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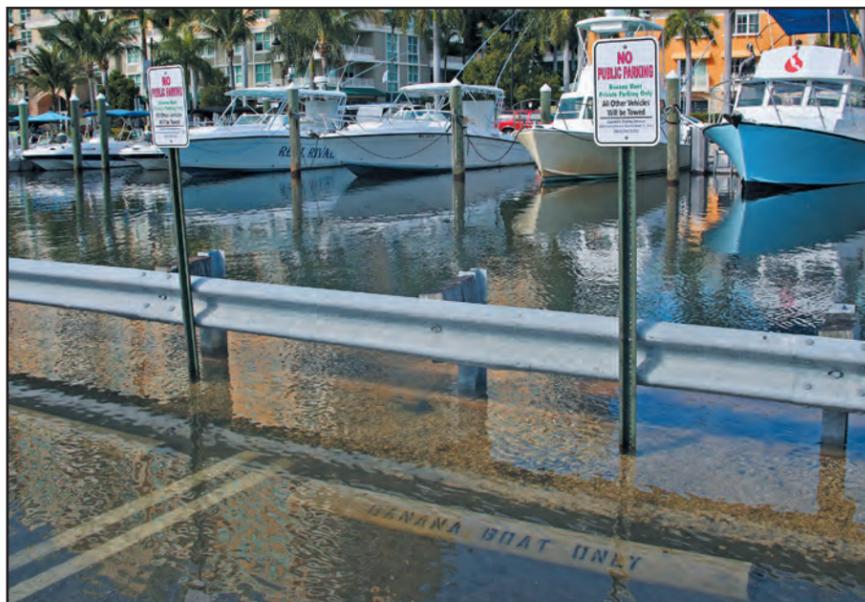


A perfect storm

Moon phases and weather patterns combined to create high tides and wild waves in November.

ABOVE: A surfer catches a ride off the beach at the north end of Spanish River Park in Boca Raton on Nov. 18. A winter-like storm off the Carolinas brought rolling surf to South Florida. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

RIGHT: A king tide driven by the high seas and a new moon floods the parking lot of the Banana Boat in Boynton Beach the same day. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**



Boynton Beach

Josie's will need new site when lease ends in 2026

By Jane Smith

Josie's Ristorante will have to leave its Riverwalk Plaza location by Nov. 30, 2026, when its lease ends, according to documents filed with the Palm Beach County clerk's office.

The Boynton Beach restaurant, which opened in 1992, has a strong following on the barrier island for its traditional Italian cuisine.

Until the lease ends, Josie's will share a valet operation with the nearby Prime Catch restaurant. That eatery owns the land and building at the southwestern base of the Woolbright Road bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway.

"We want to be good neighbors," said Luke Therien, whose family opened Prime Catch in 2004.

Prime Catch struck a deal in March 2018 with Isram Realty, owner of the Riverwalk

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A charitable windfall and a place to thrive for kids

'Havana Nights' raises \$1.6 million for nonprofits

By Charles Elmore

The price to get in started at \$6,000 a seat. Dress was chic Havana evening attire. Live music, dinner and a cocktail reception set the stage for a poker tournament of epic proportions at the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

Lest anyone be shocked — shocked! — to find gambling going on here, the proceeds went to charities offering preschool and after-school education, meals, help learning to read and a host of other services.

The Havana Nights Poker Charity Tournament delivered its biggest jackpot yet, more than \$1.6 million, for Achievement Centers for Children and

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Bobby Julien, CEO of the Kolter Group, and Sala Brown, his executive assistant, enjoy a comedy skit that was part of the poker extravaganza. Julien came up with the idea when he served on the Achievement Centers board. At left is Tarun Bhalla, Kolter's IT chief. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

As it turns 50, Achievement Centers 'at top of its game'

By Charles Elmore

In 1969, a moon landing, a raucous music festival near Woodstock, New York, and the Vietnam War dominated the news. Tucked into South Florida newspapers that fall: mention of a "pilot project" in Delray Beach to educate children of working parents who could not otherwise afford preschool.

The program set out to cap parent fees at \$2 a week and relied on community donations to keep the doors open, recalled Nancy Hurd. She was hired as a teacher and social worker fresh out of Michigan State University in that founding year for \$100 a week.

"I remember watching Neil

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Boca Soroptimist, 90, honored for a lifetime of helping others

By Margie Plunkett

Helen Babione has spent nearly 60 years in Boca Raton, reaching out to help people through her church, community organizations and the Babione-Kraeer Funeral Home that her husband, now deceased, had founded.

Babione, 90, was recently honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual Women of Distinction Breakfast of Soroptimist International Boca Raton/Deerfield Beach. She has been a member of the Soroptimists for about 50 years — the same for both the Boca Raton Woman's Club and Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League.

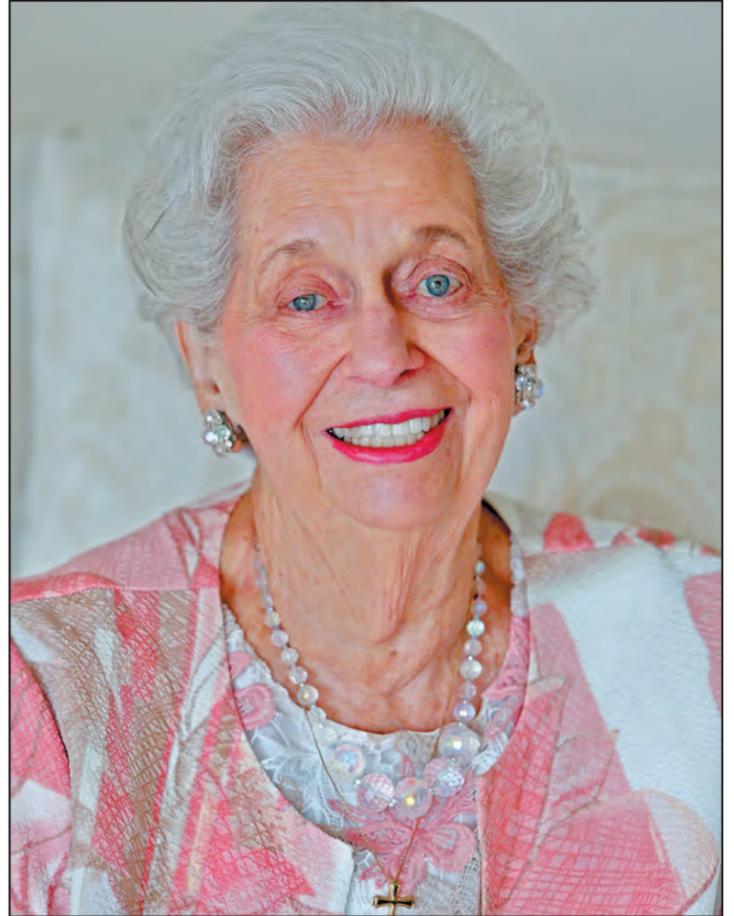
"I've been very blessed by having good friends who help me out," Babione said. "I don't do much. I get all the credit — my friends do all the work. And that's the truth."

The list of organizations and programs where she has made an impact is long, including the Rotary, Kiwanis and the Caridad Center. She is a founding member of Horses and the Handicapped and Twin Palms Center for the Disabled, and has often co-chaired the Go Pink Luncheon at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. She's also active in programs with her church, St. Joan of Arc.

"I like to work with children and people who need real help," Babione said, as well as with older people.

She added that working within a club, "you can get so much more done and don't have the attention on yourself." But that doesn't mean she's escaped the spotlight: "People give me attention all the time. They spoil me," Babione said.

She also thinks it's important for everybody to do something to help, pointing out that she's not wealthy, nor do you have to be wealthy to give. "Somebody told me years ago: The small money we need to keep the toilet



Helen Babione has lived in Boca for almost 60 years and says she enjoys working with people who need help, especially children and older adults. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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running. The big money we need for the buildings," Babione said.

Babione's late husband, Robert, was born in Lake Worth. Helen, who lived in Ohio, would travel to Lake Worth for part of the year to live with her brother, who had moved here for health reasons, and to waitress at a local eatery. There, she met Robert, who made deliveries to the restaurant. Helen came down permanently from Ohio in the late 1940s. "I feel more like a Florida person than an Ohio person," she says.

The couple spent some time in

Washington when Robert was in the service, and in Texas where he went to school to become a funeral director. They moved back to Lake Worth, Robert started the funeral home in Boca Raton, and in 1960, they settled in Boca.

They had seven children: Kathryn Babione Rogers, Phyllis Babione Haggerty and Ashley, Paul and Jean Babione. Two of their grown children, Robert Jr. and Mary Babione Veccia, have passed away. Helen has a total of 23 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her entire family, with the exception of one grandchild, lives in Palm Beach County.

Today, Helen is a consultant at the funeral home and stops by often, especially to greet and grieve with people she knows and introduce them to the funeral director. "I still enjoy helping the people. I feel like it helps them, and if it helps them, I want to be there to do it."

Keeping busy at charitable work in addition to helping at the funeral home is a plus for Babione, as well as those she supports. "I've been very fortunate as far as I'm concerned. I really appreciate doing it, too. It keeps my mind going better. It keeps me happier to know different people," she said.

With the length of time she has been in Boca Raton, Babione mentions that she is "blessed to know a lot of different types of people."

What she has also learned from meeting so many: "Everybody has a gift. No matter who they are, they have their own personal gift that I enjoy getting to know." ★

Editor's Note

Sparkling wishes for a light-filled holiday season

A family trip to Spain took me out of the Florida heat and into the chill of a more northern November. Luckily there were paellas and tapas, plus plenty of churros and chocolate and vino tinto to keep us warm. As we soaked in the art and history of the major cities, we watched as holiday lights were being strung across streets and throughout urban parks.

We departed just a few days before they were to be lit and surely now fill the evenings with wonder.

The trip reminded me that December is a month filled with lights, and the cool weather and decorations abroad put me in a holiday mood. So, I'm braced for the whirlwind of friends and family and all the maddening preparations and exhausting cleanup.

Bring it on. I'm also ready to simply enjoy the lights: the spiral-wound palm trees along A1A, the twinkling Christmas trees in parks and windows and the flickering candles on friends' menorahs.

Even the stars shining before dawn and the moon

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rising to illuminate the night bring about a meditative tranquility.

My hope is that as you partake in all of the December festivities, you too are able to stop and consider the calming influence of lights.

It's this calm we may all need to survive the coming month.

So, as holiday chaos ramps up, my wish for everyone is to have a sparkling holiday season filled with peace and hope — and, of course, nights brimming with the magic of light.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and, from Spain, Feliz Navidad.



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Plaza. In exchange for about .3 acres of waterfront land that Prime Catch owned, it will be guaranteed to exclusively keep 50 shared parking spaces after Josie's lease ends. Isram also agreed not to rent Josie's site to another sit-down restaurant.

Josie's owners could not be reached for comment, and a representative at the restaurant declined to comment.

Isram recently filed plans with Boynton Beach showing how it could build a 10-story,

U-shaped apartment complex.

Josie's will become a free-standing building after demolition of the Winn-Dixie structure starts in mid-December, said Baruch Cohen, Isram's chief operating officer.

Isram has not decided what to do with the building when Josie's lease ends, Cohen said. He did not know whether there would be space for Josie's at another location in Riverwalk.

On Nov. 5, the Boynton Beach City Commission approved the project's plat.

The Hallandale-based company paid \$9.5 million for

the aging shopping center in March 2011. The Winn-Dixie grocery in the nearly 10-acre plaza closed in January 2015.

That closing allowed Isram to make plans to redevelop the center into a complex that includes apartments, stating the change was a better use of the waterfront land.

In January 2017, a previous City Commission approved the 326-unit project despite residents' objections to the height and mass at the base of the bridge.

Throughout 2019, Isram has worked on erecting two buildings along Federal Highway, which will house a Chipotle's fast-casual restaurant and another tenant.

Isram renovated another building in the plaza housing a Walgreens drugstore, Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft store, Sushi

Simon restaurant and Bond Street Ale and Coffee.

The two restaurants were renting space in the Winn-Dixie building.

At the same time, Isram had to update the underground utilities, fix the drainage for the complex and raise the parking lot, creating driving challenges for customers and diners.

Now, that work is moving into the area in front of Josie's and Prime Catch.

Work will be done in two phases, Cohen said. The north part will be shut down first, then the southern part.

Therien expects that area to be ripped up for the next three months. Workers will install upgraded lines for water, sewer, storm water, electrical and natural gas.

The big thing will be the installation of an exfiltration

trench that must sit above the water table. The parking lot will be raised 1.5 to 2 feet to accommodate the trench storing runoff, according to the city.

The trenches allow the runoff to ooze through a filter of rocks and enter the groundwater system. Excess water would flow out to the Intracoastal.

During the parking lot renovation, Prime Catch closed for about six weeks starting in September to remodel the interior and exterior.

"The first thing we did was to change the layout," said Therien, whose family also owns the waterfront Banana Boat restaurant in Boynton Beach.

"When you walked into the restaurant, you faced a wall. Now, you can see the waterfront.

"It's lighter and brighter with more windows." ★



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Police officers commended for saving two

By Mary Thurwachter

Three Lantana police officers were given lifesaving awards — and a standing ovation — for having prevented two suicide attempts on I-95 overpasses in September.

Police Chief Sean Scheller, who made the presentations during the Nov. 25 Town Council meeting, shared the details, and in one case video from the police car, of the rescues.

On Sept. 24, Officer Ngin Tuang responded to I-95 and West Lantana Road regarding a suicidal woman atop the overpass, Scheller said. Tuang establish rapport with the woman to distract her. During the conversation, Tuang was able to inch close enough to grab her from the railing and pull her to safety.

"Officer Tuang's swift and decisive action clearly saved this woman's life and may have

prevented additional injury or death on an unsuspecting motorist traveling on the interstate," Scheller said.

On Sept. 29, police were called to the I-95 overpass at Hypoluxo Road, where a man was straddling the guardrail above the southbound lanes of the interstate.

Officer Jacquelyn Cucca talked to the man until she and her partner, Officer Luis Morales, were able to get close enough to pull him off the wall. Scheller, who showed a video captured by a squad car camera, praised Cucca for her patience and calming demeanor, and both officers for their work.

"Their decisive action and teamwork clearly saved this man's life and may have prevented additional deaths or injuries to the unsuspecting motorists below," Scheller said.

"This doesn't happen often," he said, referring to suicide attempts from overpasses, "and

I'm so proud of these officers."

Among other police honored at the meeting was Officer Elizabeth Waldkoetter, who received the Employee of the Third Quarter award for leading the department's efforts to collect and deliver supplies to the Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian.

"Elizabeth worked diligently with town staff and local residents in coordinating relief efforts for those dramatically affected in the Bahamas," Scheller said. Waldkoetter secured a local vessel, which made several trips to the Bahamas.

In other news, Town Manager Deborah Manzo introduced the town's new development services director, Nicole Dritz, effective Nov. 18.

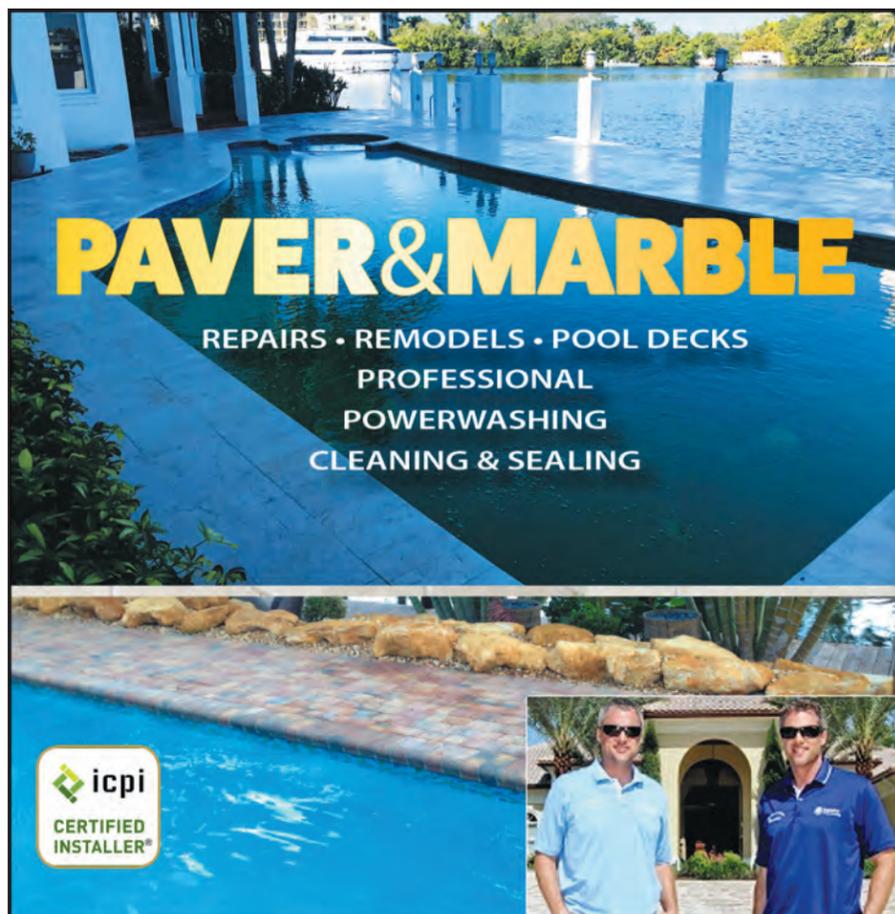
Dritz, 30, has worked for the town for five years and has been the town clerk. She replaces David Thatcher, who resigned in October after 19 years with the town.

Her responsibilities will include managing the building division, code enforcement, planning and economic development functions. She will oversee the town's redevelopment efforts, which include drafting codes, creating land use categories, amending the comprehensive plan and developing strategies for commercial and residential revitalization.

Dritz has a bachelor's degree in urban and regional planning from FAU and served as the town's community planner for three years. She also served as assistant public works director and interim library director.

Until a new clerk is hired, Dritz will do double duty as clerk and development services director.

In other action, the Town Council gave Manzo a glowing evaluation and a 6% pay increase — from \$148,542 a year to \$157,455. Her contract was extended until 2023. ★



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Aerial sculpture will connect four new buildings

By Jane Smith

The Atlantic Crossing project in downtown Delray Beach will sport an aerial net sculpture when it's finished in about four years.

There are four buildings that need to be finished to hold up the 209-foot-long aerial sculpture spanning Northeast Seventh Avenue, about one block north of East Atlantic Avenue, said Paul Campbell.

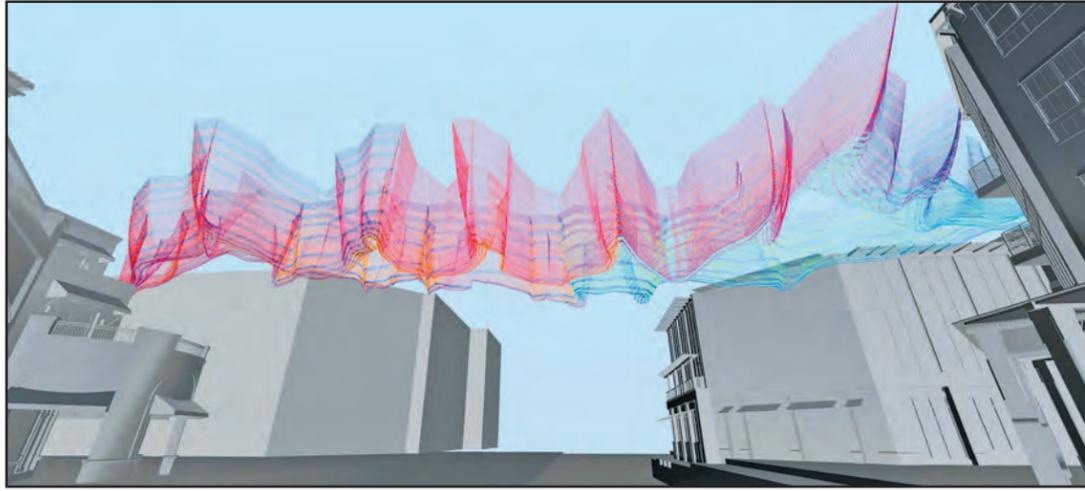
Campbell, the project's main architect, said he didn't know the estimated end date when he appeared Nov. 13 before a city advisory board.

The Atlantic Crossing developer, the Ohio-based Edwards Cos., also declined to give an estimated end date. In August, the company predicted the project would be fully developed by 2023.

The \$300 million mixed-use project occupies 9.2 acres at the northeast corner of Northeast Fifth and East Atlantic avenues.

Don DeVere, Edwards vice president, wrote through his publicist Andrea Knibbs that the first building is on schedule to break ground by the end of the year. It will be a combination of retail, restaurant and office space with three signed tenants.

The first floor of that building will stand at 11 feet



Once construction of the four main buildings is complete in the Atlantic Crossing project, art that represents fishing nets will be erected to link them. **Rendering provided**

on the east side and 13.3 feet on the west side, Delray Beach spokeswoman Gina Carter wrote in a Nov. 18 email.

The garage underneath that building has a 3-foot-thick slab, making the garage ceiling height 9 feet 6 inches, according to Carter, who answered questions directed to the city's Public Works Department.

The city's Site Plan Review and Appearance Board approved the aerial sculpture and other project changes unanimously on Nov. 13 in its second meeting on the issues. When Campbell came before board members on Oct. 16, he was unable to answer all their questions about the aerial

sculpture and other changes.

The sculpture, made by fiber artist Janet Echelman, will be supported on a frame that is attached to the four buildings, Campbell said. The frame stands out 8 to 10 feet from the buildings, minimizing contact with the structures.

"It can withstand 185-mph winds, just like the buildings," he said. "But the sculpture can be damaged by flying debris."

The Atlantic Crossing developer is discussing at what wind speed the sculpture will come down, what kind of process will be used — manual or powered — and what kind of fabric will be used to create the netting.

"There are two choices," Campbell said. "Polyester nylon is cheaper but lasts about five years. The 20-year solution is a Teflon fabric, but it's more costly."

A similar Echelman sculpture is going up in the St. Petersburg Pier District, he said. There, the team had to satisfy the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission concerns about bird safety. The team was able to show that even a subtle breeze makes the sculpture move, keeping birds away, Campbell said.

Trellis added to road

Another noticeable Atlantic Crossing change is the addition

of a trellis covering the two-way road that will be created to connect Northeast Federal Highway to Northeast Seventh Avenue. The road also will have a speed bump to slow traffic.

Nearby raised planters will be deeper, allowing for more soil and a variety of plants, Campbell said.

Other changes are minor touches to the architecture to create more interesting columns and other features.

A Palm Trail Homeowners Association representative asked about the temporary closure of Northeast Seventh Avenue and Northeast First Street. That group wants to close the intersection permanently to vehicles.

The city's principal planner, Scott Pape, explained the review process.

One year after the last building is issued a certificate of occupancy, the city engineer and city staff will evaluate whether a permanent closure is needed, Pape said. The process was included in the developer's conditions of approval.

Overall, the SPRAB members liked the changes that Campbell presented.

"I like it," said vice chairman Todd L'Herrou. "A lot of little changes made a big difference." ★



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South Palm Beach

Proposal on March ballot seeks 4-year terms for council, mayor

By Dan Moffett

South Palm Beach voters will have several important charter amendments to consider when they go to the polls for the March 17 municipal election, and the results of the voting could change the town's governance for years to come.

Probably the most consequential amendment proposal is a referendum that would increase the term of Town Council members and the mayor from two years to four. It would also extend the terms of council members elected in March 2019 to March 2022.

The change to longer terms has the approval of at least four current council members who believe the town should reduce the expense of frequent

elections, improve efficiency by allowing officials to gain experience and decrease the time spent on campaigning.

"It will save us some money," said Mayor Bonnie Fischer, "and it should help with stability."

Fischer was elected to council in 2011. She is halfway through her fifth 2-year term.

The extended term referendum was one of a bundle of ballot measures the council approved at its Nov. 12 meeting.

Another proposed amendment calls for removing charter restrictions on the council's power to increase or decrease council members' pay. In 2017, the council narrowly passed an ordinance that raised the mayor's monthly salary from \$250 to \$500 and boosted council members' pay from

\$250 to \$300. The proposed amendment would make it easier for the council to change compensation.

"We're not extending our terms or giving ourselves raises," said Councilman Bill LeRoy. "We're asking you to allow us to do that."

Also approved for the March election is a proposal that would make it easier for citizens to put initiatives on the ballot by reducing the number of petition signatures needed to qualify, from 15% of registered voters to 10%.

Council members also approved a proposed amendment that would give the mayor's position the power to declare emergencies — a measure they hope would help expedite storm evacuations.

Two other charter issues on the ballot are essentially housekeeping measures that clean up outdated language.

Two seats on the council are scheduled to be contested in the March election, those held by Vice Mayor Robert Gottlieb and Councilwoman Stella Gaddy Jordan. The qualifying period for candidates began at noon Dec. 3 and runs until noon Dec. 17.

In other business:

- Palm Beach County Sheriff's Maj. Chris Keane told the council his deputies "were completely over the moon" because of the warm reception they've received from residents.

Keane said he expects the seven former South Palm Beach police officers to complete their sheriff's training regimen in November and be ready to return to duty in the town by December.

In June, the council voted to approve a 10-year contract with PBSO for its law enforcement services.

Sheriff Ric Bradshaw has scheduled a meet-and-greet barbecue luncheon for the town from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 12 at The Barclay condominiums, 3546 S. Ocean Blvd.

Deputies will be on hand to show off new equipment and answer questions.

- Town Manager Robert Kellogg said officials are making progress on getting the last of the 16 easements needed from condo and property owners to begin a three-week, \$700,000 dune restoration project with the town of Palm Beach early next year — perhaps before the end of April.

Kellogg and Fischer said the management of the sand distribution, start date and timetable will be up to Palm Beach, which holds the permits and funding for the project.

"We're going along for the ride," said Kellogg.

"They're basically doing us a favor," said Fischer. ★

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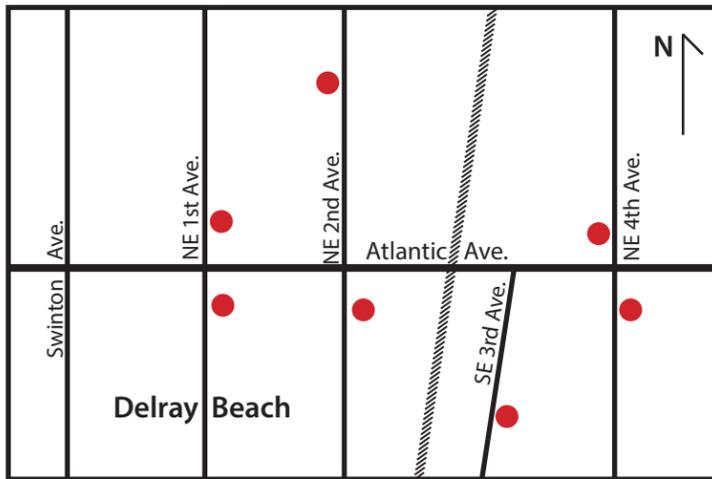
New rules for pickup and drop-off send drivers off Atlantic

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach is tackling gridlock downtown by forcing delivery truck drivers and ride-share vehicles off bustling East Atlantic Avenue and onto the side streets.

The city now has seven designated side street stops that are marked with signs that read: Ride-share only.

Although the stops are designated for ride-share, delivery drivers must also use them during the day to unload their trucks. Ride-share drivers of vehicles, such as Uber and Freebee, must use the spots between 5 p.m. and 3 a.m. to pick up or drop off passengers.



Seven ride-share pickup and drop-off points (in red) have been designated near Atlantic Avenue. **Staff graphic**

The drivers can spend only 5 minutes in the spot. Delivery

drivers have no time limit for unloading.

The new rule also includes any drop-off or pickup of passengers on East Atlantic between Swinton and Fifth avenues. This includes friends or family.

The city started the program Nov. 1. Drivers caught discharging or picking up passengers were warned the first time, said Nairoby Bravo, police spokeswoman. The second time, they received a nonmoving citation of \$115. The number of citations issued in November was not available.

“We’re following what airports do by having designated drop-off and pickup zones,” said Mark Denkler, chairman of the city’s Parking

Management Advisory Board. Its members approved the plan.

Denkler operates three shoe stores downtown. He has seen that stretch of East Atlantic become clogged when no parking spaces are open, and the vehicles simply stop in the middle of East Atlantic to let out passengers or pick them up.

For people with mobility problems, the side-street solution is the lesser of two evils, Denkler said.

“It’s less dangerous for them,” he said. “Having the ride-share companies and even relatives turn down a side street, it adds only a half block that they have to walk or be pushed in a wheelchair.” ★

iPic changes hands in bankruptcy court; local execs resign

By Jane Smith

Hamid Hashemi and three other men resigned from their executive positions with iPic Entertainment on Nov. 15.

It was the same day that its lender gained control of the iPic luxury theater chain through an affiliate, iPic Theaters.

The new company operates iPic theaters in 15 cities and remains based in Boca Raton. The lender, Retirement Systems of Alabama, canceled the lease Oct. 31 for headquarters office space in its new theater building in Delray Beach, now called 4th & 5th Delray.

In 2015, Hashemi had promised to move the company’s headquarters to Delray Beach. He persuaded city leaders to approve his project with a promise of higher-paying jobs in Delray Beach.

Also, on Oct. 31, RSA canceled the lease for the corporate apartment in Boca Raton.

The changes were allowed because RSA had made the winning bid for the iPic assets in bankruptcy court, offering \$51.8 million. The luxury movie theater chain had filed for bankruptcy court protection

on Aug. 5 in Delaware, when it was crumbling under a \$220 million debt load to RSA.

When iPic began in 2010, Hashemi had a novel approach to movie theaters by providing reclining seats and food service. Soon, competitors began providing the same luxury movie-watching experience.

In addition, fewer people were going to the movies, preferring to stream movies in the comfort of their homes.

In Delray Beach, a complex of eight iPic theaters opened in March. Its pod seating allows two people to sit together, perfect for date nights but not for a group of friends. Even with the membership program, people must pay about \$26 for a movie ticket on weekends.

RSA has no comment at this time, spokeswoman Michelle Soudry said via email. The publicist for the 4th and 5th Delray building owners did not respond to an email seeking comment.

In bankruptcy court, the new company paid \$78,000 of the \$135,947 owed, or 57%, for theater space in Delray Beach, according to a Nov. 18 filing.

In Boca Raton’s Mizner Park, landlord Brookfield National Properties received

nearly \$42,966 of the \$79,107 owed, or 54%, for office and theater space, also filed on Nov. 18.

Separately, the 4th and 5th Delray building owners asked for parking and valet sign approval on Nov. 13 from the city’s Site Plan Review and Appearance Board.

The owners need to remove two sandwich-board signs directing customers to the valet stand and 90 public parking spaces in its garage, which also serves iPic customers and office

users.

Retailers and office building owners are not allowed to use those signs in Delray Beach, said Mark Denkler, chairman of the city’s Parking Management Advisory Board. Only restaurants can use them to show their menus, he said.

Delray Beach is working on a “wayfinding sign” program to show the location of public parking lots and garages, museums, shopping, etc. In December, some sign options will be shown to the city’s

Community Redevelopment Agency board.

Consequently, the SPRAB members approved 4-foot-tall orange signs for the valet and public parking. The signs project out from the building by nearly 6 feet and will be attached at the bottom of the second floor.

The word “Valet” will be used and a capital P for the public parking. The white letters will be outlined in dark brown. The double-sided signs will be illuminated at night. ★

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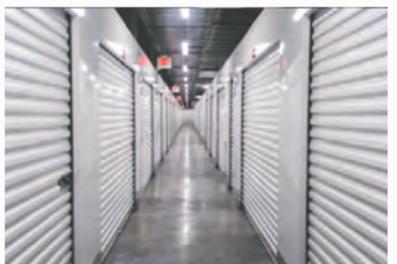


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Families in Delray Beach and other nonprofits in its latest incarnation Nov. 7.

More than 130 businesses sponsored the participants.

Fellow organizers said the concept goes back to a suggestion from Bobby Julien, chief executive officer of the Kolter Group, a real estate development firm based in Delray Beach. Julien, a former Achievement Centers board member, wondered if there might be a different route to raise money instead of, say, a golf tournament or formal dinner. He said he heard about a similar event in another market and thought it might offer an entertaining twist.

"I don't like wearing a black tie," Julien said, stepping outside the Cathedral Room at the Boca Raton Resort & Club as the din of festivities hummed inside. "I liked the idea of something more casual."

Michael Neal, chief executive officer of Kast Construction in West Palm Beach and a former board member at Achievement Centers himself, remembered that Julien even had an idea for the venue.

"He said, 'Let's do it at the Boca Resort,'" Neal said. "Boom. Home run."

A record night of giving

Charity watchers said the total amount raised ranks



Dan Economos and his brother Nicholas Jr. (far right) are part of the charity event that raised one of the largest single-night amounts in county history. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

among the largest single-night events in a county with a history of big-ticket largess.

A February gala in Palm Beach raised a reported \$1.5 million for Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County. Also early in 2019, the Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society raised \$1.75 million at its annual Tropical Safari Gala, according

to published reports.

"Palm Beach County is recognized as one of Florida's most philanthropic counties," said Bradley Hurlburt, president and CEO of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. "We are very fortunate to live in a community where people understand the importance and are committed

to giving back to those in need throughout the year."

The focus of the poker event is on nonprofits based in the communities they serve, Julien said: "We want to serve grass-roots charities."

The total this year surpassed anything else seen in the four times the event has been staged, with planning and preparation

taking as long as two to three years between galas, according to organizers. The 2016 event raised more than \$1 million, a spokesman said.

The leading beneficiary is Achievement Centers, which is celebrating its 50-year anniversary of providing preschool and after-school care and education, among other programs.

"This is incredible," said Stephanie Seibel, chief executive officer at Achievement Centers, sporting a fedora for the occasion. "The people on our boards are so willing to jump in and help. People are there for the right reasons."

The event provides the single largest source of private-sector donations for her organization, Seibel said.

Precise contributions were still being tallied, but more than a dozen charities will benefit in all, organizers said. One of them is Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, whose chief executive, Kristin Calder, was in attendance as well.

"It really is wonderful to be the recipient of the generosity flowing this evening," Calder said.

Why do it? A place like Achievement Centers "steals your heart," Neal said.

Julien said, "A lot of people need help. We love giving back." ★



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Armstrong come down the ladder to the surface of the moon and thinking, 'What a time to be alive,' Hurd said.

While it was exciting to help launch a project, she didn't quite imagine she would become its CEO and work there until she retired in 2013, she said.

But what would eventually become known as the Achievement Centers for Children and Families had a way of grabbing people. It pulled them into its orbit.

It celebrates a 50th anniversary in 2019 with a legacy built on thousands of individual stories. Teachers. Donors. Volunteers. Parents. And students like Wendy Fleuridor, now 33.

"It's really the reason I am who I am and do what I do," Fleuridor said.

By her own account, she went from being a kid at risk of falling behind right out of the educational starting gate to a track standout and cheerleader and honor student. She graduated from Florida State University and then took an advanced degree in physical therapy, the field that employs her now.

At her house, "there were times when the lights were cut off. The water was cut off."

Her parents came from Haiti. They spoke Creole and "couldn't really help me with homework," she said.

Both parents worked, sometimes more than one job at a time in hotel maintenance, restaurants or botanical nurseries.

At 3 years old, she entered a place that offered not just an introduction to subjects such as reading, writing and math but, as she saw it, fun. She wanted to go. The kids got meals. They played music and games. Gifts materialized on occasions like birthdays and Christmas.

"It's where I learned English," Fleuridor said.

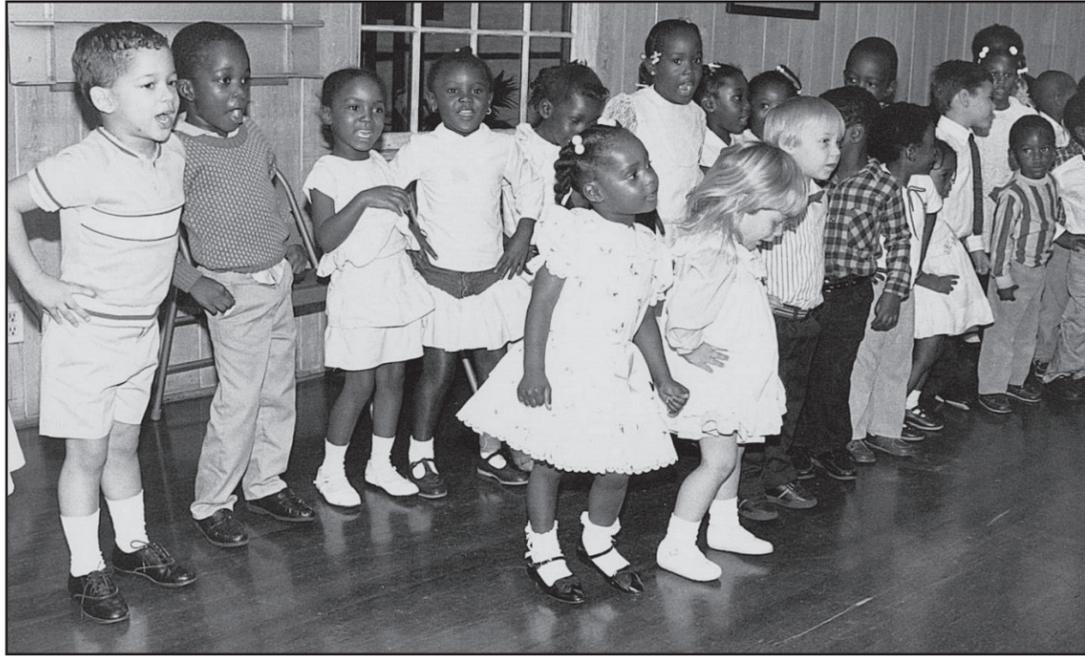
Like those of many other people associated with the Achievement Centers, hers is a multigenerational story. She serves on the parents board, and her son Diyari, 5, recently graduated from the preschool program. He even gave a talk about Benjamin Banneker, the African-American author, surveyor and naturalist, she said.

"He gave a speech and shockingly, he knew it," Fleuridor said. "He really blossomed by coming here."

Today Achievement Centers serves about 900 children annually at three Delray Beach locations: the main Nancy K. Hurd Campus at 555 NW Fourth St., plus programs at Village Academy and Pine Grove Elementary.

The nonprofit organization runs toddler, preschool and after-school programs, teen and summer camps, and initiatives that help families connect with resources to help them manage budgets and build stability.

It regularly draws top-tier



accreditation scores, and its foundation maintains a four-star or highest rating from Charity Navigator.

It serves 243,000 free meals a year.

CEO Stephanie Seibel credits "the entire Achievement Centers community — from the people that work here, to the children that play here, the people that make this place run behind the scenes, the boards that govern, the parents and families that entrust us, the teens that keep things lively, our donors that support us, our volunteers — all of them. It's truly a special place."

One of those volunteers is Michael Katz, 64. He said he retired from a career in the retail business among other ventures and wanted to do something meaningful.

He said he realized he was no trained educator when he started, and tried to take his cues from the teachers and the students themselves.

When learning letters of the alphabet, for example, some kids responded well when working in pairs and competing to see who could get the right answer first, Katz discovered. They made it a

game.

"For these kids it means the world," he said. "It gives them a foundation. It gives them confidence. When they go to kindergarten they feel like 'I can do this.' I'm proud to be volunteering and have a connection to it."

Tanise Cox, the senior director of out-of-school operations, said, "It's a good feeling to have parents and students come back to share stories and tell us how they appreciate what we did."

Ninety-eight percent of Achievement Centers' early-learning graduates who attended at least 70% of the time meet or exceed kindergarten readiness as measured by the Bracken School Readiness Assessment, officials say. Nearly a quarter are rated advanced or very advanced.

That kind of performance helped win trust and accreditation at a host of agencies. These days, about half of the group's \$4.5 million annual budget comes from government grants and programs such as Head Start, Seibel said. The rest comes from parent fees and private

African drums.

"We formed our own drum line and the older children got really good," Hurd said. "They livened up many a parade and fundraiser."

Another activity gave instruction in meditation and calming skills.

"We really tried to stay on the cutting edge with everything that made learning a joy," Hurd said.

By 1974, host churches were rebuilding and reorganizing and could no longer house the enterprise. Some residents expressed concerns about a proposed move to a house at 215 SE First Ave. on the grounds the center would bring too much traffic and noise. Initially the plan was denied by a city planning and zoning board. A sympathetic City Commission finally approved the project.

Eventually, the support of key members of the business community and elected leaders paved the way for the construction of a complex on Northwest Fourth Street.

"It's a legacy for this city," Hurd said. "It's certainly to their credit they supported us when we didn't have two nickels to rub together."

One goal that has not changed is keeping parent fees affordable.

Achievement Centers officials say they provide a scholarship rate for toddlers and preschoolers at \$70 per week and \$30 per week for after-school.

Families that qualify for what are termed government scholarships may pay as little as \$5 per week. Head Start families pay nothing, officials said.

That's a far cry from what commercial providers charge, making it possible for mothers in particular to adapt to big changes in the American economy.

In 1969, women made up 37.8% of the workforce, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Five decades later, it is just under 48%.

Unemployment levels have been running below 4% in Palm Beach County, well within what economists typically consider "full employment." That suggests the economy is not only absorbing those workers in its stride but in fact relying on them to function at full steam.

"As people began to see how successful it was, I would tell potential donors the parents now are taxpayers and not tax-drainers," Hurd said. "They're working one and sometimes two jobs. Our children are now going into school ahead of the curve instead of behind. And we keep them there."

Sometimes moon shots work out. Fleuridor, the former student and now a working mother, needs little convincing that Achievement Centers proved to be a success story and a source of pride in her hometown.

"I'm very grateful," she said. ★

TOP: Children danced at a holiday party in 1974 at one of the churches that hosted programs in the early years. **ABOVE LEFT:** Groundbreaking at the current Achievement Centers site in 1985. **ABOVE:** Nancy Hurd was a teacher at the start and then the CEO. She retired in 2013. **LEFT:** Wendy Fleuridor was a student at age 3 and now belongs to the parents board. **Photos provided and Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

fundraising. Achievement Centers is the lead beneficiary of a charity poker tournament at the Boca Raton Resort & Club that raised \$1.6 million in November, for example.

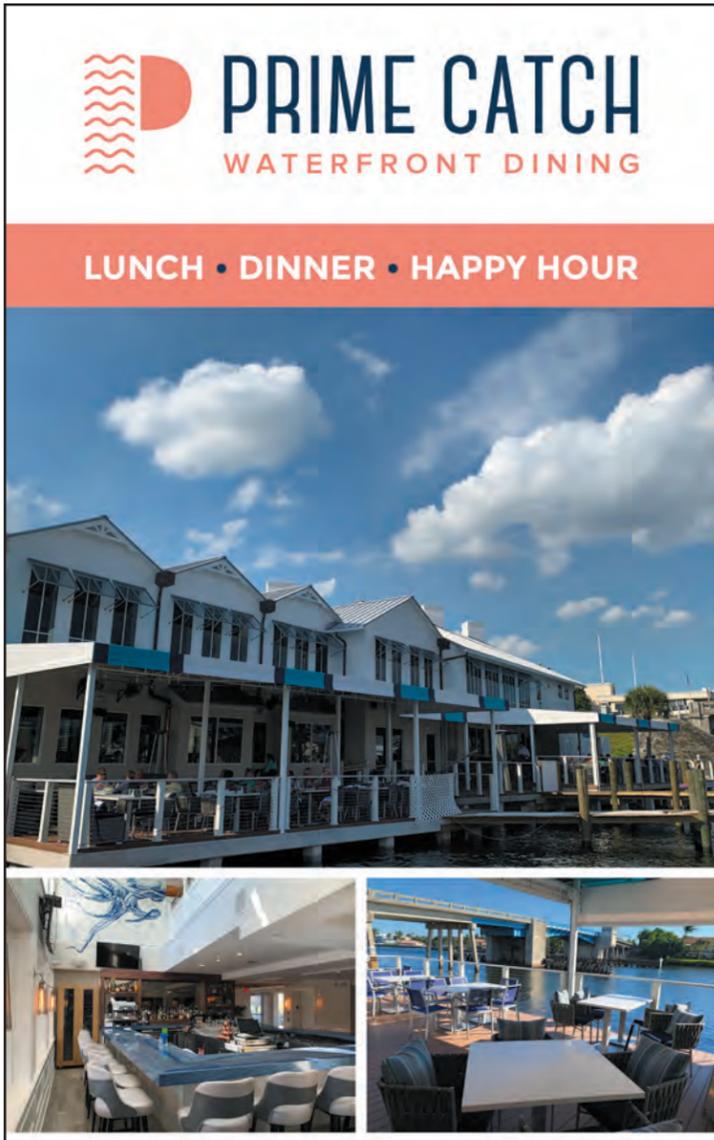
Modest beginnings

But before Achievement Centers became "a homegrown program at the top of its game," Hurd said, its future was anything but obvious.

"There was no road map when we started," Hurd said, with no mandatory kindergarten in Florida and few regulations for preschool education. "This was a cottage industry run largely in churches and people's homes. We started out very modest, very small."

Founded as Community Child Care Center of Delray Beach, it welcomed an initial batch of 20 students in donated Sunday school classrooms, soon to be followed by another group at a second church.

Over time, the scope expanded to older children in after-school programs, which included computer education, music, dance, art, homework assistance, hands-on science experiments and learning



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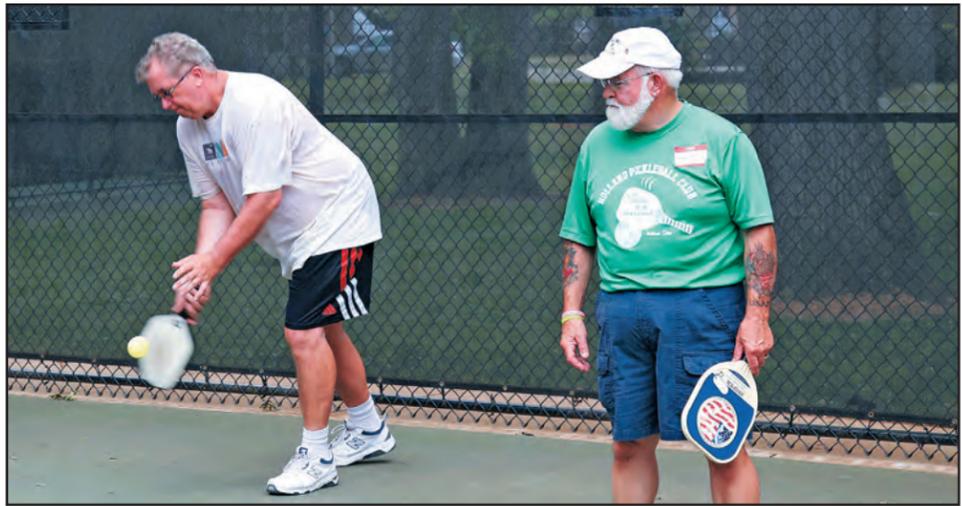
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The Patriot Pickleball website shows players using the sound-dampening Sniper paddle. Photo provided

Gulf Stream

Neighbors not happy to hear about Little Club's plan to add pickleball courts

By Steve Plunkett

Pickleball may be coming to the Little Club but — shhh! — play will have to be very, very quiet.

Town commissioners asked that an independent acoustic engineer examine how loud two proposed pickleball courts would be, tabling a potential agreement hashed out over multiple meetings of the club, neighbors and the Architecture Review and Planning Board.

Conditions imposed by the ARPB would have players using only foam balls with “sound-dampening characteristics” and paddles no louder than the patent-pending Sniper “Quiet” paddle.

Play would be limited from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends.

The club would also put acoustic fencing around the courts along with landscaping to improve the looks.

“The Little Club has made tremendous effort, I believe from my research, made every effort that they can to reduce the noise impact from the proposed two pickleball courts,” Mayor Scott Morgan said.

But Morgan was not ready to approve the conditions of use.

“Noise is one of those

features that is variable and ill-defined and not easily quantifiable,” he said.

Nine residents, mostly from the Hillside House and St. Andrews Club directly east and north of the proposed courts, urged commissioners to tell the Little Club to find another place for pickleball.

“If you haven’t played pickleball yourself or gone to it, go online and just Google pickleball, lawsuits, noise — and you’ll fall over at what it is that people have found out about the playing of this game,” St. Andrews Club resident and Little Club member Marilyn Benoit said.

The town’s code already restricts where comparatively quieter tennis courts can go, Commissioner Paul Lyons said. “No tennis court ... shall be located, designed, operated or maintained to interfere unduly with the enjoyment of property rights by owners of the properties adjoining the tennis courts,” he said.

Sophie Bent, who owns two Hillside House units, said the Little Club’s original plan positioned the courts 25 feet from her window.

“Now the new plan is about 50 feet from our window so it’s kind of an improvement but not

much of an improvement,” Bent said. “It’s not as bad of a plan but it’s still a bad plan, in my view.”

St. Andrews resident Carol Smith said a consultant in Arizona who specializes in controlling pickleball noise recommends that courts be at least 500 feet from residences.

Ros Curtis, president of the Little Club, welcomed the additional study the mayor wanted and said the club wants to be a good neighbor.

“Hopefully that will yield some more factual conclusions that people will be comfortable with, and we can go from there,” Curtis said.

A relatively new sport, pickleball is played on a court about one-fourth the size of a tennis court and combines elements of tennis, badminton and pingpong.

The game “is definitely noisier than tennis due to the hard paddle and plastic ball,” notes Pickleball Portal, an online blog. “Tennis is relatively quiet, the sound of the ball coming off the racket strings is very muted compared to the clack, clack, clack of pickleball paddles hitting the ball.”

The fast-growing sport has generated lawsuits from neighbors in Newport Beach, California, and Aiken, South Carolina, the blog says. Arizona’s Sun City Grand Pickleball Courts even has a list of “Approved (Green Zone)” and “Banned (Red Zone)” paddles.

The Sniper paddle that received the ARPB’s blessing coats a polypropylene honeycomb core with polyurethane foam to dampen noise. Patriot Pickleball, its manufacturer, promises that “for players who live in areas where the ‘pickleball pop’ is an issue for neighbors, this paddle promises to be the quietest yet.”

In other business, town commissioners hired Baxter and Woodman, their consultant on replacing the water main on north A1A, to update a 2002 study on building an underground sewer system for Gulf Stream and estimate construction costs. The firm will be paid \$32,265 for the update and return with a final report in March. ★

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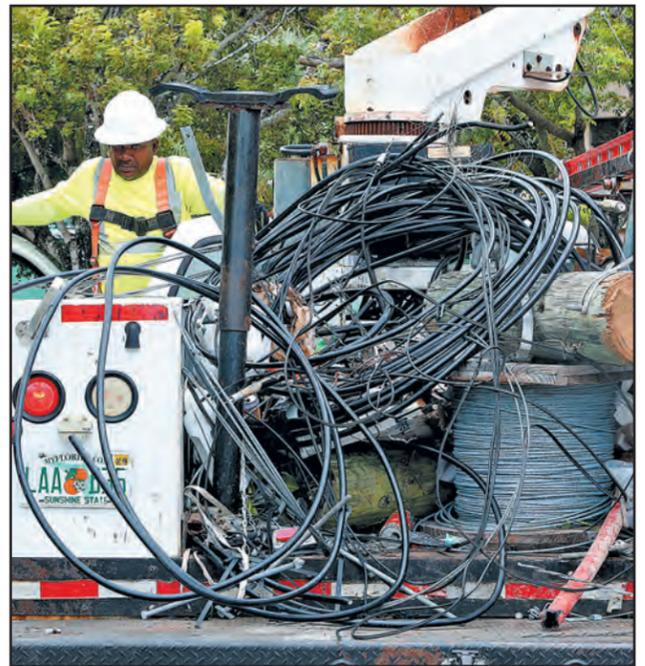

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Moving a historic house
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TOP: The 1937 Wellbrock House, designed by Samuel Ogren Sr., was gingerly relocated by the Community Redevelopment Agency to CRA property on North Swinton Avenue, where it will become CRA offices. It took house mover Pat Burdette nearly 11 hours to navigate the nine-block route. Delray Beach architect Roger Cope led the move to preserve the house, which was slated for demolition. It was the longtime winter home of John C. Wellbrock, a prominent produce broker. **ABOVE:** AT&T employees recorded the house move. **RIGHT:** Utility lines and traffic lights were raised and lowered and some tree limbs removed to allow the house to pass. **Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Along the Coast

Coastal Star wins 10 state journalism awards

By Steve Plunkett

Florida Press Club judges honored *The Coastal Star* with three first-place awards, five seconds and two thirds in the annual Excellence in Journalism Competition last month.

Top awards in their categories were to Editor Mary Kate Leming (commentary) for her columns on the murderous attack at a newspaper office in Maryland, guns and suicide, and local environmental awareness; to Ron Hayes (arts news) for a feature on murals being painted in a Boca Raton park; and to Scott Simmons and others (feature page design) for laying out stories and photos on Thanksgiving toasts, Publix scales and the new Norton Museum.

Runners-up went to Rich Pollack

(in-depth reporting and education writing) for coverage of a Highland Beach homicide and a profile of the retiring head of Gulf Stream School; to Gretel Sarmiento (arts news) for reviews at the Norton and the Boca Museum of Art; to Dan Moffett (government news) for reports on South Palm Beach and Ocean Ridge; and to Steve Plunkett (public safety news) for coverage of a former Ocean Ridge vice mayor's felony trial.

Third-place awards were given to Joyce Reingold (health writing) for columns on 3-D mammography at Bethesda Women's Medical Center and other subjects, and to Brian Biggane (sports feature) for articles including Delray Beach's renown as a mecca for tennis. ★

Boynton Beach

Petty takes over as interim fire chief after Joseph retires from public service

By Jane Smith

Boynton Beach Fire Rescue has a new leader.

Matthew Petty, previously deputy chief, is the interim chief after Glenn Joseph resigned on Nov. 29. Joseph's salary was \$145,376.

Boynton Beach hired Petty as a firefighter in February 2008. He received promotions over the years and most recently was named the deputy chief of administration in March. His salary was \$117,998.

On Dec. 1, Petty became interim director of fire rescue services. His new salary is \$135,000.



Petty

City Manager Lori LaVerriere is searching for a permanent fire chief. Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes both contract with Boynton Beach for fire rescue services.

Joseph started as the Boynton Beach fire chief on May 2, 2016, following the retirement of Chief Ray Carter that January.

"I always planned to stay three to five years with Boynton," said Joseph, who had spent 29 years with the city of Boca Raton, the last nine as deputy fire chief.

Joseph, 56, said he will take six months to one year off to regroup and then consider teaching or consulting.

"I haven't had a full night's sleep in more than three years," he said. The stress and demanding nature of the job began to take their toll, he said. ★




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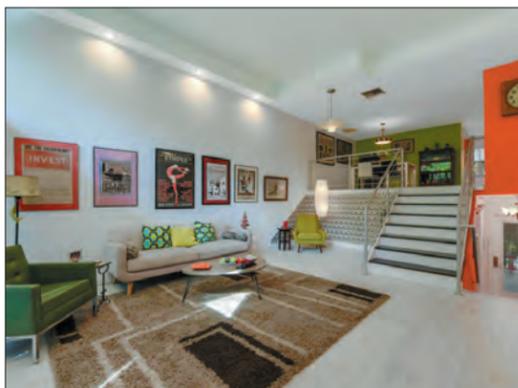
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Along the Coast

Train quiet zones have exceptions to rule

By Jane Smith

Some South County coastal residents reported hearing an unusual number of train horns recently even though quiet zones had been established nearly 18 months ago.

Engineers of Brightline, soon to be Virgin Trains, can blow the horns when there is construction work within the railroad right of way, according to a company spokesperson.

“The federal quiet zone regulation states that if work is occurring, the locomotive engineer must blow the horn in the area where workers are present,” Michael Hicks, Brightline director of media relations, wrote in a Nov. 20 email. “It is my understanding that the work has been completed.”

Brightline alerts the public about construction through

emails to the cities, local broadcast and traffic reporters, and its social media posts.

Hicks also stressed the importance of educating the public to stay safe around the railroad tracks and how a quiet zone works. “The quiet zone does not mean 100% quiet all the time,” he wrote.

The train engineer also can blow the horn when there’s an emergency on the track — such as a pedestrian, bike rider or vehicle stopped, Hicks wrote.

Brightline, a high-speed passenger railroad, uses the Florida East Coast tracks that are also used by FEC freight trains. Both operate under the federal quiet zone regulations.

Brightline service is available from West Palm Beach to Miami with three stops. More stops, including one in Boca Raton, are planned in an effort to increase ridership. ★

Delray Beach

Lauzier down one count in fight over dismissal

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach won the first round of the wrongful-dismissal lawsuit filed by former City Manager Mark Lauzier.

On Nov. 18, Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Lisa Small ruled that Lauzier’s complaint did not meet the requirements of the state’s

Whistleblower Act. She dismissed that count with prejudice, meaning Lauzier cannot refile it.

Small said the printout of an Expedia travel itinerary with the word “Denied” written on it was not enough to be a written complaint.

Lauzier’s attorney, Isidro “Sid” Garcia, said he would file a motion for a rehearing, which must be made 10 days after the order is entered. Garcia could not be reached for comment. No motion had been entered by Dec. 3.

“I’m very, very happy with the ruling,” Lynn Gelin, the city attorney, said at the City Commission meeting Nov. 19.

Lauzier, who was fired March 1 after the city’s internal auditor had found questionable hiring and promotion practices, did not attend the hearing.

His whistleblower count centered on a printout of an Expedia travel itinerary to Tallahassee for Mayor Shelly Petrolia and her son, Anthony. In early March, the mayor was flying to Tallahassee for Palm Beach County Days. Anthony was going to be a state Senate

page for the week.

Petrolia said she planned to reimburse the city, and wanted to travel with her son on the same flight in case one was bumped.

On Feb. 25, Lauzier when reviewing the travel itinerary wrote “Denied” with his signature and a note that Anthony is “not an official city employee. Travel — must be reimbursed.”

The next day, the mayor’s husband wrote a check to the city for \$291.60 to cover the cost of Anthony’s plane ticket.

During the short hearing, Garcia said, “The mayor attempted to scam taxpayers by charging an improper expenditure to a city credit card.

“What caused the city manager’s termination was him catching the mayor red-handed using a city benefit to her advantage.”

Petrolia attended the hearing.

“They thought they found the Holy Grail,” she said afterward. “Instead, the chalice held no water. ... Our attorney focused on the real issue — no whistleblower complaint.

“The investigation into Lauzier’s actions had started weeks before,” Petrolia said.

The city will seek sanctions from Lauzier to cover its litigation costs, Gelin said. Delray Beach had hired Brett Schneider of the Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman law firm to represent it. Gelin did not want to reveal the amount the city would request.

Lauzier’s wrongful-dismissal lawsuit remains open with a breach of contract count. He is seeking a jury trial. ★

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Sister Cities Visit

Wakodahatchee Wetlands, Boynton Beach — Nov. 26

Six people from Farindola, Italy, spent Thanksgiving week touring greater Boynton Beach. They traveled here to join the Greater Boynton Beach Sister Cities program. Their first adventure was a trip to the beach and snorkeling. That day ended with a walk around the Wakodahatchee Wetlands, where Monica Damiani exclaimed 'bellissimo' when she saw her first alligator. The tour guides were Jeanne Heavilin, Sister Cities president, and Susan Oyer, Sister Cities vice president and Farindola Committee chair. The official signing between the two cities took place Nov. 29. **RIGHT:** (l-r) Oyer; Helen Conlon, who is administrative assistant to artist Paul Critchley; Heavilin; and Ilenia Damiani and Monica Damiani, visitors from Farindola. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**



Gulf Stream

Town owes O'Boyle attorneys \$122,687

By Steve Plunkett

A Palm Beach County circuit judge has awarded Martin O'Boyle's attorneys \$122,687 in fees for a lawsuit that sought 15 months' worth of a town commissioner's emails and text messages.

The total was slashed after an expert witness for O'Boyle's side testified that the fees the O'Boyle Law Firm wanted should be cut from \$87,007 to \$53,599, Circuit Judge Janis Brustares Keyser wrote in her Nov. 22 order.

Nine lawyers and paralegals at the O'Boyle Law Firm and four lawyers at three other firms submitted bills.

A lawyer for the town, Joanne O'Connor, said Gulf Stream considers the ruling a win. "We do certainly think it reflects a significant reduction of fees," O'Connor said. "Their own expert said reduce the fees by 40%."

Elaine Johnson James, who represents O'Boyle's StopDirtyGovernment LLC in the case, said Keyser still has to determine how much the expert is owed.

"With litigation ongoing, my client believes it is not appropriate to comment," said James, who billed \$27,137.

The lesser amount the expert recommended included approximately \$21,000 for work done by Martin O'Boyle's son, Jonathan, who heads the O'Boyle Law Firm. But the judge ruled that Jonathan O'Boyle was not entitled to fees for work he did after his father replaced him with another attorney, Robert Rivas, and further trimmed his allowable bill to \$10,360.

Jonathan O'Boyle sent an automatic reply to an email seeking comment

saying he was out of the country.

Rivas, who separately has represented *The Coastal Star* in First Amendment and other issues, was due \$63,753, the judge said. But Rivas and Martin O'Boyle had a falling-out in 2018 over this and other cases, and Rivas sued for \$120,019 in unpaid bills. Rivas dropped his lawsuit after settling for \$50,000, he testified in a deposition in another public records case.

Keyser's decision leaves two cases unresolved of the four left open in the global settlement that Gulf Stream and Martin O'Boyle reached in December 2018. The town paid O'Boyle \$15,000 in that agreement, in which both sides dropped five cases and part of a sixth.

Gulf Stream in August agreed to pay \$6,000 to settle a lawsuit over an O'Boyle request for a bill by another attorney for the town, Robert Sweetapple.

Still to be decided are O'Boyle attorney's fees in lawsuits over a second Sweetapple bill and a letter O'Boyle sent the town regarding rules for sober houses. Also unresolved are the fees in another public records lawsuit that was not covered by the global agreement and which sought Gulf Stream police communications during the 2014 municipal election when O'Boyle ran for a Town Commission seat.

O'Boyle and town resident Chris O'Hare began blanketing Town Hall with public records requests in 2013, ultimately making more than 2,000 demands and filing dozens of lawsuits.

Both men said they were exercising their right to inspect government records; Gulf Stream argued it was a scheme to extort inflated attorney's fees from small municipalities. ★

Appeals court upholds dismissal of ex-O'Boyle employee's lawsuit

By Steve Plunkett

Gulf Stream had every reason to think it would win its ultimately unsuccessful RICO claim against resident Martin O'Boyle and others and so was not wrong to pursue the case, federal appellate judges say.

"Simply put, the town did not need to be certain of success on its civil RICO claim in order to have probable cause to assert it," wrote the trio of judges from the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the same court that upheld the dismissal of the town's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations lawsuit in 2016.

Mayor Scott Morgan noted the court held that the town had "a mountain of fraudulent and extortionate conduct to present" about the "O'Boyle-led scheme."

"Gulf Stream will not be cowed by O'Boyle's abusive tactics," Morgan said.

The Nov. 21 opinion came in a derivative lawsuit filed by Denise DeMartini, whom O'Boyle called his "left-hand" woman and who sued the town shortly after the RICO case was dismissed, claiming Gulf Stream's legal maneuvering amounted to illegal retaliation for her constitutionally protected activity of making public records requests.

DeMartini also claimed Wantman Group Inc., a contractor for the town and co-plaintiff in the RICO action, was guilty of malicious prosecution.

The appellate panel's detailed, 73-page opinion examined district, circuit

and U.S. Supreme court rulings on retaliation claims in criminal and civil actions. In contrast, the court's earlier opinion upholding the dismissal of the RICO suit was 13 pages.

Richard Ovelmen, DeMartini's lawyer, declined to comment on the decision, saying he had not yet talked with his client.

DeMartini was treasurer and later director of O'Boyle's Citizens Awareness Foundation Inc., which had a stated purpose of testing and enforcing compliance with the public records law. She lost that job in 2015.

The panel noted that DeMartini failed to dispute numerous facts the town presented, including details on "what the town knew about her personal involvement in CAFI's scheme," that "employees of CAFI and the O'Boyle Law Firm dumped thousands of public records requests on the town" costing it attorney's fees of about \$370,000, and that former CAFI director Joel Chandler "gave the town detailed insight into the scheme."

The court concluded that the town had reason to believe that CAFI's conduct "was part of an illegal and fraudulent scheme to improperly extort settlement money and attorney's fees."

Earlier, the panel observed, "This court assumed that the defendants [O'Boyle, CAFI, DeMartini and others] had 'engaged in a pattern of frivolous litigation activity while abusing, on a grand scale, their statutory right to request public documents from the government.'" ★

Judge orders halt to construction in canal

A circuit judge issued an emergency order on Thanksgiving Day stopping work in the canal behind Martin O'Boyle's home.

O'Boyle is "enjoined from any further construction activity on the proposed water structure without approval by the [town] or further order from this court," Judge James Nutt said.

Town officials sought the

injunction after workers drove 20 concrete piles into the canal. O'Boyle has been seeking a building permit from Gulf Stream since April 2017 for a 12-foot-wide structure he first called a "dock" and later a "promenade."

Town code prohibits docks wider than 5 feet.

— Steve Plunkett

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Jeffrey Stoops

Jeffrey Stoops, who has taken Boca Raton-based SBA Communications from the brink of bankruptcy to a position as one of the nation's largest cell tower providers, was recently named only the fifth chairman of the board of directors of the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts.

"This is quite an honor for me, and a testament to the trust my fellow directors have placed in me," said Stoops, 71, who lives with his wife, Aggie, in coastal Delray Beach.

"A lot of it has to do with my background running large organizations, which Kravis is certainly one. It's quite a machine, the Kravis Center, and a very well-run organization."

Named one of Florida's 500 most influential businesspeople by *Florida Trend* magazine in both 2018 and 2019, Stoops has received many awards, including Business Leader of the Year by Florida Atlantic University, the Excalibur Award from the Sun-Sentinel and CEO of the Year by the South Florida Business Journal.

This season marks the unveiling of a \$50 million rejuvenation of the Kravis Center, the first major work that's been done to the main hall in 25 years.

"And it's just spectacular," Stoops said. "It involves expanding the lobby, a lot of renovations inside — not seats but technical capabilities.

"(We have) an entirely new parking garage between the center and CityPlace, and an expansion of the existing garage, and a new ramp, so you have two ramps to get in and out, which dramatically changes the ingress and egress. We're changing the look of the outside so it blends much more smoothly and easily with the rest of West Palm Beach."

As the season gets underway, Stoops expressed excitement about the ongoing capital campaign and what he termed "our biggest year ever in terms of programming."

"This is our *Hamilton* year, and *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Miss Saigon*, *A Bronx Tale*, among others.

"We have already surpassed the number of subscriptions for the Broadway series that we've sold at this point in time. So it's going to be a very busy, active and I'm sure successful year."

— Brian Biggane

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

A: I grew up in Wilmington, Delaware. I was born and raised there and lived there for 20 years, including attending the first two years of college at the University of Delaware. I definitely think it has had a large impact on my life, because I grew up in a very middle-class suburban environment, hung out with a bunch of lifetime friends, developed street smarts and common sense; and those qualities have a very relative place today and have served me very well.



Jeffrey Stoops, new chairman of the board of directors of the Kravis Center, is excited about the renovations completed on the main hall. Photo by Capehart

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

A: I've actually only had two jobs out of college. I had a ton of them before college. Early on I was a Fuller Brush man. That certainly taught me the meaning of hard work: Don't get discouraged, you may take several nos before you get to a yes. But I graduated from Florida State, came down to Palm Beach County sight unseen, based on an interview I had with Gunster, and my wife and I packed up the U-Haul and made the trip down from Tallahassee, and made this our home.

I worked at Gunster for 13 years — leaving not because I didn't like the practice of law but because I wanted to take a shot at the business side — and came here to SBA before there was such a thing as independent ownership of cell towers. That was in 1997. So I've really only had two jobs.

Greatest professional accomplishment? Working my way up and making full partner at Gunster was an accomplishment that I continue to be proud of, but in my first year as CEO here the world took quite a turn in terms of financing, and SBA was on the verge of going bankrupt. And I

rallied the team and we avoided that, when many people thought that would not be the case. We saved the company, saved the shareholders. At the depth of our troubles you could have bought the equity of the company for about \$10 million, and now we're up to about \$28 billion. So I look back on that as job No. 1.

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

A: Become an expert in something, and love what you do so that when you wake up in the morning you look forward and are eager to go about it. If that is what you find, it'll never be a job.

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

A: We lived in Wellington for 24 years. Raised our children, had our family out there, but as they grew older our last two, twins Tim and Dan, were going to school at St. Andrews. We boarded them there because they were baseball players and from Wellington to St. Andrews was a long drive, their schedules were not predictable, so we wanted not only to get them back home with us for a period of time, but we also wanted to be closer to the water. ... We

had spent time in Delray, loved the kind of Lower Keys, beachy-town feel that it has as relative to other Palm Beach County cities.

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

A: It's just a wonderful place to live. We've spent time in Boca, Palm Beach, but Delray has a very different feel. It matches the culture and personality of who my wife and I are.

Q: What book are you reading now?

A: I've read several recently. *Hillbilly Elegy*, by J.D. Vance, is a good one. I read a lot of financial press. I just read a fascinating book, *The Kennedy Heirs*, by J. Randy Taraborrelli, on the next generation of the Kennedys, the grandchildren of Joe Kennedy, being President Kennedy's children, Robert Kennedy's children. It was fascinating to read how both the triumphs and trials have affected that family.

Q: What music do you listen to when you want to relax? When you want to be inspired?

A: It's usually the same artists, but different types of music from those artists. I'm very much a classic rock guy, '60s and '70s music, so Rolling Stones, Elton John. And Queen comes to mind from the recent *Bohemian Rhapsody* movie that was so enjoyable. The Beatles. And depending whether I want to relax or get charged up, if it's Rolling Stones it could be *Wild Horses* or *When the Whip Comes Down*. You can go either way. I actually love music and have a fairly historical understanding of that era. I follow it and try and keep up with all the news that I can from that era. Though we continue to lose those members.

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

A: There were senior partners in the law firm, Ken Beall and Mike Mitrione, who taught me the meaning of hard work and integrity, things that have survived and carried me through. But I really try to take inspiration from everywhere. I'm a big fan of historical figures, so I'll read, I'll take interest in all kinds of different things. I take my inspiration and my ideas from anywhere and every place. I consider myself a lifetime learner, and if you ever think you're done learning, you need to go do something else.

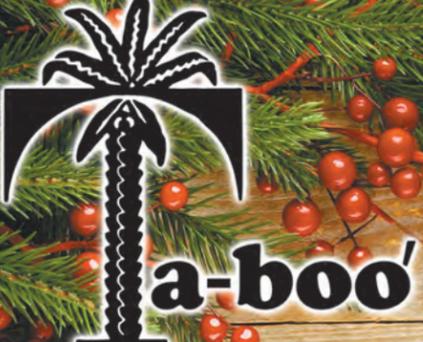
Q: If your life story were to be made into a movie, who would play you?

A: Tom Hanks. For some strange reason more than one person has told me that either he reminds them of me or I remind them of him. Why they say that I don't know, but I'll go with that.

Q: Who/what makes you laugh?

A: My new grandson, Harrison Jeffrey Prieto. He is 9 months old. He's the first and he's just cute.





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Briny Breezes

Town manager, clerk quitting over pay, workload

By Dan Moffett

The town manager and deputy clerk of Briny Breezes are resigning their part-time positions, effective the end of the year, saying their workloads are too great and their pay too small.

“Part-time work, part-time wages but full-time responsibility,” Manager Dale Sugerman said during a hastily called special Town Council meeting on Nov. 14 to consider the resignations.

“People may not realize it but we only have two part-time employees, who have full-time responsibility for everything,” Sugerman told the council. “I think that’s what the real dilemma is.”

He said that since he became the first manager in Briny’s history two years ago, his duties have continued to expand: “I’m the utilities director, I’m the finance director, I’m the public safety director.”

Sugerman said that in his 40-year career as a municipal administrator, he’s never filled so many roles.

Deputy Clerk Maya Coffield, whom Sugerman hired shortly after he started, said she is overwhelmed by the nagging problems that have plagued the town’s building permit procedures.

Coffield complained of poor performance by C.A.P. Government Inc., the town’s building inspection contractor, and said she’s forced to work overtime to deal with permit errors and disputes.

Briny has had five different deputy clerks in the last six years.

Mayor Gene Adams said he asked Sugerman and Coffield to give the council a list of proposed changes that might persuade them to reconsider their resignations. They suggested hiring a part-time permit clerk, excluding council members from permit disputes and replacing C.A.P. with another vendor.

But the most problematic request from Sugerman and Coffield was for an increase in pay.

Sugerman requested a raise to \$55,000 a year from his current salary of just under \$40,000, and Coffield, an hourly employee, asked for a fixed annual salary of \$41,000 to replace the roughly \$31,000 she now earns with overtime.

The council voted 3-2 to reject the pay raises. Council President Sue Thaler, Kathy Gross and Christina Adams voted no; Chick Behringer and Bill Birch voted yes.

Sugerman and Coffield told the council they were a “package deal,” worked well together and were unwilling



Sugerman



Coffield

to negotiate separately. They said they were willing to stay on until Dec. 31 and help the town with the transition.

Residents and council members praised the two for their contributions over the past two years, but the call for higher wages found little support.

“That’s a large increase in money,” Gross said. “Where does that come from?”

Sugerman said the town had enough money in its unrestricted general reserve fund to cover the raises and hire the part-time permit clerk.

Alderman Adams suggested that addressing the permit problems with the contractor could improve conditions for the staff. “It does sound like we’re still having an issue with C.A.P.,” she said.

Thaler said both employees had added “tremendous value” to the town but said she was frustrated that the resignations came in before the council “had an opportunity to fix the permitting problems.”

Said Thaler: “I feel we were held hostage. I’m not happy with the way this was done.”

Birch said he thought it was in the town’s interest to do what was necessary to retain the employees — to “give them what they want so we can keep them.”

Behringer asked Sugerman if he was willing to accept a smaller raise. The manager said no. Though Behringer voted for the increases, he cited the manager’s proposed 38% raise and said, “Those are high numbers in any kind of business.”

In other business:

Five candidates have qualified for three council seats to be contested in the March 17 municipal election.

Incumbents Thaler, Birch and Gross are seeking reelection to another two-year term. Newcomers Charles Swift and Lynne Weiner also qualified during the filing period that ended Nov. 26, Coffield said. The top three vote-getters will take the at-large seats. Incumbents Christina Adams and Behringer are not up in March.

Coffield said Gene Adams has preliminarily qualified for another term as mayor, pending verification of petition signatures. ★

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Obituaries

Thomas Byrne

By Sallie James

BRINY BREEZES — He was the voice of the resistance in 2005 when a developer offered residents of the



beachside mobile home town known as Briny Breezes \$500 million to buy their homes. Thomas Byrne's "Save Briny. Vote No" buttons garnered national attention, as did his unwillingness to trade a disappearing lifestyle for a \$1 million windfall.

The deal fell through, but Mr. Byrne's love for the quirky town never waned.

"We used to be an embarrassment," Mr. Byrne, then 67, told *The Washington Post* in 2005. "Now it turns

out we're quaint."

The man known to some as the "Godfather of Briny" and to others as "the Bird Man," died Nov. 3 at Bethesda Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was 80.

Mr. Byrne was a carver of birds, an avid boater, a fisherman, a longtime drum major for the AOH Babylon Saffron Kilts in New York, an activist, a respected friend, a mentor and a beloved companion, said his fiancée, Jean Archibald. He stood 6-foot-5 and was a huge presence in every way, she said.

"He was bigger than life," Archibald said. "He was always smiling and he was a happy man. But when he roared, he roared."

Above all, he was a proud Irishman and Army veteran who never forgot his roots, she

said.

Born on Dec. 20, 1938, in Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Byrne worked more than 30 years for Allstate Insurance before retiring to Florida with his wife, Maureen. The couple had been married more than 40 years when Maureen Byrne fell ill and died during a fashion show in February 2003 in Briny Breezes.

"She was a model," said Archibald, Mr. Byrne's companion and caretaker for more than 15 years. "She said she didn't feel good and right there she died of heart issues."

Mr. Byrne and Archibald met through a mutual friend. The first time she saw him he was carving a bird out of a block of cedar. His children said he loved to gift the birds to friends and carved a lot of them.

"I have birds in every window. He was amazing," Archibald said.

Mr. Byrne also loved boating and owned several boats during his lifetime. His most recent boat was a pontoon, which he and Archibald would take out at 5 p.m. almost daily until he became too frail to go.

"It had a lot of drink holders. That was our joke — it's 5 o'clock somewhere," Archibald said.

His drink of choice? A Manhattan.

Brian Byrne said his father was a renowned M1 Garand expert who knew more about the standard World War II service rifle than just about anyone else around.

"He was one of the top experts in the United States," said Byrne, who lives in Cleveland. He said his father mainly dealt in parts and would help gun collectors restore their weapons with original parts.

"When he got into something he would go in with both feet," Brian Byrne said.

Those who knew Thomas Byrne said he had a good sense of humor and never met a camera he didn't like. When TV cameras swarmed Briny Breezes in 2005 during the possible sale, Mr. Byrne was willing to chat with reporters.

Brian Byrne said he recently found a photo of his father with an interesting note scribbled on the back.

"This would be a great funeral photo," Thomas Byrne had written, his son said, chuckling.

Mr. Byrne's family plans to scatter his ashes off Fire Island sometime next summer.

In addition to his fiancée and son, Thomas Byrne is survived by two daughters, Kathleen Lloyd and Elizabeth Czelowalnik, both of Long Island, and four grandsons he referred to as his "princes."

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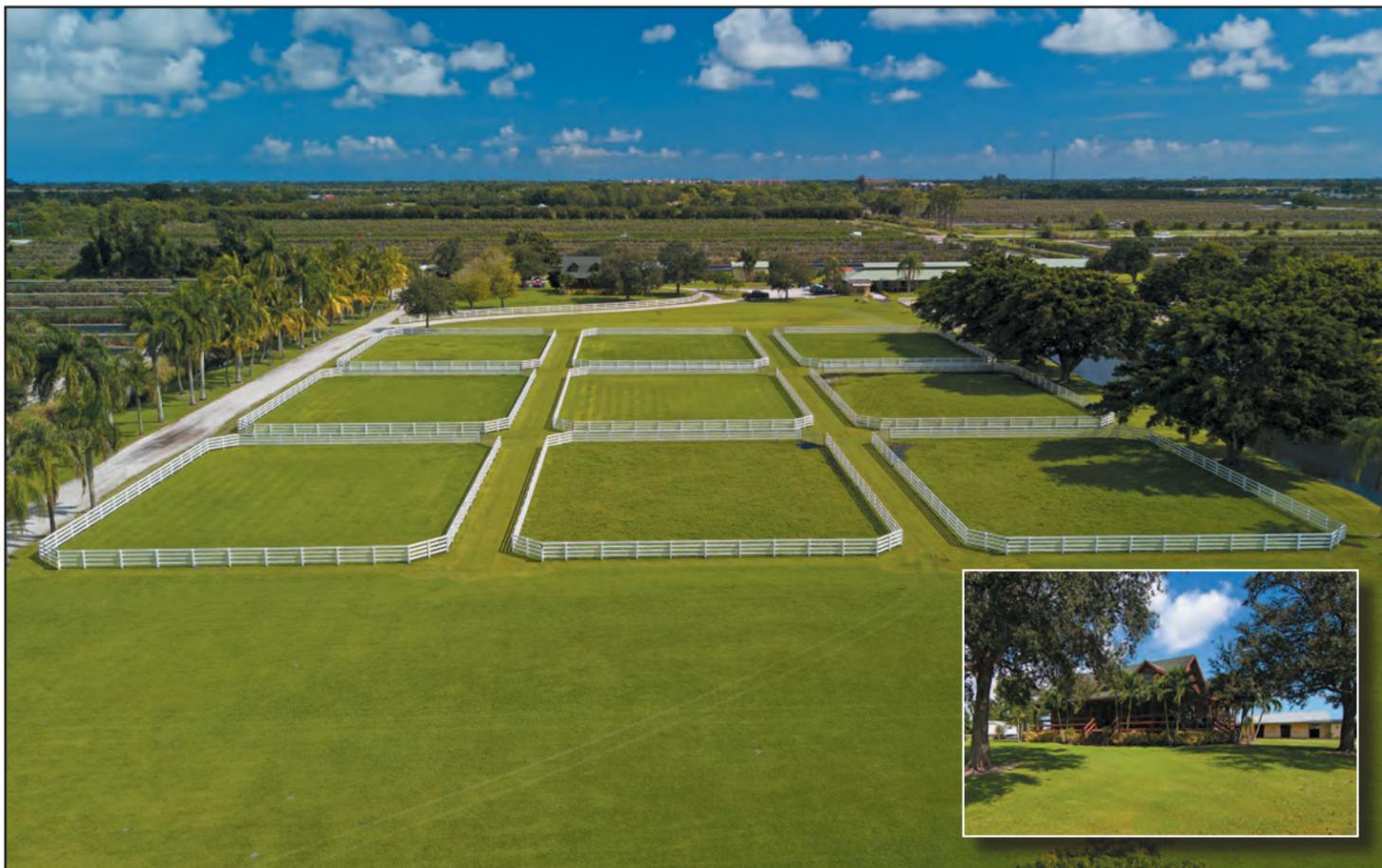
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Obituaries

Marie J. Horenburger

BOYNTON BEACH — Marie J. Horenburger died Nov. 12, surrounded by family. She was 78.

Born in 1941 in New York City, Marie Kedzierski was the first of six children born of the late Marie Kedzierski (Riso) and Edward Z. Kedzierski. She was raised in Massapequa Park, New York, and eventually moved to South Florida.



Mrs. Horenburger was wonderfully devoted to her two children, Fred Horenburger and Dana Schweitzer. She was a loving grandmother to Emily Mosher (husband Shawn), Jack Scarton, and Benjamin Suarez-Scarton. She was "Grandmarie" to great-grandsons Isaiah Mosher and Shawn Mosher Jr. and recently welcomed great-granddaughter Amelia Mosher. Being a grandmother was the light of her life.

Mrs. Horenburger is also survived by her five siblings, Art Kedzierski (wife Gail), Linda Butcher (husband Tom), Helen Hood, Karen Sliwak and Ed Kedzierski. She will be missed by many close

friends and family.

An accomplished woman, Mrs. Horenburger dedicated her time to public service. She began a public service career in the late 1970s. One of her proudest accomplishments was her part in the revitalization of the city of Delray Beach. In 1994 she was appointed by the Palm Beach County Commission to serve as its representative on the Tri-Rail board, and she served for 21 years.

Mrs. Horenburger will be missed for her wisdom, generosity, warmth and willingness to include everyone she came across as a member of her family.

A celebration of her life was held on Nov. 22 at Journey Church, Boynton/Delray Campus, 715 S. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach.

Donations may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, Florida Chapter, 2300 High Ridge Road, Suite 375, Boynton Beach, FL 33426, or at lupus.org/Florida.

Obituary submitted by the family

Swan A. Brown Jr.

GULF STREAM — Swan A. Brown Jr., who designed and maintained landscape from Pompano Beach to Gulf Stream, died June 10 in San Francisco.



He was 96. Mr. Brown established his own landscape architecture

business in 1956. Over several decades, he completed 90% of the landscaping projects in Gulf Stream.

After a life spent professionally designing estates, Mr. Brown had tips for amateurs: "Less is best. That's the first rule. A beautiful shrub thoughtfully placed will do more for a yard than a jungle. Invest in a good sprinkler system. It's cheaper in the long run."

Longtime client and friend Marjorie McGraw wrote: "Over 25 years ago, we had the good fortune to engage a landscape architect, Swan Brown, to landscape our home in Gulf Stream. What started as a business relationship became a close friendship.

"Swan designed a magnificent garden which we enjoyed for many years. After we decided to downsize, we contacted Swan again to design our new residence's garden. Swan had retired by then, but eagerly designed another beautiful garden for us.

"I think of him often while treasuring all our lovely plants and the fun times we had together. We miss our dear friend."

Childhood family friend Laurie Potier-Brown wrote: "Swan was one of the first landscape architects in Florida, primarily working in Palm Beach County. He was one of the founders of the

Palm Beach Look. Few who drive along A1A, admiring hidden, curving drives, surrounded by lush, exotic landscapes, realize that these were the creative designs from the mind of Swan Brown.

"It was the beauty of the land and his delight in making it so that inspired me to become a landscape architect myself. Swan's work is still influencing generations of Florida landscape architects. Thank you Swan Brown."

Mr. Brown was born Dec. 7, 1922, and raised in Ocala. He was studying at the University of Florida for two years when Pearl Harbor was attacked. Mr. Brown enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served in the South Pacific until the war ended. Mr. Brown then returned to the University of Florida to earn his bachelor's degree in landscape architecture.

Mr. Brown married Hilma Fields in 1948. Swan and Hilma had two daughters, Bonnie (Brown) Cicchitto and Barbara (Brown) Clark. His legacy is left to his daughters, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Brown was an avid walker and a dedicated University of Florida Gators supporter. He retired in 1994, moving to San Francisco. He truly enjoyed volunteering at the symphony, the Asian Art Museum, Project Open Hand and serving as a docent at the Strybing Arboretum for several years. He lived his final years at the Sequoias of San Francisco.

A celebration of his life was held at the Sequoias Independent Living Community on June 20.

Obituary submitted by the family

Harry F. Sica Jr.

By Sallie James

OCEAN RIDGE — Harry F. Sica Jr., a longtime Ocean Ridge resident who loved helping others almost as much as he loved spending time with his family, died on Nov. 16. He was 65 and had been diagnosed with lung cancer.



"He was a really generous guy. He loved helping people — anybody. If you made a connection with him — he just loved to reach out," said his wife, Phyllis, who met her husband through her sister and his sister, who were friends.

The couple, both from New Jersey, married in 1994.

Mr. Sica worked in manufacturing. He owned Vanguard Research Industries in South Plainfield, New Jersey, and was active in the business until his death. The couple moved to Florida in 2005, the year Hurricane Wilma hit, his wife said.

They lived a few years in Delray Beach before making Ocean Ridge their home. Phyllis Sica said they immediately fell in love with the cool little beachy town with the laid-back vibe. But Florida's unpredictable traffic proved to be problematic. Harry Sica was struck by a car a few years back while cycling, his wife said.

He got lucky. "He wasn't hurt badly. He was a

good drop and roller from all the years of skiing," Phyllis Sica said.

The two had been skiers since childhood and loved traveling to Colorado, where they owned a second home. Together they would ski, hike and picnic, she said.

It was there they became enamored with the Shining Stars Foundation, which provides year-round recreational and social programs for children and their families faced with pediatric cancer or other life-threatening illnesses.

"It just caught our eye. The percentage of the donations that go to the (administration) were minuscule as compared to some charities that are management heavy. They have a tremendous amount of people that really volunteer their time," Phyllis Sica said.

Harry and Phyllis Sica became staunch supporters. They are listed as major supporters on the Shining Stars Foundation website. The foundation provides everything from adaptive skiing, hiking and snowmobiling to rafting and biking and sailing.

"He was a really generous person," his wife said.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Sica is survived by his daughter Ashley DeSouza, his brother Richard Sica and three grandchildren. Contributions can be made in his memory to the Shining Star Foundation.

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Manalapan

Town begins talks on sewer system; mayor warns of 'painful' conversion

By Dan Moffett

Manalapan commissioners are beginning to take a serious look at replacing the town's septic tanks with a municipal sewer system, and Mayor Keith Waters isn't trying to shield anybody from how difficult and expensive the conversion could be.

"Short of building this place in the first place, this will be the largest single project the town has ever undergone," Waters said. "That's from the time we put sea walls up and

did Intracoastal dredging in the 1950s."

The mayor told commissioners during a Nov. 12 workshop that seeing the project through will be challenging for everyone involved.

"I say this not to be discouraging but just to be accurate," Waters said. "It's probably the single most painful process that we've ever been through and will make everything else pale in comparison."

Engineers from Mock Roos & Associates of West Palm Beach told the commission that converting every septic tank in town could take as long as six years — from the project's conception, to design, to financing, to completion. Construction alone could take four years and require tearing up every street in town at one time or another.

The total cost? Who knows? Depending on what type of sewer system the commissioners choose and whether they include moving or adding other utilities underground while the streets are torn up — such as power lines, fiber-optic cables, natural gas pipes, stormwater drains

— that number could be something that climbs as high as \$27 million.

Thomas Biggs, Mock Roos executive vice president, recommended moving forward in \$2 million to \$3 million phases, with most of work scheduled for summertime when the town's population and traffic decline.

Town Manager Linda Stumpf said it might be possible to cut costs by collaborating on construction contracts with southern neighbors Ocean Ridge and Gulf Stream, which are looking at similar septic conversion projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Jack Doyle said that, with interest rates nearing historic lows, the financing prospects are promising, at least for the near term.

"There isn't going to be a more receptive market from our perspective," Doyle said.

Waters said all indications from Tallahassee are that state officials are committed to advancing the removal of septic tanks from Florida's barrier islands. So Manalapan, sooner or later, will have to deal with sewers.

"Clearly this is coming down the pike," Waters said, "and we need to get in front of it."

By unanimous consensus, the commission agreed to hire Mock Roos to produce a detailed analysis of the project's potential costs, options and financing possibilities. Biggs said it might take as long as six months to complete the analysis.

In other business, the commission will have at least one new member after the March 17 municipal election. Clark Appleby, who has held an at-large seat for six years, will be forced out because of term limits.

Vice Mayor Simone Bonutti, who holds an ocean district seat, and Richard Granara, who represents Point Manalapan, are up for re-election.

The period for candidates to qualify began at noon Nov. 26 and will end at noon Dec. 10. ★

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Ocean Ridge

Commission balks at giving water pipes to Boynton Beach

By Dan Moffett

Ocean Ridge commissioners aren't buying a recommendation from a citizens advisory panel that the town should turn over its water pipes to Boynton Beach when a contract between the two communities expires next year.

In October, the town's Septic to Sewer Citizens Advisory Committee voted 4-1 in favor of giving some 85,000 linear feet of pipes to Boynton Beach.

Boynton Beach provides water to Ocean Ridge but is not responsible for maintaining the pipes or repairing any problems.

As part of the recommendation, the committee stipulated that Boynton Beach should take full responsibility for maintaining the pipes "in perpetuity" at no cost to Ocean Ridge and to give the town preferred in-city water rates, the same as Boynton residents.

When the idea came before the Town Commission in November, commissioners and staff balked at the prospect of surrendering an asset that Town Manager Tracey Stevens says is worth at least \$3.8 million.

And during their Dec. 2 meeting, commissioners decided the responsibility for pursuing answers to their inquiries and working out financial details of the water contract should shift back to the town manager and directed staff to negotiate directly with Boynton Beach so the town's bargaining positions stay out of the public forum.

That move reflected the commission's opinion that the advisory committee's focus had become narrower.

Previously, in a memo sent to the committee after the Nov. 4 meeting, Stevens outlined eight questions for the committee to address including assessment of the condition of the pipes and valves, how much it costs annually to maintain the town's pipes and how much it would cost to replace them.

The commission requested more information about ownership and liability of three water pipes under the Intracoastal Waterway that connect Boynton Beach's pipes to Ocean Ridge's.

The commission also wanted the committee to explore the process for repurchasing the pipes down the road if necessary and to provide information on how nearby Manalapan and Hypoluxo are handling the issue of pipes as Hypoluxo splits from the Manalapan water system.

At the Nov. 4 meeting, Vice Mayor Don MaGruder called the advisory committee's recommendation on the water pipes "premature. I don't think the Septic to Sewer Advisory Committee is really on a very good track there."

"They're doing a really good job, but I think this came to the commission too quickly. They haven't been able to do a lot of the research they wanted to do and that they still need to do."

Mayor Steve Coz agreed, saying the main reason the committee was created was to look at ways to finance septic-to-sewer conversion — not to get "dragged into" water contract issues between the municipalities. The current agreement expires next November.

Commissioner Kristine de Haseth said the committee needed more guidance to stay on track. "Staff has to be very conscientious and clear on what you're asking the committee to do," she said. "With a \$3.8 million capital asset, to give it away for nothing is fiscally irresponsible."

Stevens said the recommendation raised potential unintended consequences that have not been fully explored. "We have a lot of questions that still need to be answered," she said.

During the Dec. 2 meeting,

committee Chairman Neil Hennigan said the panel wanted to come before the commissioners and explain the reasoning behind its recommendation. He also asked for clarity on the advisers' role.

Although the commission rejected the idea of a presentation on the water contract, Coz said he does want a presentation and a written report when the Septic to Sewer work is done. The committee plans to meet again Jan. 9.

In other business:

- The commission is about to make another attempt at using signs to curb beachgoers' bad behavior and trespassing on private property.

Commissioners approved language for four signs to be erected on the town's beachfront: on the beach south of Ocean Inlet Park; north of Hammock Park; south of Oceanfront Park, and north of

Briny Breezes.

The signs will say: "End of Public Beach. Please Respect Private Property. Thank you."

The town's logo will appear beneath the message.

- MaGruder told the commission on Dec. 2 he will not run for a second term in the March 17 municipal election because he is moving to North Carolina next year.

"This month I celebrate my 33rd year as a resident in Ocean Ridge," he said. "By my

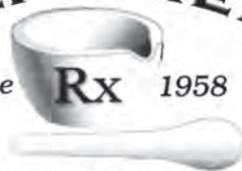
count, there's been 11 mayors, four police chiefs and at least seven town managers. ... I just wanted to tell you all how much I appreciated you electing me to the commission. I love this town. I'm going to miss it."

Besides MaGruder's seat, the one held by Commissioner Susan Hurlburt may be contested. Candidate filing dates run until noon Dec. 13. ★

Rich Pollack contributed to this story.

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Business Spotlight

New food hall coming: Delray Beach Market

The trendy food hall concept broke ground in Delray Beach in November, with the shovels ready for the **Delray Beach Market**.

Menin Development is behind the 150,000-square-foot, four-story building that will consist of a parking garage for 220 vehicles plus the market on the bottom floor.

The market will be a half-block off Atlantic Avenue on Southeast Third Avenue, with the railroad tracks just west of it.

Longtime South Florida restaurateur **Dennis Max**, as director of hospitality, will oversee the 36 vendors expected to fill the hall.

"Craig Menin and I are old friends. He came to me with the idea already formed, and I gladly joined his team," Max said.

Growing up in Los Angeles within walking distance of that city's Farmers Market, which predated his childhood, played a huge role in influencing Max's life in the food business, he said. He hopes to replicate parts of it in downtown Delray, as well as parts of other successful food halls such as the newer Time Out in Miami.

He's curating a group of entrepreneurial vendors who will prepare dishes at the hall and in some cases sell ingredients or partial meals for people to prepare at home.

The focus is on ethnic cuisines prepared by people for whom they are heritage foods.

"Our mission statement is to be genuine and pure, authentic and fresh. There will be no chains here," Max said. "We're looking for real people who live in the community, who are first, second or third generation —



The hall, a half-block off Atlantic Avenue on Southeast Third Avenue, will have 36 vendors and focus on ethnic cuisines. The market is expected to open in spring 2021. **Rendering provided**

it doesn't matter. But to have that sort of background, be it Japanese, South American — anywhere, it doesn't matter, and be authentic and pure, that's what we want.

"J.P., our publicists, said it best: It'll be a casual setting where you can get first-class, quality food options from around the world without having to travel, or commit the time to a traditional restaurant meal."

The goal, he said, is to have as many foods prepared on site as possible for customers. "Also we want them to buy things to take home for the rest of the week for their meals," Max said.

One example he gave was of the wurst maker who will offer sausages and wursts packaged for the home cook as a butcher would do.

"We will represent all this diversity, from Mexico and Italy, Spain, all around the world," he said.

The food hall is an ideal venue for would-be restaurant owners for whom a brick and mortar space is prohibitive in both cost and labor. Food truck "graduates" are the ideal candidates, Max said.

"We love food truck people. There's a natural progression from a food truck to a space at a food hall. It's virtually impossible to open a brick and mortar restaurant, even a small one, for someone with a modest business.

"The food truck business owner is able to get the business concept and handle the efficiency of being a vendor in a busy hall. He or she already does that in the truck."

Max and his team now are vetting each potential vendor in advance of the anticipated spring 2021 opening. Vendors are coming to the test kitchen at his office, or bringing around their food trucks for the team to sample. Those that are deemed authentic and good quality get the thumbs up.

Menin will remain the landlord and put up the money for all the equipment in the hall for the cooks: stoves, refrigerators, tables and small appliances. The vendor is therefore not out his life savings, Max said, if things don't work out.

"It is a business venture," he said. "The landlord needs to have control. I equate it to a sports team: The owner needs to be in control of the players. He needs to be able to let a team member go if they aren't working out. This way, they can walk away with the time and labor they put in without losing all that money for equipment."

The hall will be laid out with take-out window vendors such as **Seed Coffee** of Boca Raton occupying the west side with sidewalk seating. These vendors could stay open late and open early with the rest of the food hall opening later.

Inside, seating for 650 will be scattered throughout, both individual and communal spots. Vendors will have counter seating in their areas.

Outdoors, there will be seating for 150. That includes on the east side of the building, an indoor/outdoor beer garden with a patio.

Two bars, one on the mezzanine level and the second downstairs, will serve liquor; another craft brew bar will be indoors.

"Most food halls control all the alcohol but we'll let our vendors sell beer and wine. A few each, so you don't have to run all around after you get your food to get your drinks," Max said.

A market with carts of fresh farm produce might be in the works for Saturdays.

"We're looking to help entrepreneurs make that leap from a food truck to a food hall, and maybe to their own restaurant. There are great stories of this out there," he said.

Menin is committed to the project and is hands-on, involved in all the decisions, unlike many market owners, Max said. He said he's privileged to be paired with someone who isn't in it for just the money.

"It's like making a movie with the best director and best producer you could have. It's really a labor of love," Max said.

The Delray Beach Market will be at 33 SE Third Ave. It's expected to create about 280 jobs during construction, and 250 or more permanent jobs.

Three new pop-ups have signed short-term leases and are

open at **Mizner Park** in Boca Raton: Wolf Gallery; Lululemon, which sells athletic apparel; and Bonita's, a women's clothing store.

Hästens, a bed and mattress store, and Cielito Artisan Pops, offering frozen treats and gifts, will open shortly as permanent tenants.

Other new tenants slated to open in 2020 include Calaveras Cantina, a Mexican restaurant; the Blue Fish, a sushi and Japanese restaurant; Lost Weekend, a bar featuring billiards, other games, arts and brews; Subculture Coffee; and Strike 10 Bowling.

Death or Glory, 116 NE Sixth Ave., Delray Beach, planned to hold an Ugly Sweater Party on Dec. 2 as part of its Miracle Holiday Pop-Up Bar. The idea was for people who didn't have sweaters ugly enough to bring in what they had, with Delray Beach fashion designer Amanda Perna gussying up those sweaters, for free.

Perna's brand, the House of Perna, has been sold at retailers that include Anthropologie, Neiman Marcus, Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom and BHLDN. In late 2018, she launched a second brand, Neon Bohemians, which debuted at Nordstrom. And in 2019, she published her children's book, *F is for Fashion*.

Miracle Holiday Pop-Up Bar at Death or Glory continues to celebrate the holiday season through Dec. 31 and will sell glassware with 10% of sales donated to Action Against Hunger.

For more information, visit www.deathorglorybar.com or call 561-808-8814.

Lawn Love, a California app-based service for professional lawn care services, is launching in Ocean Ridge. Users of its service can schedule, review and pay for yard work via a mobile app or website, which uses satellite imaging software to review a property and generate a quote in a couple of minutes.

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Steve Schmidt takes part in CEO Build. Photo provided

In October, more than 100 CEOs and other senior-level business leaders took part in **Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County's** third annual **CEO Build** to raise hammers and roof trusses on a Boynton Beach home for Gretta Caesar and her family. They also raised \$350,000.

Several also worked to revitalize the neighboring Maranatha Haitian Evangelical Baptist Church through the organization's neighborhood revitalization program, presented by Vertical Bridge Holdings. Habitat's "A Brush with Kindness" program reinvests in homes and other community assets.

Among those who participated were Boca Raton residents Paul Adkins, Doug Fash, Forrest Heathcott, Rick Howard, David Isreal, Steve Schmidt, John Tolbert and Jay Whelchel; and Ocean Ridge residents Ken Lebersfeld and Scott Sullivan.

Fash, founder and CEO of Sunflower Landscaping and Maintenance, was the honorary chairman. Sponsors were Moraca Builders and Sklar Furnishings.

Boca Raton-based **Pebb Capital** purchased five Atlantic Avenue properties on 6.7 acres — which included acquisition of the Sundry House — for close to \$40 million toward its plans to build a mixed-use project called Sundry Village in the Old School Square Historic Arts District. The sale closed Oct. 22, public records show.

The Delray Beach project will cost more than \$100 million to develop and is in a federally designated Opportunity Zone.

The project will include nearly 50,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space and about 70,000 square feet of office space, with construction to begin within a year. Marshall Florida Holdings was the seller.

Kimberly Vassalluzzo purchased an estate at **249 W. Alexander Palm Road** in the Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club, Boca Raton, for \$13 million on Nov. 15.

The six-bedroom home, with 11,401 total square feet, was built last year. Mikhail Avrutin,

who is the owner and developer of Baltic Hotel Group, was the seller. Both Vassalluzzo and Avrutin were represented by David W. Roberts with **Royal Palm Properties**.

Richard Templer, the owner of a professional horse racing stable, and his wife, Diane, bought a waterfront home at **190 NE Fifth Ave.**, Boca Raton, for \$12.15 million on Oct. 24. Jeffery H. Norman, the founder of JH Norman Construction, sold the home.

The custom five-bedroom home, with 180 feet on the Intracoastal Waterway, was built in 2018 by JH Norman Construction and designed by the Brenner Architecture Group.

Norman bought the property for \$6.79 million in March 2017 before building the house, records show. The D'Angelo/Liguori team of **Premier Estate Properties** represented the buyer and the seller in the deal.

Walgreen Co., based in Deerfield, Illinois, sold the 14,362-square-foot store at **3200 S. Federal Highway** in Delray Beach for \$6.54 million in October, property records show. The buyer is WBAFL001 LLC, a Delaware company. Public records also show that Walgreens now leases the property from WBAFL001.

WBAFL001 is tied to Oak Street Real Estate Capital of Chicago, a private equity firm that manages commingled funds and accounts, according to its website. The Delray Beach property last sold in 2001 for \$4.2 million.

Mitchell Robbins, co-founder of Robbins Property Associates, bought a 7,997-square-foot house at **461 S. Maya Palm Drive** in the Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club, Boca Raton, for \$5.5 million.

The home, built in 2016, has five bedrooms, five bathrooms and two half-bathrooms.

The sellers, Robert and Suzanne Noble, bought the property for \$5.825 million in 2016.

David W. Roberts of **Royal Palm Properties** represented the buyer and the seller in the deal.

Robbins Property Associates was founded in 2009 by brothers Mitchell and Steve Robbins to acquire multifamily communities. The firm merged with North Palm Beach-based Electra America in late 2016.

CDS Investments, a Florida limited company led by Carl DeSantis and William Milmoie, paid \$3.1 million for the 10,000-square-foot building at **401 W. Linton Blvd.**, Delray Beach, on Oct. 24. Brokers William Cunningham and Christopher McInnis of **Park View Realty** represented the buyer, while **Marcus & Millichap** represented the seller, Callisto Realty LLC.

Callisto Realty paid \$2,475,000 for the property in March 2007. The third floor of the building will soon be available for lease.

Broker **Jeffrey Ray** joined Compass Florida in November. He has opened an administrative office, Jeffrey Ray & Associates at Compass, 2875 S. Ocean Blvd., Suite 200, Palm Beach, and is assembling a team.

Ray, a Manalapan resident, founded Jeffrey Ray & Associates in 2008, specializing in luxury real estate from Palm Beach to Miami, with more than \$300 million in closed sales to his credit. For info or to apply to join his team, email him at Jeffrey.ray@compass.com.

Atlantis resident **Amy Snook**, a partner in the All About Florida Homes team of Lang Realty, conducted training sessions for the Women's Council of Realtors Leadership Academy in Chicago and Orlando. The

Chicago program addressed membership development and how to bring value to members of an organization. In Orlando, participants received training for overall and event budget planning.



Kurman and McIntyre

True Floridian Realty, led by Noelle McIntyre, and **FurBaby Real Estate**, led by Adrienne Kurman, have merged to form the FurBaby Group at True Floridian Realty.

True Floridian Realty, founded in 2011, has more than 30 agents with locations in Jupiter, Delray Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Miami.

Kurman created FurBaby Real Estate in 2017, with the goal of helping clients find homes that fit both their needs and their pets' needs.

Both women are passionate about animals. True Floridian Realty and FurBaby Real Estate donated nearly \$20,000 to pet rescue organizations in Palm Beach County this year. And for every transaction, the FurBaby Group donates to local animal rescue organizations.

For more info, visit <http://truefloridianrealty.com/furbaby>.

McIntyre's **Delray Beach Real Estate Co.** has merged with Dina L. Branham's **Deluxe Properties** in Delray Beach. The merger created the Deluxe Division of Delray Beach Real Estate, with eight agents who specialize in luxury real estate.

For information, visit www.delraybeachrealestateco.com/deluxe-division. Both new business entities have offices at 100 NE Fifth Ave.

The **Boca Real Estate Investment Club's** annual

holiday party will be on from 6-8 p.m., Dec. 12 at Saltwater Brewery, 1701 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. The cost to attend is \$20. For information, call 561-391-7325 or visit www.bocarealestateclub.com.

Brightline, soon to be **Virgin Trains**, was selected as the Project of the Year by the **Urban Land Institute Southeast Florida/Caribbean** as part of its 2019 Vision Awards. One of five finalists, Brightline was awarded the honor during a ceremony in October in Miami. The award recognized Brightline for its transit-oriented development in South Florida. Launched in 2018, Brightline operates in Florida between Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, with plans to expand into Orlando.

Boca Raton-based Florida Peninsula Insurance Co. and its subsidiary, Edison Insurance Co., announced that their president, **Clint Strauch**, was unanimously voted to serve a three-year term on the Florida State University risk management and insurance executive council board.

FSU's Dr. William T. Hold/National Alliance Program in Risk Management and Insurance was recently ranked No. 3 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

The council supports and funds initiatives that provide students an industry perspective on the knowledge and skills needed to work in the field.

Strauch's background also includes a stint as general manager of his own Allstate Insurance agency.

Jan Norris contributed to this column.



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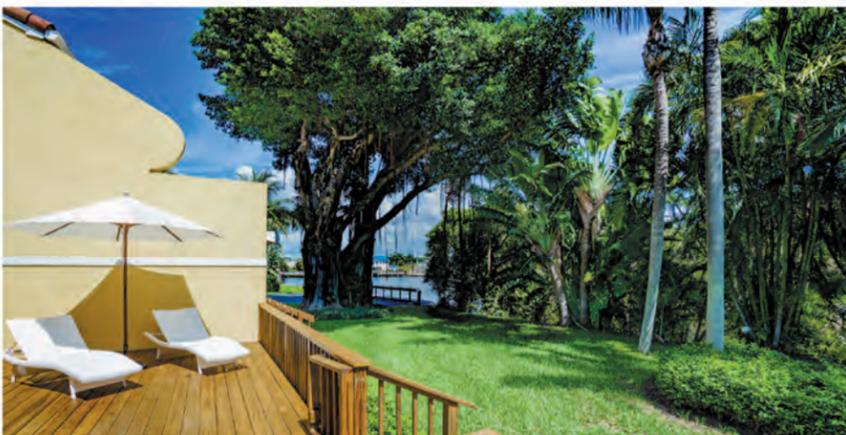
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The Coastal  Star

Boca's cultural ambassador turns

70

Art museum showcases growth, diversity during anniversary

By Gretel Sarmiento

Dressed up in two trendy exhibitions, Boca Raton Museum of Art kicked off its 70th birthday party last month with the sound of music, pink balloons and improvisational dances.

And that was just the first week. Like a proper septuagenarian housing a



Lippman young soul, the institution has no intention of slowing its pace — and dance moves — anytime soon. “When the board of trustees and staff are in sync and there is a clear perspective of where you want to go, great things can happen,” said Director Irvin Lippman, who has led the museum since 2014. “Whether you are a 150-year-old institution or a 70-year-old institution, it really is just a matter of whether you are all rowing together.”

This must be the Olympic rowing team. The museum that sprouted out of Palmetto Park Road with two studio classrooms

seven decades ago today enjoys 44,000 square feet of gallery space and welcomes more than 100,000 annual visitors to its Mizner Park location.

A smaller number attended Art & Community Day, the first in a series of events launching the new season, which includes the customary rich schedule of permanent and traveling exhibitions, lectures, tours and art classes. Museum staff greeted visitors and recorded their testimonials during the rainy daylong celebration in early November, at which fall exhibitions exploring nature and climate change were unveiled.

An anniversary gala dinner and dance is planned for Jan. 25 and will include a live auction, gift drawing and a raffle to support the museum's programming.

At the debut event, a spontaneous dance by the FAU Repertory Dance Theatre Ensemble broke out within *Tree of Knowledge*. That's the title of a dynamic, site-specific installation inspired by Pearl City, the historic African-American community across

See MUSEUM on page AT10



TOP: 'Marty's Cube' by sculptor Tony Rosenthal is in the entrance courtyard of Boca Raton Museum of Art at Mizner Park.

CENTER: The museum's former location on Palmetto Park Road is home to its school of art.

LEFT: The former location as seen in a 1964 clipping from *The Boca Raton News*. Photos provided by Boca Raton Museum of Art

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 - Jan. 8 – The Beatles Tribute \$47
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 - Jan. 24 – Richard Frank & Leiza Michaels \$40
 - Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day – Elvis (Scott Ringerson) \$47
 - Feb. 20 – The Beatles Tribute \$47
 - Mar. 13 – Neil Zirconia \$42

Pay it Forward

Pay it Forward

Pay it Forward celebrates the numerous philanthropic events in South County. Events are current as of 11/30. Please check with organizers for any changes.

DECEMBER

Sunday - 12/8 - Palm Beach County Food Bank's 4th Annual Empty Bowls Delray Beach at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave. Support a national grassroots event that raises money for hunger relief in the community. 11 am-2 pm. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. 670-2518 or oldschoolsquare.org/events/empty-bowls.

Saturday - 12/14 - JAFCO's Jacob's Ladder Award Gala at The Polo Club of Boca Raton, 5400 Champion Blvd. Join the organization for its love-themed gala, at which the Jacob's Ladder Award for Child Advocacy will be presented along with the Lifetime Achievement Award. 7 pm. \$350. 954-315-8696 or jafco.org.

JANUARY

Friday - 1/3 - LIFE's "Lady in Red" Gala at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. Celebrate the "Supreme"

theme with superstar singer Diana Ross and superstar comedian Rita Rudner during the 26th-annual affair benefiting a program that trains shelter dogs so they can be partnered with disabled veterans as companions. 6 pm. \$1,000. 582-8083 or life-edu.org.

Saturday - 1/19 - The Rotary Club of Boca Raton's OPAL Awards at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Recognize Outstanding People And Leaders with cocktails and dinner. 6:30 pm cocktails, 7:30 pm dinner. \$250. 477-7180 or opalawards.com or rotaryclubbocaraton.com.

Monday - 1/20 - Spady Cultural Heritage Museum's Martin Luther King Jr. Brunch at Indian Spring Country Club, 11501 El Clair Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Begin the new year with a signature event celebrating the theme "20/20 Clear Vision." 10 am. \$40. 279-8883 or spadmuseum.com.

Friday - 1/24 - Women of Tomorrow Mentor & Scholarship Program's 7th Annual Wine Dinner at St. Andrews Country Club, 17557 W. Claridge Oval, Boca Raton. Recognize long-time supporters and ring in 20-plus years of helping at-risk girls and women in Palm Beach County. 6:30 pm aperitif and silent auction, 7:45 pm dinner and live auction. \$300. 305-371-3331 or womenoftomorrow.org.



Monday - 1/27 - Nineteenth Annual H.O.W. Hearing the Ovarian Cancer Whisper's Time Is of the Essence Luncheon at Flagler Museum, Palm Beach. Hear Academy Award-winning actress Helen Hunt give a keynote speech at an event that raises money to support the fight against ovarian cancer through the Jacquie Liggett Research Fellowship. 11:30 am. \$375. 406-2109 or howflorida.org.

Thursday - 1/30 - Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County's Lion of Judah Luncheon at The Polo Club of Boca Raton, 5400 Champion Blvd. Meet keynote speaker and best-selling author Jennifer Weiner during an empowering luncheon that celebrates women who annually contribute \$5,000-plus to the federation. 10:45 am. \$100 covert. 852-3163 or jewishboca.org/lionluncheon.

Philanthropy



Delray Beach tennis star Coco Gauff shocked the world and herself with a Wimbledon victory over Venus Williams. Photo provided

Coco Gauff to headline charity tennis event in Boca

By Brian Biggane

Local tennis fans hoping to catch Delray Beach sensation Coco Gauff in action will get their chance when Kevin Anderson and First Serve present the Courtside Cause at 3 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Boca Grove Golf and Tennis Club in Boca Raton.

Anderson, who reached a career-high No. 5 in the ATP rankings in July 2018, and Gauff will be joined on court by twin brothers Bob and Mike Bryan, the most successful doubles duo in the history of American tennis. Stand-up comedian Michael Kosta, a fixture on *The Daily Show*, will serve as emcee.

Gauff, 15, was the biggest story in the tennis world this year. She defeated Venus Williams in her first main-draw match at Wimbledon before advancing to the fourth round, then reached the third round of the U.S. Open two months later.

Gauff recently won the Linz Open in Austria, making her the youngest winner on the WTA Tour since 2004.

Anderson, a Gulf Stream resident whose wife, Kelsey, recently gave birth to their first child, a girl named Keira, was a finalist in both the 2017 U.S. Open and 2018 Wimbledon. He has battled injuries of late and underwent knee surgery in September. He still compiled an 11-4 record in 2019 that included a victory last January at an ATP event in Pune, India.

Proceeds from the event go to Dezzys Second Chance Animal Shelter and the Ocean Conservancy.

Tickets are \$300 per person, or \$5,000 for a group of eight that includes reserved seats, dinner and champagne. For more information visit www.courtsidecause.org. ★



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Singer Diana Ross will perform at the Jan. 3 event.

Lady in Red Gala has 'Supreme' theme

By Amy Woods

Diana Ross and Rita Rudner return to The Breakers on Palm Beach to entertain an elite crowd at the Lady in Red Gala.

The Jan. 3 affair serves as an encore to the 2019 gala, at which the music icon and acclaimed comedian performed, drawing record attendance.

"Just like last year, L.I.F.E.'s 26th annual Lady in Red will be supreme," said Lois Pope, chairwoman of the event and founder of Leaders in Furthering Education.

Ross, whom *Billboard* magazine declared "Female Entertainer of the Century," and Rudner, who has the longest-running solo comedy show in Las Vegas history, will headline the gala, with the Palm Beach Symphony playing during the cocktail hour. The Danny Beck Party Band will take over after dinner.

Proceeds from the \$1,000 ticket will benefit Pups4Patriots, a L.I.F.E. program that trains shelter dogs so they can be partnered as companions for veterans with disabilities.

"Our goal, as always, is to raise as much money as possible because the need is so great," Pope said, adding that the United States has more than 4 million disabled veterans.

"It is estimated that upwards of 20% of these veterans suffer from PTSD, and we know that about 20 veterans commit suicide each and every day.

"We also know that having specially trained therapy and companion dogs has a profoundly positive impact on these veterans — helping

If You Go

What: Lady in Red Gala to benefit Pups4Patriots for disabled veterans

When: 6 p.m. Jan. 3

Where: The Breakers, 1 South County Road, Palm Beach

Cost: \$1,000

Information: 561-582-8083 or www.life-edu.org



Rudner



Pope

them cope with the challenges of trying to reintegrate into society while still dealing with the physical and emotional scars of war."

The cost to train one Pups4Patriots dog exceeds \$20,000.

"The reason we have the freedom to have a gala such as the Lady in Red, that we have the freedoms that we enjoy so much in this country, is because of the courageous men and women who serve in our armed forces," Pope said.

"We have a collective obligation to express our gratitude to them. So, the more money we raise, the more dogs we can train and then give them free of charge to the veterans." ★



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Philanthropy Notes

Old School Square chooses new president/CEO

Shannon Eadon unanimously was elected by the board of Old School Square in October as the center's president and CEO. She fills a vacancy left by Rob Steele, who resigned in May 2018.

Eadon hails from New Jersey, where she led a nonprofit theater in Englewood.

"I am humbled and grateful for this opportunity," she said. "The staff at Old School Square have poured their hearts into this center, and I'm excited to foster their growing creativity."

Board Chairwoman Elise Johnson said, "Eadon has a thorough understanding of the needs of our community, our visitors and our staff. I have no doubt that she is the right person to take the helm at Old School Square and lead us into a new decade as the community's cultural center."

New executive director at children's foundation

Boca West Children's Foundation has appointed longtime Boca Raton resident and community leader Pamela Weinroth as executive director.

Weinroth will oversee collaborations with the 25 local organizations the foundation

supports in addition to fundraising projects.

"We are thrilled to welcome Pam as our executive director," Chairman Arthur Adler said. "This is the perfect person at the perfect time to help us continue our mission to aid children at risk in our area."

For information, call 561-488-6980 or visit www.bocawestfoundation.org.

Pugh to lead philanthropy at Community Foundation

Vicki Pugh recently was named vice president of philanthropic giving at the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

Pugh, who previously served as vice president for development at Palm Beach Atlantic University, will be in charge of connecting donors to philanthropic causes and facilitating legacy and planned gifts. She also will work with staff members to advance the foundation's giving program.

"Vicki brings over 30 years of nonprofit experience to her new role," President and CEO Bradley Hurlburt said.

"Her passion and expertise align wonderfully with our mission to advance the well-being of our communities. We look forward to the strategic direction she will provide in supporting our charitable giving efforts."

For information, call 561-659-6800 or visit www.yourcommunityfoundation.org.

Community Caring Center names directors

The Community Caring Center of Palm Beach County has named its 2019-20 board of directors: Doreen Robinson, president; Nancy Flinn, vice president; Joyce Portnoy, secretary; and Patricia Saunders, treasurer.

New board members are the Rev. Joseph Dawkins and Steve English, who join returning board members Everlene Baker, Larry Dilijohn, John McGovern and Arturo Witman.

"These are exciting times for the Community Caring Center of Palm Beach County, and I look forward to working with our new officers and the entire board to build a stronger organization while we remain focused on feeding and serving families in need," Executive Director Sherry Robinson said.

For information, call 561-364-9501 or visit www.cccpbc.org.

Public-private partnership forged for mentorship

Boca Raton-based Office Depot has launched a community-investment program called the Mentorship Movement, through which hundreds of at-risk youths are paired with adult mentors.

The program — in partnership with the United Way of Palm Beach County — involves Office Depot associates who guide, inspire and support young clients of the following nonprofits: Compass, Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County, Milagro Center, Path to College Fellowship and Take Stock in Children.

To kick off the program, the company presented a \$30,000 check to the United Way of Palm Beach County to support the Mentorship Movement and other mentoring initiatives. The organization funds and oversees 24 such initiatives.

For information, call 561-375-6600 or visit <https://unitedwaypbc.org>.

In other Office Depot news, the company is providing volunteer mentors to students in Boca Helping Hands' free job-training program.

The program prepares and certifies students for careers in health care, hospitality, technology and transportation. Mentors will work with students pursuing technology careers, providing insight into the field and ensuring the youths stay motivated.

"Office Depot is the first company to offer a corporate mentoring experience to our clients," Boca Helping Hands Executive Director Greg Hazle said. "We need more of our corporate partners to consider adopting and mentoring students in our job-training programs."

For information, call 561-417-0913, ext. 203 or visit www.bocahelpinghands.org.

NCCI's campaign raises \$230,000 for United Way

The National Council on Compensation Insurance wrapped up its annual campaign with the United Way of Palm Beach County, raising more than \$230,000 for the agency and donating 1,000 hygiene bags to Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches and HomeSafe.

The campaign theme, "Hope Through Homes," was selected to support the fight against housing insecurity in the community. Boca Raton-based NCCI worked with the United Way to make resources available to people struggling to obtain access to housing.

"No one should ever have to wonder where they will sleep at night," said Allen Boyd II, NCCI's campaign chairman. "Our team is proud to know that the money raised and supplies donated during

our 'Hope Through Homes' campaign will make a positive impact on the lives of Palm Beach County's citizens in need."

Battle of Bands helps students prepare for jobs

The second season of the Golden Bell Education Foundation's Battle of the Bands was all the rage this year as South County business leaders traded in their suits and ties for guitars and microphones to compete in front of 800 screaming fans.

The five amateur bands were Federal Highway, Game of Tones, Mechanical Solidarity (the winner), Rock Lobsters and The Stilettos. The battle kicked off with the winning band from last year, 180 Proof. Nearly \$100,000 was raised for the Boca Chamber initiative, which funds programs promoting workforce readiness among students.

"The competing amateur bands worked hard all summer long to put on a memorable and entertaining performance, and it showed," said Mariana Griswold, the chamber's marketing and communications coordinator. "We are all so proud of their performances and the astounding amount of support we received from the community."

Grant to fund upgrade for nature playscape in Delray

Achievement Centers for Children & Families recently received a \$50,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties for the restoration of its nature playscape at the Nancy K. Hurd campus in Delray Beach.

The money will help turn the existing playground into one in which 125 preschoolers and their families can learn about the connection between nature and healthy living as well as the importance of environmental stewardship.

"Our children are beyond excited," CEO Stephanie Seibel said. "They had input in designing the space by sharing their favorite outdoor activities, and we look forward to collaborating in offering new outdoor programming."

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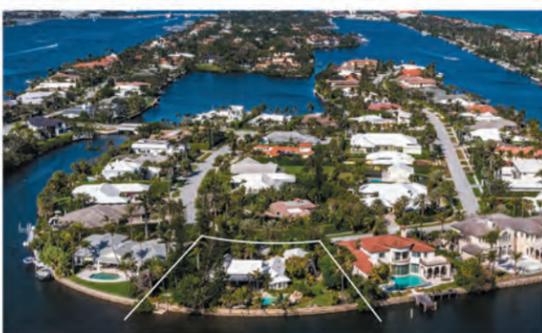
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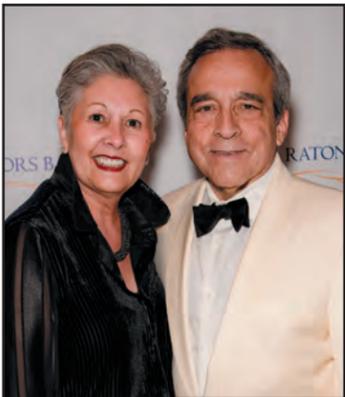
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Celebrations

Boca Raton Mayors Ball

Boca West Country Club — Nov. 16



More than 450 well-dressed guests danced the night away to support the health and wellness needs of local nonprofits at the fifth annual affair presented by Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton. The black-tie gala recognized elected officials who have exemplified Rotary International's motto 'Service Above Self' and honored three visionaries: Lynn University President Kevin Ross, Florence Fuller Child Development Centers Executive Director Elyn Okrent and Bluegreen Vacations CFO Ray Lopez. **TOP:** (l-r) Jim Batmasian, Jo Anne Williams, Jim O'Neill and Debbie and Steve Schmidt. **ABOVE LEFT:** Marisela and Adolfo Cotilla. **ABOVE RIGHT:** (l-r) Patti Carpenter and Bill and Bonny Smith. **Photos provided by Gina Fontana and Jeffrey Tholl**

Party in Paradise

Delray Beach Club — Oct. 10



The Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce gave out well-deserved honors during its annual fundraiser and recognition event. This year's winners are Ted Hoskinson, Crystal Palm Award for Community Service; Community Greening, Nonprofit of the Year; Young Dentistry, Business of the Year; Nancy Reagan, Business Person of the Year; and the late Bob Currie, Lifetime Achievement Award. 'The whole crowd was excited to gather together to honor so many nominees for the Delray Beach Chamber's annual award ceremony,' CEO Stephanie Immelman said. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Hoskinson, of Roots & Wings; Reagan, of Bella Reina Spa; Mark Cassini, of Community Greening; and Marcie Young, of Young Dentistry. **Photo provided by Emiliano Brooks / Studio B2**

Food Bank VIP reception

Old School Square, Delray Beach — Nov. 5



Supporters of the Palm Beach County Food Bank gathered to celebrate the 4th annual Empty Bowls Delray Beach event, set for Dec. 8, and reminded each other how important it is to bring awareness to the almost 200,000 hungry residents in Palm Beach County. Hosts Craig and Shelley Menin, along with Chairwomen Stephanie Dodge and Marla Garchik, welcomed the crowd of more than 100 for an evening of cocktails and light bites. A silent auction of hand-painted bowls raised funds for hunger relief. **TOP:** (l-r) Brenda Medore, Patty Jones and Leanne Adair. **ABOVE:** Kate and Josh Littlefield. **BELOW:** (l-r) Garchik, Food Bank Executive Director Karen Erren and Dodge. **Photos provided**



Gratitude Luncheon

The Seagate Country Club, Delray Beach — Nov. 7



The Crossroads Club benefited from the annual event, which raises funds for people suffering from addiction. More than 200 attended to support the nonprofit safe haven and honor Tony Allerton, its executive director. Guest speakers were State Attorney Dave Aronberg and best-selling author John Lipscomb. 'The Crossroads Club provides a solution to help clients discover and maintain sobriety,' said Delray Beach Mayor Shelly Petrolia, honorary chairwoman of the luncheon. 'This nonprofit helps empower individuals to re-emerge as positive contributors to our city.' **ABOVE:** Ernie Simon with Allerton. **Photo provided**

Celebrations

Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon

Boca Raton Resort & Club — Nov. 8



Nearly 1,000 guests attended the Junior League of Boca Raton's annual affair, at which Michelle Stallone was named Woman Volunteer of the Year and Kirsten Stanley received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Stallone was nominated by Pink Ball, a nonprofit she founded to fund mammograms for uninsured people, and Stanley was nominated by the league and is its president-elect. The winners were chosen by an independent panel of judges. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Amy Kazma, Lisa Warren, Cristy Stewart-Harfmann, Nancy Dockerty, Stanley, Nicole Mugavero and Renata Sans de Negri. **RIGHT:** (l-r) Terry Fedele, Pat Thomas, Stallone, Jessica Kramer and Robin Mautino. **Photos provided**



George and Mary Hood Award

Stetson University, DeLand — Nov. 9

Nancy Walker Bayless, Class of 1962, was honored for her commitment to and passion for Stetson University and contributions to enriching its core values. 'My Stetson education was a gift that helped me to set standards for my personal and professional growth,' Bayless said when accepting the award. Bayless and her husband, David, are part-time residents of Briny Breezes.

RIGHT: (l-r) Alumni Association President Ranell Mason, Nancy Bayless and Stetson President Wendy Libby. **Photo provided**



Cocktails, Canapes & Cabaret

The Wick Theatre & Costume Museum, Boca Raton — Oct. 11



Walk of Recognition

The Addison, Boca Raton — Nov. 6



The Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum's 23rd annual presentation honored four individuals and one institution for positively affecting the lives of others. Arthur Adler, Kerry Koen, the late George Barbar, the late Merrilee Middleton and Florida Atlantic University each received a special medallion. 'I think that every person who attended the event feels very fortunate to be living in this community,' Executive Director Mary Csar said of the 130 guests in attendance. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Joni Goldberg, Alyce Erickson, Arlene Herson, Betsy Fletcher and Vanessa Carosella. **Photo provided**



A special birthday party became an opportunity for singers and dancers — including Kellye Cash, Johnny Cash's niece, and Rob Russell, a local favorite — to support people with disabilities. The night benefits the Boating & Beach Bash for People with Disabilities, set for March 1 in Boca Raton. In celebration of the 75th birthday of Jay Van Vechten, the bash's director, a roster of legendary performers put on a show. Cash, a former Miss America, kicked off the evening with her version of 'Ring of Fire.' Nearly 100 attended. **ABOVE:** Russell and Van Vechten. **CENTER:** Jane and Mark Hansen. **LEFT:** Kelly Boyle and Lowell Van Vechten. **Photos provided by Kelly Boyle**

Dining

Prime Catch sporting rebuilt dock and brighter, bigger space

Phase 1 of the redo at Boynton Beach's **Prime Catch** is complete, with a new dock, new decor, a new sign and some new menu items.

The doors opened Nov. 1 to the brighter and bigger space.

The owners, **John Therien** and family, took advantage of the summertime slowdown and the ongoing plaza construction to jazz up the restaurant, which opened in 2004.

They rebuilt the dock, cutting its size slightly to accommodate what will be the 30-seat Prime Island Bar. The outdoor bar will have its own docks on the east side.

Manager **Kim Edema** said big boats are welcome. "We can accommodate three or four yachts at once at high tide."

There's a 6-foot draw, and most boaters are aware that things get iffy at low tide, she said.

"But we're now ADA accessible on the docks. We used to have two steps up to the ramp but we eliminated those."

The dining room is now a lighter and brighter white, with windows opened up onto the Intracoastal, and aqua and silver accents throughout.

"We're calling it Florida

chic," Edema said, laughing.

There's a sea theme with a touch of whimsy: In the upstairs bar and dining area, reconfigured for more seating and better views of the Intracoastal, giant blue octopuses crawl on the wall murals. Down below, tendrils that reflect the light hang from the jellyfish-shaped chandelier.

New menu items include appetizers such as a bianca flatbread, fried calamari and artichoke hearts served with a marinara and house-made white bean hummus.

The most popular so far is the new chilled raw bar platter, Edema said, with chilled Maine lobster, clams, oysters, shrimp cocktail and tuna poke.

The poke is a lunch favorite, she said, and is available separately.

Old favorites are still on the menu. Prime rib Wednesdays are from 4 p.m. till close; Mondays are Maine lobster nights.

Construction continues in the plaza, but owners are expecting the Prime Island Bar to be open by New Year's Eve.

Prime Catch is at 700 E. Woolbright Road. Phone 561-737-8822; www.

primecatchboynton.com. Open daily for lunch and dinner; on Sundays brunch is served.

Dada in Delray Beach is going strong as it approaches its 20th year in 2020. Co-owner **Scott Frielich** said much has changed since it opened in the historic Tarrimore house.

"Delray was a sleepy little beach town, and we were kind of off the beaten path. Odds were that we weren't going to make it," he said.

"Then Delray started really booming and everything kind of grew around us."

He's wary of so much development, however. "I feel there's a little too much. It's taken away from what we came here for. There were a lot of art galleries and mom and pop stores. Development kind of chased that away."

Frielich has been approached to do more restaurants downtown: "I'm hesitant to open more locations. I think it's reached a saturation."

Instead, he's focused on keeping Dada, the second-oldest restaurant downtown (City Oyster has it beat by a year or so), fresh and appealing for the diners.



Prime Catch's renovations include whimsical marine touches and brighter colors. Photo provided

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A chef change is helping the menu move forward.

Chef **Jessie Steele**, a Delray Beach native, replaced Bruce Feingold at the helm in January and has brought some new items to the menu, while refreshing old favorites.

"I didn't want to change the soul of the restaurant," he said. "It's an icon. But I kind of wanted to make my own stamp on it," Steele said.

He has updated the popular mezze plate, adding muhammara, a Middle Eastern walnut dip, and restoring tabbouli to make it more Mediterranean.

"I changed up the tuna tartare. It's now a seared tuna, but still served cold. Added a ponzu sauce, changed up the plating — we got rid of those ring molds. They're so '90s," he said, laughing.

Roast duck breast replaces a half-duck, and diners can order it to any temperature.

One of the most popular appetizers stayed, too, with a nod to Spain. "I kept the Dada dates — I couldn't take those off. They're still wrapped in bacon and stuffed with chorizo. But I added a manchego cheese with marcona almond crema on top. They sit on a sherry vinegar gastrique."

He didn't touch the crabcake's flavor profile, but took out the lavosh cracker filling and made it with more crab.

Another change is to the main dishes on the menu, where it followed the popular formula of a protein, starch and vegetable of the day.

"Now, each dish is composed with its own sides," Steele said. "It's a lot more work, but I think the customers appreciate it."

He credits time cooking with chef Nick Morfogen at the former 32 East for his mentorship, but says Dada's owners, **Rodney Mayo** and **Frielich**, want a Dada twist to everything, so he must unlearn

some of the classics he was taught.

"With everything I change I have to do a full tasting with Scott and Rodney," Steele said. "Rodney will say, 'It's good ... but is it Dada?'" The chef laughed. "It forces you to be more creative."

Steele added a smoker where he's cooking smoked pork belly burnt ends. "The process is, we get whole bellies in and cure them, then smoke the whole belly. We take it out, cube it, and smoke it again to give it a heavy smoke. When it's ordered, it's fried, then tossed in a honey barbecue sauce. It's been really popular."

Steele also bought two deep fryers — for a variety of foods, but mainly house-made fries with his burgers, and the new fried chicken sandwich that debuted on the new Sunday brunch menu.

Dec. 1, brunch became permanent every Sunday instead of sporadically. The fried chicken sandwich, using the Freebird brand that Steele calls the best he's ever eaten, also is served Sunday night — "since Chick-fil-A doesn't serve on Sundays. We do. Till it's sold out."

The chicken is brined in buttermilk, pickle juice and Frank's Hot Sauce. It's served on Old School Square Bakery's challah bun with shredded lettuce, tart pickles and an herb aioli.

To do it all, Steele helped build the new kitchen with all new appliances and tools. Not much could be done in the postage-stamp kitchen in the historic house. "I took out the wall between the hot line and the pantry. It opens up a little more room. We can move a little more."

Dada is at 52 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Phone 561-330-3232; www.sub-culture.org. It's open for dinner daily, and at 11 a.m. Sunday for brunch and dinner.

If your dream has been to open a small food business, the free entrepreneurship classes at the **Secret Garden Culinary Business and Job Training Center** can put you on the right path.

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Classes meet at the center, 410 E. Boynton Beach Blvd., Boynton Beach, at 6 p.m. Monday and Thursday each week.

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In brief: Mizner Park is getting some new restaurants and spots for food. **Lost Weekend**, from the same owners as Kapow!, is coming next door to iPic Theater. Its original, a game room-lounge that serves handmade tacos, is in Miami Beach, and there's another on Clematis Street in downtown West Palm.

Calaveras Cantina moves in, too; its other one is in Jupiter's Harbourside Plaza.



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Dining

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The Plate: Smoked deviled eggs

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The Price: \$7

The Skinny: News flash:



Driftwood may be the best restaurant in Boynton Beach.

Oh, it's not that the other places are bad, but Jimmy Everett and Ilia Gonzalez have kicked things a notch above their competition.

I stopped for a recent happy hour snack and an \$8 cocktail.

About those cocktails — Tommy's Margarita offers the



right mix of sweet and sour, with El Jimador Blanco, agave and lime. El Bucho offered a savory punch, with Vida Mezcal, tamarind, lime, Fresno and black salt.

But the star of my stop was the deviled eggs, which were at once rich and savory. The yolk was smoky and creamy, and it was garnished with a slightly

sweet green tomato relish and a crisp of fried chicken skin — good, if not good for you.

A couple at a neighboring table recommended the pâté and the hummus, and said to order the swordfish any night it's on the menu. There's always next time. ...

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MUSEUM

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the street from the museum that is home to a commanding 100-year-old banyan tree.

From July through October, more than 350 volunteers twisted thousands of recycled newspapers now hanging like paper branches from the ceiling of the main gallery. The mastermind behind this handmade rainforest is sculptor and performance artist Maren Hassinger, who saw the natural landmark as a symbol of community, endurance and collaboration. This is the largest production of her career.

The California-born artist's companion piece to *Tree of Knowledge* puts nature's No. 1 enemy to good use with recycled plastic bags that adorn the gallery entrance hall. Incidentally, it looks like a party decorated with pink balloons. The shopping bags are inflated with human breath and carry love notes inside.

Love sends out an optimistic signal that echoes in the rest of the first floor. *Clifford Ross: Waves* responds.

Long before Greta Thunberg and the Paris Agreement issued their respective warnings about rising sea levels and global warming, there was Ross with a camera, a tether linking him to his assistant to keep him from floating away. The New York-born Ross, who abstains from cautious photography, spent years capturing waves up close during extreme weather conditions and while braving the ocean surf.

The fruit of his labor dances between abstraction and hyper-realism, aggression and gentleness. One look at the ferocity of the *Wood Wave* series and it's clear nobody should try this at home.

The massive scale of these water columns amplifies the feeling of powerlessness. The choice of wood as printing surface adds foreign marks to pictures that already feel untamed, unpredictable. These are waves on steroids, and all we can do is stand in awe.

Their range of mood swings can be better appreciated in the adjacent gallery room housing a set of nine prints from 2009 collectively known as the *Hurricane* series.

Helping art students

The two shows, running through March 1, will extend the museum's birthday festivities well into the new year. They are the natural next steps in a succession of transformative evolutions that can be traced to the 1940s, when a modest exhibition organized by members of the Library Association hinted at the local artistic potential and interest in the fine arts.

This first civic group, united under the mission of opening a small library, fueled the creation of the Art Guild of Boca Raton in 1950, which eventually became the

Boca Raton Museum timeline

1950 — The Art Guild of Boca Raton is born.

1961 — Construction of the Art Guild's first building begins.

1962 — The Art Guild dedicates the building on Palmetto Park Road.

1969 — The building expands; two studio classrooms are added.

1973 — The Art Guild officially becomes a nonprofit organization under the name Boca Raton Center for the Arts.

1978 — First full-time director, Maria Lawton, is hired.

1985 — The Center for the Arts changes its name to Boca Raton Museum of Art.

1989 — Dr. and Mrs. John Mayer make a donation of drawings and watercolors.

2001 — The new 44,000-square-foot museum opens in Mizner Park. The art school, in the museum's original location on Palmetto Park Road, grows to seven studios.

2007 — Isadore and Kelly Friedman give a collection of photographs.

2014 — Current museum logo is unveiled.

2019 — First phase of exterior renovations is finished.

FUTURE — Next phase of capital improvements will expand retail space and add a café next to the lobby and an additional entrance off Fifth Street.



INSET: *Space Station*, by Julio Larraz, at Boca Raton Museum of Art

Boca Raton Museum. The city's official cultural attaché has been fostering cultural exchanges between the local community and the rest of the world ever since.

The art school, situated in the museum's original location, now offers more than 100 classes and its eight classrooms see nearly 3,000 students every year. The Artists Guild, as it's currently known, is still active in a supporting capacity.

Boca Raton resident Farida Morris joined it last year at a particularly vulnerable time while she questioned whether or not to pursue her artistic career. She took a portrait painting class and attended art critique evening sessions where members bring artworks and receive group feedback.

Then something happened. "I participated in the Artists Guild's juried exhibit at ArtServe in Fort Lauderdale and received juror recognition

for my digital photograph *The Dress*," said Morris, whose membership includes signature-members-only exhibitions. "I think, overall, I got more knowledge and confidence as a developing artist by participating."

Using technology

One of the biggest challenges cultural institutions face is the ongoing negotiation aimed at growing their fan base without alienating longtime museum-goers. Striking that balance is not only tricky, but essential. Boosting membership and support is crucial to a healthy financial state and gives a sound indication of community engagement.

Sandwiched between the Norton Museum of Art to the north and NSU Art Museum to the south, Boca Raton Museum seems particularly good at gauging the pros and cons of interactive exhibitions that



Members of FAU's Repertory Dance Theatre Ensemble perform during festivities marking the 70th anniversary of Boca Raton Museum of Art. An anniversary gala dinner and dance is planned for Jan. 25. Photo provided by Boca Raton Museum of Art

If you go

What: Boca Raton Museum of Art
Where: 501 Plaza Real
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Admission: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, free for children 12 and under and members.
Info: www.bocamuseum.org

Social media numbers

- The Boca museum joined Twitter in 2009, has 6,629 followers.
- It joined Facebook in 2010, has 13,599 followers.
- It joined Instagram in 2013, has 4,611 followers.

Also celebrating in 2020

- Norton Museum of Art turns 79.
- The NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale turns 62.
- Henry Morrison Flagler Museum turns 60.

trigger all the senses rather than the conventional flat experience. Admittedly, it's a work in progress.

"The museum is a place where I can go to refresh my creativity, see different art media and just enjoy being around art, some of which I love and some of which I don't," said Marcia Lamel, a longtime museum member and current president of the Artists Guild.

Lamel joined the museum soon after moving to Boca Raton in 2002 and discovering it in a small space on Palmetto Park Road.

"I wasn't very impressed, but I have been an artist all my life, so joining and supporting museums is important to me," she said. "I have really enjoyed the museum's exhibitions in the last few years. They are different and many are exciting."

Technology has certainly helped captivate a more social media-oriented segment of

the population with a fleeting attention span. Traditionalists might opine that the "pure" viewing experience has been sacrificed in favor of trendy things that should have no place in galleries (such as selfie sticks or cafés). Boca Raton Museum, on the other hand, has found a partner in technology.

Most recently, it acquired Ross' *Light Waves III* installation consisting of an LED wall that plays six minutes of computer-generated footage. It's stunning and sleek at once.

"We are ever vigilant that art is a form of communication. It is true that most visitors might spend only a few seconds in front of any work of art and take longer to photograph themselves," said Lippman. "At least we are able to get visitors to realize that there is great joy in first 'looking up' rather than 'looking down' at one's cellphone."

Encouraging dialogue

Whereas older and larger institutions collect broadly and in depth, the Boca museum's collections (mainly representative of 20th- and 21st-century art) are anchored on the principle of communication. This type of dialogue, epitomized by Jean Dubuffet's paintings and African sculptures in the second-floor gallery, is one in which the museum takes pride and is not interested in trading. If anything, the latest round of capital improvements, which will include the expansion of retail space and the addition of a café next to the lobby, will reinforce this core value.

Upcoming exhibitions *Phyllis Galembo: Maské and Eye to I: Self Portraits From the National Portrait Gallery*, opening Jan. 28 and March 24, respectively, will further advance the conversation between past and modern art.

"It is great that there are museums that can present the visual history of civilizations," said Lippman. "It is also important to have museums devoted to the art of our time." ★

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Must See



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Playwright Stephen Brown's first production is just 'Super Great.' Page AT14



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Norton show looks at life, style and art of Georgia O'Keeffe. Page AT15



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Whatever happened to 'The Goldbergs'? New play has answers. Page AT16



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'Nutcracker,' 'Messiah' among holiday favorites being performed this month. Page AT17

Art

Underlying issues

Women's foundational fashions see the light of day in Flagler show

By Gretel Sarmiento
ArtsPaper Art Writer

What came first, the desire to show off a tiny waist or the corset that squeezed internal organs out of the way? A dynamic new exhibition exploring how women's fashion has shaped American society, and vice versa, gives a Mobius-strip answer. How is that for a silhouette?

The gallery walls of the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum are uncharacteristically colorful these days. They have *Inside Out: Women's Fashion from Foundation to Silhouette* to thank. Running through Jan. 5, the fall exhibition serves more than 140 items, including padded-shoulder tops, corsets designed for post-surgery recovery, fitness bras, and hand-knit pussyhats. Easily absorbed in under an hour, the show playfully breaks down the evolution of the intimate relationship between American women and their undergarments into small bites. Furniture and intriguing artifacts reinforce the staging.

Organized and curated by the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts in Texas, *Inside Out* took more than a decade from concept to fruition and faced a sizable amount of reluctance over "the unmentionables" subject matter.

"There is this kind of dichotomy. We live in a very progressive, permissible age. You can turn on the TV and see underwear ads, all kinds of things. On the other hand, we still have this silly idea about underwear," said Howard Taylor, director of the San Angelo Museum.

"It's the closest thing to our bodies. It tells so much about our culture, our time, and the individual."

The Flagler Museum is the only Florida venue to welcome the traveling exhibition, which orients viewers through eight chapters of American history from the 1790s

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The exhibit *Inside Out* at the Flagler Museum in Palm Beach includes this display of multiple layers of Victorian undergarments, circa 1890s. Photo by Brooke Mulkey, San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts



The Dew Fairy gets ready to wake the children in *Hansel and Gretel*. Photo provided

Opera

'Hansel and Gretel' explores fairy tale's heart, and darkness

By Greg Stepanich
ArtsPaper Editor

In Palm Beach Opera's upcoming trip to the land of make-believe, everything is made of paper, and grommets are our friend.

If that sounds odd, how about this: For its December production, which in past years has amounted to such things as outdoor concerts and presentations of huge symphonic works including Beethoven's Ninth Symphony and Verdi's Requiem, the company is returning to staged opera.

Using only its Young Artists as cast members, the troupe will present Engelbert Humperdinck's classic fairy-tale opera, *Hänsel und Gretel*, in three performances this month at the Crest Theatre on the campus of Old School Square in Delray Beach. The opera will be sung in English instead of the original German and will be accompanied by a reduced-size orchestra led by David Stern, to accommodate the environs of the Crest, which is much smaller than the opera's usual home in Dreyfoos Hall at the Kravis Center.

The opera, says Fenlon Lamb, a veteran director and semi-retired mezzo who has helmed several shows over the years for Palm Beach Opera, is at once about people pushed to their limits and about inhabiting a place of magic. A mix of dark and light, then, and

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to the present and questions the extent to which changing skirt lengths and necklines are the result of perceived roles of women in America.

Didactic panels take off from the Federalist and Victorian times and land on the MTV and contemporary eras. The wall color changes with each period's introduction, and each time capsule suggests this is an ongoing negotiation between freedom and confinement, confidence and insecurity, individuality and belonging.

The inclusion of strange devices such as the "braided-wire bust improvers" (ca. 1890) and "Pomeroy surgical corset" makes the first room look like a torture chamber, an effect the Virginia Reel Medley audio track attempts to soften. Specialty corsets like this one make a connection between beauty and health. They were designed for lumbar support, nursing, pregnancy and post-partum healing. This one proclaimed to hold in place a "moveable kidney, prolapsed stomach and other abdominal weaknesses."

Another corset dating back to 1865 showcases the array of materials involved in enforcing the hourglass figure. Whalebone, we learn, was the raw ingredient of choice for corset boning for decades until whales fell in short supply. The boning in this corset, which features steel and cotton, is actually made of reeds.



ABOVE: Hoop crinoline, 1860s, cotton covered watch spring steel and cotton tapes; corset, ca. 1865, cotton, steel and reed, embroidered tulle and silk, all by J.C. Smith, manufacturer, New York. **RIGHT:** Evening gown, ca. 1810-1815, embroidered tulle and silk. **Photos by Brooke Mulkey, San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts**



If it looks like some of the dresses in this room are left undone, that's to reveal the substantial layering and intricate mechanisms supporting unrealistic outward appearances. They have been dragged out from under delicate fabrics and left exposed, for all to see.

The second gallery delivers whispers of change. Clockwise, it takes us from the roaring '20s to the 1940s when women

first entered the workforce and served as WASPS (Women Airforce Service Pilots). On display is an official flying uniform — worn by Doris K. Duren Muise — consisting of slacks, a white shirt, black tie and a fitted waist-length jacket with an adjustable waist band and bellows breast pockets. Women were the first pilots to don what became known as the "Ike" jacket, a roomier style designed by General Dwight

Eisenhower during World War II for better functionality.

The inclusion of curious objects such as a "Ban the bra" protest button helps lighten the mood. We are told the owner of this button took it with him to the Vietnam War. Both survived the war.

Meanwhile, a hint of androgyny is found in the unlikeliest of places: a silk black dinner dress featuring an Art Deco design and stunning beading. This decorative design breaks down the body into geometric planes and would have normally sent our eyeballs in different directions. Instead, they settle on the metallic necktie-like piece at the center.

Dressed up in vibrant hues and daring color-blocking technique, the last room is decisively closer to our time. It pairs up the revolutionary energy of counterculture and feminism that characterized the 1960s with the defiant unapologetic confidence of modern days. The orange walls declaring FDA approval of the pill graduate to a pale rose announcing what we know firsthand: "what goes around, comes around."

Underwear is something to flaunt, not conceal, this room says. Since it joined other pieces of clothing in the light of day, it's clear that more creative energy was poured into underwear. Evidence of its enhanced decorative value is the "glow-in-the-dark rave bra" on view. Highly popular in the rave scene of the 1990s, loud

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pieces like this one made the wearer feel right at home amid laser light shows and turned her into a beacon in a dark room.

An accessory that broadcasts sexual independence doesn't necessarily grant spectators access. A futuristic corset-style belt featuring padlocks and keys designed by Dolce & Gabbana in 2007 embodies this seeming contradiction. The belt, which appears on a figure-hugging animal print dress by the same fashion house, sets boundaries and flirts with seduction. The woman gets to hold the keys, literally. They are attached to the belt via a chain, giving its owner control over her body.

To those who believe the current decade is devoid of flair and has no specific style other than conscious consumerism and self-absolution fashion, be sure to stop by the sleeveless dress featuring a red-poppy print. It is an identical sample of the dress worn by Michelle Obama to the August 2013 ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Despite its flattering quality and striking bead clusters, this black-and-red floral number by Tracy Reese is better known for fueling the controversy over the former first lady's bare arms. Unperturbed by public criticism, the fashion-forward former FLOTUS went on to wear similarly bold designs that accentuated her toned guns.

Going back to the initial chicken-or-egg question, Taylor admits he doesn't really know the answer. External pressures and social movements no doubt play a part, he explains, but then there's the primal need for courtship.

"The peacocks with the fancy feathers are actually male, you know that? They do that to attract the opposite sex," he said. "In our world, women are the peacock. They have always, in almost every culture, done things and worn things to conform to male expectations about feminine beauty."

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HANSEL

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one that offers a welcome break from the stress of the holidays.

"You can escape a little bit and be taken into another world where you can be a kid again," Lamb said. "You get to play again. You can imagine all these things happening. And if you're a kid, you get to do that maybe for the first time and understand a different art form that is not all-omniscient. It's very accessible."

Hansel and Gretel (as it is known in English) is drawn from the Grimm Brothers collection of German folktales, and its story is probably still familiar to most people. A brother and sister go into the forest to gather food for the family, but get lost and wind up at a house made of gingerbread. Unfortunately, the addressee on Tasty Treats Lane is a witch who wants to fatten up the children and eat them.

The children are able to trick the witch into looking into the oven, then shove her in and close the door. There's an explosion, and the gingerbread figures in the house are turned back into children (the witch had them under a spell), while the witch herself emerges from the oven as a giant gingerbread cake. Hansel and Gretel's parents arrive, and there is general rejoicing.

Although this opera has often been marketed as a warm-and-fuzzy piece of holiday *Gemütlichkeit* ideal for kids, much of the opera actually has scary, disturbing ideas in it. And Lamb says that's an important part of the production because it's an important part of a child's reality.

"There are such adult themes, and these are things that kids encounter. We're not living in a fairy tale," Lamb said. "It has a very real feel to it." The mother loses her temper because the kids have broken the milk jar, and she has nothing left to feed them. And the father likes the bottle a little too much.

"You have a mom who explodes," Lamb said. "Kids can understand when moms get sad. And you have a drunken dad. Well, adults do that."

A word about the opera's composer: Humperdinck has the unfortunate distinction of having his name appropriated by an English pop singer of the 1960s and 1970s

originally named Arnold Dorsey (anything wrong with that name?). That Engelbert Humperdinck, famed for mega-hits such as *Please Release Me* and *After the Lovin'*, is still making the rounds at age 83, but the real Humperdinck, who lived from 1854 to 1921, was a composer of distinction whose fame today rests primarily on this opera.

Humperdinck was from the town of Siegburg, Germany, where his father ran a school. His talent for music was encouraged by a family friend, a once well-known



Hansel and Gretel has been a popular opera since its premiere in Weimar, Germany, in December 1893. Photo provided

composer and pedagogue named Ferdinand Hiller, and Humperdinck repaid Hiller's faith in him by winning prestigious composition prizes during his studies in Cologne and Munich.

In 1881, he was hired by Richard Wagner to help him get his latest opera, *Parsifal*, ready for its first performance at Bayreuth, and ended up working closely with the elder composer, ultimately becoming music tutor to his son, Siegfried. His later career was primarily spent in academia in Berlin, where he taught at several conservatories until ill health, which had plagued him for years, led him to retire in 1920. He was primarily a composer of vocal music — songs, choral pieces and operas — though he also wrote a string quartet and a handful of other instrumental works.

Hänsel und Gretel began life as incidental music for a theatrical treatment of the folktale by Humperdinck's sister, Adelheid, and proved so popular in the family circle that Humperdinck rewrote it as an opera. It premiered in Weimar on Dec. 23, 1893, to great acclaim and has been a regular part of the repertory ever since.

Humperdinck was sensitive about having his style compared to Wagner's; but there is little doubt that he was strongly influenced by the *Ring* master — not just in overall rich, Romantic language, but also in the resonant, brilliant orchestral scoring he brought to *Hansel* and his other operas. The most well-known excerpt from *Hansel* is probably the *Evening Prayer* that closes Act II, in which 14 angels descend from a heavenly staircase to protect Hansel and Gretel as they spend a night in the dark, frightening forest.

Palm Beach Opera's staging by Lamb is being effectuated by her theatrical house, Papermoon Opera Productions. True to its name, all of the costumes and sets are made of paper (some of it Tyvek), which makes for far lower shipping and handling costs. A tour of the costumes and sets in the company's warehouses on Florida Avenue in West Palm Beach shows how light the "fabric" of the skirts and dirndls are, and how useful it is to have grommets available to reinforce it when adding laces.

Making the set and costumes out of paper also evokes

childhood, Lamb said.

"What we really discovered was that it takes the design process back to that playfulness, that imagination, back to being a kid again and creating from paper, when you used to make a paper hat or forts from cardboard boxes," she said.

The opera has a small cast of six people, five of whom are women, the sole exception being the Father (Peter), sung here by bass-baritone Ted Allen Pickell. Hansel, being a boy, is sung by a mezzo-soprano (Maria Vasilevskaya) opposite Gretel, a soprano (Patricia Westley). The other three roles also are sopranos: the Witch (Cara Collins), the Sandman

If You Go

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(Emily Blair) and the Dew Fairy (Emily Helenbrooke). There also is a children's chorus, which will be sung by the Young Singers of the Palm Beaches.

"They're killing it," Lamb said of her cast. "We staged it in a week. They've knocked it out of the park."

The Witch in this production is inspired by the Russian folk witch Baba Yaga, who lived in a hut that walked on chicken legs. Here, the Witch herself is a chicken.



Collins

"Along with this Wagner thing, that Witch sounds like a chicken every time I hear her sing," Lamb says, laughing, singing a snippet from the opera as she does. "It tickled me, so I said, 'Let's try it.'"

Collins, the soprano singing

the Witch, also sings the role of the Mother (Gertrude), a choice frequently made by directors, and which carries interesting psychological overtones.

"There's plenty of places where I've said (to Cara), 'Let's think on this.' Everything that happens in Act I is a projection of later, of the kids' imagination about how far they can take their mother," Lamb said. "The kids experience something in real life and then they go to this fantasy place where they're free, but all of these other things are still in play ... it actually works very nicely to have the Mother and the Witch played by the same person."

The overriding concept here, though, is the magic of imagination, of play, of childhood, a show in which the audience can experience the kind of heightened emotions we knew as younger people.

"I want people to come and be awed by the fact that this is all on paper. And these young voices are creating roles for the first time. And children are playing in opera. And designers are playing with the set and costumes," she said. "It's play, it's fun, it's entertainment. I think if we try to say we need this really intense moral at the end of the show, I think we lose a little of that."

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'Everything Is Super Great' mines laughs from playwright's miserable past

By Hap Erstein
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

Nineteen-year-old Tommy, the main character of Stephen Brown's *Everything is Super Great* — a sarcastic title if ever there was one — lives a lonely life in a dead-end job at Starbucks.

He is attracted to the female assistant manager who has no interest in him, he has no friends, his older brother has been missing for months and an inept therapist has arrived at Tommy's home to help him with his troubles. Oh, and the play is a rollicking comedy.

Super Great, an exaggerated reflection of playwright Brown's life, opened at FAU Theatre Lab in Boca Raton on Nov. 30. Directed by the company's artistic head Matt Stabile, the production is a co-world premiere with New Light Theater Project and Stable Cable Lab Co. of New York City.

The 32-year-old Texas native Brown began writing the play a decade ago, soon after he moved to New York. As he recalls, "I was working at a Starbucks and everything was just really terrible. ... I was barely making ends meet and I had no friends in New York.

"I was really lonely in a new city, I had no money to do anything and I couldn't do anything anyway because I was working seven days a week."

When he wasn't busy building frappuccinos, he was writing plays, a pursuit he concedes he knew little about at the time. "I wrote this first play on instinct because I didn't know how to do it any other way."

Super Great is what Brown calls "my first real play," following two unproduced scripts that he deems really bad. "And then the next play after I wrote this one, I started to outline extensively, which ended up being a huge problem for me. ... That actually caused me to have two years of writer's block. That was devastatingly awful," he says. "I realized it was because I was outlining. I fell so in love with my outline that I wouldn't deviate from it, but the outline wouldn't work. Now I've gone back to just writing on impulse."

Asked whether the characters are based on anyone from his life, Brown concedes, "They're all based on me, except for maybe the mother, who is based on my mother."

If Starbucks comes off badly in the play, therapists come off worse. "They were just an easy target for humor," Brown acknowledges. "I feel a little bit bad about that now, because I really do feel that therapy is a great thing. I'm trying to talk less about therapy itself and a little bit more about people who aren't particularly good at their jobs, which I have a lot of



Christian Mouisset and Rachel Michelle Bryant in *Everything is Super Great*. Photo by Nicholas Chimienti

If You Go

Everything Is Super Great, Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab, Parliament Hall, FAU Campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Through Dec. 22. \$32-\$40. 297-6124.

experience with."

Since beginning the play, Brown has had plenty of developmental readings, but none has led to a full production until now. "I felt that I never really quite nailed the play," he says. "I always felt like 70 percent of it was good and 30 percent of it was a little rough."

"I remember I turned 30 and I fell in love with the woman of my dreams, all at the same time. It really focused my life in a way. I felt I needed to start getting some plays produced if I was going to make a life as a writer. I didn't have an agent at the time, so I was like, 'OK, let me email every theater in America that does new work and see what happens there.'"

"I sent Matt (Stabile) an email and I think he wrote back a pretty terse response where it was clear he did not want to read anything by me."

"Then about three months later maybe, I got an email back from him that was like, 'Hey, we just had somebody drop out of our new play festival. If you're free in January, I really like your play actually and I would love to bring it down here if you want to.' And I was like, 'Hell, yeah, let's do that.'"

Theatre Lab usually does not consider scripts unless they are submitted by literary agents. "But I read it and I was laughing the whole time reading it," remembers Stabile. "And there were these moments of real heartfelt honesty." Although he was still unsure whether his audience would respond to the play, *Everything Is Super Great* would at least fill a vacant slot in his festival, he reasoned.

"If you were to have asked me at the start of the New Play

Festival last year were we going to produce Stephen's play, I would have said 'no.' ... I was thinking, 'It's probably not for us, but I'd like to help him develop it and see that it goes somewhere else.'

"But that reading, it was a Sunday at noon, our lowest attended reading, but it was also our loudest, most energetic reading. The audience did not stop laughing the entire time. It sounded like there were 100 people in the room, even though there were probably 45 or so. We looked at each other afterwards and said, 'This one has to be on our list.'"

Still, the play needed further development. "I say that I learned how to write by writing this play," Brown said.

"Matt is an incredible dramaturg. He's very upfront with his thoughts. Very much 'I think we need this,' and 'I don't think we need this,' 'I think we're spending too much time on this.' He tells you exactly what he thinks. Also from a writer's point of view, he's a great director to work with because he just understands it. He just showed up knowing my play really well."

The playhouse for Theatre Lab is small, but the space where *Super Great* is being performed in New York is even smaller. "We have like four chairs and a table that we reconfigure for the space. It calls for a lot more imagination from the audience than the one down at Theatre Lab," Brown says. "Down there, there's really intricate blocking, which makes some of the jokes work really well."

The characters in *Everything is Super Great* are going through some dark times, but Brown wants to emphasize that the play has plenty of laughs.

"I try to never have a theme that isn't funny," he says. "That's really how I started writing; I just wanted to make people laugh as much as possible. So even though there's a lot of deep stuff underneath, it's very much a comedy."

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ABOVE: Alfred Stieglitz (American, 1864-1946). Georgia O'Keeffe, circa 1920-22. Gelatin silver print, 4½ x 3½ in. (11.4 x 9 cm). Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, Gift of The Georgia O'Keeffe Foundation, 2003.01.006

Georgia O'Keeffe: *Living Modern* is organized by the Brooklyn Museum, with guest curator Wanda M. Corn, Robert and Ruth Halperin Professor Emerita in Art History, Stanford University and made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts. Sponsorship for this exhibition at the Norton was provided by the Esther B. O'Keeffe Charitable Foundation. Additional support provided by the Priscilla and John Richman Endowment for American Art.



This 1960 photo by Tony Vaccaro shows Georgia O'Keeffe with her painting *Pelvis Series, Red with Yellow*. Photo provided

Art

O'Keeffe exhibit at Norton shows the many sides of an American icon

By Sandra Schulman
ArtsPaper Art Writer

Floating bones and flowers in the Southwestern sky are the most famous images produced by Georgia O'Keeffe. As a woman and an artist, O'Keeffe was a mass of artful contradictions, due to her sensual abstract work and her monastic personal style.

As her life as an artist evolved, she became a self-created masterpiece with a progressive, independent lifestyle crafted through her clothing and the way she posed for the camera for some of the world's top photographers.

A new exhibition at the Norton, *Georgia O'Keeffe: Living Modern*, brings all these elements together for the first time to give an eye-opening understanding of O'Keeffe with her wardrobe alongside key paintings and photographs of O'Keeffe and her homes by Alfred Stieglitz, Ansel Adams, Annie Leibovitz, Philippe Halsman, Yousuf Karsh, Cecil Beaton, Andy Warhol, Bruce Weber, Todd Webb, and others.

The knockout show is the largest the Norton has produced since its \$100 million renovation. It walks viewers through her life in sections that start with her early school years, when O'Keeffe began to don severe clothing — a signature that would continue the rest of her life with a mostly black-and-white palette, shawls, capes, buttoned-up-to-the-neck blouses and big-brimmed hats.

A film loop of O'Keeffe and her mentor/lover Alfred Stieglitz bounding through the streets of 1940s New York is exuberant as the couple cloak themselves in their joy of the energy of the big city.

O'Keeffe painted the bridges and skylines of Manhattan — a wonderful bridge painting is on display that shows her veering into abstraction even then.

But her love affair with New York wore off as a coveted commission for Radio City Music Hall fell through along with her relationship. She decamped to New Mexico, where the colors and skies



Black Pansy and Forget Me Nots, 1926, by Georgia O'Keeffe. Photo provided

and hills and stark wildness of the place enchanted her and became her most famous subject.

The clothing on display here mimics her artistic journey. O'Keeffe sewed many of the garments herself, and wore petite Ferragamo ballet flats in just a few colors. When she found an item she liked, she repurchased it in many fabrics, as displayed in a rack of eight wrap dresses all the same in shades of black, gray, white, blue and a rare pink number. Her flat black Mexican-style hat gets its own case here along with one of her bandannas.

The most impressive piece is a pin made for her by the sculptor Alexander Calder that mimics her initials: "OK" — she wears it constantly in photos alongside the glass case enclosed pin.

She seemed to always know how to present herself, as seen in the intimate photos taken of her by Steiglitz. Her celebrity brought the world's most famous photographers to the Southwestern desert. The portraits on display here are staggering in their depictions of this stoic high priestess loner of the desert, stalking the sands of New Mexico with her dogs in black crepe dresses and in her rock-and-bone-filled adobe home called Ghost Ranch.

If You Go

Georgia O'Keeffe: Living Modern runs through Feb. 2 at the Norton Museum of Art, 1450 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach.

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She lived almost 100 years. After Stieglitz's death, she lived permanently in New Mexico though she traveled to Hawaii and Japan and created a body of work inspired by the zen nature of the Far East.

Her painted flowers became controversial symbols of femininity. She said: "When you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it's your world for the moment. I want to give that world to someone else. Most people in the city rush around so, they have no time to look at a flower. I want them to see it whether they want to or not," she said. O'Keeffe refused to join the feminist art movements or cooperate with any all-women projects, as she disliked being called a "woman artist" and wanted to be considered just an "artist."

O'Keeffe became frail in her late 90s, moved closer to the nearby city of Santa Fe in 1984, and died on March 6, 1986, at the age of 98. Her body was cremated and her ashes were scattered, as she wished, on the land around Ghost Ranch. After her death, the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum was established in Santa Fe.

"I've been absolutely terrified every moment of my life — and I've never let it keep me from doing a single thing I wanted to do," she said toward the end. "Filling a space in a meaningful way, that is what art means to me."

The serene gaze, the tough spirit, the severe clothes and the cinematic quality of the portraits of her give this show a never-before-seen intimate feel for the life well lived by this extraordinary artist and true American original.

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Theater

World premiere play revives ‘Goldbergs’ pioneer and the blacklist

By Hap Erstein
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

Gertrude Berg, the pioneering writer-director-producer-star of radio and television’s *The Goldbergs*, a domestic comedy of a Jewish family in the Bronx, is all but forgotten today. In part that is why area stage actress Elizabeth Dimon wanted to commission a play about Berg and her show’s untimely demise in the dark days of the anti-Communist blacklist.

In addition, the portly, Earth-motherly performer recognized that the role of Berg would be ideal casting for herself. Brought into the project was playwright Joseph McDonough, whose *Edgar and Emily* was first seen at Palm Beach Dramaworks in early 2018. After two-and-a-half years of development, his Berg play, *Ordinary Americans*, is having its world premiere at Dramaworks.

Ordinary Americans began when the theater submitted Dimon’s name for a “mature artist grant” to Theatre Communications Group. In the application, she said the \$25,000 would be used for a stage piece about Berg.

“She was huge on radio, next to *Amos ‘n’ Andy* in popularity. Then she was even bigger on



Elizabeth Dimon in *Ordinary Americans*. Photo provided by Palm Beach Dramaworks

television,” Dimon says. “And now, she’s virtually forgotten. How does that happen? I think as an artist, that interests me. You think that what you do is so important, to know that one generation down they don’t even know who you are.”

“The grant didn’t come through, but by then, Bill (Hayes, Dramaworks’ producing artistic director) fell in love with her and the subject. And then he made Joe (McDonough) fall in love with her.”

“I knew nothing about Gertrude Berg,” concedes McDonough. “So I did some research and I became fascinated with her. She was this media powerhouse before her time. She owned her own show. That was unheard of for a woman in those days. She

produced her own show, wrote every episode. She wrote 12,000 episodes of that series for radio and television.”

Despite the show’s large following, CBS threatened to cancel it when actor Philip Loeb, who played the husband, Jake Goldberg, was accused of Communist sympathies in the early 1950s.

“There’s enough material here for 10 plays, but we had to focus on something and I thought her heroic efforts to save her show, to save her friend, to standing up to McCarthyism when nobody was standing up, that’s a powerful story that has been forgotten,” says McDonough. “People don’t know it and people should know it.”

David Kwiat, who plays Loeb, had no awareness of the

If You Go

Ordinary Americans, Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Through Jan. 5. \$77. 514-4042

real-life character’s plight until he got this script. “I had no understanding of it at all.”

Research material about Berg and Loeb was difficult to come by. Berg wrote an autobiography, but years before the blacklisting era. Documentary filmmaker Aviva Kempner make a first-rate movie on the subject called *Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg* a decade ago and McDonough dug up some internet articles about Berg. Then he had a breakthrough when he learned about the Philip Loeb collection at the New York Public Library.

“A lot of it was tax returns and stuff like that,” says the playwright. “But I did find a few pages of his notes to himself as he was preparing for his Senate testimony. I treated those words with reverence. I took some of the words and phrases ... and I made sure they got put in our play.”

Loeb was a staunch union activist and a founding member of Actor’s Equity. “He was responsible for rehearsal pay. There was none before

him,” notes McDonough. “He was a member of a number of different committees for furthering black Americans. That’s how he was labeled a Communist.”

“With Philip Loeb, the thing that made him tick was the pursuit of justice,” says Kwiat. “There was so much injustice then, just as there is now. That’s why this play resonates so much.”

The similarities between those red scare days and today are striking to McDonough.

“There’s a lot of fear and paranoia in our society today, forces that are advocating hatred. Certainly there is political division, that’s obvious today. But I’ve tried not to force any parallels. I’ve tried to be faithful to the story we’re telling. It’s completely a cautionary tale.”

Still, the play contains three scenes that recreate moments from *The Goldbergs*, whose scripts are now in public domain. “I’ve tried to keep some humor in the play, because you don’t want a humorless tragedy,” McDonough says. “I guess I’m curious but cautiously optimistic that the play is going to feel powerful to the audience.”



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For December: Classics in dance and music make for merry holidays

Palm Beach ArtsPaper staff

December in South Florida is crowded with activities, many holiday-related. But not every show features jingling bells, tinsel and glitter. Here's a look at some not-to-miss events scheduled for "the most wonderful time of the year":

The Nutcracker

Ballet Palm Beach leaps into the season with performances of the classic story of a girl and an enchanted nutcracker.

The holiday spectacle will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6, and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach. Tickets start at \$19. 832-7469 or kravis.org.

Performers from the **Harid Conservatory**, the ballet training school for gifted young dancers located in Boca Raton, will present Act II of the ballet (with its famous parade of sweets) along with other dance numbers at 3 p.m. Dec. 14 and 15, in the Countess de Hoernle Theater at Spanish River Community High School, 5100 Jog Road, Boca Raton.

Tickets are \$25-\$30; 998-8038.

George Balanchine's still-definitive version of *The Nutcracker*, performed by **Miami City Ballet**, will



Miami City Ballet performs *The Nutcracker* this month at the Kravis. **Alexander Iziliaev**

unfold at the Kravis Center on Dec. 27-29. Ticket for this new production start at \$30. It is recommended for ages 4 and older. 305-979-7010 or miamicityballet.org.

For something a little different, the **Florida Wind Symphony Jazz Orchestra** will give its annual performance of *An Ellington Nutcracker*, Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn's jazz remix of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*. The music will be presented at 7 p.m. Dec. 14, in the University Theater at Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. fauevents.com or 297-6124.

Messiah

George Frideric Handel's oratorio *Messiah*, first performed in 1741, has the distinction of being the oldest piece of classical music that has been in the repertory since its debut. Although it's designed for the Easter season, the "Christmas portion" of the work is a staple of the holidays, featuring *For Unto Us a Child Is Born*, *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*, and, of course, the *Hallelujah* chorus.

FAU will present the Christmas portion of *Messiah* at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Kaye Auditorium on the Boca Raton campus. This concert will be performed by the FAU Chamber Singers, along with alumni and professional orchestra members. It will be directed by Patricia P. Fleitas. Tickets are \$20 at fauevents.com or 561-297-6124.

In addition, the **Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches**, with a 20-piece orchestra and guest soloists accompanying the 80-voice chorus, will perform its take on *Messiah* at 7 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Royal Poinciana Chapel, 60 Cocconut Row, Palm Beach, and at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16, at First United Methodist Church of Jupiter-Tequesta, 815 E. Indiantown Road, Jupiter. Admission is \$25 adults, \$10

children. masterworkspb.org or 866-811-4111.

Seraphic Fire Christmas

The Miami-based national concert choir Seraphic Fire, currently in its 18th season, offers its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12 at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in Boca Raton.

The program, a perennial favorite with area audiences, features Gregorian chants, Renaissance motets, English carols and the traditional singing of *Silent Night*, *O Come All Ye Faithful* and Elizabeth Poston's *Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree*, which the chorus does canon-style, the lines overlapping each other and resounding in the church space in a most appealing way. Tickets are \$60. 305-285-9060 or seraphicfire.org.

Madrigal Dinner

Florida Atlantic University presents its ninth annual Madrigal Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14.

A tradition that's been popular for decades in Northeastern colleges, the dinner emulates a holiday feast that might have been encountered at a lord's manor in the Renaissance. In addition to the madrigals sung by students in period costume, guests will also encounter a court jester and minstrels.

It's kind of a mini-RenFest at a church (St. Gregory's Episcopal in Boca Raton), with a king and queen presiding over the large feast.

Tickets are \$100, with table prices available; all proceeds are tax-deductible and fund FAU music scholarships. fauf.fau.edu/madrigal or 297-2337.



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DEC 21ST | 8PM @ CREST THEATRE
Cocktail Hour: *The Show* by Ballets with a Twist

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Lighting of the Menorah

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Reviews

Family dysfunctions play out on stage and screen

Here are edited reviews of current performances. For the full reviews, please visit palmbeachartspaper.com.

Andy and the Orphans (Nov. 23, Primal Forces, Boca Raton, runs through Dec. 8)

If the term “orphans” conjures up those adorable tykes from the musical *Annie*, playwright Lindsey Ferrentino asks us to adjust our sights and consider the more common situation of adults whose parents have died, leaving them with clean-up chores, both physical and emotional.

That is how it is in Ferrentino’s *Andy and the Orphans* for siblings Maggie (Patti Gardner) and Jake (Jeffrey Bruce), whose father has recently died, just months after their mother passed away, as so often happens with long-married couples. That motivates them to fly to New York — she from Chicago, he from California — not only to hold a memorial service but also, more distressingly, to break the news to their younger brother Andy, who has Down syndrome.

Warehoused by his parents in a state-run facility since childhood, Andy is a handful.

Outspoken, he frequently spouts lines from iconic films, learned at his menial job at the local movie theater.

Anchoring the area premiere production at Boca Raton’s Primal Forces is a remarkable performance by Edward Barbanell, who originated the role of Andy at New York’s Roundabout Theater last year. A skilled performer with a twinkle in his eye, his own Down condition brings an authenticity to the play and, as Andy, an obstinance that frustrates his well-meaning brother and sister.

They arrive to take Andy with them to Montauk for an impromptu memorial service for their father. What they did not figure on, however, was Kathy, a crusty yet soft-hearted nurse at Andy’s impersonal group home, who insinuates herself into the family’s road trip. As played by Primal Forces veteran Jacqueline Laggy, she all but takes over the production.

Then there are Sarah (Amber Lynn Benson) and Bobby (Joey de la Rua), a married couple who bicker their way through the opening scene. Ferrentino strings us along for much of the 80-minute evening before revealing how they relate to

Andy’s story.

Andy and his plight hover over the production, but much of the play — and most of its considerable comedy — are supplied by Maggie and Jake and their neuroses. Gardner comes appealingly uninged as a usually controlling divorcee and Bruce amuses as a finicky, short-tempered health food nut.

Andy and the Orphans is a bit more mainstream than most Primal Forces fare, but director Keith Garsson demonstrates both a sensitivity and comic acuity that heightens the play’s ultimate impact. Scenic designer Tim Bennett deals well with the Sol Theatre’s problematic, wide-and-shallow venue, splitting it in two side-by-side playing spaces, each with its own revolving stage. — *Hap Erstein*

Honey Boy (opened Nov. 27)

“The only thing my father gave me that was of any value was pain. And now you want to take that away from me.”

This line, spoken by the troubled young actor Otis Lort (Lucas Hedges) in a therapy session in a rehab center, captures the ache at the core of *Honey Boy*. The project is directed, with great sensitivity



Edward Barbanell and Jacqueline Laggy in *Andy and the Orphans*. Photo provided

and poise, by Israeli filmmaker Alma Har’el, but is the personal exorcism of its screenwriter and co-star, Shia LaBeouf. The child star turned Hollywood lead has endured a checkered career, too often making headlines for the wrong reasons: disorderly conduct, swearing at police officers, drug and alcohol abuse, a PTSD diagnosis, a brief marriage ending in divorce.

Key to LaBeouf’s penance has been the making of this bracing autofiction centering on the relationship with his abusive father, and the negative appetites and traits carried through generations.

Honey Boy opens as music-video montage of showbiz decadence in which Hedges’ Otis, now an established *enfant terrible* in the mid-2000s, partakes in cocaine and in loose women, leading to a car crash and, inexorably, to rehab.

Prodded by his therapist (Laura San Giacomo) to revisit the roots of the post-traumatic

stress disorder that fed his self-destructive behavior, Otis remembers a definitive period in 1995, and for the rest of this 95-minute film, Har’el oscillates between the two settings.

Then a 12-year-old actor in a comedy series, Otis (Noah Jupe) lived, during the shoot, in a rundown motel with his dad, James (LaBeouf). James is many things, none of them positive or constructive: an alcoholic, a domestic abuser, a sex offender, a convicted felon.

It’s something of a *pièce de résistance* for LaBeouf, whose transformation is marked.

The script is seasoned with hard truths, and *Honey Boy* is likely to touch viewers who will identify with Otis’ struggle. Har’el’s greatest accomplishment is shaping LaBeouf’s therapeutic screenplay into a lyrical feature that transcends memoir. She directs her three co-leads to dig deep until they reach bottom, then allows them to come up for air. — *ArtsPaper Staff*

Arts Calendar

(Note: Events are listed through Jan. 3, 2020, and were current as of Nov. 27. 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. 15: *Edwina Sandys Sculpture*; through Feb. 2: *The Practice of Optimism: Sculpture by Federico Uribe*. \$15; 10 am–4 pm. W–Sun. 832-5328 or ansg.org.

Armory Art Center: Opens Dec. 6: *Terra Duo: Dimensions in Clay*, figurative sculpture by Sandra Levine and ceramics by Ronald Shaw, through Dec. 27. West Palm Beach Arts Festival: Dec. 7–8, featuring local and out-of-town juried artists, 10 am–5 pm each day. Opens Dec. 14: *3rd Biennial Artists of Art Salon Exhibition*, through Jan. 18. 9 am–4 pm M–F, 9 am–2 pm Sat. 832-1776 or armoryart.org.

Boca Raton Museum of Art: Through March 1: *Clifford Ross: Waves*, large-scale works from the photographs from his *Hurricane Wave* series; *Maren Hassinger: Tree of Life*, an installation inspired by the Pearl City neighborhood of Boca Raton; *Carol Prusa: Dark Light*, graypoint works by the FAU professor; through Jan. 19. \$12, seniors \$10, children 12 and under, free. 10 am–5 pm T/W/F; 10 am–8 pm Th; noon–5 pm Sat & Sun. 392-2500, or bocamuseum.org.

Cornell Art Museum: Through May 10: *Art Couture: The Intersection of Fashion and Art*, works by leading fashion designers such as Tim Weiland and artists such as Andy Warhol. 10 am–4:30 pm T–Sat; 1–4:30 pm Sun. \$8; \$5 seniors & students. 243-7922 or oldschoolsquare.org.

Cultural Council of Palm Beach County: Through Feb. 1: *Made in Palm Beach*, through Feb. 1. 10 am–5 pm T–Sat; 471-2901 or palmbeachculture.com.

Flagler Museum: Through Jan. 5: *Inside Out: Women’s Fashion from Foundation to Silhouette*, a look at eight eras of what women wore, including underneath, from the 1790s to the present. 10 am–5 pm T–Sat, noon–5 pm Sun. \$18. 655-2833 or flaglermuseum.us.

Lighthouse ArtCenter: Through Jan. 4: *Lush: A Contemporary Ceramics Exhibition*, innovative works in clay. \$10, free for members and ages 11 and younger. 10 am–4 pm. M–F, 10 am–2 pm Sat & Sun. 746-3101 or lighthousearts.org.

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens: Through April 3: *Anime Architecture*, more than 100 works by the master artists of anime films. \$15, \$13 seniors, \$9 children and students. 10 am–5 pm. T–Sun. 495-0233 or morikami.org.

Norton Museum of Art: Through Feb. 2: *Georgia O’Keeffe: Living Modern*; through March 1: *The Body Says, I Am a Fiesta: The Figure in Latin American Art*, works by artists such as Diego Rivera focused on the human form; opens Dec. 12: *The Priscilla and John Richman Gift of American Impressionism and Realism*, 11 paintings newly gifted to the museum by major 20th-century American painters; through March 15. \$18; free on Fr and Sat. 10 am–5 pm M, T, Th and Sat; 10 am–10 pm Fr; 11 am–5 pm Sun; 832-5196 or norton.org.

Society of the Four Arts: Opens Dec. 7: *Rembrandt: The Sign and the Light*, a major exhibition of prints to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the Dutch artist’s death. Through Feb. 2. \$10, free for members. 10 am–5 pm M–Sat, 1–5 pm Sun. 655-7226 or fourarts.org.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Sunday, Dec. 8

Palm Beach Symphony: The season opens with an all-Beethoven splash featuring pianist Horacio Gutiérrez in the Piano Concerto No. 4 and then a host of singers in the Ninth Symphony; soloists are Sandra Lopez, Robynne Redmon, Stuart Neill and Clayton Brainerd, joined by the Masterworks and PBAU choruses and Choral Society of the Palm Beaches. 3 pm, Kravis Center. \$20 and up; 832-7469 or kravis.org. Sunday, Dec. 8, Tuesday, Dec. 10

The Symphonia: Soprano Robyn Marie Lamp joins the orchestra and conductor Alastair Willis in the first concert of the season for Barber’s *Knoxville: Summer of 1915*. Also on the program: Copland’s *Music for Movies*, Wagner’s *Siegfried Idyll* and the *Botticelli Triptych* of Ottorino Respighi. 3 pm Sunday, St. Andrew’s School, Boca Raton, \$50–\$84. In its New Directions version of the concert, 7:30 pm Tuesday at the Crest Theatre in Delray Beach, the Barber is omitted and the concert includes multimedia elements. \$59–\$69. thesymphonia.org. Monday, Dec. 9

Aizuri Quartet: The all-female, New York-based quartet makes its South Florida debut with works by Haydn and Sibelius, Gabriella Smith’s *Carrot Revolution*, and the *Armenian Folk Songs* of Komitas. 7:30 pm, Rinker Playhouse, Kravis Center. \$32; kravis.org or 832-7469. Thursday, Dec. 12

Seraphic Fire: The annual Christmas concert offers a mix of rare and familiar music, including one carol that’s become a standard: Elizabeth Poston’s “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.” At St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church in Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$60. 305-285-9060 or seraphicfire.org. Saturday, Dec. 14

Asiya Korepanova: The Miami-based, Russian-born pianist helps Piano Lovers mark its third

celebration of Beethoven’s birthday. On the program are two sonatas (Nos. 10 and 21) and the *Eroica* Variations. 4 pm, Steinway Gallery, Boca Raton. \$25. 573-0644 or pianolovers.org. Sunday, Dec. 15

Orion Weiss, Yura Lee and Clive Greensmith: An exemplary pianist, violinist and cellist join for an all-Beethoven program. 7 pm, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach. 379-6773 or cmispb.org Sunday, Dec. 15–Monday, Dec. 16

Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches: Annual performances of George Frideric Handel’s *Messiah*. With soloists and orchestra conducted by Ken Taylor. 7 pm Sun, Royal Poinciana Chapel, Palm Beach; 7:30 pm Mon, First United Methodist Church of Jupiter-Tequesta. \$25, \$10 students. 755-0457 or masterworkspb.org. Monday, Dec. 16

Orchester Wien: Conductor Martin Haselböck, joined by soprano Robin Johannsen, presents a program of 18th-century music from Vienna, including music by Handel, Haydn, Mozart and Michel Corrette. 2 pm, Kravis Center. \$29 and up; 832-7469 or kravis.org. Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020

Vienna New Year’s Concert: This annual start to the year features the music of Johann Strauss II and his family and peers, complete with dancing by a Hungarian ballet company and two American singers, soprano Jennifer Davison and tenor Brian Cheney with the Strauss Symphony of America. 8 pm, Kravis Center. \$35 and up; 832-7469 or kravis.org.

DANCE

Friday–Saturday, Dec. 6–7

Ballet Palm Beach: The Palm Beach Gardens company presents Tchaikovsky’s *Nutcracker* at the Kravis Center. 7:30 pm Fr, 2 pm and 7:30 pm Sat. \$19. 832-7469 or kravis.org. Saturday, Dec. 14–Sunday, Dec. 15

Harid Conservatory: The Boca Raton dance school presents its annual winter program, featuring Act II of Tchaikovsky’s *Nutcracker* and a selection of other dances. 3 pm both performances, Spanish River High School, Boca Raton. \$25–\$30. harid.edu or 997-2677. Friday, Dec. 27–Sunday, Dec. 29

Miami City Ballet: The company presents six performances of Tchaikovsky’s *Nutcracker*, as choreographed by George Balanchine in the definitive style that made it a holiday classic. With a live orchestra led by Gary Sheldon. 2 and 7 pm Fr & Sat, 1 and 6:30 pm Sun, Kravis Center. \$30 and up. 832-7460 or kravis.org.

FILM

Friday, Dec. 6

The Aeronauts: Tom Harper’s 2019 film about the pioneering English meteorologist James

Glaisher (an actual person), who hires a female balloon pilot named Amelia Wren (fictional) to take measurements of the air above England in a balloon in 1862. With Eddie Redmayne and Felicity Jones. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com. Friday, Nov. 15

The Two Popes: A crisis comes to the Catholic Church when Pope Benedict XVI decides to resign, discussing the matter with his harshest critic, an Argentine cardinal named Jorge Bergoglio, in this Fernando Mereilles film. With Anthony Hopkins and Jonathan Pryce. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com. Friday, Dec. 20

Rojo: A thriller set in the mid-1970s in an Argentine city where a stranger appears and loudly calls out a prominent lawyer at a restaurant. This leads to a confrontation with dark consequences. Directed by Benjamin Naishat. With Dario Grandinetti, Andrea Frigeria and Alfredo Castro. In Spanish. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com.

JAZZ

Wednesday, Dec. 4, Friday, Dec. 6

Emmet Cohen Trio: The celebrated young pianist is accompanied by bassist Russell Hall (*The Late Show With Stephen Colbert*) and drummer Kyle Poole (Wynton Marsalis). 7:45 pm Wed, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale; goldcoastjazz.org or 954-462-0222; 8 pm Fr, Arts Garage, Delray Beach. \$35–45. 450-6357 or artsgarage.org. Saturday, Dec. 14

Carmen Lundy: The singer and composer is accompanied by a quartet for this show paying tribute to the black singers and songwriters of the mid-20th century. 8 pm, Arts Garage. \$40–50. 450-6357 or artsgarage.org. Sunday, Dec. 22

Libra Sene: The New York jazz singer, here accompanied by a quintet, presents “Songbirds,” a tribute to singers such as Bessie Smith, Ruth Brown, Billie Holiday and Ma Rainey. 7 pm, Arts Garage. \$35–45. 450-6357 or artsgarage.org. Friday, Dec. 27

Dick Lowenthal Big Band: The bandleader is joined by vocalists Dana Paul and Lisanne Lyons for a tribute to that peerless jazz pianist and singer Nat “King” Cole. 8 pm, Arts Garage. \$45–55. 450-6357 or artsgarage.org.

POPULAR MUSIC

Sunday, Dec. 8

Tony Bennett: It’s hard to believe, but this Queens-born World War II veteran is 93 and still on the road with his carefully curated songs from

the Great American Songbook, sounding very little worse for the wear. His daughter Antonia joins him in the program. 7 pm, Hard Rock Live, Hollywood. \$71–\$131. myhrl.com. Friday, Dec. 13

Bret Michaels: The former Poison frontman has built a strong solo career for himself that also includes philanthropy. 8 pm, Hard Rock Live, Hollywood. \$30–\$70. ticketmaster.com.

THEATER

Opens Friday, Dec. 6

Ordinary Americans: A world premiere play by Joseph McDonough (*Edgar and Emily*) about Molly Berg, creator of the radio series *The Goldbergs*. With Elizabeth Dimon and David Kwiat. Through Jan. 5 at Palm Beach Dramaworks, West Palm Beach. palmbeachdramaworks.org or 514-4042. Saturday, Dec. 7–Sunday, Dec. 8

A Christmas Carol: The radio play version of Dickens’s classic story, as adapted from the show Orson Welles created in 1938. At Lake Worth Playhouse, Lake Worth Beach. 7 pm Sat, 2 pm Sun. \$25. 586-6410 or lakeworthplayhouse.org. Through Sunday, Dec. 8

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum: Stephen Sondheim’s 1962 musical about a slave named Pseudolus who schemes to win the heart of a courtesan for his master Hero in order to secure his freedom. From MNM Theatre Company. At the Rinker Playhouse, Kravis Center. \$39. 832-7469 or kravis.org. Tuesday, Dec. 10–Sunday, Dec. 15

The Play That Goes Wrong: Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer and Henry Shields’s 2012 West End smash comedy about a drama society putting on a 1920s whodunit in which absolutely everything fails to perform as it should. Eight performances at the Kravis Center; \$36–\$77. 832-7469 or kravis.org. Through Dec. 15

See How They Run: A 1944 farce by British playwright Philip King, full of mistaken identities and class-based comedy. At Delray Beach Playhouse. 272-1281, ext. 5, or delraybeachplayhouse.com. Through Dec. 19

The Mystery of Edwin Drood: Rupert Holmes’s 1986 musical based on Charles Dickens’s last, unfinished novel. This Tony Award-winning show relies for its ending on audience participation. Maltz Jupiter Theatre. \$62–\$90. 575-2223 or jupitertheatre.org. Through Dec. 26

The Music Man: Meredith Willson’s indelible 1957 musical about con man Harold Hill and River City, Iowa. At the Wick Theatre, Boca Raton. 995-2333 or thewick.org.

Holiday Events

Note: Events are current as of 12/2. Please check with organizers for any changes.

DECEMBER 7

Saturday - 12/7 - Photos with Santa at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Bring your camera, meet w/Saint Nick. Make holiday craft, enjoy complimentary ride on the Wildlife Carousel. Held again 12/14. 9 am-2 pm. Free w/admission. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

12/7 - Holiday Gift Shoppe at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every T/Th/Sun through 12/19 10 am-noon. Free admission. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

12/7 - Arthur Christmas (PG) at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Fun Christmas movie experience. All ages. 1-3 pm. Free. Registration: 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

12/7 - Ballet Palm Beach Presents The Nutcracker at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 2 & 7:30 pm. \$19-\$89. 800-572-8471; balletpalmbeach.org

12/7 - 50th Annual Boynton Beach Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting on Federal Highway from SE 12th Avenue to NE 1st Avenue; tree lighting at Dewey Park, 100 NE 4th St follows. 4 pm. Free. 742-6642; boynton-beach.org

12/7 - 1st Annual Jingle Jam presented by Vinsane at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. Favorite friends dressed as Santa, Hanukkah Harry, Mrs. Claus. Live entertainment, food trucks, VIP tent. Age 18+. 5-11 pm. \$15-\$50. 297-3820; myboca.us

12/7 - 4th Annual Carols by Candlelight featuring Gloria Gaynor at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 6 pm doors open; 7:30 pm music. \$20-\$100. 243-7922; oldschoosquare.org

12/7 - Winterfest at Lantana Recreation Center, 418 S Dixie Hwy. Photos w/Santa, arts & crafts, hayride, school band performances, vendors, tree lighting, more. 6-8 pm. Free. 540-5754; lantana.org

12/7 - J Street Junction Holiday Bazaar at merchants on J Street, Downtown Lake Worth. Runs through 1/1. Every F 6-10 pm & Sat 10 am-10 pm. 215-205-9441; joyce@flamingoclaystudio.org

12/7 - Maureen McGovern: Home for The Holidays at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$45-\$65. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

12/7 - Holidays with a Twist: A Diverse Celebration at Advent Church Boca Raton, 300 E Yamato Rd. Ron Kean's "The Journey of Harriet Tubman", Marc A. Charpentier's "Te Deum", William Grant Still's "Christmas In The Western World." Presented by Schola Cantorum of Florida. 7:30-10:30 pm. \$5-\$25. 419-4878; scholacantorumfl.org

12/7-8 - Christkindlmarkt at American German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. Authentic German Outdoor Christmas market. Christmas ornaments, coloring pages, decorating miniature gingerbread houses, more. Variety of vendors, food. Sat 2-10 pm; Sun 1-9 pm. \$8/advance; \$10/gate; free/child under 12. 967-6464; americangermanclub.org

12/7-8 - St Lucy Catholic Church Christmas Boutique at 3510 S Ocean Blvd, Highland Beach. Sat 10 am-6 pm; Sun 10 am-2 pm. Free admission. 278-1280; stlucycommunity.com

12/7-8 - Zoo Lights! Wild Nights! at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Palm Beach Zoo's first time to be illuminated for the holidays, over one million eco-friendly lights. Photos w/Santa, animal encounters, Mrs. Claus' Kitchen w/cookie decorating/holiday themed treats. Th-Sun through 12/29 6-10 pm. Free w/admission. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

12/7-8 - A Christmas Carol: A Radio Play at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Based on Orson Welles radio drama version of the Charles Dickens holiday classic. Age 8 & up. Sat 7 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$25/adult; \$15/child 12 & under. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/7-16 - 3rd Annual Brett Vlasek Toy Drive in partnership with the City of Delray Beach and Family Promise of South Palm Beach. Benefits Village Academy Elementary School. Drop off at VIP Real Estate Brokers, 525 SE 6th Ave; Mussel Beach Restaurant, 501 E Atlantic Ave; Kennedy's Barber Shop, 851 SE 6th Ave #101; City National Bank 1120 S Federal Hwy 3100. New unopened toys only. 702-7211; brett@brettvlasek.com

DECEMBER 8-14

Sunday - 12/8 - Sensitive Santa at Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress. Children with all spectrums of special needs are invited to a sensory-friendly holiday experience and a meeting with Santa. Crafts and snacks. 10 am-noon. Free entry/santa photos available for purchase. RSVP: 736-7900; boyntonbeachmall.com

12/8 - 17th Annual Gingerbread Holiday Concert presented by Lynn University Friends of the Conservatory of Music at Boca Raton Resort & Club Great Hall, 501 E Camino Real. Family fare. 3 pm. \$35/general admission. 237-9000; lynn.edu

12/8 - Carols & Bells Concert at First United Methodist Church of Boynton Beach, 101 N Seacrest Blvd. 3 pm. Free. 954-947-1951; fumcbb.com

12/8 - Concert: Advent Lessons & Carols part of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. Free will offering. 276-4541; music.stpaulsdelray.org

12/8 - Amahl and the Night Visitors at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Presented by members of St. Vincent choirs under direction of Choirmaster Eric Keiper. Light reception follows. 3 pm. \$10/adult; \$5/student; free/child 5 & under. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

12/8 - Christmas Concert at First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. 6-9 pm. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

Monday - 12/9 - FAU Merry Tuba Christmas Concert at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Bring chairs/blankets. 5 pm. Free; \$10/participant musicians. 393-7700; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

Wednesday - 12/11 - 2019 Holiday Mix & Mingle at West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd. Hosted by Women Empowering Women in Recovery, Inc. Benefits support/mentorship of scholarship recipients. Guest speaker, fashion show, music, silent auction/raffles, more. 11:30 am-2:30 pm. \$75/ticket; \$700/table of 10. RSVP: womenempoweringwomenpb.com

12/11 - Create a Gingerbread House at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 4+. 3:30 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

12/11 - The Salvation Army 49th Christmas Gala: A Nutcracker Spectacular at The Breakers, 1 S County Rd, Palm Beach. Reception, dinner, dance. 6:30 pm. \$500. 686-3530; salvationarypalmbeachcounty.org

12/11 - Storybook Holidays at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Performed by Loxahatchee Groves Elementary School and North Grade Elementary School. 7 pm. Free. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/11 - 49th Annual Boca Raton Holiday Street Parade begins at Federal Highway & SE 5th Street north to Mizner Park Amphitheater. More than 70 floats & groups. 7:30-9 pm. Free. 367-7073; myboca.us

Thursday - 12/12 - Seraphic Fire at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Concert choir's annual Christmas concert. 7:30 pm. \$60. 305-285-9060; deraphicfire.org

Friday - 12/13 - Children's Special Christmas Program: Story According to St. Luke at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 9:25 am. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

12/13 - An Albright Family Christmas with Gerald & Selina Albright at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Two shows: 5 pm doors open, 6:30 pm show; 8 pm doors open, 9:30 pm show. \$50-\$75. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/13 - Garden of Lights at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Th-Sun & 12/23 through 12/29 6-8:30 pm (last entry 8 pm). \$8/member; \$12.50/adult; \$5/child age 5-12. 233-1757; mounts.org

12/13 - Boynton Beach & Delray Beach 48th Annual Holiday Boat Parade from Lantana Bridge to the C-15 Canal. Viewing at Boynton Beach Intracoastal Park, Jaycee Park, Delray Beach Veterans Park. 6 pm live music at Boynton Harbour Marina; 6:30 pm parade starts. Free. 600-9097; catchboynton.com

12/13 - First Christmas Candle Lighting Service at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Sun 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Saturday - 12/14 - Breakfast with Santa at Peter Blum Family YMCA, 6631 Palmetto Cir S, Boca Raton. Family time, holiday traditions. 8 am & 9:30 am. Member \$8/child, \$2/adult; non-member; \$16/child, \$4/adult. 395-9622; ymcaspbc.org

12/14 - Ornaments Naturally at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Create nature ornaments/decorations w/holiday themes using shells, pine cones, other materials (provided). Ages 7 & up, children under 18 must participate w/an adult. 10 am-noon & 1:30-3:30 pm. \$7/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

12/14 - Holiday Extravaganza at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Santa Claus, Mensch on the Bench, Fire Truck, Bounce House, arts & crafts, raffle, games, more. 10 am-12:30 pm. \$10. 368-6875; cmboca.org

12/14 - Annual Christmas Party Featuring Alex Meixner Band at American German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. Includes dinner & dessert. 5 pm doors open; 6-8 pm dinner. Admission \$30/member; \$35/guest; \$40/at the door. 967-6464; americangermanclub.org

12/14 - Lake Worth Beach's 2019 Roaring 20's Holiday Parade & Holiday Festival at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. Presented by the City of Lake Worth Beach and Lake Worth Kiwanis. Holiday crafts, live entertainment, Santa's Workshop, Bicycle Give-A-Way, photos w/Santa, more. Noon-5 pm festival; 6 pm parade. Free. 339-2865; lakeworthbeachfl.gov

12/14 - A Comic Con Holiday Parade on Atlantic Avenue from the Intracoastal to NW 5th Avenue, Delray Beach. 6 pm. Over 70 floats, marching bands, walking groups. 243-7277; mydelraybeach.com

12/14 - 9th Annual Madrigal Dinner at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Presented by FAU Department of Music. Renaissance evening: pageantry, entertainment, food, music, more. 6:30 pm. \$100. Reservations: 297-2337; fauf.fau.edu/madrigal

12/14 - Actors' Rep Improv Show: A Very Merry Night of Comedy at Actor's Rep Theatre, 1000 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. \$15/advance; \$20/door. 833-7529; actorsrep.org

12/14-15 - Harid Conservatory presents the Nutcracker at Spanish River High School, 5100 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. Dance school's winter program. 3 pm. \$25-35. 997-2677; harid.edu

DECEMBER 15-21

Sunday - 12/15 - Christmas Cantata with Stradivarius Chamber Ensemble at First United Methodist Church of Boynton Beach, 101 N Seacrest Blvd. 8:30 & 11 am. Free. 954-947-1951; fumcbb.com

12/15 - Holiday Mixed Doubles Round Robin and Toy Drive at The Racquet Center, 21626 St Andrews Blvd, Boca

Raton. Bring unwrapped toy to donate to less fortunate kids. Food/drinks included. 10 am-12:30 pm. \$12/member; \$20/non-member. 367-7095; myboca.us

12/15 - Holiday Jazz Tribute Honoring Veterans & Southeast Florida Honor Flight: Inaugural Jazz in the Gardens Series featuring Kevin O'Neil and Jamila Ajibade at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Rd. West Palm Beach. 1-3 pm. \$15/adult; \$10/age 65+; \$7/student; free/member & child under 5. 832-5328; ansq.org

12/15 - Midwinter Makers Marketplace at Florida Atlantic University Historic T6 Building, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Holiday artisan shopping, live music. 10 am-4 pm. Free admission/parking. 297-0226; library.fau.edu/depts/spc/JaffeCenter/workshops/makers_marketplace_winter.php

12/15 - Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker at The Society of the Four Arts, 102 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 pm. Free.

Reservations: 655-7226; fourarts.org

12/15 - Our Christmas Carol/Nutcracker Act II at Old School Square Crest Theater. 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 2 & 6 pm. \$35/VIP \$25/premium; \$18/regular. 243-7922; oldschoosquare.org

12/15 - Holiday Concert: The Robert Sharon Chorale at Palm Beach Atlantic University DeSantis Family Chapel, 300 Okeechobee

Blvd, West Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$20/person; \$5/student w/ID; free/child under 12. 687-4245; therobertsharonchorale.com

12/15 - Organic Movements presents Twelve Days of Christmas: A Ballet at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 5 pm. \$29-\$35. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/15 - 43rd Annual Boca Raton Holiday Boat Parade from the C-15 Canal to Hillsboro Bridge. Public viewing areas, food/drink vendors, Toys for Tots collection at Red Reef Park, Silver Palm Park, Wildflower property. 6 pm. Free. 367-7073; myboca.us/special-events

12/15 - Florida Dance Conservatory Presents A Holiday Spectacular at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 6:30 pm. \$25. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/15 - Handel's Messiah at Royal Poinciana Chapel, 60 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$25/adult; \$10/student. 845-9696; masterworkspsb.org

Monday - 12/16 - Feliz Navidad & Novena at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Sunset. Free. 243-7922; oldschoosquare.org

12/16-17 - Artists Radio Theatre presents A Christmas Carol at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$25. 995-2333; thewick.org

Tuesday - 12/17 - 4th Annual Holly Jolly Symphony Fete at The Beach Club, 755 N County Rd, Palm Beach. 11 am. \$200. 281-0145; palmbeachsymphony.org

12/17 - Make & Take: Decorate an Ornament at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$5 w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/17 - Hanukkah Party & Stories at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age infant-12. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

12/17 - The King's Academy Presents Smith Family Conservatory Christmas at Kravis at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$10. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/17-20 - Sensational Story 'n More: Holiday/Winter Themed 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-F through 1/3. 10:30-11:15 am. Free w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/17-22 - Family Fun: Nengajo New Year's Card Making at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Held again 12/24, 26-29. 10 am-5 pm. Free w/paid admission. 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

Thursday - 12/19 - Make & Take: Decorate a Gingerbread Man Cookie at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$5 w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/19 - A Christmas Carol: One Man, One Trunk, 25 Characters at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$39. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

Friday - 12/20 - Fabulous Fun Friday: Santa's Workshop at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Fun with crafts/activities match the theme of the week. All ages. 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/member; \$5/non-member w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/20 - Parent's Night Out Holiday Edition at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. Pizza, dessert, beverage. Movies, crafts, games. Ocean Ridge residents only; proof of residency required. Age 4 & older. 6-9 pm. Free. Register by 12/13: 732+2635; dboyle@oceanridgeflorida.com; jsimpsonAoceanridge.com

12/20 - Barbra Streisand: Holiday Memories Starring Carla DeVillaggio at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$35-\$45. 844-672-2849;

miznerparkculturalcenter.com

Saturday - 12/21 - Downtown Dance presents The Polar Express at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave.

2 pm & 7 pm. \$18/advance, \$25/at the door. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/21 - Barbra Streisand: Holiday Memories Starring Carla DeVillaggio at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$45. 272-1281 x5; delraybeachplayhouse.com

DECEMBER 22-28

Sunday - 12/22 - Sunday Family Movie: The Grinch at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am. \$1 admission includes popcorn/beverage. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

12/22 - Grand Delray Beach Chanukah Festival Menorah Lighting at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave. 5:30 pm. Free. 243-7000; delraybeachfl.gov

Monday - 12/23 - A Charlie Brown Christmas - Live on Stage at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 2 & 6 pm. Tickets start at \$18. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/23 - Light Up 2nd Night of Chanukah with PJ Library at The Shops at Boca Center, 5050 Town Center Cr., Boca Raton. Latkes, gelt, live music, stories, prizes, more. Family fare. 5:30 pm. Free. 852-6080; pjlibrary.org

Tuesday - 12/24 - Christmas Pageant/Musical at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 5 pm. Free. 276-4541; music.stpaulsdelray.org

12/24 - Christmas Eve Service with Avenue Church at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Sunset. Free. 243-7922; oldschoosquare.org

12/24 - Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Services at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 6, 8 & 11 pm (11 pm service adults only). Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

12/24 - Chanukah Downtown Boca presents Jeryko Live in Concert at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Menorah lighting w/local dignitaries, free concert, food vendors. 7 pm. Free. RSVP: 394-9770; bocabeachchabad.com/Chanukah

12/24 - Christmas Eve Service at First United Methodist Church of Boynton Beach, 101 N Seacrest Blvd. 7 pm. Free. 954-947-1951; fumcbb.com

12/24 - Christmas Eve Services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 7:30 & 10:30 pm. Free. 276-4541; music.stpaulsdelray.org

Wednesday - 12/25 - Christmas Services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 9:45 am carol sing followed by 10 am service. Free. 276-4541; music.stpaulsdelray.org

Friday - 12/27 - The Maccabees: A Chanukah Shabbat Celebration at Temple Beth El of Boca Raton, 333 SW 4th Ave. Chanukah dinner, dance, latke party follows. 6 pm. \$20-\$25/adult; \$12-\$15/child age 4-12. RSVP: 391-8900; tbeboca.org/special-events

12/27-29 - Miami City Ballet Presents George Balanchine's The Nutcracker at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. F/Sat 2 pm & 7 pm; Sun 1 pm & 6:30 pm. Tickets start at \$30. 832-7469; kravis.org

Saturday - 12/28 - Kwanzaa Celebration at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 2:30-5 pm. Free. 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

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Sunday - 12/29 - Jewish Food Fair & Chanukah Festival at Chabad of South Palm Beach, 224 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Live music, food for purchase, children's activities, Menorah lighting. 4-6 pm. Free/admission. 889-3499; chabadspb.org

Tuesday - 12/31 - 8th Annual Noon Year's Eve: Sundrop & Countdown at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 9 am-2 pm. Free w/regular zoo admission. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

12/31 - Noon Year's Eve Party at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 4-8. Kids ring in the New Year with crafts, activities, DJ, dancing, games, ball drop. Adult supervision required. 11 am-1 pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. Register by 12/30. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/31 - New Year's Eve Party at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Party w/Playhouse favorites. Light hors d'oeuvres, one complimentary glass of champagne, admission to show. Optional dinner at Victoria's Pisco Lounge. 5 pm dinner; 7:30 reception; 8 pm show. \$75/dinner & show; \$40 show only. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/31 - New Year's Eve Cricklewood Band: Oldies, Country, Rock & Roll at Ellie's 50's Diner, 2410 N Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. Buffet dinner, dessert, coffee, cash bar. 6 pm doors open; 7 pm show. \$85. RSVP: 276-1570; elliescatering.com

12/31 - Annual New Year's Eve Celebration at American German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. Includes appetizers, surf & turf dinner, dessert, champagne toast at midnight, party favors, after-midnight breakfast, more. 7 pm doors open. Admission \$75/member; \$100/guest. 967-6464; americangermanclub.org

12/31 - New Year's Eve Meditation at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 7-7:45 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

12/31 - New Year's Eve Celebration at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Dinner buffet, dessert table w/ice cream bar, champagne toast at midnight. 7:30-10 pm dinner. \$120/person + tax/service charges. Reservations: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

12/31 - New Year's Eve at The Addison: Roaring 20s at 2 E Camino Real, Boca Raton. Signature catering, open bar w/champagne tower, live entertainment, flapper dancers. \$200/VIP 7:30 pm; \$120/general admission 8 pm. 372-0568; theaddison.com

12/31 - New Year's Eve: A Donna Summer Celebration at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm gates open; 9 pm fireworks display; 10 pm music starts. \$20-\$200. 243-7922; oldschoosquare.org

Wednesday - 1/1 - Salute to Vienna New Year's Concert at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. \$35. 832-7469; kravis.org

Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

For Holiday Events, see AT19

DECEMBER 7

Saturday - 12/7 - 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 pass available. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

12/7 - Hillsboro Lighthouse 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 HLP S Lighthouse tour table beginning at 8:30 am. Transportation to/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. 9 am-3 pm. \$35 transportation fee. 954-942-2102; hillsborolighthouse.org/tours

12/7 - 2019 Loxahatchee Visions Exhibition at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center Theater, 10216 Lee Rd, Boynton Beach. Everglades-inspired artwork from 18 local artists. Open daily (closed 12/25) through 1/11 9 am-4 pm. \$10/vehicle entry fee. 734-8303; loxahatcheefriends.com

12/7 - 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 \$15/resident; \$20/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/7 - Paper-Cutting Workshops with Hiromi Moneyhun at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Oki Education Center, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Create a one-of-a-kind kirie (paper cut) holiday ornament. 10 am-12:30 pm or 1:30-4 pm. \$60/session + \$10/materials fee. Registration: 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

12/7 - Ride & Remember Bus Tour departs from Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 2-hour tour; focus on 5 historic districts. Every T/Th/Sat 10 am. \$35. Reservations: 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

12/7 - Preparatory School of Music Fall Recital at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 10 am. Free. 237-9000; lynn.tix.com

12/7 - 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

12/7 - The Writer's Studio at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Sat 10 am. Free. 638-7251; delraylibrary.org

12/7 - Exhibition Opening: Rembrandt - The Sign and The Light at The Society of the Four Arts O'Keefe Gallery, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Runs through 2/2 regular gallery hours. \$10/adult; free/child 14 & younger. 655-7226; fourarts.org

12/7 - League of Women Voters Cool Topics: Florida's Response to the Immigration Crisis at The Vista Center, 2300

N Jog Rd, West Palm Beach. Panel includes Dr. Miriam Potocky, Maria Rodriguez, Cheryl Little. 10:30 am-noon. Free. RSVP: 968-4123; lwvpubc.org

12/7 - Creative Arts School Open House at Old School Square Crest Theatre, 51 N Swinton Ave. 12:30-3:30 pm. Free. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

12/7 - Open House at Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. 1-4 pm. Free. 832-1776; armoryart.org

12/7 - 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

12/7 - Pickleball at Pompey Park Community Center, 1101 NW 2nd St. M-F 9-11 am; F 6-8:30 pm; Sat 1-4 pm. \$3/resident; \$4/non-resident; \$1/add for night play lights. Monthly passes available. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

12/7 - Iphoneography 101 at Old School Square Fieldhouse, 51 N Swinton Ave. All levels. 1-4 pm. \$90. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

12/7 - Playing the Shell Game: Hermit Crab Poetry — A Poetry Workshop Facilitated by Julie Marie Wade at Old School Square Crest Theatre, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 1 pm. \$10. 868-2063; palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

12/7 - iMovie Magic at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

12/7 - How Not to Write a Memoir with Author Barbara Flores speaks and signs her book *Separated, Acting Badly: Bi-Cultural Memoir* at Murder on the Beach Mystery Bookstore, 104 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 4 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

12/7 - Vanessa Collier & Seth Walker at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 8 pm show. \$25-\$45. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/7 - The Apparition by Philip Butera at Artists' Guild Gallery, 2910 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 7-9:30 pm. \$20. 278-7877; philipbutera.wixsite.com/theapparition

12/7 - Art Season Grand Opening Reception: Icons at The Box Gallery, 811 Belvedere Rd, West Palm Beach. 7-10 pm. Free. Registration: theboxgallery.info

12/7 - Rebecca Penneys Recital at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$20. 237-9000; lynn.tix.com

12/7 - Beautiful Bobby Blackmon and The B3 Band Returns! at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$30-\$40. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

12/7-8 - Delray Beach Pickleball Classic at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. Begins 8 am daily. Free/spectators. 271-8408; pickleballtournaments.com

12/7-8 - Hansel and Gretel presented by Palm Beach Opera at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Sat 5 pm; Sun 2 pm. Tickets start at \$25. 833-7888; pbopera.org

12/7-8 - Heathers The Musical at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Held again 12/14-15 & 20-22. F/Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$25.50/adult; \$15.50/student. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

Municipal Meetings

12/9 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 7 pm.

Agenda: lantana.org

12/10 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 10 am.

Agenda: manalapan.org

12/10 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 4 pm.

Agenda: delraybeachfl.gov

12/10 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesday at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us

12/10 - South Palm Beach - Second Tuesday at the South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 7 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

12/13 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulfstream.org

12/17 - Boynton Beach - First and third Tuesday at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Boynton Beach Blvd. 6:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

12/23 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm.

Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

.272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

12/7-8 - Andy and the Orphans by Lindsey

Ferrantino presented by Primal Forces at Sol Theatre, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$40-\$45. 866-811-4111; primalforces.com

12/7-8 - Everything is Super Great by Stephen Brown at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab at Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 12/22. Special closing matinee 3 pm 12/19; Th-Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 3 pm. \$35. 800-564-9539; fau.edu/theatrelab

DECEMBER 8-14

Sunday - 12/8 - Rebecca Penneys Master Class at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 10 am. Free. 237-9000; lynn.tix.com

12/8 - Sisterhood Annual Luncheon and Boutique at Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. 10 am boutique opens; noon luncheon. Free. 391-8900; tbeoca.org

12/8 - Sado: Tea Ceremony Beginners Class at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Unique opportunity to study the traditional art of Sado, The Way of Tea. Tea Ceremony Workshop is required for those who have never taken a Tea Ceremony Class but wish to start studying Sado. 2 lessons/month (Sun 12/8 & 15 & Th 12/5 & 19). 10:15 am-12:15 pm. \$50/member; \$55/non-member. Registration: 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

12/8 - 4th Annual Empty Bowls at Old School Pavilion and Grounds, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Benefits Palm Beach County Food Bank. Old School Bakery breads, local chefs' signature soups. 11 am-2 pm. \$25/advance, \$30/at the gate. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

12/8 - Sunday Jazz Brunch at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Food/beverage available for purchase. 11 am-3 pm. Free. 393-7890; mizneramp.com

12/8 - 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 12:30-4 pm. \$10/at the door. Reservations or partners: 338-2995; myboca.us

12/8 - ACBL Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge at Temple Sinai of Palm Beach County, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. M-Th 12:30 pm; F

12:15 pm; Sun 1 pm. \$12/includes lunch. 276-8071; templesinaipbc.org

12/8 - Alyssa Maxwell & Nancy J. Cohen speak and sign their books *Murder at Crossways* and *A Bad Hair Day Cookbook* at Murder on the Beach Mystery Bookstore, 104 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 1 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

12/8 - Sado: Tea Ceremony Intermediate Class at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Unique opportunity to study the traditional art of Sado, The Way of Tea. Tea Ceremony Workshop is required for those who have never taken a Tea Ceremony Class but wish to start studying Sado. 2 lessons/month (12/8 & 15). 1-4 pm. \$50/member; \$55/non-member. Advance registration required: 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

12/8 - Exhibition On Screen: Special Art Documentary - In Search of Beethoven at The Society of the Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 102 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 pm. \$15. Reservations: 655-7227; fourarts.org

12/8 - The Symphonia: Celebrating Women in Music at St. Andrews School Roberts Theater, 3900 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. Part on Connoisseur Series. 2 pm pre-concert conversation w/the conductor; 3 pm concert. Tickets start at \$50. 376-3848; thesymphonia.org

12/8 - Music in the Museum: Mario Zelaya and Guzal Isametdinova at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Limited seating. 3-4 pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

12/8 - Capitol Hill and Beyond: Congressman Ted Deutch and Dr. Ralph Nurnberger Discuss Pressing Domestic and Foreign Issues at Florida Atlantic University Kaye Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest at the door. 297-3171; fau.edu/divdept/lifelong

12/8 - Kenny Neal at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 7 pm show. \$30-\$50. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/8 - Disco 54: The Ultimate 1970's Disco Tribute Band at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7-8:30 pm. \$35-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

12/8 - Liverpool Live: Tribute to the Beatles at Temple Sinai. 2475 W Atlantic Ave,

Delray Beach. Dessert follows. 7 pm. \$25/ premium seating advance; \$18/regular seating advance; \$25/at the door. 276-6161 x128; templesinaipbc.org

12/8 - Purpose to Prosperity; The Power of "Why" in Creating Abundance with May McCarthy at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 7:30 pm. Free-will offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Monday - 12/9 - Pickleball at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Combines badminton & tennis. Adults. T/Th 10 am-1 pm; M/W/F 9 am-noon. \$5; \$50/30-visit pass. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

12/9 - Socrates Cafe at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every M 10 am. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/9 - The Politics of Primaries: Inside the Presidential Selection Process with Kevin Wagner at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest at the door. 297-3171; fau.edu/divdept/lifelong

12/9 - Meet the Computer: Meet Your Mouse at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/9 - Senior Bingo at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Age 50 & up. M/W 10:30 am-noon. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

12/9 - Game Day Monday at Chabad of South Palm Beach, 224 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Mah Jongg and Canasta guaranteed; bring your own bridge group. Continental breakfast, snacks, soup/salad lunch. \$15/admission; \$60/4 admissions. 11 am-3 pm. Reservations: 646-522-6023; chabadspb.org

12/9 - The World in 2020: Geopolitical Threats and Hopes with Walid Phares at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest at the door. 297-3171; fau.edu/divdept/lifelong

12/9 - Empowerment Zone at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Resume/job/ computer assistance. Every M/Th 1-4:30 pm. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

12/9 - Build a Website with HTML-3 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

12/9 - Intermediate Italian at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 12/16 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

12/9 - Advanced Squares at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Age 18 & up. Every M 2-4 pm. \$6. 731-3119; boynton-beach.org

12/9 - The Roosevelt Administration's Response to the Nazis with Ralph Nurnberger at Florida Atlantic University Kaye Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest at the door. 297-3171; fau.edu/divdept/lifelong

12/9 - The Coral Springs All Stars Concert at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 4 pm doors open; 4:30 pm show. Free. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/9 - Excel Level 2 at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard, Computers 101 & Excel Level 1. Adults. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/9 - Beginner's Italian Night Session at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 12/16 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

12/9 - 28th Annual Lou Groza Award Banquet & Silent Auction at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 6:30 pm cocktails & silent auction; 7:30 pm dinner & awards program. \$95. 233-3180; lougrozaaward.com

12/9 - Biscuit Jam Featuring Kat Riggins & The Funky Biscuit All Stars at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm doors open; 8 pm show. Free. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/9 - Movies in the Park: The Grinch (2018 PG) at Bexley Trail Community Park, 1400 W Bexley Park Dr, Delray Beach. Bring chairs, blankets. 7-9 pm. Free. 243-7000; delraybeachfl.gov

12/9 - Scotty Dog Squares Dance Club at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. All skill levels welcome. Age 18 & up. Every M 7-9 pm. \$6. 865-2611; boynton-beach.org

12/9 - Bike Nite at Tilted Kilt Pub & Brewery, 3320 Airport Rd #1, Boca Raton. Held by Fury

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12/9 - Concert Band & Concert Chorus at Palm Beach State College Duncan Theatre, 4200 Congress Ave, Lake Worth. 7:30 pm. \$10. 868-3309; duncantheatre.org

12/9-10 - Call to Audition/Black Box Series: Fulfillment Center at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Prepare 2-min dramatic monologue; may be asked to read from script. Performance 1/1-2/9. 7 pm. Free. lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/9-12 - Fascinating Rhythms: The Songs of George Gershwin at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Runs through 12/19. M-Th 2 pm & 7:30 pm. \$35. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Tuesday - 12/10 - Friends Auxiliary: Norton Museum of Art & Ann Norton Sculpture Garden Bus Trip at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 590 Plaza Real. Docent-led tour of Toulouse Lautrec exhibition, box lunch, visit to Ann Norton Sculpture Garden. 9 am check-in; 9:30 am departure; 4-4:30 pm return. \$95/member; \$100/non-member. RSVP: 392-2500 x213; bocamuseum.org

12/10 - 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

12/10 - Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. Representatives available 2nd T 9 am-noon. Free. Appointments suggested: 655-8944; delraylibrary.org

12/10 - Hebrew Reading Crash Course at Chabad of South Palm Beach, 224 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Every T 10-11 am through 1/14. \$50/course fee. RSVP: 889-3499; chabadspb.org

12/10 - Nosh! Cookies, Cookies, Cookies at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10-11:30 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/10 - The Israel-China Relationship: A Dangerous Dalliance? with Robert G. Rabil at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest at the door. 297-3171; fau.edu/divdept/lifelong

12/10 - Palm Beach Watercolor Society Paint-In With a Model at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Held again 12/17. 10 am-12:45 pm. 362-5506; palmbeachwatercolorssociety.org

12/10 - Meet the Computer: Keyboard & Typing at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/10 - Chess Club at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game

Green Markets

Boca Raton GreenMarket every Saturday at City Hall (north side), 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. 8 am-1 pm. Free. downtownboca.org; 299-8684 elilly707@aol.com

Delray Beach GreenMarket every Saturday at 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

Lantana GreenMarket every Sunday at Bicentennial Park, 321 E Ocean Ave. 10 am-2 pm. 515-9919; shorelinegreenmarkets.com

Lake Worth Farmers Market every Saturday by the bridge at A1A. 1873 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 547-3100; lakeworthfarmersmarket.com

necessary. Age 18 & up. Every T/F noon-4:30 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/10 - 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

12/10 - Ordinary Americans: Dramawise at FAU, Boca Raton with Gary Cadwallader at Florida Atlantic University Continuing Education Building 31-D, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton.

12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest at the door. 297-3171; fau.edu/divdept/lifelong

12/10 - Electricity Wars: Tesla, Edison, Westinghouse, and Marconi with Stephen Kowel at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest at the door. 297-3171; fau.edu/divdept/lifelong

12/10 - Socrates Café at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every T 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

12/10 - Modern Line Dance Class at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Enhance quality of life through modern music, dance. Age 50 & up. Every T 1:30-2:30 pm. Per class: \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/10 - Hack Proof Yourself: Password Managers at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard & Computers 101. Adults. 2-4 pm. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/10 - Does Hamilton get Hamilton Right? with Ralph Nurnberger at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest at the door. 297-3171; fau.edu/divdept/lifelong

12/10 - Brandon Santini at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 8 pm show. Free. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/10 - Word Level 2 at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard, Computers 101 & Word Level 1. Adults. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/10 - Art Crew at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Every 2nd T. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free/member; \$5/non-member. 330-9614; artwarehouse.org

12/10 - Miss Burma by Charmaine Craig at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Group. Adults. 2nd T 6-7 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/10 - Critique Seminar with Jennifer Pochinski at Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. Limited to 7 students. 6-8 pm. \$40. Registration: 832-1776; armoryart.org

12/10 - Interactive Acoustic Music and Art in the Park at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. All ages. 2nd T 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/10 - Pinochle at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every T/Th 6-9 pm. Free. 393-7807; myboca.us

12/10 - Cachet Band at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm music. \$10 cover. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

12/10 - Photo Salon with Barry Schein at Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. 6:30-8:30 pm. \$10/donation. 832-1776; armoryart.org

12/10 - Foreign Film Series: Baahubali: The Beginning (NR) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-9 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

12/10 - 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

12/10 - The Songs of Woodstock with Rod MacDonald & the Humdingers at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 7-9 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest at the door. 297-3171; fau.edu/divdept/lifelong

12/10 - Lights, Camera, Action! with The Symphonia at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 7:30 pm. \$59-\$69. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

12/10 - All Arts Open Mic Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd T 8-11 pm. \$5. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

12/10 - Blue Tuesdays at Boston's on the Beach, 40 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Host Famous Frank Ward. Every T 8:30-11:30 pm. Free. 278-3364; bostonsonthebeach.com

Wednesday - 12/11 - Adult Watercolor Painting Workshop at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Instructor provides class lesson/lecture, emphasis on composition/drawing, then a painting demo. Remainder of class time is one-on-one instruction, finishing w/class critique. Age 18 & up. W 9 am-noon or 1-4 pm. Monthly \$35/resident; \$38/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/11 - King Bibi: The Uncertain Legacy of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with Samuel M. Edelman at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest at the door. 297-3171; fau.edu/divdept/lifelong

12/11 - GFWC Women's Club of Delray Beach Inc. at the 505 Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. 10:30 am. Free. 843-6821; mydelraybeach.com

12/11 - Hack Proof Yourself: How to Stop Robocalls at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/11 - Beginner's Italian Day Session at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 12/18 10:30 am. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

12/11 - Meet the Computer: Computers 101 at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/11 - Meet and Greet with Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District 19 at Barclay Condominium, 3546 S Ocean Blvd, South Palm Beach. Introductions, casual BBQ luncheon. 11 am-3 pm. Free. 586-2122; southpalmbeach.com/police

12/11 - Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club: The Opioid Problem in South Florida at City Fish Market, 7940 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Speaker Suzanne Spencer 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$35/member or first-time guest; \$55/non-member. 620-8888; goldcoasttigerbayclub.com

12/11 - Socrates Cafe at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every W 11:30 am-1 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/11 - The Jewish Justices with Burton Atkins at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest at the door. 297-3171; fau.edu/divdept/lifelong

12/11 - The Tatooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris 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

12/11 - Beginner's Spanish at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 12/18 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

12/11 - The Other Jersey Boys at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Lifelong Learning Institute. 2-4 pm. \$50. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

12/11 - 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. RSVP: 370-7740; sfsccsciencecenter.org

12/11 - Lecture - Transformative Conservation: Returning the Whitehall Dining Room Furniture to its Original Grandeur by F. Carey Howlett, Conservator at Flagler Museum, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$10/member; \$28/non-member - includes museum admission. 655-2833; flaglermuseum.us

12/11 - Bingo at Temple Sinai of 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 1st game. \$15. 276-6161 x128; templesinaipbc.org

12/11 - Visiting Master Artists Public Lecture with Jennifer Pochinski at Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. 5:30-6:30 pm. 832-1776; armoryart.org

12/11 - Writers' Corner at Boynton Beach City Library, 115 N Federal Hwy. Manuscript critiquing by published authors. Every 2nd W 5:30-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

12/11 - Addison Mizner: Exotic Society Architect by Ed Lamont at Lake Worth Beach Annex Building, 414 Lake Ave. Docent at the Flagler Museum presents program. Historical Museum open 6-7 pm. 7 pm/presentation. Free. 632-9044; historiansocietylakeworth.org

12/11 - Introduction to Tinkercad at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

12/11 - Studio 201: Ordinary Americans at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Join professionals for a social mixer/performance. 6:30 pm. \$25. 514-4042; palmbeachdramaworks.org

12/11 - The Million Dollar Quarter with Taylor Hagood at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 7-8:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest at the door. 297-3171; fau.edu/divdept/lifelong

12/11 - Civil War Round Table Palm Beach Meeting at Lake Clarke Shores Town Hall, 1701 Barbados Rd, West Palm Beach. 2nd W 7 pm. Free. civilwarroundtablepalmbeach.org

12/11 - Joe Papp and The Classics at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$25. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

12/11 - Pure Yanni: An Intimate Evening with Yanni at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$275-\$475. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

Thursday - 12/12 - Protecting Your Organization's Reputation During a Crisis with Bill Orlove, Naki Carter and Becky Peeling at Cultural Council of Palm Beach



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County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Part of Institute for Cultural Advancement series. 9-11 am. \$10. 471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

12/12 - 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

12/12 - Adult Multimedia Class at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Discover new techniques in watercolor, pastel, acrylic; learn design/composition. Every Th 10 am-noon. Per class \$25/resident; \$31/non-resident. 742-6650; boynton-beach.org

12/12 - Shell Chic Designs with Robin Grubman: Ornaments 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

12/12 - Exhibition Opening: The Priscilla and John Richman Gift of American Impressionism and Realism at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Runs through 3/15. M/T/Th/Sat 10 am-5 pm; F 10 am-10 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. \$18/adult; \$15/senior; \$5/student w/ID; free/member, child 12 & under, Florida Educators w/school ID, active U.S. Military (and immediate family) w/valid ID. 832-5196; norton.org

12/12 - Knit 'N Purl at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Rotating facilitators. 10:30 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/12 - Meet the Computer: Organizing & Managing Your Files at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard & Computers 101. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration required: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/12 - Senior Bridge at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Experienced players welcome. Partners not needed. Every Th Noon-4 pm. Annual fee \$15/resident + \$1/game; \$25/non-resident + \$2/game. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/12 - Adult Acrylics Art Class at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Basic acrylic painting techniques for beginners; instructor available for advanced painters. Call for list of supplies needed. Age 18 & up. Every Th noon-3 pm. Per class \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/12 - Resume Coaching at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Mon-Sun (closed 12/25 & 1/1). 1-4 pm. Free. By Appointment Only. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/12 - Bards of a Feather: Open-Mic Round Robin Poetry Reading at Hagen Ranch Library, 14350 Hagen Ranch Rd, Delray Beach. 1 pm. Free. 868-2063; palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

12/12 - December Art Sale at Boca Raton Museum of Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. Opportunity to purchase instructor's work, one-of-a-kind unique pieces. 5-8 pm. Free. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

12/12 - Concert: Duo Beaux Arts at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/12 - Honey Island Swamp Band at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 8 pm show. \$15-\$30. 465-3946;

funkybiscuit.com

12/12 - The Next Generation Road Rascals Car Show at Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex, 10 S Ocean Blvd. 2nd Th 6-9 pm. rstar2010@gmail.com

12/12 - Friends Speaker Series: Robert Macomber at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

12/12 - Science on Tap: Vicki Sarajedini, FAU at SaltWater Brewery, 1701 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Discuss latest trends in science/technology w/a world-class scientist. Age 21+. 7 pm. Free. 370-7740; sfscenter.org

12/12 - Red at the Bone by Jacqueline Woodson at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of Novel Idea Book Club. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

12/12 - Jazz in the Gallery at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real, Mizner Park. The Marshall Turkin Classic Jazz Ensemble. 7-8:30 pm. Free w/paid admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

12/12 - Adult Tango Dance at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Every Th 7:50-10:50 pm. \$15/resident; \$16/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/12 - Mod 27 at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-9:30 pm. \$15. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

12/12-14 - Sculptured Jewelry: Found, Recycled, and Locally Sourced with Jesse Bert at Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. Limited to 7 students. 6-8 pm. \$40. Registration: 832-1776; armoryart.org

Friday - 12/13 - 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. 393-7807; myboca.us

12/13 - Entertainment on the Go: Streaming Music at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/13 - Balkan by the Beach: International Folk Dance at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Benefit of exercise, pleasure of dancing to beautiful music. No experience or partner needed. Age 50 & up. Every F 10:45 am-1:15 pm. Per class \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/13 - Bill Gove Golden Gavel Toastmasters Club at Duffy's Sports Grill, 4746 N Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Every F noon-1 pm. \$12/lunch or \$5/soft drink; cash only. 742-2121; billgovetostmastersclub.com

12/13 - Lunch & Learn: Visiting Master Artists Public Lecture with Jesse Bert - Earth Essence: Texture, Surface, and Materials 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

12/13 - Drug Store "Dupes" for High End Makeup: Holiday Edition with Gayle Weissberg at Levis JCC Sandler Center, 21050 95th Ave S, Boca Raton. 1 pm. \$10. 558-2520; levisjcc.org

12/13 - Scan & Organize Your Family Photos at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

12/13 - Adult Coloring Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every 2nd F

1:30 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

12/13 - Immortal Beloved (R) at The Society of the Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 102 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 & 5:30 pm. \$5. Reservations: 655-7226; fourarts.org

12/13 - Color Create Craft Program at The Society of the Four Arts King Library, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. Every F through 4/24 2-4 pm. Free. 655-7226; fourarts.org

12/13 - Andrew Gross speaks and signs his book *The Fifth Column* at Murder on the Beach Mystery Bookstore, 104 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 5 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

12/13 - Art After Dark at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Every F 5-10 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

12/13 - Bonfire on the Beach at Lake Worth Casino and Beach Complex, 10 S Ocean Blvd. Bring beach chairs. 2nd & 4th F 6-9 pm. Free; metered parking. 533-7395; lakeworth.org

12/13 - Free Friday Concert: The Clique 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 pm gates open; 7:30 pm concert starts. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; oldschoolsquare.org

12/13 - 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; sfscenter.org

12/13 - Castoffs Square Dance Club at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Basic modern western square dancing. Every F 7-9:30 pm. \$6 at the door. 731-3119; boynton-beach.org

12/13 - Bianca Moise Presents: Dream Bigger, WPB at Lake Worth Playhouse Stonzek Studio, 713 Lake Ave. 7:30 pm doors open; 8 pm show. \$10/advance (online); \$20/at the door. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/13 - ...He Wrote That! The Dennis Lambert Show at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$35-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

12/13 - Outstage Night: Ordinary Americans at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. OutStage@PBD; special performances/events that engage/inspire the LGBTQ community. Includes pre-show reception, production, post-show reception w/the actors. 8 pm. \$92. 514-4042; palmbeachdramaworks.org

12/13 - Screen on the Green at Bryant Park, 100 S Golfview Rd, Lake Worth. Different movie every month. 2nd F 8-10 pm. Free. 588-8344; lakeworth.org

12/13-14 - 17 Border Crossings at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$35. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/13-15 - The Jackie Mason Musical: Both Sides of A Famous Affair (PG) presented by Triton Talent at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Held again 12/20-22. F/Sat 8 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$30. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

Saturday - 12/14 - Family Saturdays: Living Portraits at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County Main Gallery, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 10 am-noon. Free. 471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

com

12/14 - Street Photography: Candid Portraiture Class at Creative Arts School, 51 N Swinton Ave. All levels. 10 am-1 pm. \$75. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

12/14 - 4th Annual Mini Maker Faire at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Local and regional makers share emerging tech, hobbies, experiments across a variety of categories. 10 am-4 pm. Free w/ paid admission.

12/14 - Palm Beach Vegfest: The Ultimate Series of Vegan Events at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Lawn games, vegan food vendors, shopping, more. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 393-7890; mizneramp.com

12/14 - The Art of Japanese Gift Presentation Workshop at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Oki Education Center, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 10:30 am-noon or 1:30-3 pm. \$35/session + \$10/materials fee. 495-0233; morikami.org

12/14 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Lake Worth & Lantana 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 live guide. 2nd Sat year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required: check website for available dates. 11 am. \$53-\$60/adult; free/child under 18 (max 5 children per family.) Reservations required: 638-8277; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

12/14 - 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 demonstration rich in sensational subtleties. Noon, 1:30 pm & 3 pm. \$5 w/paid museum admission. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

12/14 - Dialogues des Carmelites part of Met Opera Live in HD Series at The Society of the Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 102 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 1 pm. \$25/adult; \$15/student w/ID. 655-7226; fourarts.org

12/14 - Book+Art Discussion: The House of Broken Angels by Luis Urrea at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

12/14 - Artist at Work Series: Catalina Aguirre Hoffman at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Demonstration, discussion w/the artist about process, materials, concepts of creating art. 3-4 pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

12/14 - DeadPish Orchestra at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 8 pm show. \$15-\$30. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/14 - Free Comedy Show at Capital One Cafe, 330 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Every 2nd Sat 7-7:45 pm. Free. 844-561-4242; theimprovu.com

12/14 - Sick Puppies at Improv U, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Held again 10/19. Showcase 7:30-8:30 pm \$10/online, \$15/at the door; Improv Comedy Show 9-10 pm \$15/online, \$20/at the door. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

12/14 - An Evening with Christine Andreas at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center Rrazz Room, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$45-\$65. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

12/14-15 - Artists in the Park presented by Delray Beach Art League at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St. Fine art exhibition/sales. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 843-2311; delrayartleague.com

12/14-15 - Jane Monheit - The Songbook Sessions: Ella Fitzgerald at Kravis Center Persson Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$39. 832-7469; kravis.org

DECEMBER 15-21

Sunday - 12/15 - Film Screening: Mirai by Mamoru Hosoda at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 11 am (dubbed in English) & 2 pm (In Japanese, subtitled in English). Free/member; \$5/non-member. 495-0233; morikami.org

12/15 - Winter 2019 Open House at Boca Raton Museum of Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. 1-4 pm. Free. 392-2503; bocamuseum.org

12/15 - Music in the Museum: Robyn Marie Lamp, Edgar Miguel Abreu, and Dr. Heather J. Colman at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Limited seating. 3-4

pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

12/15 - The Sunday Sleuths Book Group: The Night Visitors by Carol Goodman at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

12/15 - All Star Blues Jam Benefiting Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 3 pm doors open; 4 pm show. \$10-\$20. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/15 - Sunday on the Waterfront: Aloha Islanders Tropical Holiday Spectacular at Palm Stage, 100 N Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Family friendly. 4 pm. Free. 822-1515; wpb.org

12/15 - Winter Concert Celebration at Boca Raton High School, 1501 NW 15th Ct. 6:30-8 pm. \$12. 281-8600; yopbc.org

12/15 - Tail Dragger Blues Band at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7-8:30 pm. \$35-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

12/15 - The Soul of America with Jon Meacham at Florida Atlantic University Kaye Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 7-8:15 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$40/member; \$50/non-member & one-time guest at the door. 297-3171; fau.edu/divdept/lifelong

Sunday - 12/15 - The Genesis Code with Daniel Friedmann at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. 7:30 pm. \$15/general admission. RSVP: 394-9770; bocabeachchabad.org

Monday - 12/16 - Online Living: Battle of the Browsers at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/16 - Mah Jongg/Canasta at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Ongoing weekly sessions. Light snacks served. Players required to bring their own Mah Jongg sets or Canasta cards and trays. Every M (no class 12/9) 10:30 am-1:30 pm. \$20/at the door. 367-7035; myboca.us

12/16 - Intermediate Italian at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

12/16 - First Person Singular: I.M. Pei with Bob Vila and Peter Rosen part of Discover China series at The Society of the Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 2:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

12/16 - Trew Music School Holiday Recital at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 5:30 pm show. Free. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/16 - Excel Level 3 at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard, Computers 101 & Excel Level 1&2. Adults. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/16 - 2nd Annual Mediterranean Fest at Gallery 22, 282 Via Naranja, Boca Raton. Benefits Enlight Unite Foundation. Presented by Luxury Chamber. 6 pm. Free/Luxury Chamber member; \$125/guest, cash only at the door. Luxurychamber.com

12/16 - Beginner's Italian Night Session at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

12/16-17 - Call to Audition: Witness for the Prosecution at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Prepare 2-min dramatic monologue; may be asked to read from script. Performance 2/27-3/15. 7 pm. Free. lakeworthplayhouse.org

Tuesday - 12/17 - Adult Day Trip: Solid Waste Authority of PBC departs from Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Tour of various locations including the Renewable Energy Facility, Landfill, Greenway Trail System, Bio-Solids, Recovered Materials Processing Facility. Then the bus will drive to City Place in West Palm Beach for last minute shopping/dining. Closed-toed shoes mandatory per the SWA. 8:45 am check-in; 9:15 am departure; 4:45 pm return. \$25/person. 367-7035; patchreef.org

12/17 - Hack Proof Yourself: Hacked? Now What? at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard & Computers 101. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/17 - Online Living: Look It Up Online! at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/17 - Happy Birthday, Ludwig! at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Celebrating Beethoven's 250th birthday w/cake

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12/17 - Google Email, Drive & Apps at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

12/17 - Word Level 3 at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard, Computers 101 & Word Level 1&2. Adults. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/17 - The Tuesday Murder Club Book Group: Alias Mitzi & Mack by Victoria Landis at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 6:30 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

12/17 - Adult International Folk Dance at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Every T (except 2nd T) 6:30-9:30 pm. Per class \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 913-475-1112; mydelraybeach.com

12/17 - 3 Guitars featuring JP Soars, Albert Castiglia & Frank Ward at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm doors open; 8 pm show. Free. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/17 - Brooklyn: The Rise, and Fall, and Rise Again with Rabbi Richard Polirer at Levis JCC Sandler Center, 21050 95th Ave S, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$18. 558-2520; levisjcc.org

12/17 - FAU Astronomical Observatory public viewing day at Florida Atlantic University Science & Engineering Building 4th floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 1st F & 3rd T 8 pm. Free. 297-STAR; physics.fau.edu/observatory

Wednesday - 12/18 - Ann Hampton Callaway: The Linda Ronstadt Songbook at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 11 am & 2 pm. \$30. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/18 - Mac 101 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

12/18 - Entertainment on the Go: e-Books & Magazines at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 2-4 pm. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/18 - Manalapan Book Club meets at J. Turner Moore Memorial Library, 1330 Lands End Rd. *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. 3:30 pm. Free. 383-2541; manalapan.org

12/18 - The Bobby Nathan Band + Bobby Brooks Wilson, Gary Utah & Betty Padgett at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 8 pm show. Free. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/18 - Zonta Club of Boca Raton at Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 3rd W 5:30 pm. \$30. 482-1013; zontabocaron.org

12/18-22 - Villainous Company by Victor L. Cahn presented by Primal Forces at Sol Theatre, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Runs through 1/12. Preview Wed & Th 8 pm (\$35-\$40); regular show F/Sat 8 pm, Sun 2 pm. \$40-\$45. 866-811-4111; primalforces.com

12/18-22 - My Life on a Diet Starring Renee Taylor at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. W/Th/F/Sat 7:30 pm; Th/Sat/Sun 1:30 pm. Tickets start at \$50. 832-7469; kravis.org

Thursday - 12/19 - Free Museum Admission at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Presented by PNC Bank. 3rd Th 5-8 pm. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

12/19 - Online Living: Online & Mobile Banking at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/19 - Crafty Entrepreneurs at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

12/19 - Boca Pen Women Luncheon with Speaker Marisa Marulli at Delray Beach Golf and Country Club, 2200 Highland Ave. Noon. \$30. Bocapenwomen.org

12/19 - Photoshop II at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

12/19 - The Health of Our Oceans: Why You Should Care with Jim Sullivan Ph.D. at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Presented by Boca Raton Public Library & FAU Division of Research. 2-3 pm. Free. Register: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

12/19 - The Fritz at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 8 pm show. \$10-\$20. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/19 - Concert: Sunnyside Swing at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/19 - Classic Rick at Ellie's 50's Diner, 2410 N Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. Buffet dinner, dessert, coffee, cash bar. 6 pm. \$38. RSVP required: 276-1570; elliescatering.com

12/19 - Artists Guild Gallery Opening Reception at the Artists' Guild Gallery, 2910 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments. 6-8 pm. Free. 278-7877; bocamuseum.org

12/19 - 3rd Thursday Art Meets Music at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 3rd Th 7 pm. Free. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Friday - 12/20 - Online Living: Social Media at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic

Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/20 - Mac Photo App at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

12/20 - The World of Collecting: Director Series with Sofia Vollmer Maduro at The Society of the Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. Held again 1/3, 2/7, 3/13 & 4/3. 2 pm. \$100/series. Reservations: 655-7226; fourarts.org

12/20 - Shoplifters (R) at The Society of the Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 102 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 & 5:30 pm. \$5. Reservations: 655-7226; fourarts.org

12/20 - Happy Hour with Twocan Blue at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Held again 12/27. 5 pm. Free. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/20 - Friday Night Dinner Party at American German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. Held again 11/22. 5 pm doors open; 6-8 pm dinner. Admission \$10/guest, \$12/dinner; Admission & Dinner \$20/guest. 967-6464; americangermanclub.org

12/20 - The Motowners: The Ultimate Motown Tribute (Special Holiday Show) at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 9 pm show. \$20-\$35. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/20 - Free Friday Concert: Higher Ground 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 pm gates open; 7:30 pm concert starts. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; oldschoolsquare.org

12/20 - Evenings at the Council: Yvette Norwood-Tiger at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County Main Gallery, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

12/20 - Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl AAC Pep Rally at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Bring chairs/blankets; chair rentals \$5/cash. 7 pm. Free. 362-3661; cheribundibocaronbowl.com

12/20 - Florida's Funniest Comedians: Ron Feingold & Lindsay Glazer at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$20. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

12/20 - The Isley Brothers: You Make Me Wanna Shout 60th Anniversary Tour at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$35. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/20 - Peace of Woodstock: Rock Tribute to Woodstock at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$35-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

12/20-21 - Cocktail Hour: The Show by Ballets with a Twist at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Part of new Ovation Series. 8 pm. \$57-\$67. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

12/20-22 - Greenhouse Theater Center Presents Truman and the Birth of Israel at Kravis Center Persson Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. F/Sat/Sun 7 pm; Sat/Sun 1 pm. Tickets start at \$35. 832-7469; kravis.org

Saturday - 12/21 - 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. 10-11:30 am. \$10/person. Registration: 832-4164 x100; hspbc.org

12/21 - 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 live guide. 3rd & 4th Sat Year-round, rain or shine. 11 am. \$53-\$60/adult; free/child under 18 (max 5

children per family.) Reservations: 638-8277; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

12/21 - 2019 Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl at Florida Atlantic University Stadium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Postseason college football. 3:30 pm. \$32-\$57. 362-3661; cheribundibocaronbowl.com

12/21 - Turnstiles: The Ultimate Tribute to The Music of Billy Joel at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 8 pm show. \$20-\$35. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/21 - Winter Craft Beer Garden at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Full bar, food vendors, lawn games. 5-10 pm. \$5/drink ticket; \$15/branded beer stein. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

12/21 - Art Walk at Boynton Beach Art District, 406-422 W Industrial Ave. Every 3rd Sat 6-9 pm. Free. 786-521-1199; boyntonbeachartdistrict.com

12/21 - Classic Comedy Show at Ellie's 50's Diner, 2410 N Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. Buffet dinner, dessert, coffee, cash bar. 6 pm doors open; 7 pm show. \$40. RSVP: 276-1570; elliescatering.com

12/21 - Florida's Funniest Comedians: Ron Feingold & Lindsay Glazer at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center Cabaret Room, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$12-\$29. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

12/21 - Night of Nashville at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$15. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

12/21 - The Jeremiah Johnson Band at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$30-\$40. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

12/21-22 - Comedian Jim Gaffigan: Secrets and Pies Tour at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7 pm. Tickets start at \$35. 832-7469; kravis.org

DECEMBER 22-28

Sunday - 12/22 - Glyn Dryhurst Dixieland Band at Boca Raton Shrine Club, 601 Clint Moore Rd. Presented by Hot Jazz & Alligator Gumbo Society (HAGS). 1-4 pm. \$5/member; \$10/non-member. 330-9303; hagsjazz.com

Monday - 12/23 - Biscuit Jam featuring Terry Hanck & The Funky Biscuit All Stars at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 8 pm show. Free. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

Tuesday - 12/24 - Friends Book Club: The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

12/24 - Stradivarius Chamber Ensemble at First United Methodist Church of Boynton Beach, 101 N Seacrest Blvd. 6:30 pm. Free. 954-947-1951; fumccb.com

Wednesday - 12/25 - Christmas Day

Friday - 12/27 - Southern Avenue at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 9 pm show. \$20-\$40. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

12/27 - Free Friday Concert: Valerie Tyson Band 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 pm gates open; 7:30 pm concert starts. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; oldschoolsquare.org

12/27 - Joey Dale Oldies Night at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm showtime/dancing. \$10 cover. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

12/27 - Hollywood Revisited at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$55-\$65. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

12/27-29 - Wiesenthal at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. F/Sat 8 pm; F/Sat/Sun 2 pm; Sun 7 pm. \$45. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

12/27-31 - Forbidden Broadway at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. F/Sat/Sun/M 7:30 pm; Sat 1:30 pm; T 7 pm & 10 pm. Tickets start at \$39. 832-7469; kravis.org

Saturday - 12/28 - Classic Albums Live:

The Beatles, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Doors open 6:30 pm; music 8 pm. \$20-\$75. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

12/28 - Franco Corso & Murat Turan: A Night of Passion - From Bocelli to the Gypsy Kings at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$35. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

12/28 - Yacht Rock: A Tribute to the Greatest Soft Rock Songs and Bands of the 70s/80s at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$35-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

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Sunday - 12/29 - Free Admission at The Society of the Four Arts O'Keefe Gallery, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Last Sun through 3/29. 1-5 pm. Free. 655-7226; fourarts.org

12/29 - Aces & Knaves: A Film About Bridge at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$20. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

12/29 - Gianni Organ Trio "Got" at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7-8:30 pm. \$35-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Tuesday - 12/31 - Deadline to Register: Roaring 20's South Beach Blast, One-Day Bus Trip to Miami Beach on 1/19 departs from Delray Beach Public Library. 100 W Atlantic Ave & Armory Art Center, 811 Park Pl, West Palm Beach. Presented by Art Deco Society of the Palm Beaches: art, antiques, architectural tour. Champagne continental breakfast, visit WMODA, buffet brunch, walk Art Deco Weekend Street Festival. 8:30 am-6 pm. \$113/advance; \$133/after 1/1. RSVP: 699-7899; artdecopb.org

12/31 - Arrival from Sweden: The Music of ABBA at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. \$29. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/31-1/1 - Bourbon Street to The Big Bands at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. T 5 pm; W 3 pm. \$75. 995-2333; thewick.org

Wednesday - 1/1 - New Year's Day

Thursday - 1/2 - Art Insight: Stealing Rembrandt with Anthony Amore at The Society of the Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 3:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 655-7226; fourarts.org

1/2 - Concert: Angelina King at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

1/2 - Poetry Open Mic Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Every 1st Th 8 pm. \$5. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Friday - 1/3 - Historical Walking Tour meets at Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 1-hour guided tour showcases the evolution of downtown West Palm Beach buildings/landmarks; includes historical urban design overview through recent area development. Held again 2/7. 4-5:30 pm. \$10/person. Registration: 832-4164 x100; hspbc.org

1/3 - Exhibit Artists Reception at Artist's Eye Gallery Boutique, 604 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth. Runs through 2/2. 6-8 pm. Free. 586-8666; lwartleague.org

1/3 - First Friday Art Walk at Downtown Development Authority, 85 SE 4th Ave, Delray Beach. Self-guided tour through a myriad of

styles in art, photography, furnishings, live entertainment. Includes Atlantic Avenue Galleries, Pineapple Grove, Artists Alley Studios & Galleries. 6-9 pm. Free. 243-1077; downtowndelraybeach.com

1/3 - Jesse Luttrell: Showstopper at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$25-\$45. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

1/3 - Free Friday Concert: Artikal Sound System 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 pm gates open; 7:30 pm concert starts. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; oldschoolsquare.org

1/3 - Jazz Fridays: Fred Haas Trio at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Every 1st F 7 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

1/3 - The Anderson Brothers Play Gershwin at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$35-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

1/3-4 - John Mueller's Winter Dance Party at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Part of new Ovation Series. 8 pm. \$57-\$67. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

1/3-4 - Jeff Harnar Sings Sammy Cahn All the Way: Sinatra, Hollywood & World War II at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$39. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

1/3-5 - New Play Festival at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab at Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. F/Sat 7:30 pm; Sat/Sun noon & 3:30 pm. Tickets start at \$20. 800-564-9539; fau.edu/theatrelab

Saturday - 1/4 - Ride & Remember Bus Tour departs from Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 2-hour tour; focus on 5 historic districts. Every T/Th/Sat 10 am. \$35. By reservation only: 279-8883; spadmuseum.com

1/4 - Nihongo: Japanese Language Intensive Workshop I-B at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Oki Education Center, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Each level should be taken sequentially before moving on to the next level. Must meet prerequisites. Held again 1/25. Noon-4 pm. \$100. Advance registration required: 495-0233; morikami.org

1/4 - Seth Bramson speaks and signs his book *Florida Railroads* at Murder on the Beach Mystery Bookstore, 104 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 6 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

1/4 - Jackie "The Joke Man" Martling at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$37-\$47. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

1/4 - CJ Chenier and The Red Hot Louisiana Band at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$35-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

1/4 - 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 New York, Old Friend. 9 pm. \$20. 237-7750; lynn.tix.com

1/4-5 - New York, Old Friend at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 4 pm. \$50-\$70. 237-7000; lynn.tix.com



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Christmas

“Because of Instagram, more than ever people want to create a beautiful holiday experience to post and share — and Christmas cards are a key part of that.”

— Jason Arbuckle of J. Falkner Cards



Adele Bulger of Ocean Ridge prepares Christmas cards with her daughters, Heidi, 14, and Maggie, 10. The Bulgers like to send family photo cards, and these include son George, 17. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

PENNING A TRADITION

By Mary Thurwachter

Writing Christmas cards remains a beloved ritual during era of e-greetings

For Adele Bulger, sending and receiving Christmas cards is a time-honored tradition and one she isn't likely to give up. The Ocean Ridge wife and mother of three typically begins penning her holiday greetings after Thanksgiving and admits it's sometimes a bit of a struggle to get all 150 of them out before Christmas. She includes notes in many cards, longer handwritten letters in some, and others go in the mail with just a signature.

“We are transplants, originally from Pittsburgh,” Bulger said. “We have friends from growing up; we have friends from college; friends from graduate school; and my husband and I lived in Cleveland for a while and we made some good friends there. So, it's just a way to keep in touch.”

The Bulgers string up the cards they receive each year. “Everyone who comes into our home over the holidays looks at them and comments

on them,” she said.

Sending out greeting cards for the December holiday is a tradition that originated in England in 1843, when Sir Henry Cole, a civil servant, began selling Christmas cards, unheard of at the time. The practice of exchanging Christmas cards grew quickly and spread to the United States by 1875.

Text messaging, email and social media have emerged to

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give cards a run for their money, and concerns that paper cards may not be planet-friendly have made an impact, too. But the tradition has found favor with enough folks to keep it alive.

More than 3,000 companies published greeting cards in the United States last year, the Greeting Card Association reported. Christmas cards account for about \$2.25 billion in annual sales.

At Hand's Office and Art Supply on Atlantic Avenue, in business since 1934, sales of Christmas cards have remained consistently high, according to general manager Roz Castle.

"They're buying 100 at a time with their name printed on it and return addresses," she said. "They come every year."

But card sales have gone down drastically at some stores like Salutations, a 20-year-old gift and card shop in The Colony Hotel, also on Atlantic Avenue. Bulger buys her cards



J.Falkner, whose design center is in West Palm Beach, sells a new pineapple-themed card this year. Photo provided

there and said supporting local businesses is important to her.

Diana Bush, whose family has owned Salutations since 2004, said that while her sales of small gifts have continued to grow, holiday card sales have

declined greatly.

"People still do come in and buy boxed cards, but not anything like they used to," Bush said. "We used to have people line up in August for them, but now if I do 10 (custom

Card sources

Hand's Office and Art Supply: 325 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, 561-276-4194, www.handsdelray.com.

Salutations: 535 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, 561-266-6558, www.salutationsofdelray.com.

J.Falkner Cards: Headquarters are in Palm Beach and the design center is in West Palm Beach, but to find a store near you, see www.jfalkner.com. Salutations carries the cards, as do The Breakers, Four Seasons and Eau Palm Beach.

better online, but actually they can end up spending more."

Like Adele Bulger, Palm Beacher Jason Arbuckle enjoys sending holiday cards — it's one of the reasons he started his company, J.Falkner Cards, in 2011. J.Falkner cards are sold throughout the country.

"Come Christmas time, I sit myself down with stamps, address book, a favorite pen, a nice glass of red wine," he said. "I generally get around 75 cards into the mail."

This, he admits, may require a second glass.

"It's the way I press pause during all the holiday frenzy and take a moment to appreciate the good fortune and great friendships of the year that's just gone by."

The market for cards has been changing, Arbuckle said.

"Everyone's lives are getting faster, it seems, so that chance to sit down and send a card to everyone on your list is harder to find. And yet, because of Instagram, more than ever people want to create a beautiful holiday experience to post and share — and Christmas cards are a key part of that."

The changes have made the card market even more interesting, Arbuckle said.

"While the conventional wisdom is that millennials don't have time for old-fashioned things like cards, in fact the young audience has helped the card industry prosper," he said. "While millennials might not buy boxes of Christmas cards to send to all their friends, they like to find single cards that are really special — and worth reposting on Instagram."

Because his company is based in Palm Beach, "we like to bring a fresh, sunny twist to the season," Arbuckle said. "Just because it's winter doesn't mean we need to give up our bright colors and tropical motifs. Our colors for Christmas are bright and fresh, and palm trees and pineapples get the holiday treatment. These designs really connect with our base here in South Florida."

The pineapples are new, and J.Falkner is producing some of its best designs in a different format this year — as deluxe holiday matchboxes. "These have been a huge success," Arbuckle said. "They make a table look immediately festive and are great little gifts."

For the Bulgers and others, the festive tradition of exchanging cards continues from generation to generation.

"My grandmother, God bless, she died when she was 96 and she sent them out until the year she died," Adele Bulger said. "My mother addresses her cards the day after Christmas so all she needs to do in November and December is add in the notes."

Time will tell if Bulger's children continue the tradition. The kids helped their mom stuff cards in envelopes this year — which could mean an extra candy cane in their stockings. ★

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Health & Harmony

Girl's sun-safety mitzvah honors grandfather she lost to melanoma

A stuffed animal resembling a favorite pet. Water-resistant earbuds. A tween-sized fitness tracker. These are all suggested gift ideas for the 12-year-old set that would surely put smiles on many young faces. But when Brooke Diamond turned 12, she had other ideas.

The Boca Raton girl put out a call to friends, family and corporations asking for contributions of sunscreen and sun-protective clothing items, and money to buy two sunscreen dispensers to place at local parks.

It was the year leading up to her April 13, 2019, bat mitzvah at B'nai Torah, and she'd chosen melanoma awareness and prevention as a mitzvah project, her way of giving back to the community.

"I knew right away what I wanted to do," she said, her soft voice filled with conviction.

When she was 10, she'd lost her beloved maternal grandfather, Alex Morgenstern, 73, to stage 4 metastatic melanoma. She wanted to do something meaningful to prevent others from developing what the Melanoma Research Foundation calls the deadliest form of skin cancer.

Brooke, now 13 and an eighth-grader at Don Estridge High Tech Middle School, is well-versed in melanoma facts and statistics. "On average, a person's risk for melanoma doubles if he or she has had more than five sunburns," she said. "Regular daily use of an SPF 15 or higher sunscreen reduces the risk of developing melanoma by 50%."

While there is no cure for melanoma, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says "most cases of melanoma could be prevented."

Finding hope and purpose in prevention, Brooke watched as donations to her project, dubbed Peace, Love + Sunshine, began rolling in.

"We wrote letters to sunscreen companies and clothing companies," said her mother, Lauren. "It was like the holidays. Every time you got to the door, there were boxes of sunscreen or boxes of the neck wraps fishermen wear."

From the bounty, Brooke assembled 46 packages of sunscreen, SPF shirts and SPF hats for children at the Milagro Center in Delray Beach. And as the donations continued to flow, she delivered the same potentially lifesaving items to the dermatology department at the Caridad Center in Boynton Beach.

Brooke helped put together a 12-member team of friends and family — including her father, Harold — to take part in the SafeSun Foundation's annual Run From the Rays 5K/1 Mile Run/Walk.

SafeSun, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention, early diagnosis and



Brooke Diamond of Boca Raton honored Alex Morgenstern by working to put sunscreen dispensers in parks. **Photo provided**

treatment of melanoma and other skin cancers, donated the team's registration fees to Caridad's dermatology department.

Through Facebook fundraisers, Brooke raised \$2,000. Del Prado Elementary — where Lauren teaches fifth grade — and its PTA contributed \$500. Pride Air Conditioning donated another \$500.

With \$3,000 in hand, Brooke planned to acquire two automatic sunscreen dispensers she hoped to see placed near the carousel in Sugar Sand Park and by the tennis courts at the Swim and Racquet Center. Both were places where she and her brother, Mitch, now 11, had spent happy hours with the grandfather they called "Pop Pop."

To learn more about the dispensers, Lauren spoke with Fran Nachlas, a founder of SafeSun. Nachlas had partnered with the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department and the West Palm Beach-based Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation to place dispensers in other Boca Raton locations.

The Diamonds then reached out to the foundation, asking the 501(c)(3) to safeguard their funds until it was time to work together to buy the dispensers.

Stacy Ostrau, executive director of the RDK foundation, said, "We're really proud of Brooke's dedication to help raise awareness and support people being sun-safe. She was so passionate about it, because of her grandfather, and she really worked hard to get that done."

On Oct. 7, Brooke and her mother stood before Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District commissioners, asking them to green-light Brooke's request. In a real-life lesson in civics, Brooke saw

commissioners embrace and amplify her proposal.

Commissioner Craig Ehrnst proposed, and the panel agreed, that the district absorb the cost of filling and maintaining the dispensers. Each dispenser cost \$500, with another \$500 needed to fill it with sunscreen — approximately 4,000 "squirts," according to the RDK foundation.

With the district absorbing the sunscreen expense, Brooke was able to donate another dispenser to Sugar Sand Park and the Swim and Racquet Center, for a total of four, and keep funds in reserve for future installations.

In the chambers that evening, a proud grandmother Tamara Morgenstern donated \$1,000, more sun protection for future park visitors.

Brooke's desire "to make a difference in our community inspired the board," district Executive Director Briann Harms said in a news release. "By supporting her project, we encourage youth to engage in outreach while simultaneously helping protect our community. We are proud of her and happy to support this important initiative."

"I'd love to see this as more of a holistic project for all of the area," Ehrnst said at the meeting. "So, if that means another way of doing it instead of us individually putting one up here, one there, I'd rather work with the city to see how we can do this across the city."

He looked at Brooke. "I'm very supportive of your project, Brooke, and if we can make it happen on a bigger basis, I think that would be more exciting, don't you?"

"Yes!" she replied, and later she called it "awesome."

Brooke isn't always comfortable in the spotlight, but when it comes to advocating for sun-safety and

SunSmart America guidelines

When the UV index reaches 3 and above, use these five SunSmart guidelines:

- Slip on sun-protective clothing. Wear loose-fitting, close-weave clothing that covers as much skin as possible during outside activities.
- Slap on SPF 30+ sunscreen. Apply SPF 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen 20 minutes before going outside to ensure maximum effectiveness. Reapply every two hours or more often if you're involved in physical or water activities.
- Put on a hat, to protect the neck, ears, face and nose.
- Stay out of the sun as much as possible between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Use shade whenever possible. UV radiation can reflect from surfaces such as water, sand and concrete, so it is important to wear a hat, appropriate clothing and sunscreen even while you're in the shade.
- Slide on sunglasses. Exposure to UV radiation can damage the eyes. When practical, wear close-fitting, wraparound sunglasses that cover as much of the eye areas as possible. Look for glasses that block 100 percent of UV rays and that absorb most high-energy visible radiation, or blue light.

Source: Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation

Melanoma facts

- When it's detected early, the five-year survival rate for melanoma is 99%.
- It's estimated that the number of new melanoma cases diagnosed in 2019 will increase by 7.7%.
- The number of melanoma deaths is expected to decrease by 22% in 2019.
- The vast majority of melanomas are caused by the sun. One U.K. study found that about 86% of melanomas can be attributed to exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun.
- On average, a person's risk for melanoma doubles if he or she has had more than five sunburns, but just one blistering sunburn in childhood or adolescence more than doubles a person's chances of developing melanoma later in life.
- Help prevent melanoma by seeking shade whenever possible, wearing protective clothing, avoiding direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and using broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF of at least 30.

Source: Skin Cancer Foundation

melanoma awareness, she stands tall. "I don't want the attention," she said. "But I want the message to be out there."

Through Peace, Love + Sunshine, her tribute to her grandfather, the message, and his memory, live on. Watch this space for installation plans, which are still in the works.

"It was a part-time job helping to manage this project with Brooke, and nothing gave me greater pleasure to do it because I knew something

good was going to come out of something sad," Lauren said. "And we talk about my dad in some way, shape or form just about every day."

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Health Calendar

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DECEMBER 7

Saturday - 12/7 - Fitness @ Sanborn: Yoga Class presented by Yoga Journey at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Every Sat 9-10 am class. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

12/7 - Boot Camp for New Dads Class at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center, 800 Meadows Rd. 9 am-noon. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brrh.com

12/7 - One-Day Childbirth Preparation Class at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center Classroom B, 800 Meadows Rd. 1-day program prepares couples for the birth of their first child by discussing birthing options, practicing birthing skills. 9 am-4 pm. \$125/couple. Registration: 955-4468; brrh.com

12/7 - KemetiC Yoga at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, Williams Cottage, 170 NE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Calming, therapeutic yoga using ancient KemetiC postures/teachings. Bring yoga mat, water; wear comfortable clothing. Every Sat 9:30-11 am. \$10/person. 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

12/7 - 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 \$120/resident, \$150/non-resident; 20 classes \$200/resident, \$250/non-resident. 477-8727; myboca.us

12/7 - Adult Tai Chi Class at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Every Sat intermediate 9:30-10:30 am; beginner 10:45-11:45 am. Per class \$15/resident; \$17/non-resident. 243-7000 x5001; mydelraybeach.com

12/7 - 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

12/7 - 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

12/7 - Welcome New Baby! Sibling Class at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Learn about their new role, the new baby joining their family. Decorate a onesie for new little brother or sister, celebrate with a birthday cupcake. Age 2-6; must be

accompanied by parent. Held again 1/4. 10-11:30 am. \$10/parent & child; additional siblings \$5/each; payment due before class date. 369-2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org

12/7 - Fitness @ Sanborn: Tai Chi Class presented by Happy Tai Chi Boca Raton at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy. Every Sat 10:30-11:30 am class. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

12/7 - Zumba Class at South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N State Rd A1A, Boca Raton. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

12/7 - 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

12/7 - Chair Yoga at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 1 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

12/7 - Safe Baby: Prepare, Prevent & Respond Prenatal Class at Bethesda Memorial Hospital Parent Education Resource Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Increase awareness of safe practices, what to do in the event of an emergency. Held again 1/4. 2:30-4:30 pm. \$10/couple; payment due before class date. 369-2229; publicrelations@BHinc.org

12/7 - CA (Cocaine Anonymous) at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

12/7 - AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 7:30 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

12/7-8 - Yoga Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every Sat/Sun 9:30 am \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

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Sunday - 12/8 - Yoga in the Park (Gazebo) Class at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. All ages. Every Sun 10-11 am. Per class: \$10/resident; \$11/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/8 - Childbirth Express: A Day Full of Fun & Learning at Bethesda Memorial Hospital Parent Education Resource Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 10 am-5 pm. \$50/couple. Payment due before class date. 369-2229; publicrelations@BHinc.org

12/8 - CODA (Codependents Anonymous) at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall,

101 NW 22nd St. Sun 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

12/8 - 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. 4:30 pm. \$10/class; 60-day membership (unlimited classes) \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

Monday - 12/9 - Circuit Training at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Circuit-based 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

12/9 - 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

12/9 - Chair Yoga at First Presbyterian Church Boynton Beach, 235 SW 6th Ave. M 2:30 pm; W 4:30 pm. \$8. 732-3774; fpcboynton.com

12/9 - 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

12/9 - Baby Care Basics: Newborn Care and Comfort at Bethesda Memorial Hospital Parent Education Resource Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Diapering, feeding, bathing, soothing baby. 6-8:30 pm. \$10/couple. Payment due before class date. 369-2229; publicrelations@BHinc.org

12/9 - Yoga at the Library at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every M through 12/30. 6 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/9 - Traditional Yoga at First Presbyterian Church Boynton, 235 SW 6th Ave. Certified instructor Ann Kreucher. Padded floor. M & W 6:15 pm. \$8/class. 732-3774; fpcboynton.com

12/9 - Yoga at First Presbyterian Church Boynton Beach, 235 SW 6th Ave. M/W 6:15 pm. \$8. 732-3774; fpcboynton.com

12/9 - 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 - 12/10 - Stretch Exercise Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall Chambers, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every T 9 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

12/10 - 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

12/10 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Dawson Theater, 800 Meadows Rd. Every T noon-1:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brrh.com

12/10 - Zumba Gold at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Age 50+. Th/F 9:30-10:30 am, T 3-4 pm. Per class \$5/resident; \$6/nonresident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/10 - Robotic Total Knee Replacement at Bethesda Heart Hospital Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Presented by Elvis Grandic, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery; part of Ask the Physician Lecture Series. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273; publicrelations@BHinc.org

12/10 - Zumba at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults. Every T 6-7 pm. \$50/12 classes. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

12/10 - LGBTQ+ Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Joint program w/Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services. Separate groups held simultaneously: Adults; Friends & Family. Every T 6-7 pm. Free. Register: 483-5300 x116; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

12/10 - Tai Chi Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Moving meditation for focus, concentration, release of stress, attention skills. Every T Beginners 5:30-6:30 pm; Intermediate 6-7 pm; Advanced 6:30-7:30 pm. 8 classes \$48/resident, \$60/non-resident; 12 classes \$66/resident, \$82/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

12/10 - Al-Anon 12-Step Study at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every T 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Wednesday - 12/11 - Tai Chi Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall Chambers, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 9-10 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

12/11 - Yoga Class at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Ages 18 & up. Every W 9-10:30 am. Per class: \$10/resident; \$15/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/11 - Family Promise of South Palm Beach County at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Housing assistance for children and families who have become temporarily homeless. Adults. Counselors meet w/clients by appointment only every W 9 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/11 - Al-Anon for Family & Friends at



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St. Lucy Catholic Church Parish Center, 3510 S Ocean Blvd, Highland Beach. Every W 10:30 am-11:30 am. Free. 278-1280; stlucycommunity.com

12/11 - 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

12/11 - Healthy Aging: A Path to a Better Brain with James Galvin at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest at the door. 297-3171; fau.edu/divdept/lifelong

12/11 - Chair Yoga at First Presbyterian Church Boynton, 235 SW 6th Ave. Certified instructor Ann Kreucher. Strength & balance. Every W 4:30 pm. \$8/class. 732-3774; fpcboynton.com

12/11 - 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

12/11 - Japanese Karate Shito Ryu at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Karate is a method of physical exercise, mental discipline. Ongoing class based on Japanese Martial Arts style Shitoryu. Adults. Every W/F 6-7 pm. Monthly \$120/resident, \$150/non-resident; \$35/gi. 367-7035; myboca.us

12/11 - 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

12/11 - Family and Friends at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center Classroom B, 800 Meadows Rd. Basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, child and infant one-person CPR. Includes course book, completion certification. Held again 12/18 & 28 (9-11 am). 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brhh.com

12/11 - AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every W 7:30 pm LGBTQ; 8 pm Men's meeting. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Thursday - 12/12 - Joint Journey at Bethesda Heart Hospital Sand Dollar Room, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Learn what to expect before, during and after surgery for total joint replacement. Every Th 10 am. Free. 737-7733; arianea@baptisthealth.net

Friday - 12/13 - Mobile Health Clinic at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Medical and behavioral health services to homeless and underserved adult patients in the community, with or without insurance. 2nd & 4th F 9 am-4 pm. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

12/13 - No Senior Eats Alone at Humana Neighborhood Center, 14570 S Military Tr, Delray Beach. Buffet brunch, information on nutrition/healthy eating, Resource Fair. 10 am-1 pm. Free. 359-6100; humana.com/humana-neighborhood-centers/14570-south-military-trail-delray-beach-florida

12/13 - Zumba Gold Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every F 10-11 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

12/13 - AA Men's Group at St. Lucy Catholic

Church Parish Center, 3510 S Ocean Blvd, Highland Beach. Every F noon-1 pm. Free. 278-1280; stlucycommunity.com

12/13 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Dawson Theater, 800 Meadows Rd. Every F 1-3:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brhh.com

12/13 - Open AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every F 7:30 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Saturday - 12/14 - Yoga re-start at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Age 16+. 10:30-11:30 am. \$15. 330-9614; artwarehouse.org

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Sunday - 12/15 - Basics of Baby Care at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center, 800 Meadows Rd. Basics of baby caring for your newborn, taught by a registered nurse. Noon-2 pm. \$40/couple. Registration: 955-4468; brhh.com

Monday - 12/16 - The Tragedy Test: Making Sense of Life-Changing Loss with Rabbi Richard Agler at B'nai Torah Congregation, 6261 SW 18th St, Boca Raton. 2 pm. \$12. 558-2520; levisjcc.org

12/16 - Chair Yoga at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Mindfulness meditation followed by exercises done on a chair. Adults. Every M through 12/30 (no class 12/9) 3:30-4:30 pm. \$8/class. 477-8814; myboca.us

Tuesday - 12/17 - Big & Loud: Parkinson's Disease Exercise Program at Bethesda Heart Hospital 3rd Floor Conference Room, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 292-4950; RLatino@BHinc.org

Wednesday - 12/18 - Online Living: Health Research at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

Thursday - 12/19 - Project C4OPE: A Forum Series for Families in the Opioid Crisis at Pompey Park Community Center, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Presented by Hanley Foundation, Project COPE (Connect for Overdose Prevention and Education) designed to connect people in our community who share the experience of a loved one who has died of opioid overdose, survived an overdose, or are at a high risk for overdose. Every 3rd Th 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 268-2357; hanleyfoundation.org/project-c4ope

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Monday - 12/30 - Heart Healthy Nutrition at Bethesda Heart Hospital Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Presented by Nicholas Mosakowski, RDN, LDN; part of Be Healthy, Be Well Series. 3 pm. Free. 731-2273; publicrelations@BHinc.org

Wednesday - 1/1 - Something Big Yoga at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. All ages/levels welcome. 10 am-2:20 pm. Free. Registration: 479-7819; somethingbigyoga.com

Saturday - 1/4 - Kemeti Yoga at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, Williams Cottage, 170 NE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Calming, therapeutic yoga using ancient Kemeti postures/teachings. Bring yoga mat, water; wear comfortable clothing. Every Sat 9:30-11 am. \$10/person. 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

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Health Notes

Boca Regional is back in UnitedHealthcare network

Baptist Health and UnitedHealthcare have agreed to renew United's network relationship with Boca Raton Regional Hospital, a Baptist property. Beginning Dec. 1, United members enrolled in employer-sponsored, individual, Medicare Advantage and Medicaid benefit plans again had network access to Boca Regional.

The old agreement expired June 30, leaving plan members to find other providers or go out of network.

The BocaCare Physician



Faktorovich

Network has added neurologist Dr. Svetlana Faktorovich to the staff of Boca Raton Regional Hospital. She specializes

in general neurology, neuromuscular medicine, and diagnosing and treating disorders affecting the peripheral nervous system. Those include myasthenia gravis, cervical and lumbar radiculopathy, plexopathy, peripheral neuropathy and myopathy.

Her expertise also includes electromyography/nerve conduction testing, skin biopsy for the diagnosis of small fiber neuropathy, and the use of botulinum toxin for the treatment of neurological ailments that include disorders of muscle tone and migraines.

Faktorovich, board certified in neurology, completed her undergraduate studies at Stony Brook University in New York and received a master of arts in medical sciences from Boston University School of Medicine. She earned her medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston. Her postgraduate training included a residency program in neurology and a fellowship in clinical neurophysiology with a focus in neuromuscular medicine, both at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York. She is fluent in English and Russian.

Faktorovich is affiliated with the Marcus Neuroscience Institute and will see patients at 800 Meadows Road in Boca.

Tracy Edelstein was named vice president and chief nursing officer of Bethesda Hospital. Previously, she served as associate vice president of nursing services and interim regional chief nursing officer for Geisinger Health System in Scranton,

Pennsylvania. She also served as an adjunct professor of nursing at Carlow University in Pittsburgh.

FoundCare Inc. health care center has been awarded \$80,000 by the Promise Fund of Florida to start a program designed to help people with breast and cervical cancer get access to services. The program will cover education about breast and cervical cancer; it will link people at risk to screenings, such as mammograms and Pap tests; and it will help those diagnosed with cancer identify resources to facilitate their treatment and meet other daily needs.

FoundCare is working with patients from Palm Beach County who receive primary care through FoundCare's two locations, in central West Palm Beach and North Palm Beach. FoundCare accepts most insurance plans, Medicaid, Medicare, and self-pay is based on income and family size.

FoundCare was named a Health Center Quality Leader by the Health Resources and Services Administration in 2017 and 2018.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 561-432-5849 or visit www.foundcare.org.



Bergmann



Baggett

Drs. Evan Bergmann and Christy Baggett have joined Cohen Medical Associates of Delray Beach.

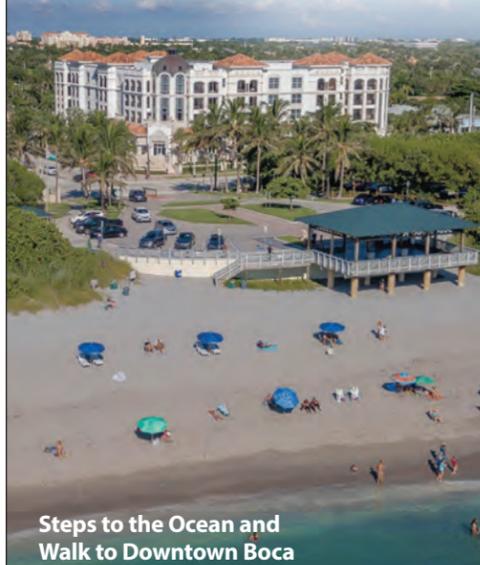
Bergmann, a family medicine specialist, completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Florida and graduated from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine medical school. He served his residency at Palmetto General Hospital.

Baggett is board certified in family medicine. She was a member of the Student Honor Organization during her undergraduate days at the University of Florida. She earned her medical degree at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she also completed a pre-doctoral fellowship in osteopathic principles and practice, emphasizing the musculoskeletal system.

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Paws Up for Pets

Groomer finds niche with focus on dogs' overall health

Of all the species on the planet, dogs definitely sport a capital D for diversity. Size-wise, they range from teacup Chihuahuas to mammoth English mastiffs. In terms of canine coats, there are silky Yorkshire terriers, double-coated Australian shepherds, curly poodles, wiry border terriers, corded komondors and hairless xoloitzcuintli.

Some breeds like the schnauzer, puli and bichon frise need frequent grooming to keep their coat styles mirroring their breed looks. Step into a traditional pet grooming salon and it's a good bet you'll see that the majority of dogs there have high-maintenance coats that need trimming, shaping or ridding of matted fur.

For those dogs an appointment takes three hours or more. It takes at least four hours for my groomer to brush out the mountains of excess black hair, bathe, blow dry and nail trim Bujau, my 80-pound Bernese mountain dog mix.

But Tim Vogel wants to go beyond traditional grooming and focus on dogs' overall health. As founder of the fast-growing South Florida-based Scenthound, Vogel is on a mission to make preventive care quick, convenient and affordable for people with dogs of all sizes and care needs.

Yep, his shops welcome all — including the yellow Labrador who just rolled in duck poo, the beagle with stinky breath and the golden retriever whose overgrown nails make tap-dancing sounds on the hardwood floor.

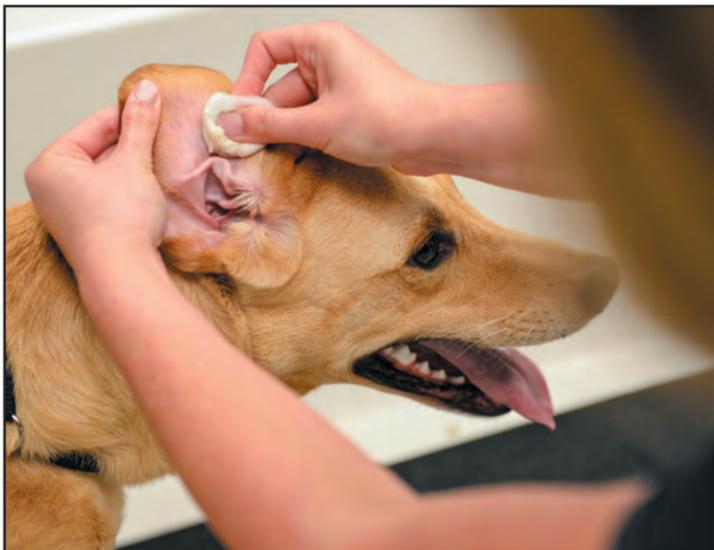
And Scenthound stores are strategically located in shopping centers with supermarkets so you can drop off your dog, complete your shopping and pick up your dog to head home together.

"We want to make it fast, easy and affordable for all dogs, and be able to get your dog in and out of our groom shop in 20 minutes for a low monthly membership," says Vogel, who is also a professional pet groomer. "We found that there is a huge unmet need out there of dogs and of people who like having clean dogs."

One-time monthly visits for members are \$25, and that covers the cost for bath, towel drying, ear cleaning, nail clip and teeth brushing. Blow drying and haircuts are extra. The goal of monthly maintenance is fewer problems to deal with, allowing for short visits.

Call Vogel ambitious and definitely a lover of all dogs. He and his wife, Jessica, share their Jupiter home with Lucy, a full-of-love, happy golden-doodle. His *aha* moment in creating Scenthound occurred several years ago when he had a chat with a neighbor, who had a Labrador retriever.

"I could smell his dog's ear infections and noticed



Swabbing ears can prevent pain and itchiness, and Tim Vogel's Scenthound shops aim to do such preventive care for \$25 a month. Vogel's dog is Lucy. **Photos provided**

his dog was within 48 hours of dying due to a staph infection."

As for haircuts and coats, Vogel is not a fan of shaving down to the skin. "A dog's coat acts as an insulator, keeping the dog cool as well as warm," he explains. "What does need being brushed out is the undercoat to allow air to flow through."

his knuckles because of his overgrown nails," recalls Vogel. "He told me his dog doesn't go to a groomer because he doesn't need a haircut. But what his dog and all dogs need are preventive maintenance. That's when I realized there was a huge need to give all dogs the regular maintenance they need. All dogs benefit from bathed coats, trimmed nails, clean teeth and odor-free ears."

Vogel selected the name Scenthound strategically, as "scent" contains "s" for skin care, "c" for coat, "e" for ears, "n" for nails and "t" for teeth.

"A dog's skin as the largest organ is usually the first indicator of health issues," he says. "One time, I was blow-drying a golden retriever and noticed a weird pattern on his skin. I urged the owner to see his veterinarian right away. The veterinarian told him that

Learn more

Scenthound has locations in Jupiter, West Palm Beach, Boynton Beach and Wellington. It plans to open new ones in Boca Raton and Palm Beach Gardens by February. Plans call for 30 shops by end of 2020. To learn more and find a Scenthound near you, visit www.scenthound.com.

Canine ears come in all sizes and shapes. Bloodhounds and cocker spaniels have heavy, drooping ears that can trap moisture and mites.

"Regular maintenance of swabbing out the ears every two to four weeks and removing excess hair in the ears can avoid discomfort, pain and itchiness as well as preventing that nasty yeasty smell," Vogel says.

Overgrown nails can scratch some floors or get snagged in rugs, causing painful bleeding that requires veterinary treatment. Vogel is a fan of regular nail trims, including the dewclaws located on the inside sides of each front paw.

Another biggie in the canine

health maintenance regimen is the mouth.

"Foods can leave a biofilm on teeth, and infection in the mouth can impact a dog's heart, liver, brain and other organs," he says. "By age 3, about 80 percent of all dogs have some form of periodontal disease — and stinky breath."

Of the top 10 most popular dog breeds, only two — poodles and Yorkshire terriers — require detailed and regular haircuts. But all dogs need and deserve maintenance to their coats, teeth, ears and nails.

"We don't do breed standard haircuts — we do puppy cuts instead," Vogel says. "Our brand position is focused on the overall health of the dog, not on a haircut style. Our goal is not to have the dog look pretty, but to have the dog be snuggle ready."

Arden Moore, founder of fourleggedlife.com, is an animal behavior expert and host of the



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On the Water

Miami team releases eight sailfish off Boynton to win tournament

Capt. Nick Carullo of Miami and his team aboard Showtime released eight sailfish in the waters off Boynton Beach to win the Dust'em Off Sailfish Warmup, a multiple-inlet sailfish release tournament that attracted teams from Islamorada to Jupiter.

Fifty teams released a combined 108 sailfish in the Nov. 9 tournament despite a cold front that brought rain, strong winds and heavy seas to the waters off South Florida.

The Showtime crew won \$41,750 for its first-place finish, tournament director Capt. Ben Sharpe said.

Capt. Gene Lebron and his team on Three Times L/Fishless finished second, with seven releases, followed by Capt. Evan Hamilton and his team on Pharma-Sea/Zizzz, also with seven (based on time of the releases).

Luke Lacroix of Fort Lauderdale won top angler, with four releases. Darin Chafin won the fun-fish division with a 24.8-pound dolphin caught aboard the Asian Pearl.

Three Times L/Fishless won the charity category, with \$3,800 going to the fishing team and \$3,800 going to Mahogany Youth, a Miami nonprofit.

Boynton/Delray, Boca hold boat parades

The 48th annual Boynton Beach/Delray Beach Holiday Boat Parade is scheduled for 6:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 13.

Boca Raton will hold its 43rd annual Holiday Boat Parade on Dec. 15.

Boats in the Boynton/Delray parade will line up at 6 p.m. near the Palm Beach Yacht Center in Hypoluxo. Boats decorated with holiday lights will proceed south to the C-15 Canal in Delray Beach.

A free watch party with live music is planned at Boynton Harbor Marina. Attendees are each asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

Other suggested places



The crew aboard J2 leaves Sailfish Marina in Palm Beach Shores after checking in and weighing fish caught in the Nov. 9 Dust'em Off Sailfish Warmup tournament. Led by Capt. Charlie Nicklaus, the J2 team released two sailfish. **Willie Howard/The Coastal Star**

to watch the parade include Intracoastal Park and Jaycee Park in Boynton Beach as well as Veterans Park and Knowles Park in Delray Beach.

Boat owners and captains can enter the parade for free by downloading an entry form at www.catchboynton.com.

The mandatory captains meeting is set for 6 p.m. Dec. 9 at Banana Boat restaurant at Boynton Harbor Marina. Captains should bring a new, unwrapped toy to the meeting.

For more details, call Mercedes Coppin at 561-600-9097.

Boca Raton's parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the C-15 canal (Delray/Boca line) and proceed south in the Intracoastal Waterway.

Decorated boats are expected to reach their southern destination at the Hillsboro Boulevard Bridge by 8:30 p.m.

Viewing locations include Spanish River Park, the Wildflower property and the west side of Red Reef Park.

Drawbridges will be held open about 45 minutes to allow the parade of boats to move through.

Bridges are scheduled to close to car traffic beginning at 6:50 p.m. at Spanish River Boulevard; 7:20 p.m. at Palmetto Park Road; and 7:30 p.m. at Camino Real.

Boaters interested in participating in the parade must enter by Dec. 9. A mandatory captains meeting is set for 6 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Boca



Students from the Marine Conservation Club at Wellington Landings Middle School toss biodegradable drift cards into the Lake Worth Lagoon from a public dock in downtown West Palm Beach. The cards are part of a citizen science project organized by the Angari Foundation and its partners to study currents in the lagoon. **Photo provided by Whitney Jackson**

Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd.

More information and a boat entry form can be found at www.myboca.us. Click on "experience Boca" and "special events" to reach the boat parade link or call 561-367-7073.

Drift cards released in Lake Worth Lagoon

The Angari Foundation, a West Palm Beach nonprofit that promotes marine science research and education, released "drift cards" into the Lake Worth Lagoon in early November to study water movement.

It was the foundation's fifth drift card release in the Lake Worth Lagoon, the county's largest estuary, which stretches 20 miles from Ocean Ridge to North Palm Beach.

The yellow drift cards were released the afternoon of Nov. 2 in six locations in the lagoon, including one near Boynton Inlet.

The cards are made of thin plywood coated with a nontoxic paint, Angari Foundation spokeswoman Rachel Plunkett said.

Anyone who finds one of the cards labeled "Scientific Study — Please Report Discovery" is asked to keep the card and email a photo of it, including

the location, date and time it was found, to lagoondrift@angari.org.

For details, visit www.angari.org/lagoondrift.

Coming events

Dec. 7: 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 (\$5 for youths ages 12-19). Register at the door. Bring lunch. Call 561-391-3600. Leave a message.

Jan. 1: A new bag limit for blackfin tuna takes effect. The limit is two blackfins per angler or 10 per boat, whichever is greater, in state and federal waters. Also, grouper season closes and will reopen May 1.

Jan. 8-11: 83rd annual Silver Sailfish Derby, a sailfish release tournament organized by the West Palm Beach Fishing Club and based at Sailfish Marina in Palm Beach Shores. Captains meeting Jan. 8 at the fishing club. Fishing will be Jan. 9-10, followed by awards dinner Jan. 11. Entry fee \$1,000 per boat for fishing club members, \$1,500 per boat for nonmembers. Must enter by Dec. 20 to avoid \$300 late fee. Call 561-832-6780 or visit www.westpalmbeachfishingclub.org.

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Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

DECEMBER 7

Saturday - 12/7 - Sand Sifters Beach Clean Up at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Meet at pavilion in lower parking lot. Bring water, hat, sunscreen. Bags, gloves, grabbers provided. 8-11:30 am. Free. jefflev02@gmail.com

12/7 - Coast Guard Auxiliary About Boating Safely Course at Spanish River Park HQ Bldg, 3939 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Boating terminology, boat handling, navigation rules, federal & Florida regulations, more. Certificate & Florida Boating ID card on completion; possible insurance discount. 9 am-5 pm. \$35/adult; \$5/age 12-19. Registration: 391-3600; cgauxboca.org

12/7 - Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Friends Annual Luncheon, Arts/Crafts/Plant Sale at Ellie's 50's Diner, 2410 N Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. Buffet, cash bar, raffle, more. 11 am. \$40/member; \$45/non-member. Loxahatcheefriends.com

12/7 - 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

12/7 - 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

DECEMBER 8-14

Sunday - 12/8 - Audubon Everglades Bird Walk Wakodahatchee meets at 13026 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. Held again 12/14. 8-10 am. Free. auduboneverglades.org

12/8 - Intracoastal Adventures: Stand Up Paddle Boarding at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 12-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 9-10:30 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Tuesday - 12/10 - 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/Th 11 am-noon. Free. 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Wednesday - 12/11 - Lantana Beach Cleanup at 100 N Ocean Blvd. Gloves/bags provided. 2nd W 9-10 am. 585-8664; nshawah@lantana.org

12/11 - Beach Treasures at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Limpets, topshells 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: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

DECEMBER 15-21

Sunday - 12/15 - 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. 9-10:30 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Thursday - 12/19 - Early Birding with Al at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Learn about native and

migratory birds from an experienced birder; walk the Ashley Trail/boardwalk in search of warblers, gnatcatchers, woodpeckers, other avian species. Binoculars recommended. Meet on the nature center front porch. Age 10+; children must be accompanied by an adult. 8:30-10 am. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Saturday - 12/21 - Intracoastal Adventures: Kayaking at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 6-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 9-11 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

DECEMBER 22-28

Monday - 12/23-27 - Ocean Adventure Sea Program at Red Reef Park, 1400 N State Road A1A & Silver Palm Park (F), 600 E Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. Held again 12/30-1/3 (no camp 12/25 & 1/1). Age 5-15 M-F 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

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Monday - 12/30-1/3 - Winter Surf School at Red Reef Park, 1400 N State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Instructors provide fun, safe, educational instruction. Age 5-15. Closed 1/1. 9 am-3 pm. \$265/resident, \$305/non-resident; daily \$89/resident, \$99/non-resident; after care 3-5 pm \$20/day. 393-7807; islandcamps.com

Tuesday - 12/31 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-10:30 am. 369-5501; seaangels.org

Thursday - 1/2 - US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 36 Boca Raton meets at Spanish River Park Headquarters Building, 3939 N Ocean Blvd. 1st Th 7:30 pm. Free. cgaux.org

Tip of the month

Want to catch stone crabs, best known for their tasty claws? Buy a stone-crab trap that meets state specifications. (Go to www.myfwc.com to find recreational saltwater regulations for stone crabs and traps.) Stone crab season ends May 15. Minimum claw size:

2.75 inches.

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Secret Garden

Delray florist tells how to look beyond poinsettias for holiday

With the holidays fast approaching, the race to find perfect gifts has started. And for many, the winning selections will be floral arrangements and potted plants.

As a result, 70 million to 80 million poinsettias will be sold in the U.S. during this Christmas holiday season, according to Sundale Research's "State of the Industry: Florists in the U.S."

But you don't have to limit yourself to those seasonal stalwarts including the traditional red, white and green floral arrangements you so often see, says Michael Mayer, owner of Tamara's Flower Garden in Delray Beach for 15 years.

His boutique shop specializes in individually created floral designs that are predominantly made with high-end or "Dutch" flowers, including peonies, roses and tulips.

"These are things you can get from Holland that are better than what's grown in other places," he explains, adding that he works with many suppliers offering an international assortment of blooms.

Having grown up as a self-described jock living in New Jersey, he discovered his artistic side when he took an art class in college.

"When I started, my work looked like what my son hangs on the refrigerator from first grade," he says. But it wasn't long before Mayer's work was shown in a campus gallery.

During his time enrolled at the New York School of Interior Design, he learned he wasn't interested in the history and provenance of furniture, so he left. And that's when he considered flower design to sate his artistic appetite.

After applying in person to over 65 flower shops on the upper East Side of New York, he heard from one. That was



This abstract holiday centerpiece uses dried mushrooms, nuts, moss, wire, stones and wheat. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

the well-respected Anthony Garden Boutique, and it taught Mayer the Victorian and French floral design in which the store specialized.

"This is where I got intrigued with the artistry of flowers," he says.

From there he moved to shops that helped him discover other styles, including dish gardens, classical, tropical, Old World, whimsical garden and, his favorite, the clean lines of modern floral design.

On a recent visit to his shop, we were welcomed into his

studio to watch as he worked his magic with blue and white peonies, bells of Ireland and even kale and thistle to create a floral piece for a client.

As he selected flowers and greenery out of the cooler and arranged them, he explained why he finds his work fulfilling: "I believe that flowers bring an energy with them and, if designed correctly, that energy becomes stronger and brings smiles to people's faces."

To help you design floral arrangements that create smiles this season, try these tips for

Tips for longevity

"Before putting flowers into an arrangement, make a long diagonal cut at the bottom of each stem. The longer the cut the better, because it provides more drinking area for the flowers.

"Another way to increase the life of your arrangement is to change the water in the vase after arranging the flowers and before presenting them. This clear water not only looks better but helps keep the flowers fresh.

"And, if you receive a gift of flowers, be sure to keep the vase filled with water and change the water when it becomes murky. Use cool water to refill the vase, as warm water can accelerate the maturation of the flowers."

— Michael Mayer, owner of Tamara's Flower Garden in Delray Beach

If you go

Where: Tamara's Flower Garden, 851 SE Sixth Ave., Suite 107, Delray Beach
Information: 561-243-0224; lmmfloralarts.com
Hours: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to noon Saturday; closed Sunday.

purchasing an arrangement or creating your own:

Money matters: Mayer believes that if you are on a budget, it's often better to create a smaller arrangement made with artistry and craftsmanship from higher-end flowers than to pack a large vase with the commonplace such as daisies, baby's breath and carnations.

Creating a three-sided grouping can fill your gift-giving needs while helping to save money on flowers. But don't forget about the appearance of the back of the arrangement, says Mayer, who is a stickler for detail. Hide the exposed stems by tucking leaves into the top of the vase to provide a more finished look.

Find the flow: When artistically placing the flowers, consider harmony of color, shape, including how each flower looks or "flows," and texture. One way to gain texture is to use a flower with velvety petals alongside blooms with smoother ones.

Don't waste space: Use the "real estate" inside the vase to add to the presentation. This is particularly true when using the glass vases that Mayer prefers for his modern designs. Try adding colored acrylic "gems," shells, pebbles and/or loops of colored aluminum wire or curly willow to the empty vase before filling it with water and starting to create your arrangement. You'll find some of these and other options at craft stores.

Men allowed: Mayer sees that more and more men are being sent potted plants and flower arrangements. For the man in your life, you might choose a darker container or a glass one, which Mayer often wraps with a bit of twine for a masculine accent. Then he suggests using darker, richer colored flowers such as those in shades of red and orange.

A final flourish: Clean the vase, especially if it is glass. You don't want to leave a thumbprint or smudge that makes a bad first impression.

"It's all these little extras that make a difference," Mayer says, knowing that his — and your — attention to detail this holiday season will be appreciated.



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Garden Calendar

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DECEMBER 7

Saturday - 12/7 - Grooming the Garden at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Assist weeding/pruning. No experience required. Bring sunscreen, hat, gloves, water. 1st Sat 8:30 am. Free/member. 233-1757; mounts.org

12/7 - Ocean Ridge Garden Club Holiday Plant Sale and Pet Pictures with Santa at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 2-4 pm. Free admission. facebook.com/Ocean-Ridge-Garden-Club

DECEMBER 8-14

Wednesday - 12/11 - 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
Thursday - 12/12 - Boca Raton Orchid Society at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd. Segundo Questa: Vandas and Makaras. 2nd Th 7:30 pm. Free/member & 1st-time guest. 810-6547; brosonine.org
Friday - 2/13 - Karesansui Raking Demonstration at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Zen ideology using carefully composed rock arrangements and gravel or sand. 10:30 am. Free w/museum admission. 495-0233; morikami.org

DECEMBER 15-21

Tuesday - 12/17 - Florida Native Plant Society at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Subject: Native Plants for Habitat Gardens. 3rd T 7 pm. Free. palmbeach.fnpschapters.org

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New to Market

Finding Faith

Ten festive picks for celebrating Christmas and Hanukkah

Five for Christmas

• **Carols by Candlelight:** at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7, Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, featuring young people from Banyan Creek Elementary School, Dimensional Harmonies, Achievement Centers, Milagro Center and Village Academy.

Every one of them will be able to brag, "I once opened for Gloria Gaynor."

Two other special guests will perform: Mary Gaines Bernard, who is Donna Summer's sister, and the Holiday Voices, a traveling cast that has played at Disney, SeaWorld and Universal parks.

Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 age 12 and younger, \$50 premium and \$100 VIP adults, \$25 VIP age 12 and younger. VIP tickets include three drink tickets, access to a private lounge area with bar, complimentary light bites and assigned reserved seating.

561-243-7922, ext. 1; <https://oldschoolsquare.org/events/4th-annual-carols-by-candlelight/>

• **Nativity viewing:** St. Lucy Catholic Church is constructing a new outdoor nativity at the church at 3510 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. The church will celebrate the feast day of St. Lucy, for whom the church is named, with a special Mass at 6 p.m. Dec. 13.

Afterward, everyone will move outside, where the priests will bless the new nativity. A welcome-home dinner will follow in the Parish Center. Tickets are \$10, available in the church office Monday through Friday. 561-278-1280; <https://stlucycommunity.com>

• **Christmas at Boca Raton Community Church:** Show your spirit and faith a few days early with a Christmas observation Dec. 18 at Boca Raton Community Church, 470 NW Fourth Ave. The church will celebrate with song, scripture and candlelight from 7 to 8:15 p.m. 561-395-2400; www.bocacommunity.org

• **The Spontaneous Christmas Pageant:** A delightfully chaotic presentation with no assigned actors or roles. Kids who want to participate do, and those who don't still enjoy the fun-loving event.

It takes place at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 3300 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach, and there's always a full house. 561-732-3060; www.stjoesweb.org

• **Separate celebrations for adults, families:** Christmas is about children. Then again, it's not. It's about the birth of Jesus, a child, yet never a child. For many, Christmas is the most important — and joyous — religious holiday, and all the glitter and over-the-top parties and gift-giving make heads spin. Plus, everyone's spiritual



There's always a full house at the Spontaneous Christmas Pageant at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. Photo provided

needs are different.

Maybe this year, you're really thinking about what it means that Jesus was born and the comfort that comes from that.

Unity of Delray recognizes this and holds an adults-only Christmas Eve candlelight services at 11 p.m. Two earlier services are offered for families at 6 and 8 p.m.

Unity of Delray is at 101 NW 22nd St. (at Swinton Avenue), Delray Beach. Visit www.unityofdelraybeach.org.



Rabbi Leibel Stolik at last year's Hanukkah menorah lighting and festival at Plaza Del Mar in Manalapan. This year's event is Dec. 29.

And 5 for Hanukkah

• **"The MaccaBeatles":** At 6 p.m. Dec. 27, Temple Beth El presents this lively musical Hanukkah shabbat service and dinner/dance. Bring your menorah and light candles together. Hear the story of the Maccabees through the music of the Beatles led by clergy and the youth and adult choirs, accompanied by the synagogue's band.

A Hanukkah dinner and latke party will follow, and you can choose between a DJ dance party or classical live entertainment. The event is open to the public, but RSVP at www.tbefoca.org/special-events. Tickets are \$20 adult, \$12 for age 4-12. After Dec. 20, cost is \$25 and \$15. The temple is at 9800 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. 561-391-8900.

• **"The Italian Jewish Christmas Show":** Featuring twin brothers Will and Anthony Nunziata, this is a don't-miss for Christmas or

Hanukkah. Billed as two parts Italian singers and one part Jewish comedian, the show also features Comedy Central's Jessica Kirson.

Tickets are \$45, \$60 VIP, for the shows on Dec. 19 and 20 at the Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 561-483-9036; www.BocaBlackBox.com

• **"Barbra Streisand: Holiday Memories":** Starring Carla DelVillaggio, the show comes to Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20 for a single show. DelVillaggio, an award-winning tribute artist who has played Streisand all over the country, performs holiday music like *Jingle Bells* mixed with Streisand's hits, including *The Way We Were*, *People* and *Don't Rain on My Parade*. Tickets are \$35 and \$45, available at 844-672-2849, miznerparkculturalcenter.com

• **The Kultur Festival:** "A Very Jewish Concert on Christmas Day" is at 3 p.m. Dec. 25, Levis JCC Zinman Hall, 9901 Donna Klein Blvd., Boca Raton. The Klezmer Company Jazz Orchestra under the direction of accordionist Aaron Kula performs a concert filled with entertaining songs, stories and jazzed up arrangements of classic Yiddish, Israeli and Chassidic melodies. Tickets \$30, \$40 VIP. 561-558-2520; levisjcc.org/sandler

• **Jewish Food Fair & Hanukkah Festival:** from 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 29 at Chabad in the Plaza del Mar, 224 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Features the "Holy Smokes" kosher food truck, vegetarian Mediterranean dishes and other classic Jewish delicacies, plus live music, children's activities, and a grand menorah lighting. 561-889-3499; www.chabadofsouthpalmbeach.org

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Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

For Christmas and Hanukkah events, see Around Town, Page 19.

DECEMBER 7

Saturday - 12/7 - Weekly Torah Study at Temple Israel, 1901 N Flagler Dr. Every Sat 9:30 am. Free. 833-8421; temple-israel.com

12/7 - 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

12/7 - Saturday Shabbat Service at Temple Sinai, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Every Sat 10 am. 276-6161; templesinaipbc.org

DECEMBER 8-14

Monday - 12/9 - Legion of Mary at St. Mark Catholic Church, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Follows 8 am Mass every M. Free. 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

12/9 - Jewish Spirituality Series: Expanding the Heart and Mind with Rabbi Amy Pessah at Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. 10 am. Free. 391-8900; tbeoca.org

12/9 - 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

12/9 - Women's Bible Study at Seacrest Presbyterian Church, 2703 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every M 10 am. Free. 276-5633; seacrestchurch.com

12/9 - Rosary for Peace at St. Lucy Catholic Church Rectory Office, 3510 S Ocean Blvd, Highland Beach. Every M 5 pm. Free. 278-1280; stlucycommunity.com

12/9 - 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 - 12/10 - 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

12/10 - Lunch & Learn: The Faith of Our Neighbors with Rabbi Greg Weisman, Jessica Mates and Local Clergy of Other Faiths at Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. Bring lunch, drinks provided. Held again 12/17. Noon-1 pm. Free. 391-8900; tbeoca.org

12/10 - St Mark Bible Study at St Mark Catholic Church, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Every T 7-8 pm. Nominal fee. Register: 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

12/10-11 - Handbells & Chancel Choir at First United Methodist Boynton Beach, 101 N Seacrest Blvd. Handbells every T Sep-Mother's Day 6:30 pm. Chancel Choir every W Sep-May 6 pm. Free. 954-947-1951; fumcbb.com

Wednesday - 12/11 - Basic Catholicism with Fr. Dan at St. Mark Catholic Church, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Every W after 8 am Mass. Free. 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

12/11 - Centering Prayer at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 3300A S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every W 9:30 am. Free. 732-3060; stjoesweb.org

12/11 - Bible Study at First United Methodist

Church, 101 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every W 11 am. Free. 732-3435; fumcbb.com

12/11 - Wonderful Wednesdays at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every W 5:45 pm dinner; 6:30 pm program. \$7/adult; \$5/child; \$20/max per family. Reservations: 276-6338; firstdelray.com

12/11 - 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

12/11 - Bishop's Bible Study at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, 101 Homewood Blvd, Delray Beach. Every W 7:15 pm. Free. 265-1960; stmaryanglican.com

Thursday - 12/12 - Prayer Circle at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th 8:05 am. 278-1737; trinitydelray.org

12/12 - Men's Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

12/12 - Women's Bible Study Group at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every Th 9:30 am-noon. Free. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

Friday - 12/13 - 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

12/13 - Couples' Bible Study Group at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every F 6-9 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

12/13 - Erev Shabbat Service at Temple Israel of West Palm Beach, 1901 N Flagler Dr. Every F 6:30 pm. Free. 833-8421; temple-israel.com

12/13 - Erev Shabbat Service at Temple Sinai, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Every F 7:30 pm. 276-6161; templesinaipbc.org

DECEMBER 15-21

Wednesday - 12/18 - Insight - Brewed to Perfection: Your Unconditional Potential at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. New monthly course for women from Rosh Chodesh Society. 7 pm. \$20/per class. RSVP: 394-9770; bocabeachchabad.org

Thursday - 12/19 - First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton Pub Theology at Barrel of Monks, 1141 S Rogers Circle #5. Conversation, fellowship, open discussion. 3rd Th 7 pm. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

12/19 - Interfaith Cafe at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. Family Interaction during the Holidays with Rosemarie Rose-Spencer. Light refreshments. 7-9 pm. Free. meetup.com/Interfaith-Cafe

Friday - 12/20 - 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.) 3rd F 6-8 pm. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

DECEMBER 22-28

12/24 - Gateways to Jerusalem Dinner at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. 5:30 pm cocktails & dinner. \$180/includes VIP seating at 7:30 pm Sanborn Square concert. RSVP by 12/13: 394-9770; bocabeachchabad.org

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Religion Notes

Author to lead workshop on merging faith, prosperity

Since 1982, May McCarthy has founded and grown seven successful, profitable companies, sold a ton of books, spoken at colleges, churches and universities throughout the country and fulfilled the goals she set for herself with better-than-average success.

You can find out how she did it at the workshop “The Power of Why in Creating Abundance” from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 8 at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. (at Swinton Avenue), Delray Beach.

McCarthy attributes her prosperity to her use of spiritual principles and her solid partnership with her “chief spiritual officer.” Her 2015 book, *The Path to Wealth; Seven Spiritual Steps for Financial Abundance*, is a mix of motivational talk and personal finance. Her 2018 book, *The Gratitude Formula: A 7-Step Success System to Create a Life That You Love*, teaches that success is a system, not a secret.

The goal of the workshop is to help participants discover their purpose and achieve greater success and prosperity in their personal and professional lives. Learning to live your life with purpose creates more joy, better health, fulfillment and true prosperity.

Jack Canfield, the co-author and man behind the prolific “Chicken Soup” books, says, “If you can tune into your purpose and really align with it, setting goals so that your vision is an expression of that purpose, then life flows much more easily.” Register at www.unityofdelraybeach.org.



May McCarthy attributes her prosperity to her use of spiritual principles. She will speak Dec. 8 at Unity of Delray. Photo provided

Voice contestant at CROS event

Christmas According to Jazz, a fundraiser benefiting CROS Ministries, features the Julius Sanna Quartet, *The Voice* competitor Michaela Paige and Jody Marlow, who plays sax, flute and clarinet, among other instruments. The show takes place at 4 p.m. Dec. 8

at Trinity Delray, 400 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Tickets are \$10. Kids younger than 10 get in free.

CROS Ministries has one mission: feeding hungry people in Palm Beach and Martin counties. Visit www.crosministries.org.

Tips to navigate the holidays

Not everyone looks at Santa Claus or eight consecutive nights of gifts the same way. When the Interfaith Café meets on Dec. 19, you might hear something that will smooth the road to the holidays.

The meet-up will focus on family interactions during the holidays, with Rosemarie Rose-Spencer facilitating the discussion.

And facilitating is what Rose-Spencer does. A life coach, family mediator, career coach and teacher, she specializes in helping military active-duty and veterans and their families adjust to life in and out of the military.

The Interfaith Café group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Light refreshments will be served.

Last chance to see ‘Rescuers’

Adolph Rose Levis JCC Sandler Center has been hosting an exhibition by photographer Gay Block, “Rescuers: Portraits of Moral Courage in the Holocaust,” since the start of November. This exhibit, which debuted at New York’s Museum of Modern Art, shows people who risked their lives to save Jews from the Holocaust, their experiences

and the reasons behind their heroic actions. The exhibition will close on Dec. 22. The gallery is at the Sandler Center, 21050 95th Ave. S., Boca Raton.

Catholic news on airwaves

A new faith-based radio station is on the air in Palm Beach County. Turn your dial to 98.3 FM, where you’ll find the Catholic Voice of the Palm Beaches. You can also listen online at the station’s website. Right now, programming is from EWTN, but local programming should be added soon. Listen at 98.3 FM or visit www.WPBVRadio.com.

Holiday volunteers needed

The 14th annual project Holiday Packing Day needs volunteers to help fill 500 care packages from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW First Ave.

The packages will be shipped to military men and women deployed overseas who have Delray Beach connections. Reserve a spot on the Project Holiday Facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/508322729920063/

Boca Helping Hands needs volunteers to prepare and serve food from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 7, at 1500 NW First Court, Boca Raton.

You’ll be in good company: This is the day Boston University alumni living in Boca Raton come out to serve their community. Registration is at <http://bit.ly/2PaNbfQ>.

— Janis Fontaine

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Tennis

New pro at Delray Beach Club glad for chance to settle down

By Brian Biggane

By some accounts, Delray Beach Club tennis director Chuck Narvin is retiring for the fifth time. Narvin, 78, insists it's only three. Whatever the arithmetic, Narvin informed the club last summer the time had come to step away and the search began for his successor.

Enter Jesse Levine.

A Boca Raton product who as a player climbed to No. 69 in the world, Levine applied for the job and was at Wimbledon coaching Jessica Pegula when he heard from the club's human resources manager, Kristi Frias.

"It was very good timing," said Levine, 32.

"Being on the road 25-30 weeks a year is tough, and I'd been doing that since I was 14, 15 years old, living out of a suitcase," he said. "I wanted to be at home, sleep in my bed, be close to my family and my girlfriend. It was important to get where the travel was minimized."

Levine arrived in early November and planned to spend about a month working alongside Narvin to make for a smooth transition.

"I have big shoes to fill," he said. "The members have nothing but good things to say about Chuck. Over the last few weeks I've gotten to spend almost every day with Chuck, and that's been really neat, learning from him and learning about the culture he's built here."

A South Florida resident starting in 1973, Narvin spent time at Inverrary in Lauderhill, Woodmont, Gleneagles and the Country Club at St. Andrews before "retiring" and moving to Phoenix in 2004. He wound up at Anthem Country Club working four jobs.

"I was a teacher at Anthem with Walter Hurd, a substitute teacher, a ranger on the golf course and coached the team at Boulder Creek High School," Narvin said.

The Delray Beach Club lured him back in 2011.

"I've been able to use my marketing skills as much as possible to develop a tennis program that took care of everything — social, competitive, and so forth," he said.

"He came and pulled it all together," General Manager Shane Peachey said. "He was exactly what we needed at the time. He's done an amazing job, and Jesse has sort of picked up the racket and is taking it to the next level."

A native of Ottawa, Canada, Levine moved to Boca with his family at 13 and played five sports at Boca Prep: soccer, golf, tennis, baseball and basketball.

He stopped the other four after realizing his junior year that tennis was his ticket to a college scholarship and wound up playing No. 1 singles at the University of Florida.



Jesse Levine, a Boca Raton pro who ranked as high as No. 69 in the world, is the new tennis director at the Delray Beach Club, succeeding Chuck Narvin. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

"I was there with Tim Tebow and my first day we won a national championship," he said, referring to UF football.

Levine made All-America before turning pro in 2007.

At 5-foot-9 and 150 pounds, he needed to rely on quickness and fitness to hang with players like Gulf Stream's Kevin Anderson, who stands 6-8.

"Being 5-9 has its limitations," he said. "Everyone said I wasn't going to be big enough or strong enough, but to me that builds fire. When they told me I wasn't going to be able to do something, that just gave me more motivation to go and do it."

"When I cracked the top 100 at 18 people were like, 'Who knows?' I never said I was top 20, or top 50. I just wanted to maximize my game and be the best I could possibly be. I wound up getting to No. 68, and if somebody had told me that when I was 12, I would have signed on the dotted line."

The winner of several national tournaments as a youngster, Levine scored his biggest match victory as a pro against former world No. 1 Marat Safin at Wimbledon in 2009. Five years later an elbow injury forced him into retirement.

"I got to walk away on my terms," he said. "Not a lot of athletes can say that."

Under contract as a player with Nike, Levine signed on with the sportswear giant as a talent scout while also serving as an analyst for the Canadian broadcaster Sportsnet.

He had become friends with Jeff Cohen, tennis director at Woodfield CC in Boca, and signed on as his assistant running the junior program.

Then came an offer to coach Madison Keys, whom he helped reach No. 7 in the world in 2016.

"Who knows if I'll ever get a chance to coach a top-10 player again, so I jumped on that, and that led to coaching Jessica Pegula the last 2½ years," Levine said.

The daughter of Buffalo Bills and Sabres owners Terry and Kim Pegula, Jessica earned her

first WTA title in August, just after she and Levine parted ways.

As much as he enjoyed working with top players, Levine said he gets just as much satisfaction from mentoring club members.

"It's a lot different but it's fun

because there's a lot of room for improvement, and they get such joy out of small improvements in their game," he said.

"With the pros it's more about focus, and mentality and pattern of play in their game. Here you change something. ... I just got off the court with a member and he was so excited that he was starting to hit topspin backhands. That makes you feel good, to know you helped somebody."

While the Delray Beach Club has only two courts on its fairly limited beachside tract, negotiations are underway to rent more, as has been done in the past.

Acknowledging that a solid foundation for the program is in place, Levine hopes to expand the junior program and bring in a few new ideas, such as cardio tennis.

"It's about getting your heart rate up while enjoying yourself out there," he said.

Narvin is confident he's leaving the program in capable hands.

Levine has "impressed me with his history of playing and teaching," Narvin said. "The members here are going to really enjoy his working here as tennis director. His personality is fantastic, and he certainly has the tennis skills to be a very good tennis director." ★

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Tots & Teens

Holiday-themed activities abound for kids and families

By Janis Fontaine

The Christmas and Hanukkah holidays are as busy as ever, and kids seem even more excited this year. Here are 10 events to help you plan the perfect holiday for them.

• **The 100-foot Christmas tree:** The tree lighting ceremony was set for Dec. 5 at Old School Square with Santa's arrival and a holiday street fair. But that was just the beginning of the festivities. The tree remains open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day through Jan. 1 so visitors can walk through and see holiday scenes of Santa's workshop, a reindeer bar and the train house. Kids can visit with Santa at his Key West-style house from 5 to 9 p.m. through Dec. 23. Visit www.downtowndelraybeach.com/holidays.

[downtowndelraybeach.com/holidays](http://www.downtowndelraybeach.com/holidays).

• **Hanukkah party west:** The Winter Family Festival takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Adolph and Rose Levis Jewish Community Center, 9801 Donna Klein Blvd., Boca Raton. Families with kids in preschool to fifth grade are invited to play on inflatables, climb a rock wall, do crafts, play sports and games, make a menorah, enjoy live entertainment and a petting zoo, and watch a *Frozen* princess performance. Do some holiday shopping at the shuk. Food vendors. Free and open to the community. Visit www.levisjcc.org.

• **Boca's street parade:** The 49th annual Holiday Street Parade in Boca Raton takes

place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 11. The parade begins at Federal Highway and Southeast Fifth Street and travels north to the Mizner Park Amphitheater. More than 70 floats and groups will entertain viewers with dance, lights and music. Federal Highway will be closed to vehicles from Glades Road south to Camino Real from 5-11 p.m. Visit <https://myboca.us/1465/Holiday-Street-Parade>.

• **Boynton/Delray boat parade:** The 48th annual parade takes place from about 6:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 13. It starts near Boynton Harbor Marina and goes south to Delray Beach along the Intracoastal Waterway. Viewing is available in Boynton Beach at Intracoastal Park and Jaycee Park and in Delray Beach from Veterans Park, among other spots. Call 561-600-9097 in Boynton or 561-243-7250 in Delray.

• **Delray street parade:** The Delray Beach Holiday Parade begins at 6 p.m. Dec. 14, along Atlantic Avenue from the Intracoastal Waterway west to Northwest Fifth Avenue. At least 70 floats, dancers, cheerleaders, bands and performers pave the way for the guest of honor: Santa will arrive on a fire truck. Visit www.delraybeachfl.gov.

• **Boca boat parade:** The 43rd annual parade begins at the C-15 canal at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15, and travels south on the Intracoastal Waterway to Deerfield Beach. Bleacher viewing is at Silver Palm Park, Red Reef Park and the Wildflower property. Bridges are held in the up position for approximately 45 minutes during the parade. Avoid these areas during estimated closing times to avoid traffic delays. The estimated bridge closing times are Spanish River at 6:50 p.m., Palmetto Park at 7:20 p.m.



Delray Beach's 100-foot Christmas tree at Old School Square was set to light up Dec. 5. Photo provided

and Camino Real at 7:30 p.m. Visit <https://myboca.us/1464/Holiday-Boat-Parade>.

• **Hanukkah party east:** The city of Delray Beach and Chabad of East Delray will cohost a Hanukkah celebration at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 22 at Old School Square. Special performances are planned, as are crafts, latkes and jelly doughnuts. The event is free and open to the public. Visit www.JewishEastDelray.com.

• **Make something for the tree:** Gumbo Limbo Nature Center will offer two ornament-making sessions for kids age 7 and older and adults on Dec. 14. "Ornaments Naturally" is from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. The center will provide shells, sea beans, pinecones and colorful craft supplies, but you are welcome to bring your own stuff. Reservations are required. For anyone younger than 18, an adult must sign up and participate. 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. \$7 residents, \$10 nonresidents. 561-544-8605; www.gumbolimbo.org

• **Hanukkah party central Boca:** Light Up Hanukkah celebrates the second night of Hanukkah with the lighting of the menorah. From 5:30-7 p.m. Dec. 23 at Boca Center, 5050 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton, just off Military Trail one mile north of Palmetto Park Road. Enjoy latkes, gelt, story time and crafts and the second candle-lighting at 6 p.m., but the highlight will be a performance by the rock 'n' roll rabbi, David Paskin. Call 561-852-6080 or email pjlibrary@bocafed.org.

• **The holiday roundup at Sugar Sand Park:** Those last few days when kids are out of school and excited about the holiday are some of the times that test parents' patience. Sugar Sand Park has three ideas:

Have kids who like to **bake?** Kids can make gingerbread houses at 10:30 a.m. or decorate cookies at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 23 in the Community Center. Ages 4 and older. Adult supervision required. Register by Dec. 21.

If you need a few hours to get some last-minute errands finished and can't stay to supervise your budding baker, take advantage of Sugar Sand Park's **Kids' Day In ... Parents' Day Out** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 23. Drop off kids ages 5-12 at the Explorium for activities, games and pizza. Register by Dec. 22. \$15 for residents, \$18.75 for nonresidents.

Children ages 5 and older who like crafts can **make three last-minute gifts** at the park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 24. Kids will make Slime, Sand & Swirls plus decorate wrapping paper or a gift bag. Parent/guardian supervision and registration required. \$5 residents, \$6.25 nonresidents.

Special winter break **kids' events** continue at the park at 300 Military Trail, Boca Raton, through Jan. 5.

Call 561-347-3900 or visit <https://sugarsandpark.org/>. ★

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Education

Gulf Stream's new head of school settling into his leadership role

By Rich Pollack

Gray Smith knew Gulf Stream School was unique even before he fled the Maryland winters to become its head of school.

Once he arrived and settled into the role for which he'd been preparing for decades, Smith had a chance to see firsthand what separates Gulf Stream School from similar institutions.

"It really is a special place," he said last month, just a few days after he'd been officially installed as head of school. "It's a small community and it's a warm community."

Since his arrival in the summer, Smith has been welcomed with open arms by members of that community, which includes parents of current and former students and alumni.

What came as a surprise to Smith was how much activity takes place at the school, just a stone's throw from his school-provided home, where he can see things going on after school and on weekends.

"It's an enchanting added bonus," he said.

Maintaining and then building on Gulf Stream School's powerful sense of community is an important part of Smith's job. So is his role as an academic leader who is charged with making sure that close to 250 students — ranging from pre-K to eighth grade — get first-class educations.

Smith, who has a doctorate of education and organizational leadership from the University of Pennsylvania, is as much an educator — and lacrosse coach — as he is an administrator.

He is, in fact, teaching two sixth-grade reading classes this semester and will work with the school's lacrosse program.

"I won't be on the sidelines," he says, "but I'll be doing some coaching."

Smith's background with close to 25 years of teaching and serving in leadership roles at independent schools prepared him for his current role.

Prior to coming to Gulf Stream School, Smith, 47, served four years as the head of school at the Harford Day School in Bel Air, Maryland.

He previously served as head of the middle school at Severn School in the Baltimore area and before that served as assistant head of the upper school and dean of students at The Boys' Latin School of Maryland.

He also held teaching and coaching positions in Kentucky and at Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale, where he was a teacher and assistant lacrosse coach in 2002 when the team won a state championship. He served as head coach in 2003.

In his role as an educator, Smith spent his first several weeks at Gulf Stream School visiting classrooms and seeing how skilled the faculty members are at building trust with the students.

He was impressed, he said, when he saw more than one veteran teacher watching over small groups of students talking about what they're learning and then seeing those teachers work one-on-one with some of the students.

"It's really individualized," he said. "It's been really interesting."

Smith is also focused on bringing some new ideas to the classrooms while not shunning the techniques that are working well. He is interested in inquiry-based learning which poses questions to students and also presents them with problems or scenarios to resolve.

"There are some things we can do here to make the great things we're doing even better," he said.

Smith's ability to move forward, without discarding the traditions, sits well with parents like Chiara Clark, the mother of three children at the school and immediate past president of the parents auxiliary.

"I'm impressed at how he's kept some traditions and added some twists along the way," said Clark, who chaired Smith's installation ceremony. "I love that he's open to ideas and has already learned all the students' names."

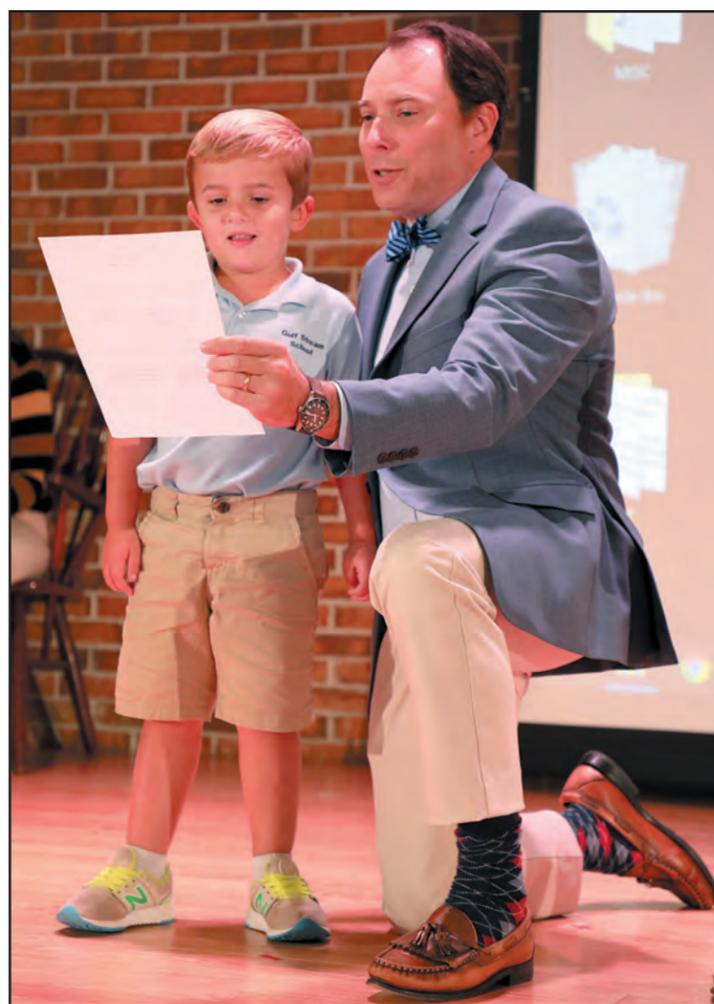
Clark said she believes the fact that Smith has two sons attending the school will be a benefit.

"I love knowing he is taking a vested interest in all areas of our school because it's where his kids attend," she said.

One of the challenges for Gulf Stream School, Smith says, is to get the word out about some of the innovative practices educators are using, as well as about the school's overall environment.

"We'd like people to know how good we are," Smith says.

A marketing committee of board members is on the task, but at the same time, Smith sees faculty members taking leadership roles among peers as



During an assembly, head of school Gray Smith reads an essay by pre-K student Campbell Jones. Photo provided by Rachel O'Hara

another way to spread the word.

One example, he says, is to have some of the school's educators lead workshops where they share the Gulf Stream School philosophy of developing trusting relationships with students that can improve academics.

As Smith continues to build

relationships of his own — he greets students and parents every morning at drop-off and again at pickup — he remains mindful of the school's 80-year tradition of serving the community.

"This feels like a place that is meant to serve the families that are here," he said. ★

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Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

DECEMBER 7

Saturday - 12/7 - 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. No heavy crowds; softened general lighting, decreased noise level/visual stimulation on interactive exhibits wherever possible. 1st Sat 8-10 am. \$8.50/adult; \$7.50/senior; \$6.50/child 3-12; free/member & child under 3. 832-1988; sfscenter.org

12/7 - Sensory-Friendly 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

12/7 - The Very Hungry Caterpillar & Other Eric Carle Favorites at Kravis Center Persson Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 10 am. \$12. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/7 - smART: Significant Space Creations at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Studio workshops for families/intergenerational groups focus on artistic family fun to learn, create, enjoy visual arts. 10-11 am. \$5/family; free/member. Reservations required: 392-2500 x106; bocamuseum.org

12/7 - Kidz On Stage Class: The Little Mermaid at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Children audition, act, sing, dance, perform. Age 3-7. Performance date 2/22. Every Sat through 2/22 10-11 am. \$360. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

12/7 - Little Wonders at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Hike, crafts, stories. Age 3-4. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

12/7 - 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

12/7 - Coral Reef Shark & Alligator 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. Free w/\$6

admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

12/7 - Drop-in Craft at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. Every Sat. 10:30-11:30 am. Free w/paid admission. Register: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/7 - The Symphonia - Meet the Orchestra: Reading the Staff at St. Andrew's School Roberts Theater, 3900 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. 10:30 am. \$5/adult; free/child. 376-3848; thesymphonia.org

12/7 - Playground Playdate at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Get info about upcoming programs, enjoy free kids' activities. 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/7 - 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

12/7 - 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

12/7 - Tiny Toes Ballet/Tap Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Age 3-7. Every Sat 11:30 am-noon. \$10. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

12/7 - Science Stories at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science inspired stories. Age 5+. Every Sat 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

12/7 - Nature Detectives at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. New mystery each month. Age 5-7 w/an adult. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

12/7 - Family Fun Day: Japanese Holiday Keychain at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Noon-3 pm. Free w/museum admission. 495-0233; morikami.org

12/7 - Kidz Hip Hop Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Age 4-7. Every Sat Noon-12:30 pm. \$10. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

12/7 - Snake, Owl & Alligator Feedings at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Opossum W; Snake Th; Owl F; Alligator Sat. 3:15-3:30 pm. Free. 629-8760;

Delray Reads

Plumosa School, Delray Beach — Nov. 7



Delray Reads Day is an annual community-wide event established in 2012 to support the Delray Beach Campaign for Grade-Level Reading. It brings community leaders and residents into area schools to learn more about how they can help schools and students. **ABOVE:** Chef Suzanne Perrotto, the keynote speaker, takes questions from the student moderators at Plumosa. Perrotto opened *Brulé* in downtown Delray Beach in 2008. The 2019 book was *Thank You, Omu!*, a 2018 book by Oge Mora. The story and illustrations are about Omu, who cooks a stew and shares it with her neighbors; they show their gratitude by bringing her food. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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12/7 - Shrek Jr. at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 4 pm. \$25.50/adult; \$15.50/student. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

12/7-8 - Heathers The Musical at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every Sat/Sun through 12/22. Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$25/adult; \$15/student. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

DECEMBER 8-14

Sunday - 12/8 - Winter Family Festival at Levis JCC, 9801 Donna Klein Blvd. Fun-filled activities for children preschool through 5th grade. Family fare. 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Free.

852-3200; levisjcc.org

12/8 - There's No Business Like Snow Business (G) presented by Atlantic Coast Theatre for Youth at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 11 am & 2 pm. \$8/adult; \$6/child 12 & under. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

Monday - 12/9 - Oh Baby at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Pre-literacy class: music, stories, rhymes, lap bounces. Age 3 months to not-yet-walking. Every M 10 am. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

12/9 - 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

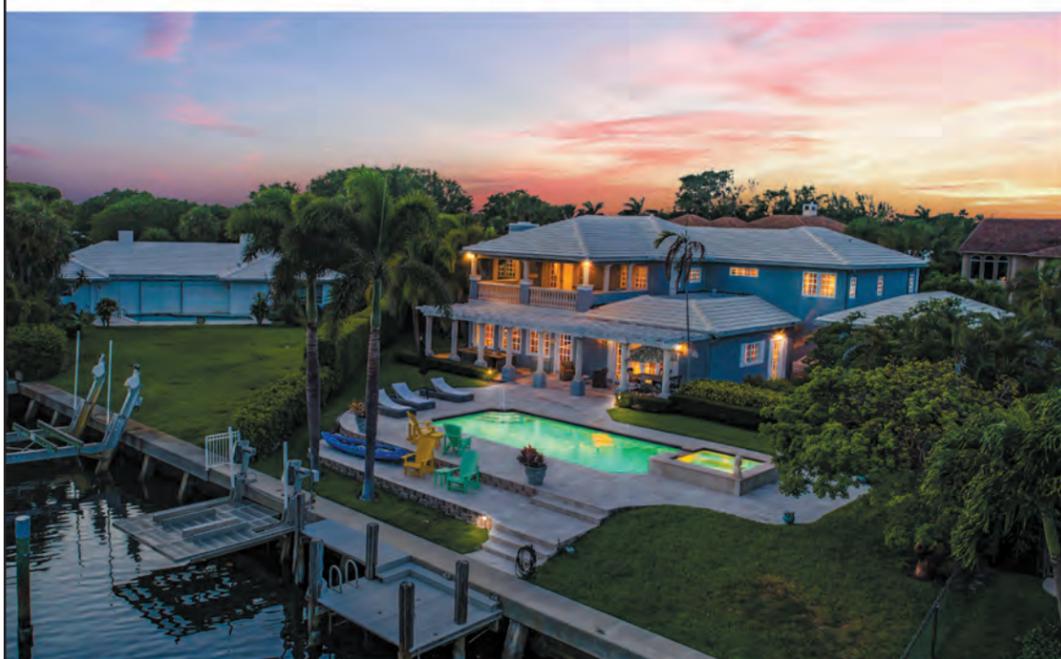
12/9 - Early Afternoon Explorers: Squishy Chemistry at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 6-9 1-2 pm; age 10-12 2-3 pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

12/9 - Homework Assistance at Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St, Delray Beach. Grades K-12. Every M-F during school year 2-5 pm. Free. 243-7194; mydelraybeach.com

12/9 - Tail Waggin Tutor Louie at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog Louie. Grade K-5. Held again 12/16 & 23. 3-4 pm. Free. Register: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

12/9 - Genius Bar: Makey & Pre-K Code-a-

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Pillar at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Grades K-8. Every M-F through 12/23. 3:30-5 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

Tuesday - 12/10 - Light Table Fun at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 3-5. Every T 3:30 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

12/10 - Daggerwing Visits the Library: Alligator at Glades Road Branch Library, 20701 95th Ave S, Boca Raton. Special program, live animal ambassadors. Age 5+. 3:30 pm. Free. Reservations required: 482-4554; pbcnature.com

12/10 - Pajama Dance Party at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age infant to pre-k. 6-7 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

12/10 - Teen Book Club: The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

12/10-11 - 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. T 10:30 am; W 2 pm. Free w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

Wednesday - 12/11 - Spanish Storytime at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 0-5. Every W 3:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

12/11 - Podcasting with Adobe Audition at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

12/11 - Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee part of Tween Book Jam at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

12/11-12 - Green Screen Photo and Video Workshop at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Grades K-8. 2-day program; must attend both days. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

Thursday - 12/12 - Drop-In Story Time at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children all ages; 8 & younger must be accompanied by an adult. Every Th 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

12/12 - Pre-Coding with Lego Duplo Trains at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 3+. 10-11 am. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

12/12 - 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 required: 655-2776; fourarts.org

12/12 - Tail Waggin Tutor Stella at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog Stella. Grades K-5. Held again 12/19. 3-4 pm. Free. Register: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

12/12 - Chess for Kids at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Learn about the pieces, how to set them up, move them, interrelate them, do check/checkmate moves. Age 4-12. Every Th through 1/2 5:30-6:30 pm. \$95/resident; \$119/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

12/12 - Create It: Nail It! Cupcake Challenge at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

12/12-13 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. 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

12/13 - Fabulous Fun Friday: Winter Wonderland at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Fun with crafts/activities match the theme of the week. All ages. 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/member; \$5/non-member w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

Saturday - 12/14 - 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 in our inclusive Science Playground. Age 5+ with parent/guardian. 2nd Sat 9-10 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

12/14 - Curious Kids: Let's Be Vets at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Interactive educational experience; up-close animal encounters, stories, games, crafts, visits to animal habitats throughout the Zoo. One adult is required to attend w/ each registration. Age 5-7. 10-11:30 am. \$25/member; \$30/non-member (includes all-day admission to zoo). Pre-registration required: 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

12/14 - 4th Annual Palm Beach Mini Maker Faire at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm

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12/14 - Are You Ready for College? Resume Writing Part I at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Monthly college readiness workshop presented by Scholar Career Coaching. Grades 9-12. Every 2nd Sat 2-4 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

12/14 - Frozen Jr. at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every Sat through 1/18 4 pm. \$25.50/adult; \$15.50/student. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

DECEMBER 15-21

Tuesday - 2/17 - Mother Nature & Me: Reef Creatures at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Exciting nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Age 2-5 w/guardian. 10:30 am. \$4/child; payment required at time of registration. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

12/17 - 3D Printing Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 8 & up. 3:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

12/17 - GEMS Club: Phenomenal Physics at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Empower young girls to explore STEM fields. Girls grades 3-8. High school girls can volunteer to be mentors. 5-7 pm. \$7/advance; \$9/at the door. Registration: 370-7710; sfsiencecenter.org/gem

12/17 - Joint Movie Night: Teen & Tween Anime Night at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration required: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Wednesday - 12/18 - There's No Business Like Show Business at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Grades K-5. 11 am. For tickets call: 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/18 - Creating Graphics with Adobe Illustrator at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard & Computers 101. Age 13+. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

Friday - 12/20 - 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

12/20 - 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 - 12/21 - Geology Rocks at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn amazing geology facts including how rocks form, the three categories of rocks, techniques for identification. Age 8+. 10:30 am. \$3. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

12/21 - Code Palm Beach Beginner Workshop at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Learn further how to code in the world of technology. Age 7-17. 2-4 pm. Free. Advance registration required: 425-8918; sfsiencecenter.org/code-palm-beach

12/21-22 - 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

DECEMBER 22-28

Sunday - 12/22 - The Science of Nature - Take These Wings: The Science of Ornithology at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 7-adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am-noon. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

12/22 - S'more Science at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Campfire program in the garden amphitheater w/a yummy treat. Different topic each month. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 5-6 pm. \$3/member; \$5/non-member. 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Monday - 12/23 - Kids Day In, Parents Day Out at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Explorium activities, pizza, games. Age 5-12. 9:30 am-12:30 pm. \$15/resident; \$18.75/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

12/23 - Winter Holiday Edible Art at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age

4+. Adult supervision required. Gingerbread house, 10:30 am; Cookie decorating 12:30 pm. Per session \$15/resident; \$18.75. Pre-register by 12/21. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/23-24 - Holiday Camp: Turtle Talks and Whale Tales at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 4-12. M-W, 9 am-4 pm. \$100/member; \$110/non-member; before/after care 7:30-9 am/4-5:30 pm \$10/day. RSVP: 370-7707; sfsiencecenter.org

12/23-24 - Holiday Camp: B-Lazing Creations at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 7-14. M-W, 9 am-4 pm. \$115/member; \$125/non-member; before/after care 7:30-9 am/4-5:30 pm \$10/day. RSVP: 370-7707; sfsiencecenter.org

12/23-24 - Winter Break Workshop: Cats at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Ages 5+. Held 12/23-27 & 12/30-1/3 (no class 12/25 & 1/1). 9 am-3 pm. Extended care (8-9 am & 3-6 pm) available. \$240/week; \$450/two weeks. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

12/23-24, 26-27 - Junior Winter Tennis Camp at Boca Raton Tennis Center, 271 NW Boca Raton Blvd (NW 2nd Ave). Ages 6-16 all levels. Held again 12/30-31, 1/2-3. Half day 9 am-noon \$109-\$136.25/week, \$39-\$48.75/day; Full day 9 am-3:30 pm \$188-\$235/week, \$60-\$75/day. Lunch included for full-day campers. Friday pizza party day for all campers. Sibling discounts. 393-7978; myboca.us

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12/23-24, 26-27 - Winter Break Tennis Camp at The Racquet Center, 21626 St Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 3-16 all levels. Held again 12/30-31, 1 2-3. Half day 9 am-noon \$109-\$136.25/week, \$39-\$48.75/day; Full day 9 am-3:30 pm \$188-\$235/week, \$60-\$75/day. Lunch, drinks, ice cream Fridays included for full-day campers. Awards presentation and Carnival Friday. Sibling discounts. Extended care available. 367-7095; myboca.us

12/23-24, 26-27 - Co-Ed Winter Basketball Clinic presented by Taylored Athletes at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Individual skills development, basketball IQ, One on One and Team Defensive Stance

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12/23-27 - Winter Break Workshop 2019-20: Cats at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Singing, acting, dancing, costuming, stage performance. Age 5 & up. Held again 12/30-1/3 (closed 12/25 & 1/1). Performances 12/27 & 1/3. M/T/Th/F 9 am-3 pm. \$240/week; \$450/both weeks; extended care (8-9 am & 3-6 pm) \$5/hour. Limited space: 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

12/24 - Sand, Slime, & Swirls: Art for Boys and Girls at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 5+. Make and take 3 DIY projects: colored slime, sand art, swirl painted ornaments, plus decorate wrapping paper or gift bag. Adult supervision required. \$6/resident; \$7.50/non-resident. Pre-registration required: 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

Thursday - 12/26 - Mind Games at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Academic game play which include STEM based activities. Bring lunch, snack, beverage. Age 6-15. Held again 12/30. 8:30 am-1 pm. Per day \$65/resident; \$81.25/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/26 - Make & Take: Decorate a Pencil Box at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$5 w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/26-27 - Family Winter Break Activities: Lego Afternoon at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All ages. Children 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 1/3 2-4 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

12/26-27 - Holiday Camp: The Art of Science at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 4-12. M-W, 9 am-4 pm. \$100/member; \$110/non-member; before/after care 7:30-9 am/4-5:30 pm \$10/day. RSVP: 370-7707; sfsiencecenter.org

12/26-27 - Holiday Camp: 3D Printing 7 Design at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 7-14. M-W, 9 am-4 pm. \$115/member; \$125/non-member; before/after care 7:30-9 am/4-5:30 pm \$10/day. RSVP: 370-7707; sfsiencecenter.org

12/26-27 - Fun and Fitness at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Sport games, hip hop dance, gymnastics, arts & crafts, theatre games, more. Wear

sneakers for safety. Bring a lunch, 2 snacks, a beverage. Age 5-11. Held again 1 2-3 & 1 6. 8:30 am-5:30 pm. Per day \$65/resident; \$81.25/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/26-27 & 1/6 - Engineering Skills for Kids at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Use computers to design/create programming interactive stories, build robots. Bring lunch, beverage. Age 7-12. 8:30 am-3 pm. \$75/resident; \$93.75/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

Friday - 12/27 - Winter Kids Club at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Social play group for extra social skills practice. Open to all children w/ special needs. Bring lunch, snack, beverage. Age 5-12. 9:30 am-12:30 pm & 1-4 pm. \$50/resident; \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/27 - 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 the range. Age 8+. 10:30 am. \$10. Payment required at time of registration. Reservations required: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

12/27 - Winter Break Bounce Bonanza at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Bounce, race, jump, climb, squeeze, crawl, slide on bounce houses, obstacle courses, play centers, more. Age 2-92. 11 am-3 pm. \$10/advance; \$15/at the door; one adult free with each paid child; \$5/each additional adult. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/27 - Crazy Candy Science Lab at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 3-7. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$4/member; \$5/non-member w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/27 - Family Winter Break Activities: Board Game Afternoon at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All ages. Children 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 2-3 pm 12/31. 2-4 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

12/27 - Phenomenal Physics Night At The Museum at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Science crafts, activities, entertainment, exhibits, planetarium shows, a chance to view the night sky. 6-9 pm. \$14.95/adult; \$12.95/senior; \$10.95/child (3-12); \$6/adult member; free/child member & kids under 3. 832-1988; sfsiencecenter.org

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Saturday - 12/28 - 3D Printing Workshop at Stiles-Nicholson STEM Education Center (across the parking lot from the South Florida Science Center), 4800 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 8-15. 9 am-noon. \$45/per session. Registration required: 832-2026; sfsiencecenter.org

12/28 - Wetland Animals at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn about these diverse scaly creatures, meet some resident reptiles up close and personal. Age 5+. 10:30 am. \$3/payment required at registration. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

12/28 - Family Performance: Soft Sanity at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. 11 am. Member \$5/adult, free/child; non-member \$10/adult, \$2/child. Pre-registration required: 832-5196; norton.org

12/28 - Muttville Comix starring Johnny Peers and his Amazing Rescue Dogs (G) at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 11 am & 2 pm. \$18/adult; \$12/child 12 & under. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

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Monday - 12/30 - Kidzart at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 5-12. Held again 1/3 & 6. 8:30 am-1 pm. Per day \$55/resident; \$68.75/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/30 - Family Winter Break Activities: Coloring Club 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

12/30-31 - Winter Break Blast at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Grades 1-5. Held again 1/2-3. 9 am-1 pm. Per day \$27.50/resident; \$34.50/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

12/30-31 - Holiday Camp: Storm Chasers at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 4-12. M-W, 9 am-4 pm. \$100/member; \$110/non-member; before/after care 7:30-9 am/4-5:30 pm \$10/day. RSVP: 370-7707; sfsiencecenter.org

12/30-31 - Holiday Camp: Robo-Tastic Chasers at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 7-14. M-W, 9 am-4 pm. \$115/member; \$125/non-member; before/after care 7:30-9 am/4-5:30 pm \$10/day. RSVP: 370-7707; sfsiencecenter.org

12/30-1/2 - 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 local nesting beach. Grades 1-3. M/T/Th (closed 1/1) 8:30 am-noon. Per day \$25/member; \$30/non-member. Reservations/pre-payment required: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

12/30-1/3 - One Week Wonder Camp: Murder at the Banquet by Robert Lavohn

at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Performance 11 am 1/4 at Stonzek Studio. Age 8-14. M-F 9 am-3 pm. \$240/child. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

Thursday - 1/2 - Edible Science at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 6-12. Bring a lunch, snack & beverage. 8:30 am-3 pm. \$75/resident; \$93.75/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

1/2 - Make & Take: Decorate a Picture Frame at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$5 w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

1/2 - Mori Stories: Kamishibai Folktales: How the Years Were Named at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 1 pm. Free w/museum admission. 495-0233; morikami.org

1/2 - Family Winter Break Activities: Secret Life of Pets 2 (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

1/2 - Hack Shack Tech Club: Simple Speaker at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium Stiles-Nicholson STEM Education Center, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Experiment w/computer programming, design video games. Signed liability waiver required. Grades 5-8. 1st Th 5-7 pm. \$15/member; \$20/non-member. Registration: 832-2026; sfsiencecenter.org

1/2-3 - Two Days of Theatre Fun at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Two days jam-packed with skits, theatre games, make-up, acting, music, more. Bring make-up supplies, lunch, snack, beverage. Age 6-15. 8:30 am-3 pm. Two days: \$150/resident; \$187.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

1/2-3 - Holiday Camp: MinecraftEDU at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 7-14. M-W 9 am-4 pm. \$115/member; \$125/non-member; before/after care 7:30-9 am/4-5:30 pm \$10/day. RSVP: 370-7707; sfsiencecenter.org

1/2-3 - Holiday Camp: Polar Planets at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 4-12. M-W 9 am-4 pm. \$100/member; \$110/non-member; before/after care 7:30-9 am/4-5:30 pm \$10/day. RSVP: 370-7707; sfsiencecenter.org

Friday - 1/3 - The Science of Snow at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 3-7. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$4/member; \$5/non-member w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

Saturday - 1/4 - 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

1/4 - 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

1/4 - Tiny Toes Ballet/Tap Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Age 3-7. Every Sat 11:30 am-noon. \$10. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

1/4 - Kidz Hip Hop Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Age 4-7. Every Sat Noon-12:30 pm. \$10. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

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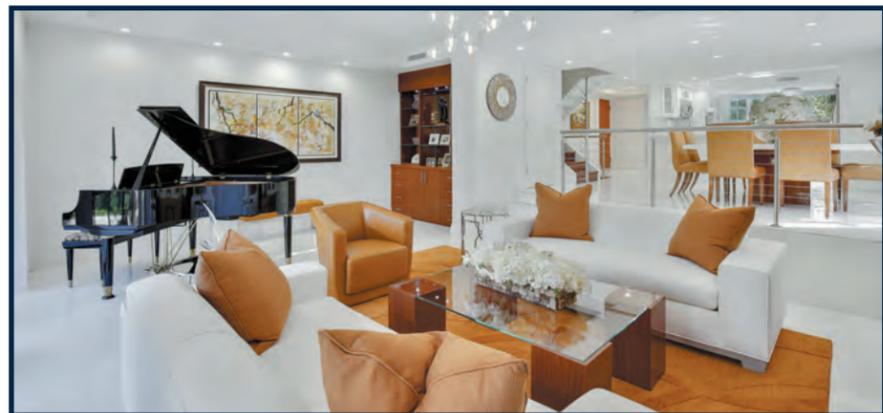
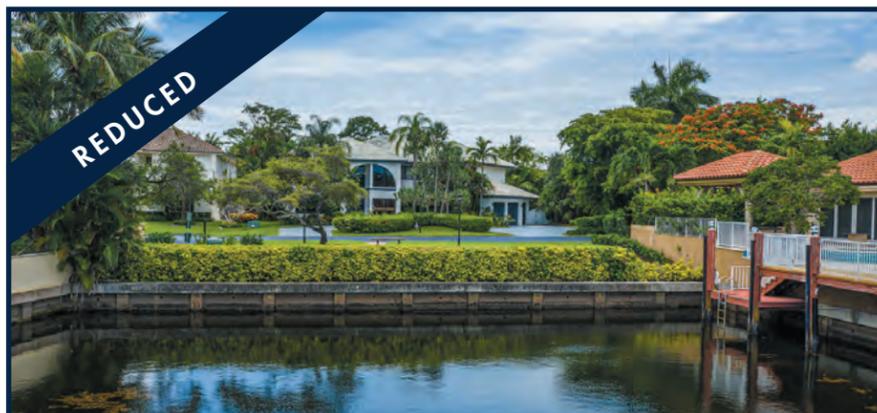
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