critic, and the other sister becomes a lawyer-activist," says Tyrrell. "And then we see them years later, when the sisters are played by 50-something-year-old actors. So you see them young and then older." From the perspective of 2015, the sisters look back on a time when their brother was battling with AIDS. *381 Blecker* will be read at 7:30 p.m. May 12.

The other young playwright, Gina Montet, is a Floridian with a very Florida story. Titled *The Prey*, her stageplay is "like a knockdown, drag-out thriller," claims Tyrrell.

"It's set in a general store, about a husband and wife. She's

If You Go

The New Play Festival runs May 10-14 at Parliament Hall at FAU in Boca Raton. Tickets: \$10-\$30; \$95 for all-access pass. Info: 297-6124

pretty, he's recovering from malaria. The other men are always flirting with her. And murder and mayhem ensue. It would be hard for us to pull off scenically, but it's a great story, well told." Its reading is scheduled for 3 p.m. May 13.

Tammy Ryan is remembered by Florida Stage audiences for her play *The Music Lesson*. Although she is based in Pittsburgh, her new play, *Hurricane Colleen*, is set on Merritt Island, "where sisters come to spread the ashes of a recently passed sibling and a hurricane hits," notes Tyrrell. And sure enough, "mayhem ensues." It will be read at 7:30 p.m. May 13.

Peter Sagal is known to Florida Stage audiences for his plays *Denial* and *What to Say*, but is probably more widely known as the host of National Public Radio's topical quiz show, *Wait! Wait! ... Don't Tell Me*. His radio fame makes his play, *Most Wanted*, the key draw of the festival.

It is about "grandparents who steal their granddaughter, because they don't like the way their daughter and her husband are raising her. They're not given enough time to see her," says Tyrrell, who feels his audience will have no difficulty identifying with the situation.

"So they go on the lam with the kid. It's very quirky and weird, very Coen brothers." The reading of *Most Wanted*, the final event of the New Play Festival, occurs at 3 p.m. May 14.

Tyrrell will be directing *Most Wanted*, as well as *The November Laws*. Stabile will be at the helm of *Hurricane Colleen*. David Nail will direct *381 Blecker* and Margaret Ledford directs *The Prey*.

Following the festival, Tyrrell has given himself about two weeks — until June 1 — to announce his selections for next season's schedule.

If you have enjoyed what Tyrrell has produced in any of his troupes devoted to new work, he feels certain you will be interested in this New Play Festival.

"If you have any interest whatsoever in the development of this art form, this will offer you a spectrum of compelling stories, stylistic variations, some of South Florida's most beloved actors in a process-driven environment that focuses on what new work in American theater is all about," he says.

"It's also the opportunity to see perhaps the initial reading of a work that could take its place as an important play in the American canon in the years to come. I think for people who understand and love theater, that's the draw."

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Art

From prosaic to political, artists' letters form metatext at Norton exhibit

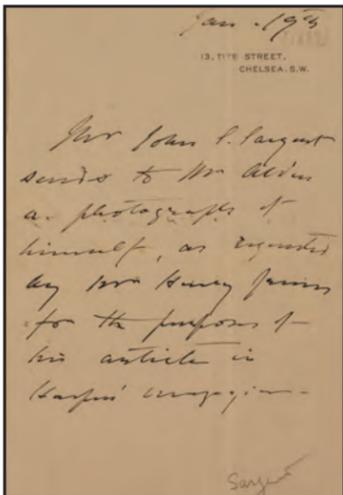
By Myles Ludwig
ArtsPaper Art Writer

Handwritten letters are like fossils of an earlier age, docubones from a world B.M. (before Microsoft), and *Pen to Paper* at the Norton is an exhibition of more than 30 letters from well-known artists dating from the late 18th century to the early 1980s. They are addressed to each other, friends, family, dealers and critics.

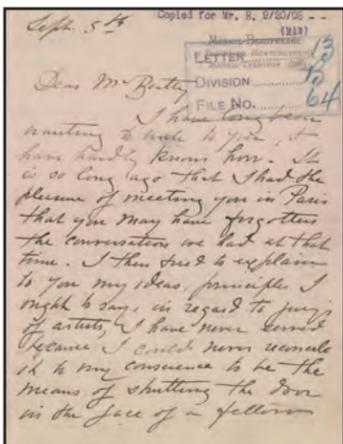
Few people actually write letters by hand anymore. Email is passé, texting is a driving hazard and we are largely reduced to a kind of electronic hieroglyphics called emojis. We have Snapchat and Instagram as modern versions of Etch-a-Sketch, and Elon Musk is rumored to be developing a mind meld. What's next? iLetter in disappearing ink?

The Norton exhibit, drawn from the Archives of American Art at the Smithsonian, suggests that one might deduce the style of the artists' work from a deep dive into graphology. Indeed, some of the letters on display do include idiosyncratic flourishes, such as Eero Saarinen's careful, near-blueprint-quality architectural drawing; Philip Guston's sketches; Hanne Darboven's multicolored squiggles; Howard Finster's punctuating faces peering out from the sentences, and Louis Lozowick's black bat. However, I'm a bit skeptical of reading too much into them.

But the letters do provide some interesting insights.



The Norton exhibit includes missives from John Singer Sargent, above, and Mary Cassatt, below. Photos provided



It is intriguing to read Alexander Calder's thoughts about his kinetic "abstract sculptures" that we now know as mobiles — one of which, his 1947 *Grasshopper*, is on display in the Norton's Melvin and Barbara Nessel Gallery.

Angry Arthur Dove asks Duncan Phillips not to cut his picture in half. Marcel Duchamp makes virtual

"readymades." Jokey Claes Oldenberg drums up detailed explanations of some of his work. Poetic painter Maxfield Parrish "wishes people wouldn't ask for blue" because he's sick of it, and Mary Cassatt's note to the director of the Carnegie Institute's Homer Saint-Gaudens "shows the artists' concern with historical dialogue surrounding the progress of women artists," according to exhibit curatorial assistant J. Rachel Gustafson.

Cassatt also quotes Degas' paradoxically pointed remark that "no woman has a right to draw like that" after he viewed her 1891 *Young Woman Painting*, which she made for the Chicago World's Columbian Exposition to "show the present generation that we worked & learnt our profession, & which isn't a bad thing."

Cassatt is taking "refuge from the gloom of Paris." Moody photographer Bernice Abbot is in Berlin, feeling "quite folle," optimistic and jaunty after a period of despair in Paris. Rollicking Jackson Pollack is making his pictures in the potato fields of the Springs outside chic Easthampton. Joseph Cornell, shadowbox-maker extraordinaire, dreams of Delacroix, Willem de Kooning senses his own mortality and Grandma Moses "picked a dandelion yesterday."

I am surprised at how few discuss more than the daily struggles of an artist — like how to make a living and pay the rent. But then, Artists R Us, so to speak.

News briefs

'Sound of Music' tour will feature local student choirs

WEST PALM BEACH — The national tour of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *The Sound of Music* will serve as the backdrop of a mini-choral festival featuring Palm Beach County student choirs this month at the Kravis Center.

Eight choirs will sing before performances of the classic 1959 musical, which will run May 9 to 14.

The Choral Music Festival celebrates the history of the Salzburg Festival, an Austrian music festival that dates to 1920, and which in 1936 featured the Von Trapp Family Singers, whose story is told in the musical.

"We wanted to call attention to the art form in a deliberate way to connect with the themes and content of our Kravis On Broadway production of *The Sound of Music*," said Kravis Center Education Director Tracy Butler.

The students, representing the Kravis Center Young Singers Afterschool

Connection, CCA Fine Arts, Plumosa School of the Arts K-2 Chorus, Egret Lake Elementary School Chorus, Loxahatchee Groves Elementary School Chorus, the Kravis Center's Broadway Reach program, Lake Worth High School Trojan Pride Chorus and Children's Musical Theater, will perform before five evening shows and three matinees on the grand staircase of the Dreyfoos Hall lobby.

Cultural Council names new board members

LAKE WORTH — Six new members have joined the board of directors for the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, with global finance expert Nathan Slack appointed as chairman.

William Parmelee will serve as vice chairman and Jean Sharf will serve as secretary. Other board members include attorney Phil DiComo, wealth-management expert Gail Horvath, marketing manager Michele Jacobs, bank officer Daryn Kirchfeld, economic development expert Caroline Villanueva and interior designer Gil Walsh.

"We are pleased that these accomplished business leaders have chosen to share their time and expertise with the Cultural Council," said Cultural Council President Rena Blades.

Dancer wins competition, advances to final at FAU

BOCA RATON — Sophie Miklosovic, 17, of Pompano Beach, who's a ballet student at The Art of Classical Ballet, won first place in a classical ballet competition sponsored by the National Society of Arts and Letters, Florida East Coast Chapter.

The En Pointe competition took place March 11 at The Harid Conservatory in Boca Raton. Miklosovic won \$2,000 for first place.

She will vie with contestants from around the country for a \$12,000 grand prize in the NSAL national competition, set for June 2 at the University Theatre at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

Taking second place and third place, respectively, in the local competition were Harid campus residents and ballet students Tabe Hidetora, 16, and Bela Erlandson, 17.

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Reviews

Superb symphony, moving ballet, and intrepid explorer

Here are excerpts of reviews of current and recent shows. For full reviews, see palmbeachartspaper.com.

Palm Beach Symphony (April 13, Kravis Center)

Ramón Tebar conducts his orchestra like a man fine-tuning a grand piano. Responding to his every command, even the slightest hand gesture, the refined playing of the Palm Beach Symphony in its last concert of the season was superb.

What Tebar has done for this orchestra is no less than Herculean, growing it from a small chamber group, framing its size to match their many venues and their odd acoustic, reveling in the orchestra's capacity to do big works when up to full symphonic strength.

The all-Russian concert opened with Rachmaninoff's *Vocalise*, the final addition to the composer's own transcription for orchestra of 14 songs written in 1915.

Stravinsky's ballet music for *The Firebird* came next.

Beginning with a mysterious, brooding introduction emerging from the lower strings the Firebird appears with intense trills — flapping her wings — caught by a prince, her pleas to be released are shown in long languid phrases that capture the mood perfectly. Over the next 11 movements, each section head shone as they soloed or led their players in this magnificent music.

Tebar's control was amazing. Each melody seemed to emanate from his fingertips, the chromatic strains contrasting serenely with the supernatural elements of the music. This idyll is jolted by one of the loudest sudden orchestral

"bangs" ever heard in the concert hall, guaranteed to wake sleepers all around. From then on, the music romps home with pounding realism from the timpani building to a thunderous affirmation.

Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony (in B minor, Op. 74) ended the program. The adagio is full of deep passionate music that earned the symphony the descriptive word "pathétique," a title suggested by his brother, Modest. The Palm Beach Symphony gave it a warm, respectful reading, every section playing to the highest standards, each the sum of this splendid whole which met another standing ovation as the dirge died away. — *Rex Hearn*

Boca Ballet Theatre (April 8, Spanish River High School, Boca Raton)

In Bournonville's *La Sylphide*, Boca Ballet Theatre seems to have found an ideal match. The small educational troupe presented two performances of this 1836 work, whose score by Norwegian nobleman Herman Severin Løvenskiold is far better than most others of its era, and whose compactness and easy-to-follow mimed story make it very accessible.

Joined by two excellent professional soloists from the New York City Ballet and a third from the Fort Wayne Ballet, the Boca troupe's mounting of this story was delightful and charming from beginning to end.

In *La Sylphide*, a forest sylph, in love with a Scotsman named James who is soon to be married to a lovely village girl, is lured away by her through the evil machinations of a conniving witch. Frustrated



Megan Fairchild and Gonzalo Garcia of the New York City Ballet perform with the Boca Ballet Theatre in *La Sylphide* at Spanish River High School. Photo provided

at not being able to capture her, he uses a scarf prepared by the witch to bind her to him, at which point her wings fall off and she dies, just as a wedding party featuring James' betrothed, now married to his rival Gurn, walks through.

As *La Sylphide*, Megan Fairchild was all lightness and grace, with beautiful footwork and expert carriage that she united to an engaging flirtatiousness.

Gonzalo Garcia was a first-rate James, with brilliant high jumps in which he didn't hammer the floor when he came down, and a lift to his movements that was almost as light and nimble as Fairchild's.

Shannon Smith, a frequent Boca Ballet guest, was a fine Gurn, with very athletic jumps and legwork of his own, and student dancer Brida Gibbons was impressive as Effie, stepping with elegance and a retiring modesty that befitted her role as a jilted fiancée.

Director Dan Guin's staging was crystal-clear and no problem at all to follow, and he made sure there was credible town activity while keeping that group of dancers out of the way of his storytellers.

— *Greg Stepanich*

The Lost City of Z (opened April 21)

Depending on whom you ask, director James Gray (*We Own the Night*, *The Immigrant*) is either his generation's Kubrick — a dogged, uncompromising auteur of narcotized mood pieces — or a ponderous, inert storyteller with an elegant camera eye.

Regardless, he's an unlikely choice for *The Lost City of Z* (pronounced "zed"), an adaptation of David Grann's biography of British explorer Percy Fawcett, whose obsessive expeditions into the uncharted Amazon inspired the character of Indiana Jones.

Written and directed by Gray, and jettisoning some of the book's more self-reflexive flourishes, it's sure to bring Gray his widest worldwide audience.

Gray weaves elements of an old-fashioned adventure yarn into a study of quixotic obsession and, for certain characters, near-madness. His approach is more workmanlike than ever before, but he paces the occasionally conventional beats with unimpeachable command, spiking them with visual poetry. *The Lost City of Z* is devoid of fat and fatuousness, and rich in beauty

and curiosity. Perhaps its most impressive feat is that it revives a childhood desire to explore the unknown, even when all roads lead to fatalistic folly.

Fawcett (Charlie Hunnam) accepts an offer from the Royal Geographical Society to hazard the untamed wilds of South America to survey land on the Bolivian/Brazilian border.

Hunnam, most known for *Sons of Anarchy*, has Chris Hemsworth's carriage and Brad Pitt's gaze. He's every bit a leading man in the making, and under Gray's pictorially ravishing lens, he conjures Peter O'Toole exchanging Arabia for Amazonia.

Long before reaching his destination, Fawcett is told to abort the dangerous mission. But Fawcett is the kind of person to ignore practical precautions, so he braves the thickets and wilds of the malarial jungle and the river described by one character as "a green desert," while dodging arrows from justifiably aggressive natives.

Gray doesn't dramatize some of Fawcett's wildest claims from this first expedition, such as the 62-foot anaconda he purports to have shot. It's the discovery of ancient pottery at the end of the voyage that most interests Gray's explorer, indicating the presence of a lost civilization that will rewrite history books.

In between expeditions, *The Lost City of Z* spends more time than you'd think on dry land, charting the domestic and political fallout from Fawcett's insatiable desire to explore.

Fawcett is soon saddled with a convenient nemesis, James Murray (Angus Macfadyen), a grandstanding explorer who joins him on his second odyssey only to sabotage it.

Fawcett also attempts to reconcile family life with his wife Nina (Sienna Miller), with his innate desire to discover El Dorado. This is where Gray sidesteps hagiography, bluntly assessing the destructive flipside of Fawcett's adventures, and presenting Nina as a figure of tragic sacrifice, raising three children alone. Like a soldier addicted to the adrenaline of the battlefield, Fawcett doesn't feel complete unless he's venturing into dangerous waters. — *ArtsPaper staff*



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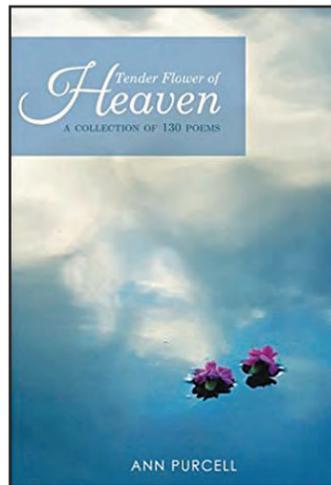
Tender Flower of Heaven, by Ann Purcell; available at <http://EnlightenmentForEveryone.com/tender-flower-of-heaven>, 205 pp., \$8.99

By Steve Pike

You know that feeling you get when you hear a song on the radio that brings back a memory? It's as if you're transported back to that moment in time — to the sights, sounds and smells of another lifetime.

Ann Purcell transports you back to those times in her life not with song, but with poetry. Purcell's new book, *Tender Flower of Heaven*, is a collection of 130 poems she has written over the past 30 years from places ranging from Switzerland and Holland to Heavenly Mountain, N.C., and Livingston Manor, N.Y.

Purcell, who splits her time between Delray Beach and Livingston Manor, has been a teacher of Transcendental



Meditation since 1973. Each poem in *Tender Flower of Heaven* was inspired by her teacher, the legendary Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

Purcell originally published *Tender Flower of Heaven* in 2006 basically for family and friends. The second edition was published to a larger audience this past December.

The poems, Purcell said, "certainly bring back a sense of place. I can't say that with all of

them, but with some of them, for sure."

One in particular is called *Am I the Poet?* Written in 1989, it's one of Purcell's first attempts at poetry, as well as one of her most revealing.

"It expresses my creative processes," Purcell said. "I often refer to this poem when I'm talking about creativity."

"*Silence stirred, an impulse heard*

"*Beyond all meter, beyond all word ...*"

"I wrote it in Switzerland," Purcell said. "But I get the feeling I didn't write it; I just watched it being written by itself, as though I was a vessel."

"Every now and then, when writing poems, it just flows so effortlessly you think, 'Where did that come from?' Other poems haven't always appeared so effortlessly. This poem expresses that effortless experience."

And in each poem, Purcell takes you on an experience worth reading. ★



The Journey by Amelia Costa. Cultural Council photo

COUNCIL

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Admittedly, some slangs (werru, werja) had to be looked up.

"A great amount of time and creativity is spent on these new word combinations when changing the spelling, adding numbers, or abbreviations," said Walter, who began her text collection three years ago.

Her work sees technology as the great modifier and crushing terminator. It is actively changing our ways of communication when not eliminating face-to-face conversations altogether. Our first reaction is to join this "playground," discover and rearrange, which is precisely what the artists intended.

"The interactive installations are to be touched and shared," added Walter, "an opportunity for the community to touch the art in an art setting vs. do not touch the art."

Paul Gervais gets away with expletive language by removing one essential vowel from the blank pages featuring the following typed messages: F**K TIME. F**K GRAVITY. Gervais tells these universal concepts to take a walk and reminds viewers to stop obsessing over them. Life is more fun that way.

If You Go

Mark My Words runs through May 27 at the Cultural Council galleries, 601 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. **Admission:** Free **Hours:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. T-Sat. **Info:** 471-2901 or www.palmbeachculture.com

Equally dismissive is his third piece, announcing "this text has been removed" in caps, which makes us even more interested in finding out what the original message was. Not knowing, the notion of missing out on something, kills us.

Even at 61 pieces, *Mark My Words* allows each to shine individually without overwhelming viewers, but there is also more white, empty space than we would like. The entire show can be absorbed in less than 40 minutes.

"There aren't many artists in Palm Beach County that make using text specifically," said Nichole M. Hickey, manager of artist services at the Cultural Council, who curated the show.

"You can look at it as a commentary on contemporary society and also as a nod to lesser-used traditions such as hand letterpressing and hand stitching."

News brief

Ballet Palm Beach sets anniversary bash May 19

PALM BEACH GARDENS — Ballet Palm Beach will mark the beginning of its 25th year and the end of its current season with a special celebration May 19 at the Maltz Jupiter Theatre.

Proceeds will be used toward Ballet Palm Beach's upcoming season, which includes a new version of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* at the Kravis Center on Dec. 1-3.

The event is twofold — a party and a performance. The show is at 7:30 p.m. and features professional company dancers of Ballet Palm Beach, alumni of the Ballet Palm Beach Academy, and current students. The performance is followed by a party that includes appetizers, desserts, raffles, and mingling with dancers and dance lovers.

Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for children and students younger than 21. Get ticket reservations at 630-8235 or online at balletpalmbeach.ticketleap.com.

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Arts Calendar

Note: Events are listed through June 2 and were current as of April 24. Please check with the presenting agency for any changes. Ticket prices are single sales.

ART EXHIBITS

Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens: Through June 28: *The Lost Bird Project*, Todd McGrain's tribute to extinct birds, including sculptures on the lawn; *Rising: The Mystical World of Sophie Ryder*, works by the British artist. Main gardens open 10 am-4 pm. W-Sun. \$10, \$8 students. 832-5328 or www.ansg.org.

Armory Art Center: May 12: *The Story of Modern Art*, lecture by Mark Cohen; May 26-28: *Glass Quest 2017*, a weekend of lectures and demonstrations for art glass enthusiasts. 9 am-4 pm M-F, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Free admission. 832-1776 or www.armoryart.org.

Boca Raton Museum of Art: Through July 2: *Glassstress*, 25 to 30 glass installations by global artists; *Mediterranea: American Art from the Graham D. Williford Collection*, works by American artists visiting the Mediterranean region in the late 19th and early 20th centuries; *Salvatore Meo and the Politics of Assemblage*: mixed-media works by the mid-century American artist. 10 am-5 pm T/Th/F; 10 am-8 pm first W; noon-5 pm Sat & Sun. 392-2500, or www.bocamuseum.org.

Cornell Museum of Art and American Culture: Through May 7: *Fabricated*, an exhibition of fiber art, from large-scale to tiny works, by 15 different artists. 10 am-4:30 pm T-Sat; 1-4:30 pm Sun. Suggested donation: \$5. 243-7922 or www.oldschoolsquare.org.

Cultural Council of Palm Beach County: Through May 27: *Mark My Words*, works by 15 county artists using words as their structural element. In the main gallery. Opening May 6: *Peggy "Batia" Lowenberg*, paintings by the council's Dina Baker Fund for Mature Female Artists, through June 3. Galleries at the council offices in Lake Worth open 10 am-5 pm T-Sat; free admission. 471-2901 or palmbeachculture.com.

Flagler Museum: \$18 adults; \$10 ages 13-17; \$3 ages 6-12; under 6 admitted free. 10 am-5 pm. T-Sat, noon-5 pm. Sun. 655-2833 or www.flaglarmuseum.us.

Lighthouse ArtCenter. Closes May 25: K-12 Art Show and Sale, works by students from 30 schools in Palm Beach and Martin counties. \$10 adults, \$5 students over 12. 10 am-4 pm M-F, 10 am-2 pm Sat & Sun. 746-3101 or www.lighthousearts.org.

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens: Through May 21: *Deco Japan: Shaping Art and Culture, 1920-1945*, an exhibit of more than 200 works from this little-known but highly creative period of Japanese art. Museum tickets: \$15, \$13 seniors, \$9 children and college students. 10 am-5 pm. T-Sun. 495-0233 or www.morikami.org.

Norton Museum of Art: Through June 25: *Pen to Paper*, an exhibit of handwritten artists' letters; through Aug. 13: *Yeondoo Jung: Behind the Scenes*, a video installation by the South Korean artist. Admission to the Norton is free through 2018. 832-5196 or www.norton.org.

Society of the Four Arts: Through July: *Illustrating Words*, poems by Robert Forbes illustrated by Ronald Searle, at the Mary Alice Fortin Children's Art Gallery. 10 am-5 pm M-Sat; 1-5 pm Sun. 655-7226 or www.fourarts.org.

BOOKS

Thursday, May 11
Alex Segura and Steph Post: The writers will read and sign their most recent works, *Dangerous Ends* (Segura) and *Lightwood* (Post). 7 p.m. Murder on the Beach, Delray Beach. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Sundays: May 7, 14, 21 and 28
Mainly Mozart Festival: The long-running off-season Coral Gables chamber music festival features nearly two months of concerts, opening May 7 with violinist Liana Gourjia, followed by the Lyre Trio (May 14), the Bergonzi String Quartet (May 21) and soprano Ariadne Greif and tenor John Moore (May 28). The 4 pm concerts take place at the Biltmore Hotel (May 7, 21) and the Granada Presbyterian Church (May 14, 28), both in Coral Gables. 786-556-1715 or www.mainlymozart.com.

Saturday, May 13
Seraphic Fire: The Miami concert choir, led by guest conductor Kyle Nielsen, leads the group in music chosen by popular audience vote, including Allegri's *Miserere*, Victoria's *Salve Regina* and the *Chichester Mass* of William Albright. 7:30 pm, All Saints Episcopal in Fort Lauderdale. 305-285-9060 or www.seraphicfire.org.

DANCE

Friday, May 5-Saturday, May 6
Fist and Heel Performance Group: Reggie



Cynthia Nixon and Jennifer Ehle star in *A Quiet Passion*, opening May 12 at the Living Room Theaters on the FAU campus in Boca Raton. Photo provided

Wilson's Brooklyn-based modern dance troupe performs Wilson's *Citizen*, a work about belonging and not belonging. 7:30 pm Friday, 1:30 and 7:30 pm Saturday, Rinker Playhouse, Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. Tickets: \$32. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Ballet Palm Beach: Colleen Smith's company presents Act I of Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty* along with two of her original ballets, *In the Mood* (Glenn Miller) and *Saint-Saëns Suite*, to music by the French composer. 7:30 pm Saturday, 4 pm both Sundays at Eissey Campus Theatre, Palm Beach Gardens. 814-5598 or www.balletpalmbeach.org.

Harid Conservatory: The annual close-of-year concert by the young dancers of this Boca Raton professional dance school. A new dance set specifically for these dancers is usually on the program along with selections from established works. 7:30 pm Friday, 3 pm Saturday and Sunday, Spanish River High School, Boca Raton. 998-8038 or harid.edu.

FILM

Friday, May 5
The Dinner: Owen Moverman's 2017 adaptation of a Herman Koch novel about two brothers whose sons have committed a despicable crime. With Richard Gere, Steve Coogan, Laura Linney and Rebecca Hall. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. Call 549-2600 or vfa.livingroomtheaters.com.

Friday, May 12
A Quiet Passion: Cynthia Nixon stars as poet Emily Dickinson in this new biopic by Terence Davies. With Jennifer Ehle and Keith Carradine. At Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or vfa.livingroomtheaters.com.

Friday, May 19
The Lovers: A long-married couple (Debra Winger and Tracy Letts) are just about to commit to each other's secret lovers when their own romance is rekindled, in Azazel Jacobs' 2016 comedy. With Jessica Sula and Aidan Gillen. At Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 49-2600 or vfa.livingroomtheaters.com.

JAZZ

Friday, May 12-Saturday, May 13
Nicole Henry: The much-loved Miami jazz singer offers a special program for Mother's Day. 8 pm. Tickets: \$30 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org.

Friday, May 26
Sofia Rei: The Argentine jazz singer presents a tribute to the Chilean folk master Violeta Parra, who would have turned 100 this year. 8 pm. Tickets: \$30 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org.

Saturday, May 27
Chardavoine's Creole Jazz Ensemble: A Haitian jazz group led by the Haitian-born, Brooklyn-raised guitarist Chardavoine. Tickets: \$30 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org.

OPERA

Through Saturday, May 13
Un Ballo in Maschera: Giuseppe Verdi's 1859 opera about the assassination of the Swedish King Gustav III, who harbors a secret love for Amelia, the wife of his best friend. With Rafael Davila and Jonathan Burton sharing the role of Gustavo, and Tamara Wilson and Alexandra LoBianco as Amelia. At the Ziff Ballet Opera House in Miami for five performances through May 6; two performances May 11 and 13 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale. Call 800-741-1010.

POPULAR MUSIC

Friday, May 5
Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers: Gainesville's own pop master has been a major figure in American rock. 7:30 pm, Perfect Vodka Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach. Tickets start at \$25. 795-8883 or livenation.com. Through Sunday, May 7

SunFest: The annual waterfront rock fest in downtown West Palm features 50 bands this year. Friday's lineup includes Flo Rida and Ziggy Marley; Saturday features Marshmello, Loverboy and 3 Doors Down; on Sunday, look for Widespread Panic, Blink-182 and Steve Winwood. Tickets start at \$47. 800-786-3378 or www.sunfest.com.

Friday, May 12
Phoenix: The French rock quartet ("Too Young," "1901") has been together nearly 20 years. 8:30 pm, The Fillmore Miami Beach. See livenation.com to get tickets; the concert was sold out as of April 25.

New Found Glory: The Coral Springs pop-punk band celebrates 20 years with performances of its albums *Sticks and Stones* and *Catalyst*. With Trash Boat. Revolution Live, Fort Lauderdale. Tickets: \$29. 954-449-1025 or www.jointherevolution.net.

Saturday, May 13
Citizen Cope: The veteran songwriter born Clarence Greenwood stops in Fort Lauderdale as part of his Florida tour. 8 pm, Culture Room, Fort Lauderdale. Visit www.cultureroom.net for tickets.

Tuesday, May 16
Jimmy Buffett: It wouldn't be a Florida concert season if this bard of the slacker life didn't make an annual appearance with his Coral Reefer Band. Parrotheads will be out in full force. 8 pm, Perfect Vodka Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach. Tickets start at \$36. 795-8883 or livenation.com. Friday, May 19

John Ford Coley: The pop singer and songwriter ("I'd Really Love to See You Tonight") who enjoyed great fame in the 1970s with "England Dan" Seals. 8 pm. Tickets: \$30 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. Call 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org.

Saturday, May 20
Muse: The rising British rockers take the stage with *Thirty Seconds to Mars*. 7 pm, Perfect Vodka Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach. Tickets start at \$22. 795-8883 or livenation.com.

Saturday, May 27
Train: The San Francisco roots rockers, joined by O.A.R. and Natasha Bedingfield on the *Play That Song Tour*. 7 pm, Perfect Vodka Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach. 795-8883 or livenation.com.

THEATER

Through Sunday, May 7
Good People: A look at working-class life in Boston's Southie neighborhood, as told in 2011 by David Lindsay-Abaire. Tickets start at \$23. 586-6410 or lakeworthplayhouse.org.

Tuesday, May 9-Sunday, May 14
The Sound of Music: Perhaps the best-known musical of all time, this Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II perennial arrives at the Kravis Center in a new production designed by Jack O'Brien and starring Charlotte Maltby (lyricist Richard's daughter) as Maria. Tickets start at \$27. Kravis Center; 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Through Sunday, May 14
Beehive: Larry Gallagher's revue of songs made famous by female pop stars of the 1960s. Wick Theatre, Boca Raton. \$75-\$80. 995-2333 or thewick.org.

Opens Friday, May 19
The Cripple of Inishmaan: Martin McDonagh's 1996 play about a crippled orphan in 1934 Ireland who angles for a part in a film being made there. With Jim Ballard, Elizabeth Dimon and Dennis Creaghan; directed by J. Barry Lewis. Through June 4. Tickets: \$66. Call 514-4042 or visit palmbeachdramaworks.org.

Spamalot: The 2005 musical drawn from *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, mounted here by MNM Productions. Through June 4. Tickets: \$45. Kravis Center; 832-7469 or www.kravis.org. Opens Saturday, May 20

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike: Christopher Durang's 2012 comedy about three Pennsylvania sisters and their Chekhovian lives. Through June 5 at the Delray Beach Playhouse. Tickets: \$30. Call 272-1281, ext. 4, or visit delraybeachplayhouse.com.

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Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 4/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

MAY 6

Saturday - 5/6 - 5th Annual Eric Patrie 5K at Anchor Park, 340 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Benefits local firefighters battling cancer. Run, walk, kids' fun run. 7 am. \$35. delrayfirebenevolent.org

5/6 - Delray Beach Metropolia ITF Open: USTA Boys' and Girls' 18-and-under at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 210 W Atlantic Ave, and Delray Swim & Tennis Club, 2350 Jaeger Dr. Main singles draw consists of 200 statewide, national, international boys and girls 18 & under players. Players also compete in doubles draw of 64 teams per gender. Matches begin daily at 8 am. Spectator admission free. 330-6003; yellowtennisball.com/delray-beach-itf/

5/6 - Art Al Fresco at Lake Worth Beach, 10 S Ocean Blvd. Presented by Lake Worth Art League. Held again 5/20. 10 am-6 pm. lakeworth.org

5/6 - Exhibition: Fine Art Paintings by Joyce Milbauer & Thomas Salerno at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Regular library hours through 6/23. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

5/6 - The Writer's Studio at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Sat 10 am. Free. 638-7251; delraylibrary.org

5/6 - Preparatory School of Music Recital at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 10 am. Free. 237-9000; lynn.edu/tickets

5/6 - Coral Reef Shark, Alligator & Stingray Feedings at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Shark T-Sat 10:30 am, Sun 1:30 pm; Alligator W/Sat 1 pm; Stingray T-Sat 2:45 pm, Sun 12:30 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

5/6 - Flamingo Experience at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Fun interactive experience with Chilean flamingoes; learn fun facts, assist taking them for a walk around the interactive fountain, feed them out of cups (please don't touch them!). Wear closed-toed shoes. Age 5+; one adult per child required; 6 people max per experience. Daily 12:15 pm (check in 30 minutes early). Zoo admission + \$30/member; \$35/non-member. Registration: 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org/flamingo-experience

5/6 - From Plate to Page: Spice Up Your Poetry Workshop with Poet Holly Jaffe at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 12:30 pm. \$10/person. 868-2063; palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

5/6 - Pickleball at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adult. M-F 8:30-11:30 am, F 6-8:30 pm, Sat 1-4 pm. Monthly pass \$15/resident; \$25/non-resident; \$2/day. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

5/6 - Inventors Society of South Florida at Ligi Tool & Engineering, 2220 SW 15th St,

Deerfield Beach. 1st Sat 1 pm. 1st meeting free. 213-6581; 954-486-2426; InventorsSociety.net

5/6 - eMagazines at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/6 - Alligator, Snake & Owl Feedings at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Alligator W/Sat 3:15 pm; Snake Th 3:15 pm; Owl F 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760; pbcnature.com

5/6 - Exhibition Opening: Environmental Artist Carin Wagner at The Meridian Art Experience, 170 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Coincides with First Friday Art Walk. Exhibit runs through May. 6-9 pm. Free. 407-921-6931

5/6 - Broadway Around The World at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every Sat through 5/26 7 pm. \$15.50. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

5/6 - Polo Presents Saturday Late Night with Raquel Williams at The Colony Palm Beach, 155 Hammon Ave. Every Sat 9 pm-midnight. \$20 cover includes free drink coupon. 659-8100; thecolonypalmbeach.com

5/6 - Sick Puppies Comedy Improv Show at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. Held again 5/12 & every Sat 9-10:30 pm. \$15/online; \$20/at the door. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

5/6-7 - SunFest at West Palm Beach waterfront. Last 2 days where music meets the waterfront. Check website for details. sunfest.com

5/6-7 - Short Cuts 7 (PG-13) at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$25. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

5/6-7 - Waiting For Godot presented by Evening Star Productions at Sol Theatre, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Runs through 5/7. Thu-Sat 8 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$30. 447-8829; eveningstarproductions.org

5/6-9/29 - Summer Exhibit: Amazing Butterflies at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr, West Palm Beach. Interactive exhibit, butterfly gardens. All ages. Regular center hours. Free w/paid admission. 832-1988; sfscenter.org

MAY 7-13

Sunday - 5/7 - Sado Tea Ceremony Class at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Study the traditional art of Sado, The Way of Tea. Attending a Tea Ceremony Workshop is required for those who have never taken a Tea Ceremony Class but wish to start studying Sado. Two lessons/month (5/7 & 21). Individual appointments begin at 10:15 am. \$50/member; \$55/non-member. Registration: 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

5/7 - Free Museum Admission at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Every 1st Sun noon-5 pm. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

Municipal Meetings

5/8 & 5/22 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 7 pm. Agenda: lantana.org

5/9 & 5/23 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesday at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us

5/12 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulf-stream.org

5/15 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 9:30 am. Agenda: manalapan.org

5/16 - Boynton Beach - First and third Tuesday at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Boynton Beach Blvd. 6:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

5/16 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: mydelraybeach.com

5/16 - South Palm Beach - Fourth Tuesday at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 7:15 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

5/25 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

5/7 - Bridge Duplicate at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Sanctioned A.C.B.L. duplicate bridge game for the experienced player. Light lunch served. Partners available for singles. Runs through 8/27. Sun 12:30-4 pm. \$10/at the door. Reservations or partners: 338-2995; myboca.us

5/7 - Concert: J.E.T.: Sebastian Speaks at St. Andrew's School Roberts Theater, 3900 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. Benefits Equine-Assisted Therapies in South Florida. J.E.T./Jackie De Los Santos, Elena Correia, Teresa Flores: classically trained musicians perform familiar tunes in an unfamiliar way. 2:30 pm silent auction; 4 pm concert followed by meet/greet w/the musicians. \$30. 954-974-2007; equineatsf.org/events/sebastian-speaks/

Monday - 5/8 - Pickleball at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Combines badminton and tennis. Adults. No play 5/29. Sat 9 am-noon; M/W 6-8:30 pm. \$5/person; annual pass \$130/resident, \$165/non-resident. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

5/8 - Socrates Cafe at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every M 10-11:30 am. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

5/8 - Adult Watercolor Painting Workshop at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Instructor provides class lesson and lecture, emphasis on composition/drawing, then a painting demo. Remainder of class time is one-on-one instruction, finishing with class critique. Age 18 & up. Every M or W 10 am-1 pm. Monthly \$35/resident; \$40/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/8 - The Politics (selection) part of Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:30 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

5/8 - Monday Morning Muffins & Mysteries: Full Dark House by Christopher Fowler at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

5/8 - Senior Bingo at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults age 50 & up.

Every M/W 10:30 am-noon. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

5/8 - Duplicate Bridge Games at Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Every M/W/F noon-3 pm. \$3/person. 742-6640; boynton-beach.org

5/8 - Alzheimer's Association Workshop: Effective Communication Strategies at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 1-2 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

5/8 - Empowerment Zone at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Coaching in resume writing, networking, interviewing skills. Every M/Th 1-3 & 3-5 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

5/8 - Cloud Computing: Storage, Productivity & Entertainment (Intermediate Level) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/8 - DOWNTOWN Lake Worth Food Truck InvasiOn at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. 2nd M 6-10 pm. 844-682-7466; foodtruckinvasiOn.com

5/8 - Happy Squares Dance Club at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. All skill levels welcome. Age 18 & up. Every M 6:45-9:15 pm. \$6/person. 865-2611; boynton-beach.org

5/8 - Bike Nite at Tilted Kilt Pub & Brewery, 3320 Airport Rd #1, Boca Raton. Held by Fury Road Riders, benefits Natural High, a national 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to inspire youth to discover their natural high so they have a reason to say no to drugs and alcohol. Tilted Kilt donates 10% of food bill to Natural High. Every M 7 pm. 504-3310; furyroadrc.com

5/8 - Adult Beginner Dance: Tango at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Essentially walking with a partner and the music. Every M 7:50-10:50 pm. Per class \$9/resident; \$10/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

Tuesday - 5/9 - Pickleball: Advanced Play at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Adults. T/Th/F 9 am-1 pm. Monthly pass \$15/resident, \$20/non-resident; 3-month pass \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident; 6-month pass

\$60/resident, \$70/non-resident. 243-7250; mydelraybeach.com

5/9 - Boca Raton Noon Toastmasters at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy. Improve public speaking, leadership abilities. Every T 12:15-1:15 pm. Free. 251-4164; toastmastersclub.org

5/9 - Couples Round Dance at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Learn figures/routines to waltz, swing, foxtrot. Age 18 & up. Every T 1-3 pm (high intermediate level), 3-4:30 pm (beginner level). \$12/couple. 352-455-5759; boynton-beach.org

5/9 - Chess Club at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game necessary. Age 18 & up. Every T/F 1-4 pm. Annual fee \$20/resident; \$30/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/9 - Socrates Cafe at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every T 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/9 - Modern Line Dance Class at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Enhance quality of life through modern music/dance. Age 50 & up. Every T 1:30-2:30 pm. Per class \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/9 - 2013 Word Basics for Adults at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

5/9 - Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates part of Evening Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

5/9 - The Literary Garden Book Discussion Series: Frida: A Biography of Frida Kahlo by Hayden Herrera at Clayton Hutcheson Complex Conference Room, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. In partnership with Palm Beach County Library System. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 233-1751; mounts.org

5/9 - Music & Interactive Art at Veterans Park Recreation Center, 50 NW 1st Ave, Delray Beach. Bring an instrument, join the open jam session style music. Easels & art supplies set up for anyone wanting to explore their inner creativity in a non-instructional environment. Join in or sit and listen! All ages. 2nd T 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/9 - Foreign Film Series: Ikiru (NR) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-9 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/9 - Call to Audition: Saturday Night Fever the Musical at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Many ensemble roles; must be able to dance & sing. Prepare a song from the era, 16-32 bars; provide your own tracks. Held again 5/11; callbacks 5/12. 7 pm. Free. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

5/9 - Leeds Acting Workshop at Woo Creative, 135 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Hone technique for theatre, film, television; beginner or experienced. Every T 7 pm. \$40/class. Register: 827-8967; leedsworkshop.com

5/9 - Soul Line Dancing at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd,



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5/9 - Survival of a Nation: Exploring Israel Through the Lens of the Six-Day War at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave, Boca Raton. 6-week course from the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute. Every T through 6/13 7:30-9 pm. \$79/individual; \$150/couples. RSVP: 394-9770; chabadbocabeaches.com

5/9 - Shed Sessions at The Spady: Spady House Band at The Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd T 8-11 pm. \$10/at the door; free/musicians. 278-8883; spadmuseum.com

5/9 - Blue Tuesdays at Boston's on the Beach, 40 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Hosted by Famous Frank Ward. Every T through 5/30 8:30-11:30 pm. Free. 278-3364; bostonsonthebeach.com

Wednesday - 5/10 - Lawn Bowling at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Takes skill and practice. Age 18 & up. Every W/F 9 am-noon. Annual fee: \$40/resident; \$45/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/10 - Senses of Cinema Presents Film for Thought Class at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 18+. Every W through 5/31. 10 am-12:45 pm. Per class \$12/resident, \$15/non-resident; 4-week session \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

5/10 - Socrates Cafe at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every W 11:30 am-1 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

5/10 - Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club at City Fish Market, 7940 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Speaker: Mike Valle. FPL VP of Business Development. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$45/member or first-time guest; \$50/non-member. 852-0000;

goldcoasttigerbayclub.com

5/10 - Getting to Know Your iPad at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/10 - Scrabble at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. W 1-4 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

5/10 - 2013 Word Intermediate for Adults at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

5/10 - Delray Beach Historical Society's annual meeting at Three NE First St. Hear presentations by board member Roy Simon and past Vice-President Frances Bourque, plus enjoy cocktails and light refreshments on the porch. 5:30 pm. Free. 274-9578 or delraybeachhistory.org

5/10 - Zonta Club of Boca Raton at Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 2nd W 5:30 pm. \$30. 482-1013; zontabocaraton.org

5/10 - Writers' Corner at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Manuscript critiquing by published authors. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

5/10 - Women's National Book Association South Florida at Murder on the Beach Mystery Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Author & freelance writer Mary Thurman Yuhas: how to write a winning pitch to magazines & other publications. 6:30 pm. \$10/guest. president.WNBASoFla@gmail.com

5/10 - Juke Box Saturday Night presented by Western Academy Charter Afterschool Program at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 7 pm. \$15/advance; \$20/at the door. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

5/10 - An Evening of Short Plays at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab in Parliament

Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of New Play Festival. Playwrights present readings followed by post-show discussion. 7:30 pm. \$10/person; \$95/all-access festival pass. 297-6124; fauevents.com

5/10-11 - I Remember Mama at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Presented by The Radio Arts Theatre Network in Residence. 7:30 pm. \$25. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Thursday - 5/11 - Rippers Knitting Club at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. All skill levels. Every Th 9 am-noon. \$10/per season. 742-6240; boynton-beach.org

5/11 - Quilters meet at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest. Share quilting information, perpetuate quilting as a cultural and artistic form. Sale of quilted items supports the Library. Every Th 9-11:30 am. Free. 742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

5/11 - iPad Intermediate for Adults at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10:30-noon. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

5/11 - Knit 'N Purl at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Rotating facilitators. 2nd & 4th Th 10:30 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

5/11 - 34th Annual Women in Leadership Awards with Capt. Mark Kelly at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Presented by Executive Women of the Palm Beaches. 11:30 am. \$130/member; \$150/non-member; \$80/student. 868-7070; ewpb.org/wila

5/11 - What's Cookin'? Cookbook Club for Adults: James Beard's American Cookery by James Beard at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2nd Th Noon-1 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

5/11 - Adult Acrylics Art Class at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Local instructor teaches basic acrylic painting techniques to beginners; also available for instruction to advanced painters. Call for list of supplies needed. Age 18 & up. Every Th noon-3 pm. Per class \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/11 - Adults Tech Help Lab at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Every Th 1:30-3:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

5/11 - Senior Bridge at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Experienced players welcome. Partners not needed. Every Th 2:30-4 pm. Annual fee \$15/resident + \$1/game; \$25/non-resident + \$2/game. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/11 - Concert: Margaret Schmitt Trio at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5:30 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

5/11 - Boynton Beach Food, Wine & Brew Festival at Benvenuto, 1730 N Federal Hwy. Sampling of Boynton's finest restaurants and lounges, wine/craft beer tastings. 6-9 pm. \$35. 732-9501; boyntonbeach.org

5/11 - The Next Generation Road Rascals Car Show at Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex, 10 S Ocean Blvd. 2nd Th 6-9 pm. rstarr2010@gmail.com

5/11 - Night Line Dance at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th through 6/29. Beginner 6-7 pm; Beginner & High Beginner 6-8 pm; High Beginner 7-8 pm; Intermediate 8-9 pm; High Beginner & Intermediate 7-9 pm. \$50/resident; \$63/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

5/11 - Palm Healthcare Foundation Heart of Gold Reception at Kravis Center Cohen Pavilion, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Honoring Palm Beach County nurses. Cocktail attire, open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres. 6-8 pm. \$50. Register by 5/10: 833-6333; palmhealthcare.org

5/11 - Palm Beach Watercolor Society Meeting at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. 2nd Th 6:30 pm Oct-May. Palmbeachwatercolorociety.org

5/11 - Open Reading Night at School of Creative Arts/Crest Studios at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Listen or sign up to read from an original work (published or unpublished). All levels welcome. Read for 10-15 minutes then open discussion (not critique). 2nd Th 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 212-677-4278; oldschoolsquare.org

5/11 - Ghaleb: World Class Pop Tenor & Classical Flamenco Guitarist at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm 3-course dinner (\$39); 7:30 pm showtime. \$20/ includes first house drink. RSVP: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

5/11 - Blues on the Square presents Jay Blue Band at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 7:30 pm. \$5/at the gate; \$5/beer. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

5/11 - The November Laws by Christopher Demos-Brown at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab in Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of New Play Festival. Playwrights present readings followed by post-

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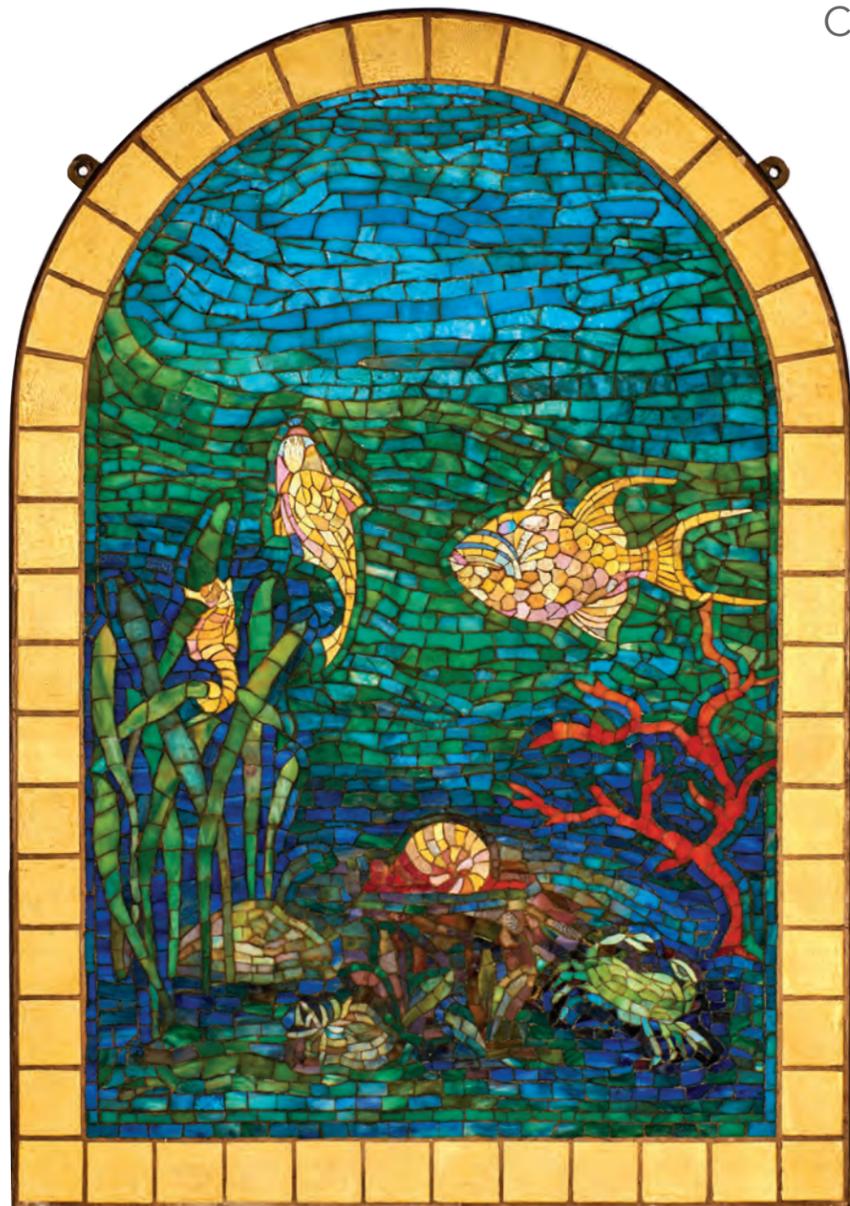
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Mother's Day Events

Note: Events are current as of 4/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

Friday - 5/12 - Mother's Day Party at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. 1-3 pm. \$3/advance; \$5/at the door. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

Saturday - 5/13 - Mother's Day Tea at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Tea sandwiches, scones, sweets, Whitehall Special Blend tea. Mothers receive a rose, keepsake photo, \$10 gift card for the Museum Store. Sat 11:30 am-2:30 pm; Sun noon-3 pm. \$30/member; \$50/non-member; \$20/child under age 12. Reservations: 655-2833; flaglermuseum.us

Sunday - 5/14 - Family Fun: Tea Time with Mom & Kids Day Activity at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Classroom A, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Celebrate both Mother's Day & Children's Day (May 5th in Japan) with a craft activity. Noon-3 pm. Free w/paid admission. 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

5/14 - Mother's Day Brunch at The Addison, 2 E Camino Real, Boca Raton. Unlimited mimosas/bellinis, kids' activities, live music. 10 am. \$89.95/person; half price/child under 12. Reservations: 372-0568; theaddisonofbocaraton.com

5/14 - Mother's Day Brunch at The Breakers Palm Beach, One S County Rd. \$70-\$150/person; \$30-\$60/child age 12 & under. 10:30 am-2 pm. Reservations: 877-724-3188; thebreakers.com

5/14 - Mother's Day Brunch at Cafe Boulud, 301 Australian Ave, Palm Beach. 11 am-3 pm. \$95/person; \$42/child under 10. 655-6060; cafeboulud.com

5/14 - Mother's Day Brunch at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Featuring the Deborah Paiva Jazz Duo. 11 am-2:30 pm. \$47.95/adult; \$19.95/child under 12. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

5/14 - Mother's Day Brunch & Lunch Cruises start at Delray Yacht Cruises, 801 E Atlantic Ave. 2-hour cruise aboard the Lady Atlantic or Lady Delray. Brunch: 9:30 am boarding; 10 am-12:15 pm cruise. \$52/adult; \$42/child 12 & younger. Lunch: 1:15 pm boarding; 1:30-3:45 pm cruise. \$57/adult; \$47/child 12 & younger. Reservations: 243-0686; delrayyachtcruises.com

5/14 - Mother's Day Buffett Brunch at Streb's Restaurant, 1880 N Congress Ave., Suite 190, Boynton Beach. 11 am-3 pm. \$30/adult; \$10/children. Reservations suggested: 375-8600; strebs.com

5/14 - Mother's Day Celebration at Caffè Luna Rosa, 34 S. Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. \$5 strawberry mimosas welcoming treat to all mothers. Mother's Day specials. Brunch 7 am-3 pm; dinner 4:30 pm-close. Reservations not required for brunch, available for dinner: 274-9404; caffelunarosa.com

5/14 - Mother's Day Celebration at Ellie's 50's Diner, 2410 N Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. Mom's receive a rose and complimentary mimosa or bloody mary. 8 am-9 pm. 276-1570; elliescatering.com

5/14 - Mother's Day Dinner & Show at The Wick, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Features Cary Hoffman tribute to Frank Sinatra. 5 pm. \$135/person. Reservations: 995-2333; thewick.org



\$50. womenforwomenrun.com

5/13 - Inaugural Ryan J. Mandel Memorial 5k Run/1 Mile Walk at Anchor Park, 390 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Benefits Wayside House. 6:30 am/registration; 7 am run; 7:15 am walk. \$25-\$30. active.com/delray-beach-fl

5/13 - 25th Annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Place bags of nonperishable food by your mailbox before your regular mail pickup. All food remains in the community to help stock local food pantries. 8 am-4 pm. Feedingsouthflorida.org

5/13 - Ride & Remember Trolley Tour departs from Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 2-hour tour focuses on 5 historic districts. 2nd Sat 10 am-noon. \$25. Reservations: 279-8883; spadmuseum.com

5/13 - Family Saturdays at the Cultural Council at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County Main Gallery, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 10-11:30 am. \$5/family. 471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

5/13 - 3rd Annual Best in Show Festival at Palm Beach Photographic Centre, 415 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Exhibition showcases pictures and photojournalists honored at the annual POYI (Pictures of the Year International) Competition. Runs through 8/12. M-Th 10 am-6 pm; F/Sat 10 am-5 pm. 253-2600; workshop.org

5/13 - Taste History Special Holiday Culinary Tours of Historic Lake Worth and Lantana conducted by Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from Macy's (outside East Entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave. 4-hour tour includes bus/walking tour, food sampling, visits to historical/cultural sites. Narrated by live guide. 2nd Sat year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required: check website for available dates. \$50-\$60/adult & senior citizen; free/child under 18 (max 5 children per family.) 243-2662; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

5/13 - Wendy Dingwall speaks and signs her book *Toxic Cruise* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 1 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

5/13 - Roar & Pour 2017: A Night at the Zoo at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Explore the zoo, enjoy zookeeper talks, live music, cash bar, food for purchase. 2nd Sat 4:30-9 pm. \$9-\$10/adult; \$6-\$7/child (3-12 yrs); free/child under 3. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

5/13 - Firebird presented by Ballet Atlantica at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 7 pm. Free. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

5/13 - The Prey by Gina Montet at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab in Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of New Play Festival. Playwrights present readings followed by post-show discussion. 7:30 pm. \$20/person; \$95/all-access festival pass. 297-6124; fauevents.com

5/13 - Hurricane Colleen by Tammy Ryan at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab in Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of New Play Festival. Playwrights present readings followed by post-show discussion. 7:30 pm. \$20/person; \$95/all-access festival pass. 297-6124; fauevents.com

5/13 - Rome Saladino: Feelin' Good (PG) at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$25. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

compete to become the top STARS. Benefits Police Athletic League of West Palm Beach. 6 pm cocktails; 7 pm dinner & dancing. \$150/individual; \$1,500/table, \$2,500/VIP table. 835-7195; westpalmbeachpal.com

5/12 - Evening on the Avenue at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Live music, food vendors, crafts, artwork. Every F 6-10 pm. Free. 588-8344; lakeworth.org

5/12 - Friday Oldies Night with Joey Dale at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 5/26 & 6/2. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm showtime/dancing. \$10/includes house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

5/12 - Delray Beach Craft BeerFest at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 6:30-7:30 pm VIP exclusive access; 7:30-10:30 pm general admission. \$40-\$55/advance; \$45-\$65 at the door. 243-7922; dbcrafterbeerfest.org

5/12 - Castoffs Square Dance Club at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Basic modern western square dancing. Every F 7-7:45 pm dance & rounds; 7:45-9:30 pm dance club. \$12/couple at the door. 731-3119; boynton-beach.org

5/12 - 381 Bleeker by Gia Marotta at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab in Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of New Play Festival. Playwrights present readings followed by post-show discussion. 7:30 pm. \$20/person; \$95/all-access festival pass. 297-6124; fauevents.com

5/12 - Polo Presents Motown Friday Nights with Memory Lane at The Colony Palm Beach, 155 Hammon Ave. Music from the Temptations, Supremes, Gladys Knight & the Pips, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye. Every F 9:30 pm. \$20 cover includes free drink coupon. 659-8100; thecolonypalmbeach.com

5/12-13 - Miss Margarida's Way directed by Bob Carter at Actor's Workshop and Repertory Company, 1009 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Interactive play by Brazilian playwright Roberto Athayde; stars Marisa Palazzotto. Held again 5/19 & 21. F 8 pm; Sat 8 pm. \$2/adult; \$10/student. 833-7529; actorsrep.org

Saturday - 5/13 - 7th Annual Women for Women 5k/10k Race through Historic Old Lake Worth, begins at Bryant Park, 100 S Golfview Rd. 100-Yard Kids Dash (ages 3-6, 8:30 am, \$10) and Kids Corral (age 10 & under, free). Benefits Palm Beach Roadrunners Scholarship fund. Male participants not eligible for awards. 6-6:30 am packet pickup; 7 am race start. \$25-

show discussion. 7:30 pm. \$20/person; \$95/all-access festival pass. 297-6124; fauevents.com

Friday - 5/12 - InnovATHER 2017/ Innovating for Women Business Challenge Presentations at South County Civic Center, 1700 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. Sponsored by Florida Women's Business Center. Competition funded by Sara Blakely Foundation. 8:30 am-3:30 pm. Free. Application/business plan deadline 5/8: 265-3790 x114; flwbc.org

5/12 - Supervised Bridge Play at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. John Black: 2 hours supervised Bridge play. Partners not needed. Adults. Every F 10 am-noon. \$10/person. 393-7807; myboca.us

5/12 - Current Events Discussion Group at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every F 10:30 am-noon. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

5/12 - Balkan by the Beach: International Folk Dance at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Benefit of exercise, pleasure of dancing to beautiful music. No experience or partner needed. Age 50 & up. Every F 10:45 am-1:15 pm. \$5/resident; \$6/non resident per class. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/12 - Bill Gove Golden Gavel Toastmasters Club at Duffy's Sports Grill, 4746 N Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Every F noon-1 pm. \$12/lunch or \$5/soft drink; cash only. 742-2121; billgovetostmastersclub.com

5/12 - iPad 2: Using Apps at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/12 - Adult Coloring Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2nd & 4th F 2 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

5/12 - 2013 Word Advanced for Adults at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

5/12 - Sushi & Stroll Summer Walk at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Experience the gardens, enjoy taiko drumming, a cold drink, a breathtaking sunset. Fushu Daiko drumming performances (first-come/first-served, additional \$3). 5:30-8:30 pm. \$6-\$8. 495-0233; morikami.org

5/12 - Ballroom Blitz at the Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 6 dancing couples (one amateur, one professional)

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Sunday - 5/14 - Mother's Day 5/14 - First United Methodist Church Honors Ella Mae Wright at 101 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 8:30 & 11 am. Free. 954-947-1951; fumcbb.com

5/14 - Special Pre-Release Screening: Swim Team Documentary at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Presented by Autism Care Center and Behavior Development Group; introduction by FAU Center for Autism and Related Disorders. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org/special-needs-programs

5/14 - Close to You: Music of The Carpenters at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Lisa Rock & her 6-piece band. 2 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

5/14 - The Robert Sharon Chorale: Celebrate Spring with Cole Porter & Andrew Lloyd Webber at Palm Beach Atlantic University DeSantis Family Chapel, 300 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$15/general; \$5/children under 12. 561-687-4245; pba.edu/desantis-family-chapel

5/14 - Music in the Museum: Yasa Poletava and Darren Matias at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Limited seating. 3-4 pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

5/14 - The Friends Living Voices presentation: The New America at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 3-5 pm. Free. Reservations: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/14 - Most Wanted by Peter Sagal at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab in Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of New Play Festival. Playwrights present readings followed by post-show discussion. 7:30 pm. \$30/person; \$95/all-access festival pass. 297-6124; fauevents.com

Monday - 5/15 - From a Woman's Perspective: My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10 am. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

Tuesday - 5/16 - Gold Coast PR Council Lunch Meeting with Speaker Toby Srebniak of Truly Nolen at Pavilion Grille, 301 NE 51st St, Boca Raton. 11:30 am-1 pm. \$25/member; \$30/non-member. goldcoastprcouncil.com

5/16 - Gallery Talk: Modern and Contemporary Collection at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Held again 5/30. 2 pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

5/16 - 2013 Excel Basics for Adults at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2:30-4 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

5/16 - Delray Beach Business Expo at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave. Annual trade show and networking event. 5-8 pm. Free. 278-0424 x105; delraybeach.com

5/16 - Men's Night Out with Lane Kiffin, New FAU Head Football Coach at Florida Atlantic University Stadium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Presented by Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County. Networking, dinner, open bar. Dietary laws observed. 6 pm. \$65/couvert. 852-6063; jewishboca.org/football

5/16 - Ukulele Music Interactive at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. All ages. 1st & 3rd T 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/16 - Tools & Tips for Meatless Monday Meals at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

5/16 - The Tuesday Murder Club Book Group: I Am Pilgrim by Terry Hayes at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 6:30 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

5/16 - Jazz on J Street at Flamingo Clay Glass Metal Stone Studio & Gallery, 15 S J St, Lake Worth. 3rd T 7-10 pm. \$5/cover. 588-8344; flamingoclaysstudio.org

5/16 - FAU Astronomical Observatory public viewing day at Florida Atlantic University Science & Engineering Building 4th floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 1st F & 3rd T 7 pm. Free. 297-STAR; physics.fau.edu/observatory

5/16 - Concert: Faith's Place Center for Arts Education at Harriet Himmel Theater, 600 S Rosemary Ave, West Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$10/adult; \$5/student. 866-449-2489; kretzerpiano.com

Wednesday - 5/17 - League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County May Hot Topics Luncheon at Atlantis Country Club, 190 Atlantis Blvd. Speaker Deidre Macnab, former LWVF President: Solar for Florida. 11 am registration; 11:30 am lunch served. \$25-\$35. 968-4123; lwvpcb.org

5/17 - 2013 Excel Intermediate for Adults at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

5/17 - Fake or Fact: A PolitiFact Talk with Amy Sherman at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/17 - Four Women: Nina, Lena, Abbey & Billie starring Natalie Douglas at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$40. 237-9000; lynn.edu/events

5/17 - Great Give Palm Beach & Martin Counties at multiple locations/websites. 24-hour community fundraiser. Midnight-midnight. 844-448-3329; greatgiveflorida.org

Thursday - 5/18 - Dramawise Series: The Cripple of Inishmaan by Martin McDonagh at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Participants choose all or a portion of the program. Act 1 10-11:30 am; Intermission (at Ristorante Santucci, 610 Clematis St) 11:45 am-12:45 pm; Act 2 1-2 pm. Acts 1 & 2 & Intermission \$40-\$50; Intermission & Act 2 \$30-\$40; Act 2 \$15-\$20. 514-4042 x2; palmbeachdramaworks.org

5/18 - iPad Advanced for Adults at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10:30-noon. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

5/18 - Lunch with Jean-Pierre Leverrier at Chez Jean-Pierre, 132 N County Rd, Palm Beach. Part of The Society of the Four Arts Summer Chef Series. Exclusive 3-course luncheon & intimate conversation. 12:30 pm. \$375/6-lunch series; \$75/per event. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

5/18 - The Valiant by Lesley Livingston part of (Not Too) Young Adult Book Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/18 - Monty Python's Spamalot Preview presented by MNM Productions at Kravis Center

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Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Benefits Apler Jewish Family & Children's Services. 7:30 pm. \$50. 832-7469; kravis.org
Friday - 5/19 - Boca Chamber's Business Awards Luncheon at Boca Raton Resort & Club's Great Hall, 501 E. Camino Real. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$75. 395-4433; bocaratonchamber.com
5/19 - 4th Annual Clinics Can Help Golf Classic at Madison Green, 2001 Crestwood Blvd N, Royal Palm Beach. Benefits Clinics Can Help medical equipment outreach. 1 pm shotgun start. \$175. 640-2995; clinicscanhelp.org
5/19 - 2013 Excel Advanced for Adults at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2:30-4 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org
5/19 - 2017 Shining Star Awards Gala at Benvenuto, 1760 N Federal Hwy, Boynton

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5/19 - 3rd Annual Lotos 2017 Music Festival with Boy George at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 6 pm doors open; 7 pm concert. \$39.50/person; \$20/VIP parking. 393-7700; myboca.us/826/
Mizner-Park-Amphitheater
5/19 - Food Truck Invasion/Music on the Rocks at Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Food, snacks, beverages available for purchase. 3rd F through Jun 6-10 pm Free. 600-9097; catchboynton.com
5/19 - Gregg E. Brickman and Randy Rawls speak and sign their books *Imperfect Defense* and *Justice Secured* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

5/19 - Free Friday Concert: Royale Majestique (Jumbo Lounge) at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Gourmet food trucks, cash bar. Bring lawn chairs and blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. Weather permitting. 7:30-10:30 pm. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; delraycenterforthearts.org
5/19-20 - One Funny Mother at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$31-\$41. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org
5/19-21 - Bare: A Pop Opera at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. F/Sat 7 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$20. 750-7824; centerstageboca.com
Saturday - 5/20 - Stacey Konwiser Save the Tiger 5K at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society to support

Green Markets

Artisan Market, every Sunday and Wednesday, Plaza del Mar, 230 S. Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Unique food finds, local artists, handicraft vendors. 10 am-3 pm. Free. 762-5340; plazadelmarshopping.com
Boca Raton GreenMarket, every Saturday, Royal Palm Place Southwest Parking Lot, intersection of S Federal Highway and SE Mizner Blvd. 8 am-1 pm. Through 5/13. Free. 368-6875; myboca.us
Boynton Beach Mall Green Market, every Sunday at 801 N. Congress Ave, between Cinemark 14 Theater and TooJay's. Every Sun noon-5 pm. Free. 736-7900; boyntonbeachmall.com
Delray Beach GreenMarket, every Saturday, Old School Square Park, 50 NE 2nd Ave, one block north of Atlantic Ave. Fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music, children's activities. 9am-2pm. Through 5/17. 276-7511; delraycra.org
Lake Worth Farmer's Market, every Saturday, Old Bridge Park, 10 S Ocean Blvd, Lake Worth. 9 am-1 pm. Through 4/29. Free. 547-3100; lakeworthfarmersmarket.com

tigers and their habitat. Registration includes admission to the Zoo + three ½-price coupons for friends/family. No strollers/rollerblades/skateboards/bicycles/pets/animals. 6-7 am packet pick-up; 7:30-9 am 5K. \$20-\$40. 283-1427; palmbeachzoo.org
5/20 - Family Fun Day at Wilson Park, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Pool activities, family basketball, field games, big truck display. 10 am-1 pm. Free. 742-6640; boynton-beach.org
5/20 - Annual Hospice by the Sea Regatta hosted by Lauderdale Yacht Club, Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club and Gulfstream Sailing Club. 12-mile course just off the shores of Fort Lauderdale Beach. 11 am race begins; 6 pm post-race awards ceremony/celebration at Coral Ridge Yacht Club. \$120/vessel; \$75/ceremony & celebration. 494-6884; hpbccf.org
5/20 - Armed Forces Day at Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Honoring our nation's military history and county veterans. 11 am-2 pm. Free. 832-4164; historicalsocietypbc.org
5/20 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Delray Beach & Boynton Beach conducted by Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from Macy's (outside East Entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave. 4-hour tour includes bus/walking tour, food sampling, visits to historical/cultural sites. Held again 5/27. Year-round, rain or shine. Reservations: \$50-\$60/adult & senior citizen; free/child under 18. 243-2662; tastehistoryculinarytours.org
5/20 - The Way of Tea: Sado Demonstration at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Observe Japanese sado, an ever-changing tea ceremony rich in subtleties. Noon, 1 pm, 2 pm & 3 pm. \$5 w/paid museum admission. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org
5/20 - Civic Engagement: Best Practices for Activism at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org
5/20 - Sets In The West Neighborhood Block Party on Historic NW 5th Avenue in front of the Spady Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Live entertainment, graffiti artist, kid's corner, local performances, displays, food vendors. 5-9 pm. Free. 278-0424; setsinthewestdelray.com
5/20 - Always Delray Community Workshop: Grow at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St. Community workshop on creation of city's new comprehensive plan. 5:45-9 pm. Free. 243-7040; alwaysdelray.com

5/20 - Annie Mack at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Blues singer/songwriter. 8 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org
5/20 - Havana Nights Presents Latin Dance Party with Cachet Band at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 8 pm-midnight. \$10/includes first house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

MAY 21-27

Sunday - 5/21 - Palm Beach County Great Strides at Great Lawn Lake Pavilion, 101 S Flagler Dr, West Palm Beach. 5k run/walk benefits Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Walk, children's activities, food, more. Family fare. 8 am register; 9 am walk. Walk to raise funds. 683-9965; palmbeach.cff.org
5/21 - Concert: Trillium Piano Trio part of Music At St. Paul's series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. \$20/preferred seating; \$15/regular seating; \$5/student. 276-4541; music.stpaulsdelray.org
5/21 - Boca Talk: Davira Taragin: Dissolving Boundaries in Today's Art: Putting the Glasstress Exhibitions in Perspective at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 3-4 pm. \$10/non-member. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org
5/21 - The Sunday Sleuths Book Group: The Passenger by Lisa Lutz at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com
Monday - 5/22 - A Framework for Utopia part of Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:30 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org
5/22 - Orhan's Inheritance by Aline Ohanesian part of Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org
Tuesday - 5/23 - The Story Hour by Thrity Umrigar part of Book Club discussion by Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org
5/23 - Smart Talk for Women: Getting To The Decision Maker: By First Defining Your Ideal Client at Seasons 52, 2300 NW Executive Center Dr, Boca Raton. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$30/member; \$50/non-member. 395-4433; bocaratonchamber.com
5/23 - Cantor Stephanie Shore in Concert at Congregation B'nai Israel VIP Ballroom, 2200 Yamato Rd. 7:30-8:30 pm. \$5/non-member. 241-8118; cbiboca.org
5/23 - Jim Caruso's Cast Party at The Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Cabaret night enlivened by an impromptu variety show. Participants sign in with their sheet music and wait to be called up on stage. 8-10:30 pm. \$35. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org
Wednesday - 5/24 - Doyle Auctioneers Consignment Day at select locations. Schedule a complimentary auction appraisal with Florida Representative Collin Albertsson: 322-6795; DoyleFL@Doyle.com
5/24 - Sell Your Stuff on Ebay at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org
5/24 - Bleecker Street and Beyond: The Greenwich Village Music Scene of the 60's at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Lyrics to songs projected for audience sing-along. Part of Feelin' Groovy: Musical Backstories series. 2 pm. \$25. 272-1281 x4; delraybeachplayhouse.com
5/24 - Community Cabaret at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Calling all singers, dancers, musicians, comedians; performers must register in advance. 7 pm. \$5. 347-3900; willowtheatre.org
5/24 - SHINE All Arts Open Mic Monthly Showcase at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Bring a song, poem, rap, riff, jam with live house band. BYOB, 9 pm. \$10. 450-6357; artsgarage.org
Thursday - 5/25 - Free Screening: Lincoln /Center's Tribute to Frank Sinatra at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us
5/25 - 6th Annual Pairings Food + Wine Event presented by WPB Downtown

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MAY 29

Memorial Day Commemorative Ceremony at Boca Raton Cemetery, 449 SW 4th Ave. Veterans groups, music by Ft. Lauderdale Highlanders, Boca Raton Community High School Band, ROTC drills, Boca Raton Police & Fire Honor Guard. 9 am. Free. 393-7995; myboca.us

Memorial Day 2017 hosted by Palm Beach County Veterans Committee, Inc. at South Florida National Cemetery, 6501 S State Rd 7, Lantana. Free parking & shuttle at Target, 5900 S State Rd 7, Lantana. 10 am. Free. pbcveteranscommittee.org

12th Annual Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Memorial Day Service: A Day to Remember at Palm Beach Memorial Park, 3691 Seacrest Blvd, Lantana. Keynote Speaker Battle of the Bulge Survivor George Fisher. Wreath presentation, service, refreshments. 11:50 am-1:50 pm. Free. 588-9546; forgotten-soldiers.org

Memorial Day Concert at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. New Gardens Band's Indian River Pops Orchestra. Bring blankets/chairs; chairs for rent \$2. Food/beverage available for purchase. No coolers or outside alcoholic beverages permitted. Rain or shine. 7 pm. Free. 393-7995; myboca.us



Friday - 6-2 - En Pointe: Classical Ballet Competition at Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 9 am-3 pm. Free. 917-797-6653; nsalfloridaeast.org

6/2 - Canasta Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Basic techniques: how to count points, keep score, play of the hand. Couples and singles welcome. Each player required to purchase four decks of cards (2 red, 2 blue) + canasta tray, bring to first class. Every F through 6/23 10:15 am-12:15 pm. \$50/resident; \$63/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

6/2 - First Friday Art Walk at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Current exhibits, wine/cheese, then make your way to other participating galleries on Atlantic Avenue, in Pineapple Grove, Artists Alley. 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

6/2 - Movies in the Park: School of Rock at Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Food/beverages available for purchase. 1st F Oct-Jun 8 pm. Free. 600-9093; catchboynton.com

6/2 - Free Friday Concert: Motowners (Motown Hits) at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Gourmet food trucks, cash bar. Bring lawn chairs and blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. Weather permitting. 7:30-10:30 pm. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; delraycenterforthearts.org

Saturday - 6/3 - Delray Beach Summer Green Market Opens at The Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. Farm-to-fork produce, citrus, juice, artisan baked goods, unique gourmet fare, more. 9 am-noon. Free. 276-7511; delraygreenmarket.com

6/3 - Puppy Kindergarten Class at Boca Raton Community Center Annex, 260 Crawford Blvd. Every Sat through 7/8. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$95/resident; \$119/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

6/3 - Invite the Unexpected: A Community Outreach Workshop with Mike O'Mara at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 12:30 pm. \$10/person. 868-2063; palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

6/3 - Gallery Talk: Celebrate Raoul Dufy at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 2 pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

6/3 - Arabian Nights presented by Downtown Dance at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 2 & 7 pm. \$15/advance; \$20/at the door. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

6/3 - Walk to End Lupus Now & Wellness Expo at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 1.2-mile route w/option to shorten route to suit needs/abilities. 4 pm registration & wellness expo; 5:30 pm ceremony/walk. Walk to raise funds. Registration: 279-8606; lupus.org/florida

6/3 - A Taste of Recovery Culinary Festival at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Hosted by Chef Louie Bossi of Big Time Restaurant Group. Benefits Crossroads Clubs. 6-10 pm. \$40. 855-525-2899.

6/3 - Trevor Noah at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Host of The Daily Show on Comedy Central. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$39.50. 832-7469; kravis.org

Development Authority in downtown West Palm Beach (various locations). Diners receive samples of popular menu items at each participating restaurant; portion of proceeds benefits Best Buddies Palm Beach. 5:30-9 pm. \$25/advance; \$30/day of event. 833-8873; downtownwpb.com

5/25 - Canvas & Cocktails at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Create art; enjoy wine, craft beer, signature cocktail. 7-9 pm. \$35/includes materials & one drink ticket. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

5/25 - Blues on the Square presents Gabe Stillman and The Billtown Giants at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 7:30 pm. \$5/at the gate; \$5/beer. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

Friday - 5/26 - Saving Space on Your Apple Device at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 393-7902; bocalibrary.org

5/26 - Gallery Talk: Celebrate Dorothea Lange at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 11 am & 2 pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

5/26 - The Truth About Tillie at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Part of Studio Theatre series. 2 pm. \$25. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

5/26 - Free Friday Concert: Rod Stewart Experience (Tribute) at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Gourmet food trucks, cash bar. Bring lawn chairs and blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. Weather permitting. 7:30-10:30 pm. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; delraycenterforthearts.org

5/26-28 - Glass Quest 2017: Guiding Art Glass Into Tomorrow ... and Beyond at 522 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Weekend of education, inspiration, engagement for glass enthusiasts. F 4-8 pm; Sat 8 am-7 pm; Sun 10 am. \$350. 585-9011; mcmow.com/glass-quest-2017

Saturday - 5/27 - Food Truck Safari Night at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Explore the zoo, enjoy zookeeper talks, live music, cash bar, food for purchase. 4:30-9 pm. \$9-\$10/adult; \$6-\$7/child (3-12 yrs); free/child under 3. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

5/27 - The Elvis Presley Dinner Show at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm music. \$10/includes first house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

5/27-28 - 20th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Craft Festival at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. Juried outdoor craft showcase, original crafts, green market, crafts. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 746-6615; artfestival.com

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Sunday - 5/28 - Donna Summer: A Musical Journey at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Features her sister Mary Gaines Bernard. 7 pm. \$100/VIP; \$50/premium; \$20/general; \$5/chair rental. 243-7922 x1; oldschoool.org

5/28 - Peter & The Wolf and Other Ballets by Boca Ballet Theatre at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 6:30 pm doors open; 7:30 pm show. Free. \$5/chair rentals. 995-0709; bocaballet.org

Monday - 5/29 - Memorial Day 5/29 - Lucky Peterson at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Lead guitarist, organist, first-rate blues vocalist. 7 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

5/29 - We're A Blue Star Museum at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Free admission to the nation's active duty military personnel including National Guard and Reserve and their families through Labor Day 9/4 as part of the Blue Star Museums program. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

5/29-31 - Our Hearts Belong to Mary! Broadway's Most Beloved Leading Lady at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950

NW 9th St. Part of Musical Memories series. Held again 6/5-7. 2 & 8 pm. \$30. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Tuesday - 5/30 - Planes, Trains, Automobiles and Cruise Ships at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7902; bocalibrary.org

5/30-6/1 - I've Heard That Song Before: Broadway's Most Popular Jukebox Musicals at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Part of Musical Memories series. Held again 6/6-8. 2 & 8 pm. \$30. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Wednesday - 5/31 - Intermediate 3D Fundamentals at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/31 - Dog Obedience Class at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton. Every W through 7/5. Puppy kindergarten (dogs 10 weeks-5 months old) 6:30-7:30 pm; beginner dog class 7:30-8:30 pm. \$95/resident; \$117/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

Thursday - 6/1 - Alzheimer's Poetry Project at Sunrise Assisted Living, Brighton Gardens, 6341 Via De Sonrisa Del Sur, Boca Raton. 10:30 am. Free. palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

6/1 - 14th Annual Big Red Apple Scholarship Luncheon & Silent Auction at Kravis Center Cohen Pavilion, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Hosted by Women's Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County. 21 scholarships awarded to deserving women & girls. 11 am auction; noon luncheon. \$70/member; \$80/future member; \$100/at the door. 659-0285; womenschamber.biz

6/1 - First Thursday Site Tours at Cornell Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. History of Delray Beach slide show, tour of the historic site. 11 am & 1 pm. \$5/at door. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

6/1 - Lunch with Rick Mace at Cafe Boulud, 301 Australian Ave, Palm Beach. Part of The Society of the Four Arts Summer Chef Series. Exclusive 3-course luncheon and intimate conversation. 12:30 pm. \$75. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

6/1 - Opening Reception at Artists' Guild Gallery, 512 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Wine/dessert. 6-8 pm. Free. 278-7877; bocaguild.com

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House of the Month
A Golden Harbour gem in Boca Raton. Page H19



Peace... calm... nature

ABOVE: Mangrove islands and breakwaters of the Snook Islands Natural Area — islands built by Palm Beach County to improve water quality and wildlife habitat. Lake Worth Municipal Golf Course is at left. Photo by Palm Beach County



A kayaker paddles around the Snook Islands Natural Area. Willie Howard/The Coastal Star

Paddling the habitats of Lake Worth Lagoon

By Willie Howard

Paddling a kayak quietly around the man-made islands of the Lake Worth Lagoon between Palm Beach and Lake Worth offers paddlers a refreshing dose of nature, despite occasional distractions from the surrounding urban jungle.

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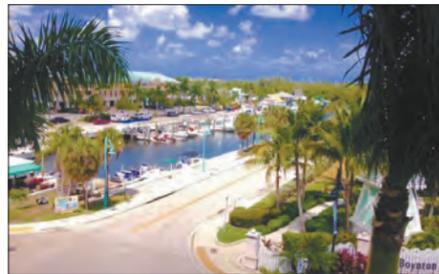
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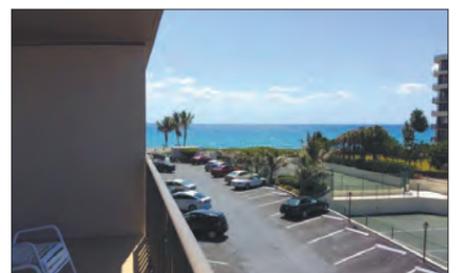
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Paws Up for Pets

Paw Pal dogs aim to bring peace, joy to hospice patients

Some dogs are born agility stars blessed with athletic prowess to weave in and out among poles, dash up ramps and wiggle quickly through tunnels. Others earn respect for chasing down criminal suspects and detecting hidden caches of drugs as K-9 police officers. Some dogs live to shine in the spotlight at best of breed shows or dog obedience competitions.

Then there are special dogs like Einstein and Dixie, a pair of basset hounds who waddle into a room and illuminate smiles and inner joy in people whose time left is counted in months, weeks or days.

Einstein and Dixie are poster dogs for the Paw Pal program for VITAS Healthcare, a national hospice company that has a center in Boynton Beach. Their well-mannered temperaments and easygoing natures make them ideal to spend time with hospice patients and their families.

And Palm Beach County needs more of such dogs.

“A large population of elderly living here in assisted living or nursing facilities have had to give up their dogs prior to coming to these facilities, or have fond memories of their childhood dogs,” says Gayle Stevens, volunteer services manager of the VITAS volunteer program for Palm Beach County and a registered nurse. “Many of them or their families request for us to bring a dog to visit them. Our Paw Pal dogs often serve as a distraction from their illnesses and help people feel a little less lonely.”

Interested? Does your dog possess the right qualities? The Paw Pal program seeks dogs who are healthy and current on vaccinations, well groomed, free of fleas and ticks, understand



A VITAS patient enjoys an up close and personal visit from a Paw Pal dog. Photo provided by VITAS Healthcare

and obey basic obedience commands, and warm up easily and quickly to people of all ages in a variety of locations.

Dog owners must undergo background checks, agree to be fingerprinted and must be willing to volunteer with their dogs for a couple of hours a week. To learn more, visit www.vitas.com/hospice-care-services/paw-pals-pet-therapy or email Stevens at gayle.stevens@vitas.com.

Doggie duo brings joy

Einstein and Dixie can be found most Tuesdays at assisted living facilities, hospitals and private homes sporting their official Paw Pal identification badges and eye-catching purple bandanas. They make their rounds with their owners, Nancy and Marty Cohen, a

retired Lake Worth couple.

For 25 years, Nancy Cohen saved lives as a paramedic and then a nurse. Now, joined by her husband, Einstein and Dixie, she is there for those nearing the end of their lives.

“Einstein is definitely a clown who does his best to get people to engage with him,” Cohen says. “Dixie is calm and quiet. She has a way of getting people to pet her, and if they stop, she gently noses their hands to continue receiving pets.”

Cohen adopted the pair from a basset hound rescue group.

During a recent home visit to see a man in the late stages of Alzheimer’s disease, Nancy entered the living room to see the man in a recliner with his eyes closed. Quietly, the man’s wife let Nancy know that her

husband had not responded to anything recently.

“I gently placed Einstein on a footstool next to the recliner and placed the man’s hand on Einstein’s head and ears. He started to smile and his wife told me she could not remember the last time he had smiled,” Cohen recalls.

During another home visit — this time to see a retired teacher with Parkinson’s disease — Dixie confidently walked up to the teacher to be petted and then boldly walked into her kitchen to take in scents of food.

“The teacher was clearly amused by Dixie and seemed to know that with basset hounds, the nose is everything,” Cohen says. “Dixie has very soulful eyes and she quickly endears herself to everyone she meets.”

Stevens also expressed her appreciation for dogs like Leahla, a 5-year-old Shih Tzu-poodle mix belonging to Bonnie McKay of West Palm Beach, and Sarah, a beagle belonging to William Merkle of Boynton Beach.

“Bonnie brought Leahla to see a woman with multiple sclerosis. The disease had progressed to the point that she could not move anything but her hands,” Stevens says. “Bonnie placed Leahla on a blanket on the bed and helped the woman position her hand so it could move up and down Leahla. She made the woman smile.”

She continues, “We got an urgent call from a social worker

for a patient with end-stage lung disease who desperately wanted a dog to visit him. In walks William with Sarah, and the man proclaimed, ‘Oh my gosh! I had a dream about a beagle visiting me. This is wonderful.’”

Most patients whom Einstein visits are unaware that glaucoma has robbed this 12-year-old of sight in his right eye and that he can see only shadows in his left. They just notice that Einstein hangs closely to the right side of Cohen.

“Einstein regards me as his safety net when we enter a new place or room, but he still enjoys performing tricks for the clients and their families,” she says. “As he was going blind, we taught him the map of our house, how to move forward, back up, step up, step down and slow down. He is a very good learner and definitely lives up to his name.”

It is clear that Einstein has the right qualities to be a perfect Paw Pal ambassador.

Arden Moore, founder of FourLeggedLife.com, is an animal behavior consultant, editor, author, professional speaker and master certified pet first aid instructor. She hosts the popular *Oh Behave!* show

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Health & Harmony

Boca Raton family works with county parks to assure SafeSun fun

It's one of those ideas so simple, so obvious, so vital, that it's a wonder somebody didn't think of it sooner: Put free sunscreen dispensers in local parks, making it easy for people to protect themselves from sun damage and skin cancers.

The sunscreen dispensers are the result of a partnership among the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department, the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation in West Palm Beach and SafeSun, a nonprofit organization founded by a Boca Raton family.

For all of them, it's personal. "We would really like to get them in more parks, playgrounds and soccer fields," said Fran Nachlas, a surgical nurse who founded SafeSun with her husband, Nathan, a reconstructive surgeon. "There should be sunscreen for the kids. There's no reason not to."

The couple's four children all played at parks and sports fields.

In their professional roles, Fran and Nathan Nachlas work to repair the effects of melanoma. The cancer has touched their personal lives. Nathan lost an uncle, age 50, to melanoma. He has had skin cancers removed from his legs, a result of sun exposure in his teens.

"We don't want people to give money for staples and paper," said Fran, who grew up in Delray Beach and attended Atlantic Community High School. The Nachlas family lives in Boca Raton and Nathan practices there. "We wanted to make an impact for local charities. It's very personal."

Working through the Kann Melanoma Foundation, SafeSun sponsored the installation and maintenance of a sunscreen dispenser at South Inlet Park on the beach in Boca Raton.

Fran and Nathan Nachlas founded SafeSun in 2012. Both are runners and triathletes, so since 2013 SafeSun has sponsored Run From the Rays, a series of races in Boca Raton that have raised \$143,000. They also sponsor a local Martinis for Melanoma fundraiser.

Their four children participate in activities to raise awareness of skin cancers, such as working with Students Against Melanoma and providing information about sun damage to after-school kids clubs.

SafeSun also contributes to the dermatology clinic at Caridad Center, west of Boynton Beach, which treats a number of workers exposed daily to the sun. Fran and Nathan Nachlas contribute to the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa and the Lynn Cancer Institute in Delray Beach.

Four years ago, Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation started a sun safety campaign with posters and information kiosks at pools,



Nathan and Fran Nachlas, of Boca Raton, with the SafeSun sunscreen dispenser they installed at South Inlet Park. Nathan, a reconstructive surgeon who operates on people's faces after melanoma removal, and Fran, a nurse, founded SafeSun, a not-for-profit venture, with their four children five years ago. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

beaches and water parks, said Laurie Schobelock, aquatics director of the department.

When she found out about the sunscreen dispensers, Schobelock worked to get the first one installed at Okeehchee Golf Course. Now other dispensers are at Coconut Cove Waterpark in Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park, North County Aquatic Complex, Juno Beach Park Pier and Ocean Cay Park.

Since there are more than 80 regional, district, community, beach and neighborhood parks in the Palm Beach County system, where children and adults play and picnic under the blistering Florida sun, the partners are hoping other groups and individuals will join them in sponsoring more

dispensers, which cost about \$500 each.

The dispensers provide a thick, high-quality organic product that does not harm marine life, said Schobelock, who uses the product when she visits Juno Pier. Though she generally doesn't make a big deal of it, Schobelock says she, too, is a melanoma survivor.

"I was a person who grew up in and on the water — on the gulf coast of Alabama, Perdido Bay — and I've been in Florida 35 years. For me, it's kayaking and paddleboarding."

When Schobelock was 28, "my mother noticed a mole on the back of my knee, about the size of the end of my pinky finger. She bugged me until I went to the dermatologist, because my father had had some

squamous cells."

The back of a woman's knee, a spot seldom looked at, is a common site for a cancerous spot to develop, Schobelock's oncologist told her.

Fran Nachlas constantly monitors how her family's donations are being spent, and chose the Kann Foundation because she approves of the organization's careful use of money.

"I'm not just handing over money blindly," she said. "I know where every penny goes."

Putting sunblock and preventive messages at beaches and parks locates these resources exactly where there are young people, those most vulnerable to skin cancers and most in need of skin cancer education, she said.

"People get most of their sunburns before age 18," said Fran Nachlas. "Skin cancer is preventable. It's sad when it doesn't really have to happen."

For more information about sun safety, visit www.pbcspash.com. To sponsor a sunblock dispenser, or for information about melanoma, contact the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation at 655-9655 or melanomafoundation.com.

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Health Notes

Delray Medical Center pharmacy buyer honored for dedication, cost-cutting

Delray Medical Center honored pharmacy buyer **Lourdes Black** by inducting her into the Tenet Heroes Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Dallas. Black led the development of a supply-chain strategy that saved Tenet's Miami-Dade market \$4 million in

2016. Her process is scheduled for companywide rollout soon. She also organizes departmental food and clothing drives to help less

fortunate colleagues and community members. Black assisted a colleague by organizing, decorating and paying for her wedding, which would not have been possible without Black's support. Tenet Heroes are nominated by their hospitals' leadership teams and selected based on their dedication to patients, colleagues and communities.

Boca Raton Regional Hospital has formed a chapter of Mended Hearts, a national organization made up of the kind of people it serves —

heart patients, their families and others affected by heart disease. Mended Hearts promotes a positive patient-care experience, offering services to heart patients through visiting programs, support group meetings and educational forums. At its support groups, members listen, share their experiences and learn from health care professionals. They also volunteer to talk to other heart patients about what they may face, including lifestyle changes, depression, recovery and treatment. Support group meetings

will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Volunteer Board Room at Boca Raton Regional, 800 Meadows Road. Members should ask for directions to the room from the representative in the hospital's main lobby rotunda. If you're interested in joining the support group or helping others affected by heart disease, contact Miriam Caban, registered nurse, at mcaban@brrh.com. Mended Hearts of Boca Raton is supported by the charitable intentions of Dr. Allan and Eileen Kaplan.

Facial plastic surgeon **Jacob D. Steiger** was named a Castle Connolly 2017 Top Doctor. Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. publishes America's Top Doctors, who are nominated by their peers through a survey process and then screened by the Castle Connolly physician-led research team.

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Health & Harmony Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 4/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

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Saturday - 5/6 - Saturdays @ Sanborn: Tai Chi Class presented by Kung Fu & Tai Chi Boca Raton at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 8 am class. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

5/6 - Saturdays @ Sanborn: Yoga Class at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 8:45 am registration; 9 am class. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

5/6 - Kemeti Yoga at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Calming, therapeutic yoga using ancient postures/teachings. Bring yoga mat, water; wear comfortable clothing. Sat 9-10:30 am. \$10/person. 279-8883; spadmuseum.com

5/6 - Qi Gong at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Ancient Chinese system of exercise, meditation. Improve flexibility, balance, muscle tone, energy, mental well-being. Adults. Sat 9 am. Free introductory class. \$40/month. Reservations: 419-5403; facebook.com/WestBocaTaiChi

5/6 - Yoga Class at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton. T 6:30-8 pm; T/Th/Sat 9:30-11 am. 5 classes \$75/resident, \$94/non-resident; 10 classes \$130/resident, \$162.50/non-resident; 20 classes \$240/resident, \$300/non-resident. 477-8727; myboca.us

5/6 - Tai Chi/Chi Kung/Meditation Class at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Every Sat intermediate 9:30-10:30 am; beginner 10:45-11:45 am. Per class \$15/resident; \$17 non-resident. 243-7250; mydelraybeach.com

5/6 - Judo Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Warm up exercises, instruction, practice, tournament training. W 6:30-8 pm mixed ages & ranks, 8-9 pm advanced; Sat 10 am-noon all groups. Per month \$21.50/resident; \$27/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

5/6 - Yoga at the Beach at Red Reef Park West (Intracoastal side), 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Register/get parking pass at Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Classes held on grass overlooking the Intracoastal. No cash accepted on-site. 1st & 3rd Sat 10 am. \$10/class; 60-day membership (unlimited classes) \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

5/6 - Capoeira Fitness at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Age 12 & up. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

5/6 - Zumba Class at South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N State Rd 1A, Boca Raton. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

5/6 - Family Yoga at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Breathing exercises, relaxation techniques, yoga, poses for concentration, balance, flexibility, meditation, lessons in self-acceptance, positive thinking. Open to extended family and caregivers. Every Sat through 5/27 11:15 am-12:15 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/nonresident. 393-7807; myboca.us

5/6 - Chair Yoga at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 1 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

5/6 - CA (Cocaine Anonymous) at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

5/6-7 - Yoga Class at South Palm Beach Town

Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Sat/Sun 9:30 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

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Sunday - 5/7 - Childbirth Express: A Day Full of Fun & Learning at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 10 am-4 pm. \$50/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHInc.org

5/7 - Yoga at the Beach at Red Reef Park East, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Register/get parking pass at Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. No cash accepted on-site. W/Sun 6:30 pm. \$10/class; 60-day membership (unlimited classes) \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

5/7 - CODA (Codependents Anonymous) at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Sun 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Monday - 5/8 - Fitness on the Beach at Delray Beach at lifeguard stand North I across from the Marriott at 10 N Ocean Blvd. Bring a towel, plenty of water, a can-do attitude. Age 18+. M/W/F 7:30-8:30 am. \$10/class. 502-523-0284; mydelraybeach.com

5/8 - SoulCore at St. Vincent Ferrer Kelleghan Hall, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Contemporary 1-hour core workout paired w/prayers of the rosary. Every M/W through school year 7:50 am. Free. 665-8566; stvincentferrer.com

5/8 - Circuit Training: Workout for Mom at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Circuit-based workout targets multiple muscle groups to build lean muscles. Modifications accommodate pregnant moms/beginner to advanced fitness levels. M/T/Th 8:30-9:20 am. 4 classes \$40-\$50; 8 classes \$70-\$88; 12 classes \$100-\$125, 15 classes \$125-\$156. 306-6985; fitmomboca@aol.com

5/8 - Adult Jazzercise Lo at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Workout targets 3 major muscle groups: upper body, abs, legs. M/T/F 9-10 am. 12 months \$39/month; 6 months \$49/month; \$25 membership fee. 400-1268; lisajar@comcast.net

5/8 - Flow Yoga Class at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Slow intuitive vinyasa flow class. M/F 9-10:30 am. \$15/class; \$60/5 classes. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

5/8 - Chi Kung & Meditation at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. All ages. M 9-10 am. Per class \$15/resident; \$16/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/8 - Yoga Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. M 9:30 am. Free. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

5/8 - Get Fit Mom's Boot Camp at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Circuit-based workout incorporates cardio exercises, strength training, running drills, body weight resistance training, agility drills, core strengthening. M/T/Th 9:30-10:20 am. 4 classes \$40-\$50; 8 classes \$70-\$88; 12 classes \$100-\$125, 15 classes \$125-\$156. 306-6985; fitmomboca@aol.com

5/8 - Yin Yoga Wellness Classes with Rassika Sabine Bourgi at Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Bring mat; check in at Dixon Education Building. Every M through 5/31/17 9:30-10:30 am. \$20/session. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

5/8 - Yoga Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. M/W/F 9:30-11 am. 5 classes \$75/resident, \$94/non-resident; 10 classes \$130/resident, \$162.50/non-resident; 20 classes \$240/resident, \$300/non-resident.

477-8727; myboca.us
5/8 - Chair Massage at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every M 10 am-noon. \$10/10-minute session. Appointments recommended: 278-5455; highlandbeach.us
5/8 - Tai Chi for Beginners at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Every M 10-11 am. Per class \$15/resident; \$20/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/8 - Stretch at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. M/W 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$10/non-member. Registration: 243-7360; delraytennis.com

5/8 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Improve balance, flexibility, muscle strength. Every M 11:30 am-12:30 pm; W 2-3 pm. 1st class free. 8 classes \$32/resident, \$40/non-resident; 16 classes \$60/resident, \$75/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

5/8 - Surgical Weight Loss: The Next Step to a Healthier You at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 2nd M 5 pm. Free. 853-1600; publicrelations@BHInc.org

5/8 - Exercise Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 5:30 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org
5/8 - Meditation Mondays at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Meditate to enhance overall health, well-being. Every M 6 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

5/8 - Yoga @ the Library at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every M through 5/29 6-7:30 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

5/8 - Boca Raton Multiple Myeloma Support Group at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Meet, interact with fellow myeloma patients, their family members, friends. Learn new aspects of treatment/management of myeloma. 1st M 6:30-8 pm. Free. 901-5938; 637-4682; myeloma.org

5/8 - Men's Issues Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every M 6:30-8 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

Tuesday - 5/9 - Women's Issues Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every T 10-11:30 am. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

5/9 - Silver Sneakers Cardio Strength Sr. Gold Class at Personal Physician Care Community Center, 4800 Linton Blvd #F-111, Delray Beach. Every T/Th 10-11 am. \$5/class. 808-7743; ppcare.net

5/9 - Exercise: Activity with Wonderful Side Effects! presented by Mike Cortese, MS, PT, OCS, ATC; part of Bethesda Hospital East Be Healthy, Be Well Program at Delray Community Wellness Center, 4800 Linton Blvd #F-11. 10 am. Free. Register: 808-7743; publicrelations@BHInc.org

5/9 - Yoga at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Bring a yoga mat. Every T/Th 10:15 am. \$10/session. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us
5/9 - Community Acupuncture Session at Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute, 690 Meadows Rd. Held again 5/17 & 23. 11 am-2 pm (sessions approximately 30 minutes). \$20-\$25. 955-4949; WIPProgram@brrh.com

5/9 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Every T noon-1:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brrh.com
5/9 - Neighbor2Neighbor hosted by Morselife at Temple Sinai, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Resources to help seniors live with better health, safety, independence. 2nd & 4th T 3-4 pm. Free. 531-9844; morselife.org/

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5/9 - Tai Chi at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 3 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

5/9 - Yoga with Cara at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Slow, intuitive vinyasa flow class. Th 9-10:15 am; T 3:30-4:45 pm. \$15/class; \$60/5 classes. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

5/9 - Community Consciousness with Marisol Yoga at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. T/Th 5:15-6:15 pm. \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/9 - Tai Chi Class at Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute, 690 Meadows Rd. Every T/Th 6-7:15 pm. \$20/session. 955-7227; WIPProgram@brrh.com

5/9 - Al-Anon 12-Step Study at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every T 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

5/9 - Food Addicts Anonymous at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every T 7 pm. Free. 742-2121; foodaddictsanonymous.org

Wednesday - 5/10 - CPR Class (American Heart Association Heartsaver/AED) at Ocean Rescue Headquarters, 340 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Open to all Delray Beach residents, taught by AHA CPR-certified Ocean Rescue. Topics include activating the emergency response system; adult, child, infant CPR; choking; defibrillation. CPR masks available for \$5 (recommended). Ages 12 & up. 1st W 9 am-12:30 pm. Free. 243-7425; mydelraybeach.com

5/10 - Tai Chi Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 9-10 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

5/10 - Yoga at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St, Delray Beach. Age 18 & up. Every W 9-10:30 am. Per class \$10/resident; \$15/nonresident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/10 - Hatha Yoga Wellness Classes with Rassika Sabine Bourgi at Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Bring mat; check in at Dixon Education Building. Every W through 5/31 9:30-10:30 am. \$20/session. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

5/10 - Shared Care at Temple Beth El, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. Interfaith respite program supported by Temple Beth El, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, and Grace Community Church. Every W 9:30 am-2:30 pm Sep-May. \$25/year. 391-8900; tbeboca.org

5/10 - Yoga Class at Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute, 690 Meadows Rd. W/F 10-11 am. \$10/class; \$50/6 classes. Registration: 955-7227; WIPProgram@brrh.com

5/10 - Al Anon Discussion Group at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

5/10 - Adult Coloring Club at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Carefree fun of childhood, de-stress with art therapy. Easy activity for those with memory problems. Use our coloring sheets or bring your own. Every W 1 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

5/10 - Moving Forward for Widows & Widowers: Support and Discussion Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every W 1-2:30 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

5/10 - AA Big Book Study at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every W 5:30 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

5/10 - Divorced and Separated Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every W 6-7:30 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

5/10 - Family and Friends at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, child and infant one-person CPR. Held again 5/17 & 27 (9-11 am). 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brrh.com

5/10 - Food Addicts Anonymous at The Crossroads Club, 1700 Lake Ida Rd, Delray Beach. Every W 7 pm. Free. 680-0724; foodaddictsanonymous.org

5/10 - Basics of Baby Care at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Basics of caring for your newborn taught by a registered nurse. 7:30-9:30 pm. \$40/couple. Registration: 955-4468; brrh.com

5/10 - Tai Chi Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Moving meditation for focus, concentration, release of stress, attention skills. Every W 6:10-7:10 pm beginners; 7:10-8:10 pm intermediate. 8 classes \$48/resident, \$60/non-resident; 12 classes \$66/resident, \$82/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

5/10-11 - Soulcore at St Mark Catholic Church, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Bring floor mat/ optional hand weights. Every W 6:30-7:30 pm & Thu 8:30-9:30 am. Free/donations accepted. R734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

Thursday - 5/11 - Bereavement Support Group at St Mark Catholic Church, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Every Th 2:30-3:30 pm. Free. Register: 735-3530; stmarkboynton.com

5/11 - Faulk Center Networking & Butterfly Release at 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. 5:30 pm. Free/donations appreciated. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

5/11 - Yoga Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every Th 6:30 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcboacaraton.org

5/11-12 - Zumba Gold at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St, Delray Beach. Age 18 & up. Th/F 9:30-10:30 am. Per class \$5/resident; \$6/nonresident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

Friday - 5/12 - Zumba Gold Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every F 9 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

5/12 - Pilates, Yoga, Floor Barre Wellness Classes with Rassika Sabine Bourgi at Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Bring mat; check in at Dixon Education Building. Every F through 5/31 9:30-10:30 am. \$20/session. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

5/12 - LGBTQ Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Joint program with Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services. Ages 18+. Every F Noon-1:15 pm. Registration: 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

5/12 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Every F 1-3:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brrh.com

5/12 - Open AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every F 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Saturday - 5/13 - Sibling Class at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Learn about their new role, the new baby joining their family. Decorate a onesie for new little brother or sister, celebrate with a birthday cupcake. Age 2-6; must be accompanied by parent. 10-11:30 am. \$20/parent & child; additional siblings \$10/each. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org

5/13 - Safe Baby: Prepare, Prevent & Respond Prenatal Class at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Increase awareness of safe practices, what to do in the event of an emergency. Held again 6/3. 2-3:30 pm. \$20/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHInc.org

MAY 14-20

Monday - 5/15 - Basic Exercise for Parkinson's Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Every M noon-1 pm & W 11:30 am-12:30 pm through 6/5. \$6/class. 367-7035; myboca.us

5/15 - A Gentle Chair Yoga Workshop featuring Kristine Lee at Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute, 690 Meadows Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Peaceful Mind Peaceful Life Series. 6 pm. \$15. 955-7227; WIPProgram@brrh.com

Tuesday - 5/16 - Big & Loud: Parkinson's Disease Exercise Program at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 292-4950; RLatino@BHInc.org

Wednesday - 5/17 - Alzheimer's Association Workshop: Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 1-2 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Thursday - 5/18 - Pregnancy Early Awareness at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 6-8:30 pm. \$15/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHInc.org

Saturday - 5/20 - One Day Childbirth Preparation Class at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Program prepares couples for the birth of their first child by discussing birthing options, practicing birthing skills. 9 am-4 pm. \$125/couple. Registration: 955-4468; brrh.com

MAY 21-27

Monday - 5/22 - Alzheimer's Association Workshop: Dementia Conversations at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 1-2 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

5/22 - The Future of Spine Diagnosis and Treatment presented by Pasquale Montesano, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon; part of Bethesda Hospital East Be Healthy, Be Well Program at Lantana Road Branch Library, 4020 Lantana Rd. 2 pm. Free. 304-4500; publicrelations@BHInc.org

5/22 - Zumba Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every M through 7/17. 7:30-8:30 pm. \$40/8-weeks. 393-7807; myboca.us

Wednesday - 5/24 - Finding Strength and Peace in Difficult Times featuring Barb Schmidt at Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute, 690 Meadows Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Peaceful Mind Peaceful Life Series. 6 pm. \$20. 955-7227; WIPProgram@brrh.com

MAY 28-JUNE 3

Tuesday - 5/30 - Robotic Knee Replacement presented by Elvis Grandic, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgeon, part of Ask the Physician Lecture Series at Bethesda Hospital East, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273; publicrelations@BHInc.org

Wednesday - 5/31 - The Importance of Peripheral Vascular Management in Wound Healing presented by Reagan Ross, M.D., General/Vascular Surgeon, part of Ask the Physician Lecture Series at Bethesda Hospital East, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273; publicrelations@BHInc.org

Saturday - 6/3 - Boot Camp for New Dads Class at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. 9 am-noon. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brrh.com

6/3 - Generations: A Grandparents Guide to Today's Parenting at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 10-11:30 am. \$20/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHInc.org

6/3 - Family Yoga at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Breathing exercises, relaxation techniques, poses for concentration, balance, flexibility, meditation, lessons in self-acceptance, positive thinking. Open to extended family and caregivers. Every Sat through 6/24 11:15 am-12:15 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/nonresident. 393-7807; myboca.us

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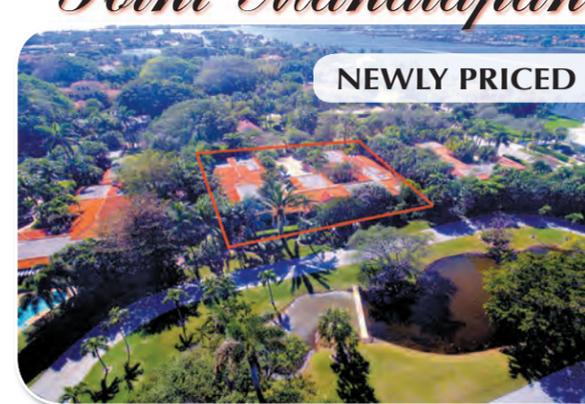
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Finding Faith

Music brought organist to God — and Delray Beach

Never underestimate the power of music. Paul Cienniwa's skills as an organist brought him to the church: Playing organ paid his bills when he was a struggling student and, in fact, organ-playing paid a lot better than the minimum wage he made in a sheet music store.

Music also brought Cienniwa to God. "The music converted me," said the newly hired director of music ministry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach.

But first, music brought Cienniwa east. Born and raised in a suburb of Chicago, Cienniwa earned a bachelor's degree from DePaul University before moving to New Haven, Conn., to attend the Yale School of Music. He earned a master of music degree in 1997, master of musical arts in 1998 and, finally, a doctorate of musical arts from Yale in 2003.

Now, after two decades in New England, Cienniwa is on the move again and he is thrilled. The position at St. Paul's seems tailor-made for the gregarious Cienniwa, who starts work June 1.

"It's overwhelming and wonderful and I can't wait," he said by phone from Fall River, Mass.

Cienniwa's career in New



Paul Cienniwa, who starts June 1 as St. Paul's Episcopal Church's music ministry director, says 'music can touch people who aren't religious. It's a spiritual experience.' Photo provided

England sometimes had him in the car for four hours a day, with his hand in pies in Boston, Providence and places in between.

He had been serving as chorus master of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, directing the chorus at Framingham State University, lecturing at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth and teaching piano at the Music School of the Rhode Island Philharmonic.

He also played organ and harpsichord regularly with the Rhode Island Philharmonic and the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra. He performed on a weekly radio show at WERS 88.9 FM in Boston.

Cienniwa and his wife, Jacqueline Maillet, a middle school music teacher, were ready for a change. But Cienniwa said potential employers were often intimidated by his full plate.

Until he met the leadership at St. Paul's. "They got it," Cienniwa said.

But there was one more hurdle. Cienniwa's wife of just three years had three adult children and a grandchild living in New England, and he didn't want to ask her to leave them. He didn't have to. She told him, "Go for it. It's perfect for you."

She will join him here.

Taking on the position of music director at St. Paul's is like taking on a mantle.

Cienniwa is following a legacy left by Dr. Keith Paulson-Thorp, who served as the director of music ministry for more than 10 years and expanded the popular concert series originally founded by Stuart Gardner.

Thorp introduced jazz concerts and klezmer, which brought more people to the church, and founded La Camerata del Re, a consortium of South Florida musicians who perform with

Hear Cienniwa play at St. Paul's Church

Paul Cienniwa will perform his first South Florida concert, French Sweets on harpsichord, at 3 p.m. June 11 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. The program will include suites by Francois Couperin, Johann Sebastian Bach and Jean-Philippe Rameau.

Cienniwa is looking forward to his first performance here. "My duty to the art is to be as good as I possibly can and leave the rest up to the audience," he said.

Tickets: \$15 at the door, \$18 for preferred seating, \$5 for students.

Info: Call 278-6003 or visit www.stpaulsdelray.org.

instruments authentic to the time period of each piece.

Now Cienniwa will add his flavor to the program.

"I plan to move quite slowly," he said. "Music is an outreach. It's a gateway drug to bring people to church. Music can touch people who aren't religious. It's a spiritual experience."

One thing he does plan to do is start a children's choir. "It's the No. 1 thing I want to do," he said. "I want to engage children in the religious experience. And if I can get kids and carry them through their teenage years, what a wonderful thing."

Janis Fontaine writes about people of faith, their congregations, causes and community events. Contact her at janisfontaine@outlook.com.



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Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 4/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

MAY 6

Saturday 5/6 – Catholic Grandparents Meeting at Ascension Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. All welcome. 1st Sat 10-11:30 am. Held again 6/3. Free. 289-2640; diocesepb.org

MAY 7-13

Sunday - 5/7 - Bagels, Lox and Tefillin Club at Chabad of Delray Beach, 7495 W Atlantic Ave. Morning services including donning of tefillin and a torah thought from Rabbi Shalom Korf. Bagels/lox served. Chabad membership not required. 1st & 3rd Sun 9-9:30 am (follows 8 am service). Free. Reservations/donations appreciated: 496-6228; chabaddelray.com

Monday - 5/8 - Monday Morning Women's Bible Study at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every M 10-11:30 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

5/8 - Women's Bible Study at Seacrest Presbyterian Church Conference Room, 2703 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every M 10 am. Free. 276-5633; seacrestchurch.com

5/8 - Rosary for Peace at St Vincent Ferrer Adoration Chapel, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every M 7 pm. Free. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

Tuesday - 5/9 - Lectio Divina (Divine Prayer) at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation, prayer. Every T 9-10 am. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

5/9 - Rector's Bible Study at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every T 10:30 am; Th 7-8:30 pm. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

5/9 - St Mark Bible Study at St Mark Catholic Church St Clare Room, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Every T 7-8 pm. Nominal fee/free-will offering for study guide. Register: 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

Wednesday - 5/10 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church Bible Study at Panera, 1701 S Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. Read, discuss upcoming Lesson & Gospel readings. Every W 8-9 am. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

5/10 - Legion of Mary at St Mark Catholic Church Chapel, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Follows 8 am Mass every W. Free. 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

5/10 - Bible Study at First United Methodist Church, 101 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every W 11 am. Free. 732-3435; fumcbb.com

5/10 - Wonderful Wednesdays at First

Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St, Delray Beach. All ages. Every W 5:45 pm dinner; 6:30 pm program. \$7/adult; \$5/child; \$20/max per family. Reservations: 276-6338; firstdelray.com

5/10 - Rector's Bible Study at St Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every W 6 pm supper (soup & salad, donation requested); 7 pm Bible study (free). 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

Thursday - 5/11 - Prayer Circle at Trinity Lutheran Church Courtyard, 400 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th 8:05 am. 278-1737; trinitydelray.org

5/11 - Men's Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

Friday - 5/12 - Women's Bible Study Group at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Youth House, 266 NE 2nd St, Boca Raton. Every F 9:15 am. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

5/12 - Couples' Bible Study Group at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Childcare available upon request. Every F 7-9 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcboacaraton.org

Saturday - 5/13 - Month's Mind Requiem Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery, 10941 Southern Blvd, Royal Palm Beach. 2nd Sat 10 am. Free. 793-0711; ourqueen.org

5/13 - St Mark Council of Catholic Women at St Mark Catholic Church Madonna Room, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. 2nd Sat 10 am. Free. 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

MAY 14-20

Wednesday - 5/17 - First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton Pub Theology at Biergarten, Royal Palm Place, 309 Via de Palmas #90. Conversation, fellowship, open discussion. 1st T & 3rd W 7 pm. 395-1244; fumcboacaraton.org

Friday - 5/19 - Parents of St. Gregory's at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Potluck dinner, topic discussion (targeted to young parents w/children age 2-13), group feedback, childcare available. 3rd F 6-8 pm. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

MAY 28-JUNE 3

Thursday - 6/1 - Trinity 4839 Columbiettes at St Mark Catholic Church Madonna Room, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. 1st Th 6:30 pm. Free. 495-6127; stmarkboynton.com

6/1 - Knights of Columbus Trinity Council 4839 at St Mark Catholic Church St Francis Center, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. 1st Th 7 pm. Free. 736-7812; stmarkboynton.com

Easter Sunrise Service

Beach Pavilion, Atlantic Avenue and A1A, Delray Beach – April 16



ABOVE: Hundreds attended an interfaith celebration of Easter at a sunrise service organized by St. Paul's Episcopal Church, CROS Ministries, First United Methodist, Cason United Methodist and the Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association.

LEFT: The sun revealed itself to the people congregated on A1A. It helped that the town recently trimmed sea grape trees that used to shield the pavilion. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star



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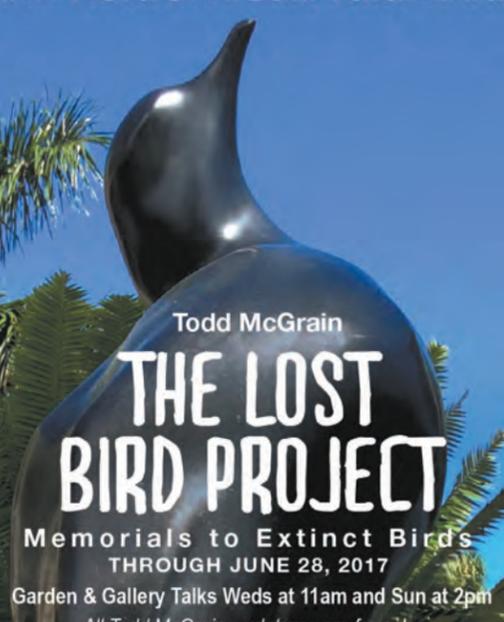


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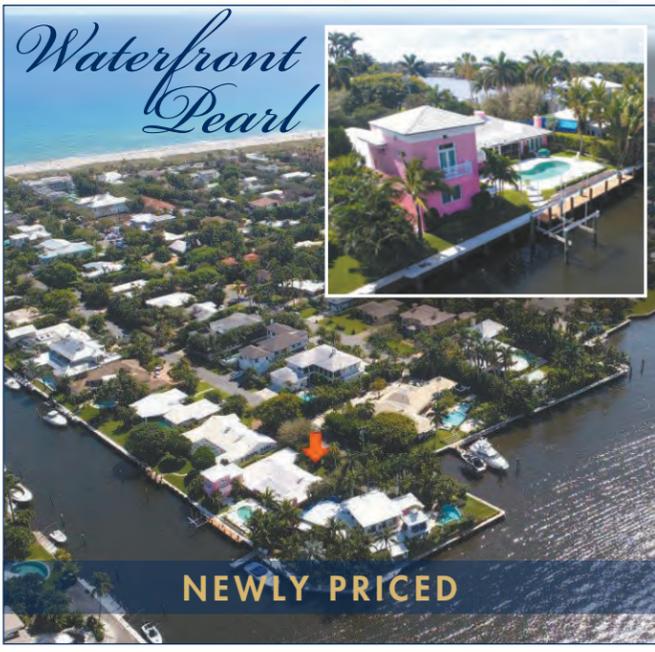
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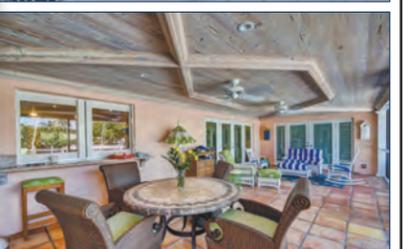


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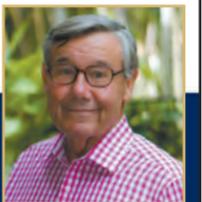
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Secret Gardens

Auction of native plants can help you create harmonious habitats

If you want to attract wildlife while doing less maintenance in your yard, perhaps it's time to go native. Now is the perfect time to get started by attending the 12th annual Rare and Unique Native Plant Auction.

The event, which includes both live and silent auctions, will be May 16 and hosted by the Palm Beach County chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society at Mounts Botanical Garden.

Last year the auction brought in \$3,000 the group used to educate the public about the importance of using native plants in the landscape.

"Planting natives is a big deal," says chapter President Susan Lerner.

The FNPS defines Florida native plants as those that would be found within the state before Europeans arrived. "They are the plants that were here before we raped and pillaged the land," Lerner says.

Today she and the about 200 members of the local FNPS urge residents to utilize the plants that filled the Florida peninsula before exotic or nonnative species arrived. For example, instead of planting bougainvillea that originated in Africa and South America, think about adding color to your yard with a native orange geiger.

Because native plants have developed over millennia, they are well-suited to the area. That means they thrive on the nutrients found naturally in the soil, they need only what rain falls and they shine in the tropical sun.

And this means there's little need for spraying, fertilizing or watering, which is good for the gardener and the garden.

By doing this, you can help create habitats where native



LEFT: Joewood is a slow-growing shrub with inedible green fruit. **RIGHT:** Jacquemontia is a native vine with stunning blue blooms. Both plants are salt-tolerant, making them ideal for our neighborhoods. **Photos by Jerry Lower and Susan Lerner**



If You Go

The 12th annual Rare and Unique Native Plant Auction

When: 7-9:30 p.m. May 16; arrive when the doors open and you'll have time to bid on the silent auction and view the lots for the live auction that begins at 7:30.

Where: The auditorium at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach

Admission: Free. Refreshments available. Only cash and checks will be accepted as payment for auction items.

For more information: 247-3677. Learn about the Palm Beach County chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society by visiting palmbeach.fnpschapters.org.

insects provide food for native birds, and native butterflies thrive on their requisite host and nectar plants.

Whether you're just starting to plant natives or looking for some plants to add to your collection, register to bid on

the many lots of native plants that will be available in the live auction, called "Going Native — Harmonious Habitats."

This auction will be divided into six sections, including Piney Woods, Scrub-a-Dub and Hammock Time, with each based upon a specific Florida habitat (pineland, scrub and hammock).

In the Going Coastal section, you can bid on native plants that do well along our beaches, including the joewood, a small tree or shrub the state has deemed "threatened." It sports tiny white to yellow flowers that grow in small clusters and have an aroma similar to jasmine.

Auction tip

"Before you attend the auction, think about the place in your garden you'd like to fill and how you want to fill it. Do you want to add a little color? Attract butterflies?"

"Then think about how much sun and water the area gets. Is it irrigated and damp all the time? Is it on the west side of the house where it gets afternoon sun or the east side where it gets morning sun? Then you'll know what to look for when you bid on a plant."

— Susan Lerner, president of the Palm Beach County chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

The plants will be offered in 1-gallon to 15-gallon pots. Small trees will be auctioned in single lots; smaller items may be grouped.

Rufino Osorio, the nationally acclaimed author of *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants*, will describe each plant brought up for bid and its growing requirements. And members of the local FNPS chapter will be available to answer questions.

Meanwhile, the silent auction is a little more "catch-as-catch-can," Lerner says. "All kinds of interesting things show up, and we often don't know what will be auctioned until it walks through the

door."

Lerner urges folks to attend this event to learn more about natives, be introduced to some hard-to-find specimens and enjoy the evening. And no matter how many plants you already cultivate, you may find something you can't resist.

"There's always room for one more in a garden," she says.



Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley is a certified master gardener who can be reached at debhartz@att.net.

Neighborhood improvements

Place Au Soleil, Gulf Stream



A struggling ficus hedge, overgrown with weeds and invasive exotic plants, was recently replaced with a new hedge of more than 65 Clusia and more than 150 Pentas at the entranceway of the Place Au Soleil neighborhood in Gulf Stream. Funding was provided by the Gulf Stream and Place au Soleil Civic Associations. Cleanup and installation work was performed by Diamond Cut Lawscapes. **Photo provided**

Garden Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 4/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

MAY 7-13

Wednesday - 5/10 - Landscape Design: Bold Exterior Spaces at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Instructor Benjamin Burle, Landscape Designer, BA Interior Design, Miami International University of Art & Design. 6-7 pm. \$25/member; \$30/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org

5/10 - Delray Beach Orchid Society at Veterans Park Recreation Center, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 2nd W 7 pm. Free. 573-2422; delraybeachorchidsociety.com

Saturday - 5/13 - Annual World Bonsai Day at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Bonsai

demonstrations (11 am & 1 pm), bonsai clinic, bonsai exhibition tours (noon & 2 pm), bonsai shopping. 10 am-5 pm. Free w/paid admission. 495-0233; morikami.org

5/13-14 - Connoisseurs Garden Tour presented by Mounts Botanical Garden at 8 exceptional private gardens. Mother's Day weekend tradition; self-guided tour. Sat 10 am-4 pm; Sun 11 am-4 pm. \$20/member; \$30/non-member. Tickets/brochure: 233-1767; mounts.org

MAY 14-20

Tuesday - 5/16 - Florida Native Plant Society Chapter Meeting at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 3rd T 7 pm. Free. palmbeach.fnpschapters.org

5/16 - 12th Annual Rare & Unique Native Plant Auction hosted by The Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society at Mount Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Proceeds

support the FNPS mission. Rare/unique plants, gardening/plant-related items/services, live/silent auctions. 7-10 pm. Free. palmbeach.fnpschapters.org

Saturday - 5/20 - Annual Tropical Fruit Tree & Edible Plant Sale hosted by Palm Beach Chapter of the Rare Fruit Council International, Inc. at South Florida Fairgrounds Agriplex Building, 9067 Southern Blvd, West Palm Beach. Enter through Gate 5. 9 am-2 pm. Free/admission & parking. 855-732-7273; pbrarefruitcouncil.org

MAY 21-27

Tuesday - 5/23 - Culinary! Uncommon Herbs & International Pestos at Mounts Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall A, 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Presented by popular chef/natural foodie expert Nina Kauder. 6-7 pm. \$25/member; \$30/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org



A plaque honoring Judy Black was placed in The Nature Conservancy's newly expanded native plants and pollinator garden at Blowing Rocks Preserve. Photo provided by Lucy Miller

Bird Fund a lasting gift in honor of conservationist

A gift from the Leon Black Foundation to The Nature Conservancy recently established the Judy Black and Richard Schlosberg Bird Fund.

Judy Black, who died on Nov. 15, 2015, was passionate in promoting environmental conservation and committed to creating gardens. She was a former president of the Hypoluxo Island Property Owners Association and supervised the neighborhood association's Tree Program to save the ecologically essential native tree canopy.

Her husband, Richard Schlosberg, said his wife turned her own small front and mostly paved back yards into verdant habitat, protective

of endangered and threatened migratory birds.

The couple also helped save the native habitat that several years ago became the Lantana Scrub Nature Preserve.

With the Leon Black Foundation's gift (Leon Black was Judy Black's brother), Conservancy scientists will take steps to support rare migratory and resident bird populations.

Earlier this year, a plaque honoring Judy Black was placed in The Nature Conservancy's newly expanded native plants and pollinator garden at Blowing Rocks Preserve in Hobe Sound. The preserve has been expanded thanks to the new funding.

— Mary Thurwachter

Grass River Garden Club grant

Children's Garden, Delray Beach – March 14



The Grass River Garden Club awarded three grants in 2017: \$7,500 to Sandoway Discovery Center to support Title I schools and after-care participation in Sandoway's Junior Naturalist Program; \$6,200 to Community Greening for the planting of trees, creation and maintenance of green spaces and education about environmental benefits of trees; and \$700 to Delray Beach Children's Garden to pay for a handicapped access path. ABOVE: (l-r) Karen Muse, Grass River Garden Club finance chair, with Delray Beach Children's Garden co-founders Jeannie Fernsworth and Shelly Zacks. Photo provided

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Tots & Teens

From surfing to acting, teens have good options for summer camp fun

By Janis Fontaine

Summer camp opportunities for children 12 and younger abound. But what about our teens? What are they going to do this summer? Here are a few options.

For water lovers

Founded in 2009 by boat captain Maya Shoup, **Under Blue Waters Ocean Adventure Camp** is an intimate camp experience for kids who love the water. Kids master skills for snorkeling, boogie boarding, skim boarding, surfing, paddleboarding, fishing, sailing and scuba diving, and learn about marine and environmental conservation.

All staff undergo level two background screening, are certified in CPR, AED and first aid, and are qualified and certified in their areas of expertise.

Camp meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, with extended hours to 5 p.m. available, at Red Reef Park, 1400 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, and is designed for children up to age 15. A four-day camp is \$203 for Boca Raton residents, \$288 for nonresidents. A five-day camp is \$325 for Boca Raton residents, \$406 for nonresidents.

Through a special cooperative effort with the Wild Dolphin Project, Under Blue Waters will offer a one-of-a-kind **Wild Dolphin Camp**. Campers will focus on the marine research field through interactions with the WDP crew. They'll learn about dolphin behavior, habitat, current research and conservation efforts as well as boater safety, snorkel and diving safety, paddleboarding, and the

environmental conservation of local waterways. Kids complete skin diver and snorkeling courses that will come with an official PADI certification.

Only 12 spaces are available for this camp, which meets at New Port Cove Marine Center under the Blue Heron Bridge, in Riviera Beach. Camps meet two weeks: June 26-30 and July 17-21. The fee is \$450 per week, which includes a mask and snorkel and PADI certification.

Call 715-0499 or visit underbluwaters.com

For techie teens

If your house includes a rising freshman, **IMACS** can provide just the edge needed to excel in technology classes in high school and prepare for the high-tech world beyond.

IMACS is an independent teaching and educational research institute focused on helping students reach their highest potential in math, computer science and logical reasoning, but the skills campers learn translate across the board no matter what they study.

Coursework includes university-level logic for mathematics based on the Elements of Mathematics curriculum, and university-level computer science designed for talented secondary school students. They also learn the hands-on skills needed for the design and construction of electronics projects, using resistors, diodes, LEDs, capacitors and integrated circuits, and students get to keep what they build.

Classes are two hours each, and students can register for up to three classes, which makes a full day of camp. They can even



Campers enrolled in Ocean Adventure in Boca Raton, designed for children up to age 15, have opportunities to sail, snorkel and surf. Photo provided

take an aptitude test to assess readiness.

IMACS is at 23172 Sandalfoot Plaza Drive, Boca Raton. For more information, call 470-1178 or visit www.imacs.org.

For budding thespians

The **Rocky Mountain Conservatory Theatre** hosts summer camps at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center in Boca Raton. These full-immersion camps are designed for ages 11 to 18 and are offered in two, three-week sessions from June 5 to 24 and June 26 to July 15.

Campers will do everything it takes to put on a show. Teens are instructed in acting, music, voice, dance, art and rehearsal, and they break up the day with theater games and improv. Each student who enrolls is guaranteed a part in the summer production. Student auditions take place on June 5, which is the first day of camp.

This year's productions include *The Addams Family* for session one and *Guys and Dolls Jr.* for session two. Performance dates are June 22-24 and July 13-15. Camps meet from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with early drop-off at 8

a.m. and late pickup until 5:30 p.m.

Tuition is \$900 per session, or \$1,775 for both sessions.

For more information, call 962-1570 or visit RMCTonline.com.

For risk-taking entertainers

Aspiring circus performers can get training in juggling, trapeze and tightrope walking at Lynn University in Boca Raton. And circus camp is just one of the opportunities offered at Pine Tree Camp.

Circus day camps are designed for youths up to age 14 and include lessons in juggling devil sticks, riding a unicycle, performing tricks on a trampoline and the trapeze, tumbling, globe walking and walking the low wire. Students also perform on two tough-to-master props, the giant yo-yo and the rola bola.

Because these are high-risk activities, Pine Tree Camp is focused on safety. Spotters will carefully supervise campers' stunts and campers will be protected by mats and safety lines.

Camps meet at Lynn University in three sessions: June 5-23, June 26-July 14 and July 17-Aug. 4. Tuition is \$1,085 per session. An overnight camp is also offered for \$2,275.

When they're not practicing circus stunts, campers stay active with traditional camp activities, from kickball to crafts. Children who want to learn to swim can take lessons. At the end of the three-week session, parents get a ringside seat at PTC's Greatest Show on Earth. Or at least in Boca.

For more information, call 237-7310 or visit www.pinetreecamp.com.

For crime-solving lovers

FAU's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice is offering a **criminal justice summer camp** on its Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road. Campers ages 15-17 (must be entering grades 10-12 in the fall) observe and participate in mock

crime scenes and mock criminal trials; watch demonstrations by bomb squads, K-9 units and SWAT teams; and visit police marine units, 911 call centers and local FBI offices.

The program is a partnership among FAU and the Boca Raton Police Department, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and the FBI's Miami office.

Camps meet June 11-15 and July 9-13. Tuition is \$600. Call 297-3040 or visit www.fau.edu/scsj.

For kids on the spectrum

FAU also offers **S.O.A.R.** — Summer Opportunity for Adult Readiness — for high school students and young adults with autism and similar learning disabilities. Campers live on campus in Boca Raton for one- or two-week sessions. A meal plan provides three meals a day, with vegan, gluten-free and other special dietary options available.

Activities focus on teaching campers to be more independent. Teens learn social skills, employment readiness, scheduling and time management, and health and wellness, including fitness and nutrition content. They learn to handle stress using meditation, mindfulness and positive aspirations. Campers have access to all of FAU's facilities, but they also go off-campus for movies and dinner, which build social skills and self-confidence.

Camps for ages 16-17 meet in one-week sessions June 5-9, June 12-16, June 19-23 and June 26-30. Tuition is \$1,400 plus a \$75 nonrefundable application fee.

Camps for ages 18-25 meet in two-week sessions from May 22-June 2, June 19-30 and July 10-21. Tuition is \$2,400 plus a \$100 nonrefundable application fee.

For more information, call 213-5450 or visit fau.edu/pcpo/schedule.

For more ideas, visit our *Summer Camp Guide* at www.thecoastalstar.com

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Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 4/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

MAY 6

5/6 - Diamonds & Pearls Dance Team at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Community dance team program prides itself on passion, dedication, excellence, respect; participates in local and collegiate homecoming parades and statewide special events. Middle, high school & college students. T/Th 6-8 pm & Sat 9 am-1 pm. Yearly \$30/resident; \$40/non-resident. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

5/6 - Sensory Saturday at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Explore the museum in a sensory modified setting. 1st Sat 9-10 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

5/6 - Tiny Toes Ballet/Tap Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Ages 3-7. Every Sat 9:30-10 am. \$10. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

5/6 - Watercolor Wonders at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Part of smART series. Art workshops or live performances; interactive opportunity to learn, create, enjoy the arts. Family fare. 10-11 am. \$5/family non-member. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

5/6 - Little Wonders at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Hike, crafts, stories. Age 3-4. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 6/3. 10-11 am. Free. May-August 2017. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

5/6 - Drop-In Story Time at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children all ages accompanied by an adult. Every Sat 10-10:30

am. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

5/6 - Drop-in Craft at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Ages 3 & up. Every Sat 10:30-11:30 am. Free w/paid admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

5/6 - Family Studio: Snail Mail at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Children w/adult partner tour the current special exhibition, then create their own artwork. Age 5-12 w/parents. Every Sat through 5/27 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Free. 832-5196 x1196; norton.org

5/6 - 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration! at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Celebrate children already enrolled in this free program, welcome new families to sign up. Games, crafts, story, snacks, prizes. Age newborn-5. 11 am-1 pm. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

5/6 - Acro Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Ages 3-7. Every Sat 11-11:30 am. \$10. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

5/6 - Story Time at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Stories, songs, fingerplays. All ages. T-Sat 11 am. Free w/paid admission. 368-6875; cmboca.org

5/6 - All Art Class at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 2-9. Every Sat 11:30 am. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

5/6 - Science Stories at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science inspired stories. Age 5 & up. Every Sat 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

5/6 - School of Rock at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton.

Sea turtle talk

Saint Andrew's School, Boca Raton – April 21



Tuana Yazici (right), a Saint Andrew's Upper School student, made a presentation to more than 50 kindergarteners at Saint Andrew's. She spoke about protecting sea turtles from plastic waste and explained how sea turtles are at great risk of being harmed or even killed by ingesting marine debris. Following the presentation, Yazici led the students in an art project. Yazici, a native of Turkey, has organized several local beach cleanup efforts and raised money for the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. **Photo provided**

Every Sat through 5/20 4 pm. \$15.50. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

5/6-7 - Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. 2 pm. \$15-\$20. 750-7824; centerstageboca.com

MAY 7-13

Sunday - 5/7 - Science Make & Take at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 1st Sun 11:30 am. \$5/project. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

5/7 - Jr. Shark Biologist at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Age 5-12. Every W/Sun 3:15 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

Monday - 5/8 - Oh Baby at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Pre-literacy class: music, stories, rhymes, lap bounces. Age 3 months to not-yet-walking. Every M 10 am. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

5/8 - Tales for Tadpoles at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Music/movement rhymes. Age walking-24 months. Every M 10:45 am. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

5/8 - Early Afternoon Explorers: Scales, Furs and Feathers at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 6-9 1-2 pm; ages 10-12 2-3 pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

5/8 - Teen Homework Help at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Homework, project help, SAT/ACT Prep. Grades 6-12. Every M-Th 3:30-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

5/8 - Kids Activity Lab at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Board/video games using Wii, Wii U, PS3 or Xbox 360, or make wearable art. Grades K-5. Held again 5/15. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

5/8 - No Filter Teen Group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Keep it real with Mr. Irijah; talk about issues that matter to you and your friends. Topics/activities change each week; snacks served. Grades 8-12. Held again 5/15 & 22. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

5/8 - Delray Divas Step Teams at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Organized, structured step team performs at local events & statewide competitions. Program reinforces role of youth as positive members of the community. Grades K-12. M/W 6-8:30 pm. Yearly \$30/resident; \$40/non-resident. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

5/8 - Fencing/Epee Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Fun, exciting introduction to fencing; learn skills, forge new friendships. Beginners M/F 7-8:15 pm \$90-\$112.50/monthly; intermediate/advanced M/W/F 7-10 pm \$135-\$168.75/monthly. 954-854-7843; sugarsandpark.org

Tuesday - 5/9 - Turtle Tales at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 2-3. Every T 10 am. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

5/9 - Baby Storytime at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Stories, rhymes, sing songs promote learning/development; meet other babies & parents. Age birth-2 years. Every T through 5/30 10:30-11 am. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

5/9 - Inspired Art at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 2-11. T/W/Th 11:30 am-noon. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

5/9 - Art Studio at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Ages 3-5. Every T 3-3:45 pm. \$4/museum member; \$5/non-member + admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

5/9 - Daggerwing Visits the Library: Turtles at West Boca Branch Library, 18685 N State Rd 7, Boca Raton. Features live animal ambassadors. Age 5+. 3:30 pm. Free. RSVP: 470-1600; pbcnature.com

5/9 - Lego Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 6 & up. 3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

5/9 - Mental Health Awareness Discussion: Falling Into The Dragon's Mouth by Holly Thompson at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Snacks provided. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6390

5/9 - Adobe Photoshop Basics 1 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 8+. Held again 5/16. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/9 - Nimona by Noelle Stevenson part of Teen Book Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

5/9-10 - Sensational Story'n More at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Children's books come to life through interactive performance, singing, movement, props. Ages 2-5. Every T 10:30 am; W 2 pm. Free w/paid museum admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

5/9-10 - Group Swim Lessons at John Denson

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Wednesday - 5/10 - Family Storytime at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Age infant to 5 yrs. Every W through 5/31 10-11 am. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

5/10 - Singing Starz Group Voice Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Ages 4-7. Every W 4-4:45 pm. \$15. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

5/10 - Yoga Kids Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Multi-sensory learning combines yoga positions with music, storytelling, art; lessons in positive thinking, self confidence, environment awareness. Wear comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat. Every W through 5/31. Ages 5-7 4-4:45 pm; Ages 8-12 5-6 pm. \$48/resident; \$60/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

5/10 - Teen Gaming at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Video games use Wii, PS3, Xbox 360. Grades 6-12. Held again 5/24. 5:30-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

5/10 - Introduction to Tinkercad at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 8+. Every W through 5/24 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

Thursday - 5/11 - Drop-In Story Time at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children all ages; 8 & younger must be accompanied by an adult. Every Th 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

5/11 - Knitting Club at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 7 to adult. Every Th 3:30-4:30 pm. Free w/museum admission. 368-6875; cmboca.org

5/11 - Storytime Yoga at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 4-8. Every Th 3:30 pm. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

5/11 - Mother's Day Gift Workshop at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-5. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

5/11 - Teen and Child Student Exhibition Reception at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Runs through 5/24. 5:30-7 pm. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

5/11 - DIY Art Projects: Look, Draw, Share! at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Families participate in self-guided gallery activity then visit the Atrium for related DIY art project. All ages. 6-8 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

5/11 - Adobe Photoshop Basics 2 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 8+. Held again 5/18 & 6/1. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/11-12 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Karate and blend of other combat martial arts. Age 9 to adult. Every Th/F 6-7:30 pm. Per month \$10/resident, \$12/non-resident; \$25/one-time uniform fee. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

Friday - 5/12 - Tot Time at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Crafts, snacks, indoor play stations. Drop in anytime during the program. Ages 2-5. Held again 6/3. 10 am-noon. \$5/child. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

5/12 - Open Pre-School Storytime at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every F through 5/26 10 am. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

5/12 - Sensory Art for Tots at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 1-4 w/parent or caregiver. Every F 11:30 am. Per session \$3/member; \$5/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

5/12 - 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. For children who participated. Ages 2-5. 3-3:45 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/12 - Friday Night at the Museum at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. A night out without your parents! Wear comfy clothes, hang out in the Explorium after hours, watch a movie, do a fun experiment. Ages 7-12. 6-9:30 pm. \$20/resident; \$25/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

5/12 - Unity Dance Team at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Enhances balance, provides exercise, teaches how to gracefully dance, execute interpretive movement. Age 7-15. Every F 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

5/12 - Amazing Glow Adventure Family Sleepover at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Create flubber that glows, learn about the life of bugs in our planetarium show, putt the night away with luminescent mini golf on the new conservation course. Includes pizza dinner, continental breakfast, all activities. Family fare: one adult chaperone required for every 5 children. 7 pm-8 am. \$35/member; \$40/non-member. 832-2026; sfscenter.org

5/12-14 - Children's Series: The Legend of Pocahontas at Actor's Rep Bhetty Waldron Theater, 1009 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. F/Sat 7 pm; Sun 1 pm. \$15. 339-4687; kwproductions.com

Saturday - 5/13 - Ocean Rescue Junior Lifeguard Program Registration at Aqua Crest Pool, 2503 Seacrest Blvd, Delray Beach. Age 9-16; must be accompanied by parent. 7:30 am. Free. 629-8773; discover.pbcgov.org/parks/Aquatics/Programs.aspx

5/13 - 7th Annual Amazing Mom & Son Challenge at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Ages 5+. 8:30 am \$8-\$15. Registration: 243-7000 x5101; mydelraybeach.com

5/13 - Palm Beaches Mini Maker Faire at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. 10 am-4 pm. Free w/admission. 832-1988; sfscenter.org

5/13 - Family Saturdays at the Cultural Council at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 10-11:30 am. \$5/family. 471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

5/13 - Playground Playdate at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Get info about upcoming programs, enjoy free kid's activities. 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 347-3900; SugarSandPark.org

5/13 - Nature Detectives at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. New mystery each month. Age 5-7 w/ an adult. Held again 6/3. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Free May-Aug 2017. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

5/13 - USA Netball Association at Pompey Park Recreation Center, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Fast, skillful team game based on running, jumping, throwing, catching. Females age 6 & up. 2nd & 4th Sat 6-8 pm. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

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Tuesday - 5/16 - Mother Nature & Me: A is For Alligator at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Experience nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Ages 2-5 (w/ guardian). 10:30 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

5/16 - 3D Printing Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 7 & up. 3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

5/16 - BeTeen the Lines at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. 4:30-6:30 pm. Free. 819-6405; delraylibrary.org

5/16 - Make & Take: May Flowers at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-5. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

5/16 - Anime Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 819-6405; delraylibrary.org

Friday - 5/19 - Palm Beach Maritime Academy 1st Annual Career Day at PBMA Elementary Campus, 1518 W Lantana Rd, Lantana. Guests include the Mayor of Lantana, a Naval Lieutenant, police officers, school principal, others. 8:30-10:30 am. 547-3775; palmbeachmaritimeacademy.org

5/19 - Eyes to the Skies with professional-grade 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Informal event held in the parking lot (weather permitting). Telescope is out for at least one hour after scheduled start time; stars must be visible for telescope to align. Ages 8+ (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). 8:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

Saturday - 5/20 - Splash & Dash at The Swim Center, 2126 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Swim and run followed by open swimming. Shoes required for run. Ages 5-12. 9:30 am check-in; 10 am races begin. Per race \$12/resident; \$15/non-resident. 544-8540; myboca.us

5/20 - Family Fun Day at Wilson Park, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Free pool activities, family basketball, field games, a big truck display. 10 am-1 pm. Free. 742-6640; boynton-beach.org

5/20 - Pajama Jams Story Time with Miss Mij at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Stories, fingerplays, poems, songs, props, puppets. Ages 18 mo-2 yrs 10-10:45 am; 3-4 yrs 11 am-noon. \$5/drop in (includes one carousel token/paid child). 347-3900; SugarSandPark.org

5/20 - Wacky Water Day at Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. 10 am-1 pm. Free. 742-6645; boynton-beach.org

5/20 - Beginners Coding at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. 1-3 pm. Free. 819-6405; delraylibrary.org

5/20 - 12 & Under Tennis Tournament at Patch Reef Park Tennis Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Includes t-shirt, pizza, refreshments. 1 pm. \$30/resident; \$37.50/non-resident. 367-7090; patchreef.org

5/20 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Dolce at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to therapy dog. Grade K-5. 1:30-3 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/20 - 3rd Annual Especially for Kids at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Family night for kids with special needs/abilities; exclusive access to park amenities including carousel rides, Children's Science Explorium, dancing, glitter tattoos, arts & crafts, reception, exhibitors, more. Music & sound modifications, quiet room. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. Registration: 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org/special-needs-programs

5/20-21 - Science Demonstrations at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science-inspired stories. Ages 5 & up. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

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Sunday - 5/21 - Sunday Movie: Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG) at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am, 2 pm Sensory-friendly show. \$1 admission includes popcorn & beverage. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

Monday - 5/22 - Asian Pacific Heritage Month Celebration at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-5 4:30-5:30 pm; grades 6-12 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

5/22 - DiYA at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 13+. Learn how to make eye-catching posters, use the library's resources to create your own unique projects. 4:30-6:30 pm. Free. 819-6405; delraylibrary.org

5/22 - Anime Your Way: Artist Workshop with Carlos Nieto III at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 8+. 6-7 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Tuesday - 5/23 - Mother Nature & Me: Stormy Weather at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Experience exciting nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Ages 2-5 (w/ guardian). 10:30 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

5/23 - Teen Advisory Board Meeting at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. 4:30-6:30 pm. Free. 819-6405; delraylibrary.org

5/23 - Teen Team Up! at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Team builder games, ice breakers. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Thursday - 5/25 - FSA Relief Party at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades 2-6. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

5/25 - Haitian Heritage Trivia Game at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

Friday - 5/26 - Investigating Insects Night At The Museum at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Science crafts, activities, entertainment, exhibits, planetarium shows, a chance to view the night sky. 6-9 pm. \$12/adult; \$10/senior; \$8/child (3-12); \$6/adult member; free/child member & kids under 3. 832-1988; sfscenter.org

5/26-27 - Snooze-a-pa-ZOO-za Family Overnight at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Themed activities, up-close animal encounters, detective games, crafts, pizza, continental breakfast. Age 6 & up; minimum one adult required per family. 7 pm-8:30 am. \$40/member; \$50/non-member. Registration: 533-0887 x229; pambeachzoo.org/family-overnights

Saturday - 5/27 - Story & Craft Time at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Discover nature through crafts, stories about animals, other nature-related themes. Age 4-10. 10 am. \$2. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

5/27 - Teddy Bear Affair presented by MedExpress Urgent Care at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Children get their favorite stuffed toy examined by a "doctor" for a check up! Visit the Bear Den for Bear Keeper Talk. Features bear-themed coloring pages. Explore the zoo, enjoy zookeeper talks, live music, cash bar, food for purchase. 10 am-2 pm. \$19.95/adult; \$17.95/senior; \$14.95/child (3-12 yrs); free/child under 3. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

5/27 - Animal Fact or Fiction at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. All ages. 10:30 am. \$3/person. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

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Tuesday - 5/30 - GEMS Club: Investigating Insects at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Empowers young girls to explore STEM fields.

Girls grades 3-8. High school girls can volunteer to be mentors. 5-7 pm. \$7/child. Registration: 370-7710; sfscenter.org/gems

6/1 - Taylored Athletes Basketball Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. High-quality instruction for aspiring young professional athletes. Age 9-14 elite training; age 5-8 fundamentals. Every Th through 6/29 5:30-6:30 pm. \$125/resident; \$156/non-resident. 347-3950; tayloredathletes.com

6/1 - Futsal (Indoor Soccer) at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Demands quick reflexes, fast thinking, pinpoint passing. Every Th through 6/29. Age 4-8 6:30-7:30 pm; age 9-14 7:30-8:30. \$50/resident; \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3916; sugarsandpark.org

6/2 - Safari Nights at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Games, crafts, DJ dance party, keeper talks, training sessions, different theme each week. Every F through 8/25 4:30-9 pm. Admission TBD. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

Saturday - 6/3 - 2017 Going for the Gold Wrestling Tournament at Forest Hill High School, 6901 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach. Freestyle & folkstyle. Presented by West Palm Beach Police Athletic League. Grade K-8 7 am weigh-in, 9 am start; HS/open 9 am weigh-in,

11 am start. \$20/1 style; \$30/2 styles; \$5/ spectator. Pre-registration/payment before noon 6/2: 835-7195; westpalmbeachpal.com

6/3 - Mixed Media Medley at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Part of smART series. Art workshops or live performances: interactive opportunity to learn, create, enjoy the arts. Family fare. 10-11 am. \$5/family non-member. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

6/3 - Kids Wellness Expo at Meyer Amphitheater, 105 Evernia St, West Palm Beach. Presented by HealthCorps (founded by Dr. Mehmet Oz). Focus on middle/high school students. Celebrity guest speakers, fitness classes, cooking demonstrations, medical screenings, seminars, friendly competitions, talent show. All ages. 10 am-4 pm. Free. Register: kidswellnessexpo.com

6/3 - 3D Printing Workshops with ALLAXIS 3D Printers at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 10-14 10 am-noon; age 15+ 1-3 pm. \$50/person. Registration: 832-1988; sfscenter.org

6/3 - I Love Art Classes at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Create art utilizing recycled items. Ages 4-10. Every Sat through 6/24 10:30 am-1:30 pm. \$72/resident; \$90/non-resident. 742-6650; boynton-beach.org

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PADDLING

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overhead. American oystercatchers strut around sandy beaches on the restoration islands, created by Palm Beach County to improve water quality, promote seagrass growth and create habitat for fish and wildlife in the Lake Worth Lagoon.

“You hear people say all the time that they had no idea this was out here,” said Bryce Billings, owner of Kayak Lake Worth, which offers guided paddling tours departing from The Beach Club restaurant at the Lake Worth golf course.

Billings says his paddling groups sometimes encounter manatees and cownose rays. Great blue herons, ospreys, oystercatchers, pelicans and least terns are common sights around the islands.

Anglers fishing around the islands of the central lagoon can catch snook, mangrove snapper, barracuda, sheepshead and small bait fish along with the occasional redfish and spotted sea trout.

Restoration islands near the Lake Avenue Bridge include the Snook Islands project, completed in 2005 (and later expanded); the two Grassy Flats islands on the east side of the lagoon near the Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course; Bryant Park Wetlands islands south of the bridge near Lake Worth’s Bryant Park; and the Jewel Cove project southeast of the bridge



across from Lake Worth Beach.

To date, the county has overseen 49 environmental restoration projects in the Lake Worth Lagoon, the 20-mile-long estuary that stretches from Ocean Ridge to North Palm Beach.

The goals: improve water quality, promote the growth of seagrass by filling mucky holes with sand so sunlight can reach a stable bottom, and create habitat for fish and wildlife by planting vegetation such as mangroves and Spartina grass.

Creating a place for paddling, fishing and nature observation is a side benefit of the restoration work. The Snook Islands Natural Area features a boardwalk and gazebo overlooking the mangrove islands, educational kiosks,

day-use boat docks, a fishing pier and a kayak launch on the northwest side of the Lake Avenue Bridge.

During a paddling trip in March, Billings and I shoved off from the shoreline near The Beach Club restaurant at the Lake Worth golf course, then paddled south along the south end of Snook Islands Natural Area and under the bridge to the Bryant Park islands.

American oystercatchers, beautiful with their black heads and long bright-orange bills, let us drift up close in our kayaks before they moved or flew away.

Paddling east across the Intracoastal channel, we found a sheltered spot east of the Grassy Flats islands, which are just south of Palm Beach’s Ibis Isle community.



ABOVE: Bryce Billings of Kayak Lake Worth paddles over one of the sandy spits near the south end of the Snook Islands Natural Area. Billings rents kayaks and offers guided tours of the area.

LEFT: Least terns started nesting on the Grassy Flats restoration islands when the islands were completed in 2015, marking the first time the terns were found nesting on the ground in Palm Beach County. **Photos by Willie Howard and David Carson**

For a moment, all we could hear were birds and breeze as we drifted by a sandy beach planted with Spartina grass, also known as cordgrass. Our quiet moment was interrupted by the sound of a helicopter overhead.

Least terns nest on the Grassy Flats islands.

That’s significant because least terns had never been found nesting on the ground in Palm Beach County until the Grassy Flats islands were completed in 2015. Previously, the threatened terns nested on the flat roofs of department stores and warehouses, where the nests were not likely to be disturbed.

Ten pairs of least terns nested on the beach at Grassy Flats in 2015; another 31 pairs nested there last year. Because of bird nesting, paddlers and other boaters are not allowed to stop and walk around on the restoration islands.

Paddling back toward the launch spot at the Lake Worth

golf course, we paused around mature mangroves at Snook Islands.

A tiny common yellowthroat foraged around the arching prop roots of the red mangroves as the raspy call of a great blue heron came from the shoreline.

For information on renting a kayak to paddle the restoration islands or taking a guided paddling tour, contact Kayak Lake Worth at 225-8250 or www.kayaklakeworth.com.

Lake Worth Lagoon Fishing Challenge

The second annual Lake Worth Lagoon Fishing Challenge, a free fishing tournament that helps researchers gather information on estuarine fish and offers the chance to win prizes, begins May 26 and continues through July 9.

Prizes include Engel coolers and Penn rod-and-reel combinations. An awards ceremony is planned following



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Boynton Beach Firefighters tournament

Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park, Boynton Beach – April 15



The fishing team Seapremacy shows the 42-pound kingfish taken on a live bait near Jupiter to win biggest fish in the April 15 tournament. Team members, from left, are captain Alex Burgess, Benny Townend, James Wood, Michael Wood and Amber Wood (holding her kingfish that won second place, lady angler). **Willie Howard/The Coastal Star**

the tournament at the West Palm Beach Fishing Club.

Participating anglers can sign up by downloading the iAnglerTournament app on their cellphones, registering for the challenge through the app and following guidelines.

The challenge is open to anglers ages 5 and older. It's free.

Prizes will be awarded in several age categories. A separate sport fish prize category covers snook, redfish, sea trout, tarpon and bonefish.

Fishing will be in the Lake Worth Lagoon, which stretches from Ocean Ridge to North Palm Beach.

Fish can be photographed and released — or kept if they are of legal size and in season.

Participating anglers must have valid Florida saltwater fishing licenses, unless exempt, and must submit information about the fish they catch through the tournament app, including the location of the catch, the length of the fish, the species and the date.

For more details, go to www.lwli.org/fishingchallenge.

STAR tournament

CCA/Florida's STAR fishing tournament begins May 27 and continues through Sept. 4.

More than \$500,000 worth of prizes are being offered in several divisions in the statewide tournament for members of CCA/Florida who have registered for the 2017 event.

Caught fish can be photographed against a 2017 tournament measuring device and released. Catch photos are submitted through the STAR smartphone app.

Eligible fish include snook, sea trout, redfish, cobia, kingfish, mahi mahi, sheepshead and lionfish. Participants must be members of CCA/Florida. The adult entry fee is \$35.

For details, call 844-387-7827 or visit www.ccaflstar.com to register online.

Coming events

May 6: Basic boating safety class offered by Coast Guard

Auxiliary, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the headquarters building at Spanish River Park, 3939 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Fee is \$35 for adults (\$20 ages 12 to 19). Register at the door. Bring lunch. Call 391-3600 or email fso-pe@cgauxboca.org.

May 24: Capt. Don Dingman shares tips for catching large "smoker" kingfish, 7 p.m. at the West Palm Beach Fishing Club, 201 Fifth St., West Palm Beach. Free. Call 832-6780 or visit www.westpalmbeachfishingclub.org.

May 27: Boating safety class offered by Coast Guard Auxiliary, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the classroom building next to the boat ramps, Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park, 2010 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Fee is \$20. For ages 14-18, \$10. Family rate for three or more people: \$50. Younger than 14 free with a paid adult. Register at the door. Call 704-7440.

Tip of the month

If you're doing your part to remove invasive lionfish from Florida waters and happen to be hit by one of the lionfish's venomous spines, don't panic — but do notify your dive partner immediately.

Those two tips for treating lionfish stings are from the Divers Alert Network, best known as DAN.

DAN suggests that divers stung by lionfish leave the water as soon as possible. Remove any obvious foreign material (such as spines) from the wound and rinse it with clean water.

Then soak the wound for 30 minutes in hot, non-scalding water (about 110 degrees).

Monitor the person who is stung and take him/her to the nearest emergency room if needed.

When in doubt, contact the DAN emergency hotline at 919-684-9111.



Willie Howard is a freelance writer and licensed boat captain. Reach him at tiowillie@bellsouth.net.

Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 4/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

MAY 6

Saturday - 5/6 - Sand Sifters Beach Clean Up at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Meet at pavilion in lower parking lot. 8-10:15 am. Free. jefflev02@gmail.com
5/6 - Tram Tours of the Marsh at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, 10216 Lee Rd, Boynton Beach. M/W/Th 1-2:30 pm; M/W/Th/Sat 10-11:30 am. \$5/automobile; \$1/pedestrian. Reservations: 733-0192; loxahatcheefriends.com/events/events.shtml
5/6 - Naturalist Program: Birding 101 at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park

Access Rd, Boca Raton. All ages. 10:30 am. \$3. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com
5/6 - Outdoor Marine Aquarium Feedings at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Daily 12:30 pm. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org
5/6 - Boardwalk Tours at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Docent-guided tour of wetlands. All ages. Times vary, call for details. Free. 966-7000; pbcnature.com

MAY 7-13

Wednesday - 5/10 - A Walk On The Ashley Trail at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N

Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided walk along 1/4-mile natural trail winds through the butterfly garden, coastal hammock, mangroves to a sandy beach by the Intracoastal. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Every W 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org
Saturday - 5/13 - Birds & Breakfast at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Coffee, refreshments, 1-hour walking tour w/a naturalist. Age 9+. 9 am. \$3. Reservations required: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

MAY 14-20

Saturday - 5/20 - Annual Pier Cleanup & Dive Against Debris at Lake Worth Pier, 10 S Ocean Blvd. Divers w/tanks receive free air-fill card at Wet Pleasures. Bring trauma scissors to

clear lines. Parking permits given to volunteers. 9 am-3 pm. Free. 713-5484; dyoakum@lakeworth.org
5/20 - Seining the Lagoon at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Explore grasses/flats of the Intracoastal Waterway behind Gumbo Limbo. Hand-held dip nets/large seine nets allow participants to catch/release a variety of fish, shrimp, crabs, marine life. Wear clothes that can get wet. No flip-flops or sandals; old sneakers or water shoes only. Age 10 to adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 1-2:30 pm. \$7/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations/pre-payment required: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org
5/20 - Lionfish Removal & Awareness Day (1st Saturday after Mother's Day each year) myfwc.com

MAY 21-27

Tuesday - 5/23 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N Federal Hwy. Join other fishermen to discuss hot topics, learn new tricks of the trade. 4th T 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5638; boynton-beach.org
Wednesday - 5/24 - Beach Treasures at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Limpets, topsnails are a few of the shells that can be found on Florida's beaches. Learn about seashells. Caravan to Red Reef Park, 1400 N State Rd A1A, to search for ocean treasures. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-5 pm. Free May-August 2017. Reservations/pre-payment required: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org
Thursday - 5/25 - The Night Stalkers at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Join a Naturalist on a boardwalk tour looking at nature from the point of view of its nocturnal residents. Age 9+. 7:30 pm. \$5/person. RSVP required: 966-7000; pbcnature.com
Saturday - 5/27 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-10:30 am. 369-5501; seaangels.org

MAY 28-JUNE 3

Thursday - 6/1 - US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 36 Boca Raton meets at Spanish River Park Headquarters Building, 3939 N Ocean Blvd. 1st Th 7:30 pm. Free. cgaux.org
Saturday - 6/3 - 15th Annual Palm Beach County KDW (Kingfish, Dolphin, Wahoo) Classic Fishing Tournament at Riviera Beach Municipal Marina, 200 E 13th St. Benefits West Palm Beach Fishing Club and Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation. No minimum/maximum boat size. Inlet of your choice (no Bahamas fishing). All anglers must have valid fishing license. 6:30 am lines in; 3 pm lines out; noon-4 pm weigh-in. 5:30-7 pm dinner \$10/person; 6:30-8:30 pm awards/raffle. Captains meeting 6/2 6 pm at Riviera Beach Municipal Marina, 200 E 13th St. \$300/boat. 842-7806; Kdwclassic.com
6/3 - US Coast Guard Auxiliary About Boating Safety Class at Spanish River Park Headquarters Building, 3939 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Beginner in-depth boating safety course provides knowledge needed to obtain boat license or safety certification in many states; possible insurance discounts. Bring lunch. 9 am-5 pm. \$35/person; \$25/police or firefighter. 391-3600 x2; cgauxboca.org

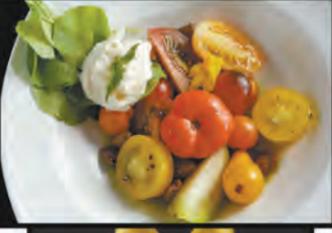


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The Golden Harbour house has more than 5,000 square feet of living space in a Spanish Colonial design by Affiniti Architects.



A sweeping staircase stands as a focal point of this Boca Raton home, which has many artisan touches, including marble mosaics.

Golden Harbour estate offers waterfront retreat

This exquisite Spanish Colonial estate in Boca Raton's Golden Harbour has Old World Charm with the function and flow of a modern home.

Designed by Affiniti Architects, the 5,222-square-foot, four-bedroom, six-bath house offers quality and one-of-a-kind interior detailing.

The interior features a sweeping staircase, marble mosaics, handpainted artistry, terra cotta mosaics made by Italian artisans, rich granites, custom cabinetry, elegant sconces and wood-beamed



This Golden Harbour home has dockage and is minutes from Boca Raton Inlet.

ceilings.

The resort-style pool/patio includes a summer kitchen that's perfect for entertaining. For the boater, there is great dockage and the property is only minutes away from the inlet.

It's offered at \$3,495,000 by Joyce Schneider of Castles by the Beach Realty, 561-392-8770 office, 561-212-4403 cell.



ABOVE: The house boasts a study with soaring, wood-beamed ceiling. LEFT: The guest room suite is an elegant retreat with its own balcony.

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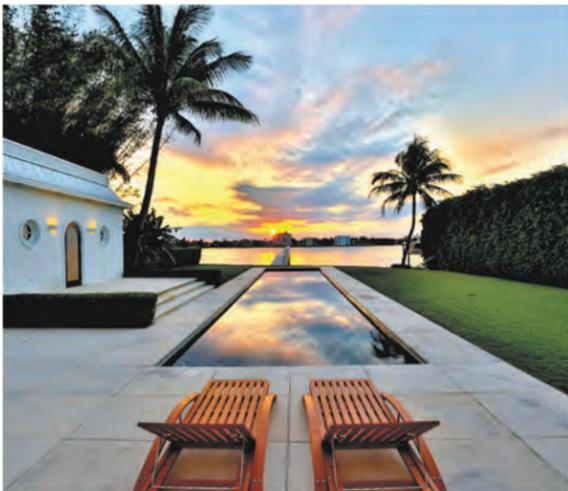


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