

Along the Coast



A tern for the better

An adult least tern offers food to a young juvenile on the beach in Boca Raton near the south edge of Spanish River Park in mid-June. Based on the size and color of feathers, a Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission biologist estimated the youngster was about 3 weeks old and capable of flight. Least terns are unique in that they nest on bare beach sand and rooftops; it has been more than 20 years since successful beach nests have been recorded south of Lake Worth. A nest near this location was destroyed by predators in May. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

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South County population growth leads county

By Mary Hladky

Boca Raton was the fastest growing city in Palm Beach County last year, adding 2,570 residents.

Boynton Beach and Delray Beach also showed strong population increases from 2015 to 2016, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics released in May. Boynton Beach gained 1,676 residents, or a 2.3 percent increase, while Delray Beach grew by 1,178, or 1.8 percent.

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Thefts from vehicles drive rise in crime stats

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together, South Palm Beach County's growth rate outpaced that in other parts of the county. But all

cities and towns countywide have posted gains since the 2010 census, and the county's total population increased 9.4 percent.

"Boca is obviously a place a lot of people want to live in," said Deputy Mayor Jeremy Rodgers, whose city grew 2.75 percent last year.

New residential construction, including The Mark at CityScape, Palmetto Promenade and Via Mizner, have bolstered the downtown population, while expansion of major employers such as Florida Atlantic University, LexisNexis and Cancer Treatment Centers of America

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Highland Beach

Rescued boaters have off-duty officers to thank

By Rich Pollack

Paul Shersty and Dwayne Fernandes had planned a quiet Friday morning fishing on one of their days off last month.

Instead, the Highland Beach police officers ended up saving four people — and four stowaway kittens — in a daring rescue full of surprises.

"I don't know what we would have done if they weren't there," said Richard Bengal, a passenger on the boat owned by his friend Joe Trebbe. "We would have been in serious trouble."

Shersty and Fernandes arrived about 9 a.m. at a popular fishing spot about

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Highland Beach Police Officers Dwayne Fernandes and Paul Shersty helped rescue four people in a sinking boat on one of their days off. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Boca Raton

Downtown transit options speeding up

By Mary Hladky

Boca Raton residents and visitors suddenly seem poised to have plenty of alternatives to driving their cars around downtown.

After talking for months about what type of transportation services should be offered to lessen traffic congestion,

City Council members, sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency board, heard at their June 12 meeting that at least two companies want to soon start service with electric vehicles.

And the Downtowner, whose departure from Boca Raton in December prompted council members to seek a replacement, is willing to

return to the city.

Mike Trombino, who launched Slidr in Asheville, N.C., last year, said his company expanded to Naples this year, plans to start operating on Columbia, S.C., in July and in four more cities in 2018. It provides on-demand service via an app and by telephone.

Some cities subsidize his service, but

Trombino indicated he might forgo that in Boca Raton.

The Free Ride, which began service in East Hampton, N.Y., in 2011 and now operates in 11 cities including West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale, is planning to start service in downtown

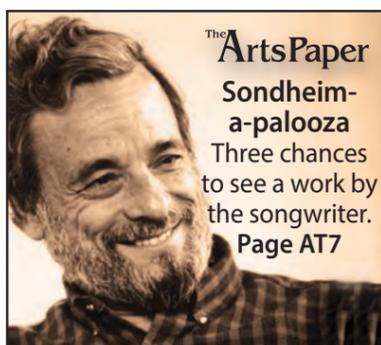
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Isabelle Paul, the Florida Commander of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller Commandery, has been a dutiful dame in the organization since she was knighted in 2005. She's wearing the red and white colors of the Order of St. John. Paul's home in Boca Raton has a painting of her from the 1990s.

Tim Stepien/
The Coastal Star

Editor's Note

How many warnings will nature give us?

Along Florida's east coast, sand drifts from north to south. Where it comes from and where it goes is ruled by wind and water.

Sometimes our beaches feel wide and serene. At other times, finding a dry place to walk below a seawall is impossible.

The ocean has a way of reminding us of nature's power. Yet, for years we have built homes and condos on the dunes. Now, we search for ways to save them. We are caught in an intractable cycle of putting more sand down and building taller sea walls to keep our property safe.

Due to the drifting of sand and limited natural dunes, the town of South Palm Beach hopes to build structures along the beach to catch the sand as it drifts south. The town of Lantana hopes to be part of this sand capture, as its public beach is often without sand for the public to park their towels on.

The Eau Palm Beach Resort and Spa has opted out of the plan to build these structures, as it would have required heavy equipment operating near their hotel guests and would have meant that more of their "private" beach would be required to allow public access since taxpayers are funding the project. For obvious reasons, neither of these things would be desirable for maintaining a five-star rating.

The town of Manalapan is now poised to join that opposition with concerns that trapping the sand to the north could further erode its beaches to the south. There are examples in Broward County that seem to show this to be a possible outcome.

At the same time, residents in Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes are flabbergasted by an unusually tall duplex being built east of the dune between their towns. And Boca Raton is moving a similar structure in a similar location through the permitting process.

The *Coastal Star* will be watching and reporting on how this all evolves over the coming months, but the cynic in me suspects lawyers will get rich and sand will continue to come and go until another major hurricane arrives to blow holes in all of our best intentions.

In the meantime, the sea turtles return this time of year seeking places to nest along our dunes, and on Boca Raton's newly renourished beaches, least terns are scouting nesting locations for the first time in 20 years — small, quiet acts that remind us of nature's fortitude and reliance on the drifting of sand.



— Mary Kate Leming, Editor

Boca philanthropist has a passion for helping people who are sick, poor

By Amy Woods

She has led the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller Commandery of Florida since 2011, raising an impressive \$800,000 for local charities that aid the sick and the poor. She has served as a dutiful dame in the religious organization since 2005, when she was knighted during an elaborate ceremony in Malta.

She has devoted her life to philanthropy since 1987, when her husband died.

"My husband and I were benefactors of many charities," said Boca Raton resident Isabelle Paul, rattling off a list of nonprofits including the Mayo Clinic, The Salvation Army, World Vision International and others. "After my husband passed away, I decided I was going to spend the rest of my life doing the Lord's work."

Paul's husband was a builder and developer. He also manufactured parts for the

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space program.

"He received a commendation from President Nixon for helping get Neil Armstrong to the moon," Paul said.

The couple owned a resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica, which now is Sandals. "The highlight of the hotel was that the queen of England chose it for her reception when she visited Jamaica in 1966," Paul said.

Paul spends six hours each day in her role as commander, meeting with the agencies that have received money from the order, reviewing applications of those seeking financial assistance and overseeing details of the annual gala.

"I've always had a passion for the sick and the poor," she said. "It really started from childhood watching my parents help others. They were not doctors or ministers. They were just good Christians who liked to help others."

Traveling around the world, Paul said, made her aware of the thousands of people in need.

"I have, and continue to, help people who I will never get to meet," she said.

Paul met Henrietta de Hoernle while volunteering for the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League. De Hoernle, a board member, was a dame in the order and invited Paul to join.

"We became good friends, and I knew her until the day she

died," Paul said. "We were very close, to the extent where she even had me plan her funeral."

De Hoernle, who died last July at age 103, left a legacy for the order by becoming one of three members worldwide to receive its highest award, the Cross of Merit.

"She was a driving force," said Paul, who did not wish to share her own age. "She is dearly missed."

Among the charities the order supports are Boca Helping Hands, Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, Home Safe, Place of Hope and Spirit of Giving Network.

"All of these organizations are helping people in so many ways," Paul said. "Many children are no longer going to bed hungry. We are housing homeless veterans. There are boys and girls who are abused and are being taken away from their parents."

"There's just such a need," she said. "It's unbelievable. The world has changed so drastically. People don't care about each other like they used to, and I'm praying we get back to that."

Although she has no children of her own, Paul sponsors children in Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Portugal, Rwanda and Thailand.

Mary Csar, a member of the order, said it has grown in scope and size under Paul's leadership.

"She's really tried to expand the organization rather than just being happy with a handful of members," Csar said. "She's been very steady, and she keeps it going. We keep voting her in as commander because she has done such a good job." ★

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Boca Raton

City tells frustrated developer of Midtown plan to keep plugging

By Mary Hladky

Years after the Midtown “live, work, play” development was conceived, the project is at an impasse without any of the city approvals needed to move forward.

Angelo Bianco, managing partner of developer Crocker Partners, tried to change that at a June 12 City Council workshop, as he pressed to have the city’s Planning and Zoning Board consider on July 20 proposed ordinances that set a framework for how the project can be built.

“Being kept in a state of limbo is not fair,” Bianco said. He later added, “We just can’t not move forward. At some point, you are taking away our rights as landowners.”

But council members urged Bianco to continue working with city staff to finalize ordinances both he and staff

can support. If so, staff will recommend that the planning board and City Council approve the ordinances.

Council member Robert Weinroth counseled Bianco not to resist more talks and negotiation with city staff.

“I know you are frustrated,” he said. “Don’t make a mistake by forcing this.”

The Midtown project, located between Interstate 95 and Town Center at Boca Raton, envisions a place where people will live and walk or take shuttles to their jobs in the area, shopping and restaurants.

As many as 2,500 mostly rental units would be built on nearly 300 acres where no residential now exists. A Tri-Rail station would be built at Northwest 19th Street to bring people to and from the area.

City officials like the concept, which is similar to transit-oriented developments

springing up across the country designed to reduce traffic and energy use. But the devil is in the details.

The city annexed the area in 2003 and the original county zoning has remained in place. Crocker Partners and its development partners want new zoning ordinances that would regulate a “planned mobility development” as well as a “transit-oriented development” that would allow higher densities and less space set aside for parking.

City officials want to make sure the ordinances are crafted to safeguard city interests and avoid unintended consequences.

City staff and the developers have been working on that and changes have been made. But from the perspective of the developers, the process has been painfully slow, costing them time and money.

Meanwhile, questions have been raised about whether too much residential would be built, if adequate parking space has been included and if Midtown would further clog area roads.

Another complication is that the proposed ordinances are just the start of the process. If they are approved, the developers will design the project and then submit plans to the city for approval.

As a result, the planning board and council have no idea what Midtown will look like. Examples presented by the developers of what they have built elsewhere have created confusion, prompting the developers to explain repeatedly that these are conceptual ideas only, and not what is intended for Midtown.

As the impasse continued, the council in May called for a “reset” on Midtown, with the city taking a stronger hand

to speed up the process. But the city and the developer did not discuss specific points of disagreement at the June 12 meeting.

Bianco said he thinks the proposed zoning ordinances are ready for presentation to the planning board.

Deputy City Manager George Brown disagreed. He suggested additional changes that Bianco said he was hearing about for the first time.

“This is treating us in an unfair manner that does not have precedent with other developers ...,” Bianco said. “We just need to move it along.”

One sticking point is the proposed Tri-Rail station, which Crocker Partners initially said was crucial to the project. The developer wanted the ordinances approved by March so funding for the station was not jeopardized. That deadline, set by Tri-Rail, has passed, but some funding agreed to earlier remains available.

An April report by Brown says previous versions of one of the ordinances drafted by the developer states that the Tri-Rail station would be “planned, funded and committed to” by Tri-Rail. The city wants the station to be “planned, funded and under construction.”

The report also says the proposed ordinance states the train station is not required until 1,300 rental units have been approved for development. At that point, up to 1,200 more units could be built if the train station is “committed to.”

“As proposed, the applicant’s ordinance may result in 2,500 units without a train station,” the report states.

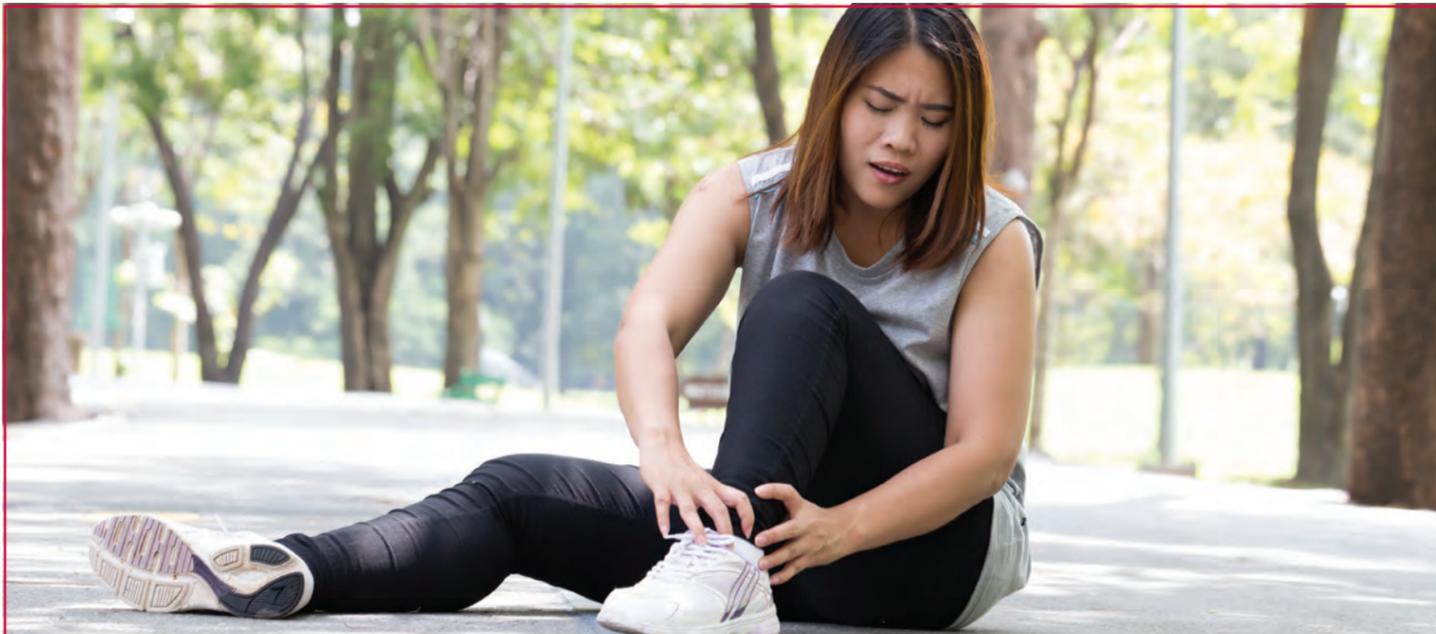
City staff questions if Midtown qualifies as a transit-oriented development if no station is built, the report said.

The developer commissioned a traffic survey for the area, which states there will be no additional traffic generated by renters if 1,300 units are built, as long as shuttles are operating.

The traffic survey was updated on April 25 and May 11, but Brown said in a June 5 memo to the council that staff has not reviewed the updates. That memo also said staff has not reviewed proposed changes to the ordinance the developer submitted on April 27 and May 15.

Parking also remains a sticking point. Crocker Partners had proposed less parking than required elsewhere based on the idea that renters and others coming to shop and dine would use Tri-Rail and the shuttles.

Crocker Partners has since increased the amount of parking, but city staff still questions whether it will be enough to meet demand. One-bedroom units would have one space, two-bedroom units 1.5 spaces, and three-bedroom units would have two spaces. ★



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Boca Raton

Council heaps praise on top officials

By Steve Plunkett

It's no secret Boca Raton loves its longtime city manager. Ditto for the city attorney.

City Manager Leif Ahnell presented the City Council a four-page list detailing 150 projects and activities he oversaw the last fiscal year for an executive performance review June 13.

"It's not intended to be a comprehensive list, but it's just to give everybody some perspective on the services and the scope of operations that we actually are responsible for here and the management," Ahnell said.

City Attorney Diana Grub Frieser compiled a three-page, single-spaced "brief overview/highlight" of legal services she provided. The most important function for her office of five, she said, is "to every day kind of anticipate" the city's legal needs.

Ahnell's list noted that in fiscal 2016 the city reviewed almost 22,000 job applications, hired 296 employees and performed nearly 75,000 building inspections. During the recession, Ahnell said, the city stopped giving raises to general employees for four years.

"As it turned out the city attorney and I went five years with no raises," he said.

Since there were no raises, the council also stopped doing performance reviews — until this year.

Ahnell said he is responsible for a nearly \$700 million budget and supervises eight departments with 68 divisions.

"Really we're 68 different businesses that we're kind of running and close to 1,800 employees being managed," he said.

More items from the list: City Hall handled about 2,300 public records requests in the 2016 budget year and 43 percent more in the current year. Police answered nearly 60,000 emergency calls.

"I think that what people don't appreciate is that, in addition to the 150 items that you've discussed here, that you are the conductor of the city," council member Robert Weinroth said.

"I really am very impressed by the ability of you to keep this city running and keep the five of us relatively satisfied," Weinroth said, adding he'd give Ahnell an A "or an A-minus at worst."

Deputy Mayor Jeremy Rodgers also was happy with Ahnell's work.

"We're on worldwide lists of best places to live, work, go to school, all those things. ... That's not saying we can't constantly improve — because I think we constantly seek that and that's important — and it's a testament to you and a testament to your hiring and our great staff that you've



Ahnell



Frieser

brought here," Rodgers said.

Council member Scott Singer called Ahnell a "high-level" manager.

"I struggle to find an area of improvement to even suggest," Singer said. "Mr. Ahnell succeeds in areas that I can't even fathom."

Mayor Susan Haynie was equally positive.

"My only criticism of you is I wish I saw you more out and about town, but I think you're chained to your desk trying to do all these things," Haynie said. "Your longevity is a testament to your quality."

When it came to the city attorney, Weinroth, who had complained about bad legal advice, was complimentary after Frieser's successful defense of him in an ethics complaint.

"On the whole I think you're doing a very good job," said Weinroth, giving her a B-plus.

Singer said he would not want a city attorney presenting a long list of accomplishments.

"The less that you can put on paper, the less we have to talk about, the fewer lawsuits we have to win or fight, the better," he said. "It's what we're not hearing — that's good counsel."

Haynie noted Frieser's work on the free-speech zone and other accomplishments.

"What you've done assisting us with the sober home issue was really, really wonderful — the alcohol sales, those were all tough things," the mayor said.

There was no talk of pay raises for the two officials.

Later this summer, the council will review Ahnell's proposed budget for fiscal 2018, which will include money for raises.

Ahnell has entered the state's Deferred Retirement Option Program, or DROP, which means he will retire within five years and receive all his retirement benefits for that period in a lump sum or rollover.

The performance reviews occurred in a nearly empty council chamber at the end of a four-hour, 15-minute meeting that followed a 2½-hour meeting earlier that day.

Council member Andrea O'Rourke worried that residents missed the discussion of all Ahnell and Frieser do.

"I think it would be a great idea to publish this list," said O'Rourke, who suggested putting a special button on the city's website.

The lists are attached to the agenda posted online for the June 13 meeting. ★

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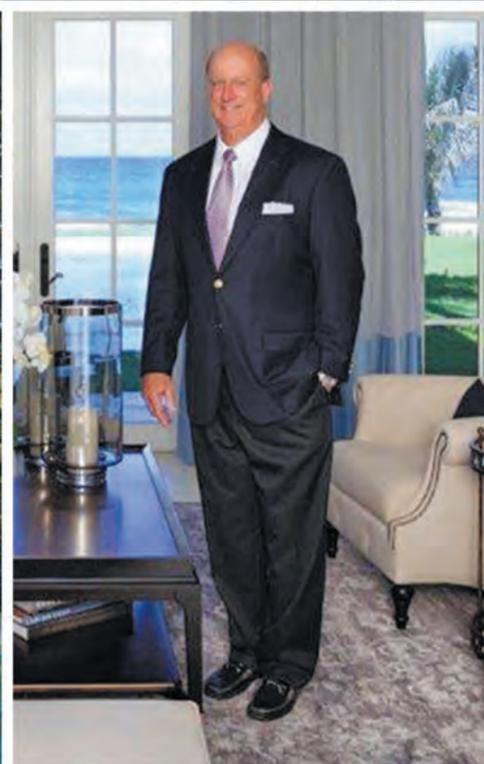
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Towns urged to budget funds to revive fire study

By Steve Plunkett

The barrier island-based Florida Coalition for Preservation wants Gulf Stream and its neighbors to budget money this summer to determine where to locate a new fire-rescue station and how much it would cost.

“It’s important for you to understand that when you see your first budget ... that we at least identify a possibility that we’ll be asking for some money from each of the towns on the barrier island,” said former Gulf Stream Vice Mayor Robert Ganger, who founded the coalition.

The study would be a follow-up to an exploratory study that seemed to scuttle the idea of forming a unified fire-rescue department for Ocean Ridge, Briny Breezes and Gulf Stream.

“If we don’t start now, you’ll never be ready when Boynton in particular is redeveloped and there is a real problem getting over the bridges,” Ganger told Gulf Stream commissioners at their June 9 meeting.

Mayor Scott Morgan asked how the proposed study would differ from last year’s effort. Ganger said the earlier study identified the cost of putting a facility on the barrier island and the possibility of two locations, but it was “all just speculative.”

“Now we’ve got to get down to the real nitty-gritty and

determine whether or not it’s run by Boynton Beach — which is probable, certainly possible — and where it would be located,” Ganger said.

New Town Manager Greg Dunham said he would give commissioners their first look at his 2018 budget proposal July 14.

Ganger said he hoped commissioners would set aside a “material” amount for the fire study, \$15,000 to \$20,000.

“But don’t quote me on that because I literally do not know,” he said.

Kristine de Haseth, the coalition’s executive director, warned commissioners in May that development in Boynton Beach on Woolbright Road and Ocean Avenue could impede emergency medical service access to the island.

Ganger explained: “We are planning to talk to all the town managers and see their level of interest, their commitment to participate financially in a study, which at this point in time we haven’t really figured out what the study’s going to be.”

Ganger said his group has talked to Bethesda Memorial Hospital, “and they’re very interested in what we’re trying to do.” The proposed station may turn out to be “non-civic, may be Bethesda, but you just don’t know,” he said. “You’ve got to do the work.” ★

Letter to the Editor

Delray’s beach contractor keeps A1A traffic moving

I am addressing the Editor’s Note, “Extra drive time a necessary nuisance this time of year,” that appeared in the June 2017 issue of *The Coastal Star*.

Upfront, I totally agree with the opinion that most construction projects on the barrier island reflect necessary improvements to our transportation infrastructure. However, I am reacting to the comments concerning A1A in Delray Beach that seem to me to unfairly blame the MBR construction company, contractor on the beach master plan project.

The editorial states that “Delray Beach’s oceanfront traffic has been barely inching along because of restricted parking and construction movements along the beachfront.”

I live directly on the west side of A1A facing the beach walk and constantly observe the progress of the project and the traffic flow. Believe me, MBR is super-organized in facilitating traffic flow and the availability of beach entrances. I do not see traffic tie-ups as you described.

The parking has been

removed, but the traffic and bike lanes are in place in both north and south directions. The construction crews rarely impact traffic when working or even when debris is being removed. My impression is that all equipment remains within the original parking and bike lanes that are fenced off.

Frankly, the major traffic tie-ups are at other A1A locations, where the parking meters are still in place, caused by motorists stopping to wait for a parking spot to become available. This can be a long wait.

In relation to the new-home construction sites on A1A, this equipment has no place to park except partially on A1A, but seems not to impact traffic flow significantly.

I do not feel that I am biased as president of the BPOA, which is partnering with the city in initiating the beach master plan. Compliments are due MBR Construction. I understand they are on schedule to complete the project by October or before.

Bob Victorin
Delray Beach

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have created jobs, he said. "We are the affordable Palm Beach," said Boynton Beach Mayor Steven Grant in explaining his city's 10.8 percent population growth since 2010.

Boynton Beach's three-bedroom, two-bath housing prices are considerably less than those in Delray Beach or Boca Raton, attracting people to his city even if they work elsewhere, he said.

"Developers are building in Boynton," he said, citing residential projects such as 500 Ocean at Ocean Avenue and Federal Highway and Cortina on Congress Avenue at Old Boynton Road. Others include the huge planned Town Square redevelopment in "downtown" that includes apartments and condos, a hotel, retail and a new city hall and police and fire station. "We do not feel they are building buildings to be vacant. Residential units will be filled."

And that means his city will continue to grow, Grant said.

Delray Beach Mayor Cary Glickstein said the blossoming of Atlantic Avenue and a trend of people moving out of suburbs and into coastal urban areas have benefited his city.

"Atlantic Avenue has become an amenity for northern Broward County and essentially all of Palm Beach County," he said. "We aren't the seasonal town we used to be."

Census does not account for seasonal changes

The city does not rely on census data to plan for the future because seasonal residents are not counted, Glickstein said. While the census shows the city growing by 11.3 percent since 2010 to 67,371 residents, Glickstein believes it is closer to 100,000 during the winter season. The city, he said, must be able to provide services to that many.

By adding 263 residents since 2010, tiny South Palm

Population estimates as of July 1, 2016

Boca Raton	96,114
Boynton Beach	75,569
Briny Breezes	604
Delray Beach	67,371
Gulf Stream	849
Highland Beach	3,760
Lantana	11,221
Manalapan	457
Ocean Ridge	1,923
South Palm Beach	1,434
P.B. County	1,443,810

Source: U.S. Census Bureau population estimates

Beach's population has grown to 1,434 for a 22.4 percent gain that is the second highest in Palm Beach County.

While no new residential units have been built in the town since 2010, Town Manager Bob Vitas said the number of full-time residents has grown as more people decide to live in South Palm Beach permanently.

"You are seeing a transition between former units used exclusively by snowbirds acquired by people establishing permanent residences," he said.

The same dynamic has boosted Manalapan's population to 457 residents, up 12.5 percent since 2010.

About 150 new homes have been built in the town in recent years, most occupied by younger couples, said Manalapan Mayor Keith Waters.

"We are seeing a lot more families with children in school," using their homes as a primary residence rather than a second or third home, he said. "It has been an enormous growth over the past few years."

The growth won't continue since the town is nearly built out, Waters said.

The quirkiest fact in the census data is that Briny Breezes grew by just one resident last year and by three since 2010 to a total of 604.

Elsewhere in South County, Gulf Stream's population rose 1.7 percent last year and 8 percent since 2010, Highland Beach's was up 0.9 percent last year and 6.2 percent since 2010, Lantana's increased 0.8 percent last year and 5.7 percent since 2010, and Ocean Ridge's jumped 1.1 percent since last year and 7.7 percent since 2010.

Growth adds to tax base

Growth is a good thing for cities and towns, since it translates into a growing tax base.

"It is the economic lifeblood of any city. You can't survive without net growth," Glickstein said.

But it also creates a need for more municipal services, including police, fire rescue and trash pickup.

In one example of what that means for Delray Beach, Glickstein noted the city launched a three-year plan last year to boost the number of first responders.

In Boca Raton, growth has strained trash and recycling services, and officials are considering whether they should raise fees or contract out those services if that would reduce the cost to the city and ultimately to its residents.

Rodgers said the City Council will weigh the options over the next two months.

"We have already exceeded capacity," Rodgers said. "If we do privatize, it is calculated to save money for all residences."

Because their growth is relatively small compared with big cities, Manalapan and South Palm Beach officials said they have not felt budget pressure.

"The demand on town services remains constant," Vitas said. "There is no spike in that demand."

The census data shed light on the nature of population growth in South Florida.

While Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties continue to grow, the year-over-year population

changes show that growth is slowing down, especially in Miami-Dade, said Maria Ilcheva, senior researcher at the Florida International University Metropolitan Center.

Population growth in Miami-Dade and Broward is fueled mainly by international migrants rather than people moving in from other parts of the United States.

Domestic migration is the bigger contributor to growth in Palm Beach County. Last year, 12,473 people migrated here from elsewhere in the U.S., while 8,443 were international migrants.

That may be changing, Ilcheva said, but it is too soon to tell for sure. Both types of migration peaked in Palm Beach County in 2015, and not enough time has elapsed since then to see a clear trend.

The Miami-Dade numbers are especially stark. International migrants totaled 41,830 last year, but 30,560 local residents left. Those leaving are white non-Hispanics, Ilcheva said.

She points to two primary reasons for the local outflow: the high cost of housing and traffic gridlock.

"They are not necessarily changing their jobs, but changing their place of residence to Broward or even Palm Beach County," she said.

Of the three counties, Miami-Dade's median household income of about \$43,000 a year is the lowest. For those earning that amount, housing "is not only not affordable, there is just no housing produced for families," she said.

The Hispanic population is growing faster in Palm Beach and Broward than in Miami-Dade, she said. In Palm Beach, the Hispanic population increased by 19 percent between 2010 and 2015 to a total of 300,776. Broward saw a 20.3 percent increase while Miami-Dade's was up only 10.2 percent.

While Palm Beach County's

traffic congestion may seem less severe to a Miami-Dade driver, it is a big issue locally. The same holds true for housing prices.

Price of housing a crisis

Hundreds of people attending a Palm Beach County Housing Summit in West Palm Beach in May heard experts say that the county's median home price of \$327,000 is unaffordable to 75 percent of households.

The county's median gross rent of \$1,900 is out of reach for 80 percent of renters, said Edward "Ned" Murray, associate director of the FIU Metropolitan Center. About 30 percent of renters spend more than 50 percent of their income on rent.

Attendees were told that more affordable housing must be built if the county wants to keep existing businesses and jobs and attract new ones.

Glickstein described housing costs as "one of the most intractable public policy issues we face as a city, state and country."

"Affordable housing is a national crisis," he said. "The market is driving these prices. There is very little local government can do unless it wants to get into the business of rent control and other price suppression measures. Those things have never really proven effective."

While Delray Beach, like other South Florida cities, requires developers to build affordable housing, the amount produced is insufficient to meet demand, Glickstein said.

"I would like to see the development industry reinvent the housing model," he said, although the way to do so is not obvious.

Developers "can make the economics work, except for the fact land is so scarce in the tri-county area. Lack of supply is driving land prices so that the affordable model doesn't work anymore." ★

Boca Raton

Impasse over park work rekindles beach district's dismay with city

By Steve Plunkett

Storm clouds are gathering again between the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District and the city of Boca Raton.

The cause of the renewed friction is the continuing failure of the two governments to hammer out a master interlocal agreement to replace a handful of agreements defining which side does what. The district uses its tax dollars to have city workers take care of its parks and pay for the operation and capital improvements at Red Reef Park and some other city-owned facilities.

District Chairman Robert Rollins said the latest version of the proposed agreement was an

improvement over the original, but he still was not happy.

"For 22 years we've had separate ILA agreements that have worked marvelous without any complications that I can see. So to begin with, I'm not sure why we need a master ILA," Rollins said.

Rollins rode the train from Tampa to Boca Raton and said he had plenty of time to review the proposal, which the city first offered in December 2015.

The main sticking point was when a second round of playing fields would be built at De Hoernle Park, which is on city property. The district built the first group of fields in 2012, and commissioners hoped to keep the same contractor. But Boca

Raton did not give its OK.

"This interlocal agreement has already held up phase 2 for a couple of years if not more," Rollins said. "I kept looking in here for a statement that said, you sign this ILA agreement and you can get started on phase 2 tomorrow. It's not in here."

Rollins said he also was concerned about not having input anymore on the scheduling of fields, adjusting user fees at parks and the effects of future annexations by the city.

Vice Chairman Steve Engel said city officials seem to treat the district as if it were a city agency.

"We're a state agency, and as such we have a different set of

rules that we have to play by," he said, noting the thousands of district residents he represents who live outside city limits.

At the district's June 19 meeting, Arthur Koski, its executive director, said Boca Raton's proposed budget does not reflect what has been discussed during negotiations of the master interlocal agreement.

"So that would mean that the actual interlocal agreement would not take effect in the fiscal year '17-18," Koski said. "That's not to say we can't negotiate it during that year, but it probably would be effective in the following fiscal year."

District commissioners thought they reached an agreement on De Hoernle Park

at a joint meeting with City Council members in mid-2015.

"We promised the city we would do sports turf at Patch Reef [Park], we're doing it," Rollins said. "We promised the city that we'd do half the beach renourishment; we signed that, we're doing it. Those are the two things that were hanging us up on this. And so we've made that commitment, we're true to our word when we say we'll do something. Let's see if we can't knock this thing out and get phase 2 kicked off."

The two sides planned to meet July 24 primarily to discuss a separate interlocal agreement covering the potential purchase of the Ocean Breeze golf course. ★

Along the Coast

Thefts from vehicles drive rise in number of crimes

By Rich Pollack

Small coastal communities in South Palm Beach County continued to have few serious crimes in 2016, with most experiencing crime decreases last year, according to statistics released last month by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

At the same time, the larger cities in south Palm Beach County all experienced more crime in 2016, as did Ocean Ridge. The increases were driven in large part by a growing number of thefts from unlocked vehicles.

Along the coast, South Palm Beach and its neighbor to the south, Manalapan, experienced large percentage drops in crime, with South Palm Beach dropping close to 43 percent and Manalapan dropping by more than 40 percent. Those percentages, however, can be misleading because of the small number of crimes.

In South Palm Beach the number of crimes dropped from 14 to 8. In Manalapan, the number of crimes dropped from 27 to 16. Highland Beach, which like South Palm Beach is almost entirely residential, experienced four fewer crimes than it did in 2015, while Gulf Stream had 10 reported crimes, the same as 2015.

Ocean Ridge was the exception among the small towns, with 80 crimes, nine more than in 2015. Although the number of major crimes in the town dropped in every other category — including burglaries,

2016 crimes in south Palm Beach County

City/Town	Total Crimes	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Vehicle theft	
Boca Raton	(2016)	2,734	1	22	105	111	507	1,831	157
	(2015)	2,421	1	30	77	95	462	1,621	135
Boynton Beach*	(2016)	4,067	1	3	167	324	566	2,752	254
	(2015)	3,657	8	4	153	340	512	2,442	198
Delray Beach	(2016)	3,229	5	31	125	226	385	2,218	239
	(2015)	2,874	3	25	127	271	362	1,930	156
Gulf Stream	(2016)	10	0	0	0	0	1	8	1
	(2015)	10	0	0	0	0	2	8	0
Highland Beach	(2016)	36	0	0	0	2	6	22	6
	(2015)	40	0	0	1	1	4	32	2
Lantana	(2016)	621	0	8	22	33	82	417	59
	(2015)	577	0	8	17	26	104	390	32
Manalapan	(2016)	16	0	0	0	0	2	14	0
	(2015)	27	0	0	0	2	4	20	1
Ocean Ridge*	(2016)	80	0	0	1	2	5	64	8
	(2015)	71	0	0	2	6	12	40	11
South Palm	(2016)	8	0	0	0	0	2	5	1
	(2015)	14	0	0	0	0	6	8	0

Categories consist of crimes reported in all municipalities. * Crimes occurring in Briny Breezes from Jan. 1, 2015, to Sept. 30, 2016, were included in Ocean Ridge's overall statistics. Crimes occurring from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 were incorporated into Boynton Beach's overall crime report. **Source:** Florida Department of Law Enforcement

which dropped by 58 percent — the number of larcenies jumped 60 percent from 40 in 2015 to 64 in 2016. “We believe that about 85 percent of the burglaries to vehicles could have been prevented by people simply locking their car doors and removing their valuables,” said Ocean Ridge Police Chief Hal Hutchins. “If we remove the opportunity, we can displace the criminals.”

Hutchins said geography and the physical layout of Ocean Ridge may partially explain why the town experienced an increase in thefts while neighboring communities did not. He pointed out easy access to Ocean Ridge from Interstate 95 and explained that there are more public-access areas, including parks, than in other

communities.

In some other coastal communities, a drop in the number of larcenies helped drive an overall decrease in the number of crimes.

In Highland Beach, which had a 10 percent decrease in overall crime last year, 22 of the 36 reported overall crimes were larcenies. In 2015, there were 32 reported larcenies.

Police Chief Craig Hartmann gives some credit for the drop to residents, who he says are doing a better job of locking their cars and alerting police to any suspicious activity.

“We’ve been working with the community to make sure they understand this is an epidemic,” Hartmann said. “We’re putting information out to let residents know how they

can avoid becoming a victim.”

Highland Beach police officers just recently began making presentations at homeowners associations and condo association meetings and began distributing door hangers that say “Always Lock Your Car.”

Larger cities have also been spreading the word, but thieves have still been able to find many unlocked cars with valuable items inside.

In Delray Beach, for example, 2,218 larcenies were reported in 2016, 288 more than in 2015. In Boynton Beach, there were 310 more larcenies in 2016 than in the previous year, and in Boca Raton the number of larcenies increased by 210 in the same time period.

“Vehicle burglaries account

for a large percentage of our crime statistics,” said Dani Moschella, the Delray Beach Police Department’s public information manager. “Most of those crimes were to unlocked cars, and often the victims’ property was clearly visible inside the vehicles. Bags, sunglasses, cash, sometimes even purses, were all left in plain view.”

In Palm Beach County, the number of overall crimes increased by 2.2 percent, with larcenies and other property crimes largely driving the increase. Violent crimes against people decreased, with the county experiencing 21 fewer homicides, nine fewer rapes and close to 90 fewer robberies, according to FDLE Uniform Crime Report statistics. ★

Ocean Ridge

Arresting officer files lawsuit, accuses former vice mayor of battery

By Steve Plunkett

Officer Nubia Plesnik, part of the police team that charged former Vice Mayor Richard Lucibella with resisting arrest last fall, has filed a lawsuit against him claiming battery and negligence.

Lucibella “committed a battery upon [Plesnik] by intentionally causing harmful or offensive contact with [her] by pushing [her] and further physically contacting her during the course of the arrest,” Plesnik’s lawsuit says.

In a second count, the suit alleges Lucibella’s actions were negligent.

As a result, the suit says, Plesnik “has suffered and will suffer bodily injury and resulting pain and suffering, disability, disfigurement, inconvenience, mental anguish, loss of the capacity for the enjoyment of life, expense of hospitalization and/or surgery, medical and nursing care and treatment and related expenses, loss of earnings, loss of the ability to earn money in the future, and/or an aggravation of previously existing conditions.”

Lucibella has \$10 million in insurance for personal liability. Plesnik’s suit says she is seeking at least \$15,000 in

damages, the legal threshold.

Richard Slinkman, her lawyer, said Plesnik only wants what a jury feels is fair and just.

“I can tell you that I do not expect such to be in excess of Mr. Lucibella’s \$10 million insurance policy,” Slinkman said.

The complaint was filed in Palm Beach County Circuit Court on June 6, but as of June 27 Lucibella had not been handed the lawsuit.

“He is evading service,” Slinkman said.

Lucibella did not answer text messages or a phone call seeking comment.

Ocean Ridge Police Chief Hal Hutchins said Plesnik and fellow arresting Officer Richard Ermeri both returned to full duty as soon as they were cleared by their physicians.

“No special assignments were made to accommodate them,” Hutchins said.

But Plesnik has not fully recovered, Slinkman said.

“Though she can fully perform the functions and duties of a police officer, she suffers from pain in her shoulder with activities, including necessary physical activities on the job,” he said.

Lucibella faces a felony charge of resisting arrest with violence; after reviewing the case the state attorney’s

office added a felony charge of battery on a law enforcement officer. The battery charge covers Ermeri only; the resisting arrest with violence covers Ermeri “and/or N. Plesnik ... by offering or doing violence to the person of such officers,” the charging document says.

Lucibella also is charged with misdemeanor use of a firearm while under the influence of alcohol. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Lucibella’s trial, originally scheduled for April and then July, is now postponed until October. His criminal defense attorney, Marc Shiner, and Assistant State Attorney Danielle Grundt told the judge

they could not finish depositions in time for a summer trial.

Plesnik, Ermeri and Sgt. William Hallahan went to Lucibella’s oceanfront home Oct. 22 after neighbors reported hearing shots fired. They confiscated a .40-caliber handgun and found five spent shell casings on the backyard patio.

With Lucibella was one of the officers’ supervisors, Lt. Steven Wohlfiel. Both men were “obviously intoxicated,” the police said.

During the arrest, Lucibella was

pinned to the patio pavers and suffered injuries to his face and ribs. Shiner has said the officers overreacted.

Plesnik and Ermeri said in their initial police reports that they went to MD Now, the department-approved urgent care center, Plesnik for “injuries to the left side of my body,” including shoulder, arm, wrist and foot.

Plesnik, who was hired by Ocean Ridge in March 2013, also reported being placed on restricted duty.

Officers later determined the confiscated handgun belonged to Wohlfiel, who was fired in January for his role in the incident. He is appealing his dismissal.

Wohlfiel’s lawyer, Ralph King, petitioned a circuit judge on May 31 to order Town Manager Jamie Titcomb to hold an evidentiary hearing that is required by the town’s charter and would allow Wohlfiel to present and confront witnesses. Wohlfiel also wants back pay until the hearing can be held.

Town Attorney Brian Shutt would not comment on the Wohlfiel case other than to say Ocean Ridge’s insurance company has hired a lawyer to defend the town.

Lucibella resigned his vice mayor and town commissioner positions in December. ★



Plesnik



Lucibella

Highland Beach

Tax base rises along with new buildings

By Rich Pollack

Completion of a new luxury condominium complex as well as several large new homes has helped push property values in Highland Beach to record levels, surpassing those set prior to the economic downturn that began in 2008.

The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office estimates the total 2017 taxable value of property in Highland Beach at \$2.39 billion, surpassing the previous record of an estimated \$2.3 billion in 2007.

The \$2.39 billion appraisal this year represents a 7.84 increase over 2016, when taxable property values in town reached \$2.21 billion, surpassing the \$2 billion mark

for the first time since the Great Recession.

One reason for this year's increase, city leaders say, is the completion of 3200 S. Ocean, a 20-unit, luxury condominium complex with units starting at \$1.4 million. In addition, there have been several expensive new homes built near the Intracoastal Waterway, or facing the ocean on sites where smaller homes were torn down.

"We've had a lot of new construction in town," Mayor Carl Feldman said.

There has also been an increase in remodeling of older condominium units as new owners move in.

New construction and additions accounted for close to \$52 million of taxable value, according to the property

appraiser.

The increase in property values could result in an additional \$542,137 in tax revenue coming into town coffers if town leaders choose to keep the tax rate at \$3.25 for every \$1,000 of assessed value, according to Finance Director Cale Curtis.

That is a big if, however, since the town is just starting the budget process and a final tax rate won't be set for several months. How much the town will spend is still to be determined.

"We don't have all the final figures in yet," Feldman said.

In the past two years, as property values have increased, Highland Beach commissioners reduced the tax rate. In 2015, commissioners dropped the

rate from \$3.70 per \$1,000 of assessed value to \$3.50. Last year it dropped to the current tax rate of \$3.25.

The Town Commission will hold budget planning sessions in the next few months that are open to residents.

In other news:

Highland Beach commissioners voted to disband the town's volunteer Code Enforcement Board and replace it with a special magistrate — who would act as a judge — to preside over contested code violation cases.

Last month, commissioners voted to hire attorney William Doney, of the West Palm Beach firm of Caldwell Pacetti Edwards Schoech & Viator, to serve in that position at a rate of \$185 per hour.

The commission selected Diane James-Bigot as the alternate special magistrate.

Doney, a member of the Florida Bar since 1977, specializes in municipal government and currently serves as a special magistrate in Lantana and Haverhill. He has previously been a special magistrate in Wellington, Mangonia Park and Loxahatchee Groves.

Town officials say they expect the number of cases coming before Doney to be minimal since most residents and visitors comply with code-violation citations.

Highland Beach is continuing to search for a full-time code enforcement officer, a newly funded position. ★

RESCUE

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a mile off the Boynton Inlet when they heard people shouting and saw waving passengers on a boat about a half mile away.

At first the two thought the people were cheering because they'd caught a big fish, but it became apparent they were in trouble.

As Shersty and Fernandes got closer, they were taken aback to see two men standing in almost a foot of water on the boat. Shersty was also surprised to see Bengal, a friend with whom he had grown up.

On the sinking boat, that wasn't the only surprise.

As the water rose, Bengal, Trebbe and their rescuers heard meowing under the boat's console. Soon, four soaked black-and-white kittens, apparently stashed there by their mom while the boat was in storage, emerged.

"They had no idea there were



A tow boat arrives to haul in a boat that took on water about a mile off the Boynton Inlet. Highland Beach police officers assisted with the rescue. **Photo provided**

kittens on the boat," Shersty said.

While the passengers on the boat were panicking, Shersty and Fernandes relied on their police training and experience to remain calm and develop a plan.

Although the seas were only moderately choppy, the waves were big enough to keep Fernandes from getting his boat

close enough to pick up the boaters. Instead, they devised a plan to tow the boat to shore while calling for a tow boat designed for similar missions.

The challenge, Shersty said, was to use their small boat to tow one that was getting heavier by the minute as it was taking on more water than could be forced out by a barely functioning bilge pump.

Eventually, the tow boat arrived and took over the rescue operation, taking the stricken boat through the Boynton Inlet with the help of marine patrols from the Boynton Beach Police Department, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office as well as the U.S. Coast Guard.

Shersty, an experienced boater and angler, says he had some doubts the rescue that

morning would be successful.

"If any one of several things had gone wrong, the people on the boat would have been swimming," he said. "I told [Fernandes] they must have had a guardian angel looking after them."

After the boat reached shore about 45 minutes later, Boynton Beach police turned the kittens over to Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control.

Shersty said he and Fernandes were just happy to be in the right place at the right time as water came over the transom of Trebbe's boat and shorted out the electrical system.

"If we had come five minutes later, there would have been nothing there," Shersty said. "That boat would have sunk."

He said that the rescue made him decide to double-check the equipment on his own boat.

"I went out and bought two new bilge pumps and a battery," he said. ★

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Delray Beach

Beach work will be delayed for Fourth of July festivities

By Jane Smith

The rainy weather in the first half of June did not delay the contractor working on the promenade along Delray Beach's municipal beach, a city staffer said.

But the contractor has asked for a three-day extension because of the work shutdown over the Fourth of July weekend, said Missie Barletto, deputy program director in the Environmental Services Department.

The city and the contractor plan to allow pedestrians full access for the July 4 festivities through open and protected walkways to the beach.

Parking will be limited along the ocean, with meters removed from the south side of the municipal beach. Festival-goers are urged to park west of the Intracoastal Waterway in city garages and parking lots and then take the Downtown Trolley to Northeast/Southeast Seventh Avenue, and walk or bike over to the beach.

For the event, city police will close Ocean Boulevard at 2 p.m. from Thomas Street to Bucida Road, one block past Casuarina Road on the south. That stretch won't be reopened until the crowds clear after the fireworks end on the north end of the city's beach, according to the Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative. The fireworks show will start at 9 p.m.

City police also will close East Atlantic Avenue at Northeast/Southeast 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, festival-goers are urged to check this website: JulyFourthDelrayBeach.com.

Meanwhile, the \$3.1 million upgrade to the

municipal beach promenade is moving toward an early fall completion date for the 1.25-mile project.

In June, the contractor finished removing the entire sidewalk from the south end. Access remains the same on the north end. South of Atlantic Avenue, beach-goers are urged to use the designated entrances. Signs are posted to help pedestrians find the way.

Underground piping for the showers and fountains continues to be installed between the Sandoway parking lot and Boston's Sand Bar. Concrete forms for the new sidewalk, north of Lifeguard Tower No. 5, continue to be installed, along with concrete pouring for the sidewalk.

Starting July 5, the work zone will shift north of the Sandoway parking lot to the Marriott Hotel. The sidewalk and parking in that area will be closed. The contractor will begin installing smart meters between Casuarina Road and the Sandoway lot the week of July 10.

Sandblasting of the knee wall, north of Atlantic Avenue, continues.

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.

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.

Beach benches, plaques and stone memorials have been removed and are stored. The city is asking donors to contact project manager Isaac Kovner at 243-7000, ext. 4119, to discuss options. ★

Historic Preservation Board says 'No' to Midtown project

By Jane Smith

The city's Historic Preservation Board in late June turned down Midtown Delray Beach, a mixed-use project proposed by Hudson Holdings, in two 6-0 votes.

The board met for nearly eight hours over two days.

Midtown, at the southwest corner of Swinton and Atlantic avenues, is planned to include 35,049 square feet of retail, 22,525 square feet of restaurants, 21,872 square feet of office, 50 residential inn rooms and two hotels with 109 rooms.

"There's a lot to like about this project," said John Miller, board chairman. "But it's the Disneyfication of Delray with a sanitized development in the middle of a historic district."

Hudson Holdings wants to move six historic homes along South Swinton Avenue to build an underground garage where the homes sit. To do so, the developer would remove all trees and then move the structures a second time.

"The landscaping is every bit a part of historic nature of the buildings," said Board Member Angela Budano. The federal standards for historic structures point to retaining and preserving the historic character

of the property, she said.

Another historic home would be moved one block south, to serve as an extra room for the Sundry House. "This is our Plymouth Rock," said Board Member Bill Bathurst, referring to the historic Sundry House.

The board also voted on eight relocations and nine demolitions of the contributing structures. They were unanimous in insisting the Cathcart House stay in its current location.

Even so, the board's votes are advisory. Midtown can proceed to the city's Planning & Zoning Board on July 17 and to the City Commission on Aug. 1. Both bodies would review the project's conditional use request to allow buildings wider than 60 feet to be in the historic district and the abandonment of a platted alley.

Hudson Holdings has 10 business days to appeal the historic board's site plan denial.

The developer purchased the approximately 7 acres in 2014, after the City Commission granted a commercial zoning overlay on the Old School Square Historic Arts District. The overlay allows hotels in the historic district that includes the Hudson Holdings land.

Midtown was previously called Swinton Commons. ★

Veterans Park sea wall will be raised to deal with rising sea

By Jane Smith

The height of the sea wall in Veterans Park will soon be raised to a uniform level and the two docks there rebuilt, after the city's Community Redevelopment Agency agreed in late June to pay for the work.

The agency could pay the estimated \$643,700 cost during the current budget year from the savings of three items, said Thuy Shutt, assistant director.

She told the board members that a less costly HVAC system was installed at the Old School Square complex for a \$193,700

savings.

Delray Beach officials also requested the agency remove two items from its current budget: improvements at the Swinton and Atlantic intersection, costing \$300,000, and way-finder signs for the parking management program, costing \$150,000.

Callaway Marine Technologies Inc., of West Palm Beach, was the lowest bidder. It will do the Veterans Park work for \$585,178.80 with an additional 10 percent needed for construction engineering inspection services, for a total

cost of \$643,700.

The city already paid about \$80,000 to the Wantman Group to survey, design and supervise the construction of the sea wall cap and the two docks.

The public sea wall will be 20 inches high and rid of slopes and other imperfections along its approximately 400-foot length to the Atlantic Avenue bridge. The sea wall height is measured from the average water level in the Intracoastal.

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

done with a triangular parapet on top of the current sea wall to bring the height to 3 feet.

The higher sea walls were recommended in mid-June. The city's Rising Waters Task Force recommended a height of 5 feet for public and private sea walls along the Intracoastal.

"What the city is doing is fine for now by designing a base that can hold increased height," said Andy Katz, a task force member with a science background. "It doesn't make sense to increase the height in one area and not the length of the waterway."

Delray Beach is in the

bidding process for the southern portion of the repair work along Marine Way and the city's marina. That street does not have a sea wall. The work is set to begin next year.

The two docks at Veterans Park were closed last September because the wood rotted, making them unsafe to use. The replacement docks should be ready by January.

Separately, Delray Beach is surveying the condition of public and private sea walls along the Intracoastal Waterway. The work is supposed to be finished in August. ★

Briny Breezes

Town to shop around for less costly legal services

By Dan Moffett

After hearing concerns about rising legal bills, the Briny Breezes Town Council has decided to seek "comparative proposals" for services from outside attorneys.

The move comes in response to a growing number of complaints from residents about the size of recent payments to John Skrandel, who has served as town attorney since 2013.

Ted Gross, the treasurer of the corporate board, and Mayor Jack Lee have been the loudest critics, saying the town is spending too much money for Skrandel's work, some of which might not be needed. One recent monthly check topped \$5,000, which Lee and

Gross maintain is more than Briny can afford.

Skrandel told the council during its June 22 meeting that his costs have been higher lately because council members have assigned him more to do.

"My work is basically on demand. It's not a set amount," Skrandel said. "It can be from zero on up depending on what work is assigned to me by the council."

Skrandel also said he has voluntarily given Briny breaks on billing to keep costs down. He said he doesn't bill the town for travel to Briny and he doesn't round charges up on fractions of billable hours — he rounds them down. Skrandel charges \$185 an hour for his services.

Alderman Bobby Jurovaty, who acted as council president while Sue Thaler was

on vacation, said the council intends to explore how other communities pay for legal services and then make a decision later this year.

"I'd like to factor in as much as we can what other towns are doing," Jurovaty said. "We'll take a nice, long look at this."

Skrandel is only the second attorney Briny has ever had. His father, Jerome Skrandel, handled legal services for the town from 1975 until his death in 2013, when John took over.

In other business:

• The council approved a six-member advisory committee to research and develop a job description for a part-time town manager position. Members are Keith Black, Sue Revie, William Birch,

Holly Reitnauer, Therese Tarman and Gross. Black volunteered to serve as committee chairman. The town hopes to hire a part-time manager before the end of the year.

• Briny should receive about \$25,000 a year from the county's penny sales tax increase that voters approved in November. Alderman Christina Adams, who acts as the council's liaison to the county on the tax, said the town has decided on the possible infrastructure improvements for spending the money: water systems, sewage systems, sidewalks and burying main electrical lines. The town likely will allow the tax proceeds to accumulate over two or more years to tackle larger projects. ★

Boca Raton

Gumbo Limbo 'trashes' itself for World Oceans Day

By Steve Plunkett

First, numbers from the "Marine Debris Timeline" exhibit at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center:

- Two to four weeks: how long it takes a banana peel or paper cup to decompose in the ocean.
- 10 to 20 years: the time a plastic shopping bag lingers in the water.
- 450 years: the long life in the Atlantic Ocean of a disposable diaper.

The numbers helped frame four days of special activities at Boca Raton's wildlife sanctuary as center personnel observed World Oceans Day on June 8. The celebration included a coastal cleanup, the "trashing" of an aquarium with plastic bottles and creating a "blanket" of Mylar balloons collected from the city's beaches.

Ali Courtemanche and Sydney Jimenez, marine turtle specialists at Gumbo Limbo, needed only a week to gather 53 Mylar balloons left over from beach parties. Taped together, the balloons, which take 50 to 100 years to disintegrate, formed a blanket 21 feet long and 5 feet wide.

World Oceans Day is intended to raise awareness of how manmade debris affects marine life. The marquee event at Gumbo Limbo was a contest to guess how much plastic was floating in the center's near-shore reef aquarium.

In a media-only event that



Caitlin Boveri, sea turtle rehabilitation assistant coordinator, records a video of Gumbo Limbo senior aquarist Keith Herman and manager Leanne Welch as they dump plastic bottles into the center's near-shore reef aquarium. The bottles, 70 pounds' worth, were collected from the beach and surrounding areas. The intent was to show visitors how plastic and other debris create floating patches of garbage in oceans. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Gumbo Limbo posted on its Facebook page, workers dumped tubs of plastic into the octagon-shaped pool.

"That was really cool, something we have never done before," environmental program coordinator Kristin Child said. "We just emptied 70 pounds of plastic bottles and assorted plastic containers into our near-shore reef aquarium, and it is floating around like the Pacific gyre," an ocean garbage patch.

Gumbo Limbo senior

aquarist Keith Herman said the 70 pounds equaled one-tenth of the amount of plastic that humans drop into oceans around the globe each second.

Herman decorated the center of the adjacent mangrove aquarium with 34.2 pounds of debris he picked up in just one hour walking on a path to the Intracoastal mangroves on the center's property. He did not have to cover much ground to collect it.

"I went within 20 to 30 feet

on either side," Herman said.

Laura Reams, visiting from Maryland, came closest out of about 400 entries in guessing how many bottles were dumped in the Great Gumbo Garbage Patch.

"She guesses 1,282 and the actual number was 1,306," Child said.

Reams' prize was to become the adoptive mother of a sea turtle at Gumbo Limbo. Visitors usually donate \$50 to adopt a resident turtle or \$25 to adopt a

hatchling.

All the plastic in the aquarium was removed and recycled.

"Please reduce, reuse, and recycle ... you can make a difference!" the center urged its Facebook friends.

Lanai Robinson, who made up the one-woman Team Honeybee, collected a winning 254 pieces of trash in the six-hour coastal cleanup contest June 10.

"We did not go with weight, because it is easy to pick up big things and harder to pick up the small things," Child said.

Robinson won a package of reusable water bottles, gloves, grabbers and sunscreen, so she could continue her cleanup work.

The Gumbo Limbo efforts were echoed the following Tuesday in City Hall.

Margaret FitzSimons and Cristina Hicks, the chair and vice chair of Boca Raton's Green Living Advisory Board, asked City Council members to stop the use of plastic trash bags at the beaches.

"This really undermines all of the work that Gumbo Limbo is doing to try to eliminate plastic just from our consumer cycle. It ends up in our oceans, and turtles think they're jellyfish; they end up eating them. And we're putting more turtles at the hospital at Gumbo Limbo because of that," Hicks said.

She and FitzSimons also asked that recycle bins be placed at the beaches. ★

City Council sets priorities for next fiscal year

By Steve Plunkett

The year 2017 ushered in a new era of goal-setting for the City Council.

For the first time, officials posted video of the sessions on Boca Raton's website, and actions were given completion dates.

Also, the council did not set five top goals and five high goals. Instead it tasked City Manager Leif Ahnell with making progress in 17 policy areas.

"Give me the six that are most important to you," said Lyle Sumek, the consultant who facilitates the sessions.

Council member Scott Singer was the first to balk, citing the timeline he and his colleagues set for updating the city's land development code.

"Some of [the items] have more council action; some of them have less council action. It's hard for me to prioritize that way," Singer said.

Council member Robert Weinroth agreed.

"We've winnowed down hundreds of items to get to these, now 17, and I'm not quite sure whether there is a value to now winnowing it down any further," he said, adding "these are all priorities."

Council member Andrea O'Rourke had similar ideas.

"If we talk about business retention, expansion strategy and actions, and then compare that to, you know, the city campus master plan, I can't compare those two in order," O'Rourke said. "They're both actions that need to be taken."

Ahnell said if all 17 items were staying on the list, the priorities did not matter.

"We're going to have to work on all of them," the city manager said.

The areas Ahnell's staff will focus on developing policy choices for the council include the land development code; business retention, expansion strategy and action; and the city campus master plan.

Others are:

- the city's economic development plan;
- a smart city/technology business development strategy;
- an innovation office;
- development process streamlining;
- human resource planning, succession planning and development/direction;
- city services and staffing levels;
- the Greater Boca Raton Beach &

Park District;

- a Florida Atlantic University campus agreement and town and gown workshop;
- the university district conceptual master plan;
- a complete streets policy;
- a comprehensive waterfront master plan;
- a downtown traffic alternative study;
- the Midtown development;
- and art in public places.

The council also expects to open the city-owned Wildflower parcel on a temporary basis in September and have its seawall rebuilt, a pathway constructed and an overall design for a passive park completed in September 2018.

Former Deputy Mayor Constance Scott, who now handles local relations for Florida Atlantic University, was disappointed that no top or high priorities were set, saying that lets the public know what is important to city leaders.

"I believe in the process," she said.

Video of the goal-setting sessions is on the city's myboca.us webpage. Click on Government, then Agendas & Minutes. The sessions were held May 4 and 5 with the follow-up workshop June 13. ★

Wildflower formally designated as park space

By Steve Plunkett

The city-owned Wildflower parcel on the Intracoastal Waterway now has the papers to prove it's a park.

City Council members changed the site's designation on Boca Raton's comprehensive land-use plan to "recreation and open space" and rezoned the property as "public land." Before, the 2.3-acre property at the northwest base of the Palmetto Park Road bridge was labeled "commercial" and zoned for "local business."

No members of the public commented on the changes at the council's June 13 meeting. Neither did council members. The comp plan ordinance required at least four votes for adoption. It and the zoning ordinance both passed 5-0.

Last July, council members changed part of the vacant parcel from residential to commercial to accommodate a long-planned restaurant. Boca Raton bought the land in 2009 for \$7.5 million.

But voters decided in November to reserve all city-owned land on the Intracoastal for "public recreation, public boating access, public streets, and city storm water uses only."

In other business, the council approved hiring Applied Technology and Management Inc. to provide engineering services for a seawater intake and pump station system for Gumbo Limbo Nature Center's saltwater tanks.

The previous month ATM won the contract to develop architectural plans for the restoration of Lake Wyman and Rutherford parks. ★

Delray Beach

City moves closer to metered parking on Atlantic Avenue

By Jane Smith

Free parking along Atlantic Avenue west of the Intracoastal Waterway is about to become a thing of the past.

Delray Beach city commissioners directed staff to look into installing meters along the avenue to increase turnover for retailers and restaurateurs, especially between Swinton Avenue and the Intracoastal bridge.

"Because the spaces are free, employees park there all day," said Dale Sugerman, assistant city manager, when presenting a parking management plan to the commission at a mid-June workshop.

Peter Arts, a Downtown Development Authority board member and an insurance broker, said, "Metering Atlantic Avenue would preclude people from parking all day."

Nine members of the public spoke about the parking plan at the workshop. Eight were for it. Only one was against it.

"Parking meters would devastate the downtown," said David Cook, owner of Hand's Office and Arts Supply on Atlantic Avenue. He's also a former DDA chairman, who termed out of the

position.

Commissioners want to see a program that would allow residents to park for free after purchasing passes. That program also would cover seasonal residents.

"It could be a pre-purchase program for the garages and surface lots," Commissioner Mitch Katz said.

Commissioners also want to see a breakdown of the revenue balanced by the costs of the new parking system, including meters and personnel.

"I want to see revenue versus costs," said Commissioner Shelly Petrolia. Previous staffers have said, "An army would be needed to make this work."

Her fellow commissioners agreed that they want to see the options available for the city lots and on side streets before approving the parking management plan. They want to see a range of rates and new hours that the meters will be enforced.

The city has 3,277 parking spaces in the downtown and on the barrier island, Sugerman said.

Smart meters already are installed in the city's six surface lots on the barrier island and on Atlantic Avenue east of the Intracoastal. The meters, which can

take various forms of payment, will be installed along Ocean Boulevard after the beachfront construction is completed in the fall.

The barrier island has a total of 700 spaces, Sugerman said.

Smart meters recently were installed in the city's two garages, which have 727 spaces. Parking is free there most of the time. The city charges a flat rate of \$5 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday after 4 p.m. and during special events.

In June, Lanier Parking Management took over as the parking manager. Its duties include collecting revenue from the meters, issuing citations, staffing the garages and maintaining the meters.

Patrons can download a ParkMobile application that will allow them to pay the meter by using a smart phone. People who downloaded the app reported on social media that it was easy to use.

An employee program did not go over well, according to Sugerman's report.

Earlier this year, the city worked with the DDA to set up an employee parking program in the South County garage for \$20 a month. Parking hours were 3 p.m. to 3 a.m. and a Downtown Roundabout Trolley would provide free rides to the

garage.

But no employee passes were purchased, according to the report. Employees said they could park much closer to their job sites for free, were afraid of entering the garage late at night with a day's tips in their pockets and were inconvenienced by waiting for a trolley.

Commissioners were not interested in setting up an employee parking program. They pointed out that parking is free in the city garages until 4 p.m.

As to the rates, Sugerman told commissioners that no other town charges more than \$3 per hour.

Some commissioners want higher rates for Atlantic Avenue.

"We are a hot spot," Petrolia said. She would like to see the higher rates during weekend night hours for Atlantic Avenue, between Swinton and Northeast/Southeast Fifth avenues.

Mayor Cary Glickstein agreed. "Friday and Saturday nights, when it is impossible to find a space along Atlantic Avenue," he said, "people should pay for the convenience of parking close to their destinations." ★

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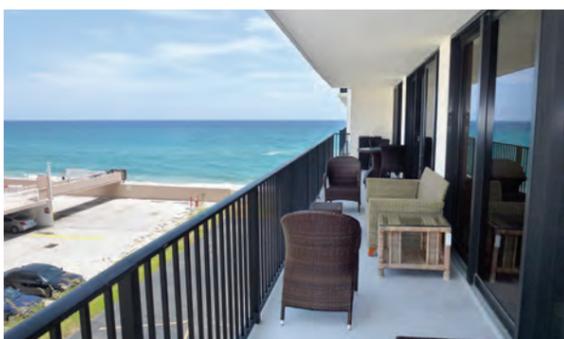
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Mayor Keith Waters says a proposal to add a 60-room hotel and 70 condos to the 15-acre Ziff estate would represent a seismic shift in the land use, planning and zoning of Manalapan. The lush vegetation of the grounds conceals the 33-room mansion and other buildings. **File photo/The Coastal Star**

Manalapan

Commission to listen further about development idea for Ziff property

By Dan Moffett

Think about the Ziff property, that 15-acre parcel of pristine undeveloped land at the southern tip of Manalapan — a natural preserve that offers a glimpse of the unspoiled Florida that Spanish explorers might have seen when they visited the hemisphere five centuries ago.

Now think about the Ziff property with a 60-room hotel on the Intracoastal Waterway side, 70 condominiums rising on the oceanfront and parking for dozens of cars and delivery vehicles.

That's what Tony Imbesi asked Manalapan

commissioners to consider when he told them about his idea for the iconic property, known as Gemini to the Ziff family.

Imbesi, 26, is the son of real estate investor Joseph Imbesi, who lives on Lands End Road in the town. Five years ago, Joseph Imbesi sold the Bal Harbour Club in Miami-Dade County to an Argentine developer for \$220 million. The deal made way for the Oceana Bal Harbour condo tower that stands there today.

The Imbesis are seeing the same kind of potential for big things when they look at the Ziff property.

"This would be a very special

condo hotel," Tony Imbesi told the commission on June 13. Rooms would go for between \$2,000 and \$5,000 a night, "a seven-star hotel," he said.

Manalapan's existing luxury hotel, the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, would be unaffected by the Imbesis' vision, they say.

"This is something that wouldn't compete with the Eau but complement it," Tony Imbesi said.

The condo building would have "a small footprint and tall height" to preserve more of the 1,500 tropical plant species around it. The existing 33-room mansion on the property also would be preserved.

Tony Imbesi came to the commissioners with no plans, drawings, studies or even details about the proposal. He was looking only for feedback to gauge how realistic his ambitious venture might be.

"If they go along with it," he said of the commissioners, "it's extremely realistic."

Mayor Keith Waters told Imbesi the project would represent a seismic shift in land use, planning and zoning for Manalapan, changing population density, traffic patterns and even political apportionment.

Town Manager Linda Stumpf said the administrative work needed to move such

a project through town regulatory reviews would take at least two years in itself.

Waters advised Imbesi to continue to solicit opinions about the idea from Manalapan residents and reminded him that the town is determined to remain "a small enclave, a little jewel." The mayor said the commission will listen to the responses from the community that are sure to be coming.

One recent change has made the Imbesi plan more realistic. The Ziff family cut the selling price of their compound by \$30 million to \$165 million, hoping to attract more buyers. ★

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Delray Beach

City could seek CEO type as manager

City commissioners will select a firm this month to search for a permanent city manager.

Interim City Manager Neal de Jesus told Delray Beach commissioners in early June that he would serve through the upcoming budget cycle. That should give the commission enough time to find a new city manager, de Jesus said.

City commissioners have talked about hiring a business executive, a chief executive officer, as the next city manager.

"It's not an easy town to run," Mayor Cary Glickstein said at the meeting. "We have a \$150 million budget and five bosses. You have to pay for what you get."

The current salary range for the city manager is \$127,108

to \$203,000. The city needs to advertise a base salary of \$200,000 to \$275,000, de Jesus said earlier in the year.

As the interim city manager, de Jesus makes \$187,012.80. He received that salary in March when his contract was amended to equal the pay of the former city manager.

He also receives a \$2,000 monthly housing allowance. When de Jesus returns to being the fire chief, he will make \$159,515.20.

Also at the early June meeting, de Jesus withdrew a third amended contract that would have paid him \$200,000 and given him 24 weeks of vacation. The contract also would have raised his fire chief salary to equal his pay as interim city manager.

—Jane Smith

Commissioners select members for CRA board

Architect Reggie Cox will serve another four years on the city's Community Redevelopment Agency board.

Three new members will join him: Morris Carstarphen, Annette Gray and Allen "Sandy" Zeller.

It took two meetings to fill the four open seats because Commissioner Mitch Katz missed the first meeting due to a travel delay.

Cox was Mayor Cary Glickstein's CRA pick at the City Commission's first June meeting.

Vice Mayor Jim Chard and Deputy Vice Mayor Shirley Johnson agreed, but Commissioner Shelly Petrolia did not. She wanted new candidates. The vote was 3-1.

Johnson's two nominations ended in tied votes. Then Chard selected Carstarphen, a businessman who used to be a

Target Stores manager, as his pick. The three others agreed.

At the second June meeting, Katz selected Gray, a real estate broker and entrepreneur who had served on the CRA board previously. The vote was 4-1, with the mayor dissenting. Gray was one of Johnson's picks that ended in a tied vote two weeks earlier.

Zeller, a real estate lawyer with municipal board experience, was Petrolia's selection.

At the first June meeting, his pick did not receive a second. Petrolia deferred rather than lose that selection. At the second meeting Zeller's selection received unanimous approval.

Terms for the new CRA board members begin July 1.

—Jane Smith

Lantana/Lake Worth

MPO workshop July 22 to study Federal Highway

A public outreach campaign for the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization's multimodal study of the U.S.-1 corridor from Boca Raton to Jupiter continues with a workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 22 at the Lake Worth Art Center. The study focuses on potential improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and transit along the 42-mile stretch of U.S. 1, including Hypoluxo, Lantana and Lake Worth.

The Saturday workshop, one of several held throughout the county, includes an introductory presentation, a walking tour to audit existing

facilities and needs, followed by group discussion on observed problems and potential solutions.

The purpose is to develop a comprehensive plan to implement continuous multimodal facilities that connect the communities along the corridor, including upgraded Palm Tran bus service.

Open studio/charrettes will follow July 24-26 at Lake Worth Art Center, 1121 Lucerne Ave., Lake Worth. For more information, see www.palmbeachmpo.org.

—Mary Thurwachter

Publix and Whole Foods may add Delray Beach locations

By Jane Smith

Two areas of Delray Beach may soon see new grocery stores in their neighborhoods.

In the south side of the city, a type of Whole Foods Market likely will open in late 2018 in Delray Plaza, now called Lavers International Plaza.

The Delray Beach location at 600 W. Linton Blvd. could be the first 365-branded store in Florida, according to the Whole Foods website. The 365 stores are smaller and focus on produce.

In the Set, made up of the Northwest and Southwest neighborhoods along Atlantic Avenue, a Publix store could open in 2019.

The city's Community Redevelopment Agency agreed to sell 2.75 acres in the 600 block of West Atlantic to a broker for Publix. The grocery chain has 150 days to allow its real estate committee to review the site. The price will be \$2 million for the land, where Publix could construct a 25,000-square-foot store.

"There's a whole process this has to go through," said Randy Holihan, president of Pasadena Capital Inc., a real estate broker in Orlando. "Everyone is putting the cart before the horse."

But residents living in the Set have waited more than 30 years to have a grocery store within their community.

"It's been in the plans for a long time," said resident Angie Gray, who is a residential real estate agent and former city commissioner.

After the CRA board approved the deal on June 8, the meeting room erupted in applause.

The Lavers Plaza store is further along with its plans. The project's site plan was approved by the city in May.

Steve Collins, of S.J. Collins Enterprises of Georgia, represented the project before the city's Site Plan Review and Appearance board.

He could not be reached for comment.

But other indicators point to the location as suitable for a 365-branded store from Whole Foods. The 365 concept, named after the chain's private-label brand, was created as the answer to critics who said Whole Foods' products are too expensive.

The 365 stores carry one-third of the products of the traditional Whole Foods Market and have more self-service departments, such as for meat and seafood, John Mackey, co-CEO of Whole Foods, said at the Oppenheimer Consumer Conference last year. As a result, Mackey said, labor costs are lower and the 365 stores are less expensive to run.

The 365 stores also feature a loyalty program and have in-store "grocerants," food boutiques set up by entrepreneurs.

The Lavers Plaza 365 store would be approximately 30,025 square feet and offer outside dining.

The site is less than a mile west of a Trader Joe's grocery store in Delray Place. Market basket surveys of similar items in Trader Joe's and 365 by Whole Foods showed that prices in both were similar.

When announcing its Whole Foods chain purchase in mid-June, Amazon threw the grocery chain a lifeline.

Its \$13.7 billion acquisition, expected to close by the end of the year, came after several quarters of declining sales at Whole Foods stores that had been open at least one year. The declining sales had attracted some activist investors who pressed for a sale.

The deal could help the Whole Foods chain buy more higher-quality products at lower prices, several analysts have said.

So far, Amazon has said little about how it intends to run the Whole Foods chain. ★

—Rich Pollack contributed to this story



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Ocean Ridge

Commissioners irked manager didn't catch accounting problems

By Dan Moffett

Ocean Ridge Vice Mayor James Bonfiglio says he's spent hours in recent weeks trying to figure out what went wrong



Titcomb

with the town's financial record-keeping last year. He's not happy about that. And he's not happy that Town Manager Jamie Titcomb failed to catch the problems months ago — and then didn't tell the commission immediately when he found out about the errors.

"When were you planning on telling us that our books didn't balance?" Bonfiglio asked Titcomb during the June 5 town meeting. "It's the manager's job to catch this. Your hair should have been on fire."

Titcomb accepted responsibility and told the commission he's been taking a forensic approach to finding the source of the technical problems.

Bonfiglio said he has talked on the phone for hours with the town's auditor and a data consultant the town had to hire to undo the damage caused by an apparent software glitch.

About a year ago, Bonfiglio said, something went wrong with transmission of the town's monthly financial statements. Incoming revenues were not recorded in the data collection.

This went on for nearly a year, the vice mayor said, until the town's auditor, Ron Bennett of Nolan, Holt & Miner, caught the problem in February during his annual review of the town's books.

Bennett advised Titcomb to hire the data retrieval consultant to find the glitch and reconstruct the missing data.

The consultant charged the town roughly \$7,000 to straighten out the mess — a bill Bonfiglio and Commissioner Steve Coz think the town would have avoided had Titcomb been more vigilant.

"Nobody was balancing the books," Bonfiglio said. "Nobody was reconciling the monthly statements to the

general ledger." Commissioners said they were also annoyed the manager kept them in the dark about the consultant's hiring until it came up as a surprise during a budget workshop in May.

Titcomb has said he thinks the data loss was caused either by a lightning strike in March 2016 or by an appending glitch that occurred when two employees tried to work in the system at the same time.

He also said reassignment of some staff duties and outdated accounting software have contributed to problems.

The vice mayor said only Titcomb and Town Clerk Tracey Stevens are authorized to reconcile the monthly statements, so the blame shouldn't go to office staff members.

"Nobody was balancing the books."
Vice Mayor James Bonfiglio

"It really doesn't have to do with software or changing assignments," Bonfiglio said.

"This should have come to somebody's attention in March [2016]."

The commissioners and Titcomb do agree, however, that the town has received all the money it was supposed to receive, and the problem does not go beyond record-keeping.

"To me, it is my responsibility," Titcomb told the commission. "You hired me to fix and evolve and modernize legacy systems in this town. I have taken the approach of trying to forensically understand why certain things aren't working properly and gone about trying to break them to fix them."

Mayor Geoff Pugh told Titcomb: "You are the finance manager and the budgetary manager. You should have seen those zeros and figured it out."

Titcomb said the problem is obvious in hindsight but was not as apparent last year.

He told commissioners corrections made to the system will prevent problems going forward.

The manager said he expects Bennett to give the town a clean bill of health when he makes his audit report this summer.

Said Bonfiglio, "Frankly, I'm disappointed."

In other business, commissioners directed Police Chief Hal Hutchins to put up a "No Unloading or Loading" sign at the east end of Beachway Drive and to work with Titcomb to develop a plan for changing the traffic pattern on the street.

The commission wants to consider the plan at the July 10 meeting. ★

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Delray Beach

No *arr*-gument: Improved schools cement All-America City honor

By Jane Smith

The Delray Beach trio came to the All-America City convention with data to show the city had improved grade-level reading and reduced chronic absenteeism among kindergartners through third graders in its public schools.

But what made Delray's presentation stand out from those of the 26 other finalists at the Denver convention was the pirate skit — performed in costume.

Delray Beach won the award from the National Civic League for the third time. It recognizes the best in civic innovation.

Education Coordinator Janet Meeks, Mayor Cary Glickstein and veteran performer Joe Gillie — the retired president

of the Old School Square complex — represented Delray Beach at the mid-June convention.

Meeks and Glickstein held up a treasure map while Gillie gave a dramatic reading of the journey the city made in reaching its grade-level reading goal. They wore tricorne hats, eye patches with skull-and-crossbones logos and long-sleeved navy T-shirts, each with an All-America patch on the upper left chest.

"It was fun," Meeks said. "We found gold through reading."

No other groups wore costumes at the convention, she said.

The pirate skit was based on the Palm Beach County School District's summer reading

program, Meeks said. The district has four themes in this summer's program, including one on pirates.

The push for the award started in 2012 when the city joined the Civic League's campaign to improve third-grade level reading levels.

Delray Beach partnered with the school district to collect data for the city's public schools from kindergarten through third grade.

"The whole community worked together, scaling and aligning resources," Meeks said. "We started with \$14,000 to \$15,000 of seed money, and now we have \$5 million in resources," including 50,000 books, donated over five years. ★



Delray Beach's team wore pirate costumes during its presentation as the city earned an All-America City award for the third time. From left are Mayor Cary Glickstein, Education Coordinator Janet Meeks and Joe Gillie, retired president of the city's Old School Square complex. Photo provided

TRANSIT

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Boca Raton and eventually expand to other areas of the city.

The company also has an app for on-demand service.

"I believe we will be on the road by Oct. 1," said Michael Liss, an attorney who represents The Free Ride.

Downtown CEO Stephen Murray, whose company operates in Delray Beach, Tampa and two other cities, declined in March to say why he pulled out of the city.

"We're very interested in coming back to the city of Boca," he told *The Coastal Star* on June 12.

City Manager Leif Ahnell said any company could start providing service immediately as long as no city subsidy is involved.

Even though they are pleased the companies

want to operate in the city, council members agreed to proceed in July with a request for proposals from private operators. That process could be halted if Slidr and The Free Ride are operating successfully in the city.

"I would love to see private industry step up as soon as possible," said Deputy Mayor Jeremy Rodgers.

A survey completed in June showed that Boca Raton businesses, residents and visitors want alternative downtown transportation.

The city posted the survey on social media, emailed it to downtown businesses and sent it to downtown property managers to share with their tenants. The Downtowner emailed the survey to its former Boca Raton riders.

A total of 1,759 downtown residents, visitors and people who work downtown

responded, a far higher number than city officials expected. In all, 75 percent were interested or very interested in using an alternative downtown transportation service.

Sixty-five percent favored an on-demand service, while 19 percent wanted a trolley system that would have a fixed route downtown. Most wanted electric vehicles.

The main reasons they cited for coming downtown were dining, shopping, nightlife and special events. Fifty-eight percent of the respondents live downtown.

"There is definitely a demand for some kind of alternative service," said Council member Robert Weinroth.

Parking garage discussed

Council members next turned their attention to building a badly needed

downtown parking garage.

The working assumption has been that the garage would be built on city-owned land behind the downtown library, two blocks north of City Hall and the Police Department and west of the FEC railroad tracks.

The city has tried for years to find a site closer to the heart of downtown, but landowners have been unwilling to sell their property.

Some council members began rethinking the location in May after Kim DeLaney, director of strategic development and policy for the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, said library land west of the railroad tracks would not be a good location for the garage.

Weinroth said he was "probably wrong" to support the library site. Mayor Susan Haynie agreed that is the wrong location.

DeLaney's argument "is persuasive," Weinroth said. "A garage between Dixie and Federal is much more valuable and gives us the garage we need."

Council member Scott Singer agreed a site east of Dixie Highway would be best. "But we don't own it," he said.

"I submit that the best solution is proceeding now with the planned site the city currently owns, rather than spend many millions to buy new downtown parcels (something we've been exploring to no avail)," he wrote on his Facebook page.

Council members will address the matter again at a July 24 CRA meeting when they expect more input from DeLaney and a city consultant. ★

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Swim Safety

Boynton Beach Public Beach, Ocean Ridge – June 22

When rough seas kicked up by Tropical Storm Cindy made it impossible to offer entry level instruction as part of the 'World's Largest Swimming Lesson,' Boynton Beach lifeguards decided to give young swimmers a chance to try surfing and provided education about rip currents. The WLSL event was held globally to help prevent drowning, the second-leading cause of injury-related deaths among children aged 1-14.

RIGHT: Lifeguard Tyler Russell assists 6-year-old Owen Finn as he tries out a surfboard. Other swim and surf classes are offered during the summer.

Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star



Along the Coast

Legal and financial help coming into play against opioid crisis

By Mary Hladky

New laws and funding are in place to crack down on the addiction treatment industry and fight the opioid crisis in Florida.

Gov. Rick Scott on June 26 signed into law wide-ranging legislation introduced by state Sen. Jeff Clemens, D-Lake Worth, and state Rep. Bill Hager, R-Boca Raton, intended to halt patient brokering and deceptive marketing.

Provisions of the legislation, consolidated under Hager's version of the bill, 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 the state Department of Children and Families to regulate treatment centers. DCF will draft rules on administrative and clinical standards by January, and licensing fees will be increased substantially to pay for the increased regulation.

"I've seen firsthand the deplorable conditions that some of these (sober home) residents live in, which cause havoc in their neighborhoods," Hager said in a statement. "With this new legislation, law enforcement will have more tools in which to arrest and subsequently prosecute bad actors."

Scott also signed into law tough penalties for possession of fentanyl, a painkiller as much

as 100 times more potent than morphine, and similar synthetic opioids. Heroin is often cut with fentanyl, making it far more deadly. Synthetic opioids are added to the list of drugs that can result in a dealer's being charged with murder if the buyer dies.

Another bill that is now law enhances collection of overdose data by allowing emergency medical technicians and paramedics to report overdoses to the Florida Department of Health. In addition, it requires hospital emergency departments to establish overdose policies.

Also signed into law is a bill that requires prescriptions filled for controlled substances be entered into a state prescription monitoring database by the end of the next business day. One of its original provisions that would have limited the initial amount of opioids prescribed to a five-day supply was stripped from the final bill.

Three legislative appropriations survived a fierce battle between Scott and legislators over the state budget.

The Sober Homes Task Force, launched last year with \$250,000 in state funding by Palm Beach County State Attorney Dave Aronberg to investigate allegations of fraud and abuse within the drug treatment industry and propose solutions, will continue its operations for another year.

Lawmakers appropriated \$300,000 to keep the task force in business.

Many key task force recommendations were incorporated into the legislation drafted by Hager and Clemens. The task force's law enforcement arm has been responsible for the arrests of nearly 30 people on charges of insurance fraud or patient brokering.

"The task force is now on track to continue its work

Delray, Boynton ordinances move forward

Two south county coastal cities are reining in rogue sober homes by strengthening their group homes ordinances.

Boynton Beach will hold a public hearing July 18 on these proposed changes:

- Have at least 300 feet between group homes. In June, city commissioners asked whether the distance could be greater. Planning staff members said they would check on that.

- Require that new group homes, including sober homes where drug users stay while going through rehabilitation, be certified. The Florida Association of Recovery Residences offers the only program recognized by the state, and it is voluntary. Existing sober homes will have until Oct. 1, 2018, to become certified.

- Group homes must obey parking regulations in neighborhoods.

Delray Beach's community residences ordinance passed through the city's Planning and Zoning Board in mid-June. Commissioners will vote this month on these changes:

- Have at least 660 feet between the group homes, if they are new.

- New sober homes will have to be certified by FARR. Existing sober homes will have until April 1, 2018, to become certified.

- Group homes must obey parking regulations in neighborhoods.

Addicts who maintain sobriety while living together are a protected class under federal laws.

—Jane Smith



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Boynton Beach

City will buy and preserve historic Woman's Club building

By Jane Smith

The grand old dame will be in good hands with the city's Community Redevelopment Agency.

Board members agreed in June to pay \$110,000 for the 91-year-old Boynton Woman's Club building, designed by famed architect Addison Mizner.

The club will use the money to continue its 40-year-old scholarship program for high school seniors to further the memory of Major Nathan S. Boynton.

"Our building belongs with the city," said Pat Waldron, the club's historic preservationist. "We are delighted an agreement has been made where the site will remain a memorial to Major Boynton, the founding father of the city, and the future leaders of the community will benefit through the scholarship trust."

Boynton Beach city commissioners sit as CRA board members. They all were enthusiastic about the deal.

"Thank you for the



Addison Mizner designed the Boynton Woman's Club building, which opened 91 years ago. Woman's Club members praised the proposed \$110,000 sale of the building to the city. **Photo provided**

opportunity to let us have the building," said Steven Grant, board chairman.

"Thanks for taking care of it for us," said Joe Casello, a board member.

The agency had the Mizner building appraised in May by

Anderson & Carr. That appraisal valued the property at \$2.4 million.

That amount went over well with board member Christina Romelus because the agency is often criticized for selling properties at a loss.

In 1925, Boynton Woman's Club members used \$35,000 from Boynton's heirs to construct the two-story building with hardwood floors, French windows and doors, and curved arches. Mizner agreed to donate his plans and supervise the construction as long as quality

materials were used and the building's worth was more than \$50,000.

The next year, the structure opened. It serves as a fine example of the Mediterranean Revival style of architecture with original wrought ironwork. The 16,262-square-foot building sits on the National Register of Historic Places and the city's register of historic places.

"It's a nice piece of property," said Warren Adams, the city's historic planner. "It's better than letting it go to a private owner."

The ideal thing is to keep

using the building, Adams said, and to keep up with the maintenance.

"This is a win-win situation for the community and for the club membership," Michele Walter, the club president, said after the meeting. "The historic building, which was built in 1924-1926, will continue to serve the community while having its historic value and history remain for future generations."

The building houses a ballroom, library and dining room and can be rented for both community and private events. The Woman's Club will continue to hold its monthly luncheons and business meetings from October through May.

The historic building sits on the eastern side of Federal Highway, just north of Woolbright Road. The agency will close on the building later this summer. Initial plans call for short-term rentals to be done by agency staff and then seeking a professional management company to operate the building.

The Woman's Club volunteers will continue to lease the property until the agency takes ownership. They have booked \$23,750 worth of events for the rest of the 2017-18 period. Annual operating costs are estimated to be \$90,000. ★

Town Square project gets vote of cash

By Jane Smith

Boynton Beach's long-awaited Town Square project received a cash infusion in mid-June.

City commissioners began the June 12 meeting in their usual places on the dais.

Midway through the meeting, they adjourned and switched name plates to their Community Redevelopment Agency positions. After voting on the agency contribution, they ended that meeting and reopened the City Commission meeting.

When all was said and done, they agreed to pay \$4.36 million in the first phase of the Town Square project. About \$1.5 million of that will go toward restoring the city's historic high school.

In addition to the high school renovations, the money will be used to create plans for the new police headquarters and fire station, and to cover other costs such as architectural, engineering, surveying and permit fees.

Members of the public will be invited to meetings in late July and early August, said Colin Groff, assistant city manager, to say what they think about uses for the high school and where the project's parks should be.

Groff said he hopes to have a contract that the City Commission can vote on in November.

Town Square's total estimated cost is \$94.5 million, Groff said. The amount will be reduced by land sales to the developer, projects that are already in the

budget for the next few years and CRA contributions, he said.

The 16.5-acre project will create a downtown-like area with a hotel, apartments, condos, townhouses and shops, just south of Boynton Beach Boulevard and between Seacrest Boulevard and Northeast First Avenue.

A new City Hall, updated city library, renovated Schoolhouse Children's Museum and restored high school will be part of the mix. Outside of the project area, a new police headquarters is tentatively set for city land on High Ridge Road, while a new Fire Station 1 will sit just east of Northeast First Avenue.

During the agency portion of the meeting, board members learned from the CRA director that the agency's share of Town Square will come from the sale of the Magnuson House, leftover dollars from the Marina project and the unused money for a proposed dog park that was not approved.

"This project is going to take a significant portion of the budget for the next four to five years," said Michael Simon, agency director. "Then it will be multiple years of payments."

The city and CRA expect to pay for their shares of the project by selling land and issuing bonds. The bonds would retire on Sept. 20, 2044, to coincide with the date the CRA sunsets, Simon said.

"This is sticker shock when you look at the CRA budget," said Justin Katz, CRA board member. "But the alternative would be to raise taxes." ★

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10 Questions

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Lyn Tate

Getting Lyn Tate to sit still for even a short time is no easy feat.

With her years in retail (including a stint working closely with legendary lingerie designer Eve Stillman at Saks Fifth Avenue on Worth Avenue in Palm Beach), plus raising two children to adulthood, and her current role as community activist in Hypoluxo Island and Lantana, Tate seems to always live her life in overdrive.

“My husband (Rock) watches old Westerns or sitcoms on TV on weekends and he says to me, ‘Can’t you relax?’ I can relax, but I look around and it’s not going to get done unless somebody does it.

“I’m like Mrs. Kravitz from the old *Bewitched* show. If anybody needs a question answered they don’t bother calling the town, they just call me. And that’s fine. I know the people to call and I’ve gained their respect. I’ve worked with them for three or four years now so they know who I am.”

Tate, 58, lost her mother at a young age and moved from Port Washington, N.Y., to South Florida with her father when she was 12. A 1980 graduate of Florida State University, she split time between retail positions and being a homemaker until son Rock graduated from college in 2013.

Then Judy Black, former president of the Hypoluxo Island Property Owners Association, pushed her until she joined the HIPOA Board, where she quickly became treasurer.

Since then it’s been one add-on after another: Planning Commission for the town of Lantana, chairwoman of the Lantana Education Council, chairwoman of council member Malcolm Balfour’s election campaign, chairwoman of traffic calming for Hypoluxo Island.

“So it’s funny,” she said with a grin, “I’m just sort of getting real big.”

— Brian Biggane

Q. Where did you grow up and go to school? How has that influenced you?

A. I’m definitely a New Yorker. From Port Washington, N.Y. My mother passed when I was 10, so I had my father and my older brother raising me from that point. My father retired and came to Florida when I was in eighth grade, so I had to retire, too, which is what brought me to Florida.

Because of my superior New York education, I wound up in the advance classes down here.

I put myself financially through college, worked from when I was 16, mostly in retail. I spent 10 years with Saks Fifth Avenue, which was pretty cool. That influenced our family in a big way, because both of our children went North to go to college. So I really believe in



Lyn Tate with her dachshunds Sir Charles, 12, and Duke, 4, outside her Hypoluxo Island home. Tate is a community activist for the island and the town of Lantana. Tim Stepien / The Coastal Star

having that kind of exposure. I love Lantana and South Florida, but there’s more than that.

But it sort of backfired, because our son opened his business in New Jersey. But we love going back to visit. And Linda, our daughter, was there a long time. She went to Rutgers and stayed three or four years up there after graduation, but now she’s back here.

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

A. In retail I got to know Eve Stillman, a famous designer with whom I worked a lot toward the end of my career, so that was a big deal. Lingerie was big with her. There are other designers, but she liked me a lot and we had a great relationship. That was primarily in the Palm Beach Saks Fifth Avenue. I trained in Bal Harbour, moved to Atlanta, opened a variety of stores, came back to Boca Raton, they transferred me to Palm Beach, and then we decided to raise a

family.

In my second profession, motherhood, I’m just proud of the people my kids turned out to be. They’re hardworking people, they give back to society, so I’m proud of that.

In the community part, they call me MacGyver now. I get things done. I’m sort of creative in my approach, and I have zest, and I guess I’m just really proud that I can stand on my own at 58 years old now and say, “Hi, I’m Lyn Tate.” It’s a little more about me right now.

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

A. Find your passion. When I went to Florida State I picked a program that had a 100 percent graduation rate and job placement. I got sort of cookie-cuttered in. My husband has been with the same firm for 34 years now. That’s not what it’s about today. We were loyal to our trade. Now you just don’t stay 34 years with a company. You better be passionate about what you do now.

And find something that gives back. My children —

Linda is great, she’s a mentor with a program that gives back to athletes, and our son has taken high school kids under his wing and given them internship programs.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Hypoluxo Island?

A. My husband and I were renting in Delray and we decided to buy a home. We looked for over a year, and just couldn’t find anything we could afford. So the woman who gave him his college loan to go to Brown University called and said she was selling this house. I came over and looked and said no way. The trees were overgrown. It wasn’t what I wanted.

Two weeks before she left she was going to give it to a Realtor and called and said, “I’m out of here,” and we were exhausted from looking. We came, got a hot dog over at the old Hawaiian, and we looked, and I said, I can’t believe I’m going to buy this old house.

Then I started thinking about the crown molding in the living room, about the

character. We had to do a lot of work on it. My father worked like 20 hours a week, we painted it, cleaned everything, tiled everything, carpeted everything. We moved in and I was laying tile on the floor a month before my daughter was born, and I couldn’t get up. I said, “OK, I’m done, you have to finish.”

Q. What do you like most about Hypoluxo Island?

A. I was taking a bike ride today and helped a blue crab across the street. That’s what I like. The butterflies, the birds, the blue crabs. We used to have red foxes, and still have one come by every now and then. But it’s really the nature. It’s so beautiful. We feel like we’re on our own little island.

And as far as safety goes, we’ve really educated people on the island that if they see something, say something. We have a camera at the entrance and exit of the island, so that’s good, but the people have really become aware that we need to look out for each other.

Q. What book are you reading now?

A. *See Me*, by Nicholas Sparks. He’s amazing. I’ve read every one of his books.

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

A. I have everything from the Monkees to Frank Sinatra, and I have the same music for stress relief or to relax. Whatever it is, it’s my go-to. And if ’70s music comes on we start dancing, my husband and I. Typically, though, other than the morning news, I try to listen to the noise of the island. I’d rather listen to the birds and whatever.

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

A. “Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass, it’s about learning how to dance in the rain.” (Anonymous) That’s really my mantra. I was probably always like that because of different times in my life when it wasn’t so easy.

Q. Have you had mentors in your life? Individuals who inspired your life decisions?

A. With my mother passing when I was young, definitely my brother, Andy, and my father, Andrew. Also my husband. My father taught me everything, which is why they call me MacGyver, because I can fix anything. My brother never let me say no. He was like, “You will go to college, you will get a job.”

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

A. Helen Mirren. She’s a timeless, ageless beauty who’s smart, witty and strong.

Obituaries

Dr. Pinghui Victor Liu

By Rich Pollack

BOCA RATON — Even in retirement, Dr. Pinghui Victor Liu remained a scientist.

A microbiologist, physician, and tenured professor at the University of Louisville, Dr. Liu was a leader in his field and in the 1960s discovered two kinds of exotoxins from a common type of bacteria.



Those toxins led to sometimes-fatal illnesses in patients.

"This was a bug that would kill people," said his daughter, Dr. Nancy Liu, a Boca Raton

physician.

Her father's research led to the development of treatments for illnesses from the toxins created by the bacteria, with his work resulting in the publication of more than 40 of his scientific papers.

A resident of Boca Raton following his retirement in 1997, Dr. Liu was 93 when he died on June 6.

While living in South Florida, Dr. Liu — known by friends and neighbors as Victor — enjoyed gardening and was always searching for ways to improve his plants and fruit trees, testing a variety of fertilizers and alternative growing techniques.

"He was always a scientist and always experimenting," his daughter said.

Born in Taiwan in 1924, Dr. Liu trained in Japan at the Tokyo Jikei Kai Medical School.

He was in Japan during World War II and following the war was able to find one of the few

jobs available, working as a technician at a U.S. Army microbiology lab in Tokyo.

He wrote his first research paper while working in the lab, but one of the Army officers removed his name and took credit for the work.

He wrote his second paper on his own time and was able to get credit for the work.

Encouraged to move to the United States to continue his research by those who believed he had a bright future in the field, Dr. Liu landed an internship in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he would endure anti-Asian sentiment. There he encountered patients who refused to be seen by him, his daughter said.

He would later do his residency at the University of Kentucky Medical School and, also armed with a Ph.D., became a tenured professor there, continuing his research and teaching microbiology classes.

Internationally recognized for his scientific work, Dr. Liu lectured all over the world and continued to travel for enjoyment after his retirement.

"He had an interesting perspective on life because he had lived in three different cultures," his daughter said.

Dr. Liu is survived by his wife of 58 years, Chiameng Judy Liu; his son, Albert Liu; his daughter and her husband, Dr. James Houle; as well as granddaughters, Camille Houle and Lauren Houle.

A memorial service for Dr. Liu was held on June 17. Contributions in his memory can be made to the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation at brrh.com.

Bernell Stein

By Steven J. Smith

BOCA RATON — Bernell Stein lived a remarkably self-sufficient life marked by successful forays into retail sales, the founding of several businesses and ultimately a devotion to community service, according to her daughter, Elodie F. McAllister.



"She was fiercely independent and really lived life on her own terms," McAllister said. "Some might say she wasn't exactly a

people person. She went down a lot of different roads, but she always looked out for my brother Arlen and me."

Ms. Stein died in her Boca Raton home May 17 following several years of declining health. She was 82.

McAllister said her mother always embraced life, asserting, "it was never dull."

Born in St. Louis on June 23, 1934, Ms. Stein excelled at U-City High as a senior year delegate for Junior Achievement. Although she attended Washington University for only one semester before opting to get married at 18 to start a family, her daughter said she found her calling in retail sales after her 1969 divorce and later in developing her own businesses.

"She worked at a department store in St. Louis and later founded the dating service Zodiac Introductions," McAllister said. "She was

always interested in astrology and felt it was relevant in matching people romantically by their birth signs."

McAllister said her mother founded another business, Creative Professional Marketing, before moving the family from Creve Coeur, Mo., to South Florida in 1971. It was here that she got into real estate and joined the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce.

"She loved the sand, the water and the warm weather," McAllister said. "She hated the cold and the snow. Florida was paradise to her with the palm trees, banana trees, orchids and roses she surrounded herself with."

In the last 20 years of her life, Ms. Stein enjoyed donating her time to the Boca Raton Library, the Children's Museum and the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, to name a few.

"That was when she was in her 60s and 70s and was retired," McAllister said. "She always wanted to stay involved with the community."

Ms. Stein also liked to travel alone, visiting such places as China, Bali, French Polynesia,

Europe, the Galapagos Islands, South America and Canada's Yukon Territory, to name a few.

McAllister said for many years she and her mother were very different people, but in the end she realized how alike — and connected — they were.

"That was actually the theme of my eulogy," she said. "We didn't always understand or appreciate each other when I was young, but as I got older I realized that in my own way I was a lot like her — bucking trends, not caring so much what others think, shunning popular fashions. She was very independent minded, which takes courage in our society."

In addition to her daughter, Ms. Stein is survived by her sister, Marilyn (Lou) Salini, of St. Louis; son, Arlen (Patti) Fischlowitz; grandchildren, Elyssa (Ben) Holzer, Andrea Fischlowitz (Brandon Weiss) and Ross B. McAllister; and great-grandchildren, Jude William Holzer and Mika Priscilla Weiss. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to Trustbridge hospice in West Palm Beach or M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Walter Helmut Baum

By Emily J. Minor

GULF STREAM — Walter Helmut Baum, a well-known lifeguard at Delray Beach's Anchor Park S5 beach lifeguard station for nearly two decades, died June 17 from complications



of a stroke he suffered five days earlier. He was 55.

Jill Baum, his wife — whom he met on the beach, at that very station about 15 years ago — said it was all quite a shock.

"He had no history of heart trouble, high blood pressure, cholesterol. Nothing," she said. "He was a stud."

Mr. Baum was also quite the character.

He loved to be called by all sorts of names, which he often pulled from nowhere. Among his favorites? Rocket Wildcard, Perry, Waldi, Wally, Helmut and Papa.

He often dressed like a caricature of himself — maybe a soccer cap, a Dolphins jersey, and sports socks pulled up to his knees. And he often carried a to-go cup when he walked out of the house, a sweet cottage the couple bought in 2014 several years after their daughter, Juliet, was born.

Mr. Baum was born in Graz, Austria, on July 23, 1961, the only child of Walter and Gerda Baum. After living through the war, the couple left Austria, eventually ending up in Washington, D.C. Mr. Baum, only 3 years old at the time, spent the rest of his youth there, his wife said, and attended the German School Washington D.C.

After high school, he moved to Florida to study hospitality at Florida International University. It was then that his love affair began with the ocean and surfing.

After a decade or so of working in hotels, Mr. Baum decided to go for his dream —

ocean rescue. He worked out, schmoozed the beach-patrol secretary, worked out some more, and made the Ocean Rescue Lifeguard/EMT team.

And he was loved.

When his boss visited him in the hospital a few days after his stroke, as he was very much slipping away, he came to for a moment and winked at her, his wife said. "Walter was a character," she said, simply.

But while he was usually the life of any party, Mr. Baum was also extremely emotional, she said. After his mother and stepfather were killed in a car accident about five years ago, "he was a mess," she said.

His own father lived nearby and — oddly, in retrospect — suffered a stroke during a family birthday celebration about a year ago. He then lived five days, just like Mr. Baum.

Through all that sadness, Mr. Baum latched onto the two big loves in his life: his wife, Jill, whom he married in 2004, and their daughter, Juliet, now 6. About two years ago, he even left beach patrol and took a lifeguard position at a city pool so he could spend more time with family.

His wife said he was hit hard in 2014 when their daughter was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, a chronic disease that requires insulin delivery. Indeed, the family is asking that memorials for Mr. Baum be made in his name to: Juvenile Diabetes Research, 1641 Worthington Road, Unit 340, West Palm Beach, FL 33409.

"He was a sensitive guy," his wife said. "But he was so handsome and he had such charisma."

Services were June 21 at the family's church, First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach. Besides his wife and daughter, he is survived by longtime family friend Marguerite Rosner, whom he called his "fairy godmother." His dog, Brandy, also survives him.

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Business Spotlight

Granger's departure leaves Delray Chamber looking

Cathy Balestriere, board chairwoman of the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, announced the installation of an interim leadership team following the recent resignation of **Karen Granger** as president and CEO.

"We are grateful for Karen's accomplishments and years of dedicated service to this valuable organization. We wish her well in her future and look forward to her continued participation as a valued member of our community," said Balestriere.

The new leadership team, **Vin Nolan** and **Donald S. Schneider**, will serve as interim co-CEOs until a permanent replacement is in place.

Nolan comes to the chamber from the Florida Small Business Development Center at Palm Beach State College, where he was regional director and managed staff that provided consulting services to small businesses throughout the county. Prior to that, he was economic development director for the city of Delray Beach.

Schneider is a business executive who had global leadership roles at corporations that included General Electric,

Bertelsmann, The New York Times Co., AON and ADVO, with particular emphasis on financial services, technology, start-ups and turnarounds.

"Together, they will oversee the chamber's day-to-day operations, as we initiate a search to find a new CEO," Balestriere says.

More than 45 vendors and 250 guests participated at the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce's annual **Delray Business Expo** in May. The event was sponsored by The Conde Center for Chiropractic Neurology, CenterState Bank and Signarama.

Sarah Pearson was promoted to executive vice president of the **Boca Chamber** in May. She has been with the chamber since 2011, previously serving as the senior vice president of external relations.

During September, diners can enjoy bites of the Big Apple through the Boca Chamber's inaugural **Boca Restaurant Month**, which will have a "Boca Loves New York" theme. Participating restaurants will serve three-course meals at reduced prices and offer at least



Property Matters, a real estate company with an Anglo-American team, has launched its first office in Boca Raton with plans to expand into locations along the coast from West Palm Beach to Miami Beach.

Property Matters was founded by partners Ted Brown, Simon Isaacs and Paul Ross. The office is in The Monterey, Suite A, 5499 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton.

LEFT: Paul Ross (left), Simon Isaacs (center) and Ted Brown pose in a British telephone booth, signifying the Anglo-American roots of the company.

Photo provided



Granger



Pearson

one New York-inspired dish or cocktail.

Lunches will be priced at \$21 through \$25, and dinners will be priced at \$36 through \$40. For a list of participating restaurants visit www.bocarestaurantmonth.com.

Glenn Jergensen, executive director of the Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council, is scheduled to be the featured speaker at the **Greater Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce's** networking luncheon at 11:30 a.m. July 12. It will be held at

Benvenuto Restaurant, 1730 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Cost is \$35 for non-members. Call 732-9501.

The Festival Management Group's **Sizzlin' Summer Social Series** offers three evenings that combine craft cocktails, activities and food pairings.

"Rum, Rhythm & Rumba," from 8 to 10 p.m. July 8, will feature a Fred Astaire dance program, along with pineapple rum punch, spiced-rum Planters Punch, Cruzan Apple craft cocktails and light bites.

At "Vodka Riot," 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 12, vodka-infused dishes will be offered by chefs Joey Giannuzzi of the Farmer's Table, Blake Malatesta of MIA Kitchen Bar, Eric Baker of Max's Harvest, Jessie Steele of Death or Glory and Thomas Op't Holt of 50 Ocean.

At "Bottomless Bloody Mary & Brunch on a Stick," 1-3 p.m. Aug. 27, meals on a skewer will be prepared by chefs from Ceviche 401, Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar, Death or Glory, and Pizza Rustica.

These events will be held at the Old School Square Fieldhouse, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Tickets cost \$45 and must be purchased at least two days before each event.

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Liz Balmaseda, food editor for the Palm Beach Post, describes her experience at Josie's as follows:
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Eric Gordon, chairman of Akerman LLP law firm's Labor & Employment Practice Group, was installed as president of the **South Palm Beach County Bar Association** on June 10 at the Association's 56th Annual Installation Gala at the Woodfield Country Club in Boca Raton.

Gordon will serve a one-year term. For two decades, Gordon has represented employers in labor and employment matters across a range of sectors, including telecommunications, hospitality, health care, retail and financial services. His work has earned him recognition in "The Best Lawyers in America" for employment law and Florida's "Super Lawyers" for employment and labor and business litigation.

Gordon previously was the managing partner of Akerman's Palm Beach County offices. He formerly served on the board of directors for the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County, and as a trustee for the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. He also is a past president of the Human Resource Association of Palm Beach County.

In May, members of the **Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches** voted to merge with the **Greater Fort Lauderdale Realtors**. This merger will form the third largest local Realtor association in the nation in becoming the **Realtors of the Palm Beaches and Greater Fort Lauderdale**, according to the National Association of Realtors.

"The merging of these two boards represents more than 25,000 association members and 30,000 MLS subscribers. The merged association's multiple listing services will carry more than 40,000 on-market listings, totaling over \$21 billion in inventory," said **John Slivon**, president of the Palm Beach County association.

Dionna Hall will be installed as the CEO of the merged association and MLS.



Most 90-year-olds could use a little TLC. For only the second time in its history, the 1926 Colony Hotel on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach was tented for termites in June and reopened June 16. The grand old dame is recognized by the city as a historic landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**



The Palm Beach Kennel Club's greyhound adoptions received assistance from (l-r) Theresa Hume and Sherri Carter of the kennel club; Elizee Michel of Westgate CRA; Carolee Ellison (with Stretch) of Awesome Greyhound Adoptions; Duane Meeks of Potentia Academy; Dick Busto of Autism Project of Palm Beach County; Pat Rooney Jr. and Alexis Barbish of the kennel club; Lynelle Zelnar of Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, and Jon Buechele Jr. of Pathways to Independence. **Photo provided**

Holiday Fenoglio Fowler announced June 15 that it had closed the \$59.75 million sale of **Peninsula Executive Center**, 2381 and 2385 Executive Center Drive, Boca Raton. HFF marketed the 187,784-square-foot, Class A office property for the seller and found the buyer, C. Talanian Realty Co. Also, HFF worked on behalf of the new owner to secure \$33.5 million in financing through Principal Real Estate Investors.

Peninsula Executive Center consists of two four-story office buildings and a 742-space parking structure. The property is 97 percent leased and is anchored by Newell Brands. The HFF team was led by senior managing directors Chris Drew and Hermen Rodriguez,

director Ike Ojala, associate director Brian Gaswirth and associate Matthew McCormack.

"Mar-Cielo," a home at 701 S. Ocean Boulevard, Delray Beach, sold for \$13.375 million on May 16, according to public records. The 1948-era, five-bedroom house, with 7,000 total square feet, sits on over an acre with 120 feet on the ocean. **Bradford Miller** of the **Corcoran Group** represented the seller, 701 S. Ocean LLC, which lists Thomas J. Campbell as the registered agent and manager.

Previously, the property sold for \$12 million in 2015.

The **Palm Beach Kennel Club's** sponsoring of free adoptions resulted in 56

greyhounds finding homes during National Greyhound Pet Adoption Month in April.

Palm Beach Kennel Club works with **Awesome Greyhound Adoptions, Elite Greyhounds, Forever Greyhounds, Greyhound Pet Adoptions/Florida Southeast and Greyed A Greyhounds.**

The Kennel Club will also sponsor free adoptions in October. The adoption groups offer applications online and will interview potential families. Once applicants are approved, the pets are placed and the groups offer continued support.

"Guess you could say I flunked Retirement," **George Kientzy** laughed as he described the overwhelming, heartfelt

response from customers and friends that led him to forego the idea of closing his jewelry store, **Kientzy & Co.**, on east Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach.

"The outpouring from the community was amazing, so we have decided to scale back our hours instead of closing," **Mary Kientzy** added.

The store's hours will be Tuesday through Thursday, 10am-4pm while the summer sale continues. Stop back in to say hello again, 1053 East Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, 561-272-4545.



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Paws Up for Pets



Gulf Stream Police Chief Edward Allen holds Chief, a kitten rescued from construction debris. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Paws for celebration

By Arden Moore

Critters in crisis discover cops are friends — and saviors



Members of the Gulf Stream Police Department stand ready to assist anyone in their coastal town, and that includes those who meow, waddle or swim. In a recent four-day span, a tiny orphaned kitten, seven trapped ducklings and a tangled sea turtle owed their gratitude — and their lives — to police officers who patrol this 2-mile stretch of A1A and part of U.S. 1.

Chief Edward Allen, who rose up the ranks and now heads this department in his 29th year of service, has learned to expect anything and everything when it comes to patrolling this community that swells up to only about 900 during snowbird season.

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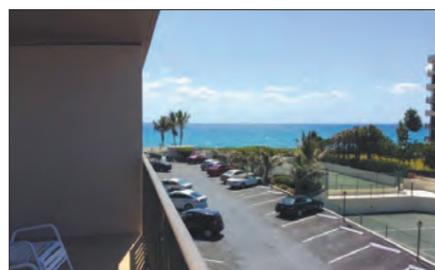
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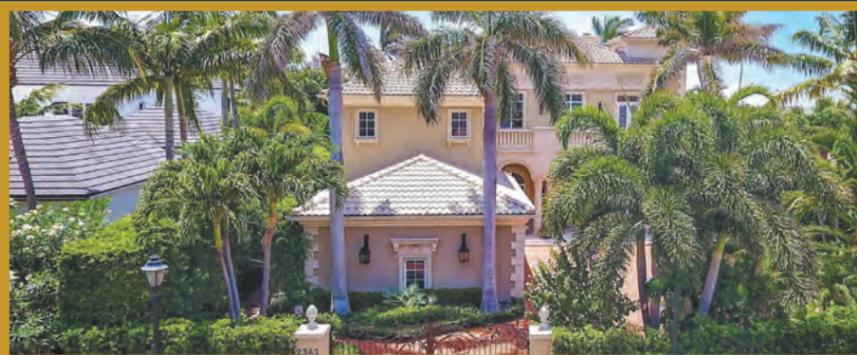
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CHIEF

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we don't have animal control or other departments that bigger cities have, so our department must be adaptable and be able to do a little bit of everything," says Allen. "But even I must admit, that was one unusual week when it came to critters needing our help."

The triple rescue began on a Wednesday when Gulf Stream resident Peter Klein was taking a walk through his once-quiet neighborhood now disrupted by construction crews building large homes in various stages of completion surrounding Klein's home.

"Construction activity in Gulf Stream has been proceeding at an unprecedented pace," says Klein, a corporate attorney. "With all this activity, there is plenty of debris everywhere and there are plenty of opportunities for animals to get into trouble."

During his walk, Klein zeroed in on a strange sound coming from a residential construction site across from his home. As he got closer to a high stack of construction debris, he cringed as he identified the source of the sounds.

"Mew! Mew! Mew!" came urgent and loud cries from a tiny kitten trapped under the mountain of lumber with nails jutting out, concrete pieces and old scaffolding.

"I couldn't see this kitten, but definitely knew he was tiny and he was scared," says Klein, who with his wife, Jennifer, happily share their homes with a few cats. "This kitten had the lungs of Pavarotti. It was evident he was in distress and it was truly heartbreaking."

Recognizing it was too dangerous to attempt to remove the debris to reach the trapped feline, he tried contacting the construction project manager. Without a response, he then headed to the Gulf Stream Town Hall and told employee Rebecca Tew about the kitten.

"I went back home and within 10 minutes, it seemed like the entire day shift of the Gulf Stream Police Department rolled onto the site," Klein says.



Gulf Stream Police Chief Edward Allen and Peter Klein with Chief, the kitten police officers saved after Klein heard the kitten crying at a construction site. 'He was tiny and he was scared,' said Klein, who kept the cat. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

"Two more town employees also arrived. These guys dug in and shifted every piece of rotten wood on the pile and under the bottom piece, discovered a feral kitten aged 3 to 4 weeks."

In the hot sun, Allen supervised and helped as Lt. John Haseley, Sgt. John Passeggiata, Officer Randy Wilson, plus maintenance employees Brian Dietrick and Wayne Songer spent about 45 minutes to remove the pile. As soon as the kitten was spotted, Songer scooped him up in his gloved hand. Jennifer Klein then placed the kitten in a pet carrier.

"I told them that despite sweating inside your blue uniforms and bulletproof vests, you got right in there and saved a life today," says Peter Klein.

The Kleins then drove this

injured and dehydrated kitten to the Colonial Animal Hospital in Boynton Beach for medical care.

"He weighed 9 ounces, had lesions on his face caused from rubbing against the wood and was dehydrated," describes Klein. "I'm about \$680 into veterinary bills for him, but he has definitely found a home with us. He is healing and definitely playful."

Coming up with a name for this kitten was easy for the Kleins.

"We named him Chief in honor of Chief Allen," says Klein. "He was in charge of the rescue and he mobilized these guys. He was the boss and I figured this little kitten will be the boss of me."

Allen learned of the kitten's name a day after the rescue.

"When I first heard this, I thought they were joking, but I realize it is a compliment to me. And yes, this is the first time I've had a cat named after me," says Allen.

Three days later, the Gulf Stream police answered two more rescue calls. Two paddleboarders alerted Sgt. Bernard O'Donnell that they spotted a sea turtle entangled in fishing line out in the ocean. Two more people on water scooters assisted in bringing the turtle to shore and removing the tangled line.

A team from the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton arrived and transported this 300-pound turtle to the center's sea turtle rehab facility to care for him while he recovers from his injuries.

And later that day, police

rescued ducklings in distress. O'Donnell and Officer Ramon Batista answered the call concerning seven ducklings trapped inside a storm drain. They were able to remove the grate from the drain and scoop out the ducklings, which quickly waddled to be reunited with their relieved mother.

All in a day's work in Gulf Stream, right, Chief?

"We certainly had a run on animals in need that week, but we are very glad that everything turned out great," he said. "We never know what the day will hold for us being in this small town, but it is definitely rewarding to do something for a good cause." ★

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Health & Harmony

Lost intimacy due to dysfunction? This psychologist is on the case

Please don't call Stanley Althof a sexologist, even though he is the recipient of a lifetime achievement award named for Masters and Johnson, two of the most famous names in sex research.

"I'm a psychologist specializing in sexual medicine," he says.

He is sitting on a loveseat in his West Palm Beach office, under a reproduction of *The Kiss*, a famous Gustav Klimt



Althof

painting of lovers embracing. Aside from that one genteel reference to sex, you would be hard-pressed to know that this is the office where Althof helps individuals and couples untangle the most intimate aspects of their lives.

Althof, who lives in Lantana with his wife, Marcie, has long been involved in the process of selecting human subjects for drug trials, including those to correct erectile dysfunction.

At the moment, he is seeking male subjects for the medical trial of a new drug for premature ejaculation. Premature ejaculation can be episodic or fleeting; each man's physiology and temperament are different. Or it can continue a long time, sometimes triggered by disease or surgery.

The men he seeks for the drug trial must be between the ages of 18 and 60, healthy and in a relationship lasting six months or longer. They cannot have problems with substance or alcohol abuse and they must have suffered from premature ejaculation for a long period of time.

Althof's practice has focused on all aspects of sexual function, as well as counseling transgender surgery candidates. He has also worked with medical professionals accused of sexual misconduct, and he ran the sexual health center at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Considered a "key opinion leader" in the field, he has written more than 150 medical articles and developed questionnaires for subjects of drug efficacy trials for Viagra and Cialis.

The new drug, called IX-01, is being developed by Althof's longtime associate Ian Osterloh, one of the researchers who identified the active ingredient of Viagra for erectile dysfunction.

Althof assisted Osterloh in the selection of test subjects for Viagra, and when Osterloh later formed his own company and bought the rights to develop IX-01 to

treat premature ejaculation, Althof was a natural choice to help find test subjects. He and others are collecting about 200 subjects nationwide for the trial.

IX-01, now in its second round of human trials, decreases the amount of oxytocin in the body. In studies on mice, less oxytocin lengthens the time before ejaculation.

Other researchers tried using a similar method, but with no success. "They were on the right track with the wrong drug," Althof said, "The drug didn't penetrate the blood-brain barrier. This one does."

So far, IX-01 has helped test subjects to delay ejaculation three to four times longer, with few side effects. The federal Food and Drug Administration has given the go-ahead for Osterloh's company to increase the dosage in the second round of tests.

Althof is not surprised that he has gotten calls from women.

"Women are often frustrated or angry that their partner doesn't do anything," he said. "I've already had two or three calls from women asking about the study."

After phase 2 of the study is done, a third trial will take place with many more subjects. Then the researchers must present their data to the FDA for consideration. If all goes well, the drug could be on the market in about two years.

At the moment, IX-01 is the only product being developed by Osterloh's company, Ixchelsis.

"There's a large market for this," Althof said. "You're talking millions in research."

But not millions for Althof. "I get paid a consulting fee, that's it," he said. "If the drug works, I don't get any money."

A love story at home

Aside from his work in sex therapy, Althof has a love story of his own.

Back in the 1960s, Althof's girlfriend was Marcie Sothern. Their families lived on the same block in Manhattan. But their paths diverged when Althof went to Stuyvesant High School and Marcie attended the High School of Performing Arts.

They married other people, had families and lost touch for decades. Then, a few years ago, Althof was introduced to the son of the ex-wife of an old friend. The man was new to Cleveland, so Althof invited him to dinner. As they talked, the man mentioned that he worked for Weight Watchers.

"Oh," said Althof, "then you must know Marcie Sothern, Carole's daughter. I dated her in high school."

"You dated Carole's daughter?" the man stammered. "She's my boss!"

Carole Sothern founded Weight Watchers' Palm Beach County franchise and her daughter — married name Marcie Sothern Gorman — later took over as the franchise CEO.

Both Gorman and Althof were single again and this time they married. That was 15 years ago.

"And that was without the internet," Althof said with a smile.

He moved his practice from Cleveland to accommodate his wife's many connections here. While Gorman was still a teen, her family had moved to Hollywood, and she attended South Broward High School and the University of Florida.

After moving on from her duties at Weight Watchers, she returned to her high school specialty, theater, becoming the producer of numerous musicals at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach.

It looks like a match that was meant to be.

"Marcie in her own right and I in my own right were successful," Althof said. "Our families knew each other. But it's all about love."

For more information about the drug trial for IX-01, contact Stanley Althof at sa6@case.edu or phone his office at 822-5454.

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Health Notes

Neuroscience Institute's trial aims to kill cancerous brain tumor cells

Boca Raton Regional Hospital's Marcus Neuroscience Institute has initiated a phase-two clinical trial of the immunotoxin MDNA55 in the treatment of patients with recurrent malignant brain tumors.

Highly toxic to brain tumor cells, MDNA55 targets a cytokine, interleukin 4, which is found on the surface of most recurrent brain tumors. A protein derived from a bacterium associated with pneumonias and skin, tissue and urinary tract infections, MDNA55 is considered a targeted therapy because it is made to attach only to tumor cells. Most normal brain cells have no interleukin 4. As such, the trial aims to kill brain tumor cells and not harm healthy cells.

The immunotoxin gets to the tumor through convection enhanced delivery, which is a therapy that introduces medication to the brain through tiny catheters implanted in the tumor for several hours.

"Research to date on the therapy has been encouraging. In previous studies, complete or partial responses were seen in 56 percent of patients with these tumors," said Dr. Frank Vrionis, director of the Marcus Neuroscience Institute. "Given those promising results, this therapy has received fast-track designation by the FDA, which expedites the development and review of drugs through trials such as ours."

Because of the nature of these malignancies and the complexity of the brain, long-term remissions can be difficult to obtain.

"Recurrences, regrettably, are the norm despite radiotherapy, surgery and chemotherapy," said Dr. Sajeel Chowdhary, director of neuro-oncology at the institute. "When they occur, options are limited, as most patients have already received all known available treatments. Our investigation into the use of immunotherapy for them is of the utmost importance and has the potential to pay great dividends."

The MDNA55 trial is one of 10 at Boca Regional's Marcus Neuroscience and Lynn Cancer institutes that are investigating brain tumors, and part of a clinical research initiative between the hospital and Florida Atlantic University's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.

For information and enrollment, call Boca Raton Regional Hospital's Office of Research at 955-4800.

In May, Boca Raton Regional Hospital received the 2017 American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's **Get With The Guidelines — Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award with Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll Elite**. The award recognizes the hospital's continued success in providing up-to-date, evidence-based treatment guidelines

to improve patient care and outcomes in the community.

Patricio Espinosa, MD, MPH, was appointed chief of neurology at Boca Raton Regional Hospital's Marcus Neuroscience Institute. He joined the medical staff at the institute in December 2014 and served as director of neurology since



Espinosa

December 2015.

In his new duties, Espinosa will lead the program's team of neurologists and provide support to the institute's clinical and research efforts. He offers specialized expertise in adult neurology, epilepsy and sleep disorders.

Delray Medical Center performed its first incisionless surgery to treat heartburn.

The transoral incisionless fundoplication procedure, or TIF, uses a new device for the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease.

Many patients on reflux medication cannot eat certain foods or need to sleep sitting up. Also, long-term use of medication can lead to inadequate absorption of minerals, resulting in bone fractures, explained Dr. Andrew Zwick, gastroenterologist at Delray Medical Center.

"After the TIF procedure,

clinical trials show that most patients can eat and drink foods they avoided for many years. Reflux no longer impacts their life like it previously did." Because the procedure is incisionless, there is less pain, reduced recovery and no scar.

Congestive heart failure is on the rise, affecting more than 5 million people in the United States. Doctors at **Bethesda Heart Hospital** and Bethesda's Research Center, in conjunction with Research Physicians Alliance, are studying a treatment for chronic heart failure through a national clinical trial, DREAM-HF-1.

Using stem cells, this study aims to enhance the function of the heart muscle by regenerating heart tissue. The treatment involves obtaining stem cells from healthy donors, which are later injected into the heart muscles of study participants via catheterization procedures.

Cardiologist George K. Daniel, M.D., is the principal investigator, with medical cardiologist Christina Michael, M.D., evaluating the study patients. For more information, call Bethesda Health Research Center at 374-5020.

Boca Raton-based Cancer Treatment Centers of America Global has appointed **Ankur R. Parikh, D.O.**, as medical director of precision medicine.

Whether it's a silver bullet or

snake oil, sales of the essential oil **copaiba** are increasing, because more than 54 million Americans suffer from some form of arthritis, and side effects of conventional treatment include gastrointestinal bleeding, heart attacks and stroke.

As a result, new therapies are being tested, including *Copaifera reticulata*, or copaiba, but researchers from Florida Atlantic University caution that randomized trials are necessary to know whether this treatment is effective, and their commentary is published in the journal *Integrative Medicine*.

"The only published data on copaiba on humans includes one case series and one small randomized trial of another inflammatory condition and not arthritis. To complete the totality of evidence, copaiba should be first tested in a randomized trial against a placebo in patients with inflammatory arthritis," said Charles H. Hennekens, M.D., Dr.P.H., senior academic adviser to the dean at FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine and senior author of the paper.

"If such a trial shows a net benefit, then the next step would be direct randomized comparisons against nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and cyclo-oxygenase-2 inhibitors," the two common conventional treatments.

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HealthCalendar

Note: Events are current as of 6/23. Please check with organizers for any changes.

JULY 1

Saturday - 7/1 - 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

7/1 - 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

7/1 - Kemeti Yoga at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Therapeutic yoga using ancient postures/teachings. Bring mat, water; wear comfortable clothing. Sat 9-10:30 am. \$10. 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

7/1 - 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

7/1 - Yoga Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Sat 9:30 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

7/1 - Yoga Class at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton. M-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

7/1 - 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

7/1 - 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

7/1 - 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

7/1 - Capoeira Fitness at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Age 12 & up. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

7/1 - Zumba Class at South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N State Rd A1A, Boca Raton. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

7/1 - Chair Yoga at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 1 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

7/1 - CA (Cocaine Anonymous) at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

JULY 2-8

Sunday - 7/2 - Yoga in the Garden at Mounts Botanical Garden Hutcheson Portico, 563 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Every Sun through 7/30 8 am. \$10/member; \$15/non-member. 233-1757; mounts.org

7/2 - Yoga at the Beach at Red Reef Park East, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Register/get parking pass at Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. No cash accepted on-site. W/Sun 6:30 pm. \$10/class; 60-day membership (unlimited classes) \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

Monday - 7/3 - 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

7/3 - 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 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

7/3 - 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

7/3 - 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

7/3 - 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

7/3 - Yoga Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 9:30 am. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

7/3 - 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

7/3 - 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

7/3 - Yoga Class for Seniors at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 10 am. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

7/3 - 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

7/3 - 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

7/3 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Improve balance, flexibility, muscle strength. 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

7/3 - Exercise Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 5:30 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

7/3 - 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

7/3 - Men's Issues Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every M 6:30-8 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

Tuesday - 7/4 - 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

7/4 - 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; free for members w/participating health plans. 808-7743; ppcare.net

7/4 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Dawson Theater, 800 Meadows Rd. Every T noon-1:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brhh.com

7/4 - 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

7/4 - 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

7/4 - 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

7/4 - 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

7/4 - 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

Wednesday - 7/5 - Tai Chi Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 9-10 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

7/5 - Yoga at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St, Delray Beach. Age 18 & up. Every W 9-10:30 am. Per class \$10/resident; \$15/nonresident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

7/5 - First Wednesdays at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. 11 am-noon. Free. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

7/5 - 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

7/5 - 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

7/5 - 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

7/5 - 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

7/5 - Family and Friends at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center Classroom B, 800 Meadows Rd. Basics of infant, child and adult CPR. Includes course book and completion certification. Held again 7/12, 19, 29 (9-11 am) & 8/2. 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brhh.com

7/5 - 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

7/5 - Food Addicts Anonymous at The Crossroads Club Room E, 1700 Lake Ida Rd, Delray Beach. Every W 7 pm. Free. 680-0724; foodaddictsanonymous.org

7/5-6 - Soulcore at St Mark Catholic Church St Clare Room, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Bring floor mat/optional hand weights. Every W 4:30-5:30 pm & Thu 8:30-9:30 am. Free/donations accepted. R734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

Thursday - 7/6 - 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

7/6 - Yoga Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every Th 6:30 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

7/6-7 - Zumba Gold at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St, Delray Beach. Age 18 & up. Th/F 9:30-10:30 am. Per class \$5/resident; \$6/nonresident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

Friday - 7/7 - 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

7/7 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Dawson Theater, 800 Meadows Rd. Every F 1-3:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brhh.com

7/7 - Open AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every F 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Saturday - 7/8 - E4 Life: Green, Health & Wellness Expo at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. In partnership with City of West Palm Beach Sustainability Department. Fun, educational activities promote healthy living, sustainable initiatives, environmental conservation through vendor exhibits, demonstrations, giveaways, tastings, gardening workshops, more. All ages. 10 am-4 pm. Free w/admission. 832-1988; sfsiencecenter.org

JULY 9-15

Monday - 7/10 - 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 5:30 pm. Free. 853-1600; publicrelations@BHIInc.org

Tuesday - 7/11 - 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 7/25. Free. 292-4950; RLatino@BHIInc.org

7/11 - Community Acupuncture Session at Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute, 690 Meadows Rd. Held again 7/19 & 25. 11 am-2 pm (sessions approximately 30 minutes). \$20-\$25. 955-4949; WIPProgram@brhh.com

7/11 - 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

Thursday - 7/13 - Night Line Dance at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th through 8/31. 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

Saturday - 7/15 - Sibling Class at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Learn about their new role, the new baby joining their family. Decorate a onesie for new little brother or sister, celebrate with a birthday cupcake. Age 2-6; must be accompanied by parent. 10-11:30 am. \$20/parent & child; additional siblings \$10/each. Payment due before class date. 369-2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org

7/15 - 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 and 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

JULY 16-22

Sunday - 7/16 - 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

Friday - 7/21 - Zumba Gold Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Held again 7/28. 9 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

JULY 23-29

Monday - 7/24 - Zumba Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every M through 9/18 7:30-8:30 pm. \$40/8-weeks. 393-7807; myboca.us

JULY 30-AUGUST 5

Saturday - 8/5 - Boot Camp for New Dads Class at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center, 800 Meadows Rd. 9 am-noon. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brhh.com

8/5 - Yoga Class at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton. M-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

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Finding Faith

Singing camp in Delray introduces children to variety of music styles

The Delray Summer Sing Experience is a summer music camp for kids that introduces a variety of styles from the music of stage and screen to folk songs to hymns and religious music.

Campers experience ensemble singing, learn voice techniques, choreography, breathing techniques, ear training, rhythmic and melody recognition, and performance techniques. Each week, camp concludes with a brief performance at 2:30 p.m. on Friday in the chancel at Church of the Palms.

Traci Rane is the camp coordinator and instructor. "Each week we learn new music, so it's like a new camp each week," she said.

Youngsters range in age from 6 to 16, and the camp limits the number of children to 22 to make sure everyone gets one-on-one attention. "We have a lot of staff, so kids get a lot of instruction," Rane said. Campers can even take private lessons for a fee of \$30 for a half-hour lesson.

Fans of Palm Beach Opera or the Delray Beach Chorale may recognize Rane from her performances with those groups. She also performed with Sarah Brightman and Josh Groban on the "La Luna" tour. She has been teaching voice and piano in Palm Beach County for more than a dozen years. Rane works alongside accompanist Edward Krynicki, and the program's artistic director is Eric Keiper, who is the music director at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic School and Church.

The camp, in its seventh year, meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday through July 21. (No meeting on July 4.) The camp is \$200 per week. Discounts are offered for multiple weeks and for siblings attending together, and scholarships are available, Rane said.



The Delray Summer Sing Experience camp runs each week through July 21 at Church of the Palms. Photo provided

The camp is hosted by and meets at the Church of the Palms, 1960 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Call 389-7024 or 276-6347 or visit www.delraysummersing.org.

St. Mark's family picnic

The annual parish picnic takes place after the noon mass on July 16. On the menu? Hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, salads and desserts. Games for the kids, music and a cash bar are part of the fun.

Tickets: \$15 adults, \$7.50 for children 6-10, and free for 5 and younger. Call 734-9330 or visit www.stmarkboynton.com.

Help feed people in need

CROS Ministries is hosting a lunch and learn program on July 26 to tell people more about the organization. It feeds hungry people in Palm Beach and Martin counties, and its programs include seven food pantries and the Caring Kitchen, a hot meal program in Delray Beach.

CROS Gleaning is a food

recovery program harvesting fresh produce that would otherwise go to waste, from farmers' fields, culling sites and Solid Waste Authority's Mango Grove.

These programs are possible only with the help of community volunteers, and there are dozens of opportunities available for folks who want to be a part of the solution of feeding in need.

This session begins at 1 p.m. at the CROS Administrative Offices, 3677 23rd Ave. S., B-101, in Lake Worth. Guests then travel to Delray Beach, where lunch will be served. To RSVP, call 699-5113 or email the Rev. Juanita Bryant Goode at jgoode@crosministries.org.

Break Spot offers free meals

For most kids, summer vacation means *more*. More time to play, more time to grow, more time to dream. But for children who depend on school lunch (and breakfast) for their basic nutrition needs, summer is a time of less. The summer Break

Spot fills that gap with locations that offer meals for people 18 and younger. You don't have to be a student or even a resident.

If you know local children who are "food insecure," let them know they can find a location where meals are served at www.summerfoodflorida.org.

Back-to-school supplies

Unity of Delray Beach Church is collecting backpacks and school supplies for local children in need. Bring donations to the lobby on Sundays through Aug. 13, or drop donations off at the church office from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Supplies needed include backpacks with pencils, ruler, sticky notes, three-ring binders, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, pens (blue, black, red), colored pencils, washable felt markers, glue sticks, pink erasers, pencil cases, lined paper, plain paper and crayons.

Unity of Delray Beach is at NW 22nd Street and Swinton Avenue. Call 276-5796 or visit www.unityofdelraybeach.org.

Summer Singers wanted

Cason United Methodist Church has a summer program for people who love to sing. You don't need choir experience or the ability to read music. You don't have to audition. But you do have to enjoy singing with others. The Summer Singers meet at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the music studio of Diane Gwynn McWhorter, 7570 Federal Highway, Hypoluxo. Doug Carter leads the choir on Sundays, when it is part of the worship service. Call 276-5302 if you have questions.

Pennies add up to \$27,000

Think pennies aren't worth a red cent? Think again.

In 2012, First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach asked parishioners to

collect a few cents from each family member at dinner each night. At the end of the month, parishioners brought the pennies in and those funds were earmarked to feed hungry people, recalling Jesus' command "You give them something to eat."

Since the program started in 2012, the church has collected and distributed nearly \$27,000 that went directly to people who needed it.

First Presbyterian of Delray is at 33 Gleason St. Call 276-6338 or visit www.firstdelray.com.

Meetings in July

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.fumcocaraton.org.

The Interfaith Café meets from 7 to 9 p.m. July 20 at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Guest speaker Dr. Janet Sopcheck will speak about the challenges family members face at end-of-life situations. Light refreshments are served.

The meeting is free, but donations are appreciated. The Interfaith Café meets the third Thursday of the month, and volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of duties to keep this program going. For information or to volunteer, email Jane@Aurorasvoice.org.

Janis Fontaine writes about people of faith, their congregations, causes and community events. Contact her at janisfontaine@outlook.com.



Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 6/23. Please check with organizers for any changes.

JULY 1

Saturday - 7/1 - Catholic Grandparents Meeting at Ascension Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. All welcome. 1st Sat 10-11:30 am. Free. 289-2640; diocesepb.org

JULY 2-8

Sunday - 7/2 - 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 Shalom Korf. Bagels/lox served. Chabad membership not required. 1st & 3rd Sun 9-9:30 am (follows 8 am service). Free. Reservations/donations appreciated: 496-6228; chabaddelray.com

Monday - 7/3 - 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

7/3 - 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

7/3 - Rosary for Peace at St Vincent Ferrer Adoration Chapel, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every M 7 pm. Free. 276-6892; stvincenferr.com

Tuesday - 7/4 - 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

7/4 - 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

7/4 - 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

7/4 - 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 - 7/5 - 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

7/5 - Legion of Mary at St Mark Catholic Church Chapel, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Follows 8 am Mass every W. Free. 734-93300; stmarkboynton.com

7/5 - Bible Study at First United Methodist Church, 101 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every W 11 am. Free. 732-3435; fumcbb.com

7/5 - 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

7/5 - 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

7/5 - Simple Truths: Joy Revealed at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. Monthly course for women from Rosh Chodesh Society. 7:30 pm. \$15/. 394-9770; bocabeachchabad.org/rcs

Thursday - 7/6 - Men's Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

7/6 - 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 - 7/7 - Prayer Circle at Trinity Lutheran Church Courtyard, 400 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th 8:05 am. 278-1737; trinitydelray.org

7/7 - 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

7/7 - 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 - 7/8 - 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

7/8 - 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

JULY 9-15

Monday - 7/10 - Experiential Class st Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Licensed Unity teacher Madaline Lawrence. Every M through 8/14 10-11:30 am. Free/love offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Tuesday - 7/11 - Lunch & Learn: Reform Jewish Law-Is There Such a Thing? at Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. Rabbi Greg Weisman; conversation about how the world helps teach us how we practice our Judaism. Bring lunch; drinks provided. Held again 7/18 & 25. Noon. Free. 391-8900; theboca.org

JULY 16-22

Friday - 7/21 - Parents of St. Gregory's at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Potluck dinner, topic discussion (targets young parents w/children age 2-13), group feedback, childcare available. 3rd F 6-8 pm. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

Tennis

Gulf Stream pro's stunning title makes him want more

By Brian Biggane

Gulf Stream Bath & Tennis Club assistant tennis pro David McNamara not only won the USTA National Men's 40 Clay Court Championship May 17-22 in Atlanta, but he did it the hard way.

Unseeded after not playing in a high-level competition for more than five years, McNamara relied on his fitness and countless hours of preparation with B&T head pro Roger Ashcroft to mow down the Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5 seeds on his way to the prestigious title.

"I felt going in that I had put the work in, that I was ready," said McNamara, 40, a native of Melbourne, Australia, who was ranked as high as No. 431 in the world in his mid-20s and has spent the past four years at Gulf Stream.

Ashcroft said he noticed when he hired McNamara in 2013 that, while his people skills and teaching ability were top notch, his conditioning needed work. So, McNamara embarked upon a daily CrossFit regimen to give him the stamina he would need to survive three-set matches in the Atlanta heat.

"I had dabbled in a couple of tournaments and when we discussed the USTA National

40s, Roger said, 'You should play,'" McNamara recalled. "I thought, 'What the hell.' But because of who I am, I didn't want to just go play. I still have enough of a competitive ego that I thought I could win. I wanted to make sure I was ready."

McNamara got a break when his first-round opponent failed to show up. That put him against No. 5 seed Constantine Ananiadis of Wellington, Ohio, whom he dispatched 6-1, 6-4. He dropped a set against No. 3 seed Paul Mancini of Alpharetta, Ga., but credited his conditioning for his 6-1, 5-7, 6-1 quarterfinal victory.

That sent him to the semis against No. 1 seed Eduardo Rincon, a clay-court specialist from Colombia who resides in Kennesaw, Ga. McNamara and Ashcroft did some research and learned Rincon had played in ATP events featuring the likes of Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi.

"Roger and I were talking after every match and my old college coach showed up," McNamara said. "Both were telling me the same thing: You don't need to go for too much, sometimes you've got to win ugly, just get it back. He was a good player and I didn't know if I had enough to beat him, but I was able to pull through."



David McNamara, assistant pro at the Gulf Stream B&T for the past four years, blew past the top seeds to claim the USTA National Men's 40 Clay Court Championship. **Photo provided**

His fitness once again proved decisive in a 7-6 (3), 5-7, 6-0 win that sent him to the final against No. 2 seed Samuel Schroerlucke of Memphis, whom he defeated 7-5, 6-3 for the championship.

"That was a tough match as well, and the first time all tournament I'd felt some pressure," McNamara said.

The victory earned him a coveted gold ball as a USTA champion, which was "something I'd always wanted to have on my résumé."

It also brought a deluge of congratulatory phone calls, emails and texts, many of them from the Gulf Stream membership.

"My members were awesome," McNamara said. "Absolutely fantastic. They were very excited for me. And I was so thankful to Roger, who was the one who had motivated me to have a crack at it."

Now ranked No. 15 in the 40-45 age group, McNamara, who has since gone north to

his summer job in Martha's Vineyard, plans to go for more titles, at the Grass Court championship in Philadelphia at the end of August and the Hardcourts in La Jolla, Calif., in late November.

"I got so many calls and texts congratulating me, I didn't realize it was that big a deal," he said. "It was very humbling and very nice. So, it's motivated me to keep going." ★



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On the Water

Bahamas adventure: Frigate birds, yellowfin tuna and pesky sharks

Finding birds on radar is the key to finding schools of yellowfin tuna near Grand Bahama Island — an easy-to-reach destination for South Florida boaters when seas are calm.

Feeding tuna leave scraps for small sea birds such as sooty terns that follow the schools around the surface of an otherwise nondescript ocean.

Recognizable by their large wingspans and forked tails, frigate birds tend to circle high over pelagic fish in hopes that small baitfish, such as flying fish, will be pushed to the surface.

The frigates tend to be the first birds that anglers spot soaring high in the sky when they look for schools of yellowfin tuna in Northwest Providence Channel south of Grand Bahama Island. Flocks of smaller birds often congregate under frigate birds.

Capt. Mike Simko, of North Palm Beach, led our small group of anglers to several yellowfin tuna during a Memorial Day boat trip to the Bahamas.

We left Lake Worth Inlet aboard Simko's 35-foot boat, the KiteKeeper, and arrived at midday to clear customs and immigration at the Sunrise Resort & Marina near Freeport.

After securing our rooms for the night and eating lunch, we headed south into the deep, blue water of Northwest Providence Channel.

Everyone watched the horizon, looking for birds, while Simko tweaked the radar on his boat to search for birds. Dan Friedman, of Delray Beach, stood in the bow, scanning the horizon with binoculars.

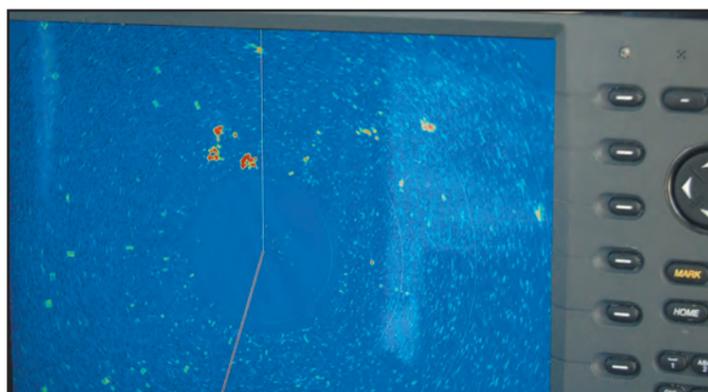
It wasn't long before birds appeared as small splotches on Simko's radar screen. They appeared and disappeared as the flocks rose from the surface, then settled.

As Simko ran the KiteKeeper toward the birds, we readied frozen sardines, which had been cut into thirds for chunking.

When the boat neared the birds, we began to pitch out the sardine chunks, one by one. Simko slowed, then stopped his boat about 100 yards from the birds. A few tuna leapt from the water as they fed under the birds, which were working up and down over the surface as they followed the moving tuna.

As we slowly pitched out sardine chunks, Simko and anglers Dan Friedman, his son, Eric Friedman, of Boynton Beach, and Rush Rashidi, of North Palm Beach, set out lines rigged with live sardines and goggle-eyes — live bait we had brought from Palm Beach County.

After a few minutes of chunking, Simko buried an extra-strong 8/0 circle hook into one of the sardine chunks, set the rod in the rod holder



and slowly pulled off line so the hooked chunk would sink slowly just like those we had pitched overboard.

Simko caught the first tuna of the afternoon on a conventional rod rigged with

80-pound-test braided line and 50-pound fluorocarbon leader. Yellowfin tuna are powerful fish. They test tackle and the strength of anglers.

After moving several times and tossing out sardine

TOP: Dan Friedman of Delray Beach shows a yellowfin tuna caught on a sardine chunk by Capt. Mike Simko, background, in Northwest Providence Channel south of Freeport, Bahamas.

MIDDLE: Finding birds (red splotches) on radar is the key to finding schools of feeding tuna.

BOTTOM: Cutting frozen sardines into thirds is standard procedure preparing to "chunk" for yellowfin tuna. Chunks are tossed out one by one, creating a trail for the tuna to follow.

Photos by Willie Howard/ The Coastal Star

chunks, Eric Friedman caught another substantial yellowfin on a live bait after a taxing fight using a spinning rod rigged with 50-pound-test braided line.

Mission accomplished: We

had a few nice tuna in the boat on same day we had left Palm Beach County.

Sharks proved to be one of our biggest challenges. They cut the leaders during fights with several tunas, causing us to lose the beautiful, delicious yellowfins.

After we spent the night at Sunrise Resort & Marina, Simko ran the KiteKeeper back to Northwest Providence Channel on the morning of May 30 to fish for a few hours before heading back to Florida.

We boated a few more yellowfin tuna, but others were taken from us by sharks. We lost one to backlash on a reel that wasn't adjusted correctly before the tuna hit.

Several members of our group slept in bean-bag chairs on the deck of the KiteKeeper as Simko ran the boat back toward Florida. We spotted cargo ships and a Coast Guard cutter on the open ocean.

Singer Island condos appeared on the horizon about 16 miles from Lake Worth Inlet. We ended our trip around 3:30 p.m. the day after we had left Florida, leaving us plenty of time to clean fish and organize our gear before heading home.

Florida boaters planning a fishing trip to the Bahamas

Visiting boaters must clear customs and immigration at the nearest port of entry. Boaters must fly the yellow quarantine flag and notify customs when they arrive. Only the captain should leave the boat until it has been cleared. Everyone on board must present a passport and complete an immigration card.

Boats up to 35 feet must pay \$150 for a Bahamas cruising and fishing permit. (For boats over 35 feet, the fee is \$300.) The permit is good for two trips within 90 days. (For details, search the Internet for a copy of the Bahamas Boating & Fishing Guide or call the Bahamas Tourist Office at 954-236-9292.)

When returning to Florida by boat, the boat captain must report the arrival to U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling 800-432-1216. CBP offers local-boater options (through the Small Vessel Reporting System) that can speed up the check-in process.

Anglers bringing tuna back to the United States should have an Atlantic HMS Angling Permit for the boat, available online from NOAA Fisheries. Only one day's catch should be onboard. (That's three yellowfin tuna per person.)

Tuna must be intact so they can be measured. The minimum size for yellowfin tuna is 27 inches curved-fork length, measured from the tip of the upper jaw along the curve of the body to the fork of the tail.

Two-day sport lobster season set for late July

This year's two-day sport lobster season for spiny lobster is July 26-27.

A saltwater fishing license and lobster permit are required unless you're exempt.

The daily mini-season bag limit is 12 lobsters — except in Monroe County and Biscayne National Park, where the daily sport-season limit is six.

A lobster's carapace, or head section, must measure more than 3 inches to be legal to keep. Divers must carry a lobster-measuring device and measure lobster under water.

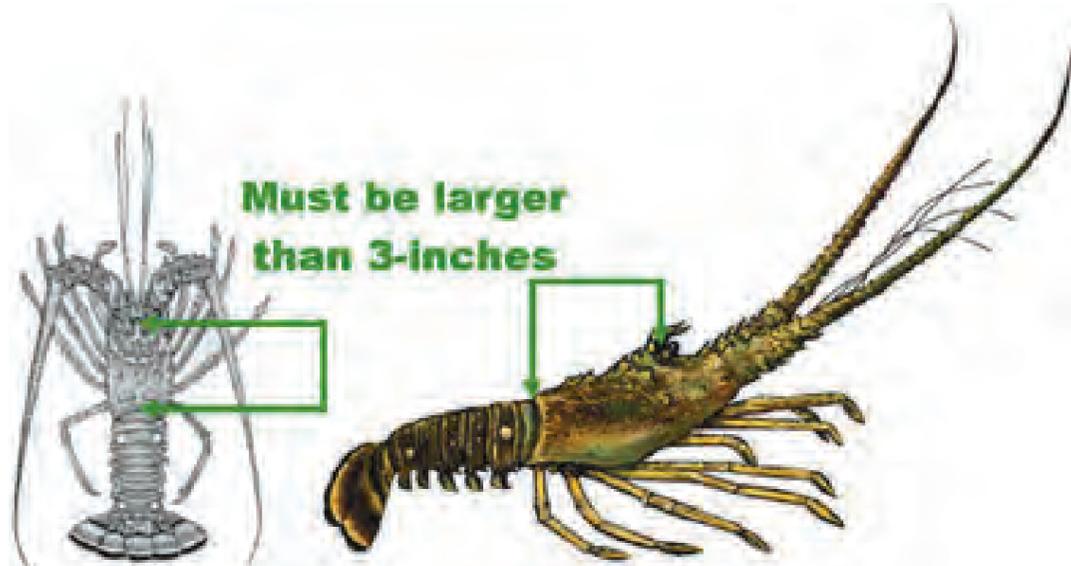
Egg-bearing lobster must be released.

Red-and-white dive flags are required by law.

Boaters must stay 300 feet away from dive flags on the open ocean and 100 feet away in inlets, rivers and navigation channels. Those approaching closer should do so at idle speed.

The regular spiny lobster season opens Aug. 6.

For details, go to www.myfwc.com. (Click on saltwater fishing, recreational regulations and lobster.)



Lobster season is July 26-27. The daily bag limit is 12 spiny lobsters, each of which must have a carapace larger than 3 inches. **Graphic provided**

Coming events

July 8: 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.

July 8: Big Dog, Fat Cat KDW fishing tournament based at Sailfish Marina in Palm Beach Shores. Captain's meeting 7 p.m. July 7 at Sailfish

Marina. Entry fee \$200 per boat through July 2 or \$250 thereafter. Call 315-3722 or visit www.bigdogfatcat.org.

July 15: Full moon wahoo tournament, the second of three summer wahoo events organized by the West Palm Beach Fishing Club. Entry fee \$60 per team. At least one team member must be a West Palm Beach Fishing Club member. Call 832-6780 or go to www.WestPalmBeachFishingClub.org.

July 22: 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 18 and for family groups. Register at the door. Call 704-7440.

Tip of the month

Boats carry hazardous products that should not be disposed of in residential garbage cans.

Outdated emergency flares,

spent fire extinguishers and old batteries, for example, should be taken to one of the Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority's Home Chemical and Recycling Centers.

Unwanted fuel, oil and boat cleaning products also should be taken to an SWA facility. Disposal is free for Palm Beach County residents.

The SWA's home chemical drop-off locations include:

- The Central County Transfer Station, at 1810 Lantana Road. It's open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 7 a.m. until noon on Saturdays.

- The East South County Transfer Station, at 1901 SW Fourth Ave. in Delray Beach. It's open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

For details, call 697-2700 or visit www.swa.org.

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writer and licensed boat captain. Reach him at tiowillie@bellsouth.net.

Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 6/23. Please check with organizers for any changes.

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Saturday - 7/1 - 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

7/1 - 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

7/1 - 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 8/5. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

7/1 - 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

7/1 - 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

JULY 2-8

Wednesday - 7/5 - A Walk On The Ashley Trail at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided walk 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 - 7/6 - US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 36 Boca Raton meets at Spanish River Park Headquarters Building, 3939 N Ocean Blvd. 1st Th 7:30 pm. Free. cgaux.org

Friday - 7/7-8 - Big Dog Fat Cat KDW Shootout Fishing Tournament at Sailfish Marina, 98 Lake Dr, West Palm Beach. Benefits A Second Chance Puppies & Kittens Rescue, Inc. and Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center. Captain's meeting at Sailfish Marina 5:30-8:30 pm

7/7; Fishing 6:30 am-3:30 pm Saturday; weigh station 1-4:30 pm; awards dinner & party 4-8:30 pm. Entry fee \$250/boat, includes 2 dinner tickets. 855-456-7634; bigdogfatcat.org

Saturday - 7/8 - Birds & Breakfast at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Coffee, refreshments, 1-hour walking tour w/a naturalist. Age 9+. 9 am. \$3. Reservations: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

7/8 - US Coast Guard Auxiliary About Boating Safety Class at Spanish River Park Headquarters Building, 3939 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Beginner in-depth boating safety course provides knowledge needed to obtain boat license or safety certification in many states; possible insurance discounts. Bring lunch. 9 am-5 pm. \$35/person; \$25/police or firefighter. 391-3600 x2; cgauxboca.org

7/8 - Naturalist Program: Frog Talk

at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Ages 5+. 10:30 am. \$3. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

7/8 - 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

JULY 9-15

Tuesday - 7/11 - Audubon Society of the Everglades at FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 6301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Conserving the Florida Burrowing Owls at South Florida Airports: 4 speakers, Q&A. 6:30 pm doors open/refreshments; 7 pm program.

Free. 818-7574; auduboneverglades.org

JULY 23-29

Tuesday - 7/25 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N Federal Hwy. Join other fishermen, discuss hot topics, learn new tricks of the trade. 4th T 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5638; boynton-beach.org

Wednesday - 7/26 - 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 - 7/27 - The Night Stalkers at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Join a Naturalist on a boardwalk tour looking at nature from the point of view of its nocturnal residents. Age 9+. 8 pm. \$5/person. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

Friday - 7/28 - 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 - 7/29 - 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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Saturday - 8/5 - US Coast Guard Auxiliary About Boating Safety Class at Spanish River Park Headquarters Building, 3939 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Beginner in-depth boating safety course provides knowledge needed to obtain boat license or safety certification in many states; possible insurance discounts. Bring lunch. 9 am-5 pm. \$35/person; \$25/police or firefighter. 391-3600 x2; cgauxboca.org



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Tots & Teens



LEFT: At the Boca Raton Library downtown, children are treated to a special program on Friday afternoons. Here, Bookworm Suzy Hammer of the Suzy Hammer Show entertains Maggie Dandrade and other children. **Photo provided**

ABOVE: Amber Prinkey, Palm Beach Zoo educational specialist, teaches children about the Florida pine snake at the Highland Beach Library. The zoo brings live animals for interactive, educational programs throughout Palm Beach County. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Summer reading at libraries encourages kids to 'Build a Better World'

By Janis Fontaine

Local libraries kicked off their summer reading programs in June, but it's not too late to join the fun. You might even win some prizes.

The Collaborative Summer Library Program is designed to keep kids reading through the summer. By sharing ideas and materials and working together, libraries get low-cost posters and promotional materials as well as reading logs and achievement certificates for their programs. This year, the summer reading theme is "Build a Better World."

Staff members at local libraries brainstormed and came up with some great books, imaginative activities and prizes for kids who read.

Each library's programs are a little different. At the

Boca Raton Public Library's downtown and Spanish River locations, tweens and teens who meet their reading requirements are placed in weekly drawings for gift cards when they log their books online. Each Friday, kids are invited to a weekly summer reading rendezvous held at 3 p.m. The family friendly event features a short show — a magician, a special guest, or a balloon artist — and a chance to check in with other kids on their summer reading accomplishments.

Most kids have summer reading lists from school, and the summer reading program give kids an added incentive to read. "They get a prize for doing something they have to do anyway," youth program director Amanda Liebl said.

The main reason summer

reading is so important is the summer slide, and it's not the kind you find on the playground. Learning experts estimate students can lose as much as two months' worth of learning over the summer if they don't practice their reading and comprehension skills.

"The summer slide is real," Liebl said. "You need to offer encouragement to keep their skills up."

Parents can help their children become happy readers, Liebl said, by offering them books about subjects they are already interested in or choosing books with familiar characters parents know they like. "Parents should share the books they loved as a child with their children, and set aside time for reading," Liebl said.

Parents who read are more likely to have kids who read.

Liebl says her two boys, age 4 and 7, "are both into silly books. If there's burping in it, they love that." The "Captain Underpants" books by American author and illustrator Dav Pilkey are popular with boys that age, and the first *Captain Underpants* movie, in theaters now, is sure to increase Pilkey's popularity with the pre-teens.

Also popular are books by *The Office* actor-turned-author B.J. Novak, Liebl said. His first offering, *The Book with No Pictures*, became a bedtime story favorite. For more serious readers, the "I Survived" series, true stories about amazing and harrowing acts of survival, by Lauren Tarshis, also is popular, Liebl said.

Libraries are devoting more space to kids, and all that shushing is a thing of the past. "We want the kids to be relaxed, to have fun," Liebl said. "We have a huge selection of books for kids and our library is organized by reading levels

to make it easy to find the right book."

Kids who need extra practice reading, especially if they're apprehensive about reading out loud, often excel in the Tail Waggin' Tutor program where they read aloud to certified therapy dogs, Liebl said. About 10 dogs participate in the program, and kids do need to sign up in advance.

Liebl said the library has added new classes and activities geared to middle and high school students, including the Maker Lab classes where kids learn about robots and computer coding in a hands-on environment. These weekly classes are made possible by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library.

In Delray Beach

The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce's Chamber Charities, along with the city of Delray Beach Education Advisory Board, have jumped on the summer reading crusade in a big way.

Suzanne Spencer, vice chair of education for the chamber, is leading the charge to face down the summer slide with a campaign she calls "our social media bucket challenge."

The idea of the Read, Rhythm and Rhyme Challenge is to encourage grown-ups to take video of themselves reading or talking about a favorite children's book, then challenge their friends to get involved. Adults can read with their own children, grandkids, friends of the family or the neighbors' kids.

The adults select a favorite book and come up with a short poem, rap, song or other creative way to express their love of the book.

They each make a 30- to 90-second video and post it

on Facebook with the hashtag #DelrayReadingChallenge. Then adults challenge three of friends to make videos as well.

Folks who are challenged but don't want to make a video are asked to make a cash donation instead.

For more information, visit www.mydelraybeach.com/transparency/read_rhythm_and_rhyme_challenge.php.

What else is going on at our local libraries

Boca Raton

For a full listing of summer classes and activities, pick up a Summer Reading brochure at either library, call 393-7852 or visit www.myboca.us/957/Library

Downtown Library: 400 NW Second Ave. Spanish River Library: 1501 Spanish River Blvd.

Youth Services at ysstaff@myboca.us or call 393-7968 (Downtown) or 544-8584 (Spanish River).

Summer Reading Age 8 And Younger: The program continues through the end of July with a winner of a new super prize chosen each week. Kids can log their books online, but it's not required to win. July's prizes are Finger Puppet Bees "BEE Safe on the 4th!" (July 4); Squirty Tools (July 10); Pixel Sunglasses (July 17) and Grab Bag with lots of choices (July 24).

Summer Reading for Teens and Tweens: Log your summer reading books with a review of 20 or more words to be eligible for weekly raffle drawings. The numbers in parentheses are the minimum number of books that must be logged (reviewed) to be eligible for the prize.

The more books you review,

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the more chances you have to win. Winners are chosen by random drawing. Upcoming prizes include: \$15 Whole Foods (3); \$15 Cinemark (3); \$20 Planet Air Sports (4); \$20 Barnes & Noble (4); \$50 Visa (5).

Friday Afternoons at 3: Gather at the library (either branch) for an afternoon show, games and fun.

New teen programming:

Summer Explorers: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays. July 3: Learn how to build a solar oven using a pizza box and other simple materials. July 10: Comics Pixton. Learn hands-on how to tell a story through comics using the Pixton program. Enrollment required. Downtown.

Summer Bunch: 4:30-5:30

p.m. Wednesdays at Spanish River. Enrollment usually required.

July 5: Screening the anime movie *Spirited Away* (PG). No enrollment required but space is limited.

July 12: Get slimed at this make-your-own slime lesson.

July 19: Perler Beads.

July 26: End of Summer Ice Cream Party

Delray Beach

100 W Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 266-0194; www.delraylibrary.org

Earn community service hours by volunteering at the library. Middle and high school kids are welcome to participate in the Teen Advisory Board. Practice leadership skills as a board officer, enhance computer skills as a digital reviewer or collaborator on marketing strategies and materials. If you

love to write, a position as a writer or editor of the library's newsletter might be for you.

The library has a dedicated teen room for middle and high school kids, where they can read, study or just hang out. July programming for teens:

BeTween the Lines: A Readers Club meets 4:30-6:30 p.m. July 18.

The Anime Club meets 5:30-6:30 p.m. July 18.

Highland Beach

3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. 278-5455; www.highlandbeach.us/departments/library

The library offers books, DVDs, audio CDs and music for children of all ages. The Children's Room has two computers with educational games and software.

Ongoing children's programs (RSVP appreciated):

8883; spadmuseum.com

7/5 - Reading & Rhythm for 3s-5s 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 7/26 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

7/5 - 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

7/5 - Sensational Story 'n More at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Books come to life through interactive performance, singing, movement, props. Age 2-5. T 10:30 am & W 2 pm. Free w/paid museum admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

7/5 - Science Wednesdays at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Different subject weekly. Grades K-5. Every W 2-3 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

7/5 - 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

7/5 - 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. 3-4 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

7/5 - Let's Get Building for 6s-8s at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Spaghetti Building. Limit 2 classes in this series. 3:30-4:14 pm. Free. Registration: 544-8584; bocalibrary.org

7/5 - 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; showtimeboca.com

7/5 - Culture Shock at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Build an ethnography about music, art, gaming, family, anything else that makes you who you are. Grades 6-12. Held again 7/12. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

7/5 - 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 5-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

7/5 - Soccer Shots at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Fundamentals of soccer, character development. Every W through 8/23. Age 2-3 5:15-5:45 pm; age 4-6 5:15-6 pm. \$112. 305-484-9143; southernpalmbeach.sreg.org

7/5 - Introduction to Tinkercad at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 8+. Every W through 8/2 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

7/5-9 - Family Fun: Make a Tanabata Wish 2017 at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Celebrate/learn about Tanabata, Japan's star festival. Make a wish to hang on bamboo "trees." Daily through 7/9 10 am-5 pm. Free w/ paid admission. 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

Thursday - 7/6 - Intro to Archery at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. USA Archery and N.F.A.A. certified instructor. Bow and arrow safety, how to properly use equipment, practice on the range. Age 8+. 10 am. \$10. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

Small Fry Story Time: 4 p.m. Tuesdays. For ages 4 and older. Listen to a story, sing a song, do a craft and make some new friends.

Craft Time: Meets the first and third Thursdays of the month for ages 4 and older. A story and a craft.

Baby Bookworm Story Time: 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Classic and new stories for ages 1-3.

Bookworm Story Time: 10 a.m. Saturdays. Classic and new stories for ages 1-5.

Boynton Beach

208 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 742-6390; www.boyntonlibrary.org

Building a Better World Reading Club 2017: Meets at 2:30 p.m. Mondays through July 31 in the Youth Services Room.

Programs for kids in grades 6 through 12:

Teen Gaming: 5-6:30 p.m.

7/6 - Thai Bilingual 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. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

7/6 - Summer Science at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Hands-on simple science projects. Age 3-7. Every Th through 8/17 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/member; \$5/non-member + admission. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

7/6 - Mommy/Daddy & Me Yoga at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Restore yourself, bond with your baby/toddler. 12:15 pm. \$15. 368-6875; cmboca.org

7/6 - Movie Break: Moana (PG) at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. All ages. 1-3 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

7/6 - Little Makers: Ozobot at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Basics of algorithms using markers and a robot. Age 8-11. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

7/6 - Children's Special Program: The Bee Man at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Learn the importance of bees. All ages. 2:30 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

7/6 - Reader's Theatre at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Write/illustrate your own book, have fun acting it out. Grades K-5. 3-4 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

7/6 - 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

7/6 - 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. Held again 7/13. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

7/6 - Chess for Kids at Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th through 7/27. 4:30-5:30 pm \$95/resident; \$119/non-resident. 367-7035; patchreefpark.org

7/6 - Acro & Tricks Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Ages 8+. Every Th through 8/10. 5-6 pm. \$10. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

7/6 - Taylored Athletes Basketball Fundamentals Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. High-quality instruction for aspiring young professional athletes. Age 5-8. Every Th through 7/27 5:30-6:30 pm. \$100/resident; \$125/non-resident. 347-3950; tayloredathletes.com

7/6 - Taylored Athletes Elite Training Basketball Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. High-quality instruction for aspiring young professional athletes. Age 9-14. Every Th through 7/27 5:30-6:30 pm. \$100/resident; \$125/non-resident. 347-3950; tayloredathletes.com

7/6 - Build It @ the Library at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Create your very own Dragon's Egg based on popular fantasy novels. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

7/6 - Teen Book Discussion at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

7/6 - Futsal (Indoor Soccer) at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton.

July 5, 12, 19 and 26. Play board and videogames using a Wii, WiiU, PS3, PS4 or Xbox 360.

Teen Book Discussion: 6-7 p.m. July 6. Chat about the latest YA book.

Teen Yoga: 3:30-4:30

p.m. July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Angelina Lucia from Bindu Yoga Studio in West Palm Beach leads.

No Filter Teen Group: 4:30-5:30 p.m. July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Mr. Mike leads a discussion of topics chosen by the group each week. Snacks included.

Unplugged: 3:30-4:30 p.m. July 11. Old school games.

Teen Zumba fitness class: 4:30-5:30 p.m. July 11.

Cut It: 3-5 p.m. July 25-26.

Create your own skit, then act it out, record it and learn to edit it using iMovie.

Brain Food: 5:30-7 p.m. July 25. Hands-on interactive, edible science experiments. ★

Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 6/23. Please check with organizers for any changes.

JULY 1

Saturday - 7/1 - Call for Entries: 6th Annual Kids' Spooky Film Festival at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Young filmmakers invited to submit a short "scary" film. Grand prize GoPro Hero Digital Camera. Age 6-17. Deadline for entry 9/23. \$5/film. Entry forms online: 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org/spooky-film-festival

7/1 - 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

7/1 - 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

7/1 - Tiny Toes Ballet/Tap Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Age 3-7. Every Sat 9:30-10 am. \$10. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

7/1 - 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 8/5. 10-11 am. Free. May-Aug 2017. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

7/1 - 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. 10 am-noon. \$5/child. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

7/1 - Read Dog Program for Children at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Children read aloud to specially trained therapy dogs. Every Sat through 7/22 10am-noon. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

7/1 - 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

7/1 - 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

7/1 - 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

7/1 - Tea Time With Mrs. Potts at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Delicious 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: 995-2333; thewick.org

JULY 2-8

Sunday - 7/2 - 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

7/2 - 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 - 7/3 - 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

7/3 - 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

7/3 - 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 7/24 11-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

7/3 - 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. 2:30-3:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

7/3 - Kids Activity Lab at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Board/video games using Wii, Wii U, PS3 or Xbox 360, or make wearable art. Grades K-5. Held again 7/10 & 24. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

7/3 - Teen Yoga at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. Every M 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

7/3 - No Filter Teen Group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Keep it real with Mr. Iriyah; 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

7/3 - 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

7/3 - Summer Explorers at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. Every M through 7/24 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

7/3 - Fencing/Epee Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 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

7/3-7 - Mermaid & Pirate Camp at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, 100 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Part of AquaNuts Summer Camp series. Age 5-17. M-F 8 am-5 pm. \$350/week; \$45/optional meal program. eventbrite.com/e/eau-palm-beach-aquanuts-and-coast-camp-tickets-34661701081

Tuesday - 7/4 - Inspired Art at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Age 2-11. T/W/Th 11:30 am-noon. \$5/member; \$8/nonmember. 368-6875; cmboca.org

Wednesday - 7/5 - Youth Cultural Empowerment Camp at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 6-week program focuses on building self-esteem, cultural identity, social and civic responsibility. T/W/Th through 8/10 9 am-noon. \$50/enrollment fee. Reservations: 279-

8883; spadmuseum.com

7/6-7 - 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 - 7/7 - Choo-Choo Train Time at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Children read stories, have open interactive train table play time. Pre-K. Every F 11 am-noon. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

7/7 - 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

7/7 - Children's Special: Tampa Taiko Drumming 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

7/7 - 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. \$15.95/adult (age 13+); \$13.95/senior (age 60+); \$11.95/child (age 3-12); free/child age 0-2. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org/safari-nights-2017

7/7 - 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

Saturday - 7/8 - Lil Sluggers Baseball at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Specially designed to introduce children to baseball. Every Sat through 8/5. Age 3 9-9:45 am; age 2 10-10:45 am; age 4-5 11-11:45 am. \$90/resident; \$112.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

7/8 - smART: African Masks at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Studio workshops: families/intergenerational groups focus on artistic family fun; learn, create, enjoy the visual arts. Family fare. 10-11 am. \$5/family; free/member. Reservations: 392-2500 x106; bocamuseum.org

7/8 - Open Lego Time at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 6 & up. Held again 7/22. 10 am-noon. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

7/8 - Cultural Folk Tales Day at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Oki Education Center, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Explore countries around the world through interactive folk tales. Family fare. 10 am-5 pm. Free w/paid admission. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

7/8 - Group Swim Lessons at The Swim Center, 21618 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Level 1, 2, 3, 4 & adult classes. Every Sat through 8/26 11 am, noon & 1 pm. Per session \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 544-8540; myboca.us

7/8 - Group Swim Lessons at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton. Level 1, 2, 3 & 4. Every Sat through 8/26 noon & 1 pm. Per session \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 393-7851; myboca.us

7/8 - Family Date Afternoon: The Lego Movie (PG) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All ages. 2:30-4 pm. Free. 393-

7968; bocalibrary.org

7/8 - 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

7/8-9 - Madagascar Jr. at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Sat 7 pm; Sat/Sun 4 pm. \$15-\$18/adult; \$13-\$15/child 18 & under. 272-1281 x4; delraybeachplayhouse.com

JULY 9-15

Sunday - 7/9 - Waking Sleeping Beauty (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 - 7/10 - Junior Lifeguard Academy at Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Leadership and essential lifeguarding skills. Age 10-14. Runs through 8/4 M-F 9 am-3 pm. \$300/resident; \$375/non-resident. 742-6645; boynton-beach.org

7/10 - 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 7/31 4-4:30 pm. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 742-6575; boynton-beach.org

7/10 - 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 7/31. Age 5-8 4:30-5:15 pm \$48-\$60; age 9-12 5:30-6:15 pm \$60-\$75. 742-6575; boynton-beach.org

7/10-14 - School of Rock Music Camp at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, 100 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Part of AquaNuts Summer Camp series. Age 5-17. M-F 8 am-5 pm. \$350/week; \$45/optional meal program. eventbrite.com/e/eau-palm-beach-aquanuts-and-coast-camp-tickets-34661701081

Tuesday - 7/11 - Turtle Tales at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 2-3. Every T 10 am. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

7/11 - Gentle Growers: A Mommy & Me Experience at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. All ages. Every T through 8/22 10 am. \$45/member; \$60/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

7/11 - 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. Held again 7/18. 2:30-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

7/11 - 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. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

7/11 - Group Swim Lessons at The Swim Center, 21618 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Level 1 & 2. T/Th through 8/3 3:15 & 4 pm. Per session \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 544-8540; ci.boca-raton.fl.us/rec/pools

7/11 - Group Swim Lessons at John Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Young children must be potty trained. Age 3 & older; Level 1. Held again 7/25-8/4. Every T-F through 7/21 4:30, 5, 5:30 & 6 pm. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 742-6645; boynton-beach.org

7/11 - Clayng Around at Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Basic techniques of pottery including wedging, centering clay. Age 8-14. Every T or Thu through 8/3 1:30-3:30 pm. \$36/resident; \$45/non-resident. Registration: 742-6650; boynton-beach.org

7/11 - Make and Take: Playful Pinwheels at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Make a colorful, breezy pinwheel. All ages. 1:30-2:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

7/11 - Daggerwing Visits the Library: Owl at West Boca Branch Library, 18685 N State Rd 7, Boca Raton. Features live animal ambassadors. Age 5+. 3:30 pm. Free. RSVP: 470-1600; pbcnature.com

7/11 - Unplugged at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Play old school games. Grades 6-12. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

7/11 - Teen Zumba at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Wednesday - 7/12 - Children's Fitness Classes/Gymnastics at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Build confidence, coordination. Every W through 8/9. 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 classes 10:45-11:40 am. 40-minute classes \$45/resident, \$56.25/non-resident; 55-minute classes \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

7/12 - The Art of Story at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. One author/

Scholastic achievement

Gulf Stream School, Gulf Stream – June 8



The Donald H. Miller Award for Highest Average/Ranking of the class of 2017 at Gulf Stream School was presented to two recipients this year — Julie Moquin and Landon Brody. The award was shared because Moquin's and Brody's averages were so close. Head of School Joseph J. Zaluski, left, made the presentations. Photo provided

illustrator each class; children create their own art in the style of the book. Age 3-5. Held again 7/26. 10:30-11:15 am. Free w/paid admission. Registration: 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

7/12 - Let's Get Building for 6s-8s at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Learn how to make our world a better place with Farmer Jay's Farm 'n Crafts. Limit 2 classes in this series. 3:30-4:14 pm. Free. Registration: 544-8584; bocalibrary.org

Thursday - 7/13 - 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 through 8/3 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

7/13 - Movie Break: Sing (PG) at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. All ages. 1-3 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

7/13 - Little Makers: Finch Robot at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. The Finch Robot combines robotics with easy to learn block coding interface called Snap. Age 8-11. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

7/13 - Children's Special Program: Nitromania at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. South Florida Science Center presentation on the physical properties of two of the most important chemicals on Earth: water & nitrogen. All ages. 2:30 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

7/13 - Passport to Art at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Age 3+. Every Th through 8/3 3:30 pm. \$45/member; \$60/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

7/13 - Build It @ the Library at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Make a Minecraft Creeper keychain out of beads, wax paper, a key ring. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Friday - 7/14 - Children's Special: Mr. Richard's Music 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

7/14 - 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 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. Age 8+ (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). 6:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

Saturday - 7/15 - 12 & Under Tennis Tournament at Patch Reef Park Tennis Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Includes t-shirt, pizza, refreshments. 1 pm. \$30/resident; \$37.50/non-resident. 367-7090; patchreefpark.org

7/15-16 - 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

7/15-22 - USTA National Clay Court Girls 12 Championships at Polo Club of Boca Raton, 5400 Champion Blvd. 128 top-ranked Girls 12 & under in the U.S. Matches begin daily at 8 am. Opening ceremony 5:30 pm Saturday. Spectator admission free. 995-1280; tennislink.usta.com/Tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?T=185687

JULY 16-22

Sunday - 7/16 - Sunday Movie: Sleeping Beauty (G) at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11

Sphero directions. Bring tablet or cell phone. Age 12-17. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

7/20 - Children's Special Program: Hans Brinker and the Quick-Silver Skates at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Atlantic Coast Theater presentation includes lots of action based on the classic story. All ages. 2:30 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

7/20 - NBA2K and SmashBros Gaming Tournament at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

7/20 - Build It @ the Library at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Save the World T-shirt creations. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Friday - 7/21 - Children's Special: High Touch High Tech 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 - 7/22 - Story & Craft Time at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Discover nature through crafts, stories, other nature-related themes. Age 4-10. 10 am. \$2. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

7/22 - I Love Art Classes at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Create art using recycled items. Ages 4-10. Every Sat through 8/12 10:30 am-1:30 pm. \$72/resident; \$90/non-resident. 742-6650; boynton-beach.org

7/22 - Family Date Afternoon: Board Games & Basketball at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All ages. 2:30-4 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

JULY 23-29

Monday - 7/24 - Glow in the Dark Story Time at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 4+. 4-5 pm. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

7/24-28 - Science Camp at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, 100 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Part of AquaNuts Summer Camp series. Age 5-17. M-F 8 am-5 pm. \$350/week; \$45/optional meal program. eventbrite.com/e/eau-palm-beach-aquanuts-and-coast-camp-tickets-34661701081

Tuesday - 7/25 - Kidokinetics at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. New sport each week. Soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, volleyball, golf, hula hoops, obstacle courses, T-ball, more. Every T through 9/5. Age 3-5 3:45-4:30 pm; age 2-4 4:30-5:15 pm (some parent involvement). \$66/resident; \$82.50/non-resident. 954-385-8511; kidokinetics.com

7/25 - GEMS Club: Phenomenal Physics 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; sfsiencecenter.org/gems

7/25 - Brain Food at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Hands-on interactive, edible science experiments. Grades 6-12. 5:30-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

7/25-26 - Cut It at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Brainstorm, create your own ski, then learn to edit it on Apple's iMovie. Grades 6-12. T/W 3-5 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Wednesday - 7/26 - Let's Get Building for 6s-8s at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Learn how to draw with Michael P. White, artist and children's illustrator. Limit 2 classes in this series. 3:30-4:14 pm. Free. Registration: 544-8584; bocalibrary.org

7/26-28 - Camp Rock The Musical 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 - 7/27 - Youth Makers: Hummingbird Robotics at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Learn about the integration of robotics, code with an easy to use block coding interface. Age 12-17. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

7/27 - Children's Special Program: Rock-Out Summer Reading Finale Concert at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Interactive rock concert ends the summer reading program. All ages. 2:30 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

7/27 - Storytime Yoga at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 4-8. 3:30 pm. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

7/27 - Build It @ the Library at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Cooking Thai Curry. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

7/27-29 - Legally Blonde, Jr. Summer Camp Performance at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Th/F 11 am; Sat 2 pm. \$15/adult; \$10/child. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

Friday - 7/28 - Children's Special: James Changefield'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

7/28 - Pirate Mayhem Family Event at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Pirate-themed music, fun, games. Audience participation encouraged. Family fare. 6-7 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

7/28 - Physics! Laws of Attraction 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; sfsiencecenter.org

JULY 30-AUGUST 5

Monday - 7/31 - Rhythmic Gymnastics: Beginner 2 at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 5-6. Every M through 8/28 3-4 pm. \$87.50/resident; \$103.35/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

7/31 - Sandoway Discovery Center at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Learn about animal biodiversity and conservation, look at/touch real life artifacts, maybe meet some reptile friends. All ages. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

7/31 - Jazz & Hip Hop Dance Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Choreographed warm-ups, dances to favorite songs. Age 5-9. Every M through 8/21 4:15-5 pm \$56/resident; \$70/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

7/31 - 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 8/21 5-5:45 pm. \$56/resident; \$70/non-resident. 954-971-9917; myboca.us

7/31-8/4 - Art Camp at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, 100 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Part of AquaNuts Summer Camp series. Age 5-17. M-F 8 am-5 pm. \$350/week; \$45/optional meal program. eventbrite.com/e/eau-palm-beach-aquanuts-and-coast-camp-tickets-34661701081

Wednesday - 8/2 - Rhythmic Gymnastics at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Every W through 8/30. Beginner 1 age 4-5 4-5 pm \$87.50-\$103.35; Beginner 2 age 5-6 3-4 pm \$87.50-\$103.35; Intermediate age 7-12 3:45-5:15 pm \$112.50-\$140.60. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

Thursday - 8/3 - Taylored Athletes Elite Training Basketball Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. High-quality instruction for aspiring professional athletes. Age 9-14. Every Th through 8/31 5:30-6:30 pm. \$125/resident; \$156/non-resident. 347-3950; tayloredathletes.com

8/3 - Taylored Athletes Basketball Fundamentals Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. High-quality instruction for aspiring professional athletes. Age 5-8. Every Th through 8/31 5:30-6:30 pm. \$125/resident; \$156/non-resident. 347-3950; tayloredathletes.com

8/3 - Futsal (Indoor Soccer) at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Demands quick reflexes, fast thinking, pinpoint passing. Every Th through 8/31. Age 4-8 6:30-7:30 pm; age 9-14 7:30-8:30. \$50/resident; \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3916; sugarsandpark.org

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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 West Indies-style home has a Chicago brick motor court, a three-car garage and guest/staff quarters.



This Hypoluxo Island estate has 109 feet of water frontage, with wide views of the Intracoastal Waterway.

A West Indies wonder on Hypoluxo Island

This British West Indies-inspired house, called “Gumbo Limbo,” is nestled in a private landscape with mango, avocado, bay rum, blood orange, Meyer lemon, Key lime and many mature gumbo limbo trees.

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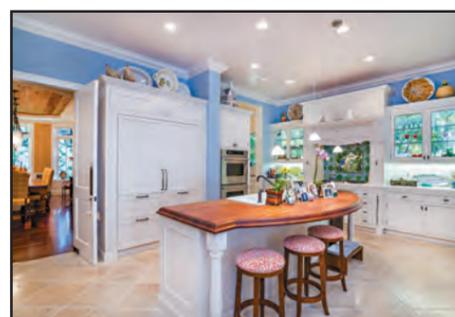
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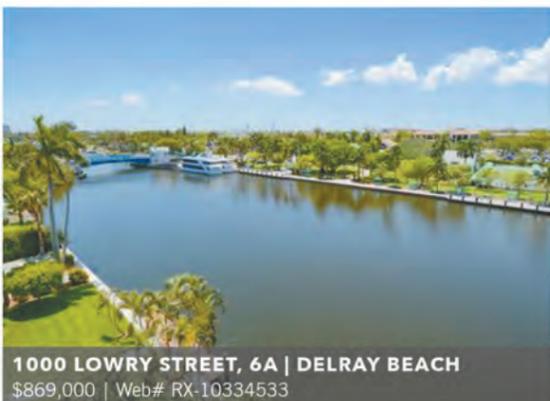
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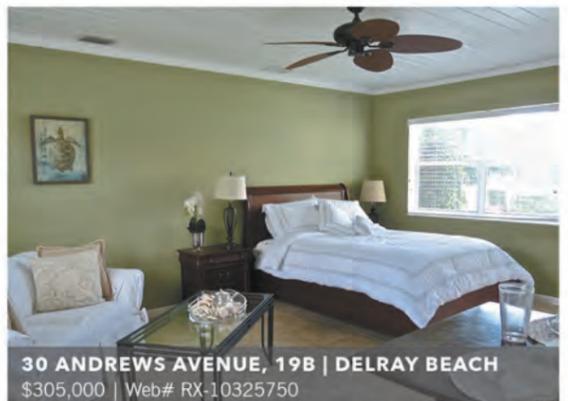
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Along the Coast



Dexter Usher, Dre Usher and Jade Stepien beat the heat at the Boardwalk Italian Ice & Creamery in Boynton Beach. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

The Scoop

on some of our favorite ice cream shops

By Mary Thurwachter

Plans to celebrate Independence Day call for raising the flag, firing up the grill, inviting friends over for a pool party and staking out the best seats for oohing and aahing the fireworks. But no celebration is complete without dessert, and no dessert says Fourth of July better than ice cream. We all scream for it, right?

Besides, what's more entertaining than watching kids struggle mightily to get in their licks before the contents of their sugar cones melt

all over their adorable faces and often call for a clothing change — or at least a pool bath?

Here in Florida, ice cream's popularity doesn't necessarily peak during summer months, of course. It can be warm all year round, so ice cream shops don't have to struggle mightily like those kids with melting dessert issues.

Joe Hurtuk, whose family owns the Boardwalk Italian Ice & Creamery on North Federal Highway in Boynton Beach, embraces the ice cream experience.

See **SCOOP** on page AT6



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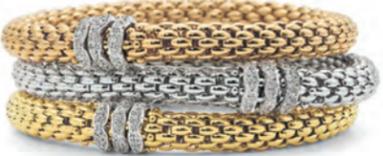
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Philanthropy Notes

2017 Snow scholar-support services total \$1 million

More than 100 local students will benefit from the George Snow Scholarship Fund, which this year will make scholarship commitments of \$1 million.

Last month, supporters of the fund met the deserving scholars at the annual awards reception, where it was



Tim Snow

announced that 2017 has been the most successful year in the organization's 35-year history.

"Our awards reception marks the culmination of a year's worth of work by literally hundreds of our kind and generous supporters and volunteers," President Tim Snow said.

Each scholar received a certificate and a medal, as well as a duffel bag filled with college-related items valued at \$800.

The ceremony ended with longtime supporter Diana Halley receiving the Robert S. Howell Spirit of Service Award.

MNM Productions, have partnered with the Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service to raise more than \$9,000 for the nonprofit during the preview of *Spamalot* at the Kravis Center's Rinker Playhouse.

For 40-plus years, the Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service has provided resources aimed at strengthening the lives of those in Palm Beach County.

"While primarily a Jewish organization, its mission is to address the community wherever needs are required, regardless of religion," Gorman-Althof said.

West Boca Medical donates to Helping Hands

West Boca Medical Center donated 11,150 servings of cereal and nearly \$200 for Boca Helping Hands during its Healthy Over Hungry Cereal Drive last month.

"The donations will help provide local children and adults struggling with hunger with a healthy breakfast during the summer, and I am so grateful for the support of our staff and community in this effort," said Mitch Feldman, CEO of West Boca Medical Center.

Proper Affair Fashion Show raises \$40,000 for ACCF

Local and national sponsors came together to support the ninth annual Proper Affair Fashion Show, which benefits the Achievement Centers for Children & Families in Delray Beach.

The more than \$40,000 raised will help underprivileged children and low-income families in the community.

The event featured complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, special performances by the ACCF drumline and dance troupe and live and silent auctions.

Rooney's Golf Foundation contributes to 8 charities

Following spring fundraising events, Rooney's Golf Foundation distributed \$22,465 to eight local charities. Its 10th annual Rooney's 5K Run / Walk raised \$10,123 for Autism Project of Palm Beach County, Greyed A Greyhounds, Pathways to Independence, Potentia Academy and Westgate / Belvedere Homes CRA.

The second Rooney's Spring Golf Tournament raised \$12,342, benefiting Autism Project of Palm Beach County, Awesome Greyhound Adoptions / Hounds & Heroes, Florida Atlantic University's Honors College and Forgotten Soldiers Outreach.

Special performance brings in \$9,000 for charity

Marcie Gorman-Althof and Michael Lifshitz, the producing partners behind

Boynton Woman's Club awards 6 scholarships

The Boynton Woman's Club is continuing its tradition of giving funds for college to graduates of area high schools.

This year's six recipients all live in Boynton Beach and will attend a Florida school this fall. Members met each of them at a luncheon at the clubhouse.

"During the interview process, we just knew that they're going to succeed," scholarship committee Co-Chairwoman Donna Artes said.

The winners are Alexandra Charles, Molly Ehrlich, Keith Haven, Brianna Herrin, Ashley Krawczyk and Medley St. Martin.

Oh Boy Sports presents Student ACES Awards

Student ACES had its first ACE Champion Awards ceremony this spring, "Honoring Our Champions of Character," presented by Oh Boy Sports.

The event bestowed ACES Leadership Awards to students including Allison Bosworth and Ismael Garlobo, of Boca Raton Christian School; Juan Ramirez and Iraida Tijerina, of South Tech Academy; Andrew Lee, of Park Vista Community High School; and Eduardo Morales, of Atlantic Community High School.

Student ACES is a nonprofit that provides a leadership



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Celebrations

Grand opening

Louie Bossi's, Boca Raton – April 30



The new 300-seat restaurant celebrated its debut with a VIP party benefiting the Junior League of Boca Raton. The celebration attracted hundreds of local leaders and dining enthusiasts who strolled through the 8,000 square feet of indoor space and the 2,000-square-foot patio. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Tracy Riedel Wilson, Kirsten Stanley and Elizabeth Kelley-Grace. **Photo provided by Eduardo Schneider**

Culture & Cocktails

The Colony, Palm Beach – April 3



The final installment of the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County's speaker series attracted a crowd of 125 for a conversation with Rich and Jill Switzer. The topic was "Sing Sing Sing" with the co-hosts of The Morning Lounge on WLML-FM, also known as Legends Radio. Rich Switzer is a composer and pianist who has been entertaining audiences in South Florida for 32 years. Jill Switzer has headlined The Colony's Royal Room and sung with the Palm Beach Pops. **TOP:** (l-r) Essie Owens, Sindy Galdamez and Dina Baker. **INSET:** Rob Russell with Jo Anne Moeller. **Photos provided by Jacek Gancarz**



Dedication

Mounts Botanical Garden of Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach – June 13



The Friends group celebrated the official opening of Windows on the Floating World: Blume Tropical Wetland Garden, a stunning space that features a series of walkways and permanent and changing aquatic-plant displays that enable visitors to connect with the tropical wetlands around them. Local dignitaries, board members, proud patrons and construction and design personnel cheered and applauded as the new waterfall started to flow. **ABOVE:** (l-r, from top) Ron Rice, of Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension, with board members Mike Zimmerman (red shirt), Tom Brockway, William Grady, Molly Sims, Jeffrey Phipps Sr., Julie Criser, Julie Kime, Sandy Smith and Polly Reed. **Photo provided by Jacek Gancarz**

White Rose Installation Ceremony

Ruth's Chris Steak House, Boca Raton – May 1



Officers, members and supporters of the Boca Raton Woman's Club had a decadent dinner prior to installing the new slate of leaders for the 2017-18 season. Past President Gwen Herb emceed the affair, presenting white roses to Pam Capi, president; Terry Fedele, first vice president; Bonnie Mason, second vice president; Carol Stankee, recording secretary; Virginia Bauer, corresponding secretary; and Annette Phelps, treasurer. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Capi, Mason, Stankee, Bauer and Phelps. **Photo provided by Barbara McCormick**

curriculum, mentoring and projects for boys and girls.

Nonprofits urged to apply for Quantum grants

The Quantum Foundation is giving away \$750,000 to charities that provide basic needs such as clothing, food and shelter to the county's most vulnerable residents.

Nonprofits can apply for grants from the foundation's Quantum in the Community initiative — the deadline is Aug. 18 — and the recipients will be announced in October.

For the past six years, the West Palm Beach-based health funder has set aside \$4 million for the initiative to help grassroots organizations that are working toward a healthier county.

For information, visit quantumfnd.org/quantum-in-the-community.



Submit your news, event or listing to Amy Woods at flamywoods@bellsouth.net

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Around Town

NSAL ballet competition winners sparkle in gala at Royal Palm Yacht Club

Some impressive performers have dazzled audiences on *The Voice* and *America's Got Talent*, but the route to stardom doesn't necessarily go through New York or Hollywood. In early June, it passed through the gates of the Royal Palm Yacht Club in Boca Raton.

The occasion: The **Red Rose National Awards Gala**, culminating the 73rd annual meeting of the National Society of Arts and Letters and its En Pointe Classical Ballet Competition.

Seventeen regional finalists competed for cash prizes ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,000, and the standards were high.

The judges were choreographers **Maurice Brandon Curry**, whose work ranges from the Queen's Trust Benefit for Queen Elizabeth II to fashion events for Giorgio Armani; **Cynthia Harvey**, the first American to perform as principal ballerina for England's Royal Ballet; **Steven Caras**, former dancer with the New York City Ballet, author, professional dance photographer and Palm Beach resident; and **Christopher Wheeldon**, who switched to choreography after performing as a soloist with several international companies.

NSAL also honored Wheeldon with its 2017 Gold Medal of Merit for his unique approach in choreographing *An American in Paris*, which won the 2015 Tony Award.

High standards indeed. Each dancer performed a solo routine at Florida Atlantic University's theater on June 2. The judges conferred into the night and the winners were announced at the gala. Each judge also spent considerable time one-

on-one with each dancer, offering insight, advice and encouragement.

"They're so talented. They won't go unnoticed," Wheeldon said.

The Yacht Club stage wasn't conducive to ballet, but the evening wasn't lacking for inspiring performances by scholarship winners from previous NSAL competitions in music, performing and visual arts.

Mezzo-soprano **Zaray Rodriguez**, a Cuban-American from Miami, studied voice at Palm Beach Atlantic College and is debuting this summer at the Aspen Music Festival. Bulgaria-born violinist **Yordan Tenev** and Gainesville-born pianist **Bailey-Michelle Collins** now study at Lynn University.

Speaking of FAU, its annual Festival Repertory showcase of theater and dance continues through July with a drama, a musical and a jazz concert. At the Studio One Theatre, *Sense and Sensibility*, a modern look at Jane Austen's classic, switches off with Sondheim and Lapine's Broadway classic *Into the Woods* on weekends, the latter running a week longer, through July 30.

On July 15 and 16, the big band sounds of Ellington, Goodman, Basie and Miller will fill the University Theatre. (www.fauvents.com)

One earlier Summer Rep show had a bittersweet tone. **Heather Coltman** played her last FAU concert June 12. A native of Zambia, Coltman served FAU as teacher and administrator for 23 years, the last five as dean of the Schmidt College of Arts and Letters.

She ran 10 departments



ABOVE: Judge Steven Caras joins the after-dinner dancing with winning students including Sophie Miklosovic from Pompano Beach (left) and Guari Shankar (center). **LEFT:** Caras and fellow judges Maurice Brandon Curry (left) and Christopher Wheeldon hold photos of judge Cynthia Harvey, who had to leave early. Photos provided

and was a major force in the development of two platforms of FAU's strategic plan: "Peace, Justice and Human Rights" and "South Florida Culture: The Region as an International Hub for Arts and Humanities."

She is also a talented pianist who has performed around the globe as soloist and accompanist. She's been a fixture at FAU's annual Piano Gala Extravaganza that features four pianos on stage and sometimes twice as many players.

But now her talents have taken her to Harrisonburg, Va. On July 1, she became provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at James Madison University. *U.S. News and World Report* ranks it No. 2 among public schools in the South that do not offer doctorates.

I don't have much use for Twitter these days, but for his SiriusXM radio show, country music star **Kenny Chesney** dropped a tweet a few weeks back that deserves repeat: "Headed down A1A to @bostonsonthebch in #DelrayBeach for this wk's Bar at the End of the World!"

He describes Boston's, one of only 11 far-flung hangouts in his first wave of bar ratings, as a place "where time melts and you find friends, whether you've met them or not."

Chesney doesn't bring an entourage or make a big fuss when he visits, says Boston's Manager Mark DeAtley. He prefers to sit at the bar — usually unrecognized — and watch a game on TV while sipping a beer or his favorite drink, a Boston Strangler.



Chesney

Speaking of cocktails and Delray Beach, nearly 3,000 guests showed up a few weeks back at the Marriott and other watering holes for **Apres at the Beach**. The weekend celebration of distilled spirits offered seminars, tastings of more than 80 craft cocktails and a mixology competition.

"Prizefighters Breakfast" was singled out for best cocktail by a jury of spirits experts. **Keith Popejoy**, bar manager at newcomer Death or Glory, combined 2 ounces of Tullamore Dew, 3/4 ounce of lemon, a half ounce each of Foro Amaro and honey and "barspooned" it. Then he added Earl Grey Tea Confit and Earl Grey Tea, smoked the glass and finished it off with an ice cube of black and bergamot tea — that's what brings the big tip!

The "Audience Favorite" award, however, went to Funky Ginger, concocted by **Erica Watkins**, cocktail chef at The Old Arcade at Caffe Martier: 2 ounces of New Amsterdam gin, 1 ounce of fresh pressed apple juice, 10 ounces of lemon and 1 ounce of simple cranberry-ginger puree, shaken and strained twice.

The revelry continues Aug. 1-7 with the second annual **Dine Out Downtown Delray Restaurant Week**. The Downtown Development Authority has lined up more than 20 restaurants to offer multicourse prix fixe lunches and dinners plus special events ranging from beer and cocktail classes to chef demonstrations.

Special dine-out deals under \$10 will be offered, while lunch specials run \$20 and less and dinner specials \$40 and less.

No special requirements. Diners can simply visit any of the listed restaurants and

request the Dine Out menu. Reservations, while encouraged, are not required.

The lineup includes 32 East, 50 Ocean, Big Al's Steak, Boston's On The Beach, Caffe Luna Rosa, City Oyster & Sushi Bar, Cream, Death or Glory, Delray Hideaway, Eat Market, Farmhouse Kitchen, JuiceBuzz, Juice Papi, Max's Harvest, Mellow Mushroom, PRIME, Racks Fish House & Oyster Bar, SALT 7, Sandwiches By The Sea, Sazio and Windy City Pizza. (www.downtowndelraybeach.com/restaurantweek)

If you like tributes — bands that play the music of other, more famous bands, try **Summer in the City 2017** at Boca's Mizner Park Amphitheater any Friday night through Aug. 11.

Up July 7 is Liverpool Live — the sounds of you know who — followed by Turnstiles (Billy Joel), the Petty Hearts (guess!), Crystal Visions (Fleetwood Mac) and the final tribute Aug. 11 by Ruffhouse (Bob Marley).

On July 28, the bands will give way to a screening of *Moana*, preceded by a Polynesian dance show. Symphonia Boca Raton wraps up the series Aug. 12 with "A Space Odyssey."

Admission is free. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair or rent a chair for \$5.

Though not part of Summer in the City, several other shows at Mizner Park will attract attention. On July 29, it's the Brazilian Bar Sertanejo music event featuring Vinicius and João Bosco, followed Aug. 1 by Straight No Chaser and Postmodern Jukebox.

Way down the road, mark Nov. 10 at Mizner for **Jethro Tull** by **Ian Anderson**. The name is confusing. The

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legendary band was dissolved in 2012 — by Anderson. Now he's back, as are latter-day Tull keyboardist John O'Hara and bassist David Goodier, interspersing a few lesser known tunes among the Tull classics. But it isn't Tull, technically (legally?) and spiritually. Anderson wails on his flute with the intensity of a youngster just beginning to cut records on vinyl, but with a voice now thicker than a brick, he leaves much of the vocal work to the bandmates, whatever band they may comprise.

Many members of the next generation of doctors and nurses are learning their skills at FAU. They'll need some gear, and for the seventh year an essential wardrobe item — their first lab coats — will come from members of the community. A \$200 donation provides the coat with the donor's name in a pocket to be presented at the **White Coats-4-Care Reception** Aug. 3 in the Delray Acura Club in FAU Stadium. Call 297-4452 for details.

For more than two centuries, **Bastille Day** has been celebrated on July 14, and for decades the **Norton Museum of Art** has saluted the event at its Art After Dark gatherings Thursday closest to the date. This year, however, the celebration will move to Saturday, July 15, from noon to 5 p.m. and will feature, naturally, all things French — music, film, language lessons, food, drink and, of course, art. Highlighting the party will be *French Connections: Photography*. The exhibit, which opened June 29, draws from the museum's collection of French photographs, particularly more than 10,000 by Eugene Atget.

And, as Norton's expansion continues, admission is free!

They come and they go. **Max's Harvest** in Delray Beach has a new chef. He's



Latin jazz drummer Tito Puenta Jr. (right) celebrated his birthday June 2 and 3 with a pair of sold-out performances at the Arts Garage in Delray Beach. This was one in a series of Latin jazz performances at the Arts Garage. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

Blair Wilson, former award-winning executive chef at The Social Club in Miami Beach. A Virginian, Wilson has a soft spot for Southern cooking but has developed an international repertoire while utilizing local food sources.

Wilson replaces **Eric Baker**, who like so many former Dennis Max hires is moving on to his own restaurant, in West Palm Beach. He'll join **Jason Lakow**, former GM at Cafe Boulud in Palm Beach, to create Mazie's, a "comfort food" spot on Antique Row, formerly occupied by Gulf Stream Bistro & Seafood Market (and long ago by a Burger King).

Of the change, Max said, "I'm proud of the fact that I've worked with such great people

who have learned from us and then been able to graduate to another level and follow their dreams. It's the highest compliment to Max's Harvest and is the natural order of things in our business."

Should you have happened to come upon a wicket, you could be certain that **Teddy**



Prentis

Bermuda for a tournament after his rented motor scooter collided with an oncoming car.

A Delray Beach resident, Prentis, 68, was a regular fixture at croquet centers in Boca Raton, Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens and Wellington. He also had homes in his native Long Island and Romania.

Said U.S. Croquet Association President Sara Low in announcing his death: "We all loved him for his athletic ability in the sport, his knowledge of and position within its history, his commitment to teaching us to improve our play and his great sense of humor."

In the early '60s, the 14-year-old Prentis, then a handyman and refreshment dispenser at Westhampton Mallet Club in New York, swung his first mallet. He won eight national

titles and in 1989 was inducted into the U.S. Croquet Hall of Fame. He then turned his attention to teaching the sport, becoming the world's first professional croquet instructor.

He was instrumental in transforming croquet from an elite game played on estate lawns by old men to one played by fans from all walks of life. He even helped introduce croquet to the Special Olympics. He will be missed.



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Dining

The pie's the limit at Josie's

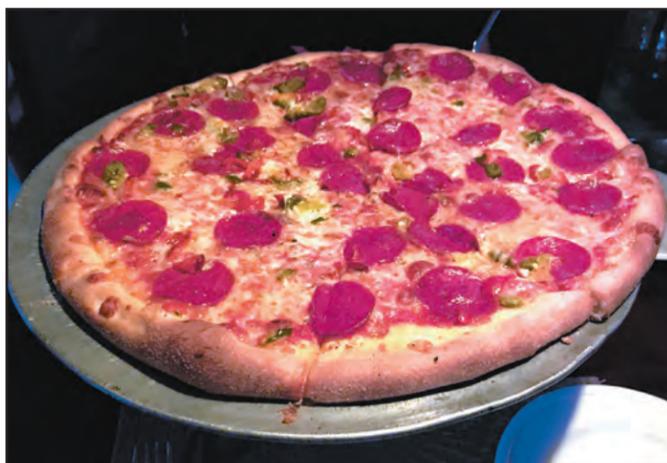
The Plate: Pizza

The Place: Josie's Ristorante, 1602 S. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach; 354-9601 or www.josiesristorante.com

The Price: \$14.50 for a large, plus \$2.10 per topping

The Skinny: I remember when Josie's essentially was a hole in the wall with a counter that sold pizzas to go.

The restaurant still sells food to go, but it's decidedly higher end than my first visit to the place some 30 years



ago, with menu items by star chef Mark Militello, an original member of the Mango Gang of chefs who rose to prominence in the 1980s and 1990s creating food that used Florida ingredients.

We decided to try a pizza during a recent visit and loved the light, crisp crust. The tomato sauce was slightly piquant, and the toppings, pepperoni and hot peppers, were plentiful.

The "Summer's Finally Here" special offers an added incentive to order pizza: A 16-inch pie with one topping is available for \$8.99 Mondays and Tuesdays.

Service the Sunday evening we visited was off, but that seemed to be an aberration. Next time, I want to try the pan-seared scallops.

— Scott Simmons

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SCOOP

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Like many transplanted Floridians, the Hurtuk family enjoys reminiscing about fun times spent up North during the summer. His shop has customers reliving the boardwalk experience.

"I used to go to Seaside Heights Boardwalk on the Jersey Shore," he says.

The Boardwalk shop, which opened in November 2015, isn't on the beach (about a mile from it) but looks like it is. It features red-and-white striped awnings outside, as well as Adirondack chairs, beach balls, lifeguard stand and rescue boat.

Several large windows are covered with photos of boardwalk beach towns. Customers walk past a "skinny" fun house mirror on the way in.

"As you walk around the store, you'll see a collage of framed postcards from several states that have great beaches and boardwalks," Hurtuk said.

Besides homemade ice cream and gelato, ices and custards, Boardwalk serves candy apples, funnel cakes, cannolis, zeppole and milkshakes. Ice cream flavors (172, all made on-site) rotate, but some favorites include Coconut Island Breeze (with coconut, of course!), Rice Pudding (one of my faves) and Fruity Pebbles (inspired by the cereal of the same name).

"Business has been really good," Hurtuk says. "People come to try new flavors or just for their favorite. If we don't have it that day they may turn around and walk back out."

Another shop big on ambiance is Sloan's on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach.

It's hard not to be drawn in by the delightful aroma of freshly baked waffle cones, cookies and brownies at Sloan's. The chocolate cookie dough ice cream in a waffle cone is worthy of the caloric splurge.

The shop has real candy (in bulk) and eye candy, too. The walls are pink, chandeliers are twinkling and the toy trains are chugging. Owners say this shop is where fantasy becomes reality — and it is, at least in the sweet dreams department.

Sloan's serves more than 60 flavors of ice cream, 34 at a time. Favorites include Cookie Monster (with Oreos and homemade chocolate chip cookies) and Birthday Cake (with big chunks of buttercream frosted chocolate and yellow birthday cake).

At the iconic Ice Cream Club in Manalapan, 140 flavors are available on a rotating basis. The shop, in Plaza Del Mar across the street from the beach and Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, has a signature red, white and blue ice cream this time of year.

Top sellers include Butterscotch Bomb (with butterscotch, brownies, Heath bars, cookies and peanut butter cups), Garbage Can (with chunks of seven kinds of candy bars and granulated peanuts in vanilla ice cream) and Coffee (a



Joe Hurtuk's Boynton Beach shop features photos from boardwalk beach towns. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

The scoop

Some good places to get your ice cream fix:

• **Boardwalk Italian Ice & Creamery**, 209 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach, 600-9593, www.theboardwalkice.com.



The Ice Cream Club in Manalapan.

com.
• **The Ice Cream Club**, 278 S. Ocean Blvd. in Manalapan's Plaza Del Mar, 582-0778, www.icecreamclub.com. Store has a production facility for larger purchases at 1580 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, 731-3331.



Sloan's in downtown Delray Beach.

• **Sloan's Ice Cream**, 111 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, 303-3912, www.sloansicecream.com. A second Sloan's in Mizner Park, Boca Raton, is temporarily closed for maintenance.

• **Cream Frozen Yogurt, Gelato, & Gourmet Coffees**, 1163 E. Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach, and 520 Linton Blvd., 303-1912 or 266-2222.

• **La Gelateria Della**

Musica, 177 SE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton, 305-613-3032.

• **Doc's All American**, 10 Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, 278-3627.

• **Kilwin's Delray and Lake Worth**, 402 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, 278-0808; and at Lake Worth Beach, 10 S. Ocean Blvd., Lake Worth, 249-1568; and 512 Lake Ave., Lake Worth, 493-9249, www.kilwins.com

• **Capricci Italian Natural Gelato**, 99 SE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton, 923-9466, www.capriccigelato.com

• **PopBar**, 411 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, 450-6124, www.pop-bar.com/delraybeach

Fun facts

- July is National Ice Cream Month.
- It takes about 50 licks to finish a single-scoop ice cream cone.
- Next to cookies, ice cream is the best-selling treat in America.
- The average American eats about 20 quarts of ice cream a year — the world's highest per capita consumption.
- Ice cream can be made in many types — ordinary ice cream, frozen custard, frozen yogurt, reduced-fat ice cream, sherbet, gelato and others.

Sources: www.icecream.com and the International Dairy Foods Association

java drinker's dream!).

Cream in Delray Beach (with locations on Atlantic Avenue and Linton Boulevard) serves handmade ice cream, gelato, self-serve frozen yogurt, milkshakes/smoothies, fresh fruit and candy toppings, coffee, espresso, cappuccino and latte.

A special red, white and blue gelato is available for the Fourth of July. During the summer, sorbets become more popular and coconut gelato, sprinkled with toasted coconut,

is among customer favorites.

Pistachio is among the most popular of 24 flavor choices at La Gelateria Della Musica, which opened in January at Royal Palm Place in Boca Raton. The store is known in Italy for strange ice cream concoctions like Bread, Butter & Jam, Bud Light-flavored and Chocolate Bacon.

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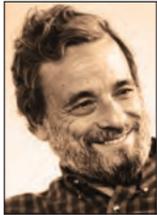
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Theater

By ArtsPaper Staff

At 87, Stephen Sondheim stands tall as a national



Sondheim

treasure, a composer and lyricist whose work since *West Side Story* in 1957 has defined for generations what it means

to have a relevant, challenging American theater.

This month, three of the master's musicals are on view in Palm Beach County — which is likely some sort of record — from the urbanity of *Company* (1970) to the black humor of the Victorian penny dreadful in *Sweeney Todd* (1979), to the fairy-tale fantasy of *Into the Woods* (1987).

Here's a look at those productions, in order of first performance:

Into the Woods: In the often lightweight genre of musicals, composer-lyricist Sondheim has tended toward the grim, in shows about a homicidal barber, presidential assassins and America's opening and despoiling of Japan.

Then there is his Grimm musical, *Into the Woods*, written with his *Sunday in the Park with George* collaborator James Lapine. Its first act, which interweaves several familiar fairy tales —



The sounds of Sondheim will fill the air this month via three local productions

From left: Zak Westfall, Gabriela Tortoledo, Erin Williams and Trayven Call in *Into the Woods*. Photo by Viviana Puga

Cinderella, Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk — with an original story of a baker and his wife trying to remove a witch's curse that has left them childless, is lighthearted in tone. But after intermission, the show turns dark as the writing team explores the real-world consequences of "happily ever after."

Premiered on Broadway in 1987, where it won three Tony Awards and ran nearly two years, *Into the Woods* has become Sondheim's most produced musical, despite its

considerable production and performance demands.

For Bruce Linser, who is directing the musical as part of Florida Atlantic University's 2017 Festival Rep, this is a particularly apt time to see *Into the Woods* and consider its numerous themes. "Because of the social fabric of where we are, politically and socially," he says. "It goes in cycles and this is a time when we yearn for something that means something more, that touches us more deeply."

While keeping the show entertaining, Sondheim and

Lapine infuse this story of an interdependent community besieged by a giant with a variety of thought-provoking ideas. "The themes that we've focused on are fantasy versus reality and the pursuit of happily ever after," notes Linser. "Everyone wants that fantasy that doesn't really exist and yet we keep trying to pursue it. We are so polarized right now in our society. I'm right and you're wrong and that's all there is to it. The importance of finding that middle ground, of living in that uncomfortable gray area, is an important part of this show."

Like the recent production of *Julius Caesar* in New York's Central Park whose assassinated Roman emperor had an uncanny resemblance to our new president, Linser says he briefly considered a similar link to *Into the Woods'* giant.

"If I could have done that, I would have in a second," he concedes. "But it's very clear that the giant is a woman. But absolutely, that is the sense behind the threat, I think."

Still, if the bullying giant gives theatergoers Trumpian

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Music



Drummer Bobby Thomas Jr. has a new band called the 7th Realm. Photo provided

Bobby Thomas Jr. enjoying sunny days post-Weather Report

By Bill Meredith
ArtsPaper Music Writer

Weather Report became the preeminent jazz/fusion band in history for a variety of reasons during its 1970-1986 tenure, but chiefly its co-founders, keyboardist Joe Zawinul (1932-2007) and saxophonist Wayne Shorter, both alumni of trumpeter Miles Davis' bands.

But the additional band members may have proven just as important. Those included bassists Miroslav Vitous, Alphonso Johnson and Jaco Pastorius, drummers Chester Thompson, Peter Erskine and Omar Hakim, and

percussionists Alex Acuna, Manolo Badrena and Miami native Bobby Thomas Jr.

Of those percussionists, the now-62-year-old Thomas' playing was unique stylistically by not being steeped in traditional Afro-Cuban influences.

Thomas and his current band, the 7th Realm, perform at the Arts Garage in Delray Beach on July 29.

It was during Pastorius' 1976-1982 tenure that Weather Report achieved its greatest critical and commercial success, largely due to the inimitable fretless bassist's combination of musicality, songwriting, and stage theatrics. And it

was Pastorius — a Pennsylvania native turned South Floridian living in Deerfield Beach — who brought in Thomas after jamming with the percussionist at a 1979 benefit in Miami.

"I was playing with [multi-wind instrumentalist] Ira Sullivan, and Jaco approached me, even though I didn't know who he was, let alone Weather Report," says Thomas by phone from his home in Miami. "He came up to me after hearing me play with Ira, and before I was to play with him, and says, 'What's that stuff you're playing?' And I told him I was a bebop hand drummer. He took my card,

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notions, that would be OK with Linser. "I think if people are thinking when they come, that's not going to escape them."

The first act ends with "happily ever after," but Sondheim and Lapine ask us to look beyond that point to the consequences of what we wish for.

"We think, 'If only we had money, if only we had power, if only we had a beautiful spouse, if only we had whatever.' What Sondheim has done is given you that at the end of the first act. But attaining that can prove unsatisfying," suggests Linser. "That wealth doesn't make you happy, you may gain that beautiful person, but what after that? I think that's the whole point of the show. At the end, you realize that 'ordinary life' is really not that ordinary."

Sweeney Todd: The demon barber of Fleet Street comes to Palm Beach Dramaworks beginning July 14.

A macabre tale of obsession and revenge, *Sweeney Todd* is a retelling of a British melodrama

dating to the 1840s. The show is often referred to as Sondheim's masterpiece, and it is among his most popular works. It won eight Tony Awards in 1979, including Best Original Score, Best Book (written by Hugh Wheeler) and Best Musical.

"This is my very most favorite, favorite show," says director Clive Cholerton, who was enthused after reading the libretto and says he had a different take on it from the vision of the original Broadway director, Hal Prince.

"Times have changed since 1979, and I see *Sweeney* in a different context," he says. "I see society as complicit in his evolution, and he is actually an unwitting and unwilling hero."

Driven mad by revenge, grief and bitterness, *Sweeney Todd* seeks vengeance on his victims by pulling a lever as they sit in his barber chair, causing them to fall down a trapdoor into the basement of his shop, breaking their necks.

His partner in crime and former neighbor, Mrs. Lovett, assists him with the disposing of the bodies by baking their flesh into meat pies, which she then sells to unsuspecting customers in her pie shop.



Tanner

score to fit the production. "It's really awesome to dig into this juicy material," he says.

Shane Tanner, 45, a South Florida native and Carbonell Award winner, returns in the lead role as *Sweeney* after taking a year off from acting.

Tanner has to be on point from beginning to end for this demanding role.

"It's a huge sense of accomplishment and both staggering and humbling to get it right," he says.

"It will be a heck of a good time," promises Tanner of this production. "I'm excited for South Florida audiences to see it."

Company: MNM Productions is a small but driven contemporary theater company that's latched on to the Rinker Playhouse at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, and intends

Musical director Manny Schwartzman, a two-time Carbonell Award winner, is reorchestrating the

to stay a while.

Its producing partners, Michael Lifshitz and Marcie Gorman-Althof, will present one of Sondheim's most challenging and demanding musicals, *Company*, on the Rinker stage starting July 21. It's the second of four shows planned this season by the 3-year-old acting group.

"Stephen Sondheim's *Company* is extraordinarily



Johnson

intricate," said Lifshitz. "He tends to be intricate for the sake of being intricate. I'd like to crawl into his brain."

Robert Johnson will lead the cast of 14 MNM veterans as the key character in the show. He feels the role of Bobby, the introspective middle-aged man who hasn't really decided what to do with his life, "is a huge part; it's one of the biggest."

Unlike most book musicals, which follow a clearly delineated plot, *Company* consists of short vignettes, presented in no particular order, linked by

If You Go

Into the Woods runs through July 30 at Studio One Theatre on the FAU campus in Boca Raton. **Tickets:** \$25 and up **Info:** 800-564-9539 or www.fau.edu/festivalrep

Sweeney Todd runs July 14 to Aug. 6 at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. **Tickets:** \$67 **Info:** 514-4042 or palmbeachdramaworks.org

Company runs July 21 to Aug. 6 at the Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. **Tickets:** \$45 **Info:** 832-7469 or www.kravis.org

the celebration for Bobby's 35th birthday.

"It is not meant to be a spectacle," said Johnson. "The show is grounded. Everybody tries to find love. Bobby turns 35, and he's trying to determine whether he's ready to get married."

THOMAS

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and said he was going to tell Joe Zawinul about me.

"I didn't know who Joe was then, either, but I got a call to audition for Weather Report a

month later. Jaco had told Joe he'd found a bebop conga player, and Joe didn't believe him, so they made a bet. I auditioned with the band at a concert in New Haven, Connecticut, and I wondered why Jaco was turning around and laughing at Joe all night. I got the gig, and Joe lost

a lot of money!"

A relatively late bloomer, Thomas didn't get started in music until age 14, preferring his penchant for painting, which continues today. His ascension into music escalated when he developed an interest in jazz while studying at Miami-Dade

Community College, which led to performances with Sullivan and some of Miami's other top jazz artists like trumpeter Melton Mustafa, pianist Billy Marcus, and saxophonists Jesse Jones Jr. and Jet Nero.

"Jet was the one who told me I should add cymbals to my percussion setup for accents in order to play jazz," Thomas says. "They also help to add space. When you listen to most conga players, they never rest or stop playing. I'm of Bahamian ancestry, but I love Latin music." Being a drummer as well, Thomas drew inspiration — not to mention elements of his style on percussion — more from drum set players than hand drummers. He cites both fusion and traditional jazz drummers as primary influences.

"I played with [Jamaican pianist] Monty Alexander for 39 years until recently," says Thomas, "and there were nights when his drummer was a no-show. Which led to me putting a drum set right next to my hand drum setup on stage and playing both."

Thomas can effortlessly switch to a drum kit, and he also sings and plays guitar as well as wind instruments.

"Bobby stood out in Weather Report because he played in a fusion of bebop and swing styles, adding tasteful accents using congas and bongos simultaneously, the way Master Henry Gibson did touring and recording with Curtis Mayfield," says another of Miami's top percussionists, Steve Kornicks.

Kornicks is a fan of Thomas' entire lengthy career, which includes additional work with Stan Getz, Ahmad Jamal, Herbie Mann, Pastorius' Word of Mouth Big Band, and the post-Weather Report acts Weather Update, the Zawinul

If You Go

See **Bobby Thomas Jr. & the 7th Realm** at 8 p.m. July 29 at the Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach (\$30-\$45, 450-6357).

Syndicate, and the Zawinul Legacy Band.

"Joe's influence is practically stamped all over everything I do now," Thomas says of Zawinul. "He had no fear, and loved going around the world and learning about different cultures and collecting instruments. As a fellow world traveler who's lived in France and taken many journeys, I'm proud to follow his lead."

Thomas' recorded contributions to the Weather Report catalog include the standout releases *Night Passage* (1980), *Weather Report* (1982), and tracks on the band's 1975-83 double-CD retrospective *Live & Unreleased* (2002).

The 7th Realm features Thomas with keyboardist Abel Pabon, saxophonist Fernando Diez, bassist James McCoy and drummer Jermaine Dukes. The percussionist will play a combination of congas, bongos, cymbals, a Korg drum synthesizer, Asian bells, a Middle Eastern dumbek, and a Hang drum, the steel drum-like instrument that resembles a flying saucer.

"We'll be playing original material that we plan to record soon," Thomas says.

"I may also sing 'Nature Boy,' one of my favorite standards, or we may just stick to instrumental music. But we'll definitely play 'Palladium' and 'A Remark You Made' to honor Weather Report, Joe, Wayne, and Jaco."

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Books

Facebook exec Sandberg leans into grief with an 'Option B' life plan

Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy, by Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant; Knopf, 226 pp.; \$25.95

By Bill Williams
ArtsPaper Books Writer

When Sheryl Sandberg lost her husband, Dave, to a heart attack two years ago, the story attracted broad interest because of her position as a top executive at Facebook.

In this new book, Sandberg describes in poignant detail her consuming sadness. "The fear of forever without Dave was paralyzing," she writes.

When she told their children, then ages 7 and 10, that their father had died, "The screaming and crying that followed haunt me to this day — primal screams and cries that echoed the ones in my heart."

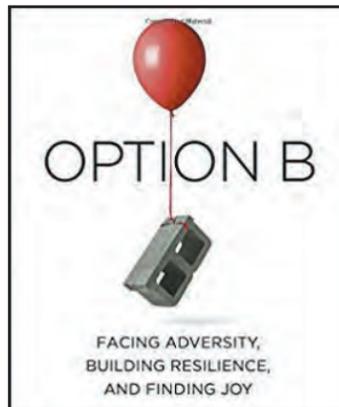
Sandberg consulted a psychologist friend, Adam Grant, who provided helpful tips on dealing with grief. Grant is listed on the cover as the book's co-author, although he is referred to only in the third person in the text.

The book's title refers to the fact that Option A (life with Dave) is no longer available, so it's time for Option B.

Sandberg cringes at the insensitivity of those who avoided her, ignoring the "elephant in the room." Some talked about trivialities such as the weather.

A year after Dave died, one friend said Sandberg "should be done with that grief thing."

Another said it was nice to know that she was "over Dave's death." Her response: "I know they meant well and wanted me to be happy, but no, I am not 'over' Dave's death. I never will



be."

Much of the book is repetitive, citing numerous studies about coping strategies after loss. It is almost as if Sandberg and Grant did a Google search on "loss" and summarized their findings in this book.

Sandberg learned to foster happiness and joy for herself, yet felt guilty about having positive feelings without Dave.

With encouragement from friends and family, she started dating again.

Some readers criticized Sandberg's previous best seller, *Lean In*, saying it failed to address the difficulties women face when they don't have partners. The critics were right, she concedes in *Option B*. "I didn't get it. I didn't get how hard it is to succeed at work when you are overwhelmed at home."

Sandberg encourages companies to give employees more time off when they suffer loss. After Dave died, Sandberg says she connected with the Facebook mission of "helping people share" in a way she never did before.

On Facebook, she launched an "Option B" group for people dealing with loss. She portrays Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg as a caring chief

executive who encouraged her to take as much time off work as she needed.

When she returned to the office, she initially felt "cold, distant, stilted. Walking around the Facebook campus, I started to feel like a ghost, somehow frightening and invisible at the same time."

Sandberg drew strength by keeping a journal, a practice she recommends to anyone coping with loss. At Grant's suggestion, she started making a list of three things she did well each day.

Option B undoubtedly will benefit grieving readers touched by the honesty and vulnerability of an influential corporate executive.

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News Briefs

Cultural Council awards \$4.37M in arts grants

LAKE WORTH — The Cultural Council is tapping tourist dollars to distribute \$3.89 million in grants to 22 major institutions and another \$481,000 to 11 mid-sized arts and cultural organizations in Palm Beach County for fiscal year 2017-2018.

The recommendations were approved by the county Tourist Development Council's board of directors at its May meeting.

"These grants are funded with hotel tax dollars and demonstrate the important role the cultural sector plays in supporting a strong tourism-based economy," said Rena Blades, president and CEO of the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County.

Grant award amounts are based on the organizations' budget size, grant application score and the funding available.

Major institutions that received Category B grant awards included Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center, \$86,863; Boca Raton Museum of Art, \$209,453; Florida Atlantic University Foundation/Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, \$137,067; Henry Morrison Flagler Museum, \$221,009; Loggerhead Marinelife Center, \$225,703; Loxahatchee River Historical Society, \$93,055; Maltz Jupiter Theatre, \$221,490 and Miami City Ballet, \$182,007.

Also: Norton Museum of Art, \$226,305; Old School Square Center for the Arts, \$164,111; Palm Beach Dramaworks, \$169,328; Palm Beach Opera, \$172,939; Palm Beach Photographic Centre, \$173,741; Palm Beach State College, \$136,425; Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, \$229,194; South Florida Science Center

and Aquarium, \$184,976; SunFest of Palm Beach County, \$221,416; The Armory Art Center, \$130,005; The Boca Raton Historical Society, \$81,862; The Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens, \$181,365; The Society of the Four Arts, Inc., \$216,675, and The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc. d/b/a Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society, \$223,416.

Mid-sized institutions that received Category CII grant awards were Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, \$35,493; Boca Ballet Theatre Company, \$35,906; Centre for the Arts at Mizner Park, \$37,227; Expanding and Preserving Our Cultural Heritage/Spady Museum, \$26,950; Friends of the Mounts Botanical Garden, \$35,741; Historical Society of Palm Beach County, \$36,484; Jewish Community Center of the Greater Palm Beaches, \$35,184; Lake Worth Playhouse, \$35,824; Lighthouse ArtCenter, \$36,154; Palm Beach Poetry Festival, \$23,904; Street Painting Festival, \$31,291; The Boca Raton Philharmonic Symphonia, \$34,090; The Palm Beach Symphony Society, \$37,722 and Young Singers of the Palm Beaches, \$38,630.

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Broward Stage Door theater to hike ticket prices by \$6

MARGATE — The founder and executive producer of the Broward Stage Door Theatre in Margate has announced a \$6-per-ticket price increase, citing cutbacks in cultural arts funding and the loss of a major grant.

In a letter to patrons last month, Dee Wilson-Bunn said that "due to dramatic changes in the cultural and financial climate, our top ticket price will increase to \$48 (from \$42) on June 15, the beginning of our fiscal year."

"We have been very resistant to this change, but contributing factors have made this adjustment absolutely necessary," said Wilson-Bunn, head of the performance venue that heads into its 25th anniversary year with the 2017-2018 schedule.

"Due to the attempted dismantling of the National Endowment for the Arts, this year we lost a grant for \$400,000," she said. "Also, just a few weeks ago, the state of Florida cut arts spending by 60 percent. Knowing these changes were looming possibilities, we offered short-term sales to meet these budget shortfalls without raising ticket prices."

But the effort "has not been enough," she said. "We only succeeded in making you, our loyal patrons feel taken advantage of and disenfranchised. That was never our intention. In the future, there will be no more discounted sale prices."

She did, however, say the theater at 8036 W. Sample Road will continue to offer its flex-pass ticket option for \$150, which saves patrons \$42 on the price of ticket for four shows.

Broward Stage will present several shows during the summer.

The upcoming season, Wilson-Bunn said, will include *Saturday Night Fever*; *Nice Work If You Can Get It*, and other productions such as *Time Step*, *Hot Latin Rhythms* and *Imagine...A Beatles Retrospective*.

Caldwell co-founder was godsend for theatergoers

By Hap Erstein

One of the true pioneers of South Florida professional theater has died. Michael Hall, 77, co-founder and artistic director of Boca Raton's Caldwell Theatre company, died June 15 of complications from pancreatic cancer.

With seed money from James R. Caldwell, founder of the Rubbermaid kitchen utensils company, Hall was encouraged to create a not-for-profit playhouse in southern Palm Beach County, where the Pennsylvania Caldwell wintered. Building and sustaining the company was a major leap of faith.

"There was almost nothing," Hall recalled in 1995, 20 years later. "Various dinner theaters had come and gone. There was no regional theater here."

The Caldwell was almost a fast fade-out as well. Hall — misjudging and underestimating his audience — opened the playhouse on the College of Boca Raton campus with Neil Simon's *The Star-Spangled Girl*. The comic trifle that Hall later described as "the worst thing Neil Simon ever wrote" played to small audiences, and Hall learned that South Florida theatergoers were starved for plays of quality.

Before long, he directed productions of classics by Shaw, Ibsen and Steinbeck, and the Caldwell developed a following. Ten years later, Hall went out on an artistic limb and, despite the strong objection of his board, he mounted the regional premiere of Martin Sherman's *Bent*, a graphic drama of the Nazi persecution of gay concentration camp prisoners.

"We were terrified, because really and truly, no theater down here had ever done anything quite that explicit," Hall recalled. The gamble paid off. Audiences flocked to the Caldwell to see *Bent*, cementing the theater's place in the cultural community.

Asked in 1995 to single out some of his favorite Caldwell productions, Hall mentioned *Bent*, A.R. Gurney's *The Middle Ages*, and Somerset Maugham's *Our Betters*. He recalled Jerry Sterner's financial comedy *Other People's Money*, the bioplay of Ernest Hemingway, *Papa*, and the musical look at marriage, Stephen Sondheim's *Company*, as some of the Caldwell's most commercially successful shows.

For most of the last 15 years of his tenure at the Caldwell, Hall was deeply involved in trying to raise the money to replace the makeshift theater in Levitz Plaza. Determined to amass the needed \$8 million without resorting to a mortgage, Hall eventually opened the Count de Hoernle Theatre in 2007. His pucky choice for an opening production? *Doubt*.

Hall retired two years later, devoting much of his time to his twin hobbies of travel and photography. He also wrote and privately published a two-volume history of the Caldwell Theatre, which closed in 2012 and was taken over by Marilyn Wick to become The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum.

"I have tremendous curiosity about life and I love to have fun in the theater," Hall said at age 55. "Sometimes if you look at things with unjaded, childlike eyes, it really tends to make people happier and make life a little more fun."



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Kevin Robert Kelly, Mallory Newbrough and Jonathan Van Dyke in *Beauty and the Beast*. Photo by Amy Pasquantonio

Reviews

47 Meters Down (opened June 16)

When pretty white girls are marooned in Mexico, things rarely end well. At least that's the impression you get from watching too much horror cinema or *Nancy Grace*.

In an agonizing example of the former, Lisa (Mandy Moore) and her sister Kate (Claire Holt), the pair at the center of *47 Meters Down*, decide to spruce up their south-of-the-border getaway by cage-diving with great white sharks.

Never mind that they discovered this excursion not from their hotel concierge but from a couple of dudes they picked up after-hours, the sort of fellas who "know a guy" who captains a boat. Or that Kate hasn't dived a day in her life. Or that the cage seems especially rusty, the suspension rope a bit too frayed. Kate needs to do this anyway, she says: Her longtime boyfriend has just left her because she is "too boring." Swimming with sharks alongside her adventurous sister will show him who's boring!

The director, a British B-horror guru named Johannes Roberts, gives you about a half-hour to breathe before unleashing a solid hour of sheer, unrelenting panic. Everything that could go wrong does, beginning with the girls' seemingly fatalistic plunge into the ocean depths with nothing but their oxygen tanks and survivalist wiles to save them from time and predators. Roberts confronts them with a series of escalating challenges — escaping from the locked cage, swimming close enough to the surface to radio the captain while avoiding sharks. All the while, their diminishing oxygen supply serves as a reminder that every breath brings them closer to death.

Roberts plays off a number of primal fears: of sharks, of confinement, of drowning, of abandonment. Though he does so skillfully, he maxes out his terror card. *47 Meters Down* is most effective in the stomach-churning moments just preceding the dive, when the girls ignore their better judgment and begin the descent

into the terrifying abyss.

There's also a sense that we've seen this movie before, or something like it. It's been more than 40 years since *Jaws*, and sharks still haven't hired a better PR agent.

The sharks trolling the coast of Mexico in *47 Meters Down* are not villains per se; they're just being sharks. To the film's meager credit, there are no human antagonists, either. And the girls are likeable.

But to ascribe depth and substance to *47 Meters Down* is to grade it on too generous a curve. — *ArtsPaper staff*

Beauty and the Beast (Wick Theatre, through July 9)

Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, one of the Mouse Factory's most popular animated features, was transformed into the company's first Broadway venture in 1994. It was a crowd-pleasing musical that ran for more than 13 years.

Even kids familiar with the story and the Alan Menken-Howard Ashman score (with additional lyrics by Tim Rice) should be enthralled by this encounter at The Wick, a worthy introduction to live theater. Adults may have a little difficulty adjusting to the cartoonish tone that director Dom Ruggiero has set, but erring on that side is understandable — given Marilyn Wick's stated goal of attracting younger audiences.

Besides the spectacle, adaptor Linda Wolverton plants plenty of positive messages in her script. In addition to the theme of not judging someone by his appearance, she makes Belle an empowered, can-do heroine with an affection for books and reading.

Huge sets, led by a central, stage-high revolving unit, take us throughout the beast's castle lair. Despite this design razzle-dazzle, the show would never have its emotional punch without its surprisingly sophisticated score. Highlights include the pull-out-the-stops production number, "Be Our Guest," sung by the castle's cutlery and dinnerware, the Beast's Act I finale of inner yearning, "If I Can't Love Her," and, of course, the Oscar-winning title tune.

Loren Christopher has played the Beast previously and understands the challenge of emoting underneath thick, dark makeup where his eyes do most of the work. But the show really belongs to Belle and here to the lovely Mallory Newbrough, who brings a humanizing quality to the role as well as a forceful voice to her power ballads. — *Hap Erstein*

Harid Conservatory (May 28, Spanish River High School, Boca Raton)

Choreographer Mark Godden created his ballet *Minor Threat*, set to the first two movements of Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20, some 20 years ago for Canada's Alberta Ballet, but in a performance May 28 in Boca Raton, this allegory of courtship, love and birth came off with newly minted freshness.

This well-designed modern ballet with a clever and moving punchline was the second featured work in the last of three iterations of the Harid Conservatory's spring recital, held in the Countess de Hoernle Theater at Spanish River High School. Godden's work is a regular feature of these end-of-year events and his pieces are always welcome for their savvy use of music, clarity of story and underlying vigor.

Minor Threat features 10 dancers, five men and five women. This is a two-movement modern-dance work with a great deal of energy and activity, full of romantic relationship Sturm und Drang as four couples pair off and a central woman resists the entreaties of a fifth.

All of the dancers looked like polished, dedicated members of a contemporary dance troupe, having moved easily from the classical poses of the program's first half into the force and energy of the second. One of the highlights of this recital was the level of exciting male dancing, with Isaac Allen, Cy Doherty and Liam Hogan looking particularly limber here and in the first half. — *Greg Stepanich*

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Arts

From Shakespeare to chamber music to Wagner: A trio of summer festivals

By ArtsPaper Staff

Three summer festivals, two of which have been around for decades, will keep South Floridians busy this month:

Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival

For the past 25 years, local musicians have come together in three parts of the county for a four-week series of 12 concerts of chamber music, much of it unusual and rarely heard, though always worthy.

The concerts this season, which are held on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons July 7 to 30, feature the mix of beloved and offbeat that has been standard for these concerts since 1992.

Along with Brahms Piano Quartet No. 3 (in C minor, Op. 60) on Program I and the Dvořák String Quintet (in G, Op. 77) that closes Program IV, the concerts include pieces by two 20th-century composers whose works will be new to most of the audience: the *Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano* by Britain's Madeline Dring (Program III) and the *Divertimento for Flute, Clarinet and Bassoon* (in B-flat, Op. 12a) by Germany's Joachim Köstchau.

The 7 p.m. Friday concerts are at the Persson Recital Hall at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach. Saturday events are at 7 p.m. at North Palm Beach's First Presbyterian Church. Sunday concerts begin at 2 p.m. in the Crest Theatre in



Alan Held sings Wotan in last year's Miami Music Festival Wagner Institute performance at the New World Center in Miami Beach. Held returns for more Wagner on July 22. Photo provided

Delray Beach.

Tickets are \$25 per concert, \$85 for a package of four. Call 547-1070 or visit pbcmf.org.

Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival

After 26 years of free, outdoor Shakespeare by the Sea, Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival tackles for the first time *Love's Labour's Lost*, the Bard's early comedy about a noble experiment in love that goes terribly awry.

Trent Stephens returns to adapt and direct the dark comedy that concerns a few headstrong lords who vow to swear off women for three years to concentrate on their studies.

To assist them, the king creates a new law forbidding women from coming within a mile of the court, but that does not stop a princess and her three female companions, real head-turners.

Stephens says the play reveals Shakespeare's view of 16th-century feminism, with the strong women characters modeled after his royal patron, Queen Elizabeth I. As usual, the Festival tweaks period and location for this production.

Love's Labour's Lost runs July 6-9 and 13-16, at the Seabreeze Amphitheatre in Carlin Park on A1A in Jupiter, beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, but a \$5 donation is suggested.

Miami Music Festival

Washington Opera assistant conductor Michael Rossi is back for a fourth summer of the Miami Music Festival he founded, and he'll make local operatic history as he does so.

The festival's young students will be presenting the South Florida premiere of American composer Jake Heggie's *Dead Man Walking*, which debuted in 2000 and is based on the Sister Helen Prejean memoir that takes a look at the death penalty and the possibility of redemption.

The Heggie opera will be presented July 27 and 29 at the Shepard Broad Performing Arts Center on the campus

of Barry University in Miami Shores. Other operas being performed this summer include Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*, Offenbach's *Tales of Hoffmann*, and Janacek's *The Cunning Little Vixen*.

The opera event with the biggest star power will be July 22, when Rossi presents the second summer of the Wagner Institute. It is designed to train singers for the style and stamina of Richard Wagner's epic operas, which are almost never seen in South Florida. Alan Held and Christine Brewer will join student singers in portions of two of the *Ring* operas: the complete Act I of *Die Walküre*, as well as "Wotan's Farewell" and the "Magic Fire Music" from Act III and the prologue to *Götterdämmerung*.

But opera is just one of the elements in the festival, which also offers performances at The Betsy Hotel in Miami Beach and the Adrienne Arsht Center in Miami. The festival includes teaching "institutes" for piano, instrumentalists, conductors and operatic performers.

A patriotic concert will be presented at 6 p.m. July 4; winners of the festival's concerto competition will be featured July 8; and conductor David Effron leads the young musicians in the Mahler First Symphony on July 15. All of these concerts will be at the Broad Center at Barry.

The festival runs through July 30. For more details or tickets, visit miamimusicfestival.com or call 305-482-3793.

Arts Calendar

(Note: Events are listed through August 3 and were current as of June 18. Please check with the presenting agency for any changes.)

ART EXHIBITS

Armory Art Center: Opens July 15: *3D Student Summer Show*, sculptures, ceramics and jewelry by adult students. Through Aug. 11. 9 am-4 pm M-F, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Free admission. 832-1776 or www.armoryart.org.

Boca Raton Museum of Art: Through July 2: *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. 10 am-5 pm T/Th/F; 10 am-8 pm first W; noon-5 pm Sat & Sun. 392-2500, or www.bocamuseum.org.

Cultural Council of Palm Beach County: Through Sept. 2: *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. Galleries at the council offices in Lake Worth open 10 am-5 pm T-Sat; free admission. 471-2901 or palmbeachculture.com.

Lighthouse ArtCenter. Through Aug. 11: *Drawn to the Arts*, works by prominent children's book illustrators; *Cheryl Tall: The Playhouse*, sculptures by the popular California-based artist. 10 am-4 pm M-F, 10 am-2 pm Sat & Sun. 746-3101 or www.lighthousearts.org.

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens: Through Sept. 17: *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. \$15, \$13 seniors, \$9 children and college students. 10 am-5 pm. T-Sun. 495-

0233 or www.morikami.org.

Norton Museum of Art: July 15: Bastille Day Celebration, a Saturday party (one day after the actual day) featuring talks on French art, film and language events, and live music. Through Aug. 13: *French Connections: Photography*, French works from the Norton collection by Eugene Atget, Berenice Abbott and others; *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 Children's Art Gallery. \$5. 10 am-5 pm M-Sat; 1-5 pm Sun. 655-7226 or www.fourarts.org.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Through Sunday, July 30

Miami Music Festival: Hundreds of young musicians appear in recitals, orchestral performances and operas. Returning for a second year is the Wagner Institute, culminating 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. Opens Friday, July 7

Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival: The 26th season opens July 7-9 with three performances of Program I, featuring music by Ysaÿe, Richard Strauss, Joachim Köstchau and the C minor Piano Quartet of Brahms; Program II (July 14-16) offers music by Gebauer, Schubert, Gordon Jacob and Jean Francaix's dectet; Robert Fuch's Clarinet Quintet is the major work on Program III (July 21-23), which also contains music by Mozart and Madeline Dring; and the festival closes with Program IV (July 28-30), which has music by Martinů, Malcolm Arnold and the String Quintet in G of

Antonin Dvořák. Friday's concerts, at 7:30 pm, are at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach; Saturday's concerts, 7:30 pm, are at the First Presbyterian Church in North Palm Beach; and Sunday's concerts, are 2 pm at the Crest Theatre in Delray Beach. \$25. 547-1070 or visit pbcmf.org.

Saturday, July 22

Symphony of the Americas: Works by Bach, Vivaldi, Ravel, Vaughan Williams and Moncayo are on the bill along with a new work by the Italian pianist and composer Lorenzo Turchi-Floris. 7 pm, Broward Center for the Arts, Fort Lauderdale. \$20 and up. 954-462-0222 or browardcenter.org.

FILM

Friday, July 7

Maudie: Aisling Walsh's 2016 tale of the Canadian folk artist Maud Lewis, who met her husband Everett when she worked as his housekeeper. With Ethan Hawke and Sally Hawkins. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com. Friday, July 14

Lost in Paris: Dominique Abel and Fiona Gordon star in their own slapstick comedy about a Canadian librarian who goes to Paris to help her elderly aunt and meets a tramp who won't take no for an answer. At Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com. Friday, July 28

13 Minutes: Oliver Hirschbiegel directs this story of Georg Elser, a German carpenter who planted a bomb in a beer cellar where Adolf Hitler was speaking in 1939, attempting to kill him, and missed by 13 minutes. In German with English subtitles. At Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com.

JAZZ

Sunday, July 2

Ahmad Johnson: The West Palm Beach

drummer and his trio are touring to promote "Legends of the Swing." 7 pm. \$30 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org. Friday, July 7

Tiempo Libre: This highly energetic Miami-based band of Cuban refugees offers striking brass arrangements and a powerful Latin jazz beat for dancing. 8 pm. \$30 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org. Sunday, July 9

Tal Cohen: The Israeli-Australian pianist is a rising star in jazz. 7 pm. \$30 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org. Saturday, July 22

Manuel Valera: The Cuban pianist and leader of the New Cuban Express visits the Arts Garage in Delray Beach with his trio. 8 pm. \$30 and up. 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org

OPERA

Saturday, July 1

The Tales of Hoffmann: Jacques Offenbach's 1880 tale of a poet whose loves are continually thwarted by an enemy. At the Broad Performing Arts Center, Barry University, Miami Shores. 305-482-3793. Sunday, July 2

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. At the Broad Performing Arts Center, Barry University, Miami Shores. 305-482-3793. Thursday, July 27; Saturday, July 29

Dead Man Walking: The South Florida premiere of Jake Heggie's 2000 opera based on the Sister Helen Prejean tale of capital punishment and forgiveness. At the Broad Performing Arts Center, Barry University, Miami Shores. 305-482-3793. Friday, July 28; Sunday, July 29

Le Nozze di Figaro: Mozart's matchless 1786 tale of marriage, infidelity and redemption. At the Broad Performing Arts Center, Barry

University, Miami Shores. 305-482-3793.

POPULAR MUSIC

Thursday, July 6

Incubus: The California alt-rock quintet has just released 8, its eighth studio album. With Jimmy Eat World and Judah and the Lion. 6:45 pm, Perfect Vodka Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach. \$21.50 and up. 795-8883 or livenation.com.

Friday, July 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.

Monday, July 17

Kehlani: The Oakland, Calif., singer once a member of Poplyfe is touring in support of her first album, *SweetSexySavage*. 7 pm, Culture Room, Fort Lauderdale. www.cultureroom.ne Friday, July 21-Saturday, July 22

Perpetual Groove: The Savannah, Ga.-based jam band settles in for two nights in Fort Lauderdale. With Heavy Pets. 8 pm both concerts, Culture Room, Fort Lauderdale. www.cultureroom.ne Saturday, July 29

Lady Antebellum: The country trio is on its You Look Good Tour. With Kelsea Ballerini and Brett Young. 7:30 pm, Perfect Vodka Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach. \$26.75 and up. 795-8883 or livenation.com.

THEATER

Friday, July 14 through Saturday, July 22

Sense and Sensibility: Kate Hamill's play based on the Jane Austen novel about the Dashwood sisters and their search for suitable spouses. Studio One Theatre, FAU campus in Boca Raton. \$25 and up. 800-564-9539 or www.fau.edu/festivalrep

Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 6/23. Please check with organizers for any changes.

JULY 1

Saturday - 7/1 - Delray Beach Summer Greenmarket at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. Every Saturday through 8/19. 9 am-noon. 276-7511; nolan@mydelraybeach.com

7/1 - Pickleball at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Combines badminton and tennis. Adults. M/W 6-8:30 pm; Sat 9 am-noon. \$5/person; annual pass \$130/resident, \$165/non-resident. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

7/1 - The Writer's Studio at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Sat 10 am. Free. 638-7251; delraylibrary.org

7/1 - Art Al Fresco at Lake Worth Beach, 10 S Ocean Blvd. Presented by Lake Worth Art League. 10 am-6 pm. Lakeworth.org

7/1 - 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

7/1 - Craft Fair & Craft Beer at Due-South Brewing Co, 2900 High Ridge Rd #3, Boynton Beach. Painting, pottery, jewelry with local beer, food truck. 1-4:30 pm. Free. 463-2337; duesouthbrewing.com

7/1 - 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

7/1 - 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

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 - Ambrosia with special guest John Ford Coley at Boston's on the Beach, 40 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. 8 pm-midnight. Tickets start at \$30. 278-3364; bostonsonthebeach.com

7/1 - Leon Foster Thomas & Drew Tucker with the Florida Rhythm All Stars at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

7/1 - 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

7/1 - Sick Puppies Comedy Improv Show at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. Held again 7/7-8, 15 & 28-29. 9-10:30 pm. \$15/online; \$20/at the door. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

7/1-2 - Disney's Beauty and the Beast at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Runs through 7/9. W/Th/Sat/Sun 2 pm; Th-Sat 7 pm. \$85. 995-2333; thewick.org

7/1-2 - 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

JULY 2-8

Sunday - 7/2 - Hello Delicious! Creative Culinary Class with Chef Nina of Bean Scene Productions: Juicing at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 10-11:30 am. \$10/member; \$15/non-member. 233-1757; mounts.org

7/2 - Boynton Beach Mall Green Market at 801 N. Congress Ave, between Cinemark 14 Theater and TooJay's. Every Sun noon-5 pm. Free. 736-7900; boyntonbeachmall.com

7/2 - Free Museum Admission at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 1st Sun noon-5 pm. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

7/2 - Bridge Duplicate at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Sanctioned A.C.B.L. duplicate bridge game for the experienced player. Light lunch served. Partners available for singles. Runs through 8/27. Sun 12:30-4 pm. \$10/at the door. Reservations or partners: 338-2995; myboca.us

Monday - 7/3 - Adult Watercolor Painting Workshop at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Instructor provides class lesson/lecture, then a painting demo. Remainder of class time is one-on-one instruction, finishing with class critique. Age 18 & up. Every M or W 10 am-1 pm. Monthly \$35/resident; \$40/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

7/3 - 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

7/3 - 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

7/3 - Youtube & Facebook for Business at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

7/3 - 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

7/3 - Bike Nite at Tilted Kilt Pub & Brewery, 3320 Airport Rd #1, Boca Raton. Held by Fury Road Riders, benefits Natural High, a non-profit organization inspiring youth to discover their natural high so they have a reason to say no to drugs and alcohol. Tilted Kilt donates 10% of food bill to Natural High. Every M 7 pm. 504-3310; furyroadrc.com

7/3 - Steel Drum Cruise at Delray Yacht Cruises, 801 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Held again 7/20. 7-9 pm. \$25/person. Reservations: 243-0686; delrayyachtcruises.com

7/3 - Adult Beginner Dance: Tango at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Essentially walking with a partner and the music. Every M 7:50-10:50 pm. Per class \$9/resident; \$10/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

Tuesday - 7/4 - 4th of July Wednesday - 7/5 - 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

7/5 - Computer Basics for Older Adults at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. In partnership with Urban League, Comcast, and 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

7/5 - 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

Thursday - 7/6 - Rippers Knitting Club at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. All skill levels. Every Th 9 am-noon. \$10/per season. 742-6240; boynton-beach.org

7/6 - Quilters meet at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest. Share quilting information, perpetuate quilting as a cultural and artistic form. Every Th 9-11:30 am. Free. 742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

7/6 - Google Trilogy Part 1: Google Mail at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd

4th of July events

Note: Events are current as of 6/23. Please check with organizers for any changes.

Saturday - 7/1 - Fishing for Fireworks 4th of July Festival at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Dee Dee Wilde Band and On The Roxx, fireworks, food for purchase; family activities. No pets or personal fireworks permitted. Free parking & shuttle 5-8:30 pm from Hester Center (1901 N Seacrest Blvd) & Boynton Beach City Hall (100 E Boynton Beach Blvd). 6-10:30 pm. 9 pm fireworks. Free. 742-6640; boynton-beach.org

Sunday - 7/2 - The Orchid City Brass Band presents American Expressions:

A Star-Spangled Tribute to America at Grace Community Church, 600 W Camino Real, Boca Raton. 4 pm. \$15/adult; free/student. 247-4078; orchidcitybrass.org

Monday - 7/3 - 3rd Annual Lake Worth Star-Spangled Band Showcase at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. In partnership with The Nine Society. Winner performs at the July 4th concert. 5 pm bands start; 10 pm winner announced. Free. 533-7395; lakeworth.org

Tuesday - 7/4 - Lake Worth July 4th Independence Day Celebration at Bryant Park, 100 S Golfview Rd. Parade, raft race, Road Rascals car show, live music, fireworks. 11 am-9:30 pm. Free. 533-7395; lakeworth.org

7/4 - Delray Beach July 4th Celebration at A1A & Atlantic Avenue. Sand sculpting contest, live entertainment, kids' corner, flag-raising ceremony, fireworks. 5-9:30 pm. Free. julyfourthdelraybeach.com

7/4 - 4th on Flagler at West Palm Beach waterfront. Live performances, military honor ceremony, human foosball, bowling, kids' activities, food/beverage for purchase, fireworks extravaganza, more. 5-10 pm. Free. 822-1515; wpb.org

7/4 - 10th Annual 4th of July Celebration at Sunset Cove Amphitheater, 20405 Amphitheater Circle, Boca Raton. Interactive Fun Zone, welcome booth, prize wheel, live music, fireworks; food/beverage available for purchase. Lawn chairs/blankets welcome. 5:30-9 pm. Free. 488-8069; pbcparcs.com

7/4 - Lantana's Fourth of July Celebration & Chili Cook-off Contest at Bicentennial Park, 321 E Ocean Ave. 6 pm cookoff contest starts, 7 pm music, 9:10 pm fireworks. Free/admission; \$5/taste the chili wristband. 585-8664; lantana.org

7/4 - Boca Raton Fabulous Fourth Celebration at Spanish River Athletic Facility at deHoernle Park, 1000 NW Spanish River Blvd. Family activities, live band, fireworks. Free trolley from Boca Corporate Center. 6:30-9:30 pm. Free. 393-7995; myboca.us



Ave. Adults. 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

7/6 - 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. Age 18 & up. Every Th noon-3 pm. Per class \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

7/6 - Lunch with Aaron Black at PB Catch, 251 Sunrise Ave., Palm Beach. Part of Society of the Four Arts Summer Chef Series. Exclusive 3-course luncheon, intimate conversation. 12:30 pm. \$75. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

7/6 - 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

7/6 - 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

7/6 - DADA Slam Poetry Fundraiser at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$15. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

7/6-7 - Boca Screening: From Nothing, Something (2012 NR) at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Th 6-7:30 pm; F 2-3:30 pm. Free w/paid museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

7/6-9 - Saturday Night Fever at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Runs

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Friday - 7/7 - Supervised Bridge Play at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Partners not needed. Adults. Every F 10 am-noon. \$10/person. 393-7807; myboca.us

7/7 - Art Walk Gallery: 6x6 Exhibit at 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 6x6 art works donated by artists from around the country. Runs through 7/27. T-Sat 10 am-4:30 pm; Sun 1-4:30 pm. \$5/suggested donation. 243-7922; oldschoollsquare.org

7/7 - Canasta Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. How to count points, keep score, play of the hand. Couples and singles welcome. Each player required to purchase 4 decks of cards (2 red, 2 blue) + canasta tray, bring to first class. Every F through 7/28 10:15 am-12:15 pm. \$50/resident; \$63/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

7/7 - Current Events Discussion Group at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every F 10:30 am-noon. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

7/7 - 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

7/7 - 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

7/7 - Evening on the Avenue at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Live music, food vendors, crafts, artists sell their artwork. Every F 6-10 pm. Free. 588-8344; lakeworth.org

7/7 - First Friday Art Walk at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Current exhibits, wine/cheese, then make your way to other participating galleries on Atlantic Avenue, in Pineapple Grove, Artists Alley. Held again 8/4. 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7922; oldschoollsquare.org

7/7 - 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

7/7 - Summer in the City Concert Series: The Beatles 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. Free. 393-7890; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

7/7 - 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

7/7 - Community Dance Jam at Veterans Park Indoor Center, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Nonstop DJ music. Benefits Delray Beach Parks & Recreation. All Ages. \$5/donation. 7:30-9:30 pm. \$5. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

Saturday - 7/8 - All Talk, and Action part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor DJ Niko. 10 am. \$25. Registration: 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

7/8 - Orchid Trilogy in South Florida at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Speaker Sandi Jones. Held again 7/15 & 22. 10 am-1 pm. 1 class \$30/member, \$40/non-member; 3 classes \$95/member, \$105/non-member. 233-1757; mounts.org

7/8 - Ride & Remember Trolley Tour departs from Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 2-hour tour focuses on 5 historic districts. 2nd Sat 10 am-noon. \$25. Reservations: 279-8883; spadmuseum.com

7/8 - Taste History Special Holiday Culinary Tours of Historic Lake Worth and Lantana conducted by Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11

Municipal Meetings

7/5, 18 & 8/1 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: mydelraybeach.com

7/10 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgeflorida.com

7/10 & 24 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 7 pm. Agenda: lantana.org

7/14 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulf-stream.org

7/25 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 9:30 am. Agenda: manalapan.org

7/18 & 8/1 - Boynton Beach - First and third Tuesdays at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Boynton Beach Blvd. 6:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

7/27 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

7/25 - Highland Beach - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: ci.highland-beach.fl.us

7/25 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesdays at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us

7/25 - South Palm Beach - Fourth Tuesday at the South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 7 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

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 required: check website for available dates. \$50-\$60/adult & senior citizen; free/child under 18. 243-2662; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

7/8 - Sci-Fi Film Series: Worlds Reimagined-Cloud Atlas (R) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-6:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

7/8 - 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

7/8 - Hello Elevator at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$10. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

7/8 - Sizzlin' Summer Social Series: Rum, Rhythm & Rumba at Old School Square Fieldhouse, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Dance, music, cocktails, light bites, more. 8-10 pm. \$45. 243-7922; oldschoollsquare.org

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Sunday - 7/9 - Joey Dale Birthday Party at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm showtime/dancing. \$10/includes house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

Monday - 7/10 - City of Delray Beach Amnesty Days for Added Vegetation and Bulk Pick-up in Zone 4 assists residents in preparing for hurricane season. 7/19 zone 5; 7/29 zone 6; 8/1 zone 1. To participate you must call to schedule a pick-up. Type complete link in your search engine to find your zone type: <http://www.mydelraybeach.com/Community%20Improvement/Updated%20Sanitation%20Map%20042017.pdf>. More info: 243-7203 x7101; cleckley@mydelraybeach.com.

7/10 - The Republic part of Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:30 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

7/10 - Monday Morning Muffins & Mysteries: Eva's Eye by Karin Fossum at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

7/10 - Community Greening Fundraiser at Blue Anchor, 804 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 15% of sales benefits Community Greening. Raffle, more. 5:30-9:30 pm. communitygreening.org

7/10 - Downtown Lake Worth Food Truck Invasion at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. 2nd M 6-10 pm. 844-682-7466; foodtruckinvasion.com

Tuesday - 7/11 - Pickleball: Advanced Play at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Adults. T/Th/F 9 am-1 pm. Monthly pass \$15/resident, \$20/non-resident; 3-month pass \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident; 6-month pass \$60/resident, \$70/non-resident. 243-7250; mydelraybeach.com

7/11 - 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

7/11 - 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

7/11 - 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

7/11 - Socrates Café at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every T 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

7/11 - Modern Line Dance Class at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Enhance quality of life through music/dance. Age 50 & up. Every T 1:30-2:30 pm. Per class \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

7/11 - Gallery Talk: Modern and Contemporary Collection at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Held again 7/25. 2 pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

7/11 - 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 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

7/11 - My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante part of Evening Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

7/11 - Tools & Tips for Meatless Monday Meals at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

7/11 - 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

7/11 - Rigor of Intellect: The Black Avant-Garde in America at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 7:30-8:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

7/11 - Shed Sessions at The Spady: Spady House Band at The Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd T 8-11 pm. \$10/at the door; free/musicians. 278-8883; spadmuseum.com

7/11-12 - Auditions for Staged Play Reading: 1000 Miles by Vanessa Garcia at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Part of Black Box New Play Reading Series. 7 pm. Free. No appointment necessary: lakeworthplayhouse.org/audition.html

Wednesday - 7/12 - Military Intel at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Provides veterans and their families with information on benefits, counseling, job search assistance. Adults. 11 am-1 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

7/12 - Getting to Know Your iPad at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

7/12 - Open House at Rep. David Silvers' Florida House District 87 Office, 2850 Forest Hill Blvd #200, Lake Clarke Shores. Meet/greet, learn about recent legislative session/available constituent services, refreshments. 4-7 pm. Free. RSVP: 357-4824

7/12 - Summer Evening Stroll at Mounts Botanical Garden, 563 N Military Tr, West

Palm Beach. Walking tour. 5:30-6:30 pm. Free/member; \$10/non-member. 233-1757; mounts.org

7/12 - Zonta Club of Boca Raton at Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 2nd W 5:30 pm. \$30. 482-1013; zontabocaraton.org

7/12 - Women's National Book Association (WNBA) at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Joanne Sinchuk presents Traditional Publishing: How It Works and How It Works for You. 6:30 pm. Free/member; \$10/non-member, WNBAofFla@gmail.com

7/12 - 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

7/12 - 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 - 7/13 - 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

7/13 - Contacts & Cocktails at Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar, 1841 S Federal Hwy #402, Delray Beach. Presented by Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce. 5:15-7 pm. \$10-\$15/members, \$25/non-member. 278-0424 x105; delraybeach.com

7/13 - Night Line Dance at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th through 8/31. 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

7/13 - Opening Reception at Artists' Guild Gallery, 512 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Wine/dessert. 6-8 pm. Free. 278-7877; bocaguild.com

7/13 - 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

7/13 - It's a Sock Hop with Joey Dale and the Parodons at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm showtime/dancing. \$10/includes house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

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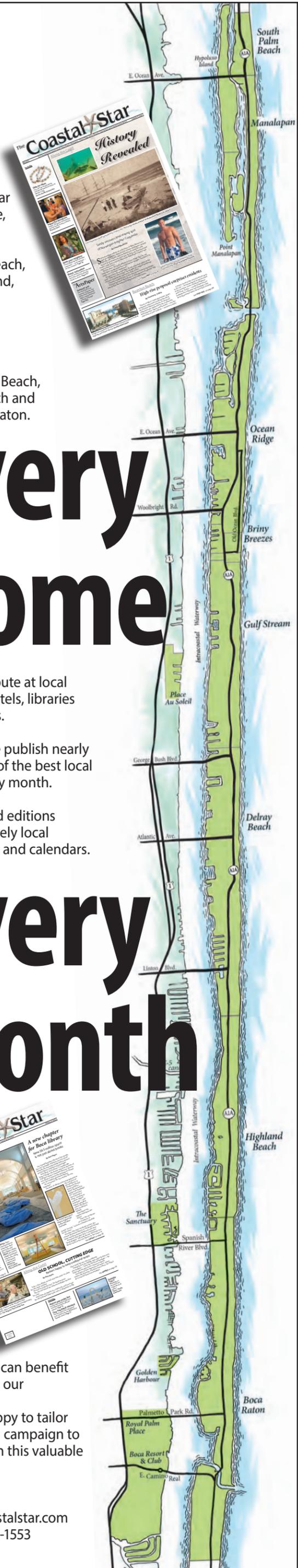
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7/13 - Open Reading Night at School of Creative Arts/Crest Studios at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Listen or sign up to read from an original work (published or unpublished). All levels welcome. Read for 10-15 minutes then open discussion (not critique). 2nd Th 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 212-677-4278; oldschoolsquare.org

7/13-14 - Boca Screening: The Creative Process: Artists at Work & Portraits in Creativity, Maira Kalman (1997 NR) at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Th 6-7 pm; F 2-3 pm. Free w/paid museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

7/13-16 - Sweeney Todd by Hugh Wheeler & Stephen Sondheim at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Runs through 8/6. W/Sat/Sun 2 pm; W/Th 7:30 pm; F/Sat 8 pm (check website for specific days). \$45/preview night; \$67/regular admission. 514-4042; palmbeachdramaworks.org

Friday - 7/14 - iPad 2: Using Apps at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

7/14 - 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

7/14 - Cooking in the Garden: Creative Culinary Class with Chef Nina of Bean Scene Productions: Detox at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 6-8 pm. \$25/member; \$30/non-member. 233-1757; mounts.org

7/14 - Opening Reception: 3D Student Summer Show 2017 at Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. Exhibit runs through 8/11. 6-8 pm. Free. 832-1776; armoryart.org

7/14 - Sushi & Stroll Summer Walk at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Experience the gardens, enjoy taiko drumming, a cold drink, a breathtaking sunset. Fushu Daiko drumming performances 6:30, 7:15 & 8 pm (first-come/first-served, additional \$3). 5:30-8:30 pm. \$6-\$8. 495-0233; morikami.org

7/14 - Summer in the City Concert Series: Billy Joel 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. Free. 393-7890; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

7/14 - Batuke Samba Funk at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

7/14-15 - Glory Days Audition at Maplewood Playhouse, 3401 S Congress Ave 3206, Palm Springs. Casting 4 males; baritone/tenor vocals. Prepare 16 bars of a pop rock musical style song; iPhone, AUX, CD player available; no accompaniment provided. 6-10 pm. Free. Schedule appointment: 657-6400; maplewoodplayhouse.org

Saturday - 7/15 - Pacing: How NOT To Bore Your Reader To Death part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor Laura Belgrave. 10 am. \$25. Registration: 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

7/15 - 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. Narrated by live guide. Held again 7/22. Year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required: \$50-\$60/adult & senior citizen; free/child under 18 (max 5 children per family). 243-2662; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

7/15 - Bastille Day Celebration at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Celebration of French language, culture, cuisine, the arts, gallery talks, art-making workshops, film, live music, more. Noon-5 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

7/15 - Sci-Fi Film Series: Worlds Reimagined: Moon (R) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-6:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

7/15 - The Royal Room Radio Hour at

The Colony Hotel Royal Room, 155 Hammon Ave, Palm Beach. Jill and Rich Switzer host. Kicks off Summer Cabaret Series. 6 pm/doors open, 8 pm/show. \$40/show only, \$75/ includes dinner. Reservations: 659-8100; thecolonyhotel.com

7/15 - 6th Annual Boca Burger Battle: A Grilling Affair! at Sanborn Square Park, 72 N Federal Hwy. Beef & alternative burgers, food tasting stations, craft beer, wine. No pets please. Rain or shine. Age 21+. 6-10 pm. \$50/general admission; \$75-\$125/VIP. 338-7594; bocaburgerbattle.com

7/15 - Dr. Ed Calle at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

7/15-16 - Big Band Hits From the Golden Age at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 7/30. Sat 7 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$25. 800-564-9539; fau.edu/festivalrep

7/15, 18-19 - USLA Southeast Regional Lifesaving Championships on the beach at Casuarina St & A1A, 340 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. 200+ junior (18 & under 7/15) & professional lifeguards (7/18-19) from the southeast U.S. Competitions include beach runs, swim relays, surfing races, land rescue simulations, "Iron Man" for life saving. usla.org/events/event_list.asp

JULY 16-22

Sunday - 7/16 - 28th Annual Frank Stark Celebration Bike Ride starts/ends at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. Presented by Boca Raton Bicycle Club. Benefits bicycle club programs. Lunch vendors. 7 am-1 pm. \$40/advance; \$50/at the door. 251-0548; frankstarkride.com

7/16 - The Sunday Sleuths Book Group: All Things Cease to Appear by Elizabeth Brundage at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

7/16 - The Triflilio Tango Trio at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

7/16 - 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 show. \$20/includes first house drink. RSVP: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

Tuesday - 7/18 - Hot Florida Nights Car Cruise at Delray Marketplace, 14851 Lyons Rd. Classic cars, music. 6-8 pm. Free. 865-4613; delraymarket.com

7/18 - 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

7/18 - The Tuesday Murder Club Book Group: Open Season by C.J. Box at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 6:30 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

7/18 - Jazz on J Street at Flamingo Clay Glass Metal Stone Studio & Gallery, 15 S J St, Lake Worth. 3rd T 7-10 pm. \$5/cover. 588-8344; flamingoclaystudio.org

7/18 - 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

7/18 - Florida Native Plant Society Chapter Meeting at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. The Nature Conservancy's Science Efforts in South Florida. 3rd T 7 pm. Free. palmbeach.fnpschapters.org

Wednesday - 7/19 - Senses of Cinema Presents Film for Thought Class at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 18+. Every W through 8/16 10 am-12:45 pm. Per class \$12/resident, \$15/non-resident; 4-week session \$50/resident, \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

7/19 - Literary Lectures: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: Award-winning contemporary Nigerian novelist at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 3rd W 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

7/19 - The Indie Experience: Discover New Voices Panel with Moderator Randy Rawls at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

7/19-20 - A Closer Look: Eugene Atget's Photographs of Paris at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Talks begin in a gallery, focus on an individual artwork, then move to the museum theater to explore the work's cultural context. W 1 pm; Th 6 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

Thursday - 7/20 - Sell Your Stuff on Ebay at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

7/20 - Lunch with Andrew Schor at Palm Beach Grill, 340 Royal Poinciana Way #336, Palm Beach. Part of Society of the Four Arts Summer Chef Series. Exclusive 3-course luncheon, intimate conversation. 12:30 pm. \$75. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

7/20 - Concert: Heart & Soul Duo at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

7/20 - 7th Annual Run, Sweat & Beers 5K Run/Walk at South County Regional Park Sunset Pavilion, 12551 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Presented by Levis JCC Paul Markhoff Racing with the J Series. Benefits Levis JCC programs/services. Complimentary food, beverages, music. 5:30-6:30 pm registration; 7 pm run/walk. \$30-\$40. 852-3257; levisjcc.org/5k

7/20 - Cooking in the Garden: Culinary Class with Chef Nina: Hydrate with Creative and Infused Waters at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 6-8 pm. \$25/member; \$30/non-member. 233-1757; mounts.org

7/20 - In a Perfect World by Trish Doller part of (Not Too) Young Adult Book Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

7/20 - One Funny Mother starring Dena Blizzard at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Hosted by & benefits Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce. 7 pm. \$99. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

7/20 - ONYX-Eternal Boner & The Remys at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$10. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

7/20-21 - Boca Screening: Between The Folds (2008 NR) at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Th 6-7 pm; F 2-3 pm. Free w/paid museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

7/20-23 - Company at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Runs through 8/6. Th/F/Sat 7:30 pm; Sat/Sun 1:30 pm. \$45. 832-7469; kravis.org

Friday - 7/21 - Art of Expression Opening Reception at Artisans on the Ave, 630 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Refreshments. 6-9 pm. Free. 762-8162; artisansontheave.com

7/21 - Summer in the City Concert Series: Tom Petty 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. Free. 393-7890; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

Saturday - 7/22 - US1 Multimodal Corridor Study Workshop at Lake Worth Art Center, 1121 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth. Section 3: Lantana, Hypoluxo, Lake Worth. Presentation, walking audit, refreshments. 9 am-2 pm. Free. 684-4143; palmbeachmpo.org

7/22 - Who's Talking Here? Point of View part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor Elaine Viets. 10 am. Pre-registration required: \$25. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

7/22 - Puppy Kindergarten Class at Boca Raton Community Center Annex, 260 Crawford Blvd. Every Sat through 8/26 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$95/resident; \$119/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

7/22 - Book+Art Discussion: Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet + Rotting on the Shore at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. 1:30 & 3 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

7/22 - Prep & Sports presents The Last Hope at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 2 & 6 pm. \$25-\$35. 440-4254; oldschoolsquare.org

7/22 - Sci-Fi Film Series: Worlds Reimagined-Sunshine (R) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults.

4-6:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org
7/22 - Food Truck Safari Night at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Explore the zoo, enjoy zookeeper talks, live music, cash bar, food for purchase. 4:30-9 pm. \$9-\$10/adult; \$6-\$7/child (3-12 yrs); free/child under 3. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

JULY 23-29

Sunday - 7/23 - Hillsboro Lighthouse Independence Tour 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
7/23 - The Florida Pop Tarts at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org
Monday - 7/24 - A New View of Society (selection) part of Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:30 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org
7/24 - The Hamilton Affair by Elizabeth Cobbs part of Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org
7/24 - Dog Obedience Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every M through 8/28. Beginner 6-7 pm; intermediate/games 7-8 pm. \$95/resident; \$117/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us
7/24-26 - US1 Multimodal Corridor Open Studio Charette at Lake Worth Art Center, 1121 Lucerne Ave. Section 3: Lantana, Hypoluxo, Lake Worth. 10 am-7 pm. Free. 684-4143; palmbeachmpo.org
Tuesday - 7/25 - Mothering Sunday by Graham Swift 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
7/25 - Minimalism, Technology & You at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org
7/25 - Play Reading: Stet by Kim Davies at Arts Garage. 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Part of South Florida Theatre League Summer Theatre Fest. 7 pm. Free. 450-6357; artsgarage.org
7/25 - VIBE-Delray's Hottest Jam Session at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$10. 450-6357; artsgarage.org
Wednesday - 7/26 - Powerful Patrons with Joan Lipton, PhD at Society of the Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Part of Campus on the Lake lecture series. Includes lunch. 11 am-4 pm. \$60. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org
7/26 - All Access Apps at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org
7/26 - 6th Annual Buddy Walk... Uncorked at The Wine Cellar, Renaissance Commons, 1500 Gateway Blvd, Boynton Beach. Kickoff for Gold Coast Down Syndrome 23rd Annual Buddy Walk on 10/15. Fine wine, food. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$20/advance; \$25/at the door. 752-3383; gcdso.donordrive.com/event/bwwine17
7/26 - Community Cabaret at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Calling all singers, dancers,

musicians, stand-up comedians; performers must register in advance. 7 pm. \$5. 347-3900; willowtheatre.org
7/26 - Dog Obedience Class at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton. Every W through 8/30. Puppy kindergarten (dogs 10 weeks-5 months old) 6:30-7:30 pm; beginner 7:30-8:30 pm. \$95/resident; \$117/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us
7/26 - SHINE-South Florida's Premier Open Mic Showcase at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$10. 450-6357; artsgarage.org
Thursday - 7/27 - Business and Bagels at Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, 140 NE 1st St. 8-9 am. \$5/member; \$10/non-member. 278-0424; delraybeach.com
7/27 - Exhibit Opening Reception: Women in the Visual Arts at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5-7 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us
7/27 - Cornell Art Museum's 4th Annual 6x6 Exhibit & Art Sale at 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Benefits Cornell Art Museum. 6-8 pm. \$5/suggested donation. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org
7/27 - Curator's Conversations: Beulah Ecton Woodard at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Curators lead insightful discussions about special exhibitions, installations, the museum collection. All ages. 6:30 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org
7/27 - 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
7/27-28 - Boca Screening: Waste Land at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Th 6-7:45 pm; F 2-3:45 pm. Free w/paid museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org
Friday - 7/28 - Schoolhouse Bash Casino at Boynton Woman's Club, 1010 S Federal Hwy. Benefits Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center. Casino games, hors d'oeuvres, DJ, silent auction, wine toss, prizes. 6-10 pm. \$50/person includes one drink ticket & \$5,000 in playing chips; \$25/additional to enter

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org
7/28 - Adult Ballroom Dance Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Instructor: Lee Fox. Singles and couples welcome. Every F through 8/25. Beginner (Cha-Cha) 6:30-7:30 pm; Intermediate (Hustle) 7:45-8:45 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us
7/28 - Summer in the City Movie Night: Moana (PG) at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Bring chairs, blanket; chairs for rent \$5. No outside food/beverage. Doors open 7 pm; movie starts 8 pm. Free. 393-7890; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater
7/28 - Unlimited Devotion: A Jerry Garcia Historical Retrospective at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$25. 450-6357; artsgarage.org
Saturday - 7/29 - 2017 IFBB-National Physique Committee Prestige Crystal Cup at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Bodybuilding, Figures, Bikini & Physique. 9 am prejudging; 4 pm doors open; 5 pm finals. Spectators: \$20-\$150. 954-326-8821; qcbbpromotions.com
7/29 - The WHY NOTs of Children's Books part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor Gloria Rothstein. 10 am. Pre-registration required: \$25. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com
7/29 - Photo Apps for Beginners at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org
7/29 - Sci-Fi Film Series: Worlds Reimagined-Fifth Element (PG-13) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-6:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org
7/29 - Bar Sertanejo: Joao Bosco & Vinicius presented by Arkeo Events at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Chairs & blankets not permitted; standing room only. 6:30 pm doors open; 7:30 pm show. \$65-\$100. 750-1668; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater
7/29 - Bobby Thomas, Jr. & The 7th Realm at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave,

Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

JULY 30-AUGUST 5

Sunday - 7/30 - Amed Torecilla at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org
Monday - 7/31 - Internet Safety Best Practices at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org
7/31-8/1 - Staged Play Reading: 1000 Miles by Vanessa Garcia at Stozek Studio Theatre, 713 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Part of Lake Worth Playhouse Black Box New Play Reading Series. 8 pm. Free. Reservations: daniel@lakeworthplayhouse.org
Tuesday - 8/1 - Straight No Chaser and Postmodern Jukebox presented by Live Nation at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 6:30 pm doors open; 7:30 pm show. Tickets start at \$18. 866-448-7849; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater
8/1-7 - 2nd Annual Dine Out Downtown Delray: Restaurant Week 2017 at 30 participating restaurants. Prix fixe lunches & dinners, special Dine Out deals, series of creative culinary events & classes. \$10-\$40. Check website for details: downtowndelraybeach.com/restaurantweek
Thursday - 8/3 - Lunch with Javier Sanchez at Renato's, 87 Via Mizner, Palm Beach. Part of Society of the Four Arts Summer Chef Series. Exclusive 3-course luncheon, intimate conversation. 12:30 pm. \$75. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org
Friday - 8/4 - Canasta Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Basic techniques: how to count points, keep score, play of the hand. Couples and singles welcome. Each player required to purchase 4 decks of cards (2 red, 2 blue) + canasta tray, bring to first class. Every F through 8/25 10:15 am-12:15 pm. \$50/resident; \$63/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us
8/4 - Summer Art Camp Good-Bye Exhibition at Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. 4:30-6:30 pm. Free. 832-1776; armoryart.org
8/4 - George Bernstein speaks and signs

his book *The Prom Dress Killer* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com
8/4 - Summer in the City Concert Series: Fleetwood Mac 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. Free. 393-7890; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater
8/4 - Beginner Piano at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Hal Leonard EZ Play Today method using the book *60 Favorite Songs to Play with 3 Chords*. Every F through 9/15. Children age 6 & up. 5-6:30 pm; adults 6:30-7:30 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us
8/4 - 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 9/15 7:30-9 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us
8/4 - Gianni Bianchini at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org
Saturday - 8/5 - The Who: of What, When and Where! part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor Charles Todd. 10 am. Pre-registration required: \$25. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com
8/5 - Symphony of the Americas Summerfest 2017 Concert at Florida Atlantic University Theater, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$20/person; \$45/VIP & post-reception. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com
8/5-6 - Brilliant Summer: A Mixed Repertory Concert at Spanish River High School Countess de Horernle Theatre, 5100 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$35. 995-0709; bocaballet.org
8/5 - Lucy Grau at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

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