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Deborah Sargeant (left) and Megan Husinga, co-chairs of this year's Women of Grace Luncheon, share a light moment while on a tour of the pediatrics wing of Bethesda Memorial Hospital. Photo by Jerry Lower

*Grace Notes*

**A behind-the-scenes look at a fund-raiser**

By Mary Thurwachter

Deborah Sargeant's mind races at 2 a.m. That's when she does her best thinking, she says, and lately her nocturnal thoughts have to do with plans for the Women of Grace Luncheon.

She may have an idea about an ad, or a sponsor, or an item for the silent auction. Sometimes, she'll reach for her Blackberry and text Megan Husinga, her co-chair for the Oct. 29 event to benefit Bethesda Hospital's Women and Children Services, primarily to support the

creation and renovation of a new, state-of-the-art maternity unit.

Megan has burned the midnight oil many nights in editing a holiday cookbook to be used as a party favor for those at the luncheon's VIP tables. The books also will be sold at

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Along the Coast

**Just whose beach is it?**

By Kelly Wolfe

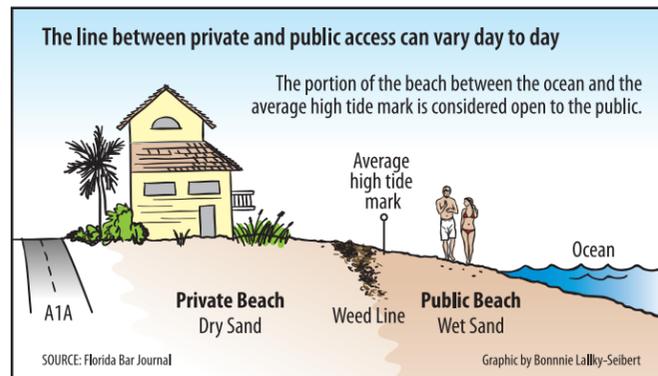
It's a typical summer afternoon in paradise. A large, black cloud hangs low over the Ocean Ridge beach and the air is so muggy, a short walk results in impressive sweat stains.

No wonder the only figure on the sand is Jim McCracken, 61, of Michigan, who's "just passing through." "Nope," he answers, when asked if he knew there was a line on Florida's beaches delineating the public from the private.

Did he know he might be standing on private property? McCracken shrugged. "I have no idea."

That's the problem, said Ericka D'Avanzo, Florida regional manager for the Surfrider Foundation.

According to state statutes, the only guaranteed public part of the beach is below the average high-tide mark — the compact part of the sand closest to the water. Anything above may be private, except at parks.



But, like McCracken, few visitors know that. For example, D'Avanzo said, beachgoers in the Panhandle were recently arrested on a private beach. They were told to move along, but thought all the beach in Florida was public — a common misconception.

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**Teacher has a song in her heart**

Brinyite Terry Kline fondly recalls the “summer of giving,” with her neighbor, Celene “Candy” Alexandra. “I gave her some tomatoes one day, and the next day she shows up at my door with peaches and pears. As soon as you give her one thing, you get back 900 things. We spent the summer trying to one-up each other with giving.”

Giving is something that Alexandra has done for many years with many, many children. Nearly three decades ago, Alexandra began soothing troublesome children with a music therapy program she developed and incorporated in public schools across Palm Beach County.

With her trademark songs, *You are so Beautiful to Me* and *Sweetness in the Morning*, Alexandra — known to the kids as “Dr. A.” — whisked these children to a quiet, serene place “under the waterfall” and helped them to focus and calm down.

“You change their thoughts, you change their behavior. It works on everybody,” said Alexandra, 63.

While she has no children of her own, every week Alexandra would work with 300 children at 16 schools across the county.

“I had five classes of autistic children in middle school. When the class was done, some of the children applauded,” Alexander said. Kline substitute teaches on occasion and recalled the day Alexandra walked into her classroom. “When she came in, the kids were wild and wooly. And when she left, they were so calm. It is an amazing program.”

Unfortunately, budget problems prompted school district officials to cancel the program this summer and Alexandra now works as a pre-K facilitator, a task she says doesn’t take full advantage of her musical skills.

Alexandra earned a master’s degree in music



Celene ‘Candy’ Alexandra (right) lives with her mother, Gertrude Dombroski, in Briny Breezes. Photo by Jerry Lower

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education from the University of Colorado, a master’s degree in music therapy from Florida State University, and an Ed.D. in early childhood education from Nova University and hopes the district will reconsider its decision.

She keeps a scrapbook of fonder days with her school children. “Thank you. I needed you,” wrote one child. “You make my every Thursday happy,” wrote another.

Alexandra first came to Briny Breezes in the early 1950s with her parents and lives there today, caring for her mother.

As a child, “I begged my mom to take piano lessons,”

Alexandra said. “I’d practice for three hours every day and the time would just fly by.”

Her personal favorites: Bach. The Beatles. Irving Berlin. Easy listening of the 1930s and 1940s.

She enjoys living in Briny Breezes, where she says her late father and mother were quite active until their later years. “I have such wonderful neighbors,” she said.

Kline shares Alexandra’s remorse about the end of the music therapy program. “It’s just a shame,” she says. “She invented that program. It’s sad when bad things happen to good people.”

Still, music will forever play a big part in Alexandra’s life.

“I have always had music in my house and in my heart,” she said.

Celene A. “Candy” Alexandra was nominated to be a Coastal Star by her Briny Breezes neighbor, Terry Kline.

**Editorial**



Boyd Boggess (left) and Bill Dunn make our move to an office on A1A official. Photo by Jerry Lower

**With a little help from our friends**

It takes a village to raise a newspaper — or at least to open a newspaper office! We couldn’t have done it without all of our friends who contributed their time and effort toward making this move a reality. As of this edition, we are publishing from 5011 N. Ocean Ave. in Ocean Ridge.

Thank you! And it takes a whole bunch of talented journalists to put out an award-winning publication. Our latest accolades are from the Florida Press Club and confirm what we already knew: We have an exceptional staff of contributors. In our circulation category, we won the following:

First place, feature photo essay: Staff

First place, artist illustration: Bonnie Lallky-Seibert

First place, info-graphic presentation: Bonnie Lallky-

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Second place, photo illustration: Tim Stepien

Third place, religion writing: C.B. Hanif

Congratulations, contributors, and again, thank you!

And finally, it takes a lot of people in an adjoining community consistently — and politely — asking us to include them in our coverage area for us to expand our size and scope.

That is just what happened with South Palm Beach. Our neighbors to the north have been asking us for most of the past year to include them in our news coverage. With this edition, we do just that.



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— Mary Kate Leming, editor



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Thieves use distraction to spirit away wallets

By Stephanie Slater

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That's how long you'll be dealing with creditors and banks when the thieves use your credit cards or steal your identity.

It all begins when you become distracted. They might ask you for directions while you're loading items into your car. Or stop you in the grocery store and ask you about an item on a shelf. Others have even faked medical conditions.

Some will follow you around a store, waiting for the moment when you turn away from the cart, leaving your purse unattended. That's when they reach in and swipe your wallet.

You probably won't notice

your credit cards are gone until you get to the cash register. No matter what the technique, these thieves are counting on you to become distracted. They always will be polite and take advantage of your willingness to help others. And they prey on senior citizens.

There are many ways you can protect yourself from becoming a victim of distraction theft.

- Use purses that have a zipper or locking flap. Keep those closed when not using your purse and carry your purse close to your body.

- Consider not carrying a purse. Put credit cards and cash into a wallet that can fit inside your front pants pocket. Never carry your wallet in your rear pants pocket without a chain or button to secure it.

- If someone you don't know asks you a question, be

sure to hold on to your purse.

- Beware of arguments and commotions in crowded areas. Thieves may stage these incidents to distract you while they pick your pocket.

- If you are unnecessarily bumped or crowded, be aware that a pickpocket might be responsible and immediately check your valuables.

Following these tips can help you avoid becoming a victim. But if someone does steal your purse or pick your pocket, call police as soon as possible.

*Stephanie Slater is the public information officer for the Boynton Beach Police Department.*



*For more crime prevention tips, visit [www.bbpd.org](http://www.bbpd.org).*

Letter to the Editor

Drivers and riders must both share

Members of the bicycle community are attempting to self-police pack riding. Safety As Floridians Expect hopes they are successful.

But, even if they are — and, that's a big "if" — SAFE does not believe that the bicycle/motorist conflict will be fully resolved until bicyclists who are riding two

abreast line up in a single file when drivers approach them from the rear.

Motorists have a responsibility to give bicyclists 3 feet of clearance when passing.

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Also, the Florida DOT and all municipalities have the

responsibility of providing safe bicycle lanes where there is sufficient right of way. Preserving landscaping should never have a higher priority than building bicycle lanes and sidewalks where these facilities are needed.

*Jim Smith  
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## Along the Avenues

# The ebb and flow of businesses in downtown Delray

By Thom Smith

Signs of the times. Signs because of the times. Signs in spite of the times.

Despite all the economic doom speak, Delray maintains its All-American City attitude. Oh sure, shops, restaurants and businesses are closing, but it seems that no sooner does one owner lock up than another is waiting with a new key.

"We can't just sit back and wait," said **Francis Taboul**, as he surveyed renovations at **La Cigale** on South Federal. "We have to take this as an opportunity to make our place more appealing."

Taboul has moved the entrance and added a dining room to his "very healthy" Mediterranean eatery, and this only months after opening **Atlantique Cafe**, his breakfast- and lunch-only bistro/bakery in Atlantic Plaza next to the Intracoastal.

To witness entrepreneurial enthusiasm at its best, talk to **Pauline Smith**. She and



About 1,200 to 1,500 people turned out for a job fair at the Seagate Hotel and Spa, which opens in November. **Photo by Mary Kate Leming**

husband **Tom** are about to open **Marley's Island Time Grill** at 800 Palm Trail, No. 5, just off George Bush Boulevard, where the Smiths took over what used to be the **Pineapple Grille**.

"We'll have Caribbean and tropical food," Pauline said. Originally from Jamaica by way of New York, they decided after a couple of years in Delray to attempt their first restaurant.

A block west, however, the **Snappy Turtle Outlet and Thrift** is gone, but a few doors inland, the **Sail Inn**, one of the all-time great dives, recently celebrated its 56th year. Good beer, good darts, good vibe, even if you're not a Yankees fan.

The yin to Sail Inn's yang, **Boston's on the Beach** will celebrate 30 years in a few weeks. World Series or not,

the party level will be high, and only slightly dampened if the Sox shouldn't make it past the Bronx Bombers. It's hard to fault a joint that offers all Boston games on the tube, flown-in-fresh steamed clams, whole (with the bellies) fried clams and a cheese steak sandwich called the "Big Papi."

Beachside **Boston's** could provide some home away from home comfort for one newly arrived Bostonian, but for the moment, **William Sander** is busy readying his **Seagate Hotel and Spa** for an early November opening.

A major task for Sander, former general manager at 15 Beacon in Boston, has been hiring a staff, but for him the slouching economy has been a blessing. He arrived at work on the first day of a job fair in early September to find a line stretching around the corner. For 200 available positions an estimated 1,200 to 1,500 hopefuls turned out.

"It's really bittersweet," Sander said, "because we're seeing people come through who are our peers or we've known in the industry and have lost jobs. But it's a plus, too, because we can really get the best."

Billed as a boutique hotel despite 162 rooms, the Seagate is tied to the rebuilt **Seagate Beach Club** at the south end of Delray's public beach. **Adam Gottlieb**, executive chef at the Beach Club, will oversee the food operation at both spots.

In these tough times, many beachfront hotels are doing what they can to keep from washing away in the tide. Some are cutting back, some are innovating and some are doing both.

Still building steam after a major renovation, **The Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach** has closed **Angle**, its fine dining restaurant, electing to emphasize its **Temple Orange** ocean-view eatery and **Breeze**, the Caribbean-influenced outdoor cafe.

As part of its renovation, the Ritz put a little sole into its Presidential Suite: a shoe wall, featuring displays of footwear created by Miami designer **Robert Tabor** to capture the essence of such famous women as Hillary Clinton, Betty Ford, Evita Perón, Imelda Marcos,

Margaret Thatcher, Marie Antoinette, Princess Diana and Queen Elizabeth.

And coming in January, the Michelle Obama shoe. Described as a sleeveless style silhouette of lemongrass-colored lace with a velvet and jeweled bow, a heel resembling a White House column, with a first family photo, finished with a red, white and blue ribbon and an Obama '08 campaign button on the toe.

The Ritz hopes to arrange a tour with the Obama shoe



The Michelle Obama shoe

and others, proceeds going to the Literacy Coalition, and, with luck, to lure the first lady to Manalapan to check out the shoe wall first hand.

Not all the hotel restaurant news is bad, however. **The Seacrest Grill** at the **Delray Marriott** has become a dining destination and peers in the industry are taking notice of Executive Chef **Adam Savage**. In September he appeared at the Epcot Food & Wine Festival, and on Dec. 3 he's been invited to display his talents at Nirvana for chefs—the James Beard House in New York.

Pig out for a cause. More than 30 restaurants and food vendors will show their stuff Oct. 9 for the **American Lung Association** at the **Lake Worth Food & Wine Experience 2009**. Grand Wine Meister **Greg Rice** will offer the opening toast at 7 p.m., in the Lake Worth Cultural Plaza. **Total Wine** will provide the wine, **Ketel One** the vodka ice bar. Food will come from the likes of **III Forks**, **Brogues**, **Island Jack's**, **John G's**, **John Bull**, **Saito's**, **City Oyster**, **251 Palm Beach**, **GOL!**, **Havana** and **Costco**. Only 500 tickets (\$50) will be sold, so it's advisable to buy them online at [www.lakeworthfoodandwine.com](http://www.lakeworthfoodandwine.com), or over the phone at (561) 659-7644.



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A temporary sign on the beach in front of the Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach directed people away from the shore on Labor Day weekend. Photo by Jerry Lower

## BEACH:

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At the Ritz-Carlton in Naples, resort guests were given wristbands to wear. Police monitored the beach for naked wrists. "Our police are not supposed to be working for individuals to keep other individuals off our public beaches," D'Avanzo said. "That's not what our money should be spent on."

D'Avanzo said the Surfrider Foundation wants the state Department of Environmental Protection to say what's private and what's public.

A request to interview a beach specialist at the DEP was ignored, but a spokesman issued a statement reiterating the high-tide mark rule.

But that's not enough, D'Avanzo said. "We have people putting up signage, roping off the beaches, putting up [signs citing] statutes that don't even exist, building a structure where it's very difficult to climb over. Those are some of the issues we deal with on a daily basis."

Last year, D'Avanzo worked with state Rep. Maria Sachs, D-Delray Beach, on a beach access bill, but it died in the Senate in March.

Now, the only way to know for sure if you are standing on

private property is to look at a deed, said Ocean Ridge Town Commissioner Terry Brown. And the owner would have to enforce the rule.

"The property owner would have to run out and give a warning," Brown said.

If the trespasser didn't leave, then the property owner could call the police, he said.

Plus, Brown said, even if beach property is privately

owned, it is still subject to reasonable regulation.

"For example, it might belong to you, but you can't build a building on it, you can't park a car on it."

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Friends and members of Save the Boynton Old School Space gather on the lawn outside the old high school building as they begin organizing a petition drive to save the school. Photo by Mary Kate Leming

**Boynton Beach's 1920s high school preservation faces uphill battle**

By Nirvi Shah

The future of the old Boynton Beach high school could be in city residents' hands next March, when voters will decide whether to spend money on its restoration.

Boynton Mayor Jerry Taylor said the vote will finally settle the issue of saving or demolishing the 30,000-square-foot building, which opened in 1926. Taylor has repeatedly balked at the idea of preserving the structure.

But in the middle of a recession, preservationists fear asking voters to pay for renovations, which could seal the fate of the beleaguered building.

At a city meeting in September, commissioners

were hard-pressed to keep the measure off the ballot, because they had already approved asking voters to decide whether Boynton should build a new police station. Only Commissioner Jose Rodriguez opposed the measure to put the high school project on the ballot, too.

The city doesn't have money for either project. Some estimates say it would cost as much as \$8 million to restore the old school.

Taylor said a small but vocal group has insisted for years that the entire city wants to save the building.

"Now we're giving them a chance," he said.

But the timing is off, say those who support the school.

"You're talking about

one of the worst economic times that most living human beings are aware of," Brian Edwards told the City Commission. Edwards is on the board of the Children's Schoolhouse Museum. That facility is on the National Register of Historic Places and is next door to the high school on Ocean Avenue.

"Why in the world would you set the old high school up for failure? Because that's exactly what you're going to do," Edwards told the commission.

Commissioners still have to approve the ballot language. The wording has to be finalized by December.

In the meantime, the commission will also discuss proposals to build a new police station and city hall. One of the four proposals includes suggestions for the school.



Ready

"We do not have that much left of our history," said Barbara Ready, chairwoman of Save the Boynton

Old School Space, who is organizing a petition drive to save the school.

She and others note the school was designed by William Manly King, architect of what is now the Dreyfoos School of the Arts in West Palm Beach and other school district buildings built in the 1920s and '30s.

Some envision the old school becoming a rental facility for events, office space, a restaurant and community center.

"The high school is an existing asset," Ready said. "Figure out what the community wants in that building. Breathe some life into that downtown."

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## Manalapan

# Past resident facing federal Ponzi-scheme prosecution

By Thomas R. Collins

Mayor Tom Gerrard lives just seven houses down from where Tom Petters used to live. And as mayor, he probably comes into contact with more people than just about anyone else in town.

But Gerrard said he never heard of, let alone met, the former Minneapolis businessman and part-time Manalapaner.

It's probably just as well.

Petters, in a federal prosecution with echoes of the Bernie Madoff scandal, is accused of masterminding a \$3.5 billion Ponzi scheme.

In Minnesota, he's gone from high-flying businessman to high-profile defendant, although the case has generally flown below the radar locally.

Petters says he's innocent. His trial is scheduled to start Oct. 26.

The corporate titan seems to have stayed low-key in Manalapan, where he bought a house at 1840 S. Ocean Blvd. in 2004 for \$8.75 million.

"I never even heard of the man," Gerrard said. "If he had been involved in Manalapan, I would most likely have heard of him and I have not."

The more Manalapan would have known of Tom Petters, the worse it might be feeling these days.

Petters was founder and chairman of Petters Group Worldwide, a collection of 20 companies, including Polaroid and Sun Country Airlines.

Federal prosecutors say investors in one of Petters' companies, Petters Co. Inc., were led to believe they were buying merchandise which was then being re-sold for a profit to retailers such as Wal-Mart and Sam's Club. But, prosecutors allege, there was actually little or no merchandise and the operation consisted mostly of faking records and keeping the cash.

Petters' former six-bedroom, three-level house in Manalapan — it was sold in July for \$8.98 million to a former Bear Stearns executive — includes 11,179 square feet of living space and a total of 20,798 square feet. There's a beach house and private dock.

It was originally listed at \$11 million, but the timing was bad: The Madoff scandal had just broken when the house went on the market, and a bunch of mega-mansions had just been put up for sale.

"The Realtor down there told us we were running into the Madoff effect," said Minneapolis attorney Doug Kelley, the receiver in charge of corralling Petters' vast wealth.

The Manalapan house appears to have been the

priciest of all the items in Petters' glittering array of luxury possessions.

Petters' former Minnesota house was listed for sale at \$8.25 million. A mountainside home in Colorado sold earlier this year for \$1.5 million. A second Florida house, in Winter Park, is assessed at \$655,000. And still another of Petters' houses was valued at \$670,500.

It's been quite a challenge for Kelley. He said he's been comparing notes with the receivers who are trying to sort out Madoff's assets. And they told him, "We have more money involved but yours is infinitely more complicated."

Madoff's scam involved just one main company, while Petters had more than 150 corporations, Kelley said.

Petters' companies did some work in Palm Beach County. "There was a local office that was down there and he conducted some business from there," Kelley said.

"I'm finding assets that run to the Charlie Chaplain estate in Switzerland to the Jamaican Lottery," he said. "There are just so many things that are out there."

Petters' monthly expenses totaled \$227,000, according to court filings.

His 590-bottle wine collection just sold for \$7,080 — \$2 more per bottle than the appraised value. Petters' 37-foot yacht, kept at his Manalapan house, sold earlier this year for \$127,000, Kelley said.

In the Midwest, Petters was philanthropic, donating \$8.3 million to the College of St. Benedict for a study-abroad program and an arts center and \$4 million to Miami University for a chair in Asian business.

He founded the John T. Petters Foundation, which awards scholarships for study-abroad programs. It's named for Petters' son, who was murdered in Italy in 2004. The foundation is a separate entity from Petters' corporations and continues to operate.

He also gave \$12 million to Rollins College in Winter Park, where his daughter Jennifer went to school.

The director of a Minnesota domestic abuse center, where Petters helped with fundraising, told the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* he was "a compassionate man who, when asked, will help people out."

Petters' lawyers have shown no signs of backing down.

"Mr. Petters maintains his innocence," his attorney Jon Hopeman said when the case first broke a year ago, "and intends to fight this."



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## Along the Coast

# Finalizing town budgets for a very tough year

By Margie Plunkett

Local lawmakers may wish they could forget this 2009/10 budget-crunching season, but in September they put their stamps of approval on financial plans that will be a constant reminder for the next year.

For many residents, the result is rising taxes and sometimes, declining services. Plummeting property-tax values and rising costs forced government leaders to look at options, including seeking other revenue, cutting services and salaries, dipping into reserves, and in many instances, boosting tax rates from last year.

Residents tax bills are made up not only of municipal taxes, but several taxing authorities, including the county. Palm Beach County boosted its tax rate by 14.9 percent to fund its \$999.8 million general fund — part of a \$4.1 billion overall budget — setting it at \$4.34 for each \$1,000 of assessed property value. That increased from \$3.78 previously. The county cut hundreds of jobs, among other things.

Here is a snapshot of municipal results in *The Coastal Star's* area:

### DELRAY BEACH

Delray Beach approved a rate of \$7.19 per \$1,000, compared with a rollback rate — the rate that would bring in the same amount of dollars as the previous year — of \$7.38, and a \$96.6 million budget, \$2.1 million lower than last year.

Faced with a 14.4 percent decrease in taxable property value, the city cut funding for 14 positions, resulting in two layoffs, froze two vacant code officer positions and eliminated animal control. Facility schedules were altered, including at

the Pompey Park pool, and after-school field trips were eliminated, among other things.

Vocal Delray Beach residents turned out for the city's public hearings on the budget, equally divided between those imploring commissioners to spare residents from tax increases and those defending against budget cuts.

Commissioners' views also represented the extremes, with Adam Frankel, for instance, supporting the proposed tax rate of \$7.38, equal to the rollback rate, to avoid hurting city employees and resident services. He wanted to explore more cuts and tap the reserves. On the other end, Commissioner Fred Fetzer wanted the millage rate to stay at last year's level of \$6.39 and hold the line on taxes. He wanted to explore more cuts as well as tapping the reserves.

Other viewpoints were somewhere in between. "Delray is a product; we can't cut the investment in the product," said Commissioner Gary Eliopoulos, who added that reserves should be preserved for catastrophic events like hurricanes. He favored a tax rate lower than the rollback.

Mayor Woodie McDuffie said cutting back is the simple thing to do, but said it is reckless to cut back to last year's rate.

### GULF STREAM

Gulf Stream left its \$2.86 rate the same as last year, but lower than the \$3.04 rollback rate. Commissioners approved a balanced general fund budget of \$2.6 million and a water fund budget of \$865,000.

Considering a 5.9 percent decrease in taxable property value, and a fire services rate increase of 84 percent, Mayor William F. Koch Jr. said, commissioners did a good job

to keep a healthy budget for their residents.

### BRINY BREEZES

Briny Breezes voted unanimously for a proposed rate of \$10.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value, more than triple the initially proposed rate \$3.0. It approved a budget of \$555,193.

The approved tax rate compared to a rollback rate of \$2.70 and last year's rate of \$2.76.

Mayor Roger Bennett had earlier said the final rate was likely to be much lower, but ultimately factors including rising police costs, dissipated reserves and a citizen's initiative that could cap tax revenue in the future kindled support for the \$10.00 rate. Reserves were tapped to lower taxes when the deal to sell the town was still alive, Bennett said.

Even with the county's only taxable property value increase — 2.3 percent — Town Council expressed the sentiment that Briny Breezes has been cheap for a long time and with no sale in the works, it's time to begin building funds to assure the town's existence.

While public comment was light, Sue Thaler of Briny's corporate board said residents had questioned whether raising the park's assessments was more equitable to the taxpayers since it would be raised per share, not based on tax rolls.

"We're going to pay one way or another," Alderman Nancy Boczon said.

### OCEAN RIDGE

Ocean Ridge passed a \$5.4 million budget with a millage rate of \$5.40, lowering it from the previously proposed \$5.50 rate. With a 13.3 percent drop in taxable property value, the town will turn to reserves to fully fund the budget.

While \$5.40 is below the rollback rate, it still

increases from last year, which equates to an increase of about 7 percent, according to Commissioner Terry Brown. But going with the lower millage rate still means keeping the reserve level at about \$2 million, commissioners said in their September meeting.

### MANALAPAN

Manalapan approved a \$2.80 tax rate, 8.839 percent under the rollback rate of \$3.07, and a \$3.6 million budget. A divided commission voted to freeze wages for town staff and turned to reserves, among other measures, to make up for a 5.3 percent decrease in property tax revenues.

Commissioners Peter Blum and Marilyn Hedberg, proponents of a 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase for the staff, proposed boosting the tax rate to the same level as last year to fund it.

But Mayor Tom Gerrard and Commissioners William Bernstein and Robert B. Evans noted their businesses had to make difficult adjustments to staffing in the past year, necessary in this economy.

At the second public hearing, police officers protested the inequity of a freeze in the step plan that determines promotions and retirement, claiming only a few unfairly shoulder the burden of the freeze. While Manalapan did not alter the freeze for budget purposes, it told officers it would review both the step system and alternate cost savings offered by the police chief.

### LANTANA

Lantana voted to keep its existing tax rate of \$3.24 during its preliminary public hearing on the proposed \$14.8 million budget, \$8.5 million of which is for the general fund.

The budget reflects lower

than anticipated liability and workers compensation costs — but rising health insurance and a 13.3 percent decrease in taxable property value.

Employees will forego cost of living increases as well as merit increases this year. Town Manager Mike Bornstein praised the town staff and thanked them for their sacrifice.

Mayor David Stewart told Bornstein he did a good job, adding: "I hope it doesn't shoot us in the foot down the road. I hope it doesn't tie us terribly to where we can't function in the long term." He listed several entities compelled to raise taxes, including the county.

### SOUTH PALM BEACH

Council approved the \$3.06 million budget and a higher tax rate by a 3-2 vote. "I did vote for the budget for four years in a row," said Mayor Martin Millar, who opposed it this year. "I should have asked more questions and I didn't."

South Palm Beach, which saw taxable value fall 17.1 percent, cut its budget 4.5 percent from last year's \$3.17 million. The tax rate was increased to \$7.65, up 16.4 percent from last year.

The town's 13 full-time employees will get no raises and a part-time, \$12,000 clerical position will be cut. Town Manager Rex Taylor also eliminated a \$5,000 short-term disability policy, saying it was adequately covered by the current sick-pay plan. Actual dispatching costs will fall by \$26,000 as the town of Lantana takes over that task.

The council will dip into reserves for \$217,000 to pay for the town's \$175,000 share of a beach-renourishment design plan and \$42,000 for radio communications modifications.

— Mary Kate Leming and Tim O'Meiliea contributed to this story.

## Hypoluxo Island / Lantana

# Zoning change for Cenacle approved

By Margie Plunkett

Lantana Town Council gave its final nod to a zoning change for the Cenacle property on the Intracoastal — to commercial from residential — though it won't become effective until after site plan approval.

The Cenacle sought land-use and zoning changes as part of a proposal to sell the 1400 Dixie Highway retreat, operated by the Catholic Cenacle sisters, to Palm Beach Resort Partners LLC. The buyer wants to develop a \$100 million luxury resort

and spa.

A residents group appealed the project following council's initial vote in April that allowed a land-use change to commercial. The developers and opponents have worked out an agreement to let the process continue even as the appeal stands.

Under the agreement, the zoning change approved by council Sept. 28 will only become effective at the end of the process, after the comprehensive plan goes into effect and the challenge is ultimately resolved, the

developer's attorney, Al Malefatto of Greenberg Traurig, told council members at their Sept. 14 meeting.

The residents group that challenged the development is very interested in working on the site plan, Malefatto said, adding that his client hoped to have approval of that plan by the first quarter of 2010. The site plan will also be the subject of public hearings.

The developer has promised residents a deed restriction that would limit building on the property

to the upscale hotel if the sale closes. In response to repeated concerns, Malefatto said Palm Beach Resort Partners had no intention of flipping the property to another buyer.

Residents have objected to the proposal at public hearings for both the land-use change and the zoning change. They have voiced suspicions that changing land use could pave the way for unwelcome commercial uses on the property as well as concerns about its impact on the environment and the small-town atmosphere of

the neighborhood.

Although the site plan hadn't been submitted yet, the developer's representatives presented a preview at the April council meetings, describing a 300-room hotel with restaurants, bars, ballroom, sandy beach and a pool on the 10-acre waterfront property. Malefatto said then that the project could provide an enormous economic boost to Lantana, creating 300 full-time local jobs and \$300,000 in annual tax revenue from a property that's not now taxed. ✧

Along the Coast

# Coral habitats may be enlarged

By Nirvi Shah

It was a huge victory last year for coral reef preservationists when the National Marine Fisheries Service designated a swath of the Florida coast as a protected area for two species of coral.

But discovery of one species of threatened coral north of that protected region has reef advocates asking for the boundary to be pushed north — to the vocal objection of the coastal powerhouse of Palm Beach County: Palm Beach. The town objected in writing, concerned about the extra layer of review it would have to endure if the designation extended to their shores and affected beach renourishment projects.

The fisheries service in November labeled the coast from the Dry Tortugas to the Boynton Inlet as a critical habitat for elkhorn and staghorn coral. Then, Palm Beach County Reef Rescue discovered staghorn coral farther north, director Ed Tichenor said. So his group petitioned the government to move the boundary north to the Lake Worth Inlet.

“Our goal for moving the boundary is really for National Marine Fisheries to comply with the Endangered Species Act,” he said. The boundary “has to encompass all areas where the species is found.”

He said the original critical-habitat designation would have gone as far north as the current proposal, but the federal government backed off, saying it had

no evidence the coral was growing farther north.

The National Marine Fisheries Service could make a decision as early as November.

Lake Worth supports the measure. The city would become the first in the county to ban pumping sand onto the beach from offshore, if voters approve the measure in November.

Manalapan Town Manager Greg Dunham said his council hasn’t discussed the boundary change because the town historically hasn’t done any beach renourishment projects.

“It’s just the way Mother Nature works,” he said.

And in South Palm Beach, Commissioner Charles McCrosson said he doesn’t think changing the designation will affect his town’s proposed project to build a breakwater about 300 feet offshore to curb the power of the waves against the beach, he said. The project hasn’t yet been approved and wouldn’t begin before the end of next year.

“We want to do everything environmentally correct,” McCrosson said. “Our hope is it will not slow down the (permitting) process.”

Disease and water quality issues are blamed for the decline of staghorn and elkhorn coral since the 1970s, the state Department of Environmental Protection has said. In 2006, the species were classified as threatened. Since 2006, the coral population has revived, although no one is sure why.

Southeast Florida’s coral reefs provide a place for more

than 6,000 species of marine animals to live, generate \$5.7 billion in revenue each year and provide 61,000 jobs, the state says.

Palm Beach counters that the beaches also generate billions in state revenue each year. The town also said the staghorn coral north of the existing critical habitat boundary is found in such insignificant patches that protecting the area isn’t necessary. The town wants the proposal put on hold, at the least, until its effect on beach erosion projects is evaluated.

Tichenor said he thinks their worries are misplaced, because beach replenishment projects already must stay far from the reef — protection of which is critical to the coral population.

“I think their concerns are unfounded,” he said, but he doesn’t discount the town’s ability to squelch the proposal, so his organization began a letter-writing campaign to counteract the town’s influence.

Tichenor noted that past campaigns helped persuade Delray Beach to stop dumping partly treated sewage into the ocean and kept the county’s only hyperbaric chamber open at St. Mary’s Medical Center.

“The town of Palm Beach exerts a disproportionate amount of influence on Florida and national politics,” the group wrote in an e-mail encouraging support for the critical habitat to be enlarged. “Politicians do listen, when enough e-mails are sent.”



# Moon’s proximity brings higher tides

By Margie Plunkett

The moon flexed its strength in September, pulling tides a half foot to a foot-and-a-half higher as it swung through its perigee.

The lunar perigee, when the moon’s orbit takes it closest to the Earth, occurred near the time of the Sept. 18 new moon, causing the higher than normal seas, according to Robert Molleda, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Miami.

The moon’s power over the tides is usually strongest during the new and full phases, when the positions of the moon and sun are aligned, he explained. The effect is amplified as the moon’s gravitational pull becomes more influential when the orb draws closer to Earth. And the tides are higher at the spring and fall equinox.

In Briny Breezes, the tidal waters rose into some streets

near the Intracoastal. “We have these every spring and every fall, and fall is usually the highest,” Town Council President Sharon Kendrigan said.

The water comes across the street and up to Kendrigan’s second step. “There’s no damage, it comes in and goes out,” she said. The town discourages cars from driving through the brackish water, in part to prevent damage, she said. In addition, she added, at 10 miles an hour, they have a wake.

The seas have subsided now; they were down to within a half-foot of expectations by late September, according to Molleda.

The next lunar perigee is Oct. 13, which alone can mean tides of one to six inches higher, depending on local geography, according to NOAA. The closest new or full moon is Oct. 18.

The combination by itself

will cause higher waters, but can become a critical influence when other weather that affects tides — such as a hurricane — is present, Molleda said.

The perigean-spring tides came into play earlier this summer, causing some minor flooding when seas were running higher up and down the Eastern U.S. coast, from Maine to Florida, according to an August report by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The moon wasn’t the primary reason behind those tides, which were up to 2 feet higher than expected, mainly in the mid-Atlantic, in June and July, according to the report. NOAA scientists said the event was caused by persistent northeast winds and a weakening Florida current transport, a current that feeds into the Gulf Stream, although they still needed further study.



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## Delray Beach

# Vacant slips a concern to residents

By Margie Plunkett

Boaters once clamored for a spot in Delray Beach's marina, but the ebbing economy has left nearly half its slips vacant and forced a drop in rates to entice new business.

Acknowledging increasing competition among area marinas, Delray Beach commissioners cut annual rates to \$16 per foot per month from \$21, even as live-aboard marina residents argued that more drastic action was necessary to revitalize their waterfront neighborhood.

"We don't have a waiting line any more, we have a leaving line," said Vice Mayor Gary Eliopoulos. "I want to see boats there."

Commissioners dropped the rate even lower than the \$18 recommended by Linda Karch, director of Parks and Recreation, during the city's Sept. 22 meeting. "I could support \$16 without a problem," said Karch when commissioners solicited her opinion. "I think at that price we'd be able to fill it."

While no public hearing was scheduled, commissioners allowed some residents who live aboard boats at the marina to speak. "You ought to consider charging less. At this rate, you're going to lose more boats," said Bob Rilling, a marina tenant and former manager of a New Hampshire marina.

He pointed to the 198-slip Sunset Bay Marina in Stuart, developed by H. Wayne Huizenga, which is charging \$9 per foot per month and has more amenities.

Speakers also said Boynton Beach's rates were low, about \$14. Delray Beach staff pointed out, however, that the Boynton marina doesn't accommodate live-aboards.

Eleven of the Delray Beach city marina's 24 slips are currently open, with eight of them giving notice in the last two months, according to a memo from Karch. Vacant marina slips — whether for permanent or transient boaters — mean less revenue.

Marina residents likened it to living in a neighborhood where half the houses were empty, adding that it invites crime and the homeless.

"We've lost a lot of people recently," said George Aspland, a live-aboard boater. "This is my neighborhood. I've lived there for 15 years. That neighborhood has been abandoned."

Rilling noted a rash of attempted break ins. "An empty marina is a dangerous marina," he said. Meanwhile, vacancies encourage boaters to sneak slip usage, tying up their boats at night and leaving before being noticed — and charged — in the morning, he said.

In an e-mail, Aspland told the city that the proposed rate reduction still wasn't competitive, because marinas use their posted rates as a starting point that can be negotiated down.

"For the 20 years prior to the rate increase in 2007, the marina was 100 percent occupied and had a waiting list of upwards of 100 people. After the 2007 increase in rates, many long-term marina residents departed and the

city called the 100 people on the waiting list, and still, we have occupancy of only 50 percent," Aspland wrote. "It is pretty obvious that the Delray Beach Marina has missed the market by quite a bit."

Delray raised rates to \$21 (70 cents per foot per day from 45 cents previously) for live-aboards in August 2007 and applied it uniformly to transients as well in September 2008.

At the current rate of \$21 per foot per month, Delray Beach revenues are \$138,600 and would be \$235,620 if the marina were full. At \$16.50 (55-cent daily rate), current revenues would be \$108,900, or \$185,130 if the marina were full, according to staff calculations.

In addition to lower annual rates, Karch recommended offering one-month rent free for boaters who paid their annual fee upfront. The current fee for daily boaters is \$60 a day or \$1,800 a month. Karch recommended offering a \$200 discount for a monthly rental and a \$1,500 discount on a six-month rental.

Karch said she hoped the lower rate will attract more boaters, including the transient boaters who add more to the coffers while staying a shorter time.

Earlier in the meeting, commissioners voted not to charge boats under 35 feet the 35-foot rate to moor, but left for its Oct. 6 meeting action on what minimum size boat should be allowed. Residents argued the marina isn't made to safely accommodate smaller boats.

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## Former CRA member appointed

By C. B. Hanif

Angeleta Gray says she will "continue to meet with people, listen to their views and bring all the players to the table. I think that will be instrumental in helping us to continue to move forward."

There's agreement that her fellow Delray Beach commissioners helped advance the city by appointing her to Seat 4 that was vacated by Mack Bernard.

Citing the former Community Redevelopment Agency board member's longtime involvement with the city, commissioners chose Gray from among five candidates Sept. 10.

Her credentials also include being a businesswoman who owns and operates the Top Notch Beauty Spa in the West Settlers Historic District.

Gray, born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is a 34-year Delray resident, who attended Atlantic High School

and Delray Beach Elementary, now Old School Square.

"I am looking forward to working with the whole city," she said. "My first priority would be trying to help out with the budget."

Gray also offers the possibility of continuity:

She had planned to seek the seat in next March's election. Her appointment settles, for now, the political dominos set in motion when former Palm Beach County Commissioner Addie Greene resigned in April, Gov. Charlie Crist on July 3 appointed former state Rep. Priscilla Taylor to that District 7 county seat, and Bernard, resigning his commission seat, won Taylor's former District 84 seat in an Aug. 25 special primary election.

The appointment of the only African-American applicant maintains Delray's four decades-long history of having a minority member on the 5-member commission,

in a city where more than a quarter of residents are of African descent.

"When I was at her swearing-in ceremony," Bernard said, "where you had former Commissioner David Randolph there, former Commissioner Alberta McCarthy was there and I was there, it was amazing to see how the city of Delray Beach always continues to get great representation.

"I feel like she's going to continue that same line of work that the previous commissioners have done. I've worked very closely with her. I've seen her at work on the CRA, and her work with the city. I felt like she was the best person to replace me."

Someone else perceived yet another plus: "Thanks goodness for a woman," said the Rev. Kathleen Gannon of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, who had opened that night's commission meeting. "We need that voice."



Gray

Education

Private schools are a mainstay in the education of coastal kids

Although all our local elementary private schools are committed to offering quality education, they have diverse histories.

The oldest of these schools, Gulf Stream School, was started in 1938 by Ada Belle and William Johnson, and originally served seasonal students who came with their families for the winter. It has 250 children enrolled in

kindergarten through eighth grade, with 130 of them being from the barrier island.

Trinity Lutheran School is the next oldest. Members of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church started it in 1948 with 12 children. This school, of the six listed here, has the largest student body, with 399 children from 2 years old to eighth grade, including 12 children from the barrier island.

St. Vincent Ferrer School started in 1955, when Sisters of Mercy arrived from Ireland to conduct the school's first classes. Now, 270 children are enrolled in pre-kindergarten to eighth grade, with 35 students from the barrier island.

St. Joseph's Episcopal School and St. Mark Catholic School both started in 1958.

St. Mark currently has 220 pre-kindergarten to eighth-

grade students, with two or three children from the barrier islands. Four Sisters of Charity from Convent Station, N.J., taught St. Mark's first students in what is today the Cenacle in Lantana.

"St. Joe's" serves 250 students in its early childhood academy and pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade classes.

Unity School is the "newest." It began in 1964. Currently, 334

students, from 2 years old to eighth grade, are enrolled, with about 70 children coming from the barrier islands. The vision of Unity School was conceived at Unity Headquarters in Missouri, where Elizabeth Caspari, who studied under Maria Montessori, conducted an experimental school and helped train teachers in the Montessori method.

—Christine Davis

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Joseph J. Zaluski, head of school

**Hometown:** Secaucus, N.J.

**Education:** bachelor's and master's degrees, University of Dayton.

**Past employment:** Sewickley Academy, Sewickley, Penn., assistant head of school, head of lower school; the Miami Valley School, Dayton, Ohio, head of lower school, sixth-grade teacher.

**Tenure at school:** The 2009-2010 school year is my fifth at Gulf Stream School.

**Family:** wife, Sally; son Zachary, 27, lives in West Conshohocken, Penn., and works for JPMorgan Chase & Co.; daughter Katelin, 25, lives in Jenkintown, Penn., and is a third-year student at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

**Residence:** Gulf Stream

**Hope to accomplish this school year:** This year, as in years past, Gulf Stream School will remain committed to the school's mission: "Gulf Stream School empowers students to succeed, inspires intellectual curiosity, and celebrates both effort and accomplishment. The school is distinguished by a sense of family, small size, and respect for its heritage." We will also stress our school-year theme of "Branch into Reading" by encouraging families to read together every day and by hosting several authors at school.

**Something students may not know about me:** Long ago (1974 to be exact, my senior year in college and before parachuting with an instructor was the norm), I jumped solo out of an airplane and, fortunately, landed safely — although a long way from the target. That was my first and final jump.

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dr. Joseph A. Finley Jr., principal

**Hometown:** Staten Island, N.Y.

**Education:** bachelor's degree in geology; master's in criminal justice administration; doctorate in education leadership.

**Past Employment:** dean of academic affairs, City College, Fort Lauderdale; dean of the Keller Graduate School of Business Management, DeVry University; special agent (retired), Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**Tenure at school:** in fourth year as principal.

**Family:** wife, Catherine; children, Jeannine, Joseph III, Julianne.

**Residence:** Catherine, Julianne and I live in Ocean Ridge; Jeannine lives in Delray Beach and Joseph III lives in Washington, D.C.

**Hope to accomplish this school year:** Full implementation of the math and language arts advanced placement program where qualified students will be placed in the next grade for math and language arts enrichment; to continue to teach what it means to be a Christian student, God's incredible plan for our lives; to create a foundation for communication between parent and student; to encourage healthy and wholesome relationships.

**Something students may not know about me:** While in the FBI, assigned to the FBI Crime Lab in Washington, I conducted forensic examinations on the presidential limo that President Reagan was in hours after the assassination attempt on him in 1980.

ST. VINCENT FERRER SCHOOL

810 George Bush Blvd.  
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M. Vikki Delgado, principal

**Hometown:** born in Cuba; left in the 1960s via Spain; ended up in Springfield, Ohio, and later Miami.

**Education:** bachelor's degree in music therapy and bachelor's in education; master's in educational leadership.

**Past employment:** Montanari Residential School in Hialeah, music therapist; Jan Mann Opportunity School in Opalocka, middle school teacher; St. Vincent Ferrer School, Pre-K teacher.

**Tenure at school:** Beginning my 10th year at the school; worked as the Pre-K teacher for eight years and became principal last year.

**Family:** husband, Juan Delgado, MD; Lauren, 20 years old, is a junior at University of Florida at Gainesville and Christine, 17, is a student at Cardinal Newman High School in West Palm Beach.

**Residence:** west Boynton Beach.

**Hope to accomplish this school year:** Continue the increase of communication between home and school; create a professional learning community at St. Vincent Ferrer School, comprised of students, parents, teachers and the administration; continue to develop the community service component of our school program.

**Something students may not know about me:** I sing in the LifeTeen Mass music ministry on Sundays at 5:30 p.m., and I love to dance.

ST. JOSEPH'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

3300 S. Seacrest Blvd.  
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Tami Pleasanton, head of school

**Hometown:** Delray Beach.

**Education:** master's degree in classroom instruction from Walden University.

**Past employment:** I am a 30-year teaching veteran who is nearing the completion of a doctoral degree in administrative leadership. My career as an elementary, middle and high school mathematics and computer teacher has been enhanced by nearly 16 years of administrative work as a head of school, director of admissions, dean of students, and director of community service. Awarded South Carolina's Teacher of the Year in 1984, I returned to my home state of Florida to teach at Saint Andrew's School and then Saint Joseph's Episcopal School.

**Tenure at school:** three years

**Family:** I have one son, Cory, who is a recent graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He lives in Charleston, S.C.

**Residence:** Delray Beach.

**Hope to accomplish this school year:** By executing the goals and objectives defined for the school year, I hope to continue to inspire and work closely with our amazing faculty to reach each of our students academically, socially and spiritually. Teamwork such as this will allow our students to grow, as they will be presented with every opportunity to excel and become great leaders of our community.

**Something students may not know about me:** I am an ocean distance swimmer.

UNITY SCHOOL

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Maria Barber, head of school

**Hometown:** Delray Beach.

**Education:** bachelor's in education, master's in education, education specialist in leadership.

**Past Employment:** Pine Grove Elementary School.

**Tenure at school:** entering my 26th year as head of Unity School.

**Family:** All of my family lives in Palm Beach County. My husband worked for FPL and is now retired. My daughters, Joann Conde, Ph.D., and Kathleen Barber, Esq., live in Boynton Beach and Delray Beach.

**Residence:** Delray Beach

**Hope to accomplish this school year:** As a school, we hope to accomplish the ability to develop our students skills and talents so that they can use their individual gifts to make a positive difference in their family, community, country and world.

**Something students may not know about me:** I married my high school sweetheart at age 21. We exchanged our vows on the second floor of Bethesda Hospital. He was a patient there who had suffered a foot injury four days before our wedding day. We are still happily married, and just celebrated our 35th anniversary.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

400 N. Swinton Ave.  
Delray Beach, FL 33444  
(561) 276-8458



Timothy Guelzow, principal

**Hometown:** Columbus, Ind.

**Education:** bachelor's in education from Valparaiso University; master's in education from Florida Atlantic University.

**Past Employment:** 32 years in education, as teacher, assistant principal or principal

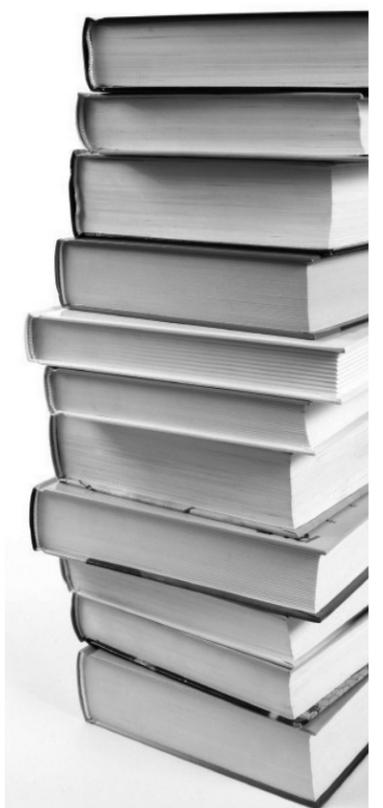
**Tenure at school:** 21 years.

**Family:** Married, four children

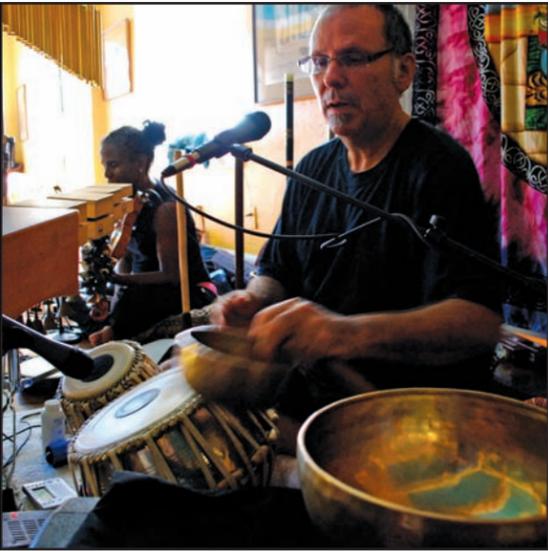
**Residence:** Lake Worth

**Hope to accomplish this school year:** What I would like to accomplish most is for more children and families to develop a closer relationship with their friend and savior, Jesus Christ.

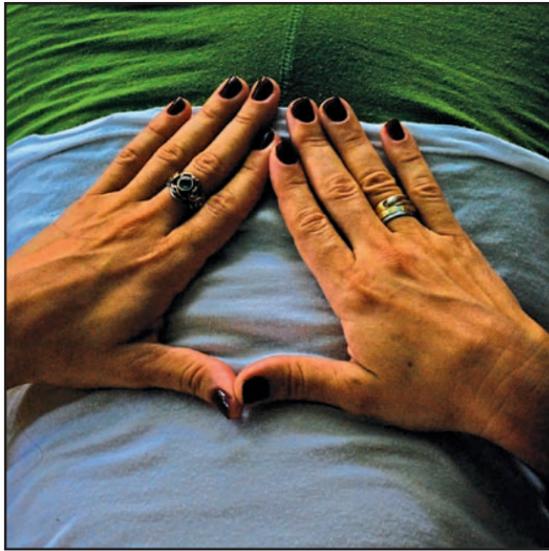
**Something students may not know about me:** I have two dogs and two cats at home.



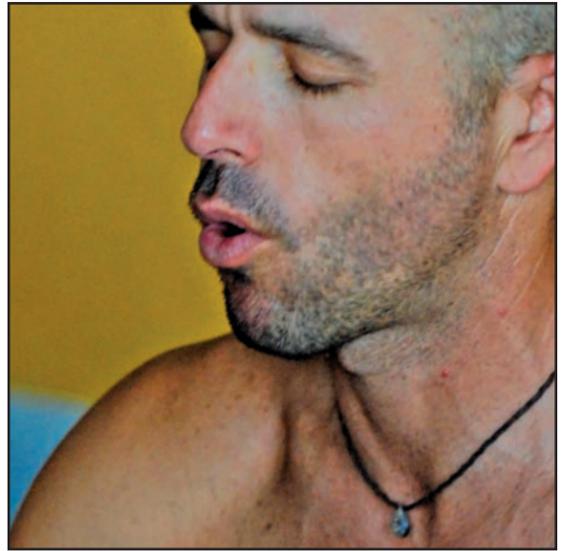
## Along the Coast



Live music sets a comfortable mood to motivate the students.



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The Sunday yoga class at the Colony Hotel can sometimes draw a crowd of more than 100. Students with a wide variety of experience levels are welcome

# Yoga positions itself as new Colony tradition

But new moves are a bit of a stretch

By Ron Hayes

When the Colony Hotel opened on Atlantic Avenue in 1926, the dining room glittered with smartly dressed ladies and gents, come to winter in sunshine and style. They dined, they danced, and they smiled for the cameras.

You can still see black-and-white memories of those colorful decades, captured in fading photographs on the dining room's walls today.

And then you turn around and, oh, how times have changed!

Where the wine glasses tinkled and the dance bands played, the bare floor is a human mosaic of

men and women bowing and bending, twisting and turning, spreading, stretching, squeezing and breathing their bodies into a series of startling poses.

Instead of trombones and clarinets, the live music is echoes and drones from bamboo flutes and Balinese gongs, wood blocks and Tibetan prayer bells.

Every Sunday morning for the past two years, between 70 and 100 men and women have gathered in The Colony's dining room for 90 minutes of yoga to live music.

"I look forward to this every Sunday because



See **YOGA** on page 13 At the end of the class, students enjoy a moist towel for a cool down. Photos by Jerry Lower

**YOGA:**

Continued from page 12

it just sets me up for the day," says Nikki Dean of Boynton Beach, a devotee of the ancient Indian blend of exercise and meditation for eight years. "It gives me strength and serenity at the same time."

While the flutes drone and the gongs echo, the class is gently led through its poses by a soft-spoken, middle-aged man who picks his way among the students while speaking into a headset.

"Take a big inhale like a lion," he tells them. "Ahhhh! And let your body melt into the Earth, and send your love to the Earth while you're there."

A student of yoga for 19 years, a teacher for 15, Keith Fox is the founder of YogaFox, which counts 4,500 students between Jupiter and Fort Lauderdale. A native of San Francisco, Fox had schools in Miami and Sebastian Inlet before finding Delray Beach in 2002.

"It's like Key West in South Florida without having to go south of Miami," he says.

Fox's Sunday classes had been attracting fewer than 15 students until he added live music two years ago. Now there are never fewer than 70, and often around a



Sometimes he leads with verbal comands, at other times, Keith Fox, leads his classes by example.

hundred students spreading their mats side by side until The Colony's floor resembles a hardwood beach.

Cathy Rosenberg of Delray Beach, a student for 10 years, says the uninitiated mistake yoga's slow routines for a lack of exertion.

"The biggest misconception is that you sit around with your legs crossed and say 'Om,'" she says. "The stretching is about getting into the pose, but the challenge is in the strength required to maintain it."

Indeed, by the time Fox brings the class to a close, most of the participants

are glowing with sweat and inhaling deeply.

"People don't realize what a great cardiovascular workout this is," says Catherine Bigatao of Boca Raton. "Banging on cement while you jog is bad for your joints."

As the gong echoes its long fade to silence, the students lie perfectly still, breathing deeply. And then, after an hour and a half of deceptively strenuous exercise, all together now ...

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## Ocean Ridge



A tug boat pushes a barge full of limestone boulders into place just south of the McCormick Mile Beach Club-House. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

## Diverse fish should find reef 'pods' attractive

By Margie Plunkett

The county started reef construction off the Ocean Ridge coast this summer, required to restore the natural reef covered by beach renourishment.

The mitigation reef, within an area of about 16 acres, will "get covered in critters" — attract fish — and should

make great snorkeling, according to environmental analyst Janet Phipps of Palm Beach County Environmental Resource Management.

"It provides a lot of nursery for juvenile fish coming out of the estuary at Lake Worth Lagoon. It'll be covered with clouds of juvenile fish; they settle down and don't get et," Phipps said. "It's a

tremendous habitat." Without the closer reef, the young fish head farther out, a journey that reduces the likelihood of survival.

About 10,000 tons of limestone boulders are being placed for the reef just south of South Lake Worth Inlet. The reef is constructed of about 62 pods that measure 20 feet by 40 feet and are space 30 feet apart.

Engineers recommended the design and spacing of the reef to minimize drift and sand movement, Phipps said. "By creating it in pods, you have more edge — like the edge of the forest. It creates more diversity."

Work on the Ocean Ridge reef started in July — earlier than planned, after Mother Nature brought a halt to another county project off Singer Island. The county had to stop construction there to re-permit the work after too much sand covered half the planned reef area, Phipps said.

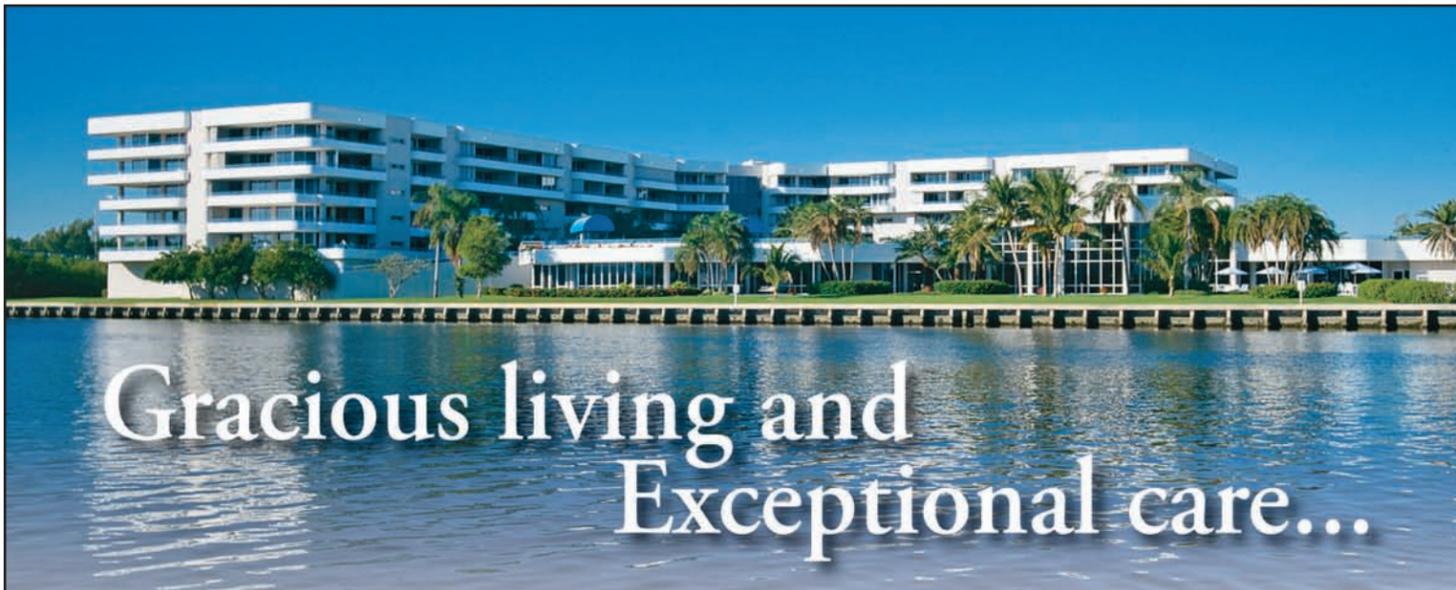
The Ocean Ridge project isn't expected to be finished until next year. The construction has to be done in the flat seas season, which runs May through September, to allow the barge that places the rock to work in the shallow waters without getting damaged, Phipps said.

Once the construction is done, mooring buoys will be placed on the outside of the reef to delineate the area that's off limits to boats, according to Phipps.

Not far from the reef, the county continues its \$7 million project to reconstruct the South Lake Worth Inlet sand transfer plant, and has built a temporary bridge to Bird Island and started the new sea wall.

Concrete was poured for the sand transfer plant foundation, walls and, most recently, the roof. Once it cures, the forms will be removed and electrical work will begin, according to Tracy Logue, an ERM coastal geologist, who said completion was scheduled in February or March 2011.

"We're a little behind — by a few weeks," Logue said. "We wanted to be done by the end of September to take advantage of the calm seas in the summer."



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## South Palm Beach

### Direct fire-service billing will save town money, not taxpayers

Even though the 2010 budget year is just beginning (Oct. 1), town councilmen agreed to chop more than \$1 million out of the 2011 budget. Yet it won't save South Palm Beach residents any money.

The council agreed unanimously Sept. 22 to revise its 10-year agreement with Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue to allow property owners to be billed directly for fire service as part of their annual property tax bill. Currently, the town pays the annual cost from its operating budget.

"That one line item is a third of our budget," said Town Manager Rex Taylor. The town will pay nearly \$1.1

million for fire service this year from a \$3.06 million operating budget. "It's certainly better for the town, taking it out of the budget."

Both methods of payment are based on a fire-rescue tax rate of \$3.50 per \$1,000 of taxable property value so the cost to taxpayers won't change. But residents could save a few pennies in November 2010 by paying property taxes early. Early payers get a slight discount on their bills.

The council must give final approval at the Oct. 27 meeting and the Palm Beach County Commission also must approve the change by Dec. 31.

— Tim O'Meilie

### Regional board advises against 10-story hotel

A controversial proposal that would allow a 99-unit, 10-story hotel will go to the South Palm Beach Town Council without the endorsement of the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

The planning council labeled the change to the town's comprehensive plan inconsistent with regional planning policy after hearing the objections of three town residents at the Sept. 18 meeting in Stuart. The residents complained that the proposed beachfront hotel is too high and would further degrade the town's eroded shoreline.

The decision reversed the planning council staff's recommendation. "The council's thinking was that if this were allowed everywhere (along the beach), would it make a better region?" said

council Executive Director Michael Busha. "The council decided it wouldn't."

The planning council's finding is advisory only, and not binding on the Town Council.

The town's own planning council made no recommendation on the plan after a raucous public meeting Sept. 21 that included the ejection of a resident by police. The board forwarded comments from residents to the Town Council.

The hotel would replace a 49-year-old two-story motel of 58 units that was long known as the Hawaiian Inn. The Paloka family bought the property five years ago, but their plan to erect a 12-story hotel condominium was rejected by the Town Council in 2007.

— Tim O'Meilie

### Mayor Millar comes in for another round of criticism

In other business, Mayor Martin Millar's well-publicized trip to Rachel's, his request for a police ride home and his conduct during a rowdy budget hearing last month have galvanized the opinions of townspeople, based on comments at the Sept. 22 meeting.

"Your leadership is causing irreparable harm to the town," said resident Stella Jordan. "We are now the laughingstock of our entire Treasure Coast area. Make your last official act one you can be proud of. Resign. Here. Now. Tonight."



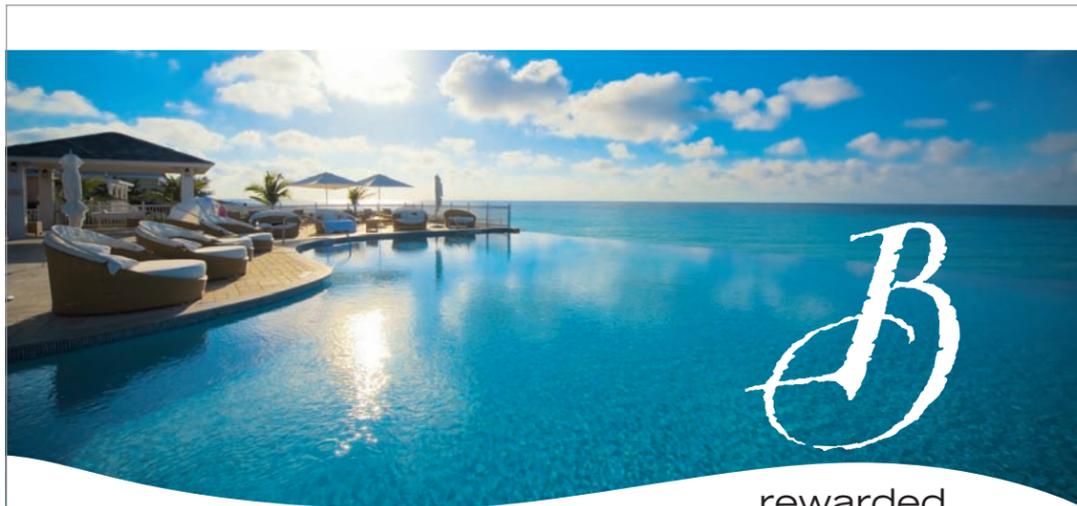
Millar

Others supported Millar, including residents Linda DeCaro and Walter Knapp, who praised his support of a proposed 99-unit, 98-foot-tall hotel to replace the two-story Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn.

"The mayor was voted in fair and square," DeCaro said.

Resident Bud Krasnow also was critical of the mayor. "Have you no shame? What you have done to the reputation of this town is unbelievable," he said.

— Tim O'Meilie



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## WOMEN OF GRACE:

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the event and in local shops.

The cookbook will have the same name as the event's theme: "Ten Years of Giving Thanks." Since printing costs have been underwritten, sales from the book will add an additional \$20,000 to the event's proceeds this year.

The luncheon, started by the Bethesda Hospital Foundation 10 years ago, was inspired by Trudy Willms, who has volunteered more than 73,406 hours at Bethesda since 1976. Trudy was honored at the inaugural event and still attends each year and serves on the Women of Grace committee. Since 2000, more than 50 women have been honored with the achievement of Women of Grace by the Bethesda Hospital Foundation.

"Deborah and Megan are perfect co-chairs because they are extremely dedicated and passionate about our community hospital and raising awareness about the importance of supporting our hospital," says Kristin Calder, public relations director and annual giving director for the Bethesda Hospital Foundation.

The luncheon is very inspiring, says Megan. "I'm not a crier, but when you watch the videos of the women (being honored) and what they do, it's very moving."

### Co-chairs forged partnership

The work of co-chairs requires considerable time and commitment. It began last March, when Deborah, a member of the board of the Bethesda Hospital Foundation, was chosen as



chairwoman and invited Megan to be co-chair. Deborah and Megan, a New York native, have known each other since they met as moms of new students at The Gulf Stream School. Deborah hosted a get-together before school began and the two forged a friendship.

When Megan, a former book and magazine publisher from New York, became chairwoman of the Delray Beach Historical Society's Antique Show, she asked Deborah to be her co-chair. The duo co-chaired that event for the past two years.



"She's the wind beneath my wings," Deborah said of Megan, who once worked for media icon Tina Brown at *The New Yorker*. Megan, who delivered her son at Bethesda three years ago, moved to Florida seven years ago with her husband, Jeffrey. She has been visiting the area since the 1960s.

"I got married when I was 20 and Megan has had this big career," Deborah adds. "She shows me how to do things and she really knows a lot about computers. I'm always learning something."

A Florida native from Haines City,

Deborah and her husband, Harry, are alumni of Florida State University and strong supporters of the school's booster association. She is a fund-raiser involved in state politics and serves on the board of the Delray Beach Historical Society and is president of the Governor's Mansion Foundation.

In Aspen this summer, Deborah wrote personal letters to people in the coastal communities asking for support for the hospital and the Women of Grace Luncheon. "The responses" she says, "were incredible."

With the economic downturn, there

# Behind the Women of Grace



**TOP LEFT:** Megan Huisinga, editor of the 10th anniversary cookbook, enjoys a cup of coffee while discussing the menu of the upcoming fund-raiser.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Dozens of volunteers took part in an envelope-stuffing party to prepare the hundreds of invitations that will promote the Oct. 29 event at the Ritz-Carlton in Manalapan.

**CENTER:** The maternity ward at Bethesda Hospital has undergone considerable renovations in recent years.

**TOP:** Deborah Sargeant listens to a speaker during a breakfast acknowledging previous Women of Grace.

**LEFT:** Publicity plays an important role in fund raising. Photo shoots acknowledging this year's winners took place in front of the hospital's recently expanded front entrance.

**Photos by Jerry Lower**

**BOTTOM:** A somber moment came for Deborah Sargeant and Kay Harvey, Executive Director of the Bethesda Hospital Foundation (left) during a recent tour of the neo-natal wing. Getting to see a day-old infant who weighed a little more than a pound gave great significance to the fund-raising efforts of the Women of Grace Program.

**Photo by Sherry Ferrante**

was concern about securing sponsors. Between Deborah's lovingly crafted letters and Megan's gentle prodding; the pair has been very successful. They made up for any sponsor shortfall from businesses by securing more personal donors. And they've become good at asking for help and/or money. "I feel like people can say no," Megan says. "But the money goes to such a good cause. We're doing this on behalf of helpless babies. We're giving people an opportunity to help." The committee they formed, about

40 members strong, is a big help. Both sought to attract new members as well as welcome those who had served previously. "I grew up with an incredible sense of family," Deborah says, "and that's what I want for my committee. "If I'm good at something it's getting others interested and involved. They feel they've accomplished something and it makes me feel good." **Putting efforts in perspective** In mid-September, the co-chairs, committee and past and present

honorees toured the newly renovated and under-construction areas of Bethesda's Women & Children's Services area, which the event benefits. They got to see the new maternity delivery rooms, the stylish waiting room for daddies, and most impressively, the neonatal intensive care unit, where specially designed infant beds called Giraffes help to keep premature babies alive. The beds are a Cadillac version of an incubator, where caregivers have access to the baby from all sides. The beds are equipped with built-in scales

for frequent weighing and provide humidity, which helps reduce skin breakdown. Nurses say the Giraffe bed is one of the best environments for critically ill babies. Last year, 2,900 babies were born at Bethesda and, of those, 345 spent their first days in the hospital's Level III NICU. During the tour, Deborah and Megan had a chance to observe a premature baby boy less than a day old and weighing slightly more than



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**When:** Oct. 29 at 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration and silent auction begin at 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** The Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan

**Cost:** Tickets are \$85 per person or \$1,000 for a VIP table of 10 (which includes a special favor and the Women of Grace cookbook created for this event). Space is limited.

**Where to buy tickets:** At [www.BethesdaWomenOfGrace.org](http://www.BethesdaWomenOfGrace.org)

**Details:** Call (561) 737-7733, Ext. 4445.

**GRACE:**

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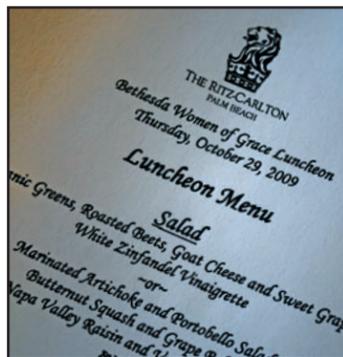
1 pound. Because of the Giraffe bed and the good care he was receiving at Bethesda, the infant had a better chance to live.

"That baby really put a face on it for me," Deborah says.

Megan agrees. "I'll never forget seeing that child."

With support from the foundation and the Women of Grace event, two more of the \$37,000 beds will be added to the four already in place.

The nurses are already saying "thank you."



**ABOVE:** A few assistants, chefs and servers at the Ritz-Carlton helped Megan Husinga and Deborah Sargeant in determining the menu for the Oct 29 event.

**LEFT:** In classic Ritz fashion, the staff prepared a special menu for the tasting.

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Palm Beach County Circuit Court Judge — and Ocean Ridge resident — Lucy Chernow Brown (left) and Amy Borman, general counsel for the 15th Circuit, presented a Justice Teaching Day interactive program for Broward County third-graders last month. Presented with the scenario of an alien invasion, students were asked to discuss the concept of their most valued rights. **Photo provided**

Chrisanthy Gumas Vargo installs her cast bronze work, *Scrub Jay and Gopher Tortoise*, in Veteran's Park, 100 NE Fourth St., as part of Boynton Beach's Avenue of the Arts project. Each artist loans work for one year, and at the end of that time, the piece is considered for purchase for placement in the City's Art in Public Places Collection. Vargo is from Lantana. Her parents live in Ocean Ridge. **Photo by Mary Kate Leming**



Employees of Jarden Consumer Solutions raised \$12,565 to pay for the Delray Beach Public Library's Summer Reading Program. With library director Alan Kornbluau (left) are library board member Heidi Sargeant, Linda Makhanlall of Jarden Consumer Solutions and library board member Becky Walsh. It was the fourth year Jarden had contributed. **Photo provided**

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## Retro style



Mary Katherine Stump goes for a well-coiffed 1960s glam look in the retro kitchen at House of Sweets in Delray Beach. Photos by Tim Stepien

# Mad about the early '60s look?

## Get the 'Mad Men' style

To everything there is a season, and this fall seems the perfect time to embrace the burgeoning popularity of AMC's Emmy award-winning *Mad Men*, now in its third season.

The show chronicles the mid-century rise of the modern advertising industry in New York City with scenes of incessant workplace alcoholism and incredibly limiting gender roles.

What's not to like?

If you're looking to pull off the 1950s-'60s housewife look, try working the hair and makeup in with your daily wardrobe, or camp it up for a stunning Halloween costume.

And don't let the fun stop with just one costume — throw a grownups-only *Mad Men* theme party! Just don't forget the hard liquor and your cigarette holder.

— Mary Katherine Stump



Tatianah Predestin uses a black liquid eye-liner to draw across the lash line, from the inside of the eye to the outside, turning the brush up right before she gets to the end of the lash line to create the effect of thicker lashes.



For a French twist, pin sections of your hair around the twist for the look's final flourish.

## How to get 'that look'

**For a lesson in mid-century primping,** I visited with Tatianah Predestin at Paradise Salon and Spa in Delray Beach for some how-to's:

**Clothes:** You can find '50s-'60s era cocktail and day dresses at most vintage shops in the area, including House of Vintage, who along with the Delray Beach Historical Society is sponsoring a Vintage Clothing Exhibit and Sale at Cason Cottage during October and November.

**Makeup:** Lips and eyes are the key. Use a lip liner to dramatically define your lips, then coat in a matte lip color, preferably deep red.

**French twist:** One thing I've never been able to figure out is how on Earth all of these women got their hair to stay in these fancy up-dos. Tatianah recommends starting with dirty hair, since it is able to hold curl better. Coat it with thickening spray if you have fine hair, curl with your choice of

rollers, and then separate your hair into three sections: the back of your head and the two sides. Focus on each section separately. Begin by teasing the sections at their base. Take the back section, and pin in with bobby pins into a half-moon. Then, use the two side sections of your hair as the décor.

Mary Katherine is a freelance writer and stylist. Read her blog on fashion and interiors at [www.everydaycurator.blogspot.com](http://www.everydaycurator.blogspot.com).

### If you go

**Tatianah Predestin at Paradise Salon and Spa,** 140 NE Second Ave., Delray Beach. 561-330-3434

**House of Vintage (also, House of Sweets, in the back),** 123 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach; 561-276-7477

**Vintage Clothing Exhibit and Sale at Cason Cottage,** 5 NE First St., Delray Beach. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 11 am-3 pm, Oct. 1-Nov. 27. Ten percent of sales benefit the Delray Beach Historical Society.

# How to mix 'that special drink'

Going Mad this Halloween — as in *Mad Men*, the runaway hit TV show? Bring the '50s and '60s home with a theme party that focuses on cocktails.

Have a little fun with your bar drinks this night — the Headhunter, the Voodoo rum punch (enough for a party), the Black Widow and more evoke the night's witching possibilities.

### Headhunter

- 1 ounce lime juice
- 1 ounce lemon juice
- 3 ounces coconut milk
- 1 ounce papaya juice
- 3 shots Bacardi 150 rum
- 4 shots spiced rum
- 2 ounces orange juice
- 4 ounces beer

Mix liquors in a tall shaker; stir in fruit juices and shake over crushed ice. Add the beer slowly and stir — do not shake. Serve in a tall cocktail glass garnished with mini-fake shrunken head or skeleton from a party store.

### Voodoo Rum Punch

This classic Caribbean rum punch was created in South Florida.

- 92 ounces (2 cans) pineapple juice
- 32 ounces (1 quart) orange juice
- 1 liter Mount Gay® Eclipse Barbados rum
- 375 ml (1/2 bottle) Cruzan® coconut rum
- 6 ounces grenadine syrup
- 32 ounces Sprite® soda
- see note

6 to 8 dashes Angostura® bitters

8 to 10 slices oranges and limes

Combine all ingredients in a large punchbowl; stir. Add slices of orange and lime, and an ice block. Makes about 25 8-ounce drinks.

Note: For a less-sweet version, substitute club soda for the Sprite.

### Grateful Dead

- 1 ounce Tequila
  - 1 ounce vodka
  - 1 ounce light rum
  - 1 ounce gin
  - 1 ounce Cham-bord® raspberry liqueur
- Shake ingredients, pour over ice in a tall collins glass, and serve.

### Black widow

- 1-1/2 ounces vodka
  - 3 ounces Concord grape juice
  - 1 teaspoon raw sugar
  - 4 slices fresh ginger
  - 4 blackberries
  - 2 blackberries to garnish
- In a mixing glass, muddle blackberries, ginger and sugar, add vodka and dark grape juice. Fill with ice, shake well, and strain into a chilled Martini glass. Garnish with plastic spiders.

Here's a Poe-inspired one:

### A Crow Left of the Murder

- 2 oz Old Crow® bourbon whiskey
- 2 oz cranberry juice
- 2 oz pineapple juice

Add all the ingredients to a cocktail shaker half-filled with ice cubes. Shake well, strain into a highball glass filled with ice cubes, and serve with a straw.

### The Black Cat

- 1 ounce vodka
- 1 ounce cherry brandy
- cranberry juice
- cola

Fill a highball cocktail glass with ice cubes and pour the vodka and brandy over ice. Add cranberry juice and cola to fill the glass.

And one for mid-century purists:

### Manhattan

- 2 ounces rye whiskey
- 1/2 ounce sweet vermouth
- 2 to 3 dashes Angostura bitters
- maraschino cherry on a stem for garnish

Pour the ingredients into a mixing glass with ice cubes. Stir well.

Strain into a chilled highball glass. Garnish with maraschino cherry with stem.

Jan Norris writes her food blog at [www.JanNorris.com](http://www.JanNorris.com).



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## 10 Questions

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Maury Jacobson

Maury Jacobson was born Aug. 18, 1920, the youngest of five siblings. Their father died in an explosion when Maury was 9. Growing up during the Depression, he learned important life lessons from his mother. "We shared meals with strangers who'd knock on our door," he said. "We didn't have any money, but she'd invite them in, split our dinner with them, and treat them like old friends."

His parents had emigrated from Lithuania in the late 1890s. The Jacobson family lived in a working class neighborhood in Brooklyn, where most of the neighbors were not born in the United States. "I was from a generation that talked about issues," he said. "We always discussed what was going on in the world."

Jacobson has been involved in all levels of government, and served South Palm Beach as a commissioner and mayor from 1993 to March 2009.

A widower, he has two daughters. Lynn, a social worker, lives in Israel. "She has a daughter, Livia, who recently gave birth to my great-grandson, Be'eri." Janet has a company in Paris.

—Christine Davis

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

**A.** I went to public schools in Brooklyn. At Brooklyn Tech, I studied mechanical engineering, but I had to leave to go to night school because I had to take care of my mother, Sarah.

She taught me a great deal about life and to have an understanding and empathy



Maury Jacobson, former mayor of South Palm Beach, has seen the town grow into a cultural hub since he moved there in 1974. Photo by Jerry Lower

for people. Over the years, I developed the feeling that the great treasures of life are people. Most people try to do the right thing.

I have never missed an opportunity to go to technical and cultural seminars and cultural affairs. My brother, an attorney, introduced me to music and books.

My wife, Fran, was my greatest inspiration. We were married 51 years, 7 months, 22 days — give an hour or two — until she expired in JFK hospital.

**Q.** What professions have you worked at outside

of public service? What professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

**A.** I had a number of jobs before working for the government. Since I was a machinist, after the war, I decided to go into business and repaired appliances and air conditioners. My middle sister, Minerva, was a serious heart patient. Her husband latched on to an air conditioner, which extended her life. That inspired me to enter that field.

The air-conditioner industry was so new, and I was a part of a national organization, which became the Air Conditioning Contractors of America.

**Q.** Why did you decide to run for public office?

**A.** I have always been active in federal, state, county and local government.

I was the national president of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America in 1974 and 1975, and presented a paper on energy and the economy to President Ford at the White House. In 1976, I was appointed to the Palm Beach County Advisory Board to the County Commission on energy and, at the same time, I was appointed to the county's Citizens Task Force. I was also the longest sitting member on the advisory to the county commissioners concerning zoning and development.

In 1993, a friend asked me to attend a meeting of 15 or more people and they asked me if I would run for town commissioner. I was surprised, talked to my wife

about it, and decided to run.

**Q.** What was your favorite part about being mayor and commissioner of South Palm Beach for so many years? What were your major accomplishments?

**A.** The pride of being a mayor and commissioner — I tried to be open, responsive and reflective on issues so that people could feel free to speak their points.

The development of our present phenomenal staff was a contribution I'm most proud of — our town manager, Rex Taylor, town clerk, Janet Whipple, Yudy Alvarez and Sandy Fine, on staff, and Charles O'Neal, in charge of landscape maintenance. I'm proud of our town attorney, Trela White, and our police captain, Roger Crane, and his staff, who are outstanding and responsive to people on an individual basis, and give them caring attention. All these things happened doing my "tour of duty."

I'm proud of our contract with the Palm Beach County Fire Department, which has given us a level of service that is absolutely outstanding.

I was instrumental in bringing together county, state and federal levels of government involved in beach restoration, along with our neighbors in Manalapan, Palm Beach and Lantana, to address the issue of beach erosion and installation of breakwaters to provide beach stability.

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

**A.** I have always been a strong advocate on education. That's yours and becomes a part of you. Expand on it, and make it as broad as you can.

I think young people should learn everything that there is to know about their careers, and be the best there is to be. They should be like a sponge and not leave any door closed. They should have broad concepts, rather than tunnel vision. The higher your status is in the chain or an organization, the broader your vision should become.

Don't ever accept success at the expense of values and principles in life.

**Q.** How did you choose to make your home in South Palm Beach?

**A.** While living in Bethesda, Maryland, we came to Orlando for a convention, and then visited South Palm Beach based on a friend's recommendation. It was a small, undeveloped town with a growing community. We fell in love with it, moved here in 1974, and have had a wonderful life here.

**Q.** What is your favorite part about living in South Palm Beach?

**A.** I love the ambience of the community.

At first, cultural activities were limited. Today, it's a strong cultural center and residents have the opportunity to listen to guest speakers, and interact with different ideas on issues that confront our world at large.

South Palm Beach affords opportunities for residents to enjoy life to the fullest, grow as individuals, and know that they are still part of the world that we live in.

**Q.** What do you feel is the single most difficult decision the town will have to make in the next five years?

**A.** The most important issue we face is beach erosion, restoration and stability.

Concerning development, I don't want South Palm Beach to become a concrete jungle. Change should reflect the people of the community.

**Q.** Who or what makes you laugh?

**A.** I laugh very easily. I enjoy people. I think that people are great. I can laugh with everybody.

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

**A.** South Palm Beach is a village of and by the sea, bound by it on all sides, and although we love and adore the sea, it doesn't always love us.

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## Local Radio

# With school district money problems, WXEL sale again up in the air

By Thomas R. Collins

Another deal might have turned to static for perennially for-sale WXEL.

Nine months after the Palm Beach County School District expressed an interest in buying the public radio and TV stations from Barry University, the School Board voted to pull half the money it had set aside for the deal to balance its economy-rocked budget.

The pullback might clear the way for other groups to again begin making a bid for the stations.

The School Board never officially voted no on the proposed buy, but the purchase of the stations is no longer up for a yes vote, either.

"Where is it exactly? I don't know," district spokesman Nat Harrington said.

That has left the stations, which Barry has wanted to sell for about four years, in its familiar position: on the air, but up in the air.

Barry spokesman Mike Laderman said he hadn't heard from school district officials about their next step.

"We're looking for the right organization to take over the stations, so right now the ball is in the School Board's hands," he said. "We're not doing anything assuming something will or will not happen with the School Board."

The Community Broadcast Foundation of Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast is hoping that it can re-open negotiations with the university about buying the stations.

"We're very actively interested in it," said Murray Green, vice president of the foundation's board and a retired radio and television broadcaster. "We felt that it was not right for the School Board to operate it. Most areas around the country, school boards and colleges and universities haven't given up their public broadcasting stations and found that it was not the right business for them."

The foundation was part of a deal crafted in 2007 in which the stations would have been sold to a New York station, WNET. But the Federal Communications Commission shot it down because of what it said was a lack of local control.

Green now says the FCC made the right decision.

The school district sought to include the foundation in its bid to buy the stations, but the partnership didn't happen.

Green has publicly criticized the board's approach to the proposed

partnership.

"The district has said it will not be responsible for any financial shortfall in the budget," Green wrote in a newspaper column for Scripps newspapers in April. "The School Board wants to hold the license, sit as the board of directors of the stations, but have an outside party be responsible for management and finances. We will not accept these terms."

Miami station WPBT has also expressed interest in buying the stations.

Green said the station takes in about \$6 million a year, but would probably need \$10 million for the first two years after being acquired because the building and

equipment need upgrading.

"There is a major, major amount of work and a sizable amount of money that has to be put into it," he said.

Green said he has commitments from donors who would supply the stations with the cash they need.

"What we have is a sizable number of people who have said 'we will support you when we know that you have the license,'" Green said. "The problem has been that it has been sitting out there for so long, almost all of that has to start from scratch in many ways. We have commitments, but we feel that when the license is obtained those commitment would magnify."



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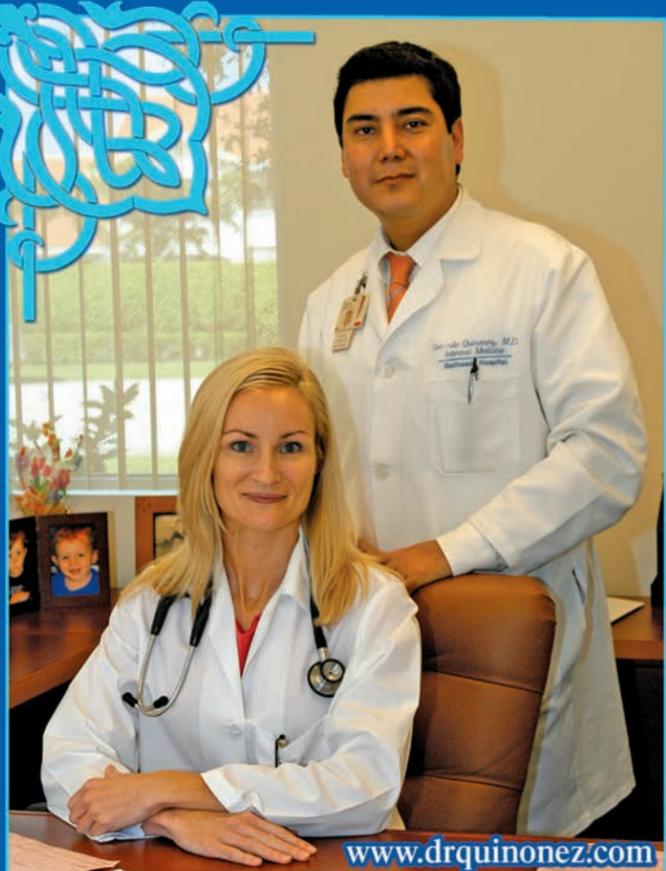
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# Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of Sept. 25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

## OCTOBER 3-10

**Saturday - 10/3 - 2009 Golf Classic: The Mayors' Challenge** - Hosted by Sister Cities of Delray Beach benefiting student exchange program. Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. 7:15 am/registration, 8 am Scramble/Shotgun. 1 pm/awards luncheon. \$75/entry fee, \$100 hole sponsorship. 243-7011 or www.sistercitiesofdelraybeach.org.

**10/3 - Sand Sifters 2nd Annual "Be Green Halloween Clean"** - Beach cleanup at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., just north of Ocean Avenue in Ocean Ridge. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot. 8-10:30 am. Free. 734-9128.

**10/3 - Surfs Up!** beginning surf lessons for all ages at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Learn basics of paddling, standup and turn. 8:30-10 am/ages 6-10, 10:30-noon/ages 11 and over. \$25/residents, \$31/non-residents. Equipment provided. Class held again 10/17. Registration required. 742-6650.

**10/3 - Adult Guided Kayak Tours** at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Certified kayak instructor leads tours for participants with some prior kayaking experience. 9-10 am. \$20/resident, \$25/non-resident. Includes all necessary equipment: kayak, paddles, life vest and guide. Bring hat, sunscreen, bottled water and water shoes. Tour held again on 10/24. Registration required. 742-6650.

**10/3 - Vegetable Gardening in South Florida** is taught at Mounts Botanical Garden, Exhibit Hall A at 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Receive a vegetable seedling to take home. 9 am-noon. \$35/ members, \$45/non-members. To register: 233-1757.

**10/3 - Blessing of the Animals** is held in the gazebo on the Unity of Delray Beach lawn, 101 NW 22nd St. Pets must be on a

leash, or in a carrier at all times. 10 am-noon. 276-5796.

**10/3 - Day of Play** is held at Pompey, Lakeview, Veterans and Catherine Strong parks in Delray Beach. Celebrate the city's new Playful USA Award. 10 am-1 pm. Free. Water and snacks provided, although families are encouraged to bring a picnic. For information and directions, call 243-7256.

**10/3 - Kinder Turtles** is held at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Spend one-on-one time with your 5-6 year old learning about sea turtles and decorating a turtle craft to take home. 10:30-11:15 am. \$2/member, \$3/non-member. 338-1473.

**10/3 - Adolescents and Depression** is presented by the South County Mental Health Coalition and Boca Raton Promise at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Noon-2 pm. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**10/3 - 3rd Annual Stitch Rock Indie Craft Fair and Bazaar** - Handmade crafts and unique products. Old School Square Gymnasium, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Noon-6 pm. \$5. Children 12 and under free with adult. 243-7922 www.oldschool.org or www.rockthestitch.com.

**10/3 - 19th Annual Celebration by the Sea** is hosted by The Hospice by the Sea at the Delray Beach Club, 2001 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Food and wine sampling, live music, drawings and more. Attire is "tropical chic" — no denim, shorts or flip-flops. 6-10 pm. \$180/couple. 416-5007 or www.hbts.org.

**10/3-4 - 15th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Craft Festival** - Crafts displayed by their creators at price ranges to suit every budget. Held at 4th Ave. and Atlantic Avenue. 10 am-5 pm. Free. (954) 472-3755.

**Sunday - 10/4 - 4th Annual Chinese Moon Festival** is held for families and adults at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Enjoy a concert of the Chinese lute, sample Chinese mooncakes, and

# Municipal Meetings

**10/5 - Ocean Ridge** - first Monday of each month at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 6 pm. Agenda available at www.oceanridgeflorida.com

**10/6 & 10/20 - Delray Beach** - first & third Tuesdays of each month at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 N.W. 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda available at: www.mydelraybeach.com.

**10/9 - Gulf Stream** - second Friday of the month at the Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda available in clerk's office.

**10/12 & 10/26 - Lantana** - second & fourth Mondays of each month at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. 7 pm. Agenda available at www.lantana.org.

**10/22 - Briny Breezes** - fourth Thursday of each month at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N. Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda available at www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

**10/27 - Manalapan** - fourth Tuesday of each month at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. 9:30 am. Agenda available at www.manalapan.org.

**10/27 - South Palm Beach** - fourth Tuesday of each month in the South Palm Beach Town Hall Chambers, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7:30 pm. Agenda available at town hall.

join a guided tour of the Chinese collection. 1-5 pm. \$8/adult, \$3/ages 13-21, Free/ members and children under 13. 832-5196.

**Monday - 10/5 - Quilting Bee** - Twice monthly quilting class at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Class offered again on 10/19. 10 am. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**10/5 - Women's Circle "Groundbreaking"** and prayer burying ceremony will be held near their new facility at 912-914 SE 4th St., Boynton Beach. 1 pm. 364-9501.

**10/5 - AmeriCorps Volunteer** - A literacy AmeriCorps member is available Monday-Thursday at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Tutoring help available in: English and reading-based homework; English literacy; completing term papers; preparing presentations; organizing, planning, and tracking assignments. 2:30-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6396.

**10/5 - Baby Care Prenatal Class** at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Three-hour class includes: ensuring your newborn's health, safety and well-being. Also car seat safety, childcare, coping skills and more. 5-8 pm. \$35. Payment must be made before class date. 369-2229.

**10/5 - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 54, Boynton Beach/Delray Beach** meets the first Monday of each month at Boynton Beach Boat Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy. Boaters and non-boaters welcome. 8 pm. 703-3844.

**10/5-11 - GIVE PEACE A CHANCE: John Lennon and Yoko Ono's Bed-In for Peace Exhibit** - Exhibition commemorating the 40th anniversary of the 1969 Bed-in for Peace, Old School Square Gymnasium, Delray Beach. Week-long event features photography, film screenings, book signings, live music, displays of additional memorabilia, artwork and more. \$2 donation suggested. 243-7922 or www.oldschool.org for hours and schedule of events.

**Tuesday - 10/6 - Busy Fingers Crafts for Adults** - Share ideas and techniques at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Tuesdays from 10 am-noon. Free. 742-6240.

**10/6 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings** are held daily, Tuesday-Saturday at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. 10:30 am. Discover what Atlantic Ocean reef fish, nurse sharks, and spiny lobsters eat for breakfast. Free with \$4 nature center admission. 274-7263 or www.sandowayhouse.com.

**10/6 - Bards of a Feather Round Robin Poetry Reading** is held at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd., Boynton Beach. Attendees are asked to bring four poems with a nature theme. 1 pm. 756-4298 or www.palmbeachpoetryfestival.org.

**10/6 - Teen Book Discussion - Breaking Dawn** by Stephanie Meyer is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**10/6 - Family Fall Festival** - An evening of fall activities, fun and food at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6881.

**10/6 - Round Dance** is offered at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 9:45 pm. \$10 per couple at the door. 742-6240.

**10/6-31 - Mulry Fine Art** - A changing exhibition of works by gallery artists featuring contemporary paintings, sculpture and photography. Tues.-Sat., noon-5 pm. New location in The Paramount Building, 139 N County Rd., Palm Beach. Free. 832-8224 or www.mulryfineart.com.

**Wednesday - 10/7 - World History & the Arts: Exploring the Museums** - Travel around the world every Wednesday in this 10-week course at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 8-12. 2-4 pm. \$40 per child. 742-6782.

**10/7 - GreenLight Laser (For Enlarged Prostate BPH)** - presented by William K. Skinner, M.D., Urologist, at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

**10/7 - Give Peace Another Chance Party** - at Crane's BeachHouse Hotel & Tiki Bar, 82 Gleason St., Delray Beach in conjunction with the Give Peace a Chance exhibit at Old School Square. Party includes 60s fashions, "hippy hour" drinks and a Beatles-themed raffle. Have photo taken in bed while doing your best John & Yoko imitation. 6-7:30 pm. 60s fashions recommended. Free. 278-1700 or www.cranesbeachhouse.com.

**10/7 - Teen Gaming** - Grades 6-12 attend an evening of video games at the Boynton Beach City Library. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Event held again on 10/14 & 10/21. 742-6390.

**10/7 - Artist Talks** - Blane De St Croix, FAU associate professor of art (sculpture) discusses his exhibition and residency experiences in New York City at the University Galleries lecture hall next to the Schmidt Center Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 7 pm. 297-2661 or www.fau.edu/galleries.

**10/7 - James Swain** speaks and signs his new book, *The Night Monster* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

**10/7-28 - Adult Literacy Classes** - Two, four-week classes are held at Pompey Park Recreation Center, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Adults learn basic skills in reading, writing and math. 6-7 pm. \$40/Delray residents, \$60/non-residents. 243-7356.

**Thursday - 10/8 - Boynton Beach Library Quilters** meet Thursdays from 9-11:30 am at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Free. 742-6390.

**10/8 - Knit 'N Purl** - twice monthly class at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Class offered again on 10/22. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**10/8 - Read for the Record Challenge** - Boynton mayor Jerry Taylor will read aloud *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Children across the country will participate in this annual challenge by reading the same book at the same time. Free admission to the Schoolhouse Children's Museum immediately following the Library's program. Ages 1-5. 11-12:30 pm. Free. 742-6393.

**10/8 - 50 and Fa-HAB-ulous Tea** is held to benefit the Palm Beach Habilitation Center at the Chesterfield Hotel, 363 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. \$75. Noon. 965-8500, Ext. 212.

**10/8 - Young Adult Event - "Jump Rope for Your Health"** is presented at the Delray

Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 3:30 pm. Free. Held again on 10/22. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**10/8 - Read with Hogan the Reading Dog** - join the newest member of the Boynton Beach City Library family to practice reading skills. Thursdays except 10/15. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6393.

**10/8 - Art After Dark: Halloween Chill** - at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Tours, live music, art activities, refreshments and a screening of the documentary, ART21. 5-9 pm. \$8/adults, \$3/ages 13-21, Free/members and children under 13. 832-5196.

**10/8 - Make a Notebook from a Floppy Disk** at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6393.

**10/8 - Writers' Corner** - Free manuscript critiquing by published authors at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Monthly program gives writers a helping hand to get their work published. 6:30-8 pm. 742-6390.

**10/8 - James E. Buffan Gold Coast Band Concert** at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. 7:30 pm. \$5 at the door. 742-6240.

**10/8-9 - Ronin Taiko** performs at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. Performance features Japanese taiko drums, with additional disciplines of theatre, dance and martial arts. 7-9 pm. \$20/ members, \$35/non-members. 495-0233 or www.morikami.org.

**Friday - 10/9 - Pre-K Rhythm & Rhyme: Symphony of the Americas** - Master musicians play classic children's songs at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 2-5. 10:30 am-noon. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.

**10/9 - Bob Roberts Society Orchestra** - Dance to music from the '20's, '30's and '40's at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave., every Friday through 12/18/2009. 1:30-3:30 pm. \$4 at the door. 742-6240.

**10/9 - "The Early History of Palm Beach in a CocoNUT Shell"** - Celebrate 100 years of the Boynton Woman's Club with a birthday party and original performance by playwright Rick Harlowe. Doors open at 6:30 pm; performance at 7:30 pm at the Boynton Woman's Club, 1010 S. Federal Highway. Champagne and cake follows. \$20. 369-2300.

**10/9 - Jonathon King** speaks and signs his new book, *Styx at Murder* at the Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

**Saturday - 10/10 - 10th Annual AVDA 5K Run/Walk by the Sea** is held at Anchor Park, 340 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Free food, music, prizes. Event benefits Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse. Registration at 6:30 am. 5K at 7:30 am. Open to all ages. 265-3797 or www.avdaonline.org.

**10/10 - Blessing of Pets** is jointly held by Church of Our Savior, MCC and New Hope First Community Church at 2929A S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Noon. Pets must be property restrained. 733-400 or 424-0699.

**10/10 - Flu Shot Clinic with Solantic** - Bring Medicare card or check with your HMO regarding coverage at Solantic Walk-In Urgent Care Center, 830 N. Congress Ave., Suite 130, Boynton Beach. No appointment necessary. 8 am-1 pm. Flu Vaccine: \$30; Pneumonia Vaccine: \$45. 737-7733 ext. 4195.

**10/10 - Ride & Remember Historic Tours** resume at the Delray Beach Historical Society, 3 NE 1st St. 10 am-noon. \$12/members, \$15/ non-member, 274-9578.

**10/10 - International Doll Making Workshop** is held in the Crest Theatre's Ocean Breeze Room in Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton, Delray Beach. Ages 8-adult. 1-3 pm. \$15. Registration required. 243-7922, Ext. 317.

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**OCTOBER 11-17**

**Sunday - 10/11 - Childbirth Education Prenatal Class** is offered as a one-day weekend refresher class at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Review the signs of labor, breathing techniques and more. Bring two pillows and a blanket. Wear comfortable stretchy clothes; no dresses or skirts. Early registration recommended. \$5 discount if you are delivering at Bethesda Memorial Hospital. 9 am-4 pm. \$75. Payment must be made before class date. 369-2229.

**10/11 - Multicultural Festival** - Enjoy music, food and family activities while celebrating the diverse cultures of Delray Beach. Pine Grove Park, 410 S.W. 10th St., Delray Beach. 12-5 pm. Free. 278-3760.

**10/11 - "Pioneers, Seminoles and the American Jungle"** will be presented by Harvey Oyer III at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**10/11 - American Folk Songs and Spirituals** will be performed by Perry Stokes and Daniel Cochran at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 4 pm. 276-5796.

**Monday - 10/12 - Great Books** group discusses *Questions for Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month. 10 am - noon. Free. 742-6380.

**10/12 - Great Documentaries Film Series - Thin Blue Line** by Errol Morris at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**10/12 - Boynton Beach Historical Society** meets at the Boynton Beach Women's Club, 1010 S. Federal Hwy. Susan Gillis discusses Addison Mizner. 6:30 pm. Free. 369-2300.

**10/12 - The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later** - Premieres at Florida Stage, 262 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. 7 pm. \$30. 585-3433.

**10/13 - Games @ Your Library** - Grades k-5 play video games in the Youth Program Room at the Boynton Beach City Library. Held again 10/27. 4-5 pm. 742-6393.

**10/13 - Teen Advisory Board** - Teens get involved in community projects, produce video, write reviews and give book talks, tutor grades k-5 and 6-8, prepare for the SAT and FCATs and more at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 819-6299.

**10/13 - Evening Book Group - The Inheritance of Loss** by Kiran Desai is discussed at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490.

**Wednesday - 10/14 - Write Your Memoir in Six Words** at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6393.

**10/14 - Cheerleading** classes are held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. on Wednesdays. 4-7:15 pm. Ages 3-10. \$100/residents, \$125/non-residents. 742-6240.

**10/14 - Treasures 4 Charity Re-Opening** is celebrated with wine, cheese and fun at 259 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Treasures at thrift store prices. Proceeds benefit local charities. 5:30-7:30 pm. 573-0562 or 306-0909.

**10/14 - Octoberfest Wine Pairing** is held at the Ocean Avenue Green Market, 400 E. Boynton Beach Blvd., Boynton Beach. Chef Phillip's German cuisine paired with German wines. \$25/includes grape stomping. 6:30 pm. RSVP: 752-8598.

**10/14 - Adult Jazz Dance & Conditioning** is a ten-week class at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. on Wednesdays. 7:30-8:30 pm. \$110/residents, \$138/non-residents. 742-6240.

**10/14 - Norb Vonnegut** speaks and signs his first book, *Top Producer* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7:30 pm. Free. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

**Thursday - 10/15 - Fire Safety Puppet Show & Fire Engine Demonstration** - Join Sparky the Fire Safety Dog and his friends at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S.

Seacrest Blvd. Ages 1 to grade 3. 3-4 pm. Free. 742-6393.

**10/15 - Graffiti Mural Project** painting sessions begin at the Sims Center at Wilson Park, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Learn to create graffiti art by helping to paint a 15' X 60' wall. 5-8 pm. Painting session II will be held 10/28 with the mural painting beginning 11/2. To participate in mural painting, you must attend the two advance painting sessions. 742-6643 or 742-6026.

**10/15 - River of Grass Canoe/Kayak Expedition Sign-Up Deadline** - Arthur R. Marshall Foundation seeks experienced canoeists, kayaker and volunteers for a six-day event. The 78-mile adventure begins the morning of 1/2/2010 and ends at 4 pm 1/7/2010. Sign-up forms at www.artmarshall.org. 805-8733.

**Friday - 10/16 - Pre-K Make & Take: Autumn Collage** - Pre-k ages 2-5 make a Fall collage at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, Boynton Beach. 10:30 am-noon. \$2.50 plus museum admission. 742-6782.

**10/16 - Design With A Star** event benefits The Lord's Place. HGTV's design star finalist Nathan Galui offers interior design tips as teams create rooms using items from The Lord's Place One More Time Thrift Shop, 7600 S. Dixie Hwy., West Palm Beach. 5:30 pm. \$25. Refreshments provided. Reservations: 494-0125, Ext. 1130.

**Saturday - 10/17 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup** at Gulfstream Park, 4489 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream. 8-10:30 am. Free. Bring hat and sunscreen. 734-9128.

**10/17 - Grand Opening: Loxahatchee Refuge Visitor's Center & Everglades Exhibition** at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, 10216 Lee Road (seven miles west of Boynton Beach). 9 am ribbon cutting, plus new exhibits and displays, boardwalk and trail tours, canoe rides, environmental programs for children, light refreshments and more. 732-3864 or www.fws.gov/loxahatchee.

**10/17 - Breastfeeding Prenatal Class** is taught by lactation consultants at Bethesda Memorial Hospital. This is an opportunity for expectant parents to learn the benefits of breastfeeding, keys to success, supply and demand, positioning, breast pumps, returning to work and weaning. Both parents are encouraged to attend. 10 am - Noon. \$25. Payment must be made before class date. 369-2229.

**10/17 - Demonstrations of Sado, The Way of Tea** are held at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. Noon, 1 pm, 2 pm & 3 pm. \$5 with paid admission to the museum. 495-0233 ext. 237 or www.morikami.org.

**OCTOBER 18-24**

**Sunday - 10/18 - Fall Family Festival** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, is co-sponsored with The Junior League of the Palm Beaches. Annual event features games, hands-on activities, music, refreshments and prizes. Children encouraged to come in Halloween costumes. Some activities free, others have nominal charge. 11 am-4 pm. \$3/adults, Free/children 10 and under. 233-1757.

**10/18 - Florida Premier of Once in Afghanistan** with commentary by members of the Peace Corps project, at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Tickets required, \$2 donation suggested. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**Monday - 10/19 - The Art of Filmmaking** - Students in the Boynton Beach Youth Violence Prevention Program present their productions in the Boynton Beach City Library Program Room, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 6-8 pm. Free. 742-6026.

**10/19 - Adult Tap** is offered at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. on Mondays from 7-8 pm. \$100/residents, \$125/non-residents. 742-6240.

**Tuesday - 10/20 - Workshop: Stroll for Well-being** is an instructed, contemplative garden walk at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd.,

Delray Beach. 10:30 am-noon. Meets again 11/17 & 12/15. \$40/members, \$95/non-members. 495-0233 or www.morikami.org.

**10/20 - Drop In Craft Day** - Grades k-5 make an original art project at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Materials provided. 2:30-4 pm. Free. Held again 10/2 from 4-5:30 pm. 742-6393.

**10/20 - Pooh's Heffalump Halloween Movie** (rated G) at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Ages 1 to grade 1. 2:30-4 pm. Free. 742-6393.

**10/20 - Teen Book Discussion - City of Glass** by Cassandra Clare Meyer is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4 pm. Free. 266-9490.

**Wednesday - 10/21 - Homestead Exemption Outreach** - Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office representative will be at the Boynton Beach City Library to assist homeowners in registering for a homestead exemption. Copy of deed and proof of residency required. 11 am-Noon Free. 742-6390.

**10/21 - 4th Annual All-American Tailgate Party** presented by the Delray Chamber Men's Group at Ellie's Diner, 2410 N. Federal Hwy., Delray Beach. Enjoy "ballpark" cuisine, door prizes, raffles and silent/live auctions and special appearance by Delray's own Elvis. Proceeds benefit Naoma Donnelly Boys and Girls Club of Delray Beach. 5-8:30 pm. \$20. 398-8162 or www.chambermensgroup.com.

**Thursday - 10/22 - The ABC's of Cardiology** is discussed by Eric H. Lieberman, M.D., Cardiologist at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

**10/22 - Gold Coast Quilters Guild Exhibit Reception** at the Ethel Sterling Williams History Learning Center, 111 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. See award-winning quilted fabric representing historic Delray sites and people. 5-7 pm. Free. 274-9578.

**10/22 - Teen Book Discussion - The City of Ember** by Jeanne DuPrau is presented at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. Registration required. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6393.

**10/22 - Art & Jazz on the Avenue** is an open house for restaurants, art galleries and shops along Atlantic Avenue in downtown Delray Beach. Live entertainment. Includes 5th Ave. Jazz and a Mystery Scavenger Hunt in Pineapple Grove Arts District. 6-10 pm. Free. 279-1380, Ext. 3.

**10/22 - Artist Talks** with Key West sculptor Karley Klopfenstein at University Galleries lecture hall next to the Schmidt Center Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 7 pm. 297-2661 or www.fau.edu/galleries.

**Friday - 10/23 - Tot Tumbling** is offered at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 am. Ages 1 1/2-5 years. \$57/residents, \$71/non-residents. 742-6240.

**10/23 - Pre-K Fun with Food: Apple Smiles** - Ages 2-5 make apple crafts at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 10:30 am. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.

**Saturday - 10/24 - Skate Clinic** is held at "505" Teen Center and Hobbit Skate Park, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. One-on-one instruction includes all aspects of skateboarding. Includes drinks, snacks, contests and give-a-ways. Must provide own skateboard, helmet and pads. 9 am-1 pm. \$20. 243-7158.

**10/24 - Narrated Bus tour of Historic Delray Beach** is conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History. Tour visits 10 historic sites. Departs from the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave., at 11 am. \$10/adults & seniors, Free/teens and children under 18. 243-2662.

**10/24 - Piano** - Classes offered at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. on Saturdays from 11 am-1:15 pm. Ages 6-12. \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents. 742-6240.

**10/24 - Teen Author Event** - Crissa-Jean Chappell, author of *Total Constant Order*, talks about writing at the Boynton Beach City

Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12 and parents welcome. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 742-6393.

**10/24 - Daniel Keyes** speaks and signs his book, *The Asylum Prophecies* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, Delray Beach. 6 pm. Free. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

**10/24 - Harvest Moonball** is held as a tribute to Boynton's farmers. Dinner and dancing benefit the Community Caring Center of Boynton Beach, and will be held at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave. Raffle, silent auction, prizes, plus roulette, black jack and Texas hold'em. Live music and dancing. Hay ride available. \$75/advance, \$80/door - includes chips. Tables of 10 available. 6:30 pm. 561-364-9501.

**OCTOBER 25-31**

**Monday - 10/26 - 25 Years of Breast Cancer Care** - by David Owen, M.D., Surgical

Oncologist, at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

**10/26 - Book Gabber Book Discussion** - talk about *Punished* by David Lubar at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 3-5. Registration required. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6393.

**10/27 - Teen Movie Night - Hell Boy II** is shown at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**10/27 - Where the Wild Things Are Pajama Party** - Ages 3 to grade 1 plus siblings are invited to listen to *Where The Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Sing and dance to silly monster songs and make a monstrous craft while in pajamas. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6393.

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**10/28 - Halloween Costume Parade & Storytime** - Infants to age 5 join a "spooky" parade while wearing their Halloween costumes at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 11 am-noon. Free. 742-6393.

**10/28 - Spaghetti Dinner** is held to benefit The Boynton Beach Woman's Club, 1010 S. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. 4-7 pm. \$8/adults, \$3/children 12 and under, \$20/family of 4. 369-2300.

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**Photo by Mary Kate Leming**

**10/28 - Halloween Storytime & Craft** - Grades k-5 listen to "spooky" music and stories and make a Halloween craft at the Boynton Beach City Library. 4:30-6 pm. Free. 742-6393.

**10/28 - Halloween Movie** - Grades 6-12 celebrate Halloween at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Watch *Inkheart* (PG), based on Cornelia Funke's best-selling book. 6-8 pm. Free. 742-6393.

**Thursday - 10/29 - Dine Out for a Cause #4** is held at The Falcon House, 116 NE 6th Ave., Delray Beach. Join celebrity chefs Fred Angelo & James H. Tabek (firefighters/paramedics.) Benefits the Delray Beach Public Library. 5:30-10:30 pm. 243-9499.

**10/29 - Halloween Cupcakes** - Grades 6-12 apply icing at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6393.

**10/29-31 - 8th Annual Haunted Halls of Horror** - Family fun for all ages includes face painting and bake sale. Delray Beach Community Center, 50 N.W. 1st Avenue, Delray Beach. Thursday: 6:30-9:30 pm. Friday: 7-11 pm; Saturday: 7-11 pm. \$8. Advance tickets at the Community Center or www.hauntedhallssofhorror.com. 585-7771.

**Friday - 10/30 - Pre-K Fun with Food:**

**Apple Turkeys** - Kids and families make turkeys with apples at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 2-5. 10:30 am. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.

**10/30 - Ghoulish Comedy Magic & Frightful Illusion Show** with master illusionist Gary Goodman is held at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Two nights: 10/30 - 6 pm & 8 pm, 10/31 - noon & 2 pm. \$9/adults, \$7/children 12 and under. Limited seating. www.SugarSandPark.org.

**10/30 - Halloween Kids Night Out** - A kids only Halloween party with crafts, games, and costume contests at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 6:30-10:30 pm. \$20/child, \$10 each additional child from the same household. Reservations required. 742-6783.

**10/30-11/1 - "Orchids on the Square"** is presented by the Delray Beach Orchid Society.

The 19th annual show and sale is held at Old School Square Gymnasium, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. \$5. 243-7922 or www.delraybeachorchidsociety.com.

**Saturday - 10/31 - Boynton Green Market Season Opener** - Now at two locations: Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave. and Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N. Congress. 8 am - 1 pm. Baked goods, produce, crafts and artisans. 752-8598.

**10/31 - Delray Greenmarket Opening Day** - Trick or treat at the new downtown location in the street on SE 4th Ave. just south of Atlantic Ave. 8 am-1 pm. Open air market offers fresh produce, baked goods, plants and more. 276-7511.

**10/31 - Oceanside Farmers Market** is located at north J Street and Lake Avenue, one block east of Dixie Hwy. in downtown Lake Worth. 8 am-noon. Market hosts over 30 vendors. 283-5856 or www.oceanside-farmersmarket.com.

**10/31 - Walk for Lupus Now** - Lupus Foundation of America event provides support for lupus patients and their families. 8 am registration at Anchor Park, 340 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach with 2.2 mile walk at 9 am. 279-8606 or www.lupusfl.org.

**10/31 - Not So Scary Halloween Party** - Visit Sandoway House Nature Center for trick or treating and Halloween creature crafts, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. 10 am-4 pm. \$4/ages 3 and older, Free/children 12 and under dressed in a halloween costume. 274-7263.

**10/31 - Halloween Fair: Celebration of Generations** on the Delray Beach Historical Society Grounds, 3 N.E. 1st St. Face painting, games & prizes, Kindermusik Program and more. 11 am-3 pm. Free. 243-2577.

**10/31 - Halloween Parade & Kids Fest** - Trick or Treat merchants on Delray Beach's Atlantic Avenue from 11:30 am-1:30 pm, then gather on the grounds of Old School Square for costume judging. Sponsored by the Noontime Kiwanis of Delray Beach, the parade begins at 1:30 pm and moves from Old School Square east to Veterans Park where ice cream will be served to all costumed children. Kids Fest is held at Veterans Park, 1-4pm. 276-6537.

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## Obituaries



### Ride out for Matt

ABOVE: Family and friends of Matthew Latimer gathered at Atlantic Dunes Park in Delray Beach Sept. 27 to celebrate his life with a symbolic paddle-out ceremony in his memory. Matthew Latimer, 22, of Delray Beach, died Aug. 4. He was found unconscious, underwater off of Spanish River Park in Boca Raton.

He is survived by his parents, Barbara Bradshaw Latimer and Chip Latimer, and a brother, Ben Latimer. RIGHT: Attendees surround a painting of Matt surfing, created by his friend Amber Tutweiler.

Photos courtesy of Tim Stepien

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## Matthew Duncan

By Ron Hayes

BRINY BREEZES — When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, Matthew Duncan immediately quit his job at the Buick plant in Flint, Mich., and joined the Marines.

He was 20 then, and embarking on a lifetime of service to his country, community and friends, including 16 years on the Briny Breezes Town Council.



Mr. Duncan died Sept. 19, eight months after being diagnosed with cancer, and two days

before his 63rd wedding anniversary. He was 88.

"He didn't have spare time," remembers his wife, Louise. "He always worked around the park, or on the council, and in a lot of organizations up home."

Born Dec. 23, 1920, in Flint, Mr. Duncan served as a gunnery sergeant on Iwo Jima, Saipan and Tinian

during some of the fiercest fighting in the Pacific.

After the war, he joined the Flint Fire Department, working 24-hours on duty and 54 off, and ran the Matt Duncan Insurance Agency in between.

He was a 32nd degree Mason, a past chief of the Clan MacKenzie Scottish Rites, and a founding member and past president of the Springs Meadows Country Club in Linden, Mich.

The Duncans first came to Briny Breezes in 1975 and became permanent residents in the mid-1980s.

In 1991, Mr. Duncan was elected to the Town Council and served as its president from 1999 to 2007, when he declined to run for re-election.

"He was a very fair person, that's the first thing," remembers Rita Taylor, who served with Mr. Duncan. "And always willing to assist. When they first put in our interior cable TV network, he acted as an unofficial handyman. Anybody who had a problem, he was the

go-to guy."

To his friends and neighbors, he was the friendly fellow who rode around town in a golf cart with his Shih Tzu, Lucky, forever at his side.

"He was nice guy, and a handy guy," recalled his friend, Bob Kraft. "If you wanted something fixed, you could count on Matt."

In addition to his wife, Mr. Duncan is survived by two sons, Jeffrey, of Briny Breezes, and Bruce, of Flint; three granddaughters, Stacey Goforth of Virginia Beach, Va.; Stephanie Gerold of Wilmington, N.C.; and Bonnie Duncan of Flint; a grandson, Bradley Duncan, of Grayling, Mich.; and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Duncan was cremated, with plans for a memorial service at a later date.

*Donations in his memory may be made to Hospice of the Palm Beaches, Teal Team, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33407, or the American Cancer Society.*

## Mary Alice Pugh

By Ron Hayes

DELRAY BEACH — Mary Alice Pugh's life was all about finding new horizons.



Born Mary Alice Selby on Jan. 14, 1944, in Martins Ferry, Ohio, she earned a bachelor's degree in

laboratory medicine at West Virginia University.

She married David Pugh in 1966; they started a family.

After her two sons were raised, Mrs. Pugh returned to college to earn a master's degree in education from Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, and began a second career as a teacher.

And then, in 1993, she and a colleague founded New Horizon Academy in the basement of a Boca Raton office building.

At the time of her death, Sept. 2, New Horizon Academy was thriving in its own building, a fully accredited private school dedicated to small classes.

"There were schools for dropouts and schools for the gifted, but we saw a need for the average student who just needed smaller classes," recalls Dr. Barbara Rackett, who co-founded the school with Mrs. Pugh. "For the

first couple of years we both taught.

She taught anatomy and physiology to high school students, and she was very, very active and with a lot of energy."

Mrs. Pugh was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2000, but remained active with the school until April.

"She always had a real commitment to education," her husband recalled. "Even when raising our two boys, she was very active in the schools and started a leadership conference in the high school. She had been a good student herself; I guess that's why," he said. "New Horizon will continue."

A resident of Delray Beach since 1991, Mrs. Pugh was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Todd and Michael, both of Chicago, Ill.; two brothers, John, of San Diego, Calif., and Edward, of Middlefield, Ohio.

A burial service was held in Martins Ferry Ohio on Sept. 10.

*Donations in her name may be made to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265, and Hospice by the Sea, 1521 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486.*

## Pauline Deibert Marquis

DELRAY BEACH — Pauline 'Polly' Deibert Marquis, originally from Palmerton, PA and Greenwich, CT, died on her 104th birthday. She was the daughter of Franklin W. and Lydia Gregory Deibert, and the sister of Jonathan Deibert. She was graduated from Ursinus College in Pennsylvania and was married to Byron St. Croix Marquis for 55 years becoming a widow in 1988. A son, Gregory Ewing Marquis, died in 1988.

Initially a French teacher, later in life Mrs. Marquis became an antique silver dealer. For decades she worked as a volunteer in hospital thrift shops and

in the Family Room at the Greenwich Hospital and was an active member of Planned Parenthood. She was an enthusiastic and skilled gardener, golfer and bridge player.

She is survived by a daughter, Sue Gordon of Beverly, Mass and Sarasota and her grandchildren, David Byron Gordon and Janet Ellen Gordon.

A memorial service was held at Harbor's Edge in Delray Beach. A family internment ceremony will be held in Gilbert, PA.

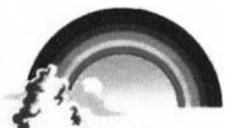
Donations in her memory may be made to Planned Parenthood.

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**Muslim, Jewish communities unite to find common ground**

Sundown on Friday, Sept. 18 marked the beginning of Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year.

The next day, others began observing Eid-ul-Fitr, marking the completion of Ramadan, the Muslim month of rededication.

Still others, including Christian friends (some of whom *The Washington Post* noted had joined in Ramadan fasting) were honoring both holidays with wishes of "Lshana tova" (for a good year) and "eid mubarak" (a blessed Eid).

Among them all are those gearing for the

second annual Weekend of Twinning of Mosques and Synagogues Across American and Europe, Nov. 13-15, dedicated to the proposition of stronger relations between Jews and Muslims.

In South Florida, that includes members of JAM & All, "An organization of Jews, Muslims, Christians and All Peoples."

Last November, the New York-based, not-for-profit Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, headed by noted Rabbi Marc Schneier and hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons, united 50 mosques and 50 synagogues

across North America in the first Weekend of Twinning, with the theme of "Confronting Islamophobia and anti-Semitism Together."

This year 75 synagogues and 75 mosques in North America may take part, with



Leonard

"Building a Common Agenda" the theme. FFEU in July hosted more than two dozen rabbis and imams who will join in

from European synagogues and mosques.

JAM & All is part of that and more, said Kathleen Leonard of Delray Beach, a vice president and founder of the nonprofit organization whose membership extends from Miami to Delray and is expanding.

Leonard explained that as a member of TAO, the Center for Reform Judaism in Fort Lauderdale: "Right after 9/11 we got together with the Islamic Foundation of South Florida (of Sunrise) and had an open forum and created this organization to give the opportunity for education and socializing.

"We've developed very deep friendships. At the same time we're presenting events like conferences, town hall meetings, an annual picnic. So there are a variety of activities we do in JAM in order to promote our mission to develop peace and understanding."

JAM also is participating in sustained dialogue based on the guidebook, *Children of Abraham, Jews and Muslims in Conversation*. In addition to the pairing between TAO and the Islamic Foundation, in some cases the twinning is going to be a kickoff weekend for the beginning of dialogue groups.

"This is what JAM has been all about, is the ability to educate, socialize and learn from each other and about each other," Leonard said. She welcomes calls at 561-289-4621 from groups that would like JAM's assistance as facilitator.



C.B. Hanif is a writer, editor and media and inter-religious affairs consultant. He visits or speaks

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Paws up for Pets!

# Done right, dining out with your doggies can be a treat

Lacking thumbs makes it tricky for dogs to use utensils, but that shouldn't stop them from displaying good manners when dining out with their people.

In fact, inviting dogs to eateries is proving to be a smart strategy in these lean economic times.

Case in point: the Saba Sushi Bar and Lounge in Boca Raton.

Every night from 4 to 7 p.m., well-mannered dogs (on leashes) are welcome to participate in "yappy hour." Canine guests lap up bowls of water while their two-legged pals dine on sushi or Thai food.

"In Boca Raton, it seems there are a lot of toy dogs and their owners want to take them when they are out and about," says Zack Gardner, Saba owner/manager. "I have two Labrador retrievers and can understand people wanting their dogs to be with them."

Gardner says has hosted this weeknight yappy hour for more than two years without any feisty Fido fracas.

More than two dozen eateries with outdoor patios welcome well-mannered mutts and pedigrees from Lake Worth to Boca Raton. You may find yourself sidestepping dog water bowls along restaurant row on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach.

And staging yappy hours as a way to benefit worthy causes is also on the rise. Just ask Cheryl Lee Gorman, owner of Club Bow Wow, whose yappy hour earlier this year at Mizner Park aided the Veterans Helping Today's Returning Heroes group.

"This group helps raise funds to provide service or guide dogs for soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan," says Gorman, who operates a cage-free pet resort with her brother, Sean. "We hope to sponsor another yappy hour event early next year."

Ensuring that the number of pet-welcoming eateries and pet-attended events stays steady — or increases — depends on those at the other end of the leash: the owners.

Let me share 10

"petiquette" pointers for you and your pooch to master the next time you head for a pet-accepting eatery:

- Test your dog's obedience-heeding commands at home and on walks.

Your dog should be able to ace the "sit," "stay" and "leave it" commands.

- Exercise your dog before dining out. A tired dog is less apt to be rambunctious and more apt to want to snooze under your table while you enjoy your meal.

- Give your dog ample time to take care of his bathroom needs before you head to a restaurant. Just in case: Bring extra poop disposable bags so your dog doesn't create a "stink" at the restaurant.

- Come prepared. Bring a portable water bowl and perhaps a bag of doggy treats.

- Play it low key. Don't make a big fuss about your dog joining you at an eatery. Tether your dog's leash to your chair.

- Reel in that leash. Keep your dog on a short rein, about 4 feet. Do not let your dog, even those itty-bitty cute ones, wander into tables occupied by other patrons. Here's a shocker: Not everyone adores dogs.

- Be prepared to request a doggy bag to go if your dog acts up by barking, lunging at other dogs or insisting on sniffing other patrons.

Set your dog up for success by selecting times to test his dining manners at non-peak serving times.

Be candid with yourself. If you know your dog cannot bring his A-level manners to the restaurant (remember Marley?), then keep him at home.

Refrain from letting your

dog sit in your lap or, worse, eat from your fork. Keep those habits inside the privacy of your own home so other patrons can enjoy their meals.

Finally, dish out a big tip — 20 percent or more — to show your appreciation to the restaurant staff for allowing four-leggers in their outdoor areas.

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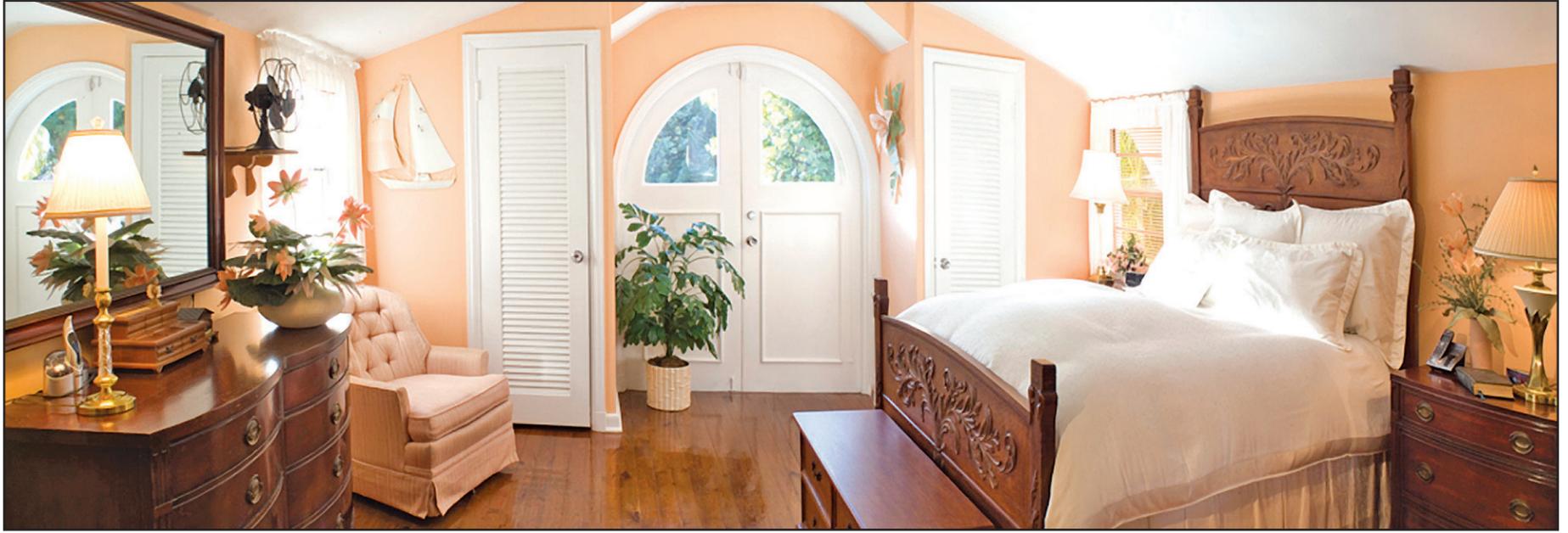
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