

Veterans Day

A veteran helping other heroes

New president aims to expand group that provides service dogs and recalls time as Vietnam POW with the late Sen. John McCain

By Mary Hladky

Although retired Air Force Lt. Col. Mel Pollack's military service ended decades ago, his commitment to service and veterans has endured.

Pollack was on his 78th combat mission flying an F-4 Phantom when he was shot down and captured by the North Vietnamese in 1967. He was imprisoned in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" with John McCain, then a Navy pilot, later a U.S. senator whose funeral services riveted the nation in late August and early September.

Freed after 2,068 days as a POW, Pollack remained with the Air Force, retiring after 20 years of service. He then held various corporate positions and eventually moved from Delray Beach to Boca Raton four years ago. He now is vice chairman of the Boca Raton Airport Authority board.

This year Pollack became president of the Boca Raton-based nonprofit Vets Helping Heroes, which provides trained service dogs at no cost to active duty military members and veterans who are physically or psychologically injured.

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ABOVE: Retired Lt. Col. Mel Pollack at home in Boca Raton with a replica of the F-4 Phantom he flew in Vietnam. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

LEFT: A framed photo of Pollack shaking another officer's hand in 1973 after Pollack's release from the Hua Lo prison. **Photo provided**



Robert Patek left two poles but was forced to remove ropes he put behind his home to block tractors that bury beach debris. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

Highland Beach

Weary resident pushes town to improve beach cleanup

By Rich Pollack

Robert Patek had seen enough.

A Highland Beach resident with a home on the east side of State Road A1A, Patek has been complaining for years about tractors that rake the beach behind his home.

He has stood before town commissioners several times, complaining that the tractors leave deep tracks in the sand and bury garbage on private beaches.

"It's like a tractor highway behind my house," he said.

So several weeks ago, Patek put up poles and ropes on his beach to keep the tractors away. In doing so, he ran afoul of state law. Florida Department of Environmental Protection officials made him take the ropes down but allowed him to keep up two of the four poles.

However, those poles may be coming down soon, either as a result of an ordinance the town is considering or because Patek voluntarily removes them.

Although Patek may be losing a battle, it appears he's getting closer to winning the war over how

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Boca Raton

Report on Haynie cites multiple offenses, 'corrupt intent'

Suspended mayor to fight probable cause finding from Florida Ethics Commission advocate

By Mary Hladky

The Florida Commission on Ethics has found probable cause that suspended Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie violated state ethics laws in eight instances.

The examination of Haynie's financial links to downtown landowners James and Marta Batmasian and their company Investments Limited found that she failed

to disclose income, acted to financially benefit herself and her husband, and improperly voted on matters that benefited the Batmasians without declaring a conflict of interest.

Commission advocate Elizabeth A. Miller, an assistant attorney general, minced no words in a stinging report to the commission.

Haynie "consistently voted on

measures benefiting the Batmasians and/or their affiliates between 2012 and 2016 while surreptitiously reaping the financial rewards of their business association," Miller wrote.

"When confronted with the possibility of impropriety, [Haynie] consistently denied any association, involvement or knowledge. The bank account records revealed her deception. These acts and omissions indicate a corrupt intent," Miller stated in her recommendation that the commission find probable cause.

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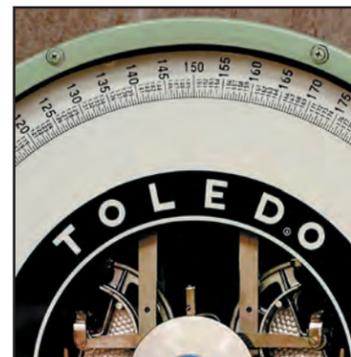


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Editor's Note

10 years of publishing in the sunshine — and other days

Ten years. Who'd a thunk it? Not me, that's for sure. I was convinced print would be so crippled by digital that we'd get only five years out of our startup publication at most.

Wow, was I wrong. I knew there was a serious risk of this coastal area becoming a local news desert, but I didn't know whether anyone cared. You, dear readers, have shown us that you do care about local news. And you've proven that delivering news in print and to your driveway is a model that still works.

Yes, we have 3,500 members on our website and our stories frequently get over 1,000 views on Facebook, but the amount that digital delivery contributes to our business model is minute.

We make our money from print. We deliver more than 17,000 print copies each month. So why does this news model still work?

Simple: People want to be part of a community. They want to know what's happening around them. They want to see a reflection of who they are today and who they have been. They want to know what the future might bring.

And print is durable. It allows us to hold a journalistic mirror up to both the beautiful and the not-so-beautiful in our area and gives us all a sense of belonging to something larger than ourselves. That is a critical element of any community, of any society.

Partners understand

Our advertising partners understand this. They support our journalism even when we write on topics they'd rather we didn't. They understand that they play a large role in defining how our community is viewed. Their support through these past 10 years has exceeded our expectations.

I shouldn't be surprised, since the individuals and companies who support our local journalism are our neighbors. Like us, they live, work and play here. Advertising with us is just one of the many generous ways they give back to our community. We admire their local commitment and are grateful for their continued support.

Committed staff

The amazing journalists who work with us each month do so out of love for the work and a commitment to their craft. Trust me, they don't sit through five-hour commission meetings for the money. No one goes into community journalism to get rich. The hours spent each month contributing to this newspaper are committed with a desire to provide readers with necessary information to make informed decisions about local government, community and life.

I'm fortunate to work with some of the best storytellers in South Florida and grateful they've chosen to be a part of our newspaper's family. I'm also thankful for all of our hard-working support staff. It really does take a village.

Challenges ahead

We cover so many municipalities that other media ignore, that some months our resources get stretched pretty thin. And as with many other small, family businesses, our employees are getting older. Some want more personal time, some feel a need to make more money and some simply need health insurance.

After a decade of publishing — beginning in the midst of the Great Recession — I understand these concerns. Someday, I too would like to retire. But right now there's so much more our newspaper would like to do, so much that needs to be reported, so much more to share with our readers about where we live.

So ... when the naysayers tell us our business model is obsolete, we'll keep on. When elected officials refuse to provide public records, we'll keep pressing for them. When someone calls our work "fake news," we'll put out another edition.

We've learned a lot this past decade: how to stay quick and nimble, how to admit mistakes and, most of all, how to say thank you to our readers for your continued support.

Thank you. We are deeply grateful.



— Mary Kate Leming, Editor

The Coastal Star

Boca philanthropist recognized as a very Helping Hand

By Rich Pollack

Arthur Remillard is a generous man.

At 87, Remillard cringes when he sees people on television, both in the U.S. and abroad, who don't have enough to eat. It's heartbreaking for him to see people living in poverty and struggling to get by.

And it brings back memories.

"I know what it's like to feel poor," he says.

A successful businessman who built an insurance company that, at one point, insured one of every three automobiles in Massachusetts, Remillard is now in a position to help people in need.

Through his philanthropy, he supports soup kitchens, hospitals and medical school programs in his hometown of Worcester, Mass. For the past 10 years, he has spread his generosity to organizations in South Florida, including 4KIDS of South Florida and Habitat for Humanity.

Perhaps his biggest impact in Florida, however, has been with Boca Helping Hands, where he all but single-handedly funded the organization's \$3 million home, a 15,000-square-foot facility that serves about 175 noontime meals to people in need. The building has a food pantry that distributes thousands of pounds of groceries every year.

Job training programs are offered there, too. Staff members are on hand to help connect people in need with other services.

"Arthur is my patron saint," says Gary Peters, president of the board of Boca Helping Hands. "He's the one responsible for us being in this building. It's a facility that impacts thousands of people."

Last month Remillard was honored with special recognition during Boca Helping Hands' Celebration event.

"Arthur has always been encouraging and a strong supporter," Peters said. "He's been there every step of the way."

Remillard says that when he first arrived in South Florida about 10 years ago he was looking for an organization to support.

He Googled food pantry and Boca Raton because he had donated to similar organizations up north. Boca Helping Hands popped up immediately.

Remillard went to meet with Peters and discovered that the organization was a lot smaller than those he typically supported.

At the time, Boca Helping Hands was little more than a small soup kitchen working out of the Friendship Baptist Church, serving about 36 meals a day. The facility occupied a mere 900 square feet.

"It wasn't much of an operation," Remillard said, adding that meals were served only four days a week.

Seeing a great need in the community, Remillard issued a challenge to Peters.

"I said 'go find a building,'" he recalls.

It took four years and a lot of searching, but together Peters and Remillard found the perfect spot on Northwest First Court.

When the building opened in 2010, Boca Helping Hands served 80 meals a day and began serving six days a week. At one point during the height of the recession, the organization served 225 meals a day.



Arthur Remillard funded the \$3 million facility that enabled Boca Helping Hands to expand its food services. Photo provided

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In addition to noontime meals and the food pantry service, Boca Helping Hands serves between 60 and 70 family meals one night a week.

For Remillard, philanthropy comes as the result of his success in business.

Growing up in Worcester, Remillard joined the Navy after high school. After his discharge, he went to Clark College in his hometown and graduated with a degree in accounting. He became a partner in five supermarkets and then went into the insurance business, opening his own agency.

In 1972 he started Commerce Insurance, becoming a major insurer in Massachusetts. He sold the firm in 2006 for \$2.2 billion.

"I grew up saying I would do well, but I never thought I would do this well," he says.

For Remillard, whose father was a janitor and whose family was too poor to think about giving to charity, philanthropy has become an important part of his life. It's something he has shared with his five children and grandchildren.

It's not unusual, Peters says, for members of Remillard's family to come to Boca Helping Hands and volunteer when they're in town.

That's something that Remillard says makes him proud.

"I want people to think of me as a businessman who got involved in philanthropy and who passed the idea of philanthropy onto his family," he said. ★

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Highland Beach

Defense: Client accused of defrauding widow will not flee

By Rich Pollack



Cabral



Del Rio

Attorneys for David Del Rio, the financial adviser accused of siphoning nearly \$900,000 from the accounts of a Highland Beach widow who was later found slain, will be in court this month hoping to get him released on bail.

Del Rio, who served as the financial adviser to Elizabeth Cabral, 85, has been in custody since mid-September after being charged with 27 counts of grand theft and financial fraud stemming from what detectives say were unauthorized withdrawals from the woman's bank accounts.

"It's very clear that he's entitled to bond," defense attorney Michael Salnick said. "He's never been in trouble before."

Although bail was originally set for \$27,000 soon after his arrest, Del Rio remains in jail following contentions by prosecutors that any money used to post bail would be from ill-gotten gains. Prosecutors also contended that Del Rio was a flight risk, something Salnick says is not the case.

In court documents, prosecutors argued that "to allow the defendant to use funds and collateral that were obtained by his participation in an organized criminal scheme to defraud in order to secure his release is contrary to the purpose and intent of the statutes."

Salnick said he will argue that the money Del Rio, 35, will use to post bail is not connected to the charges. He also said Del Rio knew for months that he was under investigation by Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office detectives but did not flee.

The attorney pointed out that law enforcement has seized Del Rio's passport. He said that if Del Rio is released on bail, he would return to his home in Lee County and to his family.

"My client is going to do the right thing and show up for court when required," Salnick said.

While in Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office custody, Del Rio has frequently been visited by his wife, his parents and other family members.

"He has a very strong support base," Salnick said.

While investigators have been tight-lipped about their investigation into Cabral's death — she was found in her apartment in late April — Salnick denied any link between his client and the homicide.

"He's unequivocally not involved in the homicide," Salnick said. ★

Correction

A story in the October issue incorrectly reported the number of people attending meetings at Delray Beach's Crossroads Club. An estimated 750 people attend a meeting every day.

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Gulf Stream

Owner thankful no one was home during fire at historic estate

By Steve Plunkett

A fire at the oceanfront Pugliese estate in Gulf Stream closed down State Road A1A for six hours while Delray Beach firefighters worked to control the blaze and extinguish intermittent hot spots.

No one was hurt in the Oct. 29 fire, which apparently started in a three-car garage between the guest house and the historic mansion. Firefighters did rescue two dogs, Delray Beach Fire Rescue spokesman Kevin Saxton said.

Homeowner Laura Pugliese, who with her husband, Anthony, were driving back from Jupiter, said when the fire alarm company called, she first thought it was a false alarm.

"I think it's an actual fire, because there's a lot of 911 calls," she said the dispatcher told her.

Delray Fire Rescue was alerted at 5:50 p.m.

"When the first units arrived there was significant fire showing," Saxton said.

Town Manager Greg Dunham said he got to the scene about 7 o'clock. "I couldn't see flames, but there was smoke fully billowing out," he said.

Fourteen vehicles responded

to the blaze, including Highland Beach's ladder truck, which Delray Beach operates. The fire was under control in about an hour, Saxton said, but firefighters stayed at the estate until about midnight.

"There were a lot of hot spots," Saxton said.

Pugliese said an SUV in the garage had a full tank of gas, which probably caused the explosion some people heard.

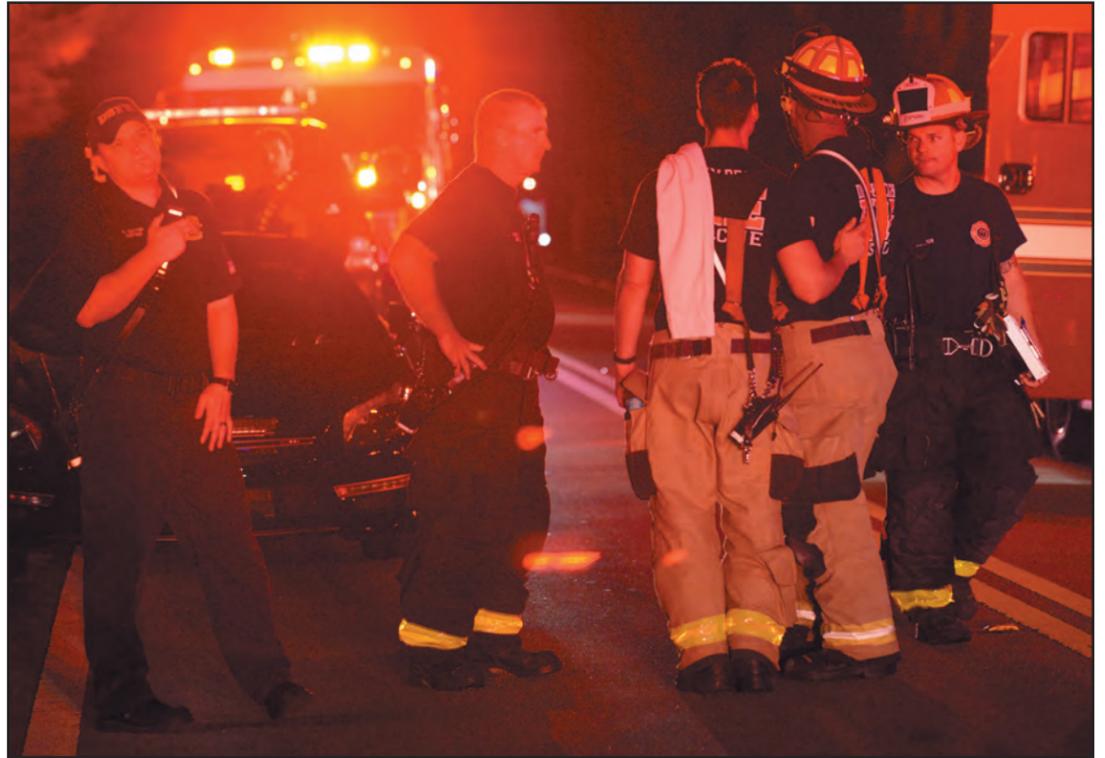
Ocean Ridge police diverted southbound A1A traffic onto Woolbright Road. Delray Beach police directed northbound motorists to turn around in the parking lot of the Gulf Stream Golf Club.

"We were lucky, very lucky," Laura Pugliese said. "No one was home, no one was hurt."

But she and her husband had to cope with having no power or lights. "We slept with all the doors and windows open last night," she said.

The Puglieses restored the Roaring '20s mansion rather than tear it down. It was built by a member of Gulf Stream's founding Phipps family.

An inspector for the state fire marshal's office was at their home the next day. The fire marshal would take a few days to report on the cause and other details, Saxton said. ★

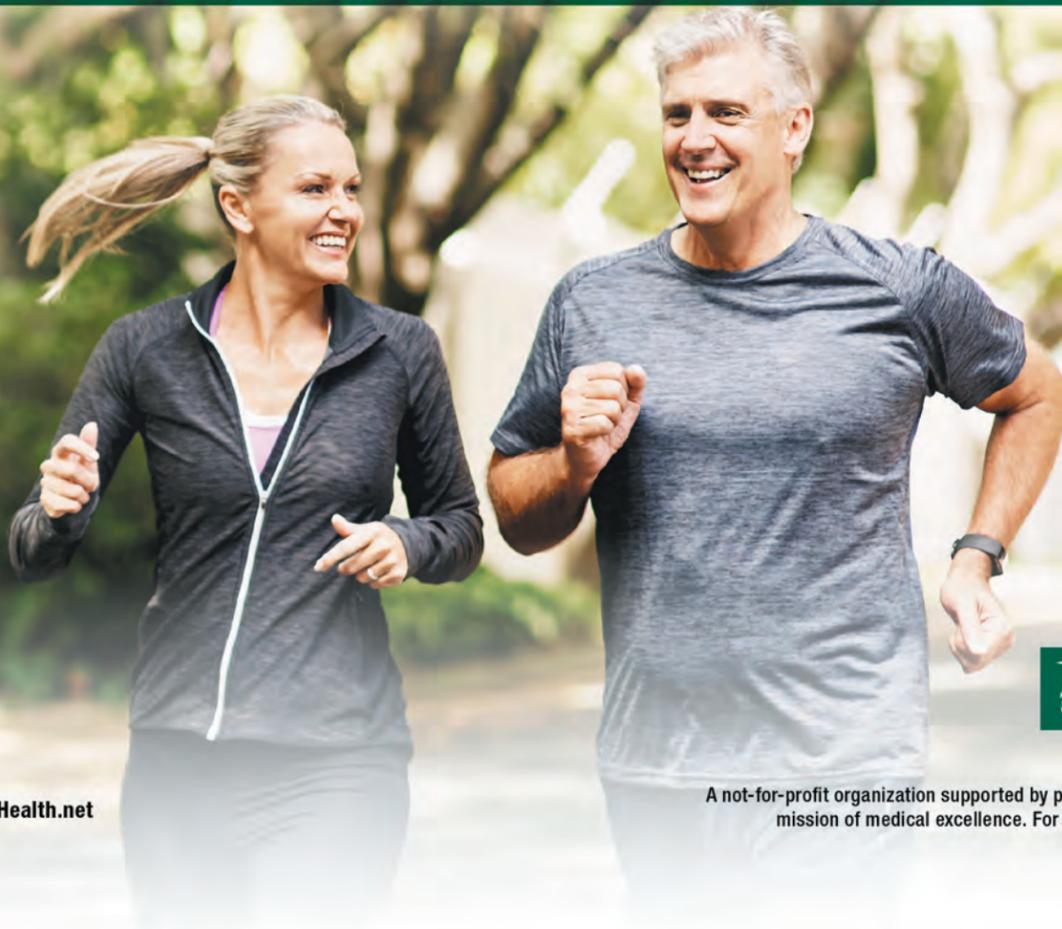


ABOVE: More than 35 firefighters with 14 trucks from Delray Beach and elsewhere in the county responded to a fire at the Gulf Stream estate of Anthony Pugliese on Oct. 29. They contained the fire to the multi-car garage and guest quarters, preserving the main home that was once the Phipps Estate. The Phippses were the founders of Gulf Stream Polo. **RIGHT:** The next morning Gulf Stream police were at the scene, awaiting a fire inspector's investigation. **Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**



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Gulf Stream

CodeRED emergency system ready; town urges residents to enroll

By Steve Plunkett

Gulf Stream's new CodeRED emergency alert system is up and running.

"It is fully activated and ready to go," Town Manager Greg Dunham told town commissioners at their Oct. 12 meeting.

The system allows town officials to send residents warnings via phone calls, email and cellphone text messages. CodeRED also has a smartphone app. But residents have to sign up to participate. "It's not an automatic thing," Dunham said.

The town is paying provider OnSolve LLC \$1,500 a year for the service, which

otherwise is free to residents.

CodeRED is designed to send critical and time-sensitive communications such as alerts about missing children, emergency preparedness, wildfires, emergency evacuation notices, a public health crisis and criminal activity.

Gulf Stream joins Delray Beach, Highland Beach and Boca Raton in offering CodeRED. The program is easily tailored to reach large and small audiences.

"We could do the whole town, or we could do one block of a street. Actually it could be as little as one or two houses," Dunham said in July when he first pitched the idea to commissioners.

Some residents complained following Hurricane Irma last year that people in other cities got emergency notices on their cellphones, Dunham said then.

Vice Mayor Thomas Stanley, who was already signed up for Delray Beach's CodeRED alerts, said he received six or seven text messages a day during Irma.

Town Finance Director Rebecca Tew said she hopes to convert everyone who sent Town Hall an email address for official notices into CodeRED participants. She has 300 to 500 email addresses of residents, house managers "and also a lot of personal assistants."

Gulf Stream sent residents a letter urging them to go to the town's website

and click on CodeRED to sign up.

Residents can choose a user name and password or register with a Google, Facebook or Twitter account.

In other business, Dunham said Comcast has hired a subcontractor, Cypress Communications, to put its cable television and internet lines underground, much like Florida Power & Light hired subcontractor Wilco to bury its electric lines. Cypress, which expects to spend 90 days on the job, will start from Golfview and work north.

"We're trying to get AT&T to start from the north side and move south," Dunham said. ★

Along the Coast

Red tide tests show low or no presence at area beaches

By Henry Fitzgerald

Just as suddenly as red tide hit south Palm Beach County beaches a month ago, it went away. But officials say you can never be sure when these outbreaks — rare for our beaches compared to those on the Gulf Coast — will return.

"The latest results show the bacteria to be considered not present or at very low levels," said Michael Stahl, deputy director of Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management. "It's certainly in decline from where we were at the end of September."

Officials are continuing to test at the county's beaches once a week, but that's down from twice a week at the height of the outbreak, Stahl said.

The latest round of tests by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at South County beaches took place Oct. 24 east of Ocean Inlet Park (very low), east of Gulfstream Park (not present), Delray Public Beach (not present), east of Spanish River Park (not present), Gumbo Limbo Nature Center (not present), east of Red Reef Park

(not present), east of South Beach Park (very low), 2.9 miles east of the Boca Raton Inlet (not present) and South Inlet Park (very low).

"Countywide, we're looking pretty good," Stahl said.

At the end of September and beginning of October, beachgoers were complaining of runny noses, scratchy throats and burning eyes, as health officials confirmed the red tide.

Water samples from sites at south Palm Beach County beaches identified the presence of the *Karenia brevis* harmful algae bloom — the first appearance on Florida's southeast coast since 2006-07.

At one point officials discovered dead fish ashore just south of the Boynton Inlet.

Officials in Lantana closed the beach there, but officials farther south monitored the situation and flew warning flags to let beachgoers know the risk.

"It was here for about two weeks," said Kevin Saxton, public information officer for Delray Beach Fire Rescue. "We took down our warning flags on Oct. 12. I know it reduced the number of people on our beach at the time, but patrons are



Residents along the coast had to deal with the effects of red tide for more than a week. **ABOVE:** Dead reef fish lie south of the Boynton Inlet in early October. **RIGHT:** Lifeguard Lange Jacobs put up traffic cones and double red flags to warn of respiratory problems at South Inlet Park, a county beach in Boca Raton. **Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

back. We're glad it's gone."

Boca Raton took a similar approach at city beaches, deciding to keep them open, but flying a red hazard flag and the purple sea pest flag, said Chrissy Gibson, city spokeswoman.

"We monitored the situation closely, and we are still monitoring," she said in an email. "We get daily reports from the lifeguards, are still

taking samples at our beaches and are reviewing the results posted to the FWC map twice a week."

Officials cautioned that even though red tide outbreaks are rare for this part of the state, you can never say never.

"It could return," Stahl said. "It depends on the right environmental factors that allow for it to get into the Gulf Stream



from the Gulf of Mexico and affect our beaches." ★

Abrams hired to lead Tri-Rail's governing agency

By Steve Plunkett

Palm Beach County Commissioner Steven Abrams, who leaves office Nov. 20, will spend only a few weeks unemployed before tackling his next job — as executive director



Abrams of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority. His former colleagues on the SFRTA governing board hired him on a 9-1 vote to lead the agency that runs Tri-Rail, choosing his political savvy over the deep operational skills of rival job candidates.

"Oh, I'm thrilled," Abrams exclaimed as well-wishers congratulated him following the Oct. 26 vote. "I'm excited about

the opportunity."

Abrams, who resigned as chairman of the governing board in May to apply for the director's position, dismissed concerns about his lack of operational expertise.

"I have the background to jump right in," he said.

The other finalists were Joe Giulietti, retired president of Metro-North Commuter Railroad in New York City and before that executive director of SFRTA for 13 years; Mikel Oglesby, SFRTA's deputy executive director; Benjamin Limmer, assistant general manager of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority; and Tim Tenne, chief operating officer of the Maryland Transit Administration, who withdrew from consideration after his job interview.

Two other finalists — Joseph

Black, a practice leader/director at Washington, D.C.-based Network Rail Consulting, and Raymond Suarez, chief operating officer of the Denton County Transportation Authority in Texas — withdrew before the interviews.

Jack Stephens, SFRTA's current executive director, is retiring at the end of the year.

Abrams' appointment seemed in jeopardy at first as board members discussed his nomination.

"I feel like the agency ... needs some strong management right now," said former state Sen. Jim Scott, a Fort Lauderdale lawyer, who preferred Giulietti.

Broward County Commissioner Tim Ryan was dismayed that so many applicants dropped out, including Tenne, "who hit it out of the park" in his interview.

"It just gave me a sense that there's something else going on that I haven't figured out in this whole interview process," said Ryan, whose second choice was Limmer.

But Miami-Dade County Commissioner Esteban Bovo, who succeeded Abrams as chair and supported his candidacy, said all the applicants had good points and flaws.

"We need a person, in my opinion, that can navigate the politics of the three counties, and that's not an easy thing to do," Bovo said. "We need somebody that's going to be able to go to Tallahassee, to the federal government. We need somebody that's going to be able to exploit relationships and needs to do it immediately, the moment they hit the ground running."

"There's no learning curve

here, and that, by definition, perhaps may disqualify a few."

The Nov. 6 general election will decide who succeeds term-limited Abrams on the Palm Beach County Commission. Running are Democrat Robert Weinroth, a former deputy mayor of Boca Raton, and Republican William "Billy" Vale, a pharmaceutical representative and political newcomer. The district covers coastal communities in the southeast portion of the county.

"The timing works pretty well," said Abrams, who still has to negotiate his salary with SFRTA. Stephens is paid \$260,000 a year.

Abrams, 60, is finishing his ninth year as a county commissioner and sat on the Boca Raton City Council as a member and mayor for 17 years. ★

Delray Beach

Volunteers, memories sought for 25th year of 100-foot tree

By Jane Smith

The 100-foot Christmas tree went up before Halloween this year, but it's the same time as last year, said Stephanie Immelman of Grapevine Communications, LLC, the firm in charge of the tree.

Last year, Delray Beach purchased the new tree to replace the rusted structure that annually needed repair and moved the tree location to the east side of the Old School Square grounds.

"We wanted to make sure we had enough time to put it up," Immelman said.

The tree-construction contractor, Christmas Designers Inc., finished its work in mid-October and will return in early November to build the ice skating rink and fill in the branches, she said.

The city needs volunteers to help assemble the holiday gift shop inside the tree and the interiors of the other gift shops nearby. Volunteers can sign up for shifts during the weeks of Nov. 5 and Nov. 12.

"We will start at 9 a.m. and go to 2 p.m. from Monday through Friday," Immelman said.

Volunteers can sign up by emailing Tiffany Mazer, the tree's "volunteer whisperer" and operations manager, at tmazer@delraybeach.com. Lunch will be provided each day.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the 100-foot tree in Delray Beach.

"We are asking people to tell their tree stories," Immelman said.

Anyone with tree tales can contact Mazer via email and type "tree memories" in the subject line. Photos are welcome. The deadline is Nov. 15.

Entries will be posted on a special website created for the tree, www.100ftchristmastree.com, and on the tree's Facebook page.

The 100-foot tree lighting will be Nov. 29, the Thursday after Thanksgiving. Festivities begin at 5 p.m. Santa will light the tree at 7:15 p.m. and will stay around for photos after the tree lighting.

The event is free; nearby activities such as ice skating and the carousel rides have a nominal charge. ★



Like its predecessor, the year-old 100-foot tree dominates the Delray Beach skyline. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

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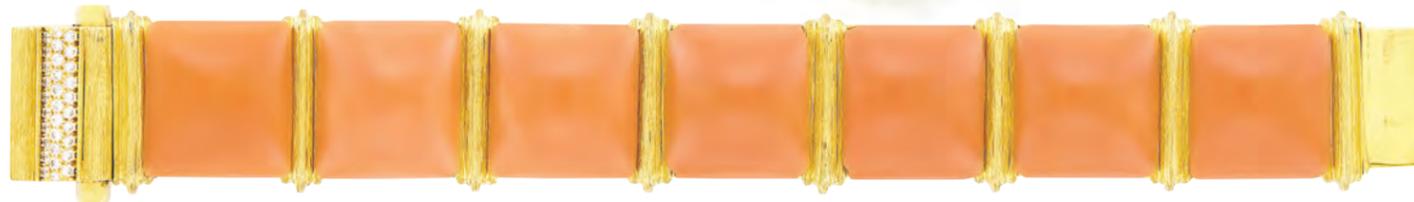
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Ocean Ridge

Town weighs tougher rules for development drainage

By Dan Moffett

Confronted with threats posed by rising seas and overly aggressive builders, Ocean Ridge commissioners are grappling with tough decisions about how much to tighten the town's building rules.

At their Nov. 5 meeting, the commissioners will have to decide between two competing ordinance proposals that would set minimum drainage standards for lots under development.

One proposal requires developers to set aside 35 percent of their lots for pervious, or drainable, materials such as landscaping. The other proposal would also impose the 35 percent standard, up from the current 25 percent, but would carve out an exemption for smaller lots, those less than 12,000 square feet.

The commission appears divided on which rule to approve.

Mayor James Bonfiglio and Commissioners Steve Coz and Philip Besler say they are concerned about the possible hardship on homeowners with smaller lots and are considering supporting the exemption. Vice Mayor Don MaGruder and Commissioner Kristine de Haseth favor the blanket 35 percent approach, arguing Ocean Ridge needs to fall in line with neighboring communities that have stronger requirements.

The town's Planning and Zoning Commission, on a 4-1 vote, recommended the 35 percent ordinance without exemptions, as did the town's engineer, Lisa Tropepe, and outside planning consultant, Marty Minor of Urban Design Kilday Studios in West Palm Beach.

Mark Marsh, an architect who serves on the P&Z board, told the commission during a special meeting Oct. 15 that the stricter limit wasn't innovative or unreasonable.

"It's nothing out of the norm," Marsh said. "We're trying to catch up with other communities."

Marsh said Manalapan already has the 35 percent standard, and Gulf Stream and Palm Beach are at 40 percent. He told commissioners that Ocean Ridge was under siege by builders who want to maximize profits.

"The whole goal is to preserve the ambience of this town," Marsh said.

Tropepe told the commission that exceptions to the tougher standard would diminish the town's ability to

handle storm water and rising seas. She said the town needs more swales and green space — not more concrete, asphalt and brick.

"Any increase in impervious area compromises our stormwater drainage," Tropepe said.

Bonfiglio said he thought residents should have one more chance to weigh in on the issue at the November meeting when both versions of the ordinance come up for a second reading and final approval. Only one can become law.

In May, the commission passed a moratorium on new construction projects in response to concerns about loopholes in the town's building code. Commissioners could lift that moratorium on Nov. 5 by approving the proposed rule changes.

In other business, at the October special meeting, the commission unanimously approved the first readings of two proposed amendments to the town charter. With final approval in November, the amendments will be put on the ballot for residents to consider in the March 12 municipal election.

One amendment gives the town manager the authority to hire and fire all town employees without the commission's approval — except for terminating the police chief, a matter that must come before the commissioners.

The other amendment provides for a limit of three consecutive three-year terms for commissioners. After serving the three terms, a commissioner must wait a year before running for office again.

At the commission's regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 1, commissioners advanced after first reading three other charter amendment proposals for the March ballot. One clarifies candidate qualifying periods and the beginning of commission terms. Another requires 24 hours' notice, instead of 12 hours', for special commission meetings and sets a three-vote minimum for approving any action. At present only a simple majority vote is required.

The third and most controversial proposed change calls for requiring a four-vote supermajority for the commission to approve increases to the allowable density or height of new developments. ★

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Boca Raton

City clears way for construction of Mandarin Oriental hotel, condos

By Mary Hladky

Construction will begin soon on the downtown 164-room Mandarin Oriental hotel and 92 luxury and ultra-luxury branded condominiums.

The Boca Raton City Council, sitting as Community Redevelopment Agency commissioners, unanimously approved redesigned parking garages and 24/7 valet parking plans on Oct. 22, clearing the way for the five-star hotel and The Residences at Mandarin Oriental to be built on Federal

Highway north of Camino Real.

Buildings on the site have been demolished, and crews are readying the ground for construction.

Al Piazza, senior vice president for development for developer Penn-Florida Companies, expects construction to begin in late January, with both buildings completed by the end of 2020.

The hotel and condos are phases 2 and 3 of Via Mizner, a \$1 billion project that is the biggest development in the downtown's building boom.

Phase 1 is 101 Via Mizner, a 366-unit luxury apartment building with the most expensive rentals in the city. The building, completed in 2016, is almost fully leased, Piazza said.

Monthly rents for one-bedroom, one-bath units range from about \$1,900 to \$3,700, and three-bedroom, two-bath units range from about \$4,700



From left, the five-star Mandarin Oriental hotel and its adjacent condos will join the existing 101 Via Mizner luxury apartments on Federal Highway north of Camino Real. **Rendering provided**

to \$5,700, according to listings.

The hotel will be the 32nd Mandarin Oriental and the condos will be the ninth branded residences in the world.

The hotel and condos are "going to be a major contribution to our

community," CRA chair Andrea O'Rourke said at the meeting. "I am counting on the brand to meet our expectations."

The project includes 52,000 square feet of restaurants and luxury shops and a private club. An 18-hole golf course will be

located about three miles away just west of Military Trail.

The CRA approved the project in 2015, but Penn-Florida recently sought approval for redesigned parking garages and the addition of valet parking.

The Planning and Zoning Board voted 4-3 against both changes on Sept. 20 after members voiced concerns that the parking garages would be difficult to navigate and that valet parking spaces would inconvenience residents.

Piazza said the objections were the result of misunderstandings, and Penn-Florida officials clarified their planned parking and valet operations in a five-page response given to city staff.

Senior planner Susan Lesser told the CRA commissioners that the developer had "successfully addressed" the issues. ★

City cracking down on garage sale 'businesses'

By Steve Plunkett

Starting next spring, homeowners will be able to hold only two weekend garage sales a year, or four days in all, and must get a free permit beforehand from the city.

Brandon Schaad, Boca Raton's development services director, said issuing permits would let the city keep track of how many times a particular resident holds a garage sale.

"There's been some complaints received by the city regarding excessive numbers of garage sales held on some properties, to the extent that on some properties they essentially constitute a business operation," Schaad told City Council members at their Oct. 10 meeting.

The frequent sales cause parking problems and noise for neighbors, Schaad said. Council members unanimously approved an enabling ordinance.

Schaad said his department would spend the next six months educating residents on the new requirements. After the outreach program ends, violators will receive one warning and face a \$150 fine for a second occurrence. Permits will be available online and at City Hall.

"The whole point is not to make it difficult for regular residents," Mayor Scott Singer said.

Deputy Mayor Jeremy Rodgers asked if Development Services could publish the list of garage sale permits so shoppers could plan their trips.

"It gives a way to publicly advertise for free in the city what yard sales are going on. ... In that way we're adding value I think," Rodgers said.

In other business, council members authorized the sale of \$36.7 million in capital improvement bonds to be paid back with proceeds from the county's 1-cent sales tax. The bond money will finance projects that include Lake Wyman Park, Wildflower Park and Silver Palm Park. ★

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Along the Coast

Consider negative effects of Amendment 1 on revenue, leaders say

By Steve Plunkett

Municipal leaders are taking a cautious approach to the possibility that constitutional Amendment 1 will be approved

on Election Day.

"If it passes then local governments, which are the ones that tax by property taxes, will see a decrease in revenue. We're already estimating that if

it passes it will be \$1.8 million," Boca Raton Mayor Scott Singer said.

"And yes, a tax cut sounds like a wonderful thing. As the League of Cities has been

pointing out, this is not a tax cut, this is a tax shift," Singer continued at the Oct. 10 City Council meeting. "So please give special consideration to that."

The proposed amendment would give up to an additional \$25,000 exemption to homesteads valued at \$100,000 to \$125,000. There already is a \$25,000 exemption on the first \$25,000 of assessed value and a second \$25,000 exemption on the value between \$50,000 and \$75,000. The second and potential third exemptions do not apply to school district taxes.

In Ocean Ridge, Town Commissioner Kristine de Haseth also urged voters to educate themselves. The town would see tax revenues drop by about \$75,000, while Palm Beach County government

would lose \$27.3 million.

De Haseth said 66 homesteads in Ocean Ridge are assessed at less than \$100,000 and would not qualify for the additional exemption; 541 would be eligible for at least part of it.

"I encourage you to educate yourself on all the pieces, make sure that you know what it means to you personally and also what it means to your town," she said Oct. 1.

Florida TaxWatch urged voters to say no.

"The proposed homestead benefits relatively few Florida families (29 percent) and property owners (24 percent). It also benefits only 57 percent of homestead owners," the nonprofit watchdog group said. "It will likely lead to increases on everybody else, with higher taxes on lower-income homeowners and small businesses, and increased rents for renters."

Also opposing the Florida Legislature-approved proposal were the Florida League of Cities, the Florida Association of Counties and the Florida City and County Management Association.

Delray Beach passed a League of Cities-sponsored resolution as part of its Oct. 16 consent agenda urging residents "to carefully consider the potential adverse consequences of Amendment 1 before voting."

The consequences include municipalities being forced to raise property tax rates, benefits going to only a handful of homeowners, and businesses being exposed to a "much higher" tax burden, the league said.

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser Dorothy Jacks said the maximum benefit for Boca Raton homesteads assessed at \$125,000 and up is \$282. Depending on the municipal tax rate, the benefit would range from \$200 to \$300, she said.

Robert Rollins, chairman of the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District, said on its face, the proposal is appealing.

"As a homeowner I'd be leaning toward this," he said.

But the district, which is funded almost 100 percent by property taxes, would have to either cut services or raise its tax rate if the amendment is approved, he said.

Gulf Stream Mayor Scott Morgan was not too worried about the prospect of the third exemption.

"We're a small town. I don't think it'd be a particularly significant issue," Morgan said.

Jacks estimated the amendment would mean a loss of \$35,849 for Gulf Stream.

She also predicted lost tax revenues of \$40,795 in South Palm Beach, \$70,129 in Lantana, \$9,294 in Manalapan, \$11,595 in Briny Breezes, \$1.6 million in Boynton Beach, \$1.6 million in Delray Beach and \$153,864 in Highland Beach. ★



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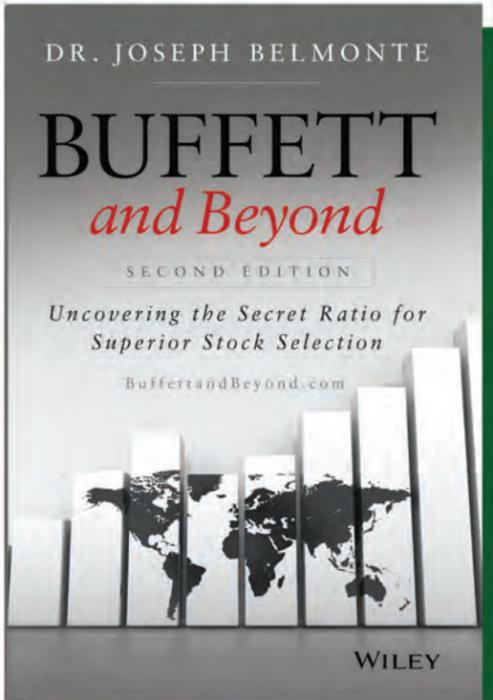
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Lantana

Council considering options for Nature Preserve trail

By Mary Thurwachter

A year after Hurricane Irma left the trail at the Nature Preserve in shambles, the Lantana Town Council is still grappling with the best way to restore it. Only the front portion of the path is accessible.

In May, the council talked about constructing a concrete path, a \$66,000 project that would be built over two years. But council members said they weren't thrilled with the idea of a concrete walkway in a nature preserve, and some thought the cost was too high. They asked Town Manager Deborah Manzo to look into other options, including one with composite wood and hand railings.

On Oct. 8, Manzo presented an estimate of \$709,470 from Marlin Marine Construction for a composite wood path with handrails and pilings. Council members said that project was out of its price range.

Manzo said another option for the 6½-acre preserve at 440 E. Ocean Ave. would be to use treated wood, where the planks for the same square footage as the composite trail would be \$8,279 (installation costs were not available). Council member Phil Aridas said he thought a pressure-treated wood boardwalk was the way to go, but others had different ideas.

Vice Mayor Ed Shropshire suggested pavers and said Water Tower Commons was going to have them.

Council member Malcolm Balfour said a macadam path like those at many golf courses would be far less expensive.

"Concrete, which I'm not crazy about, is far better than pavers and certainly better than \$709,470," said council member Lynn Moorhouse. "Pavers move."

To cover all bases, Manzo was directed to get estimates on a path made of pressure treated wood, from pavers and on macadam.

Mayor Dave Stewart said the town, because of an agreement made when the Nature Preserve was built in the late 1990s, cannot spend any more on the property than the \$50,000 annual payment

it receives from the Carlisle senior living facility next door. The town's annual cost to maintain the park is about \$20,000, leaving \$30,000 to spend each year on needed improvements.

Manzo said some funds for the project could be carried over from this year "because we had planned on doing the smaller portion of the path in fiscal year 2018 and since we have not, we will carry those funds over and use the other funds for fiscal year 2019."

The smaller loop of the trail would be tackled the first year and the larger loop the following year, Manzo said.

Between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for the pathway project would come from FEMA, which supports repairs such as this as an improvement or mitigation project. ★

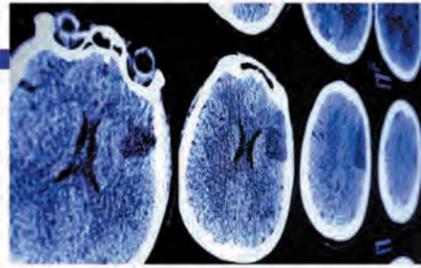
King tide tiptoe

Marine Way, Delray Beach — Oct. 9



Marine Way resident Jerry Spivey tiptoes through rising water to reach his vehicle during the annual king tides. Many residents along the coast were relieved that the effects of the seasonal high tides were not as bad as in some previous years. Municipalities along the beach continue to look for ways to mitigate the flooding. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

Delray Medical Center Achieves Prestigious Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Center Certification by The Joint Commission



As the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, hearing the term "stroke" can often be a very scary thing. Not knowing immediately where to turn, or which medical center is capable of providing life-saving care can be even more frightening. When it comes to stroke, time is brain. Where you are treated and how fast you receive treatment makes a difference. Nearly 88% of strokes are caused by a blood clot that cuts off blood flow to the brain. These ischemic strokes are largely treatable if a patient gets to a hospital that can provide the right treatment in time. Fortunately, that hospital is right in

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thrombectomy (EVT), a specialized surgical procedure used to remove blood clots from the brain during ischemic stroke cases; the capability to provide EVT 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and the hospital's primary neuro-interventionalists, the physicians who routinely perform emergency mechanical thrombectomy, also must meet the highest standards of subspecialty training.

When asked about all that goes into becoming certified, Stroke Director, Dr. Scott Blumenthal explained that "Hospitals that become Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Centers must meet rigorous standards. In order to achieve this certification, it takes a team including EMS, ER physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Neurologists, Neurointensivists, Radiologists and Neuro-interventionalists, to work together in a rapid manner." Over time, we have been able to dramatically reduce the time to receive TPA or EVT. He went on to add that "Stroke Centers who have more efficient, streamlined protocols will have better outcomes." He went on to explain that communication plays a major role. Early notification of a likely stroke victim is relayed to all members of the team at Delray Medical which helps to expedite emergent interventional treatment for the patient. For every minute that a stroke goes untreated, a patient loses up to 1.9 million neurons.

Edward C. Jauch, MD, chair of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Hospital Accreditation Stroke Subcommittee, highlighted the importance of receiving a certification such as this, and commented that "With the recent advances in endovascular therapies for acute ischemic

stroke, it's important to recognize hospitals which can perform this critical intervention safely and effectively."

Dr. Nils Kronast Mueller, a Neuro-interventionalist and Regional Neuroscience Director at Delray Medical Center, emphasizing both the importance of the

"Stroke Centers who have more efficient, streamlined protocols will have better outcomes."

— Dr. Scott Blumenthal
Medical Director of Neurosciences

certification and the benefits of the procedure itself, explained that thrombectomy treatment has proven to be nearly three times more effective in terms of resolving disability for severe stroke than the more conventional treatments. He went on to explain that "what we do very differently here in Palm Beach, compared to the rest of the country, with this bypass of going directly to the thrombectomy-capable centers, we have shortened the time from onset to treatment dramatically." The time saved by this bypass process, rather than going to a primary center and then being transferred, can be crucial in determining a victim's recovery ability. This is largely due to the relentless efforts of the multidisciplinary team at Delray Medical Center and their ability to provide an elite level of treatment to every single case that comes through the door.

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Boca Raton

Last-minute revisions delay beach duplex discussion

By Steve Plunkett

A long-anticipated review of controversial plans to build a four-story duplex on Boca Raton's beach has been delayed indefinitely.

The city's Environmental Advisory Board was scheduled to review the proposal for 2600 N. Ocean Blvd. on Oct. 18, but its meeting was canceled Oct. 12.

"The applicant for 2600 submitted last-minute revisions to the plans that required review by staff and the consultant," city spokeswoman Chrissy Gibson said. "I don't have an estimate on how long that might take, but the item will be rescheduled for EAB when staff and consultants



ABOVE: The proposed four-story duplex at 2600 N. Ocean Blvd. would be almost all glass on the side facing the ocean. **RIGHT:** The rooftop swimming pool would not be visible to pedestrians and vehicles traveling on State Road A1A. **Renderings provided**

have had time to review the changes."

Property owner Grand Bank N.A. proposes building each



side of its 14,270-square-foot duplex with four bedrooms, five and one-half baths, a glass elevator and a four-car garage,

according to Delray Beach-based Azure Development, which is marketing the site. The duplex would also have a 40-foot boardwalk and a rooftop swimming pool.

The site needs the Boca Raton City Council to grant a variance for building seaward of Florida's restrictive Coastal Construction Control Line. The City Charter directs the Environmental Advisory Board to advise council members "on the environmental impact of proposed developments which contain environmentally sensitive lands, listed species, or wetlands ... and to recommend ways in which adverse environmental impact might be minimized."

The idea of building on the beach erupted into public view in 2015 when the council approved a variance for the owner of 2500 N. Ocean Blvd. two lots south to build a four-story, 10,432-square-foot "mini-mansion."

Both lots are east of State Road A1A between Spanish River Park and the undeveloped Ocean Strand parcel.

"2500 is under review and has not been scheduled," Gibson said.

The council's newest member, Andy Thomson, reported Oct. 23 that a lawyer for 2600 N. Ocean told him the owner is still willing to sell the lot. The council told city staff to ask if the price has come down. ★

HAYNIE

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In her concluding analysis, Miller said that Haynie knew her ties to the Batmasians created a conflict of interest "because, for years, she concealed her private interest to the public and, even more recently, to the commission's investigator."

Haynie could not properly discharge her duties as a public official concerning the Batmasians "when a source of her livelihood was dependent upon their continued business relationship and the success of the Batmasians' companies," she wrote.

The Oct. 19 probable cause findings are not a determination that Haynie violated state laws, but a conclusion that enough evidence of violations exists to allow the investigation to proceed. Haynie now has the option of trying to reach a

settlement with the commission. If not, a full evidentiary hearing will be held on the allegations.

Bruce Zimet, Haynie's criminal defense attorney, said after a brief case status hearing on Oct. 26 that she will seek an evidentiary hearing.

Haynie's ethics attorney, Mark Herron, did not comment.

Haynie was suspended from office in April by Gov. Rick Scott after the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office lodged seven public corruption charges against her, but she has not resigned. The state Ethics Commission has the power to seek her removal from office.

But that rarely happens. It's more typical that a public official is fined up to a maximum of \$10,000 per violation.

The state Ethics Commission followed the same investigatory path blazed by the State Attorney's Office and the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics, which settled with Haynie after she admitted to violating the county's ethics code and agreed to pay a \$500 fine for failing to disclose a

conflict of interest.

Investigators examined her financial disclosure reports, business dealings, bank records and the votes she cast as a Boca Raton City Council member and Community Redevelopment Agency commissioner.

The evidence gathered against her by the three agencies is similar. One key difference is that while state prosecutors determined that Haynie voted on four matters that financially benefited James Batmasian from 2014 through 2017, state ethics investigators found 17 votes between 2012 and 2016.

State ethics investigators found that Haynie did not list on financial disclosure forms income she derived from two companies she and her husband, Neil, had formed — Community Reliance and Computer Golf Software of Nevada.

Bank records show that she wrote checks to herself from 2014 through 2016 totaling \$72,000 from the Computer Golf Software of Nevada bank account.

She also wrote checks to herself totaling at least \$5,600

from the Community Reliance bank account.

And while Haynie has said she was not involved with Community Reliance or Computer Golf Software, bank records show she signed Community Reliance checks that were made out to businesses including Allstate, AT&T and Office Depot.

She also did not report rental income deposited in the couple's joint bank account from two properties they own in Key Largo and Boca Raton that totaled \$182,307.

Community Reliance, a property management company, was paid by the master association of Tivoli Park, a 1,600-unit apartment complex in Deerfield Beach, where 80 percent of the units were owned by James and Marta Batmasian and most of the board members worked for Investments Limited.

Haynie "intentionally concealed several years' worth of business and financial dealings with James and Marta Batmasian and/or their companies," Miller wrote.

"She failed to disclose any common interest even though Community Reliance did tens of thousands of dollars in business with the Batmasians while [Haynie] cast votes benefiting their companies."

The criminal charges against Haynie, 63, include official misconduct, perjury, misuse of public office and failure to disclose voting conflicts.

She has pleaded not guilty and waived her right to a speedy trial.

The state investigation found that Haynie failed to report \$335,000 in income in disclosure forms required by the state, including \$84,000 from Batmasian or Investments Limited, from 2014 through 2017.

Former BocaWatch publisher Al Zucaro, a Haynie adversary whom she defeated in the 2017 mayoral race, filed complaints against her with both the county and state ethics commissions after *The Palm Beach Post* published an investigation that detailed financial links between Haynie and the Batmasians.

"These things were uncovered during the course of the race and they have proven to be accurate," said Zucaro, who added that he was sure the probable cause finding "is not welcome news to Ms. Haynie and her criminal defense team."

Mark Bannon, the county Ethics Commission's executive director, has said he did not act on Zucaro's complaint because he received it after his office had launched an investigation.

In the county ethics case, Haynie denied she acted improperly and said she had requested in 2013 an opinion from the county Ethics Commission on whether she should recuse herself from voting on matters involving Batmasian. The opinion said she could vote.

But the opinion was narrowly written, and Bannon has said Haynie should have understood the opinion to mean she should not vote when Batmasian was a developer or applicant of a project coming to the City Council for approval. ★

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Boca Raton

Proposal for performing arts complex gets positive reviews

By Mary Hladky

Boca Raton City Council members are clearly impressed by a cultural group's ambitious proposal to build a performing arts complex on city-owned land east of the Spanish River Library.

"Very, very compelling," Deputy Mayor Jeremy Rodgers said at an Oct. 9 workshop meeting where the proposal was unveiled to the council.

"I love the concept," said council member Andy Thomson.

Even so, council members did not immediately support the newly formed Boca Raton Arts District Association's request that the city essentially donate the 21-acre site by agreeing to a long-term ground lease with a token lease payment of \$1 a year.

While council members did not close the door to the idea, they wanted more assurances that the association, an outgrowth of 15-member Boca Raton Cultural Consortium, has a financially sound plan to build the complex and keep it running without city subsidies.

"This is a bold vision, but fortune favors the bold," said Mayor Scott Singer. "You are off to a good start, but you have a lot of work left to do."

The association's vision includes building four performing arts buildings that would house a main theater with up to 1,200 seats, music complex, music recital hall, dance complex and a black box/flex theater totaling 162,000 square feet on the lakeside land.

Surrounding those venues would likely be a 240-room hotel and convention center, restaurants, an open-air gathering and performing space and parking garage. The hotel, restaurants and other tenants would pay fees to help support the cultural venues.

The entire project could cost



An artist's rendering of the Boca Raton Arts District (above), which supporters hope will be built next to the existing Spanish River Library, seen at lower left. Renderings provided

as much as \$140 million, said Boca Ballet Theatre treasurer David Hammond, chief executive of CSI International.

The association modeled the performing arts complex on Liberty Station in San Diego, a mixed-use development on city-owned land focused on the arts.

The venues would provide new homes to existing cultural groups including the Boca Ballet Theatre and the Symphonia chamber orchestra, which now stage productions at borrowed school and Florida Atlantic University auditoriums.

The school venues lack lobbies, locations for receptions, concessions and will call,

adequate restrooms and valet parking, said Boca Ballet Theatre board member Andrea Virgin, president of Boca Raton-based Virgin Design, a planning and engineering firm.

"I believe it has become incumbent on us and the other arts leaders, as well as the City Council, to create a legacy of culture for our current citizens and our children of tomorrow," said Dan Guin, executive director and co-artistic director of Boca Ballet Theatre.

Virgin said the group scoured the city and concluded that the land along Spanish River Boulevard is the best location because it is big

enough, undeveloped, on a lake, has easy access to and from Interstate 95, is near Florida Atlantic University and close to downtown.

The proposal has FAU's support. Michael Horswell, dean of the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, said the university has outgrown its performing arts spaces. It makes sense, he said, to collaborate with city cultural groups and share space rather than build new facilities on campus.

City approval of a ground lease would spur the interest of potential donors who would be more likely to contribute if they see the cultural arts complex

has city support and therefore is more certain of becoming reality, presenters said.

The ground lease also would allow the association to solicit a developer who, in addition to finalizing plans for the complex, would be asked to invest in an endowment fund that would support the project, Hammond said. Money also will be solicited from the state, county and corporations.

Association speakers stressed that the complex would be an economic boon to the city.

"The arts are really a big economic engine for a city," said Jay Dick, senior director of state and local government affairs for Americans for the Arts in Washington, D.C. Nonprofit arts organizations employ 17,000 people in Palm Beach County, and cultural patrons spend a lot of money on things such as dining before a show on top of what they spend on tickets.

While lauding the concept, council members were cautious.

Singer said the city needs the 21 acres, and suggested philanthropists might be willing to donate other land. Rodgers questioned if a land donation is in the city's best interest.

They wanted to know more details about project financing and whether the cultural community will provide adequate financial support.

Council member Andrea O'Rourke, a big proponent of the arts, said she thinks the organization's financial plans are sound, but wants to see a "buy-in" from the cultural community.

"You have done incredible work," she said. "Is it big? Yes, it is huge. We are all concerned about the financial side of it."

The association has launched a capital campaign. Guin said he is certain Boca Raton residents will support the project now that they know what is proposed.

"The last thing we want to do is become a white elephant and dump it back on the city," he said.

"Our job is to make sure your plan is viable enough for us to consider it," Singer said.

After the meeting, Guin was upbeat about his prospects. He said his group will be able to demonstrate that it can raise enough money.

"We got what we were looking for," he said. "We didn't expect to walk in and walk out with the ground lease. It doesn't work that way."

"There wasn't one question from the council that I didn't think was valid, and nothing we were discouraged about at all," he added. "We know we have a heavy lift. But we also think we have the best plan to do that."

The group, he said, popped open a bottle of champagne after the meeting. ★

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Boca Raton

Zucaro's wife subpoenaed for deposition over unpaid loan

By Steve Plunkett

The lawyer seeking repayment of a \$406,000 business loan from two-time Boca Raton mayoral candidate Al Zucaro subpoenaed Zucaro's wife, philanthropist Yvonne Boice, for a deposition in October.

Bernard Lebedeker represents hotel owner Joseph Della Ratta's DR Palm Beach Inc., which lent Zucaro the money in 2003. The attorney asked Boice, who married Zucaro in 2009, to come to his office in West Palm Beach with "any and all documents" that reflect "the transfer of any money or any property from you to Alfred Zucaro," "any gifts you have given" and "the



Boice



Zucaro

transfer of any funds from any trust for which you are a trustee or beneficiary."

Lebedeker also wanted "any and all bank statements" for any accounts titled in Boice and Zucaro's name "or in which both you and Alfred Zucaro have signing authority."

Lebedeker has said Zucaro's debt with interest now tops \$700,000.

Zucaro did not return a phone call seeking comment

before deadline.

Lebedeker similarly did not reply to emails asking about the deposition.

Zucaro, 69, lost to Scott Singer in the Aug. 28 special election for mayor. He or his law firm loaned and gave his campaign \$15,500; others contributed \$44,133.

He was more generous in his 2017 mayoral race, lending or giving his campaign \$62,750. Other supporters gave him \$48,267 then.

On his 2018 campaign Statement of Financial Interests, Zucaro, an immigration lawyer who also started the now-defunct BocaWatch.org blog, listed his law practice, his International Council of Advisors LLC

consultancy and Social Security benefits as his primary sources of income.

He reported secondary income from his World Trade Management LLC, his Palm Beach Investment and Finance LLC and in legal fees from Shoppes on 18th Street Inc., a holding company owned by his wife. That business sold Boice's Shoppes at Village Point shopping center west of the city in 2014 for \$12.25 million.

Zucaro, who lives with Boice in a house she owns on Golden Harbour Drive, also reported that he owns no real property. The only liability he listed was his debt to DR Palm Beach.

Della Ratta's company lent Zucaro and World Trade Management \$240,000 in

2003 and sued four years later after not being repaid. In 2009, Palm Beach Circuit Judge Donald Hafele said the evidence showed Zucaro used much of the money for personal expenses instead of spending it as intended to lure international business to the county. He entered a judgment requiring Zucaro to repay the money with 8 percent interest, making the total then \$406,000.

Zucaro, who had come under fire in West Palm Beach for how he managed his struggling World Trade Center, appealed and lost.

Della Ratta's company owns the Best Western Palm Beach Lakes Inn and the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham hotel in West Palm Beach. ★

Advisory boards give thumbs-up to building Mizner condo in phases

By Mary Hladky

The developer of the luxury condo now rebranded as Alina Residences Boca Raton has cleared two hurdles in its effort to build the 384-unit downtown project in two phases.

The Community Appearance Board recommended that the Community Redevelopment Agency approve the phasing request by a 4-2 vote on Oct. 16, and the Planning and Zoning Board unanimously recommended approval without debate two days later.

Those votes set the stage for the CRA commissioners, who double as Boca Raton City Council members, to make a final decision on Nov. 26.

"We are very disappointed, and we don't believe there was enough attention paid to the community at large and the impact of extending the building process as a result of phasing," Norman Waxman, an opponent to the proposal who is a condo board member at Townsend Place, said after the planning board meeting.

Opponents of the phasing plan now will meet to "develop our game plan" to convince CRA commissioners to reject developer El-Ad National Properties' request, he said.

Alina Residences, formerly known as Mizner 200, is one of the most contentious projects in the city's history. Downtown residents complained that it was too massive and a symbol of downtown overdevelopment.

El-Ad made concessions on building design, landscaping and setbacks that eventually won over critics, and the project

was approved after a flurry of last-minute deal making in 2017.

But tensions flared again earlier this year when El-Ad asked to build the project in two phases, add valet parking and to not fully complete a pedestrian promenade until the second phase was finished.

Critics cried foul. They said they had a firm deal with El-Ad, and now the developer is renegeing.

The most vocal objectors are Townsend Place residents who live next to the project site, but they have an important ally in Investments Limited, a major downtown landowner which was among those who negotiated with El-Ad.

Their main complaint is building the three-tower project in phases.

"If phasing is adopted for the Mizner 200 project, we cannot find this acceptable," Waxman told the planning board. El-Ad's proposal is "a bait and switch," he said, and "we believe in the adage a deal is a deal."

City records and El-Ad's submissions to the city state that it was to be built all at once. But Noam Ziv, El-Ad's executive director of development, told *The Coastal Star* in September that El-Ad never intended to do that.

"It would saturate the market," he said.

Waxman and other critics argued at the planning board meeting that the change would benefit the developer, but not city residents.

They fear that if the condos don't sell well, the second phase will never be built. That would result in one condo tower next

to the run-down Mizner on the Green townhomes that Alina Residences was to replace.

If El-Ad decides to sell the second phase property, Townsend Place residents won't know what the new owner would do with the property.

"That is one of the reasons we are against phasing," Waxman said after the meeting. "If they decide not to build phase two, we have no control over what

would happen next."

Robert Eisen of Investments Limited said in an email that the company "stands with the good citizens of Townsend Place and Boca Beautiful and does not support the revised plan."

El-Ad's request calls for 140 condos in one tower built on the northern portion of the nearly 9-acre site on Southeast Mizner Boulevard. Phase 2 would be 244 units in two towers on the

southern portion adjacent to Townsend Place.

El-Ad attorney Bonnie Miskel told planning board members that the developer wants to build both phases but has the right to build only one.

"It is unfair to say we are changing the deal," she said.

El-Ad agreed to changes to satisfy critics, and those changes stand, she said. ★

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Election

Differing priorities in District 89 race for state House

By Steve Plunkett

The race for District 89 in the Florida House may well come down to which party gets more voters to the polls Nov. 6.

The ballot features two barrier island residents: Ocean Ridge Mayor and lawyer Jim Bonfiglio, the Democrat, and Delray Beach accountant Mike Caruso, the Republican.

The Aug. 28 primaries were close, party-wise, with 12,437 Democrats casting ballots compared with 12,028 Republicans. District 89, which typically leans Republican,

stretches along the coast from Boca Raton to Singer Island.

A third candidate, business owner Deborah Wesson Gibson, a Delray Beach mainlander, was not affiliated with a party and dropped out of the race in August.

In a letter to the state Division of Elections, Gibson, 55, said she was withdrawing to not peel off votes from the Democrat in the race. "It is not my intent to split the party's votes and effectively lend a hand to whoever wins the Republican primary," she said.

Bonfiglio, 65, who has campaigned on making life "easier, safer and better," has been on the Ocean Ridge Town Commission since 2014 following 14 years on its Planning and Zoning Commission. He had \$84,258 in campaign contributions through Oct. 19, the latest numbers

available. He also lent his campaign \$270,000 and added \$5,368 in in-kind donations.

Bonfiglio, who was named mayor by his fellow commissioners in March, received only \$2,003 from six donors with Ocean Ridge addresses. He had \$311,975 in expenses and \$47,651 cash on hand.

Caruso, 60, a forensic CPA who qualified to run for the House by collecting 1,241 signatures, says he will bring "real, experienced, community-based leadership" to the state Capitol. He has been a member of the Delray Beach Police Advisory Board and president of his homeowners association. As of Oct. 19 he had collected \$227,787 in contributions, lent his campaign \$204,125 in cash and given \$304 in kind. His 51 donors with Delray Beach addresses contributed \$25,662. Caruso's expenses were \$374,212 and he had \$58,004 cash on hand.

Caruso, a self-described fiscal conservative, says now is not the time to raise taxes. "Instead we need to allow [everyday Floridians] to keep more of their money in their own pockets to help continue to fuel our robust Florida economy," Caruso told the League of Women Voters.

Bonfiglio says the state needs to find more equitable and reliable revenue streams.

"I support 1) legalizing and taxing recreational marijuana, 2) legalizing and taxing sports betting, 3) look more to corporations, LLCs and businesses to pay their fair share for the costs of government based on their revenue and degree they draw from our education system and use/over-use our infrastructure and threaten our environment, 4) claw back some of the tax breaks given to large businesses and corporations, especially the most recent federal income tax breaks," he told the league.

Caruso has the endorsements of Boca Raton Deputy Mayor Jeremy Rodgers, departing District 89 state Rep. Bill Hager, the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce and the county firefighters union.

Bonfiglio is endorsed by U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel, Boynton Beach City Commissioner Justin Katz and School Board member Frank Barbieri, as well as the county Classroom Teachers Association.

Hager, who first won the District 89 seat in 2012, is leaving office because of term limits. ★



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Highland Beach

Trolleys will carry residents to a grander holiday festival

By Rich Pollack

The holidays in Highland Beach are about to get a lot brighter with nearly \$25,000 worth of lights and displays, including a 25-foot artificial pine Christmas tree and a 12-foot menorah decorating Town Hall.

Residents will also be treated to a two-hour “Light Up the Holidays” celebration officials hope will top those of years past.

New this year will be trolleys making about a dozen stops along the west side of State Road A1A, bringing people to and from the celebration, which takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 29. The trolleys will run from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The expanded “Light Up the Holidays” event at Town Hall and the additional decorations are part of an effort to upgrade the celebration.

“We want to make it beautiful for our town and for our residents,” said

Commissioner Rhoda Zelniker. “People really like the idea of coming together for the holidays.”

This year’s celebration will include the return of the Dimensional Harmony chorus from Boynton Beach High School, interfaith holiday wishes and children’s activities such as ornament and dreidel decorations. There will also be a countdown to the tree lighting.

“Our goal is to make the holiday celebration reflect our community,” said Vice Mayor Alysén Africano Nila. Commissioners selected her and Zelniker to work with town staff on the holiday events.

Perhaps the biggest change residents will notice will be in the Town Hall decorations, provided and installed by Brandano Displays of Margate.

“This is something much bigger and much grander than residents have seen in the past,” said Town Manager Marshall

Labadie.

Under a four-year, nearly \$100,000 lease-to-own agreement, with the town paying about \$25,000 per year, Brandano will provide and install thousands of lights and other decorations around the municipal complex, including at the entrances of the Police Department, Fire Department and Town Hall.

In addition, Brandano will install a 25-foot artificial Southern pine Christmas tree as well as a 12-foot-tall menorah and 7-foot-tall dreidel. There will also be a seven-piece nativity scene that will be 6 feet tall.

Commissioners said the new tree and lights will replace a smaller tree, that along with the lights, was old and in disrepair.

The trolleys are new because parking is unavailable at St. Lucy Catholic Church this year. The trolleys will cost the town about \$750 each for the four hours.

In the past, residents could park in the church parking lot. But the town and the church could not agree over a request by church leaders to have police officers help with traffic control during major holidays and certain Masses in exchange for using the large lot during the “Light Up the Holidays” celebration.

Labadie, who started as town manager last month, said safety is a priority and the Police Department will coordinate with the trolleys as they make their way along the town’s 3-mile stretch of A1A.

Commissioner Elyse Riesa said the additional decorations as well as the enhanced “Light Up the Holidays” celebration will be something residents will enjoy.

“We’re making ‘Light Up the Holidays’ a totally different event than we’ve ever had before,” she said. “It will be a fun event that renews the energy surrounding the holidays.” ★

BEACH

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beaches are cleaned.

The Town Commission is discussing beach raking and considering ordinances to license and regulate the companies that homeowners hire to clean beaches. Two city advisory boards and town staff are also considering action.

“There is no consistency on how the beach raking is done on the beach,” said Commissioner Elyse Riesa. “The first step in protecting our beaches is to have the right rules in place.”

A proposed ordinance for mechanical beach raking would in essence mirror rules established by the state DEP, which Town Attorney Pamala Ryan says are difficult to enforce because of limited state resources.

With an ordinance in place and permits required, the town would be in a better position to enforce rules designed to preserve the beach, she said.

At least two other small coastal towns, Ocean Ridge and Gulf Stream, have no specific rules about beach cleaning, but Manalapan does have restrictions.

“We don’t regulate cleaning of the beaches specifically,” said Ocean Ridge Town Manager Jamie Titcomb. “We defer to the DEP and work closely with them.”

Gulf Stream Town Clerk Rita Taylor said the town requires any company working there to be registered but does not have any specific regulations for beach cleaners.

“We haven’t had any complaints,” she said.

In Manalapan, however, those who clean beaches mechanically are required to have permits and are required to comply with conditions set forth by the state. Manalapan also requires that mechanical beach cleaning be done between sunrise and 11:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

Among the provisions of the draft ordinance are requirements that all debris



ABOVE: Fresh tracks from beach cleaning equipment are a common sight in Highland Beach. How deep the tracks can be may come under new regulations. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**
LEFT: Robert Patek’s home lies between a house to the south and condo to the north that use different companies for beach cleanup. The tractor drivers use Patek’s property to turn around, and he installed poles in an attempt to block them. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

collected from the beach be removed, not buried, and that tracks from equipment not be more than 2 inches deep.

Clayton Peart, president of Universal Beach Services — one of two beach cleaning companies serving Highland Beach property owners — said his firm most likely would be able to comply with the proposed ordinance.

“We don’t think we’ll have a problem following nearly the same conditions of the ordinance, which are nearly the same as those required by DEP,” he said. “We’ve been working in Highland Beach since the 1970s and we want to do the best job we can for the town and all the residents.”

Commissioners are also considering including provisions

to regulate manual beach cleaning on private beaches.

While there is agreement that rules are needed, town leaders are wrestling with whether private beach property owners should continue to be responsible for cleaning their beaches or whether the town should take on that role.

Who should be financially responsible for beach cleaning, should the town take over the task, is complicated by the fact that all of the beaches above the mean high-water mark in Highland Beach are privately owned.

During a meeting last month, the town’s Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board agreed to recommend that the town hire one company to take over the beach raking. The

board recommended having the cost shared by all residents in the town.

In addition to the draft ordinance regulating beach cleaning, town leaders discussed an ordinance drafted as a direct result of the barrier Patek put up on the beach.

Several commissioners said they heard from residents who complained that the poles and ropes Patek put up constituted a safety hazard to those walking on the beach.

To address that concern, the town attorney’s office drafted an ordinance that would prohibit any structures on dune or beach areas with sand. The ordinance does, however, allow for temporary recreational amenities, including volleyball nets or beach chairs. It also

excludes seawalls and steps needed to access the beach.

In addition, commissioners are considering allowing property owners to post Private Property or similar signs near the foot of the dune.

For his part, Patek said he understands why the town and the state wanted his yellow rope and his poles removed. He said he plans to remove the two remaining poles soon.

But he said he’s going to be watching to see if the town can prevent tracks that he says are as deep as 2 feet and what he claims is trash being buried on private beaches.

If the town can’t control the rakers, he said, the poles and ropes might go up again.

“I just don’t want the tractors damaging the dune,” he said. ★

Along the Coast

Tax collector praises ordinance forcing Airbnb renters to pay their share of taxes

By Mary Hladky

Palm Beach County Tax Collector Anne Gannon has prevailed in her long battle to ensure vacation rental hosts pay the 6 percent tourist development tax to the county.

The Palm Beach County Commission on Oct. 16



Gannon

unanimously passed an ordinance that requires vacation rental platforms to collect and remit to the county the so-called bed tax that hotels and other short-term rentals are required to pay.

"We need more tools in our toolbox to enforce our bed tax," Gannon told commissioners.

Vacation rentals are a \$36 billion industry in the U.S. and growing rapidly. Airbnb, one of the best-known companies, had 2,300 hosts in Palm Beach County last year.

Gannon has long contended the county is not getting all the bed tax revenue it is owed because vacation rental hosts either do not know they are supposed to pay or simply don't want to.

The ordinance adds to rules already in place that require hosts to pay the bed tax. But now, vacation rental platforms will have to take on the burden of making sure that happens.

The platforms must verify that vacation rentals are registered with the Tax Collector's Office and have a business tax receipt and a tourist development tax account before they can list the rentals on their platforms.

They also will have to file monthly reports with the tax collector that include the names of all hosts, each vacation

rental's location, and number of nights rented and amount paid for each stay.

Any platform or booking service that violates the rules faces civil penalties of up to \$500 per unit per day.

Although the ordinance applies to all hosting platforms and booking services, much of the focus has been on Airbnb because of its strong resistance.

"We don't need this shakedown-style ordinance," Airbnb's Florida policy director Tom Martinelli told commissioners on Sept. 18.

"This Tax Collector's Office has been particularly hostile to this industry in her public commentary," he added.

Martinelli asked commissioners at that meeting to reject the ordinance or postpone voting on it until after the resolution of a 2014 lawsuit Gannon filed that alleged Airbnb, HomeAway, TripAdvisor and CouchSurfing International have not paid the bed taxes.

Any resolution doesn't look likely to happen soon. Both sides will argue motions for summary judgment on Nov. 27 before Circuit Judge James Nutt. Gannon, who has vowed not to settle the case, has said it will go to trial.

Martinelli wants Gannon to enter into an agreement with Airbnb under which the company will collect the bed taxes and remit them to the county. Airbnb has reached such agreements with 39 Florida counties, including earlier this year with Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Both counties at the time said they would seek similar deals with other home-sharing platforms.

Airbnb reached an agreement with the state Department of Revenue in 2015

in which the company collects state sales tax from its Florida hosts and pays the state. The same year, it began reaching agreements with counties on the bed tax collections.

But Gannon won't sign on. The problem, she has said, is that the agreements don't require Airbnb to release any information about hosts or property addresses and don't require payment of previous uncollected taxes.

Without host and property location information, Gannon said she can't do an audit to see if Airbnb is paying all it owes.

"They give us a take-it-or-leave-it agreement," Orfelia Mayor, Gannon's general counsel, said at the September commission meeting. "It is take our word for it. This is what we owe you."

Mayor raised another complaint at the October meeting, saying Airbnb has staged "a huge campaign of misinformation," wrongly telling hosts that the ordinance would impose a new tax.

Vacation rental hosts attending the meeting said they were not trying to evade taxes.

Maria Vale was one of several hosts who thought Airbnb collected the bed tax.

"We thought Airbnb took care of everything," she said.

Many said they did not understand what the county requires of them. Some had scoured the internet for information but could not find where the rules were spelled out.

One problem, it turned out, was that the information is not included on the county's website. Instead, hosts need to look at the tax collector's site, pbctax.com.

Speakers generally said they were in favor of the ordinance. But some said the county's system is confusing and cumbersome, and asked for it to be simplified.

Mayor said that is, in part, what the ordinance will do by requiring platforms to tell hosts what the requirements are.

"It puts it all in one streamlined ordinance ... so anyone knows how to stay in compliance," she said.

But she agreed that the information should be included on the county's website and that the tax collector's site should be made "more robust."

No officials from vacation rental platforms spoke at the meeting. But afterward, Airbnb released a statement saying the ordinance violates federal and state law by divulging private information about hosts. Mayor has disputed that and said Airbnb has not prevailed on that claim in any legal case.

"We will consider all options to protect the privacy and property rights of our Floridian hosts," the statement said. ★

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Ocean Ridge

Jurors can be told Lucibella's age, judge rules

By Steve Plunkett

Defense attorneys for onetime Ocean Ridge Vice Mayor Richard Lucibella will be able to tell jurors in his January felony trial that he is 65 years old.

Judge Daliah Weiss on Oct. 12 denied prosecutor Danielle Grundt's motion to bar any references to Lucibella's age. "Any such reference would only serve to inflame the jury and suggest [an] improper basis for its verdict," Grundt unsuccessfully argued.

Weiss granted Grundt's request to not allow expert witnesses to testify on legal standards for probable cause, but reserved her rulings until the trial on requests to limit expert testimony that critiques the police investigation or focuses on an issue that is "within the realm of a common layperson's understanding."

She also reserved rulings on whether the defense can argue the search of Lucibella's home was unlawful or the arrest was invalid.

Lucibella is charged with battery on an Ocean Ridge police officer and resisting arrest with violence, both felonies, and a misdemeanor count of using

a firearm while intoxicated. The charges are punishable by up to 10 years in prison. He has pleaded not guilty.

The trial is scheduled to open Jan. 28.

Meanwhile, the insurance company lawyers representing Lucibella in a related civil lawsuit withdrew from the case Oct. 10, citing "irreconcilable differences." Nubia Plesnik, one of the arresting officers, is suing Lucibella for battery and negligence during the course of the arrest.

Lucibella, who has a \$10 million umbrella liability policy, is chief executive of a multimillion-dollar Medicare shared savings group and publishes a magazine for gun aficionados.

Plesnik's lawyer filed notice of a "proposal for settlement" of the lawsuit on Aug. 31. Lucibella's lawyers filed their motion to withdraw two weeks later.

Police went to the backyard of Lucibella's beachfront home Oct. 22, 2016, after neighbors reported hearing gunshots. He resigned from the Town Commission that December. ★

Dan Moffett contributed to this story.

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POLLACK

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Pollack, 76, has been active with the group since it was founded in 2007. He took on the role of president after the January death of his predecessor, Irwin Stovroff, a World War II veteran who spent 13 months in a Nazi POW camp after his plane was shot down.

"When you see what these service dogs do to improve the quality of life for the veteran, it can bring tears to your eyes," he said.

The organization is badly needed because "there is no federal program that will provide service dogs," he said.

Their training is expensive.

It totals \$15,000 for a post-traumatic stress disorder dog, and \$60,000 for a guide dog for the visually impaired, Pollack said.

Vets Helping Heroes has raised more than \$7 million and placed more than 300 trained dogs. Donations have come from all over the country, he said, and 92 percent of the money is spent on dog training.

As president, Pollack wants the all-volunteer board of directors to take a more active role in the organization, and he is working to increase grant requests and expand public relations outreach nationwide to boost the amount of money Vets Helping Heroes raises.

"Our goal is to keep growing," he said. "We haven't put a percentage on it. We want to provide dogs to as many disabled veterans as we can."

Pollack graduated from New



Mel Pollack with John McCain in 2016 in Boca Raton.

York University and joined the Air Force with the intent of learning to fly so he could eventually become an airline pilot.

He was 25 when his plane was hit by antiaircraft fire north of Hanoi on July 6, 1967. Pollack ejected from the plane and suffered back injuries when he slammed into a mountaintop. He was immediately captured.

Conditions at Hua Lo prison, sarcastically dubbed the Hanoi Hilton by service members, were "awful" and his captors' treatment of the POWs was "brutal," he said.

"Our captors thought we had all the secrets of the American military," he said. "They didn't realize once we hit the ground, our war was over."

He and the other POWs had no knowledge of future intended targets, or new policy and tactics, he said.

Food was minimal. Medical attention was almost nonexistent. Pollack lost 35 pounds.

"They kept us alive because we were their ransom for the future," he said. "We were worth something."

Their isolation was near total. They rarely left their cells, which usually housed four men, and

the only outside "news" they heard came from two radio propaganda broadcasts each day.

To stave off madness, Pollack said, he thought about his life over and over again and talked to the other men.

They created clandestine communication systems to talk with prisoners in other cells. When these were discovered, punishment was swift and harsh. "We all have the mental and physical scars to show for it," he said.

One system was to wrap a metal drinking cup in a towel to muffle sound and put the cup against the brick wall. A prisoner in an adjoining cell would do the same, allowing the two to hear each other. That was how he first communicated with McCain.

"We talked about everything, your life, personal aspirations," he said.

More recent POWs would tell about the status of the war, news from outside and what was happening in the United States.

Word eventually spread that McCain's father was a four-star Navy admiral.

Even so, "he was just John. He was just another guy trying to survive," Pollack said.

The two came to know each other "pretty intimately."

He and the other men knew McCain, then a 31-year-old lieutenant commander captured on Oct. 26, 1967, and badly injured, had refused an offer of early release. Many of the other POWs got the same offer, including Pollack, and also refused, he said.

"The only reason they offered

the release was for propaganda value," he said. McCain "would not play their game. As battered and wounded as he was, that was a very strong thing to do."

In exchange for early release, interrogators wanted the POW to sign a letter admitting to committing war crimes and asking the people of North Vietnam for forgiveness.

"I told my interrogator, I am sorry I cannot do that," Pollack said. "We had to uphold the code of conduct."

Pollack finally met McCain face-to-face just prior to his release on March 4, 1973, after they were told the war was over and their captors let them out into a courtyard. McCain was released 10 days later.

"He once made a comment to me that my humor helped save his life," he said. "That was very touching."

The two men stayed in touch through reunions of members of the NAM-POWs veterans organization, and when Pollack would visit Washington, D.C. The last time they saw each other was in 2016, when McCain was in Boca Raton for a fundraising event for his U.S. Senate re-election campaign and they spent an evening together.

McCain's funeral services amazed Pollack. He described them as "a week that outdid any president or head of state or royalty."

"He deserved it," Pollack said. "And it shows how much this country is looking for leadership today." ★

To learn more about Vets Helping Heroes, visit www.vetshelpingheroes.org.

Highland Beach

One-day fest of Florida films set to show in library

By Rich Pollack

New York has one. Toronto has one. Even Fort Lauderdale has one.

Now Highland Beach is about to have a film festival of its own. Kind of.

This month, the Highland Beach Library, a hidden gem tucked between the Intracoastal Waterway and State Road A1A, will host a one-day film festival featuring movies set in Florida, including some that were also shot here.

Showcasing four films spanning five decades, the Nov. 14 "Scenes From the Sunshine State" kicks off at 10:30 a.m. and goes until 8 p.m., with visitors welcome to stay for as many films as they wish.

The film festival, says Library Director Lois Albertson, is an extension of the library's always well-attended Friday film series.

"Movies are always popular," she said. "We thought it would be fun to try something new and have an all-day event with movies centered around a theme."

The event opens with a showing of *Key Largo*, the 1948 classic directed by John Huston and starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall.

There will be a break for lunch and then three more movies set in Florida will be offered.

At 1 p.m., the library will show *Where the Boys Are*, the 1960s look at spring break in Fort Lauderdale with Connie Francis and George Hamilton. Next up at 3 p.m. will be *Cocoon* from 1985, set in St. Petersburg and directed by Ron Howard, followed by *The Birdcage*, a 1996 film starring Nathan Lane and Robin Williams with Miami's South Beach as its backdrop.

There will be discussions between the films led by local resident Peter Rodis, who hosts the Friday afternoon film discussions at the library and who contributed footage to the Oscar-nominated film *What Happened, Miss Simone?*

"This is exciting and we're hoping people love it," Rodis said. ★

The film festival is free and open to the public. Friends of the Library will provide popcorn and door prizes. For more information, contact the Highland Beach Library at 278-5455. The library is at 3618 S. Ocean Blvd.

Veterans Day Events

Events are current as of 10/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

Saturday - 11/10 - Annual Veterans Day Parade at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 11 am. Free. 586-1600; lakeworth.org
Sunday - 11/11 - Veterans Day Observance: Honoring All Who Served at Countess de Hoernle Park, 1000 Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton. Free breakfast for veterans in uniform or

presenting military ID; \$5 suggested donation benefits South Palm Beach County Habitat for Humanity's Veterans Build initiative. Speakers include Retired Lt. Col. Melvin Pollock. 9-9:30 am Veteran Resource Fair; 9:30 am official ceremony; 11 am-noon Connected Warriors Yoga for Veterans; 393-7807; myboca.us/specialevents
11/11 - Veterans Day Observance at Veterans Memorial Park, 9400 W Palmetto

Park Rd, Boca Raton. Procession of colors, guest speakers and patriotic music. Presented by The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10556. 9:30 am. Free. 966-7043; pbcparks.com
11/11 - Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 10 am. Free. 243-7010; mydelraybeach.com
11/11 - Veterans Day Concert: An American Tribute at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 500 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Presented by South Florida Wind Symphony. Write letters to soldiers & donate goods/funds to create We

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Patty Jones

Patty Jones was in her 20s when her father suffered an aneurysm at the age of 44 and went on disability.

“He was in rehab for two years, but luckily he had myself and other family, and we banded together to take care of him and pay his bills,” said Jones, who lives in coastal Delray Beach. “So I totally understand how someone gets in a position where they wind up living paycheck to paycheck because of a health issue.”

Three years ago, a friend invited Jones, 49, to join the board of the Palm Beach County Food Bank’s Empty Bowls program when it came to Delray Beach. She accepted and will serve as chairwoman when the program hosts a fundraiser at Old School Square from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 2.

“Realizing that one in six people in our community, a lot of whom are children and senior citizens, can’t afford meals, that really hits home to me,” she said. “It’s an event that brings awareness of the hunger in our community.”

The motto of the event is “Eat simply, so others may simply eat.”

For \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door, patrons get a picnic lunch of their choice of soup (more than 35 local restaurants will donate), bread and a cookie (donated by Old School Bakery) and water. Each customer takes a pottery bowl home as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the community. Additional bowls can be purchased.

Also available for purchase are painted pottery bowls that were created and donated by the local schools, and soup-to-go will also be for sale. Attendees will be able to support the restaurants by voting for the best soup.

All proceeds go to the PBC Food Bank.

— Brian Biggane



Patty Jones is chairwoman of the Palm Beach County Food Bank’s Empty Bowls fundraiser. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

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

A: I grew up in Wyoming, Mich., where I attended the Godwin Heights school system all the way through high school. Wyoming was a suburb of Grand Rapids; it was a small hometown, and we played in the streets until dark and knew all the neighbors within a three-block radius. We were really raised “by the village.” I learned early how to be independent and responsible from my family and my surroundings. When I moved to Florida in 1987, I attended Palm Beach Community College while I worked.

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

A: I worked for the same company for 16 years. The company started as Circle K, was bought by several gas companies and was Conoco Phillips when I left. I started as a clerk and worked my way up, being promoted into the office and was administrative assistant to most of the departments: HR, marketing

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and operations. I learned how to adapt and accept change through the many restructures.

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

A: College is a must in today’s world, but take your time to find your passion.

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

A: We lived on Hypoluxo Island for years, but we wanted to make it back to Delray Beach — my husband, Rod, grew up on Lake Ida — to be closer to the kids’ elementary school. We found the

perfect location in the Seagate area and have stayed.

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

A: I love the feeling of Delray Beach. It has everything you need but still has the hometown feel. You can hop on the boat just about every day of the year. We have access to the beach, plenty of restaurants and shops. Who doesn’t love to drive a golf cart around town!

Q: What book are you reading now?

A: I just finished *The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye*, by David Lagercrantz.

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

A: I like to listen to everything, from the oldies to alternative music. I enjoy listening to music and going to concerts. My favorite band at the moment is Maroon 5, which inspires me. To relax, I listen to Jewel.

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

A: One is from Stephen King: “Get busy living or get busy dying.” I’m always busy and over committing myself, but I enjoy that. I’m lucky enough to go out and do things that I love. Another one is, “Motivation comes from work, and working on things we care about,” from Sheryl Sandberg. My motivation comes from things I love and that I care about. That inspires me.

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

A: My former boss, Alex Brethauer, was a big influence on me. He taught me that hard work does pay off and if you make a mistake, always be the first to admit it.

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

A: Michelle Pfeiffer. That comes from my sister, but she made the point that I’m quiet and I’m motivated. She also mentioned Jodie Foster; I don’t look like her, but I guess I’m independent and quiet and tough. But I’d say Michelle Pfeiffer is the best one.



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Delray Beach

Trolley service returning to downtown Delray Beach

By Jane Smith

Trolley service was scheduled to return to downtown Delray Beach on Nov. 1.

The city's Community Redevelopment Agency board, made up of the city commissioners and two citizens, voted 6-1 on Oct. 22 to pay for three months of the trolley operations along Atlantic Avenue, costing about \$120,000.

To allow for flexibility in the season, the contract can be extended another three months, said Jeff Costello, CRA executive director.

During that time, data on the number of trolley riders and stops will be collected to adjust the trolley schedule every 30 days. An existing app, called Transit, will be available for riders with smartphones to find

out when the next trolley will stop. And trolleys may have signs that say they're free.

"Putting the trolley back into service is a Band-Aid," said Bill Bathurst, a board member and city commissioner. "It won't be one-size-fits-all with the trolley. ... But when we pulled the trolley out and the Downtowner left at the same time, it showed how weak our system is."

Both services stopped on Sept. 30.

The CRA board will meet with the Downtown Development Authority board for a Nov. 14 workshop to discuss downtown transportation. Members will talk about route changes, other sources of money to pay for the transportation services, natural gas or electric-powered vehicles and other topics related to

reducing the number of vehicles downtown.

Board member Adam Frankel, who also is a city commissioner, was the lone no vote.

To ease his concern about whether the numbers provided by the trolley driver can be trusted, the DDA has some money to do a count of the riders at a particular stop, said Laura Simon, DDA executive director.

Four people spoke at the CRA meeting during public comments. All were for the trolley or some other form of downtown transportation.

Scott Roberts, general manager of the Fairfield Inn, told the CRA board members he's OK with a nominal fee to keep the trolley operating. "If my guests have to use their cars

or rental cars, they go to other cities to have dinner and not Atlantic Avenue," he said.

When commercial real estate agent Christina Morrison sat on the Congress Avenue Task Force, the group wanted to supply transportation to allow workers west of the interstate to travel east to have lunch downtown, without using their cars. "Keep the trolley," she said.

"Our tourism depends on the transportation system," said Rick Konsavage, regional operations director for Ocean Properties. In Delray Beach, its holdings are the Marriott and Residence Inn hotels, Boston's and 50 Ocean restaurants, and the tiki bar called Sandbar — all on the barrier island.

In mid-October, one group that stayed at the Marriott for its annual meeting was

disappointed when it arrived, Konsavage said. "They picked our site because their members would not need to rent a car. But when they got here, there was no trolley and no Downtowner," an electric vehicle ride service.

For the five properties, about 20 percent of the staff relies on the trolley to get to work, Konsavage said.

Even so, the two citizen members on the CRA board, Angie Gray and Pamela Brinson, don't think the agency should have to pay the entire bill for the trolley's operating costs.

"That's a great question for the future," said Shelly Petrolia, CRA board chairwoman and mayor. Petrolia suggested possible money sources may come from a nominal fee, advertising and the hotels. All will be discussed Nov. 14. ★

Judge will decide dispute over allowing 4 stories downtown

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach commissioners will let a judge determine whether two East Atlantic Avenue property owners have the right to build an extra floor in the three-story district.

The split vote, 3-2 against settling the \$6.9 million lawsuit by carving out the contested parcels, took place in mid-October. Commissioner Ryan Boylston was concerned that chopping away at the district would lead to more lawsuits against the city.

"Every time you move that line, a new property owner is on the line," he said after the meeting. "The city attorney could not prove that this was a one-stop situation." Boylston rents space for his marketing firm in a corner building on that block.

Boylston joined Commissioner Bill Bathurst

and Mayor Shelly Petrolia for letting a judge decide.

"This is the first cut, a slow and steady chipping away at something we worked hard to get," Petrolia said at the meeting.

After 18 months of meetings, a previous City Commission had capped East Atlantic's height at three stories between Swinton Avenue and the Intracoastal Waterway.

Petrolia and Commissioner Adam Frankel were part of the unanimous vote in February 2015.

City Attorney Max Lohman told commissioners that the owners of two properties had not been notified in early 2015 as required by state law. He said notices were sent out in late January to the owners. They have a year to bring a site plan for a four-story project to the city. Lohman was not the city attorney in early 2015.

One owner, William R. Burke Jr., who bought the building at 123 E. Atlantic Ave. in 1996, could not be reached for comment.

In May, Old School Bakery owner Billy Himmelrich and his business partner sued the city for \$6.9 million to be able to build four stories on their parcels just east of the Old School Square cultural center. They own two parking lots and two buildings that house Tramonti and Cabana El Rey restaurants. Both restaurants have leases that expire in 2024, Himmelrich said.

Himmelrich and David Hosokawa have a history with the city and its Community Redevelopment Agency. In the mid-2000s, they sold a parcel through eminent domain to the CRA to complete the Old School Square park and in return bought a small parcel with 26 parking places. The

partners lease that parcel to the CRA for parking for the Greenmarket and other events.

At the mid-October meeting, Himmelrich said, "I don't want anything special." After the meeting, he said, "I offered them a great solution and they are playing Russian roulette with the taxpayers' dollars."

Delray Beach real estate agent Brian Rosen said at the meeting that Himmelrich had helped to create the Old School Square park. "It's not setting a precedent," Rosen said.

Longtime resident Linda Oxford spoke about the height cap. "We want to be able to walk downtown and let sun hit our faces," she said.

Resident Kelly Barrette reminded the commission that when the height cap was passed in 2015, people in the chambers stood and clapped. "One of the few standing ovations,"

she said. Barrette also said the commissioners are "the last line of defense against inappropriate development." She urged the commission to fight the lawsuit.

Lohman, though, said settling the lawsuit was not about the merits of the case. "The settlement is about certainty," he said.

He declined to say how his office determined that only the owners of two properties had not been notified, citing the "ongoing litigation."

"The Florida Statute notice requirements do not require confirmation of receipt of notices," wrote Tim Stillings, development services director, in response to how the city tracks the notices. "When we send notices, we keep a record of the mailing labels."

"With respect to the changes to the Central Business District, the city sent notices during the consideration of the changes but did not send any immediately following the adoption."

Stillings was not employed by the city in 2015.

Longtime East Atlantic Avenue building owner Bruce Gimmy said he did not receive a notice, but he knew about the height cap because he sat on the city's Parking Management Advisory Board.

At the mid-October commission meeting, Lohman said the hearing on the city's motion to dismiss, set for Oct. 19, had been canceled based on the 3-2 vote to settle the lawsuit that took place Sept. 25.

As of press time, the hearing had not been reset.

"I'm really concerned that the city's motion to dismiss was canceled, based on the vote from one public hearing. It was a close vote," Petrolia said after the meeting. "There were a lot of questions that were not answered for us to be making major decisions." ★

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Briny Breezes

Townhouse developers to answer questions in Briny

By Dan Moffett

Briny Breezes residents will get the chance to learn a lot more about plans for the Gulf Stream Views townhouse project next door when developers come to town for a question-and-answer session on Nov. 13.

The event, which is open to the public, is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. in Briny's ocean clubhouse.

Mayor Roger Bennett said he expects Ocean Ridge officials and County Pocket representatives to attend, as well as members of Briny's corporate board and the Town Council.

"I'm getting a lot of questions and comments from returning snowbirds," Bennett said during the Town Council meeting Oct. 25. "So everyone's invited."

The developers, NR Living, a division of National Realty Investment Advisors of Secaucus, N.J., plan to build 14 three-bedroom townhouse units on a roughly 2-acre site just south of Briny's boundary line, north of the County Pocket, with pre-construction prices ranging from \$1.8 million to \$2.7 million.

Briny Breezes Town Manager Dale Sugerman said work to prepare the site for construction has already begun, with trucks hauling in large amounts of fill to "bring the grade of the property up significantly." The developers have not yet released a work schedule for the project, Sugerman said.

In recent weeks, the Town Council has tried to clarify ownership of Briny Breezes Boulevard, a street that would provide access to the townhouses from the north off A1A. The town appears to own only a part of the 45-foot-wide right of way, Sugerman said, but it remains unclear exactly which part.

"The story gets interesting," he said of talks with Palm Beach County officials over ownership.

Sugerman says it would appear that Briny owns the northern 30 feet of the right of way and the county owns the southern 15 feet. "However, there is only 18 feet plus or minus of pavement," the manager said.

It remains unclear whether that 18 feet of pavement is under control of Briny or the county, he said, and that the county's engineering department is working to resolve the matter.

With the townhome development on the horizon, several council members have said it may benefit Briny Breezes to assume full control of the right of way, if the county is willing to give up its share.

In other business, Sugerman said he is working with the Florida Department of Transportation to determine

whether a "Stop for Pedestrians Within Crosswalk" sign belongs in the A1A crosswalk at the Cordova Avenue intersection.

Sugerman said FDOT inexplicably put the sign there recently, not long after the town requested a replacement sign for the one damaged by a motorist in September at the Ruthmary Avenue crosswalk. FDOT installed a new sign at that crosswalk two weeks prior to the Cordova replacement.

Residents have complained that the Cordova sign causes confusion because the intersection has a traffic light to assist pedestrians.

"I agree that there are conflicting commands," he said, telling the council FDOT plans to examine the sign to see if it is appropriate. ★



Briny Breezes residents say that having a crosswalk stop at an intersection with a traffic light is confusing. The state may have erred when it put in the sign. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

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Delray Beach



The 29-room hotel will be demolished to make way for a condo project. Photo provided

Family ends 68-year hotel run; deluxe development will replace Wright by the Sea

By Christine Davis

This will be the last Thanksgiving holiday that Dorothy Gay “GiGi” Wright Vela, her siblings, their children and grandchildren will gather for dinner at Wright by the Sea, the beach hotel that has been in her family since 1950.

“My daughter cooks the turkey,” Vela said. “We eat it in the chickee hut that the Seminoles built for us 40 years ago.

“Its roof has been replaced only once and that was after Hurricane Sandy,” she says of the 2012 storm. “All of our children and grandchildren get to be with each other.”

On Oct. 1, Vela and her family sold their oceanfront property, the 29-room Wright by the Sea at 1901 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach, to National Realty Investment Advisors and U.S. Construction Inc. for \$25 million. The Wright family corporation is leasing it back through November, then the hotel will close permanently.

“We never put it up for sale. The buyer came to us. When I signed the contract, I felt like someone had socked me in the stomach. I couldn’t take a breath,” said Vela, 83.

Candace Friis, an agent with the Corcoran Group, brought the buyers and handled both sides of the off-market deal.

It was time to sell, Vela acknowledged.

“We were being taxed out of business. The property taxes were a quarter of a million for 29 rooms. And then there’s the 10 percent bed tax, and there are other taxes and we had health insurance to pay for our employees.”

No one connected with the hotel is happy about the sale,

Vela added.

“Our family is devastated. Our staff is devastated — they’ve been with us for years. And we have 7,500 guests who come stay with us a year and they will now have no place to go.

“We are directly on the beach. Our property is so lovely, and when I walk through the breezeway, I think it’s just like paradise. But we realized that we couldn’t keep a hotel that’s not making money, and decided we had to sell it.”

On the upside, longevity runs in the family. Vela’s father lived well into his 90s, and Vela, who received a doctorate in psychology and human development in 1996, feels time is on her side. She looks forward to working in her new field.

“My friends say, ‘Now you have time to play bridge with us,’ but I don’t think so. I don’t want to play cards when there’s so much to do that’s exciting.”

And where will the family celebrate Thanksgiving in the future? “That’s to be determined,” Vela said.

Plans for property

National Realty Investment Advisors and U.S. Construction will redevelop the property into a condominium project and beach club on the almost 2-acre beachfront parcel. On the half-acre across the street at 1060 Del Harbor Drive, a parcel that was included in the deal, they plan to build townhomes.

The buyers received a \$22 million mortgage from affiliates of New York-based Ares Commercial Real Estate Management.

“It’s going to be totally new construction, a luxurious offering of 19 units on the ocean, envisioned to feel like

you are living in your own private beachfront residence,” said Stephann Cotton, president of the Stuart-based marketing and advertising firm representing the owners. “Today’s sophisticated buyers will appreciate the rare opportunity of buying direct oceanfront in one of America’s most sought-after towns. It’s the best design, the finest quality and oceanfront location to come to market in decades.”

Delray Beach architect Randall Stofft has already put together some designs, which will, in time, be released along with timetables on a registrants website, oceandelray.com.

National Realty Investment Advisors is a New Jersey-based development and investment firm with a focus on construction and renovation of townhomes, condos and multifamily projects in the Northeast. It has developed about 715 units since 2010 and has \$335 million worth of projects in progress.

Local projects include the purchase of a \$7 million waterfront development at 1248 and 1240 Seaspray Ave. in Delray Beach, and the \$13 million purchase of two vacant waterfront lots at 2929 and 3565 N. Ocean Blvd. in Gulf Stream.

In June, the firm secured a \$16.5 million loan to build a 14-townhome project, Gulfstream Views, on 2 acres at 30 Briny Breezes Blvd. in the County Pocket.

U.S. Construction Inc. of Philadelphia has developed and constructed more than 1,500 luxury homes and units among 50 complexes over the past 10 years. Its website notes the following Delray Beach projects underway: residences at 316 N. Ocean Blvd., 322 N. Ocean Blvd., 707 N. Ocean Blvd., 2929 N. Ocean Blvd. and 3565 N. Ocean Blvd.; four residences at 142 NE Seventh Ave.; a residence at 1239 Laing St.; and two townhomes at 837 Denery Lane.

Stephann Cotton’s Cotton & Company will take the marketing lead on this project. IMI Living will manage sales. ★

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Boca Raton

Crocker, Cypress Realty file lawsuits against city

By Mary Hladky

Developer and landowner Crocker Partners filed its promised lawsuit against Boca Raton, seeking \$137.6 million in damages on grounds the city failed to adopt regulations that would allow it to build its proposed Midtown project.

Cypress Realty of Florida, a landowner that partnered with Crocker Partners on Midtown planning, also has sued, saying in its lawsuit that the city has been “stonewalling” its efforts to develop 10.2 acres.

Crocker Partners, which wants to redevelop 67 acres it owns east of the Town Center mall, informed the city in April it planned to file the Bert Harris Act lawsuit. Such a lawsuit gives both sides 150 days to resolve their differences outside of court.

But Crocker Partners heard nothing from the city until September, when the city sent a letter denying Crocker Partners’ claims and declining to enter into settlement negotiations, according to the lawsuit filed Oct. 23 in Palm Beach County Circuit Court.

“Due to the fact that the city has taken an obstructionist, non-cooperative approach, we are left with no choice but to move forward” with the

lawsuit, Crocker Partners managing partner Angelo Bianco said in a release. “We are saddened that the city has forced our hand in this matter and is endangering the financial health of our community. ...”

The city, Crocker Partners and other property owners in the Midtown area worked together over several years to write land development regulations that would allow the property owners to move ahead with their ambitious plan to redevelop 300 acres into a transit-oriented development where people would live in as many as 2,500 new residential units and walk or take shuttles to their jobs, shopping and restaurants.

Boca Raton City Council members torpedoed that plan Jan. 23 when they postponed a vote on the land development regulations that set a framework for how Midtown could be built. Instead, they voted to have staff develop a “small area plan” for Midtown.

That “small area plan” has not yet been completed and no decisions have been made on whether residential units will be allowed in the Midtown area.

Bianco contended the delay created an impermissible

building moratorium that took away his property rights.

In calculating the economic damage to Crocker Partners, the lawsuit said the three properties it owns in Midtown — Boca Center, The Plaza, and One Town Center — are worth \$59.9 million.

If the company could build about 1,200 apartments on that land, as would be allowed under the planned mobility district designation the city had given the area, the properties would be worth \$197.5 million, the lawsuit states. The difference is the \$137.6 million in damages Crocker Partners is seeking.

Crocker filed a separate legal action in May, seeking to have a judge compel the city to write land development regulations for Midtown, and to rule that the City Council’s January delay in adopting them, and instead developing the “small area plan,” are illegal.

The lack of land development regulations also is at the heart of Cypress Realty’s Oct. 12 lawsuit.

The landowner has sought city approval to develop its property since 2015, and most recently filed an amended development application in August following the city council’s delay in adopting

the regulations. It wants to build 204 high-end rentals and 64,000 square feet of retail space.

But the city has not acted, and has said it can not do so because the land development regulations have not been approved.

On Sept. 24, City Attorney Diana Grub Friester informed Cypress Realty that the city does not intend to process the development application, the lawsuit states.

Cypress Realty is asking the court to require that the city process it.

On Oct. 29, Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Gillen ordered an expedited hearing be held during which the city must demonstrate why it should not be ordered to process the application.

“The city’s inaction is unconscionable. It seems the only way you can do business with Boca Raton these days is to file a lawsuit. That’s not the way it should be,” Cypress Realty principal Nader Salour said in a release.

“We now find ourselves in an untenable situation and a classic Catch-22. The city won’t schedule our site plan application for review without regulations in place. Yet, they refuse to put the regulations in

place.”

City spokeswoman Chrissy Gibson said Oct. 30 that the city had not yet been served with the Crocker Partners lawsuit. The city attorney’s office will review that lawsuit when it sees it and the Cypress Realty lawsuit “and prepare an appropriate and timely response.”

The city faces another development-related legal problem. In August, landowner Robert Buehl announced he also plans to file a Bert Harris Act lawsuit against the city, seeking as much as \$100 million in damages, over the city council’s July rejection of a proposal to build the \$75 million Concierge, a luxury adult living facility, in the downtown.

Group P6, the developer of Concierge, headed to court in August in an effort to quash the city’s denial of the project.

The city annexed the Midtown area in 2003. On Oct. 23, the City Council voted unanimously to replace the area’s county zoning districts with city zoning districts. The ordinances also change some permitted uses in the area that would, in part, help the city control excessive noise from bars and restaurants. ★



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Around Town

Stars to light up the courts at Evert classic

Tennis stars **John McEnroe**, **Patrick McEnroe** and **Martina Navratilova** and actors **Chris Noth** and **Jon Lovitz** are scheduled to be among the celebrities on hand when **Chris Evert** hosts the **29th annual Chris Evert/Raymond James Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic** Nov. 9-11 at the Delray Beach Tennis Center.

A staple on the south Palm Beach County sports calendar, the event has raised more than \$24 million for charity while featuring luminaries such as former President George H.W. Bush, Chevy Chase, Matthew Perry and Olivia Newton-John.

Sports celebrities featured over the years have included tennis stars Jimmy Connors, Lindsay Davenport, Tracy Austin, Jennifer Capriati, Venus Williams and Serena Williams. Other sports luminaries involved have been Don Shula, Pat Riley, Jim Palmer, Sugar Ray Leonard and Keith Hernandez.

Festivities begin with Tennis With Chrissie and Friends, an exclusive pro-am from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. that Friday at the Boca Raton Resort and Club, and continue with the Classic Cocktail Reception from 7 to 9 p.m. at the club's garden pool.

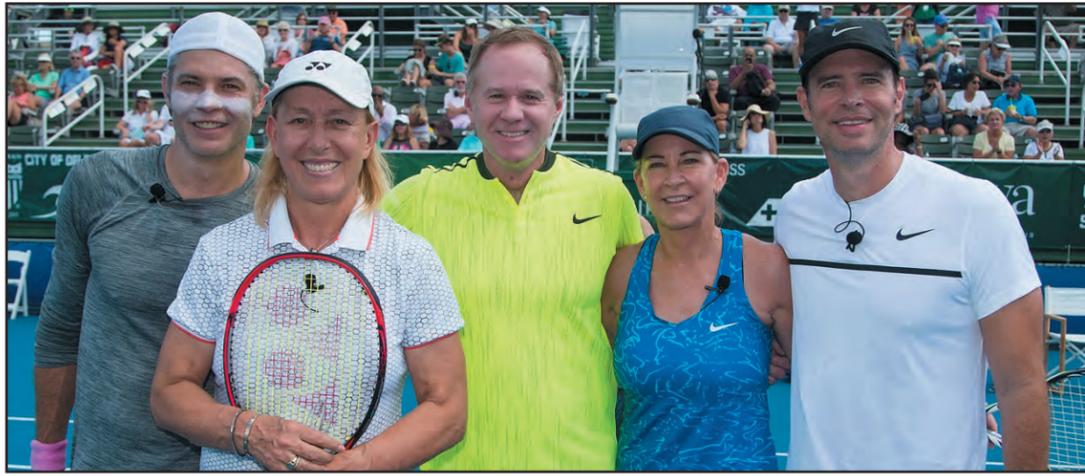
Action moves to the Delray Beach Tennis Center beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, where tennis legends will be paired with an array of celebrities from the entertainment and sports worlds.

Saturday evening will feature the 29th annual Pro Celebrity Gala starting at 6, featuring Blood, Sweat and Tears back at the Boca Raton Resort. The event concludes with more matches at the Tennis Center on Sunday.

Tickets start at \$20 general admission, with a wide range of ticket packages available at www.chrisevert.org or by calling 394-2400.

While Evert prepares for her Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic, she's also trying to sell her west Boca Raton estate and she's offering an unusual incentive: a private tennis lesson.

Evert, who retired from professional tennis in 1989, listed her property at 8563 Horseshoe Lane last spring for \$4.99 million. Built in 1995, the house and two guesthouses are sited on more than 5 acres. Evert bought it for \$2.8 million in 2003, when she was married to Olympic skier Andy Mill. Katia Reisler of Douglas Elliman and



Martina Navratilova (with racket) is a regular at Chris Evert's charity event and is among those set to be part of the festivities again Nov. 9-11. **2017 photo provided by Camerawork, USA**

Rebecca Spooner of Siemens Group Realty are the listing agents.

A Hillsboro Beach mansion at 935 Hillsboro Mile, known as **Le Palais Royal and Playa Vista**, will sell to the highest bidder in November, forgoing its previous asking price of \$159 million and without a reserve price. Mayi de la Vega, owner of One Sotheby's International Realty, is the listing agent. Concierge Auctions will handle the auction, which begins Nov. 12 and ends Nov. 15.

The 60,000-square-foot estate has 11 bedrooms, 22 bathrooms, an IMAX home theater, six waterfalls and two deep-water docks. Robert Pereira, president of the Middlesex Corp., a contracting firm based in Massachusetts, owns the property, which was first listed on the market in 2014 for \$139 million, going up in price the following year. It was taken off the market in 2016.

Andrew Robins sold a new home, designed by Jag Design and Development, on a half-acre at 3833 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach, to software entrepreneur **Michael J. Rothberg** and his wife, **Judith**, for \$21.5 million. Robins bought the property for \$3.675 million in 2014. The recent sale was recorded on Oct. 10. Michael Rothberg was previously the head of Boca Raton-based Sengent, which is now owned by New York-based Clarifi.

National Hockey League star **Max Pacioretty** sold his five-bedroom and 4½-acre estate at 434 Areca Palm Road, Boca Raton, after it spent only five days on the market in mid-October. The property sold for \$3.1 million and was listed with Devin Kay, an agent with Douglas Elliman, for \$3.45 million.

Features include smart house technology, safe room and indoor/outdoor basketball and sports court. Pacioretty plays for the Vegas Golden Knights after spending 10 years with Montreal.

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According to its websites, the Fite Group, founded 10 years ago, has 100 agents and has completed more than \$5 billion in sales.

Over four decades, Raveis has grown from a single office over a grocery store in Connecticut to a family enterprise with more than 4,000 professionals in 130 offices across nine states, resulting in \$10.2 billion in real estate sales in 2017.

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In other words, Delray Beach scored well in three out of the four criteria. Delray Beach is so great, the article reads, that "you might want to tie the knot all over again."

Planning the perfect day in Delray Beach just got a whole lot easier. **The Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative** recently launched an app on visitdelraybeach.org that provides an interactive way to map out things to do in the city.

Users can explore everything from events to popular restaurants to points of interest, as well as hotels and attractions — all with driving directions.

"See a beach activity you don't want to miss?" asked Stephanie Immelman, the cooperative's executive director. "Click 'Join' and the event will be added to your plan. Want to invite some friends? Share your plan with them directly or via social media, email or SMS."

The Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority's **Delray Beach Fashion Week** received a Silver Award in the special event category from Visit Florida's 2018 Flagler Awards at the Florida Governor's Conference on Tourism in Orlando.

On **Small Business Day**, Nov. 24 in downtown Delray Beach, shoppers can enjoy a holiday stroll and avail themselves of in-store and outdoor promotions, entertainment, festive decorations and light bites.

For this event, the Delray

Beach Downtown Development Authority partnered with the City of Delray Beach, CRA and the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Recent additions to the downtown area include Biba, Doughnut Works, JuiceBuzz Mrkt & Juicery, Ramen Lab Eatery, Beachfront Properties, Wine House Social, Nada's Italy, Style de Vie and Jennifer on the Avenue.

They join longtime local businesses Vince Canning Shoes, Avalon Gallery, Murder on the Beach Bookstore, Hand's, Snappy Turtle, Delray Camera Shop, Huber's Pharmacy, Periwinkle, Richwagen's Delray Bike & Sport, and many more.

At the Shop Small hospitality booths, customers who spend \$50 at a downtown Delray Beach small business can receive complimentary gifts and Shop Small giveaways.

The booths will be in Pineapple Grove by the banyan tree in front of Addison Gallery, 206 NE Second St., Delray Beach, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and in front of Hand's Office & Art Supply, 325 E. Atlantic Ave., from 2 to 4 p.m.

Visit DowntownDelrayBeach.com/ShopSmall for a list of participating merchants.

Event-goers can have fun playing cards while raising money to feed local seniors in need at **Viva Las Vegas**, an event that benefits the **Community Caring Center of Palm Beach County**. It will be from 6 to 11 p.m. Nov. 10 at Mercedes-Benz of Delray, 1001 Linton Blvd. After a cocktail reception, gaming will open with blackjack, Texas hold 'em, slot machines, roulette and craps. There will also be music by the Sound Proof, a silent auction, a carving station, heavy hors d'oeuvres, dessert buffet, coffee and tea. Tickets are \$100. For tickets, go to cccgb.org/2018-viva-las-vegas.

Through Dec. 7, the 13th annual **Project Holiday** will accept donated items for deployed members of the U.S. military.

For this initiative, the City of Delray Beach is partnering with two local organizations: You Are Not Alone and One Soldier at a Time.

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Local high school poets have until Dec. 1 to enter the Palm Beach Poetry Festival contest. Photo provided

encouragement to deployed military members.

For a list of requested items and drop-off locations, visit mydelraybeach.com.

If you are a resident of Delray Beach or Boca Raton and have a family member serving overseas in the military, request a care package by contacting Delores Rangel at 243-7010 or rangel@mydelraybeach.com. You can also contact Rangel if you want to volunteer to pack items to be shipped.

Florida Atlantic University's College of Business has announced a partnership with the Dow Jones Barron's in Education program. Students and faculty will receive a digital subscription to *Barron's*, a weekly review, an email newsletter summarizing business and investment stories, and *Barron's MarketWatch* Virtual Stock Exchange interactive game.

The program includes an invitation for a small group of faculty and students to visit Dow Jones headquarters and tour the newsrooms at *Barron's*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *MarketWatch*. Also, students will have free access to Dow Jones' online recruitment for internship and job opportunities.

The program, funded by *Barron's* magazine, is sponsored by the wealth management firm PagnatoKarp, whose founder and CEO **Paul A. Pagnato** earned his bachelor's degree from the Florida Atlantic University's College of Science in 1986. PagnatoKarp is based in Reston, Va.

The Palm Beach Poetry Festival launched its 15th annual Palm Beach County High School Poetry Contest in October in partnership with Old School Square in Delray Beach.

Through Dec. 1, Palm Beach County high school students can submit one original poem (30 lines maximum) for consideration. Original poems should be submitted by email before midnight on Dec. 1 to PBPF1@aol.com. For contest rules, visit palmbeachpoetryfestival.org/event/2018-high-school-poetry-contest.

The winning poet will receive \$200, and the four runners-up will each receive \$100. All five poets will read their poems at the festival's award ceremony

on Jan. 21. The judge for the contest will once again be Dr. Jeff Morgan of Lynn University's Department of English.

The League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County with the **School District of Palm Beach County** coordinated a successful voter registration effort at 23 local high schools on National Voter Registration day, Sept. 25.

More than 250 volunteers participated in this campaign, which happened over the lunch hour in public schools from Boca Raton to Jupiter. Now, many of the 1,940 high school students who registered can vote on Nov. 6.

"Our aim was to motivate young people to take the first step toward participating in the democratic process by registering to vote," said Pam Maldonado, chairwoman of the Voting Service Committee for the League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County.

The League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County will host a Hot Topic Luncheon Nov. 21 to analyze election results. *The Palm Beach Post* editorial writer Howard Goodman will discuss "Where do we go from here?"

The luncheon is at the Atlantis Country Club, 190 Atlantis Blvd., Lake Worth. Doors open at 11 a.m., and lunch will be served at 11:30. The cost is \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door. RSVPs are requested at lwvpsc.org or by calling Estelle Friedman at 968-4123.

Condé Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards has recognized six resorts in our area. They include **The Boca Raton Resort and Club**, No. 10; **Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa** in Manalapan, No. 11; **Palm Beach Marriott Singer Island Beach Resort & Spa** in Riviera Beach, No. 14; **Boca Beach Club** in Boca Raton, No. 18; **The Breakers** in Palm Beach, No. 24; and **Four Seasons Resort Palm Beach**, No. 29.

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Boca Raton

City allows Carlton condo paint plan to proceed

By Steve Plunkett

In a rare rebuke, the Boca Raton City Council overrode its Community Appearance Board and will allow the 16-story Carlton condominium tower to paint beige accent stripes around the outside edge of its balconies.

The CAB wanted the horizontal accent bands under windows and between balconies to be painted beige on the top, bottom and vertical faces — what it calls wrapping the color — and the top, bottom and vertical edges of balconies to be white.

The Carlton, between the Camino Real and A1A bridges, wanted to paint only the vertical face of the accent bands and to continue the beige color across the vertical edge of the balconies.

"This is a matter of a difference of opinion and style," the Carlton's lawyer, former state Sen. Elyn Bogdanoff, told council members Oct. 10. "I don't think that most people who travel around Boca say, 'Wow, you know, that balcony's wrapped and that one's not wrapped.'"

Mark Jacobsen, chairman of the CAB, said his board strives to be consistent in its decisions.

"Maybe in this case it shouldn't apply as it did apply in other cases. But unfortunately we apply the same rule to everybody, fortunately or unfortunately," he said.

But Nickie Siegel, an interior designer and member of the Carlton's design committee, said the color scheme was picked on purpose.

"We really wanted to emphasize the architectural value of this building, and to do so, we wanted to carry that line straight across, not hopscotch it but carry it straight across," Siegel said. "Now the CAB wants us to stop that, which makes it look silly, in my opinion."

Council member Monica Mayotte said she supported overriding the CAB mostly because she did not want to force the Carlton to go back to its 63 unit owners and get approval for a different paint scheme.

Council member Andrea O'Rourke weighed in for the volunteers on the CAB.

"I try to do what is best for the residents here, [but] I also respect the Community Appearance Board and the amount of hours [members put in] and their professional abilities," said O'Rourke, the only dissenter in the 4-1 vote.

The Carlton's new paint job is about 15 months away and will come at the tail end of a \$5 million-plus project to repair and upgrade the condo tower.

Immediately afterward, VCA Spanish River Animal Hospital on Spanish River Boulevard lost its appeal of a CAB decision. The veterinary office wanted to replace a 5-foot-6-inch-tall sign with one 10 feet high. The community appearance board voted 5-0 to deny the application, and the City Council upheld the decision 5-0. ★

Obituaries

By Henry Fitzgerald

BOCA RATON — Sylvia Robinson was always polite and considerate of others. After all, it was the only way for a



proper lady to act. She made sure to dress impeccably and always, always put her best face forward.

Being a lady was important to her right up until her death of natural causes on Oct. 11. The Pittsburgh native, philanthropist and longtime Boca Raton resident was 89.

"Lots of people remember her as a lady in the best sense of the word," said her daughter, Carol Robinson.

Mrs. Robinson thought it was important to give back to the community, most notably early on in the Pittsburgh area, and she and her husband, Donald, pursued their philanthropic interests "together and individually," Carol Robinson said.

Mrs. Robinson in 1975 founded the American Friends of Israel War Disabled, which brings disabled Israeli war veterans to the United States for two weeks to show appreciation for their sacrifices, Carol Robinson said.

Mrs. Robinson, in a recorded interview in 1996 stored with the ULS Digital Collections at the University of Pittsburgh, detailed how she started the

Sylvia Robinson

program after a trip to Geneva, Switzerland. There, she heard about a group that sponsored trips to Geneva for Israeli war veterans.

"I said to Don, 'You know, if they can do it in Geneva with 5,000 Jews — we have 40,000 here in Pittsburgh — why can't we do it here in Pittsburgh?'"

"I think this is the thing that I'm proudest of because this is something that I thought up, that I started in the United States," Mrs. Robinson said of the program, which initially expanded to other cities such as Chicago and Washington.

"When she passed away, we received so many cards and letters telling me about her relationships with families and veterans," Carol Robinson said. "That's one of her legacies. Right up until the end she was thinking about how she could help others."

Donald and Sylvia Robinson, who with their two children had always enjoyed South Florida during their many vacations, bought a condo in the Stratford Arms in 1981, Carol Robinson said.

The Robinsons then donated to Boca Helping Hands, Boca Raton Regional Hospital and the Wick Theatre, where Mrs. Robinson also scratched a long-existing itch for drama.

Greg Hazle, Boca Helping Hands executive director, said that "she and her husband were significant contributors to our feeding program over the last eight years."

Despite her appreciation for Boca Raton, Mrs. Robinson maintained her passion for Pittsburgh. She and a friend about a decade ago started the Tuesday Lunch Bunch, a group of Pittsburgh natives who met every week for lunch, said Carol Robinson.

"Those lunches sometimes lasted for hours," she said. "That camaraderie was very special to my mother and to the others."

Donald Robinson, her husband of 69 years, preceded Mrs. Robinson in death in 2017. They met in 1947 when Mr. Robinson, on leave from the U.S. Navy, crashed a wedding where Mrs. Robinson was a guest.

"That uniform swept my mother off her feet," Carol Robinson said.

In 1961 he was a founder and president of White Cross discount drug stores, which grew to 163 locations before later merging into Revco Drug stores in 1972.

In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Robinson is survived by a son, Stephen Robinson; three grandchildren, Abigail Foster, Leslie Markel and Richard Markel, and three great-grandchildren, Beatrice, William and Finnley.

A funeral service was held at Temple Beth El Mausoleum in Boca Raton on Oct. 14.

Contributions may be made to The Jewish Association on Aging at jaapgh.networkforgood.com or Jewish Family and Community Services at jfcsph.org.

Carmella L. Gesner

By Sallie James

BOCA RATON — Carmella L. Gesner, a devoted Catholic and tireless philanthropist known by her friends as "Mel," died Oct. 3. She was 92.

A longtime Boca Raton resident, Mrs. Gesner was an active member of St. Joan of

Arc Catholic Church, where she volunteered for many years helping in the office with administrative tasks. She also participated in several of the church ministries, including the Women of Grace and the Council of Catholic Women, said Mary Jane Sullivan, who works in the church's accounting office. Mrs. Gesner joined the church in 1969.

"She was a lovely lady, a beautiful woman, inside and out," Sullivan said. "She would come to church to attend many of the daily Masses when she was well. Her character was wonderful. She was a great Catholic role model, a smart lady and she was generous with her time and her money."

Mrs. Gesner participated in a Friday prayer group with Sullivan and the two would

often pray the rosary together.

"She was very devout. I am sure she had a rosary in her purse," Sullivan said. "I will miss her. She was a wonderful person."

Mrs. Gesner, who had no children, devoted herself to community service, said those who knew her.

Bill T. Smith Jr., her attorney and friend of 30 years, said Mrs. Gesner left a behind a lasting legacy. "She was a wonderful lady," said Smith, who was also her neighbor.

Mrs. Gesner for 23 years was a board member and president of the Camiccia-Arnautou Charitable Foundation, which helped send students to college and made contributions to local food banks and hospitals, he noted.

He said the foundation donated "well over a million dollars" to various causes during her tenure there. "She cared about everyone she met. She was always friendly and willing to help people if she saw they had a need," Smith said.

Her loss was also felt at the Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club in Boca Raton, which she had joined more than 20 years ago with her husband, Walter.

"She was a very sweet lady," recalled Marla Johnson, social

and catering director for the country club. "She frequented the dining hall and would come for dinner with her friends from the condo. I would see her at events and dining."

Her next-door neighbor, Jo-Ann Odierna, recalled how thrilled Mrs. Gesner was years ago when she and her husband bought the long-vacant condo next door. "She was so excited," Odierna said. "She was a very pleasant lady."

Mrs. Gesner was a world traveler in addition to being very philanthropic. She also volunteered at Boca Raton Regional Hospital and the Mae Volen Senior Center.

Born on Jan. 14, 1926, Mrs. Gesner is survived by her sister, Antoinette Seminario, numerous nieces and nephews and many close friends. She was preceded in death by her husband on Oct. 2, 2000.

Services were held on Oct. 23 at Babione-Kraeer Funeral Home in Boca Raton.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Camiccia-Arnautou Charitable Foundation, 980 N. Federal Highway, Suite 402, Boca Raton, FL 33432, or St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church and School, 370 SW Third St., Boca Raton, FL 33432.



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BAD BEHAVIOR IN BOCA

Just when you thought politics in Boca was changing for the better, along comes one of Boca's biggest developers with a **classic bait-and-switch scheme**. Get a hard-fought agreement with your neighbors, win approval for one massive development project, and then ask the City Council for permission to **build something else**. That's the process that brought us much of Boca's ugly overdevelopment, terrible traffic, and impossible parking.

Boca's City Council should reject Elad's bait and switch plan for the Monster on Mizner. If they can get away with this, it's open season again for development in Boca. Back to the Bad Old Days.

What happens to Mizner 200 is about more than aesthetics and density in Boca. **It is about process**. We shouldn't play bait-and-switch with Boca's future. A deal with your neighbors should mean something. If Elad wants to build something else on SE Mizner, they should start the consultation process anew. Boca's City Council should reject their blatant abuse of the process.

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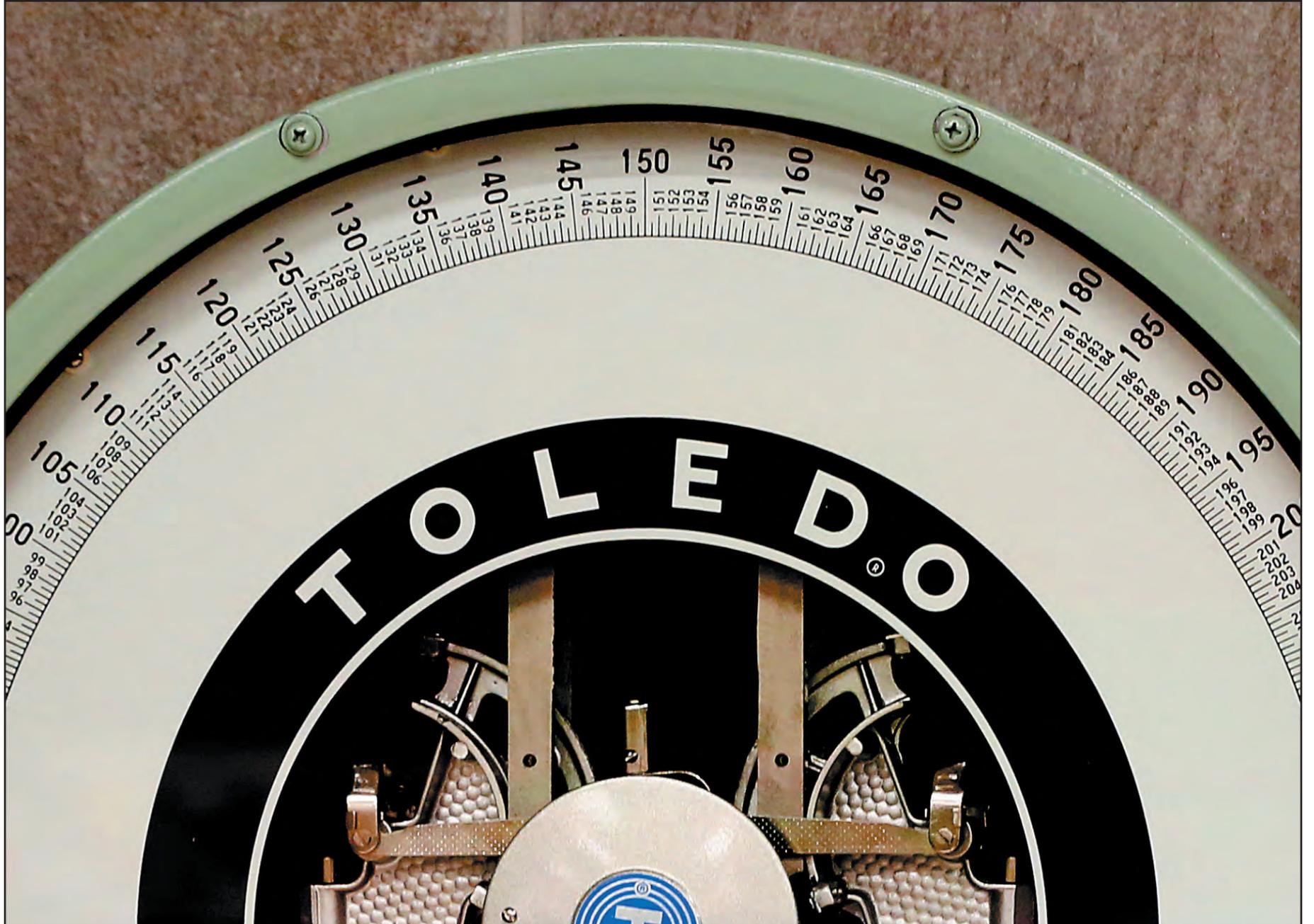


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Weighty tradition

Ever-present scale is an evergreen Publix amenity

By Ron Hayes

“Publix — Where Shopping Is a Pleasure.”

And then you spot that scale at the front of the store — that old-fashioned Toledo Model No. 2830, that always-present Publix scale, waiting to reveal your weight.

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“It’s one of our more common questions,” says Wade Rinderknecht, manager of the new Publix supermarket at Plaza del Mar in Manalapan. “People ask, ‘Where are the scales?’ It’s a unique design of the store.”

Some folks can’t resist checking their weight every time they stop at Publix. Others don’t want to know.

David Smith of Lantana is a regular. On a recent Saturday morning, he stood on the green-trimmed scale at Manalapan right after the cashier handed him the receipt.

“I have diabetes,” he explained, “so I check my weight at every Publix.”

His fiancée, Jennifer DiMattina, kept her distance.

“David had me get on it once,” she confessed, “and I said, ‘Never again.’”

Actually, the scales have been part of Publix supermarkets a lot longer than shopping there has been a pleasure.

When George Jenkins opened his Publix Food Store on Sept. 6, 1930, in Winter Haven, there were no scales in the 27-by-65-foot space, and the store’s motto was “Florida’s Finest Food Store.”

The scales arrived on Nov. 8, 1940, when Jenkins introduced his bigger, grander “Publix Food Palace.” That newfangled supermarket had piped-in music, automatic doors, air conditioning, terrazzo floors — and a Toledo scale.

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NOVEMBER

Saturday - 11/3 - American Association of Caregiving Youth's "Take Center Stage for Caregiving Youth" Benefit Dinner at Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Support the nonprofit that aids children tending to the medical needs of older loved ones. 6-10 pm. \$175. 391-7401 or aacy.org.

11/3 - Place of Hope's Hope Bash Boca at Broken Sound Club, 2401 Willow Springs Drive, Boca Raton. Dress the part at the vintage circus-themed event or wear cocktail attire and help raise funds for The Leighan and David Rinker Campus. 6:30 pm. \$250. 305-5231 or placeofhopeinker.org.

Monday - 11/5 - Bethesda Hospital Foundation's Women of Grace Luncheon at Delray Beach Marriott, 10 N. Ocean Blvd. Celebrate philanthropy and volunteerism by honoring five local women whose outstanding service has enriched and inspired the community. 10:30 am reception, 11:45 am-1 pm luncheon. \$175. 737-7733, Ext. 84429 or bethesdaohospitalfoundation.org.

Wednesday - 11/7 - Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum's Walk of Recognition at The Addison, Two E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Celebrate community leaders at the 22nd annual event that includes an induction ceremony and reception. 6 pm. \$75. 395-6766, Ext. 101 or bocahistory.org.

11/7 - Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club's Inaugural Sports & Spirits Event at The Seagate Country Club, 3600 Hamlet Drive, Delray Beach. Celebrate the positive impact sports has on club members with some of the greatest athletes and sports figures of all time. 6 pm VIP cocktail hour, 7:30 pm dinner. \$200 VIP cocktail hour, \$150 dinner. 683-3287 or bgcpbc.org.

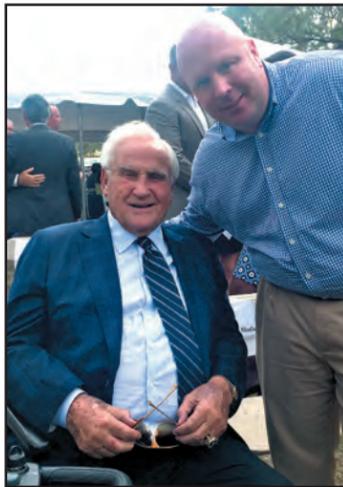
Thursday - 11/8 - Faulk Center for Counseling's 2018 Community Impact Awards at Broken Sound Club, 2401 Willow Springs Drive, Boca Raton. Attend a celebration that honors local leaders who advocate for the center's children-and-family-therapy program and preventive counseling in schools. 6 pm. \$100. 483-5300 or faulkcenterforcounseling.org.

11/8 - Congregation B'nai Israel's CBI

Inaugural Sports & Spirits Event

Seagate Country Club, Delray Beach

Nov. 7: A new fundraiser for the Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club in Delray Beach will feature renowned athletes and sports celebrities. Time is 6 p.m. for the VIP cocktail hour and 7:30 for dinner. Cost is \$200 for the VIP cocktail hour and \$150 for dinner. Call 683-3287 or visit bgcpbc.org. **RIGHT:** Former Miami Dolphins coach and honorary Co-Chairman Don Shula with Dan Paulus, sports chairman. **Photo provided**



Inspires Speaker Series: An Evening with Aly Raisman at 2200 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Paint the town gold and hear a riveting speech by Olympic gymnast Aly Raisman, a nationwide leader for the Me Too movement. 7 pm. \$18-\$90. 866-846-6328 or ciboca.org.

Friday - 11/9 - Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller's Florida Commandery's Knights and Dames Gala at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, 2425 W. Maya Palm Drive, Boca Raton. Honor the philanthropic work of Elaine Johnson Wold while enjoying decadent food, drinks and entertainment worthy of royalty. 6:30 pm. \$275. 392-4717 or osjflorida.org/events.

Saturday - 11/10 - Twin Palms Center for the Disabled's 50th Anniversary at 306 N.W. 35th St., Boca Raton. Roll out a blanket and join the community for bounce houses, face painting, games and a delicious lunch, as well as music. 11 am-3 pm. \$15-\$20. 391-4874. twinpalmscenter.org.

11/10 - Connected Warriors' 2018 Stars of Honor Gala at Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle. Salute the troops and support an organization that provides returning veterans access

to therapeutic, trauma-conscious yoga practice. 6-10 pm. \$250. 954-278-3764 or connectedwarriors.org.

11/10 - Community Caring Center of Boynton Beach's Viva Las Vegas Casino Night at Mercedes-Benz of Delray, 1001 Linton Blvd. Benefits Community Caring Center of Boynton Beach. Enjoy a cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres, music, a silent auction, a celebratory champagne toast, card tables and more. 6-11 pm. \$100. 575-5857 or cccgbb.org.

Wednesday - 11/14 - Boynton Woman's Club's Fall Fashion Show & Luncheon at Benvenuto, 1730 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Shop among the vendors, win door prizes and bid in a silent auction to support the club's charitable-outreach and scholarship programs. 11 am. \$50. 369-2300 or boynton-womansclub.com.

Thursday - 11/15 - Tastings at the Tiki at Crane's Beach House Boutique Hotel & Luxury Villas, 82 Gleason St., Delray Beach. Benefit HOW Foundation of South Florida and Project Holiday at the seventh-annual BEST BITE FOR VETS restaurant competition. 6-9 pm. \$25. 278-1700 or cranesbeachhouse.com.

Friday - 11/16 - Junior League of Boca

Walk of Recognition

The Addison, Boca Raton



Nov. 7: The Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum's Walk of Recognition Induction Ceremony and Reception will celebrate individuals and entities making a positive impact on the city. Time is 6 p.m. Tickets are \$75. Call 395-6766, Ext. 101 or go to bocahistory.org. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Irvin Lippman, executive director of inductee Boca Raton Museum of Art; Jody Grass, board chairwoman of the museum of art; Hank Jawhari, board president of the historical society; presenting sponsor Marta Batmasian; inductee Rita Thrasher; inductee Dick Reed; and Mary Csar, executive director of the historical society. **Photo provided by Gina Fontana**

Raton's Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Help celebrate local women and recognize nonprofits throughout Palm Beach County during a Saks Fifth Avenue fashion show by designer Tanya Taylor. 10 am-2 pm. \$150-\$250. 620-2553 or jlbr.org.

11/16 - Seagull Services' Chef Event at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Watch a culinary demonstration by one of the resort's talented pastry chefs that caps a reception, silent auction, raffle and gourmet luncheon. 11:30 am-2 pm. \$95-\$125. 842-5814, Ext. 111 or seagull.org.

Saturday - 11/17 - Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton's Boca Raton Mayors Ball at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, 2425 W. Maya Palm Drive, Boca Raton. Celebrate city visionaries past and present at the black-tie dinner-dance that raises funds to support health and wellness needs in the community. 6:30 pm. \$300 (sold out). 299-1429 or rotarydowntownbocaraton.org.

Friday - 11/30 - Florence Fuller Child Development Centers' Wee Dream Ball

at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Attend one of the most anticipated philanthropic events of the season supporting the community's at-risk children through education. 6-11 pm. \$300. 391-7274, Ext. 134 or ffcdc.org.

DECEMBER

Sunday - 12/2 - Palm Beach County Food Bank's Empty Bowls Delray Beach at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave. Join a national grassroots event that raises money for hunger relief in the community. 11 am-2 pm. \$25-\$30. 670-2518 or oldschoolsquare.org/events/empty-bowls.

Friday - 12/7 - Parkinson's Foundation South Palm Beach Chapter's Fashion, Passion & Inspiration at Woodfield Country Club, 3650 Club Place, Boca Raton. Honor Marilyn Swillinger. Mingle with Chairwomen Arlette Baker and Barbara Gutin. Enjoy the fashion show by Rene Ruiz. 11 am-3 pm. \$250. 962-1702 or parkinson.org/southpalmbeachcounty.

Philanthropy Notes

Unicorn Children's Foundation seats new board members

Unicorn Children's Foundation welcomes back seven incumbents and 13 new members to its board of directors.

The group brings a wealth of business acumen and commitment that will help the organization expand its impact.

"Board members play a very crucial role in the growth and direction of our organization," foundation CEO Sharon Alexander said. "This dynamic group will help Unicorn Children's Foundation redefine what's possible by expanding cradle-to-career initiatives that help kids and young adults with special needs excel in their communities."

The roster is: Gregory Fried, president; Melissa Burkhardt, vice president; Angela Fisher, secretary; and Adam Ziffer, treasurer; along with Alisa Bachana Jaffe, Marilyn Blanco-Corey, Lori Cabrera, Dr. Rafael Cabrera, Patti Chiaia, Michael

Church, Joseph Eppy, Juliette Ezagui, Sue Heller, Madeline Hillsberg, William Kruegel, Tabitha LeTourneau Meyer, Valeria Rosenbloom, Jeannette Stark, Gail Wasserman and Michelle Yellin.

Dixie Manor children receive school supplies

Through the Lois Martin Community Center in Dixie Manor Apartments, children and teens can attend a program through which they receive tutoring and a variety of other support activities, including book bags and school supplies donated by the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce's Golden Bell Education Foundation.



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Pay it Forward

Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon breaking records

By Amy Woods

The Junior League of Boca Raton's Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon already has broken records. The highest number of nominees — 50 — was submitted this year, and the highest number of guests — 1,000 — purchased tickets.

The Nov. 16 fundraiser might break another record if Chairwoman Nicole Stelzer's \$300,000 goal is met.

"All signs are pointing to a sold-out and successful event," Stelzer said.

The luncheon showcases female philanthropy in Boca Raton and beyond by recognizing those who work in all areas of charity — from arts and sciences to disease and hunger to child advocacy.

"It really is a representation of our community and what our community deems as areas of concern," Stelzer said.

Each of the nominees will be recognized onstage with an introduction and a plaque. Among them, a winner will be selected and presented with a gold pin.

"I think that the women, just for being nominated by one of their organizations, that is a truly special moment for them," league President Renata Sans de Negri said. "Our mission is to



(l-r) Junior League President Renata Sans de Negri, Heather Shaw, vice president and general manager of Saks Fifth Avenue Boca Raton, and event Chairwoman Nicole Stelzer will preside over the luncheon and fashion show. Photo provided

celebrate all the women who are committed to volunteerism in our community."

The event begins at 10 a.m. with a reception and silent auction, continues with the luncheon and fashion show at 11:30 a.m. and concludes with an after-party at 2 p.m. that runs into the early-evening hours.

"Last year, I was there until 5 p.m., believe it or not, and I was not the last to leave," de Negri said. "Many of our guests, they

do take the Friday off. They really make it a full-day event."

The fashion show features couture by Tanya Taylor, who will attend and be available for a meet and greet with Runway VIP ticket holders. Saks Fifth Avenue sponsors the full-scale production.

"We let Saks Fifth Avenue bring the magic," de Negri said. "It's like a true New York Fashion Week coming into Boca Raton."★

If you go

What: Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon

Date: Nov. 16

Time: 10 a.m. reception and silent auction, 11:30 a.m. luncheon and fashion show, 2 p.m. after-party

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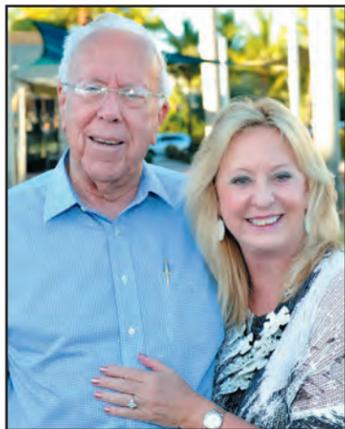
Men and women who served in the U.S. military dating back to World War II were treated to a show by music legend Tony Orlando in recognition of the National Day of Honor for American Veterans Disabled for Life. The world-famous USO Show Troupe, the Palm Beach Symphony and the Dreyfoos School of the Arts choir also performed. The Oct. 5 date has special meaning for disabled veterans in America, because on that day in 2014, the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C. It was conceived by Lois Pope, who heads the Lois Pope LIFE Foundation.

LEFT: Pope with Orlando. **RIGHT:** Suzi and Rick Goldsmith. **Photos provided by Capehart**

A Magical Night to Fight Hunger

Downtown at Gardens, Palm Beach Gardens — Sept. 27

Palm Beach County Food Bank supporters had a common goal of making hunger disappear as they gathered for an evening benefit that helped more children, seniors and families have nutritious meals on their tables. The benefit featured a progressive, three-course dinner, a strolling magician and magic tricks, and it closed out efforts for Hunger Action Month. Food Bank Executive Director Karen Erren said a shortfall of nearly 55 million pounds of food exists between what is needed and what is available in the county.



INSET: George Elmore with Marti LaTour. **Photo provided by Tracey Benson Photography**

Italian Heritage Month Dinner

Palermo's Italian Bakery, Boynton Beach — Oct. 21

Il Circolo, the Italian Cultural Society, had its first event of the season in celebration of Italian Heritage Month. A gathering of 80-plus enjoyed dinner al fresco. Spirited music entertained diners who joined in singing and dancing. Throughout the evening,



there was much table-hopping as friends welcomed one another back after a summer away. **INSET:** Tracy Caruso with Barbara Salani. **Photo provided by Joan Nova**

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Tastings at the Tiki

Crane's Beach House Boutique Hotel & Luxury Villas, Delray Beach — Sept. 20



More than 80 thirsty art fans attended a fundraiser for the Arts Warehouse in Delray Beach, an incubator space for creative people, as well as for education, exhibitions and talks. The event included samplings of beer and wine, food and a raffle. 'It is a great way to have fun with friends and supporters while also bringing critical focus and extra income to community and cultural groups that contribute to the overall quality of life right here in Delray Beach,' said Cathy Balestriere, general manager of the hotel. **TOP:** (l-r) Agata Ren, Vicki Siegle, Grace Gdaniec and Sixto Garcia. **ABOVE LEFT:** Suzy Geller with Michael Tavel. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Judy and Mike Smith. **Photos provided by Tom Tracy**



Brew Master Night

Robot Brewing Co. and Quixotic Lounge, Boca Raton — Sept. 13



Men of all ages from across the Jewish community enjoyed learning how to brew their own custom beer amid great camaraderie. The Men's Division of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County's first event of the season was a sold-out success. Division Co-Chairman Chuck Lichtman invited everyone to join in the fun, and event Co-Chairman Jeffrey Bovarnick talked about how much good the division brings to the federation. **TOP:** (l-r) Steve Naide, Dan Kobak, Lichtman and federation President and CEO Matt Levin. **CENTER:** (l-r) division Co-Chairman Ira Holz, Bruce Nimhauser and Ross Nimhauser. **RIGHT:** Herman Lebersfeld with division Co-Chairman Kenneth Lebersfeld. **Photos provided by FANEFOTO.com**



Correction



A caption in the October issue on the George Snow Scholarship Fund's Boca's Ballroom Battle incorrectly stated the amount of funds raised. The amount is \$480,000. **Photo:** Community dancers and professional instructors included (l-r) Jamie Rosemurgy, James Brann, Nancy Dockerty, Joseph Veccia, Sayra Vazquez Brann, Matthew Maschler, Tracy Tilson, Aleksandr Skarlato, Dr. Cristina Mata, Samir Changela, Loreta Kriksciukaiyte and Chris Warren. **Photo provided**

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Dining

Familiar faces bringing new seafood restaurant to Mizner Park

The Smith brothers, Alex and Eric, who brought to town Ouzo Bay in Boca's Plaza Real, are at it again with their new **Loch Bar**.

Under their Atlas Restaurant Group umbrella, they are set to open Loch Bar this month in Mizner Park in the old Gigi's spot. It's a seafood concept with large raw bar and nightly entertainment, and the first of several planned outside of Baltimore in their home state.

Eric Smith spoke about choosing Boca Raton for the bar and the company's plans for other concepts in South Florida.

"We're very familiar with the area," he said. "Our family had a house in South Florida in the Boynton Beach area for 25 years, and as children we grew up spending a lot of time vacationing down there."

When it came time for the duo to expand, they looked to places they knew. "We used to go to Mizner Park all the time," Eric said. "We knew it was a thriving market."

A number of closures there have not scared them off.

"We saw there was a dip in the market right now and it's a great opportunity to get involved so that when it comes back up, we're right in the swing of things."

"We think Mizner's going



ABOVE: The Loch Bar should be open in mid-November in Boca Raton. RIGHT: Brothers Alex and Eric Smith. Photos provided

through a renaissance in a very positive way. A lot of the older retailers are working their way out" with "new, fresh tenants" taking their places, Eric Smith said.

"We think we're the start of the F & B (food and beverage) change in Mizner Park."

The restaurant will be an upscale seafood bar with a large raw bar and a whiskey-forward

bar program.

"We'll start with 350 whiskeys," Smith said. Because they're produced like wine, with limited releases after aging, it takes several years to accumulate a 500-bottle list — their goal, he said.

A majority of the foods on the menu will be tweaked to include local products. "We mix in a handful of our traditional



Maryland seafood dishes — i.e. crab cakes, oyster po' boy sandwiches — stuff like that.

But the majority of the raw products will be local," Eric said.

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Red snapper, grouper, mahi and other local fishes will be featured in the dishes already on the Baltimore menu.

A stone crab night on Mondays with a fixed-price meal, \$79 to include appetizer and dessert, will replace the one that fans of Truluck's came out for before its Mizner location closed this year, he said.

The audience skews older than at the company's Baltimore outlets — they have eight already successful concepts in and around Baltimore harbor.

Smith said it's changing down here, however, with all the new development in residential space as well as hotel and retail real estate going in.

The publicist for the group, Kristen Skladd of the Gab Group, said new, younger professionals are attracted by the modern rental properties popping up in east and central Boca in particular. They are coming up from Miami and from out of state from the Northeast and California, she said.

"It's an opportune time for catering to the newbies," she said.

They will cater to locals first, then tourists, Smith said.

"Our job and our mission for all of our concepts across the country is not to get the tourist business, but to understand the locals and become a part of the community, and that's been our focus in Boca," he said.

The Smiths have hired Laura Huron and Brian Bagley, long-timers from the Dennis Max restaurants, to help them navigate and provide community links to the new restaurant.

"We want local faces and we want to establish a local clientele," Eric Smith said.

Live entertainment nightly will be set for the patrons, he said. "It will be acoustic, background noise and not in-your-face rock 'n' roll. It's

not going to be loud, jam-it-out style." He said it's been successful in all other venues they've used it.

Kerry McCabe, formerly of the Dubliner and Kapow restaurants in Mizner, heads up the cocktail program. Signature frozen drinks from the Maryland restaurant will be featured here, especially the "Crush" — a fresh squeezed citrus and vodka drink served over crushed ice, sometimes with a champagne topper. "It's perfect for the warm weather," Smith said.

The Smith brothers group began in Baltimore with older brother Alex buying a Häagen-Dazs franchise while still in college. At age 21, he bought a deli in Harbor East, and succeeded with \$2 million profits in one year, laying the groundwork for a career as a restaurateur.

Eric joined his brother in Ouzo Bay, a new concept from the Smiths in Baltimore in 2014, then became a partner in the new family business: Atlas Restaurant Group. One opened in Mizner Park in 2017 in the former Jazziz space.

Expansion plans are bold: Several more concepts from Baltimore's successful group are being floated for South Florida and nationwide, Eric said.

Next up will be a Loch Bar in Houston, set to open in January, but Smith hinted there may be one more concept coming to Mizner or somewhere else in Boca before year's end.

"We're constantly looking," he said.

Loch Bar will be at 346 Plaza Real and is expected to open in mid-November.

In brief

The iconic **Banana Boat** on the Intracoastal Waterway and Ocean Avenue in Boynton Beach is celebrating its 40th anniversary Nov. 8-11.

The Therien family owns

the popular restaurant along with another eatery on the Intracoastal Waterway in Boynton Beach, Prime Catch.

"Many people in the Boynton area don't realize that between Banana Boat and Prime Catch, we employ over 210 employees, of which about 150 are full-time," says **Luke Therien**, who began working at the restaurant in 1996. His older brother, Pierre, and younger brother, Gilles, have been with the restaurant since it opened on Nov. 9, 1978.

Crazy Uncle Mike's is now open in Boca Raton. The brewery/lounge/music hall with upscale eats is raising eyebrows with its prices, starting with \$9 drafts and gourmet-priced sandwiches. House-made, all scratch, of course. Don't look for burgers and tacos and such: Roasted cauliflower and broccoli are not your average bar fare. Acoustics aren't, we hear, just right yet. Or maybe they're going for that ear-splitting, concrete floor bounced sound. Judge for yourself — they will tweak as they go along. It's at 6450 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton; phone 931-2889.

A new taco spot created by two Wellington restaurateurs has opened off Powerline Road in Boca Raton: **Don Chepo's Taco Shop** came into the mix mid-October after first opening in Wellington at the mall. **Fashion Cuisine** co-partners **Dustin Parfitt** and **Juan Gando** came up with the casual, fresh taqueria and with its western county success, came south. It's at 6897 SW 18th St., Boca Raton, and is open till 2 a.m. on weekends.



Jan Norris is a food writer who can be reached at nativefla@gmail.com. Thom Smith is on leave.

The Plate

Tucker Duke's is on a roll with these snacks

The Plate: Food Truck Egg Rolls
The Place: Tucker Duke's, 1658 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton; 717-8153 or www.tuckerdukes.com.

The Price: \$7
The Skinny: I was starving. But I had dinner plans in a few hours. What was I to do? I

started to grab a snack at the neighboring Chipotle, then decided to check out Tucker Duke's, which specializes in locally sourced, seasonal foods.

The menu offers a range of burgers and what I'd call bar foods-plus — fried green tomatoes, mini corn dogs, smoked wings, onion rings.

I opted for the egg rolls, which were filled with diced buffalo chicken, celery, onion and cheddar, then deep fried and served with a creamy avocado ranch dressing on the side.

They were hot but not greasy, and the chicken was moist and tender.



The aforementioned burgers other customers ordered looked tasty. There's always next time.

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Toledo scales (right rear) first appeared at Publix in 1940, and Publix bought and stored as many of them as it could when the manufacturer discontinued Model No. 2830 in 2015. Photo provided

PUBLIX

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In those days, most folks didn't have bathroom scales at home, Jenkins reasoned, and public scales usually charged a penny. His were free, instantly popular, and every Publix has had a Toledo scale ever since.

"Where Shopping Is a Pleasure" didn't become the Publix motto until 1954, when Bill Schroter, the company's advertising director, dreamed up the slogan, but Publix has had a bright green color scheme right from the start.

"Why green?" Jenkins once said. "Because A&P used red."

Jenkins died in 1996, but the original Publix scales are still kept in his former office at the company's headquarters in Lakeland, and they still work.

The last A&P supermarket closed in 2015, but Publix is still green, and getting greener. Since the Manalapan store opened Aug. 16, another nine Publix supermarkets have debuted, most in Florida, reports Nicole Krauss, the Miami division's communications manager.

Publix opens about 40 new stores every year, and every one has a Toledo scale, Model No.

2830, near the front doors.

Rinderknecht, the Manalapan manager, notes that every time the U.S. Department of Agriculture stops by a Publix store to calibrate the scales back in the produce department, they calibrate the "people weighers," too.

But yes, the Publix scales do get a workout. The cashiers see it daily.

"We have kids who dance on it," says Gayle Steventon, working Express Lane No. 5, just across from the scales.

"They get up on them and dance, and get off and jump back on and, 'Oh, look at my numbers!'"

The scales don't service only human beings, either.

"Some people will come in the night before a trip and weigh their luggage to make sure they don't go over the airline's weight allowance," Rinderknecht says.

Luggage doesn't worry about its weight, but when it comes to self-image, perception is not always reality. At the Publix in the Fifth Avenue Shops on Federal Highway in Boca Raton, Ann Hankel stepped off the scales in disbelief.

"It must be way off because I'm not that fat," she muttered

to no one in particular.

Hankel weighs herself every time she's in the store because she doesn't have a scale at home.

"When I was 20 pounds lighter, I felt fat, and now I'm heavier, I feel lighter," she said with a bemused smile. "I like Publix, but I should weigh myself before I buy the bread and doughnuts."

Yes, a shopper's relationship with the iconic Publix scales can be ... complicated.

Cashier Patti Gamble has found an approach that works for her.

"I used to weigh 300 pounds," she says — though it's hard to believe today. "I'm a lot lower than that now, but I don't want to see what I weigh, so sometimes I stand on the scales backward, so I can't see what it says."

Then she tells a family member to report the weight to her doctor.

And not everyone who steps off the scales disheartened is overweight.

Carlos Ballbe, 23, an urban design student at Florida Atlantic University, was frustrated when the Publix scales rated him a mere 150 pounds.



Lantana's David Smith weighs himself in Manalapan. He checks his weight every visit. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



Carlos Ballbe steps on the scale in the Publix at Boca Raton's Fifth Avenue Shops. He says he wants to gain weight.

"I'm trying to gain weight," he said. "I need muscle mass. I gain and lose 2 or 3 pounds here or there, but I fell off my bike and haven't been able to work out, so it was down 3 pounds.

"The most I've ever weighed

is 165 pounds," he lamented. "I need to get back to that."

A Publix store without Toledo scales up front? It's unthinkable. But not impossible.

In 2015, the same year A&P closed its last store, the Mettler Toledo Co. stopped making Model No. 2830. Publix bought many of the remaining scales and stored them in a Florida warehouse.

"As stores have closed, we stored the scales so they can be placed in new stores," Krauss says. "I don't think there's a large stockpile of them, but we should have enough to keep them in rotation for a while."

So, put down the chicken, the subs and the doughnuts. Step right up and be prepared to smile if you like what you see, or shout "Holy Toledo!" if you don't.

Valerie Pullman works in the deli at Manalapan, and she's seen it all.

"I'm from the Bronx, and I find it hard to believe," she exclaims. "They're getting ice cream and cake and then they get on the scales and get a little sad. Why would you do that to yourself?"

"I say don't not get the sub. Just don't get on the scales!" ★

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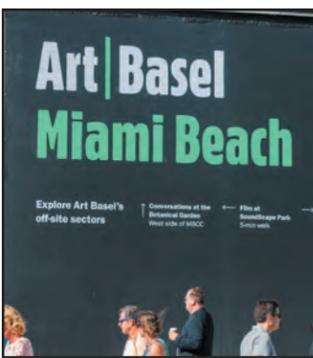
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The girl with the golden pipes

Award-winning singer/actress
Rachel Bay Jones returns
to South Florida for Maltz benefit

Rachel Bay Jones, who grew up in Boca Raton, was named best featured actress at the 2017 Tonys for her performance in *Dear Evan Hansen*. Photo provided



By Hap Erstein
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

Boca Raton-raised Rachel Bay Jones, a 2017 Tony and Grammy Award winner for her featured role as Heidi Hansen, mother of a teenage son whose social media lie goes viral in the smash hit musical *Dear Evan Hansen*, had long been ambivalent about forging a theater career in New York.

"I'm a Florida girl. I love nature, I love being out in the

sunshine. Living in a gray city — which is what it felt like to me — I kept asking myself, 'What the hell am I doing here? What's going on?'" she says by phone from the city she has learned to embrace. "So I would move to a lot of really beautiful places with some beautiful people and do some great stuff and then keep coming back (to New York).

"Because I think, ultimately, the big dream of my life was just to be able to support myself doing theater and to do work

that felt meaningful to me and work with actors and artists who I held in high esteem. It was never about winning an award and making a lot of money and wearing the pretty dresses — all of that stuff."

But the awards, the money and the dresses are now a part of her life as Jones, 48, is poised for more widespread visibility, with a recurring role in the new CBS television series *God Friended Me* and a featured part in a Julia Roberts film, *Ben Is Back*, due

to be released this December. Next, though, she returns to South Florida on Nov. 17 for a solo concert at the Maltz Jupiter Theatre.

Jones' parents were both Shakespearean actors who were not about to discourage their daughter when she showed an interest in the stage at a young age. "I wish they'd tried a little harder to steer me away from it," she now says with a tiny throaty laugh. "I was never really ever

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Music

Big Medizen: All this and 'The Last Waltz' too

By Bill Meredith
ArtsPaper Music Writer

As a veteran area singer, guitarist and songwriter, Boynton Beach-based Jerry Leeman has learned the secrets that are mostly unique to South Florida musical success.

He has secondary income — especially important during non-seasonal months when paying jobs tend to fade here — as a yoga instructor. He plays acoustic guitar, which helps in the era of local volume restrictions. And he's learned that themed tribute shows often get more attention than standard ones — whether they feature cover tunes, originals

or both — in area clubs, restaurants and concert halls.

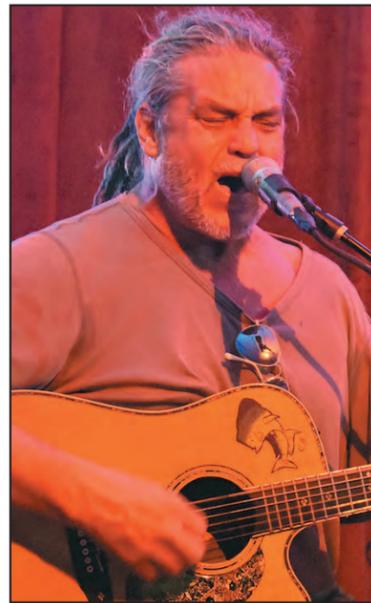
That's a trend he's helped nurture. Since 2002, Leeman has produced, directed and appeared in impressive, multiple live area presentations of *The Last Waltz*, director Martin Scorsese's 1978 documentary of the farewell concert by The Band. And his current group, Big Medizen, has the talent to not only regularly salute The Band, but also a few other rock 'n' roll institutions.

The five- to 10-piece Big Medizen is the largest ensemble within Leeman's itinerary, since he's also learned that playing shows with smaller lineups —

down to solo performances, which often pay nearly as much as full-band gigs — allows a singing acoustic guitarist to actually make a living playing music in this area.

"I'm averaging five to seven nights a week," says Leeman, who recently played separate unaccompanied gigs in Boynton Beach and Boca Raton on the same weeknight. "Solo shows, duos, trios and full band sets. And I teach yoga on Monday and Wednesday nights at Simply Yoga of Delray Beach."

Leeman speaks while on a break during an early-October public rehearsal by Big Medizen
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Jerry Leeman plays guitar and sings in solo gigs as well as with the band Big Medizen. Photo by Regina Campbell



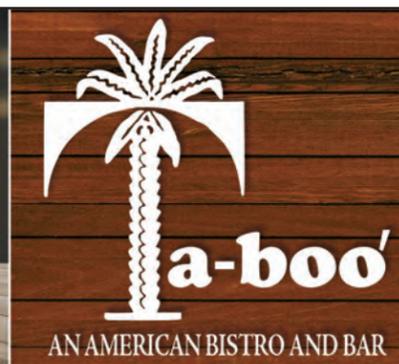
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Big Medizen members include (l-r) keyboardist Tony Tata, keyboardist Bob Taylor, vocalist/guitarist Jerry Leeman, bassist/vocalist Kenneth Gruneisen, drummer/vocalist Pat Kregor, guitarist/vocalist Mike Hill, guitarist/vocalist Shaun Rosario and saxophonist Dave Kupsick. Photo by Regina Campbell

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at Rudy's in Lake Worth, in preparation for the band's Halloween re-creation of Pink Floyd's classic 1973 album *Dark Side of the Moon*, retitled "Dark Side of the Medizen," at Terra Fermata in Stuart. An expanded Big Medizen lineup for the challenge includes the nucleus of Leeman, guitarist/vocalists Mike Hill and Shaun Rosario, bassist/vocalist Kenneth Gruneisen and drummer/vocalist Pat Kregor, along with keyboardists Bob Taylor and Tony Tata and saxophonist Dave Kupsick.

Taylor, on organ, and Tata, on electric piano, combined to re-create the parts of Pink Floyd's underrated keyboardist Richard Wright (1943-2008) on *Breathe*, and Kupsick reenacted Dick Parry's memorable solo on the hit *Money*. Kregor used

additional conga and bongo drums to play drummer Nick Mason's early accents on *Time*, also featuring Hill's David Gilmour impersonation, with both his searing solos and spot-on backing vocals.

Gruneisen, on an acoustic bass guitar, held down the instrumental element of bassist/vocalist Roger Waters while Leeman effortlessly nailed his lead vocals on all three tunes. In the absence of a female vocalist, the band leader even went falsetto to approximate vocalist Clare Torry's soaring, wordless passages on *The Great Gig in the Sky*.

Rosario, at age 30 the group's youngest member by far, stuck to rhythm guitar and minimal backing vocals throughout. But on Big Medizen shows featuring Grateful Dead material, it's his chemistry with Leeman that drives that seminal jam band's timeless tracks. Which underscores how amoebic Big

If You Go

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Medizen can be, with either Rosario or Hill — a musician versatile enough to have been the second of three bassists with Inhouse during that popular West Palm Beach band's area rise between 1994 and 1999 — playing Leeman's primary foil on any given night.

And lest one think that Big Medizen plays only other people's music, it has a forthcoming vinyl album of 11 tracks called *Eleven*.

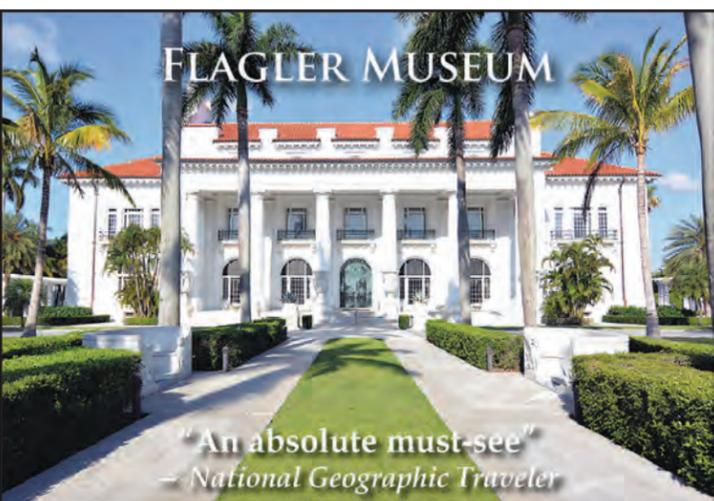
"I'm getting so many calls to book Big Medizen now," says Leeman. "We've done Woodstock anniversary shows, Dylan and the Dead shows, and we have another presentation of *The Last Waltz* coming up."

For that show on the night before Thanksgiving, Rosario will abandon his jazzy, woven, Jerry Garcia-inspired lines and cut loose while portraying bluesy rocker Eric Clapton, while Hill will channel his inner folkie as Bob Dylan. Leeman will play multiple roles including Van Morrison, Neil Diamond, and Muddy Waters.

"The Pink Floyd material is really fun," says the seemingly ever-smiling Rosario, "but I'm really looking forward to *The Last Waltz*."

Always in search of an encore, Leeman pulls out an intriguing possibility when asked what comes afterward.

"I'm thinking of doing the *White Album*," he says of the masterful, self-titled 1968 double album by The Beatles. "It's 30 songs, and I figure that if we can pull all of that off, there isn't much we couldn't do."



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sure that that was what I wanted to be. It was sort of that the ball kept rolling. I kept working and in many ways it saved my life; to have that outlet when you're a teenager meant so much. But I cursed them for a lot of years for getting me into this."

Noticing that there was a part for a little girl in a play her mother was auditioning for, Jones went with her to Jan McArt's Royal Palm Dinner Theatre and made her professional debut in *Anniversary Waltz*, a minor '50s comedy. Later, she appeared in productions at Spanish River High School, eventually dropping out to take a role in a local stage show. Before long, she was on Broadway, understudying at age 19 in the musical *Meet Me in St. Louis*, followed by a national tour of *Grand Hotel*.

But after doing several regional theater roles, Jones went through what she calls "that great long period of questioning — is this really what I want to do with my life? I sort of woke up in my early 20s with, 'Oh, wait. I never really wanted to be an actor.'"

"I was always very introverted. Being onstage was a different thing, and the interaction with the world of show business outside of what's going on on the stage was always very difficult for me. And in some ways it still is. So I left the business."

But never for long. Jones moved back to South Florida and was soon appearing at the Pope Theatre, the Caldwell and Actors' Playhouse in Coral Gables, all while trying to figure out what to do with her life.

Eventually, she decided to try New York again and, after a long stretch of unemployment, scored an audition with director Diane Paulus, who cast her in the 2009 revival of the rock musical *Hair*. More important, Paulus encouraged her to try out for the role of the widow Catherine in her version of *Pippin*, reconceived inside a circus tent.

"And it's a part that is usually played by a much younger woman," notes Jones. "I was already in my 40s at the time, but she asked me to come in and audition for this ingenue part, Pippin's love interest. At first, I passed on the audition. I said, 'No, I can't, I'm all wrong for it.'"

"But she asked again and I felt like that was pretty stupid to keep turning down one of the best directors in the world. So I thought of the character as this actress who has been playing this ingenue role for a very long time. Therefore, she can be 42 years old playing a woman in her 20s."

Unlike many in the cast, Jones had no circus skills. "But I said, 'How about if I'm a clown?' So we made this character part of the troupe by having her be a clown. I asked for a tiny little tricycle that I could ride and we peppered that through the first act with a few other clown bits."



Ben Platt and Rachel Bay Jones in a scene from *Dear Evan Hansen*. Photo by Matthew Murphy

The revival was a hit and so was Jones.

Earlier, she had been in a tour of *A Christmas Story*, with a score by a young, promising songwriting team of Benj Pasek and Justin Paul. They, like Paulus, were impressed by Jones and sought her out for their next project. "I got a call to come in and do a private reading — just for the authors — of this untitled musical," she recalls. "And it turned out to be *Dear Evan Hansen*."

The lesson? "If you stick around the people you love to work with, those things tend to come around again."

Unlike so many musicals these days that are adaptations of popular films, *Dear Evan Hansen* was a completely original show, not based on any existing story. That made its long evolutionary journey to Broadway particularly challenging.

"I've likened it to the *Wild West*," says Jones, who was involved since the first developmental reading. "There were no rules, there was no source material, so everything was a 'yes.' There were things that were wild and didn't work and there were things that were wild and did work and they stuck. But at its heart, it's the same show that was at that first table read."

The show's developmental process was very collaborative, emphasizes Jones. Pasek and Paul "were very respectful of allowing my voice as Rachel, a middle-aged mother of a teenager, to be heard in the process of creating this character. They were very respectful that what I felt was important, what I wanted to say as an artist and as a mother, stayed in the story."

From her first exposure to the material, Jones sensed that *Dear Evan Hansen* was something special, with a unique ability to connect with audiences. "I think we all did from the second that we opened that script. We weren't told what it was, we weren't allowed to take a peek in the book 'til we got there," she recalls. "They just said, 'And now, open your books and read.' And we did. And everyone in the room that day was a little bit floored."

From that day on, Jones and most of the original cast cleared

their schedules to remain with the *Evan Hansen* project — from its initial production in Washington at Arena Stage to its off-Broadway run at Second Stage, to Broadway. "We turned down a lot of more lucrative work to stick with this project," she says. "It wasn't so much feeling that one day this will pay off in any kind of a financial way or a career-building way, it was the material which was representative of the whole reason why we do what we do in the first place."

Arguably, Jones won her Tony for singing her 11 o'clock solo, *So Big, So Small*, which brought the audience to tears nightly. "I never was able to do it without choking up myself," Jones concedes. "While it was important for me to be present with the grief that's inherent

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The Rachel Bay Jones Benefit Concert will be at 8 p.m. Nov. 17 at Maltz Jupiter Theatre, 1001 E. Indiantown Road, Jupiter. Tickets: \$50 and up Info: 575-2223 or jupitertheatre.org

in that song, and to allow Evan to see that, I had to make sure that he knew that despite my grief and my asking him for forgiveness, that he knew that I was strong enough to be there for him."

Asked about the night she won her Tony, Jones talks about it as an emotional roller coaster. "Because I told you I'm a little bit of an introvert, I'm shy. I was the most scared I can ever

remember. I was 'Don't call me. Don't call me, don't call me. No, no, no, no, no.' Because I didn't want to get up there. It's the most terrifying thing. It was not sane, but it was real, y'know?" Ultimately, though, "It was awesome. It was so much fun."

She predicts that the Maltz concert will be a similar joy. "It's something I've been thinking about for a long time. We've been trying it out a couple of times in other cities, but looking towards this concert at the Maltz to have it fully fleshed out," she says. "So we've been previewing it, you could say, to get ready for Jupiter."

"I picked songs I always wanted to sing," Jones offers. "What connects these songs, why do I want to sing them so much? I think it's just because they all have stories that feel resonant to me and my journey up until this point. It's everything from a Lyle Lovett country song about wishing I had a pony and a boat to songs from *Hair* and songs that I've done in other shows. And some beautiful jazz standards that are meaningful to me." And yes, be prepared with Kleenex: She will be singing *So Big, So Small*.

Numerous opportunities in many show business avenues are opening for Rachel Bay Jones, but she feels certain she will soon be back performing theater.

"I haven't been successful at staying away from it for very long really," she says with another throaty laugh.



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Exhibition

'Downton Abbey' settles into CityPlace for the season

By Jan Engoren
Contributing Writer

Anglophiles and fans of the PBS series *Downton Abbey*, wait no longer: The characters, the costumes, the Old World glamour and melodrama are arriving in South Florida in time for season.

Just off a successful New York City run, NBCUniversal International Studios, along with Imagine Exhibitions, is bringing *Downton Abbey: The Exhibition* to CityPlace in West Palm Beach, opening Nov. 10 and running through April.

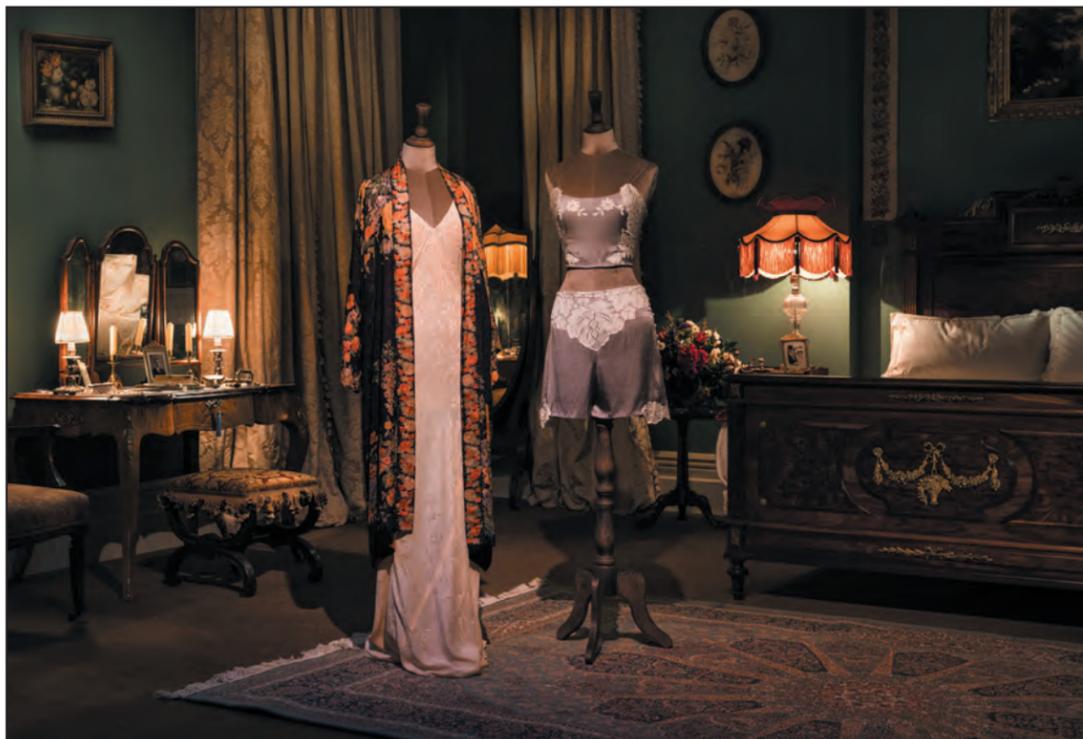
Included in the interactive exhibition are never-before-seen elements and exclusive footage, more than 60 original costumes (including six wedding dresses, worn by sisters Mary and Edith), hunting garments, day and evening wear, hats, period jewelry, furniture, flatware, dishes, and more from the series, as well as a complete re-creation of the servant's quarters below and the household above.

"This iteration is even bigger and better than the New York tour," said Tom Zaller, CEO of Imagine Exhibitions, who was on site putting the finishing touches on the interactive exhibit in mid-October.

Although he declined to give the actual number of attendees for the New York tour, he did say it was an "overwhelming success."

"This is an opportunity for fans to take a walk down memory lane," noted Zaller, who admits he watched the show and was on board immediately after learning of the prospect of creating a traveling exhibit, something he has done for other large shows.

"The fans want more. After six seasons, the viewers are attached to this family and their lives. They're invested," he said. "Having it come to an



Lady Mary Crawley's bedroom is shown, along with several of her most memorable costumes, in the *Downton Abbey* exhibition, which will be set up at CityPlace through April. Photo provided

end, leaves them wanting more, more, more and we're giving them more, more, more."

By mid-October, the exhibit was 95 percent up and running, lacking only the gift shop, which Zaller promises will be fully stocked by opening night.

The historical drama, created by Carnival Films and PBS and set between 1912-26 during the reign of King George V, ran six seasons on *Masterpiece* on PBS from 2010 to 2015, and occupied many a fan's Sunday night. Written and created by Julian Fellowes, the show reached more than 26 million viewers in its final season in the U.S. With 15 wins and 69 nominations, it is the most nominated non-U.S. show in the history of the Emmy Awards.

Zaller stresses the positive working relationship between Imagine and NBCUniversal, which made it possible to have the actors reprise their roles to create hologram introductions for the exhibit and for Fellowes

to write the introduction.

With a combination of CGI and actual footage from the shows, Mr. Carson (the butler) and Mrs. Hughes (the housekeeper) extend their warm wishes to visitors, and Lord and Lady Grantham welcome you to their manor, saying, "We will teach you a thing or two about romance and laughter."

The storyline hinged on real-life events. The Crawleys/Granthams live through the sinking of the Titanic; the outbreak of World War I and the impact it had on their privileged lives; the advent of technology and voting rights for women; the beginning acceptance of homosexuality; the tension between new money and old; the changing roles of the aristocracy, and a vanishing way of life.

The series provided a glimpse into the manners, mores and affectations of the upper crust of English society — an escape fantasy for American viewers.

If You Go

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The Crawley lineage, representing the family's long history and traditions, and the triumphs and tribulations of its extended relations are all intriguing elements to egalitarian American audiences. Whether it would have been a smash in the U.S., without the English accents and pretensions of the British upper class with its class distinctions, rituals and formalities, is speculative.

Be that as it may, visitors

can wander by Mrs. Patmore's kitchen (just as she left it in the last episode) with its elongated butcher block table, the iconic copper kettle featured in the opening credits, the sounds of a bustling kitchen and the scent of baked goods wafting into the air.

The exhibit is fanatically detailed; visitors can stop and read for themselves the letter Lord Grantham received about his nephew's fateful crossing on the Titanic. One of Zaller's favorite pieces of memorabilia is Lady Mary Crawley's vintage metallic lace, sea foam satin gown with deco-rose motif and a cascading hemline.

The family dining room is as ornate and lavish as you remember, and the servant's quarters feature the original bell board, from which the lord and lady summoned their help. Lady Mary's bedroom — the site of many memorable scenes (including the seduction scene with Kemal Pamuk) — is as it was: replete with Persian carpet, sleigh bed, and the wooden vanity where Anna Bates, her lady's maid, curled her hair and shared her confidences.

In addition to the re-created rooms and vignettes, there are interactive panels where you can take a quiz to see whether you'd qualify for a position at Downton Abbey, listen to the dowager countess (played by Dame Maggie Smith) on a candlestick telephone, discover personal trinkets in drawers or pick up a handset to learn more about the history of the era.

"Thanks to the support from NBCUniversal, we are able to bring a unique execution and an extraordinary experience of *Downton Abbey* to its fans," Zaller said. "We hope fans will laugh and cry, reconnect and reminisce and get a piece of their favorite show back."

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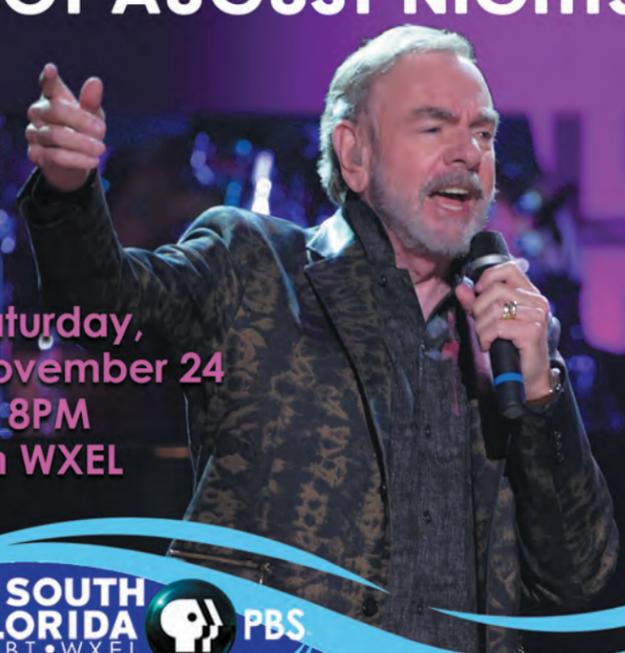
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Reviews

An 'Indecent' past, a dystopian future

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Indecent (Palm Beach Dramaworks, through Nov. 11)

Indecent is both the title of Paula Vogel's impressionistic chronicle of a 1907 melodrama by novice playwright Sholem Asch, and the critical and legal opinion of the work once it arrived on Broadway in the early 1920s.

While Vogel's play serves as a production history of Asch's *God of Vengeance*, it is also much more — a portrait of survival of a piece of theater under siege and the very survival of the Jewish people and their culture, caught in the crosshairs of genocide.

Although the story is epic, it is related by a cast of only seven, accompanied by a tiny klezmer band of three musicians. Gray of countenance with streams of ash pouring out of their clothes sleeves, the actors are brought back to life to tell the story of *God of Vengeance*.

Far ahead of his time, Asch broke considerable theatrical ground with his first play, which humanizes its Jewish characters with frailties and flaws, as well as depicting a lesbian couple who engage in

what is considered to be the first ever same-sex onstage kiss. Yet the Yiddish-language *God of Vengeance* played — and was acclaimed and accepted — throughout Europe, and even in New York's Lower East Side. It is when it reaches for the legitimacy of Broadway, with an English translation and that female kissing scene deleted, that the production is halted by the police and the performers arrested for public indecency.

The skeletal, yet complex script is brought to vibrant life in Palm Beach Dramaworks' season opener by director J. Barry Lewis, aided by choreographer/associate director Lynnette Barkley and an A-team of designers.

Rather than offer a condensed version of *God of Vengeance*, Vogel presents us with a montage of the play's final sequence — an enraged Orthodox Jewish brothel owner, Yekel, hurling a Torah scroll down on his rebellious daughter, Rifkele. And eventually, the playwright lets us see that infamous kiss between Rifkele and her prostitute-lover.

With the exception of Lemml (Jay Russell), the rookie stage manager who becomes *God of Vengeance's* staunchest advocate, the cast keeps morphing into

a variety of characters. The result is a textbook example of a performance ensemble. Still, there are standouts in the company, including Cliff Burgess as the earnest Asch, Mark Jacoby as the troupe's venerable impresario, Rudolph Schildkraut, and Dani Marcus and Kathleen Wise as the lovers, onstage and off.

In what could well be Dramaworks' most ambitious season yet, with a world premiere, a musical, a Pulitzer Prize winner and an unabashed comedy, *Indecent* demonstrates how the company is up to whatever challenges it gives itself. — *Hap Erstein*

The Oath (opened Oct. 19)

Comedian Ike Barinholtz's directorial debut is easily the most confrontational, nerve-rattling missive to come out of Hollywood in the Trump era, without ever mentioning the man's name. It's so provocative, in fact, that it's a miracle it was even greenlit.

On a March day, Chris (Barinholtz) and his wife, Kai (Tiffany Haddish), are sitting on their bed, watching a news conference with expressions that alternate between puzzlement and concern. The White House press secretary has unveiled the fictional administration's latest



Thanksgiving is anything but normal in *The Oath*, now playing in theaters. Photo provided

attempt to keep the nation's restive population in line: a loyalty pledge to the Dear Leader. An oath, if you will.

Signing such a document is not mandatory, but those who do sign it will receive government perks, such as tax incentives. The deadline to sign is, ominously, Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, less than a year away. Chris and Kai, proud members of the Resistance with an impressionable daughter to inspire, swear they'll never sign.

The rest of this exceedingly uncomfortable nightmare takes place Thanksgiving week, where the nation's temperature, like that frog in the famous analogy, is reaching a rapid boil. Progressive figureheads are being disappeared; civil rights leaders in Congress are being hauled away in cuffs; protesters are being sprayed with bullets.

It's in this incendiary environment that Chris and Kai try to host a Thanksgiving

meal that includes Chris' preppy conservative brother, Pat (Jon Barinholtz) and Pat's alt-right girlfriend, Abbie (Meredith Hagner); and his parents, Eleanor and Hank (Nora Dunn and Chris Ellis), family-values traditionalists who would prefer to avoid talk of "politics" at the dinner table.

Inevitably, opinions are divulged, invectives hurled, regrettable sentiments not-quite taken back. But it's not until two mirthless government agents (Billy Magnussen and John Cho) come knocking that the true horror ensues — and it doesn't let up until the denouement.

The Oath raises many issues relevant to the zeitgeist. But mostly, the film is a warning about what a police state might look like in Trump's America, when everybody's on edge, ideological divisions couldn't be starker, and literally turning in one's brother is an act of patriotism. — *ArtsPaper staff*

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Coming into the Subway I (2016) and Wall Street Looking Up III (2014) are part of the David Kapp exhibit at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens. Photos provided

Art

The cut-and-paste life, on full display

By Gretel Sarmiento
ArtsPaper Art Writer

Paint some sheets of paper. Grab a pair of scissors. Arrange the colorful strips. What do you get? A day in the life of a New Yorker — or anyone residing in a metropolis for that matter.

Paper cutouts have been masterfully arranged to bring forward the dynamic pace of city life in a new exhibit featuring vehicles caught in traffic, pedestrians rushing down steps, and busy intersections. Like stray dogs confused not long ago, but now responding on command, the puzzle pieces assemble, form ears, haircuts and gestures. Each is absolutely indispensable to the fleeing moments in *David Kapp: Crossing the Grid*, on view at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens through Dec. 9.

Born in 1953, Kapp is known for contemporary renditions of street landscapes that are not devoid of chaos and challenges. His ribbons of paper re-create the daily drama caught between a city's sky and its pavement. Although his body of work includes oil paintings, and some are featured here, Kapp's collages are what this show is about. At times, it is hard to reconcile the playful outcomes, such as the multicolored *Stadium II*, with the highly calculative execution driving them.

Just as any modern concrete jungle, *Crossing the Grid* exhibits mood swings. *Wall Street Looking Up III* (2014) projects a somber, stoic picture of power, silence and solitude. The rigid buildings composed of dark strips tower over pedestrians presumably looking to catch a glimpse of that soothing lavender sky. The work is 25 x 17 inches and struggles to contain the ultra-modern twin structures that threaten to squeeze those standing in the middle. It has very little

in common with two other collages from that same year.

Vibrant hues and crowds contribute to the highly energetic current in *Summer Crowd* and *Green Crowd and Traffic*. As with most pieces in the exhibit, the best way to appreciate them is from a distance. Only then do the irregular shapes of paper harmonize and reveal what their secret dance is all about.

The same goes for Kapp's oil paintings. A darker shape defies a dull, colorless background in a square panel titled *Cyclist III*. It remains undecipherable until we take a few steps back. The small gallery room housing this 2008 piece affords just enough space to do so. Before our eyes, the figure sharpens. Its motion earns definition and those circles are no longer accents in an abstract geometric composition. Meet the protagonist: the rider.

Another way to look is to stand as close as you can. Focus on a spot and ignore the surrounding noise. There, you will find signs of abstract expressionism like beautiful parasites living off an organism. This is one of two surprises *Crossing the Grid* offers.

There are no accidents here. Whether they serve to convey movement or silhouettes, every shape has a role to play, even if it is as a handrail, as in the *Coming into the Subway* series depicting soon-to-be passengers drifting down the steps dressed in dark, open overcoats. The angle setting the stage for an inevitable encounter, the precipitating pose, and that floating quality of the fabric, make them special.

It might be tempting to assume it was easy for the New York City native to put this cut-and-pasted world together. At first glance, the works appear simple and light; the products of a child's busy afternoon and the prelude to a household chore.

If You Go

David Kapp: Crossing the Grid runs through Dec. 9 at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Road, West Palm Beach.
Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday
Admission: \$15, \$10 seniors, \$7 students and children
Info: 832-5328 or ansg.org

After all, the headlights in *4 Cars* — from 2013 — look as if ripped with bare hands, and don't feature the clean, straight cut afforded by a sharp tool and awarded to other pieces. A warm orange tone divides the bottom half from the top, which is darker and features a blue and a yellow vehicle. A black cutout standing in for a shadow emerges from under a set of front tires. Yellow scratches appear on the surface. Like scars of sorts, the marks portray a city that has switched off its charm and turned on the raw and the unforgiving.

Before attending Queens College and receiving a Creative Artists Public Service Fellowship in Painting and the Rosenthal Foundation Award, Kapp too, was a child. That his mature, grown-up persona manages to preserve a childish enthusiasm that generates artworks this straightforward, carefree and centered in the present moment is the other surprising factor.

It is tempting to judge his simple technique as a cheap shortcut toward a round of applause. But something must be said about the imaginative method and vision that can turn flat strips of paper into animated, vivid moments. The preconceived arrangement, the subtle restraint, and that intentional snapshot view all point in one direction: Don't try this at home.

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IMAGE: Bruce Mozart, Untitled (Underwater Barbecue) [detail], about 1950, Gelatin silver print. Collection of Lisa Stone © Estate of Robert Bruce Mozart.



Art

An insider's guide to Art Basel and Art Week in Miami

By Sandra Schulman
ArtsPaper Art Writer

The biggest art event in Miami happens in December, when the world-class art circus that is Art Basel Miami rolls into the big-top Miami Beach Convention Center on Dec. 6-9. But there are also dozens of satellite fairs, outdoor sculpture exhibits, fair tents on the beach, parties and new shows in the museums that get started earlier in the week of Dec. 4-9, and are just some of the things that draw art-loving jet-setting hordes here.

There are some things to know before heading down to Miami — and you really should go; for all the perceived hassle, there is nothing like it in the world for a week. Traffic and parking are as bad as you may have heard and probably worse, but salvation has come in the form of the new Brightline train running from downtown West Palm to downtown Miami with a stop in Fort Lauderdale (gobrightline.com).

Things to bring: comfortable shoes, a light jacket for hyper-A/C venues, cash, credit cards and ID, a charged phone, an open mind and some patience.

As a bonus, the train cruises through the Wynwood Art District, allowing a rarely seen view of the murals and sculptural art installed on the railroad track back side — and there is lots of it for several blocks on the west side of the train. From the Miami station, which has cafés, shops and even condos being built in this new mini-city, you can take the free Metro Mover to downtown fairs like Art Miami and Context. A trolley service from Bayside can take you to the beach fairs. Any other destination can easily be accessed by Uber or Lyft.

Last year, I went event- and fair-hopping on Uber with a group of friends, and cars literally showed up in seconds after we booked rides with all fares handled direct through the app. With construction, limited expensive parking and highway hassles, this is a huge step in making the trip easy and fun.

When you go, it's a smart idea to plan at least few hours at each fair and map the location of the fairs to one another. Going to Art Basel Miami is a full day in itself as the new fair layout by Amsterdam-based firm Tom Postma Design will bring more exhibition space, larger booths and wider aisles — along with four entrances to the halls. There are hundreds of booths with the best art the world has to offer, special sections like Nova, Editions, Position, Kabinett, Survey — all specially curated booths to expand art exhibits. Latin American perspectives, Afro-Caribbean spirituality, and experimental painting mark this year's Galleries sector. Panels, conversations, film screenings on the wall of the



nearby Soundscape Park and at the Colony Theater, along with people-watching, fill in the rest. Expect better food options and more places to relax this year as the Convention Center has installed a rooftop lounge and plaza area.

Multiple fairs dot the actual beach and along Collins Avenue — Design Miami, Aqua Art Fair, Ink Miami Art Fair, Muse, Pulse Contemporary, Scope, Superfine and Untitled. In addition many hotels host pop-up exhibits in their lobbies, particularly the elegant Deco Hotel Sagamore. Each fair has a slant of what kind of art it shows, so check the websites if you are looking for something particular. These are all pretty much within walking distance and again, Uber and trolleys can also get you anywhere.

A few must-see exhibits include the annual Public Sector sculpture installation in Collins Park in front of the Bass Museum — a wild and woolly lineup of huge, ambitious work. Past sculptures of a 50-foot deer, a roller coaster made of 25-cent kiddie rides, a drag queen disco, and a barbecue in the flaming trunk of a limo are some standouts. And it's free. If you get hungry, I suggest The Dutch in the nearby W Hotel, whose lobby contains work from Warhol, Kenny Scharf, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Mike Kelley, and Christopher Wool.

And the Faena complex of hotel, art forum and shops, on Collins Avenue in the mid-30s blocks, has the most beautiful mosaic hotel lobby in Miami and a gold-leafed, full-size mastodon skeleton by Damien Hirst out by the pool. More free-to-see mind-blowing art.

If that's not enough, a full day or two or three can be spent on the mainland. The downtown Arts and Entertainment District has Art Miami, Context, NADA and the Satellite Art Show. Art Miami has a huge beautiful tent right on the scenic Biscayne Bay where the Miami Herald newspaper offices stood for decades. In terms of quality and cutting-edge work, this is the fair to see, as the organizers also do the circuit in New York, the Hamptons and West Palm Beach. The tent connects to Context right next door so you can see two fairs in the same location.

"Art Week visitors can look

forward to seeing the most important artworks from the 20th and 21st centuries, as well as never-before-seen pieces, dynamic projects, special installations, and more from more than 300 international galleries at our three fairs — Art Miami, Context Art Miami and Aqua Art Miami," says Art Miami Fair Director Nick Korniloff in an email. "Many of the exhibitors at Art Miami have shown at ADAA, Art Basel, The Armory Show, Design Basel TEFAF, Masterpiece London and EXPO Chicago, so our visitors can look forward to seeing an exceptional quality of artwork from blue-chip artists, modern masters, mid-career, emerging and cutting-edge artists.

"Art Miami alone will present more than 800 of the top blue-chip artists of the modern, post-war and pop eras as well as master works by artists including David Hockney, Pablo Picasso, Alexander Calder, Willem de Kooning and Roy Lichtenstein," Korniloff said.

Farther west are the Fridge Art Fair, Miami River Art Fair and Prizm, and Overtown now boasts Art Africa Fair.

Another full-day tour is well spent in Wynwood, where blocks and blocks of outdoor murals are a colorful show in itself. In addition to the well-curated murals at the Wynwood Walls Garden and Gallery, there are the creative word art gallery of Peter Tunney, and Wynwood Kitchen, where street artist-turned-global activist sensation Shepard Fairey has designed the walls and the server uniforms. Fairs in Wynwood include Pinta, Red Dot and Spectrum.

Emmy-winning designer Pat Fields brings her Art Fashion tribe to Wynwood for all of December, showcasing genre-bending artists in striking clothing. One of her artists, Daniel Chimowitz, has a one-man museum show at The Jewish Museum through February. The Rubell Family Collection is well worth a visit, as this art-centric mega-collector family is mainly responsible for bringing Art Basel Miami here to begin with, and they always refresh their mammoth collection annually to coincide with Art Fair Week.

For the best in world-class fashion and art head to the Design District, newly

completed with additional plazas and public art from the collection of District owner Craig Robins. Outdoor sculpture, murals, art-infused architecture and a selfie favorite, the Flys Eye Dome by Buckminster Fuller, punctuate this gorgeous district.

The massive space occupied by art and exhibitions at the Miami Beach Convention Center takes some planning and forethought to negotiate. Photo courtesy of Art Basel

Over at the Moore Building, an annual one-week exhibit by the powerhouse dealer team of Larry Gagosian and Jeffrey Deitch occupies all four floors with themed shows that bring out the A-listers. A new gallery row on 39th Street finds Miami artists Magnus Sodamin and Typoe Gran in new spaces, while their dealer's gallery Primary Projects holds down the corner location on North Miami Avenue.

Many of the luxury stores collaborate with top artists for window displays, e.g., the Jeff Koons sculptures at Louis Vuitton. Miami-bred superstar Gloria Estefan has a restaurant here, Estefan Kitchen, with art on the gleaming blue walls by award winning international artist Carlos Betancourt, who started out in the 1980s with a studio on Lincoln Road.

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(Note: Events are listed through November 30 and were current as of October 25. Please check with the presenting agency for any changes. Ticket prices are single sales. Most of the presenting organizations offer subscription plans.)

ART EXHIBITS

Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens: Through Dec. 9: *David Kapp: Crossing the Grid*, collages and paintings by the New York artist who chronicles urban life. Main gardens are open Wednesday to Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Admission: \$15, \$10 for seniors, \$7 for students. Call 561-832-5328 or visit www.ansg.org.

Armory Art Center: Opens Nov. 30: *Mankind: What Happened?*, works by faculty artist Mark Cohen exploring some of our species' wretched actions during the past 75 years as a plea for doing better. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Free admission. Call 561-832-1776 or visit www.armoryart.org.

Boca Raton Museum of Art: Opens Nov. 13: *Imagining Florida: History and Myth in the Sunshine State*, a big exhibition of more than 200 works examining how artists over the past three centuries have seen the state; *Daniel Faust: Florida Photos from the 1980s*, more than 650 images of the New York photographer's visits to the state in the 1980s; *Excuse Me!! I'm Looking for the Fountain of Youth*, videos, photos and installations featuring Mike, an Everyman trying to keep up with contemporary America, by artist Michael Smith. All three exhibits run through March 24. Admission: \$12, seniors \$10, children 12 and under, free. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Closed Mondays and holidays. Call 561-392-2500, or visit www.bocamuseum.org.

Cornell Art Museum: Through Feb. 16: *Tech Effect*, works by numerous artists documenting how technology has influenced contemporary art. Includes augmented reality and interactive works. Museum hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-5 pm. Closed Sundays, Mondays and holidays. Admission: \$8; \$5 seniors and students with ID; free for veterans, children under 12, and Old School Square members. Call 561-243-7922 or visit www.oldschoolsquare.org.

Cultural Council of Palm Beach County: Opens Nov. 16: *X Marks the Spot*, works by 16 emerging and established graffiti artists. Through Feb. 2. Opening Nov. 10: Solo exhibitions by Dorothea Lemeh and Nelson Babilonia, through Dec. 8. Galleries at the council offices in Lake Worth are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; free admission. Call 471-2901 or visit palmbeachculture.com.

Flagler Museum: Through Jan. 6: *Star Power: Edward Steichen's Glamour Photography*, a collection of 80 images featuring the celebrities of the 1920s and 1930s by one of the finest of all American photographers. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 Sundays. Closed Mondays and holidays. Admission: \$18. Call 655-2833 or visit flaglermuseum.us.

Lighthouse ArtCenter: Through Nov. 21: *Elegant Threads: Wearable Art and Surface Design*, handcrafted clothing, jewelry and textiles by innovative contemporary artists. Admission: \$5 for adults, free for members and children 12 and under. 10 am to 4 pm. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 561-746-3101 or visit www.lighthousearts.org.

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens: Through March 31: *Hard Bodies: Contemporary Japanese Lacquer Sculpture*, works by reinterpreters of Japan's ancient lacquer tradition, who make large-scale sculptures. Museum tickets: \$15, \$13 for seniors, \$9 for children and college students. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. Call 495-0233 or visit www.morikami.org.

NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale: Through May 19: *William J. Glackens and Pierre-Auguste Renoir: Affinities and Distinctions*, 25 works each by the American and French masters, showing how Renoir's work influenced Glackens. Admission: \$12; hours: 11 am-5 pm Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a-8 pm every first Thursday, noon-5 pm Sunday. Call 954-525-5500 or visit nsuartmuseum.org.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Saturday, Nov. 10
Ching-Yun Hu: The Taiwanese-born pianist who won the 2008 Rubinstein Competition appears on Abram Kreeger's Piano Lovers series in music of Ravel (*Gaspard de la Nuit*), Granados, Alkan, Rachmaninov (Piano Sonata No. 2) and the Russian jazz-crossover composer Nikolai Kapustin. 4 pm, Boca Steinway Gallery. Tickets: \$30 at the door, \$25 online before Nov. 10. Visit pianolovers.org.

Seraphic Fire: The men of the Miami concert choir present an evening of chant and music by the innovative Renaissance master Carlo

Gesualdo. All Saints Episcopal Church, Fort Lauderdale. Tickets: \$50. Call 305-285-9060 or visit www.seraphicfire.org.

Saturday, Nov. 10-Sunday, Nov. 11

Lynn Philharmonia: The college conservatory's annual concerts featuring winners of the annual concerto competition. Your chance to catch a rising star. 7:30 pm Saturday, 4 pm Sunday, Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, Boca Raton. Tickets: \$35-\$50. Call 237-9000 or visit www.lynn.edu/events.

Monday, Nov. 12
Jacksonville Symphony: Nathan Aspinall and the North Florida ensemble are joined by the splendid American organist Cameron Carpenter in the Poulenc Organ Concerto; music by Wagner and Mussorgsky (the Ravel orchestration of Pictures at an Exhibition) round out the program. 8 pm, Kravis Center. Tickets start at \$35. Call 832-7469 or visit www.kravis.org.

Monday, Nov. 19
Julia Bullock: The terrific young American soprano, joined by pianist John Arida, kick off the Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach concert series in a recital of songs by Schubert, Barber and Fauré, along with music associated with the great black divas Nina Simone, Alberta Hunter and Billie Holiday. 6 pm reception, 7 pm concert, the Gold Room at The Breakers, Palm Beach. Tickets: \$195. Call 379-6773 or visit cmspb.org.

DANCE

Friday, Nov. 16-Sunday, Nov. 18
Miami City Ballet: The Miami Beach-based troupe opens its season with two Balanchine classics – *Concerto Barocco* (Bach) and *Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 2* – and a popular work by the just-passed Paul Taylor: *Company B*, a tribute to the music and dance of the 1940s. 8 pm Friday, 2 pm and 8 pm Saturday, 1 pm Sunday. Kravis Center. Tickets start at \$29. Call 832-7469 or visit www.kravis.org.

Friday, Nov. 23-Sunday, Nov. 25
Boca Ballet Theatre: Dan Guin's company presents its annual holiday production of *The Nutcracker*. Katherine Williams and Aran Bell of American Ballet Theatre guest with the student troupe. 7:30 pm Friday, 2 pm and 7:30 pm Saturday, 2 pm Sunday. Olympic Heights High School, Boca Raton. Call 995-0709 or visit www.bocaballet.org.

Friday, Nov. 30-Saturday, Dec. 1
Ballet Palm Beach: Colleen Smith's Palm Beach Gardens company returns to the Kravis Center for its holiday rendition of *The Nutcracker*. 7:30 pm Friday, 2 pm and 7:30 pm Saturday. Call 832-7469 or visit www.kravis.org.

FILM

Thursday, Nov. 8
Red: The film of John Logan's 2009 play about the painter Mark Rothko, trying to come up with a major new work. With Alfred Molina and Ken Enoch. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. Call 561-549-2600 or visit fau.livingroomtheaters.com.

Friday, Nov. 9
Wildlife: Actor Paul Dano makes his directorial debut with an adaptation of Richard Ford's novel of a family in 1960s Montana that gets unmoored when the husband loses his job and decides to become a forest firefighter. With Carey Mulligan and Jake Gyllenhaal. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. Call 561-549-2600 or visit fau.livingroomtheaters.com.

Friday, Nov. 16
Maria by Callas: Tom Volf's documentary about the revered American opera singer, told entirely in her own words, from interviews, home movies, and letters. With Joyce DiDonato reading some of Callas's letters. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. Call 561-549-2600 or visit fau.livingroomtheaters.com.

Friday, Nov. 23
Studio 54: A documentary by Matt Tyrnauer about the legendary New York club run by Ian Schrager and Steve Rubell that was the last and defining word in 1970s hedonism. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. Call 561-549-2600 or visit fau.livingroomtheaters.com.

Friday, Nov. 30
Gigi: The 1958 Lerner and Loewe movie musical ("Thank Heaven for Little Girls," "Gigi") starring Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier and Louis Jourdan, with a now-controversial plot about the tomboy friend of a wealthy playboy who is being brought up to be a rich man's mistress. 2:30 and 6 pm, Society of the Four Arts, Palm Beach. Tickets: \$5. Call 655-7226 or visit www.fourartsorg.org.

JAZZ

Saturday, Nov. 10
Frank Vignola: The guitarist devotee of Django Reinhardt appears with his Hot Jaz Guitar Trio, which includes Gary Mazzaroppi and Vinny Raniolo. 8 pm, Arts Garage, Delray Beach. Tickets: \$35-45. Call 450-6357 or visit artsgarage.org.

Sunday, Nov. 11
Martin Bejerano: The Miami-born pianist who now teaches jazz piano at UM's Frost School of Music and is the pianist in the Roy Haynes Quartet. 8 pm, Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Tickets: \$15-25. Call 450-6357 or visit artsgarage.org.

OPERA

Saturday, Nov. 3-Saturday, Nov. 17
La Bohème: Giacomo Puccini's box-office smash from 1896 about the doomed love of an impecunious Parisian poet and his seamstress girlfriend opens the Florida Grand Opera season. With Adrienn Miksch and Alessandro Scotto di Luzio. Six performances, four at the Ziff Ballet Opera House in Miami, two (Nov. 15 and 17) at the Broward Performing Arts Center in Fort Lauderdale. Call 800-741-1010 or visit www.fgo.org.

POPULAR MUSIC

Wednesday, Nov. 21
Citizen Cope: The songwriter Clarence Greenwood, whose songs such as *Sideways* have been recorded by artists such as Carlos Santana. 7:30 pm, Culture Room, Fort Lauderdale. Tickets start at \$35. Visit www.cultureroom.net for more information and ticketmaster.com for tickets.

Friday, Nov. 23-Saturday, Nov. 24
Elton John: The English pianist and songwriter born 71 years ago as Reginald Dwight is hanging up his riffs and going out on his Farewell Yellow Brick Road tour. 8 pm Friday, BB&T Center, Sunrise, 954-835-7000; 8 pm Saturday, American Airlines Arena, Miami, 800-653-8000, where the tickets are topping out at more than \$1,400.

Monday, Nov. 26
Black Violin: The two-man Margate duo of Will B. and Kev Marcus are that rarest of pop groups: A violin and viola. But they are steeped in jazz and pop violin pioneers like Stuff Smith and Papa John Creach, and they'll be appearing with DJ SPS and drummer Nat Stokes to explore their hip-hop bona fides. 8 pm, Kravis Center. Tickets start at \$15. Call 832-7469 or visit www.kravis.org.

THEATER

Through Nov. 11
Indecent: Paula Vogel's drama about the thespians who first mounted Sholem Asch's *God of Vengeance* in New York in 1923 and were arrested for indecency. At Palm Beach Dramaworks, West Palm Beach. Call 514-4042 or visit palmbeachdramaworks.org.

Steel Magnolias: Robert Harling's beloved 1987 drama of a close Louisiana community of women, one of whom begins to suffer complications from diabetes. Directed by Marcia Milgrom Dodge. At the Maltz Jupiter Theatre, Jupiter. Call 575-2233 or visit jupitertheatre.org.

Opens Thursday, Nov. 15
Barefoot in the Park: Neil Simon's 1963 comedy about a newlywed couple learning to live together. Through Dec. 3 at Lake Worth Playhouse. Call 561-586-6410 or visit lakeworthplayhouse.org for tickets.

Opens Monday, Nov. 18
The Pirates of Penzance: The 1879 operetta by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan about a boy raised by pirates who falls in love with the daughter of a very modern major-general. With Sean McDermott. Through Nov. 11. Wick Theatre, Boca Raton. Call 561-995-2333 or visit thewick.org.

Opens Tuesday, Nov. 27
Beauty and the Beast: The popular Disney musical by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, reimagined with puppets from the Puppet Kitchen and directed by John Tartaglia. Through Dec. 16 at the Maltz Jupiter Theatre, Jupiter. Call 575-2233 or visit jupitertheatre.org.

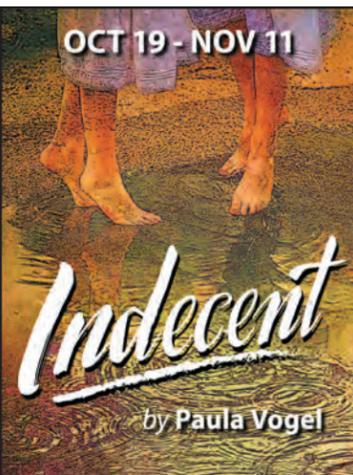
Opens Friday, Nov. 30
The 1940's Radio Hour: Walton Jones' musical revue of World War II, in which a radio broadcast for the troops is being assembled in December 1942, a year after the U.S. entered the conflict. Through Dec. 16 at Delray Beach Playhouse. Call 272-1281, ext. 5, or visit delraybeachplayhouse.org.

Annie: TV's Sally Struthers plays Miss Hannigan in this mounting of the beloved Charles Strouse musical based on the Depression-era comic. Through Nov. 23. Wick Theatre, Boca Raton. Call 561-995-2333 or visit thewick.org.

Tar Beach: A new play by Tammy Ryan (*The Music Lesson*), about two teen girls navigating the New York summer of 1977, which featured the Son of Sam killer and a citywide blackout. Through Dec. 16, at FAU Theatre Lab, Boca Raton, on the campus of Florida Atlantic University. Call 297-6124 or visit www.fauvents.com.

Breadcrumbs: Jennifer Haley's 2010 play about a fiction writer with dementia who has to depend on a young caretaker to finish her autobiography. With veteran area performers Angie Radosh and Jacqueline Laggy. Through Dec. 23. At Primal Forces, Sol Theatre, Boca Raton. Call 866-811-4111 or visit primalforces.com.

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Book Reviews

Florida a rich character in author's mystery debut

The Other Side of Everything, by Lauren Doyle Owens. Touchstone, 272 pp., \$15.99

By Sharon Geltner
Contributing Writer

"I was living through the worst time of my life. I was going to kill myself."

That statement is not from the west Broward County mystery *The Other Side of Everything*, the debut novel by Lauren Doyle Owens, a 10-year resident of the area. Instead, it's what the author said about her own life.

"I didn't kill myself," Doyle Owens said in a recent interview. "Instead, I wrote this story."

A native of the Baltimore suburb of Towson, Doyle Owens got a master's in fine arts from Florida International University, where she met her husband. She always wanted to be a writer but says she really had nothing worth saying as a young woman.

But a cancer diagnosis — including chemo treatments and a hysterectomy — at 29 provided the fodder she needed to explore these dark emotions.

"This book is about being lonely, depressed and living in isolation. It's about what it feels like to go through something and then break through to the other side," Doyle Owens said.

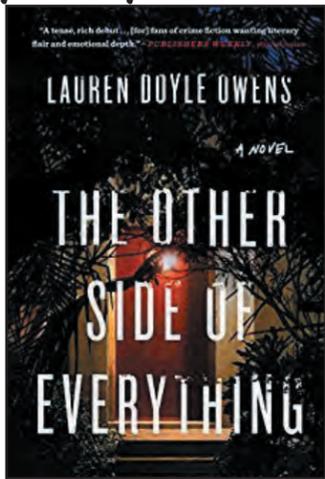
The book begins with the death of a lonely, elderly widow, her skull bashed in and her house torched. The plot revolves around her three neighbors, each of whom is frightened by the violence so close to home. One neighbor knew the victim almost 50 years, ever since they moved to the same development near the same time. The second is a 30-ish woman, a talented artist who has recovered from cancer, had a hysterectomy and is suffering through a rocky marriage and a growing drinking problem. She hasn't painted in three years.

The last is a 15-year-old girl whose mother recently abandoned her. She's waiting tables at a nearby diner and trying to figure out how to save what is left of her family.

Soon there are two more murders to solve. Someone is viciously using weapons improvised from common household objects. All of the victims are older women who live alone. Presumably, they do not have enemies.

Doyle Owens' book authentically describes the physical surroundings of a neighborhood built in the 1950s, in a rundown pocket in the "dense sprawl" between Miami and Fort Lauderdale. It also truthfully depicts the inner thoughts of people who are depressed, out of options and losing hope.

The action takes place in the



fictional Seven Springs, Fla., in the aftermath of the Great Recession, when "the boarded-up pink houses had gone beige." Doyle Owens terms it "a creepy atmosphere."

In the book and in real life, residents are seniors who bought homes in the '50s, young married couples and struggling middle-aged parents and their teenage children.

The novel is true South Florida, right down to the amphibians and reptiles who thrive in the heat and humidity. As in, "A toad laid some eggs in my potting soil." Doyle Owens also compares green and brown lizards. And she writes, with chilling understatement, of the two-legged reptiles who prey on motherless teenage girls and elderly residents who struggle in quiet desperation in what is supposed to be a tropical paradise.

Doyle Owens is an engaging writer. She is very descriptive and chooses interesting details but never makes the mistake of overwhelming plot and dialogue with florid writing. She draws the reader into a realistic story with intriguing character dilemmas, apart from the murder mystery and the fear that the killer is still out there. She also gives her story depth and layers, with protagonists from three generations living close by but sometimes at odds with each other.

All of them live in a community where there are plenty of huge banyans to enjoy, but the sidewalks are cracked. And two weeks after the first murder, the yard stinks of rotting mangoes and is overgrown with weeds.

The writer deals with depression without making the reader want to drop the book in despair. There is a feeling that the characters will pull themselves out of the morass.

Doyle Owens' next book, *Another Life*, is about long lost sisters. Whether or not it takes place in South Florida, it should be well worth reading.

Sharon Geltner is the author of *Charity Bashed*, a *Palm Beach* mystery and social satire, available on Amazon.

Couple share experiences of addiction in books

Through Jasper's Eyes: My Weekend on Death Row, by John Lipscomb. Electio, 190 pp., \$13.99

The Painting and The Piano, by John Lipscomb and Adrienne Lugo. ALJ Marketing, 328 pp. \$15.50.

By Steve Pike

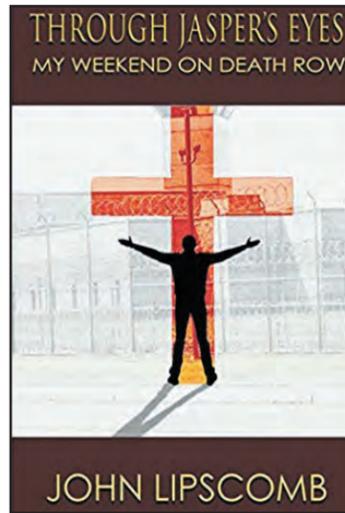
More than a decade removed, John Lipscomb could still hear the prison doors slam shut and the haunting "swoosh" of the airlock; still smell the unholy mix of disinfectant on the dining room floor and barely edible food.

Above all, Lipscomb could still hear Jasper's words: "Man, you got the saddest story I ever heard."

Those were powerful words, considering that Jasper was on Death Row at Missouri's Potosi Correctional Center.

A nondescript, small Missouri town, Potosi is far removed from Lipscomb's upper-crust childhood in the posh St. Louis suburb of Ladue. But as he interacted with inmates, Lipscomb knew his decisions and actions made early in his adult life could have landed him in Potosi as one of them.

Instead, he was there as a stranger to spread the gospel



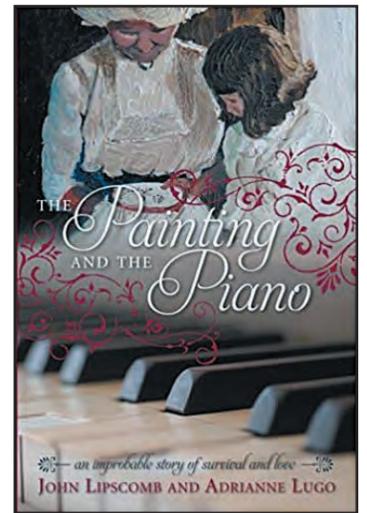
through the Catholic Church's Residents Encounter Christ program.

"I drove home drunk a thousand nights," said Lipscomb, who now lives with his wife, Adrienne Lugo, in Ocean Ridge.

The pair collaborated on Lipscomb's first book, *The Painting and The Piano*, which chronicles each of their battles with addiction.

In his second book, *Through Jasper's Eyes: My Weekend on Death Row*, Lipscomb details his 2006 visit to the prison and his opening up to inmates about multiple DUIs, lost marriages, lost children, lost businesses and lost houses.

"This is what addiction does to you," Lipscomb tells them,



knowing that to a man, he was telling them what each already knew.

When he finished, he was approached by Jasper (a fictitious name), who had tears streaming down his face.

Lipscomb, who has been sober for nearly 20 years, used Jasper's words as the inspiration for his 190-page book, published by Electio.

"I think I got more out of it (than the inmates), but it's hard to say," Lipscomb said. "You can see the guys get a lot out of it when you're there through the smiles on their faces. It's just about one human being helping another."

And it's about some powerful words.

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Community Calendar

Events are current as of 10/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 3

Saturday - 11/3 - Previously Owned Treasure Sale at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 8 am-noon. Free. 367-7035; myboca.us

11/3 - Pickleball at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 210 W Atlantic Ave. M-F 8 am-9 pm; Sat 8 am-6 pm. \$3/resident; \$4/non-resident; \$1/add for night play lights. Monthly passes available. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

11/3 - Charity Shred Event at Lantana Recreation Center, 418 S Dixie Hwy. Benefits Boynton United FC Soccer Academy. 9-11 am. \$5/box. 585-8664; lynn@lantana-chamber.com

11/3 - Lawn Bowling at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Takes skill/practice. Age 18 & up. M/W/F/Sat 9 am-noon. Annual fee \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

11/3 - Boca Raton Garden Club's Holiday House at 4281 N.W. Third Ave., Boca Raton. Find unusual, handmade decorations and gifts, as well as assorted plants, and also fresh-baked goodies, proceeds of which help support club activities. 9 am-3 pm. Free. 395-9376 or bocaratongardenclub.org.

11/3 - Deck the Palms Holiday Market at Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Junior League of the Palm Beaches' 10th annual extravagant holiday shopping event. More than 130 vendors. 9 am-4 pm. Free. 689-7590; DTPInfo@jlpb.org

11/3 - Pickleball at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Combines badminton and tennis. Adults. Sat 9 am-noon; M/W 6-8:30 pm. \$5/person; annual pass \$130/resident, \$165/non-resident. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

11/3 - 10th Annual Take Steps Walk at City Place, 700 S Rosemary Ave, West Palm Beach. Benefits Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. 10 am. Walk to raise funds. 218-2929; cctakesteps.org/westpalm2018

11/3 - The Writer's Studio at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Sat 10 am. Free. 638-7251; delraylibrary.org

11/3 - Croquet Lessons at The National Croquet Club, 700 Florida Mango Rd, West Palm Beach. Every Sat 10 am-noon. Free. Reservations: 478-2300; nationalcroquetclub.com

11/3 - Bring Me Back by B.A. Paris at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Page Turners Saturday morning book discussion. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/3 - Coral Reef Shark, Alligator & Stingray Feedings at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Shark

T-Sat 10:30 am, Sun 1:30 pm; Alligator W/ Sat 1 pm; Stingray T-Sun 2:45 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

11/3 - Poetry Workshop: Aspects of Love Poems: Models of Excellence with Sarah Brown Weitzman at Old School Square, Classroom 6, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Part of Palm Beach Poetry Festival. 12:30 pm. \$10/person. palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

11/3 - Inventors Society of South Florida at Ligi Tool & Engineering, 2220 SW 15th St, Deerfield Beach. 1st Sat 1 pm. 1st meeting free. 213-6581; 954-486-2426; InventorsSociety.net

11/3 - Open Figure Drawing at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Every Sat. 1-3:45 pm. \$20. Pre-registration required: 392-2503; bocamuseum.org

11/3 - Dia de Los Muertos: Day of the Dead Celebration at the Hatch building, 1121 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth. Family fun with traditional food, folkloric dances, procession/parade, arts and crafts and children's activities. 3 pm. Free. 493-2550; lakewortharts.com

11/3 - Opossum, Snake, Owl & Alligator Feedings at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Opossum W 3:15 pm; Snake Th 3:15 pm; Owl F 3:15 pm; Alligator Sat 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760; pbcnature.com

11/3 - Story Central: "Tall, Taller, Tallest" with Adam Booth at Spanish River Library, 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton. Storytelling presentation with banjo! 3:30-5 pm. 393-7852; boccalibrary.org

11/3 - Beef n' Brew Night at the Races at St. Vincent Ferrer Family Life Center, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 13996. Food, fun, fellowship. 6-10 pm. \$12/advance; \$15/at the door. 212-5660; stvincentferrer.com

11/3 - A Tribute to The Jersey Boys Starring William Cintron, Carmine Desana, Walter Hochhauser, Sal Sofia at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$27.50-\$35. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

11/3 - Unity: The Latin Tribute to Michael Jackson at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$20-\$75. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

11/3 - Delray Beach Chorale Chamber Ensemble: Distant Worlds: Music from Final Fantasy at Florida Atlantic University Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$45-\$135. 800-984-7282; delraybeachchorale.org

11/3 - First Nighters at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hobnob w/performers; have your photo taken w/the stars. Follows performance of Richard H. Blake. 9 pm. \$20. 237-7750; lynn.tix.com

11/3-4 - Ascension Christmas Bazaar at Ascension Catholic Church Family Center, 7250

Municipal Meetings

11/5 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgeflorida.com

11/6 - Highland Beach - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: highlandbeach.us

11/6 & 20 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: mydelraybeach.com

11/7 & 20 - Boynton Beach - First and third Tuesday at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Boynton Beach Blvd. 6:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

11/9 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulf-stream.org

11/13 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 10 am. Agenda: manalapan.org

11/13 - South Palm Beach - Second Tuesday at the South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 7 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

11/14 & 27 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesday at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us

11/26 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 7 pm. Agenda: lantana.org

11/29 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Raffle, gifts, food. Sat 9 am-3 pm; Sun 8 am-3 pm. Free. 997-5486; acboca.net

11/3-4 - Artists in the Park presented by Delray Beach Art League at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St. Fine art exhibition/sales. Held again 12/1-2. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 843-2311; delrayartleague.com

11/3-4 - Boca Raton Fine Art Show at Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 941-755-3088; hotworks.org

11/3-4 - Ballet Palm Beach Presents Gatsby at The King's Academy Center for Performing Arts, 8401 Belvedere Rd, West Palm Beach. Sat 1 & 7 pm; Sun 4 pm. \$30-\$45. 686-4244; balletpalmbeach.org

11/3-4 - The Addams Family: A New Musical presented by Entr'Acte Theatrical at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Sat 8 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$35-\$45. 243-7922; entractetheatrical.org

11/3-4 - Richard H. Blake: Thinking Back at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Part of American Songbook Series. Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 4 pm. \$50-\$70. 237-9000; lynn.tix.com

11/3-10 - Boy Scouts of America Food Drive begins with 6,000 scouts distributing food-collection bags to homes for pick up on 11/10. Non-perishable items benefit local food pantries. 694-8585; gulfstreamcouncil.org

fee. 480-0093 or cccgbb.org/cranksgiving.

11/4 - 13th Annual Keep Memories Alive Walk in the Mall at Town Center at Boca Raton, 6000 Glades Rd. Benefits the Louis & Anne Green Memory & Wellness Center. Meet at north entrance by Grand Lux. 9 am. \$40/advance; \$50/at the door. 297-2891; fauf.fau.edu/memories

11/4 - Holiday Nosh 'n' Shop at Temple Sinai, 2475 Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Unusual jewelry, toys, accessories, essential oils, Judaica, more. Drawings, bagels/coffee available. 10 am-2 pm. Free/admission. 276-6161; templesinaipbc.org

11/4 - Sado: Tea Ceremony Beginners Class at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Tea Ceremony Workshop required for those who have never taken a Tea Ceremony Class but wish to start studying Sado. Sun 11/4 & 11 or Th 11/8 & 15; individual appointments begin at 10:15 am. \$50/member; \$55/non-member. Registration: 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

11/4 - Conversation with artist David Kapp: Crossing the Grid at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Rd, West Palm Beach. 11 am. \$15/adult; \$10/senior; \$7/student. 832-5328; ansg.org

11/4 - Bridge Duplicate at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Sanctioned A.C.B.L. duplicate bridge game for the experienced player. Light lunch served. Partners available for singles. Every Sun through 12/30 (no class 11/11) 12:30-4 pm. \$10/at the door. Reservations or partners: 338-2995; myboca.us

11/4 - Nesting Starfish Clay Workshop at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Fed Hwy #7, Boynton Beach. 1-3 pm. \$50. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

11/4 - Orquesta Nostalgia: Latin Jazz Band (PG) at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand

Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 2 pm. \$25. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

11/4 - Film: John Hemmer and the Showgirls at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/4 - Veterans Day Concert at First United Methodist Church of Boynton Beach, 101 N Seacrest Blvd. Honoring all who served. 3 pm. Free/love offering. 954-947-1951; fumcbb.com

11/4 - From the Studio of Lisa Leonard: The Roaring Twenties! at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 4 pm. \$10. 237-9000; lynn.tix.com

11/4 - Concert: Choral Evensong for All Saints' Sunday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 5 pm. \$20/person; free/age 18 & under. 276-4541; music.stpaulsdelray.org

11/4 - Otis Cadillac and the Eldorados at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm showtime/dancing. \$10/ includes house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

11/4 - Trey Wanvig at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$15-\$25. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Monday - 11/5 - Bezel Set Stone Setting in Silver at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. 10 am-4 pm. \$165. Registration: 392-2503; bocamuseum.org

11/5 - Friends of the Museum Auxiliary General Meeting at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 590 Plaza Real. Membership meeting. Learn about upcoming events. Meeting, coffee, pastries, film and/or speaker. 10:30 am-1 pm. Free. RSVP: 392-2500 x213; bocamuseum.org

11/5 - Senior Bingo at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults age 50 & up. M/W 10:30 am-noon. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

11/5 - National Council of Jewish Women SE Atlantic Section Annual Luncheon & Boutique at Delaire Country Club, 4645 White Cedar Ln, Delray Beach. 10 am boutiques open; 11:30 am luncheon. \$75. RSVP: 499-4557; ncjwseatlantic.org

11/5 - A Passion for Opera: Session I with Ariane Csonka Comstock at The Society of The Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. Every M through 1/21 (no class 12/24 & 31) noon-1:30 pm. \$175/series. Reservations required: 655-7226; fourarts.org

11/5 - Empowerment Zone at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Resume/job/computer assistance. Every M/Th (closed 11/22) 1-4:30 pm. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

11/5 - Culture & Cocktails: Behind The Scenes: A Conversation with Filmmaker Doug Liman at The Colony Palm Beach, 155 Hammon Ave. 5-7 pm. \$75/advance; \$85/at the door. 472-3330; palmbeachculture.com

11/5 - Beginner's Coding for Adults Part 1 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave.



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11/5 - Improv Drop In at Improv U, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Fun games/exercises designed for newcomers/advanced players. Great for actors, artists, stand-up comedians, accountants, everyone in between. M Improv Drop In; W Improv Games Drop In. Every M/W 7-9 pm. \$10. 844-561-4242; theimprovu.com

11/5 - Bike Nite at Tilted Kilt Pub & Brewery, 3320 Airport Rd #1, Boca Raton. Held by Fury Road Riders; benefits Natural High, a national non-profit organization dedicated to inspire youth to discover their natural high so they have a reason to say no to drugs and alcohol. Tilted Kilt donates 10% of food bill to Natural High. Every M 7 pm. 504-3310; furyroadr.com

11/5 - Palm Beach Atlantic University Jazz Ensemble Fall Concert: The Blues at Vera Lea Rinker Hall, 326 Acacia Rd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$10/adult; \$5/student; free for PBA students, faculty & staff. 803-2970; pba.edu

11/5-6 - Palm Beach Atlantic University Fall Dance Concerts Featuring the PBA Dance Ensemble at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$15/adult; \$5/student. 832-7469; kravis.org

11/5-6 - Auditions for Lerner & Loewe's Camelot at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Prepare 16 bars of a song in the style of the show. Production dates 1/17-2/3. 7 pm. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

Tuesday - 11/6 - Election Day 11/6 - Free Zoo Entry with "I Voted Sticker" at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. If you voted by mail, bring your voter ID card. If you are a poll worker your "I voted" sticker will be honored during the weekend 11/9-11. 9 am-4:15 pm. Free. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

11/6 - Pickleball: Advanced Play at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Adults. T/Th/F 9 am-1 pm. Monthly pass \$20/resident, \$30/non-resident; Per day \$3/resident, \$4/non-resident. 243-7250; mydelraybeach.com

11/6 - Holiday Gift Shoppe at First Presbyterian Church of Delray, 33 Gleason St. Coastal products excellent for year round décor in homes by the sea. T/Th through 12/16. 10 am-noon. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

11/6 - Introduction to Mah Jongg at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Required 2016 National Mah Jongg League playing card needed for class. Every T through 12/18 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$85/resident; \$106/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

11/6 - Ikebana Flower Arrangement: Ikenobo School at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Traditional flower arranging using fresh flowers. Every T through 11/20. Beginners 11 am-1 pm; Intermediate 1-3 pm. \$52.50/member; \$60/non-member; \$60/flower fee. Advance registration required: 495-0233; morikami.org

11/6 - Chess Club at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game necessary. Age 18 & up. Every T/F noon-4:30 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

11/6 - Boca Raton Noon Toastmasters at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy. Improve public speaking, leadership abilities. Every T 12:15-1:15 pm. Free. 251-4164; toastmastersclub.org

11/6 - Creativity Takes Courage Class Series at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Fed Hwy #7, Boynton Beach. Different subject each week. T through 11/27. 1-3:30 pm. \$30/class. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

11/6 - Word Basics at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

11/6 - Facebook 101 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/6 - Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans by Brian Kilmeade & Jon Yaeger part of The Talk of Kings Book Discussion Group at The Society of the Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 655-7226; fourarts.org

11/6 - Cachet Band at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 10/30. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm music. \$10/includes first house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

11/6 - Pinochle at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every T/Th 6-9 pm. Free. 393-7807; myboca.us

11/6 - Open Play Basketball 30 & Over at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Every T 7-8 pm. Free. 243-7000 x5001; mydelraybeach.com

11/6 - Soul Line Dancing at Ezell Hester,

Green Markets

Boca Raton GreenMarket every Saturday, Royal Palm Place Southwest Parking Lot, intersection of S Federal Highway and SE Mizner Blvd. 8 am-1 pm. Free. downtownboca.org; 299-8684 elilly707@aol.com

Lake Worth Farmers Market every Saturday, Old Bridge Park, 10 S Ocean Blvd, Lake Worth. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 547-3100; lakeworthfarmersmarket.com

Delray Beach GreenMarket every Saturday, Old School Square Park, 50 NE 2nd Ave, one block north of Atlantic Ave. Fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music, children's activities. 9am-2pm. 276-7511; delraycra.org

Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Age 18+. Every T 7-8:30 pm. \$6/person. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

11/6 - Blue Tuesdays at Boston's on the Beach, 40 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Hosted by Famous Frank Ward. Every T 8:30-11:30 pm. Free. 278-3364; bostonsonthebeach.com

11/6-11 - Rock of Ages 10th Anniversary Tour at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. W/Sat/Sun 2 pm; T-Sat 8 pm. \$28-\$89. 832-7469; kravis.org

Wednesday - 11/7 - Delray Reads Day 2018 begins with breakfast at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave followed by volunteers reading at participating schools. Keynote speaker John Grogan. 7:30 am breakfast; 9 am reading. Volunteer registration required: delrayreads.org

11/7 - Alliance of Delray Association: The Expansion of Atlantic Avenue with Nick Uhren and David Ricks at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. 9 am doors open; 9:30 am meeting. Public welcome, refreshments served. 495-9670; allianceofdelray.com

11/7 - Lawn Bowling at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Takes skill/practice. Age 18 & up. W/F 9 am-noon. Annual fee \$40/resident; \$45/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

11/7 - Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County Women's Fall Kickoff at Woodfield Country Club, 3650 Club Place, Boca Raton. An Inspired Journey: A Personal and Humorous Exploration of the Jewish Holidays with author Abigail Pogrebin. 9:30 am morning program; 7 pm evening program. \$60. RSVP: 852-5031; jewishboca.org

11/7 - Whimsical Handbuilding Class at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Fed Hwy #7, Boynton Beach. Held again 11/14 & 28. 10 am-noon. \$100 plus \$18/materials fee. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

11/7 - Japanese Traditional Music: Intermediate Koto Class at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Adults choose instrument to study: 13-string koto or shakuhachi. Every W through 12/19 (no class 11/21 & 28) 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$150/member; \$155/non-member. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

11/7 - How to Listen to Classical Music with Juliette de Marcellus: Session I at The Society of the Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. Part of Campus on the Lake Workshop Series. Every W through 1/23 (no class 11/21 & 12/26) 11 am-12:30 pm. \$175/complete session. Reservations required: 655-7226; fourarts.org

11/7 - Socrates Cafe at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Philosophical discussions facilitated by Claire Drattell and Don Clare. Every W 11:30 am-1 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/7 - Friends of the Conservatory Concert at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Noon. Free. 237-9000; lynn.tix.com

11/7 - Scrabble at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 1 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

11/7 - Hidden History of Florida with author James C. Clark part of Florida Voices Book Discussion at The Society of the Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 1:30 pm. Free. Reservations required: 655-7226; fourarts.org

11/7 - Ikebana: Flower Arrangement - Sogetsu Class at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Oki Education Center, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Contemporary flower arranging using fresh flowers. Every W through 11/28 (no class 11/21) 1:30-3:30 pm. \$45/member; \$52.50/non-member; \$45/flower fee. Advance registration required: 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

11/7 - Excel Basics at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

11/7 - Bingo at Temple Sinai Palm Beach County, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. \$2,500 in prizes every week. Every W 5 pm doors open; 6 pm Early Bird; 6:30 pm first game. \$15. 276-6161 x128; templesinaipbc.org

11/7 - Boca Raton Historical Society &

his book *Lullaby Road* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

Thursday - 11/8 - Quilters meet at Boynton Beach City Library, 115 N Federal Hwy. Share quilting information, perpetuate quilting as a cultural and artistic form. Sale of quilted items supports the Library. Every Th 9-11:30 am. Free. 742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

11/8 - CraftTEA Morning Workshop at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Fed Hwy #7, Boynton Beach. 9:30-10:45 am. \$20-\$25. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

11/8 - Knit 'N Purl at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Rotating facilitators. 10:30 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/8 - Hacked! How to Protect What's Left of Your Data at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/8 - 211 Helpline's 2nd Annual Lifeline Luncheon at Kravis Center Cohen Pavilion, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Speaker Kevin Briggs, Guardian of the Golden Gate. 11:30 am. \$150. RSVP: 383-1144; 211palmbeach.org

11/8 - Lunch & Learn: Digital Painting Demo with Peter G. Pereira at Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. Bring lunch, learn about art. 12:45-1:30 pm. Free. 832-1776; armoryart.org

11/8 - Senior Bridge at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Experienced players welcome. Partners not needed. Every Th 1-4 pm. Annual fee \$15/resident + \$1/game; \$25/non-resident + \$2/game. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

11/8 - Concert: Live Five! at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

11/8 - Joey and the Parodons at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 7:30 pm 11/18. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm showtime/dancing. \$10/includes house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

11/8 - Film Screening: Sophie and The Rising Sun at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Guest speakers Maggie Greenwald, Nancy Dickenson & Takashi Yamaguchi. 6 pm doors open; 7 pm film. \$7/member; \$10/non-member. 495-0233, x237; morikami.org

11/8 - The Next Generation Road Rascals

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Car Show at Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex, 10 S Ocean Blvd. 2nd Th 6-9 pm. rstarr2010@gmail.com

11/8 - Night Line Dancing Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th through 12/13 (no class 11/22 & 29). Beginner 6-7 pm; Beginner & High Beginner 6-8 pm; High Beginner 7-8 pm; High Beginner & Intermediate 7-9 pm; Intermediate 8-9 pm. \$25-\$40/resident; \$31-\$50/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

11/8 - Exhibition Opening: Decolonizing Refinement: Contemporary Pursuits in the Arts of Edouard Duval-Carrie at Florida Atlantic University Schmidt Center Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 2/2. 6:30 pm. Free. 297-2661; fau.edu/galleries

11/8 - Mistborn by Brandon Sanderson at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of (Not Too) Young Adult Book Club. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/8 - Forever Fierce: An Evening with Aly Raisman at Congregation B'nai Israel, 2200 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$18-\$90. 866-846-6328; cbiboca.org

11/8 - An Evening of Chamber Music and Poems at Lynn University Snyder Sanctuary, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$10. 237-9000; lynn.tix.com

11/8-11 - 40th Anniversary Celebration at Banana Boat, 739 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Food/drink specials, live music, prizes/giveaways. Free/admission. Reservations for 2 or more: 732-9400; bananaboatboynton.com

Friday - 11/9 - Supervised Bridge Play at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton. John Black. Partners not needed. Adults. Every F 10 am-noon. \$10/person. 393-7807; myboca.us

11/9 - Bill Gove Golden Gavel Toastmasters Club at Duffy's Sports Grill, 4746 N Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Every F noon-1 pm. \$12/lunch or \$5/soft drink; cash only. 742-2121; billgovetoastmastersclub.com

11/9 - Keep Calm and Color On: Adult Coloring Program at Society of the Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. Every F through 4/26/19 3-4 pm. Free. 655-7226; fourarts.org

11/9 - Washington Insiders Discuss the Outcome and Impact of the 2018 Elections with Ralph Nurnberger and Justin Gray at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher

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Lifelong Learning Society. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member. Cash no longer accepted as payment for lectures. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

11/9 - Floral Palette Knife Happy Hour at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Fed Hwy #7, Boynton Beach. Adults. 6-8 pm. \$50/2 people, \$30/per person. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

11/9 - Artists Guild Gallery Grand Opening at the Artists' Guild Gallery, 2910 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. 6-8 pm. Free. 278-7877; bocaguild.com

11/9 - Greenlane Free Friday Concert: Titans of Rock (Journey/Bon Jovi Tribute) at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave. Gourmet food trucks, cash bar. Bring lawn chairs, blankets. No pets or outside food/beverage. Weather permitting. 6:30 pm gates open; 7:30 pm concert starts. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; oldschoolsquare.org

11/9 - Laser Shows at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. 2nd F 7 pm. \$10/advance; \$12/at the door. 832-1988; sfsiencecenter.org

11/9 - Palm Beach Atlantic University Fall Choral Concert with Concert Choir and Women's Chorale at DeSantis Family Chapel, 300 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$10/adult; \$5/student; free for PBA students, faculty & staff. 803-2970; pba.edu

11/9 - A Tribute to Diana Ross & The Supremes with Whitney Houston Starring LaTraia Savage at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$27.50-\$35. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

11/9 - John Hoyer & Soul Colossal at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

11/9 - Live Music: Motown at The Colony Palm Beach Royal Room, 155 Hammon Ave. Every F 9:30 pm-12:30 am. \$20 cover includes free drink coupon. 659-8100; thecolonypalmbeach.com

11/9-11 - Chris Evert/Raymond James Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave & Boca Raton Resort & Club, 500 E Camino Real. Benefits The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida & the Drug Abuse Foundation of Palm Beach County. Check website for events/times. \$20-\$900. 394-2400; chrisvert.org

11/9-18 - Frankenstein by Nick Dear at Florida Atlantic University Studio One Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 11/18. F/Sat 7 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$22/adult; \$15/faculty, staff, alumni; \$12/student w/ID. 800-564-9539; fau.edu/festivalrep

11/9-11 - Pardon my French: A French Cabaret Show in English at Lake Worth Playhouse Stonzek Theatre, 713 Lake Ave. Adult content. F/Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$25. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

Saturday - 11/10 - Special Exhibit Ride & Remember Bus Tour departs from Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Travel to FAU; experience The Decolonizing Refinement exhibit. 10 am-noon. \$35. Reservations: 279-8883; spadmuseum.com

11/10 - 3D Printing Project at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 10/6. 10 am-noon. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/10 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Lake Worth & Lantana by Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs from Macy's (outside east entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave. 4-hour bus/walking tour, food sampling, visits to historical/cultural sites. Narrated by live guide. 2nd Sat year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required: check website for available dates. 11 am. \$51-\$60/adult & senior citizen; free/child under 18 (max 5 children per family). Reservations required: 638-8277; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

11/10 - Celebrate Year of the Dog with America's Top Dog Models at Pottery Barn Town Center, 6000 Glades Rd, #1225 Boca Raton. Benefits Canine Companions for Independence. Photos, pawtographs, treats, gifts, prizes. Noon-5 pm. americastopdog@aol.com

11/10 - Nihongo: Japanese Language Intensive Workshop 1-A at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 2-day course: conversational Japanese, reading/writing skills. Held again 12/1. 1-5 pm. \$90. Advance registration required: 495-0233; morikami.org

11/10 - Morikami Film Series: The Mohican Comes Home (2016) at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 1 pm. Free w/museum admission. 495-0233, x237; morikami.org

11/10 - Marnie part of Met Opera Live in

HD Series at The Society of the Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 1 pm. \$25/adult; \$15/student w/ID. 655-7226; fourarts.org

11/10 - Annual Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner at First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton East Campus, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. 4-8 pm. \$5/all you can eat. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

11/10 - 2017 Thanks and Giving Celebration and Silent Auction at The Community Foundation for Palm Beach & Martin Counties, 700 S Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Presented by Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group. Hors d'oeuvres, wine & beer, desserts, music by Rob Arenth, trash fashion show, auction. 6-10 pm. \$45. sierraclub.org/florida/Loxahatchee

11/10 - 9th Annual Boca Raton Wine & Food Festival: A Culinary Affair! at Sanborn Square Park, 72 N Federal Hwy. 6-10 pm. \$125-\$150. 338-7594; bocaratonwineandfoodfestival.com

11/10 - 2018 Boca Raton Light The Night at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Bring light to the darkness of cancer. 6-10 pm. Free. 393-7700; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

11/10 - The Importance of Community in Cozy Mysteries at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Nancy J. Cohen & Diane A.S. Stuckart book signings. 6 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

11/10 - Connected Warriors Stars of Honor Gala Honoring Jay Weinberg at Boca Raton Marriott, 5150 Town Center Circle. 6-10 pm. \$250. 954-278-3764; connectedwarriors.org

11/10 - All Ages Family Comedy Show at Capital One Cafe, 330 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd Sat 7:30-8:30 pm. Free. 844-561-4242; theimprovu.com

11/10 - The WannaBeatles: Best Beatles Tribute Band! at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$35. 212-868-5555; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

11/10 - Outdoor Tribute Led Zeppelin: II at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$75/VIP; \$40/reserved, chair provided; \$20/general, bring a chair. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

11/10-11 - Art on the Square Fall 2018 at Cornell Art Museum, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Sat 10 am-5 pm; Sun 10 am-4 pm. Free. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

11/10-11 - Approaching The Speed Of Life (PG-13) presented by The Playgroup LLC at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Held again 11/17-18. Sat 8 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$25. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

11/10-11 - Make-a-Gift Holiday Village at Spady Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Local artists, craftsmen, painters help children make holiday gifts. Sat 2-5 pm holiday village; Sat 5:30-8 pm friends-giving family-style dinner; Sun 2-5 pm story time w/juice & cookies. Reservations required for dinner: spadmuseum.com

NOVEMBER 11-17

Sunday - 11/11 - Veterans Day

NOTE: See event listings in the News section, Page 22

11/11 - Holiday Boutique at Temple Anshei Shalom, 7099 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 10 am-3 pm. 495-1300; templeansheishalom.org

11/11 - Sado: Tea Ceremony Intermediate Class at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Study traditional art of Sado, The Way of Tea. Tea Ceremony Workshop is required for those who have never taken a Tea Ceremony Class but wish to start Sado. 2 lessons/month 11/11 & 18; individual appointments begin at 10:15 am. \$50/member; \$55/non-member. Advance registration required: 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

11/11 - Sentimental Journey: Songs of WWII by Shelley Keelor at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 2 pm. \$29-\$39. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

11/11 - Rise Up & Sing: Inspiring Songs of Protest and Change at Temple Beth El, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. 3 pm. \$18-\$100. 391-8900; tbeboca.org

11/11 - Sundays at Sinai: From Bialystok to Boca with genealogy investigator Mona Morris at Temple Sinai, 2475 Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 276-6161; templesinaipbc.org

11/11 - Uproot Hootenanny at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm showtime/dancing. \$10/includes house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

11/11 - Brooklyn Paramount Reunion Cavalcade of Stars at Florida Atlantic University Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$50-\$79.

800-745-3000; fauevents.com

Monday - 11/12 - Veterans Day Observed

11/12 - Hillsboro Lighthouse Tour: Veteran's Day Tour meets at Sands Harbor Resort and Marina, north side, 125 N Riverside Dr, Pompano Beach. Visitors park in Pompano Beach City Parking (fee required) across from Sands Harbor. Look for HLPs Lighthouse tour table beginning at 8:30 am. Transportation to and from lighthouse is only by tour boat provided by South Florida Diving Headquarters. First boat departs 9 am. Last boat returns 3 pm. USCG regulations require closed-toe flat shoes w/rubber soles to climb lighthouse. Children must be accompanied by an adult and a minimum of 48" tall to climb the tower. No pets allowed. 8:30 am-4 pm. \$35 transportation fee. 954-942-2102; hillsborolighthouse.org/tours

11/12 - Downtown Lake Worth Food Truck Invasion at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. 2nd M 6-10 pm. 844-682-7466; foodtruckinvasion.com

Tuesday - 11/13 - The Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations Meeting at Community Center Royal Palm Room, 150 Crawford Blvd. State of the City with Scott Singer and local artists corner. Coffee, snacks. 8:00 am/Doors open. Free. BocaHomeOwners@aol.com; federationofbocahoa.com

11/13 - 28th Annual Levis JCC Book & Author Luncheon at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Dr. Author presentations, coffee, pastries, luncheon, valet parking. 9:30 am-3 pm. \$110. 852-3200. Levisjcc.org

11/13 - Nosh! Learn to Cook While Having Fun at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10-11 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/13 - Socrates Café at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every T 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/13 - Word Intermediate at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

11/13 - How to Survive the Holidays at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 6 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/13 - Here Comes the Sun by Nicole Dennis-Benn part of Evening Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/13 - Foreign Film Series: Zama (NR) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-9 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/13 - All Arts Open Mic Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd T 8-10 pm. \$5. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

11/13-15 - Trunk Show: Milli Hershman Jewelry at Boca Raton Museum of Art Store, 501 Plaza Real. T 5:30-8:30 pm; W 10 am-5 pm; Th 10 am-7 pm. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

Wednesday - 11/14 - Film Festival: Scenes from the Sunshine State at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Featuring *Key Largo* (10:30 am), *Where the Boys Are* (1 pm), *Cocoon* (3 pm) and *The Birdcage* (5:30 pm). 10 am-8 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

11/14 - Beginner's Coding for Adults Part 2 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/14 - Impressionism in Depth with Joan Lipton at The Society of The Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. Held again 12/12, 1/16, 2/6, 3/13 & 4/10. 11 am-1 pm. \$90/series. Reservations required: 655-7226; fourarts.org

11/14 - Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club at City Fish Market, 7940 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Speaker Colonel Robert L. Allen: Homeland Security in Palm Beach County. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$35/member or first-time guest; \$55/non-member. 620-8888; goldcoasttigerbayclub.com

11/14 - Sewing Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Group environment project class, teacher on hand for assistance. Come prepared to work the first day; bring fabric, pattern, scissors, pins, thread, sewing machine. All levels welcome. Every W through 12/12 noon-2 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

11/14 - Military Intel: Veterans' Information Event at Boca Raton Library Downtown, 400 NW 2nd Avenue. Program provides veterans of and their families with information on benefits, counseling and job search assistance. 1-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/14 - Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng part of Page Turners Book Discussion Group at The Society of the Four Arts King Library, 101 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 1:30 pm. Free. 655-7226; fourarts.org

11/14 - Excel Intermediate at Delray Beach

Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

11/14 - Silver Science Days at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Special afternoon for adults/retirees. Age 60 & up. 2nd W 2-5 pm. \$10. 832-1988; sfsccenter.org

11/14 - My New York, It's a Helluva Town with Joan Lipton at The Society of The Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. Held again 12/12, 1/16, 2/6, 3/13 & 4/10. 2-4 pm. \$90/series. Reservations required: 655-7226; fourarts.org

11/14 - Manalapan Book Club meets at J. Turner Moore Memorial Library, 1330 Lands End Road. *Transcription* by Kate Atkinson will be discussed. 3 pm. Free. 588-7577; manalapan.org

11/14 - Photo Apps for Beginners at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

11/14 - Wine Glass Painting Class at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Fed Hwy #7, Boynton Beach. 6-8 pm. \$25. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

11/14 - Women's National Book Association at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Speakers Isabella Rowan & Stacy Alesi. Libraries & Literacy: What's New? 6:30 pm. Free. 279-7790. Programs. wnbasofla@gmail.com

11/14 - Writers' Corner at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Manuscript critiquing by published authors. Every 2nd W 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/14 - Distinguished Lecture Series: Mar-a-Lago: From Post to Trump with Richard Rene Silvín at Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 7 pm. Free/member; \$20/non-member. 832-4164 x 100; hspbc.org

11/14 - So You Think You Can Dance Live 2018 at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8pm. \$30-\$110. 832-7469; kravis.org

Thursday - 11/15 - Shell Chic Designs with Robin Grubman: Frames at The Society of The Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 10 am-noon. \$150. Reservations required: 655-7226; fourarts.org

11/15 - Trump's National Security Strategy and Russia: The Inevitable Confrontation? with Robert G. Rabil at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member. Cash no longer accepted as payment for lectures. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

11/15 - Star Power Lecture Series: In The Days of Chic: The Early Days of Glamour Photography with Edward Steichen - by Nathalie Herschdorfer at Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$35. Registration: 655-2833; flaglERMuseum.us

11/15 - Food & Wine Sampling at Plaza del Mar, Ocean Avenue & South Ocean Boulevard, Manalapan. Refreshments, informal modeling. 4-7 pm. Free. 762-5340; plazadelmarshopping.com

11/15 - Concert: Roberta Rust at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

11/15 - Florida's Amazing History and Why You Should Care with Eliot Kleinberg at Boca Raton History Museum, 71 N Federal Hwy. 6-8 pm. \$10/adult; free/member. RSVP required: 395-6766 x101; bocahistory.org

11/15 - Writing Workshop: NaNoWriMo at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. National Novel Writing Month activity to encourage/inspire writers. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/15 - MolecuBar at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Explore flavor profiles/chemical reactions behind favorite cocktails. Interactive mixology demonstrations, sample bites from area restaurants, molecular gastronomy competition, laser light planetarium shows, raffles, bar tricks, more. Age 21+. 6-10 pm. \$25/general admission; \$50/VIP. 832-1988; sfsccenter.org

11/15 - 7th Annual Best Bite for Vets Restaurant Competition at at Crane's Beach House Boutique Hotel & Luxury Villas, 82 Gleason St., Delray Beach. Benefits HOW Foundation of South Florida and Project Holiday. 6-9 pm. \$25. 278-1700; cranesbeachhouse.com

11/15 - Exhibition Opening: Fall Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition at Florida Atlantic University Ritter Art Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 12/8. 6:30 pm. Free. 297-2661; fau.edu/galleries

11/15 - Interfaith Cafe: I am Biased. Are you? at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog

Rd, Delray Beach. Dr. Mirella Bommel and Professor Howard Housen, help confront biases and explore strategies to minimize the impact and make ourselves accountable. 7-9 pm. Free. 330-0245; meetup.com/Interfaith-Cafe/

11/15 - Mostly Music: Bach at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Conservatory's artist-faculty and students; actors bring composers to life through reading their letters. 7:30 pm. \$20. 237-9000; lynn.tix.com

11/15-17 - An Olde-Fashioned Holiday Craft Show at the Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Hosted by the Southern Handcraft Society. All hand-made items for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and all-occasion works of art. Th/F 9 am-8 pm; Sat 9 am-2 pm. Free. 274-4717; shsboca.com

11/15-18 - Grease presented by MNM Theatre Company at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Runs through 12/2. W-Sat 7:30 pm; Sat/Sun 1:30 pm. \$39. 832-7469; mnmtheatre.org

Friday - 11/16 - Photo Exhibit: "Pride and Honor" by Veronique Viardin at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Avenue. Black-and-white photo portraits depicting modern-day faces of Native-Americans. Runs through 1/25. 9 am-6 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/16 - Mac 101 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

11/16 - iPad Intermediate at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

11/16 - Hurricane Harmonizers at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/16 - Peace, Politics, and Plutonium: A Maven's Guide To The Mayhem in the Middle East with Gil Hoffman at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. Services 5:15 pm; Dinner & Lecture 6:15 pm. \$36. 394-9770; bocabeachchabad.org

11/16 - Exhibition: Push! Pinhole Photography and Other Processes at The Box Gallery, 811 Belvedere Rd, West Palm Beach. Runs through 12/14. T-Sat 6-10 pm. Free. 786-521-1199; theboxgallery.info

11/16 - Exhibit Opening Reception: Decolonizing Refinement at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Runs through 4/26/19. 6-8 pm. Free. 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

11/16 - Exhibition Opening Reception: Laurence Gartel: Digital Titan at Palm Beach Photographic Centre, 415 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Runs through 1/5. 6-8 pm. Free. 253-2600; workshop.org

11/16 - Greenlane Free Friday Concert: Joey Tenuto Band (Blues, Funk, Reggae & Rock) at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave. Gourmet food trucks, cash bar. Bring lawn chairs, blankets. No pets or outside food/beverage. Weather permitting. 6:30 pm gates open; 7:30 pm concert starts. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; oldschoosquare.org

11/16 - Joan Cochran and Deborah Shlian speak and sign their books *The Yiddish Gangster's Daughter* and *Silent Survivor* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

11/16 - Andrew Dice Clay: Filthy Truth Tour at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 7:30 & 10:15 pm. Tickets start at \$78. 243-7922 x1; oldschoosquare.org

Saturday - 11/17 - 32nd Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run and Walk at Anchor Park, 50 NW 1st Ave, Delray Beach. Registration 6-7:20 am; 5k Run 7:30 am; 5k walk 7:35 am. \$20-30/adults, \$5-\$15/children 14 & under. 243-7277; mydelraybeach.com

11/17 - Red States, Blue States And The Jewish State with Gil Hoffman at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. Services 9:30 am; Lunch & Lecture Noon. \$36. 394-9770; bocabeachchabad.org

11/17 - Historical Walking Tour meets at Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 90-minute guided tour showcases the evolution of downtown West Palm Beach buildings/landmarks. Tours begin by the Banyan Tree at 101 N Clematis St, end at Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N Dixie Hwy. 10 am. \$10/person. Advance registration required: 832-4164 x100; hspbc.org

11/17 - 2nd Annual Sculpture in Motion: The Art of Pre- and Post-War Automobiles at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Rd. West Palm Beach. 10-am-4 pm curated tours; 5:30-7:30 pm cocktails. Curated tours \$25/adult, \$15/member or senior, \$8/

child; Cocktail reception \$250/person, \$175/member. 832-5328; ansg.org

11/17 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Delray Beach & Boynton Beach conducted by Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs from Macy's (outside east entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave. 4-hour tour includes bus/walking tour, food sampling, visits to historical/cultural sites. Narrated by guide. 3rd & 4th Sat Year-round, rain or shine. 11 am. \$51-\$60/adult & senior citizen; free/child under 18 (max 5 children per family). Reservations required: 638-8277; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

11/17 - The Way of Tea: Sado Demonstration at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Observe Japanese sado by the OmoteSenke tea group, an ever-changing tea ceremony. Noon, 1:30 pm & 3 pm. \$5 w/paid museum admission. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

11/17 - Artist at Work Series: Janet Onofrey: Painting at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Demonstration, discussion with the artist about process, materials, concepts of creating art. 3-4 pm. Free w/ museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

11/17 - SOS Mahi-Mahi Paint Night at Saltwater Brewery, 1701 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Benefits Boca Save Our Beaches. Environmental artist teaches painting. 5:30-9:30 pm. \$35 includes materials and beer. Limited space. stokedonsalt.com

11/17 - Art Walk and Open Mic Night at Boynton Beach Art District, 402-422 W Industrial Ave. 6 pm. Free. 786-521-1199; boyntonbeachartdistrict.com

11/17 - Broadway Museum Gala at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Sneak peek of the sixth installation of the costume museum followed by dinner and entertainment. 6:30 pm. \$260. 995-2333; thewick.org

11/17 - The Nostalgia Big Band at Canyon Amphitheater, 8802 Boynton Beach Blvd, Boynton Beach. Classic big band jazz and swing. 7-9 pm. Lawn chairs, blankets, picnic baskets welcome. Free. pbcamphitheaters.com

11/17 - Don Rickles & George Burns: A Tribute to Two Comedy Legends at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$25-\$35. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

11/17 - Annie Moses Band at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$50-\$60. 243-7922 x1; oldschoosquare.org

11/17-18 - Artists in the Park presented by Delray Beach Art League at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Sat 8:30 am-7 pm; Sun 11 am-7 pm. Free. 843-2311; delrayartleague.com

11/17-19 - Signing and Trunk Show: Julie Feldman Handbags at Boca Raton Museum of Art Store, 501 Plaza Real. T 5:30-8:30 pm; W 10 am-5 pm; Th 10 am-7 pm. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

NOVEMBER 18-24

Sunday - 11/18 - Peppermint Bark and Brunch at Trump International, 3505 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Extravagant pet friendly brunch, live music and an array of boutiques with holiday gifts for humans and pets alike. Benefits Tri-County Animal Rescue. 11-2 pm. \$350. 482-8110; tricountyanimalrescue.com.

11/18 - The Kenya Library Project Film Screening: The First Grader at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/18 - Concert: The Magic of Jerusalem: Three Cantors in Concert at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 2:30 pm lecture; 3 pm concert. \$20/person; free/age 18 & under. 276-4541; music.stpaulsdelray.org

11/18 - The Sunday Sleuths Book Group: Black Fall by Andrew Mayne at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

11/18 - Music in the Museum: Palm Beach Opera Apprentice Artists at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Concert based on artwork in the Museum. 3-4 pm. Free w/paid admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

11/18 - Friends Music Series: It Takes Two at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 3-4 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/18 - The Music and Times of Duke Ellington at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Part of American Songbook Series. 4 pm. \$30-\$50. 237-9000; lynn.tix.com

11/18 - 10th Annual FAU Band-O-Rama! presented by the City of Boca Raton at Mizner



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Monday - 11/19 - Monday Morning Muffins & Mysteries: IQ by Joe Ide at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

11/19 - The Art of The Seminole at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Features presentation, docent tour of Imaging Florida and buffet lunch. 10:30 am-1:30 pm. \$40/member, \$45/non-member. RVSP by 11/11: 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

11/19 - Mosaic Workshop at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Fed Hwy #7, Boynton Beach. 11 am-3 pm. \$120-\$195. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

Tuesday - 11/20 - Hanukkah: The Real Story with Samuel M. Edelman at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member. Cash no longer accepted as payment. 297-3171; fau.edu/lils

11/20 - Ukulele Workshop and Jam at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. For teens and adults. 5 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/20 - The Tuesday Murder Club Book Group: Killing Floor by Lee Child at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 6:30 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

11/20 - Call to Audition: Miracle on 34th Street at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Bring poem or text to read from. 1 min max. Radio play-style production. Performance: 2 pm 12/8-9. Audition: 7 pm. Free. daniel@lakeworthplayhouse.org; lakeworthplayhouse.org/audition.html

11/20 - The Irwin Solomon Jazz Trio at Harriet Himmel Theater, 700 S Rosemary Ave, West Palm Beach. Part of Kretzer Piano Music Foundation's Music for the Mind Concert Series. 7 pm. \$15/adult; \$5/student. 866-449-2489; kretzerpiano.com/kpmf

11/20 - FAU Astronomical Observatory public viewing day at Florida Atlantic University Science & Engineering Building 4th floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 1st F & 3rd T 7 pm. Free. 297-STAR; physics.fau.edu/observatory

Wednesday - 11/21 - Light Up Downtown Boca Festival and Tree Lighting at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 367-7073; myboca.us

11/21 - Zonta Club of Boca Raton at Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 3rd W 5:30 pm. \$30. 482-1013; zontabocaraton.org

11/21 - Highland Beach Coastal Democratic Club at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 3rd W 6:30 pm. Free. 272-6280

Thursday - 11/22 - Thanksgiving Day

11/22 - Levis JCC 10th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Race/Walk and Youth Fun Run at South County Regional Park, 12551 Glades Rd. Registration: 6 am; 5K run/walk: 7:30 am; Youth 1 mile fun run: 8:30 am. 5K: \$50/adults, \$25/children age 10 & under; Fun Run \$15. 852-3257; levisjcc.org

Friday - 11/23 - A Gilded Age Style Lunch in Café des Beaux-Arts at Flagler Museum

Kenan Pavilion, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Delicacies & refreshments reminiscent of the elegance of entertaining during the Gilded Age. Runs through April. T-Sat 11:30 am-2:30 pm; Sun noon-3 pm. \$22/museum member includes tax/gratuity; \$40/non-member includes museum admission/tax/gratuity. Advance purchase recommended: 655-2833; flaglertmuseum.us

11/23 - Greenlane Free Friday Concert: Uproot Hootenanny (Bluegrass) at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave. Gourmet food trucks, cash bar. Bring lawn chairs, blankets. No pets or outside food/beverage. Weather permitting. 6:30 pm gates open; 7:30 pm concert starts. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; oldschoolsquare.org

11/23 - Open Mic Night at Improv U, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Every 4th F 8-9:30 pm. \$5. 844-561-4242; theimprovu.com

11/23-24 - Top of the World: A Tribute to the Carpenters at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$75. 995-2333; thewick.org

11/23-25 - Boca Ballet Theatre's The Nutcracker at Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theater, 20101 Lyons Rd. Gingerbread Ball follows matinee performances (4 pm). F/Sat 7:30 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$30-\$40/adults, \$20-\$30/children & seniors; \$8/Gingerbread Ball. Tickets: 995-0709; bocaballet.org

Saturday - 11/24 - 18th Annual Orangetheory Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk at Spanish River Park, 3001 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Benefits Boca Raton Police Athletic League. 6:40 am. \$40/5k; \$50/half marathon. 361-1950; runnersedgeboca.com

11/24 - Holiday Beachside Stroll on Atlantic Avenue from the Intracoastal to the ocean, Delray Beach. In conjunction w/Shop Small. Sidewalk entertainment, complimentary gift wrapping station (proof of purchase required). Merchant hours. downtowndelraybeach.com

11/24 - Sibling Harmony: The Everly Brothers' Story and Song at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Part of Nostalgia Concert Series featuring the Pink Slip Duo. 7:30 pm. \$35. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

11/24-25 - 19th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Thanksgiving Weekend Art Festival, 330 E Atlantic Ave. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 746-6615; artfestival.com

11/24-25 - Garden of Lights at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Every Sat through 12/30. 5:30-8:30 pm. \$10/adults, \$5/children ages 5-12. 233-1757; mounts.org

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Sunday - 11/25 - Free Museum Admission at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Presented by PNC Bank. Noon-5 pm. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

11/25 - Dixieland/Hot Jazz Session at Boca Raton Shrine Club, 601 Clint Moore Rd. Featuring Rob McGowan's Riverside Jazz Band. Presented by the Hot Jazz & Alligator Gumbo Society. 1-4 pm. \$5/member, \$10/non-members. 954-651-0970; hagsjazz.com

11/25 - Viking Cruise Fundraiser Raffle Presentation at Delray Beach Playhouse,

950 NW 9th St. Complimentary wine/cheese. Purchase raffle tickets at the box office: \$3/1 ticket, \$10/5 tickets; drawing held at Fever New Year's Eve event. 2 pm. Free/presentation. Register: 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

11/25 - Friends Speaker Series: Jay Siegel at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of Friends Music Series. Adults. 3-4 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/25 - The Fusion Band at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm showtime/dancing. \$10/includes house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

11/25 - Spencer and Sequoia at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$25-\$35. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Monday - 11/26 - The Way We Live Now by Susan Sontag part of Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:30 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/26 - Sarab by Raja Alem part of Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/26 - Boynton Beach Historical Society November Program: Restoration of Bernard Thomas' Murals at First Presbyterian Church Pratt Hall, 235 SW 6th Ave, Boynton Beach. Ralph Papa presents. 6:30-8 pm. Free. boyntonhistory.org

Tuesday - 11/27 - Book Club: Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark T. Sullivan by Friends of Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/27 - Create Your Own Website 1: The Basics at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

11/27 - The Art of the Mystery: What Evil Lurks? with Margery Marcus at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Lifelong Learning Institute. Held again 12/4 2-3:30 pm. \$50/2 sessions. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

11/27 - Word Advanced at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

Wednesday - 11/28 - Senses of Cinema Films for Thought Class at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 18+. Every W through 12/19 10 am-12:45 pm. Per class \$12/resident, \$15/non-resident; full session \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/28 - League of Women Voters Hot Topic Luncheon; Where Do We Go From Here? with Howard Goodman at Atlantis Country Club, 190 Atlantis Blvd, Atlantis. 11 am doors open; 11:30 am-1 pm lunch. \$25/advance; \$35/door. RSVP: 968-4123; lwvpsc.org

11/28 - Mood Music with Howard Sherman at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Lifelong Learning Institute. Held again 12/5 & 12 2-3:30 pm. \$55/3 sessions. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

11/28 - Excel Advanced at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

11/28 - Managing at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/28 - Murals of the Palm Beaches with Sharon Koskoff at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 6 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/28 - Read Together Palm Beach County Finale featuring Dave Barry, author of Best. State. Ever.: A Florida Man Defends his Homeland at Harriet Himmel Theater, 700 S Rosemary Ave, West Palm Beach. Benefits Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County. 6:30 pm. Free/donation suggested. Reservations required: 279-9103; LiteracyPBC.org

11/28 - Community Cabaret at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Calling all singers, dancers, musicians, stand-up comedians; performers must register in advance. 7:30 pm. \$5. 347-3900; willowtheatre.org

Thursday - 11/29 - Lunch & Learn: Jewelry Casting Demonstration at Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. Bring lunch, learn about art. 12:45-1:30 pm. Free. 832-1776; armoryart.org

11/29 - Theater at the J: At Home at Levis JCC Sandler Center, Beifield Auditorium, 21050 95th Ave S, Boca Raton. World premiere play by Carbonell Award-winning playwright Dan Clancy invites the audience into the lives of the Reddington family over a 50-year period. Runs through 12/16. Th/Sun 2 pm; Th/Sat 7:30 pm. \$30-\$40. 558-2520; levisjcc.org

11/29 - The Four Late 20th Century Presidents with Ronald Feinman at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part



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of Lifelong Learning Institute. Th through 12/20 2-3:30 pm. \$60/4 sessions. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

11/29 - Reel Jews and Judaism: How Movies Create a Cultural Record of Jewish History and Traditions with Burton Atkins at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member. Cash no longer accepted as payment for lectures. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

11/29 - Lunch & Learn: Jewelry Casting Demo at Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. Bring lunch, learn about art. 12:45-1:30 pm. Free. 832-1776; armoryart.org

11/29 - Delray Beach Christmas Tree Lighting at Old School Square Park, 51 N Swinton Ave. 5 pm festivities begin; 7:15 Santa lights the 100-foot tree. Photos with Santa, ice-skating, mini golf, carousel, more. Free/fees for some activities. 279-1380; 100ftchristmastree.com

11/29 - Film Screening: Cultivating The Wild: William Bartram's Travels (2018 - NR) at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 6-7 pm. Free w/paid admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

11/29 - Star Power Lecture Series: Selling Celebrity: Edward Steichen's Portrait Revolution with Scott Eyman at Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. 6 pm. \$35. Registration: 655-2833; flaglermuseum.us

11/29 - Light Up The Holidays at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 South Ocean Blvd. Tree and menorah lighting, music, children's activities. Trolley for pick-up/drop-off runs 5:30-9:30 pm along A1A. 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 278-4548; highlandbeach.us

11/29 - Dean's Showcase No. 2 at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$10. 237-9000; lynn.tix.com

Friday - 11/30 - Box Lunch It with The Symphonia at Unitarian Church, 2601 St Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. 11:30 am. \$35. 376-3848; thesymphonia.org

11/30 - iPad Advanced at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach

Library card required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

11/30 - Film Screening & Discussion: Cultivating The Wild: William Bartram's Travels (2018 - NR) at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Following the film there is a guest appearance and special discussion with the film's Producer/Director/Editor Eric Breitenbach. 2-3:30 pm. Free/member, \$15/non-member. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

11/30 - Ocean Ridge Holiday Event at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Annual event for Ocean Ridge residents only. Beverages, food, bounce house, visit from Santa, more. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 732-2635; oceanridgeflorida.com

11/30 - The Art of Japanese Gift Wrapping at Mounts Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Participants will receive reusable and eco-friendly Furoshiki and learn how to wrap and carry different shaped items. 6-7:30 pm. \$25/members, \$35/non-members plus \$10 material fee. 233-1757; mounts.org

11/30 - Ceramic Holiday Ornaments at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Fed Hwy #7, Boynton Beach. 6:30-8:30 pm. \$50. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

11/30 - Greenlane Free Friday Concert: Forever Eric (Eric Clapton Tribute) at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave. Gourmet food trucks, cash bar. Bring lawn chairs, blankets. No pets or outside food/beverage. Weather permitting. 6:30 pm gates open; 7:30 pm concert starts. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; oldschoolsquare.org

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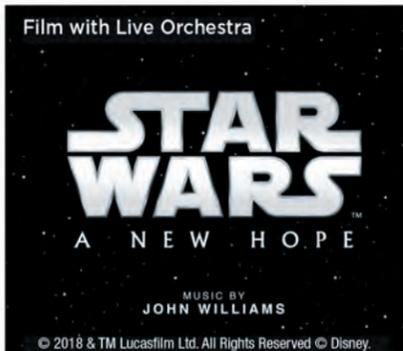
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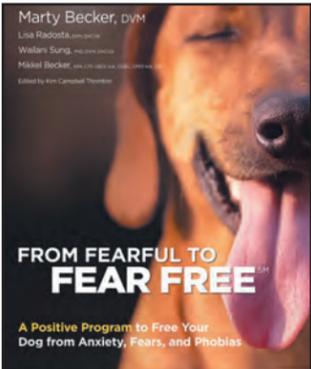
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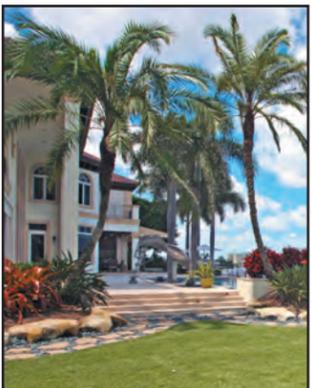
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Turkey Day toasts

Be brief and heartfelt when you raise glass in gratitude, expert speakers say

By Mary Thurwachter

There you are at the head of an elegantly set table, staring down at a big, beautiful roasted turkey with all the fixings. A collection of family and friends, some of whom you see only once a year, has assembled in your home.

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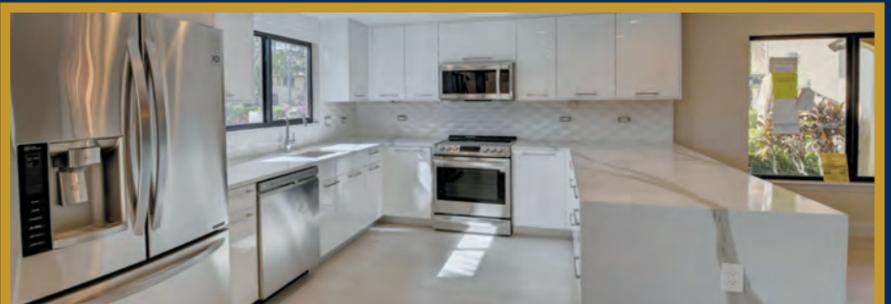
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TOASTS

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Thomas

Sheree Thomas, president of the Boca Raton Noon Toastmasters, has done that with this short and sweet toast

by an author she found online:
*May your stuffing be tasty,
 may your turkey be plump,
 may your potatoes and gravy
 have nary a lump.*

*May your yams be delicious,
 and your pies take the prize,
 and may your Thanksgiving
 dinner stay off of your thighs!*

Lantana Chamber of Commerce President Dave



Arm

Arm, who has mastered the gift of gab, plans to deliver this snappy toast:

We give thanks to those who bravely sailed across the

sea to discover this New World, to those who built it into the greatest country on earth, for the food we are about to enjoy and for our families and friends both here and away. But most of all, we give thanks that we can enjoy this feast in shorts and flipflops!

"Over the river and through the woods" on a sleigh? No way!

Like many patriarchs, Malcolm Balfour of Hypoluxo Island, who's a member of



Balfour

Lantana's Town Council, traditionally has his family hold hands around the table as each takes a turn at telling something for which he or she is thankful.

Balfour, who was born in South Africa and worked for the *National Enquirer* for many years, remembers how he came to love the November holiday.

"My first four or five turkey dinners were all at the New Orleans Athletic Club, which served a delicious feast after athletes ran in the famous

Turkey Trot down the main street," Balfour said. "I never realized what a wonderful holiday it was until experiencing it in private homes. First, it's totally 100 percent American. And second, the great thing about it is there are no presents, no presents!"

As part of his toasts, Balfour likes to quote songwriter Irving Berlin:

Got no checkbooks, got no banks. Still I'd like to express my thanks. Got the sun in the morning and the moon at night.

Balfour quips that when the first settlers landed in Florida, our Indians were smarter than the ones at Plymouth Rock. The Seminole chieftainess — he said — proclaimed: "Don't feed 'em. If you do they'll never leave."

John Lynch, who lives in Ocean Ridge and is a member of The Little Club, says he's going to a restaurant for Thanksgiving this year and won't need to



Lynch

give a toast. However, he has given many over the years, and has some advice for those who want to prepare their own turkey day salutations.

"Brevity is the soul of wit," Lynch says, quoting Shakespeare (Polonius in *Hamlet*). "Every toast should be thought of along those lines. A lot of people ramble, seemingly enjoying the sound of their own voice. It's just not good."

Last year, Lynch came up with this salute, which he calls silly and short, but it got a laugh:

Let's all raise a glass to Wishbone and Drumstick, the two turkeys pardoned by the president yesterday (pause) and kindly thank them for sending their cousin Backbone to us for dinner today! God bless America and happy Thanksgiving!

Besides keeping toasts brief, Lynch says he typically tries to personalize his. "I always consider who is going to be there. And you try and keep it light. Serious things get weighed down. The wittier toasts are always the best."

Kimberlee Duke Marshall,

president of the Ocean Ridge Garden Club, toasts



Marshall

Thanksgiving as her favorite holiday. "It is the purest representation of sharing and life just feels that much better

when shared," Marshall says. "Nothing is as good without sharing it, and then you add a little wine — in vino veritas!"

Toasting as a tradition began centuries ago. Ancient Persians, Egyptians, Hebrews, Saxons and Huns were all toasters, drinking to their health and welfare.

They put bread crumbs into their goblets to cut the acidity of the bitter wine. That led to the phrase "to toast" from the Latin word "tostus," which means to dry up.

When the custom spread in Europe, the ritual added something new — the clinking of glasses. Everyone drank at the same time and added sound to the experience of taste, smell and sight.

Thomas, a personal trainer who lives in Boynton Beach, has achieved the coveted title level of master toastmaster and enjoys helping others improve their communication skills through speeches. And she says toasts are speeches, albeit very short ones. She agrees with Lynch that humor is vital.

"It's a skill, not a gift," Thomas says. "You have to practice and avoid crudeness and be sure it's relevant to your audience. I never want to offend anyone." In fact, practice is very valuable for people giving toasts, or any type of speech, Thomas says. "I practice while walking the beach, or in front of a mirror, or sometimes have someone tape me so I can evaluate how I sound."

Those who would like to improve their toasting skills, or speaking skills, are invited to join a local Toastmasters Club.

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More tips for toasts

Prepare an opening, body and conclusion. A toast is a speech, a very short speech.

Make sure it fits the occasion in both mood and language. Avoid clichés. Tired expressions such as "down the hatch" or "here's mud in your eye" are the last refuge of the uncertain toastmaster. Be sincere. The best toasts are heartfelt. Don't embarrass anyone. Be sensitive to your audience and to the occasion. Use vocabulary variety. Humor is vital, but be sure it's relevant and won't offend anyone.

Source: Sheree Thomas, president of the Boca Raton Noon Toastmasters

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Health & Harmony

Small center for adults with disabilities keeps clients in motion

By Janis Fontaine

Not far from the intersection of Spanish River Boulevard and Dixie Highway in Boca Raton, a gathering of adults with disabilities is singing and dancing, doing crafts, laughing with friends and playing games. Some are learning to play the piano.

The activities are part of Twin Palms Center for the Disabled, which has been serving the community for 50 years by nurturing adults with physical or developmental disabilities. About a dozen men and women from their early 20s to their 60s come to the center, which is open Monday through Friday, for fun, friendship and field trips.

David and Linda Pilossof of Boca Raton have been taking their son Robert, 41, to the center for about three years. They like the program because it's small and intimate, giving Robert lots of personal attention.

But the Pilossofs, who are avid bike riders, say the biggest difference between this and other programs is the fitness aspect. David said that at Robert's former program, "he was sitting down constantly. It was important to us that he get exercise. At Twin Palms, they go and do lot of things: the zoo, the library. And they go bowling every week."

The Pilossofs found the



People who have disabilities can sing, play games and take field trips when they enroll at Twin Palms Center for the Disabled. They recently visited Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Photo provided

program when David noticed the clients playing basketball. He noticed they were having fun and were well-supervised. He saw the logo on the side of the van and called.

Executive Director Christopher Berens says most people discover Twin Palms through word-of-mouth and admits the center is one of the best-kept secrets in town, but not intentionally. "We're a hidden gem," he laughs.

Berens has held the reins at Twin Palms for just over a year, but he started as a volunteer. While studying music at FAU, he created his system — a novel way to teach piano that was

easy to learn. He wondered if it would work with special needs students, so he brought the program to Twin Palms to try it out.

"Most of them get it," Berens said. And most can play a familiar tune right away, which builds self-esteem and excitement.

As a result, music has become a big part of the program, with Berens playing the piano and singing with residents every day. Berens, who has degrees in music and psychology, said, "I always felt drawn to special needs and I discovered I had a way with this population. The need for programs is great."

But not all programs are the same. "This is a fully recreational program," Berens said. Because it has no vocational component, the center doesn't qualify for state money.

Tuition at Twin Palms is affordable, in part because it owns the building, so there's no Boca-sized rent or mortgage, but the center depends on grants and gifts and hosts a few fundraisers each year.

Berens would like to serve more clients, but not too many. Because the group is small, Berens said, "we get to know them as people."

For the Pilossofs, that

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was another plus. At another program, there were too many people and Robert got lost in the crowd.

Small groups make it easier to take nature walks and field trips to places like Butterfly World, a favorite destination. "Mobility is important," Berens said. "We do fun stuff, and they want to go."

Also important to Berens: "Our clients have friendships, and a place where they're respected."

David says Robert is "more comfortable" and "he gets more attention." Plus, lunch is provided, which saves parents and caretakers a few more minutes, and dollars, each day.

Twin Palms was born out of necessity in 1968 when a group of parents of children with developmental delays arrived at a common but perplexing predicament: what to do with their children who had aged out of the public school system.

A half century ago, services were scarce or expensive and often both. The parents' solution was to start their own program and the Boca Raton Society for the Disabled, now Twin Palms Center for the Disabled, was born.

On Nov. 10, Twin Palms will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a picnic. The city of Boca Raton will recognize Twin Palms for its continuing contributions to the community. Over the years, Twin Palms has helped more than 300 people reach their potential, Berens said.

There's a lot that David and Linda Pilossof could say about Twin Palms, but the only thing that really matters to them is this: "Robert loves it." ★

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New channel on healthy living gets viewers involved in shows

During the long hours when Penelope Douglas and her team put together the new Health Channel, she learned a few things she hadn't expected — including the virtues of eating beans. More on that in a moment.

Douglas was no stranger to health, medicine and eating right. Her background was producing health programs for television.

The Health Channel, which launched in August, is a digital channel of South Florida PBS and is available to Palm Beach County viewers over the air and on Comcast and Hotwire. The channel is a mix of live and recorded programs featuring medical professionals from Baptist Health South Florida. They soon will be joined by colleagues from Bethesda Healthcare Systems, which recently joined the Baptist Health network.

The Health Channel team hit the ground running on March 1, hiring a small production staff, creating a weekly schedule, collecting doctors and helping them to explain confusing medical terms.

The Health Channel includes a website where the public can search for specific ailments and view Baptist Health experts, available in two- to three-minute versions of full-length interviews, which are about an hour long.

One of the Health Channel's best features is interactivity. Viewers can call in and participate before or during the



live shows and discuss specific health issues.

The doctors work with interactive 3-D body graphics to make the discussions more specific and understandable.

The Health Channel broadcasts 24 hours a day. Each week the team produces 20 hours of programming, including four hours of live TV, on topics from orthopedics to nutrition, cancer to kids' health. Programs repeat during the remaining hours of the week.

A viewer who leaves a message about a specific medical condition on the Health Channel's answering machine may be surprised to receive a callback from a staff member, who will let the caller know that, say, a cardiologist will be interviewed at 7 a.m. the following day.

"People have been so grateful and complimentary," said Douglas, who is one of the people who regularly makes these calls. "But sometimes I do have to tell them more than once that I'm not trying to sell them anything."

In one case, the callback was not routine. A viewer had left a message saying she noticed blood in her stool.

Douglas called back immediately. A man answered. When Douglas identified herself, he hung up on her. Douglas called back and this time a woman answered. Before the woman could hang up, Douglas explained why she was

calling and told her a doctor would be discussing colon cancer the next day at 11 a.m. on the Health Channel.

"She had a complete change of attitude," said Douglas. "She said, thank you so much."

Many medical centers have cameras in place, so in the future Douglas and her colleagues hope to be able to call health experts and researchers all over the country.

The Health Channel has already started broadcasting human-interest stories on patients and doctors, including triplets who are obstetrician-gynecologists working with their mother, also an ob-gyn.

Besides covering the big categories, the channel drills down to lesser-known issues like cancer-related depression and heart problems caused by cancer treatments. In a recent program, a psychotherapist told the story of how her sudden depression led her doctor to find the cancer and then help her treat the cancer and the depression.

Now, about those beans. The Health Channel includes a number of shows on nutrition and exercise. The dietitian on a nutrition show took a call from a woman on dialysis who wanted to eat better but pointed out that it's often cheaper to eat bad food.

The nutritionist told the woman that canned beans are healthy and cheap, about 20 cents a serving. She then made a bean salad.

"It was delicious," Douglas reported. The shows, she said, "are not just hypothetical. The dietitian said, here is an example and it is cheap. I loved that call. And these shows have changed my

eating and exercise habits. Now I set an alarm and every half hour I get up and walk."

In focus groups, health was a topic that interested potential viewers, said Bill Scott, executive vice president of South Florida PBS. South Florida PBS and Baptist Health South Florida were



Scott

a good match because their customer footprint was similar, stretching from the Florida Keys to Martin County.

The Health Channel can be viewed on television, smartphone and the internet. The

website already contains about 1,000 health-related videos, Scott said.

"The world of health and medicine is evolving so rapidly and we want to be ready for that future," he said.

"Whatever we do, we always ask, is there another way, a better way, to do it, in keeping with our mission to serve the community," said Scott. "I put myself in the shoes of the viewer and say, does this make sense to me, does it look interesting, does it provide information that's useful?"

"The payoff is when we get emails and calls from people who say what they like."

To contact the Health Channel, phone 855-796-4475.



Lona O'Connor has a lifelong interest in health and healthy living. Send column ideas to Lona13@bellsouth.net.

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Health Notes



The exterior of the Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute is bathed in pink to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. Photo provided

Delray Medical Center earns stroke center certification

Delray Medical Center earned the thrombectomy-capable stroke center certification from The Joint Commission in collaboration with the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association. Certification means the hospital meets standards for performing mechanical endovascular thrombectomy, a specialized surgical procedure used to remove a blood clot from the brain during an ischemic stroke.

Stroke is the fifth-leading cause of death in the United States, and more than 87 percent of cases are ischemic strokes. These types of strokes are largely treatable if a patient gets to a hospital that can provide the right treatment in time.

Delray Medical Center appointed Maggie Gill to the position of chief executive officer in September. Previously, Gill was CEO of Novant Health UVA Health System, which runs three hospitals in Virginia. Prior to that, she was president and CEO at Memorial Health in Savannah, Ga.



Gill

The Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute at Boca Raton Regional Hospital was illuminated with pink lights during October in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The initial lighting included a program that was attended by Boca Regional administrators, physicians, supporters and other community leaders.

The new Kathryn Krickstein Pressel MammoVan was on display to showcase its customized interior and advanced mammography equipment, and Saks Fifth Avenue featured designer Lafayette 148 New York with a fashion presentation and beauty bar.

Basis Medical's Basis Fitness Recovery, a health and fitness center that is drug- and alcohol-free and caters to people battling addiction, opened at 2702 N. Federal Highway, Delray Beach. The center is at the newly constructed Basis Medical, Delray Beach, a multi-specialty practice. For information, call 775-4900 or visit www.basismedical.org.

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Health & Harmony Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 3

Saturday - 11/3 - Saturdays @ Sanborn:

Tai Chi Class presented by Kung Fu & Tai Chi Boca Raton at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, 8 am class. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

11/3 - Saturdays @ Sanborn: Yoga Class at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 8:45 am registration; 9 am class. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

11/3 - Qi Gong at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Improve flexibility, balance, muscle tone, energy, mental well-being. Adults. Sat 9 am. Free introductory class. \$40/month. Reservations: 419-5403; facebook.com/WestBocaTaiChi

11/3 - Adult Aerobics at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. T/Th 6-7 pm; M/W/Sat 9-10 am. Monthly pass \$74-\$90/resident, \$80-\$98/non-resident; unlimited classes \$110/resident, \$120/non-resident. 734-2306; mydelraybeach.com

11/3 - Yoga Class at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton. M-Sat 9:30-11 am. 5 classes \$75/resident, \$94/non-resident; 10 classes \$130/resident, \$162.50/non-resident; 20 classes \$240/resident, \$300/non-resident. 477-8727; myboca.us

11/3 - Kemeti Yoga at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, Williams Cottage, 170 NE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Calming, therapeutic yoga. Bring mat, water; wear comfortable clothing. Every Sat 9:30-11 am. \$10/person. 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

11/3 - Yoga Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every M-Sat 9:30-11 am. 5 classes \$75/resident, \$94/non-resident; 10 classes \$130/resident, \$162.50/non-resident; 20 classes \$240/resident, \$300/non-resident. 477-8727; myboca.us

11/3 - Concentration Domination: Life Skills to Improve Your Focus at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

11/3 - Judo Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Warm-up exercises, instruction, practice, tournament training. W 6:30-8 pm mixed ages & ranks, 8-9 pm advanced; Sat 10 am-noon all groups. Per month \$21.50/resident; \$27/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

11/3 - Yoga at the Beach at Red Reef Park West (Intracoastal side), 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Register/get parking pass at Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Classes held on grass overlooking the Intracoastal. No cash accepted on-site. W 6:30 pm; 1st & 3rd Sat 10 am. \$10/class; 60-

day membership (unlimited classes) \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

11/3 - Capoeira Fitness at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Age 12 & up. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

11/3 - Zumba Class at South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N State Rd A1A, Boca Raton. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

11/3 - Aikido Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Explore effective, non-violent methods of conflict resolution. Every Sat 12:30-2:30 pm. Per month \$25/resident; \$31.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

11/3 - Chair Yoga at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 1 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

11/3 - CA (Cocaine Anonymous) at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

11/3-4 - Yoga Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Sat/Sun 9:30 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

NOVEMBER 4-10

Sunday - 11/4 - Parkinson's Foundation

Moving Day: Moving in Harmony at Florida Atlantic University Stadium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Raises awareness/funds to improve the lives of people living with Parkinson's Disease. Yoga, Tai Chi, boxing, dance, more. 8 am registration; 10 am walk. 962-1702; movingdaywalk.org or MMascone@parkinson.org

11/4 - Yoga at the Beach at Red Reef Park East, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Register/get parking pass at Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. No cash accepted on-site. Sun 4:30 pm. \$10/class; 60-day membership (unlimited classes) \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

11/4 - CODA (Codependents Anonymous) at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Sun 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Monday - 11/5 - Circuit Training at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Workout targets multiple muscle groups to build lean muscles. M/T/Th 8:30-9:20 am or 9:30-10:20 am. 1 class \$12-\$15; 4 classes \$40-\$50; 8 classes \$70-\$88; 12 classes \$100-\$125, 15 classes \$125-\$156. 306-6985; fitmomboca@aol.com

11/5 - Yoga Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 9:30 am. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

11/5 - Yoga Class for Seniors at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 10 am. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

11/5 - Life Issues: A Support Group for Adults at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. W 6-7:30 pm or M 10-11:30 am. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

11/5 - Chair Yoga at First Presbyterian Church Boynton Beach, 235 SW 6th Ave. Every M 4:30-5:30 pm. \$10/class; \$65/8 weeks. 732-3774; fpcboynton.com

11/5 - Exercise Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 5:30 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

11/5 - Yoga at the Library at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every M 6 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/5 - Yoga for Health at First Presbyterian Church Boynton Beach, 235 SW 6th Ave. M/W 6:15-7:15 pm. \$8/class. 732-3774; fpcboynton.com

11/5 - Boca Raton Multiple Myeloma Support Group at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton.

Meet, interact w/fellow myeloma patients, their family members, friends. Learn new aspects of treatment/management of myeloma. 1st M 6:30-8 pm. Free. 901-5938; 637-4682; myeloma.org

11/5 - Men's Issues Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every M 6:30-8 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

Tuesday - 11/6 - Women's Issues Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every T 10-11:30 am. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

11/6 - Yoga with Cara at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Slow, intuitive vinyasa flow class. Every T 10-11 am. \$15/class; \$60/5 classes. 586-6410; lakeworth-playhouse.org

11/6 - Big & Loud: Parkinson's Disease Exercise Program at Bethesda Heart Hospital 3rd Floor Conference Room, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Held again

11/20. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 292-4950; rlaino@BHInc.org

11/6 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Every T noon-1:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brhh.com

11/6 - Tai Chi Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Moving meditation for focus, concentration, release of stress. Every T Beginners 5:30-6:30 pm; Intermediate 6-7 pm; Advanced 6:30-7:30 pm. 8 classes \$48/resident, \$60/non-resident; 12 classes \$66/resident, \$82/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

11/6 - Al-Anon 12-Step Study at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every T 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Wednesday - 11/7 - Tai Chi Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 9-10 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

11/7 - First Wednesdays: "Healthy Adjustment After Your Child has Come-Out" with Karina Luaces, M.S. at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. 11 am-noon. Free. Reservations: 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

11/7 - Moving Forward for Widows & Widowers: Support and Discussion Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every W 1-2:30 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

11/7 - Tai Chi Classes at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Grow stronger and healthier with the Chinese Health Arts. W through 11/28 1:30-2:30 pm. \$60/4-week session; \$50/members 4-week session; \$20/per class. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

11/7 - State of the Heart: New Advances in the Treatment of Heart Disease at Bethesda Hospital East, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Presented by George Daniel, M.D., Interventional Cardiologist; part of Ask the Physician Lecture Series. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273; publicrelations@bhinc.org

11/7 - AA Big Book Study at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every W 5:30 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

11/7 - Divorced and Separated Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every W 6-7:30 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

11/7 - Family and Friends at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center Classroom B, 800 Meadows Rd. Basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, child and infant one-person CPR. Held again 11/14 & 21. 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brhh.com

11/7 - Food Addicts Anonymous at The Crossroads Club, 1700 Lake Ida Rd, Delray Beach. Every W 7 pm. Free. 680-0724; foodaddictsanonymous.org

11/7 - AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every W 7:30 pm LGBTQ; 8 pm Men's meeting. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

11/7 - Soulcore at St Mark Catholic Church, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Bring floor mat/optional hand weights. Every W 4:30-5:30 pm. Free/donations accepted. 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

Thursday - 11/8 - Beginner Active Meditation Mandala Workshop at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Fed Hwy #7, Boynton Beach. 1-3:30 pm. \$30. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

11/8 - Yoga Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every Th 6:30 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

Friday - 11/9 - Zumba Gold Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every F 10-11 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

11/9 - LGBTQ Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Joint program w/Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services. Age 18+. Every F Noon-1:15 pm. Registration: 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

11/9 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Every F 1-3:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brhh.com



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11/9 - Open AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every F 7:30 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org
Saturday - 11/10 - Boot Camp for New Dads at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Veteran dads (with their babies) tell how they made it through the first months of parenthood and resurfaced as confident, on-the-job fathers. 9 am-noon. \$25/at the door includes class, refreshments, book. 369-2229; bootcampfornewdads.org
11/10 - Super Siblings Class at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Learn about their new role, the new baby joining their family. Decorate a onesie for new little brother or sister, celebrate with a birthday cupcake. Age 2-6; must be accompanied by parent. 10-11:30 am. \$10/parent & child; additional siblings \$5/each. Payment due before class date. 369-2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org
11/10 - Meditation Support Group at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every 2nd Sat 10:30 am. Free. 292-4948; publicrelations@bhinc.org
11/10 - Balance Workshop & Healthy Cooking with Chef Tracy at First Presby-

terian Church Boynton Beach, 235 SW 6th Ave. Includes lunch. 10:30 am-1 pm. \$25. RSVP: 732-3774; fpcboynton.com
11/10 - Safe Baby: Prepare, Prevent & Respond Prenatal Class at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Increase awareness of safe practices, what to do in the event of an emergency. 2-3:30 pm. \$10/couple. Reservations: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHInc.org

Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Registration 9 am. 9 am-7 pm. \$30-\$149. 506-1108; yogafundaydelray.com
11/11 - The Power of Your Story with Barb Schmidt and Michelle Maros at Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute, 690 Meadows Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Peaceful Mind Peaceful Life Series. 10 am-12:30 pm. \$15/advance; \$20/at the door. 955-7227; brrh.com/WIEvents
11/11 - Childbirth Express: A Day Full of Fun & Learning at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 10 am-5 pm. \$50/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHInc.org

Monday - 11/12 - Surgical Weight Loss: The Next Step to a Healthier You at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 2nd M 5:30 pm. Free. 853-1600; publicrelations@bhinc.org
11/12 - Baby Care Basics: Newborn Care and Comfort at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Diapering, feeding, bathing, soothing baby. 6-8:30 pm. \$10/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHInc.org
Tuesday - 11/13 - Health Check at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. Free cholesterol and glucose (blood sugar) screening. Fasting recommended but not required. 9 am-11 am. Register: 844-474-8378; delraymedicalctr.com
11/13 - Total Robotic Knee Replacement at Bethesda Hospital East, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Presented by Elvis Grandic, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgeon; part of Ask the Physician Lecture Series. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273; publicrelations@bhinc.org
11/13 - Parkinson's Foundation Lecture: Non-Motor Issues and PD at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. 5 pm. Free. RSVP: 962-1702; RMiller@parkinson.org
11/13 - Breastfeeding: Health Benefits for Mom and Baby at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Certified lactation consultant teaches expectant parents about benefits of breastfeeding. 6-8:30 pm. Free. 369-2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org

NOVEMBER 11-17
Sunday - 11/11 - Delray Beach's 1st Annual Yoga Fun Day at Old School Square

Wednesday - 11/14 - Facing Tough Decisions in Dementia Care at Artis Senior Living of Boca Raton, 5910 N Federal Hwy. 8:30-9 am registration/breakfast; 9-10 am presentation. Free. RSVP by 11/9: 989-9945; BocaRaton@artismgmt.com
Thursday - 11/15 - Intermediate Active Meditation Mandala Workshop at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Fed Hwy #7, Boynton Beach. 1-3:30 pm. \$30. 737-2600; artsealiving.com
Friday - 11/16-17 - 50 Years of Health: Customer Appreciation & Fall Festival at Nutrition Cottage Health Foods, 1815 S Fed Hwy, Boynton Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 734-4626; nutritioncottage.com
Saturday - 11/17 - Family Yoga at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Breathing exercises, relaxation techniques, yoga, poses for concentration, balance, flexibility, meditation, lessons in self-acceptance, positive thinking. Open to extended family and caregivers. Every Sat through 12/15. 11:15 am-12:15 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/nonresident. 393-7807; myboca.us

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NOVEMBER 18-24
Sunday - 11/18 - Surviving the Holidays GriefShare Event at St. Vincent Ferrer Kellaghan Hall, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. 1-3 pm. Free. Registration: 921-5693; stvincentferrer.com/griefshare
Saturday - 11/24 - Movement Health & Wellness Expo at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. 8 am-5 pm. Free. 367-7073; myboca.us

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Tuesday - 11/27 - Hearing Loss, Hearing Aids and Tinnitus at West Boynton Branch Library, 9451 S Jog Rd, Boynton Beach. Presented by Shelley W. Minsky, AuD, FAA, Audiologist; part of Bethesda Hospital East Be Healthy, Be Well Program. 2 pm. Free. 734-5556; publicrelations@bhinc.org
Thursday - 11/29 - Advanced Active Meditation Mandala Workshop at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Fed Hwy #7, Boynton Beach. 1-3:30 pm. \$35. 737-2600; artsealiving.com
Saturday - 12/1 - Kemeti Yoga at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, Williams Cottage, 170 NE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Calming, therapeutic yoga. Bring yoga mat, water; wear comfortable clothing. Every Sat 9:30-11 am. \$10/person. 279-8883; spadmuseum.com

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On the Water



LEFT: The weathered capacity plate on the 1972 model Bertram 25 that Bill Parks owns. Parks and his wife, Chris, purchased it in 1986. She died in 2002. **RIGHT:** Parks runs the Dreamfinder to shuttle underwater video crews to film goliath groupers at wrecks off Boynton Beach this fall. **Photo provided by Mike McKenzie** **BELOW:** Parks is restoring the 25-foot Bertram little by little at his home in Boynton Beach. **Photos by Willie Howard/The Coastal Star**

1972 Bertram inspires deep affection, memories

Bill Parks has been boating on classic deep-V Bertrams since he was a boy growing up in Delray Beach.

A veteran scuba diver and lifelong boater, Parks still uses his 1972 Bertram 25, named Dreamfinder, and is gradually restoring it at his home in Boynton Beach.

Parks, 60, grew up fishing and diving on his father's 1964 model 25 Bertram Express Cruiser, named Better Times II.

He continued the family's Bertram tradition in 1986, when he and his wife, Chris, paid \$9,300 for a Bertram 25 they found at a marina on the Hillsboro Canal. They named it Dreamfinder.

The boat is special to Parks because of the many happy days he and Chris, who died of cancer in 2002, spent on it, diving for tropical fish and running across the open ocean on frequent summer crossings to Bimini.

"The best times of my life were spent with the love of my life on this boat," Parks said while looking at his weathered Bertram. "Our summers were priceless."

Parks is so protective of the



Dreamfinder that he towed it to Titusville when Hurricane Irma was bearing down on South Florida last year.

The boat's mascot, a tiny doll named Figment, sits on the dashboard near the helm — a reminder of the years he spent on board with Chris. He still

uses the wooden scuba tank racks that Chris made for the Dreamfinder.

"It's a member of my family, even though it's a machine," Parks said.

Parks is not alone in his love of Bertram boats, which have something of a cult following.

South Florida has dozens of Bertram devotees, some of whom have painstakingly restored Bertrams built during the 1960s and '70s.

The boat company was founded in Miami by veteran sailor and boat broker Richard Bertram. His boats set a new

standard for ocean powerboats in the 1960s because of their wave-slicing, deep-V bottoms.

Bertram was sailing in America's Cup trials off of Rhode Island in 1958 when he spotted a powerboat cruising by at 30 knots in 6-foot seas.

He tracked down the boat's designer, Raymond Hunt, and commissioned Hunt to build him a 31-foot boat with a deep-V bottom, which he named Moppie after his second wife.

Bertram raised eyebrows in boating circles in 1960, when he and crew members Sam Griffith and Charlton Mitchell aboard the Moppie won the Miami-to-Nassau with a two-hour lead over the second-place boat.

As for Parks, he plans to keep the Dreamfinder as long as he's able to use it and eventually hand it down to a family member or sell it to someone who cares enough to maintain it well.

Meanwhile, Parks continues to use his 46-year-old boat, powered by twin 140-horsepower MerCruiser inboard/outboard engines, and is restoring it little by little.

"I want the boat to look the way we used to keep it," Parks said. "It's going to take time."

Beswick triumphs in Bluewater Babes event

Sherry Beswick of Lake Worth caught a 49-pound kingfish to win heaviest fish in the 10th annual Bluewater Babes Fish for a Cure tournament, held Oct. 6 at Sailfish Marina in Palm Beach Shores.

Beswick was fishing with captain Bill Wummer on Spiced Rum III when she caught the winning fish on a slow-trolled blue runner in 150 feet of water off Juno Beach.

Tasha Ford caught the biggest dolphin, 20.2 pounds, aboard Temptation. Shelby Gore won the "meat fish" division with a 16.9-pound blackfin tuna caught aboard Carolina Gentleman.

Emily Riemer won the billfish division with two sailfish releases on the Day Sea.

Only women can fish in the Bluewater Babes event, which provides support to women suffering from breast and ovarian cancer.

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Knot Surfin' wins X-Gen tournament

Lantana-based charter captain Chuck Hampton and his team on Knot Surfin' won the X-Generation Anglers for Soldiers KDW Fishing Tournament with a 36-pound kingfish.

Hampton said Jamie Locastro caught the winning kingfish on a live goggle-eye in 135 feet of water off Lost Tree Village. Hampton said the winning kingfish hit the first bait in the water during the Sept. 22 tournament, noting that fishing was relatively slow most of the day.

A bad alternator on the boat's engine almost prevented the Knot Surfin' from making it back to Sailfish Marina in Palm Beach Shores to weigh the kingfish, which won \$5,000.

Organized by X-Generation Custom Rods in Lantana,



Members of the Knot Surfin' team show the 36-pound kingfish that won the \$5,000 top prize as the largest fish in the X-Generation Anglers for Soldiers KDW Fishing Tournament, held Sept. 22. From left are Billy Brewster, captain Chuck Hampton, Karen Casey and Jamie Locastro, who caught the winning fish. Photo provided by Capt. Chuck's Charters

the tournament attracted 35 boats and benefited Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, a Lake Worth nonprofit that sends care packages to American troops.

Coming events

Nov. 3: Basic boating safety class offered by Coast Guard Auxiliary, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the headquarters building at Spanish River Park, 3939 N.

Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Fee \$35 (\$20 for ages 12-19). Register at the door. Bring lunch. Call 391-3600 or email fso-pe@cgauxboca.org.

Nov. 6: Boynton Beach Fishing Club meets, 7 p.m. in the clubhouse next to the boat ramps, Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park, 2010 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Details: www.bifc.org.

Nov. 7-11: Dust 'Em Off Sailfish Warmup Tournament, a sailfish release tournament designed to get fishing teams in shape for the winter season. Captain's meeting Nov. 7 at Maxwell Room in Fort Lauderdale. Charity tournament Nov. 9. Sailfish tournament Nov. 10, followed by awards Nov. 11. Call 786-366-7883 or go to www.dustemoffsailfish.com.

Nov. 24: Basic boating safety class offered by Coast Guard Auxiliary, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in

the classroom building next to the boat ramps, Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park, 2010 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Fee \$25. Register at the door. Call 704-7440.

Tip of the month

Want to underscore your saltwater fishing accomplishments with official kudos? Consider submitting your catches to the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission's saltwater angler recognition program. Find details at www.catchfloridamemory.com.

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Outdoors Calendar

Events are current as of 10/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 3

Saturday - 11/3 - Boardwalk Tours at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Docent-guided tour of wetlands. All ages. Times vary, call for details. Free. 966-7000; pbcnature.com

11/3 - Sand Sifters Beach Clean Up at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Meet at pavilion in lower parking lot. Held again 12/1. 8-10:15 am. Free. jefflev02@gmail.com

11/3 - 5th Annual LagoonFest at West Palm Beach Waterfront, 100 S Flagler Dr. Wildlife presentations, kayak clean-up tours, paddleboard yoga demos, mural painting wall, FFWC exhibits, kid zone, plein air artists, more. 9 am-2 pm. Free. 233-2400; lagoonfest.com

11/3 - Tram Tours of the Marsh at Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, 10216 Lee Rd, Boynton Beach. M/W/Th 1-2:30 pm; M/W/Th/Sat 10-11:30 am. \$5/automobile; \$1/pedestrian. Reservations: 733-0192; loxahatcheefriends.com/events/events.shtml

11/3 - Outdoor Marine Aquarium Feedings at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Daily 12:30 pm. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

11/3 - Seining the Lagoon at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Explore grasses and flats of the Intracoastal Waterway behind Gumbo Limbo. Catch/release a variety of fish, shrimp, crabs, marine life. Wear clothes that can get wet. No flip-flops or sandals. Old Sneakers or water shoes only. Age 10 to adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 11/17. 1:30-3 pm. \$7/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations/pre-payment required: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

11/3 - Sea Turtle Talk at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Daily 2 pm. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

NOVEMBER 4-10

Sunday - 11/4 - Intracoastal Adventures: Kayaking at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about

South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 6-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 10/21. 9-11 am. \$20/member; \$30/non-member. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Tuesday - 11/6 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N Federal Hwy. Join other fishermen to discuss hot topics, learn new tricks of the trade. 1st T 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5638; bifc.org

11/6-7 - Guided Nature Walk at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided walk along the Ashley Trail, 1/4-mile natural trail winds through the butterfly garden, coastal hammock, mangroves, to a sandy beach by the Intracoastal. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Every T/W 11 am-noon. Free. 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Wednesday - 11/7 - Beach Treasures at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Limpets, topsnails are a few of the shells that can be found on Florida's beaches. Learn about seashells, the animals that make them. Caravan to Red Reef Park, 1400 N State Rd A1A, to search for ocean treasures. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. 3-4:30 pm. Free. Reservations required: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Saturday - 11/10 - Migration Celebration 2018: Year of the Bird at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Encourages an appreciation for nature, fosters a respect for wildlife. 9 am-3 pm. Free. 966-7000; pbcnature.com

11/10 - West Palm Beach Fishing Club's 84th Annual Awards, BBQ & Auction at South Florida Fairgrounds Building 10, 9067 Southern Blvd, West Palm Beach. Live music, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, silent auction, awards, more. Casual. 5:30 pm. Advance \$25/adult, \$10/child under 15; at the door \$30/adult, \$15 child under 15; free/infants & toddlers. 832-6780; westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

NOVEMBER 11-17

SUNDAY - 11/11 - Intracoastal Adventures: Stand Up Paddleboarding at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique

Ocean Ridge Police beach cleanup

On the beach, Ocean Ridge — Oct. 20



Kimberlee Duke Marshall takes a selfie with Officer Debra Boyle (on ATV) and volunteers (l-r) Regan Pompeo, Madi Rosenberg and Stella Kolb during the public safety department's cleanup. Volunteers placed trash into buckets and dumped it into bins on a couple of ATVs. Photo provided

animals/ecosystems. Age 12-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 11/18. 9-11 am. \$20/member; \$30/non-member. 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Wednesday - 11/14 - Lantana Beach Cleanup at 100 N Ocean Blvd. Gloves/bags provided. 2nd W 9-10 am. 585-8664; nshawah@lantana.org

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Wednesday - 11/28 - West Palm Beach Fishing Club at 201 5th St. Capt. Butch Constable & Capt. Ron Doerr: Mixed Bag Offshore Fishing: Everything from Snapper to Sailfish Using a Variety of Tackle. 7 pm. Free. 832-6780; westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

Thursday - 11/29 - The Night Stalkers at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Join a Naturalist on a boardwalk tour looking at nature from the point of view of its nocturnal residents. Age 9+. 6 pm. \$5/person. RSVP required: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

NOVEMBER 18-24

SATURDAY - 11/24 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-10:30 am. 369-5501; seaangels.org

11/24 - Intracoastal Adventures: Canoeing at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 6-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11:30 am. \$15/member; \$22/non-member. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

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Finding Faith



As with past celebrations of 'Chanukah Under the Stars,' music will be an important part of the Dec. 7 event, with three choirs performing. Photo provided

Festival of Lights celebration to grace Mizner

Thanks in part to a Jewish Outreach grant from the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, "Chanukah Under the Stars," the signature event of Temple Beth El, returns to Mizner Park Amphitheater in downtown Boca Raton in December. The last time the event was held was in 2014, and more than 4,000 people came out to celebrate the Festival of Lights at a shabbat service that included extra music, food, games and festivities.

"We usually host it every other year, but we took some time off. It's a huge effort for the staff to put on the event," executive director Steve Kaufman said.

For the past few years, Temple Beth El has been busy renovating and remodeling its Schaefer campus, thanks to a \$5 million grant it received in 2014. Since then, construction has been the ongoing focus, but on Dec. 7, the focus returns to the people. From 5 to 9 p.m. the local South Florida community — Jewish and non-Jewish alike — is invited to come together to celebrate one

If you go

What: Chanukah Under the Stars

When: 5-9 p.m. Dec. 7

Where: Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton

Admission: Free

Info: 391-8900 or www.tbeboca.org

of Judaism's most popular and lively holidays.

"We look at this as our gift to the community," said Susan Stallone, director of marketing and communications for Temple Beth El. "It's a beautiful musical celebration."

A few upgrades have been added to make it even better. "For the first time, we'll be broadcasting the service on a video screen so people can see better," Kaufman said. "We'll also have the text of the service on another screen to help people follow along. We wanted to enhance the experience, and this was one way to do that."

"Chanukah Under the Stars" starts at 5 p.m. with activities in the children's area, including

bounce houses, face painting, crafts and storytelling. A special Chanukah Tot Shabbat and songfest will follow. From 5 to 7 p.m., visitors can sample the variety of traditional latkes and other food available. The Chanukah Shabbat service will begin at 7:30 p.m. led by Rabbi Daniel Levin, Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Brockman, Rabbi Greg Weisman, cantor Lori Shapiro and cantorial soloist Michelle Auslander Cohen.

"This year we have three choirs performing," Kaufman said. Temple Beth El's adult chorale will perform, as will as Shir Ruach, its teen group, and Shir Joy, the youth choir for grades 3 through 6.

The celebration will take a moment to recognize the temple's charity, The Giving Tree, which provides necessities such as new uniforms and school supplies to children whose parents cannot afford them. The Giving Tree also has a very active and generous holiday gift program that provides Christmas presents, yes, Christmas presents, to more than 100 families who live in the Dixie Manor Public Housing community in Boca Raton. The Giving Tree also provides the food for a full Christmas dinner.

"The Giving Tree is truly a light in the darkness, and the holiday is about being a light," Stallone said. For more information, visit www.thegivingtreeboca.org.

Admission to "Chanukah Under the Stars" is free, with a variety of food and drink vendors available. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Leslie Viselman at 314-2836 or lviselman@tbeboca.org. Volunteers are also needed. Call Rachael Rand at 391-9091.

Janis Fontaine writes about people of faith, their congregations, causes and community events. Contact her at janisfontaine@outlook.com.





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Religion News

Skit Guys make church a laughing matter; see them at Cason United

Who says there's no laughing in church?

Tommy Woodard and Eddie James, known as "The Skit Guys," would disagree. The men, best friends for more than 20 years, have made a career out of poking fun at religion — and helping people get closer to God at the same time.

The Skit Guys travel the nation for performances from Florida to South Dakota. Woodard and James were the class clowns, most likely to laugh their way through life, but they've become a lifeline to God for people.

But they're just the guys people see. Their writers and production staff put together scripts for skits, videos, sermons, books, T-shirts and support materials, all designed to strengthen the bonds between church and congregation.

Tickets are on sale now for the Nov. 14 show at Cason United Methodist Church, 342 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Doors open at 6 p.m. (5:30 p.m. for VIP tickets), and the show begins at



7. Tickets are \$25, \$35 for VIP.

Call 276-5302 or visit www.casonumc.org.

Shop for fun and help school

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church hosts a Shop Hop Trolley Tour, the "ultimate girls' day out," on Nov. 15. Beginning at 8:15 a.m. with a continental

Champagne breakfast, the fun includes visits to nine Delray shops for some holiday deals and personal pampering. Ladies lunch at a downtown eatery and arrive back at the church at 2 p.m. Each person gets a swag bag.

Tickets are \$60 but this year's event is sold out. Twenty percent of sales from this popular annual event is donated to

Eddie James and Tommy Woodard poke fun at religion as a way to get people involved in church. They will perform Nov. 14 at Cason United Methodist in Delray Beach. **Photo provided**

St. Vincent Ferrer School, 840 George Bush Blvd., Delray Beach. Call 276-6892 or visit www.stvincentferrer.com.

Trinity Lutheran hosts Love Delray

The first weekend of November is a great time to volunteer with churches that want to make Delray Beach a better city.

Love Delray is a quarterly initiative that partners church volunteers with nonprofits for a day of service. Participants can help with a beach cleanup, make repairs with Habitat for Humanity, work in the Delray Beach Children's Garden or pack care packages for troops, homeless people and veterans.

The program kicks off with a meeting for prayer and fellowship at 8 a.m. Nov. 3 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Volunteering is from 8:45 until noon.

Sign up online at Eventbrite.com or visit the Facebook page.

— Janis Fontaine

Religion Calendar

Events are current as of 10/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 3

Saturday - 11/3 – Catholic Grandparents Meeting at Ascension Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. All welcome. 1st Sat 10-11:30 am. Free. 289-2640; diocesepb.org

NOVEMBER 4-10

Sunday - 11/4 - Services: Jane Hart's Spiritual Power Tools - Part 1 with Greg Barrette at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Family service 9:25 am; regular service 11 am. Free will offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Monday - 11/5 - Legion of Mary at St Mark Catholic Church Chapel, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Follows 8 am Mass every M. Free. 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

11/5 - Monday Morning Women's Bible Study at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every M 10-11:30 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

11/5 - Women's Bible Study at Seacrest Presbyterian Church Conference Room, 2703 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every M 10 am. Free. 276-5633; seacrestchurch.com

11/5 - Rosary for Peace at St Vincent Ferrer Adoration Chapel, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every M 7 pm. Free. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

Tuesday - 11/6 - Lectio Divina (Divine Prayer) at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation, prayer. Every T 9-10 am. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

11/6 - Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Brockman at Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. Held again 11/13. Noon-1 pm. Free. Bring your own lunch, drinks provided. 391-8900; tbeoca.org

11/6 - St Mark Bible Study at St Mark Catholic Church St Clare Room, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Every T 7-8 pm. Nominal fee/free-will offering for study guide. Register: 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

11/6 - Class: Jane Hart's Spiritual Power Tools at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 7-8:15 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

11/6 - First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton Pub Theology at The Biergarten, 309 Via De Palmas #90. Conversation, fellowship, open discussion. 1st T 7-9 pm. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

Wednesday - 11/7 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church Bible Study at Panera, 1701 S Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. Read, discuss upcoming Lesson & Gospel readings. Every W 8-9 am. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

11/7 - Basic Catholicism with Fr. Dan at St Mark Catholic Church St John Paul II Room, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Every W after 8 am Mass. Free. 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

11/7 - Centering Prayer at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 3300A S Seacrest Blvd,

Boynton Beach. Every W 9:30 am. Free. 732-3060; stjoesweb.org

11/7 - Bible Study at First United Methodist Church, 101 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every W 11 am. Free. 732-3435; fumcbb.com

11/7 - Wonderful Wednesdays at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St, Delray Beach. All ages. Every W 5:45 pm dinner; 6:30 pm program. \$7/adult; \$5/child; \$20/max per family. Reservations: 276-6338; firstdelray.com

11/7 - Rector's Bible Study at St Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every W 6 pm supper (soup & salad, donation requested); 7 pm Bible study (free). 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

11/7 - The Bishop's Bible Study at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, 101 Homewood Blvd, Delray Beach. Every W 7:15 pm. Free. 265-1960; stmaryanglican.com

11/7 - Larger Than Life - Hide And Peek: The Right To Privacy at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. New monthly course for women from Rosh Chodesh Society. 7:30 pm. \$79/full course (book included); \$20/class + book fee. 394-9770; bocabeachchabad.org

11/7 - Introduction to Judaism at Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. Taught by clergy & other experts in the community. Every W through 4/3 7:30-9 pm. Free. 391-8900; tbeoca.org

Thursday - 11/8 - Prayer Circle at Trinity Lutheran Church Courtyard, 400 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th 8:05 am. 278-1737; trinitydelray.org

11/8 - Men's Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

11/8 - Women's Bible Study Group at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Childcare available upon request. Every Th 9:30 am-noon. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

Friday - 11/9 - Women's Bible Study Group at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Youth House, 266 NE 2nd St, Boca Raton. Every F 9:15 am. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

11/9 - Couples' Bible Study Group at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Childcare available upon request. Every F 6-9 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

11/9 - Erev Shabbat Service at Temple Sinai Palm Beach County, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Every F 7:30 pm. 276-6161; templesinaipbc.org

Saturday - 11/10 - Saturday Shabbat Service at Temple Sinai Palm Beach County, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Every Sat 10 am. 276-6161; templesinaipbc.org

NOVEMBER 11-17

Sunday - 11/11 - Services: Jane Hart's Support for Your Soul - Part 2 with Greg Barrette at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Family service 9:25 am; regular service 11 am. Free will offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Tuesday - 11/13 - Class: Jane Hart's Support for Your Soul at Unity of Delray Beach, 101

NW 22nd St. 7-8:15 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Thursday - 11/15 - First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton Pub Theology at Barrel of Monks, 1141 S Rogers Circle #5. Conversation, fellowship, open discussion. 3rd Th 7 pm. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

Friday - 11/16 - Parents of St. Gregory's at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Potluck dinner, topic discussion (targeted to young parents w/ children age 2-13), group feedback, childcare available. 3rd F 6-8 pm. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

NOVEMBER 18-24

Sunday - 11/18 - Sacred Aging: Creating an Ethical Will with Rabbi Jack Riemer at

Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. 10 am. Free. RSVP: 391-8900; tbeoca.org

11/18 - Guest Speaker May McCarthy: Multiply Miracles in Your Life at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Family service 9:25 am; regular service 11 am. Free will offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

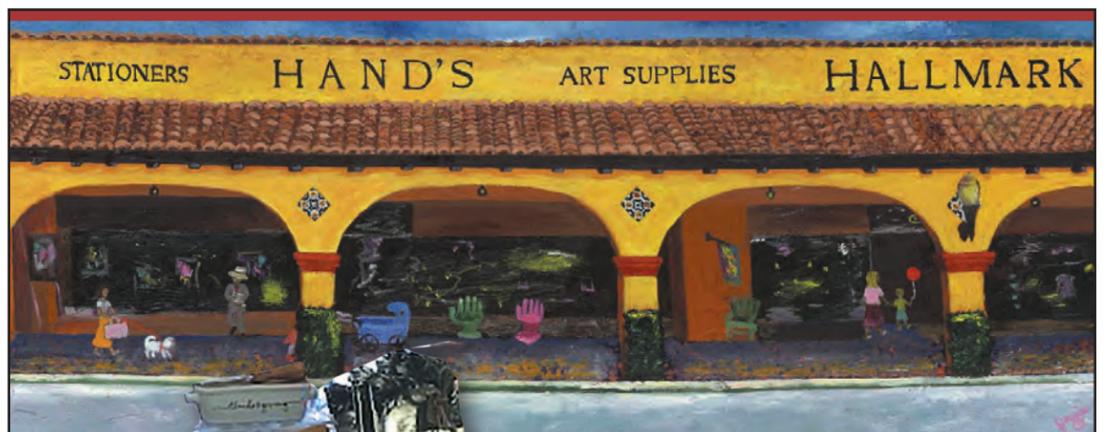
11/18 - Workshop: The Gratitude Formula at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 1-3:30 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Monday - 11/19 - Ascension Council of Catholic Women General Meeting at Ascension Catholic Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Speaker: Juanita Goode, CROS Ministries. Refreshments. 7 pm. 997-5486; accboca.net

11/19 - Interfaith Thanksgiving Service presented by the Boca Raton Interfaith Clergy Association at Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. Free. 391-8900; tbeoca.org

Tuesday - 11/20 - Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dan Levin at Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. Held again 11/27 & 12/4. Noon-1 pm. Free. Bring lunch, drinks provided. 391-8900; tbeoca.org NOV 25-DEC 1

Sunday - 11/25 - Services: Grateful as a Leper with Greg Barrette at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Family service 9:25 am; regular service 11 am. Free will offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org



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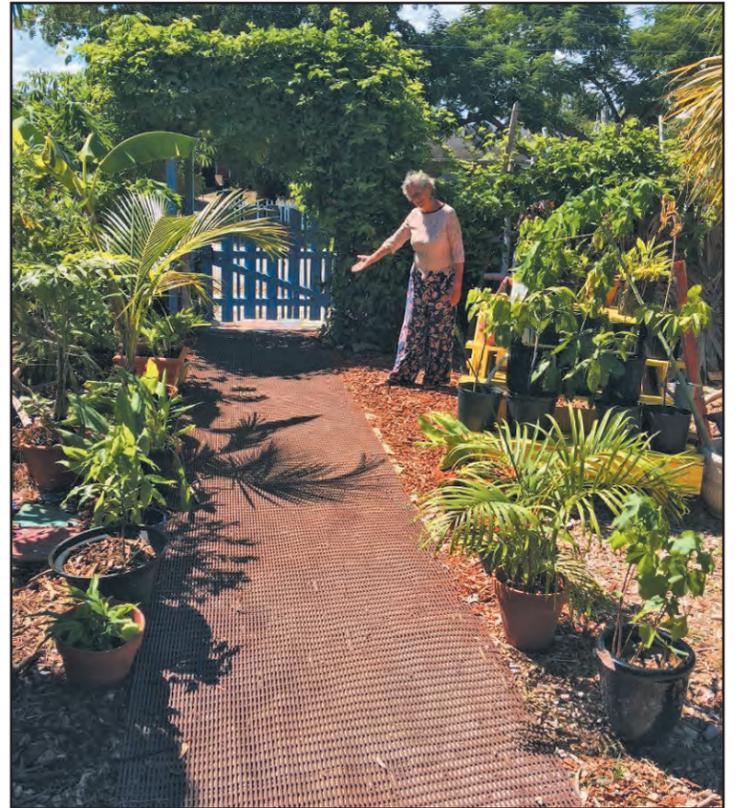
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Jeannie Fernsworth, a co-founder of the Children's Garden, shows the new path, which is accessible to people in wheelchairs and with walking devices. The path was underwritten by a donation from the Grass River Garden Club, Capital One Bank and Alexander Simon. The path travels into the outdoor classroom. The garden is at 137 SW Second Ave. and is open 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays or by appointment at 463-2528. Photo provided

Garden Calendar

Events are current as of 10/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 3

Saturday - 11/3 - Boca Raton Garden Club Holiday House at clubhouse and gardens, 4281 NW 3rd Ave. Shop and browse handmade decorations and gifts, plants and baked goods. 9 am-3 pm. Free. 395-9376; bocaratongardenclub.org

11/3-4 - Plant-A-Palooza at Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. More than 80 vendors; assortment of quality plants/accessories. Sat 9 am-4 pm; Sun 9 am-3 pm. Free/child under 12; \$10/non-member. 233-1757; mounts.org

NOVEMBER 4-10

Tuesday - 11/6 - Boca Raton Garden Club Meeting at 4281 NW 3rd Ave. Lisa Wilson-Davis, Boca Raton Water Department: Creating Sustainability in Our Water Supply. Every T 1 pm. Free. 395-9376; bocaratongardenclub.org

11/6 - Audubon Society of the Everglades: Endemic Florida Wildflowers by Roger Hammer, Naturalist, Author, and Photographer at FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 6301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 6:30 pm doors open/refreshments; 7 pm program. Free. auduboneverglades.org

NOVEMBER 11-17

Sunday - 11/11 - The Art of Bonsai at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Oki Education Center, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Explore new techniques to artfully train/trim trees. Bring your own tree, pruning tools, bonsai pots, soil, wire as needed. Every Sun through 12/16. Intermediate 9 am-noon; Beginner 1-4 pm. \$45 materials fee (beginners) + \$81/member; \$91/non-member. Reservations: 495-0233; morikami.org

11/11 - Florida Native Plant Society Garden Tour at six gardens in Boynton Beach, Lake Worth, Wellington and West Palm Beach. Annual tour visits gardens landscaped with Florida native plants. 9 am-3 pm. \$10/non-members for entire day. Payable at any garden on tour. For list of gardens: 247-3677; palmbeach.fnpschapters.org

Wednesday - 11/14 - Delray Beach Orchid Society at Veterans Park Recreation Center, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 2nd W 6:30 pm. Free. 573-2422; delraybeachorchidsociety.com

NOVEMBER 18-24

Tuesday - 11/20 - Florida Native Plant Society at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 3rd T 7 pm. Free. palmbeach.fnpschapters.org

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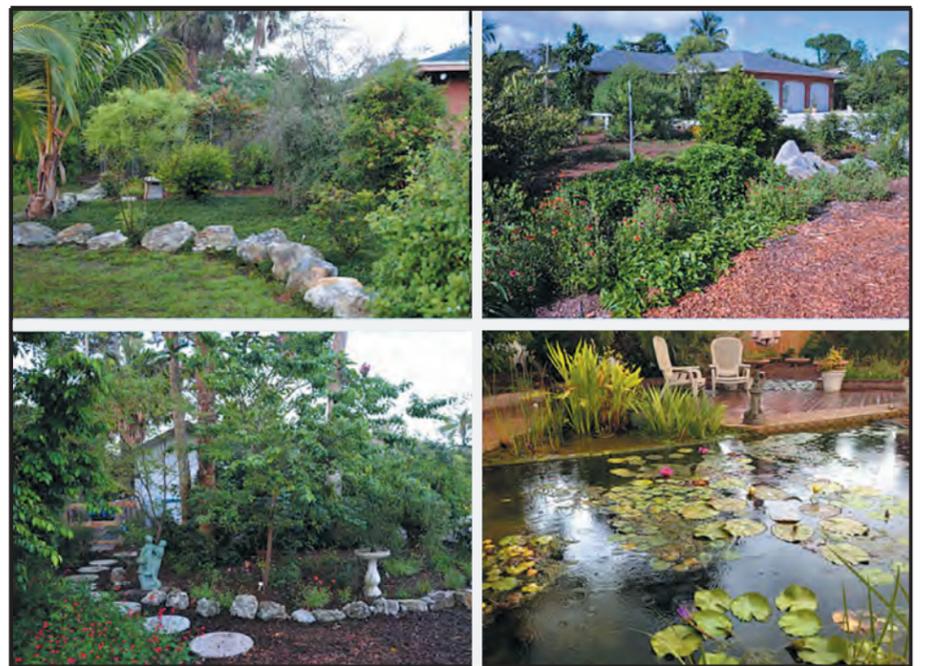
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Secret Garden



In 2008: Susan Lerner moved into a home in West Palm Beach that had a typical Florida front yard dominated by St. Augustine sod and non-native shrubs and trees, with a pool in the backyard. **Photos provided by Susan Lerner**



Today: The same land is a mixture of fruit and native trees and shrubs, with mulch and decorative stones placed among them. The pool is converted into a pond with floating lilies. Lerner's home will be part of the Nov. 11 tour.

Transform your yard into an oasis with native plants

Garden tour to be source of landscaping ideas

Residents looking for new ideas to attract more birds and butterflies to their yards and snowbirds interested in landscaping that doesn't need much maintenance while they are up north might want to attend the annual Native Plant Garden Tour.

The Nov. 11 tour is sponsored by the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.

"We want to encourage people to plant Florida natives because only they support our native insects and those insects support birds," explained society member Susan Lerner, who says proceeds will benefit her group's educational programs.

The tour will stop at six destinations west of Military Trail, north of Woolbright Road and south of Northlake Boulevard in Palm Beach County. That facilitates driving from one location to the next.

Since March, Lerner has been on the lookout for gardens that are planted in about 80 percent native flora and made up of at least 40 native species.

"If a person has only a couple of cabbage palms and some cocoplum hedges, we don't qualify that as a native garden," said Lerner, who for this tour selected large gardens, including one that covers 5 acres.

These properties qualify not only because of what they have but also by what they eschew, which are invasive plants as defined by Palm Beach County and the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council. And if any of these invasives are present, they will be labeled as such.

For the first time on this tour, Lerner's own half-acre garden in West Palm Beach will be on view. "When I moved in about

If You Go

What: Native Plant Garden Tour

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 11

Cost: \$10 paid in cash or check at your first stop; free for Florida Native Plant Society members and children 13 and under.

Where: Garden stops are in Boynton Beach, Wellington, Lake Worth and West Palm Beach. Visit palmbeach.fnpschapters.org for more information, including tour stop addresses.

Plant giveaway and book sale

The first 250 people to visit the tour stop at Susan Lerner's home in West Palm Beach will receive two free native plants: a fogfruit groundcover that hosts three types of butterflies as well as a Simpson's stopper, a shrub or small tree that supports birds and pollinators (one pair of plants per household).

Here too you can purchase the catalog from "Renewal: Going Native," a recent exhibition and sale of native plant photography at the Palm Beach Photographic Centre.

Photography contest

You can enter nature photos taken during the tour. It's free to enter and the winner will receive memberships in the society and the Photographic Centre, in West Palm Beach. The winning photo will hang at the center if a print is provided. The winner and five runners-up will appear in the society's monthly newsletter.

10 years ago, the place was pretty typical with a swimming pool, exotic and invasive plants around the perimeter of the property and surrounding the house as well as the mandatory lawn of grass and weeds," she said.

Her first step was to call

Carl Terwilliger, the owner of Meadow Beauty Nursery in Lake Worth. She hired him to inventory the natives already on the property. He found only about a half-dozen mature cabbage palms and a couple of slash palms among the Brazilian pepper, mother-in-law tongues,

wedelia, tuberous sword fern and other invasives and exotics.

"Next I started thinning things out; there was tons of removal work to do," she said. That included hundreds of feet of *Chalcas paniculata*, which has a sweet-smelling flower at the same time it serves as a vector plant for citrus greening.

When she was ready to start planting, Lerner began with fruit trees even though they are not natives. "In my garden, I wanted there to be food for me and all the critters. It's a garden in which everybody gets to eat," she said.

She also studied the property's feng shui and found the "love" corner, where she planted a Haden mango in honor of her deceased parents, who claimed this variety as their favorite. "It seemed like the nice thing to do. And energy-wise, it was a good thing," she said.

Her mangoes are particularly interesting because that Haden is grafted with a Mahachanok, so she gets two types of mangoes from the same tree.

When you visit, you'll be able to view a basket with bananas and fruit from three twice-grafted mango trees, jaboticaba, mamey sapote and abiu, which produces a peach-sized golden-yellow fruit.

You'll also see how native shrubs, flowers and trees can be used for landscaping. And you'll discover how she converted that 15,000-gallon swimming pool into a pond complete with goldfish and water lilies.

Lerner believes that humans, instead of taking over the land and using it only for their own purposes, should share the earth with all living things.

"It's all about stewardship," she said. And that's why she plants natives and wants to share their advantages with you on this garden tour.



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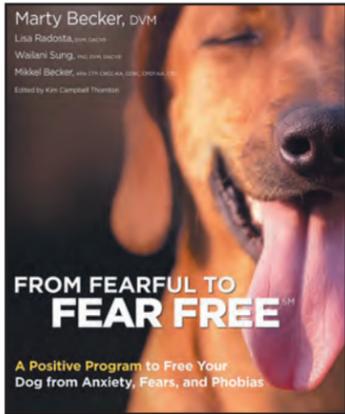
Behaviorist offers insight into helping stressed pets during holidays

When facing new or strange circumstances, far too many dogs transform into scaredy-cats and far too many cats become doggone full of fright. This full-throttle fear factor kicks into high gear during the holiday season.

From Halloween to New Year's, household routines disappear, leaving some pets filled with dread and confusion about loud house guests, odd decorations in the home, late meals and skipped daily walks that they cherish.

Lisa Radosta, DVM, who operates the Florida Veterinary Behavior Service in West Palm Beach, is among those leading the charge to give pet professionals and pet owners the tools they need to cultivate a sense of safety and security to pets 365 days a year.

She recently co-authored with Dr. Marty Becker, Dr. Wailani Sung and Mikkel Becker a new book, called *From Fearful to Fear Free*, that identifies ways veterinarians, pet sitters, boarding



From Fearful to Fear Free, available at Amazon and other outlets, offers strategies to make pets feel safe and secure.

staffs, groomers, other pet professionals and families can work together to take the "pet" out of petrified in their four-legged friends. These experts bring a combined 88 years of professional experience in working directly with fearful animals.

They identify three crippling emotions in some pets: fear, anxiety and phobias.

Fear is a normal emotional

response to a real or perceived threat, such as a dog dreading the anticipation of a cold bath or a cat seeing you bring out his pet carrier — a signal that he will have to go on a car ride to the veterinary clinic. These trigger an immediate response in the brain to the perceived threat. Mild-level signs include a tucked tail, trembling and hiding in the dark corner of a bedroom closet. Other less-obvious signs of fear include squinting eyes, lip licking, lifting a front paw and yawning.

Anxiety is apprehension or nervousness regarding an anticipated threat, such as what a dog is thinking when you pull your vehicle into the veterinary clinic's parking lot. Your dog is able to make the association that for the past three times he went for a car ride, he experienced unpleasant things at the veterinary clinic. Or your pet may urinate or poop in your house or bark nonstop when you leave him home alone due to his separation anxiety.

A phobia is fear on steroids. It is an exaggerated and irrational response that can emotionally and physically cripple a pet. A far-too-common pet phobia is toward thunderstorms. An affected dog or cat can develop behavioral issues, such as fear biting, or develop medical issues, such as a weakened immune system or chronic diarrhea.

"When a dog is frightened, on the surface, we see only that he is hiding under a chair, trembling, but major events have occurred inside his body, altering the way he feels emotionally and physically and ensuring that he will never forget that particular experience," says Radosta.

Here's a rundown of things that can turn pets into panic puddles:

- Car rides
 - Veterinary visits
 - The sound of a delivery truck backfiring and smell of exhaust fumes
 - The loud beeping of a smoke detector
 - Vacuum cleaners, especially the self-operating types
 - Strangers, especially those wearing hats or sunglasses
 - Singing battery-operated Santas
 - The slippery floor inside a veterinary lobby or exam room
- Unfortunately, there is no single solution to aiding scared pets. And pets are not cured overnight from their fears. You first need to tap all your senses and do a candid assessment of your pet's reactivity.
- Do your best to remain calm and upbeat. Becoming impatient, yelling at your pet or forcing him into a carrier will only put him on full-fright alert.

Instead, try towel-wrapping or anti-anxiety pet vests,

playing soothing music and using high-quality treats as a distraction.

"During the holidays, don't force your dog or cat to interact with guests. Forcing them will only make them fearful of people," says Radosta. "Instead, keep your pets in interior sanctuary rooms set up with their needs. For dogs, that includes food, toys, water, a bed, television or music. For cats, that includes a litter box, a bed, a place to go up high and water."

You also need to take a team approach with your veterinarian and possibly an animal behaviorist or certified pet trainer for your fearful pet.

"I want pet owners to know that they can ask for what is best for their pet in a respectful way and expect to have an honest and fair conversation with their veterinarian," says Radosta. "There are more and more veterinarians becoming certified in the Fear Free practice of handling pets."

Your pet may need over-the-counter supplements, prescriptions as well as behavior modification. Effective medications to address fear, anxiety and stress in pets include:

- Zylkene, a supplement that contains casein, a milk protein. It can be given before identified fear causes, such as a trip to the groomer or a follow-up veterinary visit.
- Adaptil, a dog-appeasing pheromone available in a plug-in diffuser, spray or collar. It contains chemicals that mimic relaxation in some dogs. The cat version is known as Feliway and comes in a plug-in diffuser or spray.
- Trazodone, Valium and Xanax, anti-anxiety prescriptions designed to be given before an anticipated fearful event, such as a thunderstorm or veterinary visit.

• Prozac, Zoloft and Clomicalm, medications prescribed to be given every day to help keep a dog in a steady, calm state.

"Stress happens to everyone, people and pets, so you have to decide how you will handle it," says Radosta. "For example, you can't change the smells in a veterinary clinic, but you can condition your dog to relax on a mat. And that mat can go anywhere with your dog."

Arden Moore, founder of *fourleggedlife.com*, is an animal behavior consultant, editor, author, professional speaker and master certified pet first-aid instructor. She hosts the popular

"Oh Behave!" show on *petliferadio.com*. Learn more by visiting www.ardenmoore.com.

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NOVEMBER 3

Saturday - 11/3 - Sensory Saturdays: Special Exploration Hours at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. For families affected by autism spectrum disorder. Experience exhibits without heavy crowds; softened general lighting, decreased noise level and visual stimulation on interactive exhibits wherever possible. Every 1st Sat 8-10 am. \$8.50/adult; \$7.50/senior; \$6.50/child 3-12; free/child under 3. 832-1988; sfsciencecenter.org

11/3 - Lil Sluggers Baseball at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Specially designed to introduce children to baseball. Every Sat through 12/22. Age 4-5 8:15-9 am; age 2 9:15-10 am; age 3 10:15-11 am; age 3.5-4 11:15 am-noon. \$126/resident; \$157.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/3 - Diamonds & Pearls Dance Team at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Community dance team program prides itself on passion, dedication, excellence, respect; participates in local and collegiate homecoming parades, statewide special events. T/Th 6-8 pm, Sat 9 am-1 pm. Yearly \$30/resident; \$40/non-resident. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

11/3 - Diaper League Sports at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Fundamentals of various sports: T-ball, football, basketball, soccer. Mandatory parent participation. Age 3-5. Every M/Th 6-7 pm & Sat 9-10 am. \$20/8 week session. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

11/3 - Sensory Saturday at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Explore the museum in sensory modified setting with sound/light adjustments. 1st Sat 9-10 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

11/3 - Art History...The "Hands On" Way at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Ages 13-18. Held again 12/1. 9:30 am-3:30 pm. \$100. Registration: 392-2503; bocamuseum.org

11/3 - Tiny Toes Ballet/Tap Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Age 3-7. Every Sat 9:30-10 am. \$10. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

11/3 - Soccer Shots at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Indoor intro to soccer that focuses on teaching children skills in a non-competitive environment. Sat

through 12/22. Age 2-3 ½ 9:30-10 am or 10-10:30 am; age 3 ½-5 10:30-11:15 am. \$90/resident; \$112.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/3 - Drop-In Story Time at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children all ages accompanied by an adult. Every Sat 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/3 - Little Wonders at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Hike, crafts, stories. Age 3-4. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Every 1st Sat 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

11/3 - smART: The Shape of Pattern at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Studio workshops for families/intergenerational groups focus on artistic family fun. 10-11 am. \$5/family. Reservations: 392-2500 x106; bocamuseum.org

11/3 - Geology Rocks at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Join a naturalist to learn amazing geology facts. Age 8+. 10:30 am. \$3. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

11/3 - Drop-in Craft at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. Every Sat 10:30-11:30 am. Free w/paid admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/3 - Early Literacy Playtime at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age walkers to 4 yrs. Every Th/Sat. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/3 - Code Creations: Introduction to Programming at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Kids learn how the basics of HTML, CSS, and JavaScript and walk away with a completed website. Age 9-14. Every Sat through 11/24. 11 am. \$100/4-week session. Registration: 832-2026; sfsciencecenter.org/code-creations

11/3 - Story Time at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Stories, songs, fingerplays parents and children enjoy together. All ages. T-Sat 11 am. Free w/paid admission. 368-6875; cmboca.org

11/3 - Acro Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Age 3-7. Every Sat 11-11:30 am. \$10. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

11/3 - Science Stories at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear

Destruction celebration

Future Milagro Junior Teen Center, Delray Beach — Oct. 24



Renovation work by DPR Construction began at the Virginia and Harvey Kimmel Milagro Junior Teen Leadership Center, as the Milagro Foundation adds a third location. The center will offer cultural arts and academic programs to economically disadvantaged children aged 11 to 14. The mission is to offer a special place of comfort and support for middle school students.

ABOVE: Workers celebrate the beginning of the work. **RIGHT:** Delray Beach residents Harvey and Virginia Kimmel. Photos provided



favorite science inspired stories. Age 5+. Every Sat 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

11/3 - Singing Starz Group Voice Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Age 4-7. Every Sat 11:30 am-noon. \$10. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

11/3 - All Art Class at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Age 2-9. Every F/Sat 11:30 am. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

11/3 - Family Fun: Families Reading Together at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Noon-3 pm. Free w/museum admission. 495-0233; morikami.org

11/3 - Realistic Drawing/Painting Instruction Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Basic techniques essential to quality, realistic paintings. Every Sat through 11/24. Adult class 12:30-2:30 pm \$65/resident, \$81/non-resident; Children age 7-12 class 2:30-4:30 pm. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

11/3 - Jewelry/Metals Class at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Ages 13-18. 1-4 pm. \$125. Registration: 392-2503; bocamuseum.org

11/3 - Jr. Shark Biologist at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Age 5-12. W/Sun 3:15 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

11/3 - Beauty And The Beast Jr. at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every Sat through 12/1 4 pm. \$20/adult; \$15/students. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

11/3-4 - The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Runs through 11/4. F/Sat 7 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$20/person; \$15/age 11 & under. 447-8829; solchildren.org

11/3 - Nature Detectives at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. New mystery each month. Age 5-7 w/an adult. Every 1st Sat 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

11/5 - Baby Bookworm at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Storytime for infants accompanied by an adult. Age 3 months to walking. Every M through 11/19 11-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/5 - Tales for Tadpoles at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Music/movement rhymes. Age walking-24 months. Every M 10:45 am. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/5 - Rhythmic Gymnastics at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Every M through 12/17. Beginner 1 & 2 age 4-6, 3-4 pm \$122.50-\$153.15. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

11/5 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Louie at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog Louie. Grade K-5. Every M 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/5 - Intermediate Coding for 7-10s at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Students must have been in a previous Beginning Coding class to enroll. Every M through 11/19 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Enrollment: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/5 - My First Book Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Fun activities related to books. Child attends independently. Age 4-6. Every M through 11/19 3:30-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/5 - Brain BITS: Build-Innovate-Tinker at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Hands-on family time filled with creativity, collaboration, play in 3D printing lab. Age 5+. Every M 6 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/5 - Bedtime Story Yoga at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Children listen to a bedtime story, play with gentle yoga stretches/mindful activities that enrich the story. Children

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are encouraged to wear pajamas, bring a stuffed buddy to do poses together. Age 4-9. Every 1st M 6 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/5 - Anime Night at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-14. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/5 - Delray Divas Step Teams at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Organized, structured step team performs at local events and statewide competitions. Program reinforces role of youth as positive members of the community. Grades K-12. Every M/W 6-8:30 pm. Yearly \$30/resident; \$40/non-resident. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

Tuesday - 11/6 - Turtle Tales at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 2-3 (must be accompanied by an adult). Every T 10 am. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/6 - Toddler Tales at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age up to 3 years; children must be accompanied by an adult. Every T through 11/20 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/6 - Playground Playdate at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Info about upcoming programs, free kid's activities. 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/6 - Kids Appy Hour at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 7+. Held again 11/13 & 20. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/6 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Chico at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog Chico. Grade K-5. Every T through 11/20 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/6 - Kidokinetics at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. New sport each week. Soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, volleyball, golf, hula hoops, obstacle courses, T-ball. Every T through 12/18. Age 3-5 3:45-4:30 pm; age 2-4 4:30-5:15 pm (some parent involvement). \$77/resident; \$96.25/non-resident. 954-385-8511; kidokinetics.com

11/6 - Teen Improv Drop In Class at Improv U, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Fun games/exercises designed for newcomers/advanced players. Every T 4-5:30 pm. \$15. 844-561-4242; theimprovu.com

11/6 - USCA Tiny Stars Cheer at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton.

Breast cancer fundraiser

St. John Paul II gymnasium, Boca Raton — Oct. 2



St. John Paul II Academy held its annual Lady Eagle volleyball match to fight breast cancer, going up against the team from American Heritage of Delray Beach. Volunteers sold baked goods and souvenirs to augment fundraising. Darci McNally from Boca Raton Regional Hospital spoke about how a hospital program assists families struggling to handle the costs for treatment of breast cancer. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Jamee Roegiers, Sue Perez, Sister Maria, Christina Garcia-Robinson, Jordyn Robinson, Carla Thrower and Isabella Raciunas. **Photo provided**

Every T through 12/11 (no class 11/20) Level I age 4-6 4:30-5:30 pm; Level II age 6-11 4:30-5:30 pm. \$50/resident; \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

11/6 - BeTeen the Lines: A Readers Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. Evers 1st & 3rd T 4:30-6:30 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/6 - Gift Making Party at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. Held again 11/13. 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/6 - Girls Who Code Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. Every T 6-7 pm. Free. Enroll: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/6-7 - Sensational Story 'n More

at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Children's books come to life through interactive performance, singing, movement, props. Age 2-5. Every T 10:30 am & W 2 pm. Free w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/6-7 - Explorium Science Squad: Playing with Food at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Kids explore, experiment, try something new every month. T age 5-6 w/parent; W age 7-9. Both days 4-5 pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

11/6-8 - Sensory Art for Tots at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Age 1-4. Every T/W/Th 11:30 am. Per session \$5/

member; \$8/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

Wednesday - 11/7 - Kidokinetics at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Educational developmental class. Age 1.5-4 years. Every W through 12/19 (no class 11/21 & 28). 10-10:45 am. \$55/resident; \$69/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

11/7 - Reading & Rhythm for 2-3s at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Literacy enrichment class: stories, music, movement. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Every W through 11/21 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/7 - Mother Nature & Me: Big Ocean Animals at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435

Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Experience exciting nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Age 2-5 w/guardian. 10:30 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

11/7 - Tiny Tots Storytime at Sandway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Age 0-4. Every W 11-11:30 am. Free. 274-7263; sandwayhouse.org

11/7 - Sea Turtle Tales presented by Gumbo Limbo Nature Center at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 3-5. 2:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/7 - Lil' Explorers: Super Sensory Messy Play at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Explore, develop important readiness skills. Age 2-5 yrs. Every W 3-3:45 pm. Per class \$4/member; \$5/non-member + admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/7 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Nigel at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog Nigel. Grades K-5. Every W 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/7 - Programs for Special Needs: Beginner's Social Skills Group at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Every T/Th through 12/19 (no class 11/21). Age 4-7 4:30-6 pm; age 8-12 6:15-7:45 pm. \$75-\$93.75/1 day; \$360-\$450/6 week session. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/7 - Parent Lecture: Bully-Proofing Our Kids at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 5-6 pm. Free w/pre-registration, online only. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/7 - Youth Archery Class at Meadows Park Tennis Court, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton Skill development, paper target practice. Age 8-13. Every W through 12/19 (no class 11/21) 6-7 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

11/7 - Tween Explorers: So You Want to Be a Wizard by Diane Duane at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Thursday - 11/8 - Little Explorers at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 2-5, must be accompanied by an adult. Every Th 10 am. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/8 - Drop-In Story Time at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children all ages; 8



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11/8 - Mori Stories: Kamishibai Folktales: Kon and Pon at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 2nd Th Oct-May 11 am & 1 pm. Free w/museum admission. 495-0233; morikami.org

11/8 - Fun Chefs with Stacy Stolman at The Society of The Four Arts Children's Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2:30 or 3:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 655-2776; fourarts.org

11/8 - The Art of the Story at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. One author/illustrator at each class; children create their own art in the style of the featured book. Age 3-7 yrs. Held again 11/15 & 29. 3-3:45 pm. Free w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/8 - Tumble Tots with First Steps Dance and Tumbling at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 2-5. Every Th through 12/6 3-3:30 pm. \$8/member; \$10/non-member + admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/8 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Stella at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog Stella. Grades K-5. Every Th (closed 11/22) 3-4 pm Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/8 - STEAM Train Technology Program at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Introduction available resources: science,

technology, engineering, art, mathematics. Age 9-12. Every Th through 10/25 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/8 - Bright & Smart Robotics at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Work in teams, build and program robots using special edition Lego bricks & specially developed curriculum. Age 7-14. Every Th through 12/20 (no class 11/22) 5:30-6:30 pm. \$120/resident; \$150/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/8 - Mystery in the Mansion by Lauren Magaziner part of Tween Book Jam at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/8-9 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Karate & blend of other combat martial arts. Age 9 to adult. Every Th/F 6-7 pm. Per month \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident; \$25/one-time uniform fee. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

Friday - 11/9 - Tot Time at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Crafts, snacks, indoor play stations. Drop in anytime during the program. Age 2-5. 10 am-noon. \$5/child. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/9 - Stories in the Garden at Mounts Botanical Garden Pavilion, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Youth services librarian Stacey Burford leads stories, songs. Age 2-6. 10-11:30 am. Free. 233-1757; mounts.org

11/9 - Yoga Fun for Everyone at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. Every F

through 12/7 11:30 am-12:15 pm. Free w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/9 - Animal Encounters at Sandway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Meet one of our resident animals, learn about behaviors/characteristics with our naturalist. All ages. Every F 3 pm. Free. 274-7263; sandwayhouse.org

11/9 - Unicorn Bubble Party at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All ages. Children 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/9 - Programs for Special Needs: Occupational Therapy Group at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Every F through 12/21 (no class 11/23). Age 4-12 4:30-5:30 pm. \$85-\$106.25/1 day; \$380-\$475/6 week session. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/9 - Friday Night at the Museum at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. A night out without your parents! Wear comfy clothes, hang out in the Explorium after hours, watch a movie, do a fun experiment. Age 7-12. 6-9:30 pm. \$20/resident; \$25/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

Saturday - 11/10 - Expedition: Science Playground at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Put on your thinking caps, join us for a closer look at the scientific principles found within our inclusive Science Playground. Age 5+ with parent/guardian. 2nd Sat 9-10 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

11/10 - Let's Get Painting: An Introduction to Acrylics at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Ages 13-18. Held again 11/17. 9:30 am-3:30 pm. \$150. Registration: 392-2503; bocamuseum.org

NOVEMBER 11-17

Monday - 11/12 - Early Afternoon Explorers: Kitchen Chemistry at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 6-9 1-2 pm; age 10-12 2-3 pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

Tuesday - 11/13 - Kangaroo Kids Programs at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Educational developmental class. Every T through 12/18. Age 2-3 years 10-10:45 am; age 3-5 years 11-11:45 am. \$90/resident; \$113/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

11/13 - Daggering Visits the Library: Frogs & Toads at West Boca Branch Library, 18685 N State Rd 7, Boca Raton. Live animal ambassadors. Age 5+. 3:30 pm. Free. RSVP: 470-1600; pbcnature.com

11/13 - TAB (Teen Advisory Board) Meeting at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 4:30 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/13 - Throne of Glass by Sarah J. Maas part of Teen Book Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Wednesday - 11/14 - Booktastic Around the World: The Drums of Noto Hanto by J. Alison James at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Free book upon registration. Age 7-8. Child attends independently. Registration: 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/14 - Once Upon A Happily Ever After: A Workshop for Young Writers at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Get ideas, create characters, find new stories to tell. Age 9-12. 4-5:30 pm. \$27/resident; \$33.75/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/14 - Create a Watercolor Inspired by The Florida Highwaymen at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Grades K-5. 4:15 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

Thursday - 11/15 - Kindergarten Roundup at Advent School, 301 E Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Education success consultation for K-8th grade. 8 am. Free. 395-3631 x114; adventschoolboca.org

11/15 - Baby & Me Character Breakfast at Levis JCC Zinman Hall, 9901 Donna Klein Blvd, Boca Raton. Children ages birth to 2 years meet Mickey, Minnie, Elmo and Cookie Monster! 10-11:15 am. \$18/adult. 852-3258; levisjcc.org

11/15 - Create It @ Your Library: Harry Potter Night at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Grades 6-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Friday - 11/16 - Fabulous Fun Friday: Celebrate Autumn Day at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/member; \$5/non-member + admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/16 - Eyes to the Skies with professional-grade 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Informal event held in the parking lot weather permitting. Telescope is out for at least one hour after scheduled start time; stars must be visible for

telescope to align. Age 8+ (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). 6 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

Saturday - 11/17 - Sensational Snakes at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Join a naturalist & animal ambassadors; fun/educational presentation about different ways animals communicate. Age 5+. 10:30 am. \$3. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

11/17 - Tough Turkey in the Big City at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Each performance will be followed by an instrument "petting zoo." 11 am & 1 pm. Free. Reservations: festivalboca.org

11/17 - Virtual Reality Explorers: Planetarium at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Bring a Smartphone to download/use VR apps, games, videos. Cardboards support most Smartphones w/screen sizes 4-6". Age 9-13. 1-2 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/17 - Code Palm Beach Workshop at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Kids will learn how to code, develop websites, apps, programs, games and explore technology in an informal and creative environment. Age 7-17. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 832-1988; sfsiencecenter.org

11/17-18 - Science Demonstrations at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science-inspired stories. Age 7 & up. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

NOVEMBER 18-24

Sunday - 11/18 - Member Appreciation Movie Night at Sandway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax*, animal meet/greet, popcorn, raffle, more. Bring lawn chairs/blanket, bug spray. Family fare. 5-8 pm. Free/members. 274-7263; sandway.org

Monday - 11/19 - Great Escape Day at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Experiments, outdoor fun. Age 6-12. 10 am-2 pm. \$25/resident; \$31.25/non-resident. Registration: 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

11/19 - Mini Mozart: Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. String class for younger students w/limited or no experience. Age 5-8. Every M through 1/28 (no class 12/24, 12/31 & 1/21) 4:30-5:30 pm. \$150/resident; \$188/non-resident. 281-8600; yomail@yopbc.org

11/19 - Fencing/Epee Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Fun, exciting introduction to fencing; learn fencing skills, forge new friendships, have a blast. Beginner M/F 7-8:15 pm \$100-\$125/monthly; intermediate/advanced M/W/F 7-10 pm \$135-\$168.75/monthly. 954-854-7843; sugarsandpark.org

11/19-21 - Animal Adventure Day Camp at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Games, crafts, educational activities instructors teach young conservationists about the importance of caring for/protecting sea turtles, other marine life. Experience close encounters w/resident sea turtles, visit a nesting beach. Grades 1-3. 8:30 am-noon. Per day \$25/member; \$30/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

11/19-21 - Thanksgiving Camp: Science Feast at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 4-12. 9 am-4 pm. \$140/member; \$155/non-member. Before/After care 7:30-9 am & 4-5:30 pm: \$10/day. RSVP: 832-2026; sfsiencecenter.org

11/19-21 - Thanksgiving Camp: Tech Invasion at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 7-14. 9 am-4 pm. \$170/member; \$185/non-member. Before/After care 7:30-9 am & 4-5:30 pm: \$10/day. RSVP: 832-2026; sfsiencecenter.org

11/19-23 - Youth Art Workshops: Give Thanks with Art at Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. Ages 6-11. 9 am-3 pm. \$50/day. 832-1776; armoryart.org

11/19-23 - Ocean Adventure Sea Program at Red Reef Park, 1400 N.State Road A1A & Silver Palm Park (F), 600 E. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. M-F. Age 5-15. 9 am-3 pm. \$260/resident; \$325/non-resident; daily \$79/resident, \$91/non-resident. After care (3-5 pm) \$20/day. 393-7807; myboca.us

Tuesday - 11/20 - Animal Keeper for a Day at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Kids may get messy! Age 9+. 10 am. \$10/person. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

11/20 - Mother Nature & Me: Thanksgiving with the Animals at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Experience exciting nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature

walks, crafts. Age 2-5 w/guardian. 10:30 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

11/20 - Family Fall Break Activities: Legos at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All ages. Children 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult. 2-4 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/20 - 3D Printer Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 7+. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

Wednesday - 11/21 - Archery 101 at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. USA Archery certified instructor. Learn basics of archery, indoor demonstration followed by outdoor target practice. Equipment provided, wear closed-toe shoes, bring sunscreen. Age 9+. 10 am. \$10/person/session. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

11/21 - Intro to Archery at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. USA Archery & N.F.A.A. certified instructor. Bow & arrow safety, how to properly use equipment, practice on range. Age 8+. 10:30 am. \$10. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

11/21 - Family Fall Break Activities: Peter Rabbit (PG) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All ages. Children 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult. 2-4 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/21 - Tween Explorers: Lava Lamps at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Friday - 11/23 - Family Fall Break Activities: Board Games at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All ages. Children 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult. 2-4 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Saturday - 11/24 - Story Time with Nature at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Discover nature through crafts, stories about animals, other nature-related themes. Age 4-10. 10 am. \$2. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

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Sunday - 11/25 - Sunday Family Movie: Monsters, Inc. (G) at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am; 2 pm sensory-friendly show. \$1 admission includes popcorn/beverage. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

11/25 - S'more Science: Crafty Creations at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Campfire program in the garden amphitheater w/a yummy treat. Different topic each month. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 5-6 pm. \$3/member; \$5/non-member. 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Tuesday - 11/27 - GEMS Club: Astronomy Adventure at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Empower young girls to explore STEM fields. Girls grades 3-8. High school girls can volunteer to be mentors. 5-7 pm. \$7/advance; \$9/at the door. Registration: 370-7710; sfsiencecenter.org/gem

Wednesday - 11/28 - NaNoWriMo Workshop at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. National Novel Writing Month activity to encourage/inspire writers. Age 9-14. 6-7 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Thursday - 11/29 - Taylored Athletes Basketball Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. High-quality instruction for aspiring young professional athletes. Elite training age 9-14; Fundamentals age 5-8. Every Th through 12/20 5:30-6:30 pm. \$100/resident; \$125/non-resident. 347-3950; tayloredathletes.com

Saturday - 12/1 - Little Wonders at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Hike, crafts, stories. Age 3-4. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Every 1st Sat 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

12/1 - smART: A New Kind of Cubism at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Studio workshops for families/intergenerational groups focus on artistic family fun to learn, create, enjoy the visual arts. 10-11 am. \$5/family. Reservations: 392-2500 x106; bocamuseum.org

12/1 - A Dickens Tale (G) presented by Bright Star Theatre at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Two shows: 11 am & 2 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/children 12 & under. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

12/1 - Nature Detectives at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. New mystery each month. Age 5-7 w/an adult. Every 1st Sat 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org



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The house features a spectacular new home theater and media room.

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