

Boca's hospital turns 50



LEFT: Boca Raton Regional Hospital today.

BELOW: Gloria Drummond at the 1965 ground-breaking for the hospital.



How a tragedy sparked the move to build what is now Boca Raton Regional Hospital

By Sallie James

The horrific poisoning deaths of two children and the absence of a local medical center became the impetus for the "Miracle on Meadows Road."

Boca Raton Regional Hospital sprang from the dreams of a grieving mother and the close-knit community that rallied to her side. As the sprawling 400-bed hospital celebrates its 50th birthday this year, the

volunteers, physicians and staff recall the facility's humble beginnings and how it grew into a community bedrock.

"The hospital rose out of tragedy. The town was small and the thing that was particularly impressive to me was how supportive all the people were of the effort to build a hospital," recalled Dr. A.J. Peterson, 86, one of the first doctors on

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Along the Coast

Property values rise to pre-crash levels

By Mary Hladky

Ten years after housing prices began cratering in the Great Recession, taxable property values in Palm Beach County have zoomed past their previous record high set in 2007.

While the previous peak was \$169.4 billion before the housing bubble burst, taxable values countywide jumped 7.1 percent to \$176.5 billion last year, according to estimates released May 26 by Property Appraiser Dorothy Jacks.

This is the fifth year in a row that values have surged, although once double-digit growth has slowed in recent years.

But increases in the county and municipalities remain generally within the 6-8 percent growth rate considered healthy before the real estate crash. Taken together, city increases averaged 8.81 percent.

"This (7.1 percent) is a good number as far as healthy growth, but not too heated growth," Jacks said.

The recovery in home prices and the completion of large construction projects countywide that are now on the tax rolls have spurred year-over-year gains, she said.

"New construction continues

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Along the Coast

Life lessons from city's most senior citizen

By Ron Hayes

Eula Mae Johnson has reached that awkward age where family members no longer put one candle on the cake for every year.

The Delray Beach fire department would no doubt be relieved, because Eula Mae Johnson and Palm Beach County were born in the same year.

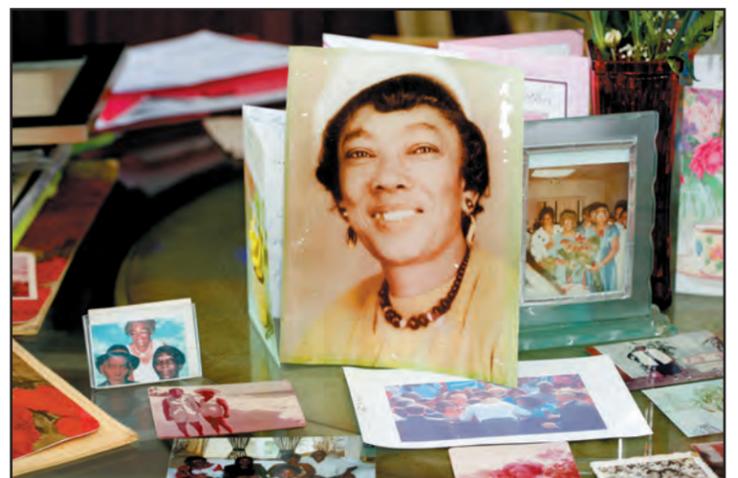
On April 30, 1909, the county was officially created out of the northern chunk of Dade County. Johnson arrived on Aug. 6, 1909, in Bartow, Georgia.

In 1923, when Delray Beach was incorporated, she was already 14.

In 1935, when she arrived in Boca Raton to pick beans on Butts Farm, she was 26. Boca Raton was just turning 10. By the 1940s, she'd moved to Pearl City, Boca Raton's black neighborhood.

"She probably is the oldest person living today in Delray Beach," Janet DeVries, an archivist, historian and author, concluded after searching the city's census and marriage records.

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A photograph shows 107-year-old Eula Mae Johnson of Delray Beach as a young woman. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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Boca philanthropists provide 'beginnings' for new moms in need

By Janis Fontaine

Neil Gillman said it took his wife, Doris, about 20 seconds to decide to throw her support behind Sweet Dream Makers, a 501(c)(3) charity based in Boca Raton that provides beds and bedding to local people who are sleeping on the floor.

Sweet Dream Makers' newest program is called "Beginnings" because it starts at the very beginning of life. It helps moms who give birth at Boca Raton Regional Hospital and who are struggling financially. Moms receive new cribs and crib linens, as well as diapers and formula.

Doris Gillman, 64, says she and her husband, 65, got involved because of "what we were providing and for whom."

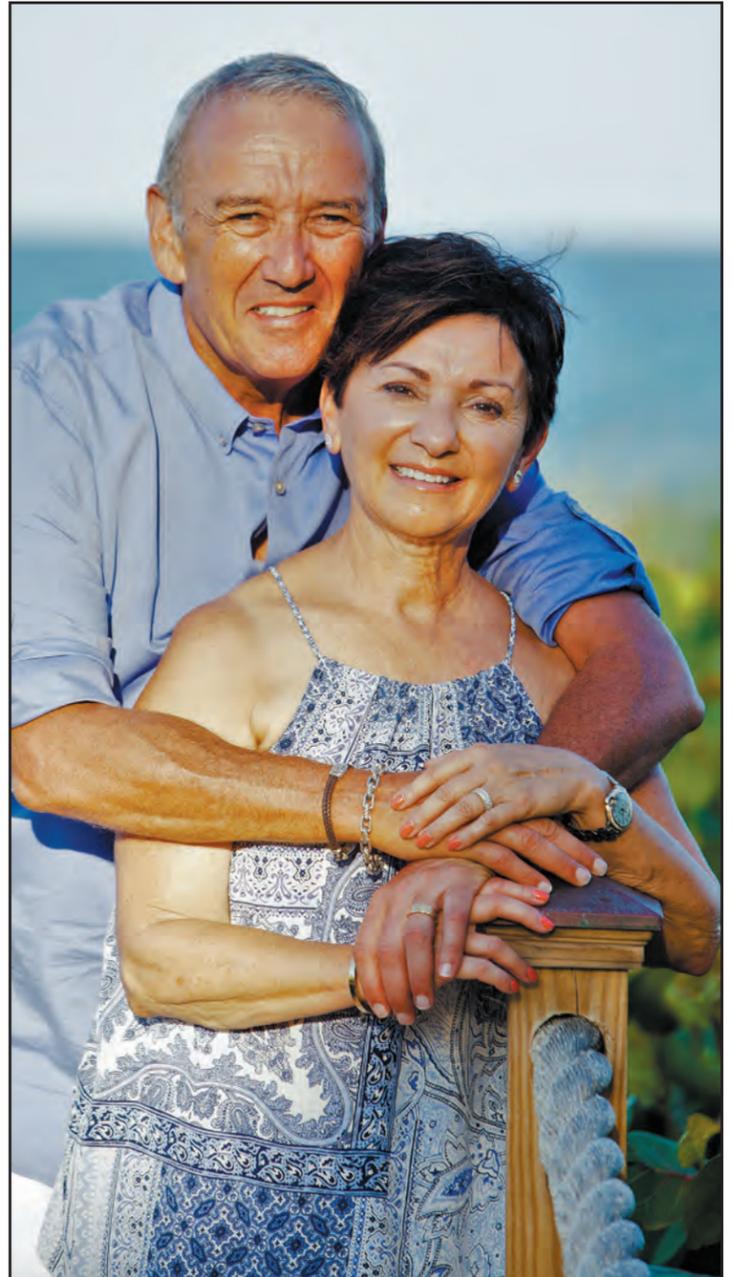
"I was immediately surprised by the basic needs that weren't being met and inspired by the simplicity of the program," Doris Gillman said. "Sweet Dream Makers also provides beds for the family members if we find they need them. We also collect gently used furniture, but all the mattresses and bedding are new."

Neil Gillman, who serves on the board of the Boca West Foundation, met Suzanne "Suzy" Broad, Sweet Dream Makers executive director, when she gave a five-minute, informal talk to the board. That talk led to a meeting with the Gillmans, which ended with a pledge for the entire amount needed to fund the first year of the Beginnings program. The Boca West Foundation committed \$20,000 and is adding \$10,000 to renovate Boca Raton Regional Hospital's maternity wing.

But more than money, Broad found an ally in Doris Gillman.

"She understood the philosophy of Sweet Dream Makers," Broad said. "We immediately had a rapport, an instant connection. She's smart, and she has a smile that lights up the room."

The Gillmans, philanthropists who married eight years ago, recently sold their home in Gulf Stream and bought a home in the Royal



Neil and Doris Gillman are sponsoring a program that provides cribs, bedding and other supplies for newborns of mothers in need at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. **Photo provided**

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Palm Yacht and Country Club, which Doris Gillman says is perfect for them.

"Gulf Stream was very peaceful and private, but we wanted a community with lots of people and activities. What makes it special to us is we can walk to everything. We like to ride our bikes and walk the dogs," Neil Gillman said. He is

an avid golfer. His wife likes to work out, and they both play a little tennis. The couple has four children and two grandchildren who visit frequently.

"We're down-to-earth and family focused," Neil Gillman said. Doris Gillman added: "And we love to give back to the community." ★

For more information about Sweet Dream Makers, call 571-7363 or visit www.sweetdreammakers.org.

For more information about Boca West Foundation, visit www.bocawestfoundation.org or call 488-6980.

Editor's Note

Extra drive time a necessary nuisance this time of year

May and early June have been a busy time for driving obstacles.

In Ocean Ridge there have been lane restrictions because of painting and repairs on both the Woolbright and Ocean Avenue bridges, combined with stop-and-start traffic caused by Florida Power & Light's electrical pole work along A1A.

In Gulf Stream, traffic stops caused by the town's ongoing powerline burial project seem to have become a way of life. And Delray Beach's oceanfront traffic has been barely inching along because of restricted parking and construction equipment movements along the beachfront.

Add these moguls to the the usual A1A slalom course caused by the comings and goings of construction equipment at work on new beach-area homes all along Ocean Boulevard from Manalapan through Highland Beach, and driving has been, shall we say, "complicated" along the coast.

Once you are able to make it across the bridges, it's not much better. Consider the Brightline double track installation and crossing closures on the FEC tracks. When will that end? And then there's the ongoing I-95 ramp building in Boynton Beach and the never-ending Spanish River interchange construction in Boca Raton.

Still, we shouldn't complain. The majority of these projects

reflect necessary improvements to our transportation infrastructure, and the bulk of the heavy construction was scheduled to happen after tourist season and before the peak of hurricane season. Imagine if they had started in March or delayed until August? It's annoying now but could have been far worse.

It also reflects confidence in our local economy. It's good to see people working.

So, even though we may all need to add five or 10 minutes to travel times for the next month or so, we really shouldn't complain. It's part of the price we pay to live in paradise.

A couple of reminders

- The 2017 hurricane season began June 1. Dust off your planning materials, get the trees trimmed and check the generator. If you are new to the area or want to refresh your hurricane plan, visit www.pbcgov.com/knowurzone/ for how to prepare.

- June normally marks the peak of sea turtle nesting season. That means it's time to move beach furniture and other obstacles from the beach and turn off the lights! Turtles need our help to survive. For more information, visit www.myfwc.com/research/wildlife/sea-turtles/threats/



— Mary Kate Leming, Editor

Correction

A May story on the Delray Beach Master Plan work gave the wrong information about Bob Victorin's email to city commissioners. As a donor and resident, he wrote to commissioners asking them to reevaluate their decision to remove bench plaques.

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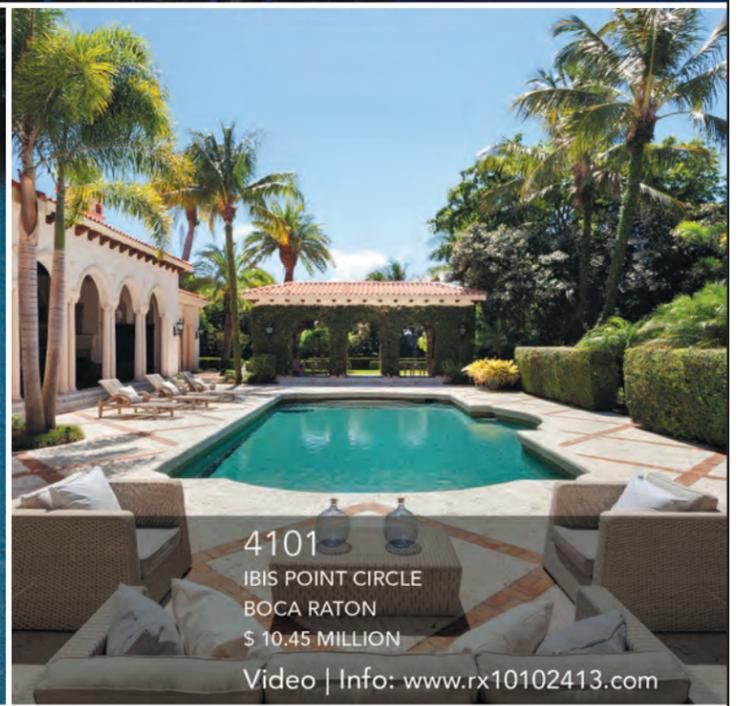
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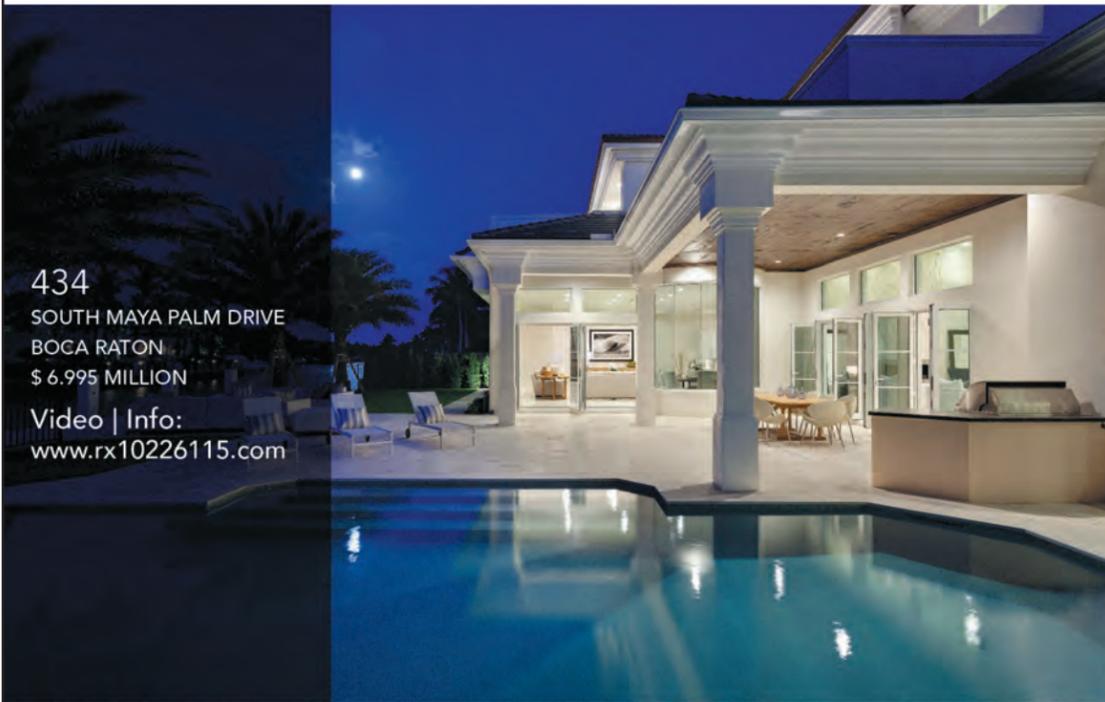
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The plans for the 384-unit Mizner 200 condo complex have been through a few revisions. Rendering provided

Two boards' approvals send Mizner 200 on to City Council

By Mary Hladky

Nearly three years after a developer first proposed a luxury condominium now named Mizner 200, the city's

most controversial downtown project has gained approvals from two boards.

The only hurdle remaining for the 384-unit condo is a July 24 vote of the City

Council, sitting as Community Redevelopment Agency commissioners.

The relief of developer Elad National Properties and architect GarciaStromberg /

GS4Studios was palpable after the Community Appearance Board's 5-2 vote in favor of the project May 16.

"You do not know the joy that brought us, that that was

the last thing we had to deal with," GarciaStromberg CEO Jorge Garcia told Planning and Zoning Board members two days later, after explaining his agreement to make two minor design changes CAB members requested.

Minutes later, the Planning and Zoning Board gave the project its blessing with a 5-1 vote.

John Gore, president of BocaBeautiful.org which opposes the project, said his citizens group still thinks it is too massive.

"We think it is the last nail in the coffin as far as downtown development is concerned, because if they can build a building like this — twisting the interpretation of 4035 — they can build anything," he said, referring to the city ordinance that governs downtown development.

Gore is far from conceding defeat, saying he always expected the two boards to recommend approval.

Mizner 200 "is going to where the real battle is going to take place. That is the City Council," he said.

Downtown Boca Raton has experienced a surge of development recently, causing angst for many residents who decry what they see as the changing character of their city and the erosion of the city's signature Addison Mizner architectural style.

But while they blasted projects such as the mixed-use Mark at CityScape, at the southeast corner of Federal Highway and Palmetto Park Road, their most vehement opposition was aimed at Mizner 200.

Elad stunned downtown residents in September 2014 when it unveiled plans for 500 luxury condos designed by "starchitect" Daniel Libeskind. The proposed project's four towers rose as high as 30 stories, well exceeding downtown height limits.

When that concept drew no support, Elad ditched Libeskind and hired GarciaStromberg. The West Palm Beach firm has since



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Boca Raton

Wildflower on official path to becoming a park

By Steve Plunkett

Following the sweeping November victory of a citizen initiative to reserve all city-owned land on the Intracoastal Waterway for public uses, the City Council has introduced an ordinance to change the Wildflower parcel's land use and zoning.

The referendum, which voters approved by a 2-1 margin, limits use of such land to "public recreation, public boating access, public streets, and city storm water uses only." City staff initiated the land-use and zoning changes as a result.

"I recommend that the City Council introduce and thereafter approve the accompanying city-initiated ordinance amending the future land-use map of the comprehensive plan from C to PR for the subject property," City Manager Leif Ahnell wrote council members for their May 23 meeting. "Concurrent with this proposed request is a city-initiated rezoning of the amendment site from Local Business (B-1) to Public Land (PL)."

C is the comprehensive plan's label for commercial land, while PR is for recreation and open space.

Meanwhile, a group led by a former Chamber of Commerce president dropped its challenge to the referendum. ForBoca.org first filed a lawsuit to upend the initiative, then said it would complain to a hearing officer.

"ForBoca.org has decided not to pursue an administrative hearing," Gerald Richman, its attorney, said May 23.

This is the second time in less than a year council members

altered the designations for the vacant land at 551 E. Palmetto Park Road, which Boca Raton bought in 2009 for \$7.5 million. In July, they changed part of the parcel from residential to commercial to accommodate a long-planned restaurant.

The Nov. 8 vote derailed that idea. The city now is planning a passive park for the site.

In other business:

- Council members gave city staff the go-ahead May 9 to draw up an interlocal agreement to issue up to \$24 million in municipal bonds that would allow the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District to buy the 214-acre Ocean Breeze golf course.

Before finalizing the deal, however, Mayor Susan Haynie said she wants to know how much Palm Beach County paid to build its very profitable Osprey Point golf course.

At a joint meeting of the Beach & Park District with the council May 8, Arthur Koski, the district's executive director, said \$24 million "may seem like a lot of money, and it is."

"What I can assure you is that in 20 years it will seem like a bargain," Koski said.

- The council approved hiring Applied Technology and Management Inc. to develop architectural plans for the restoration of Lake Wyman and Rutherford parks.

- It also gave the Florida Inland Navigation District an ingress agreement to a FIND spoil area inside Spanish River Park in exchange for a 25-year lease of FIND's spoil island in the Intracoastal just east of Lake Wyman.

Boca Raton will pay \$100 a year in rent. ★

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revised the project four times, with the last two iterations right in line with what the city allows.

The project would replace Mizner on the Green's 246 rental units on nearly 9 acres along Southeast Mizner Boulevard. The design changes cut square footage by 10 percent, decreased the average unit size, increased setbacks and added more green space.

At nine stories, Mizner 200 meets the building height limit for that part of downtown. Two levels of parking will be underground and on the ground floor. Building materials will include smooth and textured stucco, stone accents, wood-look trellis and slate tile roof.

The project is set back from the road to accommodate a promenade with covered walkways, trellised sitting zones, pocket parks and shade and palm trees.

To overcome objections that the project is too massive, the

architect divided Mizner 200 into three sections that allow views eastward to a golf course and the ocean. The central section will sit 170 feet back from Mizner Boulevard.

Even so, objectors say Mizner 200, at more than 800 feet long, is still far too large.

Many of its sharpest critics live in the Townsend Place condominium immediately to the south of the proposed project. They complain that Mizner 200 will sit so close to their condo's north building that owners will lose eastward views and sunlight, reducing their property values.

They have been joined by Investments Limited, a prominent city developer planning a makeover of its Royal Palm Place shopping and dining destination on the west side of Mizner Boulevard. Royal Palm Place also would lose views and its residential component would compete with Mizner 200.

Opponents, wearing red-and-white "No Mizner 200" badges, jammed the CAB meeting. ★



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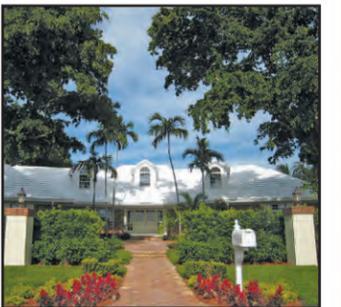
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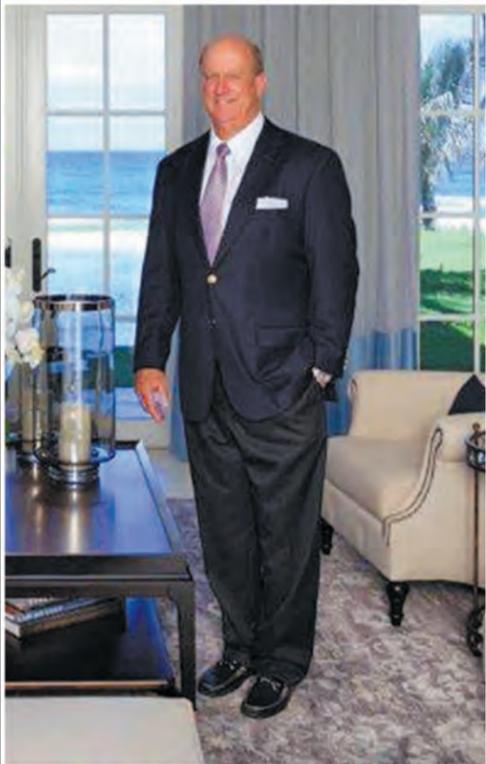
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Gulf Stream

11th-hour talks bring peace between Gunther Volvo and neighbors

By Steve Plunkett

A proposed three-story garage that Place Au Soleil feared would bring unwelcome noise and light will instead be a concrete reminder of good-neighborliness.

Eleventh-hour negotiations between Gulf Stream and Gunther Volvo resulted in a series of concessions just before Delray Beach's Site Plan Review and Appearance Board gave the project its final OK.

Only three members of the public commented at the May 10 SPRAB meeting — Gulf Stream Mayor Scott Morgan, Place Au Soleil Homeowners Association President Chet Snavelly and Ann Bennett, a Place Au Soleil resident and vice president of the town's Civic Association. All were in favor.

"I figure that we are going to be looking at this garage for the next 50 to 100 years, so it was important to us that we get a project that was digestible. I think, I hope that we've gotten to that point," Snavelly said.

How the car dealership will control lights on the garage's upper level, where its employees will park, led to the breakthrough of using motion sensors. Gunther lawyer Matthew Scott said it was too soon to say whether such devices would do the job.

"We just had an aha moment about motion sensors today," he told the review board.

If the sensors will not work or if Delray Beach police do not approve the idea, Gunther will turn off half of the top-level lights at 9 p.m. and the remainder at 10. Delray Beach

code would have allowed the lights to stay on until 11.

Morgan, who called Gunther's efforts "very reasonable," sent a letter to town residents detailing changes the dealership would make. Among them:

- Adding black honeycomb grilles to openings in the walls to cut noise and light, and recessing interior lights in the ceilings.

- Moving the site for offloading vehicles from the east side of the property, next to Place Au Soleil, to the south side and restricting offloading to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. ("There will be no weekend delivery and it will not be at night," Scott told the board.)

- Adding a dense tree line to the 20 existing oaks on the east property line.

- Making the perimeter berm higher and adding a wall on top, effectively making a 10-foot sound barrier.

- Buying new car washing equipment designed to minimize noise and putting it inside the garage to make it even quieter.

- Relocating the trash bin from the east side to the south side.

- Not installing a public-address system outdoors.

Review board member Linda Purdo-Enochs complimented both sides "for working together and finding a happy medium."

Gunther will also plant three more sabal palms at the southeast corner of the garage to screen it from the Delray Preserve apartment complex.

The dealership's current showroom is showing signs of

age, Scott said. "It's not exciting. It's not fresh," he said.

Volvo is rebranding itself to get away from a historical emphasis on safety and become cool, Scott said. Gunther's dated furniture inside will be replaced with a modern, warm, Scandinavian design.

Under Delray Beach's comprehensive plan, auto dealerships are "specifically directed" to the east side of Federal Highway north of Delray Preserve, city senior planner Amy Alvarez said. The garage, which will be 65 feet away from Place Au Soleil at its closest, could have been 10 feet away and met code, Scott said.

Fort Lauderdale-based Gunther paid AutoNation \$13.5 million in 2012 for the Volvo and neighboring Volkswagen dealerships.

Snavelly said letters he and the HOA overnighted to Joseph "Jay" Gunther Jr. and Joseph Gunther III were game changers. The older Gunther emailed back that he wanted "to work with you folks. You are our neighbors," Snavelly said.

Relations between the car lot and Gulf Stream were less cordial in the months leading to the garage-showroom's OK.

As recently as mid-April, Snavelly said the dealership was intransigent. "Volvo was not interested in spending any money for any redesign," he said. ★

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Town Hall addition plan gets good reviews

By Steve Plunkett

Gulf Stream Town Hall version 2.0 is on its way.

A 24-foot-wide by 29-foot-deep addition on the west side of the building will provide new offices for the town manager and Gulf Stream's staff attorney as well as additional space for storage.

Architect Mark Marsh gave town commissioners a courtesy preview of the plan at their May 12 meeting. The Architectural Review and Planning Board, which had the final say, approved it May 22.

"It's going to be a very simple addition. It reflects the symmetry, the balance, the materials of the existing facility," Marsh said.

Town Manager Greg Dunham, who took over William Thrasher's position May 1, will move into the northern half of the addition, while staff attorney Trey Nazzaro will occupy the southern half. Both offices have room for storage.

"Even though in this age of internet ... it's a fallacy [that computers reduce paper records]. There's more paperwork, more storage required," Marsh said.

Town Clerk Rita Taylor will relocate to Thrasher's old office, and her space will become a conference room/library.

"Contractors, subcontractors that want to review plans, they come in [to a space that's] not really geared to any review of documents or research," said Marsh, who regularly brings proposals to Town Hall. "Having a conference room of some kind is going to be a huge asset."

Marsh's clients were pleased. "I think it looks good," Commissioner Joan Orthwein said.

Mayor Scott Morgan said: "It's not only a good addition, but it's a better use of space. I particularly like the way you've blended the outside elevation with the existing building so it looks like a natural, an original part of the building." ★

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Along the Coast

Sober home crisis forces state lawmakers into action

By Mary Hladky

Previous efforts to crack down on unscrupulous drug treatment centers and sober homes have largely languished in the Florida Legislature.

But that changed in the session that ended in May, when significant legislation was passed that cracked down on some of the worst practices of the addiction treatment industry, empowered the state Department of Children and Families to regulate treatment centers, and imposed stiff penalties for possession of fentanyl, an opioid painkiller.

The skyrocketing death toll arising from the opioid crisis focused legislative attention on the problems. Gov. Rick Scott declared the opioid epidemic a public health emergency last

month.

Deaths in Palm Beach County jumped from 305 in 2015 to 592 last year, according to the Medical Examiner's Office. Delray Beach, the reputed epicenter of the crisis in the county, had 77 overdoses in April, with six resulting in death, city police said last month. That was up from 57 in April 2016.

Another important factor was the work of the Sober Homes Task Force, launched last year with \$275,000 in state funding by State Attorney Dave Aronberg to investigate allegations of fraud and abuse and propose solutions.

The task force and a grand jury issued reports on the vast scope of the problems and recommended new legislation. They found rampant deceptive

marketing, insurance fraud, patient brokering, sexual abuse and forced labor.

Chief Assistant State Attorney Al Johnson, who heads the task force, traveled frequently to Tallahassee to press legislators to take action. Although he could not lobby, Aronberg joined him for the final week of the legislative session.

"We did better than we hoped," Johnson said. "It was a barnburner."

Speaking of wide-ranging legislation introduced by state Sen. Jeff Clemens, D-Lake Worth, and state Rep. Bill Hager, R-Boca Raton, Johnson said, "We didn't know it would pass until the day before the session ended. I've got more gray hairs than I used to have."

Industry recognizes issue

While there was some opposition to the bills, which were consolidated under Hager's version, Johnson said the addiction treatment industry generally knew that better regulation is needed.

"The problem is so severe that the industry realizes it will implode if corrective action isn't taken against these bad actors," he said. "If we don't get a handle on the bad actors and bad practices in the industry, parents will stop sending their children to Florida for treatment."

Most of the young addicts treated in Florida come from out of state, and word is spreading that there are problems here.

Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey issued a warning in April, after receiving many reports of state residents being recruited to "so-called" treatment centers in Florida, Arizona and California. She urged anyone receiving an unsolicited referral to out-of-state centers to be wary.

John Lehman, CEO of the Florida Association of Recovery Residences, a nonprofit that oversees voluntary certification of sober homes for DCF, praised Aronberg and Johnson for their efforts.

"All credit for successfully accomplishing that push at the last hour goes to Aronberg and Johnson," he said. "They did a phenomenal job."

Delray Beach Mayor Cary Glickstein said legislation alone won't solve all the problems. Yet "the new law, if adopted by the governor, represents more effective tools in how we combat exploitation and abuses of vulnerable people within a wholly unregulated industry that has thus far produced little tangible evidence of success while it enjoys impunity and huge profits predicated on human suffering," he said in an email.

Provisions of the Clemens/Hager legislation include:

- Prohibiting service providers and sober home operators from engaging in deceptive marketing and

enacting criminal penalties for violations.

- Increasing penalties for patient brokering and adding patient brokering to the list of offenses that the Office of Statewide Prosecution may pursue.

- Giving new powers to DCF to regulate treatment centers. DCF will draft rules on administrative and clinical standards by January, and licensing fees will be increased substantially to help pay for the increased regulation. Effective July 1.

Other notable new laws include:

- Creating tough penalties for possession of fentanyl, a painkiller as much as 100 times more potent than morphine, and similar substances. Heroin is often cut with fentanyl, making it far more deadly. The substances are added to the list of drugs that can result in murder charges for the dealer if the buyer dies. Effective Oct. 1.

- Enhancing collection of overdose data by allowing emergency medical personnel to report overdoses to the Florida Department of Health. The law also requires hospital emergency departments to establish overdose policies. Effective Oct. 1.

- Limiting the initial amount of opioids prescribed to a five-day supply. Prescriptions filled for controlled substances must be entered in a state prescription drug monitoring database by the end of the next business day. Effective July 1.

Task Force will continue

The work of the Sober Homes Task Force will continue for at least another year, provided a \$300,000 appropriation by lawmakers to fund it is not vetoed by the governor. Scott, angered that lawmakers ignored some of his top legislative priorities, was considering a state budget veto last month.

FARR, however, was not so fortunate. Lehman had requested \$275,000, but the Legislature appropriated only \$100,000. Even that amount is uncertain with the possibility of a budget veto.

That comes after the Legislature last year appropriated no money for FARR's operations, leaving Lehman to subsist on donations and loans.

At the end of May, Lehman was scrambling to come up with additional money. "We're hopeful that we can raise the \$175,000 and the governor won't veto our \$100,000," he said.

County pilot funded

The Legislature also appropriated \$500,000 for the county's Opioid Abuse Pilot Program launched early this year.

The concept is to offer people who overdose support services after they leave the emergency room. People treated at JFK Medical Center in Atlantis

can volunteer to enter the program. They are treated with Suboxone, a drug that curbs withdrawal symptoms. After release, they are visited at home, administered tapering doses of the drug and offered counseling.

As of May 30, Scott had not made a decision on the state budget and had not signed the drug-related legislation into law, although it is widely believed he will do so.

Although those pushing for stricter regulation of the addiction treatment industry are well pleased with their victories in the Legislature, they agree there is more work to be done.

Plans for additional proposed legislation are in the very early stages, but the Sober Homes Task Force again will have a leading role.

One priority, Johnson said, is getting more funding for FARR. "It is important FARR be adequately funded," he said.

The task force also will be active in helping DCF create rules to regulate treatment centers.

DCF funding may become an issue. The agency was given a huge mandate, but increased funding is limited to the revenue from higher licensing fees.

"The success of the DCF legislation will depend on adequate funding," Johnson said. "If you don't have full-time employees to do the job, all the laws and rules are meaningless."

Are sober homes commerce?

One matter under consideration is whether sober homes are commercial businesses, and therefore not exempt from mandatory regulation. The Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act recognize addiction as a disability, which has made it difficult for government to regulate sober homes.

"We need to get rid of the flophouses," Johnson said.

The task force also is looking at whether it is possible to provide rent subsidies. Health insurance pays for substance abuse treatment, but does not cover the sober homes that provide beds to those getting treatment.

This is a difficult issue because the task force does not want open-ended subsidies that would create cycles of relapse, Johnson said.

Another matter drawing task force attention is the prohibition against working at or owning a drug rehab facility if the person has a prior felony drug conviction. People who want to help addicts many times are former addicts who have insight into how to break the cycle of drug use, he said.

"There is more we can do," Johnson said. "We are not going to prosecute our way out of this." ★

Jane Smith contributed to this story.



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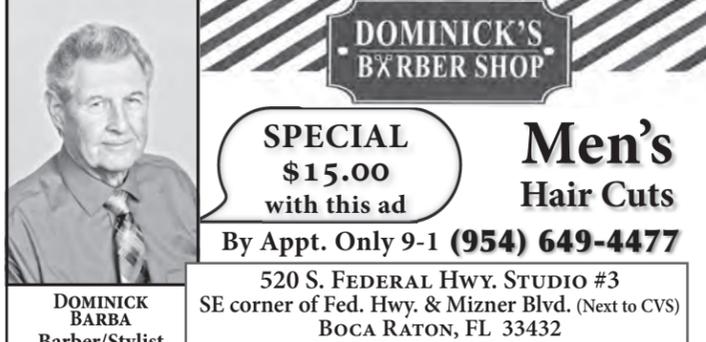
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Along the Coast

As overdose numbers soar, cities seek sober home regulation

Two south county coastal cities continue to see rising numbers of drug overdoses along with increasing fatalities.

In Boynton Beach, police responded to 398 overdoses in 2016 resulting in 35 deaths.

As of May 22, Boynton Beach police responded to 240 drug overdoses with 25 fatalities this year. If the overdose

pace continues, the city will see 2017 overdoses eclipse last year's number in late August.

Delray Beach also has an escalating problem with overdoses. Many occur in its central core, between the interstate and the Intracoastal Waterway, according to police data.

City police responded to 690 drug overdoses in 2016 with 65 of them

fatal. As of May 18, police responded to 289 overdoses with 26 deaths this year. If the overdose pace continues, Delray Beach will see 2017 drug overdoses pass last year's total in late November.

As more powerful synthetic drugs are mixed with heroin, police in both cities don't expect the overdose numbers to decrease.

By Jane Smith

Two Delray Beach city attorneys unveiled their consultant's study of group homes to a rapt audience in mid-May at the Palm Beach County Sober Homes Task Force meeting.

The study calls for mandatory certification of group homes and a distance requirement of 660 feet between them to avoid a clustering of the homes in a neighborhood. If both can't be met, then the group home operator would have to apply for a special permit from the city to open for business.

"The time is right for this," said Terrill Pyburn, a special attorney hired by Delray Beach. "We now have data from the Task Force and all of the arrests. ... It's not just people crying wolf."

The State Attorney's Task Force was formed in July. Its law enforcement subgroup has arrested about 30 treatment center and sober home operators on patient brokering charges.

Delray Beach, called the "recovery capital of America" in 2007, has been fighting that branding for years.

In 2012, it settled a federal discrimination lawsuit filed by the Caron Foundation. Caron wanted to open a recovery residence in an oceanfront mansion, but the city's rules at the time denied it. Under the settlement, Caron was able to open the seaside sober home.

"The goal of the zoning regulations as they are being drafted is to protect residents of sober homes from abuse, mistreatment, exploitation, theft and fraud — and to ensure the support needed to achieve long-term sobriety," Mayor Cary Glickstein said in an email. "The proposed regulations are being drafted to save lives."

Plans call for the group homes ordinance to be reviewed this month by a city board, then onto the City Commission in late July or early August.

In January, Delray Beach commissioners hired a longtime planner, Daniel Lauber from the Chicago area, to study group homes in the city.

His 57-page study was finished in early May. He found the city had many more than its share of group homes.

City planning staff identified 183 sober homes, said Tim Stillings, planning director. "We have a list of all those properties which have applied for reasonable accommodations," he said.

Delray Beach

"All are sober homes."

A sober home is a type of group home where residents are protected by federal discrimination laws when they live together as a family and maintain sobriety.

Lauber also recommended mandatory certification for group homes in Delray Beach. For sober homes, the state recognizes the Florida Association of Recovery Residences as the certifying body.

The consultant also helped Prescott, Arizona, draft its group homes ordinances with an 800-foot buffer between the group homes.

The ordinance was twice investigated for violating the Fair Housing Act by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. One complaint was dropped in 2015 and the other forwarded to the Justice Department. In February, the Prescott city attorney said he had received a letter saying the Justice Department dropped its investigation,

according to news reports. At the Task Force meeting, moderator Al Johnson, assistant chief state attorney, said, "I wish the Prescott investigation had resulted in a court case. We need that to convince the state Health and Human Services Department in 2018 that certification of sober homes should be mandatory."

Delray Beach City Attorney Max Lohman replied, "The biggest win as a municipal attorney is Justice saying it is closing the investigation."

But attorney James Green, who represented the Caron Foundation, said, "A sober home operator is not required to exhaust administrative remedies by filing a HUD complaint first.

"The distance requirements generally do not pass judicial muster under the Fair Housing Act. If you want to live in a predominantly sober home neighborhood, you have the right to do it."

Green said Delray Beach already has the tools to regulate group homes: "Fair application of its zoning codes." ★

By Jane Smith

The proposed group homes ordinance in Boynton Beach passed its first hurdle in late May when the city's Planning and Development Board unanimously approved it.

That approval put in place a "zoning in progress" situation, ending the city's legally questionable moratorium on group home applications and banning new applications while the new rule is considered.

At the May 23 meeting, the city's Planning and Zoning director handed out updates to the board members.

"We're up against the moratorium deadline" of June 4, said Mike Rumpf, the director.

David Katz, the board chairman, asked, "Why not do another moratorium of three or six months?"

Rumpf said it wouldn't work, "given the subject matter."

The City Commission will have its first reading of the ordinance on June 20, followed by the second reading and a public hearing on July 18, Rumpf said.

The big changes in the ordinance are: mandatory certification for a new group home unless it has a charter from a nationally recognized group; existing group homes will have until Oct. 1, 2018, to become certified; a 300-foot distance requirement

between the group homes; and new parking regulations for the entire neighborhood that require at least one space per bedroom.

Vehicles must be parked in the driveway, if the home has one. The city bans using the front lawns to provide extra parking.

Group homes provide housing for people with a range of disabilities. They can include homes for blind people and for drug and alcohol abusers.

The issue came to the forefront in the past few years as the number of sober homes grew in residential neighborhoods.

Sober homes are a type of group home where more than three unrelated people live together as a family and are protected by federal

Boynton Beach

anti-discrimination laws as long as the residents maintain their sobriety.

In Palm Beach County, rogue sober home operators have given the business a bad reputation with patient brokering charges and illegal marketing ploys.

"We want to preserve the neighborhood character for all," Rumpf said.

Sober homes want to be in neighborhoods to help their patients re-engage with the community, he said.

Boynton Beach has 50 sober homes and another 14 assisted living facilities, all operating as group homes, Rumpf said.

Of those, seven are certified by the Florida Association of Recovery Residences, the only certification recognized by the state. John Lehman, CEO/chairman of the association, said another 11 Boynton Beach sober homes had applied for certification. DCF licenses substance abuse

treatment centers statewide where addicts first go for inpatient rehab.

Boynton Beach may see court challenges to its distance requirement. Rumpf said 300 feet was included to prevent clustering of the group homes and creating an institutional-like setting.

But some anti-discrimination attorneys disagree.

"Most courts ruled that separation requirements are not legal under the Fair Housing Act," said James Green, a West Palm Beach lawyer who has successfully sued local cities for housing discrimination against substance abusers.

Boynton Beach also wants to collect annual business tax receipts from the property owner who rents the home and from the group home operator. ★

"We want to preserve the neighborhood character for all."

Mike Rumpf,
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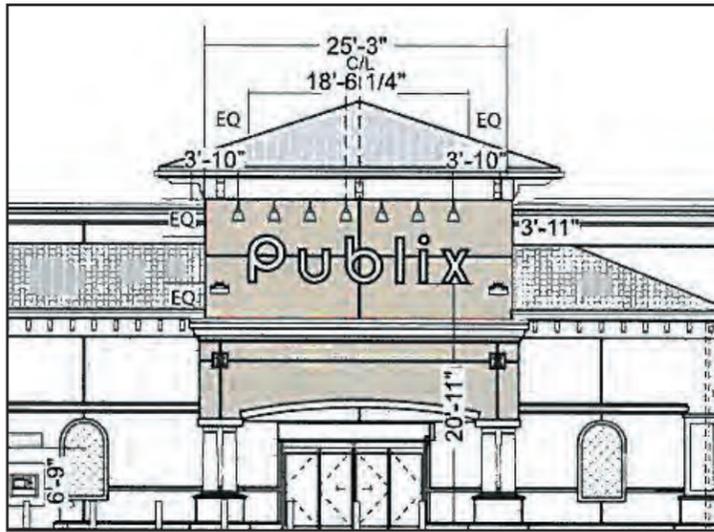
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Commissioners, at odds about the style of the Publix sign, plan to make a final choice this month. **Rendering provided**

Manalapan

Impasse over sign design delaying Publix project

By Dan Moffett

The landlords of Manalapan's Plaza del Mar hoped to be knocking down buildings to make way for a new Publix by now.

They're not, for two reasons: The supermarket chain's architects haven't been able to design a sign that is tasteful enough to satisfy the taste-conscious town commissioners. And a lawsuit against the project filed by Lantana resident Barbara Federico is still wending its way through the courts.

Matt Buehler, retail vice president with plaza landlord Kitson & Partners, says demolition won't begin until the two obstacles are removed.

"People don't realize this is a \$10 million project," Buehler said. "We can't risk it."

Buehler and Publix have been trying to sell town commissioners on a sign design for six months now — a design that is far more understated than the familiar green-and-white logo that marks hundreds of the company's storefronts throughout the Southeast.

The latest failure came during the May 15 town meeting, when commissioners rejected a white-and-black, non-illuminated version they criticized as discordant with Manalapan's unique sense of itself.

Two newly seated commissioners, promoted from the town's architectural board in March, led the opposition.

"The discussions I participated in at ArCom, we focused on the fitness, charm, the compatibility with the overall ambiance of the town," Commissioner Jack Doyle said. "While this sign may be perfectly nice and utilitarian, it does not in my view add to the overall character and ambiance of the town."

"Six months later, we're still where we were," Commissioner Hank Siemon said, asserting that Publix has ignored design suggestions from town officials. "Personally, I think we should look at the Eau sign and use that as a template. That's a beautiful sign."



Brass lamps would illuminate the sign.

Across the street from the plaza, the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa has a metal sign with raised lettering that casts shadows when softly illuminated. Doyle said the Eau's design is "classy and speaks to the character of the town."

Buehler said the town had given him a list of seven design requests at the last meeting on signage, and Publix had addressed all seven. Mayor Keith Waters agreed but said the commission is "a house divided."

Waters told Buehler to bring back a revised version of the white-and-black sign, along with an Eau-inspired design, to the town's June 13 meeting and the commission will choose between the two.

"We will approve one or the other. You have the commitment of the town," the mayor said. "I don't want to continue kicking this can down the road."

Meanwhile, town officials are hopeful a ruling on the Federico lawsuit will come this month. Federico, who lives about 500 feet from the plaza, objects to the size of the store, claiming it is too large for the space.

Her suit also alleges the town did not follow its own rules in approving building plans for the supermarket.

"It is inappropriate for the community and incompatible with the area," she says.

Town Attorney Keith Davis has said the plaza plan complies with the town's code and commissioners acted lawfully in approving it.

Though demolition is on hold, officials believe work still can begin this summer and the Publix can open early next year. ★

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Boca Raton

Surprise change order pushes playground 50% over budget

By Steve Plunkett

The construction crew refurbishing the Children's Science Playground at Sugar Sand Park ran up a \$540,000 bill for extra work in the six weeks before the facility opened.

The bill, presented at the May 22 meeting of the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District board, came after district commissioners paid an additional \$439,000 on Feb. 21 thinking it was the last bill for the project. The playground reopened March 25.

"I'm a little bit surprised to have a change order on top of all the change orders, all the things that changed before. ... I'm just baffled by the whole thing," Commissioner Craig Ehrnst said.

"Isn't there something that can be put in [a contract] that protects us from overages over like 20 percent of the cost of the project?" Commissioner Erin Wright asked.

The district had expected to pay \$2.1 million renovating the playground, which was built mostly by community volunteers more than 20 years ago. Instead, the final tab is closer to \$3.2 million.

Arthur Koski, the district's executive director, attributed the overrun to the fact that commissioners hired a structural engineer as a "special inspector" to monitor the work since building the park facility was far different from building a house.

"He made changes or directives on the day of opening. He saw things that needed to be correct," Koski said.

As an example, the inspector required the near-last-minute addition of 600 extra bolts, bracing and screening to the multilevel structure for safety.

"We had to be safe, and the special inspector was putting his



Families enjoy the Children's Science Playground at Sugar Sand Park in Boca Raton on May 26. The playground had more than 54,000 visitors in April. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

reputation on the line," Koski said.

Also, the original structure was built without obtaining a building permit and some things were in unusual places.

"There was a huge electrical service box that was discovered when they were laying out the parking-lot sidewalks ... underneath some grass and mulch, and that was the service for the whole park. That had to be relocated," said Mike Fichera, the district's contract administrator.

Still, commissioners were upset, in part to hear about the extra work long after the playground's grand reopening.

"This expense, it's a very tough pill to swallow, especially since the playground's been open now for two months approximately and we're just hearing about it," District Vice Chairman Steve Engel said. "From the time the first shovel

was turned, there have been discoveries — discoveries of bad posts, discoveries of bad bolts and so on down the line."

The 50 percent cost overrun comes at a delicate time for the district, which is negotiating to buy the now-closed Ocean Breeze golf course in the north end of the city for \$24 million. Critics of the deal say the price is too high. Mayor Susan Haynie has asked for more financial

details. Fichera assured beach and park commissioners he had gone through every item on Nujak Construction's change order to ensure they were not being asked to pay for anything twice.

"I went through every one of the receipts," Fichera said.

Commissioners paid the bill at a May 30 meeting after questioning Clifford Moore, vice president of Broward

County-based Nujak.

"Everything that was submitted after that [February change order] was above and beyond what we were asked to do," Moore said.

Engineer Claudio Lapilli, the special inspector, told commissioners that next time, they should "bring the bulldozers first, with a brand-new design you can fully understand, complete with all the nuts, every bolt accounted for."

The playground, which features hands-on, scientific experiences such as a space station, a giant head and DNA-coded walkways, is turning out to be wildly popular. More than 54,000 people visited it during April, its first full month of being opened.

All levels of the now all-inclusive playground are designed to accommodate wheelchairs and baby strollers; the ground is covered with a rubberized mat instead of the mulch it had before.

The structure was closed in June 2015 for safety concerns. Construction did not begin until March 2016 after district commissioners threw out a first round of bids, saying they were too high. A planned reopening in mid-November was pushed back several times as Nujak encountered unforeseen conditions. ★

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Boca Raton

City favors on-demand rides over trolleys for downtown transit

By Mary Hladky

City Council members are leaning toward an on-demand ride service as an alternative transportation option that would lessen downtown traffic congestion by getting people out of their cars.

At a meeting May 8, they backed away from creating fixed-route trolleys, instead preferring something like the Downtowner, which ceased operating in Boca Raton at the end of December. Under that system, people wanting a free ride would summon an electric vehicle via a mobile app.

Council members, sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency board, made no final decisions on what type of service will be offered. But they are moving forward with a request for proposals from private companies.

City officials also plan to contact downtown business owners soon about what types of service they think would work best, hoping the businesses will financially support a transit program.

Mayor Susan Haynie and several other council members said they want a service up and running as soon as possible, and some expressed frustration that the city's request-for-proposals process is so lengthy. It likely will be a year before an alternative transportation

option is operating.

"I think this is very important, essential," council member Robert Weinroth said. "But I am concerned if we don't get the input from the downtown residents and businesses, we may be building something we think is great but they may not think is meeting their needs."

When they first started discussing transportation options in December, council members indicated their preferred option was a trolley system that would circulate through downtown and make pickups every 10 minutes.

But cost estimates prepared by city staff have dissuaded them, at least for now.

Downtown Manager Ruby Childers estimated in February that a trolley system would cost \$3.2 million for the trolleys, signage and trolley stops. Annual operations would cost as much as \$1.8 million.

Council members didn't want to spend that much and grew increasingly concerned that fixed-route trolleys would not attract enough riders.

"I feel the trolley itself ... is not the answer for us," Haynie said at the May 8 meeting.

Council member Andrea O'Rourke said: "I think we should not think about trolleys now. It is not the answer to have big, empty trolleys. Electric cars seem to be the way we are

going."

The envisioned route would have included City Hall, the downtown library, Mizner Park, Royal Palm Place, Camino Real and back to City Hall.

O'Rourke asked that the route be expanded to the beach, so residents there could easily get downtown and tourists could get to the beach.

But Haynie and Weinroth said it would be better to start with a limited downtown route and expand to the beach at a later date.

While plans are moving ahead slowly, one alternative for people wanting to ditch their cars has started operating.

Delray Beach Bike Club received Boca Raton approval to launch a pedicab service the first week of May, starting with six vehicles that can reach speeds of 20 miles per hour. More can be added if demand is strong, said President Patrick Halliday.

Riders can summon a pedicab with a mobile app. The rides are free, underwritten by sponsor ads, but drivers accept tips. As of the beginning of the month, developer Investments Limited was advertising on the pedicabs, and Halliday was working to get more sponsors.

He also was in the process of talking to officials of the Hyatt Place hotel at 100 E. Palmetto Park Road about making his pedicabs available near the hotel's entrance.

Halliday said he would start operating in Boynton Beach beginning this fall. He ran into a roadblock in Delray Beach in mid-April, when Police Chief Jeff Goldman questioned the safety of the pedicabs proposed to operate on East Atlantic Avenue.

That concern is unfounded, Halliday said, and he is

pursuing "other options" to offer service in Delray Beach.

Two- or three-passenger pedicabs are a user-friendly mode of transport, he said. Drivers can suggest things to do, sights to see and restaurants to try.

"I call them ambassadors for the city," he said. ★

Highland Beach

Crosswalk to be enhanced on trial basis for FDOT study

By Rich Pollack

After months of lobbying by town officials and at least one persistent resident, Highland Beach's efforts to improve pedestrian safety at crosswalks have prompted a Florida Department of Transportation decision to implement enhanced signals at one location along State Road A1A on a trial basis.

After studying several potential options for improvements to mid-block crosswalks, FDOT officials agreed to install pedestrian crossing signs surrounded by yellow LED lights at a crosswalk near the southern end of town, in front of the Boca Highland Beach Club and Marina. The installation is expected to be done by the end of October.

The new signs, which will be pedestrian activated, will replace existing single flashing yellow lights and are expected to bring more attention to the presence of pedestrians in the crosswalk, said Thomas Miller, FDOT's bike/pedestrian safety program specialist for the district that includes Palm Beach County.

The improved signals will be done on a test basis, with an FDOT study measuring their effectiveness.

"If the pilot location treatment is successful in changing driver behavior, FDOT will continue to investigate other locations where the enhanced treatment may be appropriate," Miller said. "However, if the treatment is deemed not to be successful, FDOT will return the crossing at Boca Highland Beach Club to the current condition."

To determine success of the new signals, FDOT will

measure pedestrian and motorist compliance prior to the installation of the lights and then again after they are in place.

For Highland Beach resident John Boden, who has been pushing for improvements at crosswalks, the FDOT action is a step in the right direction.

"I'm glad we're still making progress toward improved pedestrian safety in Highland Beach," he said.

Boden, who spent months researching a variety of crosswalk safety options, said he believes the LED lights FDOT is installing will be very effective in alerting motorists that pedestrians want to cross.

"The yellow flashing lights really jump off the sign and get your attention," he said. "That's why they're so effective."

In addition to the improvements at the test site, FDOT plans to update pedestrian-crossing signage at other midblock crossings in town. Plans to restripe several crosswalks to make them more visible to motorists are also in the works.

Miller said the expected completion date for the signage and striping is spring of next year.

FDOT began to consider the crosswalk issue earlier this year when it hired a consultant to do a road safety audit to determine if current signage was sufficient or needed improvement.

"The road safety audit revealed a low level of pedestrian activity at the crossings during nighttime conditions, but did acknowledge perceived dark conditions throughout at night," Miller said. ★



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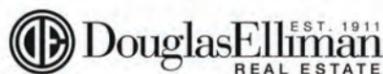
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The hospital has had a building boom in the past 11 years.

RIGHT: The Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute
BELOW: The Marcus Neuroscience Institute
Photos provided



New hospital garage promises to ease parking woes

By Sallie James

A 900-car garage will eventually ease the parking crunch at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, despite nearby homeowners' concerns about noise, pollution and crime.

City Council members last month unanimously voted to move the project forward after agreeing to require that the structure be situated 40 feet farther from the homes, with additional landscaping and façade improvements to limit light "spillage."

"It wasn't brought up too much, but if it was to be a hospital tower, it could actually be far, far taller, a more intensive use and closer," Deputy Mayor Jeremy Rodgers told a group of worried residents who attended the May 23 council meeting.

The 50-foot-tall structure is proposed for the south side of the hospital, at 800 Meadows Road across from the Tunison Palms neighborhood and Spanish Oaks Condominium.

The proposal called for the structure to be built closer to the nearby single-family homes

than city code allowed, reducing the original setback from the Tunison Palms neighborhood from 250 feet to 100 feet.

Council members increased the reduced setback to 140 feet to ease homeowners' concerns.

Colleen White, president of the board of directors of the Spanish Oaks Condominium Association, urged council members to consider the ill effects a parking garage could have on the area before moving forward.

"Approval of this . . . will allow a structure that affects our quality of life and peaceful enjoyment," White said. "There will be noise 24/7 from that parking garage and increased criminal activity. I feel that will bring it right into our condo. Think about it before you approve it."

Homeowner Krista Maki, who lives in Tunison Palms, asked council members to consider alternative locations before approving the parking garage. She suggested the council consider moving the structure farther north.

Hospital CEO Jerry Fedele has acknowledged the conflict between the hospital's dire need for additional parking and residents' concerns about noise and appearance.

"I recognize the concerns of the community and I met with the community three times. We will do everything we can do to make the façade as pretty as we can and add landscaping. You can't have a really sophisticated hospital that is doing the great things we are without having parking."

Attorney Bonnie Miskel said city code would have allowed the hospital to build a 150-foot-tall office building or hospital tower in the same place, but hospital officials knew the impact would be much worse. They proposed the 50-foot garage instead. She noted that the existing 250-foot setback and the reduced 140-foot setback are more generous than any other commercial/residential pairing in the city.

Miskel said the hospital cannot accommodate the needs of patients during the season and needs more parking.

Council member Andrea O'Rourke said the hospital's request was reasonable.

"It's stopping a much larger medical tower from being in your backyard. We made some really good changes. I certainly do not disagree with the need for more parking at the hospital," O'Rourke said. ★



Supporters gather for a photograph during construction of the new hospital. Photos courtesy of Boca Raton Regional Hospital

Hospital's historical highlights

Spring 1962: Drummond children poisoned; Boca Raton residents decide the area needs a hospital nearby.

Sept. 21, 1962: Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League is incorporated.

Sept. 25, 1962: Debbie-Rand Foundation is incorporated.

April 6, 1963: First fundraiser, Polo Ball (April Showers)

June 1964: Frank J. Dawson hired as administrator.

Summer 1965: Administration building built.

Nov. 28, 1965: Groundbreaking for hospital construction.

July 17, 1967: Hospital opens with 104 beds, admits first patient.

1971: Second construction phase completed; hospital expanded to 250 beds.

June 1977: Third construction phase completed; hospital expanded to 344 beds.

1982: Hospital expanded to 400 beds.

January 1985: 10-bed surgical intensive care unit opens.



Ambulances have changed a lot since this early model served the community in 1967.

May 1987: Expanded/renovated emergency room completed.

November 1990: Women's Center opens.

Dec. 23, 1991: Groundbreaking for Lynn Regional Cancer Center.

July 17, 1992: Hospital celebrates 25th anniversary.

Sept. 4, 1993: New OB unit opens (One Family Place).

November 1996: Board of Trustees offers hospital for sale.

December 1996: Board of Trustees takes hospital off the market after lawsuit is filed.

July 17, 1997: Hospital celebrates 30th anniversary.

December 1997: Board announces hospital is not for sale and will remain not-for-profit, community hospital.

January 1999: Level II neonatal intensive care unit opens.

June 1999: New pediatric unit opens.

Sept. 15, 2006: Grand opening of Christine E. Lynn Heart Institute.

Nov. 17, 2008: Harvey and Phyllis Sandler Pavilion of Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn Cancer Institute opens.

Aug. 20, 2010: Hospital changes name to Boca Raton Regional Hospital.

January 2013: Wold Family Center for Emergency Medicine opens.

Jan. 2015: Marcus Neuroscience Institute opens.

July 2015: Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute opens.

July 17, 2017: Hospital's 50th anniversary.

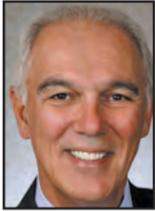
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staff when the facility opened in 1967.

The theme of the hospital's 50th anniversary is "Keeping the Promise," referring to the commitment Gloria Drummond made in the early 1960s when there was no hospital nearby and she lost two of her children. It's a theme that has carried through the years, said hospital CEO Jerry Fedele, who came to Boca Raton Regional Hospital in 2008 and plans to retire next year.



Fedele

"We are really the sweet spot of medicine. We are big enough to provide the best care but small enough to still have that community atmosphere," Fedele said.

U.S. News & World Report named the hospital the top-ranked medical facility in Palm Beach County for 2016-2017, and *Becker's Hospital Review* called it one of "150 top places to work in health care" in 2017.

But part of the hospital's value to the community lies in its close ties to Boca Raton's beginnings.

The hospital's inspiration is rooted in the events of April 21, 1962, when Debra Ann Drummond, 9, and her brother James Randall Drummond, 3, died after drinking poison disguised as milk placed in their refrigerator by a neighbor boy, 11. The closest medical center was Bethesda Hospital in Boynton Beach.

Their parents, Gloria and James Drummond, wondered if a local hospital would have made a difference. The push for a local hospital was on.

Determined to make sense of the horrendous loss, Boca Raton residents established the Debbie-Rand Foundation Inc. and the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League Inc. with the purpose of raising money for a future hospital.

The town had about 10,000 residents and a group of volunteers with a mission.

Today, the hospital has grown into a regional treatment complex with 2,800 employees, 1,200 volunteers and approximately 800 doctors on staff. The Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League has provided more than \$31 million to the hospital since its formation in 1962 — the result of community support, philanthropy and love, organizers say.

Remembering the early years

According to Peterson, the Drummond family had spent a lazy Easter Sunday fishing on their boat. When they returned home, the children went to the refrigerator, drank the tainted milk and became mortally ill.

They never made it to the doctors.

"A neighborhood boy had put some arsenic in the milk



Dr. A.J. Peterson was one of the first physicians at Boca Raton Community Hospital. With him is his daughter-in-law, Leigh Peterson, now a charge nurse at the hospital. The painting behind the Petersons is of the Drummond children, Debra Ann, Robert, James Randall and Robyn. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

and ... they passed before they could get [care at] Bethesda Hospital. The thought from their parents was perhaps if there had been a hospital closer, they could have saved their lives," Peterson said. "That was the drive to get the hospital."

At the time, Meadows Road, where the hospital is located, was vacant land. Nearby was the Old Floresta housing development, originally constructed for the employees of the Mizner Development Corp. To the north was the old Air Force base, closed at the time and now the home of Florida Atlantic University.

It was a perfect setting with plenty of space to grow a complex that would someday save lives.

Groundbreaking for the hospital's first phase was in November 1965. The hospital opened on July 17, 1967, with 104 beds.

Before then, Peterson and other doctors did much traveling to treat patients.

"In those days, we were on the staff at Bethesda Hospital ... so that is where the patients went. You made rounds about 10-12 miles away and you would be on call for the emergency room about every three or four weeks," Peterson recalled.

Peterson's past is closely linked with the present: His daughter-in-law, Leigh Peterson, is a charge nurse who supervises the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit and labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum center, named the Toppel Family Place. She has worked at the hospital 11 years.

"It is a great place to work. That is kind of their motto. I have seen administrations really make strides in the last several years to make sure we increased the quality of care we are giving to patients that are there to ensure we are taking care of people really well," Leigh Peterson said.

Boca Raton resident and volunteer Joan Wargo, 87, began raising money for the

hospital 50 years ago and never stopped. She will receive a pin to mark an astounding 35,000 hours of volunteer service later this month.

Wargo began volunteering years ago because she knew organizers could use her help.

"It was perfectly evident they needed a women's group to raise money," she chuckled.



Wargo

arm. Her decades of devotion are a tribute to the hospital's deep community ties.

The former nurse recalled how the Drummond family requested donations be collected for a new hospital in lieu of flowers after their children died. The hospital's supporters and volunteers took that request to heart. The seed money they collected eventually morphed into millions.

Wargo's corps of volunteers organized bake sales, fashion shows, opened a thrift shop, planned fiestas with Spanish music and piñatas, organized boat parades and planned formal balls to stir interest in the fledgling hospital.

And when the hospital opened, Wargo trained volunteers to deliver food trays, run the information desk, operate the gift shop and snack bar, and handle just about anything else that came up and needed to be done.

Volunteers were "wherever we were needed, but you had to be trained," Wargo said.

The key to the hospital's success has always been its patient care, she added.

"The patient always comes first and you always have the best nursing care," Wargo said proudly. "But the equipment the hospital has been able to afford through our great donors is unreal, especially in the cancer center. It's all technology.

If You Go

What: The Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum has a display called "Miracle on Meadows Road: Boca Raton Regional Hospital at 50"

When: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, through Sept. 30

Where: 71 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton

Admission: Adults \$5, students \$3, museum members free, guided tour \$8

Information: 395-6766

"I'm glad it turned out like it did. It was a lot of work but you get more out of it than you give," Wargo said.

A.J. Peterson agreed.

"The care at the hospital was remarkably good. It was just as good as Bethesda. [We] had an intensive care unit and general surgery. There was no [obstetrics/gynecology] service at the time, but the internal medicine and general surgery were on par with other hospitals in the area," Peterson recalled.

Paramedic service came next

However, the local ambulance service provided little more than a ride.

"Paramedics didn't exist in those days. You could call an ambulance but there was no rapid medical care. A lot of [patients] died before the ambulance got there. It was certainly not the ambulance service we have today," Peterson recalled.

A group of doctors, including Peterson, went to the City Council back in the early '70s to discuss the need for rapid care service in the growing town. The Fire-Rescue Department was formed in 1974.

Today, the city has 250 firefighter/paramedics who work around-the-clock out of eight stations equipped with a combination of six rescue trucks and eight fire trucks.

Firefighter/paramedics are trained to perform everything from bandaging cuts to advanced emergency care and dispensing medications for patients in cardiac arrest, said Boca Fire-Rescue spokesman Bob Lemons.

New direction in recent years

In 2010, the hospital administration initiated a push to broaden hospital services and heighten the medical facility's profile.

"We were a very good community hospital but our reach was very geographic," explained CEO Fedele. "We changed the name from Boca Raton Community Hospital to Boca Raton Regional Hospital, but it was really more of a change in strategic direction. We added academics and residency teaching programs

to teach young physicians both medicine and surgery with our partner at FAU, and we invested heavily in clinical program development."

Today, the hospital is home to the Eugene M. & Christine E. Lynn Cancer Institute, the Lynn Women's Health and Wellness Institute, the Marcus Neuroscience Institute, the Wold Family Center for Emergency Medicine, the Barbara C. Gutin Center for Robotic Surgery and the Gloria Drummond Physical Rehabilitation Institute.

The hospital added the first hybrid operating room in South Florida, combining the most sophisticated technology in imaging and in operating rooms, and the first flash CT imaging machine that takes a full body scan in just seconds.

The impressive \$150 million of investment came primarily from community donations, Fedele noted.

"We have grown tremendously because of that. We now draw patients from a much broader area," Fedele said.

Despite the booming growth, the character of the hospital has remained intact.

"As much as we focused on investment and getting bigger, the purpose was never to step away from the community. Because we are so community-oriented, the philanthropy comes primarily from the Boca Raton community," Fedele explained.

"I've been in health care more than 30 years and I have never seen a feeling of community ownership anywhere in the country like we have here."

People such as Pat Thomas, 77, a volunteer who joined the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League in 1983 and is still active today, help the community connection live on.

Thomas has served as president of the volunteers several times, is a trustee on the hospital board and a volunteer on the hospital foundation board. She chairs the Community Outreach Committee, which does the grant funding for different charitable organizations in the community.

She was a close friend of Gloria Drummond, who died in 2011, at 81. James Drummond, 58, died in 1989 at the hospital he helped found.

Thomas took Gloria Drummond's cause to heart. She remembers Drummond's pervasive sadness about the loss of her children and her determination to make a difference.

"Along the way, she realized how much good has come from it. People from everywhere would send her letters thanking her for pursuing that hospital. Maybe one of their relatives had been saved," Thomas recalled. "Now we are 50 years old and we have grown beyond any expectation. I only wish she was here to celebrate with us." ★

Along the Coast

County's study of U.S. 1 aims for unified vision

By Rich Pollack

As it stretches 42 miles from Camino Real in Boca Raton to Indiantown Road in Jupiter, U.S. 1 crosses through 14 municipalities.

In some places along the stretch, you'll find bike paths and sidewalks, in other places you'll see sidewalks on only one side.

You might also find intersections that need better lighting or improved traffic signals.

Now, the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization is working on a study that will create a blueprint for coordinated improvements along the east Palm Beach County corridor.

"We're creating a unified vision, but one that is feasible," says Valerie Neilson, principal planner and multimodality manager for the organization's U.S. 1 Multimodal Corridor Study. "We're trying to create a plan that connects all of the communities."

The study, which began in February, is scheduled to wrap up by next spring and will include recommendations on what improvements can be made along the corridor. Once that is completed, the design phase can begin, setting the stage for implementation of the recommendations.

Since U.S. 1 is a state road

and falls under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation, the MPO planners will be working closely with FDOT on the project to coordinate all efforts.

While there will be a focus on bike paths and sidewalks and the "complete streets" concept, which addresses needs of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists, the MPO study goes much further and looks at several areas of improvement.

There's a public transit element to the study, where teams will be looking at the stops along the way as well as schedules to ensure they're both meeting the needs of the riders. Data show that U.S. 1 serves about 8,600 bus riders per day, making it the busiest bus route in the county. "We're looking at how we can improve existing service," Neilson said.

The study also could identify bus-stop facilities to upgrade and recommend ways to improve the branding and images of buses along the corridor.

Safety is a major focus of the study, as planners look for ways to reduce crashes.

Between 2011 and 2016, there were 12 pedestrian fatalities and three bicycle fatalities along U.S. 1, all at night. The three bicycle fatalities took place in Boca Raton north of Glades Road.

In that same time frame,



Workshop members in Boca Raton take a walking tour of U.S. 1, also known as Federal Highway. Workshops are set this month for Delray Beach and Boynton Beach. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

there were 321 pedestrian or bicycle-involved crashes, with 82 percent of the bicycle crashes occurring in areas where there are no bike lanes.

As part of the study, engineers and planners will look at traffic flow to see whether lane reductions might improve safety. They'll also be looking at signals and speed limits.

An innovative part of the study will include a health-impact assessment, in which planners will explore issues such as how difficult it is for people without cars to reach grocery stores safely.

Funding for the \$775,000 study is provided by the MPO, a collaborative organization

governed by Palm Beach municipal and county elected leaders designed to identify and prioritize transportation projects.

As part of the process, the MPO team has been holding meetings with community members, the first of which took place last month in Boca Raton. During that meeting and a walking audit, the team heard from residents and community leaders who offered suggestions to improve safety and mass transit.

A series of meetings will be held this month for Delray Beach and Boynton Beach residents and community leaders. A combined workshop, which will include a walking

audit, will take place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 24 at the Boynton Beach Library, 208 Seacrest Blvd.

In addition, there will be open-studio charrettes for both cities from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 27-28 at the Boynton Beach Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Highway.

A workshop for Hypoluxo and Lantana will be July 22 at a location to be announced.

The MPO will also have open-studio charrettes July 24-26 at a location to be determined. Workshops are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and open-studio charrettes are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, visit www.us1pbcorridorstudy.com. ★

Briny Breezes

By Dan Moffett

The Briny Breezes Town Council is moving forward with plans to create an administrative position and to hire a part-time manager to fill it before the end of the summer.

Council President Sue Thaler said she hopes to assemble a volunteer committee of several residents during the June 22 town meeting to help define the job description for the new manager's position.

Thaler will provide much of



Thaler

the background information for the committee to consider. She says she is working between 20 and 25 hours a week for the town without pay, handling administrative duties no one else is willing to do. Thaler said she won't continue doing the work much longer.

"I'm not going to leave the town in a lurch, but I'm not going to keep doing it on an unpaid basis," she said. "It's too time-consuming."

Briny Breezes is the only municipality of the 39 in Palm Beach County that does not have some version of a paid administrator. That includes even towns that are smaller than Briny, such as Glen Ridge and Cloud Lake.

"We needed this a long

time ago," said Alderman Bobby Jurovaty, saying that running the town is much more complicated today than decades ago. "Sue is just doing too much as a volunteer, and it's not right. We need a professional in that seat helping us."

Council members set aside \$50,000 in the 2016-17 budget to pay for a combination clerk-manager position. They filled the clerk job in November, hiring Jackie Ermola, but could not find qualified applicants for the part-time manager's role. The council hopes to use the unspent money set aside last year to hire an experienced manager soon. Thaler said a couple of promising candidates have

come forward in recent weeks.

In other business:

- Corporate board member Tom Oglesby gave the council a revised version of the Green Sheet, the town's building permit application and rules, that the corporation has been working on for more than a year.

Oglesby said the overhauled form is more concise, clearer and updated to include recent changes in flood zone requirements. It also explains what work requires permitting and what doesn't.

"It's not perfect," Oglesby said, "but it's a lot better."

The town's Planning and Zoning Board is scheduled to review the new form at 1 p.m. on June 22. Board Chairman

Jerry Lower said the panel is prepared to move quickly to advance the form to the council for final approval.

- The Florida Department of Transportation has rejected the town's plans for putting a golf cart crossing at A1A and Cordova Avenue.

FDOT officials told the town it must either turn Cordova into a two-way street or widen sidewalks to earn state approval.

"Those aren't our first choices," Thaler said. "This is not the response we were hoping for."

The council is scheduled to hold a workshop at 1 p.m. on June 8 to discuss possible changes to the crossing plans. ★

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Delray Beach

City Commission keeps CRA board independent

By Jane Smith

With a 15-minute soliloquy, Delray Beach's mayor cast the deciding vote to keep the Community Redevelopment Agency board independent from the City Commission.

"The hasty manner in which we got here does not produce an environment in which cooler heads prevail," Mayor Cary Glickstein said.

Glickstein said he regretted not hitting the pause button two weeks ago, and that he and his commission colleagues had spent the intervening 14 days talking to residents on both sides of the issue and many in the middle.

But his support was conditional.

"Things must change," he said, starting with the City Commission's appointment of four members this month to the seven-member CRA board.

His other conditions include: The CRA will pay for all city-identified projects in its district; the CRA will circulate documents for public land sales over 1 acre to the City Commission and city attorney before developers can submit bids; and the CRA staff will communicate better with city staff and commissioners.

Glickstein also wants to see the CRA end "the backdoor funding game." At times, he said, when a project was denied money by the city, the developer went to the CRA. The agency was seen "as an off-the-balance sheet, out-of-public-scrutiny source with a seemingly magical money pot that has been for far too long viewed as something other than what it is: taxpayer dollars."

The mayor followed up a week later with a memo to the CRA leadership detailing the conditions for his support of an independent CRA board.

At the May 16 commission



Glickstein

meeting, nearly 40 people spoke on the CRA. The speakers included downtown business owners, former city staffers, a former mayor, current and former CRA board members and longtime residents. Four current CRA board members, including Chairman Reggie Cox, sat in the front row of the packed commission chambers.

Vice Mayor Jim Chard, who agreed May 2 to discuss the CRA takeover, supported keeping the independent board two weeks later. Chard pointed out the agency's many accomplishments, including trees along 12th Street and the Atlantic Grove development on West Atlantic.

"The issue is communications," he said. "Better communications will be easier to do than the nuclear option."

Deputy Vice Mayor Shirley Johnson also voted to keep the board independent.

The tumultuous debate over the CRA in the past two weeks brought the city together, Johnson said. "Thirty-two years is not long in the redevelopment world," she said. "Blight and slum conditions still exist in the Northwest and Southwest neighborhoods."

"It's foolish to think this conversation started two weeks ago," Commissioner Mitch Katz said. "It started two years ago when then-Commissioner Al Jacquet was outraged that Old School Square expenses were fast-tracked in front of work that was needed in the Northwest/Southwest neighborhoods."

Katz supported disbanding the CRA board because he thinks elected officials should be in charge of deciding how taxpayer dollars are spent.

Commissioner Shelly Petrolia supported the disbanding even though it would be more work for the commission to take over the CRA. "I will bite the bullet," she said. "I can do it."

In her four years as a commissioner, Petrolia said, "Many CRA decisions did not have the support of the taxpayers."

She also said that at a City Commission goal-setting session the previous week, all five commissioners agreed their focus should be on West Atlantic Avenue, not Congress Avenue.

Nearly one-third of the speakers agreed.

"I'm mad as hell, the CRA is giving you lip service," said barrier-island resident Steve Blum. "It has nothing to do with race or historic events. It's about who do I want to handle my \$30 million."

Frances Bourque, the principal money-raiser for the Old School Square complex, said, "For the last 30 years I've stood shoulder to shoulder with the CRA."

Bourque, who lives in the Delray Dunes Golf and Country Club, spoke about giving the CRA board members another chance. "There's humanity in every decision," she said. "It's not just about the dollars."

Residents of The Set have been waiting, said Cox, who lives in the area. (The Set is the new name for the Northwest and Southwest neighborhoods.) "It's time to move forward."

Dispute over naming policy

The uproar started at the May 2 commission meeting. Commissioners were upset that the CRA board passed a building naming policy while the city is trying to craft one. The naming policy became the tipping point after drawn-out negotiations with the iPic theater owner and the loss of a

West Atlantic developer.

When the mayor asked the city attorney what could be done, Max Lohman replied "little" because the CRA is an independent board. He proposed a "nuclear option" with a resolution dissolving the CRA board and having the city commissioners sit as the CRA members. That's how a majority of the CRAs in Florida are run, including in Boynton Beach and Boca Raton.

The CRA covers 20 percent of Delray Beach, from Interstate 95 to the ocean, where property values are the highest. Its current budget is \$17 million from city and county tax dollars. With other sources, the agency will have \$31.5 million to spend this budget year. The amount includes a \$3.1 million line of credit and the \$3.6 million land sale to iPic.

Delray Beach's redevelopment agency is

considered successful. Since its 1985 start, the CRA has created a vibrant downtown and the Pineapple Grove arts district. The agency also won recent awards from the Florida Redevelopment Association for beautifying Federal Highway and offering incentives to Fairfield Inn & Suites Hotel to open on West Atlantic Avenue.

At the agency's May 11 meeting, the building naming policy was rescinded without discussion. The board members also evaluated their executive director and gave Jeff Costello a 5 percent raise, with Cox voting no.

Cox said he talked privately with Costello about his low rating. The evaluation forms show that Cox rated Costello 77 on a 155-point scale over budget, personnel and communication problems. The evaluations were done prior to the latest kerfuffle with the city. ★

iPic deal closes

By Jane Smith

The long-awaited iPic deal closed on May 16.

The developer paid \$3.6 million to the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency for 1.6 acres between Southeast Fourth and Fifth avenues, just south of Atlantic Avenue.

When complete in 2020, the iPic complex will boast 497 luxury seats in eight screening rooms with a total of 44,979 square feet and a 42,446-square-foot office building where iPic has agreed to move its corporate headquarters and occupy 20,000 square feet for five years.

The development also will include 7,847 square feet of retail space and a multilevel garage with 326 spaces, providing 90 public parking spaces.

The deal, originally signed in December 2013, was controversial because the CRA didn't notify nearby landowners of its intentions to sell the land. The agency relied on a change in state law that no longer required the notification.

Over the years, the agreement was amended seven times, with the latest closing set for Jan. 31.

As part of the closing, iPic was supposed to provide a parking plan for its construction workers and for customers in the 400 block of Atlantic while building its complex. The theater developer provided a draft version of its parking plan. Its development order from a city board called for iPic to use "best efforts" to find the temporary parking spaces for customers until the garage is finished. ★

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Gulf Stream

O'Hare may face sanctions over public records requests

By Steve Plunkett

Town resident Chris O'Hare's "bad faith conduct" in seeking hundreds of public records may leave him liable for Gulf Stream's hefty legal bill and even sanctions, a circuit judge has ruled.

In a case O'Hare filed against the town, Judge Thomas Barkdull III said Gulf Stream did not unjustifiably delay its response to a public

records request from O'Hare and his conduct bars the relief he sought, namely the records plus his own attorney's fees.

O'Hare's conduct "was clearly intended to inappropriately manufacture public records requests in order to generate public records litigation and attorney's fees," Barkdull wrote in a final judgment May 8.

What's more, Barkdull wrote, "Having had the opportunity to observe O'Hare at trial, the court further concludes that O'Hare intended to harass and intimidate the town's employees to generate litigation and fees with 'gotcha' type requests."

And, Barkdull wrote, "To that extent, he was successful."

In Tallahassee, meanwhile, Gov. Rick Scott signed a bill into law last month giving judges discretion over whether to award attorney's fees when someone successfully sues a government agency for improperly withholding records. Before, legal fees were automatic.

"We fully expected it to

be signed, actually last year instead of this year," said former Gulf Stream Vice Mayor Robert Ganger, who testified during the 2016 legislative session on the burdens small towns face. "It was a long haul, but I'm hopeful that people will say that's the right thing to do."

Gulf Stream used its hurricane reserve fund and had to raise taxes 40 percent to pay its legal bills, Ganger told state lawmakers.

The Florida League of Cities supported the law; open-government advocates opposed it.

The issue in the O'Hare case was a request he made after Town Hall closed for the day May 14, 2014, for "all records in any way related to any correspondence between Jones-Foster on behalf of the town and Martin O'Boyle and created or received during the period of time from March 1, 2014, through to the moment you receive this request."

Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs PA is Town Attorney John "Skip" Randolph's firm, with about 40 lawyers in its West Palm Beach office.

Gulf Stream answered O'Hare within two days, saying it was "working on a

large number of incoming public records requests" and would use "its very best efforts to respond to you in a reasonable amount of time."

The judge noted that O'Hare did not advise the town that he wanted the request handled ahead of 10 other requests he made that day.

O'Hare filed suit 46 days after he made his request, a day longer than the statutory requirement, asking Barkdull to declare the town was making an "illegal withholding" of the records and seeking attorney fees.

In January, after a four-day nonjury trial, Robert Sweetapple, Gulf Stream's outside counsel, told town commissioners the judge sided with them. In Barkdull's final order, the judge invited Gulf Stream to ask that O'Hare pay its legal bill and also be sanctioned.

At the same meeting, O'Hare told commissioners he disagreed with the ruling. "So do my attorneys, and of course we'll appeal that," he said.

Before Barkdull's ruling, a municipality that successfully defended itself against a public records dispute still had to pay its own legal bill.

O'Hare began asking Gulf

Stream for public records in 2013. From late August through December that year, he made more than 400 requests, Sweetapple said. Together, he and fellow resident O'Boyle have filed more than 2,000 requests and dozens of lawsuits.

The 10 requests O'Hare made May 14, 2014, led to seven lawsuits, Sweetapple said.

Gulf Stream's legal bills soared from \$3,000 a month to as much as \$79,000 a month fighting the lawsuits, the town told Barkdull. It bought new computer programs and a server to handle all the public records requests and hired an attorney full time in Town Hall to help manage the cases.

O'Hare launched his barrage of public records requests after he experienced what he described as "a series of retaliations" and "fictitious code enforcements" from the town beginning in 2012, Barkdull wrote.

O'Hare, who lives in Place Au Soleil, also had an "ongoing dispute" with the town regarding him parking his boat on what he understood to be publicly accessible waters in a canal west of Mayor Scott Morgan's house. ★



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Memorial Day

Town Hall, South Palm Beach – May 29

South Palm Beach honored those who served with a Memorial Day program also dedicated to two former Town Council members: Woody Gorbach, a World War II veteran who died in October, and Vice Mayor Dr. Joe Flagello, who died suddenly in March.

RIGHT: Members of VFW Post 4143 of Riviera Beach and American Legion Post 268 presented the colors and joined about 100 residents at the Town Hall. Dr. Joe's Community



Barbecue Bash, honoring Flagello, was held after the memorial ceremonies. Dan Moffett/The Coastal Star

South Palm Beach

Police finally get new contract, pay raise

By Dan Moffett

South Palm Beach Police Chief Carl Webb says morale among officers is better now than at any other time during his 28 years with the department.

"It's a pleasure now instead of a war," Webb told the Town Council on May 16. "Historically, through past administrations, it's been us against them and these officers paid the price for that. We're beginning the healing process and returning some dignity to these officers."

The chief said that healing began in April when the town and union officials reached a deal on a new contract for the department's seven uniformed officers. They had not received a raise since October 2014 and had worked without a new contract since 2015.

At their low point last fall, negotiations deteriorated so far that representatives of the Police Benevolent Association spoke at a town meeting, publicly scolding council members — telling them to dissolve the department and hire the Palm Beach County sheriff, rather than continue to underpay the

town's officers.

According to Florida Department of Law Enforcement statistics, South Palm Beach police have ranked near the bottom in wages among county departments, earning roughly 7 percent less across the board last year than neighboring agencies in Manalapan and Ocean Ridge.

Webb credits Town Manager Bob Vitas with breaking the negotiation impasse: "He knew how to do it and he got it done."

Vitas worked a deal with the union to increase wages in exchange for ending grievance arbitration hearings and replacing them with appeals to a newly created review board. The town saves money on arbitrations, he says, which covers the cost of the raises.

"There was some stuff in that old contract that really was harmful to relationships, and we've taken care of that," Vitas said. "Now we have what I consider a fair agreement on both sides of the aisle."

The new agreement gives officers an incremental 13 percent raise over the five-year period from 2015 to 2020. The department's starting salary of \$43,500 today will climb to

\$49,445 by 2020. The top of the range for senior officers is \$63,450 in the new contract.

The council unanimously approved the deal, 3-0, with Councilwoman Stella Gaddy Jordan absent. "I'm glad we're finally going in the right direction," Mayor Bonnie Fischer said.

In other business, the town's beach stabilization project faces an important test on June 6 when Palm Beach County commissioners decide whether to accept the easements from property owners, which would allow preliminary work to begin.

"It's a big day for us," Vice Mayor Robert Gottlieb said.

The town has collected 15 of the 16 easement agreements needed, with the Concordia East condominium still refusing to sign on until county attorneys change the contract's liability language. Vitas said he believes the county and Concordia ultimately will work out their differences.

Managers of the \$5 million project are still hoping to begin constructing concrete groins on the beach in the fall of 2018 and have the system in place by early 2019. ★

Consulting firm replaces 'turtle man' to mark nests on South Palm Beach

By Willie Howard

A Boca Raton-based environmental consulting firm has taken over monitoring sea turtle nests on South Palm Beach, ending decades of monitoring by Robert



Schonfeld

Schonfeld, also known as the "turtle man." Schonfeld started monitoring sea turtles along the five-eighths-mile stretch of beach in South Palm Beach in 1993.

Working with other volunteers, such as Mary Lacorazza-Genova, he marked nests to protect the turtle eggs and provided data on the number of and type of nests as well as false crawls — those times when female turtles crawl up the beach but don't lay eggs.

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, which regulates sea turtle monitoring on beaches, recently updated its permit requirements and did not renew Schonfeld's permit for 2017. Schonfeld, 81, sold his South Palm Beach condominium two years ago and moved to Boynton Beach, four miles from the oceanfront.

"I had a good run," he said. "For 25 years, I enjoyed the work I did on the beach very much. But it's in good hands now."

Town Manager Bob Vitas said the Town Council plans to honor Schonfeld for his service.

Consulting firm D.B. Ecological Services, which monitors sea turtles on Delray Beach and the town of Palm Beach (under contracts with those municipalities related to permits for beach widening), agreed to pick up daily sea turtle monitoring on South Palm

Beach at no charge beginning March 1, the start of the sea turtle nesting season.

"We just picked it up because it needed to be done and we didn't want to see a hole in the data," company President Christine Perretta said.

Meghan Koperski, an FWC biologist who oversees marine turtle permitting, said the November 2016 update of permit requirements was not meant to screen out volunteers.

Volunteers monitor more than half of Florida's sea turtle nesting beaches, Koperski said.

"We have far more volunteers throughout the state than we do paid contractors," Koperski said. "We greatly value all individuals who are contributing sea turtle nesting survey data, both volunteers and paid contractors." ★

Dan Moffet contributed to this story.

MUNICIPALITY	2016 Value	2017 Estimate	PERCENT CHANGE
Boca Raton	\$20.99 billion	\$22.48 billion	7.1
Boynton Beach	\$5.00 billion	\$5.38 billion	7.4
Briny Breezes	\$41.33 million	\$44.89 million	8.6
Delray Beach	\$8.80 billion	\$9.61 billion	9.3
Gulf Stream	\$1.02 billion	\$1.05 billion	3.0
Highland Beach	\$2.21 billion	\$2.39 billion	7.8
Lantana	\$889.87 million	\$954.09 million	7.2
Manalapan	\$1.15 billion	\$1.22 billion	5.5
Ocean Ridge	\$890.95 million	\$946.04 million	6.2
South Palm Beach	\$305.23 million	\$325.08 million	6.5
Palm Beach County	\$164.76 billion	\$176.45 billion	7.1

SOURCE: Palm Beach County Property Appraiser

TAX

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to be a strong part of our economy," Jacks said. "A lot of big, signature products came on line. ... That is helping our overall values."

Delray Beach outpaced other municipalities in south Palm Beach County with taxable property values increasing 9.25 percent.

"I'm happy to see our values continue to increase," Delray Beach Mayor Cary Glickstein said in an email. "This increase, which exceeds that of any other large city in the county, shows we are on the right track in terms of what we offer as a place to live and do business."

Glickstein said he anticipates the City Commission will decrease next fiscal year's property tax rate somewhat.

Boca Raton saw a 7.07 percent rise in taxable values, while Boynton Beach was up 7.41 percent.

The values increased 8.62 percent in Briny Breezes, 3.03 percent in Gulf Stream, 7.84 percent in Highland Beach, 7.22 percent in Lantana, 5.52 percent in Manalapan, 6.18 percent in Ocean Ridge and 6.5 percent in South Palm Beach.

Briny Breezes Mayor Jack Lee noted his town's location on the ocean, the ability of homeowners who live along canals to keep their boats outside the front door and the town's safety as pushing property values up.

"It is about the location," he said. "It is a matter of supply and demand."

Jack Elkins, a real estate agent with the Fite Group, expects values to increase further.

"We won't have the insane growth we have seen in the past, but we will continue to have growth and appreciation," he said.

Elkins, who concentrates on coastal communities including Manalapan and Hypoluxo Island, said interest in properties there will remain high.

"The coastal communities are still strong," he said. "There is only so much land."

The municipality posting the biggest gain in the county was Palm Springs, with a 22.32 percent jump, followed by Loxahatchee Groves, up 15.12 percent. Pahokee fared the worst with a mere 0.6

percent gain.

Elkins agrees with the consensus of real estate experts that U.S., and Palm Beach County, value increases do not signal a new housing bubble.

"Some people will ask whether passing the 2007 peak means the housing market is in another bubble. It's not," the national real estate website Zillow said in a May posting.

"The fact that it took (median home values) a decade to return to this point, let alone exceed it, is a testament to how far the market fell when it crashed. It's also a reflection, of course, of how outlandishly high it had climbed."

In Palm Beach County, the median home value was \$252,600 in April, but that was 21.2 percent lower than the peak, according to Zillow's data.

The Property Appraiser's Office will factor in 2017 data to revise its estimates before a preliminary tax roll is submitted to the state on July 1.

Local governments use the estimates to begin calculating how much property tax money they can expect in the coming year so they can set their annual budgets and 2017-2018 tax rates.

That process will end in about mid-September before the Oct. 1 start of the new fiscal year.

An increase in taxable values means that the county, cities and towns will collect more money from property owners if they keep their tax rates the same as last year.

Elected officials can increase the tax rates even though property values have risen, but they typically don't want to anger taxpayers by doing that.

They often opt to decrease the rates by small amounts so they can say they have lowered taxes even though their tax revenues rise because of increased property values.

Last year, only five of the county's 38 municipalities lowered tax rates enough so that taxpayers did not pay more in taxes.

Officials have said they need the money to pay for increased operating costs and to make up for the lean years during the recession when they cut budgets, left positions unfilled and delayed improvement projects. ★

10 Questions

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: James Blumenfeld

James Blumenfeld and business partner Susan Romaine learned from their first meeting in 2014 that they had a mutual love of art, and their combined efforts since culminated in the Feb. 2 grand opening of Meridian Art Experience in the Pineapple Grove neighborhood of Delray Beach.

The gallery aims to make the middle-art market affordable and approachable.

“Our vehicle is to invite people in to experience original artwork,” said Blumenfeld, a St. Louis native who enjoyed great success in the corporate world prior to this venture. “Our tag line is ‘The fine line of living with art.’ Really just to be able to integrate all the different forms of art — anything you happen to love — into an environment that works for you.”

While it’s been more by happenstance than by design, local artists have played a prominent role in the gallery at 170 NE Second Ave. Romaine, an artist herself, has used her connection in the South Florida community to feature up-and-comers largely ranging from Boca Raton to West Palm Beach.

“I always had a passion for art,” said Blumenfeld, 54. “It started with becoming an art history major in college, probably even before then. I took art history as a survey course to fulfill a humanities requirement. I didn’t really know what I had stepped into, but I just fell in love with it.”

“It really was the history of the world, with visual arts as your looking glass. That, to me, was attractive. I love history and I just loved the idea of studying history with a visual connection. So that was the beginning of my love of art. I’ve been an admirer and collector of art ever since.”

A Cardinals fan, Blumenfeld said he also has a passion for



James Blumenfeld, co-owner of Meridian Art Experience in Delray Beach’s Pineapple Grove, displays works mainly from local artists and offers services for collectors. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

baseball. “Most people would never guess by meeting me, with my background and all that, that I’m a big baseball fan.”

Meridian Art Experience is sponsoring a Delray Beach art walk from 6 to 9 p.m. the first Friday of each month.

— Brian Biggane

Q. Where did you grow up and go to school? How did that influence what you’re doing now?

A. I grew up in a suburb of St. Louis and went to school at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and then moved back and got my MBA from Washington University in St. Louis. I fell in love with art after taking an art history class in college.

Q. What professions have you worked in? What professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

A. I had my own company for a short time and then went on a corporate track for a good stretch of time. I went to Ralston-Purina, which owned what was then Continental Baking, which was comprised of Hostess and Wonder. I helped develop Mini-Muffins, Brownie Bites, all of that, and that was great fun. I went to Nabisco from there, helped them introduce some Healthy Choice snacks and crackers.

Then I moved on to Coca-Cola in Atlanta, where I was in the global marketing group and really learned the essence of branding. I was there for several years, traveled the globe and really learned about culture.

Then, for family reasons, I moved back to the Northeast, up to New York, and went to work for Citibank in the late ’90s, when everybody was doing something in the Internet. I was leading a marketing group to create the virtual bank, which ultimately became Citibank.com.

Then I went to work for Ameritrade for a while as chief marketing officer. Then the bubble burst, and the people from Ameritrade wanted me to go to Omaha, Neb., to run their marketing, and I said no thanks. ... I took a [severance] package from them and ended up starting my own marketing consulting firm in Connecticut.

My husband joined us a year later and we adopted a son, then decided to move to Central Florida to increase our son’s educational opportunities. He was 6 at the time. At that point I took some time away from the business.

When I went back I ended up running our nonprofit piece of the business. We’ve done work in the areas of equality, education, autism, etc. I’m very proud of my efforts in that area.

I’ve introduced a lot of new products along the way, which has been really fun. I did a

Super Bowl commercial for Ameritrade.

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

A. I believe people should be sponges; that’s how I’ve operated. You learn from everything, and where there’s an opportunity to take on assignments, there’s an opportunity to learn. And if you do that, it opens up your listening, it changes how you deal with people, if you sort of take that approach.

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

A. The big reason was my son, who will be 15 in July. He’s gifted in math and science and we were looking for the right place for him to move forward in his development. Having my own marketing firm made us fortunate enough to be able to live wherever we wanted.

The move to Delray also proved to fit nicely with my own move toward the arts scene in Central Florida. One of the things we got involved with in Orlando was the Flying Horse Editions. Flying Horse is a fine-arts studio sponsored by the University of Central Florida; it’s part of their curriculum. They created a program where they had about 25 or 30 families who paid money, and that would fund three or four artists through the course of the year. Then at the end of the season each family got one piece from each of the artists. So you would get three or four pieces, a numbered print. It’s a phenomenal program. They’ve started doing art fairs and all of that, and I was on their board for a while. That was the early engage for me. I was involved with the arts to some degree up in the Northeast, but not the way I got involved in Central Florida.

I was also one of the members of the patrons committee for the Winter Park Arts Festival.

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

A. The weather. I don’t like the cold. I’ve lived in St. Louis, New Jersey, and I don’t miss any of that. My favorite part about living in Florida is watching winter on TV. And I believe summer is the best-kept secret in South Florida. We never get as hot as St. Louis. They have 10-, 15-day stretches of 95- to 105-degree weather. That doesn’t happen here. If it gets to 92 that’s a hot day here, and then it rains.

Q. What book are you reading now?

A. I’ve just started *Captivate* by Vanessa Van Edwards. It’s all about social engagement. How to work a room, how to be social, how to engage people. It’s fascinating.

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

A. I like country, I like pop, I like rock ‘n’ roll, I like my old ’80s music. Any sort of rock, pop, contemporary, country genre. I like the anthem songs as well, especially if I’m trying to be moved or inspired. But I’m generally more moved by the performance than by the music itself. So if I’m at a concert, or if I’m watching TV and somebody is doing a performance, it’s like, wow. So I’m more visual.

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

A. Two. One I wrote in my high school yearbook. It’s from James Thurber and reads, “Let us not look back in anger, nor forward in fear, but around in awareness.” That to me is how I wish the world truly operated. The other is something I say all the time, an expression I picked up from a friend in Winter Park: “It’s all good.” Not sure who first said it, but it works for me.

Q. Have you had mentors in your life?

A. Professionally I’ve had them in almost every place I’ve worked. Whether it’s a boss or a peer, usually the boss that has helped and guided me through any career situation I might have in front of me, good or bad. Personally, one of my greatest mentors is my husband, Chris Cooney. We’re good for each other that way, in being able to coach each other. And of course, my parents; they did a lot for me. Family means a lot to me.

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

A. I’d love to have Brad Pitt do it, but more realistically it’s probably Stanley Tucci.

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Obituaries

Mark Harris

By Dan Moffett

SOUTH PALM BEACH — Mark Harris worked for 27 years as a paramedic with the Fire Department of New York, and on 9/11 arrived at Ground Zero just as the second airplane



hit the tower.

Years later, after retiring to South Palm Beach, Mr. Harris became a popular lecturer on emergency response and told his audiences how that tragic day taught him about the random nature of life and death.

He recalled standing in a group of first responders several hundred feet from the second building when it came down. Mr. Harris said he ran to the left. The others ran to the right. He lived. They didn't.

Mr. Harris died of cancer on May 13. He was 54.

Bob Vitas, the South Palm Beach town manager who started many mornings over coffee with Mr. Harris, says the health problems that ultimately claimed his life grew out of the toxic dust and debris that engulfed him as he helped rescue survivors of the attacks.

"He was a hero in all respects," Vitas said. "Mark was always giving of himself.

Those who heard him speak loved him."

Since 2013, Mr. Harris worked as a community relations specialist and fire-rescue liaison with Delray Medical Center. He gave lectures around south county on "Emergencies From A to Z" and "What Happens When You Dial 911."

He showed people how to perform CPR and how to detect strokes. He showed people how to save lives, and his experiences at Ground Zero resonated through his work.

Delray Medical Center CEO Mark Bryan said Mr. Harris was the first fire-rescue liaison the hospital ever had and that he developed the position from scratch, building relationships between first responders and emergency room staff. Bryan said the hospital plans to continue the position and build on the work Mr. Harris did.

"Mark did an absolutely fabulous job," Bryan said. "He basically improved the care of patients throughout Delray by getting people to the hospital faster."

Mr. Harris served for a time as board director of The Barclay condominium and forged a close friendship with longtime Barclay resident Leonard Cohen.

"He was more than a

neighbor. He was like a son to me," Cohen said. "He was quite a hero. What he did at 9/11 and what he's done down here, that's a true hero."

Mr. Harris looked out for those in his adopted hometown. When Town Clerk Maylee De Jesus was sworn in last year as president of the county's Municipal Clerks Association, he insisted on making a speech to the group to contribute to the moment.

"He helped the town whenever there were events going on with items such as first-aid kits," De Jesus said. "He was always willing to help and be part of anything that we needed."

Mr. Harris is survived by his wife, Brandi, and four adult children: Michael, 29, Sabrianna, 28, Jonathan, 27, and Torey, 24.

Dozens of first responders and hospital staff joined friends and family to honor Mr. Harris during a May 19 service at The Patriot Memorial in Wellington, where other victims and heroes of 9/11 are remembered.

The family asks that memorial donations go to the University of Miami Hospital's cancer ward for children, c/o Kymberlee Manni, 1400 NW 12th Ave., Miami, FL 33126.

Ray Flow

By Emily J. Minor

LANTANA — Ray Flow, the son of North Carolina tobacco sharecroppers who left his small hometown to join the service and then moved to Florida to marry, start a family and surround himself in community, died May 19.

Mr. Flow was 76.



Widowed in 1997 when his first wife, Sharon, died of breast cancer, Mr. Flow

married again in 2005 and had spent those years doing all the things he loved, said his wife, Connie. The couple met in 1998 at the gym where they worked out, and had been together since.

For years, they traveled, played squash and racquetball, went horseback riding and snow skiing, and roller bladed and danced. When Mr. Flow became sick with cancer about a year ago, it was a shock because he had always been so healthy and active, Connie Flow said.

"Ray had a big personality and he was Type A, so we were never home," she said, adding it was a way of life she loved as well.

A well-known businessman in Lantana and Lake Worth, Mr. Flow and his first wife established A Little Dude

Ranch child care centers in 1973 — well before child care centers were considered the everyday norm.

"He'd go from Dude Ranch to Dude Ranch and have the children sing," Connie Flow said. "That was his job, to make them happy."

Most years, he and the kids were on the float for the Lake Worth Holiday Parade. And he'd often run into former students, all grown up, who would remember him from when they were little, his wife said.

After selling the day cares in 2005, Ray and Connie Flow invested in Lake Worth Storage — an easier business to run with less overhead, fewer regulations and a much smaller staff. This allowed them to pursue the things they loved, she said.

Mr. Flow also invested in properties through the years and at the time of his death managed more than 175 duplexes in and around Lake Worth, she said.

One employee, Marge Lagendyk, stayed with him through all his ventures for nearly 40 years.

By all accounts, Mr. Flow was a self-made man, relying on hard work, great ideas, a head for business and true grit.

A high school sports star in Broadway, N.C., Mr. Flow wanted to attend college after

graduation, but his father rejected the idea. Instead, Mr. Flow joined the U.S. Army and was stationed for a time in Germany. When he got out, he worked in Myrtle Beach, where he met his first wife. The two married in Daytona Beach in 1965.

After moving to Lantana, Mr. Flow was an immediate community mover and shaker. He loved Toastmasters and was active in many civic groups, including the Salvation Army, the Rotary Club, Golf for a Cure (an Alzheimer's research funding foundation), the Heritage Foundation, Palm Beach Gator Ski Club and the Republican Club.

Encouraged by his first wife, he eventually earned a bachelor's degree in international business from Florida Atlantic University. He was also a member of Calvary United Methodist Church and later Lakeside Presbyterian Church, and sang in the choirs for both.

Besides Connie Flow he is survived by daughters Keely and Melanie "Mimi" Flow; siblings Charmion Spainhour, and Tony, Jenette and Ben Flow; and four grandchildren. A memorial service will be held 3-6 p.m. June 3 at Atlantis Country Club, 190 Atlantis Blvd., Atlantis.

John R. Pisapia

By Emily J. Minor

BOCA RATON — John R. Pisapia, a lifelong student of education who loved traveling and learning from leaders in other parts of the world, died May 2 after becoming ill last summer. He was 79.

Although unable to speak in the last months of his life, Dr. Pisapia — on staff as a professor and department head at Florida Atlantic University for the last 20 years — continued working with his doctoral students through emails and texts, said his stepdaughter, Pamela Baynes.



"He was a teacher until the end," she said.

Born in New Jersey in 1937, the first of six children to his parents, Carmine and Josephine Pisapia, Dr. Pisapia attended Glenville State College in West Virginia on a football scholarship. Later, when he was invited to the Washington Redskins training camp, he was relieved when he was cut,

Baynes said.

The end of football meant he could pursue his real passions: education, leadership and helping students rise to the top.

Dr. Pisapia earned his master's degree and a Ph.D. from West Virginia University, and then worked as a teacher, coach, high school principal and eventually as West Virginia superintendent of schools. He later became a tenured professor at WVU, and then moved on to Virginia Commonwealth University.

In Virginia, he founded the Metropolitan Educational Research Consortium, which focused on research and solutions to America's obstacles to good learning and good teaching.

"He was very proud of MERC," Baynes said.

In 1984, he married Pamela Baynes' mother, Barbara Romano Pisapia, a special education teacher with whom Dr. Pisapia worked for many years. Although Dr. Pisapia was her stepfather, Baynes said she always considered him a father. After he became ill last summer, she eventually quit her job so she could care for him, she said.

John and Barbara Pisapia moved to Boca Raton in 1998, coming to Florida so Dr. Pisapia could help set up FAU's Department of Educational Leadership.

Besides his grandchildren, his students were his great love, Baynes said. And he used his travel to ground his work on a global level.

"Whenever he entered the room, he always made sure to do his best to make somebody feel at ease and feel welcome," said FAU professor Daniel Reyes-Guerra. "He wanted them to know there was an important reason for them to be there."

Dr. Pisapia was mesmerized by leaders of other cultures. Before he became ill, he had just visited and studied in South Korea, Japan and Australia. Each year, he took such a summer trip.

"His whole goal was to learn from those cultures and really immerse himself," Baynes said. "He would have Chinese students come over and he'd learn from them."

Mrs. Pisapia died in 2009, after her retirement from special education enabled her to travel with her husband.

"He was a remarkable man and a spectacular person," said his sister, Jo Ann Walsh Harpster, who lives on Florida's Gulf Coast.

Dr. Pisapia is also survived by a son and stepson; three grandchildren; another sister, and three brothers.

A memorial service was held May 11, with memory sharing from many of his FAU colleagues.

The family asks that any donations be sent to: FAU Foundation (EDU300), FAU Educational Leadership and Research Methodology, ED47, Suite 260, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

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JOHNSON

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In 1969, when Eula Mae Johnson retired to Delray Beach after spending the 1950s and '60s in Brooklyn, N.Y., you could still have a new home built on Lake Ida Road for \$17,000. She still lives there, still has the same phone number after nearly a half-century, and still looks forward to every tomorrow.

"I've been here a long time," she says with a laugh, "and I feel fine. I don't have any pain, thank God. The good Lord is looking down and keeping me."

Born the granddaughter of a slave, she left school in the seventh grade, rode wagons, picked beans, worked a mule plow, and married at 19.

Her husband was not a good man. She remembers watching him sleep while she stood over the bed with an ax, considering. She left him instead, and married twice more. The second one died, and she left the third. Along the way, she started a dynasty.

"I birthed 16 children into the world," she says. "Seven sons and nine daughters. They were all pretty ... pretty good."

Of those 16 children, 11 survived to adulthood, and seven are still living. She has 35 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren and 52 great-great-grandchildren.

In March 2007, she became a great-great-great-

grandmother for the first time, and a dozen more have arrived since then.

Altogether she is the matriarch of 176 descendants, including two children younger than some of her grandchildren.

Would she marry again? "I don't intend to!" She grimaces. "What would I do with another husband?"

Eula Mae Johnson is a rarity, and well on her way to becoming even rarer.

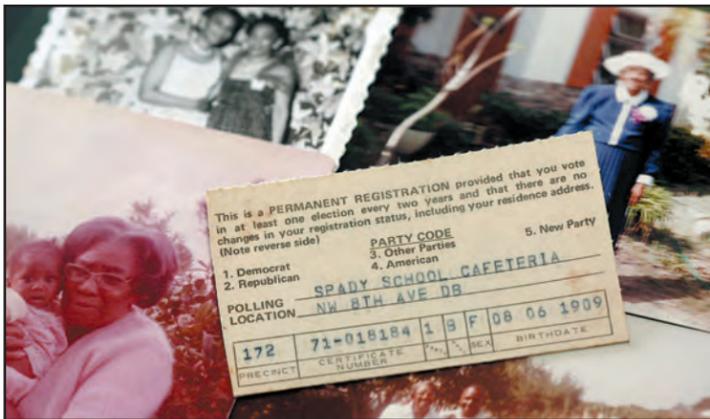
In 2014, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention put the number of Americans 100 or older at 72,197, out of a total population of 317 million.

In 2010, the most recent U.S. Census counted only 4,090 centenarians in Florida, out of a population of nearly 19 million.

If she can hang on for three more years, Johnson will enter the truly rarefied ranks of the "supercentenarians," those 110 or older. The Gerontology Research Group, which tracks U.S. centenarians and validates claims, has verified only six living supercentenarians as of May 14.

Validating claims is a problem, the census takers acknowledge. Errors abound, and African-Americans of that age often have no birth certificates. Johnson has lost hers but does have Social Security and voter registration cards that attest to her birth date.

Nowadays, she has slowed



down but has no intention of stopping. Seated before a big-screen television, she watches *Andy Griffith*, *Gunsmoke* and *Bonanza* reruns on the Me-TV channel and remembers when a neighbor charged 25 cents to listen to her new radio.

"It was amazing," Johnson says. "You didn't see anything like that at that time. And then we thought it was wonderful to have a TV."

She views the world with a satisfied smile, enjoys the small pleasures and tolerates the usual questions.

"I'd have a drink, but I'm not a drinker," she says. "I never smoked. And I eat whatever my taste calls for. That's what I eat."

Ribs, collard greens, burgers, biscuits and syrup. She's partial to butter pecan ice cream but no longer entertains macaroni and cheese. "Cheese will bind you up," she insists.

Her backyard was a Garden of Eden until the hurricanes of 2004 and 2005 took the garden with them. She grew her own greens and sweet potatoes, cabbage, cantaloupe and on and on, and went fishing in between.

She sees her doctor every three months and takes some pills for blood pressure and pre-diabetes but gave up on Centrum Silver, the multivitamin for older people.

She's been to Canada, Detroit and Las Vegas. Pressed to name another foreign country she'd like to see, she finally summons "England" but without much conviction.

She admits to having once gotten a speeding ticket, for going 42 in a 25-mph zone. She was 92 at the time and quit driving three years later.

"I just quit," she says. "Nobody stopped me."

Age has made her mellow, you think. And then you make the mistake of asking if she enjoys an afternoon nap.

"No!" she bristles. "I don't take any nap in the daytime. I

sleep at night. I can't sleep in the day."

Across the room, her granddaughter Naomi Palmer smiles and mouths, "Yes, she does."

According to Palmer, her grandmother dozes off in the front of the TV, then vehemently insists that she hasn't been sleeping when they wake her. Only old people nap, after all.

In 1909, when Eula Mae Johnson was born, the U.S. president was William Howard Taft, who vowed in his inaugural address not to appoint any black Americans to federal office.

On Oct. 23, 2012, when President Barack Obama brought his re-election campaign to the Delray Beach Tennis Center, she stood behind the line holding a sign that said "I'm 103," and was hugged by America's first black president.

Did she ever expect to see that day? "Well, I didn't know," she says. "I expect to see most anything."

Maybe that is the glory of being 107. Not that you are surprised to see a black man elected president, twice, but that nothing surprises you anymore.

She is still sharp, but there are moments. Sometimes she stands before the mirror and thinks she is seeing through it to the room beyond rather than a reflection.

Not long ago, her granddaughters tried to discuss a living will.

"You can make all the plans you want," she reminded them. "But you might die before me."

On Mother's Day, she went to church at Tree of Life Ministries, as always, then celebrated with a catered feast of chicken and broccoli, mashed potatoes, cabbage and corn on the cob.

Finally, she endures that inevitable question.

What have you learned from all these years?

"I learned a whole lot," she says. "Be kind to everybody. I read the Bible and pray every day."

What do you pray for?

"I pray to live to see tomorrow."

She has talked for an hour or more, and you sense the time has come for her to not take another nap.

Is there anything else she'd like to say?

Eula Mae Johnson ponders the question a moment.

"No," she decides. "I think I'm about said out." ★

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Along the Coast

Cocoanut Dreams

Exhibit sprouts from fortunate photo find

By Ron Hayes

You say “coconut.” They say “cocoanut.”

The Oxford English Dictionary says cocoanut-with-an-a is the “old-fashioned spelling.”

That’s why local historians Janet DeVries and Ginger Pedersen call their exhibit of old-fashioned Florida photographs, “Cocoanut Dreams.”

“We spelled it that way on purpose,” says DeVries, without apology. “I actually had one person correct a press release and want to spell it without the ‘a.’”

“Cocoanut Dreams,” on display through Sept. 14 on the second floor of the Boynton Beach City Library, features 30 historic photographs of Ocean Ridge, Manalapan, Hypoluxo Island, Lantana and Lake Worth, taken between 1912 and 1925, when cocoanut palms were more common than condos and air conditioning was only a dream.

For DeVries, a librarian at Palm Beach State College and immediate past president of the Boynton Beach Historical Society, finding a crumbling photo album on eBay in 2014 was a dream come true.

The owner was asking \$200 but let her have it for \$150. Inside, she found 108 photographs annotated with titles like “Boynton Hotel Cottages,” “Along Lake Worth” and “Manalapan.”

Three years later, she has identified the photographer as A. Romeyn Pierson Jr., whose family owned a house on the dunes built in 1894 by Elnathan T. Field of Manalapan, N.J.

Based on the ages of his children and other records, DeVries was able to date the pictures as having been made between 1912, when the



family bought “Manalapan Cottage,” and 1925.

“For the exhibit, I chose the ones that were really idyllic and depicted the area at that time, and also several of those he had hand-tinted,” she explains.

Here’s Ocean Boulevard when it was only an unpaved road, a Red Cross volunteer selling cocoanut milk for 10 cents a serving, a Naval seaman in his “Cracker Jack” uniform.

Here’s Leila, the boat Pierson’s father named after his wife, and here’s Leila herself, leaning against a palm tree.

And there are cocoanut palms, of course. Lots and lots of cocoanut palms.

“These people were planting cocoanut palms and trying to make money off them,” DeVries says, “and now we have coconut milk and coconut oil and people are touting the health



ABOVE: Leila Pierson leans against a cocoanut palm in this early 20th-century image. Her husband, Romeyn Pierson Sr., stands near the boat named for his wife.

LEFT: Romeyn Pierson Jr. poses with his rifle. Photos courtesy of Janet DeVries

benefits.”

At 5:30 p.m. June 7, the library will host a reception during which DeVries will discuss her discovery, the Piersons, the photographs and the area as it was a century ago.

The exhibit is sponsored by the city’s Art in Public Places program, whose manager, Debby Coles-Dobay, promises gifts for some who attend.

“We’ve got 20 cocoanut palms sprouting in plastic pots that we’re going to give away,” Coles-Dobay said. “We’ll put names in a pot and draw 20, and those winners will take home their own

cocoanut palm to plant. We’re sharing the dream.”

But dreams die in time.

Romeyn Pierson Sr. and his daughter, Dorothy, died in the flu epidemic of 1919, and his son, the photographer, succumbed to alcoholism in 1929.

Their granddaughter, Nancy Tilton, inherited Manalapan Cottage, and after her death the house was razed in 2000.

“It was a dream,” DeVries says, “but sometimes life gets in the way and the dream doesn’t survive the four D’s — divorce, disease, death and developers.” ★



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Boca Raton

Sighting of nesting least terns prompts glimmer of optimism

By Rich Pollack

There was a glimmer of hope when a wildlife biologist spotted the first confirmed least tern nest in 25 years on Boca Raton's beach in late April.

The small, fish-eating shore bird, listed on Florida's threatened species list, has had a rough go of it of late, with its nesting habitat along the shoreline disappearing due to development.

So when two eggs appeared in the nest on the south end of Spanish River Park, biologists and others cordoned off the area to protect it from beachgoers who might inadvertently disturb it. They even put out a few decoy terns to encourage other pairs to nest.

But then last month, the saga of Boca's least terns took, well, a turn for the worse when an early morning inspection found an empty nest.

The prime suspect in the egg thievery is a crow.

"Those crows, they're pretty smart," said David Anderson, sea-turtle conservation coordinator at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center.

Anderson, who monitors sea turtle nests, came across the least tern nest while noticing a bit of tern activity.

He also witnessed one member of the nesting pair of small yellow-beaked birds with black caps fighting off a crow while its mate sat on the nest.

Anderson said the prognosis for the nest, little more than a small divot in the sand, was poor from the start because of the abundance of predators, including foxes and raccoons, as well other animals.

Soon after the eggs vanished, Anderson and others noticed



TOP: A least tern sits on eggs on the beach in Boca Raton. **BOTTOM LEFT:** State Fish and Wildlife workers and Gumbo Limbo staff make signs for a perimeter fence to deter beachgoers from walking on the nest. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The dappled color of the eggs is a good match for the sand on the beach. **Photos courtesy of David Anderson/Gumbo Limbo Nature Center**

the small colony of least terns moving south to just north of the Boca Inlet. By late last month, the terns were gone from the beach.

There may, however, be a happy ending to the story of the Boca Raton least terns, since these smart little birds have adapted to a loss of habitat by nesting on flat, gravel-covered rooftops common in South

Florida.

"The colony is gone from the beach but it could have moved to a rooftop in the area," said Natasha Warraich, an assistant regional biologist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, who was called in to cordon off the beach nest and help protect the nesting pair.

For the terns, the rooftops may be a safe haven from small

mammals and most human disturbances. They may also be a defense against rising sea levels and frequent strong storms.

Anderson hopes that members of the least tern colony in Boca — one of the few remaining beach-nesting colonies in Florida — will return next year as they make their way from South America, where they migrate from our

winters.

In addition to the one in Boca Raton, least tern beach-nesting colonies have been spotted on Snook Island and Grassy Flats in the Lake Worth Lagoon, and on the shores of Palm Beach.

"The last five years, we've seen a significant increase in tern activity," Anderson said. ★

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Highland Beach

Beach group hoping for independent option

By Rich Pollack

Hampered by the need for Town Commission approval for many actions and by Florida's Sunshine Law, members of Highland Beach's Beaches and Shores Committee are asking that the group be dissolved as an official town board in order to reorganize it as an independent body.

At a meeting last month, members agreed that the current structure limits the group's ability to have a substantial impact on beautification in the town and, in particular, on its beaches, according to Commissioner Elise Riesa, a former chair of the Beaches and Shores Committee.

"This isn't a negative; it's a positive," said Riesa, who met with committee members last month. "They felt that as a club they could do so much more."

Members, according to Riesa, believe that with the change they would no longer be bound by the town ordinance that established the committee and be able to enlist more people to help with beautification and beach cleanups. Currently, the group is limited to seven members.

"As a club, it would mean that they could go beyond the limits of the original ordinance," she said.

Members of the committee — which is scheduled to meet quarterly but until the May meeting hadn't met since December — also felt they can't currently communicate with one another due to the Florida Sunshine Law, which limits private conversations among members of governmental bodies regarding issues that might come up for a vote.

The group, Riesa said, felt that as a club they could be

more proactive and transform into a more effective and active team focused on ensuring a healthy and safe environment for the town's beaches and shores.

Members are hopeful they would have more opportunity to organize monthly or weekly beach cleanups, communicate more effectively with residents and possibly host education seminars.

Town commissioners are expected to vote this month on the committee's recommendation to disband.

If the proposal receives commission support, Beaches and Shores Committee members will take the lead in helping to form the club, Riesa said.

"To have an active club working on beautifying the town together — that's where we should be," she said. ★

Delray Beach

Fourth will be celebrated amid construction work

By Jane Smith

The city will still celebrate the Fourth of July while its beach promenade work continues.

“Pardon our dust,” said Stephanie Immelman, executive director of the Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative. “We will have a condensed event with the flag-raising taking place at 5 p.m. instead of at 3:30 p.m.”

“We have a new 60-foot flag to raise,” she said. “That’s my favorite part of the festivities.”

Families help to hold up the flag as it is raised by a crane. The flag should not touch the ground while it is raised, according to flag etiquette.

The marketing staff has been working with its Team Delray partners on the event, Immelman said.

Parking will be limited along the ocean, with construction blocking parking along A1A. Festival-goers are urged to park west of the Intracoastal Waterway in city garages and parking lots and then take the Downtown Trolley to NE/SE

Seventh Avenue and walk or bike over to the beach.

Police will close Ocean Boulevard at 2 p.m. from Thomas Street down to Bucida Road, one block past Casuarina Road on the south.

That stretch won’t be reopened until the crowds clear after the fireworks finish on the north end of the city’s beach, Immelman said.

The fireworks show will start at 9 p.m.

City police also will close East Atlantic Avenue at NE/SE Seventh Avenue at 1:30 p.m. July 4.

Festivities start at 8 a.m. with a sandcastle-building contest on the beach.

For a list of activities and parking information, Immelman said to check the website www.JulyFourthDelrayBeach.com.

Promenade work proceeds

Meanwhile, Delray Beach continues work on the \$3.1 million upgrade to the municipal beach promenade, moving toward an early fall completion date for the entire

1.25-mile project.

In late May, contractors began working between the Sandoway parking lot north to Boston’s Sand Bar, just south of Atlantic Avenue. Sidewalks will be demolished and parking meters, benches, plaques, stone memorials, showers, trash containers and signs will be removed.

The Sandoway parking lot will remain open. The city is asking beachgoers to consider parking elsewhere and taking the trolley to the beach. Street parking will be limited along the municipal beach with about half of the meters along Ocean Boulevard removed for the project, according to Missie

Barletto of the city’s Public Works division.

The promenade enhancements are nearly 10 years in the making.

The work, west of the dunes, will feature wider sidewalks and coordinated shower poles, benches, bike and surfboard racks, trash/recycling containers and signs to replace the current hodgepodge of styles. Smart parking meters will be solar-powered.

Utility trenches were dug recently for water pipes and cables for lighting at the south end of the project. After the utility lines are installed, backfilling and compacting of the trenches will be finished in

early June.

Bicyclists can still ride on Ocean Boulevard, but they are urged to use caution. The bike lane on the east side will be narrowed with barriers to protect the public from the construction work.

About 70 percent of the beach benches, plaques and stone memorials have been removed, mostly from the south side and some from the very north of the city’s beach, Barletto said.

The items are stored. The city is asking donors to contact project manager Isaac Kovner at 243-7000, ext. 4119, to discuss options. ★

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Business Spotlight

Douglas Elliman lands prolific Realtors Ely, Malinosky

Randy Ely and Nicholas Malinosky joined Douglas Elliman in April. A top team in South Florida, the two Realtors accumulated more than \$75 million in sales in the first quarter of 2017.

“Their successful track record and stellar reputation in Palm Beach County’s luxury real estate market, combined with their extensive experience and passion, will further the strength and support of the expertise and services we offer our clients,” said Jay Phillip Parker, CEO of Douglas Elliman’s Florida Brokerage.

Ely and Malinosky’s office is now at 900 E. Atlantic Ave., Suite 1, adjacent to the Douglas Elliman Delray Beach office.

Previously with the Corcoran Group, Malinosky and Ely have “nothing but praise to say for Corcoran,” Malinosky said, adding that his team’s business model will stay the same. “We are going to remain in the high-end markets of Manalapan through Highland Beach on the barrier island.

“Our markets are no longer small beach towns. Our clients are from all over the United States and we are dealing with international buyers and sellers, and that’s our main reason for changing. Douglas Elliman has 19 offices in Florida. The firm also has international exposure through its partnership with Knight Frank, which has many offices throughout the world.”

More news from the team: Ely and Malinosky have just listed a new five-bedroom, six-bathroom and three half-bath home at 6161 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge, which is expected to be completed in September. With 158 feet on the ocean, the 13,542-square-foot home is listed for \$24.95 million. The residence is offered furnished with the exception of secondary



Randy Ely (left) and Nicholas Malinosky have joined Douglas Elliman to take advantage of the brokerage’s international exposure. Their office is in Delray Beach. **Photo provided**

bedrooms. Ely and Malinosky’s office number is 278-5570.

Gemini, the Ziff family’s 15.65-acre compound at 2000 S. Ocean, Manalapan, hit the market in mid-2015 for \$195 million. In January 2016, the property was listed on the MLS, by Premier Estate Properties agents Carmen D’Angelo, Gerald Liguori and Joseph Liguori. As of May 19, Gemini is now listed by **Sotheby’s International Realty** agents **Cristina Condon** and **Todd Peter** for \$165 million. Peter, quoted in *The Wall Street Journal*, said that the Ziff family hopes the price cut will “attract more buyers,” and that “they feel like it’s an excellent value at this price.”

With 1,200 feet on the ocean and 1,300 feet on the Intracoastal Waterway, the estate offers a 12-bedroom main residence, two four-bedroom beachside cottages, the seven-bedroom Mango house and a guest or staff house with four studios and apartments. Site details include botanical gardens with 1,500 species of tropical trees and plants, a

PGA-standard golf practice area, dock and pier on the Intracoastal, freshwater pond and bird sanctuary, and sports complex with a regulation tennis court, half basketball court, playground, miniature golf course and butterfly garden with a large-scale model train.

Developer **Frank McKinney** has dropped the price of his 4,087-square-foot micromansion at 19 Tropical Drive, Ocean Ridge, from \$3.9 million to \$3.43 million. He listed the house in February. It has also been reported that McKinney hopes to start construction by July 1 on a 7,000-square-foot micromansion at 3492 S. Ocean Blvd., South Palm Beach, which will be in the \$20 million price range.

NAI/Merin Hunter Codman was recognized by the *South Florida Business Journal’s* 2017 Book of Lists as the No. 1 property management firm and No. 4 commercial real estate firm in Palm Beach County. Also, the CoStar Group Inc., a commercial real estate analytic service organization, recognized

NAI/Merin Hunter Codman with its 12th Top Leasing and 10th Top Sales Brokerage Firm awards. The firm’s chairman, **Neil E. Merin**, received his 13th consecutive Top Leasing Broker award; **Jason L. Sundook**, principal, was recognized as a top leasing broker and director; and **Bruce Corn** was named a top retail leasing broker. NAI/Merin Hunter Codman is headquartered in West Palm Beach and has a regional office in Boca Raton.



Sabine Robertson has joined the sales team of **Silver International Realty** as a real estate agent. Silver is at 55 SE Second Ave., Delray Beach.

Urban retail consultant **Robert Gibbs** named **Atlantic Avenue** in Delray Beach one of the top 10 American Shopping Streets in a story for the May 5 edition of *USA Today*. “Once derisively known as Dull-Ray, this Atlantic Coast town has

had a remarkable turnaround in the last 30 years,” the list read. “With literally hundreds of shops and restaurants, 20,000 people can visit in a day,” Gibbs said.

Also, at the Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority’s town hall in April, Gibbs presented “New Trends in Urban Retail Planning and Development,” offering his insight to property owners and developers to help them attract new tenants.

More kudos for the city of Delray Beach: The national nonprofit **Kaboom** honored the city with a 2017 Playful City USA designation for the second time, as a place that puts the needs of families first so kids can learn, grow and develop important life skills.

Delray Beach was one of 258 communities recognized. In total, these communities have more than 14,000 play spaces that serve more than 4 million children.

“The city values the recreational and leisure pursuits of our residents and visitors and currently has 24 playgrounds located within our wonderful park system,” Mayor **Cary Glickstein** said. “In addition to our current play spaces, the city is working together with community partners to expand our play space inventory and will install a fitness park and new boundless playground before the end of the year.”

A team of four engineering students took home the top prize at this year’s **Florida Atlantic University Business Plan Competition** with a system that helps prevent the theft of printed classified or proprietary documents.

Alyssa Harris, Kris Stewart, Quintin Warren and **Wesley Klemas** founded Protection Against Physical Element Removal, or PAPER, in their senior engineering design class.

Harris, previously a defense-industry intern, had read articles on how to prevent people walking out with pages containing proprietary or classified information, and came up with the idea of tracking pages by printing a radio-frequency identification onto classified documents. Using a nanoparticle ink as a tag, their system can detect documents being removed from the premises.

While classified information is well secured and encrypted, government and large businesses haven’t had a way to secure their printed classified documents, which has led to online leaking.

The PAPER team won a \$10,000 first-place prize in the competition, with an additional \$1,000 for being named best interdisciplinary team.

The **Golden Bell Education Foundation’s** inaugural teen



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fashion show, hosted by Town Center at Boca Raton, attracted more than 100 attendees. The models were high school students from Boca Raton's public schools.

"This event was all about spreading the message that the Golden Bell Education Foundation exists to provide funding for local public schools, and it felt great to have our efforts recognized," said **Christie Workman**, foundation manager for Golden Bell.

Among **Palm Beach Poetry Festival** winners of the Fish Tales Poetry Contest was **Sarah Brown Weitzman** of Delray Beach, who was awarded \$25 for her poem, *Catch of the Day*. To participate, writers submitted up to 30 lines of original poetry inspired by photography in the Delray Beach Historical Society's Fish Tales exhibit, which featured stories, memorabilia, artwork, writing and history on fishing in Delray Beach. All winning poems can be read at www.palmbeachpoetryfestival.org.

The League of Women Voters Palm Beach County, **ACLU Palm Beach County** and the **National Council of Jewish Women Palm Beach County Section** are co-hosting "Why Courts Matter 2017."

Jacqueline Delgado will be the main speaker in "The Role of the Courts in Immigration," the first event of the three-part series, which is June 13. Delgado, the daughter of Cuban immigrants, is an active immigration lawyer. The free event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at *The Palm Beach Post* auditorium, 2751 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. The series is made possible by a grant from the Progress Florida Education Institute.

Patti Max, co-owner of Max's Grille, was named an Ambassador for the City of Boca Raton by Mayor Susan Haynie. The mayor presented Max with a plaque representing a key to the city during a luncheon at Max's Grille in April. The restaurant recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. It is at 404 Plaza Real in Mizner Park.

Bark Avenue Hotel and Spa, which until April had offered grooming and retail services only, has added an indoor, climate-controlled dog day-care and hotel.

Beth Chulock of Boynton Beach, one of the original owners, restructured and formed a partnership with **Eileen Fleming**, a native New Yorker who lives in Ocean Ridge. Fleming previously owned a dog hotel, day-care and spa in Westchester County, N.Y., for 12 years.

Bark Avenue has a custom-built dog play house and cabana-style suites. There's a senior center with comfy couches, chairs and dog beds. Dogs are supervised 24/7. For



Max's Grille co-owner Patti Max holds a plaque from Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie (left). At right is Max's friend Maria Salvaggio. Photo provided

more information on the hotel and spa, at 640 E. Ocean Ave. in Boynton Beach, call 739-8663.

Meridian Art Experience, 170 NE Second Ave., Delray Beach, has a new exhibit, new summer hours and a new gallery manager, **Kimberly Ross**. The exhibit features the work of photographer **George Dern**, painter **Carin Wagner** and

others. Summer hours are noon to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; or by appointment Monday and Tuesday.



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House of the Month

A Marion Sims Wyeth estate in Gulf Stream. **Page H15**

Planting the seeds of *change*



Volunteers plant mango trees for Community Greening at Catherine Strong Park in Delray Beach. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

Community Greening project transforms rocky field into orchard

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

To celebrate Arbor Day in late April, Mark Cassini and Matt Shipley, with more than 100 volunteers, turned a weedy, rocky field at Catherine Strong Park into a young orchard of leafy fruit trees.

As the co-founders of Community Greening, a Delray Beach nonprofit that builds community through planting trees, the two have been responsible for adding more than 300 trees to the city's canopy since October. With their most recent project, they are turning back time for residents of the Southwest community.

"Fruit trees have always had a cultural and historical importance to this neighborhood," said Cassini, 37. Many of the older residents fondly remember when the "Ponderosa" was available for picking. It was a grove of fruit trees — mostly guavas — that grew untended near what today is the park.

But with development and the building of Interstate 95, the trees disappeared. Now they have been replaced by 75 large fruit and native trees on this acre that was

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Delray Beach Deputy Vice Mayor Shirley Johnson and Grass River Garden Club member Margie FitzSimons chat during the planting in the Southwest community. The garden club helped fund the project for the nonprofit Community Greening.



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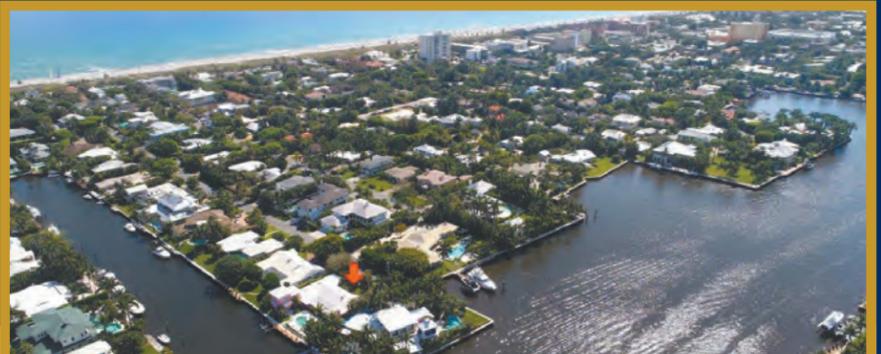
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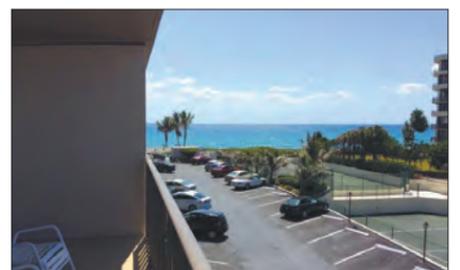
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Paws Up for Pets

This story time audience can't clap, but it sure makes reading fun

Inside the downtown Boca Raton Library, siblings Mya and Kyle Laman take turns reading out loud from the pages of a book called *Dog's Colorful Day* by Emma Dodd.

The words come out easily and with enthusiasm to their attentive audience of one: a lovable English bulldog named Louie. Yes, this Fido fashionista often sports colorful fedoras and scarves, according to his pet parent, Laura Wasserman.

Watching nearby with unspoken joy is the children's mother, Marie Laman.

"Like many parents, I find it hard to get my kids off the computer and smartphones and put a book in their hands, but Louie is making it all happen today so easily," said Laman, of Boca Raton. "This is our first time participating in the library's Tail Waggin' Tutor program, and trust me, we will be back."

Her 11-year-old daughter, Mya, agrees. After the reading session, she declared, "Louie is adorable and I really enjoyed how he would look right at me when I was reading. He drooled a little and he sheds, but that's fine with me."

And what about reading the pages of a book versus reading the electronic type on a tablet or computer?

"Actually, I feel it is better to read a book than an electronic device because sometimes, the device is so bright it irritates my eyes," she says.

The Lamans share their home with a couple of dogs: Brandy, a 13-year-old Labrador, and Katie, a 4-year-old American bulldog.

Credit well-mannered canines like Louie for sparking genuine interest in reading books among preschool, elementary and middle-school-aged children enrolled in the Tail Waggin' Tutor program, which has been offered for the past nine years at Boca Raton's two libraries — downtown and Spanish River.

"When you sit down to



Louie the English bulldog listens to Kyle and Mya Laman as they read books to him during a Tale Waggin' Tutor session at the downtown Boca Raton Library. Photos provided



read out loud to a dog, there is no judgment," said librarian Amanda Liebl, in charge of youth services. "If a child messes up on a word or reads slowly, the dog doesn't care. With these dogs, we can offer a safe environment for kids to practice their reading and comprehension skills."

This dog-listens-to-child reading program features certified therapy dogs in all sizes, ages and breeds, including Labrador retrievers, Shih Tzus, cocker spaniels and mixed breeds.

There's a sweet senior dog named Sadie, who is blind, and the charming Nigel, a Lab who has a fondness for dressing up for every holiday. The dogs enter the libraries at their designated one-hour time slots Mondays through Thursdays and on Saturdays.

Their owners must undergo background checks, register

with the library and show proof that their dogs are therapy dogs with up-to-date vaccinations.

"Some of the dogs will just put their heads in the kids' laps as the kids read to them," says Liebl.

"We have thousands of books for the kids to choose from. The younger kids seem to like the illustrated books while the older kids like the chapter books where they can just pick up and read the next chapter to the dogs."

Wasserman is among the pet parents who see the value of bringing their therapy dogs to this library reading program for kids. Her dog, Louie, an English bulldog, suffered through pneumonia, an eye disease known as cherry eye, and needed surgery to open his nose in his first year of life. The upside?

"Louie became very

comfortable being handled by the veterinarian, staff and others," says Wasserman, of Boca Raton. "He is now 2 and healthy and whenever we are out, people stop and ask to take pictures with him. That's when I knew he would make a great therapy dog."

In addition to making his weekly visits to the library, Louie makes regular appearances at the Regents Park nursing home and Palm Beach School for Autism.

And, yes, this canine fan favorite has his own Facebook page, called Therapy Dog Louie & Friends.

"I think this reading program is a great idea," says Wasserman. "It's amazing how the kids love and are responsive to Louie. And, yes, he is a great listener."

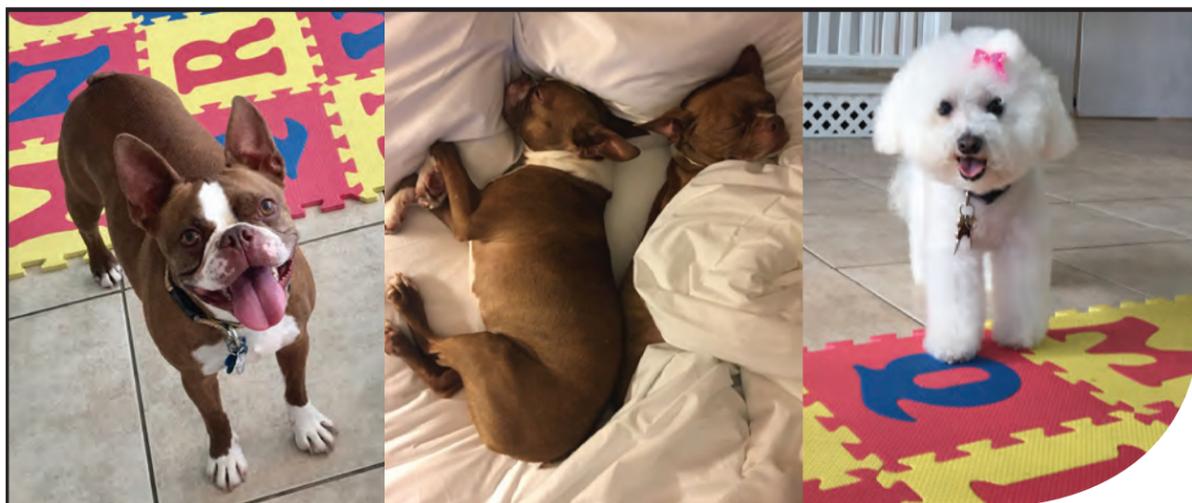
Dogs may never be regarded as wordsmiths, but they certainly possess a talent

for inspiring our youngest generation to read.

If you are interested in signing up for the Tail Waggin' Tutor program or have a therapy dog happy to be read to, contact librarian Amanda Liebl of the Boca Raton Library system at aliebl@myboca.us or 544-8584.

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Health & Harmony

He's got rhythm: Therapist demonstrates power of music

A curious shopper follows Howard Sherman into a meeting room at the Greenlands health and wellness store in Delray Beach.

Sherman is an irresistible Pied Piper, hauling bags of percussion instruments — portable drums and other objects that shake, rattle and roar.

He is a music therapist. He has worked with children with autism, elders with Alzheimer's, people with cancer or head trauma and victims of abuse.

He recently moved to Delray Beach from Boston, where he worked for 38 years. Now semiretired, he takes some clients and is doing demonstrations to explain music therapy.

Although it is often pleasant to listen to music, music therapy means doing music, to whatever degree a person is capable.

Sherman has worked with patients with profound physical disabilities and has always been able to find some way for them to participate. It might mean singing, shaking a tambourine or just feeling the vibrations while someone else plays.

A licensed mental health counselor, Sherman has found that talk therapy and music therapy often complement each other. Music therapists, like other therapists, see patients who are referred to them by medical professionals.

Sherman points out that music and other sound can lower blood pressure, increase the amount of oxygen in the blood, relieve anxiety, improve appetite, stimulate endorphins, aid sleep and reduce the need for antidepressants and some other medications.

At the Greenlands demonstration, five people show up. Sherman starts off singing to his audience but soon hands out small black plastic eggs filled with sand that make a soft shushing noise when shaken.

Suddenly strangers are



Music therapist Howard Sherman demonstrates a Q-chord digital guitar with students (l-r) Barbara Kennedy, Jill Gray, Cathy McCormick and Karen Martin. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

smiling and swaying and shaking their eggs in time to the song. Health and wellness was never this much fun.

Music therapy developed in the 1950s and now can be pursued at various graduate levels, like other modes of therapy. These days, neurologists using functional MRI technology can see areas of the brain light up when test subjects play music.

Sherman shows a video of patients he has treated. In the video, filmed in the 1970s, a man sits in a chair and stares out the window. Sherman approaches, handing him a drum. With Sherman on the guitar and the man hitting the drum, they do a spirited rendition of *Hava Nagila*.

Even after the song has ended, the camera shows the man still waving his arms like a conductor.

"He was lifeless and regressed before," says Sherman. "Look at his arms."

After a session ends, the patient may not remember what he did but is likely to continue to feel good for an hour or two

afterward, Sherman says.

Rhythm, a component of music, also shows powerful effects. In his video, Sherman asks an Alzheimer's patient where she is. She is unable to tell him. Her eyes are blank. Then he coaxes her to recite a poem. She launches into several stanzas of a poem she memorized decades ago. When she is done, her eyes are bright and focused.

"Where are we?" he asks again. And she tells him, immediately.

A common problem in frail elderly people or people with long-term medical conditions is learned helplessness, or losing the desire to act for oneself.

"The TV is their best friend; people feed them and make their bed," says Sherman.

He worked with a woman who had long ago taken to her bed and refused to get out. In a video of her treatment session, Sherman first asks her to take a short walk down the hall with him but she firmly says no. Then they sing *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling* together.

"I sat on her bed, I was

invading her space, but she's looking at me and smiling," says Sherman.

He asks her again to take a walk, and this time she practically bounces out of bed.

Music gets by defenses

"Music can help motivate the withdrawn," says Sherman. "She said she didn't feel like getting out of bed, but playing or singing stimulates physical activity and social interaction. And there is improved self-confidence when you learn an instrument."

Musical activity can also help people express emotions without using words.

"There was this fellow dealing with depression and anxiety, but he would say, 'I don't want to talk about that.' I helped him write a song about the issues in his life and he was able to break that negativity and resistance. He had a history of alcoholism, apathy, depression and weight gain," Sherman says.

"When I would get into personal issues, he would block the process. I asked him if he would write a song for me

and he became expressive and creative. Music therapy allows for the defenses to retreat and help a person gain control of the issues."

When Sherman was brought to the bedside of a head trauma victim, who was not apparently responsive, he played his guitar sitting close to her on her bed.

"She could feel the rhythm on her shoulder," he said.

In Sherman's video, he visits a woman in the later stages of Alzheimer's. Even though she seems almost comatose, he eases her fingers across the strings of an autoharp while he sings *Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ral (That's an Irish Lullaby)*.

At the Greenlands store, Sherman ends his demonstration with a song and the group sings the chorus, "Let it roll off your back."

Barbara Kennedy was the first in the Greenlands group to take a chance on participation. She perked up when Sherman brought out his musical instruments. She laughed when he told her the black eggs were called Chicken Shakes.

"I just love that sound," she says. "And I love that name."

"When I was a little girl, we used to watch Mitch Miller on television and we would sing along, me and my mother and my siblings," Kennedy says.

But she's also the first to leave. She apologizes that she has to rush off to Boca Raton for another form of music therapy. She's going ballroom dancing.

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Health & Harmony Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 5/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

JUNE 3

Saturday - 6/3 - Saturdays @ Sanborn: Tai Chi Class presented by Kung Fu & Tai Chi Boca Raton at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy. 8 am class. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

6/3 - 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

6/3 - Kemeti Yoga at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Calming, therapeutic yoga using ancient Kemeti postures/teachings. Bring yoga mat, water; wear comfortable clothing. Sat 9-10:30 am. \$10/person. 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

6/3 - 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

6/3 - Boot Camp for New Dads Class at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center, 800 Meadows Rd. 9 am-noon. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brrh.com

6/3 - 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

6/3 - 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

6/3 - 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

6/3 - Generations: A Grandparents Guide to Today's Parenting at Bethesda Memorial Hospital Parent Education Resource Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 10-11:30 am. \$20/couple; payment due before class date. 369-2229; publicrelations@BHIInc.org

6/3 - 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

6/3 - Capoeira Fitness at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Age 12 & up. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

6/3 - Zumba Class at South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N State Rd A1A, Boca Raton.

Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

6/3 - 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 6/24 11:15 am-12:15 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

6/3 - Chair Yoga at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 1 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

6/3 - Safe Baby: Prepare, Prevent & Respond Prenatal Class at Bethesda Memorial Hospital Parent Education Resource Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Increase awareness of safe practices, what to do in the event of an emergency. 2-3:30 pm. \$20/couple. Payment due before class date. 369-2229; publicrelations@BHIInc.org

6/3 - CA (Cocaine Anonymous) at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW

22nd St. Every Sat 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

6/3-4 - Yoga Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall Chambers, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Sat/Sun 9:30 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

JUNE 4-10

Sunday - 6/4 - Childbirth Express: A Day Full of Fun & Learning at Bethesda Memorial Hospital Parent Education Resource Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 10 am-4 pm. \$50/couple. Payment due before class date. 369-2229; publicrelations@BHIInc.org

6/4 - CODA (Codependents Anonymous) at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Sun 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

6/4 - 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

Health Notes

FAU's College of Medicine to launch psychiatry residency program in 2018

Florida Atlantic University's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine has received initial accreditation from the national Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education for a university-sponsored residency program in psychiatry, in collaboration with its member teaching hospitals in the FAU College of Medicine Graduate Medical Education Consortium.

This new four-year psychiatry residency program, which will launch in 2018, is based at Delray Medical Center, with primary sites at the South County Mental Health Center in Delray Beach and Boca Raton Regional Hospital. Program director Dr. John W. Newcomer will lead the psychiatry residency.

Boca Raton Regional

Hospital is the first hospital in Palm Beach County to offer the smallest pacemaker for patients with bradycardia. The Medtronic Micra Transcatheter Pacing System is one-tenth the size of a traditional pacemaker. It is comparable to a large vitamin capsule in size and weighs about as much as a penny.

Dr. Martin Kloosterman, an electrophysiologist and director of the Lynn Heart & Vascular Institute, performed the first procedure at Boca Regional in late April. Introduced through a catheter in the femoral vein and attached directly to the heart via small tines, the pacemaker delivers electrical impulses as needed, pacing the heart through an electrode. The procedure eliminates the need for a surgical incision.

Boca Raton Regional appointed four neurologists to the hospital's Marcus Neuroscience Institute and BocaCare physician network. They are Drs. Roy C. Katzin, Jonathan Harris, Marc Swerdloff and Thomas C. Hammond.

In April, Boca Raton



Mann

Regional Hospital's Eugene M. & Christine E. Lynn Cancer Institute director Maureen Mann received the 2016 American Cancer Society award in recognition for her service as a volunteer. She's been a Florida Division board member since 2006, and was division board chair of

the executive committee from 2015-2016. She is secretary to the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network national board of directors.

In May, Boca Raton Regional Hospital announced its primary-affiliated physicians who were listed as "Top Doctors" by the research firm Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. The selection process included reviewing a peer-recommended list for standards, including medical education, training, board certifications, hospital appointments, administrative posts, professional achievements and malpractice and disciplinary history. For the list of doctors visit: www.thecoastalstar.com.

West Boca Medical Center appointed Rosie Inguanzo-

Martin, president and CEO of Allegiance Home Health, as a governing board member.



Martin

Inguanzo-Martin is on the trustee board of the YMCA of the Palm Beaches; she's an active member of Junior League, Impact 100; a board member of Downtown Boca Raton Rotary; and a trustee of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. She was named Small-Business Leader of the Year 2016 by the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce and was a nominee for the Junior League Woman Volunteer of the Year 2016 and Soroptomist 2011.

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HEALTH

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membership (unlimited classes) \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

Monday - 6/5 - 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

6/5 - 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

6/5 - Open Registration for Geri-Fit Senior Fitness Instructor Certification Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Registration closes 6/30. Class held 8/12, 9:30 am-4:30 pm. \$315/ includes all study materials. 393-7807; myboca.us

6/5 - 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

6/5 - 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

6/5 - Chi Kung & Meditation at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. All ages. Every M 9-10 am. Per class \$15/resident; \$16/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

6/5 - Yoga Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 9:30 am. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

6/5 - 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

6/5 - 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

6/5 - Yoga Class for Seniors at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 10 am. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

6/5 - 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

6/5 - Stretch at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. M/W 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$10/non-member. Sign up in advance: 243-7360; delraytennis.com

6/5 - 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

6/5 - Exercise Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 5:30 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

6/5 - 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

6/5 - 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

6/5 - Basics of Baby Care at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center, 800 Meadows Rd. Basics of caring for your newborn. 7-9 pm. \$40/couple. Registration: 955-4468; brhh.com

Tuesday - 6/6 - 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

6/6 - Silver Sneakers Cardio Strength Sr. Gold Class at Personal Physician Care Community Center, 4800 Linton Blvd #F-111, Delray Beach. T/Th 10-11 am. \$5/class. 808-7743; ppcare.net

6/6 - Yoga at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Bring a yoga mat. T/Th 10:15 am. \$10/session. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

6/6 - Big & Loud: Parkinson's Disease Exercise Program at Bethesda Heart Hospital 3rd Floor Conference Room, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 10:30-11:30 am. Held again 6/27. Free. 292-4950; RLatino@BHInc.org

6/6 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Dawson Theater, 800 Meadows Rd. Every T noon-1:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brhh.com

6/6 - 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/neighbor2neighbor

6/6 - 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

6/6 - 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

6/6 - 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@brhh.com

6/6 - Al-Anon 12-Step Study at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every T 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

6/6 - Food Addicts Anonymous at Unity of Delray Beach Prayer Room, 101 NW 22nd St, Delray Beach. Every T 7 pm. Free. 742-2121; foodaddictsanonymous.org

6/6 - Tai Chi Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall Chambers, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 9-10 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

6/6 - Yoga at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St, Delray Beach. Age 18 & up. Every W 9-10:30 am. Per class \$10/resident; \$15/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

6/6 - 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; tbeoca.org

6/6 - 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@brhh.com

Wednesday - 6/7 - First Wednesdays at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. 11 am-noon. Free. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

6/7 - Adult Coloring Club at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Use our coloring sheets or bring your own. Every W 1 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

6/7 - 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

6/7 - AA Big Book Study at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every W 5:30 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

6/7 - Nutrition for Energy and Longevity with Melanie Haraldson at Lynn

Women's Health & Wellness Institute, 690 Meadows Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Peaceful Mind Peaceful Life Series. 6-7:15 pm. \$20. 955-7227; brhh.com/WIEvents

6/7 - 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

6/7 - Childbirth: Preparing for your Birth Experience at Bethesda Memorial Hospital Parent Education Resource Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 4-week series. Every W through 6/28 6-8:30 pm. \$75/couple; payment due before class date. 369-2229; publicrelations@BHInc.org

6/7 - Food Addicts Anonymous at The Crossroads Club Room E, 1700 Lake Ida Rd, Delray Beach. Every W 7 pm. Free. 680-0724; foodaddictsanonymous.org

6/7 - 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

6/7-8 - Soulcore at St Mark Catholic Church St Clare Room, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Bring floor mat/optional hand weights. Every W 6:30-7:30 pm & Th 8:30-9:30 am. Free/donations accepted. R734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

Thursday - 6/8 - Bereavement Support Group at St Mark Catholic Church St Anthony Room, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Every Th 2:30-3:30 pm. Free. Register: 735-3530; stmarkboynton.com

6/8 - Yoga Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every Th 6:30 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

6/8-9 - 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/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

Friday - 6/9 - Zumba Gold Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall Chambers, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every F 9 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

6/9 - 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

6/9 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Dawson Theater, 800 Meadows Rd. Every F 1-3:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brhh.com

6/9 - Open AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every F 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Saturday - 6/10 - One Day Childbirth

Preparation Class at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center Classroom B, 800 Meadows Rd. One-day 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; brhh.com

6/10 - Boot Camp for New Dads at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Join veteran dads (with their babies), who tell how they made it through the first months of parenthood and resurfaced as confident, on-the-job fathers. 9 am-noon. \$20/at the door includes class, refreshments, book. 369-2229; bootcampfornewdads.org

JUNE 11-17

Monday - 6/12 - Surgical Weight Loss: The Next Step to a Healthier You at Bethesda Heart Hospital Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 2nd M 5 pm. Free. 853-1600; publicrelations@BHInc.org

Tuesday - 6/13 - State of the Art Solutions for Foot and Ankle Pain presented by Alan MacGill, D.P.M., podiatrist, as part of Ask the Physician Lecture Series at Bethesda Hospital East Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273; publicrelations@BHInc.org

Wednesday - 6/14 - Family and Friends at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center Classroom B, 800 Meadows Rd. Basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, child and infant one-person CPR. Includes course book and completion certification. Held again 6/24 (9-11 am) & 28. 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brhh.com

JUNE 18-24

Wednesday - 6/21 - Annual International Yoga Day presented by NamaStacy Yoga at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 3 pm VIP; 5 pm general admission. \$20/advance; \$25/at the door; free/kids under 5. 954-295-2468; namastacyyoga.org

Saturday - 6/24 - Happy Healthy Summer: Energize and Restore Workshop featuring Barb Schmidt at Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute, 690 Meadows Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Peaceful Mind Peaceful Life Series. 10 am-12:30 pm. \$40. 955-7227; brhh.com/WIEvents

JUNE 25-JULY 1

6/28 - 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

GREEN

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once a drag strip and later a makeshift garbage dump.

As the trees mature, the community will be welcome to pick the fruits of their labors, including mangoes, sugar apples, avocados and guavas. And there could be other benefits, Cassini said.

Data from across the country show that more tree canopy correlates with higher incomes, increased home values, better storm water retention, cleaner air, increased carbon capture and better mental health.

Given their upbringings, it's no wonder that these young men have taken such an interest in the well-being of those living in Delray's Southwest community and adding to the natural beauty of the area. Cassini remembers growing up along a creek in Indiana from which he filled his bedroom with tanks and cages of snakes, turtles, fish and frogs. "I was a kid who wanted to be outside all the time," he said.

Shipley, 30, grew up in Delray Beach, where his father was "Johnny Delray," a well-known surfer. "He had me surfing since I was able to stand," said Shipley. "Being out on the ocean was special to me."

After their schooling, both men traveled. From 2007 to 2008, Cassini helped refugees in Kenya prepare to resettle to the U.S. In Miami, he worked with



ABOVE: Community Greening co-founders Matt Shipley and Mark Cassini.

RIGHT: Volunteer Ann Heilakka puts mulch around trees at the Community Greening project.

Photos by Jerry Lower/
The Coastal Star



refugees who were torture survivors. In 2013, he came to Delray Beach to work at the Achievement Centers for Children and Families, which provides quality child care for low-income families.

Meanwhile, Shipley went to college at the University of San Diego, where he saw a time-lapse depiction of just how much garbage an individual produces in a lifetime. "By the end, the garbage covered block after

block after block. That woke me up that my impact on the world is serious," he said.

Because of his desire to help people and have a positive effect on the world, he joined the Peace Corps, which sent him to Paraguay.

"The people there think we are happy because we have things. But I think they are the happiest people on Earth with just shelter, food, water and family," he said.



LEFT: Delray Beach Parks & Recreation employees Rachel Ivey and Samantha Roland participate in the planting.

When he returned to Delray Beach in 2016, his mother was working alongside Cassini at the Achievement Centers.

"She told me I needed to meet Mark because we share the same values," said Shipley.

Over a cup of coffee, the two hit it off and the result is Community Greening. Since then, they have organized tree plantings at Church of God Resurrection Life Fellowship in Delray Beach and at people's homes throughout the Southwest community.

They, along with a host of volunteers, also have planted 100 native trees at Barwick Park, more than 50 natives at Orchard View and more than 30 on Bexley Trail Community Park. Their goal is to plant trees throughout the city, the county and then the state.

"It doesn't matter your age, race or gender, everybody loves planting a tree," said Shipley.

The Arbor Day tree-planting event at Catherine Strong

Park in Delray Beach was a milestone for Community Greening because it was made possible by a \$20,000 grant from TD Bank's Green Streets program and \$6,200 from the Grass River Garden Club of Delray Beach.

To see videos of the planting, visit the Community Greening Facebook page. You can visit the new orchard in Catherine Strong Park at the southwest corner of Southwest 125 Terrace and Southwest Sixth Street in Delray Beach.

To learn more or donate, visit www.communitygreening.org. Or contact founder and CEO Mark Cassini at 305-632-6211, mcassini@communitygreening.org; or co-founder Matt Shipley at 789-2005, mshipley@communitygreening.org.

Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley is a certified master gardener who can be reached at debhartz@att.net.

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Finding Faith

Pub Theology: Finding faith in fun places

You can find religion in the strangest places. Like at lunch.

You're quietly chowing down on a burger and fries and the guys at the next table are talking about religion. You don't really mean to, but soon you're joining the conversation.



Schoen

And the guys are just fine with that. A couple of years ago, one of those friendly guys was Boca Raton's Thad Schoen. "It was \$5 burger day at the Biergarten in Royal Palm Plaza. We were just talking. People were always joining in our conversations."

It helps if you're interesting, and Schoen is. He's a retired scientist and professor and a cancer survivor.

"I specialized in hematology and oncology clinical research," Schoen said.

If a life devoted to science and to God seems like a contradiction, Schoen says, it's not. "Many very serious scientists were and are convinced there is a God."

Schoen decided those impromptu meetings were helpful and should be more official. He had heard about a group called Theology on Tap. Its website is a virtual how-to manual on starting your own casual club devoted to topics of faith.

Schoen talked to the senior staff at his church, First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, and they supported the idea. But the name Theology on Tap was a trademark of a Chicago-based Catholic corporation, so they

came up with a new name: Pub Theology.

The group, which is open to people of all faiths, meets twice a month in Boca Raton. "All perspectives are welcome" is the club creed.

"We wanted to reach out to the community," Schoen said. "We wanted a place where people could discuss questions of faith, God and religion in a nonthreatening environment."

The group generally attracts 10 to 15 people but as few as six and as many as 40 have turned up. Ages range from college age to octogenarian. Some return every week, while others are one-and-done.

The group sometimes begins with a topic for discussion in mind, and no topic is taboo — even politics. Senior Pastor Marcus Zillman, who sometimes moderates, says the questions and comments surprise the clergy, but that's what it's all about: Always questions, and sometimes answers.

Schoen says the group will continue to meet through the summer, but without him for the first time since the group started two years ago. He and his wife, Loretta, a writer and blogger, are moving to Oviedo, northeast of Orlando, to be closer to their grandchildren.

Pub Theology: Beer, Conversation & God meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the Biergarten, 309 via de Palmas, No. 90, Boca Raton, and 7 p.m. the third Thursday at Barrel of Monks, 1141 S. Rogers Circle, No. 5, Boca Raton. Conversation, fellowship, open discussion. 395-1244; www.fumcbocaraton.org

Fatima celebration

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church and School joined the rest of the Catholic world in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. Between May and October 1917, Mary Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, appeared six times to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal.

On May 13, hundreds of worshippers from the five-county Diocese of Palm Beach came together in prayer and reflection on the messages of Our Lady of Fatima. The event began with a 5:30 p.m. vigil Mass followed by a candlelight procession of prayer and song.

In Portugal, Pope Francis canonized two of the Portuguese shepherd children, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, honoring their visions of the Virgin Mary 100 years ago. Those sightings made the tiny town of Fatima one of the world's most important Catholic shrines, a destination for tens of thousands who wanted their prayers to be heard.

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church is at 840 George Bush Blvd., Delray Beach.

Coming soon

First United Methodist Church Boca Raton is hosting a Chili Challenge and Bingo Night beginning at 5 p.m. June 3, on the East Campus, 625 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. This fundraiser will help send 25 kids to Warren Willis Methodist Summer Camp. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children, which includes samples of five chilies and five rounds of bingo. Cast your ballots for the best chili and play for prizes. Purchase advance tickets online.

Info: 395-1244; www.fumcbocaraton.org

Music minister performs

Paul Cienniwa, the new director of the music ministry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, will perform his first South Florida concert, "French Sweets on Harpsichord," at 3 p.m. June 11.

The program will include suites by Francois Couperin, Johann Sebastian Bach and Jean-Philippe Rameau. Admission is free.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Call 278-6003 or visit www.stpaulsdelray.org.

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Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 5/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

JUNE 3

Saturday - 6/3 – Catholic Grandparents Meeting at Ascension Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. All welcome. 1st Sat 10-11:30 am. Held again 7/1. Free. 289-2640; diocesepb.org

JUNE 4-10

Sunday - 6/4 - Bagels, Lox and Tefillin Club at Chabad of Delray Beach, 7495 W Atlantic Ave. Morning services include donning of tefillin, a torah thought from Rabbi Sholom 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 - 6/5 - 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

6/5 - 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

6/5 - 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 6/6 - 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

6/6 - 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 7 pm. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

6/6 - 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

6/6 - 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 - 6/7 - 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

6/7 - 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

6/7 - Bible Study at First United Methodist Church, 101 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every W 11 am. Free. 732-3435; fumcbb.com

6/7 - 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

6/7 - 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

6/7 - Simple Truths: Joy Revealed at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. New monthly course for women from Rosh Chodesh Society. 7:30 pm. \$15/. 394-9770; bocabeachchabad.org/rcs

Thursday - 6/8 - Men's Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

6/8 - Women's Bible Study Group at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Childcare available upon request. Every Th 9:30am-noon. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

Friday - 6/9 - Prayer Circle at Trinity Lutheran Church Courtyard, 400 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th 8:05 am. 278-1737; trinitydelray.org

6/9 - 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

6/9 - Couples' Bible Study Group at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Childcare available upon request. Every F 6-9 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

Saturday - 6/10 – 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

6/10 - 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

JUNE 11-17

Saturday - 6/16 - 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



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On the Water

Spring catches: Near-record African pompano and 94-pound wahoo

Spring fish have arrived. As the water warms and days get longer (and hotter), anglers are pulling some amazing fish from the waters off south Palm Beach County.

Mike Minia of Boynton Beach, a member of the Bootlegger fishing team, caught a 47.7-pound African pompano while bottom fishing in 110 feet south of Boynton Inlet on March 10.

Minia was fishing the bottom for snapper with a dead sardine on a 5/0 circle hook tied to 30-pound-test fluorocarbon leader when the African pompano hit.

His fish was about 3 pounds below the all-tackle world record for African pompano, based on records from the International Game Fish Association.

(The all-tackle world record African pompano, 50.5 pounds, was caught by Tom Sargent on April 21, 1990, while fishing the bottom off Daytona Beach with a live pinfish, according to the IGFA.)

Minia also caught a 12.5-pound mutton snapper on the same trip while fishing with Andy Alvarez of X-Generation Custom Rods in Lantana, Brian Humphreys of Wellington and Alicia Lipscomb of Boynton Beach.

Two days before the full moon, on May 8, Paul Sheridan and Rosie Nocera, both of Delray Beach, caught a 94-pound wahoo while trolling a ballyhoo behind a planer in 300 feet of water off Boynton Inlet.

Sheridan said a hammerhead shark tried to eat the wahoo as he pulled it toward the boat by hand. While Nocera ran the boat, Sheridan gaffed the big 'hoo and grabbed its tail to haul it over the covering board before the shark could reach it.

Although huge for the waters off South Florida, the 94-pound 'hoo is not even close to the all-tackle world record wahoo caught off of Mexico in 2005. The record 'hoo weighed 184 pounds.

On Mother's Day, Terry Joyce of Boynton Beach caught an 18.6-pound gag grouper on a dead sardine while fishing off Highland Beach on the Southern Comfort IV, a drift boat based at Palm Beach Yacht Center.

Capt. Bill Cox said one of the Southern Comfort IV anglers also pulled a pair of 9-pound mutton snappers from the reefs off Highland Beach.

Anglers on the Lady K drift boat based in Lantana were catching blackfin tuna of more than 20 pounds on dead sardines in early May, but the tuna bite slowed after the



LEFT: Mike Minia of Boynton Beach, a member of the Bootlegger fishing team, caught this 47.7-pound African pompano south of Boynton Inlet in March. His fish was about 3 pounds shy of the International Game Fish Association world record for that species. **Photo provided.** **RIGHT:** Rosie Nocera and Paul Sheridan of Delray Beach show the 94-pound wahoo they caught on a trolled ballyhoo off Boynton Beach on May 8 while fishing on the Sea Hottie. **Photo provided by Paul Sheridan.**



full moon arrived on May 10, owner Marc Lee said.

In the Sail Inn KDW fishing tournament, held May 6, team Slimmer weighed a 45.4-pound kingfish to win largest fish and \$7,300 in the 32-boat event, based at Boynton Harbor Marina.

John Manera of West Palm Beach, captain of team Change Order, said most of the big kingfish were being caught north of Palm Beach. Manera ran north to the Loran Tower off Hobe Sound to catch the 42.1-pound kingfish that placed second in the Sail Inn tournament.

Sarina Heine of Glen Ridge caught a 40.6-pound cobia to win the mystery fish division. Her mother, Ramona Heine of Lake Worth, won top lady angler with a 20.7-pound kingfish.

The Heines were fishing on the 36-foot power catamaran Weak Moment, skippered by Dave Kalil, whose wife, Pam, served as mate.

Even though May is supposed to be one of the best dolphin fishing months in South Florida, only one dolphin, or mahi mahi, was weighed in the Sail Inn tournament – a 9.3-pound fish taken by Capt. Billy Blackman's team on Serve It Up.

Joseph Modenos won top junior angler in the Sail Inn tournament with an 8.6-pound kingfish caught aboard the Royalty Check with his dad, Phil Modenos of Lake Worth, at the helm.

Boy Scouts from Troop 301

in Delray Beach helped with the weigh-in at the Sail Inn event and earned \$700 toward their summer camp.

The Sail Inn tournament raised \$10,000 for the Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation.

Full-moon wahoo tourneys begin June 10

The West Palm Beach Fishing Club is hosting a summer wahoo tournament centered on the full moons in June, July and August.

The "e" tournaments costs \$60 per tournament or \$150 for all three events.

Anglers must be West Palm Beach Fishing Club members to register a team, but anyone can participate as members of the team.

The weigh station will be at Sailfish Marina in Palm Beach Shores (Singer Island). Catches must be verified with live video footage.

Prizes include \$500 and a Boone fish bag for the heaviest wahoo in each tournament. Second- and third-place prizes also will be awarded.

The top team for the three-tournament series wins \$1,000 and a special entry rate for the Old Bahama Bay Wahoo Charity Cup.

The captain's party is set for 6 p.m. June 8 at Twisted Trunk Brewing in Palm Beach Gardens.

For details, contact Tom Bzura at 309-1397 or email: Tbzura@westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

Lionfish derby set

The Boca Raton dive shop World of Scuba is hosting the



Terry Joyce of Boynton Beach with the 18.6-pound gag grouper he caught while fishing off Highland Beach. At left is mate Michael Stemle. **Photo provided**

Gold Cup Lionfish Derby again this year to encourage removal of the invasive, nonnative fish from South Florida's reefs.

This year's lionfish derby will begin June 16 with a kickoff party. Divers will spear lionfish June 17 and bring them to the docks at the Waterstone Resort & Marina in Boca Raton.

The awards party is scheduled for June 18.

For details, call Sean Meadows at World of Scuba in Boca Raton: 368-2155.

Kingfish rules modified

Anglers can keep three king mackerel, better known as kingfish, daily instead of two in Monroe County (the Florida

Keys) and on Florida's west coast.

The new kingfish bag limit, approved by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, took effect May 11 and applies only to kingfish caught in state waters south and west of the Dade/Monroe county line.

The recreational daily bag limit on Florida's east coast remains two kingfish per angler. The minimum size is 24 inches to the fork of the tail.

Coming events

June 3: Palm Beach County KDW Classic fishing tournament for kingfish, dolphin and wahoo based at Riviera Beach Marina. Begins

Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 5/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

JUNE 3

Saturday - 6/3 - 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

6/3 - US Coast Guard Auxiliary About Boating Safety Class at Spanish River Park Headquarters Building, 3939 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. 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

6/3 - Tram Tours of the Marsh at 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

6/3 - 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

6/3 - 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

JUNE 4-10

Tuesday - 6/6 - Audubon Society of the Everglades film at Palm Beach Public Library, 3650 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 1st T 6 pm doors open/refreshments; 6:30 pm meeting; 6:45 pm movie. Free. Reservations: 233-2600; auduboneverglades.org

Wednesday - 6/7 - 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

Thursday - 6/8-11 - Celebrate World Oceans Day at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Themed programs, activities. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Th-Sat 9 am-4 pm; Sun noon-4 pm. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Saturday - 6/10 - Birds & Breakfast at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Coffee, refreshments, 1-hour walking tour w/naturalist. Age 9+. 9 am. \$3. Reservations: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

6/10 - Seining the Lagoon at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Explore grasses and flats of the Intracoastal Waterway behind Gumbo Limbo. Hand-held dip nets and large seine nets allow participants to catch and 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. 3-4:30 pm. \$7/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

JUNE 11-17

Saturday - 6/17 - Naturalist Program: Radical Reptiles at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. All ages. 10:30 am. \$3. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

JUNE 18-24

Thursday - 6/22 - Fishing Fun at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Bring sunscreen, water bottle, closed-toed shoes that can get wet/muddy. Age 8+. 10 am. \$10/includes fishing supplies. RSVP: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

Saturday - 6/24 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-10:30 am. 369-5501; seaangels.org

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Tuesday - 6/27 - 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 - 6/28 - Beach Treasures at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Learn about seashells, the animals that make them. Caravan to Red Reef Park, 1400 N State Rd A1A, to search for ocean treasures. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. 9-10:30 am. Free May-August 2017. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Thursday - 6/29 - The Night Stalkers at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Join a Naturalist to look at nature from the point of view of its nocturnal residents. Age 9+. 8 pm. \$5/person. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com



A mother-daughter team won prizes in the May 6 Sail Inn KDW tournament. Sarina Heine holds the 40.6-pound cobia she caught to win the mystery fish division. Her mother, Ramona Heine, shows the 20.7-pound kingfish that earned her recognition as top lady angler. At left is Travis Martin. **Willie Howard/The Coastal Star**

with captain's meeting at 6 p.m. June 2 at the marina. Entry fee: \$300. Call 832-6780 or www.kdwclassic.com.

June 3: 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 \$35 for adults or \$20 ages 12 to 19. Register at the door. Bring lunch. Call 391-3600 or email: fso-pe@cgauxboca.org.

June 24: 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 \$20. Discounts for ages 14 to 20 and family groups. Register at the door. Call 704-7440.

June 28: Capt. Mike Beebe

discusses summer fishing tactics for wahoo, 7 p.m., West Palm Beach Fishing Club, 201 Fifth St., West Palm Beach. Free. 832-6780 or www.westpalmbeachfishingclub.org.

June 30: West Palm Beach Fishing Club outing on Living on Island Time drift boat (for club members). Fee of \$55 includes cash prize for big fish and lunch. Reservations required. Call 832-6780.

Tip of the month

If you fish the ocean waters off Palm Beach County, you probably catch dolphin (mahi mahi). Many are small "peanut" dolphin. The minimum legal size off Florida's east coast is 20 inches to the fork of the tail, but many anglers choose to release all dolphin under 25 inches.

Before releasing small dolphin, consider taking a little extra time to tag them. Taggers jot down key information about their catch to benefit dolphin research, including the amount of Sargassum (floating weed) present, the length and sex of the fish, if known, along with the date and coordinates of the release. Anglers who tag and release more than 20 dolphin a year can win prizes such as fishing rods and reels. For more information, go to www.dolphintagging.com.

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Rare octopus found; Sea turtle volunteers recognized

Near Gulfstream Park, May 3 and May 11



ABOVE: Darlene Duggan measures at 3 feet what is thought to be a rare blanket octopus that washed ashore near the Gulf Stream Golf Club on May 11. The pelagic species carries more than 100,000 eggs until they hatch. The deep-sea creature was given to FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute for DNA testing and scientific research since it died shortly after washing ashore. **Photo provided by Joan Lorne**



ABOVE: (l-r) Dr. Larry Wood sits with sea turtle volunteers Jim Jolley, Darlene Duggan, Jackie Kingston and Joan Lorne. Wood was on hand to present them with a \$750 National Sea Turtle Foundation Award grant for their turtle monitoring and educational efforts. The volunteers monitor a three-mile stretch of beach in Gulf Stream, the County Pocket, Briny Breezes and Ocean Ridge. **Photo provided by Colin Lorne**

Tots & Teens

Son's autism pushes parents into action

By Janis Fontaine

John and Gail Field didn't set out to be gym directors or special needs care providers or corporate officers for an international organization working on one of the world's most pressing medical and family issues.

They just wanted a place for their son to play.

Jayson, now 7, was diagnosed with autism, also called autism spectrum disorder, at about 18 months old. The Fields were constantly looking for activities that would stimulate him, but not overly so, and simply wanted a safe place where Jayson could play and be accepted. But there just wasn't anywhere that Gail and John felt they and their son belonged.

"We gave up looking," John said. "The thing with autism is it doesn't have a 'look.'"

Other parents just think the child is spoiled or poorly parented, John Field said. It made them uncomfortable to see the looks on other parents' faces.

But now Jayson has a place where he and any other kids are welcome.

His parents own it. The Fields opened We Rock the Spectrum gym on State Road 7 in Boca Raton three years

ago. We Rock the Spectrum is an international franchise opportunity founded in 2010 that provides sensory-safe play for kids with autism, special needs, and developmental challenges and delays. Each gym is independently run but gets corporate support from WRTS.

At the gym's third anniversary party in April, a group of dancers with ASD — who take lessons from Michele Mirisola at WRTS Boca — performed a recital, to the delight of family and friends.

Mirisola's company, Dancing on the Spectrum, teaches dance to kids with special needs. But dance lessons are just one of the classes offered at the gym. Others include Kindermusik with Miss Susan, Zumbini (a class that helps with bonding) and a social skills class.

The gym, which John Field built, is an 1,800-square-foot space fitted with therapeutic equipment specifically designed to help kids with sensory processing issues.

"We created a place where parents can be comfortable," Field said. He's seen friendships blossom when parents meet others who understand their situation. "We've become a hub for parents with kids with special needs. It's like a support group. And parents know that



John and Gail Field built the We Rock the Spectrum gym in Boca Raton three years ago as a place for their son, Jayson, and other autistic children, but it's open to all. Photo provided

everyone, including the people behind the desk, know what they're going through."

The isolation that parents may feel when they have a nontypical child can lead to feelings of inadequacy and loneliness. John says that the attitude at the gym is "inclusion." He says the gym sees kids on the spectrum "as different, not less." And the company motto supports this: "Finally a place where you never have to say I'm sorry!"

The gym has an intimate

feel. It's designed to be small so it doesn't overwhelm kids or bombard them with too much sensory stimulation. Field stresses that the gym isn't only for kids on the spectrum. "Everybody is welcome."

In the past three years, both John and Gail have poured their hearts, sweat and tears into their gym and helping kids on the spectrum. Since Gail met Dina Kimmel, the founder and CEO of We Rock the Spectrum, on Christmas Eve 2013, Gail has embraced the WRTS organization — and it has embraced her.

After years of training with the corporate office, Gail Field is now the company's chief operating officer. There are about 36 gyms in the U.S. and six in Florida, including one in Jupiter/Tequesta.

The first WRTS gym just opened in Malaysia, and Dubai is next.

There's no question that autism is reaching all parts of the globe. Almost everyone knows someone with a child on the spectrum. The demand for services and safe places for kids on the spectrum will only increase. Parents from all over the county bring their kids to western Boca Raton to play. People drive down from Royal Palm Beach, John said, for a safe place and friendly face.

The cost for three hours of play at WRTS is \$12 (siblings pay \$10), but the more time you buy, the cheaper it is.

But it's not about the money, John says.

"My favorite sound in the world is children laughing," Field said. "And when they look at you and smile, that does something to you."

WRTS Boca is at 19635 State Road 7, Suite 46. For more info about We Rock the Spectrum, call 218-0128 or visit www.werockthespectrumbocaraton.com.

For more information on Dancing on the Spectrum, call 954-655-2712 or visit www.dancingonthespectrum.com.

For outdoor play, visit the updated **Science Playground** at Boca Raton's Sugar Sand Park, now better for kids with special needs.

In March, after more than a year of renovations costing about \$3.2 million, the Science Playground reopened, stronger and safer, with softer surfaces and ramp access, making it more accessible to kids with special needs.

The park replaced mulch with a wheelchair-friendly rubber mat surface, added new swings and slides, replaced all the railing and decks, improved parking and bus access and made entry into the playground safer. The park also has more places for groups to gather.

But the tri-level climbing play area is the dominant feature. The carefully constructed tree house-like structure contains interactive components that demonstrate scientific principles.

For parents, it has clear sightlines that make it easier to keep track of their kids, and its softer surfaces lessen the impact of falls.

Sugar Sand Park is at 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Visit www.SugarSandPark.org or call 347-3900 for more information.

Another cool spot for kids with special needs is the swamp-themed **Congress Avenue Barrier Free Park** at 3111 S. Congress Ave. in Boynton Beach. With 37 acres, views of ponds and sunsets in the west, the park is not just for children with disabilities. Amenities include a fitness trail, pavilion, picnic tables with umbrellas, benches, drinking fountain, open play area, specialty play structures for different age groups and abilities, spray-ground and accessible restrooms. The adjacent tennis center has 17 Har-Tru and four composite courts, restrooms with shower, drinking fountains and canopied areas with picnic tables. ★

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Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 5/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

JUNE 3

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 - 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

6/3 - Sensory Saturday at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Explore the museum in a sensory modified setting with sound/light adjustments. 1st Sat 9-10 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

6/3 - 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

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. Free/member; \$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. Proceeds benefit the community. All ages. 10 am-4 pm. Free. Register: kidswellnessexpo.com

6/3 - 3D Printing Workshops with AL-LAXIS 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 required: 832-1988; sfsiencecenter.org

6/3 - 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

6/3 - 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 7/1. 10-11 am. Free May-August 2017. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

6/3 - Tot Time at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Enjoy crafts, snacks, indoor play stations. Drop in anytime during the program. Age 2-5. Held again 7/1. 10 am-noon. \$5/child. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

6/3 - Family Studio: Mixed-Media Mash Up! 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 6/24 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Free. 832-5196 x1196; norton.org

6/3 - I Love Art Classes at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Create art utilizing recycled items. Age 4-10. Every Sat through 6/24 10:30 am-1:30 pm. \$72/resident; \$90/non-resident. 742-6650; boynton-beach.org

6/3 - Drop-in Craft at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 3 & up. Every Sat 10:30-11:30 am. Free w/paid admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

6/3 - Acro Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Age 3-7. Every Sat 11-11:30 am. \$10. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

6/3 - Story Time at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Stories, songs, fingerplays parents and children enjoy

together. All ages. T-Sat 11 am. Free w/paid admission. 368-6875; cmboca.org

6/3 - All Art Class at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Age 2-9. Every Sat 11:30 am. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

6/3 - Science Stories at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear science inspired stories. Age 5 & up. Every Sat 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

6/3 - 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 7/1. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Free May-Aug 2017. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

JUNE 4-10

Sunday - 6/4 - COBRA Minis Basketball at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 3-5. Every Sun through 7/16. 10-10:45 am. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 347-3916; sugarsandpark.org/cobra

6/4 - 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

6/4 - Jr. Shark Biologist at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Age 5-12. W/Sun 3:15 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

Monday - 6/5 - Teen & Tween Summer Reading Program Registration Begins at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Sign up online, log books you read over the summer for a chance to win gift cards. New Tween & Teen winner announced each week. Drawings start 6/16; end 8/11. Age 9-17. 9 am. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

6/5 - Youth Summer Reading Program Registration Begins at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Sign up online or at the library for Summer incentive program. Receive Exercise Your Mind, Read! reading log, bookmark to start your summer reading adventure. Visit each week, receive a prize for reading. Prizes start week of 6/11; end 7/30. Age 3-8. 9 am. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

6/5 - Junior Lifeguard Academy at Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Leadership skills, essential lifeguarding skills. Age 10-14. Runs through 6/30 M-F 9 am-3 pm. Held again 7/10-8/4. \$300/resident; \$375/non-resident. 742-6645; boynton-beach.org

6/5 - 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

6/5 - 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

6/5 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Louie at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog Louie. Grade K-5. Every M through 6/26 1:30-2:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/5 - Build a Better World Summer Reading Club Kick Off at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Complete building challenges. Register for chance to earn prizes. All ages. 2:30-4 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

6/5 - Rhythmic Gymnastics: Beginner 2 at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 5-6. Every M through 6/26 3-4 pm. \$70/resident; \$87.50/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

6/5 - Tennis Whiz Kids at Tennis Center, 3111 S Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Key elements (space, object, people, brain, body, movement) combined in every on-court session. Age 3-5 (age 5 w/no experience). Every M through 6/19 4-4:30 pm. \$30/resident; \$38/non-resident. 742-6575; boynton-beach.org

6/5 - 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. Every M 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

6/5 - Tennis Fundamentals at Tennis Center, 3111 S Congress Ave, Boynton

Beach. Based on USTA Florida Youth Tennis Pathway. Smaller courts, shorter racquets, slower-moving/lower-bouncing balls. Every M through 6/19. Age 5-8 4:30-5:15 pm \$36-\$45; age 9-12 5:30-6:15 pm \$45-\$54. 742-6575; boynton-beach.org

6/5 - Karate at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Basics of traditional karate: socialization skills, self-discipline, confidence, respect, staying physically and mentally active. M/W/Th through 7/13. Beginner age 5-15 5:30-6:30 pm; intermediate age 5-15 6:30-7:30 pm; adult age 16 & up 7:30-8:30 pm. \$99/resident; \$124/non-resident. 742-6240; boynton-beach.org

6/5 - Youth Empowerment Center: Does Hip Hop Matter? at Boynton Beach Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave. Learn various dance forms. Ages 13-18. Every M-F through 8/4 6-8 pm. Free. 742-6641; boynton-beach.org

6/5 - 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

6/5 - Fencing/Epee Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Fun, exciting introduction to fencing; learn fencing skills, forge new friendships, have a blast. 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

6/5-9 - Basketball Camp at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Led by experienced high school coaches. Age 6-15. 9 am-4 pm. \$90/resident; \$113/non-resident; \$25/additional recreation hours 7:30 am-5:30 pm. Pre-registration required: 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

6/5-9 - Fun 5 Camp at Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Includes daily field trips. Age 5-12. 7:30 am-5:30 pm. \$130/resident; \$163/non-resident. Pre-registration required: 742-6650; boynton-beach.org

6/5-9 - Vacation Bible School: Passport to Peru: Discovering God's Good Gifts at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Age Pre-K4 to 4th grade. 8:45 am-noon. \$35/suggested donation. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

6/5-9 - Catholic Kidz Camp: Tracking Mary, Mysteries & Messages at St. Vincent Ferrer Family Life Center, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Age from completed pre-K to 4th grade graduates. 9 am-noon. \$40/child. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

6/5-9 - Going for the Gold Camp at Forest Hill High School, 6901 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach. Fundamentals to make you a great wrestler at any level. Presented by West Palm Beach Police Athletic League. All ages. 9 am-1:30 pm. \$205/lunch included. Pre-registration required: 835-7195; westpalmbeachpal.com

6/5-9 - Gold Coast Ninja Challenge at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Practice with the pros. Age 5-14. 9 am-4 pm. \$145/resident; \$181/non-resident; \$25/additional recreation hours 7:30 am-5:30 pm. Pre-registration required: 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

Tuesday - 6/6 - Turtle Tales at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 2-3. Every T 10 am. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

6/6 - Mother Nature & Me: Wild Webs at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Experience exciting nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Age 2-5 (w/guardian). 10:30 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

6/6 - Inspired Art at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Age 2-11. T/W/Th 11:30 am-noon. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

6/6 - Perler Bead Art at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-5. 1:30-2:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

6/6 - Reading Buddies at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-5. Every T 2:30-3:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

6/6 - Art Studio at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean

Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 3-5. Every T 3-3:45 pm. \$4/museum member; \$5/non-member + admission. Register in advance: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

6/6 - COBRA Minis Basketball at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 3-5. Every T through 7/25 (no class 7/4). 3:30-4:15 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 347-3916; sugarsandpark.org/cobra

6/6 - Mini Book+Art Discussion: From the Bellybutton of the Moon and Other Summer Poems by Francisco X. Alarcon + Summer Landscapes in the Museum Collection at Main Library, 3650 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Children and grown-ups participate in a book reading/discussion followed by an art workshop. Presented by Norton Museum of Art in English & Spanish. 3:30-5 pm. Free. Reservations required: 233-2600; norton.org

6/6 - Unplugged at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Play old school games. Grades 6-12. Every T 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

6/6 - Daggerwing Visits the Library: Frogs & Toads at Glades Road Branch Library, 20701 95th Ave S, Boca Raton. Special program features live animal ambassadors. Age 5+. 3:30 pm. Free. RSVP required: 482-4554; pbcnature.com

6/6 - Group Swim Lessons at The Swim Center, 21618 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Level 1 & 2. T/Th through 6/29 4-4:45 pm. Per session \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 544-8540; myboca.us

6/6 - BeTeen the Lines at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. 1st & 3rd T 4:30-6:30 pm. Free. 819-6405; delraylibrary.org

6/6 - Group Swim Lessons at Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Young children must be potty trained. Age 3 & older; Level 1. Held again 6/20-30. T-F through 6/16 4:30, 5, 5:30 & 6 pm. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 742-6645; boynton-beach.org

6/6 - Teen Zumba at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. Held again 6/20. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

6/6 - Anime Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. 1st & 3rd T 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 819-6405; delraylibrary.org

6/6 - Adobe Photoshop 3 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Prerequisites: Adobe Photoshop Basics 1 & 2; moderate computer proficiency. Age 12+. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/6 - Happy Sunshine Yoga: Teens at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Focus on building self-confidence, physical strength, concentration. Age 13-17. Every M through 6/27 6:30-8 pm. \$100/residents, \$125/non-residents. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

Wednesday - 6/7 - Children's Fitness Classes/Gymnastics at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Build confidence and coordination. Every W through 7/5. Age 3-4 40-minute class 9-9:40 am; 55-minute class 9-9:55 am; age 5-6 55-minute class 9:45-10:40 am; age 7 & up 55-minute class 10:45-11:40 am. 40-minute class \$45/resident, \$56.25/non-resident; 55-minute class \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

6/7 - Family Storytime at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Age infant to 5 yrs. Every W 10-11 am. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

6/7 - Summer Story Time: Summer at Society of the Four Arts Children's Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 10:30-11 am. Free. 655-2776; fourarts.org

6/7 - 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. Age 2-5. Every W 2 pm. Free w/paid museum admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

6/7 - Science Wednesdays: Fun with Legos (Structural Engineering) at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-5. 2-3 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

6/7 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Maggie at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog Maggie. Grades K-5. Every W through 6/28 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/7 - Lil' Explorers: Super Sensory Messy Play at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Explore, develop important readiness skills. Age 18 mos-5 yrs. Every W 3-3:45 pm. Per class \$3/member; \$4/non-member + admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

6/7 - Community Service Club at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Spend an afternoon each week doing something nice for different people in the community. Grades K-5. Every W 3-4 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

6/7 - Group Swim Lessons at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton. Level 3 & 4. W/F through 6/30 3:30 & 4:30 pm. Per session \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 393-7851; myboca.us

6/7 - Rhythmic Gymnastics at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Every W through 6/28. Beginner 1 age 4-5 4-5 pm, \$70-\$87.50; Beginner 2 age 5-6 3-4 pm, \$70-\$87.50; Intermediate age 7-12 3:45-5:15 pm, \$90-\$112.50. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

6/7 - Singing Starz Group Voice Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Age 4-7. Every W 4-4:45 pm. \$15. 394-2626; showtime-boca.com

6/7 - Culture Shock at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Use your experiences to build an ethnography about music, art, gaming, family or anything else that makes you who you are. Grades 6-12. Every W 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

6/7 - Teen Gaming at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Video games use Wii, Wii U, PS3, PS4 or Xbox 360. Grades 6-12. Every W 5-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Thursday - 6/8 - 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

6/8 - Animal Keeper for a Day at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Work behind the scenes with animal care staff and volunteers from cleaning cages and preparing diets to going on a "turtle walk." Learn what it really means to care for these special animal ambassadors. Kids may get messy. Age 8+. 10 am. \$10. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

6/8 - Summer Story Time: Beach Day at Society of the Four Arts Children's Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 10:30-11 am. Free. 655-2776; fourarts.org

6/8 - Movie Break: Finding Dory (PG) at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. All ages. 1-3 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

6/8 - Reader's Theatre at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Write and illustrate your own book and have fun acting it out. Grades K-5. Every Th 3-4 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

6/8 - Storytime Yoga at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 4-8. Every Th 3:30 pm. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

6/8 - COBRA Minis Golf at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 4-5. Every Th through 7/20. 3:30-4:15 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 347-3916; sugarsandpark.org/cobra

6/8 - Knitting Club at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Age 7 to adult. Every Th 3:30-4:30 pm. Free w/museum admission. 368-6875; cmboca.org

6/8 - Money Talks at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Financial Literacy 101: Learn about first car loans, college financial aid, the stock market, more. Grades 6-12. Every Th 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

6/8 - Teen Book Discussion at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

6/8-9 - 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 - 6/9 - Sensory Art for Tots at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Age 1-4 w/parent or caregiver. Every F 11:30 am. Per session \$3/member; \$5/non-

member. 368-6875; cmboca.org
6/9 - Koala Experience at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Get close to a Queensland Koala! Max 6 people per experience; mixed parties; wear closed-toed shoes. Age 5+; age 15 & under must be accompanied by adult 18+. Every F-M noon. \$30/member; \$35/non-member + zoo admission. Advance registration required: 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org/koala-experience

6/9 - Rhythmic Gymnastics at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Every F through 6/30. Mini Stars age 3-4, 2:15-3 pm, \$65-\$81.25; Beginner 2 age 5-6 3-4 pm, \$70-\$87.50; Intermediate age 7-12 4-5:30, \$90-\$112.50. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

6/9 - Moana at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 4 pm. \$10.50. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

6/9 - Safari Nights at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach.

Games, crafts, DJ dance party, keeper talks and training sessions, different theme each week. Every F through 8/25 4:30-9 pm. Admission TBD. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

6/9 - 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

6/9 - 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

6/9-11 - Once on This Island, Jr. at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Original theatrical adaptation of *The Little Mermaid*. Runs through 6/25. Th/F/Sat 7 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$15/person; \$10/age 11 & under. 447-8829; solchildren.org

Saturday - 6/10 - Soccer Shots at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Every Sat through 8/5 (no class 7/1). Age 2-3 9:30-10 am & 10-10:30 am; age 4-5 10:30-11:15 am. \$112/resident; \$140/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

6/10 - Kidz On Stage Class: Frozen at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Children audition, act, sing, dance, perform. Age 3-7. Performance date 8/26. Every Sat through 8/26 10-11 am. \$300. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

6/10 - 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

6/10 - Summer Skate Slam at Tim Huxhold Skate Park, 400 Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton. 4 divisions, prizes for top 3 finishers in each division. 11 am-3 pm. 367-7001; myboca.us

6/10 - 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

JUNE 11-17

Sunday - 6/11 - Rockin' Red Riding (G) presented by Atlantic Coast Theatre for Youth at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 11 am & 2 pm. \$8/adult; \$6/child 12 & under. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

Monday - 6/12 - Baby Bookworm at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Storytime for infants accompanied by an adult. Age 3 months to walking. Every M through 6/26 11-11:30 am. Free. Registration required: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/12 - Healthy Eating at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Learn how to make good food choices, how to prepare snacks that are healthy/easy. Grades K-5. Every M 2:30-3:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

6/12 - 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 w/Rainbow Looms. Grades K-5. Held again 6/19. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

Congressional Award

City Hall, Lake Worth – May 9



Daniel Iscoe of Ocean Ridge was one of five local students honored with a Congressional Award for their exceptional community service. 'The Congressional Award is designed to recognize students who have demonstrated outstanding character development and commitment to community service,' U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel said in presenting the award to Iscoe, a student at Cardinal Newman High School in West Palm Beach. To receive the honor, Iscoe completed projects in four areas: public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition/exploration. The other students honored were Jacob Givoni, Boca Raton; Patrick Hopkins, West Palm Beach; Srijiith Nair, Boynton Beach; and Joshua Puchferan, Boca Raton. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

6/12 - Teen Yoga at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. Held again 6/19 & 26. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

6/12 - Jazz & Hip Hop Dance Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Learn choreographed warm-ups, dances to favorite songs. Age 5-9. Every M through 7/17 4:15-5 pm \$84/resident; \$105/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

6/12 - Acrobatics Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Basic skills on mats: stretches, bridges, rolls, cartwheels, handstands, balances. Musical warm-ups, prop routines included. Age 5-9. Every M through 7/17 5-5:45 pm. \$84/resident; \$105/non-resident. 954-971-9917; myboca.us

6/12 - Summer Explorers at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/12-16 - Ultra Cool Summer Surf Camp at Oceanfront Park, 615 N Ocean Blvd, Boynton Beach. Instructors are first aid & CPR certified. Age 6+. Held again 6/19-23, 6/26-30, 7/10-14, & 7/17-21. M-F 8:30 am-1 pm. Per week \$200/resident; \$250/non-resident. Pre-register: 742-6221; hulasurfschool.com

Tuesday - 6/13 - Toddler Builders at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Delightful stories, songs, music, creative fun. Age up to 3 years; children must be accompanied by an adult. Every T through 6/27 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration required: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/13 - Make and Take: Father's Day Cards at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Create a handmade Father's Day card for someone special. All ages. 1:30-2:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

6/13 - Family Coloring Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Relax, share some family coloring time for all levels of skills. All ages. Every T through 6/27 2:30-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/13 - Miss Sara's Dance Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Basics of ballet, tap, gymnastics, fitness, creative movement. Adults wait outside the classroom. Every T through 7/25 (no class 7/4). Age 4-5 3:30-4:15 pm; age 6-8 4:30-5:15 pm. \$78/resident; \$98/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

6/13 - Kidokinetics at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children learn a new sport each week. Soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, volleyball, golf, hula hoops, obstacle courses, T-ball, more. Every T through 7/18 (no class 7/4). Age 3-5 3:45-

4:30 pm; age 2-4 4:30-5:15 pm (some parent involvement). \$55/resident; \$68.75/non-resident. 954-385-8511; kidokinetics.com

6/13 - Brain Food at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Hands-on interactive, edible science experiments. Grades 6-12. 4:30-6 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

6/13 - Adobe Photoshop 1 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 12+. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

Wednesday - 6/14 - Dance Trends Youth Dance Program at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Learn discipline and art of dance. W/Sat through 8/5. Class times/prices vary by age/style. 542-0215; dancetrendsboynton.com

6/14 - Reading & Rhythm for 3-5's at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Literacy enrichment class with stories, music, movement. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Every W through 6/28 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration required: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

6/14 - Miss Sara's Dance Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Basics of ballet, tap, gymnastics, fitness, creative movement. Adults wait outside the classroom. Every W through 7/26 (no class 7/5). Age 2 10:15-10:45 am \$60-\$75; age 3-5 11-11:45 am. \$78/resident; \$98/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

6/14 - Summer Story Time: Vacation at Society of the Four Arts Children's Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 10:30-11 am. Free. 655-2776; fourarts.org

6/14 - Science Wednesdays: Straw Rockets (Distance and Angle) at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-5. 2-3 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

6/14 - Let's Get Building for 6-8's at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Build your own stuffed animal. Limit 2 classes in this series. Every W through 6/28 3:30-4:14 pm. Free. Registration required. 544-8584; bocalibrary.org

Thursday - 6/15 - Intro to Canoeing at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn parts/terms associated with canoeing, basic skills needed to successfully navigate a canoe. Age 8 & up. 10 am. \$10. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

6/15 - Summer Story Time: Hide & Seek at Society of the Four Arts Children's Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 10:30-11 am. Free. 655-2776; fourarts.org

6/15 - Movie Break: Zootopia (PG) at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. All ages. 1-3 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

6/15 - Little Makers: Squishy Circuits at

Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Have fun with playdough with a twist of science. Age 5-8. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration required: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

6/15 - Lumiere's Candlelight Dinner at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Age 5-12. Every Th/F/Sat through 7/8 5 pm. \$75/adult; \$40/child. Reservations required: 995-2333; thewick.org

6/15 - Build It @ the Library at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Build a customized DIY Lego clock.. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration required: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Friday - 6/16 - Children's Special: Mr. A's Magic Show at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Grades K-5. Child 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Saturday - 6/17 - Soccer Shots at Intra-coastal Park, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Age-specific curriculum; equipment provided. Every Sat through 8/5. Age 2-3 9:30-10 am; age 4-6 10:05-10:50 am. \$92/resident; \$115 nonresident. 742-6240; boynton-beach.org

6/17 - Tea Time With Mrs. Potts at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Tea-time treats, magical arts & crafts project, sing-a-long. more. Age 5-12. Every Sat through 7/8 Noon-2 pm. \$40/child. Reservations required. 995-2333; thewick.org

6/17 - Family Date Afternoon: Legos at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All ages. 2:30-4 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

6/17-18 - Science Demonstrations at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science-inspired stories. Age 5 & up. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

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Sunday - 6/18 - Sunday Movie: Trolls (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

6/18 - Family Fun: Ema (Wish Block) Craft at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, Classroom A, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Learn more about Ema (wish block) with an activity in honor of the summer exhibit, *Painted Prayers: the Culture of Ema*. Noon-3 pm. Free w/paid admission. 495-0233, x237; morikami.org

Monday - 6/19 - Silent Library at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Compete in crazy challenges for a chance to win prizes. Grades 6-12. 5:30-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

6/19-23 - Children's Japanese Traditional Music Summer Camp Program at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Three 1-hour sessions: Japanese culture; 13-string koto; shakuhachi with professional musicians Joseph Amato & Christopher Yohmei Blasdel and scholar Minako Waseda Grades 3-12. M-F 9 am-12:30 pm. \$275/week. Advance registration: 233-1328; morikami.org

Tuesday - 6/20 - Mother Nature & Me: Day At The Beach at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Experience exciting nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Age 2-5 (w/guardian). 10:30 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

6/20 - Adobe Photoshop 2 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 12+. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/20 - Seafari 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; sfsciencecenter.org

Wednesday - 6/21 - Summer Story Time: Mickey Mouse at Society of the Four Arts Children's Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 10:30-11 am. Free. 655-2776; fourarts.org

6/21 - Storytime With Belle at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Age 5-12. W/Sun through 7/9 noon-2 pm. \$40/child. Reserva-

tions required: 995-2333; thewick.org

Thursday - 6/22 - Movie Break: The Angry Birds Movie (PG) at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. All ages. 1-3 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

6/22 - Little Makers: Cubetto at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part toy, part programming for kids. Age 5-8. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration required: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

6/22 - Teen Movie Night at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Wear your pajamas, watch a spooky movie. Grades 6-12. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

Friday - 6/23 - Summer Story Time: Shark at Society of the Four Arts Children's Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 10:30-11 am. Free. 655-2776; fourarts.org

6/23 - Children's Special: Jiggleman at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Grades K-5; child 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Saturday - 6/24 - 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 required: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

6/24 - Group Swim Lessons at Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Children must be potty trained. Levels 1-3. Age 3 & older. Every Sat through 8/12 10, 10:30 & 11 am. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 742-6645; boynton-beach.org

JUNE 25-JULY 1

Monday - 6/26 - Palm Beach Zoo: Rainforest Rescue at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. The library goes "wild" with visiting animals from Palm Beach Zoo. Peanut Allergy: some animals are fed peanuts as a snack by their handlers. All ages. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

Tuesday - 6/27 - Make and Take: Piggy Banks at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Learn about money, make a piggy bank. Grades K-5. 1:30-2:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

6/27 - Pom Pom Rug Craft at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Learn basics of making this rug during this program, continue to work on the rug throughout the summer at the Library or finish at home. Grades 6-12. 4:30-6 pm. Free. 742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

6/27 - GEMS Club: Underwater Explorers at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Empower 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; sfsciencecenter.org/gems

6/27 - Adobe Photoshop 3 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 12+. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

Wednesday - 6/28 - Summer Story Time: Florida at Society of the Four Arts Children's Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 10:30-11 am. Free. 655-2776; fourarts.org

6/28 - Science Wednesdays: House of Cards (Balance and Engineering) at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-5. 2-3 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

6/28-30 - The Addams Family at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. W/Th 10:30 am; F 4 pm. \$10.50. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

Thursday - 6/29 - Movie Break: Storks (PG) at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. All ages. 1-3 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

6/29 - Little Makers: Little Bits at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 5-8. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration required: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

6/29 - Adobe Photoshop Lightroom at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 12+. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/29 - Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Friday - 6/30 - Children's Special: Fred Greenspan Puppets at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Grades K-5; child 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

House of the Month

Each month, The Coastal Star features a house for sale in our community. The House of the Month is presented as a service to our advertisers and provides readers with a peek inside one of our houses.



This house in Gulf Stream's Hidden Harbour occupies a 2.63-acre lot, offering plenty of privacy amid private gardens.



Designed by Marion Sims Wyeth, the house offers soaring ceilings, elegant doorways and other beautiful appointments, like this fireplace.

Historic masterpiece in heart of Gulf Stream

Known as Lemon Hill and designed in 1938 by society architect Marion Sims Wyeth in the Georgian style, this is a must-experience estate in Hidden Harbour.

Located on 2.63 acres at the end of a private canal off the Intracoastal Waterway in Gulf Stream, this mansion is surrounded by wooded areas, including a 3.5-acre nature preserve, offering unrivaled privacy, just a mile from downtown Delray Beach.

The romance of Wyeth's architecture can be felt in this faithfully maintained home that has seven bedrooms, eight spacious full and two half-baths, with more than 7,643 square feet under air.

The estate also features a guest cottage and a two-bedroom caretaker's house.

An extra large pool and 68 feet of Intracoastal footage are part of the property's appeal.

The house is just steps to the ocean, with beautiful vistas abounding from atop the terrace of breathtaking sunsets beyond the canopy of ancient banyan and ficus trees.

Offered at \$9,495,000. Contact Keith Neff, 561-997-4995, keith@keithneff.com or Mark L. Nestler, 561-212-1517, mark@npsir.com, Nestler Poletto Sotheby's International Realty.



A beamed-ceiling loggia and large windows offer sunny vistas.



ABOVE: A wood-paneled library offers views of a pool and a patio.



LEFT: The patio offers plenty of space for outdoor entertaining.

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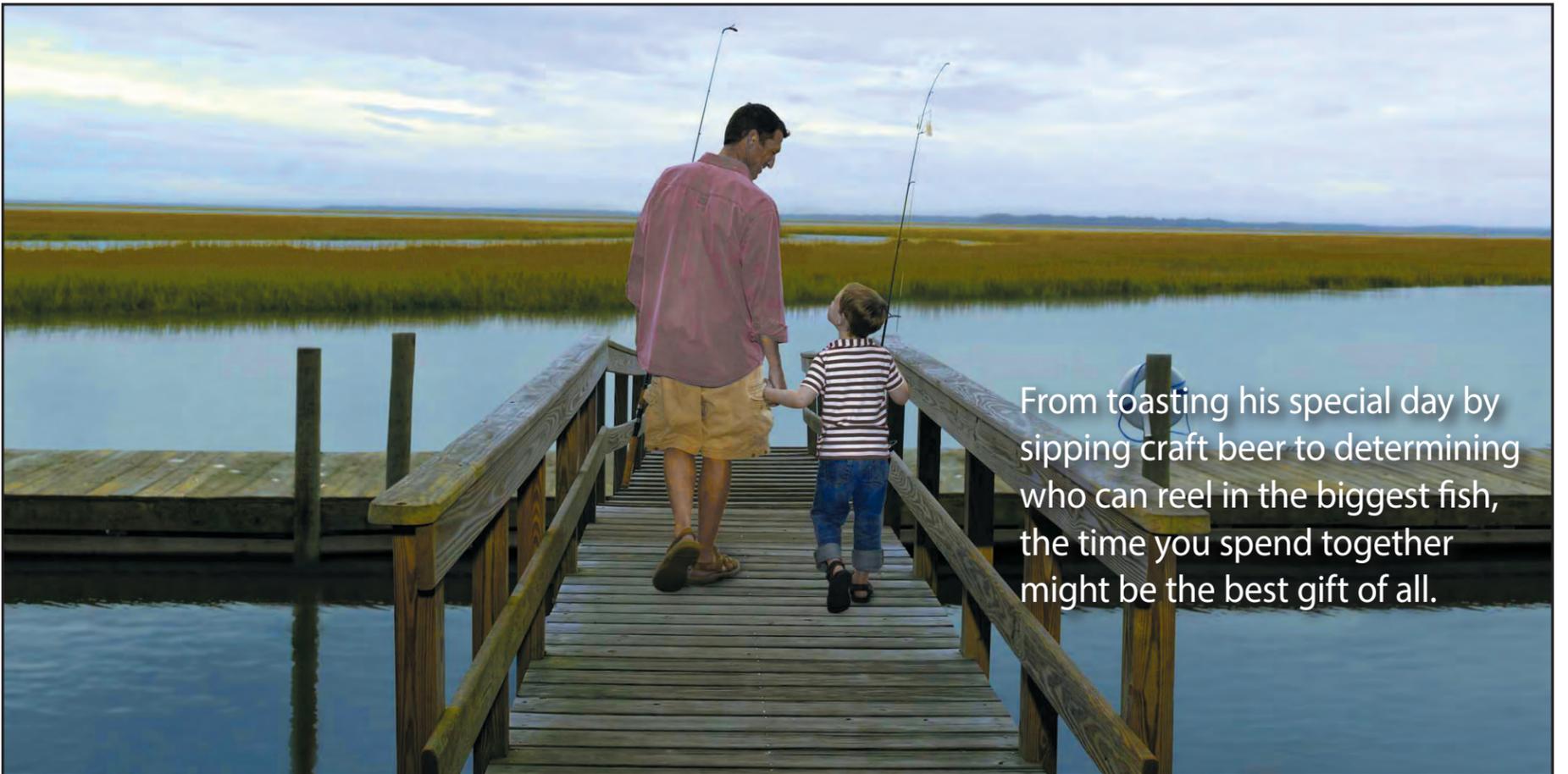
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Along the Coast

5 Father's Day activities Dad will appreciate



From toasting his special day by sipping craft beer to determining who can reel in the biggest fish, the time you spend together might be the best gift of all.

Go fishing with Dad either along the coast or west of town. Photo provided

By Mary Thurwachter

Father's Day is June 18 and when you consider gifts, think about this: Does Dad really need another tie? Nah. In fact, he probably doesn't need more material stuff. What he would like? How about some quality time with you? But what to do with dear ol' Dad? Here are some suggestions you both may enjoy.

▲ 1. Go fishing. Ernest Hemingway's sons said some of Papa's happiest days were spent fishing. If your dad shares that passion, spending a few hours casting lines from a boat, or perhaps simply from the Lantana fishing pier or at the Boynton Inlet, may be a Father's Day gift he would fall for hook, line and sinker.

Some options:

- Bar Jack Fishing and the Lady K Deep Sea Drift Fishing Boat, 314 E. Ocean Ave., Lantana, 588-7612, www.barjackfishing.com

- Living on Island Time Deep Sea Fishing, 7848 S. Federal Highway, Hypoluxo, 585-4473, www.fishingonislandtime.com

- Fishing charters from the Boynton Inlet, 728 Casa Loma Blvd., Boynton Beach, 732-9974, www.boyntonbeachmarina.com

- Boca Fishing Charters, various locations in Boca Raton, 844-243-5707, www.bocafishingcharters.com.



◀ 2. Take him out to the ballgame.

If your pop is a sports nut, he'll appreciate a trip to the ballpark. Root on your favorite team.

- Catch a major league Miami Marlins game at Marlins Park, 501 Marlins Way, Miami, 305-480-1300, www.mlb.com/

Multiple generations can enjoy a baseball game together. **Mary Thurwachter/The Coastal Star**

marlins. The team is home June 19-25.

- Watch the Class A Jupiter Hammerheads or Palm Beach Cardinals at Roger Dean Stadium, 4571 Main St., Jupiter, 630-1828, www.rogerdeanstadium.com. The Cardinals are home June 12-15, the Hammerheads June 19-21.

Other things to do with Dad, Page AT6

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Celebrations

Rod & Gun Club party

Souaid residence, Gulf Stream – May 6



The Rod & Gun Club of Florida had its annual Kentucky Derby party at the Gulf Stream home of Bob and Jane Souaid. More than 100 members and guests sported large-brimmed hats and colorful attire to watch the 143rd Run for the Roses. Folks cheered on Always Dreaming to his Derby win. A gorgeous sunset provided the backdrop for the fireside champagne and buffet dinner. Club President Stephen Jara put on an event to remember, accentuated by cool weather and a near-full moon. Visit the Rod & Gun Club of Florida website at rgcfla.com. **Photo provided**

Medal presentation

Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale – May 3



A Boynton Beach veteran received France's highest honor, the National Order of the Legion of Honour medal, aboard the USS New York during Fleet Week. William 'Bill' Thomas served as a U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II, earning a medal and several ribbons for his bravery.

Tiki Dinner

Boca Beach Club, Boca Raton – April 19



The George Snow Scholarship Fund celebrated and honored its donors while introducing them to students helped by their philanthropy. Guests met three scholars. 'The Tiki Dinner provides a connection to our scholars that our supporters look forward to every year,' said Tim Snow, president of the fund. **ABOVE:** Wendy and Vincent Sadusky. **Photo provided**

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Kentucky Derby party

Private home, Fort Lauderdale – May 6

The Symphony of the Americas Society celebrated the equestrian tradition in signature style at the home of Donald Sussman and Michelle Howland. The 130 guests who attended were welcomed with mint juleps and entertained by music from the symphony's guest artists. Proceeds benefit outreach programs that help more than 35,000 people annually. **INSET:** (l-r) John Cotter, Kathy Trebbi, Ron Trebbi, Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, Paul Finizio and Bob Swindell. **Photo provided by Wade Caldwell Photography**



Opening reception

Center for Creative Education, West Palm Beach – May 6



Isabel Saad's engaging photography, curated by Bruce Helander for The Gallery at Center for Creative Education, led to a sellout. Every photo from Saad's first solo show was snapped up, with a percentage of proceeds going to the center's educational programs. 'With varying levels of artistic merit, the artworks and opening reception were well received by art aficionados and casual collectors alike, with the stamp of approval being the sold-out works by Isabel Saad,' gallery manager Jonathon Ortiz-Smykla said. **ABOVE:** David Lee and Cynthia Graves. **Photo provided by Michael Price**

Women of Grace Reception

Bethesda Health, Boynton Beach – May 11



The Women of Grace honorees are Yvonne Boice, nominated by the Palm Beach State College Foundation; Tammy Culmer, nominated by Take Stock in Children; Linda Heneks, nominated by the YMCA of South Palm Beach County; Jacqueline Morocco Maloney, nominated by the Bethesda Hospital Foundation; and Kirsten Stanley, nominated by the Junior League of Boca Raton. The 2017 Future Woman of Grace is Claudia Cabral, 17, a junior at Suncoast Community High School. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Cabral, Stanley, Dr. Monica Habib-Heghinian, Boice, Culmer, Kimberly LeTourneau and Dr. Daniel Cartledge. **Photo provided by Downtown Photo**

Philanthropy Notes

Friends of Loxahatchee Refuge lauded by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has presented the Friends of the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge with an award for making extraordinary contributions to the conservation of natural resources in the southeast region.

The award, Friends Group of the Year, goes to a volunteer organization whose hard work and perseverance helps to save land and preserve wildlife.

The refuge contains one of the largest cypress forests in the country and encompasses 144,000 acres in the northern Everglades. The Friends' mission is to promote a better understanding of the refuge and the natural history of South Florida.

The Lord's Place gets kudos as top employment spot

After conducting employee surveys and workplace evaluations, *The Nonprofit Times*, in partnership with Best Companies Group, ranked The Lord's Place ninth in the country among the top 50 nonprofit companies to work for. The Lord's Place, which has helped the homeless in Palm Beach County get jobs and find places to live for 35 years, serves 1,600 in need annually. After taking part in its programs, a total of 94 percent of those served were not homeless by the end of the year, and 61 percent gained employment.

"It is a great honor for The Lord's Place to be recognized in this way," said The Lord's Place Board Chair Cornelia

Thornburgh. "It is a testament to the passion and commitment of the staff and the leadership team to do their very best in serving those who are homeless."

Foundation hands out \$1.2 million to six nonprofits

The Quantum Foundation approved six grants to Palm Beach County-based nonprofits totaling \$1.2 million. Recipients included the Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County (\$75,000), the Children's Behavioral Health Collaborative (\$500,000), Pediatric Oncology Support Team (\$50,000), El Sol Neighborhood Resource Center (\$155,352), Florida Atlantic University Clinical Skills Training Facility (\$300,000) and the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County (\$125,000).

Dale Chihuly sculpture installed on FAU campus

A four-piece blown-glass wall installation created by artist Dale Chihuly now graces Florida Atlantic University's Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters.

The work was donated by Rochelle Dobbs and has been placed in the college's Culture and Society Building outside the theater.

"The location was requested by the donor so that students, faculty and particularly the public coming to our Living Room Theaters would be able to enjoy the beauty and impressiveness of



(l-r) Heather Coltman, dean of the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, donor Rochelle Dobbs and Margo Green, of the college's advisory board, stand in front of Chihuly artwork in FAU's Culture and Society Building. Photo provided

the installation every day," said Heather Coltman, the college's dean. "We have already heard from patrons and students that the installation provides an amazing upgrade to the area."

Arts initiatives in county receive monetary support

The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County is the recipient of a pair of grants to support efforts to make art and culture accessible throughout the area.

A total of \$50,000 has been awarded by the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust, and the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties has awarded \$25,000. The \$25,000 is a matching-funds grant to establish a permanent endowment as part of

the foundation's Forever Nonprofit Endowment Challenge. The money for the initiative came from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur and Marie Graber Martens funds.

"A matching challenge like this one provides our partners like the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County with future stability and a foundation from which to grow — one not contingent on the success of current or future fundraising efforts," said Brad Hurlburt, the foundation's president and CEO.

Belle Glade teenager named Youth of the Year

Je'Cynthia Nonar was named 2017 Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County.

Seven teens representing the clubs competed in the annual contest for the title. For the first time, the winner was announced live based on scores for public speaking at the event.

"Je'Cynthia has been one of our star club members for years, and we are so proud to have her represent the young women that overcome adversity thanks to the support and encouragement our clubs provide every day," said Jaene Miranda, president and CEO of the organization.

The 17-year-old from Belle Glade was recognized for embodying the values of leadership and service, achieving academic excellence and living a healthy lifestyle.



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Around Town

Vintage car put into service for Boynton police

For Wilmer Rodriguez, the “black and white” 1953 Buick now parked in front of the Boynton Beach police headquarters gets a big “10-4.” Rodriguez, a detective and hobbyist mechanic, took up the cause of restoring the 64-year-old chrome-laden clunker. He couldn’t be more pleased with the result, especially considering its history.

He found the Buick languishing in a Midwestern barn eight years ago and planned to convert it into a hot rod. However, with the city’s 90th anniversary a year away, the idea was hatched to restore it as a vintage patrol car for community outreach. With some police discretionary funds, donations and materials from citizens and area businesses, especially work space at Florida Collision Center, the project began.

Fellow officers and 14 students in the city’s Youth Violence Prevention Program, some skeptical at first, went to work. A few months later, the kids, down to five boys and one girl, had a modernized classic, even airbags. But it wasn’t easy.

“Buicks have a lot of chrome,” Rodriguez said. “It took a lot of work to clean it up. Plus, we added a big flasher on the roof and a genuine highway patrol

spotlight on the side.”

But for reasons unknown, the car never made its debut, banished all these years to the police garage ... until mid-May, when the department finally decided to display it.

“It’s a beauty,” said Rodriguez, who noted that Buicks, while not common as squad cars, were used. In fact, the California Highway Patrol bought 270 specially built two-door sedans with lightweight bodies, high-horsepower engines and oversize brakes to contend with drag racers.

The TV show *Highway Patrol* rented some of the Buicks from the CHP to use in the filming, which would include numerous takes of Oscar-winner Broderick Crawford as Dan Matthews standing by his Buick, microphone in hand and replying in his coarse staccato “10-4,” cop-shop radio code for “understood.”

Rodriguez learned from his father, a mechanic, first in Cuba where a few old Buicks still cruise the roadways. In 1980, the family with 4-year-old Wilmer arrived in Miami during the Mariel boatlift.

Wilmer’s work isn’t limited to automobiles. Earlier this year, he and Boynton Beach project manager Kevin Ramsey built a special wheelchair for a 10-year-



Wilmer Rodriguez with his restored 1953 Buick Special. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

old Coral Springs girl with multiple developmental defects. The chair was a miniature replica of the 2010 Camaro owned by the girl’s late father.

Rodriguez no doubt is looking ahead, maybe to future restorations. Retirement is less than a year away, but the codes 10-4 and 10-7 — “Assignment complete and out of service” — probably won’t apply.

Seems like only yesterday. On Nov. 22, 2002, The Strokes, then one of the hottest bands in the land, played the first concert in the new **De Hoerle Amphitheater** at Boca’s Mizner Park.

Subsequent acts included Kenny G, Judy Collins, Ringo Starr, the Allman Brothers, Yo-Yo Ma, authors Edward Albee and Doris Kearns Goodwin, orchestras and ballets, at a pace that remained steady even after the city of Boca Raton assumed operation in 2010.

But the amphitheater’s days may be numbered. City Council workshops and planning meetings are being held that will lead to the adoption of a “campus master plan” later this summer. Those sessions have included discussions about the future of all city-owned property, amphitheater included.

A decade ago, developers and city government envisioned building a large indoor theater just east of the amphitheater. Today, however, that space provides overflow parking for amphitheater events because the Mizner Park garages can’t handle shoppers, diners and performance patrons.

Retailers complain that shoppers stay away on concert nights. Residents in the Mizner Park apartments don’t like the noise.

While the original plan has not been scrapped, increased downtown development may force the performing arts in a different direction ... a short drive to the northwest, to city-owned land near the new library on Spanish River Boulevard.

“The campus master plan encompasses City Hall, the Police Department, the library, tennis center, the sports fields — all the city property in the downtown area,” city communications manager **Chrissy Gibson** said. “Council members have brought up that they’d like to see a cultural arts center and would like to see it on the campus.”

Some groups, Gibson said, would like to see all city government and cultural arts concentrated on one campus. Others want input on choosing a successor should the amphitheater move.

AEG, an international entertainment juggernaut that has produced shows at

Mizner, wants to be part of any discussion “about building a newer, bigger, better, great facility out on Spanish River,” Gibson said.

“The council has not asked for any proposals, but people are starting to hear about it. For concert promoters, downtown presents so many challenges. They would like to be in Boca, for sure, but the downtown area may not fit their needs.”

Gibson stressed that the master plan is still in development. A consultant hired by the City Council is expected to present his evaluations and recommendations in July. Then, she said, “the council will decide what it wants to do.

“People have an interest in Boca and in culture and that’s great.”

More than 3,200 degrees were awarded to students from more than 50 nations at six **Florida Atlantic University** commencement ceremonies in early May, including 101 who were 50 or older. Notable among the graduates was **Ndjuma Joseph**, 28, from Port St. Lucie. She hopes to use her degree in music to teach. The road to her degree was not easy. Not only is she the music school’s first blind graduate, but with hip dysplasia she requires a wheelchair.

Nevertheless, she plans to teach music.



Phyllis and Harvey Sandler

Though no Sandlers picked up degrees this year, hedge fund manager Harvey and wife Phyllis have again made their presence known around campus, this time with a \$7 million gift. The money will establish two new centers within the **Phyllis and Harvey Sandler School of Social Work** — the Robin Rubin Mindfulness and Wellness Center and the Substance Misuse, Mental

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Health and Research Center — and provide renovations to the College for Design and Social Inquiry.

Additionally, the student athlete lounge within the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence will be named for the Sandler, who contributed \$250,000 in honor of their good friends Dick and Barbara Schmidt.

The Sandler's relationship with FAU began more than a decade ago when daughters **Robin Rubin** and **Amy Ross** earned degrees in social work. Both graduated with honors — Robin stayed on as a professor in social science — and have been active in the community ever since.

The entire Sandler family believes in putting their money where their life is. Their foundation has helped more than 100 organizations, including the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, the Alzheimer's Foundation, Camp Excel for Underprivileged and Troubled Children and the Boca Raton Museum of Art.

"It feels so good to give back," said Harvey Sandler. "It's important to make investments in your community and take pride in where you live."

The philosophy department was saddened by the deaths of two esteemed members.

Dr. Lester Embree, 79, a Marine veteran and one of FAU's "eminent scholars," who was internationally known for his work in phenomenology, died in January.

Five weeks later, **Tom Baxley**, who chaired the department for 10 years before retiring in 2003, died from prostate cancer. Baxley first made headlines as a basketball player. Though only 5-foot-10, the hotshot guard scored 57 points in one game for North Miami High School and led his team to a state championship in 1960. Two years later, he led the

University of Florida in scoring and as a senior was named team captain. In later years, he took up handball and for more than 10 years was Florida singles and doubles champion.

He was also quite the handyman. As his family noted in his obituary, "There was not anything he couldn't fix."

With all things Trump dominating headlines lately, one of the biggest sporting events in the world is attracting scant coverage locally. That may change, however, since one of the participants in the **35th America's Cup**, the world's oldest sailing competition, has local ties.

Bermuda is the latest stop for **Matt Cassidy**, where as a



Cassidy

bowman for USA Oracle BMW, he hopes to help Team USA win a third consecutive cup. Cassidy, 39, who now calls Chicago home, was born in Michigan. The state isn't known for mild winters, so during Cassidy's formative years the family would head south to a slightly warmer Delray Beach. The best of both worlds: highly competitive summer sailing on Lake Michigan, school and surfing during winters in Delray. After graduating from Pope John Paul High School (now St. John Paul), he headed to the College of Charleston in South Carolina.

While earning his degree, he became a "decent" competitive sailor and after graduation was offered a coaching job in San Diego. One thing led to another as he moved from small boats and small competitions to bigger boats and now to the biggest competition on water.

The series has evolved from the initial 100-foot schooner, to elegant but hardly speedy 70-foot sloops to today's high-tech, 50-foot catamarans that can

reach 50 miles an hour and cost hundreds of millions.

As a veteran of keelboats, the cats present new challenges to Cassidy. "There's a learning curve," he told *Traverse* magazine. "It's such fast pace, the racecourses are so small, the maneuvers happen so quickly, there's little room for error. . . . Maneuvers happen in a specific sequence, and when you're a few seconds late, that snowballs and you're playing catch-up for the duration of the race."

To aid in the fight against childhood cancer through the P4 Foundation and the Anthony Rizzo Family Foundation, **Richard Staller** organized an ice cream social at Ben & Jerry's. Celebrity scoopers included Delray Beach Mayor **Cary Glickstein**, Delivery Dudes founder **Jayson Koss** and, since Staller happens to be the team dentist, **Lane Kiffin**, celebrated football coach at Florida Atlantic University. Kiffin, fresh from his first spring practice, scooped, drizzled, sprinkled and even took a turn at the register. But in the end, he confessed, "I was not very good at it, that's for sure. I was a true freshman."



Gardell and his Key lime pie

While his former TV wife Molly — Melissa McCarthy in Sean Spicer drag — navigated New York's 58th Street aboard a motorized podium on May 13 during a taping of *Saturday Night Live*, **Billy Gardell** chased lunch with Key lime pie at — where else? — **The Old Key Lime House** in Lantana.

Gardell next headed south

for his second show at the Improv next to Seminole Hard Rock and, though unconfirmed, likely then headed north to visit family. A Winter Park High grad, he cut his comic teeth in Central Florida and recently teamed with his brother to open a pizza joint in Orlando. Unfortunately for the Gardells, they had to close it last November after only a year. No action when the snowbirds left, Gardell said.

Dancers have been named for this year's **Boca's Ballroom Battle** (6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 18) and they are already practicing with the pros at the **Fred Astaire Dance Studio** in Royal Palm Place. They are: **Jim Dunn**, vice president and general manager of JM Lexus; **Teresa "Terry" Fedele**, registered nurse, retired hospital executive and community volunteer; **Lisa Kornstein Kaufman**, founder and creative director at Scout & Molly's; **Derek Morrell**, proprietor of Ouzo Bay; **Heather Shaw**, vice president and general manager at Saks Fifth Avenue; **Logan Skees**, director of business development at Trainerspace; **Elizabeth Murdoch Titcomb**, president of EMT Creative; and **John Tolbert**, president of the Boca Raton Resort & Club. Tickets are \$185. Proceeds benefit the **George Snow Scholarship Fund**.

For more information about the event at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, call 347-6799 or visit www.ballroombattle.com.

Palm Beach's newest celebrity resident, fashion maven **Tommy**

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got it for \$34 million.

Designed by Jeff Smith in the style of island pioneer Addison Mizner, the house boasted more than 13,000 square feet in an E-shape. In 1998, it cost \$4.15 million.

The Jacobses kept homes in Palm Beach for 35 years. In 1999 at Palm Beach Country Club, Anthony met Bernard Madoff, who made an investment proposal. Satisfied with his investigation of Madoff, Jacobs invested "tens of millions." He estimated he recouped about 70 percent of his stake before his death in 2014. When Lady Evelyn died seven months later, the family put the estate on the market.

Subculture Coffee is back. Booted from his 123 E. Atlantic Ave. home in March for leasing upstairs space to a third party, **Rodney Mayo** is moving his java joint across the street and a block west to 20 W. Atlantic.

That's the former location of Nature's Way Cafe, but it's only temporary. If Delray Beach OKs Hudson Holdings' proposed development just south of Atlantic Avenue, Mayo expects to take over one of the restored historic houses.

Summer's near and the time is right for some special live music at **Boston's on the Beach**, where **Eliot Lewis** makes a special appearance June 8 with veteran local favorite **Billy Livesay**. Lewis made his mark in the '80s as musician and producer with Average White Band. He currently backs Hall & Oates, who play Miami's American Airlines Arena the night before. The music starts at 8:30 p.m., ends at midnight and no cover charge.



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Dining

Sriracha lends a kick to chicken sandwich

The Plate: Station House Chicken Sandwich

The Place: Whistle Stop Tavern, 224 N. Third St., Lantana; 670-2003.

The Price: \$9.95

The Skinny: John and Jerry Broz know food. Anyone who has been in the area any length of time probably has dined on food prepared by the Broz family — they operated the Famous Restaurant and Lounge from 1947 to 1974 north of downtown Lake Worth before heading

west of town to run the Bohemian Gardens, open from 1976 to 2010.

Now they're at the Whistle Stop Tavern in Lantana, once home to the Grumpy Grouper and other restaurants. Here, they bring their skills in the kitchen to a range of dishes from such bar fare as wings to steak dinners and, in a nod to their eastern European roots, pork schnitzel.



This chicken sandwich essentially is their version of Buffalo chicken, breaded, fried until crisp and dipped in wing sauce. The chicken itself was fresh and tender, and the blue cheese and sriracha mayonnaise added a little kick. Kudos to Whistle Stop for serving it on a perfectly toasted roll.

— Scott Simmons





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Theater

Marilynn Wick has big plans for her 4-year-old theater

By Hap Erstein
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

Having just completed her fourth season producing live theater at the playhouse that bears her name, Marilynn Wick takes a brief pause in her typical 10- to 14-hour workday to survey what she has built in Boca Raton, on the site of the defunct Caldwell Theatre.

An entrepreneur her whole life, she knows the odds were high against The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum's succeeding.



"This was a risky thing to do. I'm sure many thought it wouldn't make it," she concedes. "I think what you thought was very valid. I would have probably said the same thing."

While she has plenty of challenges ahead, the recent season has turned more and more of Wick's naysayers into believers.

"It's been a hard season in many ways, because these have been huge, huge productions," says Wick, 73, of her five-show slate that included *West Side Story*, *Guys & Dolls* and *Sister Act*.

"We've only had one show that wasn't sold out to the



Marilynn Wick originally bought the former Caldwell Theatre building in Boca Raton to use as a museum to house her extensive costume collection. The productions were almost an afterthought. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

walls. We're so proud of that. We feel that we've stepped up the quality of the productions onstage, we've done a lot of changes here, a lot of changes to the staff. We've turned a corner."

Completing four seasons is a significant milestone that should pay dividends. "We are now eligible for grants," notes Wick. "You have to survive, you have to show on paper how

productive you've been and that you're in this for the serious haul. Now it comes time for a board of directors, an artistic director, a development plan."

Having created and run her own industrial window-washing business, sold real estate, mobile homes and auto tires, as well as built and rented out the nation's largest collection of theatrical costumes — all for-profit

enterprises — Wick found it an alien idea to ask for donations.

"Being in business all my life, it's very difficult even asking anybody for money. I'm not used to it," she shrugs. "I feel if we had more structure about asking for donations, if we were more established and organized, I don't think we'd have the problem. I think we're all over the board with marketing here. I want to

pull that together in a correct manner. The donations that we have received have not been great, but as I have more time I will be reaching out to more people."

Four years in, Wick says she is right on schedule with an elaborate seven-year plan for the theater. She has almost paid back a \$1.5 million loan for operating expenses, a loan that was extremely difficult to obtain. "Nobody would loan us any money. I went to three banks. They practically laughed me out the door," she recalls.

"In general, they don't want to give money to a not-for-profit, and when you have taken over a theater that's been defunct in the manner where they left all these debts, it's almost impossible."

Still, Wick is not one to take things slowly. This past year, she was able to purchase the building — for a reported \$5.2 million — that houses both the auditorium and the costume museum that makes her operation unique. In the year ahead, she expects to close on a 45,000-square-foot warehouse in Deerfield Beach where she can comfortably consolidate all of her costume holdings.

And she is busy increasing those holdings. Wick recently bought the costume collection

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Music

Heart songstress bringing her solo act to South Florida

By Bill Meredith
ArtsPaper Music Writer

Ann Wilson's soaring soprano was one of the voices that defined rock music through the 1970s, as her Seattle-spawned band Heart predated that city's heralded grunge movement by nearly two decades.

Heart, inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2013, had '70s hits such as "Crazy on You," "Magic Man," "Barracuda," "Heartless," "Dog & Butterfly" and "Straight On," some of which Wilson will perform when her current Ann Wilson of Heart solo tour stops at the Parker Playhouse in Fort Lauderdale on June 8 and the Sunrise

Theatre in Fort Pierce on June 11.

That induction came 40 years after the formation of Heart, which rose to prominence with the remaining lineup of guitarist/vocalist Nancy Wilson (Ann's younger sister), lead guitarist Roger Fisher, guitarist/keyboardist Howard Leese, bassist Steve Fossen, and drummer Michael Derosier.

When that sextet performed together at the 2013 ceremony for the first time since 1979, it proved a long-overdue celebration for the trailblazing group — which started out in an era far removed from today, when female rockers are much more prominent.

"Back when we started, the music

industry was a whole different animal," says Wilson, now a Floridian, by phone from her home in the suburbs of Jacksonville. "There really didn't seem to be a role for women other than in disco or folk music back then. We started out doing rock, and now there are so many more women doing it that it's not even unusual anymore. I'm pleased not to even have to think about that now. I think everyone is."

Both Ann (who's now 66) and Nancy (63) were born in California but relocated often while growing up because their father was a major in the U.S. Marine Corps. By the early 1960s, they'd settled



Ann Wilson will perform in Fort Lauderdale and Fort Pierce this month. **Photo provided**

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WICK

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of Jean Ann Ryan of Fort Lauderdale, who produces cruise ship shows. More significant, Wick says she is nearing an agreement to purchase the costumes of public television's popular *Downton Abbey*, which would increase interest in her museum tours exponentially.

The Wick Theatre currently seats 341 patrons, which Wick feels is an insufficient number. Another element of her seven-year plan is increasing the capacity to 500.

"Within the seven-year period, we will have to shut this theater down and build more seats," she says. "Five hundred seats does throw you into another tier with (Actors) Equity and everything, but I have to tell you, this stops me from using the facility for other things. All these hedge fund companies that are in town now, they want to come in and have a little business meeting. They want a space and they have the money."

Wick will be the first to acknowledge that she was interested in the former Caldwell space mainly for her costume museum. Running a resident not-for-profit theater that utilized her costumes was



The Wick's production of *Mame*, which starred Leslie Uggams, was not as successful as other shows featuring big-name, big-money stars. **Photo provided**

an afterthought. And in those early seasons, the productions sometimes looked that way. "I'm a pretty tough critic myself. I can very quickly tell you the shows I was extremely disappointed with. I knew that it had to be better," she says.

"The sound has always aggravated me. The lighting system is fair, but they're not really the lights that I dreamed of. We just do what we can afford."

Perhaps the biggest drawback to the Wick's productions so far has been the use of recorded music instead of a live orchestra, a cost-saving issue that Wick claims to regret.

"Musical theater should be live. But we've got to have enough seats to do it," she argues. "Here's the other thing. Unless you can do it well, why

would you introduce live music to a Rodgers & Hammerstein [show], say, if you can't have a 12-piece orchestra? That would be insane, but nobody likes live music more than myself."

In recent seasons, she has been able to afford and justify a live band for such revues as *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *Swing!* and *Beehive*.

Another big expense is hiring name star performers, which The Wick has done on occasion. Sometimes it works out well — Andrea McArdle in *They're Playing Our Song* — and sometimes it doesn't — Leslie Uggams in *Mame*.

"When Andrea came here, that was a hard show to sell, but the minute you had her name on it, it sold out to the walls," recalls Wick fondly. "There were barely any empty

seats, and it ran for four weeks." On the other hand, there is Uggams, a powerful singer who lacked sufficient mobility to play the energetic, offbeat auntie.

"We learned that you better pick very wisely who you decide to share the audience with. They must be fit to actually perform," says Wick, choosing her words carefully. "She is talented, but she did not do the role correctly and many of my patrons recognized that and were disappointed that I spent the money on her. They made that very clear to me."

Wick insists that there will be stars in the coming season, though she is not yet ready to announce them. "They will be part of the formula," she says bluntly. "The trick is to choose right and be able to afford them."

For what it is worth, though, the show with the best attendance over these four years was a starless production of *42nd Street*. "Who would have thought? We could have run that for six months," says Wick. "It was a big surprise."

Less surprising is the show with the least attendance, the only non-musical at the Wick so far — *Steel Magnolias*.

"I think it was very early in our career, maybe too early. They really stayed away

from that one." Nevertheless, she says, "I'm thinking very seriously of putting on another drama. Many people have asked for that."

Beginning June 8, the Wick will produce Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. "It's a huge undertaking," Wick notes.

"We want people to understand this is a Broadway show we are producing. Every young child should have one live experience. And then they're hooked. It's probably the best educational thing you can do for any child," says Wick.

Producing theater year-round in seasonal Boca Raton is risky, but risk is what Wick thrives on.

"I am an entrepreneur, without a question," she says. "I have the drive and I love what I'm doing. There's not one day I'm not happy to walk in here."

At a time when many women are settling into retirement, Wick keeps running hard, taking on more challenges.

"I do it because I love it. I do it because I own this building now and I'm very proud of that. I want to make things work. I want to be able to give my children something."

"Since I bought this theater, I have worked every living day," Wick says with a satisfied smile. "At my age, how many cruises can you take?"

WILSON

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into the Seattle suburb of Bellevue, and the entire family often bonded by listening to music, from opera and classical to R&B and Brazilian music. Wilson's voice proved a natural phenomenon rather than being the result of any training.

"No lessons, not yet," she says with a laugh. "I've always just been very careful and cautious with my voice, and I stay hydrated. Coming from such a musical family made me explore, and feel comfortable, singing many different styles of music."

Along with Fisher and Fossen, Wilson was in on the ground floor with Heart after a few previous personnel and band name changes in the early '70s. Nancy would join in 1974 and become romantically involved with Fisher — whose older brother, Mike Fisher, was romantically involved with Ann while managing Heart in its early stages.

For every group using such relationships to inspire creativity, a la Fleetwood Mac, there are countless others never heard from because of such pressures. But Wilson has no regrets, even as she realizes the complications those liaisons

cause (the Fisher brothers and Heart parted ways in 1979, after which Nancy embarked on another in-band pairing with Derosier).

"It's not the most nourishing thing for a relationship," she says. "But Mike initially had the concept and vision for us, and one thing always makes another thing happen. To try to interfere with that after the fact is kind of useless. Things often happen because of things that happened before them. So I don't regret anything, except maybe too many parties, especially in the '80s."

Heart first gained renown in western Canada on the strength of its ever-superb live shows, and the band found both Leese and Derosier while recording tracks in Vancouver for its eventual 1976 debut album, *Dreamboat Annie*. Between Ann's vocal range, Nancy's vocal harmonies and guitar prowess (particularly on acoustic), Fisher's guitar wizardry and Derosier's punishing drumming, Heart songs often echoed one of the band's primary collective influences, Led Zeppelin.

While the pre-disco '70s were an audio extension of the '60s in rock music, the music video era of the '80s proved a difficult transition for many acts from the previous decade. Many changed their sound to accommodate, and in Heart's case, power ballads proved the ticket. On post-'70s hits like "What About Love," "Never," "These Dreams" and "Alone," Heart's guitar drive was de-accentuated in favor of slower tempos, more lush production and Ann's exquisite vocal

If You Go

See Ann Wilson at 8 p.m. June 8 at the Parker Playhouse, 707 NE 8th St., Fort Lauderdale (\$47.50-\$77.50, 954-462-0222); and at 7 p.m. June 11 at the Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. 2nd St., Fort Pierce (\$59-\$75, 772-461-4775).

textures with Nancy.

Those harmonies, Wilson says, will also be essential in her solo show with guitarist Craig Bartock (a 12-year Heart veteran who also participated in her 2015 recording *The Ann Wilson Thing!* and tour), bassist Andy Stoller (who was also in on her solo project), drummer Denny Fongheiser (a two-year Heart vet) and a new keyboardist, Dan Walker.

"It'll be a two-hour show, with mostly new songs that have been crafted in the last year and a half or so," Wilson says. "We'll also re-imagine 'Crazy on You,' 'Barracuda,' 'What About Love' and 'Alone' by Heart, and play some really surprising covers."

It will be really surprising if none is by Led Zeppelin. In 2012, Heart performed "Stairway to Heaven" as the Kennedy Center Honors paid tribute to Led Zeppelin, with singer Robert Plant, mandolinist John Paul Jones and guitarist Jimmy Page in attendance.

The Wilson sisters have had separate projects as far back as the '90s, when Ann toured as a solo act while Nancy concentrated on motherhood and Nancy released the 1999

solo album *Live From McCabe's Guitar Shop*. Ann also has two EP releases in recent years, and Nancy a new band of alumni from Heart and Prince's band called Roadcase Royale.

But the reason that Heart is currently on hiatus lies in events more unfortunate than comparatively simple choices. On Aug. 26, 2016, as the band performed a show in Auburn, Wash., Nancy's then 16-year-old twin sons got permission from Ann's husband, Dean Wetter, to look through her new tour bus backstage — with the provision that they keep the door closed so their dogs couldn't escape.

When that rule wasn't followed, Wetter, 65, verbally and physically assaulted the teenagers, according to police documents. He was arrested the next morning and pleaded guilty to two non-felony assault charges in March. In April, he avoided jail time as the result of a plea agreement calling for payment of restitution, two years of probation, counseling and no contact with his two nephews.

Heart cryptically concluded the final two months of its 2016 tour with the Wilson sisters communicating only via third parties. Their relationship has remained icy since.

When asked about Heart's future, Ann gives answers that only provide more questions.

"We'll be working on this solo thing for the rest of this year," she says, "and haven't made any plans beyond that. We don't want to have any deadlines looming; we just want to be in the moment and do what we're doing. And then we'll see what shakes out."

Books

Young writer raises her profile with much-praised essays of Florida

By Chauncey Mabe
ArtsPaper Books Writer

Recently, Sarah Gerard started a new job at Books Are Magic, a Brooklyn bookstore owned by novelist Emma Straub. That was about the same time Gerard began touring in support of her second book, an acclaimed collection of essays titled *Sunshine State*.



Gerard

Gerard's first book, the novel *Binary Star*, had rapturous reviews in *The New York Times* and elsewhere, and was a finalist for the *Los Angeles Times* First Fiction Award.

What's more, Gerard is a busy freelancer, with credits in *New York* magazine and *The Paris Review Daily*, among other outlets, and she writes a monthly column for the online journal *Hazlitt*. So — why is she toiling at an entry-level retail job?

"I like talking to people about books," Gerard says from a hotel in Chicago, a stop on her book tour. "That, and as long as I'm

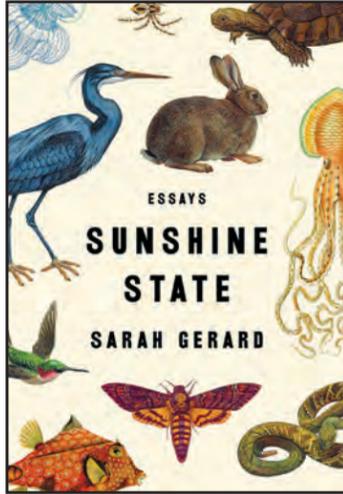
working a regular job, I have a regular paycheck."

She thinks for a moment. "I get a lot of free books," she adds. "I get to see what's coming out. It's like window-shopping for books all day, my favorite thing in the world. I get a discount on the books I buy. It's a win-win-win."

Her tone is cheerful, but there's wistfulness in it, too. It says something about the literary landscape that a writer as hot as Gerard is right now feels compelled to take a day job, even a part-time one. And Gerard is hot, indeed.

Sunshine State appeared to a chorus of accolades. Dwight Garner of *The New York Times* calls the journalism in the book "serious and impeccably reported," but reserves his highest regard for the pieces about Gerard's family, or growing up in Florida. "She's best when her evocations of the frenzy that is Florida are personal."

Usually that kind of praise is reserved for writing that holds Florida up to ridicule. After all, the state has been a laughingstock at least since the



Sarah Gerard's collection of Florida essays pays homage to a weird, wonderful state.

2000 election — even though almost everyone seems to want to move here, if only for the weather. But while Gerard turns her gaze on such topics as alternative religion, or the Amway multilevel marketing empire, *Sunshine State* is not the usual collection of grotesques. Gerard never goes for the easy laugh, never stoops to the lurid metaphor.

"I love Florida," says Gerard, who grew up in the Gulf Coast town of Clearwater. "I love to

visit. I have a lot of family and friends in Tampa, and also Jacksonville and Venice. It's my longtime goal to buy a salty duplex on the beach and hole up there and write."

Many of the essays in *Sunshine State* are memoiristic, but Gerard did not rely on memory alone. She made three research trips to Florida during the year she worked on the book. She did the reporting and research on the journalistic pieces, like the strange, sad saga of the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary in Indian Shores. But she also researched some of the personal essays.

Two of the strongest stories are about her parents, Pat and Eric Gerard. One tells of their involvement in Unity-Clearwater, a New Thought church related to Christian Science, the other about their four years selling Amway.

Gerard's mother, Pat, is a public figure who currently serves as a Pinellas County commissioner.

Some reviewers have praised Gerard for showing how Florida has become a bellwether for the future of the rest of the country. "You can glean a lot of what it means to be an American from Florida," she admits, adding, "but that's true of any place in the country."

As Gerard starts work on a new novel, she remains positive that her generation, contrary to what some older observers believe, remains devoted to reading.

"Look at the Young Adult market in fiction," Gerard says. "It's blowing up. I get the sense younger people are reading more than ever. We are a very well-informed, very literate generation. People are producing and consuming more literature than ever."

Annual luncheon

Kravis Center, West Palm Beach – April 27



The Kravis Center's elite were honored for their philanthropy while celebrating the center's 25th anniversary. Laurie Silver discussed how education programs are preparing the next generation of artists and audiences. "We have met and exceeded our annual fundraising goal of \$5.8 million three months ahead of schedule," Chairman Michael Bracci said. **LEFT:** (l-r) George Elmore, Sidney Kohl, John Kessler. **Precious Moments photo**

Music

Morikami to offer Japanese music program

The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens in western Delray Beach, which turns 40 on June 25, is launching an education program in traditional Japanese music.

The program will kick off with a one-week summer camp for children, with similar adult courses, that will introduce participants to two traditional instruments—the koto and the shakuhachi.

In addition to learning how to play the instruments, campers will learn about Japanese language, musical notation and the proper way to wear a kimono.

"It's not just learning about the instruments; it's learning about the culture," said Wendy Lo, the Morikami's curator of education. A Chinese-American from Miami who holds degrees from Florida International University, Lo also studied and taught in Japan, where she learned to play the koto.

The koto is a 6-foot long,

13-string instrument similar to a zither that is played with finger picks while seated; the shakuhachi is a wind instrument akin to the recorder, but it's better understood as an end-blown flute.

The camp will run June 19-24, culminating in a free concert at 3 p.m. June 25, the 40th anniversary date.

Courses will be taught by three instructors: Joseph Gashō Amato for the koto, Christopher Yohmei Blasdel for the shakuhachi, and Minako Waseda, who will handle the cultural elements, including a Saturday lecture on Japanese music in the United States.

It was Amato, a New Yorker who has been living in Japan for decades, who reached out to the Morikami to find out whether the museum would be interested in a collaboration, Lo said. It took more than a year of planning and fundraising to put the program together. A critical step was securing the money

to buy the instruments, so that participants don't have to buy them.

The Morikami has obtained 10 kotos and 10 shakuhachi for the program, which will continue during the year with koto classes taught by Lake Worth resident Yoshiko Carlton, one of the founders of the taiko drumming ensemble called Fushu Daiko, as well as a performing ensemble called Friends of Koto.

The summer camp will be taught in three groups: grades 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day at the museum. The cost is \$275, and advance registration is required.

The adult program is available from 1 to 3 p.m. June 19, 21 or 23, or 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 24-25. Single courses are \$150; the weekend course is \$200.

Call 495-0233 or visit morikami.org.

— Greg Stepanich

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Reviews

The Cripple of Inishmaan (Palm Beach Dramaworks, through June 4)

On the tiny isolated island of Inishmaan, off the western coast of Ireland, either there is something peculiar in the water or the residents are genetically predisposed to quirkiness.

Either way, few ever escape from their homeland. But at least Billy Claven, the so-called Cripple of Inishmaan, a 17-year-old orphan with a body mangled since birth, can dream of leaving his insular, narrow-minded village behind and hobbling out into the world.

Billy and his fellow “fecking” Irish characters are the handiwork of twisted Martin McDonagh, an exceptional and exceptionally dark storyteller, known for such acclaimed stage works as *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* and *The Pillowman*, as well as being the filmmaker of the amusing assassins’ yarn *In Bruges*. *The Cripple of Inishmaan* is more overtly comic than most of his work, but never doubt that there are outbursts of violence lurking just around the corner.

The play is chiefly a character study. How could it not be when you have such rich material as the spinster Osbourne sisters, who run the general store, as in generally out of stock.

Eileen (Elizabeth Dimon) busies herself shelving the one item they have in oversupply — canned peas — while Kate (Laura Turnbull) is often



Adelind Horan and Adam Petherbridge in *The Cripple of Inishmaan*. Photo by Samantha Mighdall

preoccupied with talking to stones. They took in Billy (Adam Petherbridge) when he was orphaned as a wee bairn. Dear old biddies, except when their nasty streak surfaces.

Testing Eileen’s patience is Bartley McCormick (Wesley Slade), whose indecision over a penny candy purchase would drive anyone to homicide. His sister Helen (Adelind Horan), opinionated and randy, has caught Billy’s eye and she teases him mercilessly. Perhaps McDonagh’s most whimsical creation here is Johnnypateenmike O’Dougal (Colin McPhillamy), the self-appointed town crier, always eager to impart an item of news or at least a juicy tidbit of gossip.

The chances of anyone’s life changing much seems slim, until Johnnypateenmike

proclaims that a Hollywood bloke has arrived on nearby Inishmore island, intent on making a documentary, and he needs extras for authentic atmosphere. As unlikely as it sounds, Billy recognizes this as his chance to get beyond his miserable existence and perhaps parlay it into a movie career in the United States.

Billy steels himself for the difficult voyage to Inishmore and talks seemingly benign boatman Babbybobby Bennett (Jim Ballard) into giving him passage to the movie site.

Director J. Barry Lewis knits these wild and woolly characters into an entertaining whole, teetering on the edge of caricature without ever falling into that trap. — *Hap Erstein*

Chuck (opened May 26)

The road of the almost

famous is paved with frustration, resentment, anxiety and, for a certain type of self-destructive personality, awfully bad behavior. That’s the lasting takeaway of *Chuck*, an otherwise pedestrian biopic of the former heavyweight boxer Chuck Wepner.

A New Jersey pugilist known around his community for his “dirty” style in the ring and his loose blood vessels — his nickname was the Bayonne Bleeder — Wepner’s 15 minutes began in 1975, when he challenged Muhammad Ali for the world heavyweight title.

Wepner lost the fight after lasting nearly a full 15 rounds with The Greatest, an achievement that wasn’t lost on Sylvester Stallone, who quickly wrote his own screenplay about an underdog brawler who doesn’t quite make it. Wepner’s relationship to *Rocky* — or lack thereof, since he didn’t earn a dime from its production — lies at the heart of *Chuck*.

Curdled under the movie’s clubby humor is the sense of a man chewed up and spat out by Hollywood and the World Boxing Association alike, a quasi-celebrity once removed. Title belts and Oscars are the carrots just out of his reach, pulled ever farther away by Wepner’s drug addiction.

To its credit, *Chuck* is no hagiography. Its screenwriters, Jeff Feuerzeig and Jerry Stahl, refuse to glamorize their subject. A womanizer and philanderer, he mistreats his long-suffering wife Phyllis (a defiant, exceptional Elisabeth

Moss) by escaping into sex-fueled cocaine binges.

It helps that Wepner is played with lived-in, rugged invisibility by Liev Schreiber, an emotionally naked performance full of warts — and swollen eyes, and broken noses, and cauliflower ears.

The best scenes in *Chuck* resound with quiet pain and cringe-worthy discomfort: Wepner’s unannounced visit to his estranged brother’s (Michael Rapaport) house, to pitifully “celebrate” *Rocky*’s Best Picture win; his tardy, embarrassing, coked-up appearance at his daughter’s school for a parent-teacher meeting; and especially his audition with Stallone (Morgan Spector) for a role in *Rocky II*, a more excruciating knockout than anything he suffered in the ring.

But these moments are outliers in a film that is overly convivial with its audience, and obnoxiously meta (“Sometimes life is like a movie,” Wepner underlines, in one of the film’s many lazy voiceovers), all to elevate a mostly unremarkable life better suited to a *Sports Illustrated* article into a hallowed redemption song. Shot with the workmanlike grammar of a basic-cable drama, *Chuck* rushes breathlessly from its hero’s “bottom” toward his salvation, an all too pat send-off for a movie that, when it clicks, recognizes the complicated agony of chasing elusive spotlights.

— *Palm Beach ArtsPaper Staff*

Arts Calendar

Events are listed through June 30 and were current as of May 25. 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.

Boca Raton Museum of Art: Through July 2: *Glasstress*, 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. \$12. 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 Art Museum: From June 5–30: Abstract Art Walk, featuring works by local artists. Exhibit will be in the Crest Theatre Galleries because of renovations to the museum. Suggested donation: \$5. 10 am–4:30 pm T–Sat; 1–4:30 pm Sun. 243-7922 or www.oldschoolsquare.org.

Cultural Council of Palm Beach County: Opens June 9: *Cultural Council Biennial*, a show of works by Palm Beach County artists age 18 and up, juried by Jennifer Inacio of the Perez Art Museum in Miami. Through Sept. 2. Galleries at the council offices in Lake Worth open 10 am–5 pm T–Sat; free admission. 471-2901 or palmbeachculture.com.

Lighthouse ArtCenter. Opens June 8: *Drawn to the Arts*, works by prominent children’s book illustrators including Tomie diPaola and Mark Teague; *Cheryl Tall: The Playhouse*, sculptures by the popular California-based artist. Both through Aug. 11. \$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: Opens June 9: *Building a Legacy: Gifts from*

the Mary Griggs Burke Collection, 60 Japanese artworks from a longtime Morikami benefactor to celebrate the museum’s 40th anniversary. 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. \$5. 10 am–5 pm M–Sat; 1–5 pm Sun. 655-7226 or www.fourarts.org.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Sundays: June 4, 11, 18 and 25

Mainly Mozart Festival: The long-running off-season Coral Gables chamber music festival wraps its 24th season with four concerts: the Delray String Quartet (June 4), pianist Serhyi Salov (June 11), flutist Ray Furuta (June 18) all at 4 pm and all at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. The grand finale on June 25, titled *The Jewish Bride*, features performers from the Cleveland Orchestra, music by Prokofiev, Shostakovich, Bloch and contemporary Israeli composers Boris Pigovat and Betty Olivero, and a new dance work by Adriana Pierce of the Miami City Ballet. That concert is set for 4 pm at the Knight Concert Hall, Arsht Center, downtown Miami. 786-556-1715 or www.mainlymozart.com.

Starts Tuesday, June 6

Miami Music Festival: The fourth iteration of Michael Rossi’s summer educational project, which lasts through July 30 and features hundreds of young musicians appearing in recitals, orchestral performances and operas. Returning for a second year is the Wagner Institute, which trains singers in Wagnerian performance, and culminates July 22 with Alan Held and Christine Brewer in the complete Act I of *Die Walküre*, along with parts of Act III and parts of Act I of *Götterdämmerung*. Performance venues include Barry University, the Hotel Betsy on Miami Beach, and the Knight Concert Hall at the Adrienne Arsht Center in downtown Miami.

305-482-3793 or miamimusicfestival.com.

Saturday, June 10

Anastasiya Naplekova: The Ukrainian-born pianist plays works by Haydn, Soler, Scarlatti, Falla, Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky (an arrangement of the Scherzo from the Sixth Symphony). 7 pm. Boca Steinway Gallery, Boca Raton. For tickets, visit www.pianolovers.org or call 573-0644.

Friday, June 16

Stephen Schilling: The pianist-composer presents an evening of his original compositions in the Rinker Playhouse at the Kravis Center. 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$30. 832-7469 or kravis.org.

DANCE

Sunday, June 11

Florida Dance Conservatory: The West Palm Beach dance school presents its spring recital. 1 pm and 6 pm, Rinker Playhouse Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. \$25. Call 832-7469 or visit www.kravis.org.

FILM

Friday, June 9

I, Daniel Blake: Ken Loach paints a searing tale of modern-day Britain in this story of a 59-year-old carpenter who finds himself having to navigate the welfare system. With Dave Johns and Hayley Squires. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com.

Friday, June 16

Past Life: Two sisters in 1977 Jerusalem, one a composer, the other an editor, try to unravel a family mystery stemming from World War II Poland in Avi Nesher’s 2016 drama. With Nelly Tagar, Joy Rieger and Doron Tavori. At Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com.

JAZZ

Friday, June 2–Saturday, June 3

Tito Puente Jr.: The Latin jazz percussionist and son of the great Mambo King brings two high-energy shows to Delray Beach. 8 pm. Tickets: \$30 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org.

Friday, June 16

Julio Montalvo: The Cuban jazz trombonist has a Grammy Award and a 20-piece big band to his credit. 8 pm. Tickets: \$30 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org

Saturday, June 17

Mallet Lab: A night of percussion jazz featuring the wonderful vibes player Warren Wolf, joined here by Ivan Trevino and Drew Tucker. Tickets: \$30 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org

Friday, June 30

Jean Caze: The Haitian-born jazz trumpeter has played with a host of eminences including Roy Hargrove and Michael Bublé. Tickets: \$30 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org

OPERA

Thursday, June 29

The Tales of Hoffmann: Jacques Offenbach’s last work, the 1880 tale of a poet whose loves are continually thwarted by an enemy. Part of the Opera Institute program at the Miami Music Festival. At the Broad Performing Arts Center, Barry University, Miami Shores. 305-482-3793.

Friday, June 30

The Cunning Little Vixen: Leos Janacek’s 1924 story about a forester who catches a sharp-eared fox is also a tale of aging and the passing of time. Part of the Opera Institute program at the Miami Music Festival. At the Broad Performing Arts Center, Barry University, Miami Shores. 305-482-3793.

POPULAR MUSIC

Wednesday, June 7

Metallica: Perhaps the greatest heavy metal band of them all hits South Florida on its WorldWired Tour, joined by Avenged Sevenfold and Volbeat. 6 pm, Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens. \$55 and up. 795-8883 or livenation.com.

Sunday, June 11

Reel Big Fish: The Southern California ska-punk band (“Sell Out”) plays Fort Lauderdale with The Expendables and The Queers. Revolution Live, Fort Lauderdale. \$28. Call 954-449-1025 or visit www.jointherevolution.net.

Hayley Kiyoko: The Los Angeles-born singer and actress (*Scooby-Doo*) comes to South Florida on her One Bad Night tour. With Sweater Beats. 7 pm, Culture Room, Fort Lauderdale. Visit www.cultureroom.net for tickets.

Gipsy Kings: The French Roma-punk band (*Bamboleo*) has been together for about 40 years. 8 pm, Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. \$29

and up. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Saturday, June 17

Dierks Bentley: The country superstar on his What the Hell Tour, joined by Cole Swindell and Jon Pardi. 7 pm, Perfect Vodka Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach. \$18 and up. 795-8883 or livenation.com.

Thursday, June 22

Traci Guns and Phil Lewis: Two of the key members of the veteran rock band L.A. Guns team up. With Budderside. 7:30 pm, Culture Room, Fort Lauderdale. Visit www.cultureroom.net for tickets.

Saturday, June 24

Diana Ross: The Motown legend, joined by her daughter Rhonda, comes to the Kravis Center on her In the Name of Love Tour. 8 pm, Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. \$49 and up. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Friday, June 30

Chicago and The Doobie Brothers: Two titanic groups who dominated radio airplay in the 1970s team up for a duo concert. 7:30 pm, Perfect Vodka Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach. \$17 and up. 795-8883 or livenation.com.

THEATER

Through Sunday, June 4

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. Tickets: \$66. 514-4042 or palmbeachdramaworks.org.

Spamalot: The 2005 musical drawn from Monty Python and the Holy Grail, mounted here by MNM Productions. Tickets: \$45. Kravis Center; 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike: Christopher Durang’s 2012 comedy about three Pennsylvania sisters and their Chekhovian lives. Through June 4 at the Delray Beach Playhouse. Tickets: \$30. Call 272-1281, ext. 4, or visit delraybeachplayhouse.com.

Opens Thursday, June 8

Beauty and The Beast: The stage version of the popular Disney movie musical, with a score by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman. Through July 9. Wick Theatre, Boca Raton. \$75–\$80. Call 995-2333 or visit thewick.org.

Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 5/26 Please check with organizers for any changes.

JUNE 3

Saturday - 6/3 - Pickleball at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults. 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

6/3 - Pickleball at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Combines badminton and tennis. Adults. Sat 9 am-noon; M/W 6-8:30 pm. \$5/person; annual pass \$130/resident, \$165/non-resident. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

6/3 - The Writer's Studio at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Sat 10 am. Free. 638-7251; delraylibrary.org

6/3 - Book Camp for Writers part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor Randy Rawls. 10 am. Pre-registration required: \$25. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

6/3 - Charity Shred Event at Lantana Recreation Center, 418 S. Dixie Hwy. Benefits Church of Holy Guardian Angels. 10 am-noon. \$5/box (recycle bin size). 585-8664; lantanachamber.com

6/3 - Croquet Lessons at The National Croquet Club, 700 Florida Mango Rd, West Palm Beach. Every Sat 10 am-noon. Free. Reservations: 478-2300; nationalcroquetclub.com

6/3 - 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-Sun 2:45 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

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 - 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

6/3 - Google Trilogy Part 2: Google Drive at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/3 - Gallery Talk: Celebrate Raoul Duffy 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 - 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

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 required: 279-8606; lupus.org/florida

6/3 - National Society of Arts & Letters Red Rose National Awards Gala at Royal Palm Yacht Club, 199 Royal Palm Way, Boca Raton. Honors Director & Choreographer Christopher Wheeldon. 6 pm. \$350. Invitation only: 391-6380; nsalfloridaeast.org

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 - Evenings at the Council: Summer Strings at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County Main Gallery, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 6:30 pm doors open; 7 pm concert. \$10. 472-3339; palmbeachculture.com

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

6/3 - 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

6/3-4 - At Home at the Zoo by Edward Albee presented by BeComing Studios at Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop and Repertory Company, 1009 N Dixie Hwy,

Municipal Meetings

6/5 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgeflorida.com

6/6 - Highland Beach - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: ci.highland-beach.fl.us

6/6 & 20 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: mydelraybeach.com

6/6 & 20 - Boynton Beach - First and third Tuesdays at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Boynton Beach Blvd. 6:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

6/9 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulf-stream.org

6/12 & 26 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 7 pm. Agenda: lantana.org

6/13 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 9:30 am. Agenda: manalapan.org

6/13 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesdays at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us

6/22 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

6/27 - South Palm Beach - Fourth Tuesday at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 7 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

West Palm Beach. Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$20/general admission. 262-2298; becomingstudios.com

JUNE 4-10

Sunday - 6/4 - 6th Annual Run for the Ribbons 5K Run/Walk starts/finishes at Lynn Cancer Institute, 701 NW 13th St, Boca Raton. 5K-certified course. 6 am registration 6 am; 6:30 am warmup; 7 am race starts. \$25-\$35/adult; \$15/18 & under. 955-7100; brh.com/runfortheribbons

6/4 - Sado Tea Ceremony Class at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Unique opportunity to 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 (6/4 & 18). Individual appointments begin at 10:15 am. \$50/member; \$55/non-member. Advance registration required: 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

6/4 - Free Museum Admission at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 1st Sun noon-5 pm. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

6/4 - 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 (except special events and holidays). \$10/at the door. Reservations or partners: 338-2995; myboca.us

6/4 - 3rd Annual Dream Big Scholarship Awards Ceremony & Luncheon at Benvenuto, 1730 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Presented by Scholar Career Coaching. Guest speakers, gourmet lunch, silent auction. 2-4:30 pm. \$50. Scholarcc.com

6/4 - Dweezel Zappa at South Palm Beach School of Rock, 7433 S Military Tr, Lake Worth. Shares guitar tips/tricks, stories, more. 6-9 pm. \$10. 855-2646; southpalmbeach.schoolofrock.com

Monday - 6/5 - Boca Chamber's 47th Annual Golf Classic at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, 2425 Maya Palm Dr, West Boca Raton. 7:30 am registration; 8 am breakfast; 9 am shotgun start; 1:30-2:30 pm lunch & awards reception. \$200. 392-3780; bocachamber.com

6/5 - Adult Watercolor Painting Workshop at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Class lesson and lecture, emphasis on composition/drawing, then a painting demo. 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

6/5 - Senior Bingo at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults age 50 & up. M/W 10:30 am-noon. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

6/5 - Duplicate Bridge Games at Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. M/W/F noon-3 pm. \$3/person. 742-6640; boynton-beach.org

6/5 - Founder's Day at Flagler Museum, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Celebration

in honor of the museum's founder, Henry Flagler's granddaughter Jean Flagler Matthews. Self-guided tour: view permanent collection of art and objects related to the Gilded Age. Noon-5 pm. Free. 655-283; flaglERMuseum.us

6/5 - Boynton Beach Mayor's Town Hall Meeting at Fire Station #5, 2080 High Ridge Rd, Boynton Beach. 6 pm. Free. 742-6000; boynton-beach.org

6/5 - Dog Obedience Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every M through 7/10. Beginner 6-7 pm; Intermediate/Games 7-8 pm. \$95/resident; \$117/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

6/5 - How to Spot Fake News at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/5 - Culinary Creations at Kravis Center Cohen Pavilion, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Benefits Quantum House & ACF Palm Beach County Charity Endowment Fund. Celebrates talents of 75 of the finest chefs in South Florida: champagne reception, curated wine pairings, silent/live auctions, more. 6:30 pm. \$175/person; \$200/VIP. 494-0515; quantumhouse.org

6/5 - 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

6/5 - 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 to say no to drugs and alcohol. Tilted Kilt donates 10% of food bill. Every M 7 pm. 504-3310; furyroadrc.com

6/5 - Adult Beginner Dance: Tango at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Essentially walking with a partner to music. Every M 7:50-10:50 pm. Per class \$9/resident; \$10/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

6/5-7 - 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. 2 & 8 pm. \$30. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Tuesday - 6/6 - 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/

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6/6 - 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

6/6 - 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

6/6 - 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
6/6 - Socrates Café at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every T 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/6 - 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

6/6 - 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

6/6 - Leeds Acting Workshop at Woo Creative, 135 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Hone technique for theater, film,

television; beginner or experienced. Every T 7 pm. \$40/class. Register: 827-8967; leedsworkshop.com

6/6 - Soul Line Dancing at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Age 18+. Every T 7-8:30 pm. \$6/person. 742-6550; Boynton-beach.org

6/6 - 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/door; free/musicians. 278-8883; spadymuseum.com

6/6-8 - iPhone Workshop with John J. Lopinot at Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 1-4 pm. \$425/series. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

6/6-8 - 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. 2 & 8 pm. \$30. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Wednesday - 6/7 - Lawn Bowling at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Takes skill and practice. Age 18 & up. W/F 9 am-noon. Annual fee \$40/resident; \$45/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

6/7 - Senses of Cinema Presents Film for Thought Class at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 18+. Every W through 7/5 10 am-12:45 pm. Per class \$12/resident, \$15/non-resident; 5-week session \$50/resident, \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

6/7 - 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

6/7 - Bards of a Feather: Round Robin Poetry Reading at Green Cay Nature Center Community Room, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Hosted by Palm Beach Poetry Festival. 12:30 pm. Free. 966-7000; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

6/7 - Alzheimer's Association Workshop: Effective Communication Strategies at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 1-2 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

6/7 - Saving Space on Your Apple Device at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7902; bocalibrary.org

Thursday - 6/8 - 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

6/8 - Rippers Knitting Club at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Registration form must be completed on 1st visit. All skill levels. Every Th 9 am-noon. \$10/per season. 742-6240; boynton-beach.org

6/8 - 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

6/8 - What's Cookin'? Cookbook Club for Adults: Thug Kitchen Party Grub by Michelle Davis & Matt Holloway 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

6/8 - 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

6/8 - Senior Bridge at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Experienced players welcome. Partners not needed. Every Th 1-4 pm. Annual fee \$15/resident + \$1/game; \$25/non-resident + \$2/game. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

6/8 - Keep Calm and Color On: Adult Coloring Program at Society of the Four Arts King Library Pannill Pavilion, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Every Th 1:30-2:30 pm. Free. 655-2766; fourarts.org

6/8 - 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

6/8 - Concert: Up Close with Harpist Darlene Weingarten at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

6/8 - Art After Dark: Cine Magician Night at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Beverages, snacks, a la carte dinner available for purchase. 5-9 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

6/8 - 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

6/8 - 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

6/8 - It Takes Two at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 6/17 & 27. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm dancing. \$10/includes first house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

6/8 - Palm Beach Watercolor Society Meeting at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. 2nd Th 6:30 pm Oct-May. Palmbeachwatercolorssociety.org

6/8 - 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; oldschoollibrary.org

6/8 - Eliot Lewis and Billy Livesay at Boston's on the Beach, 40 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Eliot Lewis of Hall & Oates, Billy Livesay of The Livesays. 8:30 pm-midnight. Free. 278-3364; bostonsonthebeach.com

Friday - 6/9 - Supervised Bridge Play at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton. John Black: 2 hours supervised Bridge play. Partners not needed. Adults. Every F 10 am-noon. \$10/person. 393-7807; myboca.us

6/9 - Current Events Discussion Group at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every F 10:30 am-noon. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

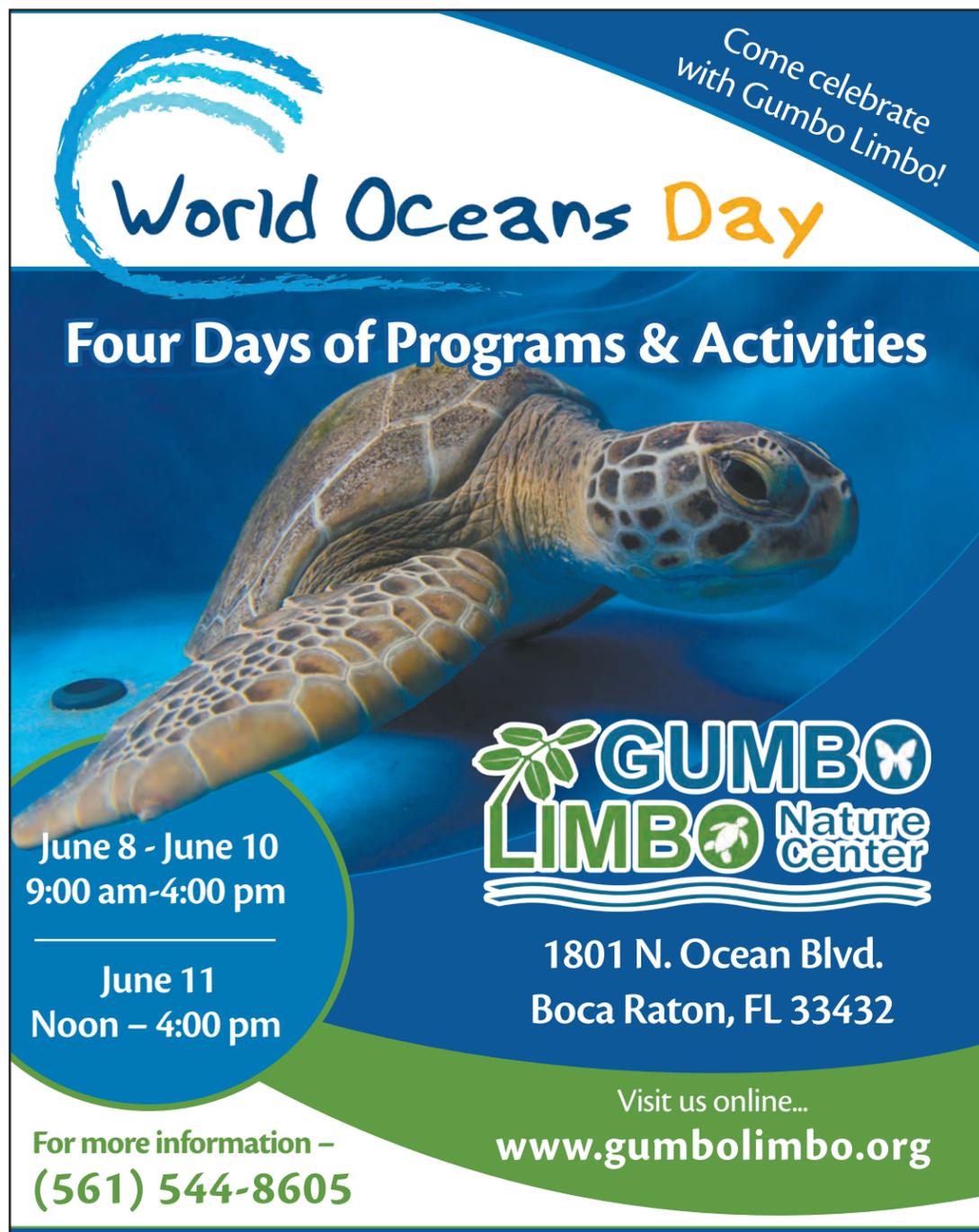
6/9 - Balkan by the Beach: International Folk Dance at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Benefit of exercise, pleasure of dancing to beautiful music. No experience or partner needed. Age 50 & up. Every F 10:45 am-1:15 pm. \$5/resident; \$6/non resident per class. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

6/9 - 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; billgovetoastmastersclub.com

6/9 - Discover Boca Raton Public Library's Digital Library at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 1:30-3 pm 7/1. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/9 - 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

6/9 - Beginner Piano at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca



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6/9 - 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. 5:30-8:30 pm; Fushu Daiko drumming performances 6:30, 7:15 & 8 pm (first-come/first-served, additional \$3). 5:30-8:30 pm. \$6-\$8. 495-0233; morikami.org

6/9 - Friday Oldies Night with Joey Dale at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Every F 6 pm dinner; 8 pm showtime/dancing. \$10/includes house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

6/9 - Opening Reception: 2D Student Summer Show 2017 at Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. Exhibit runs through 7/8. 6-8 pm. Free. 832-1776; armoryart.org

6/9 - Grand Galaxy Opening at Clay Glass Metal Stone Gallery, 15 S J St, Lake Worth. Celebrate the young stars of Lake Worth's art world. Milk and cookies reception (adult considerations available) 6-9 pm. Free; fcstudio@flamingclaystudio.org

6/9 - Evening on the Avenue at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Live music, food vendors, crafts, artists selling their artwork. Every F 6-10 pm. Free. 588-8344; lakeworth.org

6/9 - Summer in the City Concert Series: Led Zeppelin Tribute at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Bring chairs, blanket; chairs for rent \$5. No outside food/beverage. 6:30 pm doors open; 7:30 pm show starts. Free. 393-7890; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

6/9 - 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

6/9 - Beginner Acoustic Guitar For Adults at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Learn to play the guitar with three chords, tablature reading, lead sheet expertise! Bring acoustic guitar. Every F through 7/21 7:30-9 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

6/9 - Free Friday Concert: Flavor (Top 40/R&B/Rock) part of Free Friday Concerts series at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Gourmet food trucks, cash bar. Bring lawn chairs, 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

6/9 - 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

Saturday - 6/10 - Hillsboro Lighthouse Tour: Cousteau Day meets at Sands Harbor Resort and Marina, north side, 125 N Riverside Dr, Pompano Beach. Visitors park in Pompano Beach City Parking (fee required) across from Sands Harbor. Look for HLPS Lighthouse tour table beginning at 8:30 am. Transportation to and from lighthouse is only by tour boat provided by South Florida Diving Headquarters. First boat departs 9 am. Last boat returns 4 pm. USCG regulations require closed-toe flat shoes with rubber soles to climb lighthouse. Children must be accompanied by an adult and a minimum of 48" tall to climb the tower. No pets allowed. 8:30 am-12:30 pm. \$25 transportation fee. 954-942-2102; hillsborolighthouse.org/tours

6/10 - Farm Your Backyard at Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service, 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Tips/techniques on site preparation, seedling establishment, planting, crop maintenance, harvesting for small acreage vegetable gardens. Tour of Mounts Botanical Gardens vegetable garden

follows. 9 am-noon. Free/first 100 to sign up. Register: 233-1714; mallman@pbcgov.org

6/10 - Writing Tight: Less is More part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor Eliot Kleinberg. 10 am. Pre-registration required: \$25. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

6/10 - 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

6/10 - 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; spadymuseum.com

6/10 - Art Al Fresco at Lake Worth Beach, 10 S Ocean Blvd. Presented by Lake Worth Art League. Held again 7/1. 10 am-6 pm. lakeworth.org

6/10 - 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. 2nd Sat year-round, rain or shine. Reservations: check website for available dates. \$50-\$60/adult & senior citizen; free/child under 18. 243-2662; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

6/10 - All About Apple Devices presented by Palm Beach Phoenix Apple User Group at Fire Station No. 2, 4301 S Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Discuss anything related to Apple products. First meeting free; yearly membership required to attend other meetings (\$48/year). 2nd Sat noon-2 pm. 336-0119; pbphoenix.org

6/10 - 6th Annual Seek in the City Scavenger Hunt check in at Delray Beach Elks Lodge, 265 NE 4th Ave. Maximum of 5 people each team, must stay together at all times. 2-2:30 pm check in; 2:45 pm clue list distributed; 3-6 pm hunt; 6:30 pm award ceremony. \$150/team of 5. 666-9705; seekinthecitydelray.com

6/10 - 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

6/10-11 - Equally Divine: The Real Story of the Mona Lisa at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 100 N Palmway, Lake Worth. Sat 7:30-9 pm; Sun 2-3:30 pm. Free. 582-0603; standrewslw.net

JUNE 11-17

Sunday - 6/11 - Music for a Sunday Afternoon: Brazilian Jazz with Treebo at Mandel Public Library, 411 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. 2-3 pm. Free. 868-7782; wpb.org/mycitylibrary/

6/11 - Concert: Harpsichordist Paul Cienniwa: French Sweets 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

6/11 - Music in the Museum: Culturás String Quartet at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Limited seating. 3-4 pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

6/11 - Israeli Scouts Show at Temple Sinai, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 3:30 pm. \$5. 276-6161 x133; templesinaipbc.org

6/11 - David Morin at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 6/15 & 22. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm music. \$10/includes first house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

Monday - 6/12 - The City of God (selection) part of Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:30 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

6/12 - Monday Morning Muffins & Mysteries: Case Histories by Kate Atkinson at Boca Raton Public Library, 400

NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

6/12 - Three Very Close Presidential Elections with Dr. Ronald Feinman at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Lifelong Learning Community Institute at the Library series. First of a 3-part series. Every M through 6/26. 2-3:30 pm. \$45. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

6/12 - Downtown Lake Worth Food Truck Invasion at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. 2nd M 6-10 pm. 844-682-7466; foodtruckinvasion.com

6/12 - Piano Gala Extravaganza at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Four pianos & pianists on stage for summer celebration of classical & popular favorites. 7 pm. \$25. 800-564-9539; fau.edu/festivalrep

Tuesday - 6/13 - Intermediate Bridge Class at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every T through 6/27. 10-11:30 am. \$10/session. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

6/13 - Computer Basics for Older Adults at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. In partnership with Urban League, Comcast, & Older Adults Technology Services. Introduction to Internet, Email. T/W through 8/16 10:30 am-noon. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

6/13 - When a Crocodile Eats the Sun by Peter Godwin part of Evening Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

6/13 - The Literary Garden Book Discussion Series: The Cabaret of Plants: 40,000 Years of Plant Life and the Human Imagination by Richard Mabey 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

6/13 - Why Courts Matter 2017: The Role of the Courts in Immigration at Palm Beach Post Auditorium, 2751 S Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Presented by Palm Beach County Chapters of the League of Women Voters, ACLU & National Council of

Jewish Women. 6-8 pm. Free. 968-4123; lwvpubc.org

6/13 - Music & Interactive Art at Veterans Park Recreation Center, 50 NW 1st Ave, Delray Beach. Bring an instrument, join the open jam session. 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

6/13 - Johnny T and his Legends Show at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 6/20. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm music. \$10/includes first house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

6/13 - Scholarship Ceremony at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Honors students selected to receive the Friends of Green Cay's annual scholarship award. 7 pm. Free. 966-7000; pbcnature.com

6/13 - Rigor of Intellect: The Black Avant-Garde in America at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

6/13 - From Fairy Tales...To Children's Book Sale: The Magic of Writing for Kids at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 19+. Every T through 7/18 7-9 pm. 6-week session \$115/resident; \$143.75/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

Wednesday - 6/14 - Flag Day

6/14 - Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club at City Fish Market, 7940 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Speaker Dave Aronberg. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$45/member or first-time guest; \$50/non-member. 852-0000; goldcoasttigerbayclub.com

6/14 - Getting to Know Your iPad at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/14 - Celebrate Artis Senior Living One-Year Anniversary at 5910 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Food, music, door prizes. 4-6 pm. Free. RSVP by 6/9: 989-9945; staylor@artismgmt.com

6/14 - Zonta Club of Boca Raton at Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 2nd W 5:30 pm. \$30. 482-1013; zontabocaraton.org

6/14 - Women's National Book Association South Florida at Murder on the Beach Mystery Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Brian Reeves, mediation lawyer and author: Learn to tell a complete story in a ten-minute play. 6:30 pm. \$10/guest. President.NBASoFla@gmail.com

6/14 - 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

6/14 - Delray Beach Orchid Society at Veterans Park Recreation Center, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 2nd W 7 pm. Free. 573-2422; delraybeachorchidsociety.com

Thursday - 6/15 - Key Elements of a Strong Business Plan at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Presented by Florida Small Business Development Center, in partnership with Delray Beach CRA and Delray Beach Public Library. Adults. 9:30-10:30 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

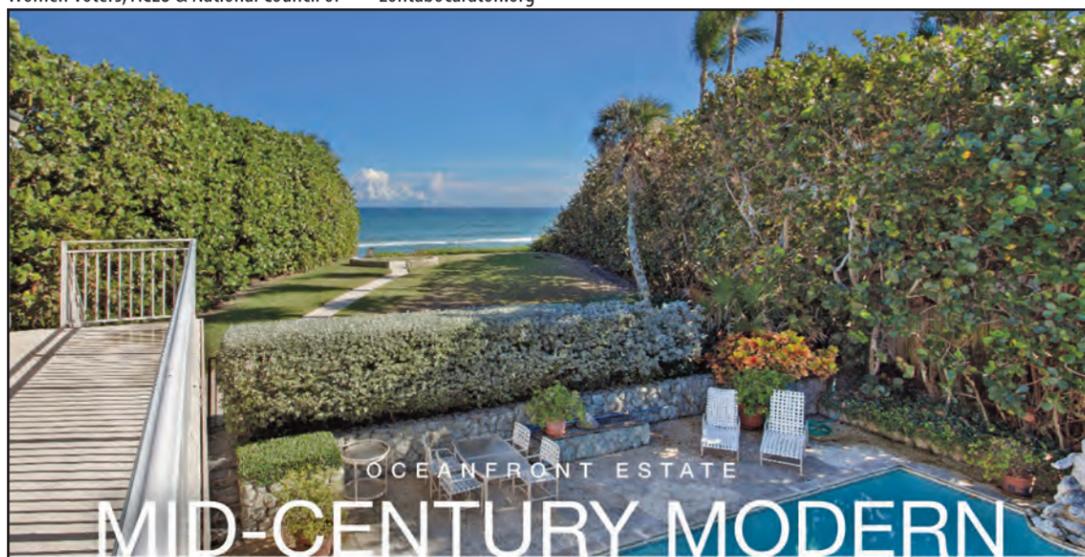
6/15 - Lunch with Pushkar Marathe at Meat Market, 191 Bradley Pl, Palm Beach. Part of The Society of the Four Arts Summer Chef Series. Exclusive 3-course luncheon & conversation. 12:30 pm. \$75. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

6/15 - Free Screening: Lincoln Center's Richard Tucker Opera Gala at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

6/15 - Art After Dark: Craft Night at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Beverages, snacks, a la carte dinner available for purchase. 5-9 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

6/15 - A Closer Look: Milton Avery's Landscape with Black and White Horses (1944) at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Talks begin in gallery, then move to Theater to explore the work's cultural context. Held again 1 pm 6/21. 6 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

6/15 - Novel Idea Book Club: The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org



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Friday - 6/16 - iPad 2: Using Apps at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/16 - Father'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

6/16 - Sizzlin' Summer Social Series: Tequila & Tacos at Old School Square Fieldhouse, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 6-8 pm. \$45. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

6/16 - Happy Hour Friday/Music on the Rocks at Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Food, snacks, beverages available for purchase. 6-9 pm. Free. 600-9097; catchboynton.com

6/16 - Summer in the City Concert Series: Eagles Tribute at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Bring chairs, blanket; chars for rent \$5. No outside food/beverage. 6:30 pm doors open; 7:30 pm show starts. Free. 393-7890; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

6/16 - Adult Ballroom Dance Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Instructor Lee Fox. Singles and couples welcome. Every F through 7/14. Beginner (Hustle) 6:30-7:30 pm; Intermediate (Night Club Two-Step) 7:45-8:45 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

6/16 - Dad and Daughter Date Night at Delray Beach Golf Course, 2200 Highland Ave. Special Father's Day event features full-course Italian dinner and dancing. 6:30-9:30 pm. \$25/per person, \$20/daughters under 12. Tickets available through 6/8 at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. or online at mydelraybeach.com. 243-7000; beardslayd@mydelraybeach.com

6/16-17 - The Illusion of Paint Workshop at Creative Arts School, Crest Theatre Building, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor John Grande. 9:30 am-4:30 pm. \$315. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

Saturday - 6/17 - 2nd Annual Flags, Feathers & Fashion Brunch & Fashion Show presented by GFWC Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club at Atlantis Country Club, 190 Atlantis Blvd. Fashions provided by Chico's. Brunch, silent auction, door prizes, 50-50 drawing. 10 am. \$35. 642-7474; 386-9494

6/17 - The Time is Right to Write: Memoir! part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor Brenda Serotte. 10 am. Pre-registration required: \$25. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

6/17 - 3rd Annual Festival del Mar at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. In partnership with Caritas Smile charity.

Green Markets

Artisan & Farmer's 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

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 Summer Greenmarket every Saturday through 8/19/17, at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. 9 am-noon. 276-7511; nolan@mydelraybeach.com

Cultural presentations, bilingual touch tank demonstrations, interactive story time, family zumba, science demonstrations, more. All ages. 10 am-4 pm. \$15/non-member adult; free/child under 12 & member. 832-1988; sfsiencecenter.org

6/17 - 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 6/24. Year-round, rain or shine. Reservations: \$50-\$60/adult & senior citizen; free/child under 18. 243-2662; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

6/17 - The Way of Tea: Sado Demonstration at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Observe Japanese sado by the Omote Senke tea group, an ever-changing tea ceremony demonstration rich in sensational subtleties. Noon, 1 pm, 2 pm & 3 pm. \$5 w/ paid museum admission. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

6/17 - Artist Presentation & Workshop with Richard Vergez at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Noon-2 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/17 - Japanese Traditional Music Workshops at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Adults choose which instrument they would like to study: 13-string koto or shakuhachi. Program aimed at beginners. Held again 6/21 & 23. 1:30-3 pm. \$150. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

6/17 - Book+Art Discussion: A Visit from the Good Squad + Pen to Paper at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. 2 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

6/17 - Sci-Fi Film Series: Worlds Reimagined - Blade Runner (R) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-6:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/17 - Blues On The Square: Dana Fuchs at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Bring a chair; limited chair rental \$5. 6 pm gates open;

7:30-10 pm concert. \$50/VIP; \$15/general admission. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

JUNE 18-24

Sunday - 6/18 - Father's Day 6/18 - Father's Day Golf Tournament at The Links at Boynton Beach, 8020 Jog Rd. Dads & kids enjoy a friendly competition. 8 am-noon. \$10/including lunch. Register by 6/12: 742-6649; catchboynton.com

6/18 - 7th Annual Downtown Drive Car Show and FAU Summer Concert Band at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 10 am-4 pm car show; 7-8:30 pm concert. Free. 393-7890; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

6/18 - Grand Opening of New Windows on the Floating World: Blume Tropical Wetland Garden at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 10 am-4 pm. \$10/non-member. 233-1757; mounts.org

6/18 - Tropical Fruit Festival at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. In collaboration with The Rare Fruit Council of Palm Beach County. Fruit tastings, lectures, demonstrations, fruit/fruit trees for purchase, live music, more. 10 am-4 pm. \$10/non-member. 233-1757; mounts.org

6/18 - Father's Day Picnic and Masskrugstemmen at The American-German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. Fathers compete against sons in annual beer-holding championship. German and American fare with drinks included. Noon/doors open; 12:30-5:30 pm/entertainment; 1-3 pm/food. \$20. 966-7865; americangermanclub.org

Monday - 6/19 - 8th Annual Juneteenth Festival at Daughters of Zion Seventh-day Adventist Church, 201 NW 3rd Ave, Delray Beach. Hosted by Spady Museum & Old School Square. Live music, food, speakers, storytelling. Family fare. 5-8 pm. \$10/person; free/age 17 & under. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

6/19 - Business and Legal Databases at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

Tuesday - 6/20 - Exhibition Opening Reception: 5 X 5 + 1 Exhibition at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Runs through 7/23. 5:30-7 pm. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

6/20 - The Tuesday Murder Club Book Group: Little Face by Sophie Hannah at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 6:30 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

6/20 - 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

6/20 - Florida Native Plant Society Chapter Meeting at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Jennifer Possley; Florida's Native Ferns. 3rd T 7 pm. Free. palmbeach.fnpschapters.org

6/20 - Jazz on J Street at Flamingo Clay Glass Metal Stone Studio & Gallery, 15 S J St, Lake Worth. 3rd T 7-10 pm. \$5. 588-8344; flamingoclaysstudio.org

Wednesday - 6/21 - What's Next for You? How to Transition to a New Stage in Life at Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, 140 NE 1st St. Presented by Encore Palm Beach County. Noon-2:00 pm. \$25/including lunch. Register: 706-5338; encorepbc.org

6/21 - Literary Lectures: Jane Bowles: Unknown American Literacy at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

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6/21 - The Indie Experience: Discover New Voices Panel with Moderator Charles Todd at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

Thursday - 6/22 - Art After Dark: Last Chance to see Pen to Paper during Art After Dark! at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Beverages, snacks, a la carte dinner available for purchase. 5-9 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

6/22 - 4th Annual Inner Circle Fundraiser for Golden Bell at Pinon Grill, 6000 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Benefits the Golden Bell Education Foundation. Networking, cocktails, raffles, silent auction, more. 5:30-8 pm. Free entry. 395-4433; bocaratonchamber.com

Friday - 6/23 - Summer in the City Movie Night: Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them (PG13) at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Bring chairs, blanket; chairs for rent \$5. No outside food/beverage. 6:30 pm doors open; 7:30 pm show starts. Free. 393-7890; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

6/23-25 - Sense and Sensibility at Florida Atlantic University Studio One Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 7/22. F/Sat 7 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$25. 800-564-9539; fau.edu/festivalrep

Saturday - 6/24 - Plotting Made Perfect part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor Nancy J. Cohen. 10 am. Registration: \$25. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

6/24 - Japanese Music in the United States with Dr. Minako Waseda at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 1:30 pm. Free w/paid admission. 495-0233; morikami.org

6/24 - Forecast Extreme at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Prepare for hurricane season: interactive presentations from safety experts & meteorologists, take-away activities, off-the-grid HAM Radio communication, more. All ages. 2-6 pm. Free w/admission. 832-1988; sfsciencecenter.org

6/24 - Sci-Fi Film Series: Worlds Reimagined: Children of Men (R) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-6:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/24 - 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

6/24 - Evenings at the Council: Live Jazz from the Great American Songbook at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 6:30 pm doors open; 7 pm concert. \$20/advance; \$25/door. 472-3339; palmbeachculture.com

6/24-25 - Japanese Traditional Music Workshops at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Adults choose an instrument to study: 13-string koto or shakuhachi. Program aimed at beginners. 9 am-12:30 pm. \$200. 495-0233; morikami.org

JUNE 25-JULY 1

Sunday - 6/25 - 40th Anniversary Celebration at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. All-day music, food, activities. Share favorite Morikami moments in a time capsule. 10 am celebration starts; 3 pm koto performance. Free w/paid admission. 495-0233; morikami.org

6/25 - 1st Annual Bill Tome Foundation Golf Classic at The Seagate Country Club, 3600 Hamlet Dr, Delray Beach. Benefits the foundation's programs for disadvantaged youth. 11:30 am registration/lunch/practice; 1 pm shotgun start; 5:30 pm awards banquet. \$150/individual golfer; \$125/first responder golfer; \$50/awards banquet only. 504-6510.

6/25 - The Sunday Sleuths Book Group: The Other Widow by Susan Crawford at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

6/25 - John Mellencamp in Concert presented by AEG Live at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 5:30 pm doors open; 7 pm show. \$39.50-\$125. 750-1668; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

Monday - 6/26 - The Jewish State (selection) part of Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:30 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

6/26 - House at the Edge of Night by Catherine Banner part of Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

Tuesday - 6/27 - Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff 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

6/27 - Gallery Talk: Modern and Contemporary Collection at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 3 pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

6/27 - Facebook: Advanced Skills at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

6/27 - Play Reading: A Gray Divide by Juan C. Sanchez at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Part of South Florida Theatre League Summer Theatre Fest. 7 pm. Free. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

Wednesday - 6/28 - Klimt and Toulouse-Lautrec: An In-Depth Look at Their Lives and Art with Joan Lipton, PhD at Society of the Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Part of Campus on the Lake lecture series. 11 am-4 pm. \$60/ includes lunch. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

Thursday - 6/29 - Government Contracts: Large and Small for Adults at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Presented by Florida Small Business Development Center at Palm Beach State College, in partnership with Delray Beach CRA and Delray Beach Public Library. Adults. 9:30-10:30 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

6/29 - Independence Day Party with Jazz Band at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. 1-3 pm. Free. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

6/29 - Free Screening: Lincoln Center's American Revolution at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

6/29 - Art After Dark: French Connections: Photography, New Spotlight Exhibition at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Beverages, snacks, a la carte dinner available for purchase. 5-9 pm; 6:30 pm curator's conversation. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

6/29 - 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

Friday - 6/30-7/2 - Into The Woods at Florida Atlantic University Studio One Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 7/30. F/Sat 7 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$25. 800-564-9539; fau.edu/festivalrep

Saturday - 7/1 - Sci-Fi Film Series: Worlds Reimagined: Attack the Block (R) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-6:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

7/1 - Fishing for Fireworks? 4th of July Festivities at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Delray Diva's Step Team, Dee Dee Wilde Band, On The Roxx Band, patriotic salute, fireworks, food for purchase; family activities. No pets or personal fireworks permitted. Free parking & shuttle 5-10:30 pm from Hester Center & Boynton Beach City Hall. 6-10:30 pm. Free. 742-6640; boynton-beach.org

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