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Manalapan



The 2.5 acre Manalapan property includes three Buckminster Fuller domes and 200 feet each of ocean and lake frontage. Photo by Tim Stepien

Home, sweet dome: Manalapan's hidden house of the future

By Ron Hayes

To Gyora Novak, there's no place like dome.

In January 1968, the self-described "artist, designer, innovator, poet, writer, humanist" erected three geodesic domes at 1860 S. Ocean Blvd. in Manalapan and lived in them for the next 10 years.

At the time, the county property appraiser valued Novak's dome homes

at \$60,000.

Now they're for sale again.

Asking price, \$10.5 million.

Of course, that includes the 200 feet of oceanfront property, the 200 feet of lakefront property and the 2.5 acres in between. But swimming pools, docks and lush tropical acreage are not rare in Manalapan. Dome homes are.

Say "geodesic dome" today, and people respond in one of two ways:

They say, "Ah...what?" Or they say, "Ah, Buckminster Fuller!"

That's Richard Buckminster Fuller (1895-1983) — "Bucky" to his friends and acolytes.

A Harvard student expelled for "irresponsibility and lack of interest."

A college professor who never graduated from college.

A visionary who coined the term "synergetics."

A philosopher who announced, "I seem to be a verb."

An occasional visitor to Palm Beach.

And the father of the geodesic dome.

As Novak was moving into his triple-dome home in Manalapan, Fuller was approaching the eighth birthday of his own dome house, built April 20, 1960, at 407 S. Forest Ave., in Carbondale, Ill.

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South Palm Beach

Imperial House looks ahead to shaky future

Building history has an air of mystery

By Tim O'Meilia

Just over the dune at the Imperial House is a bungalow where industrialist, movie maker and aviator Howard Hughes once lived, or so the story goes.

Long-time residents of the six-story co-operative have heard the tales and spun the yarns themselves.

"We'd hear stories of how Howard Hughes would bring movie stars in here and sneak them out," said Phyllis Williams, whose family has owned an apartment for more than 30 years.

"Probably the last one was Piper Laurie," old-time resident Helen Decora said of the popular actress of the '50s. "This was his getaway where no one could find him. There were no buildings here."

She heard the stories at

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the bar at the old Hawaiian Inn, where townsfolk would gather and swap stories in the town's early days.

Whether Hughes actually lived there, the two-story beach house pre-dates the 58-unit Imperial House itself, back to a time when the beach was 100 feet wide and the bungalow, a few feet north of Lantana's public beach, was the only building in sight.

Now, residents of the building are scrambling for a way to save Imperial House from a slowly encroaching ocean. A planned \$500,000 seawall is stalled because of a financial dispute with the town of Lantana over how to

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Along the Coast

2009: A year of rejuvenation

By Mary Thurwachter

Despite a sluggish economy, 2009 brought both upscale and needed improvements to the barrier islands. From new seaside hotels, clubs, restaurants and pampering spas, to new roofs on town halls, beach improvements and an end to the roadwork on A1A, the past year came with plenty of welcome changes.

1. The Delray Beach Club completed a \$5 million renovation ... and won a Site Plan Review and Appearance Board award from the city for new commercial development and signage. The overhaul broke ground in early 2007 and was completed last June.

The renovation includes a new poolside tiki bar and kitchen, a new Grille Room and wrap around oceanside terrace. The main clubhouse was completely redecorated, including the men's and ladies' locker rooms and a new fitness center.

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Boulders are being placed off Ocean Ridge to restore the natural reef covered by beach renourishment. Photos by Jerry Lower



Atlantic Grill chef Alan Gottlieb is recognized during the grand opening of The Seagate Hotel along east Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach.

The Delray Beach Club completed a \$5 million award-winning renovation.



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Florida Stage's Lou Tyrell looks ahead to Kravis Center move. In Palm Beach ArtsPaper



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Eileen Augustyn (left) of Gulf Stream pauses for a moment with her Women's Circle event co-chairs Helen Babione of Boca Raton and Peggy Martin of Boynton Beach.

Photo by Jim Nicholas

Editorial

2010 resolutions

In 2010 I resolve to lose weight, get my finances in order, paint the bedrooms, clean the garage and stay in touch with all my friends and family who aren't on Facebook. Oh, and do my best to edit a newspaper that informs, entertains and provides our readers with the news overview needed to make informed decisions about the future of our coastal communities.

If you've driven past our office on nights and weekends, you know we are committed to this effort and spend a lot of hours putting out this publication. So many hours, in fact, that my list of resolutions looks an awful lot like the same list I had for 2009!

Still, I've been struck this year by how many of our readers and advertisers do find the time to make things happen: sometimes with grand gestures, sometimes with tiny efforts and most commonly by committing a significant amount of their personal time to making a difference in their community.

These efforts remind me of the legend of the starfish — the story of how a boy walking

along the shore one morning is focused on gently tossing beached starfish back into the ocean when a man stops and chides him for thinking he is doing any good, since there are thousands and thousands of starfish on the shore and he could never reach and save them all.

The boy responds by picking up another starfish, and placing it gently into the sea. He smiles, turns to the man and says, "Oh, I don't know about that. I made a difference for that one."

So as we all make our new year's resolutions, let's plan to sift through myriad daily time demands and find one small thing we can accomplish. Maybe we can't save the world in 2010 — or clean the garage, or lose weight, or paint the bedrooms — but if we ignore the chiding of the naysayers, maybe, like the boy

on the beach, we can find satisfaction in each little difference we make.

— Mary Kate Leming



Letter to the Editor

Dunn obituary captured spirit

Thanking *The Coastal Star* for the wonderful review from the life of our good old friend, Bill Dunn.

The entire story reminded us of the warmth and the glory of this unique, spectacular community. We were so lucky to know Bill, and just about that same lucky to live around here.

Joanne and Ira Friedman, Briny Breezes

Trio of 'stars' behind Women's Circle fundraiser

By C.B. Hanif

"The triumvirate," is how an admiring colleague described them. "They all work together so much that as far as the Women's Circle is concerned, they're kind of inseparable," said fellow volunteer Mary Crawley.

That would be the Women's Circle, whose Circle of Hope dinner gala fundraiser, Feb. 8 at Benvenuto in Boynton Beach, will profit from the toil of many volunteers, not the least its co-hosting trio of Eileen Augustyn, Helen Babione and Peggy Martin.

The nonprofit organization provides educational and employment tools that let South County women break the cycle of poverty and help their families.

Board member and fundraiser Augustyn, of Gulf Stream, "puts a lot of hours

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into this," said Crawley. "She's always on the phone and doing a lot of face work. I don't know how she has any free time to do any fun stuff."

Though heavily invested in the Women's Circle, Augustyn also has been a stalwart for the Bethesda Hospital Foundation and other efforts. She served as a trustee during the not-for-profit hospital's recent \$100 million fundraising drive. The founder of the foundation's Magnolia Society contributes countless hours each year for the Women of Grace committee. In October, in recognition of her work, she was named one of Bethesda's Women of Grace.

Augustyn also worked closely with Caridad Ascencio in the 1990s as a board member in developing the Caridad Center health clinic for migrant farm workers and their families.

Her volunteerism dates even beyond her 1980s public service in Illinois. "It was my parents, who by example, taught me the importance of giving voluntarily, sharing my time to help people," Augustyn said.

Her gala co-chairs' service is similar.

It was Babione, of Boca Raton, who introduced Augustyn to the Women's Circle.

Martin, of Delray Dunes in Boynton Beach, has worked with Augustyn on Caridad and Women of Grace, and for several years has co-chaired the circle's fundraising event.

That's significant because the Women's Circle, founded in 1999 and co-coordinated by Sisters Joan Carusillo and Lorraine Ryan, is dependant on grants and donations. In September, with a \$100,000 interest-free loan from the Boynton Beach CRA, it purchased a duplex that doubles the size of the current cramped space it shares. The duplex next needs renovation into offices and classrooms.

Enter the volunteering triumvirate. "I am always learning something new that enriches my life," said Augustyn. "And you meet the nicest people!"

Eileen Augustyn, Helen Babione and Peggy Martin were nominated to be Coastal Stars by a fellow volunteer, Mary Crawley.

For more information on the Circle of Hope fundraiser, contact 272-3965 or lcrcjam@aol.com.

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Supreme Court beach-widening case could extend beyond Florida

By Kelly Wolfe

In a case that could have implications for shorelines around the country, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in December about whether homeowners in Florida must be compensated when beach-widening projects make private beaches public.

Six homeowners living on the Gulf of Mexico in Fort Walton Beach have challenged a Florida Supreme Court decision that said a private beach became public after a beach re-nourishment project. The state Supreme Court said in a 5-2 ruling that the beach is an evolving, "dynamic boundary," that is always changing because of storms and erosion. It ruled Florida law "attempts to bring order and certainty to this dynamic boundary" by balancing public and private interests.

But landowners called the state decision a de-facto taking. The owners say their deeds entitle them to all land up to the mean high water line, including the additional

80 to 100 feet of beach the state added. They said they paid a lot of money for beachfront property and they don't want to look out and see a bunch of wet bathing suits and colorful umbrellas.

The Constitution requires governments to pay compensation when they take private property for public use.

Beach advocates said a ruling in favor of the landowners would undermine the state's ability to protect natural resources. Beach renourishment happens on every shoreline in the state. Over time, about 198 miles of Florida's 825 miles of beaches have been restored. D. Kent Safriet, a Tallahassee-based attorney for the homeowners, did not respond to a request for comment.

Ericka D'Avanzo, local representative of the Surfrider Foundation, said she doesn't expect the court to rule until June or July. She said it appeared in court Dec. 2 that the justices were divided.

Liberal justices seemed

unconvinced the state's Supreme Court ruling departed from precedent, according to *The Wall Street Journal* and other publications covering the hearing.

Justice Antonin Scalia said people pay a lot of money for beachfront property, but that the homeowners received a good deal when the sand was replaced.

But conservative justices seemed more inclined to let property owners raise a de-facto taking claim, according to published reports.

Justice John Paul Stevens was absent from the bench, suggesting he had recused himself from the case because he owns beachfront property in Broward County.

Erosion threatens nearly 59 percent of Florida's beaches, according to the Department of Environmental Protection. Under a 1961 law, the state dredges sand from one area and deposits it on another, expanding the width of a threatened beach.



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Along the Avenues

Florida Stage's 'no-brainer' move is no help to Plaza del Mar

After producing cutting-edge theater in Manalapan's Plaza del Mar for nearly 20 years, Florida Stage is cutting out, heading to a new home at the Kravis Center. The move, announced in November, won't be made until July, but tickets for the summer musical go on sale this month.

While it's a blow to Plaza del Mar, which lost its anchor Epicurean gourmet market last spring, it was not a bolt from the blue. For years, Producing Director Lou Tyrrell had looked for an opportunity to move to a more central location that would enlarge his subscriber base. Until recently he thought it might be Palm Beach. The Sterling Organization had big plans to tear down the Royal Poinciana Playhouse in the Royal Poinciana Plaza and replace it with condos and a new, 350-seat theater. Florida Stage would call it home and the Kravis Center would provide the management. Community opposition and the economic downturn thwarted that plan.

However, Tyrrell and Kravis Center CEO Judy Mitchell continued to talk. With a little tweaking, they realized the Kravis' own Rinker Playhouse would work. The deal was

cut, and local architect Young Song designed the new space that will include a three-quarter thrust stage.

"We'll be increasing revenue and cutting expenses, while improving production values and the audience experience," Tyrrell said, noting his company will save \$250,000 a year in rent and utilities. "When you combine the reconfiguration of the Rinker with two-story sets, improved lighting, special effects, plus the location in the middle of the community, it really was a no-brainer."

Times are tough, and nonprofits across the board are looking for new models to increase audience and minimize costs. Tyrrell couldn't look back.

"How much will we lose?" asks Tyrrell, whose been winning over fans since he first appeared in *The Elephant Man* at Boca Raton's Caldwell Theatre in 1981 and first staged shows at the Norton Museum in 1986. "Virtually everyone in our audience already goes to the Kravis Center. Plus you're looking at tens of thousands of people who could be added to our audience base."

As for Plaza del Mar, Tyrrell believes it will find a

new tenant. Someone recently looked at the space for a possible jazz club, he said.

"Sure I'll miss it," he said. "When I drive up and see an audience in the lobby and think of the almost 20 years we've served here, I get nostalgic, but I'm a person who looks forward."

"When I think of the people who will find us now, who'll discover us, it's so exciting."

Time marches on at Clay Glass Metal Stone Gallery in Lake Worth. More and more customers are finding their way to the nonprofit co-op at 605 Lake Ave. that features the work of 28 artists, whose creations range from ceramic goblets to phallic bronze doorknockers to fused glass to stonework.

Among the artists to be featured in January is sculptor Mary Ellen Dohrs. An octogenarian, she nevertheless still exudes the exuberance of youth in her meticulously detailed work, ranging from dramatic action among basketball players and sumo wrestlers to whimsical "smiling" snails. She also is Miss October in the gallery's first "Artists Uncovered" calendar.

Inspired by the English



Sculptor Mary Ellen Dohrs appears in the Clay Glass Metal Stone Gallery's first 'Artists Uncovered' calendar.

gambit that led to a movie, the gallery's brain trust decided to give the gallery and its artists a boost by posing them with their art, *au naturel*.

Tastefully, of course. Cover girl Sara Lerner, for example, sits serenely on the gallery floor, surrounded by her stone sphere sculptures, her dark tresses cascading over her shoulders, her arms wrapped around her drawn-up knees. Durga Garcia, curator of exhibitions at the Palm Beach Photographic Center and a

crack shot with a camera or a gun (she was a member of the U.S. International Pistol Team), took the photos.

Incidentally, not all the artists are women. Well-known centaur Norm Gitzen also makes an appearance and husband and wife Kelly and Linda Manganaro are the February lovebirds. Half of the 1,000 original edition has been sold, the gallery's Joyce Brown said. Price: \$19.95.

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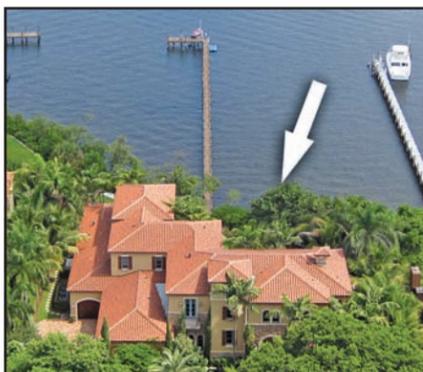
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Jim Taube has been through this before — 17 times in Palm Beach County — but this is the first time he's tried it in Delray Beach. "It's still exciting, but I'm always a bit concerned when I open a new one," he said as he looked around **Surf Sliders**, his new restaurant at the corner of A1A and Atlantic Avenue in the site formerly occupied by **Shore**.

Actually, Taube, a Palm Beach Countian for 38 years, needn't have worried. His opening on Dec. 15 was actually a little ahead of schedule, and it fits nicely with his other nautical eateries — **Key Grill** in Juno and Boca Raton, **Bimini Twist** in West Palm Beach, **Cool'a Fish Bar** in Palm Beach Gardens and the longstanding **Jetty's** at Jupiter Inlet.

Surf Sliders, by the way, has nothing to do with baby burgers. "Sliders," Taube said, "are anything that slides in the ocean — fish, surfers ..."

Mind you, burgers are on the menu — topped with 'shrooms, guac, bleu cheese (\$9.95) — but the menu is classic American bistro, offering sandwiches and entrees of fresh fish, chicken, filet mignon and imaginative salads including sweet-potato-crusted fresh fish over mixed



Anne Bright, with husband Reeve, was among 33 women honored by the South Florida Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America. **Photo by Thom Smith**

greens and scallions and mango remoulade topped with the house vinaigrette (\$14.95).

With a bar out front by the sidewalk, Sliders will get its share of beachgoers, who'll feel right at home. Woven bamboo board covers the ceiling beams, ferns hang from stained wood baskets, surfboards hover here and lean there, and two giant marlin keep watch from the south wall. A distinctive aroma permeates the room, possibly the wormy chestnut, Taube says.

As honorees assembled on stage at the Kravis Center's

Cohen Pavilion Dec. 10, **Anne Bright's** cell phone rang. The caller: her husband and lifelong prankster, **Reeve Bright**. Anne brushed it off with typical aplomb, but she took quite seriously her inclusion among 33 women honored by the **South Florida Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America** at its inaugural Best and Brightest luncheon.

Bright was recognized for her work with Lupus and with the **Achievement Center for Family and Children** in Delray.

Also honored was **Lula Butler**, Delray's director of

community improvement, who coordinated the city's successful All-America City campaigns in 1993 and 2001 and co-founded the Delray Beach Youth Council.

In an earlier day, folks used to gather around a cracker barrel or a toasty stove to share news and gossip. Packaging has replaced the barrels and, except for a few days each year, stoves aren't needed in South Florida. But people still like to chat and that old convivial mood abounds at 259 NE Second Ave. in Delray Beach's Pineapple Grove. You'll also find some good buys and people who want to help, which is why Gulf Stream resident **Caron Dockerty** wrangled the space in a building owned by husband, **Bob**, to start **Treasures 4 Charity**.

Dockerty and her friend **Brooke Qualk** saw the space's potential as a boutique where donated goods and clothing could be sold at thrift store prices to raise money for local charities. It started with a few friends, but word quickly spread and now Treasures 4 Charity is a community force.

"On opening night we sold half our merchandise," Dockerty said of the planned two-month run, "but then the next few days were a bit slow. We thought, 'Oh, well,

it was a good idea ... But then momentum started to build. More and more people started to bring in donations and more and more people offered to volunteer. We went from being open three days a week to five, from helping four charities to 14."

The volunteer list has grown to 24 who staff the boutique from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 to 2 on Saturday.

"Everyone is having a blast working here," Caron said. "We have become a community gathering place."

Finally, some action at **Las Ventanas**, the much-anticipated residential/commercial complex at the corner of Woolbright Road and Federal Highway. First in: **Butterfly**, a Chinese restaurant, and it's already seeking votes in the national Top 100 Chinese Restaurants in the USA competition. **Tsunami Subs & Wraps** is next, and a construction supervisor said an Italian restaurant soon will be ready, adding that 40 percent of the retail space is under contract.



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Residents and commission debate swale planting plans

By Margie Plunkett

Following months of work by a committee, Manalapan officials and residents met in a December workshop to debate ways to landscape town swales yet protect electric, cable and water utilities.

The efforts seek a landscaping plan that provides guidance for residents who want to plant trees, but also allows the town to determine what trees are appropriate and won't threaten infrastructure, either underground or overhead.

While commissioners can't take action at a workshop, they agreed more information is needed: They directed staff to look into whether the water utility could map its lines and find a means to map other utilities, and asked Renny Reynolds of the landscape swale committee to supply names of landscape architects they could query.

Commissioners voiced their desire to protect the infrastructure, but also supported the committee's efforts, noting a draft ordinance might be too restrictive.

"I happen to think that if our constituents want to improve the look of the town, we should accommodate them to the degree we can," Commissioner Robert Evans said. "I'm concerned we may be too restrictive in an attempt to protect our infrastructure. We need more expert kinds of advice so we can determine what our town's going to look like."

Reynolds, a town architectural commission member and landscape architect whose work is

published in such magazines as *Elle Décor*, *Architectural Digest* and *House Beautiful*, told the committee that the draft ordinance is "so restrictive that there would be practically nowhere on the entire Point that trees would be allowed in the swales, and that if the guidelines were followed, many of the trees along A1A would need to be removed."

Roy Rogers, a consultant who was involved with planning the town of Weston, cautioned commissioners: "Don't go into an ordinance that you may later regret and will have to later revisit. It's important to know what the vision is as you go forward."

Commissioner Kelly Gottlieb provided a reality check, reminding commissioners and residents that this year's tight budget may be prohibitive.

At Manalapan's regular meeting in December, commissioners:

- Directed attorney Trela White to draft an ordinance that would limit the size and number of real estate signs and eliminate all construction signs. They also asked her to research the development agreement for signs at Plaza del Mar.

- Approved Lisa Petersen as new town clerk to replace Kathryn Sims, who is leaving to move closer to her family. Petersen, now zoning and licensing administrator, will become clerk Jan. 4. Mayor Tom Gerrard suggested exploring ways to restructure the two positions and outsourcing building department responsibilities that could allow the town to eliminate one of the positions.

Petters guilty on 20 counts

Former part-time Manalapan resident Tom Petters was found guilty Dec. 2 of masterminding a \$3.5 billion Ponzi scheme.

Jurors in St. Paul, Minn., found the Minnesota businessman guilty on 20 counts including wire fraud, mail fraud, conspiracy and money laundering.

According to the government, Petters attracted massive investments from hedge funds and other institutions, ostensibly to buy consumer electronic goods and re-sell them to national big-box stores

like Wal-Mart and Costco. But there was actually little or no merchandise and the operation consisted mostly of faking documents and keeping the cash. "The verdict speaks clear," one of three federal prosecutors on the case told reporters following the verdict. "The Petters Company was a fraud and the company was Mr. Petters' company."

In July, a court-appointed receiver sold Petters' Manalapan home for \$9.5 million. Petters faces up to life in prison. His attorneys say they plan to appeal.

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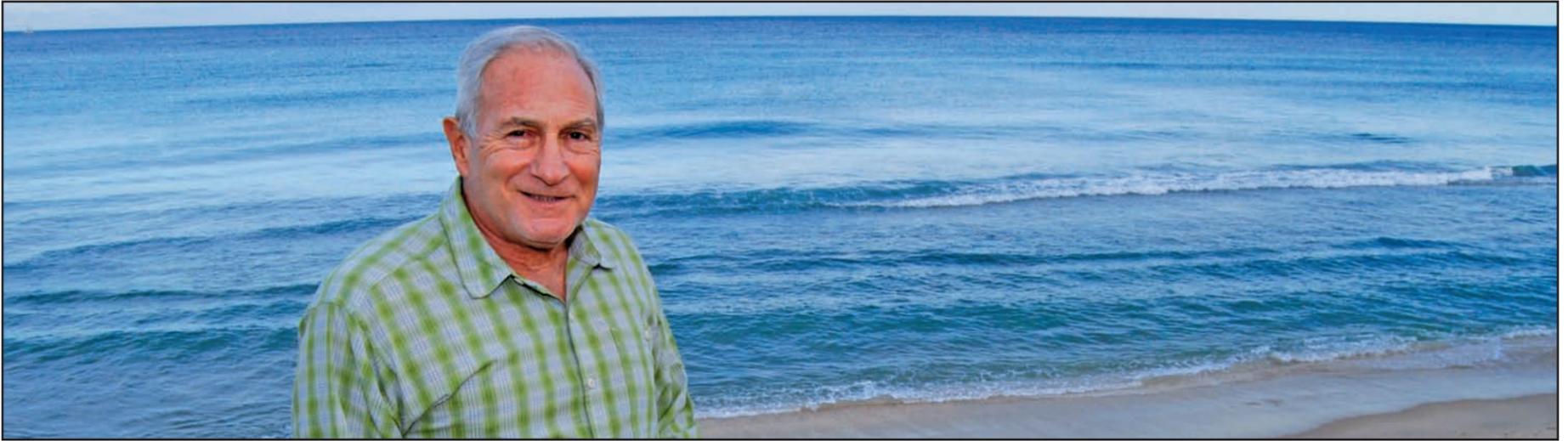


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Aside from diving in the Atlantic Ocean, Donald Silpe has been actively involved in the community, serving on the Manalapan architectural commission, as vice chairman/education of Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast and as vice chairman of Palm Beach Dramaworks. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

Along the Coast

The reef may be artificial, but their affection is real: Family names spot for Manalapan diver

By Nirvi Shah

For Donald Silpe's 70th birthday, he got the ultimate gift for a lifelong scuba diver: an artificial reef built and named in his honor.

Silpe, who lives in Manalapan, said his family came up with the idea to make a donation to the county in exchange for a reef named in his honor. After months of paperwork, the family foundation's \$10,000 donation led to the creation of the Donnyboy Silpe Reef — just minutes from the edge of his beachfront home.

"It's just been so much fun," said Silpe, who has been scuba diving all over the world, including the Great Barrier Reef off Australia and reefs near Thailand and in the Red Sea. "We're all ecology-minded and care about the reefs."

Silpe retired to Manalapan about 20 years ago after working at a specialty meat company in Connecticut founded by his father. He and his family had been vacationing in Palm Beach

County long before that.

He started scuba diving more than 50 years ago off Long Island, where he grew up.

All three of his children, Jennifer, Greg and Jay, are also avid divers and his wife, Linda, snorkels. His granddaughters, Ava and Mariel, are learning to swim.

The county had received donations for artificial reefs in the past, including from the West Palm Beach Fishing Club. But an individual donating the amount needed for a reef was a first. So although Silpe's birthday was this past March, it took several months for the county to build the reef.

"We just didn't have a policy," said County Commissioner Jeff Koons, chairman of the county's artificial reef enhancement program.

Over the summer, Silpe watched from his home as nearly 830 tons of limestone boulders were dropped 67 feet deep into the ocean alongside another artificial reef project in which the county had

already invested.

"We watched the barge with the actual reef go by," Silpe said. Now, all county artificial reef documents will reflect the newly christened reef, which was officially named after Silpe in early December.

"We dive all over that area," Silpe said.

He and Koons hope the donation encourages others to do the same.

"It kind of opens the door," Koons said.

Although it took a few months, it could have been far longer. The county already had the site, and others, permitted for artificial reefs.

Because of the number of agencies involved, permitting can take up to two years, said

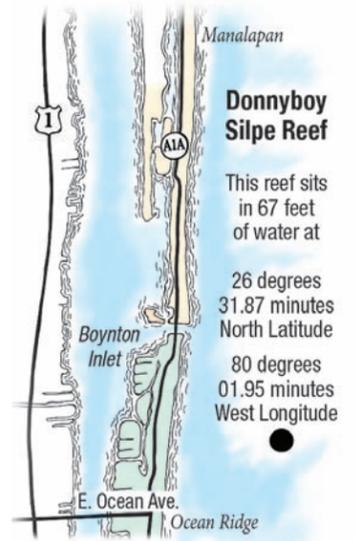
Carman Vare, a program supervisor in the county's environmental enhancement and restoration division.

So the county applies for multiple permits for a single area at once, Vare said. But once permits are obtained, a single approved area of a square half-mile of ocean floor may allow for 20 artificial reef projects.

"We have a lot of fisherman, a lot of divers," Vare said. "Everybody's using the same amount of reef out there. It puts too much burden on the limited resources that are there."

The artificial reefs provide the raw materials for sea life to flourish.

"It can be very productive



by kick-starting a snapper fishery that otherwise wouldn't be there. The reefs themselves, if you look at the complexity, there are nooks and crannies, hidey holes for small fish," Vare said. "Soon the entire food chain will develop."

This time, it's thanks to Donald Silpe's family. ✨

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The original sales flier for the Imperial House showed its location just north of the Lantana public beach, long before Plaza del Mar, The Ritz-Carlton and the Carlisle would grow to dominate the intersection of A1A and Ocean Avenue.



In 1991, there was still a wide beach along South Palm Beach. The Imperial House still had its seawall and a deck (to the left of the yellow catamaran).



IMPERIAL:

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get construction equipment onto the beach.

But in the 1950s, the ocean wasn't the problem. The ocean was the answer for a pair of Finnish brothers who built the town's first three multi-family buildings, all with ocean-to-Intracoastal Waterway views.

The Imperial House was the third built by Ames and Anton Aksila and designed by well-known local architect Frank Masiello. The H-shaped co-op (there were no condominiums then) opened in 1961, according to old documents and newspaper clippings gathered by 33-year resident Bonnie Fischer, including a town history written by the late town historian and Imperial House resident Marjorie Hamilton.

The apartments — ranging from \$14,900 for a one-bedroom, one-bath to \$34,480 for a top floor ocean view — sold quickly to retirees from the northeast and sun-seekers from Canada. The co-op was built around the fabled Hughes bungalow and had a pool. A long deck that served as a gathering spot for apartment dwellers was washed away in the early 1990s. A rebuilt deck did not survive Hurricane Jeanne in 2004.

Phyllis Williams' father, owner of a GM car dealership near Toronto, discovered the Imperial House in the mid-'60s. "He came for a holiday and traveled around. Someone told him of this little town and he fell in love with it, coming from Canada and all that snow," said Williams, 73.

Bonnie Fischer's family arrived from Connecticut in the late '70s. Barbara DeLuca's family came from New Jersey.

She lives in the Howard Hughes guest house on the first floor, the one with the pecky cypress walls.

"You ought to charge admission," teased Helen Decora. Through the decades, Imperial House residents nurtured its community feeling. Newcomers were greeted with chocolate-covered strawberries. People left notes on neighbors' doors. Decora encouraged visiting children to add their own drawings to the nautical mural on the sixth-floor wall. "We knew everyone. Everyone knew us. It's always had a quaint, country feeling," Williams said.

Times have changed. Assessments for new windows, structural repairs, painting and the proposed seawall have made the aging building expensive for some owners. As a result, more units are rentals now. Far fewer than half of the apartments are occupied only a few days before Christmas. The seawall dispute has created an uncertain future.

Still, the old-timers revel in their camaraderie. A poster near the mailboxes invited residents to a Dec. 22 sing-along. More than a dozen attended — age 10 to 80-plus — to sing Christmas carols along with a pair of guitarists.

Did Howard Hughes have a secret hideaway in South Palm Beach in the late '40s? Whether he did, it's a good story.

One thing is true: In the '50s, the bungalow was owned by the sister of Judge Charles E. Chillingworth.

The judge and his wife, you perhaps know, were kidnapped in 1955, weighted down and dropped overboard into the Atlantic Ocean not far from Imperial House.

But that's a story for another day.



ABOVE: A lawn and seawall have been replaced with concrete barriers that provide little protection from the power of the ocean, even on a relatively smooth day.

MIDDLE: Most of the units in the complex are owned by second-generation family members. A sense of community has been displayed for more than 20 years with the annual singing of Christmas carols.

BOTTOM: The condo complex was built around a small, two-story building thought to have been owned by Howard Hughes.

Photos by Jerry Lower

Lantana

Town remains at odds with Imperial House over beach access

By Margie Plunkett

The Lantana Town Council dismissed as "insulting" a counterproposal from the Imperial House to pay \$5,000 for beach access to fix its failing seawall.

Mayor David Stewart and other council members balked at the counterproposal during a Dec. 14 meeting.

An earlier proposal by Imperial House had offered a \$35,000 payment for access, which was still far lower than Lantana's demand for \$213,500 in total from Imperial House and the neighboring Mayfair House, which also is performing seawall work.

The Imperial House in South Palm Beach sought beach access after its failing seawall put the building in jeopardy of tumbling into the ocean. The co-op needed access to stage equipment and materials for construction of the seawall.

Lantana objected to free access for several reasons, including that the co-op's failure to rebuild its seawall promptly after storm damage resulted in escalating costs for neighboring Lantana taxpayers when the town reconstructed its own seawall.

Lantana also feared damage to its newly rebuilt seawall and said using the beach as a staging ground would deny its residents enjoyment of the beach.

In its most recent proposal,

Imperial House said that Lantana didn't communicate the desire to coordinate seawall construction until three months after the town had completed its work and it was unreasonable to "punish" the Imperial House now.

It took two years for the Imperial House to secure a Department of Environmental Protection permit for its construction, which DEP has never complained was an unacceptable time frame, the proposal said. And if Lantana has the right to charge for beach access, the fee should be based on "the value of access," not current or projected costs to build Lantana's seawall, it said.

While Imperial House's proposals offered cash payments, they also listed other activities and services to which the co-op assigned dollar value, and that it claims is a \$214,500 value to Lantana.

The latest includes that the co-op would build its seawall 15 feet farther west, which would save the town \$90,000, but cost Imperial House nearly \$40,000 more.

It also offers that it could use a more northern access, rather than Dorothy Rissler Lane —between the Ritz-Carlton and the south end of the Lantana beach, and would extend that access to Lantana for the town to finish connecting its seawall to the co-op's seawall.

It also would leave "rip rap" in place to protect the

town's dunes until the town has completed its seawall extension.

A second option in the same proposal would allow Imperial House to use Dorothy Rissler Lane for access and the co-op would obtain a security bond for any damages. The proposal would still extend the co-op's seawall farther west and pay \$5,000.

Both Lantana officials and residents slammed Imperial House at the Dec. 14 meeting because it should be working with its own town, South Palm Beach, for access rather than expecting Lantana taxpayers to pay the bill.

When attorney James Charles of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., representing Imperial House, spoke, Stewart jumped in to say, "There's no opportunity at \$5,000. You might as well sit down."

The minutes from the Dec. 7 special meeting indicate that the council voted to not allow heavy equipment access through Dorothy Rissler Lane that would cross over the Lantana seawall, unless approved by the town manager; it allowed an exception for smaller all-terrain and rubber-tire vehicles.

In the minutes, Stewart said after visiting the Imperial House he believed the co-op had opportunities it hasn't pursued for beach access without having to come through Lantana's beach.

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South Palm Beach

SPB seeks county intervention in beach dispute

By Tim O'Meilia

With the Imperial House facing another winter without a seawall, the South Palm Beach Town Council voted on Dec. 15 to ask Palm Beach County to intervene in a dispute between the condominium and the town of Lantana over beach access.

The 58-unit co-op adjoins the north end of Lantana's oceanfront beach and needs the access to move construction equipment onto the beach to erect the seawall.

"We can't support them financially but at least we can support them morally," said Councilman Donald Clayman. South Palm Beach has no public beach of its own.

The council questioned whether Lantana could deny access to the beach under its agreement with the county when the town acquired Dorothy Rissler Lane between the Ritz-Carlton and the south end of the Lantana beach.

Mayor Martin Millar

opposed the letter. "It's not our fight. We shouldn't get into their fight," he said.

On Dec. 14, the day before South Palm Beach met, the Imperial House offered to pay Lantana \$5,000 for access, an offer Lantana Mayor David Stewart called "insulting."

Lantana wants a \$213,500 payment from Imperial House, which officials said is the cost of having to re-engineer its own seawall plans, change its permit and build an additional section to its seawall last year when the co-op delayed its plans to build a seawall. The co-op offered \$35,000 last month.

Imperial House directors say they can't afford the fee on top of the \$500,000 cost of building the seawall.

Lantana granted emergency access in November so boulders could be moved in to shore up the co-op's temporary wall of blocks after a storm washed away a sidewalk near the six-story building.

"I'm deeply disappointed

in Lantana's denying access," said Councilman Brian Merbler, who made the motion to send the letter to county officials through County Commissioner Steven Abrams. "For all intents and purposes, it's a shakedown of a quarter of a million dollars."

Imperial House must begin work this month to complete the project by April 1, when turtle-nesting season begins and construction is forbidden.

Although he agreed it was a private fight between the co-op and Lantana, Merbler said, a damaging nor'easter "would be a catastrophic event for the Imperial House and for the town of Lantana."

The 223-unit Mayfair House, five buildings north of Imperial House, began work on its own seawall. Lantana wanted \$75,000 for access, but Mayfair House will use its own property although the project will cost more than the original \$1.6 million.

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Real Estate

You almost need a scorecard to keep pace with recent Realtor changes

By Christine Davis

In real estate it's always been about location, location, location and the barrier island fits those requirements perfectly.

This might explain the recent rash of real estate brokerage consolidations, mergers, moves and even new office openings in the Lantana/Manalapan area lately.

If you're keeping a scorecard, break it out and follow the changes:

Ocean and Intracoastal Properties, at 237 E. Ocean, Lantana, which Bob Montgomery started 20 years ago, has been taken over by Linda and Tom Shea and Diane Harbison of Keller Williams.

"It's a perfect match," Montgomery said. "They are delightful and they are very entrepreneurial. They want to build the company and I'm past that. I just want to service my clients.

"It's now their company, and that frees me up to sell, which is what I love to do. I never did want to spend my time as an administrator."

This is a win-win for the Sheas and Harbison, too. "We are owners of two other Keller Williams market centers (franchises), in Lake Worth and Wellington," Linda Shea said. "We went into this area because we know the value of that waterfront property and we want to be a part of that. The value that Keller Williams adds — we are a nationwide franchise, 72,000 agents strong — offers a nationwide reach to this wonderful boutique office."

In July, Illustrated Properties Realty opened a new office at Plaza del Mar, 230 S. Ocean Blvd.

Palermo-Long Realty, which had an office in Lantana for 35 years, merged with Illustrated and moved to the Plaza del Mar office.

"Once Bob Long, owner/broker of Palermo Long Realty, decided to close his office, I wanted to connect with a brokerage firm with similar values of the Palermo-Long brand, which had a reputation of integrity, expertise, customer service through relationship-building and networking within the community," said Diane Duffy, a Realtor with Palermo-Long who, after the merger, joined Illustrated Properties.

"Illustrated Properties was a perfect choice for me, since it is a long-standing family-owned business, yet it also provides a 26-office network of real estate professionals and offers corporate support, including specialized divisions in relocation and luxury properties as well as a strong



Engel & Völkers celebrated its new Manalapan location with a party in early December. Longtime Corcoran Group Realtor Bunny Hiatt (right) has joined the firm. Photo by Jerry Lower

regional and international marketing plan."

The transition has enhanced services for sellers and buyers, she said. "The Palermo Long roots run long and deep in the community and our personalized service and long-term relationships continue to sell properties."

Bill Quigley, who opened Illustrated Properties' first franchise nine years ago, has closed his office and moved to the new Illustrated Properties office in Plaza del Mar.

It's a good move to be east of the bridge, which is scheduled to be closed for repairs, he said. "Most of our business is in the coastal communities." It's a good business decision, too, he adds: "Illustrated, the largest independently owned real estate company in the area, saw an opportunity to increase market share," he said.

"I had quite a few listings, as did Palermo Long. By combining the two offices, Illustrated Properties immediately had increased its market share in the Hypoluxo Island and Point Manalapan area."

Illustrated Properties offers "a complete marketing department and Web site coverage throughout the world," Quigley said.

"We had opened a small office with Bill Quigley years ago," said Chappy Adams, Illustrated Properties president. "We thought this would be a great opportunity to bring some great people together."

Farther south, Tauriello and Company Real Estate, which had branch offices in Manalapan and Lake Worth, has merged those offices with its Delray Beach office. "Delray Beach is my home base," Sue Tauriello said. "When the market was booming, it was

fine to have branch offices, but, in a recession, it just wasn't cost-effective to keep them open."

The new player in the area — Engel & Völkers — is a franchise purchased by Sheri and Paul Reback and their family last summer. They opened a Manalapan office in Plaza del Mar in December.

"Our franchise in Palm Beach was going well, and we decided that we wanted the bordering area," Sheri Reback said. "When we learned that we could have the location we wanted, across the street from the Ritz-Carlton, which would be good for walk-in traffic, we bought the franchise."

The Rebacks, who owned Reback Realty and have a 35-year history with North Palm Beach high-end residential properties, chose Engel & Völkers for the firm's connections in Europe as well as its network here.

"The company did \$7 billion in sales in Europe in 2008, and that was in a down market," Reback said. "There are 500 franchises in 32 countries, and the company now has 28 offices in Florida."

Another perk, she said, are three magazines that the company publishes that are good marketing tools for her agents: *Global Guide European*, *Private Office* and *Private Residences*.

"We have lots of listings in the Manalapan area. Within the next few months, we could have listings adding up to \$150 million." Joining the Rebacks at Engel & Völkers in the Manalapan office are Bunny Hiatt and Jack Elkins, who specialize in waterfront homes in the Manalapan area and worked for the Corcoran Group. Also in the office is Charles Velie, formerly a Realtor with Premier Estate Properties.



Boynton Beach

Preservationists seek money, plan for saving high school

By Thomas R. Collins

Of all the tense exchanges over the years between city leaders and residents over whether to save the old Boynton Beach High School, it might be hard to find one more openly bitter than the one between Mayor Jerry Taylor and 50-year resident Victoria Costello recently. "You could tear it down and build something as nice or better for less money than that," Taylor said, to catcalls, as the commission considered a historic-preservation ballot item.

Costello came up to the microphone and scolded him. "Don't you ever say, 'Tear down our history,'" she said. "What do you care about this

city? ... As far as you care, just rip it down."

"That's right," Taylor told her.

"That's disgusting," Costello said.

"I'm sorry. That's the way I feel," Taylor replied.

Yes, the question of saving the school is as hot as ever.

Commissioners decided at their last meeting not to put on the ballot an item asking voters whether they'd be willing to spend \$5.4 million on bonds to save the high school — a victory for preservationists, who feared the measure would never pass and who now have the time to put together a financial package to pay for the job instead.

"I believe that we should study this a little bit further

and we should put the pieces together," said Barbara Ready, chair of Save the Old School Space committee. "There's a lot of funding out there available that we need to take advantage of before we go to the voters and ask them, in these times, to approve further debt."

She presented a rough proposal for turning the old high school into office, retail and cultural space, estimating that the job could be done for about \$6 million, with a contribution of about \$2 million from the city.

The bill could be paid for partly by tax credits and loan assistance, she said.

Not designating the entire building as cultural space means part of it would be generating revenue. But

she urged the city to do a feasibility study to examine it more. The 1927 building is on the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation's 10 Most Endangered list.

The vote not to put it to voters was 3-2, with Taylor and Commissioner Ronald Weiland voting no, saying the voters should decide.

"You've got to go ask them whether they want to go out and borrow the money right now and redo that building and if they want to, great, I'll

be a hundred percent behind them," Taylor said. "The city doesn't have the money."

Weiland doubted that any plan would actually work. "We've been beating this up for more than 10 years," he said. "I don't see it happening."

Commissioner Jose Rodriguez, who made the motion to abandon the ballot item, said that the building can be saved if the effort is made.

"This is history," he said, "and once you tear it down, you cannot rebuild it." ✧

WXEL president to sign off in March

By Thomas R. Collins

Palm Beach County public radio station WXEL President Jerry Carr is retiring from the station he has piloted for 13 years.

Carr ushered WXEL's TV and radio operations into the digital age and led the station through repairs after Hurricane Wilma in 2005.

"It's been a phenomenal ride," Carr said. "No question about it."

Carr will depart on March 31. His contract actually ran out at the end of the year, but was extended with Barry University, which runs the station. The interim president will be chief financial officer Bernie Henneberg.

Carr leaves with the potential sale of WXEL still up in the air. Barry University announced four years ago that it intended to sell the station, but the sale is still undone.

A sale to a New York buyer was shot down by the Federal Communications Commission and a potential deal with the Palm Beach County School District never materialized.

Barry spokesman Mike Laderman said nothing new has arisen on the sale front the past two months. He said Carr's departure doesn't lend any urgency to the sale efforts.

"We do not wish to rush into any decisions," he said by e-mail. "Time is our ally, as we look to do what is in the best interest of all parties involved — WXEL's employees, the communities the stations serve, and Barry University."

Carr, who has long been the public face of the station, has been reluctant to discuss the sale, saying that it's being handled by the university and that he isn't a part of the dealings.

He admitted to avoiding media calls on the topic in the past.

He said that the board that ultimately oversees the station after it is sold should understand its fund-raising role. The Barry University board now, he said, is composed of university officials, not fund-raisers.

"I think in the long run, in the long-term, it will be very beneficial for the station when there is a new board of directors and they accept the responsibility that their mission is to raise funds to operate the station

and to oversee without getting involved the operation of the station," Carr said. "That's what it's designed to do. That's what every public broadcasting board is supposed to do."

That said, the financial stability of the station is good, he said, contrary to the view that Barry wants to sell WXEL because it is troubled.

"That's not the case at all. We're doing nicely, thank you," he said.

As he spoke, he said, a TV pledge drive was running ahead of its goal. All of the radio and TV drives have met their goals, he said.

"I can't complain," he said. "The foundations have been good to us. Our donors have been good to us."

Laderman said Carr quickly met the station's goal of adding new local programming, and kept at it for a dozen years.

"His knowledge and understanding of the Treasure Coast, Palm Beach and South Florida audiences, as well as his overall experience, will certainly be missed," he said.

Carr, who worked in the for-profit broadcasting business before coming to WXEL, said he will still work on programming and might serve on WXEL's board after retiring. He said he has enjoyed his time in the non-commercial business more

than anything else.

There have been problems, including a four-year haggle with an insurance company for \$625,000 in roof repairs after Wilma and having to raise \$7 million — above the normal operations budget — to move from analog to digital.

"It's been an interesting time — there hasn't been a day or week that hasn't offered a challenge, but that's what this is all about," Carr said. "I'm one of the lucky ones in that I thoroughly enjoy getting out of bed in the morning and coming to work." ✧



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Delray Beach Needle scare closes beach

Roughly 100 unused hypodermic needles were discovered in the 300 block of North Ocean Avenue the morning of Dec. 24, investigators said. Police and firefighters roped off the area and called in a crew from Universal Beach Services to rake the seashore. Investigators determined the scene was clean by the afternoon, but said more needles were discovered on the sidewalk at about 5:30 p.m. on Christmas Day. It is still unclear how the needles came to be there.

Photo by Jerry Lower

Ocean Ridge

Warning issued after rabid raccoon bites dog near Ocean Ave.

By Margie Plunkett

County and town officials urged residents to keep pets up-to-date on rabies vaccinations after a rabid

raccoon attacked a miniature Doberman at 9 E. Ocean Ave. early in December.

Two family members were expected to undergo precautionary treatment

for rabies and the dog is required to be in double-cage quarantine for six months, according to Tim O'Connor, spokesman for the Palm Beach County Health Department.

Rabies is deadly for animals and humans, according to the Health Department, which said anyone who has come in contact with a raccoon in the area should call 561-840-4500.

The raccoon was confirmed rabid by the Florida State Laboratory in Lantana.

The dog's owners and a veterinarian were evaluated by the Health Department to determine whether they should be given a series of shots used to treat rabies because they had come into contact with the raccoon's saliva on the dog, O'Connor said.

Michael Dubose, listed as owner of 9 E. Ocean Ave. along with Sharon Dubose, declined to comment, although he confirmed the pet, Rusty, is quarantined.

Dr. Rob Martin of Colonial Animal Hospital, where Rusty is being cared for, said the dog's vaccine was four or five months overdue when the incident occurred. "He's doing fine," said the veterinarian, calling Rusty a well-loved pet.

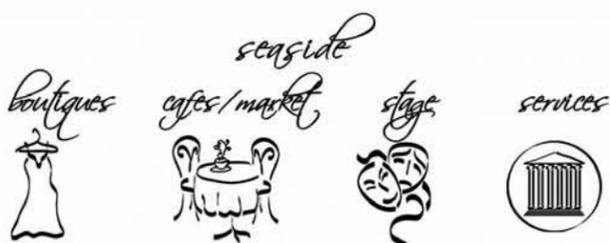
The threat of exposure is probably over, Martin said, but "the potential exposure from this dog to the family could come for up to six months in the eyes of the law. Everybody's desire is to keep the family healthy."

Other animals and staff at Colonial are at zero risk, Martin said, explaining that Rusty is in a separate room. Dr. Jim Weege of Colonial, who saw Rusty initially, wasn't required to be treated for rabies, he said.

Ocean Ridge alerted residents to the attack on its Web site and warned them not to approach animals such as raccoons or attempt to feed them. It reminded residents that all dogs and cats must be confined inside the home or in a fenced yard, currently vaccinated against rabies and wearing a rabies tag.

Health Department spokesman O'Connor said this has been an average season for detected incidence of rabies. Residents have no reason to panic, he said, but warned that they should always keep pets up-to-date with rabies vaccines to protect both pets and family.

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Ocean Ridge / Boynton Beach

Concert series moves from beach back to downtown

By Christina Denardo

In an effort to revitalize Boynton Beach's downtown and save money, the city's Community Redevelopment Agency is moving the annual free concert series from the waterfront to downtown.

It's a return to downtown for the concert series, which was created 14 years ago under a different name, Tunes in Town, to boost city spirit. In 1998, the series moved to Oceanfront Park on A1A in Ocean Ridge.

The monthly waterfront performances were popular, drawing about 400 people at each concert, said Kathy Biscuiti, special events director for Boynton Beach's CRA, which took over the event three years ago when it became a victim of the city's budget cuts.

But because the park was not in the CRA's zone, it couldn't

use taxpayer money to hold the free concerts and had to rely on private donors to pay for them. The concerts cost the agency between \$7,000 and \$10,000 every year.

The agency didn't want to move the series because the venue was popular with concert attendees and it didn't have a problem raising money during the area's economic boom.

"In years past, we had donors and it wasn't that hard," Biscuiti said. "People were used to going there and people didn't want change."

Now organizers have no choice because of the economy. Private donors don't have or won't part with extra cash. State and local budgets are being cut.

But they hope that the additional parking downtown — previously attendees had to take a shuttle to the concerts — and nearby playgrounds

will attract an even bigger and wider audience, including families and young adults.

The 2010 concert series begins Jan. 15 near the Schoolhouse Children's Museum on Ocean Avenue, and

will be held the third Friday of every month through May. The lineup will feature an array of local bands playing country music to calypso. Attendees should bring chairs or blankets "People are looking for a free

night out, and this is something that brings in a lot of people from all over," Biscuiti said. "We want to highlight our downtown. This is going to be a good change."



RABIES:

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Animals that are not current on shots automatically must go into isolated quarantine when bitten by wildlife, whether rabies is confirmed in the attacker or not, O'Connor said.

Capt. Dave Walesky of Palm Beach County Animal Control said residents can have their pets vaccinated at either private veterinarian offices or by Animal Control. Call 561-233-1215 for vaccinations, to report sick wildlife or strays, or to report a person or pet has been bitten by wildlife or stray animals.

- Pay remaining \$1,000 health insurance deductible in 2010 for town employees using \$26,000 from last year's budget surplus.

- Approve placement of eight pedestrian signs in the middle of the road in crosswalks on A1A. The signs tell motorists to stop for pedestrians.

- Pay town employees a \$500 year-end bonus from the contingency account.

- Give retiring Police Officer Gene Rosenberg an \$800 outstanding bonus and his service weapon. Rosenberg will continue to work as a reserve police officer.



In separate news, Ocean Ridge commissioners voted at their December meeting to:

- Draft an ordinance increasing penalties for people failing to obtain building permits. For work under \$5,000, the penalty will be two times the cost of a building permit plus \$200; for work more than \$5,000, it will be four times the cost of a permit. The previous penalty was two times the price of a permit.

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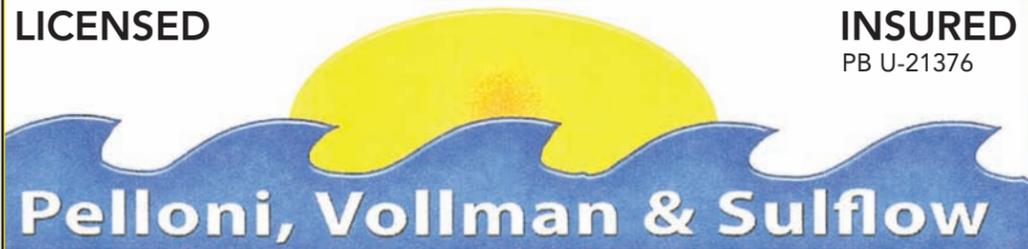
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LEFT: Chelsey Robbins struggles under the weight of one of the bags. **TOP:** Rich Walesky stacks some of the bagged shells onto a pallet to be trucked from Bicentennial Park to the Nature Preserve. **BELOW:** The 'bivalve brigade' line feeds bags of shells to Lantana fishing guide Capt. Danny Barrow as he plops them into place. **Photos by Jerry Lower**



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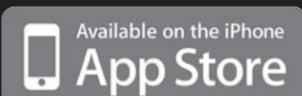
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Briny Breezes

Boynton floats higher figure for Briny water service

By Margie Plunkett

Briny Breezes' appeal to pay lower residential water rates backfired after supplier Boynton Beach denied the request and determined that the seaside town actually should be billed even more.

Boynton Beach said it realized it has been undercharging — for 351 properties instead of a total 488 Briny homes — and Briny Breezes owed \$68,000 more. That debt will be forgiven, but Boynton Beach will not repay a separate \$26,000 it previously

overcharged the smaller town. Briny will end up paying an annual water bill of about \$110,000 now, compared to \$80,000 if it were charged inside rates, Mayor Roger Bennett said, adding that's more than \$40,000 higher than the last one-year period.

At the town's December meeting, Bennett said he has sought the town attorney's advice on Briny's next step in the negotiations.

The plea for lower rates was made after Boynton Beach raised water rates across the board, which translated into 25 percent higher bills for Briny, according to Bennett.

Briny also pays a 25 percent surcharge because it is outside Boynton city limits. Bennett argued that since neighboring Ocean Ridge pays inside rates, Briny should also.

Ocean Ridge pays the rates because when it split from Boynton Beach to form its own municipality in the early 1900s, it entered into an agreement that allowed it to own its water infrastructure and pay inside rates.

Bennett contends Briny also is a former part of Boynton Beach and should be treated

the same as Ocean Ridge. In addition, Boynton Beach has lower costs to service Briny Breezes, he says.

Briny residents don't have meters on their homes. The town is billed for three meters that serve the entire population. In Ocean Ridge, however, Boynton Beach has to read and bill some 800 meters by Bennett's guess.

Water was among the escalating costs that led Briny Breezes to adopt a head-turning millage rate for its budget, assessing residents \$10 per \$1,000 of home value for municipal taxes. The town said it adopted the high rate because it didn't know at the time how much water and services, including police protection, would cost.

"So our millage rate to cover all eventualities is coming to pass," Bennett said at the December meeting. ✧

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Gulf Stream

Electric lines and golf carts get commissioners' attention

By Margie Plunkett

Gulf Stream commissioners are looking into hiring a consultant to determine the feasibility of burying electric lines and determining how much of the study's cost the town's Civic Association would pay. Burying the town's power lines would cost roughly \$3.5 million, according to Bob Ganger, Civic Association president, who said power outages and safety considerations are behind the move. Underground-electric lines would help eliminate outages, particularly during severe weather, he said.

A consultant could cost \$25,000 to \$40,000 for a study, which commissioners would like to address feasibility with the perspective of trying to save money.

Mayor William Koch Jr. directed Town Manager Bill Thrasher and the Civic Association to "get together and talk about participation of this study as a first step" and determine what the town would pay. The mayor contemplated some sort of taxation may have to be used to pay for it, while the longer term project could involve a municipal bond issue.

The Civic Association has

said it would pay for at least half of a study. Ganger said that Jupiter Island's project cost about \$8 million, while Jupiter Inlet Colony, which he said is more comparable to Gulf Stream, was at \$2 million to date in burying its lines.

Separately, the town gave final approval of an ordinance to regulate golf carts with speeds under 20 mph, a move to help police enforce responsible driving. State laws already regulate golf carts with higher speeds that require a driver license.

The ordinance limits the number of people riding in the cart to the number of seats and prohibits standing, towing and children riding on the driver's lap. Golf carts driven at night would be required to have safety equipment including headlights, taillights and turn signals. While the ordinance does not require a driver license, state law doesn't allow anyone younger than 14 to drive the carts. Golf carts are commonly used in town by residents running errands, taking children to and from school and general transportation. The town had received complaints about youths hanging off overloaded golf carts and golf carts towing skateboarders. ✧

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DOME HOME:

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Fuller's home is still standing, more or less, and Cornelius Crane wants to keep it there.

Corny Crane is a founding board member of RBF Domes NFP, a not-for-profit organization founded to preserve Fuller's original dome home and win it national historic status.

"There's two aspects to geodesic homes," Crane says. "They won't fall down in an earthquake, because they're not based on balanced beams, and they're safe in a hurricane, because the wind blows around them."

Fuller dubbed the phenomenon "tensegrity" — the ability to yield increasingly without ultimately breaking.

His home was constructed by a company called Pease Woodworking of Hamilton, Ohio, then assembled on the lot. Not long after, Pease was sold and re-established in Plattsburg, N.Y., as the Geodesic Dome Manufacturing Co., where Don Bedore built Gyora Novak's domes.

"We dealt very heavily with

the hippie crowd, you might say," remembers Bedore, the company's president. "We sold a lot in Vermont. Not to communes, but close to it."

Like Fuller's home, the Manalapan domes are 39 feet in diameter and 16 feet high.

They're assembled from 60 triangles of Douglas fir, each panel numbered, bolted together, then covered by a reinforced concrete exterior.

"My crew can put a dome up in a day," Bedore says.

In other words, the futuristic geodesic dome is, at heart, a form of manufactured housing. But that's not what made them so hip in the 1960s and '70s.

Geodesic domes had a spiritual dimension.

"Throughout the globe, we have endless domes at the top of important spiritual places," Novak points out. "Go to the Vatican, synagogues, mosques. It doesn't matter what religion or culture or historical period. That same sensation of spiritual experience exists when you live in a smaller dome."

"I had people who came to the dome who were sick and were miraculously healed," he says. "It's an amazing experience for anybody."

In time, however, the future caught up with the home of the future.

"They had a phase," says Bedore, "but they were always in and out as far as popularity. After a while we were only doing 25 or 30 a year, so we got out in 1997."

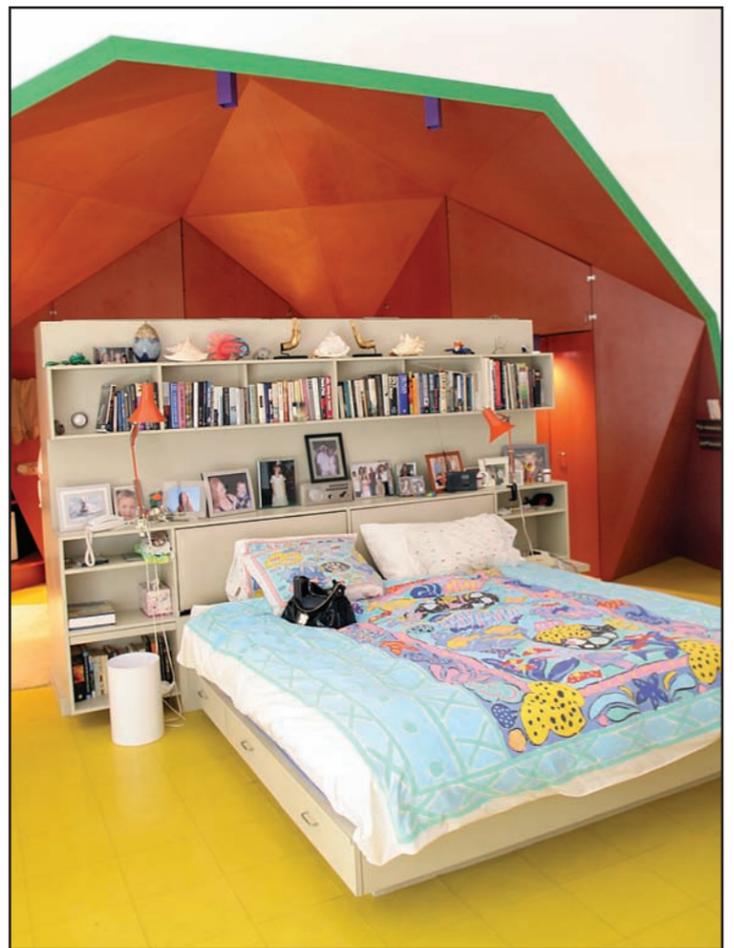
Bedore is 77 now and semi-retired. He still has the equipment to build dome homes, but doesn't advertise.

In 1978, Novak sold his Manalapan dome homes to Stephen and Jeanette Cohen, who have owned it ever since. They declined to speak about the property. However, Realtor Elaine Edwards of Brown Harris Stevens of Palm Beach is quick to emphasize the domes' unique character.

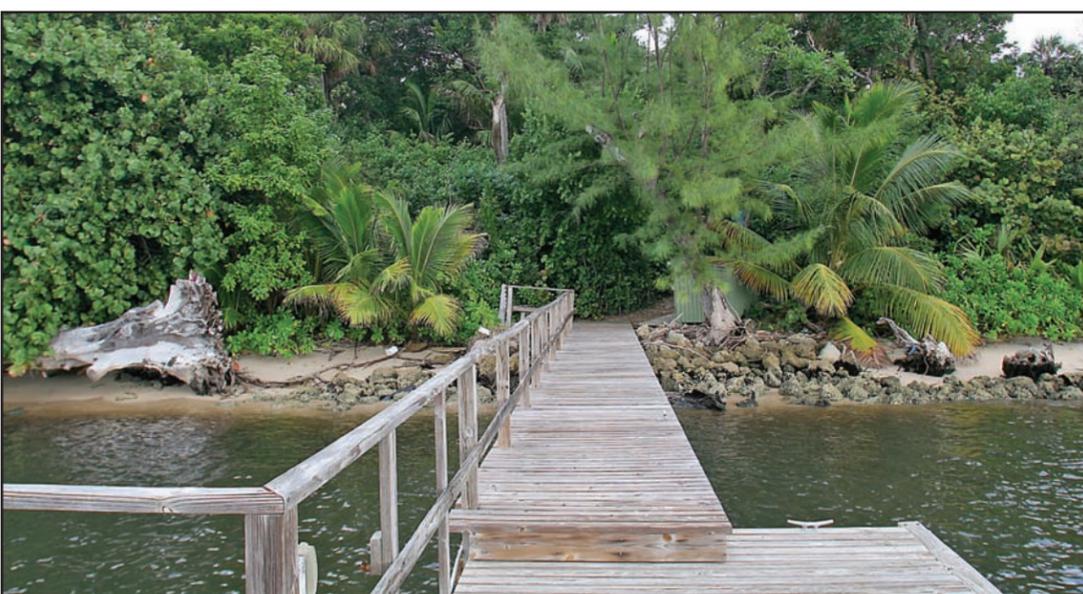
"I hope someone will recognize that it's special, and not just tear them down for the land," she says. "Our goal is to find someone who would preserve the house."

After selling his Manalapan property in 1978, Gyora Novak moved to England and returned in 1997.

He is 76 now, and lives with his wife on a mountain outside Franklin, N.C. — in two geodesic domes.



TOP: Nestled into a mature coastal hammock that is dominated by sea grape trees, the domes are barely visible from State Road A1A. **ABOVE:** The master bedroom includes a dome within a dome that houses the master bath and closets, and shields the bed from view. **LEFT:** A colorful spiral staircase provides access to interior storage space **FAR LEFT:** The dock on the west side of the property leads into the mature trees that shield the dome homes from the Intracoastal Waterway. **Photos by Tim Stepien**



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Along the Coast 2009 a year of rejuvenation

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2. The bridge tender's house got a major spruce-up at the Linton Bridge in Delray. Some said the bridge tender's house looked like a prison guard tower, but that's no longer the case. After a \$229,000 remodel — completed in April and paid for by the city of Delray Beach and the county — the bridge tender's new digs has a Key West look, with a new metal roof and hurricane-resistant windows and doors.

3. Sandoway House Nature Center named a new executive director. Say hello to Chris Koch, the guy in charge of day-to-day operations at Sandoway since mid-September. If you're a regular at the South Florida Science Museum or the Palm Beach Zoo, you may already know him because he formerly worked at those places. He's a graduate of Palm Beach Atlantic University.



4. Surf Sliders restaurant opened on Atlantic Avenue in December, with a surfing theme, at the corner of Atlantic and A1A, just north of Boston's. (See Thom Smith's Along the Avenues, Pages 4 & 5.)

5 & 6. A pair of luxury beach hotels debuted. The Omphoy (5), a 134-room boutique beach resort built from the bones of the old Hilton Hotel, opened in August. A sleek and contemporary hotel with an Asian feel, the Omphoy arrived with a Michelle Bernstein restaurant and New York-based Exhale Spa. The Seagate Hotel & Beach Club (6), a 162-room seaside hotel in Delray, began welcoming guests in November with a street-level spa featuring a Bikram Yoga studio and chef Adam Gottlieb, formerly of the Palm Beach Yacht Club, presiding over the cuisine at the Atlantic Grille. The British Colonial-style clubhouse is set in the same spot previously occupied by a private beach club, which had been around since 1932.



7. Delray completed a major reclaimed-water project. The effort delivers reused water for irrigation to the east side of the Intracoastal Waterway, from Atlantic Avenue north to Beach Drive.

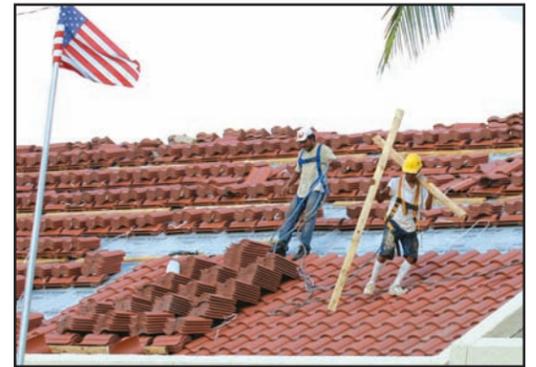
8. Two fourth-grade classrooms were remodeled at Gulf Stream School. And a new classroom was added by remodeling storage space. The \$140,000 project was done during the summer break, when hurricane windows were added and more energy-efficient air conditioners were installed. The school used green designs and eco-friendly materials, like all-natural bulletin boards and non-toxic paints with no volatile organic compounds. Electronics and furniture no longer needed were donated to charities and new desks were made of fortified recycled wood. Native



Diego Feliciano hands a custom-cut roof tile to another worker. The north jetty is seen in the background. Photo by [unreadable]

Florida plants were used in landscaping and teachers are using LCD projectors to show documents on white boards in order to reduce paper consumption.

9. Gulf Stream's Town Hall got a new roof. The barrel tile roof was a \$36,400 job, but the work didn't end there. The town also installed impact windows and doors at a cost of \$60,700, and made stucco repairs to Town Hall and the police station for \$36,400.



10. Manalapan's Town Hall also has a new tile roof. It was a \$40,000 project.

11. Vin's Gulfstream Texaco & Food Mart at 5002 N. Ocean Blvd., near Briny Breezes, did a major renovation in July. They installed a 16,000-gallon gas tank, put in new plumbing and electrical and gave the station a fresh coat of paint. The project cost \$200,000.

12. The Coastal Star office opened at 5011 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge, in September. It's in the shop previously occupied by Garment Care International dry cleaners.

13. A new sand transfer plant was built at the Boynton Inlet. It's been 42 years since the last plant was replaced. The transfer plant, jetties and the sea wall around Bird Island were reconstructed in a \$7 million project extended through November. The plant redistributes sand that shifts because of the inlet.

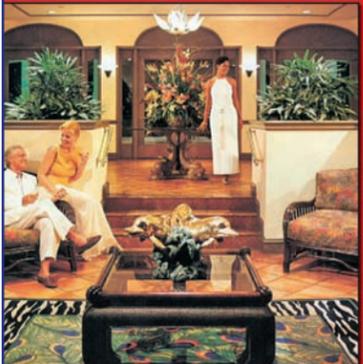


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Another worker as they complete the roof of the new sand transfer plant at the Boynton Inlet. Photo by Jerry Lower



14. In Ocean Ridge, Florida Power and Light did a major power pole replacement over the summer that had traffic tied up. Concrete poles replaced wooden ones from River Drive south to Harbor Drive. The new, hardened poles will stand up to hurricanes better, town officials say.

15. There's a new breakwater going in off Ocean Ridge to restore the natural reef covered by beach renourishment.

The mitigation reef, within an area of about 16 acres, should make great snorkeling, according to Palm Beach County Environmental Resource Management. Farther offshore another reef is under construction. (See story, Page 7.)

16. The Department of Transportation wrapped up its work on A1A from Manalapan south to the Boynton Inlet. The 3-mile stretch on State Road A1A south of The Ritz-Carlton was completed early in the year and was part of an overall \$10.4 million project to repave roadway and improve drainage, landscaping, signs and lighting.

17. South-Pacific-resort-style mansion "Acqua Liana," the largest LEED-certified house in the United States, was completed in March. Developer Frank McKinney's 15,000-square-foot Manalapan home has seven bedrooms and 11 bathrooms and a wall that is part of of giant aquarium, with 60 fish swimming around in it. Builders used low or no-VOC paint. Rainwater collectors allow for a 68 percent reduction in the use of potable water. And the house would use 45 percent more energy if it weren't built "green."

18 & 19. Two five-star resorts launched snazzy new spas. First, The Four Seasons (18) unveiled its 11,000-square-foot spa, designed by Canadian interior designer and Palm Beach resident Brian Gluckstein. It has 12 treatment rooms, multiple relaxation areas, private wet areas with rejuvenating whirlpools and steam rooms and men's salon where nail and hair services and hot shaves are offered. In March, The Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach opened its 42,000-square-foot Eau Spa (19), with an emphasis on sensory experiences with touches of wet and whimsy and blended with baroque designs and modern accents. Any of the spa's 19 villas can be customized to suit the tastes of customers. Color therapy through LED lighting defines wall colors with shades outlined by ancient cultures that evoke specific moods.

20. The Courtyard Café & Grille opened in March in Plaza del Mar after a total renovation. It's located at 244 S, Ocean Blvd., where Café del Mar used to be, and is open for breakfast and lunch.

21. The William O. Lockhart Municipal Pier at Lake Worth Beach reopened in May. Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in 2004 tore the 960-foot fishing pier, but it's back in business now. The eastern portion of the pier was built 5 feet higher than the old one to reduce the risk of wave damage caused by future storms. Lake Worth persuaded the Federal Emergency Management Agency to cover the \$1 million additional cost to elevate the pier. FEMA paid 90 percent of the \$3.4 million reconstruction cost, while the state and the city paid 5 percent each. The original pier was constructed in 1959.

22. Palm Beach's Par 3 Golf Course underwent a \$4.5 million facelift. The 50-year-old club course, with 39 acres and 18 holes, re-opened in December following an eight-month renovation, with a new irrigation system and salt-tolerant grass requiring less watering.



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Food

Super dips and brews that will Bowl you over

By Jan Norris & Dan Oliver

Super Bowl fans or even those who secretly show up only for the commercials, are too antsy to sit down to real food. The portable dips and chips or breads are a much better choice for hitting a variety of palates.

Here, we offer up four flavorful ones with a tropical taste, and a classic deviled egg dip, while our resident beer expert, Dan Oliver, aptly pairs the best brew to each flavor profile.

Here's to your team — or commercial!

Black bean dip

The heat can be adjusted on this with the cayenne; add more or less to your taste.

1 large onion, quartered
1 celery rib, cut into chunks
½ green pepper, cut into wide strips



Photo illustration by Tim Stepien

4 cloves garlic, peeled
3 slices thick bacon
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1 1/2 teaspoons packaged taco seasoning
pinch cayenne pepper
1 16-ounce can black beans, drained
1 teaspoon chopped fresh cilantro
Sour cream, for garnish
Chopped green onions, for garnish

Cut celery into 3 or 4 chunks, and onion into quarters. Cut pepper into strips. Pulse vegetables in food processor or chopper until minced. In a skillet, cook bacon over medium heat. When bacon begins to render fat, add garlic. Cook garlic until tender and slightly tan. Continue to cook bacon until crisp; drain on paper toweling. Put bacon in food processor

with cooked garlic, garlic powder, taco seasoning, cayenne, minced vegetables and drained black beans. Pulse process until beans are mashed but chunks of vegetables remain. Stir in cilantro. Garnish with dollop of sour cream and sprinkle with green onions, if desired. Serve with tortilla chips for dipping.

Dan Oliver's Beer Pairing:

What we have here is earthy (beans) and herby (cilantro). Did you know cilantro is basically the leaves of the coriander plant? Why not keep it all in the family and choose an earthy, spicy beer with coriander already added?

My first choice would be La Chouffe, my favorite Belgian Ale. A Witbier would work as well. If you want to stay with the Mexican theme, I'd go with the full-flavored Negra Modelo.

Cheesy Buffalo Chicken Wing Dip

This is one of the most popular recipes I ever published. I've adapted it here for full cheese flavor. If you're cutting calories, in place of cheeses, use 1 cup of light blue cheese salad dressing and replace Monterey jack with feta cheese.

2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
3/4 cup Franks Red Hot Wing sauce (more or less as desired)
1 cup crumbled blue cheese
2 chicken breasts, cooked, diced or shredded
1 cup Monterey jack cheese
Put all ingredients into a saucepot, or a small Crock-Pot. Cook on medium-low heat until cheeses are melted. Reduce heat to low and cook 30 minutes to blend flavors. Serve with scoop-like corn or tortilla chips — or flatbreads.

Dan Oliver's Beer Pairing:

There are three roads to take here; light, cold lager to cut the heat; sweet lager or ale to cut the heat; or spicy ale to match it. Helles or Dortmunder should fill the first bill.

A strong Belgian Golden Ale or Sweet Stout the second and an IPA or Saison the third. I opted for Penn Gold, a Munich-style Helles brewed not too far from Buffalo.

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Swamp cabbage hummus

We natives know hearts of palm as swamp cabbage — and cook it as a cabbage with bacon and onion. In hummus, it substitutes for often-added artichoke hearts: simply cut up and blend with the chickpeas.

- 1 16-ounce can garbanzo beans (chickpeas), drained
- 1 cup chopped hearts of palm, drained
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled
- juice of 2 lemons, plus a grating of lemon peel
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- olive oil for topping

Combine all ingredients except olive oil in the bowl of a food processor. With machine running, slowly drizzle in olive oil as the ingredients are being processed to a creamy consistency. Serve hummus with toasted pita points that have been sprinkled with olive oil and cumin.

Dan Oliver's Beer Pairing:

We're back down to earthy here and your favorite Hefeweizen will do the trick nicely. Flying Dog In-Heat Wheat may sound kind of wacky, but it's an excellent example of the traditional German style. However, if clove and banana flavors are not your cup of tea, a nice mild English Brown, such as Newcastle, won't swamp your taste buds.

Bacon and roasted pineapple dip

Don't scoff — especially when we tell you to roast the pineapple first. This is what pretzels were made for.

- 2 16-ounce cans pineapple chunks, drained well
- 4 strips smoked bacon, cooked crisp, crumbed
- 1 - 1/2 packages Neufchatel (farmer's) cheese, softened

1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic
1 green onion, finely chopped
Heat oven to 400. Spread pineapple chunks on a non-stick baking sheet and roast for 15-20 minutes until starting to color. (Alternately, if you have a grill going, skewer pineapple and toast over flames until beginning to char.) Put other ingredients into the bowl of a food processor and mix well. Add charred pineapple and pulse to chop roughly. Serve with pretzel crackers.

Dan Oliver's Beer Pairing:

Cheez Whiz, Jan, you're throwin' the kitchen sink at me here! Smoky, sweet, salty and cheesy?

I think we've got to go to the dark side on this one, a Doplebock or Robust Porter... The winner is Left Hand Black Jack Porter, an English version of the style that I believe has enough sweetness not to clash with the pineapple.

Deviled egg dip

Nothing says football like deviled eggs. But it's work doing deviling for a party group — so turn them into a dip with a kick instead. Serve with rye party toasts or rye bagel bites with party sausages on the side.

- 1 dozen hard-boiled eggs — (see note)
- 2 green onions, finely chopped
- 1 small jalapeño pepper
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 6 hard cooked eggs
- 1 tbsp. fresh parsley
- 1 tbsp. scallions, minced
- 1/4 cup Miracle Whip
- 1 teaspoon spicy brown mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- pinch chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 tablespoon prepared horseradish
- 1/4 teaspoon celery seed
- Slice eggs in half and remove yolks to large mixing bowl. Chop whites finely, add to bowl with remainder of ingredients

and combine.

Note: 1 teaspoon baking soda added to the egg water before boiling helps eggs peel easily.

Dan Oliver's Beer Pairing:

Deviled egg on rye? What, we're a Deli now? I'm thinking nothing overly bold, a Kolsch, maybe a Blonde Ale. But the devil is in the details, and what's the best way to battle the devil? A monk.

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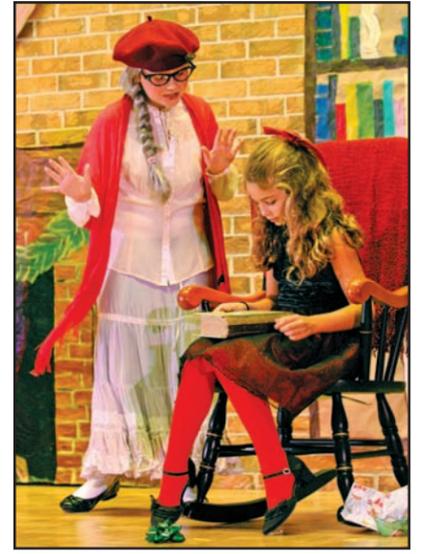
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Scenes of the Season



Holiday play celebrates literacy

Gulf Stream School's annual Holiday Play celebrated the school's emphasis on reading. **ABOVE:** Corrina Mullen reacts to receiving a book from a character played by Serena Martin. **LEFT:** Kindergartner Kyra Kosinski pauses to wave to her sister and a friend during dress rehearsal. **Photos by Jerry Lower**



Boynton & Delray Beach Boat Parade

The parade drew a bigger selection of participating boats than in past years. Here, Capt. Scott Hilleman and the crew of Reel Nauti, from Delray beach, combine transporting Santa and his reindeer with a little billfish action to take first place in the 30-foot and under division. They were heading south of the Woolbright Bridge on the Intracoastal Waterway. **Photo by Tim Stepien**



Progressive party lights up Ocean Ridge

Guests chat and mingle at the Fayette home of Craig Smart and Diane Basara during the 11th Annual Luminary Walk, a progressive block party, held Dec. 13. The party started on Fayette Drive with wine and cheese, and moved onto Sailfish Lane for nibbles and punch. It ended on Hersey Drive with dessert and coffee. **Photo by Tim Stepien**



Ocean Ridge still 'Lights the Lights'

While this year's party to ring in Christmas was slightly smaller in scale than previous years, it was not less festive. **LEFT:** Blake Martel and Vanessa Ritota flip the switch to turn on the decorative lights at Ocean Ridge Town Hall. **BELOW:** Issabella Urso, granddaughter of Marie Sieling, gets her face painted. **Photos by Jerry Lower**



Rain hardly dampens Delray Beach parade

TOP: Rain didn't wreck the holiday spirit of Gulf Stream Girl Scout Troop 006 as they marched along Atlantic Ave. **ABOVE:** Suzy Sims, of the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, waves to the crowd while driving a dignitary in the parade. **RIGHT:** Girl Scout Cadets Alex Kaleel, Ocean Ridge and Isabella Kneider, Boca Raton, distribute candy canes to the crowd. **FAR RIGHT:** Benjamin Kauth rides on the shoulders of his mom, April, while they distribute cookies from the Seagate Hotel to the crowd. **Photos by Jerry Lower**



10 Questions

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Kathy Fazio

Kathy Fazio's family grew from 2 to 27 children in eight years.

After her daughter and son left home, Fazio heard that Paul's Place, an after-school program for neighborhood children at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach, needed volunteers.

"Working with at-risk children right here in the local community had great appeal for me," she said. "I had worked with Big Brothers Big Sisters in Boston."

Years ago, some children had found the church's playground — and some adults who were willing to help them with homework, Fazio explains. "The church recognized the need and formalized the program in 2000."

In 2001, Fazio began volunteering by cooking a meal, one day a week. Soon, she was cooking every day. Then the program needed a new director, "and I found my hand going up," she said.

Now, she's the everything person. "Mine is a wide and varied position, believe me," she said. She shops, cooks, works on administrative duties, drives and fundraises.

"We have an annual budget of \$100,000, and it's my responsibility to raise that, and that's not in my background," she said.

Nevertheless, the school is thriving. It has grown to 27 children ages 7 to 17, mostly Haitian-Americans.

She didn't do it alone, she emphasizes. She takes a neighbors-helping-neighbors approach, and thanks many who volunteer time and money.

On staff with her is an FAU graduate student, Denise Copeland, and a social worker, Flore Die.

"We are lucky," she said. "This time of year, a lot of people from the barrier island volunteer over here with cooking and driving."

"Most of the dollars we raise — about 40 percent — come from individual donations from people from Delray Beach, Gulf Stream and Manalapan," she said. "For grants, we have a local family foundation and the church. We have a beautiful garden, thanks to the Grass River Garden Club.



Surrounded by a few of her '27 adoptive children' at Paul's Place, Kathy Fazio found a job she loves after coming home to coastal Delray Beach with her husband, John. Her daughter Annie is now 22 and in Washington, D.C. Her son Jay is a junior at Southern Methodist University. In her spare time, she keeps her hand in the investment business. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

Sandoway House Nature Center and CROS Ministries have helped us out with scholarships for summer-camp programs. Gulf Stream School has been good to us, giving us food, clothes and even Christmas trees for the families."

In the process of all this, Fazio has learned patience and that you don't have to be a big organization to make a difference. "To know us is to love us," she said.

— Christine Davis

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

A. I grew up in Grosse Pointe, Mich. I went to school there until the 10th grade, when I went away to boarding school in New York. I graduated and attended Pine Manor Junior College in Chestnut Hill, Mass., and graduated from Rollins College in Winter Park with a BA in history and political science.

Q. How did you become involved with Paul's Place

After School Program at St. Paul's?

A. As my two children got older and went away to boarding school, I felt the need to fill up my "empty nest." I more than accomplished this by volunteering for Paul's Place and eventually becoming the director. I now have 27 children each day.

Q. What is the most challenging part of your job?

A. The most challenging part is doing everything from soup to nuts. I do the grocery shopping; I cook; I tutor; I drive; I schedule; I oversee staff and volunteers; I referee; I care-take and I fundraise. I love every minute!

Q. What other work experiences have you had; what were the highlights?

A. My background was in the investment business in Boston with several mutual fund companies.

When I moved to Delray and had a young family, I started my own home-based stationery business that I eventually sold after 10 years.

The stationery business allowed me to meet many, many of my barrier island neighbors, who have since become instrumental in the success of Paul's Place.

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

A. Be dedicated and focused. Stop texting and put your cell phone away!

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

A. My maternal grandmother (Mrs. William C. Mudgett) moved to the barrier island in the early 1960s. We would visit her, and eventually my parents bought a vacation home on Nassau Street. I have been coming to the area since 1965. My husband, John, loves to deep-sea fish and has a wonderful boat.

After the birth of our daughter, we decided that living in Boston was no longer for us, so we decided to give Delray a try. It was immediately as if we were moving home. Everything felt so right.

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

A. My brothers, Clif and Charlie, are my mentors and role models.

They are committed to family, friends and community. They are responsible yet fun-loving.

Q. What book are you reading now?

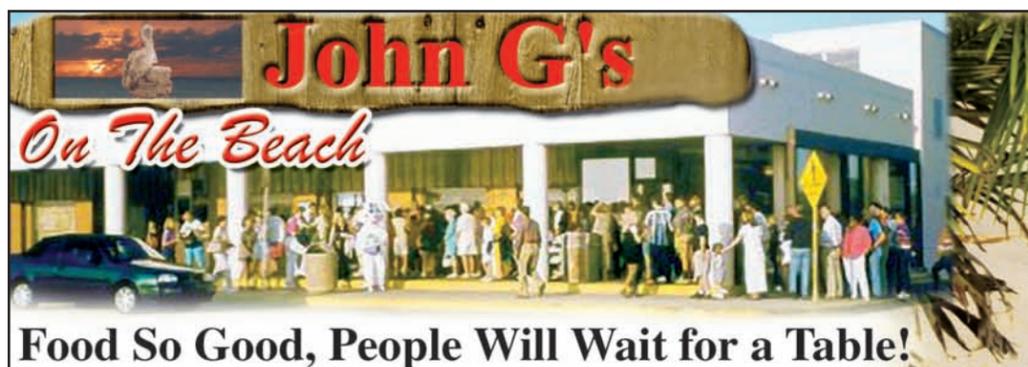
A. *The Tender Bar*. The message it gives to me is that sometimes in life people don't have parents and families to guide them, so it is useful to get certain truths from outsiders like teachers, social workers or volunteers at mentoring programs.

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

A. Motown music both inspires and relaxes.

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

A. Life is short. Eat dessert first!



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Jade Stepien was born Dec. 21, 2009, at 1:53 pm to loving parents, Tim Stepien and Kirsten Siegel of Ocean Ridge. She arrived weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 18 inches long.

Photo by Tim Stepien



Surf Champs: Menehune Division (age 11 and under) contestants prepare to paddle out for their final competition during the Eastern Surfing Association's annual Boyton Beach contest held at Oceanfront Park Dec. 5 & 6. Photo by Tom Warnke

MVP

Devon Smith, of Hypoluxo Island poses after receiving the Most Valuable Player Award for his team at Bucky Dent's Baseball school in Delray Beach. Devon has been attending the baseball school for four years and was recognized for being a great addition to the camp. Photo provided



Olympic gold!

Mike and Sue Thaler of Briny Breezes competed in the Florida Senior Games State Championships held in Cape Coral Dec. 5-13. Mike took home a gold medal in the 55-59 age group in Men's Singles Tennis and picked up a silver medal in Men's Singles Pickleball, a sport that's similar to badminton and tennis. Photo provided

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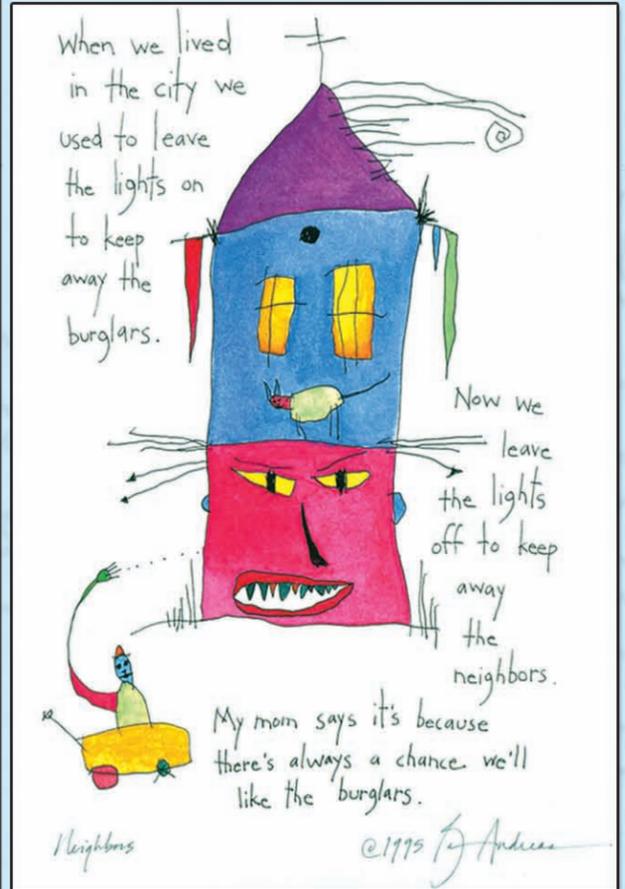
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Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 12/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

JANUARY 2

Saturday - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup is held at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 8-10:30 am. Free. 734-9128.
1/2 - Boynton Green Market - now at two locations: Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave. and Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N. Congress. 8 am-1 pm. Every Saturday. 752-8598.
1/2 - Delray Greenmarket - new location: in the street on SE 4th Ave. just south of Atlantic Ave. Every Saturday. 8 am-1 pm. 276-7511.
1/2 - Oceanside Farmers Market is held on J Street, between Lake and Lucerne Aves., downtown Lake Worth. Open Saturdays year-round. 8 am-1 pm. 547-3100.
1/2 - Going Nuts for the Holidays - More than 400 nutcrackers are displayed at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Through 1/25. Library hours. Free. 266-9490.
1/2 - "He Said, She Said" Photography Exhibit features photographs of Carole and Dennis Usdan of Boynton Beach through 1/19 at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Library Hours. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.
1/2 - Some Enchanted Evening is the annual fundraiser for the Delray Beach Playhouse Children's Theatre at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 2 and 8 pm. \$25. 272-1281, Ext. 4.

1/2&3 - Lake Worth Art League Outdoor Show - View and purchase works by local artists at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Free. 9:30 am-4 pm. 586-8666.

JANUARY 3-9

Sunday - 1/3 - Yoga with Live Music is held every Sunday at the Colony Hotel, 525 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 9:30-11 am. \$20. 703-1236 or www.colonyyoga.com.
1/3 - Who is the Dalai Lama and why does he love South Florida? is presented by Dr. Nathan Katz at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at the northeast corner of Lucerne Ave. and North Palmway in downtown Lake Worth. 6:30 pm. Lecture preceded by community potluck supper at 5:30 pm. 582-6609.
1/4 - Quilting Bee - twice monthly quilting class at the Delray Beach Public Library. Offered again 1/25. 10 am. Free. 266-9490.
1/4 - Fine Art Photography Classes begin at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Master instructor teaches beginner through master level for afternoon or evening enrollment. 243-7922, Ext. 317.
1/4 - AmeriCorps Volunteer - A literacy AmeriCorps member is available M-Th at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Tutoring and homework help available. 2:30-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6396.
1/4 - P.T. Barnum: America's Greatest Showman is presented by author Philip B. Kunhardt, III at the Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$5/members, \$20/includes museum admission. 655-2833.
1/4 - Baby Care Prenatal Class at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Topics include: ensuring your newborn's health, safety and well-being, car seat safety, childcare, coping skills and more. 5-8 pm. \$35. 369-2229.
1/4 - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 54, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach meets the first Monday of each month at Boynton Beach Boat Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy. 8 pm. Boaters and non-boaters welcome. 703-3844.
Tuesday - 1/5 - Family Storytime and activities are held at the Boynton Beach City Library for infants-age 5. 10-10:45 am. Held again 1/12, 19 & 26. 742-6380.
1/5 - ITTY-Bits Volleyball is held for ages 3-5 at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Children learn skills and movements in a non-competitive, educational environment with the help of their parents. 10-11 am. Runs through 2/16. \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident. 742-6550.
1/5 - How to Haiku with poet P. Scott Cunningham is presented in partnership with the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Rd., Delray Beach. Bring pad, pen and a light wrap as you stroll the grounds while writing your own haiku. 10 am-noon. \$11 group rate admission with mention of Palm Beach Poetry Festival. RSVP: 756-4298.
1/5 - Ice Age Fossil Exhibit - See over 100 fossils of creatures that roamed Florida over 10,000 years ago at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. T-Sat., 10 am-4 pm, Sun., noon-4 pm through 1/31. \$4/ages 3 and up, Free/members. 274-7263.
1/5 - Pinball Palooza: The Art, The History, The Game continues at the Cornell Museum at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Learn the history of the pinball machine from the 1930's to today. T-Sat./10:30am-4:30 pm; Sun./1-4:30 pm. \$4/Seniors & Students, \$2/ages 5-12. Free/Ages under 5. 243-7922.
1/5 - Wild Western Alaska - presented by Ocean Ridge photographer Joyce Bruck at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.
1/5 - Video Games @ Your Library is held at the Boynton Beach City Library for grades k-5. Held again 1/19. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6380.
1/5 - Naming the Jewish Disappeared: Nathan Englander, the Holocaust and the Junta is presented by Ezra Cappell in the Performing Arts Building at Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton. 4 pm. Free. 297-2979.
1/5 - Creative Writing Workshop - presented by suspense author Art Adkins at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.
Wednesday - 1/6 - Tots 'n Tales Storytime and activities for ages 3-23 months is held at the Boynton Beach City Library. 9:45-10:30 am. Held again 1/13, 20 & 27. 742-6390.
1/6 - Famous Cartoonists of Old Delray - exhibit continues through 1/29 at the 1926 Florida Bungalow, 3 NE First St., Delray Beach. Cartoons from the archives of The Delray Beach

Historical Society. 10 am-4 pm, W-Fri. and by appointment. 243-2577 or www.DB-HS.org.
1/6 - Ready, Set, Read Storytime - Ages 3-5 listen to stories, sing, dance and make a craft at the Boynton Beach City Library. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. Held again 1/13, 20&27. 742-6390.
1/6 - Spanish Conversation Group - presented by Barbara Wolk at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.
1/6 - Heart Symposium: Atrial Fibrillation and Mini Maze Procedure - presented by Geoffrey Lynn, M.D. and Daniel Goldman, M.D., at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.
1/6 - Burning Bowl Ceremony is held at Unity of Delray Beach, corner of Swinton Ave. and NW 22nd St. 7 pm. 276-5796.
1/6 - Unforgettable Moments in Campaign History is presented by Dr. Robert Watson at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. as part of the 14th Annual Cultural Series. 7:30 pm. Event held again 1/7. \$25/single ticket. Complete series tickets/information: 588-8889.
Thursday - 1/7 - Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast is held at the Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. Keynote speaker is Trent Gamble, former Miami Dolphin and now a minister at Calvary Chapel in Ft. Lauderdale. 7:15 am. 279-1380, Ext. 20. \$20. 279-0907.
1/7 - Boynton Beach Library Quilters meet every Thursday from 9-11:30 am at the Boynton Beach City Library. Free. 742-6390.
1/7 - Two by Two Storytime and activities for ages 24-35 is held at the Boynton Beach City Library. 10-10:45 am. Held again 1/14, 1/21, 1/28. 742-6390.
1/7 - Memories, Milestones, Memories: A Writing Workshop is taught by Emily Rosen at the James Rutherford Community Center at Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Rd., Boca Raton. 10 am-12:30 pm. \$72/Palm Beach County residents, \$90/others. Four sessions: 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28. 367-7035.
1/7 - Dance to Your Own Beat - Ages 1-5 move using musical instruments, scarves, balls and a parachute at the Boynton Beach City Library. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. 742-6390.
1/7 - Lunch with Liz @ the Library brown-bag program for women features "This Is Your Life," based on the insights of Dr. Phil. Noon-1:30 pm. Delray Beach Public Library. 266-9490.
1/7 - Jack Hanna appears at the Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. The host of TV's *Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure*, he's considered one of the nation's foremost animal experts. 2 pm. \$25-40. 243-7922, Ext. 1 or www.oldschool.org.
1/7 - The Traffickers - presented by author W.E.B. Griffin at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.
1/7 - Read with Hogan the Reading Dog at the Boynton Beach City Library. Each reader gets 10 minutes with Hogan. All ages. Also held 1/14, 1/21 & 1/28. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6380.
1/7 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium - presented by Miguel Lopez-Viego, M.D., Medical Director of the Bethesda Center for Surgical Weight Reduction at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Offered again 2/4. 6:30 pm. Free. 737-7733 ext. 4688.
Friday - 1/8 - Parker Ladd's Author Breakfast Series continues with Hanna Pakula, *The Last Empress: Madame Chiang Kai Chek* and Susan Nagel, *Marie Therese, Child of Terror: The Fate of Marie Antoinette's Daughter* in the ballroom at Cafe Boulard at The Brazilian Court Hotel, 301 Australian Ave., Palm Beach. 8:45-10 am. \$100 includes breakfast, valet parking and a copy of one of the featured books. 366-4301.
1/8 - Solar Science field trip begins at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Meet at 1 pm, and travel by van to Florida Atlantic University for a science lecture. Ages 7 and up. Adult must participate with children. \$7/members, \$10 non-members. Held again 2/5. 338-1473.
1/8 - Bob Roberts Society Orchestra - Dance to music from the '20's, '30's and '40's at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. every Friday. 1:30-3:30 pm. \$4. 742-6240.
1/8 - Dinner and Classic Movies at The Palms is presented by Church of the Palms Men's Club in the Church Friendship Center, 1960 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Dinner followed by *The Sound of Music*. 5:30 pm. \$8. All are welcome. 276-6347.
1/8 - Gallery Opening and Artist Reception is held at Clay, Glass, Metal, Stone Cooperative Gallery at 605 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Meet artists and enjoy a wine tasting. 6-9 pm. 588-8344 or www.clayglassmetalstone.com.
1/8 - 2012: Science or Superstition documentary film is shown at Unity of Delray

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1/8 - Deborah Shilian and Diane Stuckart speak and sign their new books, *Dead Air* and *Bolt From the Blue* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790.

Saturday - 1/9 - Mangrove Planting at Phipps Ocean Park, 2145 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. More than 12,000 mangroves will be planted as part of the Ibis Isle Restoration Project. Held again 1/23. 8 am - noon. 233-2437.

1/9 - Last Chance Vegetable Gardening in South Florida workshop is held at Mounds Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. 9 am-noon. \$35/members, \$45/non-members. 233-1757.

1/9 - Family Studio: Just Bead It! is held at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Learn about Zulu artists and create your own wire and bead sculptures. \$5. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. 832-5196.

1/9 - 5th Annual Children & Parents Day Winter Wonderland is hosted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History at the Boynton Woman's Club, 1010 S. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Noon-4 pm. \$20. 712-9221.

1/9 - Tea Ceremony Workshop is held at the Morikami Museum Tea House, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. Learn the basics of Sado. 1-3:30 pm. \$35. 495-0233, Ext. 210.

1/9&10 - 23rd Annual Boca Fest is held at The Shops of Boca Center, 5250 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton. Art show features an eclectic mix of artists. 10 am-5 pm. 954-472-3755.

JANUARY 10-16

Sunday - 1/10 - Garden Tour to Benefit the Roger M. Daubach Foundation is held at Beverly Meyers' home at 1820 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. 10 am-2 pm. \$25. Tickets available at several local locations: 407-733-3741.

1/10 - 33rd Annual Oshogatsu Celebration takes place at Morikami Museum and Japanese Garden, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. 2010/Year of the Tiger family festival: music, lion dancing, taiko drumming and Kirin Beer Garden. 10 am-5 pm. \$10/adults, \$5/children 4-17, Free/members and infants. 495-0233.

1/10 - Garden Digital Photography Workshop is held at Mounds Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. A digital single lens reflex camera is required. Noon-2 pm. \$100/members, \$125/non-members. 233-1757 or www.mounds.org.

1/10 - Eleventh Annual Author's Showcase - Local authors speak briefly about their books as they meet the public at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/10 - Secrets of the Scribe: A Mezuzah Discovery Fair is held at the Lantana Recreation Center, 418 S. Dixie Hwy. Rabbi Klein demonstrates the ancient art of Jewish calligraphy and explains the meaning of Mazuzah. Demonstrations at 2&4 pm. Mezuzah scrolls and covers for sale. Free. 351-1633.

1/10 - "Observations" Exhibit Opening at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd., features pastels by South Palm Beach resident Dorothy Polayes. 2-4 pm. Complementary refreshments. Free. 588-8889.

1/10 - Major Gifts Evening of Valor is presented by the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach at Woodfield Country Club, 3650 Club Place, Boca Raton. Keynote speakers are co-hosts of MSNBC's *Morning Joe*. 6 pm. \$85 plus minimum gift to 2010 campaign. 852-3160.

Monday - 1/11 - Great Books discussion group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the Boynton Beach City Library. 10 am-noon. 742-6380.

1/11 - Job Seeker Services - Workforce Alliance mobile resource unit helps job seekers at the Boynton Beach City Library. 10 am - 1 pm. Free. 742-6380.

1/11 - 4th Annual Lymphoma Research Foundation Luncheon is held at St. Andrews Country Club, 17557 Claridge Oval West, Boca Raton. Fashion show by Neiman Marcus. 11:30 am. \$125. 646-465-9101.

1/11 - Bethesda Inaugural Pro-Am Golf Tournament - Hosted by LPGA greets Beth Daniel & Meg Mallon at The Falls Country Club, 6455 Jog Rd., Lake Worth. \$10/gallery tickets Shotgun start at noon. 737-7733 ext. 5600.

1/11 - Comfort Dolls Project is conducted by the Women's Fellowship of Church of the Palms during their luncheon/meeting in the Church Friendship Center, 1960 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Make huggable Comfort Dolls for underprivileged children. Noon. 276-6347.

1/11 - Boynton Beach in Vintage Postcards - Brown Bag presentation at the Boynton Beach City Library. Noon-1 pm. Free. 742-6390.

1/11 - Great Documentaries Film Series - Man on Wire is shown at the Delray Beach Public Library. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490.

Municipal Meetings

1/4 - Ocean Ridge - first Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 6 pm. Agenda at www.oceanridgeflorida.com

1/5 & 1/19 - Delray Beach - first & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 N.W. 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda at www.mydelraybeach.com.

1/7 - Gulf Stream - normally second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Moved up one day to Thursday in January. Agenda in clerk's office.

1/11 & 1/25 - Lantana - second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. 7 pm. Agenda at www.lantana.org.

1/26 - Manalapan - fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. 9:30 am. Agenda at www.manalapan.org.

1/26 - South Palm Beach - fourth Tuesday in the South Palm Beach Town Hall Council Chambers, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7:30 pm. Agenda at town hall.

1/28 - Briny Breezes - fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N. Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda at www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

1/11 - No Biz Like Show Biz: A Conversation About Big Time Producing with Vicki Halmos and Rodger Hess is presented as part of the Culture & Cocktails series at Cafe Boulud, at the Brazilian Court Hotel, 301 Australilian Ave., Palm Beach. \$35. 5-7 pm, with registration and cocktails from 5-5:45 pm. Open bar and hors d'oeuvres. Space is limited. RSVP: 472-3330.

1/11 - Author Deborah Pollack presents Laura Woodward - The story of how Laura Woodward influenced Henry Flagler to develop Palm Beach is presented by the author along with an art exhibit at the Boynton Beach City Library. 6-8 pm. Free. 742-6380.

Tuesday - 1/12 - Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden Trip leaves from Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach, at 9 am and returns at 5 pm. See an outstanding collection of tropical plants at this Miami attraction. \$50/ residents, \$55/non-residents includes bus ride, park admission, tram tour and lunch. Advance reservations and payment required. 243-7350.

1/12 - Mayors of Boynton Beach: 90 Years of Leadership exhibit opens at the Children's Schoolhouse Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Exhibit commemorates the 90th anniversary of Town of Boynton's original incorporation. Museum hours. 742-6397.

1/12 - Spanish Club for ages 2-5 is held at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 10:15-11 am. \$60 for 8 classes. 742-6782.

1/12 - Musical Luncheon is presented by the School of the Arts Foundation Guild at The Beach Club, 755 N. County Road, Palm Beach. Performances by students from the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts. 11:30 am. \$100/ members, \$125/non-members. 805-6298.

1/12 - Bards of a Feather Round Robin Poetry Reading is held at Green Cay Nature Preserve, 12800 Hagen Ranch Road, Delray Beach. Bring four poems with a nature theme to be shared. 1 pm. Free. 756-4298.

1/12 - Ethiopia - presented by Pompano Beach photographer Carol-Ann Rogus at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/12 - Overcoming Emotional Eating, Overeating and Weight Loss - Seminar presented by Boynton Beach resident Suzanne Gundersen at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. Offered again 1/21. 266-9490.

1/12 - Environmental Studies: Processes That Shape the Earth - Home-schooled and after-school students in grade levels 6-8th join an environmental educator each Tuesday at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 2-3:30 pm. \$60/10 classes, pre-registration required. 742-6782.

1/12 - Back Pain and Treatment Options - presented by William Berman, as part of the Community Lecture Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

1/12 - Evening Book Group - When I Lived in Modern Times by Linda Grant is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

1/12 - Tami Hoag speaks and signs her new book, *Deeper Than the Dead* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790.

1/12 - Pajama Storytime and activities are held at the Boynton Beach City Library for ages 3-6 (plus siblings.) Be sure to wear pajamas! 7-8 pm. Free. 742-6380.

Wednesday - 1/13 - Abraham Lincoln at 200: The Words Reveal the Man is presented by David Zerefsky as part of the Jack Miller Forum in the Live Oak Room at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton campus. 1 pm. 297-3020.

1/13 - Wills & Probate: What You Need to Know - presented by Michelle Hofkin-Silverman at the Delray Beach Public Library. Offered again 1/21. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/13 - Judaism and Christianity: A Search for a Common Language is presented by Rabbi Howard Shapiro and Tom O'Brien III

as part of an afternoon lecture series in the Lifelong Learning Society at Florida Atlantic University's Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton. Instructors engage in a series of dialogues examining the key ideas of Judaism and Christianity as well as differences and similarities in beliefs, rituals, ethics and practices. 3:45-5:30 pm. \$55/members, \$75/non-members. 297-3185.

1/13 - Teen Gaming (Video) is held at the Boynton Beach City Library for grades 6-12. Offered again 1/20. Free. 6-7:30 pm. 742-6380.

1/13 - Healthy Home and Home Energy Retrofits - presented by Brownstone's Green Services at the Delray Beach Public Library. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/13 - Cy Schonberg Memorial Concert Series is held under the artistic direction of Dr. Robert Sharon at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7 pm/doors open, 7:30 pm/performance. \$25/Single ticket. Series tickets/information: 588-8889.

Thursday - 1/14 - Knit 'N Purl - is held at the Delray Beach Public Library. Offered again 1/28. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

1/14 - Tai Chi & Tea - presented by Randy Eady and Barbara A. Frangie at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/14 - Spanish Club for ages 5-7 is held at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 3:30-4:15 pm. \$60/8 classes. 742-6782.

1/14 - The Genetic Revolution & its Impact on Your Health is presented by Dr. George M. Sack Jr., Johns Hopkins USA as part of the J. Turner Moore Memorial Library 2010 Lecture Series, 1330 Lands End Rd., Manalapan. 6 pm. Free/Library members, \$5/non-members at the door. 383-2541.

1/14 - Movie Day at Your Library - Watch *Camp Rock* (rated G) at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. All ages. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6393.

1/14 - 14th Annual Bishop's Reception is hosted by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Palm Beach at Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. 6:30 pm. \$275. 775-9560.

1/14 - Writers Corner is a free manuscript critique by published authors at the Boynton Beach City Library. 6:30-8 pm. 742-6380.

1/14 - Sportsman's Grand Jamboree Cocktail Auction is presented by the Boy Scouts of America, Gulf Stream Council at Palm Beach Motor Cars, 915 S. Dixie Hwy., West Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$150. 694-8585.

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1/14 - White Stone Ceremony at Unity of Delray Beach, Corner of Swinton Ave. and NW

22nd St. An opportunity for reflection and expression of spirit. 7 pm. 276-5796.

1/14 - Be a Star at The Sushi Bar - Learn the secrets of sushi from author and Food Network personality Trevor Corson at the Morikami Museum, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. 7:30 pm. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. Registration: 495-0233, Ext. 235.

Friday - 1/15 - Florida Arbor Day Celebration is held at Mounds Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach with presentations by Brian Clement, of Hippocrates, and Rich Hawkins of the Green Team at The Breakers. 10-11 am. Free. 233-1757.

1/15 - Pre-K Make & Take: Positively Penguins Day - Kids and families make a penguin craft at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am-noon. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.

1/15 - Hot Latin Rhythms is presented by Alzheimer's Community Care at the Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Black-tie cocktail reception, dinner and dancing, silent and live auctions, and tango exhibitions. 6:30 pm. \$550. 683-2700.

1/15 - Ocean Avenue Concert is held by the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Bulldog Rock 'n Roll Band performs. 6-9 pm. Bring chairs. Food and drinks available for sale. No pets. 742-6246.

1/15-17 - Golden Dragon Acrobats from China perform at The Crest Theatre at Old School Square Cultural Arts Center, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. \$42. 8 pm/Friday & Saturday, 2 pm/Sat. & Sun. 243-7922, Ext. 1.

Saturday - 1/16 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Gulfstream Park, 4489 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream. 8-10:30 am. Free. 734-9128

1/16 - Surf Saturdays - Surf lessons for ages 6 and older at Oceanfront Park in Ocean Ridge. 8:30-10 am. All necessary equipment provided. Wear sunscreen and bring bottled water. Held again 2/6. Pre-registration required. 742-6650.

1/16 - Rummage Sale is conducted by the Music Ministry of the Church of the Palms, 1960 N. Swinton, Ave., Delray Beach. Clothing, tools and household goods. 8:30-11:30 am. 276-6347.

1/16 - Our Actions Make a Difference: The Details of Your Life Matter is presented as part of FAU's Peaceful Mind/Peaceful World Series at Florida Atlantic University's Senate Chambers of the Student Union Building, 777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton. 9 am-3 pm. \$10/ includes lunch. Pre-register: 297-2337.

1/16 - Breastfeeding Prenatal Class is taught by lactation consultants at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd. Expectant parents learn the benefits of breastfeeding, keys to success, supply and demand, positioning, breast pumps, returning to work and weaning. Both parents encouraged to attend. 10 am-noon. \$25. Pre-payment required. 369-2229.

1/16 - Stand-Up Paddle Boarding Lessons for ages 15 and over are offered at Oceanfront Park in Ocean Ridge. 10:30-noon. \$25/resident, \$31/non-resident. Includes use of paddle board and paddle. Held again 2/6. Pre-registration required. 742-6650.

1/16 - Beach Jewelry workshop is held for all ages at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Make creations from shells, shark teeth and more. Adult must participate with children under 10. 1:30-2:45 pm. \$15/member, \$22/non-member. Reservations: 391-8110.

1/16 - Yoga for Everyone - presented by experienced yoga instructors at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/16 - 43rd Annual Sixty-Five Roses Ball is presented by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$500. 683-9965.

1/16 - Gratitude House's 2nd Annual Gala is held at The Four Seasons, 2800 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Performance by Avery Sommers. Honored guest is CNBC's Larry Kudlow. 7 pm. \$300-500. 277-9749.

1/16&17 - 21st Annual Downtown Delray Festival of the Arts is held along Atlantic Ave. from US 1 to A1A. Artists display their works for sale. 10 am-5 pm. 954-472-3755.

JANUARY 17-23

Sunday - 1/17 - David Crohan performs a piano concert at the Boynton Woman's Club, 1010 S. Federal Hwy. 3 pm. Reception follows performance. \$20. 369-2300.

1/17 - Researching via the Internet - presented by Boca Raton novelist Mary Twitty at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

1/17 - Keyboards Times Two - Organ and harpsichord duets are performed as part of Music at St. Paul's, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 3 pm. \$15/door, \$18/preferred seating, \$5/students. 278-6003.

1/17 - Klezmer East performs at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 100 N. Palmway, Lake Worth. 4 pm. Wine and cheese reception follows. \$20/ adults, \$10/students under 18. 582-6609.

Monday - 1/18 - Martin Luther King Day

1/18 - Unique Flower of Fashion: Iris Barrel Apfel on the Art of Looking Fabulous is presented as part of the Lunch & Learn Lecture Series in the Cohen Pavilion at The Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 11:30 am. \$75 includes lunch. 832-7469.

1/18 - 6th Annual Taste of Compassion - Dine Around the World event is hosted by Quantum House at the Harriet Himmell Theater, 600 S. Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$75-125. 494-0515.

1/18-23 - 6th Annual Palm Beach Poetry Festival is held at Old School Square, 51 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Eight of America's most gifted poets teach six advanced and two intermediate poetry workshops. \$12/adult, \$10/ senior, \$8/student. 756-4298.

Tuesday - 1/19 - Teen Drawing and Origami Afternoon at the Boynton Beach City Library. Grades 6-12. Free. 5:30-6:30 pm. 742-6393.

Wednesday - 1/20 - Delray Beach's Annual Meeting and State of the City Address is held at the Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. Noon-2 pm. 279-0907.

1/20 - Manalapan Library Book Club meets to discuss *Midnight's Children* by Salman Rushdie at the J. Turner Moore Memorial Library, 1330 Lands End Rd. 3 pm. 588-7577.

1/20 - 2010 Red Cross Designers' Show House Preview Party is presented by the American Red Cross Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter at CityPlace South Tower, 550 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 6 pm. \$200. 650-9131.

1/20 - Astronomy Night - Look at our galaxy through telescopes or view a slide show on the birth and death of stars at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. 6 pm. \$3. Reservations: 274-7263.

1/20 - Great Movie Musicals - presented by Boynton Beach musical historian George Feirstein at the Delray Beach Public Library. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/20 - China and the Pacific Rim is presented by Andrew Wilson at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd., as part of the 14th Annual Cultural Series. Event held again 1/21. 7:30 pm. \$25/single For complete series tickets or more information: 588-8889.

1/20 - James Hall speaks and signs his new book, *Silencer* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7:30 pm. Free. 279-7790.

Thursday - 1/21 - A Woman's Journey - a one-day program of seminars taught by Johns

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Hopkins physicians at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 9 am. \$150. 410-955-8660.
1/21 - Gyotaku (fish printing) class is held at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Bring your own t-shirt, pillowcase or pre-washed cotton bag. 10 am-noon. Adult must accompany children. \$9/ members, \$14/non-members. Each additional project is \$4. Reservations: 391-8110.
1/21 - Understanding Other Cultures - The Faith Club by Ranya Idris, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490.
1/21 - Red Cross Designers' Show House Lecture and Book Signing is held at

CityPlace South Tower, 550 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. White House decorator and author Michael Smith is honorary chair. 11 am. \$30. 650-9131.
1/21 - Meditation for Stress Reduction is presented by Delray Beach resident Jim Bandler at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.
1/21 - Movie Day at Your Library - Watch *G-Force* (rated PG) at the Boynton Beach City Library. Grades K and up. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 742-6393.
1/21 - Wine & Jazz in the Botanical Gardens is held at The American Orchid Society, 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach. Enjoy live music, food and a stroll through the

gardens at sunset. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$20/members, \$25/non-members. 404-2031
1/21 - Del-Ida Eco Park Dedication is held at Ida's Cool Spot, at the intersection of NE 2nd Ave., NE 6th St. and Dixie Blvd. featuring a labyrinth, native landscaping, and a nighttime lighting system. 6 pm. 243-7299.
1/21 - Teen Book Discussion - The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan is held for grades 6-12 at the Boynton Beach City Library. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6380.
1/21 - Art & Jazz on the Avenue is held along Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach. Open house for restaurants, art galleries and shops. Live entertainment. 6-10 pm. 279-1380, Ext. 3.
1/21-2/10 - 2010 Red Cross Designers' Show House opens to the public M-Sat./10 am-5 pm; Sun./noon-4 pm. at CityPlace South Tower, 550 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. \$30. 650-9131.



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Gena Frandon of Delray Beach tries on a necklace with the assistance of Valerie Peyton Horn. Horn was one of the dozens of vendors who took part in the 7th Annual Holiday Trunk Show benefiting the Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club in Delray Beach. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

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Friday - 1/22 - Parker Ladd's Author Breakfast Series continues with Dr. Nicholas Perricone, *The Perricone Weight-Loss Diet: A Simple 3-Part Program to Lose the Fat, the Wrinkles, and the Years* in the ballroom at Cafe Boulud at The Brazilian Court Hotel, 301 Australian Ave., Palm Beach. 8:45-10 am. \$100 includes breakfast, valet parking and a copy of the featured book. 366-4301.
1/22 - Pre-K Fun with Food: Orange Stamping - Make a "freshly squeezed" painting at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.
1/22 - Where the Wild Things Are Dinner Dance for the Palm Beach Zoo is held at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$750. Cocktail reception, dinner and dancing. 533-0887.
1/22 - Night Explorers Walk is held at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Families explore with a naturalist. 7-9 pm. \$7/member, \$10/non-member. Reservations: 391-8110.
Saturday - 1/23 - Magnificent Manatees is presented with activities and a walk at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 7-12. 1-2 pm. \$9/members, \$14/non-members. Reservations: 391-8110.
1/23 - Graphology for Lovers & Others: Rate Your Date Before You Mate - Certified graphologist Lillika Weinberger explains at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.
1/23 - Robert Crais speaks and signs his new book, *The First Rule* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 6 pm. Free. 279-7790.
1/23 - Nat King Cole Generation Hope: A Stardust Affair is held at the Boca Raton Resort and Club's Beach Club, 900 S. Ocean Blvd. Live entertainment, dancing, dining, cocktails and silent auction. 7 pm. \$325. 213-8209.
1/23 - Art Rocks at the Art School is held at the Boca Raton Museum of Art - The Art School, 801 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Boca Raton. Meet artists and instructors. Food, cocktails and music. 7-10 pm. \$50. 392-2500, Ext. 211.
1/23&24 - City Place Art Festival is held at City Place, 700 S. Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach. Outdoor art gallery displays over \$15 million in artwork. 10 am-5 pm. 954-592-8500.

JANUARY 24-30

Sunday - 1/24 - What Makes a Champion? - Rocky Warren speaks at the 9:25 and 11 am services at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 N. 22nd St. at Swinton Ave. Warren conducts a workshop and signs his book *The Fighter Within*, 1:30-3:30 pm. 276-5796.
1/24 - Sunday Musical Matinee Series - Guitarist and singer-songwriter Kraig Kenning performs at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. \$15/individual performance, \$40/four-concert-series. 266-9490 or 266-0194.
Monday - 1/25 - Another Opening, Another Show: Musical Theatre in America is presented as part of the Brown Bag Series at the Boynton Beach City Library. Noon-1 pm. Free. 742-6390.
1/25 - Murals: Bigger Is Better is presented by Delray Beach artist and deco-muralist Sharon Koskoff at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490
1/25 - Tee Ball League begins at Pompey Park Recreation Center, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Ages 4-7 divided into two divisions. Practice/M & W, 6-7 pm. Games/Saturdays. \$25/residents, \$30/non-residents. 243-7356.
Tuesday - 1/26 - Life After a Fractured Hip - presented by Joseph Neustein, M.D. at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.
1/26 - Cell Phone Bling - Give your cell phone or ipod some pizzazz at the Boynton Beach City

Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6380.
1/26 - Girls Fast-pitch Softball League starts at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Ages 8-14 in two age divisions. T&Th from 5:30-7:30 pm. \$30/residents, \$35/non-residents. 243-7356.
1/26 - The Impressionists: Breaking With Tradition - presented by Boynton Beach artist & curator Ann Schwartz at the Delray Beach Public Library. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490.
1/26 - Annual Delray Beach Citizen's Roundtable is held in the Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave. Residents are encouraged to join elected officials in discussing issues and concerns. 7 pm. 243-7190.
1/26-27 - 54th Annual Tropical Short Course & Tri-Refresher is presented by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs at Mounts Botanical Gardens, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Educational topics, designs and vendors. \$55/before 1/4. \$70/at door. Additional fees for meals and reception. Hours and information: 582-0051 or 254-1201.
Wednesday - 1/27 - The Humor of Sam Levenson - presented by Marjorie Gottlieb Wolfe at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.
1/27 - Drop-in Craft Day at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Make an original art project. Materials provided. Grades K-5. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6393.
1/27 - Julia Child & French Cooking - Enjoy two of Julia Child's most famous cooking shows while sampling French pastries and sipping café with Executive Chef Michel Personnaz of the Jupiter Island Club at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. \$15/ in advance at the Circulation Desk or online at www.delraylibrary.org. 266-9490 or 266-0194.
1/27 - Cup Stacking Competition - Grades 6-12 compete stacking plastic cups in specific sequences at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6380.
1/27 - Cy Schonberg Memorial Concert Series is held under the artistic direction of Dr. Robert Sharon at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7 pm/doors open, 7:30 pm/performance. \$25/single event. For complete series tickets or more information: 588-8889.
1/28 - Super Art & Jazz on the Avenue is held along Atlantic Ave. in Delray Beach. Music and local artists showcased. Super Bowl theme features NFL, FAU and other local players and coaches. 6-10 pm. 279-1380.
1/28 - The Latin American Wine Showcase is held along Atlantic Ave. in Delray Beach. Restaurants offer food tastings and wine sampling. 6-10 pm. \$45/advance, \$50/at entrance. 864-5516, Ext. 500.
1/28 - An Evening of Culture in the Japanese Gardens is hosted by School of the Arts Foundation at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. 6:30 pm. Entertainment by students of the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts. \$75. 805-6298.
1/28 - Fine Wine and Hidden Treasures is hosted by Food for the Poor at the Ritz-Carlton, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. 6:30 pm. Live music, dancing, silent auction and wine tasting. \$350. 888-404-4248.
1/28 - Cy Schonberg Memorial Concert Series is held under the artistic direction of Dr. Robert Sharon at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7 pm/doors open, 7:30 pm/performance. \$25/single event. Complete series tickets/ information: 588-8889.
1/28 - James Finley lectures as part of FAU's Peaceful Mind/Peaceful World Series held at

Florida Atlantic University's University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton. Finley is a notable retreat leader, clinical psychologist and author of several books, including *The Contemplative Heart*. 7pm. \$25. Tickets: 800-564-9539.
Friday - 1/29 - Two + Three exhibit opens at Crest Theatre Galleries, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Two and three dimensional works by a professional artists group founded by the late Duane Hansen. M-F/9:30 am - 4:30 pm. Free. 243-7922.
1/29 - Pre-K Make & Take: Inspire Your Heart with Art - Kids and families make a heart and straw necklace at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am-noon. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.
1/29 - U.S. Senator Bill Nelson tackles economic issues as he addresses the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches in the Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Noon luncheon. \$30/members, \$40/ applicants and guests, \$55/public. 304-0574.
1/29 - Laugh with the Library Chapter 4 Starring Comedian Rocky LaPorte - Delray Beach Public Library annual gala fundraising event at the Delray Beach Marriott, 10 N. Ocean Blvd. 7:30 pm. \$125. 266-0799.
1/29 - A...My Name Will Always be Alice (A Musical) is performed at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. through 2/14. 8 pm/T-Sat; 2 pm/Sat&Sun. \$25. 272-1281, Ext. 4.
1/29&30 - My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy! is performed by Steve Solomon at The Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 8 pm/Friday & Sat., 2 pm/Sat. \$30. 243-7922, Ext. 1 or www.oldschool.org.
1/29&30 - Winemakers Dinner & Auction is held at various South Palm Beach County restaurants with unique food and Latin American wine pairings. 6:15 pm/Seating, 7 pm/Dinner. \$95. Locations: 864-5516.
Saturday - 1/30 - 19th Annual South Florida Race for the Cure is hosted by Susan G. Komen for the Cure at the Meyer Amphitheatre, 104 Datura St., West Palm Beach. 5k run/walk. 6 am. 514-3020.
1/30 - Sailor's Valentine workshop is held at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 8 & up create a shell encrusted valentine box. 10 am-noon. \$15/ member, \$22/non-member. 391-8110.
1/30 - Inaugural Caridad Center Tennis Tournament is held at the Boca Raton Resort and Club, 501 E. Camino Real. 11:15 am. Lunch, two tournaments for competitive and recreational players, awards and silent auction. \$100/player, \$160/couple. 853-1622.
1/30 - Basics of Sushi Workshop is held at the Morikami Museum, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. Sushi chef teaches basics of sushi making and culture. Bring sharp 7-8 inch knife, cutting board, apron and dishtowel. \$65. Registration required: 495-0233.
1/30 - A Class Act! - Latin American Wine Seminars are hosted at the Seagate Hotel and Spa, 1000 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 1-4 pm. \$25/advance, \$30/door. 864-5516, Ext. 500.
1/30 - 17th Annual Caribbean Cowboy Ball to benefit the George Snow Scholarship Fund is held at Red Reef Park, 3939 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. 6 pm. \$175. 347-9000.
1/30 - 53rd Annual International Red Cross Ball is hosted by the American Red Cross Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter at Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. 7 pm. White ties and tiaras, live entertainment, dinner and dancing. \$1,000. 994-2060.

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Sunday - 1/31 - Taiko Drum Workshop is held at Morikami Museum, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. Learn the art and culture of Taiko drumming. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. No jewelry. Three workshops: 10:15 am-12:15 pm, 12:45-2:45 pm, 3-5 pm. \$50. Registration required: 495-0233, Ext. 210.

Monday - 2/1 - Cultural Bounty/South County: A Conversation about the Booming Art Scene in Boca & Delray is presented at the Boca Raton Resort & Club - Beach Club, 502 E. Camino Real, as part of Culture & Cocktail's 5th season. 5-7 pm. Complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres. \$35. RVSP: 472-3330.

2/1 - Share Our Strength: A Tasteful Pursuit gala dinner is presented by Cafe Boulud at The Brazilian Court, 301 Australian Ave., Palm Beach. Top chefs participate to support efforts to end childhood hunger. 6 pm. \$300. 888-273-6141.

Tuesday - 2/2 - Getting the Most Out of Your Vacation - program presented by former *Sun-Sentinel* Travel Editor and author Tom Swick at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490.

2/2 - Men's Flag Football League Team Captain's Meeting is held at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. 7 pm. League play begins 2/9. \$350/team. Games held T&Th. 742-6556.

Wednesday - 2/3 - A Weekend in Havana is presented by Paul Dosal at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Re-live the 1950s in this popular tourist destination and re-examine current US-Cuba relations. Noon. Free. 742-6397 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

2/3 - Driving the Baltic Countries - Program presented by Ocean Ridge photographer Joyce Bruck at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

2/3 - Florida Scripps: Bio-Med Research is presented by Dr. Harry Orf at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. as part of the 14th Annual Cultural Series. Event held again 2/4. 7:30 pm. \$25/singel event. For complete series tickets or more information: 588-8889.

Thursday - 2/4 - 9th Annual Chocolate Decadence: The Sweetest Party in Town is held by the Junior League of Boca Raton at The Shops of Boca Center, 5050 Town Center Circle. 6-9 pm. Food, cocktails and desserts from area restaurants, silent auction, raffles, live music and dancing. \$35-75. 620-2553.

2/4 - Steve Forman speaks and signs his new book, *Boca Mourning* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790.

2/4 - Jewish Women's Circle of Palm Beach Annual Gala Event - Dinner, workshops and performance by comedienne Sandy Wolshin. \$36/tickets, \$180/Sponsor. 7 pm. Location TBD. 659-3884.

Friday - 2/5 - Parker Ladd's Author Breakfast Series continues with Michael M. Thomas, *Love & Money* and Harry Evans, *My Paper Chase* in the ballroom at Cafe Boulud at The Brazilian Court Hotel, 301 Australian Ave., Palm Beach. 8:45-10 am. \$100 includes breakfast, valet parking and a copy of one of the featured books. 366-4301.

2/5 - Pre-K Make & Take: Folded Heart Paintings - Celebrate Valentine's Day early with a folded heart painting at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am-noon. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.

2/5 - Bob Roberts Society Orchestra - Dance to music from the '20's, '30's and '40s at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave., every Friday. 1:30-3:30 pm. \$4. 742-6240.

2/5 - 52nd Annual American Cancer Society Gala is held at the Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$750. 655-3449.

2/5 - Hairspray is shown as part of the Outdoor Movie Series near the Children's Schoolhouse Museum, 129 E. Ocean Avenue, Boynton Beach. 7-9 pm. Bring chairs. Food and drinks available for purchase. No pets. 742-6246.

Saturday - 2/6 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup is held at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd. in Ocean Ridge. 8-10:30 am. Meet in the lower parking lot. Free. 734-9128.

2/6 - Boynton Green Market - now at two locations: Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave. and Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N. Congress. 8 am-1 pm. Every Saturday. 752-8598.

2/6 - Delray Greenmarket - new location: in the street on SE 4th Ave. just south of Atlantic Ave. Every Saturday. 8 am-1 pm. 276-7511.

2/6 - Oceanside Farmers Market is held on J Street, between Lake and Lucerne Aves., downtown Lake Worth. Open Saturdays year-round. 8 am-1 pm. 547-3100.

2/6 - Beguiling Begonias Workshop is held at

Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. 9 am-noon. \$40/members, \$50/non-members. Learn propagation tips. Price includes potting materials and begonia cuttings. Registration deadline 2/1. 233-1757.

2/6 - Child Safety Prenatal Class is offered at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn infant CPR for children up to eight years old and how you can assist in an emergency situation. 10 am-noon. \$40 per couple or \$25 per person. Registration/payment must be made in advance. 369-2229.

2/6 - Sandoway Winter Gala fundraising event is held at the Ocean Club, 6849 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 6:30 pm/cocktails, 8 pm/dinner, silent auction, and island music. \$175. Reservations: 274-7263.

2/6 - Starry, Starry Night: Dancing on the Square is presented by Support Dance, Inc. at Old School Square Cultural Arts Center, 51 N. Swinton, Delray Beach. 6:30 pm. Performances by students at the Dreyfoos School of the Arts and the ENCORE! Dance Company, a silent auction, wine, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and coffee. \$75. 282-1240.

2/6 - Bal Des Arts 2010 Black & White Ball is held at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. 7 pm. Features a special exhibition of "Avedon Fashion 1944-2000." \$1,000. 832-5196, Ext. 1118.

2/6-7 - Boca Raton Museum of Art Annual Outdoor Juried Art Festival is held at Mizner Park, 327 W. Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 392-2500, Ext. 211.

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Obituaries

Donald Robert O'Fee

By Ron Hayes

OCEAN RIDGE — On Feb. 27, 1945, a B-24 bomber exploded during a bombing run over Leipzig, Germany.



Nose gunner/bombardier Don O'Fee, who normally didn't wear a parachute, was wearing one that day. He landed in a field and was dragged until the chute was stopped by a large pile of cow manure. He was 19 that day, and would regale family and friends with the story for the rest of his 84 years.

An Ocean Ridge resident since 2002, Donald Robert O'Fee died Dec. 8 after battling cancer for a year.

"He was very lighthearted and always had a smile, always a joke," recalled his son, Donald Jr., at whose home

a memorial celebration was held Dec. 20. "He read two or three books a week and was a history buff who could talk to you about the American Revolution or the Civil War. He was a very intelligent guy."

Taken prisoner by the Germans, Mr. O'Fee weighed 90 pounds when he arrived at an Army Air Corps convalescent hospital in Plattsburg, N.Y., after the war.

During a visit to the hospital, the famed World War II ace and founder of Eastern Airlines, Eddie Rickenbacker, told Mr. O'Fee to get in touch when he was released. With Rickenbacker's help, he became the airline's liaison and goodwill ambassador at its Newark terminal, and later handled airline and hotel accounts for a Madison Avenue marketing firm.

In 1972, the family moved to Hilton Head Island, S.C., where Mr. O'Fee and his wife, Jean, operated Harbour Lights

Book & Gifts, The Bookmark, The Bookmark Volume II and Jean O'Fee's Good Health for more than 25 years. After his wife's death in 2000, Mr. O'Fee moved to Ocean Ridge to be near his son. In recent years, he had worked as a concierge at the Delray Beach Marriott hotel.

"You never realize who your Dad was until you get older," his son said.

In addition to Donald Jr., he is survived by another son, Douglas W. O'Fee; two daughters, Nancy Dunbar and Bonnie Moody; seven grandchildren; a brother; and three nephews.

A military burial will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on March 19, during the cherry blossom festival.

Donations in Mr. O'Fee's memory may be made to the Vitas Foundation, 1901 S. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach, FL 33426.

Alphonse 'Al' Lembo

By Mary Katherine Stump

OCEAN RIDGE — Alphonse "Al" Lembo of Ocean Ridge died Nov. 23 at the age of 96. He was a 30-year resident of Ocean Ridge, and an active member of the Hypoluxo community.



"Al may have resided in Ocean Ridge, but his heart resided in Hypoluxo," said Hypoluxo Mayor

Kenneth Schultz. Mr. Lembo was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., and for many years owned and operated the All Boros

Building Materials Company there. "It was a building supply yard where you would go to get all of your building materials, before Home Depot existed," said his daughter Margaret Lembo, a Lantana resident. He was active in the Lion's Club while in Brooklyn, and later the Lantana Kiwanis Club.

He spent his entire life working in the building and real estate industry, later founding and operating Hypoluxo Storage in 1981 after his move to Ocean Ridge in 1975. "There is a Lembo Circle in Clearwater because his father was a builder as well. Building was his life," said Ms. Lembo. "My father

was very self-motivated, and very entrepreneurial," said Ms. Lembo. He worked for himself his entire life, and was always helping other people and getting to know his neighbors."

Mr. Lembo was preceded in death in 1997 by his wife of 40 years, Antoinette Lorenzo Lembo. He is survived by three children: Nicholas Lembo of Brooklyn, N.Y., Mary Ann Garofala of Long Island, N.Y., and Margaret Ann of Lantana; four grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Nov. 27 at the Boynton Memorial Chapel, Boynton Beach.

Delray Beach

Federal grant sought for firefighter jobs

Delray Beach commissioners authorized the Fire Department to apply for a grant from U.S. Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency that would fund four firefighter positions for Fire Station No. 2. A successful grant would fund four positions for two years for about \$300,000 a year. Delray Beach would have to commit to funding the third year. The Fire Department earlier this year reassigned paramedics on the rescue transport at Station No. 2 to the understaffed fire engine, idling the transport. The measure was expected to be temporary until the positions could be funded in the budget.

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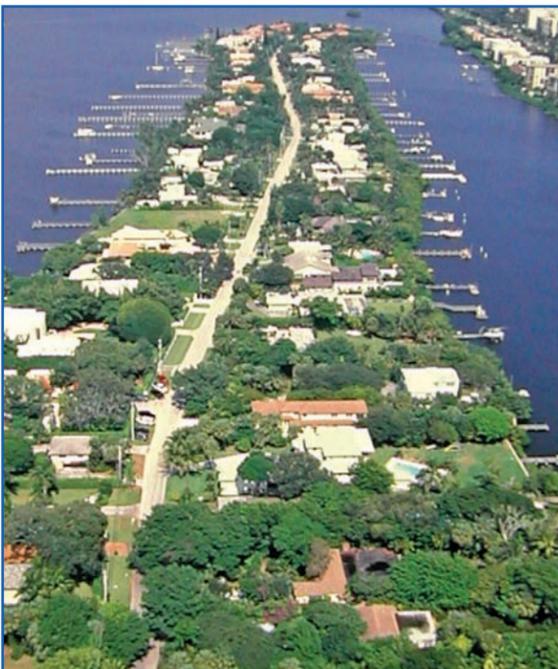


Wacky Water Station takes on Mexican theme

When the Palm Beaches Marathon adjusted its course this year to include Lantana and Manalapan, the Friends of the Lantana Nature Preserve decided to participate in the 'Wacky Water Station' competition. Dozens of volunteers lined both sides of Ocean Avenue at Lantana's Bicentennial Park. While they did not win the water station competition, they brightened many runners' day with costumes and music. In addition to offering water and sports drinks, 'Wacky Water Station' volunteers like Mary Lacerazza-Genava were decked out in 'Mexican' outfits, complete with mustaches. **Photos by Jerry Lower**



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Book discussions include culture and religion

A monthly book discussion group at the Delray Beach Public Library has been getting good reviews for addressing engaging topics. The latest theme: "The Other" — Other Cultures and How We View Others," was intriguing.

So when I heard the title of December's featured book, and Googled the author, I knew I didn't want to miss the discussion of *The Muslim Next Door — The Qur'an, the Media and That Veil Thing*, by Sumbul Ali-Karamali.

Carl Wetzstein, one of the discussion leaders, opened up Dec. 17 by asking, "If you think of an Islamic woman, how do you picture her?" He elicited such responses as: "I picture her covered, burka," and "a fourth-class citizen in her own ethnic group."

Wetzstein proceeded to display Ali-Karamali's smiling, soccer mom-looking book cover photo. "I think the cover is a metaphor for the book," he said. "Because what she's saying is what we see of Islam in the media is not what Islam is really like."

Her Web site describes Ali-Karamali as "a Stanford-educated mom and corporate lawyer, with degrees in Islamic law and English," who shares a warm, funny, yet scholarly and surprisingly down-to-earth conversation about life in America from an observant Muslim American woman's point of view.

"She says what we see in fundamentalist Saudi Arabia and what we see in the Taliban and other terrorists represent

just a tiny fraction of the billion or so Muslims in the world, and these people have twisted Islam into something it isn't," Wetzstein said of the Southern California-raised daughter of Indian immigrants. "She says what we observe, such as women's dress, are a matter of culture, not of religion as expressed in the Quran."

The 16 discussion participants arrived with definite points of view, yet were open-minded, indicated by such caveats as, "as far as I know."



Refreshingly, the group shared experiences on Muslim culture from India to Canada to London to here, and no one seemed so stuck in his or her views as to be closed to new information.

The previous month's book was T.C. Boyle's *The Tortilla Curtain*, commenting on the immigration controversy. Next month's is *The Faith Club*, whose three authors, Jewish, Christian and Muslim women, spoke to 400 people in Delray during their tour several years ago. That's 10:30 a.m., Jan. 21. The discussion is free.

For more information, contact the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave., 266-9490.

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With scorecard in hand, let me rundown some costs related to pets.

According to the ASPCA, expect to shell out about \$1,035 for the first year of your kitten's life and \$1,580 for your pup's first year. These figures include vaccinations, veterinary care, flea and tick prevention, food, toys, treats, pet insurance, collars, leashes, training, grooming and other necessities.

After that initial year, the average cost for adult cats and dogs totals \$365 and \$565, respectively. These figures do not include boarding or pricey outfits or airline travel. So, if your pet reaches age 15, at bare minimum, you've spent \$6,145 for your feline friend and \$9,490 for your canine chum.

Like many of you, I have more than one pet. With two dogs and two cats, it's little

wonder why I warranted a "Big Dog" card at Petco. These cards are reserved for those who come often and spend a lot. I nearly fainted when I reviewed my household budget and discovered that I spend more at pet stores than at supermarkets.

Let me run down six ways to save on pet care without sacrificing your pet's health:

- Do be down in the mouth. By that I mean start brushing your dog or cat's teeth daily, or at least a few times a week. Use toothpastes and brushes designed for pets. Or opt to use a thimble-like rubber device that easily slips over your index finger and allows you to massage the itty bitty teeth and gums of cats and small-breed dogs. Dental preventive care will save you expensive professional dental cleanings performed by a veterinarian. These dental items are minor compared to a dental cleaning that ranges between \$100 and \$300.

- Package the necessary vaccinations. You can save up to \$200 if you have your pet receive three-year vaccinations instead of yearly ones. Consult your veterinarian about what vaccinations your pet truly needs and base it on your pet's age, health and outdoor access.

- Become your pet's personal stylist. Each time I take Cleo, my 12-pound Bichon-met-a-poodle-met-a-terrier mix to the groomer, it

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- Bring out your pet chef skills. Save money by making healthy homemade treats in a large enough batch that you can store the extras in the freezer. Use these treats instead of those high-priced ones showcased in a doggy bakery. Add carrots and green beans to your dog's bowl to help your dog feel full on less kibble.

- Score bargains at discount and warehouse stores. Price check the cost of litter, leashes, bowls, beds and treats and you will save a few pennies to a few dollars by buying them at places that primarily cater to two-leggers like Wal-Mart, Target and Costco.

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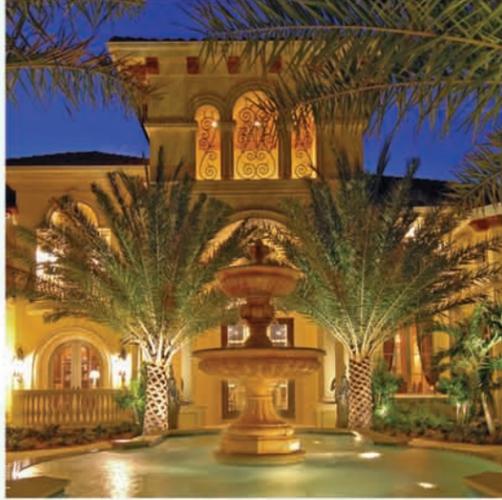


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