

Highland Beach

Voters give robust approval to ending fire contract with Delray

By Rich Pollack

In an undisputed outpouring of support for an independent Highland Beach fire department, residents overwhelmingly voted Nov. 2 to let town leaders spend as much as \$10 million to get the new

department up and running. With a steady stream of voters going to the polls and close to 900 residents casting ballots by mail, the referendum measure passed easily with almost 89% of voters supporting moving forward with the creation of a town-operated

department and only 11% voting against. A total of 1,320 residents voted in favor of the proposal with 168 residents voting against it. About 37% of just more than 4,000 eligible residents voted. The large number of ballots cast was surprising to

supporters considering the referendum question was the only item on the ballot. "The turnout was beyond our expectations," said Mayor Doug Hillman. "We are quite pleased with the involvement and support from residents who believe this an important issue

for our town." Hillman said the one-sided result was a signal of trust in town leadership from residents to embark on such a massive project. "I'm just thrilled the

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FALL DAYS: Danielle Hurley of Boca Raton picks out pumpkins with her 6-year-old twins, Cameron and Leighton, at Cason United Methodist Church in Delray. The annual sale benefits the church's mission and outreach programs. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Delray Beach

Pandemic's grave results: 'We've got to get started digging again'

By Joe Capozzi

The hearses and cars kept coming. Under a cloudy October sky, they crawled in groups through the gates of Delray Beach Memorial Gardens Municipal Cemetery about every half hour on a recent Saturday. As one burial service ended, the next group arrived, a constant coming and going of grief that seemed to have, much like the pandemic responsible for most of it, no end in sight. "Before the pandemic we

averaged three or four a week. Now we're doing 10 a week," said cemetery crew leader John "Clay" Pape (pronounced like poppy). "For a cemetery of this size, it keeps us really busy. I lose track of time, to be honest with you." Ever since COVID-19 started killing people in Palm Beach County in March 2020, cemeteries and funeral homes have struggled to keep pace. Among the busiest is Delray Beach Memorial Gardens,

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Clay Pape, a worker at Delray Beach Memorial Gardens, marks a place for a headstone. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Along the Coast

County rejects plan to reinspect older condos

By Joel Engelhardt

After months of work to hammer out a condo reinspection program in the wake of the Surfside tragedy, Palm Beach County commissioners decided last month to do nothing and wait for the Florida Legislature. In a rambling hourlong discussion Oct. 19, commissioners weighed in with a variety of reasons for backing off the approach developed over months by county and city building officials and endorsed by a county advisory board. Commission Vice Mayor Robert Weinroth, who represents the South County barrier island, called the proposal a "grandiose scheme" and argued that the system of inspections was fine before Champlain Towers South collapsed on June 24, killing 98 people. The system still works, he said. "I don't want our residents to think that if we take it slow in implementing a grandiose scheme for having reinspections and recertifications that we're going to be doing anything to put their lives in jeopardy," he said, later adding, "I don't want to see us put a system in place that is going to be so cumbersome that it's going to miss the mark."

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Boca businessman makes children focus of giving

By Mary Thurwachter

When it comes to charitable giving, Anuj Grover says he and Mark Corlew, his partner at real estate investment management group Grover Corlew, like to focus on the future.

Before school began, their employees and tenants of the company's buildings came together to donate backpacks, folders, notebooks, pencils, art supplies and more, to ensure that students in need returned to school prepared for learning.

Palm Beach and Broward counties' Title I school students and teachers benefited from the donations, which were available through the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County and the Broward Education Foundation.

"Both my business partner and I are products of the Florida public school system and big believers in the public school system," Grover said. "Back-to-school drives are directly in our wheelhouse for charitable giving. We've been doing this for over five years in Broward County and have expanded to include Palm Beach County," two years ago when the company moved its headquarters to Boca Raton.

According to the national nonprofit Kids in Need Foundation, 90% of teachers surveyed said that three quarters of their students arrived to class without the supplies necessary for learning.

The pandemic drastically increased the need for basic school supplies for students in Title I schools, and the school supply centers in both counties are also reporting low levels of donations this year.

"As a father, I know just how expensive it can be to adequately prepare a child for learning each year," Grover said. "Teachers also spend money to buy supplies for their classrooms. We hope to ease the burden with these donations, particularly for those struggling to get by. Every little bit helps."

Other charities to which the firm contributes include Florence Fuller Child Development Centers in Boca Raton, the Pompano Beach Elementary School art program, the Boys and Girls Clubs, and Channing Crowder toy drive.

Grover, who lives in Boca Raton, grew up in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area and has a



Anuj Grover surrounds his desk with reminders of home and the school supplies he donates. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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law degree from Vanderbilt University and a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of Florida.

For more than 20 years, he has been acquiring and developing real estate. It's in his DNA. Some of his fondest childhood memories are sitting on his dad's lap learning about investing, he said.

"He was the quintessential immigrant at that time, always saving money. But he was also smart and invested his savings in stocks, land and even an office condo," Grover said.

When his father was 17, he came to the U.S. from India on a monthlong boat ride and studied at the University of Michigan.

Grover said: "Like a lot of immigrant stories, it's very similar. Hard to get here. Don't have a safety net. A lot of hard work. And usually, the investment spent for all your time is for your family."

"My brother and I were beneficiaries of that. It ends up shaping who you are and how you think."

Grover began his career in Atlanta as a certified public accountant in the

Entrepreneurial Services Group of Ernst & Young and later worked as an attorney in the international law firm King & Spalding.

In the 1990s, he transitioned to the investment world, where he held positions at several venture-backed companies.

He and Corlew have been developing their business partnership for more than two decades. Grover Corlew has amassed more than 2.5 million square feet of office, medical office and retail properties, along with thousands of multifamily units, with a combined value of \$750 million.

Grover, 51, and his wife, Meghna, have two children, a daughter Simi, 13, and son Sachin, 11.

Asked what he likes to do when he's not working, Grover focused on people: "Anything that is spending time with family or longtime friends is always at the center of what I like to do for fun — watching a game, grabbing a meal, having drinks, cheering on the kids — whether it's lacrosse, boxing, soccer, whatever they're playing — going for a hike or wrestling with our dog."

"At the end of the day, I'm a fairly social creature by nature. Spending time with people that I like, love or care about and having some good laughs is really what I enjoy." ★

Publisher's Note

Philanthropy Season Preview meant to encourage giving

Philanthropy is a way for those of us who have, to share with those in need. Charitable giving is critical to living in a balanced society. We should give not only to address suffering, but also to eliminate the sources of that suffering.

It's one thing to feed children's hunger to learn by reading them books; it's another to ensure they have the skills to read books on their own.

Here at *The Coastal Star* we devote multiple pages each month to promotion of the people and organizations that serve our less-fortunate neighbors. Our Around Town section includes stories about philanthropic organizations, lists of upcoming events and "celebrations" photos that illustrate our residents involved with giving back to the community.

Most months, the *Coastal Star* feature story that shares space with this column on Page 2 is about a local philanthropist.

Until early 2020, a reliable way for charitable organizations to raise money was to host in-person events. The coronavirus pandemic halted these events for at least a year, and the uncertainty dented many organizations' budgets going forward.

While we know the pandemic lingers, this month we are making a special effort to encourage you, our readers, to dig a little deeper and help financially support these organizations.

Inside this edition, we are debuting our Philanthropy Season Preview. Our cover story celebrates the creative ways that organizations have been able to not only survive the effects of the pandemic, but also increase their outreach to the community.

Inside the section, you will see paid story and advertising combinations funded by a few organizations, or their donors, to further tell their stories and promote their fundraising events.

Thank you for taking the time to consider a philanthropic gift during this month of Thanksgiving. The generous nature of the residents of the South County coastal communities is one of the many reasons I love living here.

— Jerry Lower, Publisher



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Town plans to form marine patrol to target speeding boats

By Rich Pollack

For more than a decade, Highland Beach residents living near the Intracoastal Waterway have been battling to slow down boaters only to be frustrated by state rules and regulations that make it difficult to reduce waterway speed limits.

Now town leaders are focusing on enforcing those speed limits — instead of changing them — and are poised this month to take the first step by authorizing the purchase of a police boat for a new marine patrol unit.

“We keep talking about lowering the speed limit,” Mayor Doug Hillman said during a meeting last month following a presentation by Police Chief Craig Hartmann. “Even if it ends up being lowered, it’s not going to work if we don’t have enforcement.”

Preparing to act in the wake of two serious boating accidents since June, commissioners

have indicated they favor the town’s taking responsibility for enforcement and education on the waterway, as well as on the ocean and inland waters.

This month commissioners are expected to consider purchasing a 28-foot rigid-hull inflatable police boat with twin 225-horsepower engines. The cost of the craft is expected to be \$163,799 and could be available within 60 days.

Getting the marine unit up and running, Hartmann said, will take a bit longer as details, including staffing and training, as well as determining dockage location, need to be worked out.

The chief said he hopes to have the unit, which will include one full-time officer and possibly additional reserve officers, up and running by the first quarter of next year.

“There are a lot of things that have to be done to run that department,” Town Manager Marshall Labadie said.

Labadie and Hartmann said

that they have received several offers from local residents and communities willing to provide dock space until a permanent location can be created by the town, which will seek grants to defray the cost.

Prior to making his presentation, Hartmann and his team visited local law enforcement agencies that have marine units and did a small sampling of speeds on the Intracoastal Waterway during peak times.

He said that about 10% to 20% of the boats appeared to be exceeding the speed limit. Boats in the Intracoastal in Highland Beach are generally restricted to 30 mph in summer months and 25 mph from Oct. 1 to May 31.

Although other agencies, including the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, patrol the waterways, Hartmann said those agencies

are spread thin and can’t devote as much time as is needed to Highland Beach.

He believes that by having a presence on the waterway, the marine unit will help deter boaters from speeding and operating boats recklessly.

“We’re hoping that through visibility, education and enforcement, that boaters will comply and we won’t have a repeat of the two accidents we had recently,” he said. “The marine patrol unit’s mission will be to promote boater safety through education and enforcement and enhance the safety and security of waterways in Highland Beach.”

In August, a 37-year-old woman died after being thrown from a boat that crashed into a sea wall in Highland Beach. In June, a Boca Raton boater heading to lunch with his family was seriously injured when another boat plowed into the

back of his smaller vessel.

“We don’t want to have another accident like we had if we can prevent it,” Commissioner Evalyn David said.

Labadie said that the two crashes helped bring an additional focus to efforts by residents and commissioners to address speed and safety issues on the waterway.

“This is really about boater safety and compliance with current speed limits and navigation regulations,” he said.

Labadie also thinks the marine unit could help in rescue situations and assist fire-rescue personnel as the town moves toward creating its own fire department.

“Becoming a full-service community, we’re going to need to have a police and rescue presence on our more than 3 miles of Intracoastal Waterway and 3 miles of oceanfront,” he said. ★

Commission wants lesser role for town in high-rise inspections

By Rich Pollack

Highland Beach commissioners have revised a proposed ordinance requiring building recertifications to put more responsibility for how inspections are done onto the shoulders of condo boards.

Under an updated draft ordinance — tentatively approved last month — buildings that are more than three stories or 50 feet in height will still be required to have a recertification inspection when they reach 25 years old.

For buildings under 40 years old, those inspections will be required every 10 years. For the 45 buildings more than 40 years old, inspections will be required every seven years.

The revised ordinance, however, takes the town out of determining how electrical and structural inspections should be done, leaving much of that up to certified special threshold

engineers and inspectors hired by each of the buildings.

At the same time, the town now wants to hear about only issues that affect the safety of residents instead of other issues that could cause minor inconveniences or that are cosmetic in nature.

“The commission didn’t want us enforcing non-critical deficiencies,” Town Manager Marshall Labadie said. “Now we’re only asking if there are any critical and major deficiencies that need to be addressed in the structure and in electrical systems.”

Certified engineers hired by associations will be responsible for making that determination.

“It is up to the engineers and inspectors to say if immediate attention is needed,” Highland Beach Building Official Jeff Remus told commissioners during a meeting last month.

In essence, Labadie said, the town’s role will be largely

administrative — letting building managers and boards know when an engineering report needs to be filed, making sure it is filed and ensuring any work identified is done in the time frame engineers identify.

“The town wants to limit our liability exposure,” Labadie said. “Our primary role is to facilitate the process.”

The proposed ordinance makes it clear that the town’s building department will not be conducting inspections, nor will it be responsible for arranging for inspections.

“We got out of the means and methods and are now focusing on results,” Labadie said. Commissioners did want to make sure that the building department staff would be available to work with associations during the process.

Once the Town Commission gives final approval to the ordinance, expected this month, Remus

and his team can begin notifying associations of when reports need to be filed.

Labadie said that Remus would notify managers of two buildings per month, beginning in January, that they have 360 days to file reports from certified engineers that detail any critical or major structural or electrical problems.

The associations would then have another year to resolve the issues unless residents faced imminent danger, in which case the town would step in and, in the worst scenario, require evacuation.

Labadie said that any violations, including failure to submit reports in a timely manner, would be handled through the town’s code enforcement process.

“I think most buildings will comply,” Mayor Doug Hillman said.

The decision to create a recertification inspection process follows the collapse of Surfside’s 12-story Champlain Towers South in June. “We’re always concerned about the safety of our residents,” Commissioner Evalyn David said. “We don’t want to see a Surfside happen here.”

Recently, Palm Beach County commissioners agreed to put their development of recertification regulations on hold pending the completion of regulations the state is developing.

While Highland Beach commissioners know state restrictions could be coming, they have said the town needs its own ordinance, tailored to its geography.

“Especially on a barrier island, with our buildings taking punishment from the weather, we need this kind of oversight,” Commissioner John Shoemaker said. ★



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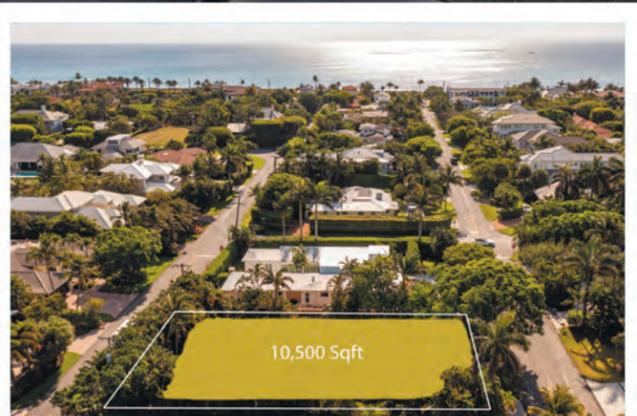
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Riverwalk Plaza apartments
Boynton Beach — Oct. 29

Workers are dwarfed by construction cranes while working on the second story of the 10-story apartment building underway in Riverwalk Plaza at the southeast corner of Federal Highway and Woolbright Road. Construction workers are parking their vehicles off site at a vacant .37-acre parcel at 525 SE 18th Ave., according to John Kuntzman, Boynton Beach building official. Approximately 80 workers are parking off site and walking to the Riverwalk job site, he said. Construction of the 319-unit building began in May and is scheduled to finish in about two years. A joint venture of Isram Realty in Hollywood and American Land Ventures in Miami is building the \$85.3 million apartment project. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**



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Letter to the Editor

Snail mail tribute holds test of time

“Hoping you’ll find comfort in the memories that are yours to cherish always, and strength in the companionship of those who share your loss,” wrote *Coastal Star* reporter Rich Pollack to me following my mother’s death in 2007.

The handwritten note was tucked into a thoughtfully chosen card — “tasteful,” Mom would have said approvingly.

I stumbled over this and many other family “Fabergé eggs” while pruning the guest room closets and cabinets. I would recommend this activity to all my fellow septuagenarians.

Those cedar chests and bankers boxes that have been gathering dust in out-of-the-way nooks and crannies are full of memorabilia that unleash waves of endorphins you just can’t get from mahjong, bingo or Netflix.

Perfunctory thoughts and prayers on Facebook and sad-faced emojis on Twitter are all too easily tapped out on our iPhone keyboards. It’s so much less effort than putting pen to paper and expressing a genuine emotion to a grieving family. Thanks, Rich, for the reminder that snail mail is a timeless gift.

Florence Snyder, Tallahassee

Note: Ms. Snyder’s mother, Adelaide Snyder, spent 28 years at FAU, handling public information and community relations and writing speeches. In 1980, she was named vice president for university relations and development. She also was executive director of the FAU Foundation.

Veterans Day

Separate exhibits detail war stories from Delray Beach, Holocaust

By Rich Pollack

It was a time of turmoil throughout Europe.

In the late 1930s, the German army was beginning to steamroll across neighboring borders, occupying nations with relative ease. Soon after — in the early 1940s — the systematic murder of European Jews and others had begun.

At about the same time, Allied forces — including troops from the U.S. — were on the front lines as World War II spread throughout the continent.

Here at home everyday Americans felt the effects of the war on the other side of the Atlantic and did whatever they could to support the effort. In Washington, government leaders struggled to address the pleas for refuge from terrified European Jews.

This month, two public Delray Beach historical exhibits provide insights into what was happening in the United States at the time, one focused on Delray Beach efforts to support U.S. involvement in World War II and the other looking at the U.S. government's response to Nazism and genocide.

Tied to both exhibits is an effort to bring stories of local veterans to life through banners hanging on light poles in downtown Delray. The banners highlight several who served in the six most recent war periods, dating to the second World War.

At the Delray Beach Historical Society's new "Delray Beach: WWII Homefront" exhibit, rare photographs and newspaper clippings from the archives and artifacts come together to tell the story of what took place in the city during the war.

"It was a terrifying but unifying time," said historical society Executive Director Winnie Edwards. "Everyone did their part."

The exhibit also includes family stories of local troops, as well as two films — one about the Boca Raton Airfield and the other about African Americans in the war. Compiled by the museum staff, the exhibit explains how residents were recruited to patrol the beach on horseback to look out for enemy boats and planes, and how other residents took to the towers of the beachfront Seacrest Hotel to serve as spotters.

The exhibit provides a better understanding of the nighttime blackouts that residents were required to observe and highlights supporting efforts here, including scrap metal drives, blood drives, bandage-making efforts and USO gatherings for both Black and white troops during segregation.

"This is a very localized exhibit," Edwards said. "It's about Delray soldiers, Delray stories and what it was like to be



World War II civil defense in Delray Beach had 'beach watchers' on horseback looking for suspicious planes, boats or people. Photo provided by Delray Beach Historical Society

here during World War II."

The exhibit, she said, demonstrates how a community rallied to meet a common threat.

"The lesson of World War II is that people really came together," she said. "We're hopeful that those who see the exhibit will leave understanding that coming together is a great way to move forward."

The exhibit is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cason Cottage, 5 NE First St., and runs through March. Admission is \$5, but there is no entry fee for veterans and students.

U.S. during Holocaust years

Just a short distance away, the Delray Beach Public Library is hosting "Americans and the Holocaust," a traveling exhibit from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association.

The exhibit provides little-known information about American government policies toward Nazism in the late 1930s and immigration policies in response to requests for refuge from those fleeing Europe. It is based on an exhibit that opened in April 2018 at the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

"Americans and the Holocaust" explores four main questions," said Isabella Rowan, the Delray library's program coordinator and volunteer manager who led the effort to bring the exhibit here and is coordinating several related programs. "What did Americans know, did Americans help Jewish refugees, why did Americans go to war, and how did Americans respond to the Holocaust?"

On display on the first floor of the library, the exhibit includes four interactive video kiosks and includes newsreels from the time and information from other primary sources.

"This exhibition will challenge the commonly held assumptions that Americans knew little and did nothing about the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews as the Holocaust unfolded," Rowan said.

The exhibit raises questions about U.S. policies toward refugees, questions that remain

relevant today.

"This exhibit presents little-known facts about America and Americans during this time in history," Rowan said. "It's a great opportunity to learn more about this country we call home."

The library, Rowan said, is the ideal place for this exhibit because a goal is to educate in a welcoming environment.

"The public library is a neutral place for learning and discussion," she said. "It is the one place where everyone is welcome and can feel comfortable exploring ideas."

The exhibit, which runs through Nov. 17, is free and open to the public during the library's regular hours.

Banners with stories

People walking past the library or driving downtown in November will see banners recognizing veterans from Delray Beach and the surrounding area. The banners have been placed by Veterans & Homefront Voices, a nonprofit that works with cadets in local high school JROTC programs to help tell the stories of veterans.

"Our goal is to empower veterans and those who served as the homefront for deployed troops to be seen, heard and understood by their community," said Conrad Ogletree, the organization's founder. "We enable the community to see, hear and appreciate their local veterans and homefront members."

Ogletree said that by Nov. 11, Veterans Day, 39 banners will hang throughout downtown, many of which will have a statement from the veteran as well as a QR code that viewers can use to learn more about the individual on the banner.

Some of the audio recordings will include interviews of veterans by cadets, including those from Atlantic High School's JROTC program, who will also be part of a Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Park.

"We're hoping that when people see the banners on Atlantic Avenue that they'll stop and read them, and they'll see something in that legacy statement that they'll want to apply to their own lives," Ogletree said. ★

Veterans Day Events

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NOVEMBER 7-11

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Thursday - 11/11 - Veterans Day Observance: Honoring All Who Served at Countess de Hoernle Park, 1000 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton. Free breakfast for veterans in uniform or presenting military ID; \$5 suggested donation for others, benefits South Palm Beach County Habitat for Humanity's Veterans Build initiative. 9 am. 393-7807; myboca.us/specialevents

11/11 - Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10556 Annual Veterans Day Program at Veterans Memorial Park, 9400 W Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. Procession of colors, guest speakers, patriotic music. Free. 9:30 am. facebook.com/pbcparks

11/11 - Veterans Day Ceremony Honoring Our Veterans at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 9:30-11 am. 243-7010;

mydelraybeach.com

11/11 - Veterans Day Event at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. In honor of all who served. 10 am. Free. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

11/11 - Veterans Day Ceremony & Concert at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 500 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Musical procession performed by Ft. Lauderdale Highlanders, Boca Raton Community High School NJROTC, & Boca Raton Police and Fire Honor Guards, with musical performance by the Boca Raton Community High School Band; Veteran Resource Fair; free lunch for veterans in uniform or presenting military ID, \$5 donation for all others; Crescendo Brass performance; food/beverage available for purchase; no coolers/outside alcoholic beverages permitted; rain or shine. 11 am-2 pm. Free. 393-7967; myboca.us/1467/Veterans-Day

11/11 - Veterans Day Celebration at Veterans Memorial Park, 411 N Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Boynton Beach veterans & the city honor all who have given of themselves to serve our great country. Noon-1 pm. Free. 742-6236; boynton-beach.org

11/11 - Special Lecture - Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: A Century of Honor, 1921-2021 presented by Philip Bigler at Flagler Museum, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. 2 pm. \$20/veteran; \$38/non-member; includes museum admission. Reservations: 655-2833 x10; flaglermuseum.us

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Veterans Day

CELEBRATING CENTENARIANS

D-Day paratrooper from Briny shows exceptional knack for survival

By Ron Hayes

Everybody wants to know, Ed. Tell us how you got to be 100.

But Ed Manley just laughs.

"How would I know how I got to be 100?" he exclaims. "I was stupid! I never grew up!"

Manley is the sort of garrulous old-timer who speaks in exclamation points. He remembers parachuting into Normandy on June 6, 1944, better than he remembers what he did the day before yesterday, but he's still here, alive and lively, chattering away in the Briny Breezes trailer he bought as a young man of 71.

On Nov. 5, he expected to join roughly 97,000 other Americans who have survived for a century.

How did you do it, Ed?

Manley does his best to scrounge up some advice.

"Don't eat so much," he cautions.

"People eat too much beef. I prefer fish."

Anything else?

"Well, I never drank to get drunk," he says. "I drank as much as the other guys, but I spread it out."

Though he tells you he never grew up, the truth is, Ed Manley grew up many times. He had to.

He was born on Nov. 5, 1921, two months after his father died. At 3, he was sent by his single mother to live with a babysitter in New Jersey until he was 5, when he arrived at an orphanage in Harlem.

"They used to give us two nickels every Wednesday to go down to the YMCA on the trolley," he once recalled, "and I'd hang on to the back of the trolley to save the nickels."

Another survivor from Company F

At 20, he joined the "Screaming Eagles" — the 101st Airborne Infantry Division's 502nd Parachute Battalion, Company F, as a private.

Just after midnight on D-Day, he parachuted into Normandy, part of an 11-man team charged with blowing up four German cannons overlooking Omaha Beach.

That September, he jumped into Holland, fighting to take roads and bridges in the city of Eindhoven.

In December, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge against Hitler's 5th Panzer Army. And on Jan. 3, 1945, Manley was wounded in Bastogne, Belgium, captured



Ed Manley, who parachuted into Normandy on D-Day in World War II, retired to Briny Breezes 29 years ago, and Nov. 5 marked his 100th birthday. **Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

and taken to Stalag 12A, a Nazi POW camp in Limburg, Germany.

No wonder Dan McBride thought Manley was already dead.

McBride was only 20 when he jumped into Normandy with Company F, then pressed on to Holland and Belgium, earning three Purple Hearts along the way. He's 97 now, a retired railroad man alive and well in Silver City, New Mexico.

In 2019, Holland came into McBride's life again when a lieutenant colonel in the Royal Dutch Army, Jos Groen, reached out to McBride from his home in Doorn, The Netherlands, to request an interview for his book, *Three of the Last WWII Screaming Eagles*.

Groen came to Silver City and met with McBride for three days. They became friends, and in September 2021, Groen called again to say he'd found another survivor from Company F, a man named Ed Manley, still alive in Briny Breezes, Florida.

"We were both in Company F, but different platoons," McBride says. "I didn't know him then, but I heard he was one of the ones captured in Bastogne."

What McBride hadn't heard was that while Manley was being marched toward

Berlin to form a human wall against the Allied assault, he and five other prisoners had escaped.

In October, McBride called Manley.

"We talked about 20 minutes, half an hour maybe," McBride reports. "He told me he got hit in the hip, and what he'd done after the war."

Manley remembers that McBride was in Company F, but their phone call has already slipped from his mind. The present is vague, the past vivid.

'I tried to help people out'

"I was happiest when I was married," Manley says. "I didn't get married until I was 30."

Dorothy Ann Manley died in 1983 after 32 years of marriage.

"She was the only woman I really respected," he confesses. "Most women get together and talk about clothes and, you know ladies' stuff, but she would rather sit with a bunch of guys and play liar's poker."

He points to a funeral urn on the shelf. "She's still with me."

Now one more bit of advice.

"I don't have any credit cards," he reveals. "I write checks. That way if I die,



Manley's old World War II uniform is a history of his service along with other honors received over the years.

the kids aren't stuck with the bills."

He and Dorothy had three children, Scott, James and Kimberley. Scott is a pastor in Washington state, Kimberley died in 2015 at 58, and Manley has no contact with James.

Ask what he's proudest of in his 100 years of living and Manley hesitates.

"Most people go to church," he decides. "If someone was beating on you and you couldn't defend yourself, I found a way to help you out. Most people go to church; I tried to help people out."

Manley's son Scott and his grandson, Jered, planned to be here for his birthday, when Brenda Dooley and a few other friends in the park scheduled a small party in the clubhouse. He'll have 100 cupcakes, one for every year so far, with a sax player blowing his beloved Big Band tunes, and red, white and blue decorations in honor of his heroism.

"And his table's getting gold plates and gold balloons to go with the red, white and blue," Dooley promised.

Meals on Wheels planned to deliver a cake, balloon and a bag of presents, as it does for all its centenarians. Just a few gestures to celebrate Ed Manley's first century, and ring in his next.

"I don't want to be around another hundred years," he says bluntly. "We've got people going on the moon now, and we can't handle Earth. We won't recognize man in 20 years."

But then he reconsiders.

"I'd like to see Asia."

And he laughs.

"I hope you have half as much fun in your life as I'm having." ★



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Veterans Day

WWII navigator's milestone tops stories of Highland Beach veterans

By Rich Pollack

John Bury remembers flying over Europe that day more than 75 years ago like it was yesterday.

The lead navigator on a B-17 Flying Fortress, Bury and the bomber's crew were heading back to their base in England when enemy gunfire knocked out two engines, the landing gear and caused minor injuries to a couple of fellow crew members.

At the time, Bury wasn't thinking about the long-range future or about the long life he would eventually have.

"I was just hoping to live long enough to make the landing," he said.

This month, on the day before Veterans Day, Bury will celebrate his 100th birthday, a milestone that no other member of his squadron has reached.

"I'm ready to start on the second 100," he joked.

Bury, a longtime Highland Beach resident, is one of several veterans who are subjects of profiles written by Town Commissioner John Shoemaker as part of a project to recognize their contributions.

"There is support in town to bring recognition and honor to those veterans of all wars," says Shoemaker, a Vietnam veteran who as a lieutenant led an infantry platoon in combat. "I had no idea that we had so many heroes living in Highland Beach. The diversity of their experience is amazing."

Among those profiled is Martin Sylvester, who was involved in the 1944 D-Day invasion and later was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge and escaped three times after being captured by the German army. Former Highland Beach Vice Mayor John Rand, another World War II veteran who is



LEFT: John Bury, who turns 100 on Nov. 10, wears an Army 8th Air Corps patch and displays a poster of a B-17 Flying Fortress at his Highland Beach condominium. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star.** **RIGHT:** Bury (top right) with his B-17 squadron during World War II. Commissioner John Shoemaker has written profiles of Bury and other veterans in town. **Photo provided**



profiled, served as a member of the radio communications team for U.S. and Allied forces in Southeast Asia.

Shoemaker also told the stories of Father Brian Horgan, the pastor at St. Lucy Catholic Church who served as a major in Iraq and Afghanistan, and of Randy Elliott, who served as a company commander during the 1968 Tet Offensive in Vietnam and was later activated from the reserves during Operation Desert Storm and promoted to brigadier general.

Other profiles include those of Navy sailor Ben Bishkoff, who served during the Vietnam era, and William "Billy" Kraft, who served in the Army, in the Navy SeaBees and the Air National Guard. Shoemaker also told the story of Army Col. Claude Schmidt, a former tank commander who founded Veteran's Last Patrol, which supports veterans at their end of

life. "The thread that runs through all these stories is that military training will change the lives of all these soldiers for the better," Shoemaker said.

Many of Shoemaker's stories were incorporated into Town Manager Marshall Labadie's "Manager's Minute," and the town is putting the finishing touches on a new page on the website that will include personal profiles of the "Heroes

of Highland Beach." The page will include key contact information for veterans organizations, links to veteran services, announcements and important calendar dates.

"These are all heroes in our midst that people should know about," Shoemaker said. "It's great that these people are getting the recognition they deserved."

Shoemaker said there are also plans to build a memorial that

will honor the town's veterans, many of whom will have stories like those Bury easily recalls.

A resident of Highland Beach for almost 40 years, Bury survived the 1945 flight, although a piece of flak landed right in front of him and blew his walking shoe "right past my ear."

With the gas tank full of holes and the landing gear disabled, the crew was concerned about returning to England safely.

"We weren't sure we could get back to base," Bury said.

The bomber did make it back and Bury returned to civilian life, eventually becoming a vice president of marketing for Purolator.

Bury and his wife, Shirley, have been together for close to 74 years and have four children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Until recently, Bury volunteered on a regular basis at St. Lucy church, helping out in the office.

To celebrate the milestone birthday, Bury plans to gather with family from the area and later with family from all across the country.

His secret to longevity, he says, is simply eating right and staying active.

"Shirley watched our diet and I exercised daily for about 50 years," he said. ★

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Ocean Ridge

Pandemic relief money earmarked to replace town's aging water pipes

By Joe Capozzi

Ocean Ridge officials are planning to spend the town's chunk of American Rescue Plan Act money on replacing the problematic aging water pipes on the north end of town.

Of the roughly 76,500 linear feet of water mains in Ocean Ridge, at least 63,000 linear feet are more than 25 years old, town engineer Lisa Tropepe said in a Sept. 24 memo.

"With the town's incorporation in 1931, many of these mains are beyond their useful life," she wrote in a recommendation for a water main distribution capital plan.

Replacing all of the older pipe will cost several million dollars, she said. The first step is addressing the most vulnerable section, about 2,400 linear feet of 6-inch cast iron pipe in the north end of town

on the east side of State Road A1A between Inlet Cay and Sabal Island drives.

"Over the last few years we've been getting a few more water main breaks than normal," Tropepe told the Town Commission on Oct. 4. "It's probably going to happen more and more."

Ideally, an 8-inch pipe would replace the old one. It could cost between \$700,000 to \$850,000, she said.

"My professional opinion," she said, "this pipe is way beyond its useful life."

The town buys its potable water from Boynton Beach and owns the water pipes, which extend through town on both sides of A1A.

Because the water is used for drinking and fire protection, the town's grant administrator determined that the \$900,000 in federal pandemic relief

money earmarked for Ocean Ridge can be used for the repairs and replacement of the water mains.

"We'd like to ultimately be able to have an 8-inch water main that could take care of directly the condominiums along the east side of the road, but indirectly it helps everyone," Tropepe told commissioners.

"That way the whole system would be looped with a properly sized pipe to provide not only potable water but also for fire safety."

If not for the pandemic, the town may have had to raise taxes or issue a bond to pay for the repairs.

"This ARPA money that is going to cover this is manna from heaven," Mayor Kristine de Haseth said in an interview.

"It really is, for these smaller coastal towns to be able to have

this money and spend it on something that probably would have taken either a millage rate increase or bonds issuance to take care of."

In other business:

• The town might consider code changes that would allow for the removal of Planning and Zoning Commission members who miss consecutive meetings. The change was proposed because only four out of five members attended four meetings this summer.

"This poses a problem, as we have an odd number of members in order for business to move forward," Town Manager Tracey Stevens said.

• The Town Commission and advisory Planning and Zoning Commission held a joint meeting Oct. 12. A consensus was reached to allow flat roofs, while three other

topics, including ways to get rid of construction eyesores, were debated.

Because the meeting ran nearly three hours, two agenda items — architectural criteria for front elevations and Planning and Zoning board duties in development plan reviews — were postponed until a later joint meeting.

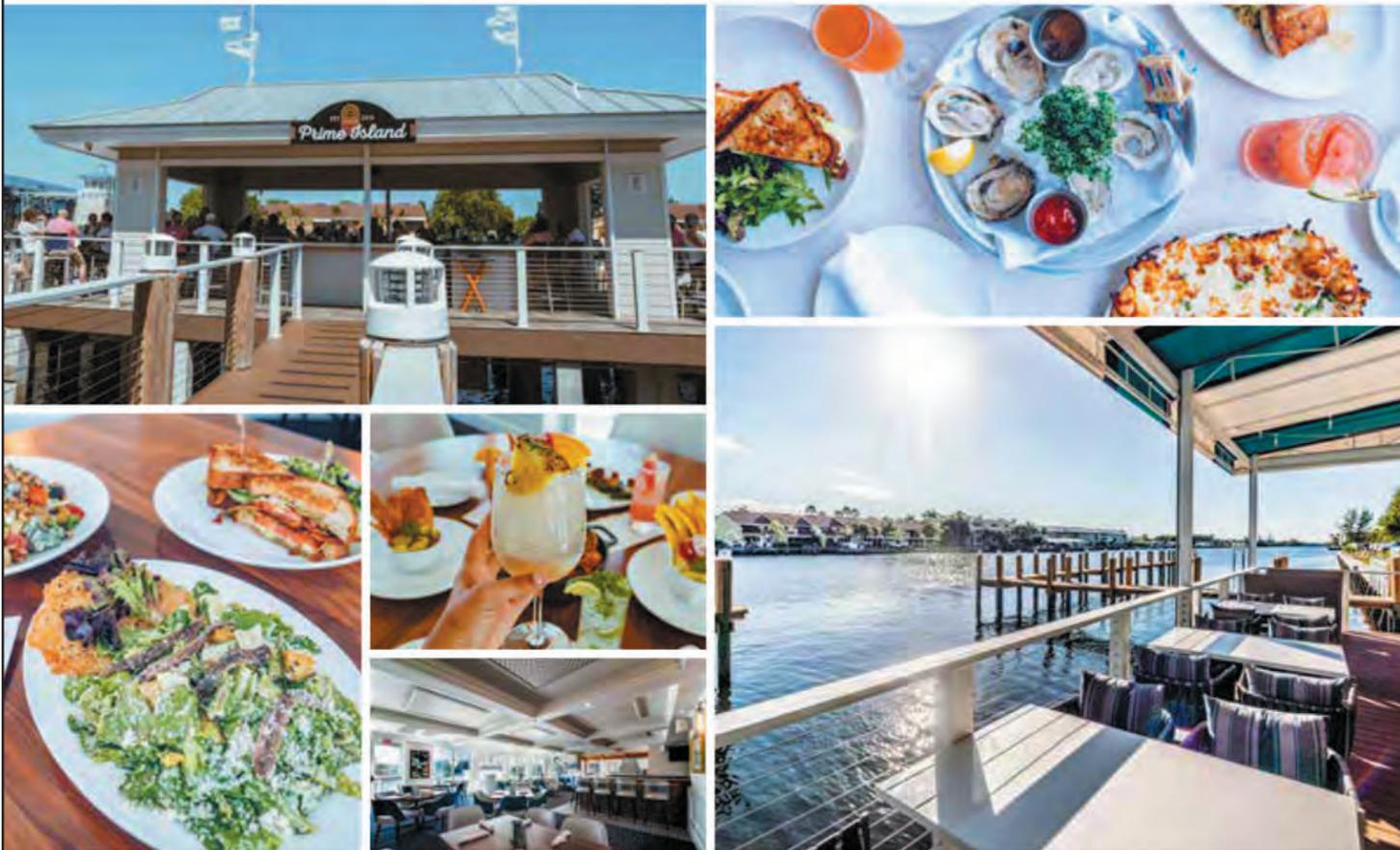
• After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the town's annual "Light the Lights" holiday celebration will return from 4-6 p.m. on Dec. 3.

When it was canceled last year, it was replaced with a Cruisin' Santa golf cart parade that rolled past the driveways of town homes. The parade was so popular that it too will return this year at 3 p.m. on Dec. 11.

Details will be announced soon on the town's website. ★



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Delray Beach

Doc's no longer wants historic designation

The day after the Delray Beach City Commission rejected a rezoning request that would have allowed a three-story building on the lots immediately west of Doc's All American restaurant, the owner of Doc's withdrew an application to list the iconic eatery on the city's Historic Register.

Earlier in that meeting last month, the City Commission had unanimously voted on first reading to approve the historic designation, but city regulations require a second reading to list a structure in the register.

John T. Murphy, the manager of the company that owns all three lots, wrote a letter to the director of the city's Development Services department. "Based on last night's vote, unfortunately we will be withdrawing our application" to designate Doc's as historic, he wrote.

Doc's sits at the corner of Atlantic and Swinton avenues, in the heart of the city's Old School Square Historic Arts District. It was built in 1951 and is considered a prime example of post-World War II Mid-Century roadside architecture.

Doc's remains safe from the wrecking ball, at least in the short term. Before anyone can secure a demolition permit, an approved plan for what would be built on the lot must be in the owner's hands. Any such plan would have to work its way through advisory boards and finally the City Commission.

— Staff report

Boynton Beach

Former deputy chief settles with city over fire-rescue mural

By Jane Smith

The first Black woman firefighter in Boynton Beach recently settled all discrimination complaints against the city for \$100,000. Her image was whitewashed in a June 2020 mural designed to celebrate the city's Fire Department.

Born and raised in Boynton Beach, Latosha Clemons spent nearly 24 years working for the city's Fire Department. She started as a firefighter in June 1996 and worked her way up to deputy fire chief before retiring in March 2020.

Clemons agreed to a total settlement of \$100,000, considering it just compensation for what she went through on the job and with the mural, wrote Arthur Schofield, her attorney, in an Oct. 20 email to *The Coastal Star*. The amount also factored in that Boynton Beach redid the mural in the fall of 2020 to properly depict her.

"Clemons is pleased to have closure to this very unfortunate and hurtful event in her life and is hopeful that her stance not only prevents employers from taking similar actions but also encourages victims to stand up for themselves," Schofield wrote.

Clemons will receive \$80,000 to settle her lawsuit with the city, filed in April. The additional \$20,000 is to settle a federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission discrimination complaint filed against Boynton Beach in the summer of 2020, according to the city attorney.

Boynton Beach spent nearly \$17,000



The mural sample shows how the face of former Deputy Fire Chief Latosha Clemons (lower right) was obscured before the mural was redone in late 2020. **Image provided**

fighting the complaints through the end of September.

The City Commission unanimously approved settling her claims at its Oct. 19 meeting.

"We will not be erased," Commissioner Christina Romelus, who is Black, said when voting for the two settlements. "No amount of money can make up for what was done."

Clemons, 48, is now fire chief in Forest Park, Georgia. She was hired there in December.

The mural, featuring photos of the city's fire-rescue staff, was installed on June 2, 2020, in the new fire station's lobby windows, facing Northeast First Avenue.

On June 3, 2020, the city held a soft opening with elected leaders,

development partners and the media. The public was not invited because of coronavirus restrictions against large crowds.

The Boynton Beach mural was taken down the next day because social media posts depicted two Black former fire leaders as white. Clemons became what appeared to be a distorted white man and ex-chief Glenn Joseph, the city's second Black fire chief, seemed to be depicted as a white man with a mustache.

Joseph declined to have his face restored, saying he had been with the department for only a few years.

From June 4 to 6, 2020, City Manager Lori LaVerriere interviewed then-Public Art Manager Debby Coles-Dobay, Fire Marshal Kathy Cline and then-Fire Chief Matt Petty.

"Coles-Dobay admitted that changing the skin color was her idea and decision," according to the notes of Human Resources Director Julie Oldbury, who was present during the interviews.

On June 6, 2020, LaVerriere demoted Petty, who later that day agreed to separate from the city.

Coles-Dobay lost her job on June 6, 2020. She sent this email on Oct. 25 to *The Coastal Star*:

"As Public Art Manager, my job was to facilitate the process as outlined in the public art ordinance between the project stakeholders and the artist to make sure all parties are satisfied, and the project criteria is met. The project criteria were to 'Preserve the Department's Culture and Pride while building strong community relationships.' It was not to

'honor the contribution of Fire Rescue Department employees,' as published in the city statements.

"Prior to the artwork installation, senior-level staff, Chief Petty and Fire Marshal Cline refused to allow the installation and directed me to convey the changes to be made."

But during the June 4, 2020, interview of Coles-Dobay by the city manager, Oldbury's notes read: LaVerriere told Coles-Dobay that if she was feeling any type of pressure, she should have told her and brought her into the loop on what was occurring.

LaVerriere declined to comment for this story.

"What happened to the deputy chief was disgusting," Commissioner Ty Penserga said before joining in the unanimous commission vote.

Because Clemons was born in Boynton Beach, Mayor Steven Grant said, "Removing her image from the mural hurts the worst. ... She is always there at many city events."

At the Oct. 19 meeting, he proposed naming a new public orchard after Clemons. Grant and Clemons picked up trash from a vacant lot at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Northwest First Street on MLK Day in January 2020.

Nearly two years later, the lot now contains 50 tropical fruit trees, planted by Community Greening volunteers.

Naming the public orchard for Clemons will be discussed at a future Boynton Beach meeting. ★

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Briny Breezes

Town hires engineer, seeks grants to deal with seasonal flooding

By Joe Capozzi

Briny Breezes residents like to think they have a pretty good idea of how storms, king tides and rising seas can threaten their 43-acre community on the barrier island.

For a few days in September 2020, as a tropical system roiled off the coast at high tide, they watched the Intracoastal Waterway pour over the sea walls on the west side of town and into the streets. The water floated golf carts and flooded porches, air-conditioning units and cars. After a few days, the water receded.

As scary as that was for the co-op of 488 manufactured and mobile homes, a new consultant's report suggests Briny ain't seen nothing yet.

The resiliency planning guide, prepared by the Fort Lauderdale-based coastal engineering firm Brizaga Inc., calls for tens of millions of dollars in infrastructure improvements and creative land-use changes to help Briny Breezes survive potential flooding over the next 50 years.

Among the measures outlined in the 144-page Flooding Adaptation Plan, commissioned for about \$30,000 by the Briny Breezes Corp., are:

- Replacing and elevating more than 5,000 linear feet of sea walls on four basins near the most vulnerable parts of town along the Intracoastal Waterway.
- Enhancing the stormwater drainage system with larger pipes and pumps.
- Raising the streets and low-lying areas with tens of thousands of cubic yards of fill.
- Adopting alternative building methods that could include setting some homes atop concrete stilts, a strategy that helped one Key Largo community withstand a 2017 hurricane.



King tides amplified by tropical weather in September and October 2020 flooded many of the streets on the west side of Briny Breezes. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

- Tearing the town down and redeveloping it (an option town and corporation officials consider highly unlikely) or abandoning the lowest-lying areas so they can be used for water retention.

In perhaps the report's most eye-opening section, 12 forecasting maps show increasing levels of tidal flooding and storm surge over the next 50 years, based on models from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the 2019 Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact.

Some maps show low-lying areas on the west permanently under water in 2040. Another, for a Category 3 hurricane in 2070, shows the entire west side of town under up to 5 feet of water and sections on the east under more than 3 feet of water.

"If storm surge comes through at high tide as (some of) the forecast models continue to show, they'll be waterfront properties. They'll literally be sitting atop water in the Intracoastal 50 years from now," said Mayor Gene Adams.

In all scenarios, the east side of town, between State Road

A1A and the Atlantic Ocean, would fare better than the west side. But if the forecasted flooding throughout Briny were to occur, it could deal a catastrophic blow to the town.

Since Briny's tax rate is already at the maximum allowed under state law, the town has relied each year on rising property values to generate extra operating revenue. If properties are swallowed by water, their values — and consequently the town's tax base — will shrink.

"If your taxable value goes substantially down, your revenues obviously go substantially down and it could make it impossible for the town to exist," Town Manager William Thrasher said in an interview.

"If they are forecasting correctly, from my perspective, the town of Briny would cease to exist. I don't see how the town could survive that. So the report is a hypothetical forecast that could have dire effects on the town of Briny Breezes and its very existence and functionality."

The report also includes photographs of thousands

of feet of deteriorating sea wall along the Intracoastal, some described in "poor" and "serious" condition, with "the most vulnerable sections along Mallard Drive South, Ibis Drive West, and Heron Drive" on the north end of the west side.

Despite those gloomy forecasts, town and corporation officials said they are optimistic the future will be bright.

In the months since the report came out in June, town leaders have already gotten started on Brizaga's recommended "immediate next steps" — a master plan to replace the deteriorating sea walls on the west side and enhance the stormwater drainage system.

And the town's Planning and Zoning Board has started looking into alternative building methods, as recommended by the Brizaga team.

"We feel this is a very positive tool for future short- and long-range planning and also a wonderful tool that will help the town work toward government funding and other grants related to coastal flooding," Michael Gallacher, general manager of Briny Breezes Inc., wrote in a statement to *The Coastal Star*.

"Rather than predictions of fear, the report provides Briny with an analysis foundation on which both the town and the corporation can begin discussions with government bodies and for internal resource planning, prioritization and decision making."

But adequately preparing the town will come with a price tag. A high one. How high depends on which recommendations the town and corporation follow.

The Town Council on Oct. 28 approved two contracts with the West Palm Beach engineering firm Engenuity Group Inc., one for \$85,000 to do a survey of underground utilities across town and the other for \$60,000

for a stormwater master plan.

Thrasher is trying to secure grant money for construction drawings, estimated to cost \$250,000, for new sea walls and stormwater management improvements.

"Construction drawings can't be created until you know the topography of the land and where utilities are located," Thrasher said. "Once you have construction drawings, then you're really able to start reaching out to legislators for appropriations."

The town has already initiated conversations with state Rep. Mike Caruso and state Sen. Lori Berman on securing millions of dollars for the long-term improvements recommended in the report.

Grants will require the town to put up matching money.

"If we really tackle this thing the right way," Adams said, "there probably will be some degree of having to go up in assessments" paid every quarter by shareholders.

"The good news is property values are going up in Briny, so the tax base is going up higher and there's more money available," he said.

Thrasher said competitive markets might lower some of the cost estimates.

"I believe the cap the town can absorb or put into a project is between \$25 million and \$30 million. That's it. That I believe can get us to 2040 and approaches 2050. That would be sea walls, stormwater management and a combination of land development regulations," Thrasher said.

"With that amount of money in a project we could get in very good shape, in my opinion."

Since the report was completed in June, Gallacher said, there have been several Zoom presentations for shareholders, who have received a 14-page executive summary.

"We are hopeful for a larger-scale, in-person presentation when we are back in season and past COVID," Gallacher said.

While the forecasts in the report are just that — forecasts with no guarantee that such severe flood events will occur — the town and its corporation aren't taking any chances.

"Something needs to be done. We just cannot sit back and hope that these forecasters are wrong," Thrasher said.

"It's probably scary to some to think that we are thinking of this and yet at the same time when I see king tides and the effects it has on the property, that's scarier to me."

Rubber boots and king tide charts have become household items for residents on the town's west side, which already sees frequent tidal flooding.

"Seeing what that looks like in 2040, 2050 is eye-opening," Adams said. "We are starting to tackle it right now, but it's definitely a big number that needs to be tackled." ★

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Along the Coast

National flood insurance rates going up for most, down for a few

By Charles Elmore

Big changes in federal flood insurance are lowering bills for some but triggering sticker shock for others, agents say — such as the buyer of a Delray Beach commercial property who was quoted a \$16,400 annual premium after the previous owner paid \$1,100.

“We’ll be having some difficult conversations with clients,” said John Backer, vice president of Gracey-Backer Inc., an agency in Delray. “Potentially it could affect some real estate deals.”

Despite pleas for delay from members of Congress in Florida and other coastal states, the reset known as Risk Rating 2.0 took effect Oct. 1 for new policies issued by the National Flood Insurance Program. Adjusted rates will kick in April 1 for those who renew existing policies.

Nowhere is the impact bigger than in Florida, which — with 1.7 million — has the most NFIP policies of any state. More than 80% of policies in the state will cost more, according to federal projections.

The government-run program remains the dominant provider of insurance for flood damage, which most standard home and business policies do not cover.

Along Palm Beach County’s southern coast, a minority of people will pay less, a majority in most ZIP codes will pay up to \$10 more per month or \$120 annually, and some face much steeper costs.

Take the 33483 ZIP code spanning Gulf Stream and the eastern part of Delray Beach. It has 6,024 NFIP policies. Among these, 7% are pegged to cost more than \$20 extra each month. A website breaking out the government data does not offer further specifics about how much more.

The biggest portion in the ZIP code, 59%, will pay up to \$10 more per month. Another 8.7% will pay \$10 to \$20 more. About a quarter, 25.3%, will pay less.

The changes come after a long-running debate about whether NFIP, created in 1968, has kept rates too low for some properties deemed to carry higher flood risks, effectively shifting costs to others with lower risks.

Proponents say a reworking has been overdue in a time of rising worry about climate change and increased flooding risk.

But prior increases in prices and surcharges stemming from 2012 federal legislation led to complaints the changes caused economic disruption and pushed some people to drop policies. By 2019, nine municipalities in southeastern Palm Beach had fewer NFIP policies than they did eight years earlier, with declines as much as 40%, while three had more policies, a *Coastal Star* analysis found.

Lenders may require flood policies in designated high-risk zones, but people not carrying mortgages or living in lower-risk areas have a choice.

In September, a bipartisan group of nine U.S. senators including Florida’s Marco Rubio “urgently” requested a delay for the changes in a letter to the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which oversees the flood program.

Senators said they understood FEMA’s own analysis projected nearly 20% of all policyholders nationally, or about 900,000, would drop policies over 10 years. The letter also said FEMA was failing to publicize adequately just how much some premiums could go up — not merely in the first year, but with certain renewing policies, rising 18% annually for five years, 10 years or however long it takes to get to a revised rate.

Under congressional questioning in early October, FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell said the change “has been implemented” and “already individuals are seeing decreases in their insurance rates, which is the first time that this program has taken equity into account to make sure people are paying for the risk that they have.”

How many will pay less in southeastern Palm Beach County? It can vary a lot.

In the 33487 ZIP code, with 6,223 policies in the Highland Beach and Boca Raton area, for example, 6.5% are forecast to cost less.

The projected savers rise to 46.5% of 5,736 policies in the 33435 ZIP code for

parts of Boynton Beach, Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes.

In the 33480 ZIP code including South Palm Beach, 27.4% of 9,147 policies are slated to cost less. More than 60% of policies there will cost up to \$10 more monthly, another 5.8% are seen as rising up to \$20, and 6.1% will top \$20 extra.

New prices arrive in the wake of updated federal maps and local efforts to mitigate flood risks. Big price differences can hinge on factors like a property’s elevation and proximity to a body of water. But virtually everyone in the region faces some risk, officials say.

“Every property in the city of Boynton Beach can flood,” that city’s website reminds residents. “You can’t bet on getting disaster assistance after a flood. But you can pay for repairs if you have flood insurance.”

The site further notes “35% of all flood insurance claims in the city of Boynton Beach have been outside the mapped floodplain. Consider purchasing flood insurance, whether your property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area or not.”

For the uninsured, the most common form of federal disaster assistance is a loan that must be repaid with interest, FEMA officials note.

In any case, pricing changes can bring surprises for home buyers coming into a hot market. One Delray Beach home purchaser learned a flood insurance policy that cost \$580 per year in the past was now \$2,200, Backer said.

That has sent agents and residents scrambling to assess their options. Alternatives can include private insurers, who largely avoided flood risks historically and account for less than 5% of the U.S. flood insurance market in most estimates. In recent years a number of private carriers have stepped up efforts to play a greater role.

As the effects play out into next year, people near the coast will have to adjust to a new reality.

“In the end, the goal of this is to pay what they should be paying, commensurate to risk,” Backer said. “But that doesn’t mean it is going to be an easy process.” ★

Cost changes by ZIP codes

Premiums for National Flood Insurance Program policies under Risk Rating 2.0:

33432 (Boca Raton) — 6,995 policies
Paying less: 29.1%
Paying \$0-\$10 more monthly: 65.4%
Paying \$10-\$20 more: 3.4%
Paying \$20+ more: 2%

33431 (Boca Raton) — 3,009 policies
Paying less: 34.6%
Paying \$0-\$10 more monthly: 59.3%
Paying \$10-\$20 more: 3.7%
Paying \$20+ more: 2.5%

33487 (Boca Raton, Highland Beach) — 6,223 policies
Paying less: 6.5%
Paying \$0-\$10 more monthly: 85.2%
Paying \$10-\$20 more: 6%
Paying \$20+ more: 2.3%

33483 (Delray Beach, Gulf Stream) — 6,024 policies
Paying less: 25.3%
Paying \$0-\$10 more monthly: 59%
Paying \$10-\$20 more: 8.7%
Paying \$20+ more: 7%

33435 (Boynton Beach, Briny Breezes, Ocean Ridge) — 5,736 policies
Paying less: 46.5%
Paying \$0-\$10 more monthly: 48%
Paying \$10-\$20 more: 3.7%
Paying \$20+ more: 1.8%

33462 (Lantana, Manalapan) — 3,385 policies
Paying less: 35.3%
Paying \$0-\$10 more monthly: 54.3%
Paying \$10-\$20 more: 7.3%
Paying \$20+ more: 3.1%

33480 (South Palm Beach, Palm Beach) — 9,147 policies
Paying less: 27.4%
Paying \$0-\$10 more monthly: 60.7%
Paying \$10-\$20 more: 5.8%
Paying \$20+ more: 6.1%

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Gulf Stream

Police vote to unionize; town ready to negotiate

By Steve Plunkett

Gulf Stream’s rank-and-file police officers are now card-carrying members of the Police Benevolent Association of Palm Beach County.

“Welcome,” the union said in an Oct. 6 post on Facebook following the officers’ vote. “We are very proud to be your new collective bargaining representative.”

In response, town commissioners on Oct. 8 hired I. Jeffrey Pheterson of the West Palm Beach law firm Ward Damon to negotiate a contract with the PBA.

“I know Jeff,” Vice Mayor Thomas Stanley said. “I’ve worked with him on some labor and employment matters in my professional career. He’s very well-qualified.”

Pheterson will be paid \$350 per hour for his services, not to

exceed \$15,000.

Until the affirmative vote, Gulf Stream’s force was the only nonunionized coastal police agency from South Palm Beach to Boca Raton.

The town boosted police pay by \$3,750 a year in fiscal 2020 after a survey showed its officers received less than their counterparts in Highland Beach, Ocean Ridge, Manalapan and Palm Beach. That pushed the lowest salary to \$51,250, ahead of Manalapan and Highland Beach. Other town employees were given 3% raises.

“That really puts us right in the middle of the five cities,” Town Manager Greg Dunham said at the time.

Also on Oct. 8, Police Chief Edward Allen announced he had hired Officer Michael LeStrange, a 39-year veteran of the Palm Beach Sheriff’s Office, and was close to hiring

another officer. Allen and Capt. John Haseley are management and not included in the union. Gulf Stream also has two police sergeants and, with the new hires, nine patrol officers.

In other business, commissioners approved site plans for the first three homes on Bluewater Cove just north of Place Au Soleil. Two will be one-story model homes in Bermuda

style and Anglo Caribbean. The third will be a two-story Colonial West Indies spec home. The developer hopes to start construction next spring and finish up the following fall. ★



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Boca Raton

Public housing residents fear change could force them out

By Mary Hladky

Residents of the Dixie Manor public housing complex typically haven't paid much attention to Boca Raton Housing Authority meetings.

But those monthly Zoom sessions have drawn intense interest lately as word started circulating that the housing authority is planning changes that they fear could push them out of their apartments.

They are studying the ramifications if the housing authority removes Dixie Manor from the federal public housing program and uses other methods to provide low-income housing. They are asking questions — lots of questions. They have spoken out at City Council meetings to make sure city leaders are aware of what may be in the offing.

"My concern is about the displacement of people who live in Dixie Manor," former resident John Martin told the council on Aug. 24. "My hope is if you are not aware of it, you become aware of it. ... My hope is we create a dialogue with the city and housing authority to look at what we can do to preserve that community."

The angst is spurred by the housing authority's decision to explore alternatives that would provide financing to upgrade dilapidated Dixie Manor and add more low-income housing.

Housing authorities across the country are doing the same as they struggle to find ways to improve their housing stock and make more subsidized housing available.

"There is no question the need for affordable housing, low-income housing is dire," said John Scannell, executive director of the Boca Raton Housing Authority.

Congress has underfunded the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which finances housing authorities, for decades. No money is available to build new housing and the department is short as much as \$70 billion for repairs.

As HUD flounders, public housing complexes have fallen into further disrepair. The waiting lists to obtain housing vouchers that subsidize rents at privately owned apartments are long, with people waiting a decade or longer in some areas to get one.

President Joe Biden's Build Back Better domestic policy package originally included \$322 billion to bolster low-income housing programs, but the amount has been trimmed substantially during congressional negotiations. Even the full amount would have been inadequate to meet the need.

In an effort to salvage the situation, HUD proposed "repositioning" public housing in 2018, although components of the program were available



years earlier. The decision on whether or not to reposition is left to housing authorities.

The HUD options are complicated, but the idea is to remove apartments from the public housing program with the intent of giving housing authorities access to debt and equity that had not been available to them to finance their capital needs.

The chief concern for some Dixie Manor residents is that if the complex is rebuilt, they would not be allowed to move into the new complex. Angela McDonald, a Dixie Manor resident for 3½ years who joined the housing authority board one year ago because of her concerns, said residents were explicitly told that.

"My biggest concern is to allow those who want to stay to stay," McDonald said.

Others are less adamant about being able to return, but want assurances they will continue to have subsidized housing. Their fears, in part, stem from skyrocketing rental rates throughout South Florida. If the housing authority does not provide housing they can afford, will they end up homeless?

They also worry that if they are given a Section 8 voucher to move out of public housing and into a subsidized, privately owned apartment, few landlords will accept the voucher because they can make more money bypassing the program.

A pervasive complaint is that the housing authority is not being transparent about what it is doing and did not involve residents in the process early on.

Their frustrations grew when Scannell could not assure them that they would be allowed to return to a rebuilt Dixie Manor.

Scannell is frustrated, too, as he sees rumors running ahead of fact.

There is a simple reason why he cannot give firm answers, he said in September. "We are nowhere near a plan."

Once the housing authority board members analyze their options for repositioning Dixie Manor and determine what financing is available, they will develop that plan.

Scannell pledged that he and the board would keep residents informed.

"They are going to be protected. That is the bottom line," he said.

"You cannot take people [in public housing] and put them in the street. It is not permitted [by HUD]. They will have assistance. No matter what the plan is, they will have safe and affordable housing."

But such assurances ring hollow to Martin.

"I am 100% sure something is going to happen that will wipe out a community," Martin said at a Sept. 20 meeting. "I am not happy at all."

The housing authority made a concession in October.

In a letter to Dixie Manor residents, Board Chairman Gary Richardson wrote that current residents would be allowed to return.

During a WLRN news program the next day, Richardson reiterated that. "Residents will be able to stay," he said.

At first, Richardson said in an

interview with *The Coastal Star*, board members were not sure that would be possible. But after doing research, they concluded that it is.

"We didn't want to make promises before we were sure," he said.

That hasn't assuaged McDonald's concerns. "I don't trust them until I see it," she said. "They have not been totally honest with us."

According to various media reports across the country, repositioning has worked well in some cases and tenants have been happy with the results. But in others, tenants have faced rent increases, improper evictions or poorly done renovations.

Tenant concerns are justified, said Deborah Thorpe, deputy director of the National Housing Law Project, which advocates for tenants and litigates housing rights cases.

"The concern of tenants are absolutely warranted," she said. "There is a lot of risk for public housing tenants in repositioning."

That risk includes losing rights they have as public housing tenants, depending on which plan a housing authority decides to implement.

Those rights include due process rights that protect them from eviction or termination from the program and the right to organize.

"It is critical that tenants living in public housing that may be experiencing repositioning organize if at all possible and really start to make demands. You really want to make sure key tenant

protections are carried over," Thorpe said.

Tenants also need to make sure that whatever the housing authority does, their housing remains affordable and does not become market-rate apartments a few years in the future, she said.

For help in safeguarding their rights, tenants have turned to legal aid organizations. At least one Dixie Manor resident has done so.

Tequisha Myles, Fair Housing Project supervising attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, said a tenant has asked for assistance, but could not comment further on what the tenant is seeking.

"We are investigating," she said. "We will be involved in the matter."

No one disputes that Dixie Manor is in disrepair and needs to be replaced.

The 95-unit complex at 1350 N. Dixie Highway sits at the edge of Pearl City, a historic neighborhood formed in 1915. Some of the buildings, which house 350 people, are more than 60 years old. Their deficiencies include no heat and window air-conditioning units.

"The apartments are basically falling apart," McDonald said.

The housing authority also has issued 626 housing vouchers and has 600 people on a wait list who can expect to be on that list for years.

Dixie Manor residents and those with vouchers pay 30% of their adjusted annual income for rent.

Scannell and the board hope that they will be able to rebuild and at least double the number of apartments by repositioning.

They so far have hired an attorney who has represented housing authorities across the country. In October, they signed a contract with Atlantic Pacific Communities, a developer which has extensive experience working with housing authorities in Florida and four other states.

They soon will contract with a company to do a feasibility study to determine the best repositioning and financing options. After they settle on a plan, they must obtain financing.

Both Richardson and Scannell estimate it could be two years before construction begins.

Richardson now is making himself more available to Dixie Manor residents. His visits to the complex fell off at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, but he has held meetings recently with tenants to answer questions and ease tensions, he hopes.

"Some of the things that have been said are false and we want to make sure tenants get accurate information," he said. "We are not hiding behind anything. We will do good for the community and the residents." ★



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Boca Raton

Property owner readies tech-friendly ideas for Innovation Campus

By Mary Hladky

Nearly four years after the City Council effectively killed Crocker Partners' ambitious plan to create a Midtown office, retail and residential development, the company has a new, equally ambitious plan to revitalize the former IBM campus.

The council's action in January 2018 prompted the company, now rebranded as CP Group, to file three ultimately unsuccessful lawsuits against the city. The acrimony on both sides has not abated.

Yet CP Group is before the city once again. The conduit between the company and the city unexpectedly is Deputy Mayor Andrea O'Rourke, the most vehement opponent of Midtown.

Signs of some rapprochement have been visible for a while. CP

Group, which bought the IBM campus in 2018 for about \$179 million, has incorporated public art into its extensive property renovations. O'Rourke, a strong proponent of art in public places, has been on hand for at least some of the art unveilings.

O'Rourke told other council members on Sept. 13 that CP Group Managing Partner Angelo Bianco had approached her asking that the company be allowed to informally present its plans for the 1.7 million-square-foot complex, now known as the Boca Raton Innovation Campus. The plans, still in their early stages, would require a zoning change.

But with distrust still running high, the city asked CP Group to clarify its objectives for a meeting.

In a Sept. 1 letter to City Attorney Diana Grub Frieser, which asks if the City Council

has an interest in considering a zoning change, CP Group attorney Bonnie Miskel stated that hearing the presentation would not commit the city to anything and, in legalese, says that CP Group will not sue. The council gave the go-ahead for the meeting.

CP Group has some leverage. It wants to position BRIC as the premier technology and life sciences hub for the southeastern U.S.

At the same time, Mayor Scott Singer and the city's economic development staff have been working to attract tech companies to the city. Their success will hinge in part on having the type of office space and amenities these companies want.

BRIC is now in the midst of a \$100 million renovation primarily inside the building. CP Group has no plans to change the iconic exterior of the building designed by architect Marcel Breuer.

There is an urgent need for BRIC to move quickly to attract tenants who are fleeing other parts of the country and looking to relocate in Florida, Miskel said during CP Group's Oct. 12 presentation.

"The time is now," she said. "Technology companies and

startups are leaving California and other places and we would like the opportunity to bring them to Boca Raton."

CP Group wants BRIC to offer amenities that these companies and their employees want. That includes offices that are near housing, public transportation, restaurants, retail and child care.

To that end, the company wants to add about 1,000 residential units, a hotel, grocery store, a cultural center that would not compete with the proposed Boca Raton Center for Arts & Innovation in Mizner Park, dining and food halls, and wellness and conference centers. Retail would be clustered along a "Main Street" that cuts across part of the property.

BRIC is within a Light Industrial Research Park zoning district, which was created for IBM. But that zoning would not allow most of the amenities CP Group wants to add, including residential, retail, grocery store and hotel.

Singer was the only council member to voice a firm objection, saying he would prefer to have a comprehensive plan for the entire area that would include the Park at Broken Sound. O'Rourke also

suggested this might be the best approach.

But City Manager Leif Ahnell, citing differences between the two office parks, said it would be possible to review BRIC and the Park at Broken Sound separately.

Other council members said they liked the BRIC concept but wanted to hear more details. Of most concern was whether CP Group was proposing too much residential development — the same issue that created problems for Midtown.

Miskel said that the number of residential units was in flux but would fall well below how much is permitted in other parts of the city.

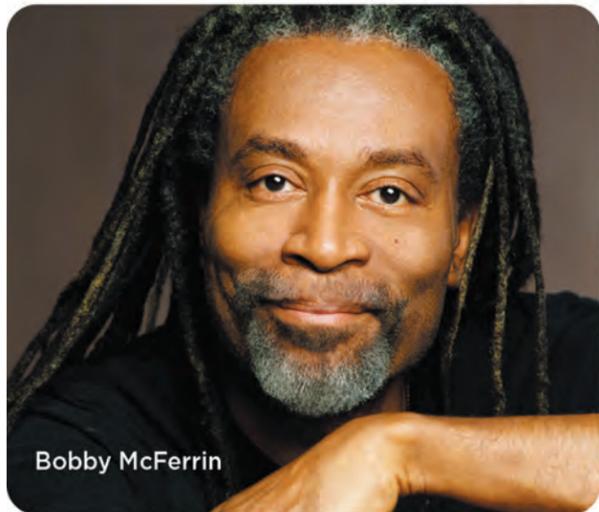
"I personally like what I see," said council member Yvette Drucker. "I think we need to think outside the box on this one."

"I am on board with the concept," said council member Andy Thomson. "I do not want Boca to miss an opportunity like this."

"I do see some urgency in this," said council member Monica Mayotte.

CP Group will return to the council in November to provide more details on its plans. ★

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Boca Raton

‘Rocket’ a beacon of Art in Public Places launch

By Jan Engoren

Jutting up from the green grass with the blue sky and Marcel Breuer’s iconic IBM building as backdrop, Virginia artist Hubert Phipps’ monumental stainless steel sculpture, *Rocket*, brings a touch of majesty to the Boca Raton Innovation Campus.



Phipps

The 30-foot sculpture is part of an Art in Public Places initiative facilitated by Irvin Lippman, executive director of the Boca Raton Museum of Art, in partnership with commercial real estate company CP Group, which owns the campus.

“It’s the perfect opportunity to showcase Phipps’ art with Breuer’s architecture. There’s a synergy between the two — it’s meant to be,” Lippman said during the sculpture’s unveiling ceremony on the campus lawn Sept. 20.

Weighing in at 9.8 tons, with more than 7,000 square feet

of stainless steel, the highly polished sculpture reflects the ambient colors of the sky and lawn, nearby trees and lake as well as visitors, and with its imposing aura makes its presence known.

Fabricated in Hangzhou, China, at the Tany Foundry, the large-scale sculpture took more than two years to construct and was shipped from China to New Orleans and then trucked to South Florida.

Juxtaposed in front of Breuer’s 1969 building where the personal computer was invented, the rocket mirrors Breuer’s concrete buttresses that similarly appear to lift the building from the ground.

Installing the sculpture as a major public art initiative is not the end of the story.

Lippman has future plans, including making *Rocket* the centerpiece of a full-scale indoor and outdoor art museum on the BRIC campus. His emphasis is to extend art outside of the museum’s walls and create a gallery showcasing works by Dorothy Gillespie, another Virginia artist.

Phipps, a pilot with a lifelong fascination with aviation, science fiction and futurism, remembers watching the moon landing in 1969 when he was 10. Also ingrained in his memory are recollections of hearing the rocket engines taking off from the Pratt & Whitney facility in Indiantown when he was a child.

“I am honored to have my artwork selected for this public art initiative by the Boca Raton Museum of Art,” said Phipps, who experiments with various forms and materials, including steel, bronze, wood, composites, plaster, glass and marble.

His works are featured in the permanent collections of major museums, institutions and private collectors, including the Boca Raton Museum of Art.



The Hubert Phipps sculpture rises from the grounds at the Boca Raton Innovation Campus. Photo provided by Jacek Gancarz

“My inspiration comes from all the amazing things we do as a human race as far as pushing the envelope and reaching for the stars,” he said.

“With all the things going on in the aerospace world today, this couldn’t have worked out better.” ★

Outdoor art thrives even with advisory board abolished

By Steve Plunkett

Despite the dissolution of the city’s Art in Public Places advisory board, the hunger for artistic experiences has not diminished.

The Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District pledged \$25,000 on Oct. 4 for an art in public places fund, matching the amount budgeted by the City Council.

Deputy Mayor Andrea O’Rourke, who requested the money, gave what she called the “backstory” of the council’s vote to abolish the advisory board.

“It was very hard to be creative under the Sunshine Law and government regulations,” O’Rourke told the district commissioners. “So the board would meet once a month for an hour and a half and then they couldn’t meet again for another month.

“It didn’t spark energy. It didn’t spark creativity,” she said.

The regulations, for example, forced Irving Lippman, executive director of the Boca Raton Museum of Art, to resign from the advisory board to avoid a conflict of interest when the museum offered to loan the city artwork to decorate Wildflower/Silver Palm Park.

“Doing a city board it just did not work out. (In between meetings) they could not talk to each other or collaborate,” O’Rourke said.

The coronavirus pandemic

strained communication further. The advisory board met 25 times from its creation in January 2018 through March 2020, but zero times in the 17 months from April 2020 through August 2021.

But days after the City Council’s Sept. 14 vote to abolish the board, Lippman helped unveil the 30-foot-tall stainless steel *Rocket* sculpture on the grounds of the Boca Raton Innovation Campus.

The artwork’s polished surface “enlivens the sculpture reflecting the sky, lawns, lights and the people moving around the park, welcoming interaction with visitors — perfectly encapsulating the experience of art in public places,” Lippman said in a statement.

The monumental display is the result of a partnership between BRIC and the museum, O’Rourke told the Beach and Park District officials. She suggested a volunteer from the City Council and one from the district board could steer future efforts.

Since then the city has issued an official Call to Artists to produce a work of art out of recycled materials to put in front of the South Beach Pavilion where Palmetto Park Road meets State Road A1A.

Florida Atlantic University art students were originally tapped to create a sculpture at the site but that plan, too, was derailed by COVID. ★

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FIRE

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electorate demonstrated the confidence they have in our commission to take on this initiative," he said.

Commissioner Evalyn David believes the potential for cost savings and better service was a factor in the overwhelming support from voters.

"It comes down to dollars and cents," she said. "Residents believe that we are paying too much for the services we're receiving. They also apparently believe that we can provide more personal services to our residents."

Delray will lose a station

For almost 30 years, Highland Beach has been receiving fire service from Delray Beach, which staffs the town's fire station. In April, however, town leaders voted unanimously to end the agreement with Delray Beach and create a town-run fire department over a three-year period.



Hillman and other commissioners have repeatedly said they believe the town can provide better service to residents at a lower cost than it is paying Delray Beach.

They have consistently pointed out that the new fire department will have two fire trucks and two rescue vehicles operating out of the station located next to Town Hall, as opposed to the one fire truck and one rescue vehicle currently at the station and staffed by

Delray.

While the referendum results clear the way for the town to move forward, town leaders anticipate that it will be at least two years before the department is operational.

When that does happen, Delray Beach stands to lose between \$5 million and \$6 million in annual revenue it receives from Highland Beach.

In addition, Delray Fire Rescue will no longer be able to rely on firefighters working out

of the Highland Beach station to respond to calls within the Delray Beach city limits, unless an agreement can be worked out.

A consultant study commissioned by Highland Beach showed that firefighters from the town's station were dispatched to calls in Delray Beach about 667 times a year.

While a lot of variables remain to be figured out, town leaders believe they can run the fire department at about \$1.5

million to \$2 million less than what Delray charges and can recover the costs of starting a town-operated fire department in about five years.

"The No. 1 objective for us is to have the best possible service for our community," Hillman said. "It just happens we can do it for less money."

With the approval of voters in hand, town staff can move forward with plans for the purchase of big-ticket items such as a fire truck and a rescue wagon, as well as with renovations to the town-owned fire station, according to Town Manager Marshall Labadie.

Those efforts were stalled by the town's funding cap, which prevents spending on any single item over \$350,000 without a referendum.

"The vote moves the cap out of the way, only as far as the new fire department is concerned," Labadie said.

He said that the town has been moving quickly on much of the groundwork needed to start a department.

"We're well ahead of schedule in developing the processes and procedures and in filling out required county and state applications," he said.

The town has also hired two consultants, former Boynton Beach Fire Chief Glenn Joseph and Tom McCarthy, the former EMS division chief of Riviera Beach. Highland Beach has also made arrangements to have a medical director on board.

Highland Beach residents showing up to vote on Nov. 2 were greeted by Commissioner John Shoemaker (in T-shirt), former Mayor Bernard Featherman and John Ross (red shirt), founder of The Committee to Save Highland Beach.

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Town did heavy marketing

In the run-up to the election, Highland Beach launched a focused educational campaign, enlisting the help of a marketing firm and producing several communication pieces centered on the slogan "Our Town, Our Station, Our Heroes."

"We presented the facts and hoped residents could draw a similar conclusion to the one of the Town Commission — that this is the best choice," Labadie said.

To get the message out the town used a variety of channels, including online video testimonials, a four-part email communication and a Facebook Live interview with Hillman. In addition, the town mailed fliers, held educational events with food trucks and hosted "coffee with the mayor."

The town also put out signs urging residents to vote, while "vote yes" signs were put out by The Committee to Save Highland Beach, a political action committee, which also sent out fliers.

"We made a professional and concerted effort to educate the public," Labadie said. ★



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Boca Raton

Brightline trains are ready to roll again

By Mary Hladky

Brightline will resume passenger service between Miami and West Palm Beach on Nov. 8.

The rail company halted its trains in March 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic but has been working on opening stations in Boca Raton and Aventura in 2022. Brightline has not yet announced when construction of the Boca station will begin, but it is expected to be soon.

“There is a lot of enthusiasm for Brightline’s return and we are excited to welcome back past riders and all our new riders on Nov. 8,” Brightline President Patrick Goddard said in a statement. “Our relaunch opens a new chapter for Brightline that includes an enhanced guest experience, from the moment they book travel plans on our app, to the moment they reach their final destination.”

Passengers can buy tickets through Brightline’s website and its mobile app. Train schedules and ticket prices are unchanged.

But Brightline has a special promotion for November that includes a first ride free for passengers using its app. During the promotion period, discounted ticket prices will start at \$10 and increase to \$27 for a premium ticket.

Under federal regulations, passengers and employees are required to wear masks in the stations and on board the trains. All Brightline employees are expected to be fully vaccinated.

Tri-Rail returned to a full train schedule on Oct. 25. The schedule was reduced at the start of the pandemic, but the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority has gradually increased service since then. It now will operate 50 trains on weekdays and 30 trains on weekend days.

“Tri-Rail has had one of the best recoveries among commuter railroads in the country,” Steven Abrams, SFRTA’s executive director, said in a statement. “So it should come as no surprise that we are now ready to come back in full swing.” ★

Boat fire

Intracoastal Waterway, Boca Raton — Oct. 31



Four people escaped injury when the boat they were on caught fire in a finger canal just off the Intracoastal Waterway in Boca Raton. Boca Raton Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Jason Stout said the cause of the fire that destroyed the boat in the water behind Mulberry Drive was still under investigation. There was minor to moderate damage to two other boats that came in contact with the boat while it was ablaze and drifting. The fire was eventually extinguished by Boca Raton firefighters located both on a nearby dock and on the department’s fire boat. Delray Beach Fire Rescue assisted in fighting the blaze. **Photo provided by Boca Raton Fire Rescue**

City offers more COVID funds to assist with housing costs

Boca Raton is once again making available relief funds to city homeowners and renters who have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The city has received a \$357,280 Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The grant allows the city to offer a Rental Assistance Program and Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Assistance Program.

People eligible to receive assistance include those who have lost jobs, had a business close or experienced reduced employment hours,

illness or death of a family member due to the coronavirus or financial hardship because of school or day-care closures.

Applicants can receive assistance if they did not receive help from another agency’s relief program that covered the same period of time.

Applications must be submitted through an online form that became available on the city’s website on Oct. 19. They will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Further information about application requirements is available on the city’s website at www.myboca.us/HousingRelief.

— Mary Hladky

Lantana

Police Department to get new communications equipment

By Mary Thurwachter

The Lantana Town Council voted during its Oct. 11 meeting to spend more than \$400,000 over the next five years for communication center equipment.

“The initial cost is \$280,000 for all the equipment and installation,” Police Chief Sean Scheller said. The balance will be spent on maintenance — between \$20,000 and \$25,000 a year.

“The current equipment in dispatch was bought by the town in the early 1990s — used — from the city of Lake Worth,” Scheller said. “We’re on a lot of borrowed time with the communications system. As of Oct. 1, the maintenance and warranty are all gone.”

The new, state-of-the-art Motorola equipment will allow Lantana police to better communicate with other agencies.

Police Commander Thomas Mitchell said that “the county will be going to this as they replace and upgrade all their dispatch locations.”

Mitchell said there have been instances in the past two years when Lantana officers were unable to communicate with other law enforcement departments because they were not on the same frequency as the Sheriff’s Office.

“When we had protests last year in Lake Worth, Lantana radios didn’t interface with others,” Mitchell said. “We had to communicate through cellphones. That’s not the way to do business and that’s not the way to keep everybody safe.”

He said having encrypted channels, which the new equipment will provide, is extremely important. “It’s also going to give us the ability in a critical incident where we can patch radio channels. This is going to put us in current trends with Palm Beach County and other agencies throughout the state. It’s much needed.”

Equipment is expected to arrive in three to five weeks and will take another few days for installation. The Town Council unanimously voted for the expenditure.

“This is long overdue,” said council member Lynn Moorhouse.

In other action, the town voted 3-2 (with Moorhouse and Karen Lythgoe dissenting) not to accept a bid of \$336,270 from West Construction to build an ADA-compliant beach access ramp. Other options will be explored instead.

The ramp in question was completely destroyed by a storm in September. The city quickly filed an insurance claim and began to design the ramp under discussion. But Operations Director Eddie

Crockett described a big discrepancy between the two lowest bids, so much so that the lowest bidder was studied and then dropped. “We moved to the next-highest bidder,” West Construction.

Council members debated whether to build a permanent or retractable ramp.

Crockett said the last ADA ramp, which had removable panels, was “extremely time consuming and extremely difficult to take apart and put it back together,” and he did not recommend that design.

Mayor Robert Hagerty said the council needed to recognize that engineering plans were different from those used to build the previous ramp.

“This ramp has been redesigned and engineered differently to where it would withstand that type of condition letting the water pass through instead of having solid surfaces where the water would beat against it and push it out and destroy it,” Hagerty said.

But the design for a permanent ramp that the council seemed to favor sparked public comments from several residents who urged them to look more closely at a retractable ramp.

Jeff Tellex of South Palm Beach, CEO and managing partner of Atlantic Aluminum & Marine Products Inc., says he works with a company that does this kind of project up and down the coast. He suggested more research is needed.

“We built multiple structures for homes, condominiums, Lantana beach lifeguard ramp — and retractable is the way to go,” Tellex said. “This has been discussed with a whole lot of locals who have knowledge over many years.”

“I grew up here, I’ve seen lifeguard tower after lifeguard tower get washed into the ocean. The only thing I’m begging you to do is revisit it, look at a retractable system.”

Moorhouse wanted to accept the bid from West Construction.

“We put this out to bid a long time ago and I had been in favor of some retractable, removable hydraulic, whatever ... and was told that it was going to be a lot more expensive and probably not as satisfactory as what we’ve got cooking here. So, my feeling is we either believe our engineers or we don’t, but we can’t just break the process.”

But the majority of council members chose to do further research and deny the West bid.

“I think it would be a good idea if we could look at his drawings or ask questions about this,” council member Malcolm Balfour said before making the motion to deny the bid and direct staff to listen to a presentation from Tellex. ★

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Joe Betras



Joe Betras of Hypoluxo Island, pictured in his Lantana office, holds two cups that helped launch his plastics business 40 years ago: a 14-ounce mug in the shape of an orange and a cup with a sailboat and 'Daytona Beach, Florida' printed on the side. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

When Joe Betras was a 17-year-old lifeguard in Daytona Beach, he sold suntan lotion, zinc oxide and bathing caps to clients at his beachfront hotel pool.

He also stopped on his way to work each morning to buy two gallons of orange juice, then gave away free cups to those same clients. While he didn't realize it at the time, that simple gesture was the beginning of what became a spectacularly successful career as an entrepreneur.

Betras, who lives on Hypoluxo Island, would have other jobs over the next several years — bartender, blackjack dealer, nightclub manager and even nightclub owner — but when he reached his late 20s he decided he needed a real career with steady hours, one that would allow him to settle down and raise a family with his wife, Henya.

"I felt like she would be a great mother," he said.

His search for ideas took him to Disney World in 1977, in its early years. He noticed customers were being served orange juice in a plastic orange, and learned a Houston-based company named Teledyne made the receptacles. He called the company and asked to send him a salesman, and when the salesman showed up he opened his briefcase and pulled out a 14-ounce mug.

"I thought, 'If I buy that mug I don't have to fill it, I just have to sell it,'" Betras said. "I ordered 20,000 on the spot, 10,000 with a surfer and 10,000 with a sailboat and the words 'Daytona Beach' on the side. They arrived a month later and I started selling them to gift shops."

Soon after he headed back to Orlando, this time to Sea World, where a buyer named Frank Day ordered 1,000 plastic cups

with the venue's logo with the contingency that Betras had to take them back if they didn't sell. They did, and soon Day put in another order for 500,000.

And he was off. Broadening his operation to get into the manufacturing and distribution as well, Betras founded Betras Plastics and in 1983 moved to Spartanburg, South Carolina. By 1987, it was listed at No. 249 on INC 500's list of the fastest-growing companies in the United States.

While not every idea worked out over the ensuing years — during which Joe and Henya moved several times and had four children — Betras had some spectacular successes to offset disappointments. He sold 5 million Spuds MacKenzie cups one year, 7 million Ninja Turtles another and an incredible 22 million when the Pokémon phenomenon hit in the late 1990s.

Betras declined all buyout offers until 2014, when competitor Whirley Industries made an offer that allowed him to cut back his workload. So, what happened? Henya started her own plastic cup marketing business.

"We're competitors now, so she works out of the house while I work here," Betras, 74, said in his small office in a strip mall on Federal Highway in Lantana.

The couple's four children are Carolina, who is chief operating officer of a health-oriented cosmetics company and lives in Amsterdam; Danielle, who works in the business technology department of *The New York Times*; Joey, a chicken and vegetable farmer near New Paltz, New York; and Michael, who is the technology expert for Henya's firm.

— Brian Biggane

Q: Where did you grow up

and go to school? How do you think that has influenced you?

A: I grew up in Wheeling, West Virginia, went to a Catholic grade school, then moved to Sanford when I was 11. Went to Seminole High School, a public school, and wound up at the University of Chattanooga, the first from my family to go to college.

What influenced me most was learning about people. In high school I had friends that didn't want anything from me; they were just friends. You didn't have to worry about somebody taking something from you. I didn't realize until later that everybody always has an angle: If you were successful, they wanted a part of it, and if they were successful, they would try to mess that up.

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

A: I was in retail, selling suntan oil as a lifeguard, I was in the nightclub business, I was the owner of a nightclub, then 43 years ago I wanted to get into the plastics business, and through good and bad I'm still in it.

In 1987 we were named one of the top 500 fastest-growing companies in America, which comprised the INC 500. I was named Entrepreneur of the Year in the state of South Carolina, and we were among the top 100 manufacturing companies, also in South Carolina.

In 1990 during the Gulf War, things were getting tough so we sent a tractor-trailer of drink ware over to Kuwait, and got a letter from Sen. Strom Thurmond in appreciation of that. We also put on a beach music festival four years in a row to benefit the Red Cross, and raised \$25,000 each time.

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

A: Technology. Everywhere you go, everything you do involves it. I wish I knew about this when I was learning things. That's where everything is headed.

Q: How did you choose to make your home on Hypoluxo Island?

A: We always liked Florida and the water, and when we were living in Dallas we did a trade show in Orlando. We decided to take a drive south to look around and wound up in Boca, got hold of a real estate agent, and he showed us 26 properties, the first of which was on Hypoluxo Island.

It wasn't what we wanted, but it had what they call the bones, and I knew Henya could transform it so we took it. This was seven years ago so the bridge there was out, so we got an incredible deal on the property. By the time we closed, the bridge was finished and here we are.

Q: What's your favorite part about living on Hypoluxo Island?

A: My wife still says it every time we come over the bridge: I love living in paradise. With the boats, the docks, it's great. But getting to know the people on the island and the neighbors are fantastic.

Q: What book are you reading?

A: What I'm reading is Huffington Post, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times* and Bloomberg. But my favorite book was *Who Moved My Cheese?* This rat eats cheese all his life, one day he goes to get it and it's not there. What's he gonna do? Commit suicide

or work it out? That was the message I lived by.

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

A: Basically, it's the same, and it's '50s and '60s. It just relaxes me, and when I'm relaxed I can think. All I do on Saturdays and Sundays is lay by the pool and listen to the Drifters, the Platters, Temptations, Four Tops. It relaxes me so much it opens my mind to what I could build, what shape I should pursue. I'm always on the lookout for ideas.

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

A: Mel Fields, who is the person who gave me my first job as a lifeguard at 17. He had one hotel and then got another and I followed him, and we became like family. He had parking lots in New York and bought hotels on the beach in Daytona. He would guide me on investments, on handling people. He mentored me in business and as it turned out he mentored me on life as well.

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

A: Burt Reynolds. He's projected as kind of a wild guy, but sometimes he was serious, too. I just think he could do a good job portraying me as I came through life.

Q: Who/what makes you laugh?

A: Clean jokes, for one. But mostly it's people who think they're better than everybody — to see them and realize what they don't know. I would never say anything to them, but in my heart and mind I'm going, "If you only knew." ★

CONDO

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Standing by the proposal developed under his group's leadership, League of Cities Executive Director Richard Radcliffe said the building officials who helped write the plan always knew it could be superseded by the state.

"We came up with a very wonderful, thoughtful work product that we will make available to anybody who wants to use it," Radcliffe said in an interview. "We stand by our product."

Cities still can move forward with the approach, which gained the backing of the county's Building Code Advisory Board in September. It would require experts to inspect buildings 25 years and older east of Interstate 95 and 35 years or older west of the highway, a more stringent standard than the 40-year requirement in Broward and Miami-Dade counties. Champlain Towers had stood in Surfside for 40 years when it collapsed.

The county's decision had industry support, said Michelle DePotter, CEO of the Associated General Contractors' Florida East Coast Chapter. "I like where you all are going," she told commissioners about the decision to wait until March, when the Legislature's two-month session ends. "That is where the AGC's focus has been."

Some go their own way

Boca Raton already has put similar requirements into place and Highland Beach may do so later this month.

Other cities were waiting to see what the County Commission would do before taking action, Radcliffe said, especially cities farther west with fewer high-rise buildings and little ocean impact.

On the barrier island, where a *Coastal*

Star review found 300 condos built before 1990 from South Palm Beach to Boca Raton, some town managers say they'll now bring the proposal to elected officials.

South Palm Beach, with 26 pre-1990 condos, is likely to consider the League of Cities proposal at its Nov. 9 meeting, Town Manager Robert Kellogg said.

Ocean Ridge, which has 29 such condo buildings, will hear it too, Town Manager Tracey Stevens said, but she didn't know when.

Gulf Stream, which has 19 condos built before 1990 and relies on Delray Beach for building oversight, had been watching the county to see what it would do, Town Manager Greg Dunham said.

"We always pay attention to what is happening in Tallahassee, but even the county is looking to the state for uniform rules this first session after the Surfside building collapse," he wrote in an email. "Now that the county is out of the picture for the time being, we will be working with our building officials at Delray Beach to determine whether we should proceed with something now or wait to see if the state will take up this issue when they are back in session."

Boca Raton already took action, establishing rules on Aug. 24 that call for inspections of buildings taller than three stories after 30 years and then every 10 years thereafter. It exempts single-family homes and duplexes.

The city estimates that it has 242 buildings that meet the criteria and it will take four years for them to all be inspected. The city would hire an engineer, code enforcement officer and an administrative staffer to oversee the program at an annual cost of about \$253,000.

Highland Beach gave initial approval in October to require inspections after

25 years, with reinspections in some cases as soon as seven years later. The town says it has 80 buildings that fit the criteria.

In both cases the inspections would be conducted by private-sector experts, not city inspectors, an approach taken by the League of Cities as well.

Relying on condo residents

While experts insist that structural defects are likely to be hard to detect and in some cases invisible to the naked eye, commissioners said they were comfortable knowing that if anything is amiss, residents will let them know.

"We had a system in place where inspectors were going out, they were responding to complaints, they were seeing, on their own accord, systems that required remediation and that system is still in place today," Weinroth said. "We need to make sure we don't put a system in place that's going to obscure our ability to do what we're doing right now, which is to identify the problems."

He argued that the county doesn't have the staff to oversee inspections and the private sector doesn't have enough engineers to meet the demand.

"We don't have enough structural engineers and electrical engineers to even go out there and do this in the next five years," he said. "And we know that Miami-Dade and Broward are sucking up all of that talent right now because they see the problem as being in their backyard."

Additionally, commissioners worried that cash-strapped condo boards would be unable to find the money to make necessary repairs.

"I hate to put a system in place that, again, is going to overwhelm our resources, it's going to overtax our residents with special assessments that

they're not going to be able to afford," Weinroth said. "We already have a problem with affordable housing right now. We're just going to make it more unaffordable."

The fear, he said, is creating such a big system of reinspections that a potentially catastrophic situation would go undetected.

"I would not like to see us wind up obscuring a problem by putting so many people or so many buildings on an inspection list that we miss the two or three that really need our attention," Weinroth said.

In Surfside, an inspection showed the need for \$15 million in work at Champlain Towers South in 2018, but the work was only just getting underway when the building collapsed.

Commissioner Maria Sachs, who represents the western portions of South County, also backed waiting for legislation but worried that the Legislature would accept a Florida Bar suggestion to shift liability for structural failure to the municipality.

"We don't have the funds, we don't have the engineers, we don't have the inspectors, we don't have the staff, and the last thing we need is to go forward without a full contingent of inspectors with the idea that we can have liability if anything collapses because somebody missed something," she said.

While she supported waiting, her husband, condo lawyer Peter Sachs, told the Boca Raton City Council in August that he supported Boca's decision to put reinspection rules in place.

"There is no greater responsibility elected officials have than protecting the safety of the residents," he said, calling Boca's proposal a big step toward doing that. ★

Delray Beach

Resolution or lawsuit near on water dispute, state says

By Jane Smith

Negotiations are back on between the Florida Department of Health and Delray Beach over violations in the city's reclaimed water program.

"A few weeks ago, the City of Delray Beach reached out to the Department of Health to try and settle the case again," Alexander Shaw, a Health Department spokesman, wrote in an Oct. 25 email to *The Coastal Star*.

But the Health Department is holding onto its option to sue the city.

Shaw wrote, "The Department hopes to have a signed Consent Order with the city, or a lawsuit filed against the city in the coming weeks."

If the case goes to Circuit Court, the judge could fine Delray Beach a maximum of up to \$5,000 per penalty, per day under the Florida Safe Drinking Water Act, Shaw wrote.

When the Health Department issued its proposed consent order on June 3, it wanted to cite Delray Beach for 11 violations. The proposed penalties were for 12 years of not following its own program that called for annual inspections. Fine total for these violations was \$60,000.

In addition, Delray Beach was fined for 576 missing devices that prevent the reclaimed water from flowing back into the drinking water. That proposed fine was \$2,229 per location, for a total of \$1.3 million. Another 25% was added for the city's history of non-compliance.

"There aren't any updates to share at this time," Laurie Menekou, the publicist hired by the city to answer questions on the reclaimed water program, wrote on Oct. 27.

Negotiations had reached an impasse in early October.

The Health Department planned to fine the city a total of \$1.8 million for violations in the program. Reclaimed water is highly treated wastewater suitable only for lawn irrigation, but not safe for drinking by humans and pets.

The Health Department also wants the city to publish a public notice acknowledging it "cannot assure utility customers that the drinking water produced and distributed met the standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act for the period from inception of the reclaimed water service beginning in 2007 to the time reclaimed water was deactivated on February 4, 2020." ★

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Ocean Ridge

Two Ocean Inlet Park construction projects about to start

By Joe Capozzi

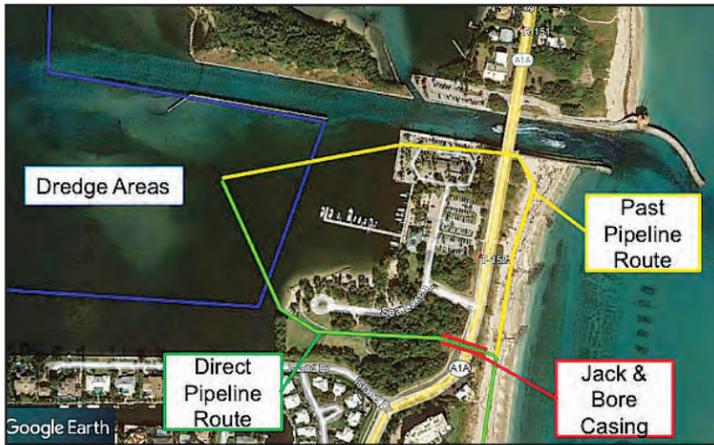
Ocean Inlet Park is about to undergo renovations from two Palm Beach County construction projects, raising concerns about noise and congestion over the next few months at the county-operated park.

The first project, a modernization of the aging marina, was supposed to start in May but is now expected to begin in a few weeks, Ocean Ridge building official Durrani Guy told the Town Commission on Nov. 1.

Around the same time, heavy equipment is expected to arrive for the other project, the initial phase of a jack and bore project to reroute the inlet dredging pipeline to the south end of the park under State Road A1A.

Both projects "are going to make a gigantic construction mess, which we can't do anything about," Commissioner Steve Coz said.

Guy said the actual jack and bore process, starting from the west side of A1A, is scheduled



One project will construct a direct pipeline for more efficient dredging of the South Lake Worth Inlet sand trap. It is expected to finish by March. The other is to modernize the marina in three phases, which could take several years. **Rendering provided**

to begin Jan. 4 and should last about a week. After a steel casing is installed under the road, the dredging pipe will be laid along a more direct route from the dredge areas west of the marina to the beach along the ocean.

The previous route, on the north end, disrupted park operations and beach access during periodic dredge operations because the pipeline was exposed in the parking

lot, along the jetty and on the beach.

Town Manager Tracey Stevens said in her report Nov. 1 that the pipeline project should be done by March and will allow for more efficient dredging of the sand trap at the South Lake Worth Inlet, commonly known as the Boynton Inlet. It is typically dredged every six to eight years to remove sand accumulation captured by the inlet system.

"This new pipe route will be much safer for beach, boat and park users during future dredging events, in addition to shortening the pipe distance to the ultimate sand placement area in the Ocean Ridge Shore Protection Project area," she said.

The marina project, which will be done in three phases, could last several years.

Before approving a six-month extension to the county's building permit, some commissioners expressed frustration about delays in the first phase of the marina renovations.

Although the town issued the county a building permit in November 2020, work has been delayed because of the county's lengthy bidding process for a contractor, Guy said.

"This is just the first phase of the project, so this project is going to last quite a long time and they're already starting out a year and a half late," Commissioner Geoff Pugh said.

In other business, commissioners gave Stevens permission to lift the mask

mandate for employees and visitors at Town Hall. Vice Mayor Susan Hurlburt suggested posting a sign asking unvaccinated visitors to wear masks. "The smart thing is to get vaccinated and we can all be done with this and not have to discuss it anymore," Commissioner Martin Wieschokle said.

Stevens planned to meet with Boynton Beach officials in early November to discuss the city's plans to replace the blue light poles on the Ocean Avenue Bridge with black ones and to paint the railings and decorative objects on the bridge black. Town commissioners weren't thrilled with the color choice, but Stevens pointed out that Boynton Beach pays to maintain the entire bridge even though Ocean Ridge has jurisdiction over half of it.

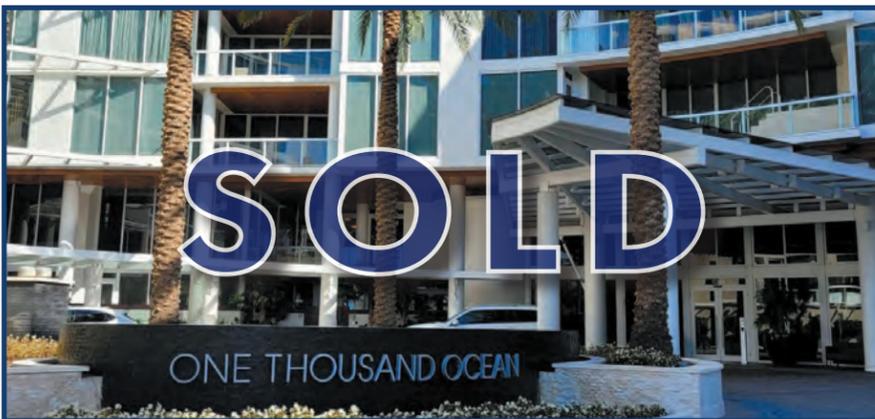
Candidate filing for the March 8 election started Nov. 1 and ends Nov. 12 at 3 p.m.

Coz is the only commissioner up for re-election and as of Nov. 1 no one had filed to challenge him. ★

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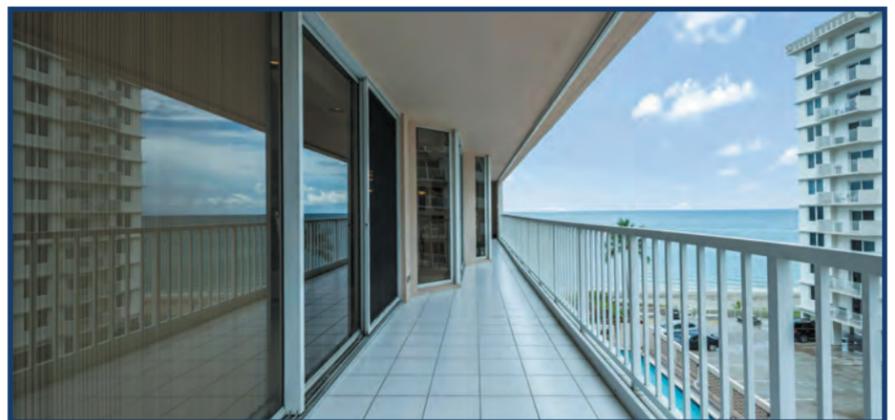


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Delray Beach

Old School Square again challenges city's authority

Management company could be forced out by Thanksgiving

By Jane Smith

After shutting down all activities, the Old School Square Center for the Arts managers late last month announced a series of free, community concerts which is almost certain to test the strained relationship between the city and OSS.

On Oct. 23, managers posted this note on the OSS website: "The City's impulsive termination of our lease forced us to make some very difficult decisions with regards to our existing calendar of seasonal events and programs."

The website of the city's most beloved cultural institution noted that there were no upcoming events, performances, museum exhibits or art school offerings.

Six days later, OSS managers said on the website they would hold four free concerts by tribute bands in November and December. The concerts are an Eagles tribute Nov. 11, a Billy Joel one Nov. 18, Grammy hits Dec. 9, and a Tina Turner tribute Dec. 16.

Yet, according to the lease termination notice the city sent to OSS, no new events can be scheduled without prior

approval of the city, Mayor Shelly Petrolia said on Oct. 26.

City commissioners voted 3-2 on Aug. 10 to terminate the lease, telling OSS managers to comply with long-standing requests for audits and other financial documents and giving 180 days' notice.

Since that vote, OSS managers have attempted to sway enough public support to get the commission to reconsider its vote. In yet another effort, managers announced a special art and cultural show titled "Heart of the Square," opening Nov. 5 in the Cornell Art Museum.

"Let our voices be heard," the announcement's cover page notes.

Delray Beach taxpayers own the nearly 4-acre campus, in the heart of the Old School Square Historic Arts District, which is deed restricted. It must remain an arts and cultural center. If it doesn't, the property reverts to the Palm Beach County School District. The campus has five entertainment venues: the Fieldhouse, the Crest Theatre, the Creative Arts School, the Cornell Art Museum and the Pavilion.

OSS managers did not return numerous phone calls and email messages. *The Coastal Star* attempted to contact Emelie Konopka, who was OSS chairwoman during much of the dispute with the city; Holland Ryan, chief operating officer;

Carli Brinkman, its outside publicist; and Marko Cerenko, its outside attorney.

Time running out for fixes

On Oct. 8, the city sent a notice of default to Cerenko, giving the nonprofit 30 days to fix four problems. One was minor, to provide a list of events and programs for the remaining months of the lease.

But one can't be fixed easily. It involves finishing the Crest Theatre building renovations. Safety violations exist there, such as an unattached handrail on the main lobby staircase and the unfinished fire sprinkler system in the new kitchen.

If they can't be fixed in 30 days, then the city could issue a notice to vacate within 15 days, Gina Carter, city spokeswoman, wrote in an Oct. 21 email response to a *Coastal Star* question.

As for whether the OSS managers can make the necessary repairs by Nov. 8, "that is a question for OSS Inc.," she wrote. If the city then issues the notice to vacate, the OSS managers would have to be gone by Thanksgiving.

Cancellations stun groups

Another uproar began on Sept. 29.

That's when show organizers received form letters from Ryan, canceling all events as of Sept. 30. The events were scheduled for the Fieldhouse or on the OSS

grounds.

This time, the OSS managers blamed the city's Community Redevelopment Agency for withholding \$375,000, six months of funding, for the last fiscal year.

But what the OSS managers failed to say is that they have yet to provide financial documents required by the CRA before receiving any more taxpayer money. The CRA had extended the deadline several times.

After receiving the email, the nonprofit Delray Beach Orchid Society reached out to city commissioners. They immediately contacted the city manager, who dispatched the city's Parks and Recreation Department to rescue the event.

"It's our largest fundraiser," said Michele Owens, president of the Delray Beach Orchid Society. "We couldn't hold it last year [due to pandemic restrictions] and the prospect of not being able to hold it again — we would not be able to exist."

The orchid show was Oct. 23-24 in the Fieldhouse and drew one of the show's biggest crowds. The society did receive back its \$1,000 deposit from OSS.

There was one glitch, Petrolia said. The society members counted on use of the refrigerator in the OSS kitchen. But the refrigerator doors had been taped closed, forcing the city to pull one of its refrigerators out of storage and move it to the Fieldhouse for the show.

The city has also stepped in to allow the Delray Chapter of the Southern Handcraft Society to hold its 28th show Nov. 18-20 at the Fieldhouse.

"I'm thrilled," said President Pam Warren. "There's not that many facilities that can accommodate us. With less than two months, most places were

booked or too expensive."

The organization received its deposit back from OSS, Warren said, but she would not disclose the amount.

Along with the orchid and handicraft shows, Delray Beach's Parks and Recreation Department agreed to facilitate several other events after they were canceled by OSS. These include weddings, a bat mitzvah, a Pets of Broward Dog Day Afternoon, and a Roots and Wings educational event.

The city and CRA will also continue their scheduled menorah lighting, Christmas Tree Village and Green Market.

About the same time the events were canceled, the OSS managers also canceled their arts education classes for the remainder of the lease. Students typically pay about \$200 for six-week sessions on photography, painting and drawing.

Craft beer festival fizzles

OSS managers had touted a ninth annual Craft Beer Festival on its website as a money-raiser. The festival was to be held at Old School Square, but then was to move to Sunset Cove Amphitheater in suburban Boca Raton on Oct. 30.

But it disappeared from the OSS website by Oct. 22.

One likely reason is that OSS managers' full liquor license, issued by Florida, is not transferrable to another site.

Meanwhile, Delray Beach is moving forward, trying to find a new operator for the Old School Square venues.

The city issued its "invitation to negotiate" on Oct. 18 with a mandatory pre-proposal session at 10 a.m. Nov. 5. Bids must be submitted by 5 p.m. Dec. 17.

The current OSS managers won't be bidding, Brinkman told other news outlets without explaining why. ★



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Sea wall discussions delayed

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach commissioners unanimously postponed discussion of proposed sea wall ordinances to Jan. 11.

That should give city staff time to hold a meeting at Veterans Park with property owners who live along the Intracoastal Waterway, Mayor Shelly Petrolia said at the Nov. 2 City Commission meeting.

"They are the ones who are most affected," she said.

The city attorney also said she had problems with the language of the proposed ordinances and needed more time.

The Intracoastal has about 21 miles of waterfront on both sides, but the city owns only about 1 mile of the sea walls. Under the proposed ordinances, new residential construction along the ICW would have to meet a new height requirement of 4 feet above the mean water

level of the waterway.

Three years ago, Aptim Environmental & Infrastructure submitted a sea level vulnerability study to Delray Beach. The city saw more frequent and increased flooding from seasonal high tides, commonly called king tides, and more everyday rain events.

Aptim reviewed 29 public sea walls in 2018 and found 10% in poor condition. The company also reviewed 868 private sea walls and found 23% in poor, serious or critical condition.

For existing sea walls, when a property owner is cited for failing to maintain a sea wall, that person must show progress toward repairing the defect within 60 days.

If the required repair meets a substantial repair threshold, the property owner must construct the sea wall to meet the minimum elevation requirement of 4 feet. ★

Boynton Beach

CRA reviews new proposals for Federal Highway project

By Larry Barszewski

Five partnerships have submitted proposals to be unveiled in November for the development of the west side of Federal Highway between Ocean Avenue and Boynton Beach Boulevard.

Most have individuals who were involved with the unsolicited proposals submitted last year to develop the Community Redevelopment Agency property, before the CRA decided to put out a formal request for proposals.

The CRA is in the process of acquiring more property in the two blocks north of Ocean Avenue, between Federal Highway and Northeast Fourth Street, which would be added to the project's footprint.

Because of the heavy level of interest, with six unsolicited proposals coming in last year, commissioners decided to ignore all the submissions and create their own vision of the project. Those interested were invited to submit new proposals, and anyone else who would like to develop the property also was free to submit ideas.

The CRA doesn't have to make the submitted proposals public until its staff has had time to review them.

The applicants planned to make presentations to the CRA advisory board at its Nov. 4 meeting and to commissioners at a special Nov. 30 CRA board meeting. A decision could be made at the CRA board's Dec. 14 meeting.

The CRA is seeking a "mixed-use development project providing retail, office, public parking and residential uses with a workforce housing component."

Five proposals have been

received. They are from:

- Jeff Burns of Affiliated Development in Fort Lauderdale
- Mark and Kelley Hefferin of E2L Real Estate Solutions in Winter Park
- Robert Vecsler of Hyperion Group in Miami
- Albert Milo Jr. of Related Urban (The Related Group) in Miami
- John Farina and Dustin Salzano of U.S. Construction in Delray Beach

The Hyperion Group is planning to develop the Ocean One Boynton property on the east side of Federal Highway directly across from the CRA's 115 N. Federal Highway project site. In July, Hyperion told commissioners it was interested in developing both properties as one project.

Commissioners chose to move forward with a wide-reaching request for proposals instead, telling Hyperion representatives they would be glad to consider the company's proposal along with any others that were submitted.

Affiliated Development and E2L Real Estate Solutions were two of the applicants that also submitted proposals last year. Affiliated had proposed building 220 luxury rental housing units with ground-level commercial space. E2L also included 220 apartments in two buildings in its original proposal, along with a hotel — all to have ground-level commercial space.

William Morris of Southcoast Partners, a Delray Beach development firm that kick-started interest in the property with its proposal in August 2020 to create a \$65 million mixed-use development on the site, is now part of the U.S. Construction submission,

Morris said. He said the new proposal is similar to the original one that included apartments, stores and a public-access parking garage.

"I've teamed up as a development consultant with U.S. Construction," said Morris, who previously developed the mixed-use Worthing Place in downtown Delray Beach. "I didn't think that we had enough horsepower financially, as they did. ... I thought maybe we'd have a better chance putting my ego aside."

Related Urban is an entity formed by The Related Group in 2009 to develop and acquire affordable and workforce housing developments. The Related Group has done developments in the city, including the nearby Casa Costa condominiums, 430 N. Federal Highway, and Marina Village at Boynton, 625 Casa Loma Blvd.

Three years ago, the CRA paid \$3 million for parcels on the west side of Federal Highway that are being used now as surface parking. The CRA this year agreed to buy a .29-acre property at 508 E. Boynton Beach Blvd. for \$915,000.

The CRA is still in the process of adding to its properties in the two blocks. It has agreed to purchase three Oyer family buildings on Ocean Avenue, including the building that's home to Hurricane Alley Raw Bar & Restaurant, for \$3.6 million by the end of the year.

The purchase of the three Oyer properties, with their 0.41 acres, will bring the CRA-owned portions of the block to 2.29 acres at a cost of \$7.5 million. ★

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where the number of burials has jumped nearly 60% the past 18 months or so, an increase Parks Director Sam Metott attributes to the pandemic.

The somber task of handling that surge has fallen to a handful of dedicated workers in the city's parks department: cemetery manager Yasemin Kacar, Pape, Curtis Wise and Chad Sweatte. (Another cemetery worker, Daniel Stubbs, helped, too, before he recently left the city.)

They often work seven days a week in a scramble to keep pace with a continuing cycle of duties at the nearly 40-acre cemetery between Interstate 95 and U.S. 1, south of Atlantic Avenue and north of Linton Boulevard.

They poke metal probes into the earth in search of new burial plots. They dig graves with backhoes and shovels. They set up tents and chairs for grieving families. They lay fresh sod across the dirt over the newly buried.

They erect gravestones, too, but not as promptly as they'd prefer. Manufacturers are so busy, there's a six-month delay, Pape said.

"It's to the point where a couple of weeks ago the suppliers of the concrete vaults said there's a shortage," he said, explaining how vaults go into the ground first, then the coffins go into the vaults, which are topped by lids and dirt. "They're rushing the vaults out now."

The pace ebbs and flows. Nine one day this summer. Just one the other day. Twin brothers killed by COVID-19 were among the six buried on that October Saturday when cloudy skies threatened rain.

"It was going crazy since the beginning of COVID, then once people started getting vaccinated, it went down for about three or four months," Kacar said.

"I was like, 'Oh, thank God, these vaccines are working.' Then once it mutated and it became delta, it went right back up to where we are."

Through Oct. 19, the number of burials this year was 208, on a pace that will be close to the 247 burials in 2020. There were 179 in 2019.

If not for the break earlier this year, "we would have been well at last year's numbers by now," Kacar said on Oct. 19.

In other South County city cemeteries, the pace of burial hasn't been as busy as Delray's.

Boynton Beach had 168 burials each in 2019 and 2020 and 127 through Oct. 15 of this year. Boca Raton had 68 in 2019, 91 in 2020 and 68 through Sept. 28.

"They told me in Fort Lauderdale they have a three-week waiting list to get buried. That's how backed up they are," Pape said.

The sizes of the cemeteries and the availability of burial plots in public and private cemeteries might help explain the different burial trends.



Fresh graves await markers at Delray Beach Memorial Gardens. Delivery of markers is running months behind.

"If folks don't already have a plot or they don't want to do a mausoleum, we don't have an in-ground box for them to buy at the moment," said Boynton Beach City Clerk Crystal Gibson.

Funeral homes in the area have been overwhelmed, too, Kacar said.

"I spoke to one funeral home (director) and he was telling me he was thinking about getting a refrigerated truck in the back of his premises because he doesn't have enough room to store the bodies," Kacar said.

At Delray Memorial Gardens, the man responsible for digging most of those graves is Curtis Wise, a 29-year veteran at the cemetery. He said the pace has been so busy that the city had to replace a backhoe that kept breaking down.

Among the buried are his friends and relatives.

When Wise found out the coffins of two aunts who'd died of COVID-19 were scheduled for interment at Delray Beach Memorial Gardens, he couldn't bring himself to dig their graves.

Pape did it for him.

"It bothers me," said Wise, who unwinds after work by putting on headphones and listening to motivational speeches by the pastor Eric Thomas. "But I've been here for so long it's like I'm numb to it."

As busy as the pandemic has kept the crew and the other city workers who pitch in to help, it has brought out their best.

Though exhausted from the work's physical demands, they still make time to show compassion and dignity to the grieving.

"They're the unsung heroes," said Amy Hanson, assistant parks and recreation director. "They do all the hard work and they do it quietly and with dignity."

On the Saturday morning with six funerals, Wise helped push a mourner's wheelchair across the grass and guided an elderly woman with a walker over a curb and into the shade of a graveside tent.

It is often up to Wise and Pape to gently remind relatives to limit the number of mourners



ABOVE: Curtis Wise, a city worker at Delray Beach Memorial Gardens, watches after assisting a mourner over a high curb prior to a burial.

LEFT: Crew leader Clay Pape prepares a place of burial.

Photos by Tim Stepien / The Coastal Star

to 10, keeping with CDC guidelines. This is something most grieving families don't want to hear.

And on busy days, they've had to delicately referee the funeral processions, asking anxious families for patience while other families linger in their struggle to say final goodbyes.

"Sometimes it can get overwhelming. It can wear on you," Pape said. "You don't know them, but you know what they're going through."

The crew also directs traffic, which can be tricky when stretch limos require several back-and-forth maneuvers to negotiate hairpin curves along the cemetery roads.

"It definitely is going above and beyond," Mayor Shelly Petrolia said, praising the crew.

On top of all of that, the workers have tried to keep up with ongoing maintenance, removing damaged fencing and installing fresh landscaping. Lately, the back fence has been lined with steel cofferdams, which prevent sugar sand from rushing back in on the workers as they dig graves.

"We're very proud of this team," Metott said at a City Commission meeting on Sept. 13 when the cemetery crew was recognized for its work during the pandemic.

"This team has stepped up," he said. "They've worked long hours without days off and with a lot of extras that go into a situation we all have been

challenged with. This team was the front line for that."

Wise didn't set out to be a cemetery worker when he joined the city's parks department. On his first day of work, he was asked to help out at the cemetery, which was shorthanded at the time.

He said he liked the seclusion and serenity that came with the job and asked to stay.

"There really ain't nothing to like about burying people, but it is peaceful here a lot of the time," said Wise, who shares a home with his sister, a nurse at Delray Medical Center.

On a short break in October, he gestured toward the bright yellow backhoe on which he spends much of his time.

"That's a new one," he said. "I had a smaller one when the pandemic started. But with the amount of work that we were doing, it kept busting. Some problem with the hydraulics."

Just before going back to work, he looked down at the brown soil of a fresh burial topped with a scattering of cheerful flowers.

"We're so busy, I can't put grass on the graves. I don't like that," he said.

But with so many more funeral processions expected to crawl through the cemetery's gates in the coming days, the sod would have to wait.

"Now we've got to get started digging again." ★

Obituaries

Maxwell Ferris Van Arnem

DELRAY BEACH — Max Van Arnem, a Delray Beach native, skilled athlete and businessman, died Oct. 28. He was 30 years old.

Maxwell Ferris Van Arnem was born and raised in Delray Beach and attended school at St. Vincent and American Heritage. A gifted athlete, he played soccer for teams in recreation leagues, as well as at his schools. His natural abilities of speed, quickness and aggressiveness made him a local premier striker.

His brother Adam introduced him to skateboarding, which became his passion and obsession. Mr. Van Arnem developed superior skills and quickly became recognized globally. He competed and collaborated with

the world's top skateboarders through promotions, marketing and video production. (His videos continue to be viewed by the world on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGE7I-DgfY>.)

Mr. Van Arnem's clothing line, Swiss Bank, quickly became a niche brand when he launched it in 2016. Fashion smarts and artistic leanings drove Max to found Swiss Bank, which was an outlet for his vision of clothing and accessories and inspired by his interest in skate wear. Swiss Bank online drew customers worldwide, including special interest from Asia.

Mr. Van Arnem began working with his father, Harold, in 2014 at the family firm, VAP Group, acquiring and developing properties in Delray Beach. A licensed real estate agent, Mr. Van Arnem assisted clients and

developers with commercial and residential property. His most recent project for VAP, Deco Delray Townhomes, is set for review with the city of Delray Beach. He was also working on The Adam, a mixed-use development on Northeast Second Street with 25 health and wellness suites and 33 residences.

Mr. Van Arnem is survived by his parents, Harold and Bridget, brother Sean, sister Heather Chidiac (Jean), sister Aleise and loving nephew and friend John Joseph "JJ" Chidiac. He was preceded in death by siblings Heidi, H.L. and Adam.

Visitation was at Lorne and Sons, 745 NE Sixth Ave., Delray Beach, on Nov. 1. Entombment followed Nov. 2 at the Boca Raton Mausoleum, 451 SW Fourth Ave., Boca Raton.

— Obituary submitted by the family



Michael Gene Lucci

OCEAN RIDGE — Former NFL player, businessman, sportscaster and philanthropist Mike Lucci died Oct. 26 following an extended illness. He was 81.

If ever there was a man for all seasons, it was Mr. Lucci, who filled his life with varied experiences and touched countless lives.

Michael Gene Lucci was born on Dec. 29, 1939, to a hardworking, closely knit Italian-American family in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, a town surrounded by steel mills. He grew up learning the importance of family and hard work.

Playing football was far from his mind until he grew to be 6-foot-2 and 215 pounds. That is when his gym teacher pointed Mike in a new direction, as a high school senior playing football for the first time in his life.

He was so successful that he earned a football scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh, before transferring for his final three years to the University of Tennessee. He was named an All-American after the 1961 season and played in the College All-Star Game against the NFL champion Green Bay Packers.

He was a fifth-round draft pick, 69th selection overall, by the Cleveland Browns and made the NFL All-Rookie team in 1962. He played on the Browns' 1964 NFL championship team before being traded to the Detroit Lions.

Mr. Lucci starred at middle linebacker for nine seasons (1965-73) for the Lions, was a team captain, Lions' defensive MVP three times and earned All-NFL and Pro Bowl honors. He was even a "movie star"

during his football career. Mr. Lucci appeared with several of his teammates and head coach Joe Schmidt in the 1968 motion picture *Paper Lion*. The movie starred actor Alan Alda and chronicled author George Plimpton's training camp "tryout" as a quarterback with the Lions in 1963.

Mr. Lucci was inducted into the Michigan, Pennsylvania and National Italian-American Sports halls of fame, as well as the Beaver County (Pennsylvania), Western Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Italian halls of fame. He served as an analyst for Lions games on WJR Radio (1976-78) and for NFL games on NBC-TV (1979-80).

Mr. Lucci became a successful businessman following his football career. He climbed the corporate ladder to become the president of Bally's Total Fitness, which grew to more than 20,000 employees in 300 locations. He co-owned 19 Burger Kings in Michigan and Illinois, and was co-owner of Venture Contracting and Development based in Troy, Michigan.

Throughout his life, he made giving back to others a priority. Mr. Lucci raised more than \$2 million for Spaulding for Children's efforts to find permanent homes for the most hard to place children. He established an education endowment fund, as well, for Spaulding's children.

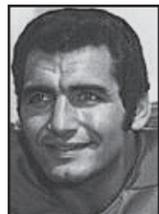
He hosted an annual golf tournament in Florida that raised over \$650,000 for Gridiron Greats, an organization led by his good friend Mike Ditka, which helps former NFL players who have fallen on hard times. Other philanthropic endeavors included support of Sparky Anderson's CATCH Charity

for Children and the St. Louis Center.

However, his most important role was as Mike Lucci, family man. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Patricia, their two children, son Michael (Rebecca) Lucci and daughter Michelle Lucci, grandchildren Michael III and Nicholas, sister Kathy (William) Sholudko, nephew Billy Sholudko, and longtime assistant Nora Moretz. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rose and Louis Lucci.

A family interment has taken place. Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to Gridiron Greats, 350 S. Northwest Highway, Suite 300, Park Ridge, IL 60068, or at www.gridirongreats.org/donate.

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Business Spotlight

Developer trims 72 condos from once-controversial Alina project

El-Ad National Properties has filed revised plans with the city of Boca Raton for the second phase of its Alina Residences.

The luxury condo project on Southeast Mizner Boulevard was one of the most contentious in the city's history, drawing complaints from downtown residents in 2015 that it was too massive and a symbol of overdevelopment.

The major change in the second phase is that the number of units has decreased while their size increased to meet market demand as people were forced inside by the coronavirus pandemic and many started working from home.

The project as approved was to include 384 units. Since then, the first phase was shrunk by 10 units and the second phase was pared back to 182 units in two, nine-story towers. The revised unit count in the two phases is 312.

The number of parking places in the garages also has been reduced. Landscaping changes will undergo city review as well. Originally proposed as 500 condos in four towers rising as high as 30 stories, the 9-acre project went through five major redesigns before garnering city approval in 2017.

El-Ad returned to the city in 2018 asking that the project be built in two phases, stirring more controversy until the developer and objectors reached an agreement.

The first phase broke ground in 2019 and opened this summer, with prices ranging from \$1 million to \$6.5 million. Among the new owners are County Commissioner and former City Council member Robert Weinroth and his wife, Pamela, who closed on their \$1.06 million unit in April.

While it was not clear initially how much demand



Customer desire for bigger units led developers to reduce the number of units at Alina Residences in Boca Raton. **ABOVE:** The first phase opened this summer. **Photo provided**

there would be for the condos, that question has been answered. The real estate market is at fever pitch, bolstered by out-of-staters flocking to Florida.

Phase 2 construction is expected to begin early next year, with completion in 2024.

An ocean-to-lake estate on 2 acres at **1120 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan**, sold in late September for \$30.7 million. The buyer is a Florida limited liability company, 1120 S. Ocean LLC, managed by real estate attorney Maura Ziska of Kochman and Ziska. She also signed a 30-year mortgage on the property related to a \$16.885 million loan with First Republic Bank.

Built in 1955, the renovated seven-bedroom, 13,876-square-foot house, with 193 feet of ocean and Intracoastal frontage, was homesteaded by Jack Doyle, a former Manalapan town commissioner and mayor pro tem. Known as Chateau Mer au Lac, the estate last changed hands in 2012 for \$8.46 million.

Steven Presson, an agent

with the Corcoran Group, represented the seller, and the property was listed for \$34.85 million in February. Lawrence Moens of Lawrence A. Moens Associates represented the buyer.

Don Hankey, via a limited liability company, paid \$29.5 million for the oceanfront mansion at **3715 S. Ocean Blvd. in Highland Beach**. The sale was recorded Oct. 13 in public records. The seller, who flipped the property, is Moskow Management Trust, led by Eric Moskow of Las Vegas. The property sold for \$21.6 million in March. Hankey heads the Los Angeles-based auto-services Hankey Groups and has a net worth of \$5.5 billion, according to *Forbes*. The seller, Moskow, is a health care investor. The property hit the market in July for \$30 million. The price was raised in September to \$32 million. Douglas Elliman agent Senada Adzem represented the seller. Samantha Curry, also with Elliman, represented the buyer.

A registered historic home, the **Harden-Hart House** at 516 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, is listed for sale for the first time at its current location with Cheran Marek, an agent with Douglas Elliman. It is priced at \$1.55 million.

Please note the "current location," because this home, literally, has a moving story.

First owned by John M. Hart and his wife, the 1920s-era Mediterranean-style house was originally located at 326 Pioneer Place, West Palm Beach, before it was moved by barge in 1994 down the Intracoastal to Delray Beach. At that time, it was owned by the Norton Museum, which needed the lot to expand its facility, but couldn't demolish the house.

That's also when the current owners, David and Andrea Harden, stepped in, bought it, moved it, and lived in it, up until now. David Harden was the Delray Beach city manager from 1990 to 2013. Here's how the Hardens took ownership.

In 1993, the Hardens, intending to build a new home, purchased the vacant lot at 516

N. Swinton Ave. from a former Trinity Lutheran Church pastor, the Rev. Robert Klemm. But rather than building new, they decided to buy and move the Harts' historic house to their Delray Beach lot.

They hired Orlando-based Modern Moving and Wrecking, and on Jan. 24, 1994, Modern Moving detached the house from its foundation, moved it to the Intracoastal Waterway and loaded it onto a barge, where a tugboat pushed it down the waterway to Knowles Park in Delray Beach.

On Jan. 25, it was rolled off the barge into the Knowles Park parking lot, where it awaited arrival of two historic Hillcrest-neighborhood West Palm Beach houses that the Delray Beach CRA had purchased and moved.

On Jan. 31, with the Harden-Hart House leading the way, the three historic homes moved from Knowles Park west on 10th Street to Swinton Avenue, then north on Swinton in what was called a "parade of homes." The two other houses are on Swinton in the first block north of Atlantic Avenue.

After the Harden-Hart house arrived at its new location, it was eventually placed on a new foundation and rewired, and the Harden family moved in, in April 1994.

And now, with the Hardens downsizing, the historic house will move onto its next chapter.

"We loved its Mediterranean appearance on the outside, and, in the interiors, we loved the cast-stone fireplace, stylized with lion heads and cherubs. We've loved the cove ceilings in the living and dining room, and except for the traditional-style kitchen, the whole downstairs is an open floor plan, which we liked," David Harden said.

Added Marek, "The Hardens have lovingly cared for this one-of-a-kind home. It's in very good condition and in a great location near Pineapple Grove."

For more information, call Marek at 561-870-8855.

Peter Ricci, Ed.D., director of Florida Atlantic University's hospitality and tourism management program, was recently named **South Florida Tourism Professional of the Year** by the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism for his response to the coronavirus pandemic. In March 2020, he organized a free online certificate offered by FAU's College of Business to industry professionals who were furloughed, terminated or had hours reduced, so that they could continue their educations to position themselves for new opportunities.

Ricci thought a few hundred people might sign up for the certificate, which normally costs \$899, but it attracted 77,000 people in 165 countries and territories.

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fully completed the certificate — more than double FAU’s full-time enrollment of 30,000 students.

“We were delighted to reach so many people affected by this worldwide crisis,” Ricci said. “Many workers said how grateful they were that the certificate was free at a time when their personal finances were so uncertain, and it helped boost their résumés so they could stand out to employers once the job market opened back up.”

The Seagate, a boutique hotel at 1000 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, has teamed up with a West Palm Beach interior designer, Paige Padon, to launch Row House at The Seagate. The retail collaboration, which began in September, will run through the end of April.

Guests and locals can shop the collection of hand-selected neutral and textured décor, with pieces that range from coffee tables, credenzas and chairs to ceramics and throws. The collection will rotate regularly and will be limited in quantity.

Shop local this holiday season in downtown Delray

Beach, celebrate **Small Business Saturday** on Nov. 27, and receive a 2021 Delray Beach commemorative ornament while enjoying promotions, entertainment and holiday decorations throughout the downtown.

To take part in the ornament giveaway from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 27, shop in downtown Delray Beach, save your receipts of at least \$200, and receive a hand-painted, limited-supply 2021 Delray Beach commemorative ornament created by local artist Jen Fisher.

The ornaments can be picked up on Nov. 27 at Downtown Development Authority booths located on the beachside at 1047 E. Atlantic Ave. between Amofta by Mahya and Sara Campbell stores, or at 310 E. Atlantic Ave., near Kokonuts Delray Beach and Tootsie’s. The ornaments will be limited to one per customer to the first 200 people.

Receipts must be dated Nov. 26 or Nov. 27, and be from a business within the DDA district. Exclusions include any food or beverage purchases, hotel accommodation receipts, and parking or transportation receipts, as well as any retailer that does not fall within the DDA district.

The Delray Acura, Hyundai and Genesis dealer group has

partnered once again with the Marine Corps Reserve to collect unwrapped toys for the annual holiday **Toys for Tots** drive. Last year, the Marine Corps Reserve distributed more than 20.2 million toys, books and games to more than 7.3 million children.

The public is invited to support this 100% charity initiative and donate new unwrapped toys. Already underway, the drive will run through Dec. 11. Donation boxes are located at the Acura customer service lounge, 655 NE Sixth Ave., Delray Beach.

The **Ocean Ridge Police Department** will hold its fourth annual **Christmas Toy Drop-off** in the department lobby through Dec. 17.

The toys will be distributed through the Guardian ad Litem program of Palm Beach County. For more information, call Officer Debra Boyle at 561-732-8331.

In September, **Pebb Capital** delivered \$10,000 worth of school uniforms, backpacks, paper, pencils, binder, markers and other school supplies to Pine Grove Elementary, Carver Middle School and Atlantic High School in Delray Beach, following outreach to ascertain each school’s needs.



Brown



Rollins



Snow



Stein

The **Boca Raton Historical Society** announced its **2021 Walk of Recognition** inductees, in honor of people and organizations that have served and enriched the Boca Raton community.

The ceremony and reception will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Addison, 2 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. The inductees include:

- George S. Brown Jr., deputy city manager of Boca Raton and a former board member of the Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum, who has been pivotal in developing the positive partnership between the city and Florida Atlantic University.

- Robert K. Rollins Jr., president of the Beacon Group insurance agency, who has served on Boca Raton’s Beach

and Parks District board for more than 20 years, is past president for both the local Soccer Association and the Boca Raton Rotary Club, and has served on the board of directors of the FAU Foundation.

- Edith Stein, co-founder of the Martin & Edith Stein Family Foundation that recently donated \$5 million in support of a planned arts and innovation center in Mizner Park.

- The George Snow Scholarship Fund, which is dedicated to helping students within the community to achieve their career goals through the pursuit of higher education. Tim Snow is the fund’s president.

- Also honored at this reception will be 2020 inductees Terry Fedele, the late Jay Van Vechten, and Boca Ballet Theatre.

Tickets, which cost \$85 each, can be purchased by emailing office@bocahistory.org, or by calling 561-395-6766, ext. 101.

Mary Hladky contributed to this column.



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Business Spotlight

Renovated Boca resort prepares for big December debut

By Jan Norris

A return to luxury service and sophisticated dining from a “golden era” is the theme of the extensive renovation at The Boca Raton, formerly the Boca Resort and Club.

The expansive remake of the iconic Addison Mizner-designed hotel is set in phases, with the \$175 million first phase scheduled to accommodate members and their guests starting Dec. 17, even as some work continues into winter 2022.

In a statement laying out details for the renovation, Daniel Hostettler, president and CEO of The Boca Raton, described the property as an “internationally recognized landmark and a private escape for the in-the-know travelers.”

The hotel that opened in 1926 as The Cloister Inn is now owned by MSD Partners LP. The firm bought the property in 2019. Versed in luxury hotels with the Four Seasons Resort Maui and Four Seasons Resort Hualalai in its portfolio in Hawaii, the group plans to continue The Boca Raton’s long-standing model as an exclusive, members-only resort.

The property encompasses five hotels along 200 waterfront acres on both sides of the Intracoastal Waterway, with numerous restaurants, a private beach, 18-hole golf course, 32-slip marina, wellness spa, tennis and pickleball courts, four swimming pools and retail shops.

Each hotel is designed to attract a different traveler. The original 294-room Cloister is family- and pet-friendly, while the 225-room tower will be adults only, with butler services included in its \$45 million transformation.

Rooms rates in January 2022 start at \$1,190 for a two-night



One of the most noticeable changes will be the return to white as an exterior color for most of the property. Rendering provided

stay at the Cloister.

The Yacht Club, 112 rooms with balconies overlooking the water, is expected to attract mariners, and the Beach Club’s 212 rooms are designed for couples and young families.

The 58 bungalows, with two-bedroom suites and kitchens, are typically booked by long-term visitors.

The Cloister is being redesigned from the inside out. A new driveway and entranceway are in place. All rooms, interior public spaces, restaurants and retail shops are getting an overhaul. It plans to reopen in December along with the Yacht Club.

Tower rooms also are being redesigned. The bungalows will get a décor makeover, while the Beach Club rooms will be refreshed at a later stage.

The Boca properties have been repainted to their original white, except for the 27-story tower, which will retain its construction color of dusty pink.

As a major renovation, the 4-acre Harborside pool area will be reimaged. The convention

facility that once stood on the east side of the mainland property has been demolished to make way for an expansive water park-like experience with clear views of the Intracoastal.

A surf-riding pool, a lazy river, a three-story water slide and four pools for adults and youngsters are among its features. A portion of it will be open as part of phase one; the remainder is expected to be completed in 2022.

Spa Palmera is to reopen in December as well.

With the closing of the convention facility, the focus for group bookings will be for smaller conferences, according to hotel officials.

A number of restaurants are opening or have already come aboard, some operating under the Major Food Group of Miami umbrella.

The Flamingo, a tropical-themed chophouse, already is serving lunch and dinner with servers in pale pink jackets preparing foods such as cherries jubilee and Caesar salad tableside.

Sadelle’s, a noted New York

brunch spot run by the Major Food Group, will open in November to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner until the other restaurants on the property are open. Then it will revert to breakfast and brunch only.

The Palm Court will occupy the main large space in the center of the Cloister. Lunch, light bites, charcuterie and cocktails will be served there.

A new chocolate shop is called Maison Rose. Signature gold-leaf French macaroons and handmade chocolates will be sold.

Opening next year are an Italian concept restaurant and a Japanese concept from MFG.

The star of the dining program is the MB Supper Club. Harkening to the glamorous “new golden era” campaign, the venue will be a luxury supper club that evokes the Monkey Bar popular with the early visitors to the hotel. Along with select nights of entertainment, there will be tableside presentations of classic dishes served on vintage plates from the hotel. Servers and

hostesses will wear uniforms and gowns reminiscent of the 1930s supper club staff. Diners will have the option of sitting outdoors, or indoors at the bar as well as in the main room.

To staff the resort, two job fairs are being held in November in an attempt to bring in 400 workers. Addressing the workforce situation, specifically one versed in luxury service, Hostettler said he is looking for those who are enthusiastic and who can engage with guests — the methods and details of luxe service, he says, can be taught.

So far, he’s pleased that hiring has been successful, going against an industry trend of workers who sign on, but drop off shortly after.

The Boca and its restaurants will be open to members and their guests only beginning Dec. 17. Membership figures have not been released, but an increase in fees from years back is expected.

New leadership team

Hostettler announced the new members of the resort’s senior executive leadership team overseeing phase one, marketing and branding, sales and staffing.

The new team includes Erica S. Kasel as chief marketing officer, Emily Snyder as chief sales officer, and Maria Burns-Aladro as chief human resources officer.

“Our eyes are set on elevating The Boca Raton to extraordinary new heights, and we’ve curated a powerhouse lineup of well-respected leaders to steer us into the future,” Hostettler said.

In Kasel’s previous role heading up marketing at Chanel U.S., she led strategic communications, events and digital initiatives across the fashion, watch and fine-jewelry division. Most recent, Kasel was managing director at Traub, a global advisory firm, where she developed retail marketing and business strategies.

Prior to that, she relaunched Clé de Peau Beauté for Shiseido’s brand team in Tokyo as chief marketing officer and chief experience officer of Jane Smith Agency. She was also vice president of marketing at American Express Publishing, where she published *Departures* and launched *Centurion* magazines.

Snyder recently led and recruited a global sales team for Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group. Burns-Aladro brings 30 years of experience into her new role as The Boca Raton’s chief human resources officer. Her most recent position at The Boca Raton was as director of human resources. ★

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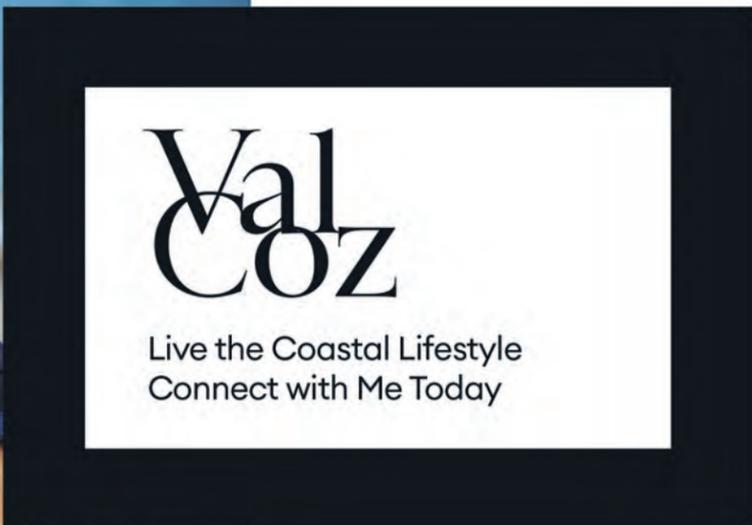
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Philanthropy Season Preview



A caravan through John Prince Park on Oct. 10 in Lake Worth Beach raised money for Gold Coast Down Syndrome. The organization used a caravan instead of its traditional walk for the second consecutive year. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Charities innovate during pandemic, often surpassing fundraising goals

By Rich Pollack

It was May of 2020 and like many other leaders of nonprofit organizations, Anne Dichele was starting to worry.

For 26 years Dichele's organization — Gold Coast Down Syndrome — had been doing a fundraising walk that generated revenue accounting for about two-thirds of the nonprofit's annual budget.

After more than a month of a statewide stay-at-home order, Dichele and Development Director Corinne Pike were struggling to figure out how to replace the Downright ExtraOrdinary Walk during the pandemic.

"The heart and soul of our organization is our connections, so we couldn't imagine being socially distanced," said Dichele, the Boynton Beach organization's executive director. "We were trying to come up with a way to

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keep the connection during a pandemic when an idea just popped into my head. I just looked at her and said, 'We'll do a car caravan.'"

First held in October 2020, the event surpassed most expectations, bringing more than 100 decorated cars to a loud and boisterous vehicle parade through John Prince Park. Students from local schools were among those who cheered on kids and adults with Down syndrome and their families as they paraded past.

Throughout Palm Beach County, nonprofit organizations spent much of the spring and summer of 2020 wondering how they would replace the money

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Brain Bowl CEO Pamela Higer-Polani and her husband, Mark Polani, with Sunshine at Bark and Browse. The fundraiser replaced a luncheon to support people living with Alzheimer's and related diseases. **Photo provided**

CHARITY

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typically received from major fundraising events.

“It was a year of Zoom events and golf tournaments,” said Chiara Clark, a member of the board of the Delray Beach Public Library and a former president of the Parents Auxiliary at Gulf Stream School. “The gifts were masks and hand sanitizers.”

Still, several organizations like Gold Coast Down Syndrome decided to think outside the Zoom boxes and come up with innovative alternatives.

“Even though we couldn’t be actually ‘together together,’ we could still be together,” Dichele said.

The George Snow Scholarship Fund pivoted from holding its longtime Ballroom Battle in front of a crowd in a hotel ballroom to one telecast from the WPTV studios on a Saturday night in 2020 and again in August 2021.

To raise money for the Festival of the Arts Boca took a fundraiser online and made it like a PBS pledge drive, with entertainment and a pitch for donations.

At the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, the annual LOOP for Literacy that typically brought 300 supporters together for a successful fundraiser, became LOOP Your Way with supporters collecting donations and bicycling, running or walking their own loop wherever they were and submitting photos.

Faced with not being able to gather close to 1,200 people together for the annual Brain Bowl luncheon — which raises money to support those living with Alzheimer’s, dementia and related diseases, as well as their caregivers — organizers created Bark and Browse, an outdoor fundraiser that drew 400 supporters.

“It was wonderful because people were together,” said Brain Bowl Events founder and CEO Pamela Higer-Polani, adding that masks and hand sanitizer were plentiful. “Brain Bowl is about connections, and connecting people over Zoom doesn’t always make people feel



Boca’s Ballroom Battle shifted to telecasts from a TV studio. The 2020 and ‘21 shows each drew about 20,000 viewers and raised about \$40,000 during the telecasts. Photos provided



Joanna Marie Kaye and Olivia Hollaus of Festival of the Arts Boca took a fundraiser online and made it like a PBS pledge drive, with entertainment and a pitch for donations.

warm and valued.”

Changes proved successful

Although each organization took a different approach to raising money, most say they raised enough money to beat previous years’ revenue or at least surpass their goals.

“There were plenty of nonprofit organizations that did better because they were able to be nimble and raise money around the new things they were doing,” said Vicki Pugh, CEO of Advancement Experts, which works with nonprofits on development and capacity building.

Pugh says communication was crucial to the success of organizations that moved in a different fundraising direction during the pandemic.

“It was really important for organizations that pivoted to keep in touch with their donors and to tell them what they were doing,” she said. “Building a new case for support was what kept nonprofits afloat.”

For many, sponsorships were critical. Another key to the monetary success was a reduction in expenses that come with a live event.

“We netted more money than we did when we did the

Ballroom Battle live,” said Tim Snow, president of the George Snow Scholarship Fund.

Like many other organizations, Snow’s team wanted to stay close to an event that worked well in the past.

For almost 15 years, the Ballroom Battle has teamed community leaders with professional dancers, similar to ABC’s *Dancing With The Stars*, with the dancers who raised the most money being declared winners.

In previous years the event was held at the Boca Raton Resort and Club, drawing about 800 guests who would make donations for dancers and participate in auctions. The event, Snow said, raised about one-fourth of the organization’s annual budget.

“We knew it was a widely successful event for us,” he said, adding that at one point organizers considered renting a drive-in theater and holding the event there.

Instead, listening to TV one Saturday morning while doing chores, Snow saw celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse promoting products and realized that television might work.

With a 7 p.m. spot on a Saturday night, the 2020 and 2021 Ballroom Battles each drew an estimated 20,000 viewers and raised about \$40,000 while on the air, in addition to the money raised by the dancers prior to the broadcasts. The telecasts, which showed pre-recorded dance and other segments, also were streamed on the Snow scholarship website and available on YouTube.

“This gave us an opportunity to tell our story to a different audience,” Snow said. “We were fortunate we had an event that translated to television.”

Pledge drive event for art

For the Festival of the Arts Boca, putting two weeks of events on TV wasn’t an option,



Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County changed LOOP for Literacy to LOOP Your Way. Supporters biked, ran or walked wherever they chose. ABOVE: Board President Len Gray took part in February from Lenox, Massachusetts.

but Joanna Marie Kaye’s television experience came in handy when the organization used the internet for two events.

Plans for a 15th anniversary gala in June were upended so Kaye and her team started looking at virtual galas — but none of what Kaye saw online matched the goals they were hoping to achieve.

“Then a light bulb went off and I thought why not do it like a PBS pledge drive,” she said.

Teaming up with board member Olivia Hollaus, Kaye hosted a live event on the organization’s website with individual taped musical performances from Joshua Bell and Larisa Martinez.

“You had the entertainment portion and then you had two people asking for money, explaining the mission and why it’s important,” Kaye said.

As part of the event, which was also available on YouTube, supporters could sign up for a “party in place,” which could include something like a bottle of prosecco and chocolates delivered prior to the event.

The organization also revamped its successful Festival of the Arts event, hosting online lectures and performances that would normally be live — but with a twist. This time around, the performances were free, but included requests for donations.

The performances were watched by hundreds of people in 21 countries and generated enough money, along with sponsorships, to surpass financial goals. The pledge drive event also exceeded the goals.

Outdoors worked well

For three other organizations, outdoor events — some reimaged and some new — proved to be successful during the pandemic.

The Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County discovered success by changing a longtime event — LOOP for Literacy — from a group bike ride, walk or jog in the Lake Worth area to LOOP Your Way, where supporters could do the same activities but do them wherever they were and when it was convenient.

“The key is finding the unique parts of an event that make it successful and adapting that effort to reach your goal,”

said Kristin Calder, the literary coalition’s CEO.

She said changes to the loop event were welcomed by participants. “It allowed more people to participate on their own schedule.”

The event raised a record \$80,000.

“It was never about are we going to do it,” Calder said. “It was about how are we going to do it.”

As part of the event, each participant was able to pick up a T-shirt, a medal and a \$10 gift certificate to Park Avenue BBQ Grille and get a tour of the coalition’s office at the same time.

“Getting the shirt, the medal and the barbecue helped provide a sense of normalcy in abnormal times,” Calder said.

The coalition also continued another key event, its Grand Bee, in which teams competed online in a literary-themed trivia contest.

For the team at the Brain Bowl, Bark and Browse was a way to keep a very successful event going, and it was a chance to focus on pets and the role they play in helping people with cognitive issues.

“One of our goals was to bring attention to pets that provide much-needed emotional support to families coping with the stress of Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s, dementia and other related neuro-cognitive disorders,” Higer-Polani said.

As part of the event, a contest took place in which individuals could pay money and vote for their favorite pets online.

The outdoor portion of the fundraiser, at Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park, offered visitors more than 60 vendors selling goods and services.

A portion of the money raised from the event went to the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office to help with the purchase of Jess, a dog used in search-and-rescue missions, often involving dementia patients. Additional money went to the Alzheimer’s Association to support a local Brain Bus, which through its travels raises awareness in the community.

Higer-Polani says that one of the most important parts of the Brain Bowl is its ability to show caregivers and people with Alzheimer’s that they are appreciated.

“People feel validated, included and cherished,” she said.

Those same feelings were shared by people who participated in Gold Coast Down Syndrome’s caravan.

Dichele said her organization was pleased with the financial results and by the outpouring of support from people in and around the caravan — an event that was different from what worked in the past.

“We made the choice to do the caravan based 100% on who we are as a Gold Coast family,” she said. “We just couldn’t picture a successful event where people weren’t together.” ★

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Pay It Forward



Co-Chairwomen Clara Acero and Kari Oeltjen of the Junior League of Boca Raton's 34th annual Woman Volunteer of the Year luncheon. Photo provided

L'Agence fashion director to headline runway show at Junior League luncheon

"Celebrating A Renaissance of Community" will serve as the theme for the 34th annual Woman Volunteer of the Year luncheon benefiting the Junior League of Boca Raton.

The extravaganza returns to The Boca Raton, formerly the Boca Raton Resort & Club, after a hiatus in 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"The chairs felt like we're sort of coming out of the dark ages," league President Jamie Sauer said, referring to Co-Chairwomen Clara Acero and Kari Oeltjen. "It's just really nice to be able to get together and honor the volunteers who have made so much of a difference, especially at a time like this."

The nonprofit's largest fundraiser begins at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 12 with a VIP reception and runs until 1:30 p.m. A total of 22 nominees will be recognized this year.

"These women are all absolutely incredible," Sauer said. "To have been an active volunteer during the last year and a half is so admirable and amazing. We're excited to honor them."

The luncheon's highlight is the Saks Fifth Avenue runway

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What: Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon

When: 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 12

Where: The Boca Raton, 501 E. Camino Real

Information: 561-620-2553 or www.jlbr.org.

show that L'Agence fashion director Tara Rudes-Dann will headline. An after-party at Corvina Seafood Grill Royal Palm Place concludes the day.

Last year's luncheon went virtual, featuring a look back at the hundreds of women who have been nominated over the years as well as the history of the service organization established 50 years ago.

"2020 was difficult on everybody," Sauer said. "This is sort of like a new beginning, just to kind of come back in person and say thank you."



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Publisher's Note

Special section debuting this month

We are happy to announce the debut of our Philanthropy Season Preview.

This once-a-year section is intended to promote local charitable organizations and to serve as a reminder to all of us that the end-of-the-year giving season has arrived.

In the next eight pages, you will see paid features and advertising packages funded by

some of these organizations — or their donors — to amplify their stories and promote upcoming fundraising events.

In this month of Thanksgiving, we encourage you to dig deep to help these and other charitable organizations that make this a better place to live.

— Jerry Lower, Publisher

Philanthropy Notes

Matching gift of \$40,000 aims to help survivors of domestic abuse

Delray Beach's Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse has announced a \$40,000 challenge from a foundation that wants to remain anonymous.

Donations to AVDA's Purple Pajama Party, a virtual fundraiser running through Dec. 1, will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$40,000 and fund support services for those who are experiencing abuse at home. The matching gift comes amid a rise in domestic violence calls to the Delray Beach Police Department.

Pam O'Brien, the nonprofit's president and CEO, says she "is deeply grateful to the anonymous family foundation for this generous matching gift."

For more information, call 561-265-3797 or visit www.avdonline.org.

have had with someone living with mental health issues has strengthened my resolve to make sure that the mental health conversation is healthy and available," Bromhead said. "It is a privilege to be a part of an organization that is providing such crucial services for all who might need them."

The Boca Raton organization provides low- or no-cost mental health services to anyone in need.

For more information, call 561-483-5300 or visit <https://faulkcenterforcounseling.org>.



King



Estime

FAU hires executive for fundraising advancement

Christopher Delisio has joined the Florida Atlantic University staff as vice president of institutional advancement.

He brings more than 25 years of development experience, most recently as executive director of principal gifts at The Ohio State University.

Delisio, also the FAU Foundation's new CEO, is responsible for community engagement, fundraising and cultivating gifts to FAU.

"Chris immediately stood out as the perfect fit to lead the charge here at FAU," President John Kelly said. "He is a creative thinker with a proven track record who can be innovative but pragmatic and is highly receptive to new ideas."

Said Delisio: "There are so many innovative and amazing things happening at FAU right now, and the nation is taking notice. To be a part of this remarkable team in an area like South Florida is incredibly exciting."

Faulk Center brings in a new deputy director

The Faulk Center for Counseling recently welcomed its new deputy director of operations, Amy Bromhead.

Bromhead, who previously served as director of development for Alzheimer's Community Care, will be responsible for development, fundraising and marketing strategies.

"The personal experiences I

that provides assistance to meet basic human needs as well as counseling, education and job training to create self-sufficiency.

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

Thanksgiving Box Brigade underway to provide meals

Boca Helping Hands' five locations across Palm Beach County need help from the community to provide holiday meals to underserved people.

The organization is embarking on its 17th annual Thanksgiving Box Brigade program, which provides turkeys and boxes containing all the fixings. Donors can fill their own boxes with the dinner essentials or can contribute the cost of a box — \$27.15. The deadline is Nov. 15.

"We are so grateful to the community each year for their food drives and Thanksgiving box donations," said Greg Hazle, Boca Helping Hands' executive director. "Their generosity means that people who would not otherwise be able to sit down for a holiday meal can enjoy one with their family."

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

Agency aims to help the health care helpers

The Center for Child Counseling has launched a training program called Healing the Healers to address the challenges and stress people in the medical field face every day.

Helpers have been on the front lines during the pandemic supporting adults and children experiencing grief and loss. The four-hour training teaches them self-care and resilience-building strategies so they are not running on empty.

"Teaching these strategies is more important than ever as we witness front-line workers experiencing alarming rates of anxiety, depression, PTSD and even suicide as a result of the pandemic," CFCC CEO Renée Layman said. "We must make sure that those who are helping to heal others are healthy themselves."

For more information, call 561-244-9499 or visit www.centerforchildcounseling.org.

Pair of leaders join Boca Helping Hands

Boca Helping Hands has appointed Steve King as director of development.

King was born and raised in Miami and moved to Boca Raton in 1986. He was a member of Lynn University's development office and, prior to that, had a career in private banking. He began volunteering at Boca Helping Hands in 2012.

"I found the mission of Boca Helping Hands most appealing," he said. "Engaging with the clients was the most rewarding aspect of my volunteer experience. I look forward to making an even greater impact by creating stronger community partnerships and enhancing current programs."

The agency also has appointed Jude Estime as controller. Born and raised in Haiti, Estime moved to the United States in 2002 and received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Florida Atlantic University and his MBA from Nova Southeastern University.

"I'm excited to be working with Boca Helping Hands," Estime said. "The work they do in the community to not only feed people but also provide job training and job-readiness coaching, along with financial assistance, is some of the most important work being done in Palm Beach County right now."

Boca Helping Hands is a community-based nonprofit

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Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County



The 2020 Love of Literacy Luncheon committee included (l-r): Dr. Regine Bataille, Seran Glanfield, Karen Rogers, Sabine Dantus, Bettina Young, Bernadette O'Grady, author Jean Kwok, Debra Ghostine, Stephanie Kahlert and Laura Silver. The 2021 luncheon is set for Nov. 16. **Photo provided**

Changing lives through literacy

By Steven J. Smith

CEO Kristin Calder is proud of the 46,867 adults, children, other youth and families the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County served last year, as her colleagues rallied to overcome challenges posed by the pandemic.

"We've significantly increased our outreach in recent years thanks to distributing programs virtually, providing online reading tutoring, and adding resources to our website so more people can access our lessons," Calder said.

The organization began in 1989, when community and business leaders connected people needing help learning to read with those providing services. Initially adults accessed the Literacy Coalition's resources, but since then children and families have emerged as its primary beneficiaries.

"We've recognized the importance of birth to 3 years of age in terms of brain development and the significance of introducing literacy skills during this critical time," Calder said. "Now many of our programs focus on early literacy, and we take that through elementary, middle and

high school, all the way to adulthood."

The coalition maintained all of its programs during the pandemic, including Building Better Readers, in which 100 trained tutors provided virtual tutoring to help 200 students improve their reading skills. Literacy AmeriCorps had members each complete 1,700 hours of service as graduation coaches, mentors and reading tutors. The coalition also distributed 102,536 books in the last year to families and organizations.

Read Together, in which adults read the same book and participate in group discussions, also has continued. The new Read Together book will be announced at the coalition's signature fundraiser, the 30th annual Love of Literacy Luncheon featuring author Michael Connelly, on Nov. 16 at the Kravis Center. The in-person event is sold out but tickets remain to watch it online.

"Our mission is to improve the quality of life in our community by promoting and achieving literacy," Calder said. "We are grateful to the volunteers and donors who have helped us transform lives through literacy."

To learn more about the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, visit www.literacyabc.org.

Gulf Stream School

Making the grade: School to honor major donors

By Steven J. Smith

On Dec. 10, Gulf Stream School's Johnston Society will hold a special luncheon to pay tribute to individuals and families who have opened their hearts and pocketbooks over the years to help build the school and its staff into the exceptional institution of learning it is today.

"The Johnston Society, established by our board of trustees in 2000, was named for Ada Belle and William Johnston, two educators who founded the school in 1938," said Director of Development Casey Wilson. "The society honors those, who through their generosity, continue the vision of the Johnstons. Those gifts built a healthy endowment, a beautiful campus, great programs and accommodate amazing teachers and capable and qualified students and families."

Johnston Society members, he added, are those whose cumulative gifts to the school total \$25,000 or more, which help underwrite the school's mission — empowering students to succeed, inspiring intellectual curiosity, and celebrating both effort and accomplishment.

Required subjects include English, mathematics, social studies, science, foreign



In 1938, Ada Belle and William Johnston founded the school.

language, computer, art, music and physical education.

Head of School Dr. Gray Smith said small class sizes paired with experienced and talented teachers encourage students to explore their interests and test their limits, all within a well-rounded curriculum that also encompasses arts and athletics. These help motivate students to focus on and enjoy the process of learning while lending an atmosphere of intimacy to education.

"Gulf Stream has a unique family feel to me," Smith said. "There's a warmth here that not only attracts people to the school, it makes them want to stay. And makes them want to support our mission and perpetuate that sense of family."

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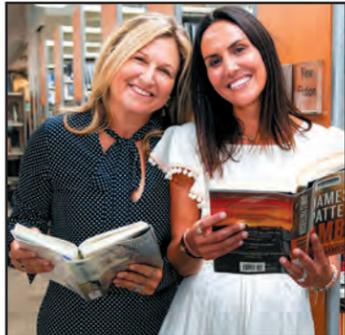
By Steven J. Smith

The Delray Beach Public Library is planning a socially distanced evening of comedy, cocktails and culinary delights to raise funds for its free classes and programs that co-chairwoman Chiara Clark said dramatically surpass what an average library provides.

"I'd say we offer 1,000-plus free programs a year," Clark said. "They run the gamut from programs for children, teens and adults to those featuring technology and even special exhibitions. And unlike most libraries, we're a 501(c)(3), which means we're funded through a public-private partnership with Delray Beach, the Community Redevelopment Agency and private donors. So the money raised for our event will go a long way to help support these programs."

The fundraiser, called Laugh With the Library, will begin at 7 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Opal Grand Oceanfront Resort & Spa at 10 N. Ocean Blvd. in Delray Beach. It will start with a cocktail hour featuring a silent auction, followed by an hour of stand-up comedy and food stations offering tacos, mini sliders, pasta and more.

"While the pandemic was going on, the library



Co-chairs Alissa Rabin and Chiara Clark said they hope to take in \$125,000 from their Laugh With the Library fundraiser. Photo provided

stayed open virtually to the community," Clark said. "We continued to offer programs and classes online. A lot of people signed up for them and we had great attendance."

She added, "Our library resources' budgets were reduced. So when we continue with in-person as well as virtual classes, we know digital resources are often more costly; but the goal of a library is to be a community center that is a meeting place for people of all ages. And I know people appreciate being inside our library."

To learn more about the Delray Beach Public Library and sponsorship opportunities for its Laugh With the Library fundraiser, visit www.delraylibrary.org.

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Lang Realty

Expanding the culture of philanthropic Realtors

By Steven J. Smith

Lang Realty is looking for a few good Realtors — who want to do good and share the company’s commitment to giving back.

The company seeks to supplement its top-quality staff and team of Realtors by recruiting not just the finest real estate agents in the area, but also humanitarians who genuinely care about their community, according to Scott Agran, president of the firm.

“Lang Realty was founded by myself and two other agents, one being my mother,” Agran said. “By focusing on recruiting the best available agents out there, our business has continued to grow. In addition to becoming the best company around, we’ve become one of the area’s largest. As we continue to grow and build upon our successes, we believe it’s very important to support local causes and organizations. Giving back is a big way to build reputation, brand and respect.”

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Agent Jamie Sauer serves as president of the Junior League of Boca Raton, an organization devoted to solving hunger, child welfare and female empowerment challenges.

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Jamie Sauer with the Junior League of Boca Raton, Dawn Forgione with the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer project and Jeannine Morris with family outreach organization Place of Hope, to name a select few.

“We give back to the communities we serve and welcome like-minded professionals to be a part of our team,” Agran said.

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Breast Cancer Research Foundation



Aerin Lauder (l-r), lead chair of the Feb. 3 luncheon and symposium. She is joined by Monique Lhuillier, fashion designer, who showcased her designs at the 2020 event, and Kinga Lampert, co-chair of BCRF’s board of directors and honorary chair of the event.

Researchers will share the latest at foundation’s fundraiser

By Steven J. Smith

The Breast Cancer Research Foundation looks forward to its highly anticipated Palm Beach Hot Pink Luncheon & Symposium on February 3 at The Breakers in Palm Beach.

In its 19th year, the event will honor Michele and Howard Kessler with the Evelyn H. Lauder Humanitarian Award for their extraordinary spirit of generosity and fierce dedication to ending breast cancer.

The Award is named in memory of BCRF’s founder and longtime Palm Beach resident, Evelyn H. Lauder, and pays tribute to her tenacity, vision and passion which continue to drive the funding for critical, lifesaving research.

“Evelyn started this event nearly two decades ago on the belief that knowledge is power—she wanted to bring information on cutting-edge science to the Palm Beach

community.

A panel of distinguished BCRF researchers will share the latest groundbreaking advances and the strides they’re making to end breast cancer,” said Myra Biblowit, President and CEO of BCRF.

The luncheon is a ticketed event with tickets starting at \$550 and sponsorships available at \$10,000 and above.

“This event and its extraordinary supporters are moving lifechanging research forward, faster. With breast cancer becoming the most common cancer worldwide, our mission is more vital than ever.

Funds raised from this event are changing the course of the future for our mothers, daughters, sisters, husbands, fathers, brothers and friends,” said Biblowit.

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SHINING A LIGHT TO CONNECT
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St. George's Society of Palm Beach

The royal treatment

By Steven J. Smith

The St. George's Society of Palm Beach promotes fellowship and supports educational, cultural and social efforts in England through activities and fundraising in Palm Beach County, President Susan Oyer said.

"Our society was founded on July 7, 2007," said Oyer. "Many of us were members of the Royal Society of St. George in Dania Beach. We lobbied to have a different type of experience than the one they were offering. They said no, so we had our own mini-American Revolution, and created our own group."

Its aim is to foster a love of England's history, the English language and culture, its traditions and heritage, all of which have influenced unity between the U.S. and England, she added.

"We are always looking for more like-minded members," Oyer said. "We hold fundraising

dinners, visit museums, go to movies such as 'Downton Abbey.' We have luncheon and dinner meetings. Lately we've begun tours of Worth Avenue and the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens. We take croquet lessons. We like to mix it up a bit."

The society's current project, A Walk in the Forest, was inspired by the popular 1965 song "A Walk in the Black Forest." Its goal is to raise funds to plant at least 1,000 trees in the U.K. to support the tree-planting efforts of the Queen's Green Canopy to honor HRM Queen Elizabeth II for her Platinum Jubilee. More plantings are slated for West Palm and Boynton, along with the renovation of Phipps Ocean Park in Palm Beach and support of the White Feather Foundation's mission to plant trees in Africa.

To learn more about donating to or joining the society, visit <https://stgeorgessocietyofpalmbeach.org>.



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a five-part project to raise funds to plant trees in the UK, locally and in Africa. In the UK, we will be planting a forest in honor of HRM Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. Locally, we'll be planting trees in West Palm Beach, Boynton Beach, and Palm Beach. And we will be planting countless trees in Africa. We are working with partners: the Queen's Green Canopy, Community Greening, and The White Feather Foundation.



11/17/21 ~ Dinner Meeting at The Chesterfield Hotel in Palm Beach

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— Members \$25, non-members \$35. Lunch (Dutch) at Restoration Hardware after.

12/14/21 ~ Holiday Dinner Party with Raffle Prizes, at Ravish Restaurant in Lantana

— Members \$75, non-members \$80.

1/9/22 ~ Private Worth Avenue Tour of this Historic Street in Palm Beach

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2/5/22 • Private Croquet Lesson and Lunch, at the National Croquet Center in West Palm Beach, All white clothes and flat-soled shoes required.

— Members \$75, non-members \$85.

2/21/22 • Lunch Meeting at Renato's in Palm Beach, Speaker Rex Hearn's "Tudor England Post Henry VIII" — Members \$100, non-members \$125.

3/9/22 • Lunch Meeting at Renato's in Palm Beach, Speaker Lee Pollock "Winston Churchill in Cuba & Florida: From Rebellion to Cold War" — Members \$100, non-members \$125.

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Food For The Poor

Work in Haiti highlights fight against extreme poverty

For almost 40 years, Food For The Poor has been devoted to transforming the lives of people living in extreme poverty in the Caribbean and Latin America.

The charity's commitment is not only constant, but substantial, even more so in times of crisis.

For the past year, Haiti has been racked with civil unrest, gang violence and political upheaval. The situation turned even more bleak after a 7.2-magnitude earthquake on Aug. 14. Two days later, a tropical storm exacerbated the misery, just as families were preparing to send children back to school.

But there is hope.

- Food For The Poor is working with churches to build temporary classrooms in areas devastated by the quake, so children can return to class sooner.

- A treatment system in partnership with Water Mission has been installed in the community of Melon, Haiti, to provide clean drinking water for 800 people a day.

- Two satellite offices are being built to help oversee work in the area and to deepen the charity's connection with the communities.

- A new regional distribution



A man in Chantal, Haiti, received food and other essential aid from Food For The Poor. Photo provided

center in Cap-Haïtien is improving aid delivery to that region of the country.

- Since the quake, the charity has designated 159 shipments of aid to Haiti.

- Displaced families have been moved into 107 newly built homes, the start of a home-building initiative to put hundreds more families in safe shelter.

- Food For The Poor has a commitment to build 400 homes in two villages for families displaced by the earthquake. And it will build an additional 200 homes out of its general funds.

"We are continuing to plan for the future," Food For The Poor President/CEO Ed Raine said. "These projects are evidence that we are going to be able to continue working in Haiti in a very real way."

"You're never too young to take action!" – Rafe Cochran



In 2014, Rafe Cochran became one of Food For The Poor's youngest donors when the 9-year-old boy raised money to build two homes for poverty-stricken families in Ganthier, Haiti. For the past eight years, the annual Rafe Cochran Golf Classic that sprouted from that initial gift has been Rafe's way of continuing to give back to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. He's making plans now for his next tournament in Spring 2022.

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Celebrations

Boston Marathon

Boston — Oct. 11



Ocean Ridge resident Nick Kaleel ran the 125th edition of the race, postponed from April because of the pandemic, in 2 hours, 37 minutes and 14 seconds. That's a pace of 6 minutes per mile on the 26.2-mile course. Kaleel, 26, was a track and field and cross-country athlete in high school and college. Family, friends and spectators cheered him on. **Photo provided by Hilary Swift**

Installation ceremony

St. Lucy Catholic Church, Highland Beach – Oct. 9



Knights of Columbus St. Padre Pio Council No. 17215 welcomed several new members to the organization at the first in-person gathering since the pandemic. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Tom Corrcione, Ron Shelton, Amato Sampson, Chris Laudato, Daniel Alesandro, Russ Chisholm, Paul Danitz, Dominic Conte, Patrick McClosky, Al Rader, Alfio Pitruzzela, Osmany Periu and Jerry Zazza. **Photo provided**

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Wedding announcement

Malibu, California — Nov. 6



Candace Tamposi of Ocean Ridge and Nicholas Tamposi of Laconia, New Hampshire, joyfully announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Ali Tamposi, to Roman Campolo of Malibu. The couple will marry at the former vacation estate of the late Dick Clark. The bride, a former Palm Beach and Ocean Ridge resident, is a Grammy Award nominee and a BMI Song-writer of the Year. The groom, a former Cincinnati resident, is a collaborator on the new Elton John album 'The Lockdown Sessions.' In lieu of gifts, the couple requests donations to the Creative Waves Foundation, whose purpose is to help underserved students of music and the arts. The foundation provides scholarships, equipment and enrichment programs, and its current focus is on the First Haitian Baptist Church of Belle Glade and the church's Enrichment Center project for underserved migrant children. To donate, visit www.creativewavesfoundation.org/donate. **Photo provided**

Jaguar Classic Golf Tournament

Indian Springs Country Club, Boynton Beach — Oct. 8



Saint Joseph's Episcopal School's parent organization had its fourth annual links event, raising more than \$20,000 for the institution. Parents along with faculty and staff not only golfed but also volunteered to make the outing a philanthropic success. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Jeff Brand, Matt Blizzard, Doug Sabra and Greg Anthony. **Photo provided**

'An Evening to Celebrate'

The Wick Theatre & Costume Museum, Boca Raton — Sept. 28



The YMCA of South Palm Beach County had a reception to mark its history as it approaches 50 years as an organization. Former President and CEO Richard Pollock and current President and CEO Jason Hagensick addressed members of the community who have been a part of the Y since 1972. Guests shared memorabilia, old photos and stories. **ABOVE:** Pollock (in background) speaks to the crowd as Dick Simmons and Lin Hurley have a laugh. **Photo provided by Carlos Aristizabal**

Celebrations

50th anniversary celebration

The Addison, Boca Raton — Sept. 23



The Junior League of Boca Raton, which launched in 1971, rang in its golden occasion in style. The moment was commemorated with a coffee-table book that included the history of the service organization. A total of 27 past presidents attended, as did one of the founders. 'The Junior League, continuously over the past 50 years, has helped identify unmet needs in our community, particularly involving women and children, and worked to bridge the gap,' President Jamie Sauer said. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Anne Vegso, Betsy Eisenberg and Marina Morbeck. **Photo provided**

Securing Our Future

The Addison, Boca Raton — Sept. 30



The Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County's third annual event had the theme 'A Night in Monte Carlo' and secured a record-breaking \$151,000. Proceeds will support the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boca Raton's mental health and social-emotional learning programs. **LEFT:** Terry and Jerry Fedele. **RIGHT:** (l-r) Eric Roby and Pamela and Robert Weinroth, a Palm Beach County commissioner. **Photos provided by Tim Stepien**

Wee Dream Ball

Boca West Country Club



Dec. 3: Attendees at the fundraiser for the Florence Fuller Child Development Centers will help support the community's at-risk children through educational programming. Time is 6 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$300. Call 561-391-7274, ext. 134 or visit www.ffcdc.org. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Honorary chairwoman Hiromi Printz, honorary chairman David Clark and chairwomen Simone Spiegel and Peg Anderson. **Photo provided**

Pay It Forward

NOVEMBER

Saturday - 11/6 - Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller's Florida Commandery's Knights and Dames Gala at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, 2425 W. Maya Palm Drive, Boca Raton. Honor the philanthropic work of Richard and Barbara Schmidt while enjoying decadent food, drinks and entertainment worthy of royalty. 6 pm. \$275. 561-392-4717 or osjflorida.org/events.

11/6 - Place of Hope's Hope Bash at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Get "Back in the Swing" and commemorate 20 years of the organization with an evening of dinner, dancing, live music and entertainment to support young adults at The Leighan and David Rinker Campus. 6 pm. \$350. 561-483-0962 or hopebashboca21.givesmart.com

Tuesday - 11/9 - Best Foot Forward Foundation's Sole Mates Luncheon at St. Andrews Country Club, 17557 W. Claridge Oval, Boca Raton. Help raise money for many of the things students in foster care need that are overlooked. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$100 in person, \$50 online. 561-470-8300 or bestfoot.org.

Friday - 11/12 - Junior League of Boca Raton's Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon at The Boca Raton, 501 E. Camino Real. Revel in this year's theme, "Celebrating a Renaissance of Community," honoring outstanding female leaders and get treated to a New York-style fashion show. 10:30 am-1:30 pm. \$200. 561-620-2553 or jlbr.org.

Saturday - 11/13 - Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton's Boca Raton Mayors Ball at The Boca Raton, 501 E. Camino Real. Celebrate city visionaries past and present at the black-tie dinner dance that raises funds to support health and wellness needs in the community. 6:30 pm. \$350. 561-392-5166, Ext. 2 or rotarydowntownbocaraton.org.

11/13 - Milagro Center's Best 'Lil Outdoor Hoodown in Town at Social House, 512 Lucerne Ave., Lake Worth Beach. Shine up those boots and come on out for a party featuring live music, line dancing, a barbecue and a beer and wine bar. 7-10 pm. \$45. 561-279-2970, Ext. 107 or milagrocenter.org.

Sunday 11/14 - Hanley Foundation's Brice Makris Memorial Picnic at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Have a day of fun featuring activities, entertainment and a silent auction to underscore the foundation's belief that family time is well-spent time. 11 am-2 pm. \$125 for adults, \$50 for children ages 4 to 12. 561-268-2355 or hanleyfoundation.org.

Tuesday - 11/16 - Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County's Love of Literacy Luncheon at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Enjoy featured speaker Michael Connelly, a best-selling author whose next book, *The Dark Hours*, will be released Nov. 9. 11:30 am. \$150. In-person tickets are sold out. Online available for \$35. Tickets: 561-767-3370 or literacypubc.org.

Wednesday - 11/17 - Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum's Walk of Recognition at The Addison, Two E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Recognize community leaders who, and organizations that, have served in the interest of the community and enriched the lives of local residents. 6 pm. \$85. 561-395-6766, Ext. 101 or bocahistory.org.

Thursday - 11/18 - The Lord's Place's Ending Homelessness Breakfast, a virtual event. Take in an inspirational program that will feature thematic speeches and real-life stories of how the nonprofit is leading its clients to housing, employment and restored dignity. 8:30 am. Free. 561-578-4841 or thelordsplace.org/ending-homelessness-breakfast.

DECEMBER

Wednesday - 12/1 - Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach's Cocktails for the Club at Little Club, 100 Little Club Road, Gulf Stream. Kick off the holiday season with a social featuring signature spirits, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, games, raffles and more to support critical hunger-relief programs. 6-9 pm. \$175. 561-676-5472 or bgcpbc.org.

Friday - 12/10 - Milagro Center's "Strawberry Lane Live at the Oasis" at Community Art Garden, 346 S.W. Sixth Ave., Delray Beach. Support the nonprofit's afterschool academic programs for underserved children during an entertaining, open-air concert. 6:30-9:30 pm. \$35. 561-279-2970, Ext. 107 or milagrocenter.org.



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Dining

Kapow to expand in Mizner Park

Kapow, the small noodle bar that became an overnight success in Mizner Park, celebrates its 10th year with a big announcement: It's moving.

"We had been eyeing a larger spot for a while. We've been in expansion mode before COVID," said Vaughan Dugan, one of the co-owners. "We were paying attention to Bluefish, and when we saw they succumbed, it was a natural fit for us."

Bluefish had opened in the former Gary Rack's spot on the east side of the plaza just before the pandemic hit, Dugan said. "It was unfortunately really bad timing."

Kapow will be doubling its capacity as well as adding outdoor covered seating.

Plus, he said, it will be air-conditioned.

"As hip and cool as Kapow is, it's hot with the doors and windows open."

Kapow is expanding the

menu as well, Dugan said.

"So one of the cons of Bluefish — pros for us — we inherited their equipment. It had a sushi bar. We're going to have a sushi bar, a hybrid kind of omakase — not all sushi, but we will be doing sushi as well. It will be an eight-seat bar by reservation only, and a private bartender to serve along with the sushi chef," he said.

"We'll have three private karaoke rooms in the back. They are soundproof and also are private dining rooms. We'll have the ability to open them up, but the guests can order from the room — it's fully automated. The only time you have to open the door is to get the food and drinks."

One of the reasons for expansion is to make Kapow more than a noodle and drink bar, he said, to appeal to a broader group.

"It's a demographic we've been missing," Dugan said. "So

many corporate headquarters are in town and Kapow is so small. It's not the most conducive place for team-building meetings.

"We're 10 years old, and it's time to grow up a little bit. We're the place for everybody. The 18-year-old barback comes in after a shift. My parents come. We're not trying to put on a tie, we don't want to grow up totally."

He and partners Rodney Mayo and Scott Frielich of Subculture Group hope to open the new Kapow by New Year's Eve. "We're at the mercy of our contractors," Dugan said.

Supply chain problems have hit them, too.

As for staffing, he said, "I'd be lying if I said it's not a problem. We were able to retain most of our staff. We're struggling to add to our team. There's a lot of trading going on" with personnel, with different groups offering sweeter deals for



Kapow is moving to new space in Boca's Mizner Park. The old location will host a New Orleans-themed spot. **Photo provided**

signing on.

It will be twice the problem for Dugan and his team once they move, since they've already worked out a new concept to go into their current space. It is Penelope, a New Orleans-themed spot.

"It will keep the same Subculture vibe," said Dugan, who described it as "less Bourbon Street and more French. Yes, Antoine's, or somewhere in between, but

more French New Orleans."

Dugan said the move will not mean a stoppage in service: "We'll close here on a Friday and turn our lights off, open up across the street."

As for Penelope, "We should be able to turn it around in 45 to 60 days tops. Kapow is so small, only 1,500 square feet. We'll upgrade the fixtures and do cosmetic changes."

Other expansion is planned and the company is ready. "We're in full expansion mode," Dugan said. "We're looking at Lauderdale, Delray and Jupiter. We were having the best year before COVID, and an even better year now."

Kapow, 431 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Phone 561-347-7322; www.kapownoodlebar.com.

In brief

A new restaurant quietly opened last month in the long-vacant former Patio spot in Delray: **800 Palm Trail Grille**. A large outdoor seating area wraps around the dining room, where sandwiches, salads, fish and meat entrees are on the menu. Vegetarian and gluten-free items also are here. ... **Corvina Seafood Grill** is opening in Boca Raton's downtown area this month. Noted Washington, D.C. chef Jeff Tunks is at the helm. Locally caught seafood is touted as the star of a menu that includes meats and poultry. Corvina is at 110 Plaza Real South. ...

A Mexican menu is on tap at the restaurant in the **Norton Museum of Art** in West Palm Beach. It coincides with the exhibit of *Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera and Mexican Modernism*, which runs through Feb. 6. ...

Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches is again delivering Thanksgiving pies with its Pie It Forward campaign. Order a chef-made pie (apple, pumpkin, pecan or Key lime) until Nov. 17 at <https://mowpbpie.org>.

South County pickup is Nov. 23, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Duffy's Sports Grill, 1750 S. Federal Highway, Delray Beach. Each pie sold feeds a homebound senior for one week. Don't need pie? Buy a virtual pie to donate to MOW instead.



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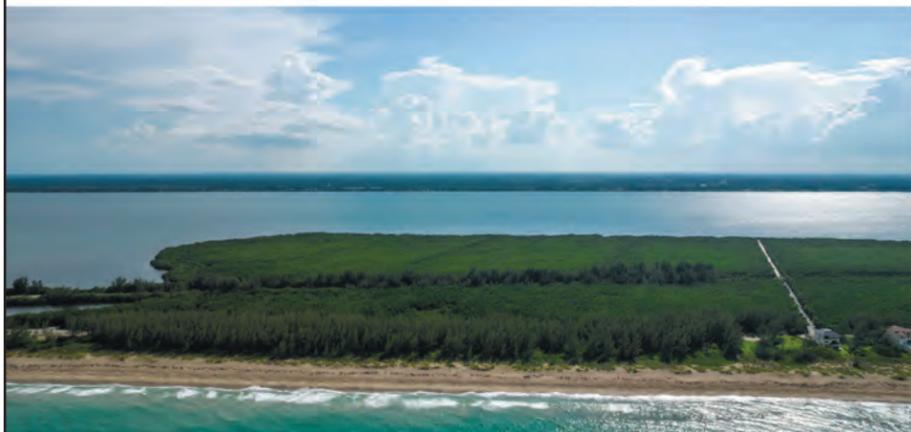


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Art

TGIF

(Thank God it's Frida)

By Gretel Sarmiento
Palm Beach ArtsPaper Art Writer

In the universe of Mexican art, one petite star has shined consistently bright despite the eclipse caused by male counterparts. If it were a constellation, its shape would be a thick unibrow and its name Friducha.

That was famed Mexican muralist Diego Rivera's name for his painter wife Frida Kahlo. Both are now the focus of a new exhibition organized by the Norton Museum of Art that goes to the heart of the museum's self-imposed commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity, and access.

On view through Feb. 6, *Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera and Mexican Modernism from the Jacques and Natasha Gelman Collection* is what happens when an institution pours its heart into celebrating commonality.

The vehicle, in this case, is the art produced by modernist artists such as David Alfaro Siqueiros, Carlos Mérida and Rufino Tamayo, following a decade of war, division and violence.

Landscape with Cacti is an example of what they returned to for inspiration. During Spanish occupation, indigenous people lost control of their ancestral lands. The landscape adopted a new meaning after the Mexican Revolution ended in 1920. It was grounds on which to shape a future that infused tradition with modern ideals, a time machine to recall pre-Hispanic and colonial-time memories.

Rivera's 1931 oil piece carries a humorous innocent quality. His green meaty limbs, symbolic of Mexico, stand in non-threatening fashion and gesticulate as if they were real arms. The lighthearted desert scene seems lifted straight out of Walt Disney's *Fantasia* except the magic brooms came nine years after Rivera's muscular plants.

The geometric abstraction closely associated with European modernism makes an appearance, too, via Carlos Mérida's *Festival of the Birds* (1959) and Gunther Gerzso's *Archaic Landscape* (1956); but theirs is of a different variety.

This breed combines structure and clean lines with vivid colors and pre-Hispanic imagery that, in the case of Mérida, depicts birds landing above the hands of

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Frida Kahlo's *Self Portrait with Monkeys*, top, and *Sunflowers*, by Diego Rivera, are part of the new exhibit at the Norton Museum of Art celebrating Mexican modernism. Photos provided

Appreciation

Jazz organist Lonnie Smith was a master of surprises

By Bill Meredith
ArtsPaper Music Writer

Dr. Lonnie Smith wasn't an actual doctor, and didn't play one on TV. But when he manipulated the keys, pedals and drawbars of his Hammond B-3 organ, as he did publicly and on more than 70 albums from the early 1960s through the late 2010s, he was a soulful jazz surgeon.

Smith died Sept. 28, at age



Smith

79, at his home in Fort Lauderdale after a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis. He'd started splitting his time between

New York City and South Florida in the 1990s when, despite his stardom in the Big Apple, he became part of the house band at the popular Fort Lauderdale nightclub O'Hara's.

JazzTimes once described Smith as "a riddle wrapped in an enigma wrapped in a turban." And he was all of that, but so much more.

He adopted his trademark headgear in the mid-1970s, seemingly (and successfully) to make people wonder why, since he was often questioned about it but consistently sidestepped an answer. And the honorary doctorate Smith eventually bestowed upon himself was actually to avoid confusion with another popular Hammond organist who'd started out in the

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Theater

Theatre Lab's 'To Fall in Love' puts grieving couple through 36 questions

By Hap Erstein
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

A study by a Stony Brook University professor theorizes that if two people answer 36 probing and personal questions, then stare into each other's eyes for four minutes, they will fall in love.

Perhaps, but that is all playwright Jennifer Lane (*Harlowe*) had to hear to write a play dramatizing such an unusual exercise. That two-person play, *To Fall in Love*, receives its Southeastern premiere this month at Florida Atlantic University's Theatre Lab, featuring the

company's artistic director, Matt Stabile, and his Carbonell Award-winning wife, Niki Fridh.

"When Jenny was coming to town for *Harlowe*, we did a reading of *To Fall in Love* to see what it would look like," recalls Stabile. "It landed with the audience in a way that we knew we wanted to produce it here."

Having taken over the artistic reins of Theatre Lab three seasons ago, Stabile assumed he had retired from acting. But when Lane sent him her just-written play, "it was the first play I'd read in five years that made me want to act again."

He plays Wyatt and Fridh plays

Merryn, a married couple who have separated over a personal tragedy that drove them apart. So the 36 questions are their last-ditch effort to see whether their relationship can be salvaged.

In the same way that taking these roles was a no-brainer for Stabile and Fridh, Stabile felt there was only one person to direct it: Lou Tyrrell, the company's founding director and Schmidt Eminent Scholar in the Arts.

Recalling his first encounter with the script, Tyrrell says, "It was as if she wrote it for them," referring to Stabile

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Married actors Niki Fridh and Matt Stabile reunite onstage to play an estranged couple in *To Fall in Love* at FAU Theatre Lab. Photo provided

SMITH

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1960s, Lonnie Liston Smith.

As for his enigmatic tendencies, there were many.

Any interview with Smith became a case of expecting only the unexpected. "It's your fault," he once replied when I told him

he deserved wider recognition.

"Doc" enjoyed keeping people guessing and on their toes in conversation, even if it meant that he could appear to be, well, a little out there.

"Yeah, but Doc's the good kind of out there," said Jonathan Kreisberg, the longtime

guitarist within Smith's self-titled trio. That group's final album, *Breathe*, was released this year on the Blue Note recording label. The same label had released Smith's second solo effort, *Think!*, in 1968.

"Doc was a musical genius who possessed a deep, funky

groove and a wry, playful spirit," said Don Was, president of Blue Note. "His mastery of the drawbars was equaled only by the warmth of his heart."

Lonnie Smith was born on July 3, 1942, in Lackawanna, N.Y., just south of Buffalo. Raised in a household filled with the strains of jazz, gospel, and classical music, he learned to play by ear as a pianist, brass instrumentalist, and vocalist. At age 20, he frequented a local music store owned by Art Kubera often enough that the proprietor gifted him with a Hammond B-3 organ.

"It's an extension of my being," Smith said about the instrument. "It's a part of my lens. It breathes for me. It speaks for me."

The George Benson albums *It's Uptown* (1966) and *The George Benson Cookbook* (1967) featured Smith as part of the rising guitarist's quartet.

Blue Note became Smith's recording label through 1970. For the remainder of that decade, the organist augmented his jazz appearances and recordings by performing with soul, blues, and pop artists as diverse as Marvin Gaye, Etta James, and Gladys Knight. He lay low through the 1980s, releasing only a handful of albums before he relocated to Fort Lauderdale and found steady work at O'Hara's.

"I'd decided that I didn't really want to travel," Smith

said. "Once I started getting work in Florida, I didn't really need to go anywhere else."

His music, however, certainly did. Smith's trio with guitarist John Abercrombie and drummer Marvin "Smitty" Smith released explorative tributes to John Coltrane (*Afro Blue*) and Jimi Hendrix (*Purple Haze*) in 1993 and 1994.

The open-minded Smith's 2003 nod to alt-pop star Beck, *Boogaloo to Beck*, featured a remake of his hit single "Loser." Smith signed with Palmetto Records for his subsequent 2004 release, *Too Damn Hot!*, and formed his latest trio starting with the 2010 release *Spiral*, featuring Kreisberg and drummer Jamire Williams.

Smith received a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Masters Fellowship in 2017.

His last album, *Breathe*, expectedly featured his trio at the time, guitarist Kreisberg and drummer Johnathan Blake, plus a horn section; but also a guest that no one could've possibly expected: singer Iggy Pop, known for his stage antics.

On *Breathe*, Pop delivers understated performances on evocative cover versions of pop hits from the 1960s (Donovan's "Sunshine Superman") and 1970s (Timmy Thomas' "Why Can't We Live Together").

In letting Pop have the last word, the Doc got the last laugh. As always, and in every way, well-played.

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NORTON

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vigorous figures who are up in arms about something. Gerzso's work, on the other hand, sports cooler tones and its primitive shapes are much quieter. It reduces the homeland's terrain to a series of staggered horizons that appear light on the surface and gradually darken as our eyes descend to the base. If a seed were planted here, its journey from the subsoil to the surface would be precarious.

Scars don't form on corpses. By contrast, all that's required for emotional scars is to be alive. Kahlo was the proud owner of profound physical and psychological wounds, both of which she captured in her work with vivid — at times gory — detail. The show, however, doesn't indulge them and keeps its star's suffering implicit, trusting us to deduce her unwavering spirit from the material included.

And what a selection it is. Paintings, candid photographs, works on paper and period clothing make up the largest group of works by Kahlo and Rivera ever on view at the museum.

Mexico City saw an explosion of creativity at the end of the Revolution that broadcast local talent to the world and welcomed foreign support and influence. The Gelmans established themselves as important art patrons and collectors in a newly unified country booming with creativity and activism. Kahlo, Rivera and their circle of friends seized the moment and crucial connections.

Their social ties, however, did not compromise their work. Rivera added polemic historical figures (think Vladimir Lenin) to his giant frescoes, one of which is replicated here. His social alliances and commitment to the communist cause are evident in this reproduction of



Girl with Still Life, by Juan Soriano. Photo provided

If You Go

Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera and Mexican Modernism from the Jacques and Natasha Gelman Collection runs through Feb. 6 at the Norton Museum of Art, 1450 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach.

Hours: 10 a.m. -5 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Sat., 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. -5 p.m. Sunday.
Info: 561-832-5196; www.norton.org

In the Arsenal, which features Kahlo as the central figure dressed in red and giving out arms to revolutionary soldiers. Photographer Tina Modotti, a friend who facilitated the meeting between Rivera and Kahlo, appears on the right with her Cuban revolutionary lover Julio Antonio Mella.

Rivera might have gotten the large commissions in big American cities, but Kahlo spoke her mind without vacillation (*sin pelos en la lengua*).

One pencil drawing from

1949 featuring the Statue of Liberty is littered with ideas, notes, and arrows that are more accusatory than instructional. The phrase "screwed people" (*pueblo jodido*), at the base of the statue, is a conclusion from lines at the top: "rich capitalists" (*ricos capit.*) and "necklace of puppets" (*collar de títeres*).

In lieu of a torch, she holds up the atomic bomb.

Try as it does to mediate an introduction between viewers and other prominent contemporary voices, *Mexican Modernism* keeps gravitating toward Friducha. Whether it's a black-and-white photograph of her crutches or colorful traditional silk blouses paired with velvety skirts and floral headpieces, her spirit is never too far away.

Kahlo frames the entire experience. It is she who dedicates the show to the art community at large on behalf of her country and heritage.

And in the same vein as her warm greeting on a 1932 visceral drawing depicting her miscarriage, she signs off: "... with all my heart."

THEATRE LAB

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and Fridh. "Any play that makes me bawl several times as I read it, that's a good reaction. I just love to cry at the theater."

Stabile is skeptical of the claim that these 36 questions can cause two people to fall in love. But, he quickly adds, "I think what the test does in their situation is it unlocks conversations that were buried or that they felt did not need to be said."

Adds Fridh: "It just teaches you so much about that person if you're both doing it honestly."

"My character, Merryn, she's having a very difficult time with her grief and she's kind of stuck."

This is not the first time Stabile and Fridh have played husband and wife onstage. As he recalls, they were in a play together at the Hollywood (Fla.) Playhouse in 2006. "I was a vet

coming home from the Gulf War. It was all about PTSD. At one point I had to rape her and later in the play I had to beat her to death with a baseball bat," he says. "And my grandmother came to see it."

Asked how that experience affected their offstage relationship, Fridh notes, "Well, we're still together."

And they both readily agree that it is easier for them to do this play because they have a close, long history together.

Among the challenges in the play, and another reason why it is helpful that the roles are played by a married couple, Wyatt and Merryn have to have simulated sex onstage. At Stabile's insistence, they brought in Nicole Perry, a certified intimacy director, not unlike a fight director, but for sex.

"With intimacy, it is well-choreographed and then we as actors, our job is to imbibe the choreography, just like any

If You Go

To Fall in Love plays at FAU Theatre Lab, Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road Boca Raton, from Nov. 19 through Dec. 12. \$32-\$40. 561-297-6124

dance sequence, and make it believable," Stabile says.

As to why audiences should come see *To Fall in Love*, Tyrrell says without hesitation, "No. 1, it's an extraordinarily beautifully written play. No. 2, it's being brought to life in a definitive way. This is an important little play. And not so little."

"It feels huge," adds Fridh. "It's about grief, which is something every single theatergoer who will come and watch it has gone through. I think everyone will be able to connect to it."



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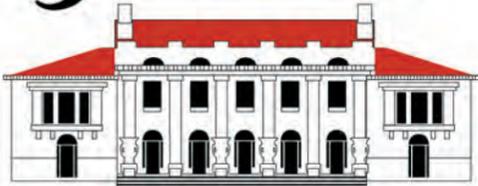
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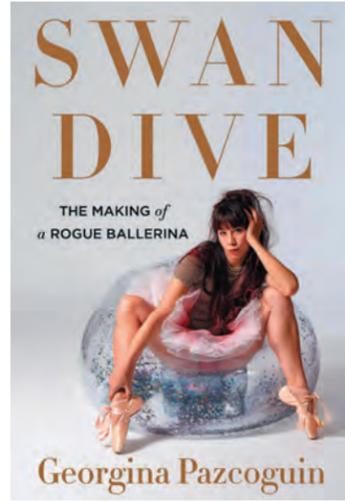
Swan Dive: The Making of a Rogue Ballerina, by Georgina Pazcoguin; Henry Holt & Co., 272 pages; \$21.95

By Tara Mitton Catao
ArtsPaper Dance Writer

Take a dive into Swan Dive. This book about the inside world of ballet will keep you entertained, especially if you have ever wondered what really goes on behind those heavy, velvet stage curtains in order to get the show onstage — so audiences can just lean back in our plush seats and enjoy.

Swan Dive, by first-time author Georgina Pazcoguin, reads like a personal journal as it details her climb from a young, yearning ballet student to a seasoned soloist at New York City Ballet.

But it wasn't an easy ride. Ballet does not encourage women to be courageous and speak out; but that is exactly what Pazcoguin does in Swan Dive. She is a dedicated and ardent bun-head in the studio; but out of it, she doesn't mince words to describe the numerous interactions she has had to endure because her look didn't adhere to the company's "aesthetic" of rail-thin, lily-white women — Pazcoguin has a more athletic build and



is of mixed race (her father is Filipino and her mother is Italian).

Her writing style, filled with spunk and wit, is easygoing and easy reading. Pazcoguin's stories spin out in a random manner and she comes across as a renegade: like that "bad girl" at Catholic school who swore and wore her skirts too short, the one who smoked in the bathroom and was always testing the boundaries.

Many of her tear-off-the-bandage exposure of events and her personal confessions are footnoted, in a way that reveals she is not such a rogue, after all. She has a conscience, and she cares deeply for her fellow dancer friends — her zany, full-time, pseudo-family.

Pazcoguin's dedication to and focus on her art form has helped her push through the grueling daily physical training amid all the volatile company drama because, quite simply, she loves to dance. She loves the challenge of it, striving for perfection, but most of all, she loves the adrenaline rush she gets when she is performing.

In 2013, Pazcoguin made soloist, becoming the first Asian-American female soloist in the history of the NYCB. It sounded great in her bio, but it was not quite as it seemed, as the book revels in revealing.

It was a time of enormous stress and serious lack of self-esteem. The roles in which she has been cast show that even though she is talented, she has never really been viewed as a classical dancer.

Swan Dive manages to leave a small dent in the armor that has protected this centuries-old art form. Yes, it is brutally demanding physically, but it also is laced with inequity and racism that is often propelled by the powerful whim of a ballet company's usually male artistic director.

It took chutzpah for Pazcoguin to write this book; imagine the courage it took to return to work at NYCB a few months after it was published.

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Armory Art Center: Through Dec. 6: COVID Memorial Quilt; this AIDS quilt-inspired creation of a suburban Los Angeles teenager puts faces to some of the nearly 700,000 Americans who have died. Opening Nov. 10: *Art of the BraveHeARTS*, through Dec. 5. \$5 non-members. 10 am-4 pm T-F, 10 am-noon Sat. 561-832-1776 or armoryart.org.

Boca Raton Museum of Art: Through March 6: *Machu Picchu and the Golden Empires of Peru*. \$29.95 non-members; \$19.95 children; member admission varies; 11 am-7 pm daily. 561-392-2500, or bocamuseum.org.

Cornell Art Museum: Opening Nov. 5: *Heart of the Square: Let Our Voices Be Heard*. \$10. Noon-5 pm T-Sun. 561-243-7922 or oldschoosquare.org.g.

Cultural Council for Palm Beach County: Through Jan. 15: *Gathering*; through Nov. 27, *Todd Lim: Negative Capability in Times of COVID-19*; through Nov. 6: *Valerie Collins Stanesco: The Soul of Peru*; opening Nov. 12: *Mastering the Medium*, works by six women artists; through Jan. 1. Free admission. Gallery is open noon-5 pm T-F, first Saturday. 561-471-2901 or palmbeachculture.com/exhibitions.

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens: Through March 27: *Painting Enlightenment*, works by the scientist-painter Tsuneo Iwasaki. \$15; \$13 seniors; \$9 children; free for members, ages 5 and under. 10 am-5 pm T-Sun. 561-495-0233 or morikami.org.

Norton Museum of Art: Through Feb. 6: *Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera and Mexican Modernism from the Jacques and Natasha Gelman Collection*; through Jan. 16: *Origin Stories: Photography of Africa and its Diaspora*; through Dec. 12: *Chaim Gross: Bodies in Motion*; through Jan. 23: *The Other Half of the Sky: Twentieth-Century Chinese Women Painters*. \$18; \$15 seniors; \$5 students; free for members, ages 12 and under. 10 am-5 pm, M, T, Th, Sat; 10 am-10 pm F; 11 am-5 pm Sun. 561-832-5196 or www.norton.org.

Society of the Four Arts: Opens Nov. 13: *A Beautiful Mess: Weavers and Knotters of the Vanguard*; *An Eye on Michelangelo and Bernini: Photos by Aurelio Amendola*. 10 am-5 pm daily. 561-655-7226 or fourarts.org.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Sunday, Nov. 7
Palm Beach Symphony: French pianist Hélène Grimaud joins Gerard Schwarz and the orchestra for a season-opening reading of the Schumann Piano Concerto. 3 pm, Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. \$25 and up. 561-832-7469 or kravis.org.

Seraphic Fire: The Miami-based choir returns with a performance of Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*, featuring soprano Lauren Snouffer and countertenor Reginald Mobley. 4 pm, St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton.

Monday, Nov. 15
Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach: The society opens its ninth season with the Sextet of Ernest von Dohnanyi; also on the program

is Brahms's Horn Trio. 7 pm, The Breakers, 1 S. County Road, Palm Beach. 561-379-6773 or www.cmspb.org.

Sunday, Nov. 21
Delray String Quartet: The foursome is joined by pianist Marina Radiushina in piano quintets by Boccherini, Granados and Schumann at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray. 3 pm, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. \$20. 561-278-6003 or music.stpaulsdelray.org.

Thursday, Dec. 2
Palm Beach Symphony: The Master Chorale of South Florida and clarinetist Jon Manasse join the orchestra for works written by Mozart in 1791. 7:30 pm, Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. \$25 and up. 561-832-7469 or kravis.org.

JAZZ

Wednesday, Nov. 10
South Florida Jazz Orchestra: Chuck Bergeron's Big Band presents a concert called "United in Swing," featuring jazz singer Lianne Lyons. 7:45 pm, Broward Center, 201 SW 5th Ave., Fort Lauderdale. \$65. www.browardcenter.org.

Friday, Nov. 19
Sara Gazarek Quartet: The Seattle jazz chanteuse offers music from her most recent recording, *Thirsty Ghost*. 8 pm, Arts Garage, 94 N.E. 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. \$35-\$40. 561-450-6357 or artsgarage.org.

POPULAR MUSIC

Thursday, Nov. 11
Tedeschi Trucks Band: The 11-piece band has roots in jazz through Susan Tedeschi and Southern rock icons the Allman Brothers through her husband, Derek Trucks. 7:30 pm, Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. \$44-\$124; 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Sunday, Nov. 14
Bruce Hornsby: The University of Miami-trained singer-songwriter earned three Grammys for his soulful piano playing, writing and singing. 7:30 p.m. Parker Playhouse, 707 NE 8th St., Fort Lauderdale. \$37.50-\$132.50. 954-462-0222 or browardcenter.org.

Thursday, Nov. 18
Rick Wakeman: The legendary prog-rock pianist (Yes), in an appearance on his Even Grumpier Old Rock Star Tour. 8 pm, Broward Center, 201 SW 5th Ave., Fort Lauderdale. \$39.50-\$264.50. 954-462-0222 or browardcenter.org.

THEATER

Thursday, Nov. 4
Warrior Class: Kenneth Lin's 2012 play is about a rising young politician whose career is threatened by the revelation of a college transgression. Through Nov. 21. At Boca Stage in the Sol Theater, 3333 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. \$45-\$50. 561-447-8829 or bocastage.org.

Thursday, Nov. 12
The Price: Arthur Miller's 1967 play about a police sergeant who gave up his college dreams 30 years earlier to take care of his father and now must settle his estate. Through Dec. 12. At GableStage, 1200 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables. 305-445-1119 or gablestage.org

The Importance of Being Earnest: Oscar Wilde's classic 1895 play about Victorian worthies who pretend to be other people to get out of societal obligations. Through Nov. 28. Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth Beach. 561-586-6410 or lakeworthplayhouse.org.

Tuesday, Nov. 16-Sunday, Nov. 21
Come From Away: 2013 musical about the town of Gander, Newfoundland, which is asked to take in passengers on 38 planes diverted from their destinations by the 9/11 attacks on the US. Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Review

Mamma Mia!, Wick Theatre, Boca Raton, through Nov. 14

Popularity doesn't always go hand-in-hand with quality. Consider the Broadway and touring smash *Mamma Mia!* This lazy jukebox musical is built from songs by the Swedish pop group ABBA that only occasionally match the show's credibility-stretching plot.

As directed by Larry Raben, making his Wick debut, this production follows most of the show's conventions plus some welcome surprises by projections designer Josieu Jean.

To call *Mamma Mia!* lightweight would be an

understatement, but that may be exactly what we need right now. (Go ahead, try not to hum along to "Dancing Queen," "Super Trouper," "Voulez-Vous," "Honey, Honey" or the title number. I dare you.)

Just accept that musical rookie Catherine Johnson plugged these '70s mega-hits into a storyline that is happy being a giddy, guilty pleasure.

Mamma Mia! centers on single mom Donna, a Greek taverna proprietor and a former girl group lead singer, whose daughter, Sophie, is about to get married. When Sophie reads in her mother's diary that she has three potential dads, she invites them all to the wedding, expecting to sleuth out the one

who should walk her down the aisle. Far-fetched? Absolutely.

So, just go for the nostalgic music and the talented cast members performing it.

Meg Frost as Sophie is arguably the strongest voice in the company. Also a standout is Jodie Langel (Donna), particularly on her numbers with her backup singers, The Dynamos — vampy, campy Tanya (Aaron Bower) and roly-poly Rosie (Britte Steele).

Of the three potential dads, Sean McDermott is a solid presence and a fine vocalist as Sam. And since Donna takes the strongest dislike to him, it is not hard to figure where their relationship is headed.

— Hap Erstein



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Health Notes

Delray Medical Center has a new COO

Maria Morales Menendez was promoted to chief operating officer of the Delray Medical Center in September. Morales Menendez started at Delray Medical Center as an associate resident, before being promoted to the position of associate administrator.

Morales Menendez was graduated from the University of Kentucky, with a degree in biosystems engineering. She has a master's in business administration with a health care specialization from Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Delray Medical Center is among the top 10% in the nation for neurosciences, stroke care and critical care and a recipient of the Cranial Neurosurgery Excellence Award, according to a new analysis by Healthgrades.

Delray Medical Center was also recognized for the following clinical achievements: Five-Star recipient for Treatment of Heart Failure for 20 years in a row (2003-2022), Five-Star recipient for Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeries in 2022, Five-Star recipient for Colorectal Surgeries for five years in a row (2018-2022).

Delray Medical Center also achieved high performance marks in the categories of diabetes, heart attack, heart failure and stroke for the state of Florida in the annual U.S. News & World Report's 2021-

2022 Best Hospitals rankings for adult clinical specialties.

The Palm Beach Health Network, which includes Delray Medical Center, recently received the **American Heart Association's Gold Plus**, and Gold Plus-Honor Roll Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Quality Achievement Award, for its commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment, according to nationally recognized research-based guidelines.

Timothy O'Connor, M.D., a specialist in robotic and complex deformity surgery, recently joined the Boca Raton-based **Marcus Neuroscience Institute**, part of Baptist Health, as the

director of minimally invasive surgery and robotic spinal surgery.

O'Connor joined Marcus Neuroscience Institute from the University at Buffalo, where he completed a CAST-accredited complex spine surgery fellowship. While completing his fellowship, he was awarded the AO Discovery and Innovation Young Investigator grant by the AO Spine Foundation. He was also invited to join the AO Knowledge Forum, a group of surgeons who collaborate on solving challenges in modern spinal surgery.

He received his medical degree from the University of Florida, where he was graduated with honors for research and academic excellence.

— Christine Davis

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Health & Harmony

Tips for combating the effects of 'pandemic posture'

When the pandemic sent office workers home in March 2020, beds, couches and kitchen tables became makeshift workstations. Coronavirus safety supplanted ergonomic concerns. And as temporary turned to "we're still at it," necks, backs and shoulders started to feel the strain.

Many months on, doctors, physical therapists, fitness experts and others are helping the work-from-home crowd address the accumulated aches and pains from what's being called pandemic posture.

"Stiffness in the back, neck and shoulders," says Dr. Joanna



Drowos, an osteopathic physician at the Marcus Institute of Integrative Health at FAU Medicine in Boca Raton, ticking off some of her patients' most common issues.

"I have seen some carpal tunnel, from not having your keyboard in the appropriate position and spending more time typing. I've seen more headaches. And even some low back soreness. I had a patient the other day tell me that when she's working at home, she doesn't have a chair where her feet touch the floor."

Drowos, who is also associate dean for faculty affairs at FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine and an associate professor of family medicine, offers patients osteopathic manipulative therapy, "which is designed to treat somatic dysfunction in the body, where people will have a little bit of pain usually related to just sort of being out of alignment," she says.

"People can have a lot of different reasons for having discomfort, but when you're in a situation where your work habits have changed so much ... it's become very difficult for people to take care of themselves just because of the work environment."

A study published in the March 2021 issue of the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine* identified some of those changes. Researchers found respondents worked longer days — an average of more than 48 minutes — while based at home. They also participated in more meetings — an almost 13% increase per person since work from home began.

"These intense and extended hours at the workstation without proper breaks might be directly linked to increased musculoskeletal discomfort and other negative physical health effects," the study's authors wrote.

That's why ergonomics tops the list when Drowos talks to patients about preventing body stress and strain, whether working from home, in the office, or a mix of the two.

"The biggest thing to be mindful of is your workstation," she says. "Make sure that when you're seated and working, that you have an appropriate chair, your desk is at the appropriate height, you're not hunched over, you have support for your back, and your wrists are in a comfortable position."

Look around your workstation. Does it meet these Occupational Health and Safety Administration guidelines?

- Top of monitor at or just below eye level
- Head and neck balanced and in line with torso
- Shoulders relaxed
- Elbows close to body and supported
- Lower back supported
- Wrists and arms in line with forearms
- Adequate room for keyboard and mouse
- Feet flat on the floor

Once you're well-situated, remember that stopping for activity is also important.

"Remember that our bodies are meant to move," says Austin Brock, a certified fitness trainer and co-owner of Slash Fitness in Delray Beach. "I recommend that my clients never sit at their desks or in front of a screen

for more than 30 minutes at a time. Get up, walk around and stretch."



Brock regularly addresses technology-induced body issues in his line of work. "Activities that consume most of our time these days are anteriorly focused, meaning that they cause us to roll our shoulders forward and extend our neck out away from our body," he says.

"This is generally seen when we use our computer, tablet or phone, but it is also replicated when we drive and even when we eat. Mimic any of those movements right now, even without the equipment, and you'll see what I mean."

To avoid succumbing to pandemic posture, Brock recommends a combination of strengthening exercises and stretching movements.

"By doing so, the muscles in our core, our backs/shoulders and our glutes, our bodies are able to hold themselves in a more upright position. Corrective bodyweight exercises can be done almost anywhere and require little to no equipment."

Brock recommends consulting a certified fitness trainer to get the right exercise

plan and minimize the risk of injury.

And even when you're stuck in front of a screen, there are simple ways to stay limber.

"You can do some gentle neck rolling and neck stretches, assuming you don't have any underlying injury. Our clinic offers chair yoga and meditation that's all virtual," Drowos says.

"Even though it's virtual and you have to do it on the screen, you can at least have some relaxation and move your body in a way that's healing."

The classes are free to the public, but registration is required. You can learn more here: www.faumedicine.org/integrative-health/programs/index.php.

"I think the pandemic has gone on longer than any of us imagined," she says. "When we first went home, it was sort of like, prepare for two weeks or three weeks and we'll be back.

So, I think just the recognition that the world is different, and work looks different. ... Give yourself a great workstation and then make sure that you get up."



Joyce Reingold writes about health and healthy living. Send column ideas to joyce.reingold@yahoo.com.

Health Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 6

Saturday - 11/6 - Yoga Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every Sat 9 am \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

NOVEMBER 7-13

Monday - 11/8 - Men's Issues Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Zoom meeting. Every M 6-7 pm. \$10/suggested monthly donation. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

11/8 - AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every M 6-7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Tuesday - 11/9 - Women's Issues Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Zoom meeting. Every T 10-11 am. \$10/suggested monthly donation. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

11/9 - LGBTQ+ Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Joint program w/Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services. Separate groups held simultaneously: Adults, Friends & Family. Zoom meeting. Every T 6-7 pm. \$10/suggested monthly donation. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

11/9 - AI-Anon 12-Step Study at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every T 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Wednesday - 11/10 - Wednesday Walk & Talk Class at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Held again 11/17 8:30-9:30 am. \$5/member; \$15/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org

11/10 - Qi Gong Class at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Relieve stress; increase metabolism, flexibility, strength. Held again 11/17 10-11 am. \$10/member; \$15/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org

11/10 - Wheelchair Yoga Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every W through 12/22. 1-2 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. Registration: 742-6000; boynton-beach.org/recreation

11/10 - Divorced and Separated Support

Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Zoom meeting. Every W 6-7 pm. \$10/suggested monthly donation. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

10/10 - Life Issues: A Support Group for Adults at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Zoom meeting. Every W 6-7 pm. \$10/suggested monthly donation. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

Thursday - 11/11 - Moving Forward for Widows & Widowers: Support and Discussion Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Zoom meeting. Every Th 1-2 pm. \$10/suggested monthly donation. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

NOVEMBER 14-20

Monday - 11/15 - Zumba Gold Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every M through 12/13 10-11 am. \$56/resident; \$70/non-resident. Registration: 742-6000; boynton-beach.org/recreation

Wednesday - 11/17 - Scripps Research Front-Row Lecture Series: Overcoming Arthritis: Science Offers Hope for Removing Achy Joints from the Aging Equation. Martin Lotz, MD. 1-hour virtual lecture. 4 pm. Free. Register for link: frontrow.scripps.edu

Thursday - 11/18 - Tai Chi/Chi Kung Class at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Instructor Ken Marx. Every Th through 12/16 2 pm. \$40/member; \$50/non-member; \$20/drop-in fee for one session. 966-7000; pbcnature.com

11/18 - Project C4OPE: A Virtual Forum Series for Families in the Opioid Crisis at Pompey Park Community Center, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Presented by Hanley Foundation, Project COPE (Connect for Overdose Prevention and Education) designed to connect people in our community who share the experience of a loved one who died of opioid overdose, survived an overdose, or are at a high risk for overdose. 1st & 3rd Th 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. Zoom information given upon registration: 268-2357; hanleyfoundation.org/project-c4ope

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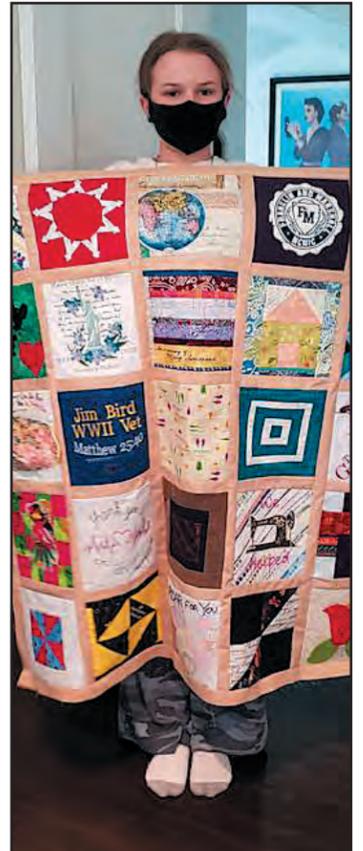
Religion News

St. Paul's to remember lives lost to pandemic

On Nov. 7, St. Paul's Episcopal Church will honor the lives lost to the coronavirus with a special Mass featuring Fauré's Requiem sung by the chancel choir and chamber orchestra under the direction of music director David Macfarlane. The service begins at 3 p.m. at the church, 188 S. Swinton Ave. in Delray Beach.

Two panels of the coronavirus memorial quilt, created and compiled by ninth-grader Madeleine Fugate, will be displayed at the church during this event. Admission is free. A collection will be taken.

Upcoming concerts include "Strings and Keys," featuring the Delray String Quartet on Nov. 21, and "A Festival of Lessons and Carols" for Christmas on Dec. 12. Visit www.musicstpauls.org or call 561-278-6003.



Two panels of Madeleine Fugate's coronavirus memorial quilt will be on display at St. Paul's in Delray Beach.

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Open house

Saint John Paul II Academy will hold an open house from 1-3 p.m. Nov. 7 at 4001 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Middle and high school students who want to "live by the spirit of faith" are invited. Call 561-314-2128 or visit www.sjpii.net.

Yoga Mass

Yoga Mass is "three parts yoga, one part Mass," says Father Benjamin Thomas of St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, half joking. He leads the monthly service uniting body and mind at 4 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month.

In October, yoga Mass resumed on the beach at Red Reef Park because of ongoing construction at the church. The event starts with 20 minutes of yoga, followed by Mass.

For information about the Nov. 20 location, call the church at 561-395-8285, or visit www.stgregorysepiscopal.org or www.frbenjaminthomas.com.

Hanukkah under the stars

Hanukkah is early this year, beginning at sundown the Sunday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 28. Community leaders and Rabbi Shmuel Biston will co-host an outdoor celebration of Hanukkah at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real in Boca Raton, from 5-9 p.m. Details are coming soon. Check the Chabad of East Delray website at www.jewisheastdelray.com.

Church bazaars

Holly House Gift Shoppe — 10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, and beginning 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays Nov. 27 through Dec. 19, at 33 Gleason St., Delray Beach. Handcrafted gifts made by Holly House

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• The Ecw Fall Bazaar — 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 13 in Harris Hall, St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Treasures include jewelry, collectibles, glassware, decorative items, tableware, kitchen items, toys, holiday décor and artwork. Email Rebecca Sorensen at rsorens51@gmail.com for additional information or to volunteer. 561-395-8285; www.stgregorysepiscopal.org

Interfaith Café in 2022?

The Interfaith Café, a group that met monthly in Delray Beach pre-pandemic, hopes to resume in-person meetings in January. The group "is a vehicle to get to know people of various faiths and cultural traditions while enjoying tea/coffee and a sweet," said Linda Prior, an organizer.

"We have free monthly meetings when a speaker introduces a topic, then we break into smaller groups for lively conversation. We are interested in partnering with other interfaith/community outreach organizations."

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Finding Faith

As Thanksgiving approaches, clergy express their gratitude

Looking back over the last 18 months and the holidays of 2020, there's a lot we could criticize, complain and cry about.

But the clergy who serve our community remind us that God loves a grateful heart and they, as leaders, are the first to sing

his praises. Let's join our hearts and voices with theirs and be thankful for what these last difficult months have taught us.

Four clergy leaders share what they're grateful for as we close out 2021:

The Rev. **Martin W. Zlatic**, rector, Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church, Boynton Beach:

I'm grateful God has brought us through this and for the commitment of a skeleton crew of people who kept the church going.

I'm grateful to members of the medical community, especially Barbara MacKenzie, our parish nurse, and Lyn Pope, an expert in industrial sanitation, who helped us keep things healthy. We didn't have one incident.

I'm almost grateful for COVID because it enabled so many individuals to examine their priorities. That's just one blessing coming out of this.

Father **Benjamin Thomas** of St. Gregory's Episcopal Church,

Boca Raton:

I'm thankful that COVID held up a mirror to show us ourselves. We learned about our own deepest yearnings, and we were able to reassess our routines and habits. We stopped doing things by rote and thought about why we do them.

I'm thankful that I've been able to reach so many people via Zoom that I never would have reached. A couple who lives on a boat in Puget Sound became regular participants in my Zoom courses, and I think I've had viewers from 43 states and 18 countries. The teaching aspect that I love transmits very well on Zoom and I'm grateful for that.

Rabbi **Shmuel Biston**, Chabad of East Delray:

I'm grateful that people are returning to the synagogue, and that we are attracting new people. We had 75 people at a recent young professionals' event. Our services for the High Holidays were standing room only. And that people know that

it's OK to bring their children with them to synagogue, and that they feel welcomed. The sounds of children will never bother me.

I'm grateful for jokes and laughter and my sense of humor, which are a big part of my services. Humor lets me keep a positive perspective and not take myself too seriously.

I'm grateful for my wife, who is pregnant with our second child, and the community members who have stepped up to help her and have taken ownership as members.

Pastor **Andy Hagen**, Advent Life Ministries:

I am deeply thankful to have been a witness of the goodness of believers who took care of each other and prayed for each other and loved each other through the last two years of trauma.

I am thankful for the courage and commitment of teachers and staff that serve over 450 children in our schools and those that

care for the 40 residents at our senior living center.

The moment that touched me most recently was when a volunteer for our food distribution in Lantana approached me with a \$100 bill and said, "Give this to a family and just tell them this is from someone that cares." It was my privilege to watch the anxious face of one mother light up with joy and thanksgiving when I gave her the bill.

In the end, the best way to give thanks is to give to those in need without expecting thanksgiving in return. This Thanksgiving I recommend that we go and do likewise.

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causes and community events. Contact her at fontaine423@outlook.com.

Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 6

Saturday - 11/6 - Shabbat Day Lunch & Lecture with Chana Weisberg: Men are from "Chessed," Women are from "Gevurah" at Boca Beach Chabad, 120 NE 1st Ave. 12:30 pm. \$35/adult; \$15/child. Reservations: 394-9770; bocabeachchabad.org

11/6 - Worship and The Word Fellowship at Barwick Road Baptist Church Family Life Center, 500 Barwick Rd, Delray Beach. Non-denominational, multicultural church founded on biblical principles. Every Sat 6 pm. Free. 248-660-4036; thebasels@comcast.net

NOVEMBER 7-13

Sunday - 11/7 - St. Vincent Ferrer Live-Stream Mass. 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every Sun 9 am. Free. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

11/7 - First United Methodist Church Boca Raton In-Person Services at 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every Sun 9:30 & 11 am. Free. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

11/7 - St. Joseph's Episcopal Church Live-Stream Service. 3300A Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 9:30 am. Free. 732-3060; stjoesweb.org

11/7 - First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach Sunday Morning Worship at 33 Gleason Street. In-person & online. Every Sun 10 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

11/7 - Christian Science Church Service at Fairfield Inn & Suites, 910 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Every Sun 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 617-851-7750; delraycss@gmail.com

Monday - 11/8 - Women's Bible Study via Zoom at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every M 10 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

11/8 - Rosary for Peace at St Vincent Ferrer Adoration Chapel, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every M 5:30 pm. Free. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

Tuesday - 11/9 - Tuesday Morning Prayer Service at Unity of Delray Beach Church, 101 NW 22nd St. Masks are mandatory, social distancing practiced. 10 am. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Wednesday - 11/10 - Wednesday Evening Meditation Service at Unity of Delray Beach Church, 101 NW 22nd St. Led by Rev. Laurie Durgan. Masks are mandatory, social distancing practiced. 6:30 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Thursday - 11/11 - Men's Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

Friday - 11/12 - Legion of Mary at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every F 9:30-11 am. Free. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

11/12 - Virtual Shabbat Service at Temple Sinai of Palm Beach County, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Every F 7:30 pm. Free. 276-6161; templesinaipbc.org

NOVEMBER 14-20

Wednesday - 11/17 - Well Connected at Boca Beach Chabad, 120 NE 1st Ave. New season of Rosh Chodesh Society; monthly 7-session course runs through 4/27. 7-8:30 pm. \$79/course includes textbook. RSVP: 394-9770; bocabeachchabad.org

NOVEMBER 21-27

Thursday - 11/25 - Thanksgiving Day Christian Science Church Service at Fairfield Inn & Suites, 910 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 617-851-7750; delraycss@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 28-DEC. 4

Sunday - 11/28 - Hanukkah
11/28 - Hanukkah Under the Stars at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Community leaders & Rabbi Shmuel Biston co-host outdoor celebration. 5-9 pm. jewisheastdelray.com



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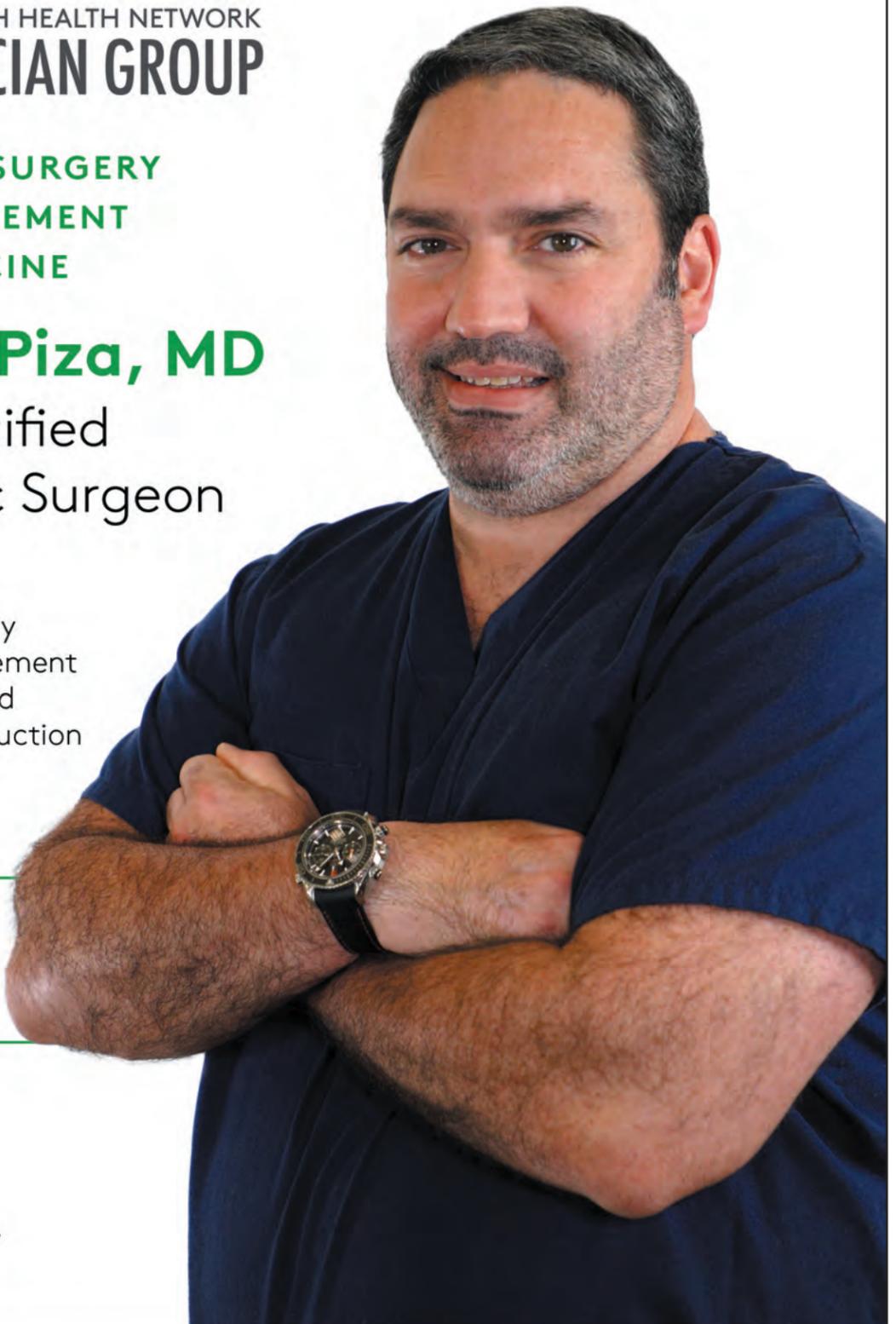
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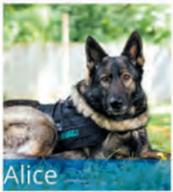


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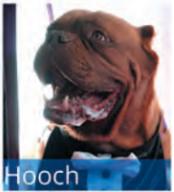
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Hero dogs are focus of gala; monument dog will get a name

Sure, I wish I picked the six winning Lotto numbers. Or found out that I was selected by Jeff Bezos for a free trip above Earth inside his Blue Origin rocket.

Time for a reality check. Both are farfetched dreams of mine. However, my biggest down-to-earth prize is priceless. It is being able to share my life with a pair of remarkable dogs answering to the names of Kona and Emma.

Dogs simply make us better people, wouldn't you agree? And, dogs definitely put the D in diversity when it comes to size, personality and talent.

So, it is fitting that in November, the month in which we traditionally take time to give thanks, two special dog events are happening. And, without surprise, both involve a friend and champion to all dogs — philanthropist Lois Pope.

The Lois Pope L.I.F.E. Foundation once again is sponsoring the American Humane Hero Dog awards with a special ceremony on Nov. 12 at the Eau Palm Beach Resort in Manalapan.

The day before, on Nov. 11, she will reveal the winning name of the new American Military Hero Dog monument at Tri-County Animal Rescue in Boca Raton. The date is fittingly Veterans Day.

To motivate the next generation of pet advocates, she and American Humane President Robin Ganzert dedicated the monument in mid-May. It is meant as a tribute to all dogs who served or are serving in the five branches of the U.S. armed forces.

Since September, Pope's foundation has encouraged children in elementary and middle schools throughout Palm Beach County to create artwork or videos offering the name they feel is best suited for the monument dog. Students have a chance to win \$2,500 for



ABOVE: Lois Pope will reveal the winning name on Veterans Day for the dog in the new American Military Hero Dog monument at Tri-County Animal Rescue in Boca Raton. **TOP:** Previous winners of the American Humane Hero Dog awards. **Photos provided by American Humane (top) and Capehart**

themselves and their schools if their name is selected for a statute that symbolizes military dogs past, present and future.

"It is my hope that with this contest — by naming the courageous canine on the American Military Hero Dog monument — that we remember there are heroes at both ends of the leash," says Pope. "Dogs have served and sacrificed alongside our troops in wars and conflicts around the globe for more than a century. I felt it was time that they, too, had a permanent

monument to honor them for their heroism."

Hero Dog finalists

And speaking of four-legged heroes, seven remarkable dogs will be honored at the Hero Dog awards gala.

"We are deeply honored that Lois Pope and the Lois Pope L.I.F.E. Foundation are once again serving as platinum presenting sponsor of the American Humane Hero Dog awards," says Ganzert. "Through her generous longtime support, she has

Learn more

- For more details about the American Humane Hero Dog awards, visit www.americanhumane.org.
- For tickets to the Nov. 12 gala at the Eau, contact Mari Harner at marih@americanhumane.org.
- For more information about the Lois Pope L.I.F.E. Foundation, visit www.life-edu.org.

helped save and improve the lives of millions of animals and brought vitally important recognition to the remarkable contributions that animals make in our own lives. We give our heartfelt thanks to Lois Pope and the caring members of the board of the Lois Pope L.I.F.E. Foundation."

Here are this year's seven finalists and their categories:

- Law Enforcement and Detection Hero Dog of the Year: K-9 Hansel from Millville, New Jersey. Saved as a pup from a dog-fighting ring, this pit bull is now an accelerant detection dog for the Millville Fire Department.
- Shelter Hero Dog of the Year — Deputy Chance from Cape Coral. This dog was a victim of animal abuse and is now the "spokesdog" for the Lee County Sheriff's Office.
- Guide/Hearing Hero Dog of the Year — Henna from Albuquerque, New Mexico. She provides a full quality of life for an individual who is deaf and legally blind.
- Military Hero Dog of the Year — SSG Summer from Mt. Airy, Maryland. This 10-year-old Labrador retriever recently retired from the Marines as a police explosive detection dog serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Search and Rescue Hero Dog of the Year — Little Man from Oklahoma City. He

survived a major tornado as a pup and now works to help find missing people, including those in tornado strikes.

• Service Hero Dog of the Year — Sobee from Holts Summit, Missouri. Sobee was rescued from a shelter two days before a scheduled euthanasia by the K9s on The Front Line nonprofit and now lives with a disabled combat veteran.

• Therapy Hero Dog of the Year — Boone from Hookstown, Pennsylvania. He needs a special wheelchair to be mobile, but thrives as an ambassador for the nonprofit Joey's P.A.W. (for "prosthetics and wheels").

The event will be hosted by Emmy-winner Carson Kressley and feature pet-advocating celebrities, including actress Vivica A. Fox, Grammy winner Lisa Loeb, actress Alison Sweeney, the Alex Donner Orchestra and more.

"The Hero Dog awards celebrate America's often unsung heroes," says Pope. "From those who defend our country to those who help us heal, guide us, protect us, and help find the lost, every single contender exemplifies the courage and heroism we seek to spotlight in this campaign."

"I am proud to sponsor this event that is meant not only to honor these magnificent dogs, but to inspire Americans to reflect on the amazing contributions that animals make in our lives each and every day."

Arden Moore, founder of FourLeggedLife.com, is an animal behavior consultant, author, speaker and master certified pet-first aid instructor.

She hosts Oh Behave! weekly on PetLifeRadio.com. Learn more at www.ardenmoore.com.



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Secret Garden

New community garden in Boca attracts birds, bees, butterflies — and iguanas?

Just last month, the Boca Raton Community Garden celebrated a grand opening in its new location.

For the past 10 years, the popular garden thrived between the Downtown Library and where the railroad tracks are today. But when Brightline expressed interest in the location for a new station, the city was amenable.

And that's when it offered the Junior League of Boca Raton, which sponsors the garden, an alternate 1.4-acre site in Meadows Park.

"In the heart of Boca Raton, it's a great location for our new garden," says league President Jamie Sauer.

On May 10, league members broke ground and by September, they had the wood-lined and soil-filled garden boxes ready for renting.

Neighbor to the Boca Raton Middle School, the garden has plenty of parking and is easily accessible to the students with whom the league women hope to team up for nature classes. A white walking bridge conveniently leads to homes in the nearby community. And a park pool attracts people to the area.

And, of course, the new location near a canal is in a

If You Go

What: Junior League of Boca Raton Community Garden

Where: Recently relocated to Meadows Park, 1300 NW Eighth St.

Garden features:

- The garden is organic and growers are asked to donate 10% of their crops to Boca Helping Hands; www.boca-helpinghands.org.

- Garden plots come in 4-by-4 foot, 4-by-8 and 4-by-12 sizes, ranging in price from \$45 to \$110 for use during the 2021-22 growing season. They are available to residents and nonresidents; the city provides water for irrigation.

- You also can donate an engraved brick (\$100 to \$250).

Information: To ask a specific question, email Garden@jlbr.org. To sign up for a garden plot or brick, visit www.jlbr.org/public-store.

prettier spot than the old one. But that comes with a caveat: Although the water attracts birds and other desirable wildlife, it also draws iguanas.

This is a concern for garden co-chairwomen Melanie Kamburian and Bridget Landford, who wonder whether the herbivorous lizards will chow down on the squash,



eggplants, lettuces, herbs and other crops beginning to take root in the garden beds.

But a chain link fence with its lower portion covered in sheet metal extending 2 feet into the ground surrounds the garden in the hope it will keep the iguanas at bay.

"We urge people to keep the gates closed. And so far, we haven't seen any in here," says Landford, pointing to a sizable iguana on the canal bank outside the fence.

Since groundbreaking, workers have built 97 garden beds sized from 4-by-4 feet to 4-by-12 feet. Three of the boxes located by the garden gate along a brick path are raised a few feet off the ground to make them ADA accessible.

To make the garden feel more settled and honor its past, a number of items have been relocated from downtown. These include memorial benches and engraved bricks used in both locations for pathways.

Brightline also facilitated the move of mature fruit trees including two carambolas, a mango and a sugar apple to a spot just inside the fence. And the company arranged to relocate palm trees including towering coconut palms that shade a new mulch path along the canal.

It leads from the fenced garden to an area that will become a pollinator garden in phase two of the garden's development, says Kamburian. Live oaks and a gumbo limbo also were relocated to provide shade to those who will want to watch the butterflies and bees at work.

On this sunny Sunday morning, Kamburian and Landford welcome gardeners to their plots. There's the young boy with his parents who sticks a blue and silver pinwheel among the seeds he helped sow to deter birds from eating them.

A woman who just signed up for her plot is watering the soil

LEFT: The relocated Boca Raton Community Garden, now at Meadows Park, includes raised garden beds and a covered shelter.

Photo provided

to prepare it for planting. She hopes to grow vegetables and flowers. And as someone who eats healthy food, she's glad the garden is organic.

Elsewhere an ambitious couple comes to see whether their watermelon, parsley, roselle, cucumbers, carrots, rainbow chard, leeks or cherry tomatoes have sent up shoots. One of them discovers her lemon balm is doing well and takes a few leaves to flavor her drinking water.

And then we meet Kristina Bergman with her partner, Mitzy Sosa, both of Delray Beach. Joined by Sosa's sister Kimberley, they are busy planting their small plot for the first time.

"My work involves food but I don't know much about growing it," says Bergman, who is a registered dietitian.

Sosa, also a novice, has good advice for all the beginners: "I think to really learn, you have to get your hands dirty."



Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley can be reached at debhartz@att.net when it's too hot to be in the garden.

Garden Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 6

Saturday - 11/6 - 2nd Annual Twilight in the Garden at Delray Beach Historical Society, 3 NE 1st St. Benefits the Society's Educational Heritage Garden. Garden-themed food, craft cocktail vignettes, one-of-a-kind auction, more. 6:30-10:30 pm. Call for tickets: 274-9578; delraybeachhistory.org

11/6-7 - Plant-A-Palooza at Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Annual event; more than 80 vendors; assortment of quality plants/accessories. Entrance/Exit at Gate 2 only (in the DMV parking lot). Sat 9 am-4 pm; Sun 9 am-3 pm. \$15/adult; \$12/senior, active military & college students w/ID; \$7/child age 6-17. Tickets: 233-1757; mounts.org

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Sunday - 11/7 - The Art of Bonsai at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Explore new techniques to artfully train/trim trees. Bring your own tree, pruning tools, bonsai pots, soil, wire as needed. Every Sun through 12/12 (no class 11/28). Intermediate 9 am-noon; Beginner 12:30-4 pm. \$45 materials fee (beginners) + \$90/member; \$100/non-member. Reservations: 495-0233; morikami.org

Wednesday - 11/10 - Delray Beach Orchid Society Meeting at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 2nd W 7 pm. Free. 573-2422; delraybeachorchidsociety.com

Thursday - 11/11 - Boca Raton Orchid Society Meeting at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd. 2nd Th 7:30 pm. Free/member & 1st-time guest. 810-6547; brsonline.org

11/11-12 - Garden Club of Palm Beach Christmas Boutique at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. Plants, Christmas gifts, more. 10 am-4 pm. Free. 837-6635; gardenclubpalmbeach.com

Friday - 11/12 - Exhibition: Moai at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. New permanent installation of Rapa Nui

(Easter Island) to West Palm Beach. The Tropical Forest Garden re-opens w/3 imposing moai statues, replicas of iconic monolithic, human figures located on Rapa Nui, Chile. Garden hours T-Sun 9 am-4 pm. Free/member & child 5 & under; \$12/non-member adult; \$10/senior, college student & military w/ID; \$5/children 6-17. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org

11/12 - Moai Tour with Artist Dennis MacDonald at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Held again 11/19 10-11 am. \$12/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org

NOVEMBER 14-20

Sunday - 11/14 - Dogs' Day in the Garden at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Held throughout the garden; bring water/treats for pets. 9 am-3 pm. \$12/non-member; \$10/senior, active military & college student w/ID; \$5/child age 6-12; free/member & child 5 & under. 233-1757; mounts.org

Monday - 11/15 - 12/12 - Ocean Ridge Garden Club Holiday Plant Sale Thanksgiving & Christmas plants. Order on website, pick up at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. oceanridgegardenclub.org

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Wednesday - 12/1-5 - Garden of Lights at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Runs T-Sun through 12/23 6:30-8:30 pm. \$15/non-member adult; \$12/senior, college student & military w/ID; \$7/child 6-17; free/member & child under 6. 233-1757; mounts.org

Saturday - 12/4 - Adult Workshop: The Art of Kokedama at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Japanese art of growing plants in a moss-covered ball of soil. 10 am-12:30 pm or 2-4:30 pm. \$60 + \$15-\$20/materials fee. Registration: 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

12/4 - Boca Raton Garden Club Holiday House Post Sale at 4281 NW 3rd Ave. Unique handmade crafts/gifts. 3-6 pm. Free/admission. 395-9367; bocaratongardenclub.org



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Tots & Teens Calendar

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Saturday - 11/6 - Sensory Saturdays: Special Exploration Hours at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. For families affected by autism spectrum disorder. No heavy crowds; softened general lighting, decreased noise level/visual stimulation on interactive exhibits wherever possible. 1st Sat 9-10 am. Held again 12/4. \$7.50/adult; \$6.50/senior; \$5.50/child 3-12; free/member & child under 3. 832-1988; sfscenter.org

11/6 - Sensory-Friendly Saturday at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Explore the museum in sensory modified setting with sound/light adjustments. 1st Sat 9-10 am. Held again 12/4. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

11/6 - Family Storytime at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Children up to age 5. Every Th/Sat 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/6 - Bak Theatre Audition Prep Class with Kat Kenny & Nathan Stubbs presented by Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop & Repertory Company, 1000 N Dixie Hwy. 5-week class designed for students to brush up skills before the audition. Every Sat through 12/16 10 am-2 pm. \$400. 833-7529; actorsrep.org

11/6 - Getz Drum Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Learn to drum program; explore percussive arts. Age 9-12. Every Sat through 12/11 10:30 am. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/6 - Science Stories at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science inspired stories. Age 5+. Every Sat 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

11/6 - Chess Club at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th 5-6 pm; Sat noon-2 pm. 352-7145; spadmuseum.com

11/6 - Daily Aquarium Feedings at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. T-Sat noon; Sun 12:30 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 274-7263; sandoway.org

11/6 - Alligator Talk at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. Every W & Sat 2:30 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 274-7263; sandoway.org

NOVEMBER 7-13

Sunday - 11/7 - Soccer Shots at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Indoor intro to soccer program teaches skills in a non-competitive environment, builds on skills week to week. Every Sun through 12/19. Age 2-3½ 9:30-10 am or 10:10-10:40 am; age 3½-5 10:50-11:35 am. \$93.75/resident; \$117.19/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/7 - Dreyfoos Theatre Audition Prep Class with Kat Kenny & Nathan Stubbs presented by Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop & Repertory Company, 1000 N Dixie Hwy. 5-week class designed for students to brush up skills before the audition. Every Sun through 12/19 11 am-2 pm. \$350. 833-7529; actorsrep.org

11/7 - St. John Paul II Academy 2021 Open House at 4001 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Middle & high school students welcome. 1-3 pm. Free. 314-2128; sjpii.net

Monday - 11/8 - Kindergarten Readiness Story Time with Ms. Tea at Catherine Strong Splash Park, 1500 SW 6th St, Delray Beach. Age 3-5. 2nd M 10 am. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/8 - Reading & Rhythm for 2-3s at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Literacy enrichment class: stories, music, movement. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Every W 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/8 - Baby Bookworm at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Storytime for infants accompanied by an adult. Age 3 months to walking. Every M 11-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/8 - Acting and Improv for Kids at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Vocal/physical warm-ups, focus/attention span building exercises, confidence building exercises, public speaking, ensemble work. Age 6-8. Every M through 12/13 4:30-6 pm. Full session \$125/resident; \$156.25/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/8 - TAB (Teen Advisory Board) Meeting presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 5 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

Tuesday - 11/9 - The Art of the Story at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. One author/illustrator at each class; children create their own art in the style of the featured book. Age 3-7 yrs. Every T 3-3:45 pm. Free w/paid admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/9 - Teen T-Shirt Transformations at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Bring at least one t-shirt to cut up. 4-6 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/9 - Adventures in Reading at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Discuss beginner reader books; do fun activities related to the books. Child attends independently. Age 4-6. Every T through 12/7 4-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/9 - Acting and Improv for Kids at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Vocal/physical warm-ups, focus/attention span building exercises, confidence building exercises, public speaking, ensemble work. Age 9-12. Every T through 12/14 4:30-6 pm. Full session \$125/resident; \$156.25/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/9 - Teen Workshop: Art and Social Justice at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. 5 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/9-10 - Sensational Story 'n More at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Children's books come to life through interactive performance, singing, movement, props. Age 2-5. Every T 10-10:45 am & W 3-3:45 pm through 3/30. Free w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

Wednesday - 11/10 - Outdoor Storytime at Boynton Beach City Library, under the banyan

Pumpkin Patch

Cason United Methodist Church, Delray Beach — Oct. 21



Devon Silva-Frost, 2, of Boca Raton enjoys making a pumpkin selection. Delray Beach native Samantha Frost came to the patch as a child and wanted to share the experience with her son. Photo provided by Samantha Frost

tree outside City Hall, 100 E Ocean Ave. Enjoy stories, rhymes, more. Held again 11/24. May be cancelled in inclement weather. 10-10:30 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/10 - Zumba Kids Class at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Promotes physical health/development, confidence, coordination. Age 4-6. Every W through 12/8 3:30-4:30 pm. Full session \$48/resident; \$60/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/10 - Youth Chess Club at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Teens & tweens, all skill levels. Every W through 12/29 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/10 - Tween Anime Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Thursday - 11/11 - One-Day Camp: Trust The Process! at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 7-12. 9 am-4 pm. \$45/member; \$50/non-member; before/after care 7:30-9 am & 4-5:30 pm \$15/day. Registration: 832-1988; sfscenter.org/camps

11/11 - Sew & Sip: Leaf Crown at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Learn the cross stitch, how to attach a button. Age 6-12. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Friday - 11/12 - Storytime in the Gardens: The Green Literacy Experience at Ann Norton Sculpture Garden, 253 Barcelona Rd West Palm Beach. Celebrate National Family Literacy Month; read a good book in a beautiful tropical garden. Family fare. Special storyteller

for children age 2-6. Held again 11/19 9-9:45 am. Free. Reservations: 832-5328; ans.org

11/12 - Early Afternoon Explorers: Molecular Gastronomy at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Monthly hour-long class for home-schoolers. Age 6-9 1 pm; age 10-12 2 pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

11/12 - Animal Encounters at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. Every F 3 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

Saturday - 11/13 - Soccer Shots at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Indoor intro to soccer program teaches skills in a non-competitive environment, builds on skills week to week. Every Sat through 12/18. Age 2-3½ 9-9:30 am or 9:40-10:10 am; age 3½-5 10:20-11:05 am. \$93.75/resident; \$117.19/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/13 - Virtual Family Fun Day: Momijigari Fan at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Classroom A, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Momijigari is a Japanese custom where people go out to look at autumn leaves. Learn to make momiji-shaped maple leaf fan. Noon-3 pm. Free. 495-0233; morikami.org

NOVEMBER 14-20

Sunday - 11/14 - The Art of Nature at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 7-adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 12-1:30 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

11/14 - Jewish Kid Lit Festival at Delray

Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 5+. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

Monday - 11/15 - Story Chasers Book Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. In person or Zoom. Grades 1-3. 3rd M 3:30-4:15 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/15 - Teen #NoFilter Mondays at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/15 - Eyes to the Skies with professional-grade 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at Children's Science Explorium Starlab Planetarium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Informal event held in the parking lot weather permitting. Telescope is out for at least one hour after scheduled start time; stars must be visible for telescope to align. Age 8+, under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 7 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

11/15-16 - Acting Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 8-13 every M through 11/8; age 12-18 every T through 12/28. 6-7:30 pm. \$180/resident; \$225/non-resident. Registration: 742-6000; boynton-beach.org/recreation

11/15-24 - Teen QR Code Scavenger Hunt at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Seasonal scavenger hunt in the Youth Library; win a special prize. M-Th 9 am-8:30 pm; F-Sat 9 am-5 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Tuesday - 11/16 - Tot Time at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Crafts, snacks, indoor play stations. Drop in anytime during the program. Age 1-4. 10 am-noon. \$5/resident; \$6.25/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/16 - Mother Nature & Me: Thanksgiving with the Animals at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Exciting nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Age 2-5 w/guardian. 10:30 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

11/16 - Daggerwing Visits the Library Virtually: Insects & Spiders at Glades Road Branch Library, 20701 95th Ave S, Boca Raton. Special virtual program features resident animal ambassadors. Age 8+. 3:30 pm. Free. Call library for details/RSVP: 482-4554; pbcnature.com

11/16 - Teen Injustice 2 Tournament at the Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. 4-6 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/16 - Teen Book Club: A Song Below Water by Bethany C. Morrow at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. 1st & 3rd T 5 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

Wednesday - 11/17 - Bilingual Outdoor Storytime at Boynton Beach City Library under the banyan tree outside City Hall, 100 E Ocean Ave. Stories, rhymes, more. Held again 12/1. May be cancelled in inclement weather. 10-10:30 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/17 - Oh Baby Story Time at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Pre-literacy class: music, stories, rhymes, lap bounces. Age 3 months to not-yet-walking. 1st & 3rd W 10 am. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/17 - Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk part of Tween Book Jam at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/17 - Musical Theater Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 12-18. Every W through 12/29 6-8 pm. \$200/resident; \$250/non-resident. Registration: 742-6000; boynton-beach.org/recreation

Thursday - 11/18 - Roblox Gaming Glory on Zoom presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 8-12. 3rd Th 3:30-4:15 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/18 - Teen Game Day at the Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Snacks provided. Every Th through 1/27 4-6 pm. Free. 742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

11/18 - Youth STEM Lab: Colorful Leaves at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Hands-on science, engineering activities. Age 6-12. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

11/18 - Teen Book Club: Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Friday - 11/19 - Friday Night at the Museum: Ratatouille at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. A night out without your parents! Wear comfy clothes, hang out in the Explorium after hours, watch a movie, do a fun experiment. Age 7-12. 6-9:30 pm. \$20/resident; \$25/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

Saturday - 11/20-21 - Science Demos at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science-inspired stories. Age 7 & up. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

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Tots & Teens

Reading is fun with these book clubs, programs

By Janis Fontaine

A little reading goes a long way.

Experts say that increasing a child's reading time by just six minutes a day can make a significant difference in meeting grade-level benchmarks.

Helping your child fall in love with reading will reap lifelong benefits. And reading well, even if your kid never falls in love with it, makes life easier in so many ways, from deciphering recipes to understanding cellphone contracts.

So how do we encourage youngsters to read?

Some might enjoy the socializing that comes with book clubs, while others might be motivated by earning free ice cream.

Here are a few ways to increase the reading fun:

The **Boca Raton Public Library** offers many programs for kids, including these book clubs:

- **Booktastic Book Club** for early readers meets from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Spanish River Library, 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd. November's book is *Dragons and Marshmallows*, by Asia Citro. Kids pick up a free copy of the book at the Youth Services desk once enrolled. Books are donated by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library.

- The **Tween Book Jam** will discuss *Echo Mountain*, by Lauren Wolk, from 6 to 7 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Downtown Library, 400 NW Second Ave.

- The **Teen Book Club** meets from 6-7 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Downtown Library for a discussion of *Shadow and Bone*, by Leigh Bardugo.

Delray Beach Public Library (100 W. Atlantic Ave.) hosts two clubs. Keep in mind, anyone entering the library must wear a mask.

- The **Teen Book Club** meets at 5 p.m. Nov. 16 as part of its schedule of the first and third Tuesday of the month. Designed for ages 13-17, November's book is *A Song Below Water*, by Bethany C. Morrow. Copies are available for free at the library.

- The **Readers are Leaders Book Club** for grades 4-6 (ages 9-12) meets at 3:45 p.m. the last Monday of the month. In October, the club read *Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust*, a graphic novel by Loic Dauvillier. Check www.delraylibrary.org for the Nov. 29 book or call 561-266-0194.

The **Boynton Beach City Library** (115 N. Federal Highway) hosts the **Brown Bag Book Club** from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Nov. 24 for ages 9-12. In observance of National Native American Heritage Month, kids

will read a beautifully illustrated Oglala Lakota legend. They can pick up free copies of the book at the library.

- The **Boynton library** also hosts a chess club from 4-5 p.m. Wednesdays and Teen Game Day from 4-6 p.m. Thursdays. Call 561-742-6390 or visit www.boyntonlibrary.org.

The **Highland Beach Library** (3618 S. Ocean Blvd.), in an abundance of caution, has not resumed its children's programs. It may be the first of the year before it does, but check the library's website at <https://highlandbeach.us/departments/library> or call 561-278-5455.

Roots and Wings launches reading incentive program

In September, **Roots and Wings**, a nonprofit in Delray Beach that is dedicated to fighting illiteracy and promoting excellence in public education, began offering a special deal for students attending Delray Beach, Boynton Beach and Boca Raton schools. To encourage them to read, five area businesses came up with treats for young readers each time they complete reading three books of their choice.

To get their rewards, students record their book titles on their bookmarks and have each entry signed by the classroom teacher and stamped by the school.

They can bring the completed bookmark to the business of their choice to collect the reward and a **Roots and Wings** wristband. Rewards include:

- A free scoop of custard from **Whit's Frozen Custard**, 3551 N. Federal Highway in Boca Raton or 200 NE Second Avenue in Delray Beach, for every three books read.
- \$5 to open a custodial savings account at **iThink Financial** at locations in Delray Beach, Boca Raton and Boynton Beach.
- A 12-ounce smoothie from **Tropical Smoothie Café**, 512 E. Woolbright Road in Boynton Beach.
- A free round (18 holes) of mini-golf for kids younger than 12 (with an adult) at **Putt'n Around**, 350 NE Fifth Ave., Delray Beach.



Roots and Wings bracelets are part of the nonprofit's incentives to encourage kids to read more books. They come in 21 colors. **Photo provided**

- A free one-hour pass to the **Silverball Museum**, 19 NE Third Ave., Delray Beach.

For more information about **Roots and Wings**, visit <https://rootsandwingsinc.org> or call 561-404-0455.

NOVEMBER 21-27

Sunday – 11/21 - Playful Projects at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Create unique DIY craft projects, taught step by step. Each class features a different theme, includes supplies. Age 5-12. 2-3 pm. \$5/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

Monday – 11/22 - Kindergarten Readiness Story Time with Ms. Tea at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Snacks provided. 4th M 10 am. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/22-24 - Thanksgiving Camp: Fantastic Beasts at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 7-12. 9 am-4 pm. \$250/member; \$275/non-member; before/after care 7:30-9 am & 4-5:30 pm \$15/day. Registration: 832-1988; sfsciencecenter.org/camps

Tuesday – 11/23 - Teen Take and Make: Fortune Cookies for the Community at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Pick up supplies to make your own origami fortune cookies. Age 13-17. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/23 - Great Escape Day at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Experiments, outdoor fun. Age 6-12. 10 am-2 pm. \$25/resident; \$31.25/non-resident. Registration: 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

11/23 - Teen Karaoke Night at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Snacks provided. 4-6 pm. Free. 742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

Wednesday – 11/24 - Fishing Fun at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn basics of freshwater fishing, practice learned skills. Includes fishing pole basics, casting tips, freshwater fish identification. All supplies provided. Bring water bottle, sun protection, closed-toed shoes that can get wet/muddy. Age 8+. 10 am. \$10/person. RSVP: 482-4554; pbcnature.com

11/24 - Suzy Hammer: Professional Storyteller at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. 10-10:45 am. Free w/paid admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/24 - Youth Brown Bag Book Club: Tasunka: A Lakota Horse Legend at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Monthly, enjoy a snack, play games, discuss a book. Age

9-12. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

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Tuesday – 11/30 - GEMS Club: Humanity's Next Giant Leap presented by South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Empower young girls to explore STEM fields. Girls grades 3-8. High school girls can volunteer to be mentors. 5:30-6:30 pm. \$7/advance; \$9/at the door. Registration: 370-7710; sfsciencecenter.org/gem

11/30 - Karate at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 5+. Every T/Th through 12/16. Beginner 5:30-6:30 pm; intermediate 6:30-7:30 pm. \$38/resident; \$48/non-resident. Registration: 742-6000; boynton-beach.org/recreation

Wednesday – 12/1 - Pottery Painting Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 7-17. Every W through 12/15 4-6 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

12/1 - Storytime After School at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Stories, rhymes, songs. Age 5 & younger. 1st W 4:30-5 pm. Free. 742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

Thursday – 12/2 - ArtSea Afternoons Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 7-13. Every Th through 12/16 3:30-5 pm. \$71/resident; \$89/non-resident. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

Friday – 12/3 - Bright & Smart: Enchanted STEM Mommy & Me at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Learn to pay attention to detail, think critically, be patient by designing, creating, putting together contraption w/help of a

parent. Parent/caregiver participation required. Age 3-4. Every F through 12/17 11-11:30 am. \$30/resident; \$37.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/3 - Teen/Tween Arts Class at ArtSea Living Gallery & Studio, 412 E Ocean Ave #1, Boynton Beach. Age 10-16. Every F through 12/17 4-5:30 pm. \$105-\$120. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

Saturday – 12/4 - St. John Paul II Academy High School Placement Test at 4001 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 8 am-noon. Contact the school for cost/application/requirements: 314-2100; sjpii.net

12/4 - Ukulele for Beginners at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 8-13. Every Sat through 12/18 9-9:50 am. \$75/resident; \$94/non-resident. Registration: 742-6000; boynton-beach.org/recreation

12/4 - Mini Monets at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 5-8. Every Sat through 12/18 10-11:30 am. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. Registration: 742-6000; boynton-beach.org/recreation

12/4 - Music Workshop w/Parent at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 1-3. Every Sat through 12/18 10-10:40 am. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. Registration: 742-6000; boynton-beach.org/recreation

12/4 - Early Child Music Workshop at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 3- under 5. Every Sat through 12/18 11-11:40 am. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. Registration: 742-6000; boynton-beach.org/recreation

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Along the Coast

Gulf Stream duo boosts Delray soccer club

By Brian Biggane

The competition just wasn't good enough.

AC Delray Rush, a youth soccer program based in Delray Beach that features two prominent players from Gulf Stream, dominated the competition in both the Palm Beach League and South Florida United League last year, at one point winning 17 straight games on its way to a 32-7-7 record.

Having come to the decision that the group they had been coaching for four years needed a bigger challenge, coaches Luca Lagana and Tony Valdepenas decided to raise the stakes, moving its age 13-and-under team up to the prestigious Florida State Premier League, the highest level in the state.

"The group needed a better challenge and a better opponent," said Lagana, who was born and raised in Italy and played five years in the Italian Third Division. "The idea is to challenge them. It's going to be harder, so they need to prove to themselves they can play."

The jump in competition meant a significant change in the size of the playing field, from 75 yards long to 100, and from 45 yards wide to 70. The goals increased from 7 to 8 feet tall and from 16 to 24 feet wide — the full-size dimensions.

"It's a huge difference, especially for the goalkeepers," Lagana said.

The adjustment was a struggle early, as the team dropped its first four games. But it then improved to 4-5-1 by late last month.

Eamonn Endres, a midfielder, and Louis Hansen, a forward, make the trip from their homes in Gulf Stream to the Seacrest Soccer Complex in Delray for practices three days a week and games all over the state on weekends.

"They're good players and really good guys," Lagana said. "It's very enjoyable to have them in the group."

Eamonn said he started playing soccer at age 2, but his father, David, a physical therapist who is based in New York City, said his son's game really started to improve when he began working with a coach with a European-style approach in Brooklyn at age 8.

"He brought out the best in

him, taught him how to train properly, rather than just going out and kicking the ball," David Endres said. "How to work it like a process."

"He was with him for three years in Brooklyn, and when we came down here this year, Luca had a very similar philosophy, so Eamonn fit right in."

"Luca and Tony are really great," he added. "They're so inviting; they brought him in and everybody on the team made him feel part of the team very quickly. The parents, knowing I go back and forth to New York a lot, volunteered to help get him to practices and games. So, it's been a great experience."

Louis Hansen led the team in scoring last year with 18 goals but spent the summer in Germany, not returning until mid-October. Although he spent time with a personal trainer overseas, the coaches determined his conditioning was not at a high enough level for him to play the full 90 minutes right away.

Nonetheless, he scored on a penalty kick in his first game back while coming on as a sub and playing just 25 minutes, then started and played 40 minutes his second game.

"The first game he drew the penalty and then converted it," Valdepenas said. "He's a phenomenal PK taker. Like a robot: He puts it in the lower right corner where no one can touch it."

"The second game we started him because the team we were playing, the Port St. Lucie Hurricanes, knew him and adjusted their defense to basically put two men on him, which opened things up for everyone else."

Louis' goal total actually dropped last year from two years ago, prompting criticism from his coaches for passing when he should have shot. Asked if he agrees with the long-held opinion that goal-scorers have to be selfish, Louis hesitated for a long moment before answering, "Yes."

Valdepenas said Eamonn, meanwhile, has "fit in perfectly" with the team.

"That usually doesn't happen, just because the spots on the team are so competitive," he added. "They know they're all working for a spot and there's resistance when kids come in looking to take one. (But) Eamonn fit in well."



ABOVE: Louis Hansen (right) of Gulf Stream and his AC Delray Rush teammate Christian Ofsanko of Delray Beach walk off the field with coach Luca Lagana during practice at Seacrest Soccer Complex in Delray Beach.

LEFT: Gulf Stream resident Eamonn Endres, who just joined the 13-and-under team this year, gestures to Lagana as Liam Richter of Boynton Beach and Ofsanko listen to the exchange.

Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Primarily a forward prior to joining the Rush, Eamonn has also adjusted to moving back to central midfield.

"It's a bit of an adjustment to be more of a playmaker/ ball mover," Valdepenas said. "We encourage him to move up and take shots as well. But he's definitely a big part of the team and doing really well."

The highlight of Eamonn's career came in May, when he scored four goals in a game against an all-star team from Orlando in the Bazooka tournament. The Rush reached

the final of that event before losing to Port St. Lucie on penalty kicks.

The Rush, whose roster includes a girl, Kiana Sanchez, who primarily comes off the bench at right back, has been accepted into the field for the prestigious Dallas Snowball Cup Dec. 10-12 and is entered into a national tournament in Williamsburg, Virginia, next spring.

The latest state rankings have them 34th among more than 500 teams in their age group.

As for David Endres, he has nothing but good things to say about his son's experience.

"He loves it," he said. "Honestly, the kids on the team are his closest friends, and soccer is one of those sports where that happens."

"The kids on his teams become his closest friends and he spends the most time with them. It's like a brotherhood — or in this case, brother and sisterhood."

For more information on the team, visit <https://acdelrayrush.com>.

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On the Water

SHARK ATTACKS: Study looks at thefts from anglers' lines

Marine scientists are stepping up research on the problem of sharks stealing hooked fish by way of a study that will rely, in part, on reports from anglers along Florida's east coast.

Florida Atlantic University's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute and researchers at Mississippi State University are sharing a \$195,306 grant from NOAA Fisheries to gather more information on the frequency, location and species of sharks involved in shark depredation.

"Few studies have quantified the impact of depredation in recreational fisheries," said Matt Ajemian, principal investigator on the study and director of the Fisheries Ecology and Conservation Lab at FAU Harbor Branch.

Ajemian has been working with the Facebook group named Sportsmen Fighting for Marine Balance. He and other researchers are asking anglers to continue to post photos and other information on the Facebook site when sharks maul or steal hooked fish.

Scientists would like information on the type of fish hit by sharks, the species of shark involved (if it can be determined) and the general location of where the depredation happened, such as depth, distance from shore and general location along the coast.

They're not asking anglers to share precise fishing spots.

Palm Beach County offshore anglers have noticed the shark-stealing-fish problem for years, and some say it's getting worse.

"The sharks are horrible," said veteran Boynton Beach charter captain Chris Lemieux. "It's a serious issue."

Capt. Chip Sheehan of Boynton Beach-based Chips Ahoy Charters said he has seen the shark problem escalate in the past two years to include the mauling of sailfish — billfish



A study by Florida Atlantic University's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute and Mississippi State University is researching sharks that steal fish from anglers. **ABOVE:** Capt. Jake Booth holds a wahoo caught in 500 feet of water off Boynton Beach that was mutilated by a shark. Much of the wahoo was still salvaged for food. **Photo provided by Capt. Chris Agardy, Fish Envy Charters.** **LEFT:** One of Capt. Chris Lemieux's charter clients holds a sailfish that was mutilated by a shark after being hooked off southern Palm Beach County. Anglers release most sailfish they catch. **Photo provided by Lemieux Fishing Charters**

that are almost always released alive by sport fishermen.

Sheehan, who has been charter fishing in the waters off Palm Beach County for 30 years, said about 20 of his sailfish have been attacked by sharks annually during the past two winter seasons.

Before that, he said, his sailfish were never "sharked."

The problem of sharks eating fish hooked by anglers used to flare up mostly during the warm months, Sheehan said. Now, he said, it happens all year.

"Now you stop the boat and they're sitting there waiting," Sheehan said, referring to the sharks, which he says are mostly bull sharks and sandbar sharks.

One goal of the study is to positively identify which species of sharks are eating hooked fish. It can be hard to differentiate sharks, especially when they might be seen only for a few

seconds, often well below the surface. Ajemian said the Mississippi State scientists will use DNA taken from the tissue of bitten fish to identify the sharks involved.



A goliath grouper. **Photo provided**

FWC proposes limited goliath grouper harvest

After years of debate over the fate of protected goliath grouper, the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission has approved a draft rule that would allow a limited harvest of the grouper in state waters.

The draft rule, approved in

October, is expected to come back to the commission for a final vote in March.

The proposed harvest of goliath grouper would not be allowed in state waters off Palm Beach County or those south of Palm Beach through the Atlantic side of the Florida Keys.

In other parts of the state, the rule would allow the recreational harvest of up to 200 goliaths annually by anglers who win a random-draw lottery — and pay for a tag, priced at \$500 under the proposal.

The limit would be one grouper per person annually. The season would be March 1 to May 31, and fish would have to measure between 20 inches and 36 inches to be legal to keep.

Lagoon restoration area expanding

The Tarpon Cove restoration area in the Lake Worth Lagoon

is expanding with the addition of two more mangrove islands being created in part with sand dredged for the town of Palm Beach Marina expansion.

The \$2.1 million project was scheduled to begin in October and should be complete in the spring.

Tarpon Cove is located on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway north of Southern Boulevard. Its two existing mangrove islands were completed in March 2020.

It's one of several restoration islands created by Palm Beach County environmental officials, working with many partners, to improve habitat in the Lake Worth Lagoon — the estuary that stretches from North Palm Beach to Ocean Ridge.

Shorebirds are using the Tarpon Cove islands. Black skimmers and least terns arrived in May and nested.

Other birds observed at Tarpon Cove include blue herons, plovers, black-necked stilts, white ibises, roseate spoonbills, ruddy turnstones and a variety of gulls and terns.

Coming events

Nov. 6: Lagoonfest celebrating the Lake Worth Lagoon, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. along Flagler Drive, downtown West Palm Beach. Guided boat tours, kayak tours, sailing lessons, touch tanks, games and face painting for kids, native tree giveaway. Free. Details at www.Lagoonfest.com.

Dec. 4: Dust 'Em Off Sailfish Warmup tournament. Details and registration at www.dustemoffsailfish.com.



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Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/20. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 6

Saturday - 11/6 - Boardwalk Tours at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Docent-guided ½-mile tour of wetlands. All ages. Times vary, call for details. Free. 966-7000; pbcnature.com

NOVEMBER 7-13

Sunday - 11/7 - Intracoastal Adventures: Kayaking at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 7-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 11/20 9-10:30 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Tuesday - 11/9 - The Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Virtual Public Meeting. Topics include updates on the Refuge's fire program, exotics & biology, Urban Wildlife Conservation Program, Visitor Services Plan. Q&A follows. 6-8 pm. 734-8303; Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZEtD-6tqzkqHtFTpRNUc01DeAc0aVdo6Dr>

Friday - 11/12 - Florida Trails Presents a Special Seminar: Birds Without Borders at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch

Rd, Boynton Beach. All ages. 1 pm. Free. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

11/12 - Beach Treasures at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Limpets, topsnails are a few of the shells that can be found on Florida's beaches. Learn about seashells, the animals that make them. Caravan to Red Reef Park, 1400 N State Rd A1A, to search for ocean treasures. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Saturday - 11/13 - Bird Talk and Walk at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Florida bird presentation; 1-hour birding tour w/a naturalist follows. Bring binoculars. All ages. 9-11 am. \$3. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

NOVEMBER 14-20

Wednesday - 11/17 - West Palm Beach Fishing Club at Viking Service Center, 1550 Ave C, Riviera Beach. Capt. Chip Sheehan Fishing Seminar: Productive Mahi & Sailfish Tactics. 7 pm. Free. 832-6780; westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

Thursday - 11/18 - Night Stalkers at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Join a Naturalist on a boardwalk tour; look at nature from the point of view of its nocturnal residents. Flashlights recommended, not required. Age 9+. 6-8 pm.

\$5/person. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

Saturday - 11/20 - Geology Rocks at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn amazing geology facts including how rocks form, the three categories of rocks, techniques for identification. Age 8+. 10:30 am. \$3. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

NOVEMBER 21-27

Sunday - 11/21 - Intracoastal Adventures: Canoeing at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 7-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 12/4 9-10:30 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Tuesday - 11/23 - Golden Hour Guided Tours at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided tour through Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Facility, outdoor aquariums, open-air butterfly garden, Ashley Nature Trail, ends w/sunset views of the Intracoastal Waterway from the beach by the Seminole Chiki. Age 7-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 11/26. 5-6:30 pm. \$10/resident; \$13/non-resident. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

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Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 6

Saturday - 11/6 - 7th Annual LagoonFest Celebrates Lake Worth Lagoon at West Palm Beach Waterfront, 100 N Clematis St. Live music, wildlife presentations, exhibitions, children's activities, lagoon tours, water sports, more. Family fare. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 279-0907; lagoonthefest.com

11/6 - Family Saturdays: Collage Art Plate, A Functional Family Keepsake at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Bring towels/mats; facial coverings & social distancing required. 10-11:30 am. Free. 471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

11/6 - Calling All Serious Writers! Saturday Zoom Writers Studio presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Sat 10 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/6 - Shibori Indigo Workshop: Napkins 1 at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Adults. 10 am-3 pm. \$65 + \$25/material fee. Registration: 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

11/6 - Book Marketing on a Budget with Instructor Nancy Cohen on Zoom part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 104 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 10 am-noon. \$25. Registration: 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

11/6 - Saturday Morning Writers' Group at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Led by Caren S. Neile via Zoom. Registrants periodically send a brief manuscript for distribution to participants to read before each meeting. Group engages in productive critique. Drop-ins welcome, frequent participation encouraged. Age 18+. 1st & 3rd Sat 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/6 - Omotesenke School Sado Tea Ceremony Workshop 1 at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Learn basics of Tea Ceremony necessary to know in order to learn more about the aesthetics of Sado or better understand, fully enjoy the tea ceremony itself. Workshop is a prerequisite to study Sado at Morikami. 1-3 pm. \$50. Registration: 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

11/6 - Emerging Collector Tour: The Art of Collecting Kickoff Tour at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County Main Gallery, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

11/6 - 2nd Annual Twilight in the Garden at Delray Beach Historical Society, 3 NE 1st St. Benefits the Society's Educational Heritage Garden. Garden-themed food, craft cocktail vignettes, one-of-a-kind auction, more. 6:30-10:30 pm. 274-9578; delraybeachhistory.org

11/6 - Misty Mountain: Led Zeppelin Tribute at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$35-\$50 + minimum

\$25 food/beverage purchase. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

11/6 - Candela at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. FAU Salsa & Latin Jazz Ensemble. 7 pm. Free. 297-6124; fauevents.com

11/6 - Comedian Monique Marvez at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10, Boca Raton. 7 & 9:30 pm. \$46.35-\$61.80. 483-9036; bocablackbox.com

11/6 - Operation Homecoming: Southeast Florida Honor Flight at Palm Beach International Airport Level 2 Concourse A/B. Welcome home 65 WWII, Korean, and Viet Nam Veterans from their Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Arrive early, bring flags/signs of thanks. Masks required, TSA protocols observed. 7:20 pm. Free. 855-359-2838

11/6 - Sara Davis Buechner Piano Recital at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$20. 237-9000; lynn.edu/events

11/6 - Judy Gold: Yes, I Can Say That! at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center Razz Room, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$40-\$55. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

11/6 - Actor's Improv Show at Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop & Repertory Company, 1000 N Dixie Hwy. Shows created on the spot, usually PG-13-ish rating. Not recommended for young children. 8-10 pm. \$15/online, \$20/at the door. Registration: 833-7529; actorsrep.org

11/6 - Gilberto Santa Rosa at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$39. 832-7469; kravis.org

11/6 - Ann Hampton Callaway: Fever! The Peggy Lee Century at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$55-\$60. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

11/6 - Joe Devito at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$25-\$35. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

11/6-7 - Warrior Class at Boca Stage at Sol Theatre, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Runs through 11/21. F/Sat 8 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$45-\$50. 447-8829; primalforces.com

11/6-7 - Mamma Mia! at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Runs through 11/14. W/Th/F/Sat 7:30 pm; W/Th/Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$75-\$115. 995-2333; thewick.org

11/6-7 - 16th Annual Boca Raton Fine Art Show at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 10 am-5 pm. Free/donations accepted. 248-762-2462; hotworks.org

11/6-7 - 10th Annual L-Dub Film Festival at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Call for times/price: 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

NOVEMBER 7-13

Sunday - 11/7 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

11/7 - West Palm Beach Then & Now Walking Tour departs from Visit Palm Beach Adventure Center, 226 Datura St. 2-hour guided

Municipal Meetings

11/8 & 22 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 7 pm. Agenda: lantana.org

11/9 - Highland Beach - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: highlandbeach.us

11/9 - South Palm Beach - Second Tuesday at the South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. 7 pm pre-covid Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

11/9 & 23 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesday at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. the auditorium, 6500 Congress Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us

11/12 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulf-stream.org.

11/16 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 10 am. 3 pm Agenda: manalapan.org

11/16 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 4 pm. Agenda: delraybeachfl.gov

11/16 - Boynton Beach - First and third Tuesday at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Ocean Ave. 5:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

walking tour of West Palm Beach's downtown. Not recommended for children under age 10. Every Sun & W 10:15 am. \$25. 881-9757; visitpalmbeach.com

11/7 - The New York Times' Nazi Correspondent at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/7 - One Man Star Wars Trilogy at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd. 2 pm & 7 pm. Tickets start at \$38. 832-7469; kravis.org

11/7 - 20th Annual Kristallnacht Virtual Film Forum. 2 pm Honoree Ceremony; 2:30 pm film screening; 4 pm Q&A w/director Ken Perlmutter & Beijers family. \$10/Zoom link. 852-6041; kff@bocafed.org

11/7 - Palm Beach Symphony: Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 3 pm. Tickets start at \$25. 281-0145; palmbeachsymphony.org

11/7 - Faure Requiem: Solemn Requiem for victims of COVID part of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. \$20/person; free/age 18 & under. 276-4541; music.stpaulsdelray.org

11/7 - Actor's Workshop Class with Bob Carter at Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop & Repertory Company, 1000 N Dixie Hwy. Short form improv games, ensemble work, silly fun, lots of laughs. Adults. Every Sun through 11/28 3-6 pm or 6-8 pm. \$100. Registration: 833-7529; actorsrep.org

11/7 - Piano Demonstrations at Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Live musical performances while taking a self-guided tour through Flagler's mansion Whitehall. Custom-built 1901 Steinway and Sons model B piano is exercised weekly as part of the Museum's collection conservation program. Local musicians demonstrate historic instruments with a variety of popular music including secular & spiritual pieces published or composed during the Gilded Age. Held again 11/21. 3:30 pm. Free w/museum admission. 655-2833; flaglermuseum.us

11/7 - 8th Annual Student Composition Concert at Florida Atlantic University Theatre,

777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$35. 297-6124; fauevents.com

11/7 - Divas Through the Decades at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7-8:30 pm. \$40-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

11/7 - Joe Posa as Joan Rivers Live! at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$25-\$35. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

Monday - 11/8 - Custom Card Crafting Club at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Create custom greeting cards using Cricut Maker, Cricut Explore Air, or Sizzix machine. Adults. 10 am-noon. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/8 - I Want to Be Happy: Songs of Joy, Optimism, Resiliency, Discovery, and Transformation with Sheryl Flatow at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every M through 11/29 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$60/member; \$80/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

11/8 - Gutterman Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education (CHHRE) Educator Appreciation Dinner at Renaissance Boca Raton Hotel, 2000 NW 19th St. Also celebrates the 25th anniversary of CHHRE. 5:30 pm. \$175/person; \$55/current educators. 297-0849; fau.edu/chhre-dinner

11/8 - Speaker Series: Humanized Naturalism: Japanese Gardens As Therapeutic Spaces with Kendall Brown at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$5/non-member. Advance ticket purchased required: 495-0233; morikami.org

11/8-9 - Homegrown Nazis In The Land of the Free: The German American Bund in 1930's America at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 7 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/8-9 - Shen Yun 2021: A Heavenly Gift at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$80. 832-7469; kravis.org

Tuesday - 11/9 - Career and Employment Help with CareerSource PBC at Boynton

Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Assistance w/employment, re-employment, resumes, filing for unemployment, career path assistance. Representative is fluent in English, Creole, French. Adults. Every T 9 am-4 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/9 - Watercolor at the Garden at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. All levels. Bring pencils, pens, paints, sketchpad or watercolor pad (or journal), and your favorite photographic device (cell phone or tablet). Led by artist/instructor Carl Stoveland. Class includes full garden admission. Adults. Held again 11/16 10 am-12:30 pm. Per class: \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org

11/9 - An Hour to Kill Mystery Book Club: Central Park by Guillaume Musso at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Registration: 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

11/9 - Michael Steele, Former Chair of RNC, Discusses National Popular Vote at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Moderated by WPTV NewsChannel 5 Anchor Michael Williams. 2 pm. \$35. 297-6124; fauevents.com

11/9 - The Housekeeper and The Professor by Yoko Ogawa part of Tuesday Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/9 - Cachet Band with Johnny Minnis at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm show. \$20/minimum per person. Reservations: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

11/9 - Tuesday Night Improv Drop In Class with Kat Kenny or Nathan Stubbs at Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop & Repertory Company, 1000 N Dixie Hwy. All levels improv class open to everyone. Adults. Every T through 11/30 7-9 pm. \$20/class. Registration: 833-7529; actorsrep.org

11/9 - Paper Bullets: Two Artists Who Risked Their Lives to Defy the Nazis at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Virtual. 7 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/9 - All Arts Open Mic Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd T 8-10 pm. \$5. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Wednesday - 11/10 - GFWC Woman's Club of Delray Beach First Fall Meeting at Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave. Bring your own refreshments/coffee. 10 am. Free. delraywomensclub.com

11/10 - Social Services Assistance at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Topics include homelessness, nutrition needs, veterans' services, senior services, crisis services, more. Complete confidential intake form online before visit. Adults. Every W 10 am-4 pm. Free. 742-6390; bbflpl.libcal.com/event/8395405

11/10 - Creativity That Leads to Generosity: Women in the Window International's Fall Luncheon & Silent

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11/10 - Wrinkles The Musical at The Delray Beach Playhouse Cabaret Room, 950 NW 9th St. 1 pm. \$10. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

11/10 - Silver Science Days at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Special afternoon for adults/retirees. Age 60 & up. 2nd W 2-5 pm. \$10. RSVP: 370-7740; sfscenter.org

11/10 - Adult Acting Class at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 18+. Every W through 12/15 4:30-6 pm. Full session \$150/resident; \$187.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

11/10 - History Talks: Donn R. Cole Jr. at Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 5-7 pm. \$20. 832-4164; pbchistory.org

11/10 - Open Mic for FAU Writing Students via Zoom. Sponsored by Prof. Becka McKay & South Florida Women's National Book Association. Fiction, nonfiction, poetry, comedy; 5-minute time limit. Cash prizes + free membership to South Florida WNBA. 6 pm. Free. Register for Zoom link: southflorida@wnba-books.org

11/10 - Writer's Corner at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Free manuscript critiquing by published authors. Adults. 2nd W 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/10 - World War II in the Diverse Lives of America's Fathers at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Virtual. 7 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

11/10 - Heart Tribute Night at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 7:15-9:30 pm. \$36.05-\$46.35. 483-9036; bocablackbox.com

11/10 - Trifecta of Folk Greats: The Kingston Trio, The Brothers Four, and The Limelights at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$25. 832-7469; kravis.org

Thursday - 11/11 - Veterans Day

11/11 - Clematis by Night at Waterfront Commons Great Lawn, 100 N Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Weekly concert series; different act each week. Every Th (except 11/25) 6-9 pm. Free. 822-1515; wpb.org

11/11 - Haven Star at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$15-\$25 + minimum \$25 food/beverage purchase. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

Friday - 11/12 - Tecky Craft Creations Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every F through 12/10 noon-1 pm. \$50/resident; \$63/non-resident. Registration: 742-6000; boynton-beach.org/recreation

11/12 - Streaming Music Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Appy Hour class series. Learn about online streaming services Hoopla, Pandora, and Spotify to listen to music via your smartphone or tablet. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/12 - Beautiful Spirit Book Club at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every F through 12/10 1-3 pm. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. Registration: 742-6000; boynton-beach.org/recreation

11/12 - Holiday Junk Jewelry Framed Christmas Tree or Menorah Class at ArtSea Living Gallery & Studio, 412 E Ocean Ave #1, Boynton Beach. 5-7 pm. \$25. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

11/12 - Outdoor Movie: The Best Years of Our Lives at Delray Beach Historical Society, 3 NE 1st St. Bring a picnic. 6 pm. Free. RSVP: 274-9578; info@delraybeachhistory.org

11/12 - Hispanic Heritage Night at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Tunes & treats from different Latin American countries celebrate all things Hispanic. 6-9 pm. Free. 742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/12 - Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition at Florida Atlantic University Ritter Art Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 12/3. Sat 1-5 pm; T-F 1-4 pm. Free. 297-2661; fau.edu/galleries

11/12 - Biennial Faculty Art Exhibition at Florida Atlantic University Schmidt Center Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 1/19/2022. Sat 1-5 pm; T-F 1-4 pm. Free. 297-2661; fau.edu/galleries

11/12 - Angelo and Band Reminisce Dinner Show at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 11/26. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm show. \$20/minimum per person. Reservations: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

11/12 - Friday Night Express at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. First of a quarterly series in partnership w/Florida Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce. Hispanic/Latin theme w/music, dancing, instruction by Fred Astaire Dance Studio; food vendors; brewery; Cure cocktails. 6-9 pm. Free. 742-6221; boyntonlibrary.org

Green Markets

Lantana Twilight Market every Friday night at the Lantana Recreation Center, 418 S Dixie Hwy. Featuring live music, craft beers and dozens of Artisan & Food Vendors. 5:30-9:30 pm. 515-9919; shorelinegreenmarkets.com

Lake Worth Farmers Market every Saturday under the overpass at A1A and Lake Ave, Lake Worth Beach. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 547-3100; lakeworthfarmersmarket.com

Delray Beach GreenMarket every Saturday on the front lawn of the Cornell Museum of Art at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music, children's activities. 9am-2pm. 276-7511; delraycra.org/green-market

Lantana Sunday Morning Green Market every Sunday at the Lantana Recreation Center, 418 S Dixie Hwy. 10 am-2 pm. 515-9919; shorelinegreenmarkets.com

Mizner Park Green Market every Sunday beginning 12/5, at 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 10 am-5 pm. 362-0606; miznerpark.com

11/12 - 2021 American Humane Hero Dog Awards Gala at Eau Palm Beach Resort, 100 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Presented by Lois Pope LIFE Foundation. Hosted by Carson Kressley. Honors 7 courageous canines. 6-10 pm. \$500. 800-227-4645; herodogawards.org

11/12 - Bonfire on the Beach at Lake Worth Casino and Beach Complex, 10 S Ocean Blvd. Bring beach chairs/blankets. 2nd & 4th F 6-10 pm. Free; metered parking. 533-7395; lakeworth.org

11/12 - Movies on the Lawn: The Best Years of Our Lives presented by Delray Beach Public Library at Delray Beach Historical Society north lawn, 3 NE First Ave. Weather permitting. 6:30 pm. Free. Registration: 274-9578; delraylibrary.org

11/12 - Georgina Dieter Dennis High School Honor Choral Festival at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Free. 297-6124; fauevents.com

11/12 - In Person & Live Zoom Streaming: Elaine Viets speaks and signs her book *Life Without Parole* at Murder on the Beach

Mystery Bookstore, 104 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. Reservations: 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

11/12 - Chris Pinella: Sinatra at the Sands at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$35-\$45. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

11/12 - Joe Posa as Joan Rivers at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$35. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

11/12 - John Papa Gros Band at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 9 pm. \$20-\$35 + minimum \$25 food/beverage purchase. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

11/12-13 - CJ Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$40-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

11/12-13 - Quniteto Astor Piazzolla: Celebrating 100 Years of Piazzolla at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd. F 7:30 pm; Sat 2 pm. Tickets start at \$39. 832-7469; kravis.org

11/12-13 - Comedian Bobby Collins at Boca

Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. F 8 pm; Sat 7 & 9 pm. \$46.35-\$61.80. 483-9036; bocablackbox.com

11/12-14 - The Illusion by Tony Kushner at Florida Atlantic University Studio One Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 11/21. F/Sat 7 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$22/adult; \$12/student w/ID. 297-6124; fauevents.com

Saturday - 11/13 - Palm Beach County 4-H Holiday Photo Shoot Fundraiser at Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 100% of proceeds benefits 4-H youth scholarships to attend 4-H camp, state/national events. \$25/photo. Appointments required: 233-1792; dligotino@pbcgov.org

11/13 - 50-Year Celebration: Walk the Talk for Epilepsy at Currie Park, 2400 N Flagler Dr, West Palm Beach. Benefits Epilepsy Florida. Family-friendly entertainment, music by a DJ, local vendors, take home goodie bags, awards, more. 8 am-noon. 954-779-1509; epilepsyfl.com

11/13 - St. Gregory's Fall 2021 Bazaar at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Attic treasures, toys, art, books, jewelry, holiday decorations, more. 9 am-3 pm. Free/admission. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

11/13 - Hillsboro Lighthouse Tour: Lauderdale-by-the-Sea Appreciation Day meets at Sands Harbor Resort and Marina, north side, 125 N Riverside Dr, Pompano Beach. Visitors park in Pompano Beach City Parking (fee required) across from Sands Harbor. Look for HLPs Lighthouse tour table beginning at 8:30 am. Transportation to/from lighthouse is only by tour boat provided by South Florida Diving Headquarters. First boat departs 9 am. Last boat returns 3 pm. USCG regulations require closed-toe flat shoes w/rubber

soles to climb lighthouse. Children must be accompanied by an adult & a minimum of 48" tall to climb the tower. No pets allowed. 9 am-3 pm. \$35 transportation fee. 954-942-2102; hillsborolighthouse.org/tours

11/13 - 9th Annual DBPD Softball Challenge at Robert P. Miller Park, Field #3, 1905 SW 4th Ave, Delray Beach. Featuring Delray Beach Police Department vs Delray Beach Fire Rescue. 10 am. Free. 243-7000; delraybeachfl.gov

11/13 - Land Your Dream Agent with Instructor K.J. Howe on Zoom part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 104 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 10 am-noon. \$25. Registration: 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

11/13 - 5th Annual Sculpture in Motion: The Art of Pre- and Post-War Automobiles at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Rd, West Palm Beach. 10 am-4 pm community exhibition; 4:15 pm Grand Tour Parade of Cars. \$25-\$30/adult; \$15-\$20/member; \$8-\$13/child under 18. 832-5328; ans.org

11/13 - Exhibition Opening: Salient Lines - Vintage and Supercar Portraits by Eric Zetterquist at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Rd, West Palm Beach. Runs through 12/26. W-Sun 10 am-4 pm. \$15/adult; \$10/age 65+; \$7/child 5+; free/child under 5. 832-5328; ans.org

11/13 - Japanese Traditional Music: Koto Class at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Every Sat through 12/18. Beginner 10:15 am-12:15 pm; Intermediate 1-3 pm. \$150/member; \$155/non-member. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

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The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 11 am. Free. Reservations: 655-7226; fourarts.org

11/13 - Holiday Greeting Card Making Class at ArtSea Living Gallery & Studio, 412 E Ocean Ave #1, Boynton Beach. 11 am-1 pm. \$35. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

11/13 - Inventors Society of South Florida Virtual Meeting. Every 2nd Sat 1 pm. 1st meeting free. Registration: 676-5677; inventorsociety.net

11/13 - Art Talks: Caren Hackman - Being Open to Change at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County Main Gallery, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 2-3 pm. Free. RSVP: 471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

11/13 - Meet with Susan Peck: Painter and Scarf Designer at Boca Raton Museum of Art Store, 501 Plaza Real. Demonstration of painting on silk techniques, creating one-of-a-kind scarves. 2-5 pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

11/13 - Night at the Races at St. Vincent Ferrer, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 13996. Food, beverage, horse races, 50/50, more. 6-11 pm. \$12. 276-6892 x1502; stvincentferrer.com

11/13 - Stranger Things Laser Experience Show at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Hosted by Lite Up America. 6 pm doors open; 7 pm show. Tickets start at \$25. myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

11/13 - Commercial Music Ensembles at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10. 297-6124; fauevents.com

11/13 - Shaw Davis & The Black Ties Album Release Party at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$15-\$25 + minimum \$25 food/beverage purchase. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

11/13 - Mike Marino Live! at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$37-\$47. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

11/13 - Chris Pinella: Sinatra at the Sands at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$35-\$45. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

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Sunday - 11/14 - The Ultimate Neil Diamond Tribute Experience starring Neil Zirconia at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 2 pm. \$29-\$39. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

11/14 - Organ Demonstrations at Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Live musical performances during a self-guided tour through Flagler's Gilded Age-era mansion, Whitehall. Historic 1902 J.H. & C.S. Odell & Co. organ is exercised weekly as part of the Museum's collection conservation program. Local musicians demonstrate historic instruments w/a variety of popular music including secular & spiritual pieces published or composed during the Gilded Age. 3:30 pm. Free w/museum admission. 655-2833; flaglERMuseum.us

11/14 - Kyle Mehmet, saxophone, Kuo-Pei Cheng-Lin, piano at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3 pm. \$20. 297-6124; fauevents.com

11/14 - Story Central Virtual Storytelling Slam presented by Boca Raton Public Library,

400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 5-6:30 pm. Free. Zoom info: 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

11/14 - The Art of Chocolate: A Tasting and Art Event at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 100 N Palmway, Lake Worth Beach. Chocolate paired with desserts, nibbles, wines and non-alcoholic beverages in the parish hall and gardens. Jill Karlin/Art; 5150/Chocolate. Proceeds benefit parish hall restoration. 7 pm. \$25/advance; \$30/door. 582-6609; standrews1914@gmail.com

11/14 - Vanessa Collier at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$25-\$35 + minimum \$25 food/beverage purchase. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

11/14 - Johnny Rawls at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7-9:30 pm. \$40-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Monday - 11/15 - Movie Mondays: Forrest Gump at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 3rd M 1-3 pm. Free; popcorn & coffee provided. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/15 - Poetry Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 3rd T 8-10 pm. \$5. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

11/15-16 - Auditions for Respect: A Musical Journey of Women - A Musical Revue by Dorothy Marcic at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 5-8 Women. Rehearsals begin 12/6. 7:30 pm. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Tuesday - 11/16 - Crafts and Coffee: Soap Making at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Materials & instruction provided. Adults. 5-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/16 - Seaglass Tree or Starfish on Wood Class at ArtSea Living Gallery & Studio, 412 E Ocean Ave #1, Boynton Beach. 6-8 pm. \$45. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

11/16 - It Takes Two Dinner Show at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 11/30. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm show. \$20/minimum per person. Reservations: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

11/16 - Life is Beautiful: A Film by Roberto Benigni at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 7 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

Wednesday - 11/17 - Book Buzz: Adult Book Club at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 3rd W 10:30 am-noon. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/17 - League of Women Voters Hot Topics Luncheon: The Disability Poverty Trap with Olivia Babis. Interactive Zoom session. Noon-1 pm. Free. 276-4898; lwvpubc.org

11/17 - Lunch Club Matinee: The Exiles at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 12:30 pm. \$44. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

11/17 - Haunting Paris by Mamta Chaudhry part of Florida Voices Book Discussion at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 1:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 655-2766; fourarts.org

11/17 - Workshop: Marketing for Entrepreneurs and Businesses at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/17 - The St. George's Society of Palm Beach Dinner Meeting at The Chesterfield Hotel Pavilion, 363 Coconut Row, Palm Beach.

Speakers Robert Spencer & Elizabeth Sharland. Cocktail attire required: dresses for ladies, coats & ties for men. 6:45 pm cash bar; 7 pm dinner. \$100/member; \$125/non-member. RSVP: 736-1251; stgeorgessocietyofpalmbeach.org

11/17 - ELO Tribute Night at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 7:15-9:30 pm. \$36.05-\$46.35. 483-9036; bocablackbox.com

Thursday - 11/18 - Quilters meet at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Share quilting information, perpetuate quilting as a cultural & artistic form. Sale of quilted items supports the Library. Limit 10 quilters at a time. Every Th 9 am-noon. \$1/lifetime membership. 742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

11/18 - Shell Chic Designs with Robin Grubman: Wine Caddy at The Society of the Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 10 am-noon. \$150. Reservations: 655-7226; fourarts.org

11/18 - Cutting the Cord at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/18 - The Tainted Legacy of Richard Wagner with Anette Isaacs at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

11/18 - The Key to a Green Screen Video - Is The Key! Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

11/18 - The Long Road "Home:" Returning to Germany After the Holocaust with Anette Isaacs at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

11/18 - CP Group's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting at Boca Raton Innovation Campus, 5000 T-Rex Ave. Benefits Spirit of Giving, BRIC, Junior League of Boca Raton, & CP Group. 40-foot Christmas tree, photo w/Santa, festival music, children's activities, food trucks, more. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$50/VIP adult; \$15/VIP child; free/general admission w/unwrapped new toy donation. 997-1111; workatbric.com

11/18 - Cocktails in Paradise at Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Presented by The Young Friends of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$25/non-member. Registration: 832-4164; pbchistory.org

11/18 - Together, at the Table: Swank Farm presents Florida's Fall Harvest at Flagler Museum, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. 6 pm. \$190/person; \$350/couple. Reservations: 655-2833; flaglERMuseum.us

11/18 - Evenings at the Council: Launch Party at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

11/18 - Flow Tribe at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$15-\$25 + minimum \$25 food/beverage purchase. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

11/18 - Symphony Orchestra: An Evening of Orchestral Dances at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10. 297-6124; fauevents.com

11/18 - Financially Fit: Banking Basics at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Learn about the variety of bank accounts available at financial institutions, how to open a simple account. Adults. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/18 - She Who Became the Sun by Shelley Parker-Chan at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of Unbound World Virtual Book Club. Adults. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/18 - Secret Love: The Life and Music of Doris Day starring Karen Oberlin at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$35-\$45. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

11/18 - The Living Legends of Comedy Tour with Artie Fletcher & Jimmie 'JJ' Walker at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 8-10 pm. \$25.75-\$36.05. 483-9036; bocablackbox.com

11/18-20 - Southern Handcraft Society Delray Beach's Annual An Olde Fashioned Holiday Show 2021 at Old School Square Fieldhouse, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Juried art/craft show. Th 11 am-8 pm; F 9 am-8 pm; Sat 9 am-2 pm. Free admission. 504-1480; downtowndelraybeach.com

Friday - 11/19 - eSign for Free! at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/19 - Lunch Club Matinee: Secret Love: The Life and Music of Doris Day starring Karen Oberlin at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 12:30 pm. \$44. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

11/19 - Science for Seniors: Dan Willis - Florida Lake Watch at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Age 50+. 1 pm. \$5/person. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

11/19 - Exhibition - The Great Inka Road: Engineering an Empire at Florida Atlantic University Schmidt Center Gallery Public Space, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 1/26/22. Sat 1-5 pm; T-F 1-4 pm. Free. 297-2661; fau.edu/galleries

11/19 - Extreme Couponing Digital Edition: How to Coupon with Just a Smartphone at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/19 - Legendary Film Directors: Michael Curtiz with Bill David at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 2:30-4:30 pm. \$100/4 classes; \$35/class. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

11/19 - History & Architecture Walking Tour meets at Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 60- to 90-minute guided tour showcases the evolution of downtown West Palm Beach buildings/landmarks. Tours begin at Palm Beach County History Museum, end by the Banyan Tree at 100 N Clematis St. 4-5 pm. \$10/person. Registration: 832-4164; pbchistory.org

11/19 - Friday Flicks at Centennial Park Under the Banyans, 120 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Different movie every month. 5-8 pm. Free. 742-6010; boynton-beach.org/flicks

11/19 - Light the Lights Kick-Off Annual Boca Raton Holiday Tree Lighting at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. Entertainment, movie on the lawn, tree lighting, fireworks display. 5-9 pm. Free. 393-7967; myboca.us/1466/Holiday-Tree-Lighting

11/19 - David Morin Dinner Show at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm show. \$20/minimum per person. Reservations: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

11/19 - Back to Basic: Volume 4 (Rise of the Phoenix) at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. FAU Jazz Orchestra. 7 pm. \$10. 297-6124; fauevents.com

11/19 - Tiffany: Pieces of Me at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 8-10 pm. \$36.05-\$46.35; \$25/meet & greet add-on. 483-9036; bocablackbox.com

11/19 - Brown Eyed Women: An All-Female Tribute to The Grateful Dead at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 9 pm. \$20-\$25 + minimum \$25 food/beverage purchase. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

11/19-21 - Zoo Lights! at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. The zoo's first time to be illuminated for the holidays with over one million eco-friendly lights. Unique themed displays from the entrance through Florida Wetlands & Tropics of the Americas. Photos w/Santa through 12/23. Runs certain days through 1/2. 6-9 pm. Advance online ticket purchase required: 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

11/19-21 - To Fall In Love by Jennifer Lane at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab at Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 12/12. Sun 3 pm; Th/F/Sat 7:30 pm. \$30/general public; \$10/student. 297-6124; fauevents.com

11/19-21 - Rocky Mountain High: John Denver Experience at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. F/Sat 8 pm; Sat 4 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$55. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

Saturday - 11/20 - 35th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run and Walk at Anchor Park, 340 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. 6-7:20 am registration; 7:30 am 5k run; 8:45 am awards presentation. \$30-\$38/adult; \$20-\$28/child 14 & under. 243-7277; victorysportsmtg.com/delraybeachturkeytrot

11/20 - Oceanfront Bark at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Boynton Beach. Well-behaved dogs welcome to "paw-ty" on the beach; first 100 dogs receive a dog toy. Dogs allowed off leash on the beach & in the water, required to stay within temporary fencing installed at south end of the beach & just south of the middle beach access ramps. Dogs must be appropriately licensed; will be asked to leave if acting aggressively. 9 am-noon. Free. 742-6255; boynton-beach.org

11/20 - Thanksgiving Giveaway Drive Thru at Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St, Delray Beach. First come first served while supplies last. Free holiday boxes containing holiday fixings along with either a turkey or ham. 10 am. Free. 243-7000; delraybeachfl.gov

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11/20 - The Way of Tea: Sado Demonstration at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Observe an ever-changing tea ceremony demonstration rich in sensual subtleties. Noon, 1:30 pm & 3 pm. \$5 w/paid museum admission. 495-0233; morikami.org

11/20 - Exhibition On Screen: Frida Kahlo at The Society of the Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 pm. \$20/non-member; \$15/member. Reservations required: 655-7226; fourarts.org

11/20 - Artist at Work Series: Polo Ramirez - Ceramist at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Demonstration, discussion w/the artist about process, materials, concepts of creating art. 3-4 pm. Free w/museum admission. Reservations: 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

11/20 - The Sound of the Sea: Author Talk with Cynthia Barnett at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-6 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/20 - The Return to Glory: Art Walk at Boynton Beach Art District, 406-422 W Industrial Ave. 6-9 pm. Free. 786-521-1199; boyntonbeachartdistrict.com

11/20 - The Long Run: America's Favorite Tribute to The Eagles at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$25-\$35 + minimum \$25 food/beverage purchase. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

11/20 - One Funny Lisa Marie at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 7 & 9:30 pm. \$36.05-\$46.35. 483-9036; bocablackbox.com

11/20 - Secret Love: The Life and Music of Doris Day starring Karen Oberlin at The Delray Beach Playhouse Cabaret Room, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$35-\$45. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

11/20 - Brett Young: The Weekends Tour presented by Live Nation at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7 pm doors open; 8 pm show. Tickets start at \$45. 393-7890; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

11/20-21 - Art Scape in The City at The Big Apple Shopping Bazaar, 5283 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Indoor/outdoor art show presented by Delray Art League. Sat 10 am-5 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Free. delrayartleague.com

11/20-21 - Hotel California: The Original Tribute to The Eagles at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. F 8-10 pm; Sat 7-9 pm. \$45-\$50. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

11/20-21 - Lynn Philharmonia No. 2 at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 4 pm. \$35-\$50. 237-7000; lynn.edu/events

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Sunday - 11/21 - Exhibit Artists Reception at Artist's Eye Gallery Boutique, 604 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth. Runs through 12/11. 1-3 pm. Free. 586-8666; lwartleague.org

11/21 - Master Choral of Florida: Mozart and More at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 4 pm. \$30/advance; \$35/at the door; free/student. 954-641-2653; masterchoraleofsouthflorida.org

11/21 - Annual FAU Band-O-Rama! presented by City of Boca Raton at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. FAU Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band & Marching Owls. Bring chair or blanket; \$5/rental chairs. 6-8 pm. Free. 297-3820; myboca.us/2021/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

Monday - 11/22 - Girl, Woman, Other by Bernardine Evaristo part of Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

11/22 - Boynton Beach Historical Society Virtual Meeting. 7 pm. Free/member; \$14/non-member. Limited seating/RSVP: 772-225-1961; boyntonhistory.org

Tuesday - 11/23 - Friends Virtual Book Club: The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline presented Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Email for zoom link DTLbookclub@bocalibraryfriends.org; 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/23 - Uptown Express Dinner Show at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 5/21. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm show. \$20/minimum per person. Reservations: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

Wednesday - 11/24 - Ghaleb Dinner Show at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner, 8 pm show. \$20/minimum per person. Reservations: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

11/24 - Terry Hanck & David Julia at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$20-\$30 + minimum \$25 food/beverage purchase. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

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