

Boca Raton

Singer sees commanding victory as pat on back from voters



Scott Singer celebrates his victory for the mayor's seat in Boca Raton with a crowd of supporters on election night. Singer received about 63 percent of the vote to about 34 percent for runner-up Al Zucaro. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Large turnout gives mayor mandate to serve until 2020

By Steve Plunkett and Mary Hladky

Boca Raton voters handed Scott Singer a commanding mandate Aug. 28 to lead the city into the 2020s.

"I'm glad that a lot of our city spoke tonight," Singer said. "I love serving this city, and I'm so grateful to get the opportunity to continue serving."

Turnout was high, with 18,622 ballots cast in the three-way mayor's race, compared with 11,783 two years ago. Unofficial results from the Supervisor of Elections Office had Singer with 63 percent of the vote, immigration lawyer Al Zucaro with 34 percent and real estate broker

Bernard Korn at 3 percent.

"The strong support, the overwhelming support that the voters gave for our collaborative partnership with residents and a community message of positivity makes me feel proud to be a Boca Ratonian and makes me feel honored to be a public servant in Boca," Singer said.

The race for City Council Seat A was a near tie with only three votes separating lawyer Andy Thomson, at 7,879, and organizational psychologist Kathy Cottrell, at 7,876 early on Aug. 29.

Both the mayor's opening and the City Council race resulted from Mayor Susan Haynie's suspension from office in April

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Close race for City Council gets recount



Cottrell



Thomson

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Highland Beach

Town picks manager after second round of search

Michigan man knows our issues, commission says

By Rich Pollack

After a few hiccups, Highland Beach has a new town manager.

Following a day and a half of intensive interviews,

Highland Beach commissioners selected Marshall Labadie of South Lyon, Mich., as town manager.

"Marshall is smart, energetic, well rounded, dedicated and experienced," said Commissioner Elyse Riesa. "He has fresh eyes to look at our town."

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Under a proposed contract the Town Commission is expected to approve in early September, Labadie will receive a salary of \$150,000 plus benefits, up from the \$139,000 paid to the previous manager. He is scheduled to start Oct. 1 and will also receive \$15,000 in relocation expenses.

Currently the development services director for the suburban Detroit township of West Bloomfield, Labadie reports directly to the township board while managing a staff of 14 full-

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Former priest who moved to Boca named by Pennsylvania grand jury



Benestad

By Janis Fontaine

A former Catholic priest living in a condo on A1A in Boca Raton and who helped at a local church for four years has been named in a grand jury report as one of hundreds of priests accused of sexually abusing children in dioceses across Pennsylvania.

Thomas J. Benestad was named in the report as one of the priests whose reprehensible behavior it specifically referenced in its introduction.

Benestad, 73, was listed as president of the Atlantic Cloisters Homeowners Association on its most recent annual report, filed April 4. However, Benestad recently gave

up the position and resigned from the board at the request of board members, according to a letter sent to residents.

Through his lawyer, he has denied the allegations made in the grand jury report, which covers 70 years of abuse.

"Monsignor Benestad has never

done anything that would be deemed inappropriate with any individual," attorney John Waldron wrote in a formal response to the grand jury dated June 8. "Monsignor Benestad has never done anything that would be deemed immoral by the church with any individual."

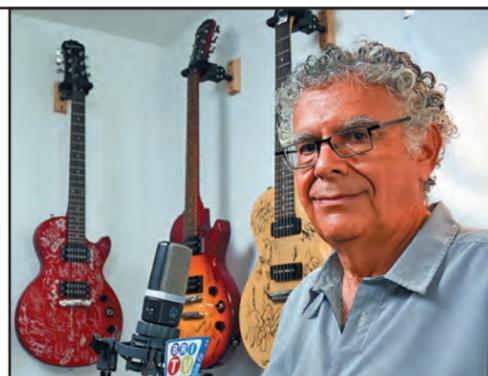
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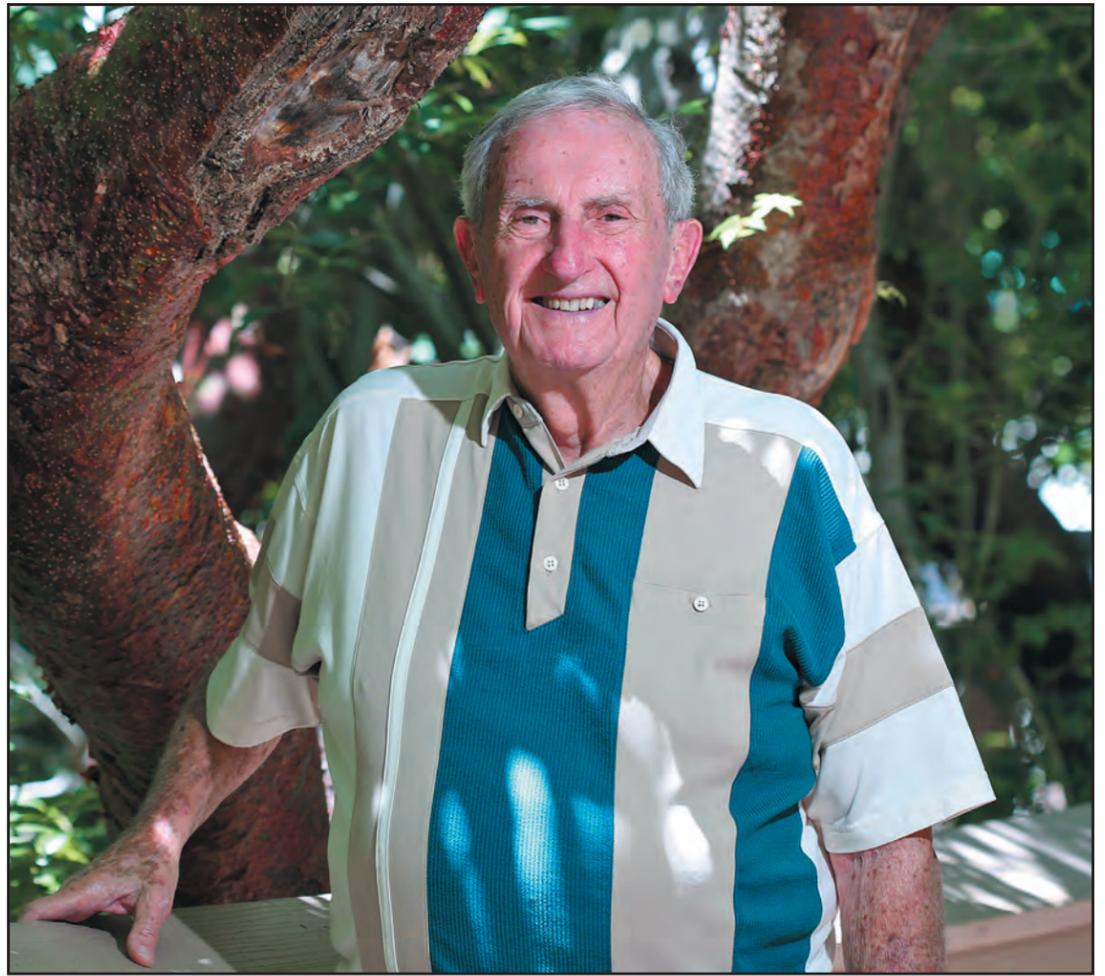
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Gordon Gilbert stands between the trunks of a gumbo limbo tree at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, which he helped found in 1984 in Boca Raton. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Visionary environmentalist might be called a force of nature

By Steve Plunkett

In the next several weeks, Gordon J. Gilbert, the visionary behind the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, will judge a professional barbecue contest, attend his umpteenth meeting of Boca Raton's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and be a guest of honor at the 50th reunion of Boca Raton High School's Class of 1968.

"I still stay a little bit active in a lot of things," said Gilbert, 87, who started taking Boca High students on field trips to the barrier island in 1965, the year he moved to the city, before any of the island had been turned into a park.

Almost immediately, Gilbert joined other like-minded residents in a crusade to save the undeveloped acreage from becoming high-rise condos. Their efforts resulted in a series of bond issues that financed the purchases of Spanish River, Red Reef and South Beach parks.

"There was a lot of us that worked diligently on that. And there were some people that called us names because that would raise their taxes. But oh well," he recalled.

Gilbert taught biology at Boca High until 1976, then transitioned into teaching environmental and marine science to third-, fifth- and seventh-graders in a picnic shelter at Spanish River Park. Eight years later, with help from the city, the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District and the Palm Beach County School District, he opened the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center.

"I never dreamed it would blossom into what it is today." Gumbo Limbo, where he



Some of Gilbert's many accomplishments are cited on this plaque at Gumbo Limbo.

stayed until he retired in 2003, was built in part to keep people from trampling the plants and animals that live on the island. The facility at Red Reef Park is on the largest West Indian hardwood hammock between Boca Raton and south Miami-Dade County, he said.

"We felt that if we had a nature center, that people would come and enjoy it, but they wouldn't meander at will through it and just soon destroy it. So that's why we had pathways for them to follow."

Along with teaching, Gilbert served as a commissioner or chairman of the Beach & Parks District from 1978 to 2008 and was reappointed in July to the city's Parks and Recreation board for a 23rd two-year term.

"I know my background is an asset to the board and definitely for the future. I love my city," he wrote on his advisory board application.

Gilbert credits his childhood on a farm in Fairfield, Ohio, to his eventually choosing biology as his college major.

"Growing up in the country, as a country boy, I used to

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spend hours in the woods, just noticing the different animals, the different things. I could just pass the time away there," he said.

Gilbert considers himself a laid-back person without an enemy in the world.

"There may be some people I don't like as much as others, but they'll never hear it from me."

Since retiring from teaching, he has become a "master barbecue judge" and member of the Kansas City Barbecue Society and the Florida BBQ Association.

"I go all over the country and judge barbecue," he said.

He met his current "lady friend," real estate agent Connie Smith, at a ballroom dance class when they were paired up because they were the only two singles there. His wife of 54 years, Pollye, died in 2008.

A fall from a bicycle last September left him with pins in a fractured hip and reliance on a walking cane, but that hasn't stopped his travels.

In August he visited a great-granddaughter in Tennessee before she started college, and on Sept. 1 he planned to evaluate the taste and tenderness of various offerings at the Big Belly BBQ Battle in Davenport, near Kissimmee.

"The professional tour — it's not like going here to one of these places. ... On the professional tour it's got to be perfect," he said. ★

Editor's Note

Contest recognizes excellence of Coastal Star contributors

We enter journalism contests with mixed emotions. There's something about journalists judging journalists that feels somewhat self-serving, and writing about these winnings feels unnecessarily boastful. Still, the staff at *The Coastal Star* are almost all freelancers and they work long and hard for modest financial compensation, so entering the fruits of their labor for professional recognition seems like the least we, the paper's owners, can do.

This year our entries in the Florida Press Association Weekly Newspaper Awards Contest resulted in first-place recognition for two of our longest-tenured and hardest working employees: Tim Stepien and Rich Pollack.

Stepien has been with *The Coastal Star* since the beginning (almost 10 years!) and is our go-to photographer for everything from portraiture to breaking news. His first-place recognition for a portfolio of work over the past year seems especially appropriate.

The collection of photos included a touching image of a daughter with her 100-year-old mother and a robotic pet at a local senior living center, a fun shot of young boys viewing the total eclipse of the sun through special glasses at Florida Atlantic University, an intriguing look at work being completed at the rebuilt playground at Sugar Sand Park, ballroom dancers competing at the Boca Ballroom Battle and a sea turtle being released at Red Reef Park as it seems to wave goodbye to the gathered observers. This photo of the turtle also won first place for feature photo.

Also receiving a well-earned first-place award was Pollack. His award came in the business reporting category for his story showing how the president's visits to Mar-a-Lago disrupt traffic at our busy local airports.

The story dug deep, looking at the number of aircraft and pilot registrations in Palm Beach County and how that compares with other parts of the country. Staff researcher



Stepien



Pollack

Michelle Quigley helped with the research, and Rich turned the information gathered into an explainer quantifying the impact of the president's visits on private aviation in our area.

Also recognized at the FPA Awards luncheon held Aug. 10 in Orlando were second-place winners Dan Moffett and Cheryl Blackerby in the agricultural and environmental reporting category for their package on local beaches and the area's search for sand.

Also recognized with a second-place award was Stacey Singer Delye in the health, medical and science reporting category. Her entry featured Gumbo Limbo Nature Center's use of honey as a healing agent for injured sea turtles.

Third-place winners included a trio of stories by Janis Fontaine in the faith and family reporting category, a trio of editorials by *Coastal Star* Editor Mary Kate Leming and the staff of *The Coastal Star* for overall graphic design.

For the first time the organization created an awards category for best reader-generated photograph. Delray Beach resident Joseph Vincent placed third in this category.

The Coastal Star competes in FPA's Division A, which includes the largest weekly newspapers in Florida. These are all excellent newspapers making a difference in their local communities.

We are proud to be a part of this group of Florida journalists and congratulate all of them on their awards.

When you see any of the above *Coastal Star* winners, please congratulate them on the professional recognition they've received for their long, hard work.



— Mary Kate Leming, Editor

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Gulf Stream

Gulf Stream School students to see safer classrooms, campus

By Rich Pollack

When students return to Gulf Stream School on Sept. 4, they'll discover a campus more secure than ever before in the school's 80-year history, and a staff more focused on safety.

Soon after the February shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, the school's leadership made procedural changes to enhance student safety. Then this summer, several additional physical security measures were implemented on the 5-acre campus.

"The school's efforts to improve security for students, teachers and parents were essential," Head of School Joseph Zaluski said. "We are all concerned about the safety

and welfare of our students, and implementing several new procedures will better secure our campus."

During the summer, more than 20 classroom doors were replaced with doors containing bullet-resistant glass and with easy-to-use locks on the inside. In the past, classroom doors could be locked from the inside only with a key; now it just takes the turn of a button to lock or unlock the door.

"Even the youngest child should be able to turn that lock," Zaluski said.

The school now requires that every occupied classroom must be locked from the inside at all times.

Another physical change to the campus includes the installation of several video

cameras at strategic locations, including hallways and entrances.

Zaluski estimated the school spent in excess of \$100,000 to replace the doors and about \$40,000 for the cameras.

"Though expensive, all the steps taken were absolutely necessary," he said.

Another significant change at the school this year is additional steps to restrict access to the campus.

The exit gate from the driveway in front of the school is closed throughout the school day but will automatically open for exiting vehicles after a gate mechanism is triggered. The front entrance gate remains open but is closely monitored with cameras.

Access to parking facilities

used by faculty and staff is also restricted with a gate.

The school has implemented a new procedure for all vendors and visitors entering the campus.

Visitors must report to the main office where they are required to show a driver's license. A photo is taken of the person and a badge is issued. Vendors and visitors are required to wear the badge at all times. The system also automatically performs a preliminary background check on all visitors.

The school continues its close relationship with the Gulf Stream Police Department, which has its headquarters a short distance from the campus.

Police officers will be on campus every morning when

students arrive and at dismissal times throughout the day.

In addition, Zaluski said, police officers will often walk through the campus during routine visits.

"They have an increased presence," he said.

Officers from the town are familiar with the campus and recently conducted a second active shooter drill at the school following one held in the spring.

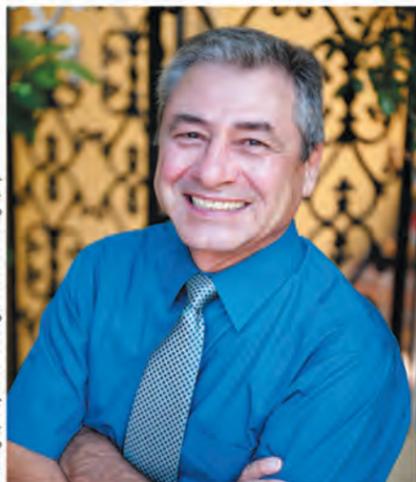
This school year will also mark the beginning of a transition, as Zaluski prepares to retire after his 14th year as head of school.

A committee of trustees, parents and teachers has been conducting an international search with a goal of having the position filled by the fall. ★

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Letter to the Editor

Please don't kill the iguanas

I hear what you are saying and understand that many people might feel the same way, but regarding the [iguana] defecation issue [covered in the August *Coastal Star*], it's no different and no worse than dog feces. Would you kill a dog for pooping outside or on your deck?

You claim iguanas are disgusting creatures. That's a matter of opinion. Many, including me, would agree that iguanas are ancient relics of the past — living history — and I am fascinated by them.

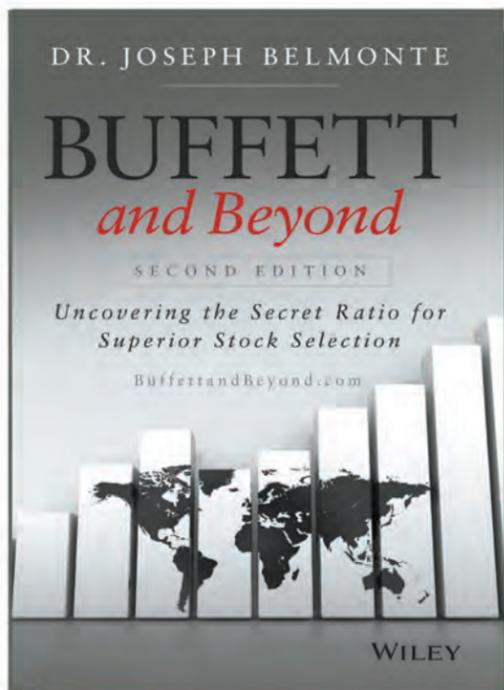
Iguanas are clever animals that should not be thoughtlessly slaughtered. I think it is safe to say that the number of people hugely outnumbers the number of iguanas. They won't hurt you, so why hurt them? Their droppings potentially hold nutrients for the ground, they add to the scenery and are a learning point for the younger generation.

They are also, in my opinion, very beautiful. So, they should not have to die if no one is being physically hurt by them. So, I beg you, don't hurt them, please!

Annabelle Wallace, 13
Boca Raton

CORRECTION

An article on Chris Warren, a Boca's Ballroom Battle contestant, incorrectly stated that the ticket price for the Sept. 14 fundraiser is \$100. The ticket price is \$185.



Ocean Ridge

Lucibella defense drops speedy trial request

By Steve Plunkett

Onetime Vice Mayor Richard Lucibella may offer a simple defense to charges he battered an Ocean Ridge police officer and resisted arrest with violence: The officer pushed me first.

A hearing on last-minute motions from prosecutor Danielle Grundt and defense attorney Marc Shiner a half-hour before Lucibella's trial was set to begin Aug. 20 offered a preview of what jurors may eventually hear.

Shiner said officers Richard Ermeri and Nubia Plesnik and Sgt. William Hallahan had no lawful right to be in Lucibella's backyard the night of the Oct. 22, 2016, arrest because they were not chasing a suspect or stopping a felony in progress.

Grundt disagreed. "They were responding to shots fired," she told Circuit Judge Daliah Weiss.

"Right, nothing more," Shiner said.

"Nothing more than shots fired?" Grundt said, sounding somewhat surprised.

The exchange followed a summary Shiner offered of Lucibella's view of what happened behind his oceanfront house. After police arrived on the patio, Lucibella asked longtime girlfriend Barbara Ceuleers to get him a drink.

"She's in the doorway with her arm extended with a drink. My client tries to grab it," Shiner said. "Officer Ermeri, it depends on the witnesses but all the witnesses agree that he pushed him back, everyone but Ermeri agrees to that.

"It's clear he then pushes him, he even grabs his arm. My client pokes him in the chest and says, 'Don't touch me. ... You have no legal right to be pushing me or touching me. This is my house. I didn't do anything wrong.'

"And that's when the officer takedown is what it's called, and places him flat on the ground. Hits his head on a side screen, had a couple of cracked ribs. And that's pretty much the case."

Shiner also complained that Lucibella was not given a breath test to measure his blood-alcohol level despite repeated requests. Lucibella also faces a misdemeanor charge of using a firearm while intoxicated. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Grundt filed a motion *in limine* (Latin for *at the*



Richard Lucibella gestures to supporters after receiving a postponement in his trial. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

threshold) Aug. 15 to keep Lucibella and Shiner from, among other things, referring to Lucibella's age (he was 63 at the time) and suggesting that the case is politically motivated, either of which Grundt said would "inflame the jury."

She also wants to "wholly exclude and/or substantially limit" what Shiner's expert witnesses can say on the stand, including whether Lucibella should have been permitted to go into his home while police were questioning him and whether the officers' actions were excessive based on his age.

On Aug. 16, Shiner filed a motion for a "statement of particulars" from Grundt detailing "when, where and what specific conduct" Lucibella is charged with so he can "properly investigate and prepare a defense."

The judge scolded him over the maneuver. "Really, the court could take this as the defense not being ready after two demands for speedy trial," Weiss said.

Shiner withdrew the speedy trial demand and asked that the case be postponed.

"We'd like to try to resolve the motion in itself instead of wasting days of the court's time," he said.

Weiss agreed and told Grundt and Shiner to return Sept. 5 for a status check and possible rescheduling of the trial.

After the hearing Lucibella maintained his innocence.

"I will not accept anything less than a complete dismissal of charges. Not yesterday, today or tomorrow," he said. ★



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Boca Raton

ALF developer plans to sue city over project denial

By Mary Hladky

One month after Boca Raton City Council members rejected a proposal to build a luxury adult living facility in the downtown, landowner Robert Buehl announced he plans to file a lawsuit seeking as much as \$100 million in damages against the city.

The council's 3-1 vote on July 23, with only Deputy Mayor Jeremy Rodgers supporting the project, was unexpected since developer Group P6's previous condo projects in the city were easily approved and the council unanimously supported a separate downtown luxury ALF project last year. Council members have praised Group P6 for following the city's development rules.

But in considering the proposed \$75 million Concierge, council members, sitting as Community Redevelopment Agency commissioners, expressed concerns that the facility would overburden the city's fire-rescue services and lacked adequate parking.

Council members Andrea O'Rourke and Monica Mayotte also questioned whether another ALF was a good fit for the downtown. Speaking of the city's vision of a vibrant downtown, O'Rourke said she was not sure how much the Concierge's residents would be engaged in the community since the ALF would provide many services, such as dining.

In an Aug. 24 release about his intentions, Buehl said the comments amounted to discrimination against elderly people.

"The statements made by elected officials regarding our city's elderly residents were absolutely discriminatory and shameful," Buehl said. "... The council members should be embarrassed of their remarks against these important and vital members of our community."

Another basis for the litigation, Buehl said in an email, is that council members "inordinately burdened, restricted or limited Robert Buehl's property rights."

Two days before Buehl's announcement, Group P6 headed to court to appeal the city's decision

without seeking damages.

A city spokeswoman declined comment, citing city policy of not commenting on pending litigation.

These actions mark the second time that developers have pushed back against denial or delay of approvals for their projects since O'Rourke and Mayotte won election on platforms of being "resident friendly" and opposed to over development.

Developer and landowner Crocker Partners filed suit May 23 after the City Council in January postponed a vote on ordinances that set a framework for how its proposed Midtown project could be built. The massive project, on land just east of the Town Center mall, would have included up to 2,500 new residential units.

That lawsuit seeks to have a judge compel the city to write land development regulations for Midtown and to rule that the council's delay in adopting them, and instead voting to develop a "small area plan" for Midtown, are illegal.

In a separate action in April, Crocker Partners told the city it planned to file a lawsuit seeking \$137 million in damages because it has not been able to redevelop three properties it owns in Midtown — Boca Center, The Plaza and One Town Center.

Crocker Partners filed its notice to the city under the state's Bert J. Harris Jr. Private Property Rights Protection Act, which gives the city and developer 150 days to reach a settlement. If that doesn't happen, the developer could file the claim for damages in circuit court.

Buehl also intends to file his notice under the Bert Harris Act.

In his release, Buehl said he had been approached by "special interest groups that defend the rights of seniors" that he thinks will file their own legal actions.

"The statements made by elected officials regarding our city's elderly residents were absolutely discriminatory and shameful. The council members should be embarrassed ..."

— Property owner Robert Buehl

Asked the identity of the groups, Buehl said in an email "we can't speak for them but are confident that the city will hear about them."

Buehl and Group P6 had proposed a nine-story ALF at 22 SE Sixth St. that would have included 53 independent living, 37 assisted living and 20 memory care units.

Its plans had the support of the city staff and the city's urban design consultant and had been unanimously approved by the Community Appearance Board and by a 5-2 vote of the Planning and Zoning Board.

But city staff and Fire Chief Tom Wood did express concern that the project would result in increased calls for ambulance service.

Adult living facilities, they said, have 15 times as many calls for service per bed as does a typical multifamily development. The annual cost of a rescue unit, including the vehicle, equipment and staff, is about \$2 million.

Speaking at the July 23 meeting, Wood said his department is on the verge of not meeting time standards for responding to emergency calls and is asking for an additional rescue unit.

The city's proposed 2018-19 budget includes \$600,000 for adding staff to the medic unit at Fire Station 6, at 1901 Clint Moore Road, although that is not enough to fully staff the unit. A full-time medic unit is needed at Fire Station 8, at 190 SW 18th St., a city spokeswoman said.

Concierge's representatives disputed the city's statements that its ALF would strain rescue services.

They said nurses would be on duty around the clock and could handle many problems, such as when a resident falls. They also noted that about half the Concierge's units are for independent living, and those residents would be less

likely to need ambulance services.

They also contended senior housing facilities have less need for ambulance services. Concierge attorney Ele Zachariades based that on a letter received from the American Seniors Housing Association, a not-for-profit trade association. She did not respond to a query about whether the Concierge team had solicited the letter.

"Based on my experience of running the American Seniors Housing Association for more than 25 years, I believe senior living communities do not increase but actually reduce the number of fire rescue runs," wrote association President David Schless.

City staff raised the issue of impacts on fire-rescue services last year when the council was considering a 193-unit luxury assisted living facility at 375 E. Royal Palm Road proposed by Boca Raton-based Penn-Florida Cos.

Council members, including O'Rourke, approved that project, agreeing with the developer that the facility is badly needed because of an aging population and would be a welcome addition to downtown.

But council members said the city needed to develop a policy that would make all ALFs bear some of the cost of increased city services. As of July, that had not been done.

To arrive at a cost figure for ALFs, the city's Fire Rescue Services Department compiled the number of calls from five ALFs in the city and compared that with calls from the five-building, 190-unit Casa Del Rio condominium at 450 NW 20th St.

Calls from Casa Del Rio, with 380 beds, totaled 144 between 2010 and 2014. The five ALFs, totaling 784 beds, produced 880 calls over one year.

The city calculation shows that the condo had .076 calls per bed, while the ALFs had 1.12 calls per bed.

The city also said 84 percent of calls from ALFs result in transport to a hospital, while only 50 percent of calls from a multifamily property result in the need for transport. ★

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time employees as well as six contract employees.

He is charged with administering a \$4 million operating budget and a \$15 million capital projects budget and has served as the township's planning director and building department director.

"My family and I are very excited to move to Highland Beach and become engaged in the community," Labadie said.

Commissioners found that many of the issues Labadie has worked on — or was still working on — in Michigan were similar to those facing Highland Beach.

"His projects are very close in line with what we're doing here," Commissioner Peggy Gossett-Seidman said. "They're finishing up a streetscape program and that's similar to what we're doing."

A Michigan native familiar with the West Bloomfield area, Gossett-Seidman pointed out other similarities between the two communities, especially in the age and income level demographics.

Another plus for Labadie, she said, is his knowledge of key environmental issues. Labadie holds a degree in environmental science and economics from Michigan State University and a master's degree in management from Walsh College in

Michigan.

He was responsible for creating West Bloomfield's sustainability policy and has worked as an environmental manager in the Ann Arbor area as well as a soil erosion officer.

Although a few of the five other finalists for the Highland Beach job are or have previously served as town managers, Gossett-Seidman said Labadie's experience more than qualifies him for the job.

"If you look at what he's done, he might as well have been a town manager," she said.

Labadie said he will bring a "strategic management style that focuses on a team approach, transparency and respect for all stakeholders" to

his new job, and thinks his 20 years of varied governmental experience fits well with Highland Beach's needs.

"Public administration is my life's passion," he told commissioners while in town for interviews. "I think I'm built for handling tough issues. I've dealt with situations similar to what you have here that I know I can come in and help."

Labadie said he became interested in the job after doing research and thought he could be a good match for the town.

"Also, the town manager position with Highland Beach aligns with my career goals, providing an opportunity for me to grow professionally and personally in a beautiful, premier southern Florida community," he said.

Labadie was chosen from a list of finalists that included Mark Stivers, the deputy director of community sustainability for Lake Worth; Tom Bradford, former Palm Beach town manager; William Vance, former city manager of

Pickerington, Ohio; and Kevin Abbate, director of parks and recreation for Martin County.

"Every single one of the candidates was terrific," Riesa said. "They all had so much to offer. It was a difficult choice."

The selection of Labadie came after a previous effort to find a candidate ended in commissioners firing their search firm, contending that the firm didn't provide them with qualified finalists. Commissioners then sorted through a list of more than 70 people who applied for the job, choosing candidates they felt would better fit their needs.

Until Labadie starts work, Town Clerk Lanelda Gaskins will fill both roles.

The Highland Beach town manager position opened in May when commissioners fired Valerie Oakes with a 3-2 vote. Former Gulf Stream Town Manager Bill Thrasher served as interim town manager until his three-month contract expired Aug. 21. ★

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Gulf Stream

Residents getting restless over lack of progress on new house

By Steve Plunkett

Town Commissioner Paul Lyons already knows what he'll be asked when Gulf Stream's seasonal residents start to return next month.

"The first question's going to be underground, the second's going to be: What's going on with that house?" Lyons said, referring to almost three years of construction at 3140 Polo Drive.

People who were hoping the end is near will not be happy with either answer.

James and Jennifer Cacioppo bought three lots on Polo Drive, had them replatted as two lots and won commission approval to demolish an existing house in July 2015. Seaside Builders LLC filed its notice of commencement of construction on Nov. 10, 2015.

Work has now taken so long the owners will have to repaint the outside of the 8,560-square-foot structure and clean the roof to get approval to move in, Town Manager Greg Dunham said at the commission's Aug. 10 meeting.

Lyons said he fields "a lot of complaints" about the house and Commissioner Joan Orthwein said she does too.

"They keep saying, 'Isn't there something you can do?'" Orthwein said. "It's unfortunate that they won't get it done. ... The people that own the house — they keep changing their minds, from what I gather, or something along those lines."

Neighbor Bob Burns, who walks by regularly with his dog, gave an update from the audience.

"It seems like there's three or four cars there where there used to be maybe one. So in the last 10 days or so I would say that there's been — I won't say significant but there's been a slight improvement at least in the number of people that are there trying to do something," Burns said. "I haven't seen much, except it now has shutters, it now has outside lights, but as far as anything else ... it doesn't look like there's any more work been done in the last week than there's been in the last two months."

Vice Mayor Thomas Stanley said the rule of thumb is 24 months for a 10,000-square-foot house. "They're probably a little over that," he said.

Staff attorney Trey Nazzaro said even if the town adopted an ordinance like Palm Beach's spelling out time constraints for builders, it would not affect this project. "Based on the square foot calculations, this house is about within the time it would normally take," Nazzaro said.

Meanwhile, the town was installing underground piping in an easement on the southern edge of the Cacioppo's property to drain often-flooded Polo Drive into the Intracoastal. Dunham expected that project to end before Labor Day.



After nearly three years of construction, there has been a recent increase in the number of workers parking their vehicles outside this home on Polo Drive. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

Commissioners asked him to contact the Cacioppo's when the project was finished to see if they would put in landscaping and take down the chain-link fence while work on their house continues.

On the underground project, Wilco Electric still had a few homes to convert from overhead power, Dunham told commissioners. Comcast has already begun to connect its fiber-optic lines, then AT&T

will come to put telephone lines into the underground conduit.

If they work one after the other, "it would probably be a year" before they finish, Dunham said. He said he would meet with the companies in

hopes of getting them to work simultaneously on different streets.

"We'll continue to move forward on it, and it will be done at some point," Mayor Scott Morgan said.

In other business, commissioners on first reading approved an ordinance eliminating references to items in the town's building design rules categorized as "discouraged" and declaring them "prohibited." A proposal to paint the garage doors on a white house black prompted the change.

Also, Dunham withdrew his suggestion that Gulf Stream pay part of the health insurance premiums for the families of town employees. He said he would investigate compensation packages and bring the idea back next summer. ★



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Boca Raton

Council endorses rules to streamline small-business approvals

By Mary Hladky

The Boca Raton City Council has endorsed changes that would make it simpler and less time-consuming for small-business owners to get approvals for their projects in the downtown.

Council members have long talked about the need to streamline the process for reviewing downtown building

and renovation projects, and the issue was highlighted earlier this year by the saga of an entrepreneur who wanted to open an ice cream shop on Palmetto Park Road.

Rick Felberbaum said it took nearly two years to get City Council approval to change the allowable use of his building from office space to a 971-square-foot ice cream shop. But when Felberbaum still

needed to jump through more hoops to launch his business, he gave up and opened his shop in June in Delray Beach.

"The city took such a long time to approve my plans, I had to make other plans," he told *The Coastal Star* in March. "I had no other choice."

Council member Andrea O'Rourke, sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency chair, brought up the city's loss of Felberbaum's small business on Aug. 20 as CRA commissioners discussed city staff-recommended changes to the ordinance governing downtown development and CRA rules.

A potential buyer of Felberbaum's building wants to open a retail shop but fears going through a cumbersome process, she said.

"How can we encourage this business to prosper ... on Palmetto Park Road so we have vitality in our downtown, but we don't have to put the potential buyer through that type of long-term process?" she asked.

Development Services Director Brandon Schaad said the changes likely would shorten the length of time to complete approvals, which now can take 18 to 24 months, to just a few months for that potential buyer.

The changes would benefit

small projects or when a business owner or developer wants to make minor changes to projects that already have completed the approval process.

The new rules, which must be finalized and formally approved by the City Council at a future meeting, in effect would make a distinction between a major condominium, apartment or hotel project, and smaller projects such as a retail shop or restaurant in the downtown.

The rules would allow City Manager Leif Ahnell, who also serves as CRA executive director, to approve a project that includes a new building or addition to an existing building that is 5,000 square feet or less, and to approve minor changes to landscaping and parking on land parcels of one-half acre or less.

Changes to paint color, roofing material, window trims and the like would go to the Community Appearance Board for approval after city staff recommends in favor, and then placed on the CRA consent agenda for final approval without debate unless a council member asks for discussion or more information.

Another proposal would allow 10 percent of trees and plants in an already approved landscape plan to be changed if

the CAB approves.

The long list of proposed changes includes establishing valet parking standards and electric vehicle parking standards in the downtown. Such standards already exist outside downtown.

If a building project causes the loss of on-street parking, the developer would be required to replace it at another on-street location. Currently, the developer can provide for the parking in the project's parking garage, but drivers don't necessarily know they have access to it.

The changes also clarify existing rules, such as to explicitly state that industrial uses are not allowed in the downtown and to more clearly specify when electricity, telephone and other distribution lines must be placed underground.

Council members supported the changes.

"I think these are all really good clarifications and modifications," said council member Monica Mayotte.

Architect Derek Vander Ploeg, who has long advocated streamlining the development approval process, also voiced his support.

"I think this is great. Long overdue," he said. ★

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Delray Beach

Police chief moves to role of acting assistant city manager

By Jane Smith

Jeff Goldman has traded his badge and Delray Beach police chief uniform for a suit-and-tie job as acting assistant city manager.



Goldman

He was tapped by City Manager Mark Lauzier to spend the remaining months of his police career overseeing the operations and budget of the police, fire-rescue, parks and recreation,

and community improvement departments.

Goldman's first business suit day was Aug. 1.

"When I first arrived, I noticed the Police Department was well-run," Lauzier said. "It will give Goldman a chance to do something else while we test his two assistants."

Assistant Police Chief Mary Olsen will run the department until Dec. 21. Even though Goldman worked on the Police Department budget, he let Olsen give the presentation on Aug. 14 to city commissioners. After

presenting the facts, Olsen, following the style of other department heads, then pointed out that five police officer positions were not funded, creating an \$875,210 gap.

Olsen served as acting police chief in West Palm Beach three years before moving to the Delray Beach Police Department in 2014.

After her stint is over, Assistant Chief Javaro Sims will take over for 4½ months until May 15. Sims was hired in 1992.

Goldman, who joined the department in 1989, is enrolled

in the state retirement program for government workers. His police career is one filled with promotions: sergeant, lieutenant, captain and assistant chief before being named police chief in 2014. His last day will be in May.

He likes to tout his community-police relations as one of his successes. Goldman attends community events where he moves around on a Delray Beach police scooter.

At the first Budget Town Hall on Aug. 2, Goldman said he looks forward to working

with the department heads to see whether that career path interests him.

"It will give Goldman a chance to see if he likes working for me," Lauzier said on Aug. 14. "And whether I like how he works."

If it works out, Goldman could move over to the city manager's office next year, Lauzier said.

Goldman will be Lauzier's third assistant city manager.

Previous city managers had two assistants. ★

New sailfish sculpture

Auditorium, Briny Breezes — Aug. 21



Briny Breezes residents Bill Birch and Susan Jaworski Gross, along with recently hired Park Manager Donna Coates, admire a new bronze statue of a leaping sailfish by artist John W. Townsend. The sailfish will be the centerpiece of a water fountain that the community is rebuilding in the main intersection of town. Photo provided by Ted Gross

Briny Breezes

After concessions, town rehires building inspection company

By Dan Moffett

How to simplify Briny Breezes' often complicated building permit procedures perplexed Town Council members as they considered a contract renewal for the town's building services provider during their Aug. 23 meeting.

Three council members — Christina Adams, Bill Birch and Kathy Gross — balked at rehiring C.A.P. Government Inc. to handle building inspections and plan reviews.

Adams complained that too often residents had to "keep going back" to officials to satisfy what seemed to be changing permit requirements. Birch, an architect, said residents were confused by what often appeared to be excessive inspection demands. Why couldn't one multilicensed inspector handle one small project? Gross questioned the use of "stop order" notices on projects that might not even require permits.

Council members cited recent frustrations over efforts to rebuild the water fountain at the town's western Cordova Avenue entrance as evidence of the need for simplification — too many permit requirements, too many inspection requirements, too much confusion.

Carlos Penin, president of C.A.P., a 29-year-old company that provides inspectors and plan review specialists to 45 municipalities around the state, told them his employees were bound by the Florida Building Code. He said C.A.P. doesn't make the rules and neither does the town.

Town Manager Dale Sugerman conceded that Briny Breezes has a building approval process that is inherently inefficient. "Because Briny is truly unique," he said.

Briny Breezes' hybrid makeup — part corporation, part town — adds a layer of bureaucracy other

municipalities don't have.

Sugerman said the process is further complicated by Briny's five districts that weigh in separately on projects. "There are five different districts with five sets of rules," he said. "It's convoluted."

Sugerman said the key for improving the process is to improve plan reviews so that all requirements are made clear early on, before work begins.

Penin said his staff would be willing to put on a workshop to educate residents about what his company does and improve communication. The council accepted his offer, with a date to be determined.

"We look forward to improving what needs to be improved together," he said.

Adams, Birch and Gross were persuaded and joined Council President Sue Thaler in approving C.A.P.'s contract extension through the next fiscal year. (Alderman Chick

Behringer was absent.)

The council first hired C.A.P. in 2016. The town pays the company 75 percent of permit fees collected and \$60 an hour for code enforcement. CAP employs 180 people in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties, and on the Gulf Coast.

In other business, state officials have officially recognized Briny's estimated population as 610 people, probably the all-time high.

Since January, Sugerman has lobbied the Bureau of Economic and Business Research at the University of Florida to use counting methods from the 2010 census, when the population was set at 601. Several years ago, the estimate fell to 420, because of a methodology change.

Getting a higher estimate is important because it increases the town's revenue-sharing amount of state money. ★

Along the Coast

More I-95 work on tap for Delray, Boynton

By Steve Plunkett

Late-night motorists on Interstate 95 from north of Atlantic Avenue to north of Gateway Boulevard should be prepared for lane closures for the next 14 or so months.

Work to resurface the 7.7-mile section in Delray Beach and Boynton Beach is scheduled to begin Sept. 9. The \$15 million project includes drainage improvements, guardrail, rumble strips, signing and pavement markings, and traffic monitoring site installation. Community Asphalt Corp., which is trying to finish its overdue projects at the Woolbright Road and Hypoluxo Road interchanges, won the contract; the state Department of Transportation said it expects the resurfacing to be completed in fall 2019.

Lanes will be closed when needed between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday nights through Thursday nights, with one lane closing at 9, two at 11 and three at 1 a.m. while crews are at work.

Meanwhile, the start date for improvements at the Atlantic Avenue interchange in Delray Beach was pushed back to Oct. 1. The \$5.2 million project includes widening the northbound entrance ramp from Atlantic, creating a dedicated lane for I-95 northbound and southbound access from westbound Atlantic, and construction of two turn lanes from westbound Atlantic, one to northbound Congress Avenue and one to southbound Congress. Russell Engineering Inc. is doing the work, which is also expected to be finished in fall 2019. ★

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Boca Raton Election



Flanked by supporters on election night, Al Zucaro concedes that opponent Scott Singer would receive more votes and retain his seat as mayor of Boca Raton. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

MAYOR

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after she was charged with official misconduct and perjury.

Singer will serve until March 2020 and then be able to run for two full three-year terms. If Haynie wins her case before her 2020 term expires, she would return to office and Singer would vacate the seat.

The polls closed at 7 p.m., and Zucaro conceded the race at 8:32 after the vote tallies in 25 of 38 city precincts showed him falling well behind Singer.

"I don't see a possibility of winning," he told about 45 supporters who gathered at the Griddle restaurant.

Singer, who urged voters to "keep Boca's new mayor," was elected to the City Council in 2014 and re-elected in 2017. An attorney, Singer reprised his council re-election mantra as "a leader who listens to residents" but added "and delivers results." Most recently he was instrumental in negotiating a deal with the School Board to build a new elementary school on city-owned land by Don Estridge High Tech Middle School.

He was also the frontrunner in raising donations. Singer opened his campaign account in October when Haynie was expected to resign as mayor to run for the County Commission this November and create an opening for a March 2019 election.

Singer's donations totaled \$187,740, not counting \$25,015 in self-loans, and equaled \$39,508 in the final Aug. 11-23 filing period.

Singer was endorsed by the city's police and firefighter unions, the Chamber of Commerce's political action committee, the Realtors' association, the Economic Council of Palm Beach County and the Business PAC of Palm Beach County. He also listed on his campaign website more than 500 "local residents and

community leaders" who backed him, including County Commissioner Steven Abrams, state Rep. Bill Hager and U.S. Reps. Ted Deutch and Lois Frankel.

Zucaro, who publishes the BocaWatch website and lost to Haynie in March 2017, told voters that "we are at critical crossroads in our city's history," citing traffic, congestion and overdevelopment as top concerns.

BocaWatch contributing writers supported his candidacy on the blog. On election day, the blog ran a Zucaro "publisher's comment" that said, "Today for the first time in decades, a 'resident friendly' supermajority can be elected to the city council. . . ."

Singer took aim at the website in July, complaining to the Florida Election Commission that the blog is an unregistered political action committee that violates election law because it promoted Zucaro's candidacy. Zucaro denied operating a PAC and called the complaint a political attack.

The commission did not resolve the issue before the election.

Zucaro collected \$44,133 in donations; he or his law firm also loaned or gave the campaign \$15,500 more. Through Aug. 23 he spent \$55,033.

Zucaro, a 10-year resident of the city who is a former West Palm Beach city commissioner, claimed victory in the face of defeat.

"I've accomplished what I set out to do," he said. "I put the resident in the No. 1 position."

Zucaro played a key role in events that led to the corruption charges against Haynie, filing complaints with the county and state ethics commissions about her financial relationship with the city's largest downtown commercial landowner, and speaking to and providing documents to state prosecutors. ★

Council race goes into overtime

By Steve Plunkett

A squeaker of a City Council race that could shape development decisions — and Boca Raton's landscape — for years to come had supporters on both sides anxiously waiting to hear who won. Only 3 votes out of 17,875 ballots separated Seat A candidates Andy Thomson and Kathy Cottrell.

"The supervisor of elections is still counting provisional ballots, so we don't have a final number yet," city spokeswoman Chrissy Gibson said as City Clerk Susan Saxton conferred with the city attorney early Aug. 29 over what to do. "We'll provide a statement with the details ASAP."

Under state law, the city's canvassing board must order a recount when unofficial results show a candidate losing by 0.5 percent or less. In Cottrell's case, the margin is 0.2 percent.

Saxton, who lost a 2001 City Council race by 2 votes, heads the city's canvassing board, which includes City Manager Leif Ahnell and Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher.

Cottrell had a lead of about 200 votes after two-thirds of the ballots had been counted on election night, a tally that did not change on the supervisor of elections website for more than an hour.

The mood at Thomson's election watch was somber. "It's nerve-racking, as you might imagine," he said as he waited.

By 10 p.m. Cottrell's lead had shrunk to 35 votes. "It'll be what it'll be, but I'm confident it is what it is," she said.

A little before midnight they were dead even, each with 7,872 votes and a third candidate, Tamara McKee, with 2,118.

"That's kind of hard to believe," said Thomson.

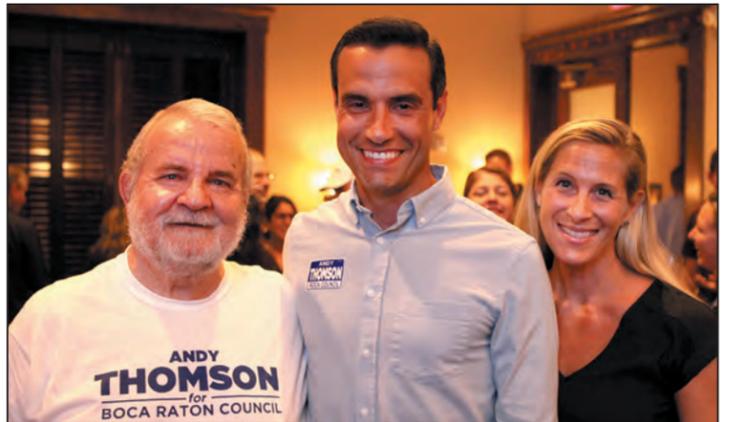
The last update at 12:31 a.m. put Thomson up by 3 votes: 7,879-7,876.

The Seat A winner will serve until March 2020 and then can run for two three-year terms.

Cottrell was endorsed by unsuccessful mayoral candidate Al Zucaro's BocaWatch blog



Kathy Cottrell (left) celebrates with council members Andrea O'Rourke and Monica Mayotte on election night. At the time she thought she won. **Photos by Rachel S. O'Hara/The Coastal Star**



Andy Thomson, here with his father, Tom, and wife, Joanna, called the close race for City Council 'kind of hard to believe.'

and introduced him at his first campaign fundraiser. City Council member Andrea O'Rourke, a former editor of BocaWatch, also endorsed her, and BocaBeautiful.org, which fights what it sees as overdevelopment downtown, urged voters to pick Cottrell "if you like the way Andrea O'Rourke and Monica Mayotte have conducted themselves as City Council members."

Thomson, who campaigned as a "proven problem solver" and an "independent thinker with no ties to special interests," lost a sometimes bitter 2017 council race to O'Rourke.

He raised \$12,670 in the last 13 days of the campaign, including \$1,000 checks from iPic chief executive Hamid Hashemi's iPic Gold Class Entertainment, iPic Holdings LLC, Hashemi Holdings LLC and Premier Aviation of Boca Raton. That pushed Thomson's

total to \$75,988 not counting a \$20,000 self-loan. He reported campaign expenses of \$73,213 through Aug. 23.

Thomson, an attorney who concentrates on resolving business disputes, had the same big endorsements as Mayor Scott Singer: the police and firefighter unions, the Chamber of Commerce's PAC, Realtors, the Economic Council of Palm Beach County and the Business PAC of Palm Beach County.

Cottrell, a Boca Raton native and organizational psychologist, told voters her career included "large-scale problem solving and change management initiatives" for Fortune 500 companies.

Cottrell raised \$2,800 in the Aug. 11-23 period, mostly sums between \$50 and \$250. Her total contributions were \$23,638 and she loaned her campaign \$30,000. Campaign expenses were \$41,551. ★

Along the Coast

Bonfiglio, Caruso to face off in November

By Steve Plunkett

Experience beat youth in the primary contests for District 89, with Mike Caruso and Jim Bonfiglio a big step closer to taking a seat in the Florida Legislature.

Caruso, 59, a barrier island resident and Delray Beach accountant, beat Matt Spritz, 35, a Boca Raton lawyer, to become the Republican standard-bearer. Caruso had 6,691 votes for a margin of 56 percent to 44 percent.

Bonfiglio, 64, a lawyer and Ocean Ridge's mayor, overcame



Bonfiglio



Caruso

Ryan Rossi, 33, a former high school teacher, to claim the Democratic nomination. Bonfiglio secured 7,025 votes, a margin of 57 percent to 43 percent.

In the November general election Bonfiglio and Caruso will also face Delray Beach business owner Deborah

Wesson Gibson, who is not affiliated with a party.

District 89, which leans Republican, stretches along the coast from Boca Raton north to Singer Island.

Bonfiglio has been on the Ocean Ridge Town Commission since 2014 after spending 14 years on the town's Planning and Zoning Commission. He resigned effective Nov. 6, Election Day, to run for the legislature.

State Rep. Bill Hager, who won the District 89 seat in 2012, could not run again because of term limits. ★

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Dave Magrogan

As Dave Magrogan has learned, spending the first eight years of his professional career as a chiropractor proved to be excellent preparation for his move into the restaurant business.

Magrogan, 45, owner of Harvest Seasonal Grill and Wine Bar in Delray Beach, developed a passion for a healthy lifestyle that he's transitioned into a "farm to table" approach to serving meals to a like-minded clientele.

"I work out every day; I don't use drugs and medications and surgeries and things, so I've always kept my chiropractic philosophy of natural health and living alive," he said. "Harvest is sort of coming full circle: It allows me to express myself in the restaurant business with my health and physical beliefs I've gained through chiropractic."

"People think it's funny that you spend 7½ years going to school to become a chiropractor, and now I own restaurants, but all of that chiropractic foundation certainly helped create the foundation for Harvest, and the healthy lifestyle that Harvest is wrapped around."

Magrogan, who said he has opened "22 or 23" restaurants in all and still runs six in the Northeast, came to Delray just two years ago but has quickly come to love the lifestyle.

"It's radically different from the Northeast," he said. "At 8 in the morning I can be on my boat in the Intracoastal, and by 11 o'clock I can be at my restaurant getting ready for lunch. I enjoy it a lot; it's a good place to grow a business, and the business environment is pretty positive."

People often misjudge him, he said.

"When you are the CEO of a company with 600-plus employees, people often can think you are tough, cold or calculating," he said. "To the contrary, I am a very fun-loving, loyal and caring person. I love to see people become successful in our company or on their own outside of our company. I believe firmly that helping others always comes back in a positive way and I look for opportunities to help others around me grow."

One of his favorite charities, one with which he has worked closely, is the Palm Beach County Food Bank and its Empty Bowls event.

"I believe that every person should have access to an adequate meal," he said.



Dave Magrogan, owner of Harvest Seasonal Grill and Wine Bar in Delray Beach, lives in coastal Delray. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Magrogan says his fiancée, Melissa, and his children never fail to put a smile on his face.

"Melissa and I love to travel, visit restaurants and go to concerts together," he said. "We always have fun wherever we find ourselves. My kids are my inspiration. Watching them grow and evolve into caring and intelligent adults is the greatest feeling in the world."

— Brian Biggane

Q: Where did you grow up and go to school? How do you think that has influenced you?

A: I grew up in Brookhaven, Pa., with a single mother who moved around a lot. My mom worked long hours to make ends meet and always told us we too had to work hard to get somewhere in the world. I graduated from West Chester University in Pennsylvania with a pre-med degree, and received my doctorate in chiropractic from Life University in Atlanta.

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

A: I did work in restaurants early on in my career, while I was in high school and college. However, once I completed my chiropractic education, I built two of the largest and most

successful family practices in Pennsylvania, treating over 800 patients a week. During this time, I explored its connection with holistic nutrition and eventually left to pursue my passion for the restaurant industry.

During this time I developed about six different restaurant concepts, got involved with real estate development, wrote my book *Do It Rhino Style* and started public speaking on business and goal-setting internationally. I am most proud of my "rhino-style" approach to business that eschews complaining in favor of optimism and facing problems head-on. Today I am laser-focused on the success and quality of our Harvest brand. The Harvest concept is the professional accomplishment I am most proud of.

Q: What advice do you have for a young person seeking a career today?

A: I began my professional career as a chiropractor and when it got to a point where I started watching the clock and feeling trapped in an office, I didn't have the passion for it anymore. Follow your dreams, no matter how out of reach they seem. Passion will create persistence, which will help you

persevere during the difficult times in growing your career.

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

A: The Delray Beach community has been so welcoming and inviting to both Harvest and Local Greens that it only made sense. Plus, it's absolutely beautiful! There is a palpable energy in Delray, a positive vibe that inspires creativity and growth.

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

A: I wake up every morning and walk on the beach; it's truly an amazing place. The energy in South Florida and in Delray is contagious. The amount of time you can spend outdoors running, walking or boating makes it a fantastic lifestyle.

Q: What book are you reading now?

A: *The Start-Up J Curve*, by Howard Love. It is an excellent book for the entrepreneur or business owner.

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

A: I have always been a huge fan of the Grateful Dead. The new Dead and Company tour

with John Mayer in the band has been fantastic.

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

A: One of my favorites: "Leaders are visionaries with a poorly developed sense of fear and no concept of the odds against them. They make the impossible happen." — Dr. Robert Jarvik

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

A: My mother taught me the value of a dollar and helped shape me into the motivated person I am today. I also have a very dear friend in Philadelphia, Bernie Spain, who built several successful businesses during his career. He has been a trusted adviser and mentor during the past 15 years.

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

A: I'm not sure of the exact answer, but the movie *The Founder*, about Ray Kroc, starring Michael Keaton, reminds me a lot of the difficulties one faces as an entrepreneur in any business. I tell every entrepreneur they need to watch that movie.

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Boca Raton

Letter confirms state ethics probe of Haynie

By Mary Hladky

The Florida Commission on Ethics is investigating whether suspended Mayor Susan Haynie violated state ethics laws while she also is fighting criminal charges lodged by state prosecutors.



Haynie

A state ethics probe was widely thought to be underway after Al Zucaro, a Haynie adversary, filed a complaint with

the agency last year, alleging she failed to report income on financial disclosure forms required by the state, including payments from the city's largest downtown commercial landowner who had matters

coming before the Boca Raton City Council.

But the state ethics commission has not confirmed or denied the investigation under rules that don't allow its officials to comment until a ruling is issued.

The investigation was confirmed by a confidential August letter from the commission to Zucaro, who was defeated in his second bid to become mayor by Scott Singer in the Aug. 28 special election.

Zucaro provided a copy of the letter to *The Coastal Star*.

The letter states that a private probable cause hearing will be held on Sept. 7 at the 1st District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee. No witnesses may be called and no new evidence introduced at the hearing, it states.

"The sole purpose of the probable cause hearing is to evaluate the results of the preliminary investigation," the letter says. Zucaro, Haynie and their attorneys may attend the hearing.

Mark Herron, Haynie's attorney on ethics matters, did not respond to a call and an email requesting comment.

"If [the hearing] actually takes place, my intention is to go," Zucaro said in August.

A separate investigation by the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics, which investigated Haynie for voting on matters that financially benefited downtown landowner James Batmasian, concluded with an April settlement.

Haynie admitted to violating the county's ethics code and agreed

to pay a \$500 fine for failing to disclose a conflict of interest. The commission dismissed a second allegation that Haynie misused her public office.

Zucaro, who was defeated by Haynie in his first Boca Raton mayoral bid last year, also filed a complaint with the county ethics commission. Mark Bannon, the ethics commission's executive director, has said he did not act on the complaint because he received it after his office had launched an investigation.

The state ethics commission has the power to seek Haynie's removal from office. Penalties it can impose range from a reprimand to a recommendation to the governor that an official be removed. The most common penalty is a fine of up to \$10,000 per violation of ethics laws,

said commission spokeswoman Kerrie Stillman. Gov. Rick Scott suspended Haynie from office three days after she was criminally charged, but she has not resigned.

Haynie was arrested on April 24 and released on bail. She is charged with four felonies and three misdemeanors, including official misconduct, perjury in an official proceeding, misuse of public office and failure to disclose voting conflict. She has pleaded not guilty and waived her right to a speedy trial.

Haynie, through her criminal defense attorney Bruce Zimet, has asked that the charges be dismissed. A hearing on the motion to dismiss is set to be heard on Sept. 11 before Circuit Judge Glenn Kelley. ★

Artists given small window to apply for mural spots at Red Reef Park

By Steve Plunkett

Artists had just two weeks in August to fight for the honor of being chosen to paint one of up to 10 murals at Red Reef Park.

The city's Art in Public Places advisory board is supervising the project, its first, and planned to pick the winners Sept. 5.

"The preferred artist(s) will have an extensive background in street art with proven results in public spaces, civic and community engagement to

create innovative temporary public art project(s)," the advisory board said in its Aug. 16 Call to Artists.

Boca Raton City Council member Andrea O'Rourke secured \$40,000 for the effort, half from the City Council and half from the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District.

"Artists are not going to make a fortune painting murals in Boca at this time," she said at the council's Aug. 20 workshop meeting. "But we're looking at

this as something to enrich the community, and hopefully the artists see that as an advantage for them."

The call to artists carried an Aug. 31 deadline. Muralists were asked to provide a statement describing "the conceptual basis for your practice and approach" and a proposed concept that is "developed enough to provide clear understanding of the purpose, content and media of the mural and its relationship to Gumbo Limbo Nature

Center, Red Reef Park West and the surrounding beaches and coastal area."

They also had to submit a résumé and up to 10 examples of completed artwork or projects.

"This visual arts initiative not only beautifies our city but showcases artistic talent from our community and beyond," said Ruby Childers, the city's downtown manager and liaison to the advisory board.

The murals will be painted around a maintenance yard in

the golf course's parking lot that borders the southern path to Gumbo Limbo.

"We identified some walls in the maintenance area that are just canvas just begging for some attention," O'Rourke said.

The plan is to reveal the finished murals Oct. 20, the same day the volunteer Friends of Gumbo Limbo holds a fundraiser at the nature center. ★

City makes deal to replace a Marine Patrol boat

By Steve Plunkett

The city's Marine Patrol will spend \$224,000 for a 30-foot Intrepid model 300 boat and trailer with twin 250-horsepower Yamaha outboards.

Dania Beach-based Intrepid Southeast Inc. will get \$186,990 for the center console boat and trailer and to install the motors and police siren, lights and other accessories. Boca Raton will buy the two Yamaha engines for \$37,403 via a state contract.

Intrepid prides itself on building boats "the way they should be made," one at a time, its website says. The manufacturing plant is on the other side of Florida, in Largo.

No date has been set for delivery, Police Department spokesman Mark Economou said.

"The new boat will go into service once purchase is approved, it's purchased, motors are installed, it's logo'd and

emergency radios and lights installed," he said.

The City Council approved the boat expenditure Aug. 21. Council members also renewed a contract with Palm Beach County to provide more waterway patrols during manatee season, Nov. 15 to March 31. The county will pay \$17,000 for the increased manatee protection.

The Intrepid is replacing an older, identical vessel. Boca Raton has its Marine Patrol boats on a 10-year replacement cycle, Economou said.

The Police Department has three Marine Patrol officers, and each operates his or her own boat.

"They are out mostly day hours, but their shifts vary by day of the week depending on season and how busy it is on the waters," Economou said.

Boca Raton will hold an online auction for its used Intrepid, city spokeswoman Chrissy Gibson said. ★

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Along the Coast

Cost leads Highland Beach to mull dropping Delray fire protection

Price, logistics of starting own department might prove too much, expert says

By Rich Pollack

Surprised by an increase in the cost of fire service for the next fiscal year, Highland Beach commissioners are again wondering whether it would make sense for the small community to have its own fire department.

Currently, Highland Beach has a contract with neighboring Delray Beach to staff the town's small fire station and provide fire and emergency medical services.

For the coming fiscal year, the cost jumped 8.6 percent to about \$4.22 million, causing commissioners to worry about increasing costs for the remaining seven years of the 10-year agreement. Commissioners budgeted \$4.28 million total for fire services next year, which includes maintenance costs.

"If we want to keep this agreement, it's going to go up for the next seven or eight years," said Vice Mayor Alysen Africano Nila, one of the strongest proponents of looking into the feasibility of starting a

fire department.

Africano Nila said she discovered that Broward County's Lighthouse Point, a city of a little more than 10,000 residents, operates its own fire department at a reasonable cost.

"Obviously, it's feasible for a small town to have its own fire department," she said.

In fact, according to Lighthouse Point City Administrator John Lavisky, the city runs its 26-person department for slightly less than what Highland Beach pays Delray Beach for fire service.

Lavisky, Lighthouse Point's fire chief from 1995 to 2003, oversaw the operations of 26 U.S. Air Force fire departments prior to coming to South Florida. He said the town's Fire Department budget for the upcoming fiscal year is \$4.1 million.

To cover the 2.3-mile town, Lighthouse Point has two EMS vehicles, a ladder truck and an engine.

With a fire station located in the center of the city, the department has a response time of between three and four minutes.

"Our department is very lean," Lavisky said. "We have 26 people and we make it work."

Should it need additional resources, Lighthouse Point has

an agreement with neighboring Pompano Beach to provide backup.

While there are similarities between Lighthouse Point and Highland Beach, there are differences as well, especially in the types of structures. Lighthouse Point has several businesses, while commercial properties are almost nonexistent in Highland Beach.

Another big difference: Lighthouse Point has a four-story height limit, while Highland Beach has several high-rise buildings, which would require additional apparatus and staffing.

While it may be possible to operate a fire department at a cost similar to what Highland Beach is paying Delray Beach, starting from scratch might be a different story.

In addition to what could amount to millions of dollars in costs, there is a range of issues that has to be considered.

"You can't just flip a switch and have a fire department," says Robert Finn, a senior manager at the Matrix Consulting Group and a former fire chief. "It would be a big task for any agency. There are a lot of steps and a lot of things to consider."

Finn, whose company was hired three years ago to study

the feasibility of a barrier island fire department in south Palm Beach County — which would have included Highland Beach — says too often communities find the challenges and potential costs overwhelming.

"Most times they decide to continue to contract with whoever they're working with," he said.

Finn said it could take as long as a year for a community to start its own fire department and during those 12 months, the town would have to continue paying its current contractor while also paying a fire chief and any additional personnel on board prior to a conversion.

"You want to get an administrative staff to develop policies and then begin recruiting staff," he said. "In South Florida, there is some difficulty in hiring people who are already certified."

In addition to paying training costs, Finn said, a startup department has to worry about equipment, including additional trucks to ensure backup vehicles are available during maintenance.

There's also potential station remodeling issues as well as providing equipment for the firefighters and paramedics.

"Each firefighter has to have their own gear," he said.

Besides direct costs, indirect costs also have to be considered.

Starting a fire department, Finn said, has an impact on a town's departments for human resources, finance, technology and legal affairs, which would be needed to negotiate union contracts.

"For some departments, when you lay all those cards on the table, it becomes too large a task," he said.

To help municipalities with the decision-making, Finn's company provides extensive feasibility studies, which typically run between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

"It gives them a blueprint and an implementation plan," he said. "It has all the information needed to make a decision."

For Lighthouse Point and Lavisky, startup costs weren't much of a problem. The city's Fire Department started as a volunteer department in the 1960s and was converted to a full-time department in the 1970s.

The department added emergency medical services in 1999 and now has a part-time medical director who is paid \$18,000 a year.

"Starting a department takes time and you have to have someone who can plan it out," he said. ★

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Highland Beach

Town adds nickel per \$1,000 to proposed tax rate

By Rich Pollack

Residents in Highland Beach could soon be paying more in property taxes as town leaders, faced with increasing fire service costs, have tentatively agreed to a slight increase in the town's operating tax rate.

During budget meetings last month, commissioners set the operating tax rate for the 2018-2019 fiscal year at \$3.12 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

That's slightly higher than the current rate of \$3.07 per \$1,000 of assessed property

value, and marks the first time in four years the tax rate would not drop.

The increase is needed because of a significant increase in the fee Highland Beach pays Delray Beach for fire service, according to commissioners.

Highland Beach has budgeted \$4.28 million to pay for fire service from Delray Beach plus maintenance costs next fiscal year. The fire service cost jumped to about \$4.22 million, up roughly 8.6 percent from this year.

"This number is out of control and it's affecting the

millage rate," said Vice Mayor Alysén Africano Nila.

In addition, the town's Police Department budget for 2018-2019 will increase from \$2.45 million to \$2.54 million, making public safety account for just more than 56 percent of the town's overall \$12.1 million proposed budget.

The proposed budget also includes funding for a new position, an assistant town manager/public information director, with a salary between \$51,780 and \$82,848.

Also in the proposed budget is \$100,000 for an

environmental consultant and an additional \$60,000 for legal fees, bringing the total budget for outside legal assistance to \$200,000.

To help keep from raising the tax rate even higher, commissioners agreed to take about \$571,000 from their reserve fund, leaving about \$4.5 million for emergency situations.

Mayor Carl Feldman said he didn't think it was wise to whittle away at reserves.

"I'm not in agreement with robbing Peter to pay Paul," he said.

Commissioner Elyse Riesa said she thinks it is better to use reserves than to put a heavier burden on taxpayers.

"If we have to raise our millage rate, let's do it a little at a time," she said.

The Town Commission will hold special meetings this month, each with a public hearing on the budget. The public hearings, held in accordance with state law, will be Sept. 6 at 5:01 p.m.

The final meeting on the tax rate will be held on a date to be determined. ★

Some protest after commissioners tighten rules on public comment

By Rich Pollack

Loud, sometimes accusatory tirades from a former vice mayor have led Highland Beach town commissioners to adopt policies that some say make it more difficult for residents to speak before their elected officials.

Since losing his bid for re-election in March, former Vice Mayor Bill Weitz has been appearing at Town Commission meetings and using the allotted five minutes per person for public comment to lash out against commissioners. After speaking, Weitz immediately leaves the meeting.

Hoping to muzzle Weitz, commissioners last month voted 3-2 to reduce the time residents have to speak before the commission from five minutes to three minutes. In addition, commissioners moved the public comments from the beginning of the meeting toward the end and limited comments only to agenda items during workshop meetings.

Recent commission meetings have run as long as five hours, with few if any residents staying until the meetings are adjourned.

For his part, Weitz thinks moving public comment to the end of the meeting and reducing the time to speak is "clearly an attempt to limit free speech."

"The mantra of four members of the commission has always been to emphasize open and public comment and to increase transparency with residents," he

How others handle public comment

Ocean Ridge: The public can speak during general public comment for three minutes at the beginning of the meeting and again on issues prior to a vote.

Briny Breezes: The public can speak during general public comment for three minutes at the end of the meeting and is allowed to comment before votes and on multiple agenda items.

Manalapan: The public can speak during general public comment for three minutes toward the end of the meeting, but will be allowed to speak at the beginning if there is a big turnout. The public is also allowed to comment on agenda items as they arise.

South Palm Beach: The public can speak during general public comment for three minutes at the end of the meeting, and public comment is always allowed before a vote.

Gulf Stream: The public can speak during general public comment for three minutes at the beginning of the meeting, and can comment during discussion of any issue.

Boca Raton: The public can speak during general public comment for five minutes toward the end of the meeting (but the vice mayor has asked to consider moving it closer to the beginning because people leave). The public is not allowed to comment during discussion of individual items except when public hearings open.

Delray Beach: The public can speak during general public comment at the beginning of the meeting for three minutes (or six minutes if representing a group with more than six members present). The public is not allowed to comment during discussion of individual items except when public hearings open.

Boynton Beach: The public can speak during general public comment for three minutes at the beginning of the meeting, and public comment of each agenda item is allowed prior to commission discussion.

— Rich Pollack

said. "Since they have become the majority, the policies they've implemented have allowed them to conduct business without any public input or scrutiny."

The decision to scale back public comments has drawn push-back from some residents, who say the commission is

overreacting to one resident's behavior.

"This is the only time we in the public have an opportunity to express to you, our governing body, our opinions, ideas and desires," John Boden, who attends most meetings, told commissioners. "Short-term

issues that may be occurring should not determine the long-term policy of this commission."

Boden said he understands the commission's frustration with Weitz's outbursts but doesn't think other residents should have their comments restricted because of the actions of one individual.

"A minor issue with a verbose citizen should not change the entire procedure," Boden said.

Some commissioners, however, think it is Weitz's behavior that is limiting the opportunity for people to speak before the commission.

"People won't come to commission meetings because they're afraid," Commissioner Rhoda Zelniker said. "I have people asking me why we don't have metal detectors."

Commissioner Elyse Riesa, who along with Mayor Carl Feldman voted against the changes, said she thinks all residents should have the opportunity to share their views with their elected officials. Others say there is still an opportunity at all commission meetings for public comment.

"No one is taking away their right to speak," said Vice Mayor Alysén Africano Nila.

Feldman countered, however, saying that moving comments to the end of long meetings will in essence have that effect.

"Public comment at the end of the meeting is going to eliminate any comment," he said.

During discussions of bringing decorum back

to commission meetings, commissioners said one reason changes were needed was to bring the town's policies in line with those of other municipalities.

With the new time limit, Highland Beach joins most other communities in south Palm Beach County that have a three-minute cap on public comments. However, an informal check by *The Coastal Star* shows that five of eight local municipalities — including small towns and larger cities — allow public comment at the beginning of meetings.

Most of the communities, especially the small towns, also allow public comment during discussion of specific agenda items, something that Highland Beach does not do.

Both Boden and Weitz said they are concerned about the commission limiting public comment only to agenda items during workshop meetings.

Weitz says that would give residents only one opportunity a month — at regular commission meetings — to bring issues or comments to the public forum.

"Now they want to tell the public what they can and can't talk about," he said.

Commissioner Peggy Gossett-Seidman, who voted for the changes, said she is watching to see whether the changes result in a return to civility at the meetings.

"This is an attempt to better serve the public," she said. "If it doesn't, the issue could be revisited." ★

Boca Raton

By Steve Plunkett

Work to rebuild the hugely popular observation tower at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, which has been missing in action since early 2015, should begin in September.

The new tower will be constructed with composite wood decking, rather than natural timber, but otherwise will be a replica of the 40-foot original.

Fort Pierce-based Custom Marine Construction Inc. won the \$1.1 million project, which includes demolishing and

rebuilding the south loop of the nature center's boardwalk.

Environmental concerns led to a rerouting of the boardwalk so it will not intrude into the mangroves on the east bank of the Intracoastal Waterway.

"It skirts the area without actually going into it," Gumbo Limbo manager Leanne Welch said, adding that the existing loop never received environmental permits.

"I think one of the big questions I've heard is, 'Where's the tower? When is it coming back?'" said Robert Rollins,

chairman of the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District, which will reimburse the city for the expense.

The entire boardwalk and the observation tower were closed to the public in February 2015 after engineers warned they were near collapse. District and city officials dithered for months over who would supervise the project, with the district finally keeping control.

Work on the first phase of the boardwalk started in May 2016 and was finished the following December. It cost almost \$631,000.

While construction was underway, the city decided it would oversee rebuilding the tower and the second phase of the boardwalk. It hired a different consultant, had new plans drawn up and received bids on the project last May.

The city owns Red Reef Park, which includes the nature center; the Beach & Park District reimbursed the city for its purchase of the land and pays for all operations and capital improvements there. ★

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South Palm Beach

Town agrees on tax rollback with big decisions ahead

By Dan Moffett

Despite having a hefty list of unresolved issues, the South Palm Beach Town Council has signed off on a rollback of the property tax rate for the 2019 budget year.

Council members have agreed to drop the current millage from \$4 per \$1,000 of taxable value to the full rollback rate of \$3.79, which keeps tax revenues flat year-over-year.

Because taxable values are up about 5 percent on property in the town, Mayor Bonnie Fischer and Town Manager Mo Thornton said revenues should increase about \$80,000 over the last fiscal year even with the lower rate.

The council has much to decide that will affect the town's budget.

Council members must choose someone to fill the vacant police chief position and find a town clerk. The council is waiting on an architect's report to decide whether renovating the Town Hall is possible.

Then there is the controversial project with Palm Beach County that proposes installing concrete groins on the beach to combat erosion. That plan, originally conceived 12 years ago, is moving slowly through the state and federal permitting process, and faces

tough opposition from the town's southern neighbors, Manalapan and Ocean Ridge.

Thornton said she expects to receive the report from architect John Bellamy by early September. The findings could determine whether upgrading Town Hall costs tens of thousands or significantly more.

"My plan is to schedule a workshop to go over his report," Thornton said. "It's too much to take up at a regular meeting."

To avoid conflicts with the Rosh Hashanah holiday, the council has rescheduled its regular meeting to Sept. 12, immediately following a 7 p.m. hearing on the proposed 2019 budget. A second budget hearing is scheduled for 5:01 p.m. on Sept. 24.

In other business:

- South Palm Beach police gave out their first written warning last month under the new ordinance prohibiting dogs on the beach.

Sgt. Mark Garrison, the town's interim police chief, told the council during its Aug. 21 meeting that the department will begin recording violations in a database as part of the law's implementation. First offenders receive written warnings, but then for each subsequent violation within a calendar year they face \$100 fines.

"Parking citations and town

ordinance violations imposing a fine will now be completed on our computer-based reporting system," Garrison said. "Citations will be tracked by year and number for payment."

Garrison said an officer responding to the scene of a possible dog ordinance violation will be able to determine quickly whether the offender should receive a warning or be fined.

Councilwoman Stella Gaddy Jordan said officers need to be especially vigilant for dog offenses on the southern beaches, near the Imperial House and Palm Beach Windemere condominiums, where residents have frequently complained about irresponsible pet owners.

Garrison told Jordan that officers are "trying to do five or six beach checks per shift."

- Thornton said IT contractors are making "good progress" fixing internet and phone problems that have dogged the town for more than a year.

In June 2017, the town's system was hit with a ransomware attack that paralyzed business at Town Hall. Officials paid no ransom and were able to get computers and website back online with the help of an outside contractor. But problems have persisted. ★

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Lantana/Hypoluxo Island

Delayed water main project set to end Sept. 30

By Mary Thurwachter

Although it's making progress, Intercounty Engineering Inc., the firm hired to install water main pipes on Hypoluxo Island's South Atlantic Drive, remains behind schedule and now has a

projected Sept. 30 completion date. The contractor is being fined \$500 a day by Mathews Consulting Inc., Lantana's engineering firm.

"The contractor completed the installation of the water main and is installing fire hydrants," Linda Brien,

Lantana's director of operations, said in mid-August.

The project, along the island's main street, begins at East Ocean Boulevard and South Atlantic Drive heading south to Lands End Road, where it turns east to the end of Southeast Atlantic Drive.

The contractor at times has used double crews to catch up, Brien said. "The projected completion date is Sept. 30. The daily fines started on July 9."

Lantana officials withheld payment to the contractor after it fell behind schedule and wasn't doing a satisfactory job of cleanup after work each day, something residents said created a safety hazard.

Rebecca Travis of Mathews Consulting said about half of the million-dollar contract has yet to be paid.

The original scheduled completion date was July 3. However, "due to rain and unforeseen conditions, the town extended the completion date to July 23," Brien said.

During a Town Council meeting in July, residents who live in the construction area expressed dismay with messy work and the lack of progress.

Mathews Consulting sent two notices of noncompliance to the contractor for the asphalt trench repair. ★

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County Pocket



ABOVE: Fourteen townhouses split among six buildings will have private beach access, while still maintaining two existing public beach access points. BELOW: Lush landscaping is planned with coconut palms, bougainvillea and a variety of native plants. Renderings provided by National Realty

Developer shares oceanfront townhouse details

By Jane Smith

Construction should begin by mid-September on the oceanfront Gulf Stream Views, a townhouse development in a lot that formerly held the Pelican Beach apartments.

The new landowner last month showed off plans for a posh complex south of Briny Breezes in response to a list of questions from Kristine de Haseth, executive director of the Florida Coalition for Preservation, on behalf of residents of the County Pocket and Briny Breezes and *The Coastal Star*.

Glenn La Mattina, senior vice president of NR Living, gathered the project experts on Aug. 20 at a Boynton Beach waterfront restaurant in an effort to address the concerns.

Density: According to the project's architect, Richard Jones of Delray Beach, the six buildings, with a total of 14 units, will have a modern design featuring a lot of glass. "All of the units will have ocean views from one or more levels," he said.

The complex will be framed by retaining walls with heavy landscaping that Jones described as "providing a terraced contemporary greenscape along the street."

Traffic: Briny Breezes Boulevard on the north will provide access from A1A, and Seaview Avenue on the south will provide access from the County Pocket into Gulf Stream Views' main gated entrance off Old Ocean Boulevard.

Elevation: The complex sits within the state's Coastal Construction Control Line. As a result, the project's first floor will be at 16.4 feet, said land planner Bradley Miller of Boynton Beach. The state requires a first floor start at 14 feet above NAVD (the North American Vertical Datum).

Gulf Stream Views will add an additional 2 feet for the pilings and other foundation work. This will put the 1st floor about 2 feet above the level of Old Ocean Blvd.

Each unit will have a two-car garage, according to Miller. The site also will have 10 surface



spaces for guest parking.

Public beach access: The beach will continue to be open to the north and south of the complex, Miller said. Gulf Stream Views residents and their guests will have private access through a gated entrance in the middle of Old Ocean.

Water: Michael LaCoursiere, the project's civil engineer in West Palm Beach, said Gulf Stream Views will have water provided by Boynton Beach through a main on Briny Breezes Boulevard.

Each unit will have its own wastewater pipe that flows to one lift station at the southwest corner of the complex. From there, the wastewater will be pumped to a 6-inch pipe under Seaview Avenue on the southern border of the property. That pipe eventually connects to the South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant on the mainland.

Drainage: Stormwater runoff will be dealt with on-site, LaCoursiere said. It will be discharged into the ground and not flow off-site into the County Pocket to the south, he said.

Landscaping: Leo Urban, the project's landscape architect in Boynton Beach, said he chose native plants or low-water-use plants for the complex.

"We will move the existing sabal palms to the east side of the property," Urban said. Coconut palms will be planted near the buildings to avoid storm damage from shade trees.

In between the tiered retaining walls, purple bougainvillea will be planted, Urban said. "It will bring

some color to the complex and serve as a barrier [to possible intruders]," he said.

Rich Radici, the construction manager from New Jersey, said workers would park on-site during construction. Radici has a Boynton Beach condo and says he will be down often to check on the project.

During construction, Karl Indivero will be the on-site manager daily.

Radici said the project would take about 18 months to complete.

Each three-story unit will have three bedrooms, an elevator, a splash pool, a two-car garage, a rooftop deck and 3,400 square feet of air-conditioned space. Preconstruction prices range from \$1.8 million to \$2.7 million.

The Coalition for Preservation is a grassroots group dedicated to preserving the quality of life on the barrier island with responsible growth.

The project sits on a nearly 2-acre vacant parcel in an unincorporated county pocket. Gulf Stream Views LLC paid \$5.4 million for the property in early June.

The company, a division of National Realty Investment Advisors of Secaucus, N.J., purchased the land from real estate investor David Rinker. He and other investors bought the parcel in 2006 when it housed the Pelican apartments.

Realtors Pascal Liguori and his son Antonio of Delray Beach have the exclusive sales listings for the Gulf Stream Views townhomes. ★

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Obituaries

By Rich Pollack

DELRAY BEACH — Kevin McCarty loved serving his community and helping others.

Mr. McCarty, who died early last month at the age of 69 following a battle with pancreatic cancer, chaired the South Florida Water Management District in 2005, served on the board of Enterprise Florida and held seats on the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency and the city's Housing Authority.

Throughout it all, he kept a surprisingly low profile, often remaining content to be in the shadow of his more well-known wife, former Palm Beach County Commissioner Mary McCarty.

"Kevin was a quiet leader," said former Delray Beach Mayor

Jay Alperin, a longtime friend and golfing buddy. "He would stand back and do things and then let other people take the credit."

A successful stock broker and public finance banker who worked at the Raymond James Financial office in Delray Beach and later was managing director of the Bear, Stearns & Co. Boca Raton office, Mr. McCarty is remembered for his generosity and kindness and for his willingness to always lend a hand.

"Kevin was always happy not to be in the spotlight," Mary McCarty said. "It was always about other people — me, his mother — and about the community. There was no ego involved with him. He was just very gracious."

In addition to his civic involvement, Mr. McCarty was very active in politics, serving as a Palm Beach County Republican state committeeman

Kevin McCarty

for 12 years and a delegate to four Republican national conventions.

Although Mr. McCarty and Alperin had vastly different political views, they were able to talk politics and have friendly debates.

"He was always a gentleman, respectful of the opinion of others," Alperin said. "We'd have some tough discussions, then we'd go and get a drink."

An avid golfer who played with Alperin every Sunday for many years, Mr. McCarty also loved the water, often finding time to go fishing.

His favorite place, however, was home, to spend time with his wife and the couple's dogs.

Married for 38 years, Mr. McCarty and his wife remained devoted to one another during a federal investigation that led to both receiving prison sentences.

Caught up in an investigation a decade ago that led to Mary McCarty's being convicted

of charges related to misuse of office, Mr. McCarty was sentenced to eight months in federal prison for failing to report that his wife illegally benefited from her elected position.

"Never once was an ill word said to me in this situation," Mary McCarty said. "If there was something in the universe that thought it would tear us apart, it just cemented us closer."

She said Mr. McCarty's experience in prison and with the judicial system likely helped him prepare for a 17-month battle with cancer.

"In both situations there are things you can't control, so you manage around the edges, working with things you can control," she said. "You find the best doctors and get the best treatment."

Throughout the battle with pancreatic cancer, Mr. McCarty tried to lead as much of a

normal life as possible.

"He never complained, he just wanted to do whatever he could to survive," Mary McCarty said. "He was an inspiration."

Mary McCarty was at her husband's side when he died in their Delray Beach home during the early morning hours of Aug. 5.

Mr. McCarty is survived by his wife; a sister, Mary Conklin of Winsted, Conn.; and cousins Christine and Paul McCarty of Jensen Beach, Marie Stuart of Vernon, Conn., and Paul Raymond of Canterbury, N.H.

A memorial Mass was held on Aug. 17 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Boynton Beach.

Instead of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Suzanne Wright Foundation, Code Purple Now for pancreatic cancer research, www.suzannewrightfoundation.org.



Andrea Kornblue

By Ron Hayes

BOCA RATON — As a girl, Andrea Kornblue traveled the world.

The daughter of a career military police officer with the U.S. Army, she grew up living in Japan, Germany and various assignments throughout the U.S.

From her father's service, she learned to serve, and brought that spirit of volunteerism to her many years in Boca Raton.

Mrs. Kornblue served on numerous hospital gala committees during the early days of Boca Raton Regional Hospital and was a life member of the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League. She volunteered for the Boca Raton Historical Society, the Gulf Stream School, Boca Raton High School, St. Andrew's School, and was a longtime member of the Junior League of Boca Raton.

Mrs. Kornblue died Aug. 18 after a brave battle with cancer. She was 70.

"My mother was an amazing lady who lived a full life," recalled her son, Brandon Kornblue of Bonita Springs. "She loved my sister and I, and we're just really thankful for her and loved her a lot."

Mrs. Kornblue's daughter is Paige Kornblue Hunter, a former anchor at WPTV-NewsChannel 5.

Andrea Jayne Berry was born on Sept. 18, 1947, in Norristown, Pa.

Her volunteerism first surfaced at Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, Pa., where she was a member of the student council, captain of the band front and a four-year member of the basketball team — "the only member with perfect hair," she would boast.

At Shippensburg University, where she majored in sociology and criminology, she was the college's social chairman, booking bands for campus events.

After college, she worked as a probation officer and a waitress on Martha's Vineyard. She taught dance at an Arthur Murray Dance Studio and spent two years in Germany, working in

hotel gift shops and at an Olympic ice skating rink.

While visiting family in South Florida, she met Dr. Edwin B. Kornblue, Boca Raton's first full-time dentist, and the couple were married at the Boca Raton Resort and Club in 1975. Dr. Kornblue, her husband of 43 years, survives her.

Mrs. Kornblue's life of service locally began soon after her arrival in the city.

"Andrea Kornblue was one of the most beloved Junior League members and she was an outstanding volunteer," said Debbie Abrams, a board member of the Junior League of Boca Raton. "Her beauty and kind spirit made her everyone's favorite. More than 30 years later, I still recall walking into my first League meeting and being graciously welcomed by her."

In the days after her death, Brandon Kornblue said, he and his sister had each received more than 300 messages of sympathy and comfort from people who had known Mrs. Kornblue through her volunteer work.

"It wasn't just us she impacted and brought joy to," he said, "but a lot of people in a lot of different places."

At a celebration of her life held Aug. 25 at the Chapel of Saint Andrew in Boca Raton, Paige Kornblue Hunter eulogized her mother.

"Remembering back to when my mom's mom passed," Mrs. Hunter said, "my mom told me, 'I just miss sharing everything with her, visiting her and telling her about my day and you kids, or just picking up the phone and talking about everything and nothing.'"

"That's what she missed most about her mom, and I already miss that about her."

"My heart ached before I even lost her."

In addition to her husband, son and daughter, Mrs. Kornblue is survived by six grandchildren; a brother, Ronald; a niece, Dawn; and seven cousins.

Contributions in Mrs. Kornblue's memory may be made in her name to either the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League or the Junior League of Boca Raton.

The Rev. Gerald Grace

By Rich Pollack

HIGHLAND BEACH — For almost 20 years until his retirement in 2017, the Rev. Gerald Grace presided over the congregation at St. Lucy Catholic Church in Highland Beach as its pastor.

A native of Ireland who served the Catholic community in South Florida for more than half a century — first in Miami and then in Palm Beach County — Father Grace died Aug. 10. He was 79.

"Father Grace lived up to his last name, and offered compassion, wisdom and guidance," said Peggy Gossett-Seidman, a longtime parishioner and now a Highland Beach town commissioner. "He was soft-spoken, moved about lightly and was always willing to administer to sick and troubled residents throughout the town, even if they weren't Catholic."

Born in County Limerick, Ireland, Father Grace had several brothers, including a twin, according to Gossett-Seidman. After arriving in South Florida, he first served in the Archdiocese of Miami and later moved to the Archdiocese of Palm Beach soon after it was created in 1984.

Father Grace served as a teacher at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary prior to being assigned to St. Lucy Catholic Church in 1998. He remained the church's popular pastor until his retirement last year, when he became pastor emeritus.

"Father Grace was a unique priest," said the Rev. D. Brian Horgan, St. Lucy's current pastor. "His commitment to teaching never ended, and he was perhaps one of the most emerging theologians of his time, influencing the many priests, throughout the state of Florida, while he taught at the seminary."

Horgan first met Father Grace when he was assigned to St. Lucy in 2013.

"I witnessed a man who remained faithful to his calling as a priest of Jesus Christ," Horgan said. "He was a man who could laugh at himself, one who could make others laugh, and perhaps most importantly he was a man of principle and loyalty."

Both Horgan and Gossett-Seidman remember Father Grace as a community leader who was always available to lend a gentle and helping hand.

"What has struck me the most about him was the fact that he was quick to forgive, generous to so many people and was always ready to go, day or night, to help people," Horgan said.

Gossett-Seidman remembers one incident in particular that showed Father Grace's kindness.

"In his finest hour, he once awakened at 4 a.m. to board an air ambulance helicopter and travel to a Miami hospital with a couple whose son was just born with a malformed heart," she said. "That boy is now 20 and attended Father Grace's funeral."

The funeral Mass for Father Grace, held Aug. 14, was attended by more than 100 priests and clergy members, including Palm Beach Diocese Bishop Gerald Barbarito and Diocese of Orlando Bishop John Noonan.

"Father Grace will be missed from the church of South Florida but will always be remembered as an architect of its success," Horgan said.

Father Grace is survived by his brother and sister-in-law Edmond and Philomena Grace; his sister-in-law Anne Grace; and two nephews, Gerry and Micheál.



PRIEST

Continued from page 1

Waldron added that officials in Rome investigated and in 2014 cleared Benestad, ruling he could again practice as a priest.

Benestad could not be reached for comment.

Joseph Bordieri has lived at Atlantic Cloisters for 28 years and said he has known Benestad since he moved in. He said the association sent an email to all the residents in late August.

"I just found out about it. ... I know the man," Bordieri said. "We say 'Hello.' He lives across the way. He treated me well."

Overall, Bordieri said, "We were friendly," but added that he and Benestad didn't socialize.

Another neighbor, who chose to remain unidentified, said Cloisters residents are distressed, adding that there are 83 owners and "a lot of children."

"It's a 'big, open community,' she said. "We are over the top upset about this. We're deeply

concerned."

According to a news release from the Diocese of Palm Beach, Benestad in 2007 "relocated on medical leave of absence from the Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania," to Boca Raton.

At that time, Ascension Catholic Church in Boca Raton accepted his offer to assist.

After an inquiry into his status in the Diocese of Allentown, the Diocese of Allentown advised the Diocese of Palm Beach that Father Benestad "was a priest in good standing, that there were no impediments to his ministry, and that the Bishop of Allentown at the time, had no objection to his ministry in the Diocese of Palm Beach."

When the allegations surfaced in 2011, the Diocese of Palm Beach said in the release, Benestad was ordered to "refrain from all forms of public ministry, including wearing a clerical collar" and "has not functioned as a priest in any parish in the Diocese of Palm

Beach since 2011."

The diocese also reported that it sent a written reminder in 2014 to Benestad that he does "not possess the faculties of the Diocese of Palm Beach and that he may not present himself publicly as a priest."

Benestad's alleged victim said the abuse took place between 1981 and 1983, and that Benestad forced him to perform oral sex many times over the two-year period.

The grand jury summary references Benestad's alleged acts: "Even out of these hundreds of odious stories, some stood out ... the priest who made a 9-year-old give him oral sex, then rinsed out the boy's mouth with holy water to purify him."

The grand jury, law enforcement and the Diocese of Allentown found the testimony credible, according to the grand jury report, but Benestad could not be prosecuted because of the number of years that have passed since the alleged

incidents.

Grand jurors called the 1,356-page report, released in early August, their "only recourse" to detailing widespread child sexual abuse in six dioceses over seven decades. The jurors looked at the entire state, except Philadelphia and Altoona-Johnstown, which had been the subject of previous grand jury investigations. In all they reviewed the parishes in 54 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties.

"We heard the testimony of dozens of witnesses concerning clergy sex abuse. We subpoenaed, and reviewed,

half a million pages of internal diocesan documents. They contained credible allegations against over three hundred predator priests," the report said.

"Because of the statute of limitations, the grand jury could bring few charges against these men for their repulsive acts, so the grand jury is naming names of both the sex offenders and those who concealed them. We are going to shine a light on their conduct, because that is what the victims deserve." ★

Michelle Quigley contributed to this story.

Obituaries

Jeffrey Cail Ireland

OCEAN RIDGE — Jeffrey Cail Ireland, 32, died unexpectedly on Aug. 21.

He was born March 26, 1986, in Merrillville, Ind., to



Jeffrey L. and Sandra (Rolfs) Ireland. Mr. Ireland's family was proud that he graduated with a 4.2 GPA from high school.

At the time of his death, he was a salesman for Massey Yardley Jeep Chrysler Dodge in Plantation. He was known as an athlete and a musician, and he loved animals. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Mr. Ireland is survived by his father, Jeff L. Ireland of Ocean Ridge; mother, Sandra Ireland of San Antonio, Fla.; grandmother Marilyn Ireland; sisters Stacie (LaGarrick) Gantt of Lake Worth and Briana McGowan-Cece of Virginia Beach, Va.; and many other extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Sheldon and Diana Rolfs and Hugh Ireland, and an aunt, Sharon Kirk.

Mr. Ireland's funeral was held Aug. 27 at Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Lapeer, Mich., with burial in Metamora Cemetery in Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family on a GoFundMe page, linked through Jeff L. Ireland's Facebook page.

Condolences and memories may be left at MuirBrothersLapeer.com.

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Business Spotlight

Mizner condo developer moves headquarters to Boca to manage new project

El-Ad National Properties, an Elad Group company that develops, manages, sells and administers operations for 4,372 Florida properties, has moved its headquarters from Plantation to downtown Boca Raton in the **Bank of America** building, 150 E. Palmetto Park Road, Suite 400.

From its new location, it plans to hire additional employees to manage its \$500 million **ALINA Residences Boca Raton**, a luxury condominium community with up to 384 units that will replace the **Mizner on the Green** townhomes on Southeast Mizner Boulevard. One building of the old complex has already been demolished to make room for a sales center for the project, which debuts its new name this month.

“We have long had a real estate presence in Boca Raton and are now pleased to officially call Boca Raton and Palm Beach County home,” said El-Ad National Properties executive director of development **Noam Ziv**.

In line with the project, El-Ad National Properties is partnering with businesses and nonprofit groups that include a programming collaboration with the **Boca Raton Museum of Art**, memberships in the **Boca Downtown Business Alliance** and **Boca Raton Chamber**, and support of the **Golden Bell Education Foundation**, **Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County** and the **FAU Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine**.

Elad Group, a real estate company with several billion dollars in assets, focuses on the acquisition, development and

conversion of architecturally significant residential and commercial properties in markets throughout the United States.

Douglas Elliman Real Estate has acquired the Boca Raton firm **Pink Palm Properties** that was led by **Rochelle LeCavalier** and specialized in properties in **Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club**. LeCavalier and her team will work out of Elliman’s Boca Raton office at 444 E. Palmetto Park Road.

Sales of homes priced at \$600,000 and above saw an unprecedented rise in July compared with the same month last year, according to the **Realtors of the Palm Beaches and Greater Fort Lauderdale**.

Sales of homes priced at \$1 million or more rose 30.6 percent, and home sales in the \$600,000 to \$999,999 range showed a 26.6 percent increase for the same month.

The median sales price of single-family homes increased 4.2 percent to \$350,000; active inventory decreased 5.1 percent.

Sales numbers are looking especially good for **Corcoran Group** agent **Steven Presson**.



As of Aug. 2, Presson had completed 15 residential sales for his clients in 70 days, with combined sales totaling more than \$36 million.

Presson, who specializes in luxury coastal real estate in Ocean Ridge and surrounding communities, has been ranked No. 2 out of the Corcoran Group’s 133 agents for the first

Hospitality and culinary job fair

Benvenuto Restaurant & Banquet Facility, Boynton Beach — Aug. 7



The Community Caring Center and the Secret Garden, a culinary business development and job training center, hosted its second hospitality and culinary job fair in August to promote local jobs. More than 35 restaurants, hospitals and hotels interviewed more than 200 job seekers, some of whom were hired on the spot. Honoring the culinary theme of the event, four local celebrity chefs were given an identical set of ingredients and 25 minutes to produce a meal. **ABOVE:** During the competition, Boynton Beach CRA advisory board member Allan Hendricks interviews Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Davidson and Mayor Steven Grant (left), who tied for first place. **LEFT:** Both winning entries reflected the organizers’ mission of providing nutritionally balanced meals.

Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

quarter of 2018.

His recent sales include: \$6.895 million for a lot near Briny Breezes; \$5.032 million for a home at 913 N. Atlantic on Hypoluxo Island; \$3.699 million for a beachside point lot at 53 Spanish River Drive, Ocean Ridge; \$4.195 million for a panoramic waterfront estate at 27 Harbor Drive, Ocean Ridge; \$1.695 million for a waterfront home at 62 Harbor Drive in Ocean Ridge; and \$1.095 million for a waterfront land at 1508 Lake Drive in Delray Beach.

Last month, NHL hockey star **Max Pacioretty** listed his 17,142-square-foot home with **Devin Kay**, an agent with Douglas Elliman, for \$3.45 million. The house, at 434 Areca Palm Road in Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, Boca Raton, was renovated last year.

The five-bedroom home has 4½ bathrooms, 13-foot ceilings, marble floors, an outdoor summer kitchen, saltwater pool, smart house technology, a safe room, and indoor/outdoor basketball and sports courts.

Pacioretty, 29, a left wing with

the Montreal Canadiens, has 226 goals in 10 NHL seasons, with a career best of 39 in 2013-14 for Montreal.

Ken Johnson, associate dean of graduate programs and professor of finance in the **College of Business at Florida Atlantic University**, was named president of the **American Real Estate Society**. Founded in 1985, the association produces and disseminates research and information about real estate decision-making and the functions of real estate markets.

Allison Turner has been appointed to the board of directors of the **Institute for Regional Conservation**,



a Delray Beach nonprofit that aims to protect, restore and manage biodiversity regionally, and to prevent regional extinctions of rare plants, animals and ecosystems.

Turner, a Delray Beach resident, is owner and CEO of **BCoSF Media and Business Consultants of South Florida**.

John M. Campanola, a New York Life agent since early 2012, has become a member of the **2018 Quality Council of New York Life Insurance Co**. His office is in downtown Delray Beach. A longtime Florida resident, he is involved in the **Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce**, where he won its 2013-2014 Ambassador of the

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Year award and the 2013-2014 Ken Ellingsworth Community Service Award. Campanola is also involved in the **Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce**, where he won its 2017 New Member of the Year Award.



Campanola

Artist **Amanda Johnson** will debut her "Recovery Butterfly Bag" at an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 15 at **Amanda James Gallery**. For every bag sold, the gallery will donate \$10 to **Wayside House**, a women's addiction recovery facility in Delray Beach. The gallery is at 412 E. Ocean Avenue, Boynton Beach. Visit amandajamesgallery.com.

Crane's Beach House Boutique Hotel & Luxury Villas launched a new event series, "Tastings at the Tiki," to benefit local nonprofit and community service organizations. Events will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month and will offer special wine and beer tasting experiences.

The Sept. 20 event will benefit artists' services of Delray's **Arts Warehouse**. Drinks will be from Chalk Hill Winery, Smith & Hook Winery and Saltwater Brewery. Crane's will offer hors d'oeuvres from local restaurants and live music. Admission is \$20 and includes a drink ticket. Call 278-1700 or visit cranesbeachhouse.com.

This year, 108 students will receive \$1,069,500 in scholarships, ranging from \$600 to \$60,000, awarded by the **Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties**. With more than 100 scholarship funds established by donors committed to education, the organization has given more than \$11.5 million in

scholarship grants since 1983, helping 2,156 students.

In South County, students from Boca Raton Community High School and Olympic Heights Community High were among the recipients.

Among the donors is **Sanjiv Sharma** of Highland Beach, and one of his two funds, **Pundit Mulchand and Janki Devi Sharma Scholarship Fund**, had several scholarship recipients this year.

"We understand that many of our aspiring local students do not have the financial resources for a college education," said **Brad Hurlburt**, president and CEO of the Community Foundation. "It is through the generosity of our donors that these dreams can become a reality, and we are extremely proud to be able to provide this service to the community."

Call 659-6800 or visit yourcommunityfoundation.org.

The **South Florida Science Center and Aquarium** and the **Stiles Nicholson Foundation** will hold an event Sept. 29 honoring the recipients of **STEM Innovation Awards** recognizing leadership, service and collaboration in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. To be held at the Science Center, the event will include a cocktail reception, dinner, music and science demonstrations. Tickets are \$75 each or \$750 for a table of 10, and sponsorship opportunities are available. The South Florida Science Center and Aquarium is at 4801 Dreher Trail N., West Palm Beach. Call 832-1988 or visit sfsciencecenter.org.

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Plaza del Mar

Publix opening caps \$10 million renovation that breathes life into aging landmark, excites residents

By Mary Thurwachter

Three days before the new Publix opened its doors in Plaza del Mar, Wade Rinderknecht kept a close eye on an army of employees filling the shelves and undergoing training sessions. As the store manager, Rinderknecht needs to stay on top of it all.

"This is coming together great," he said. "I'm amazed at what we've been able to fit in here. I'm super-excited." That excitement only grew on Aug. 16, when the 28,000-square-foot supermarket officially opened for the first time. The beige-colored store is about the size of the downtown Lake Worth

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TOP: An employee gathers carts at the new Publix in Plaza del Mar. The store has 110 employees.
MIDDLE: Manalapan Mayor Keith Waters and store manager Wade Rinderknecht cut a ribbon to open the store, joined by town and store officials and employees.
BOTTOM: Suzi Goldsmith samples tea on opening day.
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Philanthropy Notes

Philanthropy Tank returns for fourth year

Applications are open for Palm Beach County students in grades eight through 12 who want to participate in the Philanthropy Tank program.

The program fuels and inspires the next generation of leaders by challenging, empowering and equipping them to develop and execute sustainable initiatives and solutions. Philanthropist-investors fund the students' projects and offer one-on-one mentoring. Since the program began four years ago, meaningful changes have been made in the areas of education, health and human services and youth development.

For information: philanthropytank.org/apply.

Student raises \$9,000 for YMCA swimming programs

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School student Catie Krakow was significantly affected by the shooting that occurred Feb. 14, particularly because the 18-year-old's classmate and friend, Nicholas Dworet, died.

Catie decided to respond to the tragedy by doing something generous. Knowing Nick was a passionate swimmer, she started a GoFundMe page to honor him and the 16 other victims by raising money to support aquatics programming at the Peter Blum Family YMCA in Boca Raton. She raised \$9,000 and presented a check to YMCA of South Palm Beach County President and CEO Jason Hagensick.

For information: ymcaspb.org/peter-blum/aquatics.

Kudos to Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches

Charity Navigator has awarded Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches a four-star rating for the 12th consecutive year, a recognition achieved by 1 percent of the nonprofits evaluated by the organization.

The rating is a nod to the agency's accountability, financial health and transparency.

"This accomplishment is truly a team effort, which would not be possible without our committed staff members, generous supporters and driven board of directors," CEO Matthew Constantine said. "Our 12th four-star rating comes at a significant time as we move forward with fundraising for our Hope Begins with a Home campaign."

For information: adoptafamilypb.org/hope-begins-with-a-home.

Teens, anglers donate fish to Boca Helping Hands

For more than a decade, Fishing for Families in Need (F4FN) has helped local soup kitchens serve 3,000-plus pounds of fresh fish to the hungry. This summer, a group of teenage volunteers from F4FN attended the 2018 Big Bang Open spearfishing tournament in West Palm Beach to seek fish donations for Boca Helping Hands.

Thanks to the anglers involved, 190 pounds of fish were collected, filleted and delivered to the organization, where it will feed 400 patrons.

For information: f4fn.org/fishing-tournament-donation.

Women's golf executive joins Clinics Can Help board

Pam Swensen, a longtime advocate of women's golf and the power of golf in fostering relationships, has joined the board of directors at Clinics Can Help.

The CEO of the Executive Women's Golf Association supports the nonprofit's annual golf tournament and saw an opportunity to make a bigger impact for its cause — getting medical supplies to those who can't afford them.

"I'm humbled to join the Clinics Can Help board to further contribute to this group's success and outreach in redistributing durable medical equipment to those in need," Swensen said.

For information: clinicscanhelp.org.

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Celebrations

Trolley tour

Old School Square, Delray Beach — Aug. 16



The South Florida IBM Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association enjoyed a docent-led adventure through the downtown area. Members, their spouses and friends visited Old School Square, the Colony Hotel & Cabana Club and the beach followed by lunch at Ocean One Bar and Grille in Atlantic Plaza. The organization was formed in 2011 to promote social activities for former IBM employees with 25 or more years of service as well as for current employees with at least five years of service. **ABOVE:** The group tours Old School Square. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Installation luncheon

Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar, Delray Beach — July 18



The Soroptimist International of Boca Raton/Deerfield Beach chapter celebrated a year of making a difference for women at an affair chaired by Brandi Abrahams. Officers were installed by Kathi Pease, president of the Palm Beaches chapter. They include President Marybeth Keenan and honorary director Helen Babione, who was honored for 52 years of membership. Dr. Heidi Schaeffer, who is stepping down as co-president to become district director, received a plaque of recognition. **ABOVE:** Babione and Schaeffer. **Photo provided by Barbara McCormick**

DownRight ExtraOrdinary Evening of Wine and Food

Wine Cellar, Boynton Beach — July 25



The event that kicked off the DownRight ExtraOrdinary Walk for Down Syndrome (formerly the Buddy Walk) raised more than \$3,500. The money will support expenses for the Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization's resource center, which offers programs for children with Down syndrome. The walk is set for Oct. 14. **ABOVE:** Anne Dichele, executive director of the organization, with Gail Marino. **Photo provided**

Reception showcase

DeVos-Blum Family YMCA, Boynton Beach — Aug. 9



The YMCA of South Palm Beach County's board of trustees invited more than 100 supporters to the lunchtime event where summer campers, including several served by the Caridad Center, greeted guests upon their arrival. On display were the artwork and science projects the youths completed. Also featured were the donors and funders of the Summer Education Enrichment program, who received well-deserved recognition. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Boynton Beach Mayor Steven Grant, Bradley Hurlburt, president and CEO of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Daryl Houston, community investment officer at the foundation, and Kimberley Trombly-Burmeister, director of development at the YMCA. **Photo provided**

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Dining

Profusion of locally owned choices feeds Boynton's booming restaurant scene

Boynton Beach is seeing a mini boom in restaurants — with many locally owned choices — signaling a shot at becoming a destination for area diners.

Driftwood is one of the prominent ones gaining critical attention. Husband and wife owners Jimmy Everett and Ilia Gonzalez took over **Scully's** five months ago after its owner retired. They turned the concept 180 degrees to fresh and locally sourced foods in a modern American setting.

"Our focus is on the quality of the food, drinks and service," said Everett, who's also the chef. "We're particular about sustainable sources. We work with farmers and seafood providers who have respect for their product and who handle them well."

He admits it's a struggle — a new restaurant trying to make it in the dead of summer while trying to attract a following, especially one that appreciates the type of foods he's doing — not exactly the Scully's crowd, he said.

"They don't understand why a dish costs \$2 or \$4 more than what they were paying before. They don't always understand the fresh aspect and sustainable foods.

Everett, who grew up in Lake Worth, worked in New York City, Nantucket, Hong Kong and Los Angeles before moving back to Florida.

Most recently he was at the noted Valentino's Cucina Italiano in Fort Lauderdale, but was looking for a restaurant of his own when a friend told him that Scully's was for sale.

"The opportunity to buy the land was a plus, and the location has good visibility," he said.

The couple had a hand from the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency.

"The CRA was very helpful and we probably wouldn't have made it through all the delays if we didn't have their help," he said. His contractor pulled out early, leaving him with a half-done restaurant. He finished it himself, throwing all his savings into it. Grants offered to him as a Tier 1 business — a full-service restaurant with more than 50 seats — gave him money to remodel the interior, landscape the exterior and get new signs and an awning.

It's part of an extensive grant program offered to restaurants small and large and other businesses as incentive to locate to the downtown CRA area.

Boynton's CRA awarded \$305,524.50 in economic development grants to restaurants in 2017-18.

Restaurants "create foot traffic and incentives to having a thriving downtown," said Thuy Shutt, assistant director of Boynton Beach's CRA.

Growing number of choices

Sweetwater has drawn a lively crowd for a few years. **The Twisted Fish**, a seafood spot opened in the former **Backyard Bar** by the owners of the Fish Depot on Federal Highway, is gaining a following as well.

Several other new or revitalized restaurants have received grants in the last two years, Shutt said, which can be as much as 50 percent matching money for renovations, with other grants able to be layered for plumbing and hood and fire equipment or rent reimbursement.

Restaurants must adhere to a number of conditions to qualify, including a specific longevity clause to keep them around.

A diverse group of large and small restaurants, bakeries, ice cream shops and cafes with a variety of cuisines have sought

to be in the CRA district.

Among those granted money is **Boss Taco**, which expanded to a new location to add air conditioning and restrooms at its spot along Federal Highway.

That's Amore, a casual Italian spot on North Federal, was opened in 2016 with a CRA grant's help.

Troy Davis built a sit-down restaurant for his popular **Troy's BBQ**, once available only from a take-out shack along the railroad tracks. Longtime waterfront hotspot **Banana Boat** renovated extensively with help from a grant.

Marina Cafe opened this spring in the city's marina with a rent reimbursement grant to help kick it off. **Wakey Wakey Eggs and Bakey** is slated to open in the fall at 126 W. Boynton Beach Blvd. with another grant involved.

Others include the **Del Sol Bakery** and **Jamerican Cuisine**, both already open on North Federal.

Two potential restaurants in historic properties are in flux, Shutt said. The **Oscar Magnuson** property, once slated to become a restaurant, was recently given back to the city in lieu of repayment for the sale by the developer. A lawsuit was imminent from the CRA, which spurred the resolution. Now, however, it's in limbo again.

The former **Little House** tavern and cafe property, the Ruth Jones cottage, was planned as a tapas restaurant when sold at the same time as the Magnuson house and land.

"It's no longer our property; it's in the hands of a private developer," Shutt said. "We don't know as to the timeline, or for getting a new tenant for that space. ... (The staff) are reviewing the reimbursement of the grant funds."

Shutt, who has been here



Driftwood moved into the space previously occupied by Scully's on South Federal Highway. Photo provided

for about a year, is impressed with the number of restaurants popping up, however. It shows growth and potential, adding to those staples like **Hurricane Alley**, **Frankie's** and **Two Georges**.

Prime Catch — the big seafood spot on the waterway that draws from the oceanside condos especially — is still going strong.

Josie's, which now boasts a James Beard award-winning chef, and **Sushi Simon** in the same plaza are typically packed, especially on weekends.

Marketing tips included

The businesses in the program also benefit from the CRA's help with social media to promote the area and themselves.

As grantees, they're tied into the CRA's websites and get marketing tips on platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, Shutt said.

"We find that mom and pop places don't have the marketing dollars the big restaurants and chains do," Shutt said. "We provide a training module to help them manage all the social platforms and a website. They also can cross-promote with other businesses.

"It's what's unique about downtown — we have local businesses that are unique."

Internet-savvy diners use Google and Yelp to

find restaurants and other businesses; the CRA is giving them a hand-up to draw those diners to Boynton.

In brief

Boca Restaurant Month is in full swing till the 30th. Diners who visit the listed restaurants (bocarestaurantmonth.com) get a choice of three-course meals from \$36 to \$40. Lunches are between \$21 and \$25. ...

Taylor Morgan's Quisine Club, a \$9.99 monthly subscription loaded onto a card, gets diners 20 percent off checks — alcohol included, but before tax and tip. For details, go to quisineclub.com. ...

Through September, **Flavor Palm Beach** offers diners discounted prix fixe menus at more than 50 restaurants in the county. Three-course lunches are priced at \$20, and dinners start at \$30. Reservations are suggested and can be made at FlavorPB.com's OpenTable link. The program benefits the Palm Beach County Food Bank. For venues and menus, visit FlavorPB.com.

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Dining

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The Plate: Diavola di Alessandro pizza

The Place: That's Amore, 308 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach; 536-4100 or www.pizzeriathatsamore.com.

The Price: \$13.95

The Skinny: This dish is all about the crust, which was lighter than air and crisp.

It was well done, too, and kissed by the flames of the wood-burning oven that was imported from Naples, Italy.

Its flavor packed a bit of heat courtesy of the spicy salami that was included among toppings of slightly piquant tomato sauce, healthy dollops of mozzarella,

plus parmesan cheese, olive oil and basil.

It was nicely done.

We visited on a Sunday evening, when a tenor belted out classic Italian melodies, making conversation a bit difficult.



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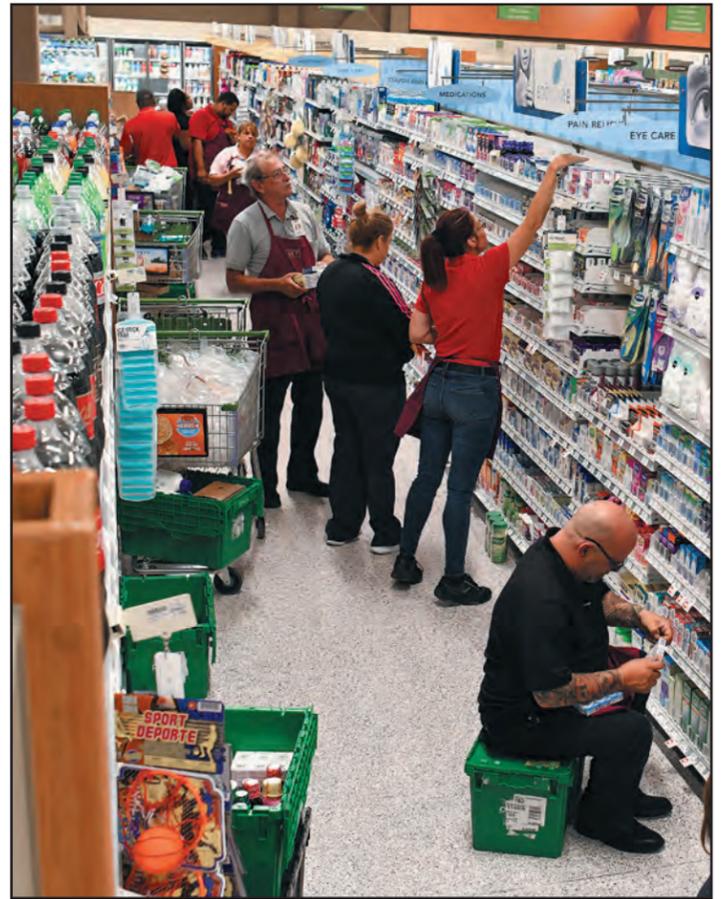
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Before opening day

TOP: Employees must stock shelves more often because the Manalapan store is about half the size of a typical Publix. ABOVE: Melissa La Rock trains workers at the deli, which has sandwiches, salads and soups. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

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Opening day

TOP: Ginny Foot of Boynton Beach pays for her purchases at the new Publix.

RIGHT: Produce manager Julie Rutmann handed out 100 roses to customers. More than 20 people waited in line before the 7 a.m. opening.

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Publix and about half the size of the Palm Beach Publix. It's the only supermarket on the barrier island from South Palm Beach to Boca Raton.

"Because it's smaller, we have a more concentrated shopping experience, said Rinderknecht, 44, of Palm City. He has worked for the Publix chain for 19 years, but this is his first time as a store manager. He oversees 110 employees.

"The store has digital menu boards at the deli counter," he said, as a dozen employees were trained on proper sandwich making. "Instead of two homemade soups, we're offering six."

Another store feature that Rinderknecht expects will be a customer hit are the Chef Selections, fully prepared and cooked meals with a meat and two sides. "Time is a real value to people," he said. "With Chef Selections they can pick up dinner and take it home ready to eat."

Other store highlights include a pharmacy, bakery, full-service meat case with more prime meats than the average Publix, a large cheese selection, an extensive wine collection, a floral department, seafood, sushi and fine farm-raised caviar from Marky's, a Florida-based company.

Areca palm trees planted on the backside of the center camouflage a water tank and delivery trucks, which will be limited to working between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Hub of plaza renovation

The grocery store is the centerpiece in Plaza del Mar's \$10 million renovation. The 36-year-old shopping center at State Road A1A and Ocean Avenue was treated to new landscaping, signage and LED



lighting.

Plaza landlord Kitson & Partners said the redesign actually decreased the retail space from about 103,000 to 83,000 square feet.

Occupancy at the plaza at times fell below 70 percent in recent years as the last decade's recession took a toll. But Matt Buehler, Kitson's vice president of retail operations who has worked extensively on the plaza project, said occupancy has risen to 93 percent, the best in the center's history.

"Having Publix there gave us the opportunity to renovate the shopping center and stabilize it," Buehler said. "It benefits the

community as well. It serves the residents there, and that was part of the driving factor. We wanted to turn that into a successful shopping center for the town as well as the ownership of the shopping center."

Now that Publix is open, the plaza is doing so well that Kitson & Partners, the Palm Beach Gardens real estate development company that has owned the center since 2007, is very pleased.

"We're excited," Buehler said. "We're happy this day is here. It's been a long time coming."

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Also excited was Terrance Richmond, the first person in line waiting for the store to open. He arrived at 5:40 a.m. for the 7 a.m. grand opening, providing him with a front-and-center position for the ribbon-cutting photos.

But perhaps no one was as happy as longtime Manalapan resident Melissa Parker, one of the first customers. "I have been waiting 26 years for this store to open," she said. "Tomorrow marks the 26th year we have lived here in Manalapan."

Changes in ownership

Kitson is the third real estate development company to own the plaza. The first was Draper & Kramer, an old-line Chicago company. The second was Woolbright Development, a real estate investment firm based in Boca Raton.

John J. Hoecker, who worked for Draper & Kramer, was the shopping center's first property manager. Along with his college pals Rich Draper and Tom Jackson, they founded the Ice Cream Club, the shopping center's first tenant. Hoecker long ago sold his share to his partners but continued to work at the shopping center until he left after 15 years to go out on his own. He has his own company, Jupiter Realty in West Palm Beach.



'I have been waiting 26 years for this store to open,' Melissa Parker (in green) said at the Publix opening. She moved to Manalapan 26 years ago. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

"When I first got there, I was all of 22," he said of Manalapan. "We had a lot of fun in the early years there. We went through the original construction that sits on 1,100 pilings. It was a construction event. It was a good experience."

Plaza del Mar opened in 1982. At the time, La Coquille

Club, an exclusive residential club built on the beach across the street in 1952 by Spelman Prentice, J.D. Rockefeller's grandson, was still operational. The club was known as a tropical retreat for folks such as the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Vanderbilts, Fords and Whitneys. The club closed in

1984 and was razed in 1986.

By 1991, a Ritz-Carlton opened on the property. Five years ago, the hotel became Eau Palm Beach.

According to 1982 news reports in *The Evening Times*, the 43-unit shopping center, Plaza del Mar, was long-awaited by island residents. With the

exception of a few stores at the Lake Worth Beach Casino complex, the plaza was the only island shopping area between Palm Beach and Delray Beach.

Buildings were given a contemporary style and architecture, and the majority of the façade was cedar siding to give it "a very rich look," the *Times* reported.

The three buildings of the center were separated by an outdoor walkway, and one had a 52-foot clock tower. That tower was bulldozed during the recent renovation.

Some of the first stores to make a home in the shopping center were Flagler Bank (now SunTrust), the Ice Cream Club, a gourmet food store, a wine and cheese shop, a florist shop and a pharmacy.

Other businesses housed in the center over the years included a housewares store, a clothing shop, a cashmere shop, gift shops, several art galleries, a theater, several restaurants, a coffee shop, a travel agency, a dry cleaner, and several real estate offices.

Besides Publix, the center's newest tenants are the Shoe Garden, which has another location in Delray Marketplace; and Fountain Dry Cleaners, which opened Aug. 16, just like Publix. ★

Jerry Lower contributed to this story.

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Shopping

Meet three iconic tenants of Plaza del Mar

Stories by
Mary Thurwachter

No stone unturned: A jeweler's family tradition continues

Pedro Maldonado is not a flashy man, but his jewelry dazzles. He opened his store, Jewelry Artisans, in Plaza del Mar in the late 1980s after having a jewelry business in Palm Beach for seven years.

"We came here because they were going to build the hotel across the street," Maldonado said of the Ritz-Carlton. He thought the luxury resort, which opened in 1991 and transitioned into Eau Palm Beach five years ago, would be good for business — and it has.

His customers have included actor Christopher Plummer, Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts and singers Shirley Bassey and Billy Joel. Elton John bought a Maldonado-made ring in Palm Beach.

From a family of master jewelers in Cuenca, Ecuador — a city known for its artisans — came crowns, church artifacts and unique jewelry of the highest quality. Maldonado started working in his father's



The Maldonado family during a Christmas party in 2017 includes Marco waving in the front, with (l-r) Sofia, Alex, Pedro, Max, Shannon and Kathryn. Photo provided by the family

shop when he was 7.

When he was 16, Maldonado moved to New Jersey to live with his sister and brother-in-law. He studied at the Spanish-American Institute in Manhattan and got a job in the jewelry district on 47th Street. He worked with the renowned jeweler Louis Tamis, whose clients included Cartier,

Tiffany and Bulgari.

Eager to succeed in his craft, Maldonado traveled throughout Europe to research and learn the skills of the old masters and learn the techniques of Russian, Greek and Italian jewelers.

His experience in New York, he says, "was really sort of magical." While he missed

his family in Ecuador, having his sister and her family there helped him feel at home.

Because he already knew the basics of the trade, he found work in the jewelry business immediately. The company that employed him was run by a Russian immigrant who proved to be an excellent teacher for

Maldonado.

"It was really my luck that I landed that job," he says. The company did work for Cartier, Tiffany and all the best jewelry retailers in New York at the time.

"I learned how to make handbags out of gold for Tiffany," he said. "Each handbag at the time was \$12,000 or \$13,000. We used to make cigarette boxes, gold pens, cigarette holders and lipstick cases, as well."

His art, he says, is designed for those who prefer their jewelry custom made with the mark of distinction.

His first store in Plaza del Mar was in a building that was razed as part of the shopping center's renovations to make room for the new Publix.

In what Maldonado calls "a miracle," space for his shop — about 2,100 square feet — became available alongside Evelyn & Arthur Clothing & Gifts. Evelyn & Arthur downsized by half and turned over the eastern side of the unit to the jewelry store, which is now more than double the size of its former spot.

Plaza del Mar has been good

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for more than Maldonado's business. Not long after he moved to the plaza, he met and married his wife, Shannon, there. He was having coffee at Café del Mar, next to his shop, when he met her. She was a college student and part-time waitress and, like him, a karate devotee. Both have black belts.

They were married at the now defunct Assembly restaurant in Plaza del Mar. Maldonado made the wedding rings with gold mined in his home town in Ecuador. For his wife's engagement ring, he set a treasured cornflower blue sapphire, cut in Sri Lanka, in a six prong mounting with two satellite diamonds.

The couple lives in North Palm Beach with their five children, three boys and two girls. Two sons, Max and Alex, work with their dad at Jewelry Artisans. Both are surfers, so when weather and time permit,

they run across the street to the Atlantic to catch some waves.

The boys gave their dad a paddleboard for Father's Day, which Pedro Maldonado is trying to master. In the meantime, he relieves stress by swimming about two miles from Lantana Beach to the Lake Worth Pier, then runs back on the shoreline.

Then he's back to mentoring his sons on the fine art of jewelry making. And so the Maldonado family tradition continues.

A clothing store that has run the gamut at Plaza del Mar

New Yorkers Evelyn and



Weissman

Arthur Lewis launched their flagship clothing store, Evelyn & Arthur, in 1985 after moving to Palm Beach a year earlier.

Evelyn, as their story goes, needed clothing that reflected her new location, lifestyle and sensibilities.

Arthur, who had been in the garment business in New York, thought how hard could it be, according to his son-in-law, Fred Weissman, the company's chief financial officer and husband of the Lewises' daughter, Adrienne. Fred and Adrienne Weissman had worked in Macy's in New York. They married and moved to Florida in 1986 to join the family business. That year, they opened another store in Plaza del Mar.

"The original store at Plaza del Mar was a swimwear store called Evelyn & Arthur's Beach House," Fred Weissman said. "That's where Lang Realty is currently. Over the course of years, we've had lots of different stores in the plaza."

A year later, Evelyn & Arthur expanded next door to what is currently Jewelry Artisans. "That became a little bit of a

sportswear store," Weissman said. "The year after that, we expanded again and turned that store into a men's store. So, at one point we had a swimwear store, a card and gift store, a men's store, and at one point, over in the building that's now demolished, we had a large-sized outlet store. We've done the outlet store there in three different locations over time. So, we've really run the gamut at Plaza de Mar."

The original owner's landlord, John J. Hoecker of Draper & Kramer, was very accommodating, Weissman said. "He gave us the opportunity to try experiments in the center, which is why we kept trying and opening up stores there," he said. "Over the course of time, with the changes in the plaza, as the plaza was very strong in terms of its tenant base, we were able to support all those businesses there. But at this point, we're really focusing on our women's apparel. The

gift store, which is really not a strong business anymore, we let that go." Jewelry Artisans occupies that space.

"We're very, very enthusiastic about what's going on in the plaza now with Publix coming in and the refurbishing of the center, and of course, the painting and the parking lot," he said. "It's always been a great little center. It just requires TLC and the current owner seems to be putting it in there. We're expecting good things."

The character of the plaza was very different back in 1986, Weissman said. "There was a very successful children's store. There were a couple of art galleries, one of which was Brenner's Art Gallery. There was a pharmacy and a couple of brokers in there and a different real estate office. There was a housewares store and a dry cleaner."

The plaza had a different feel, he said. "It was very much serving South Ocean Boulevard, in particular, when the condos were really at their peak. That was really the place people were moving to."

Little by little, things have changed, Weissman said. "We've gone through two or three attempts at markets there, people that obviously didn't have Publix's expertise. I expect Publix knows their business and will do just fine."

Weissman has always viewed Plaza del Mar as a little gem.

"With John G's in there now and Basil moving over to another spot in the plaza, and of course with Publix, it should have an opportunity to fill back up. It's just very convenient."

Some of the folks from across the bridge seem to be back, he said. "We used to do a big business from Atlantis and Boynton Beach and I don't know if people have traveled over as much as they used to, but I'm hoping with the center filling in we'll see that traffic coming back again."

The scoop on Plaza del Mar's first tenant

In 1981, three college pals at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign — Rich Draper, Tom Jackson and John J. Hoecker — fled chilly Chicago and landed in Manalapan, where they founded an ice cream store. That shop, the Ice Cream Club, opened Jan. 8, 1982, as the first tenant of Plaza del Mar at the corner of East Ocean Avenue and State Road A1A.

Hoecker, who like Draper worked commercial leasing for the shopping center's developer, Draper & Kramer, eventually sold his interest in the ice cream store to Draper (no relation to the developer) and Jackson. The two still own it and have expanded the business to include an 18,000-square-foot manufacturing plant in Boynton Beach, where a staff of 60 produces about a million gallons of ice cream annually.

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A sales flier from the plaza premiere shows vacant land where the Carlisle and the Lantana Nature Preserve currently exist, and the La Coquille Club that was later replaced with the Ritz-Carlton (now the Eau Palm Beach). Photo provided by Rich Draper

“When we decided to open, we thought we would buy ice cream, but there weren’t a lot of choices, not someone like us now to buy from,” Draper said. “We looked around and ended up going to a restaurant show in Chicago where we found a guy



Draper

selling a little ice cream machine and bought it on the spot.”

Back in Florida, Draper and his buddies played around with some recipes and got the store open. “A lot of the flavors we first started marketing were from customer requests,” Draper said. “People coming in from the Northeast would say, ‘Hey, we tried this at this store or that store’ and we’d make it.”

The partners continued making ice cream in the store for three or four years before acquiring additional space in the plaza to make more ice cream. “This was all in the ’80s and then we went to a bigger building in Boynton Beach

where our factory is now. We’ve been here (Boynton) for 25-plus years,” Draper said.

There are other stores that license the Ice Cream Club name, Draper said, but they are all independently owned.

“We love having the retail store, but that’s our only retail store,” he said. “We had to make a choice along the line and picked the production and the distribution. We have over 100 flavors in stock all the time, so we’re kind of a one-stop shop for independent ice cream stores.”

When Plaza del Mar opened in 1982, La Coquille Club across the street was past its heyday, but still operational, Draper said. “It was demolished (in 1986) and for a while we had an ocean view from our front door. The Ritz came in the early ’90s. There was a period where there was just a big dirt field out there.”

A lot of things have changed but a lot have stayed the same, he said. “A1A is still A1A. People kind of cruise along. I remember when I first looked at this site for opening a store. It

was in the fall. That’s the slowest time of the year and I was kind of wondering how many people are going to stop here. But I just thought A1A is a road people want to stop on. So, I kind of made the leap there.”

With a five-star hotel across the street (the Ritz-Carlton that became Eau Palm Beach five years ago), the Ice Cream Shop has hosted many famous folks, including Martin Sheen, Steven Tyler, Richard Petty, Kevin James, the Jonas Brothers and Gwen Stefani.

“We don’t take pictures of them and put them on the wall,” Draper said. “It’s nice for people to come in with family and have a relaxed time like everybody else.”

He likes hanging out there, too. “My wife, Heather, and I just live up the road (Palm Beach). It’s just a fun store. I’m proud to have the store, proud to be part of the community. We have community support and the hotel folks are great. The police and fire department, everybody has been real supportive.” ★

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Paws Up for Pets

Service dogs inspire Boynton Beach sisters' book about their Prince

Meet the tail-wagging, always happy Prince, who reigns as a prince among pups. And credit sisters Sophie and Sabrina Ginsburg of Boynton Beach for chronicling the actions and antics of their special dog in a real page-turning, inspiring book.

They assembled 14 stories about Prince and put them in a 146-page book called *Dear Mr. Albert ... It's Me, Prince!* that is fast becoming a go-to book for elementary classrooms and beyond. It is the first book collaboration by Sophie, 17, and Sabrina, 19.

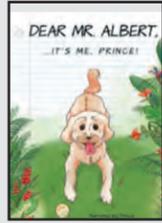
"All of these are real stories about real things that have happened to Prince," says Sophie, a senior at Somerset Academy Canyons High School in Boynton Beach.

Adds Sabrina, a sophomore at the University of Miami, "My sister and I began writing down stories about Prince and one day we said, we have so many stories we might as well write a book. Everything in the book is a real story and every character is a real character."

The characters include Suzy the squirrel — Prince's "girlfriend" as depicted with playful illustrations by Elena Jacobson in the book.

"Every day in our backyard, Prince would bark at the same squirrel and one day, he picked up the squirrel in his mouth and carried her around," recalls Sophie. "Prince didn't hurt the

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Dear Mr. Albert ... It's Me, Prince! is available in paperback and Kindle versions on Amazon.

com at \$6.99. Net proceeds will be donated to the Dogs 4 Disabled Veterans (dogs4disabledveterans.org) to cover training costs for service dogs. Learn more at princethedog.com.



Sophie and Sabrina Ginsburg with Bailey (left) and Prince, who left service dog training after he developed Addison's disease. Photo provided

squirrel at all — he just wanted to play."

The book, aimed at children ages 9 to 12, is told through Prince's point of view in a series of letters he writes to his service dog trainer, a former prison inmate named Eddie Albert. The Dogs 4 Disabled Veterans runs a service dog program with screened inmates like Albert at Martin Correctional Institution. The mission of this Pompano Beach-based nonprofit is to pair rehabilitated, rescue dogs with military veterans with disabilities.

Prince was making steady progress toward his service dog certification, but then developed Addison's disease, a hormonal condition in which the body does not produce enough adrenal gland hormones to

combat stress.

Suddenly, Prince found himself as a service dog dropout in need of a Plan B. The Ginsburg family learned about this special King Charles cavalier spaniel-poodle mix and were approved to adopt him a few years ago.

"Prince is a big sweetheart, a cuddle buddy and a jock who likes to play ball," Sabrina says. "Once he became sick with Addison's disease and was taken out of the program, he never got to see Mr. Albert, so that is what prompted the idea for our book

title.

"The whole book is written in a letter style that chronicles Prince's travels, how we take care of his Addison's disease and the need for service dogs for disabled veterans."

The book also documents the introductions between Prince and the family's resident dog, Bailey, a Maltipoo (Maltese-poodle mix). At two years old, Bailey immediately let Prince know that he would be top dog in the household.

"Bailey is smaller than Prince, but he has an ego much bigger than Prince," laughs Sophie. "Prince views him as his older brother and now they love each other and snuggle together at night."

The sisters are winning over elementary schoolteachers, and some are including this book as a learning tool after the sisters gave presentations and read portions of the book to students. One of their stops this year included Freedom Shores Elementary in Boynton Beach, which the sisters both attended.

"We hope students use our book to learn about disabilities and about veterans," says Sabrina. "And, we have key words at the bottom of each page

with definitions. We want young readers to also learn about living with pets."

Sabrina and Sophie have big aspirations. Sabrina is a pre-medicine major with sights on becoming an astronaut/physician, performing medical research in space. Sophie is interested in medicine as well as law.

But in between their academic pursuits, the Ginsburg sisters have not ruled out collaborating on a second Prince book.

"We have a lot more stories about Prince to share and he is as funny as ever," says Sabrina.

And Sophie's message to children and teenagers?

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9/8 - Puppy Kindergarten Class at Boca Raton Community Center Annex, 260 Crawford Blvd. Must show proof of vaccinations. Dogs ages 10 wks-5 mos old. Every Sat through 10/13 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$95/resident; \$117/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

SEPTEMBER 9-16

Monday - 9/10 - Dog Obedience Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every M through 10/22. Beginner 6-7 pm; Games 7-8 pm. \$95/resident; \$117/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

Wednesday - 9/12 - Beginner Dog Obedience Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every W through 10/17. 6-7 pm. \$95/resident; \$117/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

SEPTEMBER 23-29

Thursday - 9/27 - Tri-County Animal Rescue Compassion with Fashion Luncheon at Madisons New York Grill & Bar, 2006 NW Executive Center Dr, Boca Raton. Benefits Tri-County Animal Rescue Medical Fund. 2-legged friends only, please. 11:30 am. \$70. RSVP/purchase tickets by 9/20: 482-8110; compassionwithfashion.eventbrite.com

Saturday - 9/29 - Blessing of Pets/

Thrift Store Opening/Low Country Boil at St. Gregory's Episcopal, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 4 pm. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

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Sunday - 9/30 - Blessing of the Animals at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 3300 Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 3-5 pm. Free. 732-3060; stjoesweb.org

Tuesday - 10/2 - 8th Annual Blessing of the Animals at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 80 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. 8 am & 7 pm. Free. 276-6892; stvincenferrer.com



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Health & Harmony

Keeping active and engaged is key to long life, author says

All the evidence was that the residents of the Harbour's Edge senior community were more than ready to *Live Long, Die Short*, as in the title of the book whose author, Roger Landry, was



Landry

about to pitch his program for a vital old age. Every seat in the large banquet room was filled, with walkers and other devices

parked in all the remaining available space. Those who could stand, mostly staff members, lined the walls.

And if there were any skeptics, Walter Krueger, from Abbey Delray, another Lifespace retirement community in Delray Beach, gave them an endorsement.

"We've been involved in the program for two years at Abbey Delray," he said. "It's so important in life to have a plan. People say, 'Oh, I'm through.' I had a bucket list when I retired, three pages on a legal pad. I cross off one and added two more on the bottom. By keeping active, you're the boss and CEO. You're running things. You're directing all your energies for the first time in your life."

Nancy Flynn, part of the team that brought the Masterpiece Living program to Harbour's Edge, is using the program and has begun to work with a trainer.

"I've been here less than two years," she told the group.

"I'm in my mid-70s, I lost my husband and came to Harbour's Edge to expand my connection with people. The point is that the programs are available here to maintain your health while you age."

Landry was a flight surgeon for 22 years before joining his brother Larry in forming the Masterpiece Living program and to write *Live Long, Die Short*. The core of the program is that living a healthy lifestyle allows people to age with less pain and more joy and purpose, and to die "short," without years of illness and pain.

He teased his audience about the perennial failure of New Year's resolutions.

"Why do we fail?" Landry said. "Because we take on too much." He offered the Japanese idea known as *kaizen*, or incremental improvement.

"You take small tiny baby steps towards wherever you want to go."

He described his client Tony, who for a couple of years promised himself he would get more active, but never seemed to follow through.

"I told him just to stand during TV commercials," Landry said. "After a week, I said, 'Now I want you to walk in place.'"

Tony continued to progress. Using incremental change, said Landry, "we cannot fail and change will be durable."

Landry asked the audience a series of questions based on a self-assessment in the Masterpiece program. The

answers would be the basis of a program tailored to each person's needs.

"First question: Are you using it? Sitting is the new smoking," said Landry, comparing the risk factors of a sedentary lifestyle with those from using cigarettes. "Our ancestors were hunter-gatherers. Our brains, muscles, heart, everything works better when we move."

More good news, said Landry, is that brain science now suggests that you *can* teach an old dog new tricks.

"Neuroplasticity is now the lifelong ability of the brain to rewire itself in response to what we ask it to do," said Landry. For example, his client Nola was considering studying for a master's degree at age 98, after fully recovering from a stroke.

"There's a real benefit that comes from learning new things," said Landry. "When they scan brains of people learning a new language, they see the brain getting heavier and thicker as it makes new connections. If you don't want to learn a new language, how about you eat with the opposite hand? How about you get lost? Challenge yourself. Get out of your comfort zone."

All those changes are enhanced by connection with other people, Landry said.

"We are not solo creatures. People can be annoying, but we still need them."

Speaking of the social context of health, Landry added the need for a sense of value.



Harbour's Edge resident Nancy Flynn is working with a trainer as part of author Roger Landry's program. She sits with his book and her French bulldog Jazz. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

"Don't let others put you at risk," he advised. "People have low expectations of what aging is all about. They don't see you as human capital. You need purpose and society needs you."

And then there are the children.

"Don't ever plan to live with your kids," he said. "They love you too much to let you age in the best way possible."

When Landry met Chuck Yeager, the pilot who broke the sound barrier and was immortalized in the book and film *The Right Stuff*, Yeager said he planned to do it again on the 50th anniversary of the

feat. "But you'll be 70!" Landry protested.

"What's your point?" said Yeager.

The message, said Landry, is this: "Is your spirit or your age in charge? Never act your age. Shock people. Be out there experimenting. Life expands or contracts in proportion to our courage." ★

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Note: Events are current as of 8/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

SEPTEMBER 1

Saturday - 9/1 - 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

9/1 - 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

9/1 - Qi Gong at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Improve flexibility, balance, muscle tone, energy, mental well-being. Adults. Sat 9 am. Free introductory class. \$40/month. Reservations: 419-5403; facebook.com/WestBocaTaiChi

9/1 - Adult Aerobics at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. T/Th 6-7 pm; M/W/Sat 9-10 am. Monthly pass \$74-\$90/resident, \$80-\$98/non-resident; unlimited classes \$110/resident, \$120/non-resident. 734-2306; mydelraybeach.com

9/1 - 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

9/1 - Kemeti Yoga at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Calming, therapeutic yoga. Bring yoga mat, water. Every Sat 9:30-11 am. \$10/person. 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

9/1 - 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

9/1 - Yoga Class at Boca Raton Community

Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every 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

9/1 - 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

9/1 - 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

9/1 - Capoeira Fitness at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Age 12 & up. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

9/1 - Zumba Class at South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N State Rd A1A, Boca Raton. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

9/1 - Aikido Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Explore effective, non-violent methods of conflict resolution. Every Sat 12:30-2:30 pm. Per month \$25/resident; \$31.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

9/1 - Chair Yoga at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 1 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

9/1 - CA (Cocaine Anonymous) at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

9/1-2 - Yoga Class at South Palm Beach Town

Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Sat/Sun 9:30 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

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Sunday - 9/2 - 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

9/2 - CODA (Codependents Anonymous) at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Sun 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

9/3 - 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

Monday - 9/3 - Circuit Training at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Workout targets multiple muscle groups to build lean muscles. M/T/Th 8:30-9:20 am or 9:30-10:20 am. 1 class \$12-\$15; 4 classes \$40-\$50; 8 classes \$70-\$88; 12 classes \$100-\$125, 15 classes \$125-\$156. 306-6985; fitmomboca@aol.com

9/3 - Yoga Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 9:30 am. Free. 395-1244; fumbocaronat.org

9/3 - Stretch at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. M/W 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$10/non-member. Registration: 243-7360; delraytennis.com

9/3 - 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

9/3 - Yoga Class for Seniors at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 10 am. Free. 395-1244; fumbocaronat.org

9/3 - Life Issues: A Support Group for

Adults at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. W 6-7:30 pm or M 10-11:30 am. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

9/3 - Exercise Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 5:30 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumbocaronat.org

9/3 - Boca Raton Multiple Myeloma Support Group at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Meet, interact w/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

9/3 - 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 - 9/4 - 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

9/4 - Yoga with Cara at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Slow, intuitive vinyasa flow class. Every T 10-11 am. \$15/class; \$60/5 classes. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

9/4 - Big & Loud: Parkinson's Disease Exercise Program at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Held again 9/18. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 292-4950; RLatino@BHLnc.org

9/4 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Every T noon-1:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brh.com

9/4 - Modern Line Dance Class at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Enhance quality of life through modern music, dance. Age 50 & up. Every T 1:30-2:30 pm. Per class: \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

9/4 - Zumba Gold at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Age 18 & up. Th/F 9:30-10:30 am; T 3-4 pm. Per class \$5/resident; \$6/nonresident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

9/4 - Tai Chi Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Moving meditation for focus, concentration, release of stress, attention skills. Every T Beginners 5:30-6:30 pm; Intermediate 6-7 pm; Advanced 6:30-7:30 pm. 8 classes \$48/resident, \$60/non-resident; 12 classes \$66/resident, \$82/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

9/4 - AI-Anon 12-Step Study at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every T 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Wednesday - 9/5 - Yoga at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Age 18 & up. Every W 9-10:30 am. Per class \$10/resident; \$15/nonresident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

9/5 - Tai Chi Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 9-10 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

9/5 - 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

9/5 - AA Big Book Study at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every W 5:30 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

9/5 - Zumba at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults. Every W 6-7 pm. Daily rate \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

9/5 - 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

9/5 - Family and Friends at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center, 800 Meadows Rd. Basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, child and infant one-

Health Notes

‘All Health, All the Time’ provides 24/7 access to medical experts

South Florida PBS and Baptist Health South Florida have joined forces to launch a new health channel, “All Health, All the Time,” which is on the air 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The channel, launched in August, offers quick and easy access to Baptist Health medical experts, who can answer questions on health and wellness concerns. Issues addressed include child psychology, care for the aging, health insurance, breast cancer, orthopedic and sports injuries, medical breakthroughs and heart health.

“Nationwide, there is increasing concern about access to medical experts and information,” said Dolores Sukhdeo, CEO and president of South Florida PBS. “Our diverse and growing South Florida communities are particularly impacted by this concern. As a community-supported nonprofit organization whose mission is to serve the interests and needs of South Florida, we are dedicating an entire digital TV channel to offer credible and trustworthy information about health, medicine and wellness.”

The health channel may be found on over-the-air (free TV) Channel 2.3 and Comcast Cable Channel 205 or 1193 in Palm Beach County.

Lawrence Toll, Ph.D., a professor of biomedical science in Florida Atlantic University’s College of Medicine and a member of the college’s Brain Institute, secured a \$1.8 million grant

from the National Institutes of Health for the project “Mixed NOP/MU Compounds and the Involvement of Their Receptors in Analgesia.”

Toll, the principal investigator for the grant, has focused his research on the management of pain and drug addiction through pharmacology and new drug discovery. He is recognized as the co-discoverer of the endogenous neuropeptide nociception, which is involved in regulating reward and motivation pathways related to substance misuse, and regulating pain pathways from the spinal cord to the brain.

Melissa Durbin, vice president and chief nursing officer at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, was appointed president of the Nursing Consortium of South Florida.



She will lead the organization in uniting community leaders to address the region’s shortage of qualified nursing staff.

Her responsibilities include increasing interest in nursing among middle and high school students, improving the public perception of nursing, and advocating for greater funding for nursing education.

After graduating from nursing programs in Florida, candidates to be registered nurses and licensed practical nurses must pass the National Council Licensure Examination.

Florida Atlantic University’s Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing placed in the No. 1 spot in Florida because all 71 graduates of its Bachelor of Science in Nursing program passed the licensure examination, performing above the national average passage rate of 90.05 percent.

“Achieving a 100 percent passage rate by our graduates is a testament to our innovative and rigorous program, as well as our highly accomplished faculty and scholars who are instrumental in ensuring that the next generation of nurses in Florida succeed,” said Marlaire Smith, Ph.D., dean of FAU’s College of Nursing.



Chalkley



Miller

Joshua Chalkley, D.O., M.S., and Timothy Miller Jr., M.D., M.S., have been appointed to the medical staff of the Marcus Neuroscience Institute and BocaCare Physician Network. Chalkley is board certified in psychiatry and neurology. His special areas of interest include autoimmune diseases of the nervous system, infusion therapies, multiple sclerosis, neurological infections and neuromyelitis optica. Miller is board eligible in neurosurgery. His specialties include brain surgery, functional neurosurgery and

spine surgery.

Boca Raton Regional Hospital appointed Dr. Brian M. Snelling to the medical staff of the Marcus Neuroscience Institute and BocaCare Physician Network. Snelling is board-eligible in



Snelling

neurosurgery and endovascular neurosurgery with special areas of interest in cerebrovascular neurosurgery, cranial neurosurgery and endovascular neurosurgery.

The medical center was also recognized as a top-ranked regional hospital in *U.S. News & World Report’s* 2018–2019 annual review of its Best Hospitals. It is currently ranked 13th out of approximately 300 hospitals in Florida. The annual Best Hospitals rankings aim to assist patients and their doctors in making informed decisions about where to receive care. Its methodologies are based on risk-adjusted survival and readmission rates, volume, patient experience, patient safety and quality of nursing, among other care-related indicators.

HJ Sims, a privately held investment bank and wealth management firm headquartered in Fairfield, Conn., has announced its 2018 partnership with Boca Raton-based Gift of Life Marrow Registry, marking the inaugural year of Sims’ corporate social responsibility program.

As part of the firm’s effort to support Gift of Life, Sims held its first Virtual Swab event for its employees on July 25. The company connected via VIDYO technology, along with the Gift of Life team, to learn more about the donor process and to hear CEO and founder Jay Feinberg’s story.

After Feinberg was diagnosed with leukemia almost 30 years ago, he and his parents launched a years-long drive to find a marrow match; the very last and 60,000th donor was the person who saved his life. This process inspired him to start Gift of Life.

“All it takes is one person to perform a painless, life-saving swab to discover a potential match for someone suffering from blood cancer — and a cure,” Feinberg said. The Gift of Life Marrow Registry is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, visit www.giftoflife.org.

Delray Medical Center is a five-star recipient for hysterectomies from Healthgrades, an online resource for information about doctors and hospitals.

“With more options than ever on where to receive care, consumers need to do their homework,” said Dr. Brad Bowman, chief medical officer for Healthgrades.

“Hospitals that have received a five-star rating have shown dedication and expertise, resulting in high-quality outcomes for patients.” ★

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person CPR. Held again 9/12, 19, 29 (9-11 am) & 10/3. 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brrh.com

9/5 - Belly Dance Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. All ages/abilities welcome. Every W through 10/10 6:30-7:30 pm. \$65/resident; \$81/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

9/5 - Food Addicts Anonymous at The Crossroads Club, 1700 Lake Ida Rd, Delray Beach. Every W 7 pm. Free. 680-0724; foodaddictsanonymous.org

9/5 - AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every W 7:30 pm LGBTQ; 8 pm Men’s meeting. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

9/5-6 - Soulcore at St Mark Catholic Church St Clare Room, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Bring floor mat/optional hand weights. Every W 6:30-7:30 pm & Thu 8:30-9:30 am. Free/donations accepted. R734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

Thursday - 9/6 - Life After Prostate Cancer at Bethesda Hospital East, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Presented by Michael Jurewicz, M.D., Urologist; part of Ask the Physician Lecture Series. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273; publicrelations@bhinc.org

9/6 - Yoga Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every Th 6:30 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

Friday - 9/7 - Buggy Stroll Program at Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St, Delray Beach. Mothers get adequate exercise alongside their toddlers. Every F 9-10 am. Free. 243-7000 x5251; mydelraybeach.com

faulkcenterforcounseling.org

9/7 - Stretching The Mind, Stretching The Body at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Vamps, Arnis (hip circle), hand movements. Adults. W & F through 12/28. 1-2:15 pm. \$7/class. 477-8814; myboca.us

9/7 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Every F 1-3:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brrh.com

9/7 - Open AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every F 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Saturday - 9/8 - Boot Camp for New Dads at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Veteran dads tell how they made it through the first months of parenthood. 9 am-noon. \$25/door includes class, refreshments, book. 369-2229; bootcampfornewdads.org

9/8 - Super Siblings Class at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Learn about the new baby joining their family. Decorate a onesie, celebrate with a birthday cupcake. Age 2-6; must be accompanied by parent. 10-11:30 am. \$10/parent & child; additional siblings \$5/each. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org

9/8 - Safe Baby: Prepare, Prevent & Respond Prenatal Class at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Increase awareness of safe practices, what to do in the event of an emergency. 2-3:30 pm. \$10/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHinc.org

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Sunday - 9/9 - Childbirth Express: A Day Full of Fun & Learning at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 10 am-5 pm. \$50/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHinc.org

Monday - 9/10 - Surgical Weight Loss: The Next Step to a Healthier You at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 2nd M 5:30 pm. Free. 853-1600; publicrelations@bhinc.org

9/10 - Yoga at the Library with Jenny Broomell at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every M 6 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/10 - Baby Care Basics: Newborn Care and Comfort at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Diapering, feeding, bathing, soothing baby. 6-8:30 pm. \$10/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHinc.org

Tuesday - 9/11 - Community Acupuncture Session at Lynn Women’s Health & Wellness Institute, 690 Meadows Rd. Held again 9/20 (11 am-3:30 pm) & 9/25. 10 am-4:30 pm; sessions approx 30 minutes. \$25/session; \$60/3 sessions. 955-4949; WIPProgram@brrh.com

9/11 - Breastfeeding: Health Benefits for Mom and Baby at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Certified lactation consultant. 6-8:30 pm. Free. 369-2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org

Wednesday - 9/12 - Childbirth: Preparing for Your Birth Experience at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 4-week series. Every W through 9/26 6-8:30 pm. \$75/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHinc.org

Thursday - 9/13 - Parent Lectures: How to Use Social Stories to Prepare Your Child for Success at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 5-6 pm. Free with pre-registration, online only. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

SEPTEMBER 16-22

Monday - 9/17 - Zumba Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every M through 12/10. 7:30-8:30 pm.

\$50/10-weeks. 393-7807; myboca.us

Tuesday - 9/18 - Workshop: Extraordinary Living & Leadership at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Led by Martha Creek; for organization volunteers, church and community leaders. 7-9 pm. Free/free-will offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

SEPTEMBER 23-29

Tuesday - 9/25 - Your Heart: An Owner’s Manual: How To Get the Most On Your Warranty at West Boynton Branch Library, 9451 S Jog Rd, Boynton Beach. Presented by Lawrence Weinstein, M.D., Cardiologist; part of Bethesda Hospital East Be Healthy, Be Well Program. 2 pm. Free. 734-5556; publicrelations@bhinc.org

Friday - 9/28 - Health & Wellness at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; myboca.us/957/Library

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Tuesday - 10/2 - Medicare Basics at Bethesda Hospital East, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Presented by SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders). 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273; publicrelations@bhinc.org

Wednesday - 10/3 - Stroll for Well-Being at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray

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10/3 - Parkinson’s Foundation Lunch & Learn: Medicare & More at Boca Raton Parkinson’s Office & Activity Center, 21301 Powerline Rd #303. Helpful information on medical coverages. Noon-1:30 pm. Free/to register. 962-1702; RMiller@parkinson.org

Thursday - 10/4 - Mindfulness & Meditation Apps for Personal Growth at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

10/4 - Shift Your Life: Planning and Making Changes with Barb Schmidt at Lynn Women’s Health & Wellness Institute, 690 Meadows Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Peaceful Mind Peaceful Life Series. 6-7:30 pm. \$15/advance; \$20/at the door. 955-7227; brrh.com/WIEvents

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On the Water

Artificial reef off Boca Raton completes county plan for inlets

Palm Beach County environmental officials dropped 530 tons of boulders into the ocean northeast of Boca Raton Inlet on Aug. 1 to create an artificial "step" reef.

The Boca Step Reef comprises two piles of boulders placed in 35 feet of water about a quarter mile north of the inlet.

The reef is intended to create an intermediate shelter, or steppingstone, for fish moving from inshore habitats to the open ocean, said Carman Vare, environmental program supervisor for Palm Beach County's Department of Environmental Resources Management.

The installation of the Boca Step Reef completes a county plan to create shallow reefs near each of the county's four inlets.

Vare said the newly placed boulders should attract small baitfish for anglers and are far enough away from the beach to have no impact on the survival of sea turtle hatchlings that must elude predators to reach the open ocean.

The approximate coordinates for the Step Reef are 26/20.519 N and 80/03.884 W.

A grant from the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission covered half of the \$120,000 cost of the reef. County funds were used to match the FWC grant.



County environmental officials dropped 530 tons of boulders into the ocean northeast of the Boca Raton Inlet to create an artificial reef that intends to help fish moving to the open sea. All four county inlets now have such reefs. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**



ABOVE LEFT: Kelsi Jensen and Paul Cardone of Boca Raton, diving with Don Skinner on Julie's Ring in waters off Boca Raton and Fort Lauderdale, caught the most lionfish in REEF's Palm Beach County derby, with 83. The Julie's Ring team won \$1,000.

CENTER: The non-native lionfish fill a cooler after divers in the Lionfish Derby brought them in. Lionfish eat the young of native fish and compete with them for food.

RIGHT: Chef Sebastian Babas of Tastyfying Catering in North Miami cooks sweet-and-sour lionfish during the derby's weigh-in. **Photos by Willie Howard/The Coastal Star**

Boca divers capture most lionfish in roundup

Despite choppy seas in early August, eight teams of divers bagged 179 invasive lionfish during the Palm Beach County Lionfish Derby organized by the Reef Environmental Education Foundation, better known as REEF.

The nonprofit organization's eighth annual lionfish roundup in Palm Beach County is one of several held throughout Florida to help control populations of lionfish — a small, colorful fish

with 18 venomous spines that is native to the Indian and South Pacific oceans.

The prized aquarium fish began multiplying in Florida waters in the early 2000s. Lionfish are living on reefs, wrecks and other locations where they eat the young of native fish and compete with them for food.

In the Palm Beach County Lionfish Derby, team Julie's

Ring — Paul Cardone and Kelsi Jensen of Boca Raton and Don Skinner of Fort Pierce — scoured reefs in 70 to 90 feet of water off Boca Raton and Fort Lauderdale to harvest 83 lionfish and win the \$1,000 top prize for bringing in the most lionfish.

Several other cash prizes were awarded, including those for the largest and smallest lionfish.

Chefs at the Aug. 5 weigh-in

and awards event used the fresh lionfish to create tasty ceviche, sushi, dumplings and sweet-and-sour lionfish. Promoting consumption of lionfish, which is sold at stores such as Whole Foods Market, is part of the effort to control the species.

The next REEF lionfish derby is scheduled for Sept. 14-16 based at John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park in Key Largo.

The event begins with late

registration and a mandatory captains meeting the evening of Sept. 14. The entry fee is \$120 per team. Cash prizes will be awarded.

For details, call REEF at 305-852-0030 or visit reef.org/lionfish/derbies.

Spiny lobster season open

The regular spiny lobster harvest season opened Aug. 6 and remains open through March 31.

A Florida saltwater fishing license and lobster permit are required unless you're exempt. The lobster's carapace, or head section, must measure more than 3 inches to be legal to harvest.

Lobsters must be measured in the water and landed whole. No egg-bearing lobster may be taken. Daily bag limit: six lobster per person. For details, call 625-5122 or go to myfwc.com.

Snook season open

Snook season opens Sept. 1 and will remain open through Dec. 14.

Snook caught on Florida's east coast must measure between 28 and 32 inches (total length) to be legal to keep. Other snook should be handled carefully, left in the water as much as possible and released gently. The daily bag limit is one snook.

A Florida saltwater fishing license and snook permit are

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Miller Time wins Gerretson fishing tournament

Capt. Carl Miller and his team on Miller Time won heaviest fish in the Mark Gerretson Memorial Fishing Tournament with a 26-pound kingfish caught on live bait north of Boynton Inlet.

Miller was fishing with his son, Chris Miller, and Katelyn Harris in the 24th annual tournament, held Aug. 11 and based at Veterans Park in Delray Beach.

The annual fishing tournament was started as the Delray Beach Jaycees Fishing Tournament by the late Mark Gerretson to raise money for youth causes in Delray Beach.

The tournament committee said the event has raised more than \$150,000 to benefit young people and families in Delray Beach over the years.

Committee members said they're planning to make the 25th annual tournament a special event next year. It's scheduled for the second Saturday in August.

Coming events

Sept. 4: Boynton Beach Fishing Club meets, 7 p.m. in the clubhouse next to the boat ramps, Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park, 2010 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. bfc.org.

Sept. 22: X-Generation Anglers for Soldiers fishing tournament for kingfish, dolphin and wahoo. Captains meeting and final registration 5-8 p.m. Sept. 21 at Sailfish Marina, Palm Beach Shores. Weigh-in is Sept. 22 at Sailfish Marina. Benefits Forgotten Soldiers Outreach. Awards lunch Sept. 23. Entry fee \$250 per boat. Call 577-0706.

Sept. 22: Basic 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 \$25/door. Call 704-7440.



Katelyn Harris and Chris Miller with the 26-pound kingfish Miller caught using live bait north of Boynton Inlet. The fish won \$2,600 as heaviest in the Mark Gerretson Memorial event. Harris and Chris Miller fished with Capt. Carl Miller of Miller Time Charters in Boynton Beach. Photo provided by Miller Time Charters

Tip of the month

As we enter the peak of the hurricane season, boat owners might want to brush up on methods for securing boats, both in the water and on land. BoatUS, the boat owners' group, makes available pre-storm and post-storm checklists, mooring tips and suggestions for finding a "hurricane hole," or place to move a boat to ride out a storm.

The BoatUS tips can be found at boatus.com/hurricanes/boaterprep.asp. ★

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Outdoor Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 8/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

SEPTEMBER 1

Saturday - 9/1 - 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

9/1 - Sand Sifters Beach Clean Up at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Meet in lower parking lot. Held again 9/1. 8-10:15 am. Free. jefflev02@gmail.com

9/1 - 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. Participants catch/release a variety of fish, shrimp, crabs, marine life. Wear clothes that can get wet. No flip-flops or sandals. Old sneakers or water shoes only. Age 10 to adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 9-11 am. \$7/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

9/1 - 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

9/1 - 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

9/1 - Sea Turtle Talk at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Daily 2 pm. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

SEPTEMBER 2-8

Sunday - 9/2 - Intracoastal Adventures: Kayaking at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 6-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 9-11 am. \$20/member; \$30/non-member. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Tuesday - 9/4 - Audubon Society of the Everglades: Restoring America's Everglades: Current State of Affairs and Next Steps by Celeste De Palma at Florida

Atlantic University Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 6301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 6:30 pm doors open/ refreshments; 7 pm program. Free. 755-777-9660; auduboneverglades.org

9/4 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N Federal Hwy. Join other fishermen to discuss hot topics, learn new tricks of the trade. 1st T 7-9 pm. Held again 10/2. Free. 703-5638; bfc.org

Wednesday - 9/5 - Guided Nature Walk at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided walk along the Ashley Trail, 1/4-mile natural trail winds through the butterfly garden, coastal hammock, mangroves, to a sandy beach by the Intracoastal. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Every T/W 11 am-noon. Free. 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

9/5 - West Palm Beach Fishing Club at 201 5th St. Capt. Chad McGann: Nighttime Fishing for Snook. 7 pm. Free. 832-6780; westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

Saturday - 9/8 - 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

SEPTEMBER 9-15

Sunday - 9/9 - Intracoastal Adventures: Stand Up Paddleboarding at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 12-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 9/16. 9-11 am. \$20/member; \$30/non-member. 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Wednesday - 9/12 - Lantana Beach Cleanup at 100 N Ocean Blvd. Gloves/bags provided. 2nd W 9-10 am. 585-8664; nshawah@lantana.org

9/12 - 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. 3-4:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Saturday - 9/15 - 33rd Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup at multiple locations in Palm Beach County. Coordinated by Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc. The world's largest, one-day volunteer effort to clean up the marine environment. Check website for

locations/times. Free. Registration: 686-6646; keeppbcbeautiful.org

9/15 - International Coastal Cleanup at Spanish River Park, 3001 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children under 18 must participate with an adult. 8-11 am. Free. Registration: 544-8606; gumbolimbo.org

9/15 - Raptor Day for Nature Photographers at Okechee Nature Center, 7715 Forest Hill Blvd, West Palm Beach. Short introduction, then birds are placed on natural perches. Proceeds benefit programs/exhibits at the nature center. 8:20-10 am. \$25. 233-1400; pbcnature.com

SEPTEMBER 16-22

Wednesday - 9/19 - Fishing Fun at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn basics of freshwater fishing, practice learned skills. All fishing supplies provided. Bring water bottle, sun protection, closed-toed shoes that can get wet/muddy. Age 8+. 10 am. \$10/person. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

SEPTEMBER 23-29

Wednesday - 9/26 - West Palm Beach Fishing Club at 201 5th St. Paul, Will & Bill Sabayrac: Center Console Kite Fishing Tips & Tactics for Sailfish, Tuna & More. 7 pm. Free. 832-6780; westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

Thursday - 9/27 - 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+. 7:30 pm. \$5/person. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

Saturday - 9/29 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-10:30 am. 369-5501; seaangels.org

9/29 - Intracoastal Adventures: Canoeing at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 6-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 11:30 am-1 pm. \$15/member; \$22/non-member. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

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Wednesday - 10/3 - West Palm Beach Fishing Club at 201 5th St. Capt. Eden White & Capt. Danny Barrow: Fishing the Lake Worth Lagoon. 7 pm. Free. 832-6780; westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

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Religion Notes

Barrette returns to Unity as senior minister/CEO

The Rev. Gregory Barrette is returning to Unity of Delray Beach Church as its new senior minister and chief executive officer. Since the Rev. Nancy Norman retired last August, guest ministers have filled the role.



Barrette

It's not Barrette's first time in Delray Beach. He served the church from 1989 to 1996, but his most recent post was as senior minister at Unity Northwest in Des Plaines, Ill. Barrette has 38 years of leadership experience as a minister and administrator. Though you may see him around the church now, Barrette will begin his role permanently in October.

Unity of Delray Beach, a nondenominational church that welcomes visitors and guests of all faiths, is at 101 NW 22nd St., at Swinton Avenue. Info: 276-5796.

'Believe' series begins

Beginning in September, First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton, will offer a new series, "Believe," on Sunday mornings supplemented by small group meetings during the week. The course will use the curriculum and follow the teachings in Randy Frazee's book *Believe*, which encourages spiritual growth by asking three questions: What do I believe? What should I do? Who am I becoming?

Anyone interested in joining a small group should contact Pastor Rachel DeLaune at racheld@fumcbocaraton.org. For more information or to purchase the book, contact Jill Haire at jhaire@fumcbocaraton.org or call 395-1244.

Wedding gowns displayed

Cason United Methodist Church will host "Portrait of a Bride, An Evolving Silhouette," a display of 25 to 30 antique, vintage and contemporary wedding gowns by Leigh Anne Brown at 11 a.m. Oct. 6. The fundraiser will be at Benvenuto Restaurant, 1730 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach.

Those who attend can learn the history of this important garment, from the evolution of textiles and construction methods to how its design was influenced by economic boom times and crises to the ever-changing notion of the "modern bride."

The day begins with a reception and silent auction, followed by lunch and the program at noon. Tickets are \$60. For reservations, call 271-3168 or visit casonumc.org. ★

— Janis Fontaine

Finding Faith

East Delray opens arms for High Holidays

To Rabbi Shmuel "Shmuli" Biston of Chabad of East Delray Beach, offering free services this month for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the holiest days of the year in Judaism, is the right thing to do.

"Unfortunately, the world revolves around money," Biston said, "but we've found sponsors and people to help defray the cost of renting the hotel."

Biston said space at the Seagate Hotel in Delray Beach will accommodate up to 70 people. The Chabad continues to look for its own space in an effort to hold regular services.

Some Jews aren't affiliated with a synagogue and others don't feel comfortable in a



Biston

synagogue setting. So Chabad of East Delray, a local branch of one of the largest Jewish outreach organizations in the world, offers the hotel as a relaxed alternative for worshippers.

"Even if you've never picked up a prayer book in your life, you'll feel comfortable," Biston said. "Our goal is to lower the barriers of entry and encourage everyone to actively participate in these most holy and introspective days."

Rabbi Josh Broide of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County cites two important messages to the High Holidays: "One is sweet, apples and honey, and the other dark

If you go

Chabad of East Delray will hold free services for Rosh Hashanah on Sept. 10-11 and Yom Kippur on Sept. 18-19 at the Seagate Hotel, 1000 E. Atlantic Ave. To register, go to jewisheast-delray.com/high-holidays or call 954-283-7261.

— Judgment Day."

For a rabbi, the High Holidays are the Super Bowl, and getting into shape requires work. "We take it very seriously and start preparing months before, and delivering sermons dedicated to relationships — between family members, between people, and between us and God. But it all comes back to the person, the individual," said Broide.

Biston agrees: "The High Holidays are very personal. My goal is to make a connection, to offer a meaningful sermon, that will bring people closer to each other and God."

Broide, who joined the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County as its first director of community engagement in 2014, is a bit like the shepherd out searching for his lost sheep while the rest of the flock grazes safely closer to home. Like Christmas Catholics and Easter Christians, some Jews come to the synagogue just twice a year.

It's not ideal, said Broide, who also leads services at Boca Raton Synagogue, "but we'll take what we can get."

Attending synagogue is

important, but "you don't become a better person by attending a service," Broide said. It takes work. "I try to find ordinary people whose example can inspire others to believe that change is possible, that show you can become a better person."

A week after Rosh Hashanah is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Jews will have spent the week looking back at their behavior, repenting and making amends. On Yom Kippur, Jews atone for their individual and communal sins and God "closes the book," sealing their fate for the coming year.

All this talk of judgment is terrifying, but Yom Kippur also is a time of hope, compassion and love, Biston says.

Taking responsibility in today's society is hard. Apologizing is agony. Admitting you're wrong, gut-wrenching. So even though using technology during the holidays is generally discouraged, Biston says you can text your apology if you must. But you must!

"Man up!" Biston says. "You have a choice! How do you want this next year to be? Filled with anger or with love?" ★

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 8/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

SEPTEMBER 1

Saturday - 9/1 - Catholic Grandparents Meeting at Ascension Catholic Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 1st Sat 10-11:30 am. Free. 289-2640; diocesepb.org

SEPTEMBER 2-8

Sunday - 9/2 - Catholic Mass & Installation of Ascension Council of Catholic Women Officers at Ascension Catholic Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Noon. Free. 997-5486; accboca.net

Monday - 9/3 - Legion of Mary at St Mark Catholic Church, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Follows 8 am Mass every M. Free. 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

9/3 - 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

9/3 - Women's Bible Study at Seacrest Presbyterian Church, 2703 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every M 10 am. Free. 276-5633; seacrestchurch.com

9/3 - Rosary for Peace at St Vincent Ferrer Adoration Chapel, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every M 7 pm. Free. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

Tuesday - 9/4 - Lectio Divina 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

9/4 - 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

9/4 - St Mark Bible Study at St Mark Catholic Church, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Every T 7-8 pm. Free-will offering. Register: 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

9/4 - First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton Pub Theology at The Biergarten, 309 Via De Palmas #90. Conversation, fellowship, open discussion. 1st T 7 pm. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

Wednesday - 9/5 - 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

9/5 - Centering Prayer at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 3300A S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every W 9:30 am. Free. 732-3060; stjoesweb.org

9/5 - Bible Study at First United Methodist Church, 101 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every W 11 am. Free. 732-3435; fumcbb.com

9/5 - 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

9/5 - 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; stgregorysepsiscopal.org

9/5 - The Bishop's Bible Study at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, 101 Homewood Blvd, Delray Beach. Every W 7:15 pm. Free. 265-1960; stmaryanglican.com

Thursday - 9/6 - Prayer Circle at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th 8:05 am. 278-1737; trinitydelray.org

9/6 - Men's Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

9/6 - Women's Bible Study Group at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Childcare available upon request. Every Th 9:30 am-noon. Free. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

9/6 - Open House at Islamic Center of Boca Raton, 3480 NW 5th Ave. 1st Th 7-9 pm. Held again 10/4. 395-7221; icbr.org

Friday - 9/7 - Women's Bible Study Group at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 266 NE 2nd St, Boca Raton. Every F 9:15 am. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepsiscopal.org

9/7 - 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; fumcbocaraton.org

Saturday - 9/8 - Mass for Anointing of the Sick at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. 11 am. Free. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

SEPTEMBER 9-15

Sunday - 9/9 - Rosh Hashanah
9/9 - Rosh Hashanah Eve Service at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. 7:13 pm candle lighting and services; 8 pm dinner. \$69/adult; \$40/child under 12. 417-7797; chabadbocabeaches.com

9/9 - High Holy Day FAU Guest Ticket Sale at Temple Beth El, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. Available for purchase to attend Temple Beth El of Boca Raton High Holy Days services at Florida Atlantic University Kaye Auditorium (select services at Temple Beth El: see theboca.org for complete schedule/info). Sun 8 pm. \$150/person Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur; \$75/person one event. RSVP: 391-8900; theboca.org

9/9-11 - Rosh Hashanah Services at Congregation B'nai Israel, 2200 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. M 8:30 am & noon Rosh Hashanah I Morning services; 3:15 pm children's service; 4 pm Tashlich service. T 10 am Rosh Hashanah II; 9/14 7:30 pm Shabbat Shuvah; 9/15 9 am Shabbat Shuvah. Photo ID & Admission card required. 241-8118; cbiboca.org

Monday - 9/10 - Monday Morning Women's Bible Study at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every M 10 am-noon. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

9/10-11 - Rosh Hashanah Services at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. 9

am daily service; 11:30 am Shofar Sounding (both days); 9/10 6:45 pm & 9/11 7:15 pm Afternoon Service; Reserved High Holiday Seating \$160/adult; \$90/youth; \$15/day child care. 417-7797; chabadbocabeaches.com

Wednesday - 9/12 - Blue Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Light reception in Kellaghan Hall follows. 7 pm. Free. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

9/12-13 - Unity World Day of Prayer at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 24-hour prayer event begins with Prayer Vigil/6:30 pm 9/12 and continues with 'Courage to Heal' meditation and prayer through 9/13. All faiths invited. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

SEPTEMBER 16-22

Monday - 9/17 - Ascension Council of Catholic Women General Meeting at Ascension Catholic Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Light fare/refreshments. 7 pm. Free. 997-5486; accboca.net

Tuesday - 9/18 - Yom Kippur
9/18 - Yom Kippur Services at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. 4:45 pm Afternoon Service & Pre-Fast Dinner \$36/adult, \$18/child under 12; 7:01 pm Candle Lighting/Fast begins at Mizner Park Cultural Art Center, 201 Plaza Real; 7:15 pm KolNidrei Service. Reserved High Holiday seating 2 days \$80/adult; \$45/youth; \$15/child care. 417-7797; chabadbocabeaches.com

9/18-19 - Yom Kippur Services at Congregation B'nai Israel, 2200 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. T 7:30 pm Erev Yom Kippur/ Kol Nidre; W 8:30 am & noon Yom Kippur morning services; 2:45 pm fast talk; 3:15 pm children's service; 4:30 pm afternoon Torah service; 5:30 pm concluding services; 7 pm sound Shofar. Photo ID & Admission card required: 241-8118; cbiboca.org

Wednesday - 9/19 - Yizkor Service at Temple Beth El, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. 3:45 pm. Free. RSVP: 391-8900; theboca.org

9/19 - Yom Kippur Services at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. 9 am morning service; noon Yizkor Memorial Service; 5:45 pm afternoon service; 7:54 pm community Break Fast at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave, \$25/adult, \$10/child. Reserved High Holiday Seating 2 days \$80/adult; 445; \$15/child care. 417-7797; chabadbocabeaches.com

9/20 - Interfaith Cafe: Questions on Forgiveness at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. Panel of youth; moderator David Schmidt, Youth Director Cason United Methodist Church. 7-9 pm. Light refreshments. Free/donations appreciated. 330-0245; meetup.com/Interfaith-Cafe

Thursday - 9/20 - First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton Pub Theology at Barrel of Monks, 1141 S Rogers Circle #5. Conversation, fellowship, open discussion. 3rd Th 7 pm. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

Friday - 9/21 - Parents of St. Gregory's at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Potluck dinner, discussion (targeted to young parents w/children age 2-13), childcare available. 3rd F 6-8 pm. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepsiscopal.org

SEPTEMBER 23-29

Saturday - 9/29 - Women's Retreat: Mary's Heart, Martha's Hands at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. How can I integrate my spiritual life into my daily life? Lunch included. 9 am-3:45 pm. \$20/advance; \$25/after 9/21. Register: 656-8566; stvincentferrer.com

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10/6 - Hustle2EndHunger 5K Run/Walk/Family Fun Day at John Prince Park, 4754 S Congress Ave, Lake Worth. Benefits CROS Ministries. 8 am-noon. Collect pledges; \$40/runner; free/walker; \$20/family fun. 233-9009; crosministries.org

New Year's

Rosh Hashanah marks birth of creation

(This is the last in a series of stories about how different cultures mark the New Year.)

By Janis Fontaine

In our look at New Year's celebrations from around the world, we've included holidays recognized by millions — and others celebrated by just a few. We found some celebrations to be symbolic, some whimsical and some poignant. But few of the commemorations merit the reverence of the Jewish New Year, **Rosh Hashanah**, which takes place from Sept. 9 to 11.

Rosh Hashanah is one of the most solemn and important holidays for Jews. It marks the anniversary of the birth of creation, the six days in which God created the Earth. It also recognizes the birth of Adam and Eve, but it was man's first sin that started the clock ticking on humanity.

But Rosh Hashanah is more than a New Year's commemoration; it's also judgment day. Judaism teaches that during the period from Rosh Hashanah to **Yom Kippur**, which is Sept. 18-19 this year, everyone and everything will pass before God to be judged. The faithful ruminate on their lives and both give and ask for forgiveness for wrongs during the past year.

"Getting judged is scary," said Rabbi Shmuel Biston of Chabad of Delray Beach. "We want to help you achieve the right mindset so you can make a positive step forward."

The rabbi's job is to facilitate this deep personal analysis and to make it meaningful and to explain the teachings and rituals.

Rosh Hashanah isn't the only New Year's commemoration that takes place in the fall.

Al-Hijra, also known as Arabic New Year, is celebrated by Muslims around the world in September. In the lunar-based Islamic calendar, days begin at sunset instead of at midnight, and nightfall Sept. 11 will mark the first day of Muharram, the first month of the Islamic year.

The historic significance is that in the year 622, Muhammad emigrated from Mecca to Medina (the hegira), two of the holiest sites in Islam, during Muharram. He was in search of a place where Muslims would be free to practice their religion. The suffix AH seen on the Muslim calendar means "after hegira."

People use the day to reflect on the year that has passed and ponder the coming year. These days, it's more of a public, cultural holiday than a religious one. The festivals that mark the end of hajj (the annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca) and Ramadan are considered the most important events on the Islamic calendar. Traditions and customs vary, but those who celebrate will go to prayer sessions and spend time with family. Religious scholars say the focus of the day should be on reflection and gratitude.

A world away in Ethiopia, people will celebrate **Enkutatash**, also called Gift of Jewels, on Sept. 11. This national holiday marks the first day of the Ethiopian New Year, and Ethiopia stands alone as the only country to use the 13-month Coptic calendar. In it there are 12 months of 30 days and one month with five days, or six days in leap years. The year begins with the first of day of Meskerem.

In late October, when many folks are putting up Halloween decorations and getting ready to binge on candy, in Western Australia, a few people will celebrate the New Year in the manner of the aboriginal tribe Murador, now extinct. Oct. 30 is an important day to the tribe and people still gather to commemorate it by recalling the tribe's culture via artifacts and texts. Murador celebrates friendship, reconciliation and appreciation.

Finally, in November, millions of Hindus will celebrate **Di Wali**, or the Festival of Lights. Sometimes called Deepavali or Deepawali, it's celebrated with great enthusiasm nationwide. The main festive night — Diwali Night falls on Nov. 7 this year — coincides with the darkest moonless night of the new moon. The theme is light conquering darkness, and it's a celebration of love.

People decorate their houses with lights and candles and offer prayers to goddess Lakshmi for wealth and abundance. Gifts are exchanged, sweets are eaten and fireworks cap this celebration of family and friends, which includes plenty of non-Hindus celebrating alongside them.

Most cultures have some sort of New Year's celebration or commemoration, and in many cultures it's an important time for self-assessment, personal growth, reconciliation, atonement and new beginnings, while for others it's just another party. ★

Tots & Teens

Library card could be just the ticket for returning students

By Janis Fontaine

The best asset in your children's "Do Better in School" toolkits might be a little card you can get for free. September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and a library card unlocks access to a world of information.

Before you say, "Who wants to drive there when I have Google right here?" consider this: Your library card works outside the library.

"Many of the programs and tools are available online, so kids can access them from home or take them on trips," said Ellen Randolph, the acting library manager for the Boca Raton Library.

Thanks to a donation from the Friends of the Boca Raton Library, students have free access to professional tutors from the Tutor.com Learning Suite, an online service from The Princeton Review. Free online homework help for grades K-12 is available daily from 3 to 10 p.m.

"It's a live tutor, and you can actually develop a relationship with the tutor and work with them over time," Randolph said.

Every afternoon, the library is full of students and tutors, digital librarian Vicky Fitzsimmons said. "But there are a lot of kids who can't afford the cost of a tutor. This allows us to level the playing field."

Whatever the subject matter, Tutor.com has an expert who specializes in that subject. Kids can use a Skype-like system, for face-to-face sessions, or they can do audio sessions.

Either way, the duo shares a computer screen, which is especially helpful for math and science studies. "Sessions are recorded so kids can watch them again, plus they get a written transcript," Fitzsimmons said.

For research papers, a virtual drop-off service

enables students to have their papers critiqued, with a maximum turnaround time of 24 hours.

More programs and apps are being developed for kids with special needs, Fitzsimmons said. The library has special equipment such as tracking balls and magnification readers to assist students with physical disabilities. The library also has programs and apps that help students with learning disabilities.

"Libby" is an app that converts text to a dyslexia-friendly font characterized by bottom-heavy type and wider spacing between letters and words. Programs that read text aloud to kids who favor auditory learning are available, as are computers equipped with a screen-masking program that highlights small blocks of type, an aid to students with dyslexia.

Some activities do require a trip to the library, like the Tail Waggin' Tutor program that pairs kids with dogs to practice reading aloud, working in the recording studio or with the 3D printer, or taking one of the coding classes. Also available are language learning options and career development, book clubs, cultural events and lectures.

The Downtown Library is at 400 NW Second Ave. The Spanish River Library is at 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd.

The Delray Beach Library (100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray) offers Brainfuse, a collection of online academic services, to support many learning needs. HelpNow offers live homework help, a writing lab, and an adult learning center, and all you need to log in is your library card.

At the Highland Beach Library (3618 S. Ocean Blvd.) students can get books, DVDs, audio CDs and music. The Children's Room has two computers with educational games and software. ★

Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 8/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

SEPTEMBER 1

Saturday - 9/1 - Group Swim Lessons at The Swim Center, 21618 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Level 1-4 & adult classes. Sat through 10/20 7:45 am (adult), 11 am, noon & 1 pm. Per session: \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 544-8540; myboca.us

9/1 - 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, 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

9/1 - Diaper League Sports at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Fundamentals of various sports w/guidance of recreation staff (T-ball, football, basketball, soccer). Mandatory parent participation. Age 3-5. Every M/Th 6-7 pm & Sat 9-10 am. \$20/8 week session. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

9/1 - Sensory Saturday at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Explore the museum in sensory modified setting. 1st Sat 9-10 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

9/1 - 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

9/1 - 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. 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

9/1 - Drop-In Story Time at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children all ages accompanied by an adult. Every Sat 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

9/1 - Drop-in Craft at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. Every Sat 10:30-11:30 am. Free w/paid admission. Register: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

9/1 - Story Time at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Stories, songs, fingerplays parents and children enjoy together. All ages. T/Th/F 11 am & 3:30 pm; Sat 11 am. Free w/paid admission. 368-6875; cmboca.org

9/1 - All Art Class at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Age 2-9. Every F/

Sat 11:30 am. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

9/1 - Science Stories at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science inspired stories. Age 5+. Every Sat 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

9/1 - Nature Detectives at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. New mystery each month. Age 5-7 w/adult. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

9/1 - Group Swim Lessons at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton. Level 1, 2, 3 & 4. Every Sat through 10/20 noon & 1 pm. Per session \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 393-7851; myboca.us

9/1 - Realistic Drawing/Painting Instruction Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Basic techniques essential to quality, realistic paintings. Every Sat through 9/22. Adult class 12:30-2:30 pm \$65/resident, \$81/non-resident; Children age 7-12 class 2:30-4:30 pm. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

9/1 - 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

9/1-2 - Annual College Dance Fair at Boca Ballet Theatre's Countess de Hoernle Center for Dance, 7630 NW 6th Ave, Boca Raton. High school dance students & their parents network/navigate the college dance world. Topics include admission requirements, audition advice, more. Rising high school juniors & seniors. Sat 9:30 am-7 pm; 9:30 am-5 pm. \$199. Register: 995-0709; collegedancefair.org

SEPTEMBER 2-8

Sunday - 9/2 - Science Make & Take at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 11:30 am. \$5/project. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

Monday - 9/3 - No School Camp at Boca Riding Club, 16489 Winners Cir, Delray Beach. Held again 9/10 & 9/19. 9 am-2 pm. \$70/day; \$185/3 days. 935-4938; bocaridingclub.com

9/3 - Fencing/Epee Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Learn fencing skills, forge new friendships, have a blast. Beginner M/F 7-8:15 pm \$100-\$125/monthly; intermediate/advanced M/W/F 7-10 pm \$135-\$168.75/monthly. 954-854-7843; sugarsandpark.org

Tuesday - 9/4 - Toddler Tales at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age up to 3 years;

children must be accompanied by an adult. Every T through 9/25 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

9/4 - Turtle Tales at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 2-3 (must be accompanied by an adult). Every T 10 am. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

9/4 - Mother Nature & Me: Animal Builders at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Experience exciting nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Age 2-5 w/guardian. 10:30 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

9/4 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Chico at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog. Grade K-5. Every T through 9/25 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/4 - Group Swim Lessons at The Swim Center, 21618 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Level 1 & 2, Parent & child & Preschool Level 1 classes. Every T/Th through 9/27 3:15 & 4 pm. Per session \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 544-8540; myboca.us

9/4 - 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 10/30. Age 3-5 3:45-4:30 pm; age 2-4 4:30-5:15 pm (some parent involvement). \$88/resident; \$110/non-resident. 954-385-8511; kidokinetics.com

9/4 - USCA Tiny Stars Cheer at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Every T through 9/25 Level I age 4-6 4:30-5:30 pm; Level II age 6-11 4:30-5:30 pm. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

9/4 - BeTeen the Lines: Just Fly Away by Andrew McCarthy at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. 4:30-6:30 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

9/4 - Programs for Special Needs: Beginner's Social Skills Group at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 4-12. Every T/Th through 9/20. Age 4-7 4:30-6 pm; age 8-12 6:15-7:45 pm. \$75-\$93.75/1 day; \$360-\$450/6 week session. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

9/4 - Anime Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. PG to PG-13. Age 9-14. Every 1st & 3rd T 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

9/4 - Girls Who Code Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6-7 pm. Free. Enrollment: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

9/4-5 - Sensational Story 'n More at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Interactive performance, singing, movement, props. Age 2-5. Every T/W 10:30 am. Free w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

9/4-5 - Explorium Science Squad: Extraordinary Engineers at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Kids explore, experiment, try something new every month. T age 5-6 w/parent; W age 7-9. Both days 4-5 pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

9/4-6 - Sensory Art for Tots at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Age 1-4. Every T/W/Th 11:30 am. Per session \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

Wednesday - 9/5 - Reading & Rhythm for 2-3s at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Literacy enrichment class. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Every W through 9/26 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

9/5 - Kidokinetics at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Age 1.5-4 years. Every W through 10/24. 10-10:45 am. \$77/resident; \$83/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

9/5 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Nigel at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog. Grades K-5. Every W through 9/26 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/5 - Rhythmic Gymnastics at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Every W through 10/24. Beginner 2 age 5-6 3-4 pm \$140-\$175; Intermediate age 7-12 4-5:30 pm \$180-\$225. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

9/5 - 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 2-5 yrs. Every W 3-3:45 pm. Per class \$4/member; \$5/non-member + admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

9/5 - Nature Discoveries at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Sandoway Discovery Center nature educator gives an engaging animal talk and brings one of the resident reptiles. Age 5+. 3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

9/5 - Introduction to Computer Animation at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 9-13. Every W through 10/31 (no class 9/26) 5-6 pm. \$300/resident; \$375/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

9/5 - Delray Divas Step Teams at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Organized, structured step team performs at local events and statewide competitions. Program reinforces role of youth as positive members of the community. Grades K-12. Every M/W 6-8:30 pm. Yearly \$30/resident; \$40/non-resident. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

9/5 - Tween Explorers: Marbled Mugs at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Thursday - 9/6 - Special Guest Drop-In Story Time: Officer Galletta at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children all ages; 8 & younger must be accompanied by an adult. Every Th 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

9/6 - Exhibits ALIVE! at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. Every Th 10 am-noon. Free w/paid admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

9/6 - Little Explorers at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 2-5, must be accompanied by an adult. Every Th 10 am. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

9/6 - Drop-In Story Time at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children all ages; 8 & younger must be accompanied by an adult. Every Th 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

9/6 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Stella at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog. Grades K-5. Every Th through 9/27 3-4 pm Free. Registration: 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/6 - 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

9/6 - Creative Kids Club! at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Create crafts, make non-baking desserts, conduct science experiments and more. Age 5-8. Every Th 3:30 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

9/6 - Project Fashion and Sewing at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 8-16. Every Th through 10/11 5-6:30 pm. \$160/resident, \$200/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

9/6-7 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Karate & blend of other combat martial arts. Age 9 to adult. Every Th/F 6-7 pm. Per month \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident; \$25/one-time uniform fee. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

Friday - 9/7 - First Fridays Preschool Program: My First Experience as a Drop of Water at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Get ideas, create characters, find new stories to tell. Age 3-5. 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

9/7 - Fabulous Fun Friday: Happy 105th Birthday to the Schoolhouse at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/member; \$5/non-member + admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

9/7 - Rhythmic Gymnastics at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Every F through 10/26. Mini Stars age 3-4 2:15-3 pm \$130-\$162.50; Beginner 1 age 4-5 3-4 pm \$140-\$175; Intermediate age 7-12 3:45-5:15 \$180-\$225. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

Saturday - 9/8 - Expedition: Science Playground at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Join us for a closer look at the scientific principles found within our Science Playground. Age 5+ with parent/guardian. 2nd Sat 9-10 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

9/8 - smART: Creative Collages at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Families/intergenerational groups focus on artistic family fun to learn, create, enjoy the visual arts. 10-11 am. \$5/family. Reservations: 392-2500 x106; bocamuseum.org

SEPTEMBER 9-15

Sunday - 9/9 - Sunday Family Movie: My Little Pony: The Movie at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am; 2 pm sensory-friendly show. \$1 admission includes popcorn/beverage. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

Monday - 9/10 - School's Out Workshop: Fun & Fitness at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 5-11. Held again 9/19. 8:30 am-5:30 pm. \$65/resident; \$81.25/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

9/10 - School's Out Workshop: Kidzart at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 5-12. Held again 9/19. 8:30 am-1 pm. \$55/resident; \$68.75/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

9/10 - 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. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

9/10 - 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. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

9/10 - 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 9/24 11-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/10 - Rhythmic Gymnastics at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Every M through 10/29. Beginner 1 & 2 age 4-6 3-4 pm \$140-\$175. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

9/10 - Intermediate Coding for 9-12s at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Students must have been in a previous Beginning Coding class to enroll. Every M through 9/24 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Enrollment: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

9/10 - My First Book Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Discuss beginner reader books; do fun activities. Child attends independently. Age 4-6. Every M through 9/24 3:30-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

9/10 - Beginning Acting at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Learn fundamentals of acting through exercises in imagination, body movement, voice and improv. Mondays 4:15-5:15 pm through 12/3. Age 7+. \$195/\$185.50 siblings. lakeworthplayhouse.org/education.html

9/10 - Mini Mozart: Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. String class for younger students w/limited or no experience. Age 5-8. Every M through 11/5. 4:30-5:30 pm. \$150/resident; \$188/non-resident. 281-8600; yomail@yopbc.org

9/10 - Brain BITS: Build-Innovate-Tinker at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Hands-on family time filled with creativity, collaboration, play in 3D printing lab. Age 5+. Every M 6 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

9/10 - Anime Night at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-14. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Tuesday - 9/11 - Kangaroo Kids Programs at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Educational developmental class. Every T through 10/23. Age 2-3 years

10-10:45 am; age 3-5 years 11-11:45 am. \$90/resident; \$113/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

9/11 - TAB (Teen Advisory Board) Meeting at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 4:30 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

9/11 - Improv Fun for Kids at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Theatre games and exercises. Ages 10-14. 5:30-6:30 pm Tuesdays through 12/4. \$195/\$185.50 sibling. lakeworthplayhouse.org/education.html

9/11 - Advanced Acting at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Monologues and Scene Study. Previous acting experience required. Ages 11+. 5:30-6:30 pm Tuesdays through 12/4. \$195/\$185.50 sibling. lakeworthplayhouse.org/education.html

9/11 - The Upside of Unrequited by Becky Albertalli part of Teen Book Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Wednesday - 9/12 - Little Makers: Tiggly at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 6-8. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

9/12 - Musical Theatre Jazz at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Learn basic musical theatre dance. Ages 7+. 4-5pm Wednesdays through 12/5. \$195/\$185.50 sibling. lakeworthplayhouse.org/education.html

9/12 - Musical Theatre Performance at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Audition, act, dance and perform. Ages 8-15. 5-7pm Wednesdays through 12/5. \$265/\$238.50 sibling. lakeworthplayhouse.org/education.html

9/12 - Youth Archery Class at Meadows Park Tennis Court, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton Skill development, paper target practice. Age 8-13. Every W through 10/24. 6-7 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

Thursday - 9/13 - Audition Prep at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Learn the art of auditioning. Ages 15-25. 4-5pm. Thursdays through 12/6. \$195/\$185.50 sibling. lakeworthplayhouse.org/education.html

9/13 - Beginning & Intermediate Ballet/Tap at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Beginners: Ages 6-9. 5-6pm. Intermediate: Ages 10+. 6-7 pm Thursdays through 12/6. \$195/\$185.50 sibli.ng. lakeworthplayhouse.org/education.html

9/13 - Chess for Kids at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Learn about the pieces, how to set them up, move them, interrelate them, do check/checkmate moves. Age 4-12. Every Th through 10/4 5:30-6:30 pm. \$95/resident; \$119/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

9/13 - Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan part of Tween Book Jam at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Friday - 9/14 - 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

9/14 - Beginner Piano for Children 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*. Bring a keyboard. Age 7+. Every F through 10/26 5-6:15 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

9/14 - Friday Night at the Museum at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. A night out without your parents! Wear comfy clothes, hang out in the Explorium after hours, watch a movie, do a fun experiment. Age 7-12. 6-9:30 pm. \$20/resident; \$25/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

9/14 - Beginner Guitar 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. Age 12+. Every F through 10/26 7:45-9 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

Saturday - 9/15 - Thai Bilingual Drop-In Story Time at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children all ages accompanied by an adult. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

9/15 - Talking Animals at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Join a naturalist and animal ambassadors, educational presentation about different ways animals communicate. Age 5+. 10:30 am. \$3. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

9/15 - Spanish for Kids at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Age 5-12. Every Sat through 10/30 10:30-11:30 am. \$105/resident; \$131/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

9/15 - Playground Playdate at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Get info about upcoming programs, enjoy free kids

activities. 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

9/15 - Family Fun: Uchiwa Fan Craft at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Noon-3 pm. Free w/ museum admission. 495-0233; morikami.org

9/15 - Virtual Reality Explorers: Solar System at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Bring a Smartphone to download/use VR apps, games, videos. Age 9-13. 1-2 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

9/15 - Once on This Island Jr. at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every Sat through 10/20 4 pm. \$15.50. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

9/15-16 - Science Demonstrations at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 7 & up. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

SEPTEMBER 16-22

Monday - 9/17 - Bright & Smart Robotics for Homeschoolers at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 7-12. Held again 10/8 & 11/12. Ages 10-12 1-2 pm; ages 7-9 2-3 pm. \$15-\$18.75/1 day; \$45-\$56.25/3 days. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

9/17 - Early Afternoon Explorers: Coding Robots at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 6-9 1-2 pm; age 10-12 2-3 pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

9/17 - Acting 101 at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Age-appropriate character work. Age 5-10. Every M through 10/22. 3-5 pm. \$200/resident; \$250/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

9/17 - Teen Archery at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Learn precision, concentration, skill through the art and sport of archery. Must have permission slip and register to participate. Age 13+. 4:30 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

9/17 - Are You Smarter Than a Mad Scientist? at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 6-11. Every M through 11/12. 5-6 pm. \$165/resident; \$206.25/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

9/17 - Actors Conservatory at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Training in the style of collegiate conservatory; focus on classical acting, movement, vocal exercises, stage combat, more. Age 11-18. Every M through 12/10. 5-8 pm. \$475/resident; \$594/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

Tuesday - 9/18 - Mother Nature & Me: Snakes at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Age 2-5 w/guardian. 10:30 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

9/18 - BeTeen the Lines: Every Last Word by Tamara Stone at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. 4:30-6:30 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

Wednesday - 9/19 - Booktastic Around the World: The Mystery of the Missing Lion by Alexander McCall Smith at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Free copy of book. Age 7-8. Child attends independently. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/19 - 3D Printer Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 7+. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

9/20 - Create It at Your Library: Escape Room at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Grades 6-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Friday - 9/21 - Transitions Conference 2018 at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Experts and professionals from all over the county help students w/learning differences transition from high school to higher education. For university-bound students. 7:30 am-3:30 pm. \$60. 237-7000; lynn.tix.com

9/21 - Fabulous Fun Friday: Winnie the Pooh Day at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/member; \$5/non-member + admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

9/21 - Eyes to the Skies with professional-grade 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Informal event held in the parking lot weather permitting. Telescope is out for at least one hour after scheduled start time; stars must be visible for telescope to align. Age 8+ (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). 8 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

SEPTEMBER 23-29

Sunday - 9/23 - The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (G) 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 - 9/24 - Girls Code 4 Life Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Hands on coding experience with HTML, CSS, JavaScript. Age 16-30. 8-week class 1x/week 5:15-7:45 pm + one Sat per month. M classes begin 9/24; W classes begin 9/26. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

Tuesday - 9/25 - Teen Drum Circle at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

Wednesday - 9/26 - Junior Achievement of South Florida Bowl-A-Thon at Strikes Boca, 21046 Commercial Tr. 6-8 pm. \$500/team plus \$25/registration per person. 954-979-7108; jasouthflorida.org

Thursday - 9/27 - Youth Makers: Light Up at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-11. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Friday - 9/28 - Treasure Hunters 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. \$13.95/adult; \$11.95/senior; \$9.95/child (3-12); \$6/adult member; free/kids under 3. 832-1988; sfscenter.org

Saturday - 9/29 - Story Time with Nature at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Crafts, stories about animals, other nature-related themes. Age 4-10. 10 am. \$2. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

9/29 - Pete the Cat is Rockin' in his School Shoes at the Library! at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Breakfast and Back to School fun. Wear "Pete the Cat blue." Age 3-6. 10 am. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

9/29 - Better Birding at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn about bird watching. Age 5+. 10:30 am. \$3/person. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

9/29 - Family Art Day at Florida Atlantic University Schmidt Center Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Children/families participate in interactive tours of exhibitions to experience art, create their own works. 1-4 pm. Free. 297-2661; fau.edu/galleries

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Sunday - 9/30 - S'more Science: Crafty Creations at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Campfire program in the garden amphitheater w/a yummy treat. Different topic each month. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 5-6 pm. \$3/member; \$5/non-member. 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Monday - 10/1 - Bedtime Story Yoga at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Children listen to a story, play with gentle yoga stretches/mindful activities. Children are encouraged to wear pajamas, bring a stuffed buddy to do poses together. Age 4-9. Every 1st M 6 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

Tuesday - 10/2 - Group Swim Lessons at The Swim Center, 21618 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Level 1 & 2, Parent & child & Preschool Level 1 classes. Every T/Th through 10/25 3:15 & 4 pm. Per session \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 544-8540; myboca.us

10/2 - USCA Tiny Stars Cheer at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Every T through 10/30 Level I age 4-6 4:30-5:30 pm; Level II age 6-11 4:30-5:30 pm. \$50/resident; \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

10/2 - Youth Makers: littleBits Star Wars Droids at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-11. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

10/2-3 - Explorium Science Squad: Scream, Screech, Holler at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Kids explore, experiment, try something new every month. T ages 5-6 (w/parent); W ages 7-9. Both days 4-5 pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

Wednesday - 10/3 - Tween Explorers: Glass Charm Necklaces at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Saturday - 10/6 - Family Fun: Yokai Keychains at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Noon-3 pm. Free w/museum admission. 495-0233; morikami.org

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Music



ABOVE: Blues Radio International is produced from a bedroom in a Hillsboro Beach condo. Photo by Jay Skolnick
BELOW: Jesse Finkelstein at the controls. Photo by Regina Campbell

From a South Florida condo, the blues reaches the world

By Bill Meredith
ArtsPaper Music Writer

Along with popular and country music, blues is now a booming, modern audiovisual industry. Particularly since the mid-1980s, when a young guitarist/vocalist from Texas named Stevie Ray Vaughan interrupted the decade's synthesized, video-driven pop trends by blending rock swagger and blues rhythms to help create a roots music revival.

A sizable, pre-existing subset of aging traditional blues fans has ballooned since Vaughan mixed Jimi Hendrix's firepower and Albert King's phrasing until his untimely death in a 1990 helicopter crash. Now, there are more blues artists, clubs, festivals and cruises than ever before.

And South Florida's blues ambassador is Jesse Finkelstein, founder and managing director of Blues Radio International. A tall, soft-spoken, otherwise retired attorney and grandfather in his 60s, Finkelstein delivers broadcasts from the decidedly non-blues location of

a high-rise condo, overlooking the ocean in Hillsboro Beach, that's also his residence.

The Rochester, N.Y., native has been based in South Florida for 12 years — and since 2012, he's broadcast the world's only live blues program on the seemingly outdated, decidedly non-hi-fi shortwave radio format to listeners on six continents, adding intermittent shoots in 2013 from its broadcast channel, BRI TV. The live radio performances and interviews appear simultaneously, with better fidelity, on the internet through Okeechobee-based Radio Miami International.

Yet it's the 100-plus-year-old shortwave technology that allows BRI to reach two-thirds of the world by audio beyond the internet.

"I've been interested in radios since I was a teenager, and collect a lot of them," Finkelstein says, gesturing toward shelves displaying dozens in his living room. "Most of these are European shortwave radios from the '30s through the '50s, which gives you the idea that people were tuning into them from places like Munich and



Vienna, perhaps during World War II. The idea that you can send a signal through the air, and have it be heard without a wire thousands of miles away, still fascinates me. When people talk about wireless today, they're talking about a 50-foot range from their computer to their router."

Framed photos of BRI performers such as Susan Tedeschi, Derek Trucks, Walter Trout, Tinsley Ellis, and Bob Margolin line the walls of a hallway leading west toward the broadcast studio, which might otherwise have been a modest-sized office or spare bedroom. The decor there includes shots of additional performers like Keb Mo, Samantha Fish, Elvin Bishop, and Rory Block.

There's also a guitar owned by the late Roy Buchanan, and a couple custom axes made by Duke Robillard, amid screens, microphones, cameras and, of course, more radios.

"I started working in commercial radio at age 13 at a small station," Finkelstein says. "I've always been fascinated by the science of it; the

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Theater

Theatre Lab's new director committed to South Florida

By Hap Erstein
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

Louis Tyrrell, a South Florida champion of new works for the theater, has been an artistic director for almost four decades. First at the Theatre Club of the Palm Beaches, which morphed into Florida Stage, then at the Arts Garage and most recently at Florida Atlantic University's Theatre Lab, where he is currently one of a four-member staff.

But Tyrrell has now passed the baton on to Matt Stabile, who takes over the artistic reins at the 3-year-old professional stage company on the Boca Raton campus.



Stabile

"I have no idea when he started thinking of me as the heir apparent," shrugs director-playwright-actor-educator Stabile, who recently turned 40. Stabile was involved with running the Arts Garage's educational programs for two seasons, during which time Tyrrell became impressed with his versatility and work ethic. "I think over those two years, he kind of saw that A) I had the ability to do the business end of things but B) I could also do the artistic side. And I was willing to do any job," Stabile says. "In my time at Arts Garage, I acted in a show, I ran crew for a show, I bought props for a show, I did dramaturgy for a show and I didn't mind cleaning the bathrooms."

At FAU, Stabile became more involved in the main-stage productions, directing Allison Gregory's *Motherland* and Lauren Gunderson's *The Revolutionists*. Like Tyrrell, Stabile has a particular passion for developing new plays. "Playwriting has always been foremost of my interests," says Stabile. "I love watching a play as it goes through its many stages."

He also feels strongly about the importance of arts education. "I think every artist should teach. I think it's our responsibility. The people we all revere, like (Russia's Konstantin) Stanislavsky, they were teachers. I also believe that when you teach, you get better at your art," says Stabile. "And also, if we don't get kids interested in this, we're not going to be doing it a whole lot longer."

Tyrrell is very confident in the successor he has chosen. "Matt is one of those very unique people that has that necessary vision, in addition to all the skills needed. Those skills are artistic, but they're also organizational and managerial. You have to have a real

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ability to reach people in different places. The impetus for Blues Radio International was the thought that there was something beautiful to be shared, including with people you couldn't otherwise reach, if you could figure out how to do it.

"So while we're surrounded by the internet, it's important to remember that almost two-thirds of the world doesn't have access to it. We have listeners in more than 184 different countries, some of them very well-to-do places; but I wanted to reach people without those luxuries as well. And shortwave was a retro way of doing that."

Finkelstein grabs a pen and paper to draw a diagram that helps to illustrate the medium's special properties and functions.

"With a four- or five-dollar device, people in difficult situations in impoverished areas, refugee camps, or war zones can hear the programs this way," he says. "Not just our friends with problems like debt and divorce, but people who are truly in misery. The Earth is curved, and transmissions like FM are based in a straight line of sight. If the transmitter can't see your receiver because of that curve, then transmission is impossible."

"Shortwave, at certain times of the night, can feed off of the charge from the sun during the day on a level of the ionosphere. So it's possible to bounce a signal off of that, on one side of the globe, to a listener on the other side."

Finkelstein also broadcasts annually from the Blues Music Awards in Memphis and other international locales, and records segments at area nightclubs like the Funky Biscuit in Boca Raton, all available on the BRI website. What you won't see there is advertising of any kind. BRI is a true nonprofit that, in fact, goes far into the red within its leader's deep pockets. Yet he focuses on his non-monetary gains rather than fiscal losses.

"Jesse is a true supporter of the blues," says JP Soars, the Boca Raton-based singer, guitarist and leader of his own band, the Red Hots. "He does it purely for the love and preservation of the music."

Finkelstein says he originally discussed the broadcast idea with several friends. "One guy says, 'So you want to record live music?' And I said, 'Yeah, I don't want to play records, because I think the magic is in the live music.' He says, 'And broadcast it on the worst radio medium known to mankind, 10,000 miles away, to people living in tents who'll never buy a damn thing from you? What's the point?' And I said, 'That's exactly the point.'"

To exemplify that point, he brings out thank-you letters and emails from fans in places like Germany, Syria, Cuba, and Russia.

"While I can't take people out of a war zone or take away



Albert Cummings performs for a live Blues Radio International broadcast. Photo by Jay Skolnick

How to Listen

Hear live performances and interviews at 9 p.m. Sundays, 11 p.m. Mondays and 9:30 p.m. Thursdays on 9955 kHz shortwave or on a simultaneous stream at wrmi.net. New BRI TV episodes air once or twice weekly, and audio and video archives are available on the website, bluesradiointernational.net

their misery, I know blues really connects with people. We stay away from any political commentary, and have a lot of listeners in Cuba," he says.

A fan of all forms of music, including intricate jazz, Finkelstein chose the blues genre for broadcast because of its relative simplicity, feel, and universal roots music appeal.

"The thing that grabbed me about the blues was when I first saw B.B. King perform," he says. "It was 1971 or 1972. And it was the complete package; a big production. I'd grown up appreciating the British rock and roll that had come out of the blues, John Mayall, the Rolling Stones, and Eric Clapton. I saw Stevie Ray Vaughan in somewhat the same light, introducing rock guitar fans to blues music. But seeing B.B. made everything come together. He had a horn section, which helped me understand the appeal of Big Band jazz."

Finkelstein says that there was initial uncertainty about how his broadcasts would be received. "We didn't know what the response would be in parts of the world that don't have our history with Western culture and have different, micro-tonal scales compared to our music," he says. "But blues has an instrumental simplicity that can make it participatory, and understood by people from many different backgrounds. And lyrically, it deals a lot with things that affect people on a daily basis. It's not otherworldly. It's understandable and relatable."

It's the relationships, whether with his interview subjects, or with people on a different continent that he's touched through radio yet will never meet, that Finkelstein hints might eventually be the basis for

a BRI-based book.

"We interviewed [Allman Brothers Band co-founding drummer] Butch Trucks not long before he died," he says, "and Johnny Winter on his tour bus maybe a year before he died. We've had some great interviews, and some great connections not necessarily related to music. Walter Trout talked about an amazing encounter with Carlos Santana that changed his life."

"Walter was playing guitar with John Mayall's band, and a multiple substance abuser at the time, and he told me about a gig they were playing in what was then East Germany. Santana was on after them, and when Walter and the band got off the stage, Carlos accosted him. He said, in effect, 'I see what you're doing up there. I see that you're wasted, and sticking your middle finger up at the Creator who gave you this talent. And if you have the guts to straighten this out, I can help you do that.'"

"That hit Walter like a ton of bricks. He and Carlos talked it out over the next 48 hours, and that was it. No more drinking, no more drugs, and no rehab or detox for Walter, who now has a wife, three sons, intact relationships and a successful life. ... These are some of the stories we have."

When Finkelstein refers to "we," it rings genuine. He's not a performer, admitting only a cursory knowledge of musicianship despite the dozens of vintage guitars he's collected. Only a small volunteer staff helps with the BRI broadcasts.

"Jesse is shy by nature, so he won't toot his own horn, but he knows how to always make the artists who are interviewed, and/or perform, feel like family," says Debbie Mitzman, a staff member of 18 months. "And the listeners. It's all worth it if we can touch even just one person, whether it's in Alabama or Algeria."

More than five years into his mission, Finkelstein has succeeded in delivering the blues around the world, largely to multitudes who essentially have the blues yet hear in the music reasons for optimism. "We hope to reach more people, as many as possible, with something positive they can put into their lives," he says. "And we can't wait to see what's next."



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understanding of building a budget, of the realm of programming that can operate within that budget.

"Matt is ready. He has all the maturity — personally, artistically, operationally — to take Theatre Lab to the next level."

For his first season's play selections, Stabile relied heavily on Tyrrell. "It's kind of collaborative," he explains of the process they have evolved. "There's usually one that we both instantly know we want to do. Then there's usually one that he feels really strongly about and there's one that I feel really strongly about. And we make our case to each other."

Without meaning to, a theme for the season emerged. "Kind of unintentionally, it became a season about young women finding their power and their voice," Stabile notes.

Asked to describe his taste in plays, Stabile says, "I really like the stuff that can transport you back to feeling young, that makes you feel like you're 8 again. And I love puppets. I've got to put puppets in stuff. There's a difference between Lou and I. I'm not sure he's as fond of puppets as I am."

"I like big imagination. I tell playwrights to go ahead and write impossible stage directions. That's the fun, figuring out how to get it onstage."

Stabile feels that one of his strengths as a director is his openness to collaboration. "A really great director, I think, is aware that the best ideas in the room can come from anywhere. He gets a really good team in place and then sets them loose."

A Miami native, Stabile now lives in Delray Beach with his Carbonell Award-winning actress-wife, Niki Fridh, who is likely to be a frequent presence in Theatre Lab productions. "I always say she's better at her job than I am at mine," he readily offers. As to potential charges of nepotism, he adds, "It's funny, I have worried about that. But then I go back to, 'But she's one of the best actors around,' so I worry less about it. ... When the role is right, I'm going to go after the best actor, and I've got an in with her."

"When we began at FAU and he made that move with me, it became very clear very quickly that he had all those skills and the passion of an artist at the height of his powers," says Tyrrell, 68, who takes on the new title of founding director and will be staging one of this season's productions.

"We have very similar tastes, I think. We both love literary work, deep character studies, stories that can live with us for years. I think the audience is going to find the same commitment to surprising, exciting new work. He is taking the little torch that I am passing to him and building that flame in brave new ways."

Tyrrell may be stepping

If You Go

The Theatre Lab opens this season's productions Sept. 8 with *Ronia: The Robber's Daughter*, by Allison Gregory, in its U.S. premiere. The show runs through Sept. 30, with shows at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$15. Call 297-6124 or visit www.faevents.com.

down as artistic director, but he is not stepping out. "He likes to say, 'I'm still here. I haven't gone away.' And he hasn't," says Stabile with a sigh of relief. "There's so much that goes into being artistic director, there's still a lot for me to learn."

Asked about Theatre Lab's financial health, Stabile says, "Well, it can always be better, but we're in great shape right now. We have (the) Heckscher (Foundation) supporting us for our education program, which enables us to leverage some other support. We have two seasoned benefactors that have been with us since the beginning here."

"Our ticket sales, we keep seeing growth and hopefully it will be even better this year."

Still, Theatre Lab is a much smaller operation than Florida Stage. "Florida Stage had a \$4 million budget at one point. We're running at a little over half a million. So it's about shrinking what we're doing. I want the budget to grow, but (it is) unlikely to ever get up to \$4 million."

"If there's one thing I'll always take from Lou, it's that you make sure that the top priority is taking care of your artists. So we try to make sure that our artists are compensated at a rate that is livable and that is equal to — if not better — than other places in the area," Stabile explains. "We want them to feel that their work is valued because we're nothing without them."

Stabile is adamant that his new role as artistic director is not intended as a stepping stone to a job elsewhere. "Our contracts are annual. But in terms of how long I've signed on for it, I've got a 5-, 10-, 15- and 20-year plan," he says. "So I'm in this for the long haul."

"I've always been in love with South Florida. I think my biggest mission has become trying to stop the talent drain that happens here. I want to stop the running narrative that if you want a career, you're going to have to leave. And if you're here, it's because you couldn't make it somewhere else," says Stabile emphatically. "It's become this mission for me to support South Florida arts and artists. I'm thrilled to be doing this here."

As to whether the audience will notice any differences at Theatre Lab under the Stabile administration, he thinks that is doubtful. "It's going to be the same Theatre Lab. Virtually the same team with a little adjustment. And maybe there'll be a little more puppets," Stabile adds with a laugh.

News Briefs

Norton's Alswang to retire in March

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Staff Reports

WEST PALM BEACH — Hope Alswang, who has led the Norton Museum of Art since April 2010, will retire in March after it reopens following its massive expansion and renovation by the eminent British architect Norman Foster.

Alswang, who led a \$100 million capital campaign called The New Norton, has



Alswang

overseen an expansion of the institution's collections, receiving donations of more than 875 artworks and the purchase of more than 700, buttressing its collections of modern art and photography.

She also inaugurated the Recognition of Art by Women (RAW) exhibition series and increased opportunities for free admission and programs for the public.

"Hope has had an electrifying effect on the Norton Museum of Art during her tenure," said Harry Howell, chairman of the museum's Board of Trustees, in a prepared statement.

The capstone to Alswang's leadership at the Norton has been leading The New Norton project, the largest capital campaign and building transformation in the institution's history. The Foster + Partners designed project is dramatically re-orienting the Museum entrance, adding 35 percent more gallery space, a new state-of-the-art auditorium, a new dining pavilion, double education space, and creating "a museum in a garden." The museum, which closed in July for the final phase of renovations, will reopen to the public Feb. 9.

The Norton's board has launched a national search for Alswang's replacement.

Meanwhile, the Norton announced earlier this summer that it has received the largest philanthropic gift in its 77-year-history, a \$16 million donation from the Kenneth C. Griffin Charitable Fund, to help support the ongoing museum renovation.

Museum officials said the fund plans to provide an additional \$4 million to endow the directorship, bringing its total support of the Norton to \$20 million. In recognition of the gift, the Norton's new structure will be named the Kenneth C. Griffin Building.

A Florida native, Griffin has given more than \$600 million to educational and cultural causes.

Indiana arts leader takes over at Palm Beach Cultural Council

LAKE WORTH — David B. Lawrence took over as president and chief executive officer of the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County last month, having been named earlier this summer following a nationwide search.

Lawrence succeeds Rena Blades, who retired in January.

Lawrence comes to Palm Beach County from Indianapolis, where he was president and CEO of the Arts Council of Indianapolis for

nine years. A graduate of DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., Lawrence's arts management background includes work with Indianapolis Opera, Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, Clowes Memorial Hall, Indiana Repertory Theatre, Indiana University Auditorium and the INB Broadway Series.

During his tenure at the Arts Council, Lawrence directed the organization's efforts to create "46 for XLVI" (46 murals painted throughout the city of Indianapolis for Super Bowl XLVI), "Vibrant Corridors" (murals painted on the walls of railroad and highway underpasses), and a number of artist fellowship programs. "I am honored to have been chosen to lead the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, which represents one of the largest cultural sectors in the nation," Lawrence said in a prepared statement. "The organization has a strong strategic plan and a legacy of impact. I'm excited to begin the next chapter of my arts career in 'Florida's Cultural Capital.'"



Lawrence

Houston educator named fine arts dean at Palm Beach Atlantic University

WEST PALM BEACH — Jason Lester, dean of the School of Fine Arts at Houston Baptist University, was named dean of the School and Music and Fine Arts at Palm Beach Atlantic University in July.



Lester

Lester succeeds Lloyd Mims, who has served as dean since 2000 and has now returned to the faculty.

"It is with great excitement that I look forward to partnering with the faculty, students, staff, alumni and surrounding community as we shape and impact the future of the arts," Lester said in a prepared statement.

Lester holds a doctorate in vocal performance from Florida State University, along with a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati and a bachelor's degree from Baylor University.

At Houston Baptist under Lester's leadership, the school instituted new degree programs and community events, developed interdisciplinary initiatives with other schools within the university, and secured gifts and corporate partnerships.

In addition to his service at HBU, Lester recently was elected the national secretary/treasurer of the National Association of Teachers of Singing for the 2018-2020 term.

As a performer, Lester has performed over 30 operatic roles in musical styles ranging from Baroque to 21st century. His roles include Colline in *La Bohème*, Don Basilio in *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, Méphistophélès in *Faust* and Raimondo Bidebent in *Lucia di Lammermoor*.



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Tom Wahl and Rita Joe are uneasy seatmates in *White Guy on the Bus* at GableStage. Photo by George Schiavone

Reviews

Here are edited reviews of current shows. For the full reviews, please visit palmbeachartspaper.com.

White Guy on the Bus (through Sept. 9, GableStage)

Remember the song from *Avenue Q* that chirps that "Everyone's a little bit racist"? That is the premise as well of Bruce Graham's unsettling contemporary drama, *White Guy on the Bus*, now receiving a powerful area premiere at Coral Gables' GableStage.

Expertly directed by Michael Leeds, who orchestrates a top-notch cast led by Tom Wahl — the "white guy" — the play bristles with intelligence as it explores the racial and economic divisions in society.

Wahl plays a financial numbers guy named Ray, content living in his suburban white bubble of privilege. But for reasons that will be left for theatergoers to discover, Ray begins taking an inner-city public bus and starts talking with Shatique (Rita Joe), an African-American woman studying to become a nurse. She is clearly dependent on the bus for transportation, while Ray's presence on it remains puzzling until, in the course of their awkward conversation, he makes her a chilling business proposition.

Graham, who has been churning out clever, articulate plays for decades, usually about life in his hometown of Philadelphia, has homed in on one of his darkest subjects yet. In the era of Trump, particularly post-Charlottesville, *White Guy on the Bus* feels ripped from the headlines as well as timeless. It's exactly the kind of play that artistic director Joe Adler has built his theater's reputation upon. It is smart, thought-provoking, likely to trigger heated discussions afterwards and bound to stick with you for a long time to come. — *Hap Erstein*

Juliet, Naked (opened Aug. 31)

The comma separating the two words of *Juliet, Naked* is flush with sensual possibility, but it's the first joke in this affable, niche-y romcom. The title is more audiophilic than erotic: What's being stripped down isn't Juliet the person but *Juliet* the fictional album by

a fictional singer-songwriter named Tucker Crowe.

But before we meet Crowe, we're introduced to one of his most ardent admirers, Duncan Thomson (Chris O'Dowd), who runs a fan site explicating Crowe's mythos. Apparently, as he explains on his website's introductory video — a nice way for director Jesse Peretz to establish backstory — Tucker was a cultish figure in the genre we used to call college rock, but his life and legacy unraveled not long after the release of *Juliet*, his masterly breakup album. Between two sets in a Minnesota nightclub in the 1980s, Tucker virtually disappeared.

It's all too much for Annie Platt (Rose Byrne), Duncan's partner, unfulfilled in life and work. They live together in a tiny, picturesque but static town in England, where Annie runs a provincial history museum. They've been together 15 years, but their relationship is spinning its wheels.

It should not come as a surprise that *Juliet, Naked* is based on a novel by Nick Hornby, whose *High Fidelity* is the ultimate pop meditation on the feedback loop between music and misery — while still managing to be an effortless beach read. He treads similar ground in 2009's *Juliet, Naked*, and this adaptation, scripted by four writers and produced by Judd Apatow, captures its spirit of music geekdom and relationship malaise well before we finally meet Tucker Crowe.

Played by Ethan Hawke — who continues his winning run following his magisterial work in the year's best film, *First Reformed* — Tucker is nobody's idea of a saint. A deadbeat dad with children from three (or is it four?) mothers, he lives in the cavernous garage of his unnecessarily generous ex-wife, raising a young son, finally hoping he gets this one right.

We meet Tucker through an irony that is, frankly, too precious to fully accept: He strikes up an email correspondence with Annie. This convenient digital courtship begins just as Annie and Duncan's wilting tenure is reaching its end.

The film, redeemed by its copious humanism, deft wit, and warts-and-all characterizations, turns out to be the most charming romantic comedy of 2018. — *PBAP staff*

Arts Calendar

(Note: Events are listed through Oct. 5 and were current as of Aug. 25. Please check with the presenting agency for any changes. Ticket prices are single sales. Most of the presenting organizations offer subscription plans.)

ART EXHIBITS

Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens: Closed in September, reopens Oct. 3 with *David Kapp: Crossing the Grid*, oil paintings by the Hopperesque American artist. Through Dec. 9. Main gardens are open 10 am-4 pm. W-Sun. \$10, \$8 students. 832-5328 or ansg.org.

Armory Art Center: Opens Sept. 8: *New and Now*, works by incoming Armory faculty members. Through Oct. 12. 9 am-4 pm M-F, 9 am-2 pm Sat. Free admission. 832-1776 or armoryart.org.

Boca Raton Museum of Art: Through Oct. 21: *Nomadic Murals*, contemporary tapestries and carpets by artists such as William Kentridge, Kiki Smith and Kara Walker; *Lisette Model: Photographs from the Canadian Photography Institute*, images by the Viennese-born street photographer best-known for ability to capture human peculiarities. 10 am-5 pm T/Th/F; 10 am-8 pm first W; noon-5 pm Sat & Sun. 392-2500, or bocamuseum.org.

Cornell Art Museum: Through Sept. 23: *Flora*, contemporary artworks inspired by the god of springtime and flowers. 10 am-4:30 pm T-Sat; 1-4:30 pm Sun. Suggested donation: \$5. 243-7922 or www.oldschool-square.org.

Cultural Council of Palm Beach County: Opens Sept. 14: *Play With Your Food!*, works by 21 local artists on a gustatory theme. Through Nov. 3. Galleries in Lake Worth open 10 am-5 pm T-Sat; free admission. 471-2901 or palmbeachculture.com.

Lighthouse ArtCenter. Opens Sept. 4: *Art of Association*, pieces from South Florida artists associations from Miami to Vero Beach. Through Oct. 11. \$10 adults, \$5 students over 12. 10 am-4 pm. M-F, 10 am-2 pm Sat & Sun. 746-3101 or lighthousearts.org.

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens: Opens Sept. 29: *Hard Bodies*, contemporary works in the Japanese lacquer tradition, but now on a larger scale, such as an automobile hood. Through March 31. Museum tickets: \$15, \$13 seniors, \$9 children and college students. 10 am-5 pm. T-Sun. 495-0233 or morikami.org.

Palm Beach Photographic Centre: Through Oct. 27: 22nd Annual Members' Show, featuring the work of 70 photographers, judged by Scott McKiernan, head of the Zuma press agency. Free admission. 10 am-6 pm M-Th, 10 am-5 pm F & Sat. 253-2600 or workshop.org

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Sunday, Sept. 16
Delray String Quartet: The durable foursome is joined by pianist Jure Rozman for a Richard Hofmann arrangement of the First Piano Concerto of Chopin. Dvořák's American Quartet is on the program along with the second movement of the Seventh Quartet by Richard Danielpour, which was written for the quartet. 3 pm, St. Paul's. Suggested donation: \$20. 278-6003 or music.stpauls-delray.org.

Saturday, Sept. 29
Jenny Lin: The Taiwanese-born American pianist brings preludes and fugues by J.S. Bach and Dmitri Shostakovich, along with three works by Liszt including the Dante Sonata to the Piano Lovers series. 4 pm, Steinway Gallery, Boca Raton. \$25 before concert; \$30 at the door. pianolovers.org

Saturday, Sept. 29-Sunday, Sept. 30
Lynn Philharmonia: The first program of the conservatory orchestra's new season features conductor Guillermo Figueroa as violist along with violinist Elmar Oliveira in the Mozart Sinfonia Concertante. Also on the concert is a brass arrangement of the "Gathering of the Armies" from Wagner's Lohengrin, plus the Sixth Symphony of Tchaikovsky. 7:30 pm Sat, 4 pm Sun, Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, Boca Raton. \$35-\$50. 237-7000 or lynn.edu/events.

FILM

Friday, Sept. 14
American Chaos: Documentarian Jim Stern travels through the red states before the election of 2016, listening to the voice of the Trump faithful, and being horrified. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com.

Friday, Sept. 21
The Children Act: Richard Eyre's film about a British judge married to an American professor who must decide whether to force a boy with leukemia to have a blood transfusion. With Emma Thompson, Stanley Tucci and Fionn Whitehead. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com.

Friday, Sept. 28
Memoir of War: Melanie Thierry stars as the French writer Marguerite Duras in this film drawn from her World War II memoir about trying to get her husband released from Gestapo custody in France. In French with English subtitles. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com.

JAZZ

Sunday, Sept. 9
Donna Singer: The singer performs a show called *Birdland Breezes*, featuring music from the Great American Songbook. 7 pm, Arts Garage, Delray Beach. \$25-40. 450-6357 or artsgarage.org.

Friday, Sept. 14
Jonathan Joseph Quartet: The drummer presents music from his Music Minus Drums project plus standards arranged to incorporate two ancient folk rhythms from Cameroon. 8 pm, Arts Garage, Delray Beach. \$35-45. 450-6357 or artsgarage.org.

Friday, Sept. 28
Davina and the Vagabonds: Singer and pianist Davina Sowers and her quintet in a show that incorporates classic American styles from New Orleans, Memphis and others. 8 pm, Arts Garage, Delray Beach. \$35-45. 450-6357 or artsgarage.org.

OPERA

Friday, Sept. 28
Summer Opera Nights: Palm Beach Opera's new summer series of concerts and games at the Elizabeth Avenue Station in West Palm Beach features bass-baritone Neil Nelson. 6 to 10 pm. \$10. 833-7888 or pbopera.org/events/operanights.

POPULAR MUSIC

Saturday, Sept. 8
Paul Simon: The legendary songwriter, now 76, is on his farewell tour. 8 pm, BB&T Center, Sunrise. livenation.com

Sunday, Sept. 9
G-Eazy: The Bay Area rapper is accompanied by Lil Uzi Vert, Ty Dolla Sign, Ybn Nahmir, Murda Beatz and P-Lo on the Endless Summer Tour. \$29.50 and up. 6:30 pm, Coral Sky Amphitheatre. livenation.com

Friday, Sept. 14
Dierks Bentley: The Arizona-born country singer has had 16 No. 1 records, and appears here with Brothers Osborne and Lanco on his Mountain High tour. 7 pm, Coral Sky Amphitheatre. livenation.com

Saturday, Sept. 15
Sting and Shaggy: The former Police frontman and the Jamaican singer-songwriter present a tour backing up their 44/876 album, released earlier this year. 8 pm, Fillmore Miami Beach at Jackie Gleason Theater, Miami Beach. livenation.com

Sunday, Sept. 23
Niall Horan: The young Irish singer-songwriter, on his Flicker World Tour. 7 pm, Coral Sky Amphitheatre. livenation.com

THEATER

Opens Saturday, Sept. 8
Ronia, the Robber's Daughter: The U.S. premiere of a play by Allison Gregory based on a book by Astrid Lindgren about rival families of thieves inhabiting a mythic forest. At FAU Theatre Lab, through Sept. 30. fauevents.com or 297-6124.

Opens Friday, Sept. 28
My Way: A musical revue featuring some or all of 56 songs recorded by Frank Sinatra, presented by MNM Theatre Company at the Kravis Center's Rinker Playhouse. Through Oct. 14. 832-7469 or kravis.org.

Arts

A take on the state of the global art market

By Sandra Schulman
ArtsPaper Contributing Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE — The art world is a big place. Much of it has come to South Florida the last decade or so as major art fairs and new museums have taken root from West Palm Beach to Miami.

The really big picture gets taken annually by Deloitte, which pulls all the seemingly disparate threads together in a report that runs close to 300 glossy pages. Adriano Picinati di Torcello, director and global art and finance coordinator at Deloitte and co-author of the report, spoke about the global art market and shared the report's latest insights earlier this summer at ArtServe in Fort Lauderdale.

Using a series of slides, di Torcello showed how the art market has grown over the years.

The *Deloitte Art and Finance Report 2017* notes the convergence of three main spheres of influence: finance, which includes bankers and collectors; culture, which means museums and private collectors; and business, which takes up galleries, art fairs and the rise of art technology. The current global market value of art is upward of \$63 billion, he said, including reported amounts from auctions, private sales, antiques and the contemporary market.

Staggering prices at auctions (more than \$100 million for works by Basquiat and Warhol) have been paid by a new class of wealthy people, particularly in Asia and Russia. They are seeing the art market as a more exciting and emotional place to invest than stocks and bonds, although they still park their money there, too.

A new investing trend is crowdfunding, di Torcello noted. A recent online drive allowed 25,000 people to buy a Picasso worth \$2 million. These buyers will all enjoy a piece of the profit if the piece sells for more at a future auction.

Wealth managers are suggesting art purchases more and more, as "the industry moves toward a more holistic asset management model," di

Torcello said. This calls for art advisers to keep track of auctions, fairs and big gallery shows.

Technology is playing a key role in the evolution of art services as art sales continue to grow, while social media influences the creation of marketing and distribution channels, di Torcello said; Instagram, for example, has become a major player by instantly blasting art images into cyberspace. Sales and connections are made across time zones in ways that would have been unthinkable a few years ago.

Technological innovations are improving art market transparency, too, as one can check an artist or dealer or gallery or fair's reputation with just a few clicks, he said. Worldwide databases for stolen, faked or copyrighted art make up a huge market. One can also check the management infrastructure for art and collectible wealth, he added. Online sales are booming, accounting for almost 5 percent of all sales, up from 1.5 percent in 2013.

Creators of the new technologies, who tend to be younger, in turn become collectors themselves. Art becomes their capital and provides bragging rights, he said.

Art fairs have grown from a handful to hundreds in a decade. For all their expense and shopping mall reputation, they are still a way for galleries to be seen by thousands of people that would never walk through their physical doors.

Wealth managers also guide collectors both private and corporate in using this new currency in estate and tax planning. Private museums of collectors' works have increased 20 percent in the last five years, with 317 new ones. At The Bunker in West Palm Beach, collector Beth DeWoody parks her enormous collection of well-curated contemporary art in a two-story renovated factory building off Dixie Highway.

The art market outlook for the rest of 2018 remains cautiously optimistic despite heightened geopolitical and economic risk, di Torcello said. The Deloitte ArtTactic art market speculation barometer is up 17.7 percent from January 2017.

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SEPTEMBER 1

Saturday - 9/1 - Save the Jaguar 5K Run/2018 Big Cat Race Series at Palm Beach Zoo & Dreher Park, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 2nd of 3 runs. No strollers, rollerblades, skateboards, bicycles, etc. permitted on racecourse. Registration includes zoo admission + 3 1/2-price friend/family discount coupons. 6-7 am packet pick-up/registration; 7:30-10 am race. \$40/adult; \$25/student. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

9/1 - Pickleball at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 210 W Atlantic Ave. M-F 8 am-9 pm; Sat 8 am-6 pm. \$3/resident; \$4/non-resident; \$1/add for night play lights. Monthly passes available. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

9/1 - Lawn Bowling at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Takes skill/practice. Age 18 & up. M/W/F/Sat 9 am-noon. Annual fee \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

9/1 - Pickleball at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Combines badminton and tennis. Adults. Sat 9 am-noon; M/W 6-8:30 pm. \$5/person; annual pass \$130/resident, \$165/non-resident. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

9/1 - Summer Safari Savings at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. All summer long buy any full price daytime admission, get Summer Safari Savings card for free unlimited return daytime visits through 9/30. Cards are non-transferable, adults must show ID matching the name on the card. Open daily 9 am-5 pm. \$22.95/adult; \$20.95/senior 60+; \$16.95/child (3-12); free/toddler 0-2. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

9/1 - 3D Printing Project at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 10/6. 10 am-noon. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/1 - 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

9/1 - Pickleball at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults. M-F 8 am-9 pm, Sat 8 am-6 pm. Daily \$3/resident; \$4/non-resident. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

9/1 - Black Movie Experience (BMX): Moonlight at Williams Cottage, 170 NW 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 1st Sat 1-4 pm. \$10. 279-8883; spadiumuseum.org

9/1 - Opossum, Snake, Owl & Alligator Feedings at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Opossum W 3:15 pm; Snake Th 3:15 pm; Owl F 3:15 pm; Alligator Sat 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760; pbcnature.com

9/1 - Wine Pairings: Artisanal Cheeses at Hyatt Place Boca Raton/Downtown, 100 E Palmetto Park Rd. 7-9 pm. \$30/advance. 954-410-3177; info@savorourcity.com

9/1 - D.J. Demers at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center South Room, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Part of Summer Comedy Series. 8 pm. \$23-\$45. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

9/1 - The Chris Thomas Band: Sinatra to Soul at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

9/1 - Comedy Show: The Fall Fiasco at Improv U, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Not recommended for children under age 13. 8-9:30 pm. \$10. 844-561-4242; theimprovu.com

9/1-30 - Boca Raton Restaurant Month 2018 at multiple locations. Multi-course prix-fixe lunches/dinners, culinary events, more. \$21-\$40/person + tax/gratuity. Reservations encouraged: bocarestaurantmonth.com

9/1-30 - Flavor Palm Beach at various restaurants throughout Palm Beach County. Benefits Palm Beach County Food Bank. Specially priced 3-course meals for lunch/dinner. Check website for participating restaurants. \$20-\$45 + tax/gratuity. Flavorpb.com

Municipal Meetings

9/4 & 10/2 - Highland Beach - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: highlandbeach.us

9/6 & 9/20 - Boynton Beach - First and third Tuesday at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 North Federal Hwy. 6:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

9/6, 9/24 & 10/2 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgeflorida.com

9/12 - South Palm Beach - Second Tuesday at the South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 7 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

9/12 & 9/25 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 10 am. Agenda: manalapan.org

9/13 & 9/27 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

9/14 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 4 pm. Agenda: gulf-stream.org

9/24 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 7 pm. Agenda: lantana.org

9/25 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesday at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us

9/25 & 10/2 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: mydelraybeach.com

SEPTEMBER 2-8

Sunday - 9/2 - 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. Every Sun through 12/30. 12:30-4 pm. \$10/at the door. Reservations: 338-2995; myboca.us

9/2 - Monthly Social: Mingle with Singles at Lake Worth Art League, 604 Lucerne Ave. 1st Sun through 10/7. 3-5 pm. \$5/member; \$7/non-member. 586-8666; lwartleague.org

9/2 - Randy Stephens & the Groove Makers at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$15-\$25. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Monday - 9/3 - Labor Day

9/3 - 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

9/3 - Bike Nite at Tilted Kilt Pub & Brewery, 3320 Airport Rd #1, Boca Raton. Held by Fury Road Riders; benefits Natural High, a national 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to inspire youth to discover their natural high so they have a reason to say no to drugs and alcohol. Tilted Kilt donates 10% of food bill to Natural High. Every M 7 pm. 504-3310; furyroadrc.com

9/3 - Improv Drop In at Improv U, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Fun games/exercises designed for newcomers/advanced players. Great for actors, artists, stand up comedians, accountants, everyone in between. M Improv Drop In; W Improv Games Drop In; Th Musical Drop In. M/W/Th 7-9 pm. \$10. 844-561-4242; theimprovu.com

Tuesday - 9/4 - Pickleball: Advanced Play at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Adults. T/Th/F 9 am-1 pm. Monthly pass \$20/resident, \$30/non-resident; Per day \$3/resident, \$4/non-resident. 243-7250; mydelraybeach.com

9/4 - Exhibition Opening: Building Paradise: Addison Mizner's Legacy at Historical Society of Palm Beach County Johnson History Museum, 300 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Runs through 6/29/19 during regular hours M-F 10 am-5 pm; Sat 10 am-4 pm. Free. 832-4164; hspbc.org

9/4 - Chess Club at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game necessary. Age 18 & up. Every T/F noon-4:30 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

9/4 - 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

9/4 - Beginner's Laptop & Internet at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/4 - Socrates Café at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every T 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/4 - Pinochle at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every T/Th 6-9 pm. Free. 393-7807; myboca.us

9/4 - Microsoft Excel Class 1 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 9/18. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/4 - Open Play Basketball 30 & Over at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Every T 7-8 pm. Free. 243-7000 x5001; mydelraybeach.com

9/4 - 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

Wednesday - 9/5 - The Kathleen Brush Program for Women in Leadership at Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12-session course; hard and soft business skills; participants matched w/C-Suite level mentors; PDU/CEU credits available; some partial scholarships available; materials, lunch, parking included. 3rd W through 4/24/19 8:30 am-4:30 pm. \$4,750. Register: 297-4819; business.fau.edu/womensleadership

9/5 - Alliance of Delray Beach: The Important November Elections at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Guest speaker: Susan Bucher, PBC Supervisor of Elections. Public welcome. Refreshments served. 9 am/doors open, 9:30 am/meeting. 859-3383.

9/5 - 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

9/5 - 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

9/5 - Sewing Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Teacher on hand for assistance. Bring fabric, pattern, scissors, pins, thread, sewing machine. All levels. Every W through 11/7 noon-2 pm. \$120/resident; \$150/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

9/5 - Scrabble at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 1 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

9/5 - Create a Digital Journal at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/5 - Introduction to Tinkercad at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 10/3. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/5 - Confessions of a Public Mural Artist Art Talk & Book Signing at Old School

Square Cornell Museum, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Exhibition runs through 9/9. \$15/ includes one drink. 699-7899; bysharon.com

Thursday - 9/6 - First Thursday Site Tours at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. History of Delray Beach slide show, tour of the historic site. 11 am & 1 pm. \$8/at door. 403-2956; oldschoolsquare.org

9/6 - Adult Acrylics Art Class at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Instructor teaches acrylic painting techniques to beginners; and available for 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

9/6 - 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

9/6 - Sell Your Stuff on Ebay at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; myboca.us/957/Library

9/6 - Alexander Hamilton: Blood Honor and Politics in Early America at Florida Atlantic University Wimberly Library 5th Floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Speaker Adrian Finucane, Ph.D. 4 pm. Free. 297-3770; fau.edu

9/6 - Microsoft Excel Class 2 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 9/20. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/6 - Brazil Film Festival: Palavra (En) cantada at Florida Atlantic University Performing Arts Building, Room 101, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Free. 800-564-9539; fau.edu

9/6 - Adult Tango Dance at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Every Th 7:50-10:50 pm. \$12/resident; \$15/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

9/6 - Feedback: Spoken Word Open Mic Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$5. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

9/6-9 - Palm Beach Improv Festival at Fairfield Inn and Suites, 910 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 3 performances in each 90-minute block. Not recommended for children under age 13. Th 7-10:30 pm; F 6:30-11:30 pm; Sat 6 pm-12:30 am; Sun 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Tickets start at \$5. 844-561-4242; palmbeachimprovfestival.com

Friday - 9/7 - Grandparent's Day Party at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. 9-11 am. Free. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

9/7 - Supervised Bridge Play at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. John Black. Partners not needed. Adults. Every F 10 am-noon. \$10/person. 393-7807; myboca.us

9/7 - Concentration Domination: Life Skills to Improve Your Focus at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/7 - 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. Per class: \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

9/7 - 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; billgovetostmastersclub.com

9/7 - iPad Basics at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

9/7 - Shimmer Art Exhibition Opening Reception at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Runs through 9/30. 5-7 pm. Free. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

9/7 - Story on Canvas: 52 Deerfield Moments at Deerfield Beach Historical Society, 380 E Hillsboro Blvd. Exhibition, light



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9/7 - First Friday Art Walk at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Current exhibits, wine/cheese, then visit participating galleries on Atlantic Avenue, in Pineapple Grove, Artists Alley. 6-9 pm. Free. 403-2956; oldschoolsquare.org

9/7 - Adult Ballroom Dance Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Singles and couples welcome. Every F through 10/19. Beginner (Country Two-Step) 6:30-7:30 pm; Intermediate (Rumba) 7:45-8:45 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

9/7 - West Coast Swing Dance Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Instructor John Grassia. Singles and couples welcome. Every F through 10/12 + some Mondays. 7:30-9 pm. \$50/resident; \$62.50/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

9/7 - Community Jam Dance at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Adults. 1st F 7:30-10 pm. \$5. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

9/7 - Garage Queens: Twelve Queens. Four Months. A Competition for the Title of Garage Queen! at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$15-\$25. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Saturday - 9/8 - Farm Your Backyard Vegetable Growing Workshop at Hutcheson Agricultural Complex, 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Presented by Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension. Tips/techniques on site preparation, seedling establishment, planting, maintenance, harvesting. 9 am-1 pm. Free. Register: 233-1792; dligotino@pbcgov.org

9/8 - League of Women Voters Cool Topic: Gerrymandering and the Courts at South Florida Science Center STEM Education Center, 4802 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Guest speaker: Thomas Wolf, NYU School of Law Brennan Center for Justice. 10-11:30 am. Free. RSVP: lwwpbc.org

9/8 - Ride & Remember Bus Tour departs from Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 2-hour tour; focus on 5 historic districts. 2nd Sat 10 am-noon. \$25. Reservations: 279-8883; spadmuseum.com

9/8 - Workshop: Break Through! How to Get Published part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 10 am. Registration: \$25. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

9/8 - The Anatomy of a Scandal by Sarah Vaughan at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Page Turners Saturday morning book discussion. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/8 - Tea Ceremony Workshop at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Learn basics of sado Tea Ceremony necessary to know in order to learn more about the aesthetics of sado or better understand, fully enjoy the tea ceremony itself. Workshop is a prerequisite to study sado at Morikami. \$40. 1-3 pm. Registration: 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

9/8 - Homeschooling Resources at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/8 - Podcasting I Class at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

9/8 - The Radio Hour with Jill and Rich at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner, 8 pm show. \$65-\$150. 995-2333; thewick.org

9/8 - 7th Annual Brazilian Beat at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Celebrate Brazilian Independence Day. Live music, street entertainment, authentic Brazilian food/cocktails. 6-11 pm. Free. 367-7807; downtownboca.org

9/8 - Wind Ensemble Concert: The Wind Concerto Movement 2 Crossover Concerti at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$50/box; \$40/orchestra; \$35/mezzanine. 237-7000; lynn.tix.com

9/8 - All Ages Family Comedy Show at Capital One Cafe, 330 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd Sat 7:30-8:30 pm. Free. 844-561-4242; theimprovu.com

9/8 - CeCe Teneal & Soul Kamotion at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

SEPTEMBER 9-15

Sunday - 9/9 - Rosh Hashanah
9/9 - Sado: Tea Ceremony Beginners Class at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Study the traditional art of Sado, The Way of Tea. Workshop required for those

who wish to start studying Sado. 2 lessons/month (9/9 & 16); individual appointments begin at 10:15 am. \$50/member; \$55/non-member. Registration: 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

9/9 - Grandparent's Day Party at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. Noon-5 pm. Free w/regular admission. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

9/9 - Friends Sunday Music Matinee: Preservation Road at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 3 pm. Free. 807-7041; bocalibrary.org

9/9 - Grandparents Day at Flagler Museum, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Families tour Whitehall w/activity guide for kids, family activities. Create family tree, scrapbook page, be interviewed by grandchild, write a postcard to send to family, have a photo taken in front of Railcar No. 91. 3-5 pm. Free w/museum admission. 655-2833; flaglermuseum.us

9/9 - Preservation Road with Dr. Robert Watson at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of Friends Music Series. Adults. 3-4 pm. Free. Reservations: 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/9 - Marc Reese and Friends at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 4 pm. \$20. 237-7000; lynn.tix.com

Monday - 9/10 - A Silver Dish by Saul Bellow part of Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:30 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

9/10 - Introduction to Computers at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Older Adults Tech Academy. Every M/T through 11/13 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

9/10 - Downtown Lake Worth Food Truck Invasion at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. 2nd M 6-10 pm. 844-682-7466; foodtruckinvasion.com

Tuesday - 9/11 - Beginner Drawing with Color Pastels & Charcoal Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every T through 10/9 9:30-11:30 am. \$110/resident; \$137.50/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

9/11 - Nosh! Learn to Cook While Having Fun at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10-11 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/11 - Introduction to Mah Jongg at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Required 2016 National Mah Jongg League playing card needed for class. Every T through 10/30 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$97/resident; \$121/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

9/11 - Word Basics at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

9/11 - A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki part of Evening Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/11 - Foreign Film Series: The Death of Stalin (R) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-9 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/11 - John Straley and John Gilstrap speak and sign their books *Baby's First Felony* and *Scorpion Strike* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

9/11 - Shine: Open Mic Showcase at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd T 8-11 pm. \$10. 450-6357; artsgarage.org
Wednesday - 9/12 - Computers: The Internet and Beyond at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Older Adults Tech Academy. Every W/Th through 11/15 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

9/12 - Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club at City Fish Market, 7940 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Speaker Edward Bender. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$35/member or first-time guest; \$55/non-member. 620-8888; goldcoasttigerbayclub.com

9/12 - The Kenya Library Project: Field Report with Isabella Rowan at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/12 - Excel Basics at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org
9/12 - Delray Beach Orchid Society at Veterans Park Recreation Center, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 2nd W 6:30 pm. Free. 573-2422; delraybeachorchidsociety.com

9/12 - Writers' Corner at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Manuscript critiquing by published authors. Every 2nd W 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

9/12 - Women's National Book Association of South Florida Monthly Meeting: Caz Frear speaks and signs her book *Sweet Little Lies* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 6:30 pm. \$10/non-members. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com
9/12-13 - Auditions for The 1940's Radio Hour at The Delray Beach Playhouse,

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Thursday - 9/13 - Keys to Landscaping Success: Top Tips for Community Associations and Homeowners with Laurie Albrecht at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Find right ways to water/fertilize plants, cope with common pests, prune plants, prepare for storms. Take 1 or 2 classes or all 3 and earn a certificate. Series continues 9/20 & 27. 9 am-12:30 pm. \$5/person. Register: 233-1759; csmith5@pbpcgov.org

9/13 - Knit 'N Purl at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Rotating facilitators. Held again 9/27. 10:30 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/13 - What is VR? at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/13 - Concert: Carlos Manuel Santana, Tenor at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

9/13 - College Night at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 5-8 pm. Free/college students w/ID. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

9/13 - Night Line Dancing Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th through 10/25. Beginner: 6-7 pm; Beginner & High Beginner 6-8 pm; High Beginner 7-8 pm; High Beginner & Intermediate 7-9 pm; Intermediate 8-9 pm. \$44-\$70/resident; \$55-\$88/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

9/13 - 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

9/13 - The Hazel Wood by Melissa Albert at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of (Not Too) Young Adult Book Club. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/13 - 2nd Annual Alumni Recital: Peter Pirrotte and Carina Inoue at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. Free. 237-9000; lynn.tix.com

Friday - 9/14 - iPad Intermediate at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

9/14 - Sushi & Stroll Summer Walk at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Enjoy taiko drumming, a cold drink, a breathtaking sunset. Fushu Daiko drumming performances (first-come/first-served, add \$3). 5:30-8:30 pm. \$6-\$8. 495-0233; morikami.org

9/14 - 11th Annual Boca's Ballroom Battle at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E Camino Real. Benefits George Snow Scholarship Fund. Elegant cocktail reception, dance showcase, after party. Summer cocktail attire; jackets for gentlemen. 6-10 pm. Tickets start at \$185. 347-6799; ballroombattle.com

9/14 - Beginner Piano for Adults at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Hal Leonard EZ Play Today method. Bring a keyboard. Every F through 10/26 6:30-7:30 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

9/14 - Exhibition Opening: New Art: South Florida Cultural Consortium Fellowship Program at Florida Atlantic University Ritter Art Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs

through 10/27. 6:30 pm. Free. 297-2661; fau.edu/galleries

9/14 - Cheryl Hollon speaks and signs her book *Shattered at Sea* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

Saturday - 9/15 - St. Joseph's Episcopal School 2nd Annual Jaguar Classic Golf Tournament at Seagate Country Club at The Hamlet, 3600 Hamlet Dr, Delray Beach. Golf, luncheon, awards ceremony, silent auction. 7:30 am. \$30/person. Register by 9/7: 732-2045; sjsonline.org/giving

9/15 - Workshop: Queries and Pitches part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 10 am. \$25. Registration: 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

9/15 - Open House Saturday at Amanda James Gallery, 412 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Debut of Recovery Butterfly Bag; \$10 from each bag sold donated to Wayside House. 11 am-1 pm. Free/admission. 823-5057; amandajamesgallery.com

9/15 - Drum Circle at Veterans Park Gazebo, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 3rd Sat 7-10 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

9/15 - Divas on Stage: Greatest Songs of All Time at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 8 pm. \$15. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

9/15 - Lucy Grau at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

9/15-16 - Exotic Plant & Orchid Sale & Indoor Arts & Craft Fair at Mounts Botanical Garden, 563 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Walking tour. 9 am-4 pm. \$10/non-member; free/member & child 12 & under. 233-1757; mounts.org

9/15-16 - Auditions for Lake Worth Has Talent III at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 1-5 pm. Free. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

Monday - 9/17 - Monday Morning Muffins & Mysteries: The Long Drop by Denise Mina at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 393-7906; myboca.us/957/Library

9/17 - Immigration and the First Amendment: The United States and Hispanic/LatinX Experience with Maria Hinojosa at Florida Atlantic University Student Union, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Panel discussion follows. 2:30 pm. Free. 297-3211; fau.edu/jackmillerforum/constitution

9/17 - Internet Safety Best Practices at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

Tuesday - 9/18 - Yom Kippur 9/18 - Movies with Mykal: The Asphalt Jungle (1950 NR) at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/18 - Word Intermediate at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

9/18 - The Tuesday Murder Club Book Group: And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 6:30 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

9/18 - Benefit Concert: Dr. Robin Arrigo and The Kretzer Kids at Harriet Himmel Theater, 700 S Rosemary Ave, West Palm Beach. Benefits longtime local piano tuner Erick Sanchez & his family. Part of Kretzer Piano Music Foundation's Music for the Mind Concert Series. 7 pm. \$15/adult; \$5/student. 866-449-2489; kretzerpiano.com/KPMF

9/18 - 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

9/18 - Florida Native Plant Society at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Elections & Ergonomic Landscaping & Earthworks. 3rd T 7 pm. Free. palmbeach.fnpschapters.org

Wednesday - 9/19 - Literary Lectures: Kudos by Rachel Cusk at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/19 - Excel Intermediate at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

9/19 - Zonta Club of Boca Raton at Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 3rd W 5:30 pm. \$30. 482-1013; zontabocaron.org

9/19 - Highland Beach Coastal Democratic Club at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 3rd W 6:30 pm. Free. 272-6280

Thursday - 9/20 - 4th Annual Saluting Branches: Arborists United for Veteran Remembrance at South Florida National Cemetery, 6501 State Road 7, Lake Worth. Participating companies honor veterans by donating tree care at veteran properties. 8:30 am. 844-922-1151; salutingbranches.org

9/20 - All About Trees: Palms and Their Care with Laurie Albrecht at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 9 am-12:30 pm. \$5/person. Register: 233-1759; csmith5@pbpcgov.org

9/20 - Traditions Master Class with Stephen Tonti at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 6 pm. \$20/person, free/students with ID. 237-9000; lynn.edu/events

9/20 - Brian Regan at Kravis Center Persson Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Part of the Kravis Family Fare series. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$20. 832-7469; kravis.org

Friday - 9/21 - iPad Advanced at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

9/21 - Ladies Night Out at South Florida Science Center, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Cocktails, interactive science exhibits, food/wine samples, DJ, silent auction, giveaways, more. Age 21+. 6-9 pm. \$15/before 9/18; \$18/at the door; \$30/PaintNDrink combo. 832-1988; sfsiencecenter.org

9/21 - MSD Country Strong presented by K&J Entertainment at Florida Atlantic University Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Benefit concert honors the heroes, the fallen, the survivors of gun violence in our schools. Features Beer Garden, Brother Jimmy's BBQ, mechanical bull riding challenge. 6 pm festivities begin; 7:30 pm concert doors open. \$64-\$200/person; \$50/VIP Package includes Lounge + valet parking (but NOT concert tickets); \$20/valet service. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

9/21 - Greg Diamond & Nuance Quartet at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$25-\$40. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Saturday - 9/22 - 36th Annual Swing for Kids Charity Golf Classic at Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. Hosted by Kiwanis Club of Delray Beach. Benefits Achievement

Centers for Children & Families. 8am shotgun start. \$100. 386-5237; delraybeachkiwanis-sunrise.org

9/22 - 3rd Annual Outrun Hunger Palm Beach County 5K at Okeehelie Park, 7715 Forest Hill Blvd, West Palm Beach. Benefits Feeding South Florida. 6:30 am registration/packet pickup; 7:30 am run/walk start; 8:30 am/recognition ceremony. \$25-\$50. 518-1818; feedingsouthflorida.org

9/22 - Workshop: Self-Publishing Made Simple part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 10 am. Registration: \$25. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

9/22 - Free Museum Admission at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Presented by PNC Bank. Noon-5 pm. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

9/22 - Beginner's Coding for Adults Part 1 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 4-5:30 pm 9/1. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/22 - Brew 2 at the Zoo 2018 at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Sampling from 25+ breweries, food available for purchase, live music. Adults only. 5:30-9 pm. \$37.50/general; \$67.50/VIP; \$15/designated driver; service charge added to all fees. Advance tickets required, tickets not available at the gate: 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

9/22 - Ghost Town Blues Band at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

9/22 - Huascar Barradas, Flutist, Performs KARIBE at Boca Black Box, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 8 pm. \$40/person; \$50/VIP. 483-9036; bocablackbox.com

9/22-23 - 24th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Craft Festival at 330 E Atlantic Ave. Over 100 craft booths. 10 am-4 pm. Free. 746-6615; artfestival.com

9/22-24 - 2nd Annual USTA Sunshine State Open at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave; Delray Beach Swim & Tennis Club, 2350 Jaeger Dr; Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Dr; Boynton Beach Tennis Center, 3111 S Congress Ave. The best juniors in the country compete in Boys' & Girls' 12s & 14s age division. Draw finalized 9/19; all starting times posted online. Doubles and singles format. 8 am matches begin. Free/spectator admission. Schedules/draw information: 330-6003; yellowtennisball.com/sunshine-state-open

SEPTEMBER 16-22

Sunday - 9/16 - Sado: Tea Ceremony Intermediate Class at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Study the traditional art of Sado. The Way of Tea. Tea Ceremony Workshop is required for those who have never taken a Tea Ceremony Class but wish to start studying Sado. 2 lessons/month (9/16 & 23); individual appointments begin at 10:15 am. \$50/member; \$55/non-member. Registration: 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

9/16 - Register to Vote at Temple Sinai, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Open to U.S. citizens who are residents of Palm Beach County. Age 16+. 11 am-2 pm. 276-6161 x205; templesinaipbc.com

9/16 - Music in the Museum: Dr. Irena Kofman and Marina Berberian at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Improvisations based on artwork in the Museum. 3-4 pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

9/16 - The Sunday Sleuths Book Group: Murder At The Breakers by Alyssa Maxwell at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

9/16 - The Mighty Flea Circus at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$25-\$35. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

SEPTEMBER 23-29

Sunday - 9/23 - Fruhschoppen at American German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. No t-shirts or shorts. 4th Sun 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Free admission. 967-6464; americangermanclub.org

9/23 - Dixieland/Hot Jazz Session at Boca Raton Shrine Club, 601 Clint Moore Rd. Tom Swayzee's Polecats. Presented by Hot Jazz & Alligator Gumbo Society (HAGS). Every 4th Sun 1-4 pm. \$5/member; \$10/non-member. 954-651-0970; hagsjazz.com

9/23 - Where the Wild Things Are READ OUT! at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/23 - Friends Speaker Presentation: How to Get Along with Difficult People at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Speaker Andy Greenberg. 3 pm. Free. 807-7041; bocallibrary.org

9/23 - Andrew Greenberg part of Friends Speaker Series at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 3-4 pm. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

9/23 - The Joe Cotton Band at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7-9 pm. \$15-\$25. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Monday - 9/24 - Gesturing by John Updike part of Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:30 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

9/24 - Gateway to the Moon by Mary Morris part of Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/24 - Beginner's Coding for Adults Part 2 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/24 - 36th Citizen's Justice Academy at West Palm Beach Police Department, Main County Courthouse, West Palm Beach Sheriff's Office. Check website for class schedule/locations. Every M 6-9 pm through 12/17. Free/ Palm Beach County residents. Register before 9/16: 355-4943; pbpcgov.org/criminaljustice

9/24-25 - Auditions for Barefoot in the Park at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Prepare 2-minute comedic monologue; you may be asked to read from the script. Production dates 11/16-12/2. M 7 pm; T 7:30 pm. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

Tuesday - 9/25 - Rules of Civility by Amor Towles part of Book Club discussion by Friends

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9/25 - Word Advanced at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

9/25 - VIBE: Delray's Hottest Jam Session at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$5/person. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Wednesday - 9/26 - Senses of Cinema Films for Thought Class at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 18+. Every W through 10/24 10 am-12:45 pm. Per class \$12/resident, \$15/non-resident; full session \$50/resident, \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

9/26 - League of Women Voters Hot topic Luncheon: What's on the November Ballot: Explanation of the State's 13 Amendments at Atlantis Country Club, 190 Atlantis Blvd, Lake Worth. 11:30 am-1 pm. \$35. RSVP: 968-4123; lwwvbc.org

9/26 - Excel Advanced at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

9/26 - First Amendment Rights Discussion at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 6 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/26 - West Palm Beach Amateur Radio Club at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 12+. 4th W 6:15-6:45 pm Special Interest Group; 7 pm meeting begins. Free. 309-7272; ki4nuv@yahoo.com; sfsccsciencecenter.org

9/26 - 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. 7:30 pm. \$5. 347-3900; willowtheatre.org

Thursday - 9/27 - Common Pest Problems in the Landscape: Caring for South Florida Lawns with Laurie Albrecht at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 9 am-12:30 pm. \$5/person. Register: 233-1759; csmith5@pbccgov.org

9/27 - Civic Engagement: Best Practices for Activism at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/27 - Facebook Groups & Pages at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

9/27 - The Summer Ever After Tour: Dashboard Confessional + All Time Low with Special Guest Gnash presented by Live Nation at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 6 pm doors open; 7 pm show. Tickets start at \$39.50. 800-745-3000; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

9/27 - Canvas & Cocktails at Old School Square Studio 6, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Create art; drink wine, craft beer, signature cocktail. Every last Th. 7-9 pm. \$36/ includes materials & one drink ticket. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

Friday - 9/28 - Windows 10 at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

9/28 - All Arts Open Mic Night at Improv U, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Every 4th F 8-11 pm. \$5. 844-561-4242; theimprovu.com

9/28-30 - The Children's Hour by Lillian Hellman at Florida Atlantic University Studio One Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 10/7. F/Sat 7 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$22/adult; \$15/faculty, staff, alumni; \$12/student w/ID. 800-564-9539; fau.edu/festivalrep

Saturday - 9/29 - FL Authors Academy Has Talent! part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Judges to be announced. 10 am. \$25/to read; free/audience. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

9/29 - Podcasting II Class at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

9/29 - Introduction to Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Instructor Vivian Zadkovich. Introduction to MBSR. 2-4 pm. \$25/resident; \$31.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

9/29 - Vocadente at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$40-\$50. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Monday - 10/1 - Medicine in the News with Sheldon Konigsberg at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Every M through 10/22 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$50/member; \$65/non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

10/1 - Court Cases Involving Sex with Myrna Goldberger at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Every M through 10/22 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$50/member; \$65/non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

10/1 - Getting High: The Great Sopranos of Opera from Rosa Ponselle to Anna Netrebko with Paul Offenkrantz at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Every M through 10/22 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$50/member; \$65/non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

10/1 - Where Have All The Young Men Gone: Cinema in Wartime with Shelly Isaacs at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Every M through 10/22 7-9 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$50/member; \$65/non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

10/1 - Wine Pairings: Gourmet Popcorn at Hyatt Place Boca Raton/Downtown, 100 E Palmetto Park Rd. 7-9 pm. \$30/advance. 954-410-3177; info@savorourcity.com

10/1-4 - Open House at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. 9 am-3 pm. Free. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

Tuesday - 10/2 - Critical Challenges to Trump's US National Security Strategy with Robert G. Rabil at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Every T through 11/20 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$100/member; \$130/non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

10/2 - Mosaics 101 at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Held again 10/9. 10 am. \$5/materials fee. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

10/2 - Ikebana Flower Arrangement: Ikenobo School at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Traditional flower arranging using fresh flowers. Every T through 10/23. Beginners 11 am-1 pm; Intermediate 1-3 pm. \$70/member; \$80/non-member; + \$80/flower fee. Registration: 495-0233; morikami.org

10/2 - Good Looking: American Visual Culture with William Trapani at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Every T through 10/23 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$50/member; \$65/non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

10/2 - Boca Raton Garden Club at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Meet/greet for members/prospective members. 1 pm. Free. 395-9376; bocaratongardenclub.org

10/2 - Murder Most Epoch with Margery Marcus at Florida Atlantic University

Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall One-Time Event Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/ annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

Wednesday - 10/3 - Objection! Current, Contentious and Confusing Legal Battles with Irving Labovitz at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Every W through 11/28. 9-10:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$100/member; \$130/non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

10/3 - Japanese Traditional Music: Intermediate Koto Class at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Adults choose instrument to study: 13-string koto or shakuhachi. Every W through 10/31 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$150/member; \$155/non-member. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

10/3 - Energy/Environmental Policies: The Good, Bad and Ugly with William Mogel at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Every W through 10/24 11:15 am-12:45 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$50/member; \$65/non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

10/3 - The Arts and Legacy of Spain: Yesterday and Today with Terry Lawrence at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Every W through 11/28. 2-3:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$100/member; \$130/non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

10/3 - Music Americana: The Gift of Popular Music with Rod MacDonald at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Every W through 11/28. 4:30-6 pm. \$60/ annual membership; \$100/member; \$130/ non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

Thursday - 10/4 - News of the Week: The Beat Goes On with Frank Cerabino at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Every Th through 11/29. 10-11:30 am. \$60/ annual membership; \$100/member; \$130/ non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

10/4 - Oscar Wilde: Aesthete and Rebel with Taylor Hagood at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Every Th through 10/25. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$50/member; \$65/non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

10/4 - Weird, Wild, Wonderful Florida! at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

10/4 - A Conversation: Retired Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens talks with Palm Beach Post Columnist Frank Cerabino at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton, 2601 St. Andrews Blvd. Hosted by/benefits Institute for Learning in Retirement. 2 pm. \$25. 883-0999; iliretirement.org

10/4 - Fact vs. Fiction: The J.C.P.O.A. and Iran's Nuclear Weapons Ambitions with Andrew Kahn at Florida Atlantic University

Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall One-Time Event Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/ annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

10/4 - Travel: South Florida Staycation! at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

10/4 - Exhibition Opening: Tech Effect at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Runs through 2/17/19 during regular hours: T-Sat 10 am-5 pm; Sun 1-5 pm. 6:30-9 pm. \$10/person. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

10/4 - Cocktails for Canines Bachelor Auction at Salt7, 32 SE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Benefits Tri-County Animal Rescue. Silent auction, raffles. 7 pm. \$20/cash only includes passed appetizers + 1 cocktail or glass of wine. 477-7717; tricountyanimalrescue.com

10/4 - University Symphony Orchestra at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10. 800-745-3000; fauevents.com

10/4 - Making Heroes Out of Humans and Humans Out of Heroes: Hollywood Hagiography with Kurt F. Stone at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Every Th through 11/29. 7-9 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$100/member; \$130/non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

10/4 - Brazil Film Festival: Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands at Florida Atlantic University Performing Arts Building, Room 101, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Free. 800-564-9539; fau.edu

10/4-7 - Young Frankenstein at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Runs through 10/21. Sat/Sun 2 pm; Th-Sat 8 pm. \$27/preview night; \$38/opening night; \$29-\$35/regular show; \$65-\$75/dinner & show package. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

Friday - 10/5 - A Visit to Paris with Valerie Sutter at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Every F through 11/30. 10-11:30 am. \$60/ annual membership; \$100/member; \$130/ non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

10/5 - Sumi-e Ink Painting Class at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Every F through 10/26. Floral 10:30 am-12:30 pm; Landscape 1:30-3:30 pm. \$55/member; \$60/non-member. Registration: 495-0233; morikami.org

10/5 - Anniversary Show and Party at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. 1-3 pm. \$3/advance; \$5/at the door. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

10/5 - Politics: The Individual and the State with Simon Glynn at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Every F through 10/26 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$50/member; \$65/non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

10/5 - Exhibit Opening Reception: Harlem Renaissance at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Runs through 11/3. 6-8 pm. Free. 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

10/5 - Season Launch Party at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Sneak peek of what's new for the 2018-19 season. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

10/5 - 7th Annual Toasts, Tastes & Trolleys at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E Camino Real. Unique downtown tour by trolley. Tropical casual attire. 6-11 pm. \$125/person. RSVP: 395-6766 x301; bocahistory.org

10/5 - First Friday Art Walk at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Current exhibits, wine/cheese, visit other participating galleries on Atlantic Avenue, in Pineapple Grove, Artists Alley. 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

10/5 - Free Friday Concert: Orange Sunshine (60s Hits) part of Free Friday Concerts at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave. Gourmet food trucks, cash bar. Bring lawn chairs, blankets. No pets or outside food/beverage. Weather permitting. 6:30 pm gates open; 7:30 pm concert starts. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; oldschoolsquare.org

10/5 - Bridget Kelly Band at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$20-\$30. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

10/5-7 - A Murder is Announced at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Through 10/21. Sat/Sun 2 pm; W-Sat 8 pm. \$30. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Saturday - 10/6 - Rare Fruit Council Annual Tropical Fruit Tree & Plant Sales at South Florida Fairgrounds Buildings 8, 9 & 10, 211 Fairgrounds Rd, West Palm Beach. RFC members on hand to answer questions. 9 am-2 pm. Free/admission & parking. pbrarefruitcouncil.org

10/6 - Poetry Workshop: One Foot on the Ground: An Examination of the Role of Setting in Poetry with Sam Leon at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. How place and placelessness impact a poem's potency. 1 pm. \$10. Palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

10/6 - Classic Albums Live: Pink Floyd at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Classic Albums Live takes classic albums, recreates them live, on stage, note for note, cut for cut. 8-10 pm. \$20-\$75. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

10/6 - Yorgis Goiricelaya & Elegance Project at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

10/6 - First Nighters at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hobnob w/performers; have your photo taken w/the stars. Follows performance of Amore 4 Ever. 9 pm. \$20. 237-7750; lynn.tix.com

10/6-7 - 2nd Annual Boca Pumpkin Patch Festival at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. Over 2,500 pumpkins, a carnival for all ages. Entertainment & food court. Chairs not permitted. 10 am-6 pm. \$20/general admission. 393-7890; bocapumpkinpatch.com

10/6-7 - Amore 4 Ever at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 4 pm. \$70/box; \$55/orchestra; \$50/mezzanine. 237-7000; lynn.tix.com



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Sunday - 9/30 - The Kenya Library Project: Film and Discussion at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/30 - Matt Joy Trio at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3 pm. \$20. 800-745-3000; fauevents.com

9/30 - Brothers of Others at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$25-\$35. 450-6357; artsgarage.org



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