

Boca Raton

3-building complex up to 12 stories proposed near Sanborn Square

Petitioners protest idea of more concrete in form of apartments, office space, parking

By Mary Hladky

Compson Associates is planning a large residential, office and retail project in

downtown Boca Raton that is already sparking strong objections even though it is in the early stages of the city's review process.

The proposed Aletto Square would include three buildings on 1.3 acres at 121 E. Palmetto Park Road, northeast of the Hyatt Place hotel and southeast

of Sanborn Square.

A 93-unit luxury apartment tower would rise to 12 stories, the maximum allowed in the downtown. A seven-story office and retail building would feature a restaurant with rooftop dining. An eight-story fully automated parking garage, the first of its kind downtown,

would provide 360 parking spaces and a rooftop pool.

A courtyard would be located between the office and apartment buildings, and two smaller courtyards would flank the east and west sides of the office building.

Boca Raton-based Compson also developed the

12-story Tower 155 luxury condominium at 155 E. Boca Raton Road that the City Council approved in 2016.

Project architect Derek Vander Ploeg, who also designed Tower 155, said plans for Aletto Square were

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TOURISM BOOM

Best summer on record, early-season surge signal sunny outlook for 2022

By Jan Norris

They're back — the flocks of tourists that give the state its reputation as a winter habitat for snowbirds.

But this year, they might be known as the early migrators. They showed up at least six months ahead of the traditional schedule.

"We had the strongest summer on record since recorded time," said Troy McLellan, president and CEO of the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce.

He was near giddy about the positive numbers coming from all the agencies and industry watchers who count occupied beds, restaurant reservations and train riders. Tickets to events and venues also figure in.

Those numbers translate into much-needed tourism dollars — a large part of the county economy, with more than \$7 billion

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International tourism took off in November after the U.S. reopened borders to fully vaccinated travelers. **ABOVE:** Leonardo Sanchez sips a mate tea on Delray Beach's municipal beach while soaking up the sun among a group of family and friends from Argentina. One of them, Alberto Palmetta (left), is a professional boxer.

LEFT: Brazilian tourists Gabriel Da Luz and Mathias Rocha volley a soccer ball at South Beach Park in Boca Raton. **Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Along the Coast

Drop in overdose deaths in South County inspires cautious optimism

By Charles Elmore

After a rocky 2020, fewer people died of overdoses in southern Palm Beach County cities during the first three quarters of 2021. Sometimes a lot fewer.

In Delray Beach, overdose

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deaths decreased 40% to 33 in the first nine months of 2021 compared to the same stretch of the previous year, according

to the latest records available from the Palm Beach County Medical Examiner's Office, which identified an "injury city" where an overdose occurred.

In Boca Raton, such deaths fell 28% to 48. In Boynton Beach, the decline was 24% to 44 deaths.

"We're cautiously optimistic," said Ariana Ciancio, service population advocate for the Delray Beach Police Department. "I want to knock on wood and be thankful where we can. But we can never be complacent about this. It ebbs and flows."

In the last 90 days, upticks in some monthly reports of drug deaths locally and across Palm Beach County mean few are feeling complacent. All deaths take a toll. But many see evidence that efforts by first responders, community groups

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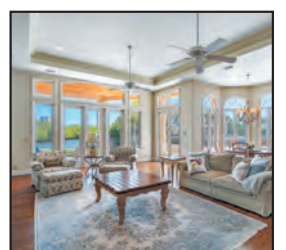
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Erika Petersen will take over as Manalapan town clerk when her mother, Lisa Petersen, retires this month after 18 years on the job. 'The town residents are losing a wonderful, caring person,' Manager Linda Stumpf says. Erika Petersen will be promoted from deputy clerk. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Editor's Note

Here we go again ...

Although there's déjà vu associated with the latest fast-spreading coronavirus variant, it feels less paralyzing than when we first learned of the coronavirus pandemic in December 2019. Yes. Two years ago. Hard to believe? Some days yes, some days no.

After we stocked up on home test kits in December 2021, it's clear we've entered a new phase in this global health crisis. The hope is that 2022 will be a better year.

We now have free vaccines for all but the youngest children and booster shots, plus more and better treatment options to help us all get through the omicron outbreak. These are miracles of science we simply can't take for granted. Imagine the global health crisis if these prevention and treatment options were never invented! Have doubts? Ask an emergency room doctor or nurse.

These are like the intensified security protocols initiated after 9/11 that made travel safer — although often annoying and less convenient. But our fears of a terrorist attack in the air have diminished. We learned that taking precautions works. Just ask a pilot or flight attendant.

Still, as this new year begins, it feels fragile.

After all, 2021 ended up being another heartbreaker for many even though it started with so much promise following the chaos and panic of 2020.

Good people still died from COVID-19 infections, schoolchildren continued struggling to find their way in an upside-down world, and some of us trudged through the last 12 months with an aching void from loved ones who left us when life just became too much. And although overdose numbers in our area dipped this past year as people went back to work and in-person addiction treatment resumed, the numbers of ODs are starting to inch back up.

And we can't forget that, to date, 800,000 Americans have died from COVID-19.

Surely, they haven't died in vain. Let's remember them — and everyone still struggling — as we enter the new year. Before we step into the future, let's vow to learn from the past.

If we all do our part, 2022 should be a better year, right?

Happy New Year.

— Mary Kate Leming
Editor



Manalapan's treasured clerk gets a fond send-off into retirement

By Dan Moffett

The only thing typical about Lisa Petersen's workdays are the atypical assignments that are sure to land on her desk in Manalapan.

When the county elections supervisor moved up municipal deadlines for candidate qualifying last year, Petersen hastily revamped the town's schedule. When the coronavirus pandemic struck, she oversaw safety measures in Town Hall. When Police Chief Carmen Mattox had a leaking roof in his office, naturally he called Petersen, the town clerk.

"I don't know how I got into roofing maintenance," she said, "but that's what you do in a small town. My job has changed through the years because I kept taking on more and more."

When people move to Manalapan, Petersen leads the welcomes and when they move away, she sends farewells. When residents complain, she takes their phone calls, and when they ask questions, she looks for answers. She works with contractors, inspectors and grumpy neighbors.

Since she's also director of the town's library, Petersen, 66, runs its lecture series. It was Petersen who came up with the plan for a park and gazebo in the library's backyard. "I think of the library as the heartbeat of the town," she said.

For 18 years, Petersen has served Manalapan as concierge, referee, researcher, big sister, ambassador and, yes, municipal clerk.

But all that ends this

month when she begins her retirement.

"I feel as though I've lost my right hand," said Town Manager Linda Stumpf.

Petersen, Stumpf and Mattox call themselves "the triumvirate" — "we all bring different things to the table," Petersen said. They have worked together in Manalapan for nearly two decades. In fact, Stumpf and former Manager Greg Dunham interviewed Petersen for the clerk's job.

"Chief Mattox, Lisa and I have been through so many adventures in Manalapan," Stumpf said. "I have had the best work colleague and best friend anyone could ask for. The town residents are losing a wonderful, caring person."

Mayor Keith Waters said Petersen "epitomizes the elegance, character and gentle grace of this wonderful place we call home."

"My father always told me, 'It is not hard to recognize a winner when you see one,'" the mayor said, "and I am delighted to say that I recognized Lisa the moment we met."

It's not a stretch to say Petersen knows every address in Manalapan. "I have this thing for numbers," she explained. "I can tell you everyone's house number. It's terrible because I use valuable brain cells for information I could easily look up."

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Originally from Augusta, Georgia, Petersen graduated from Florida State University, where she met her husband, Tom. His career in the space industry brought them to South Florida, and eventually to a home in Juno Beach.

Renovating that house is a project for the Petersens' retirement, and there's also a piece of property on the St. Johns River near Palatka where they hope to build a vacation home.

Spending time with her 3-year-old grandson, Soren, is on the agenda, too. His mother just happens to be the next town clerk of Manalapan. Petersen's daughter, Erika, was hired as deputy clerk six months ago, and takes over as town clerk this month.

A graduate of Florida International University, Erika Petersen, 36, earned a master's degree in architecture from the Savannah College of Art and Design.

"Erika will bring a lot more to the building side than my knowledge," Lisa Petersen said. "She interned for the town during college. Everybody knows her. I tease her and say I've been training her since she was born to take my place."

Manalapan will show its appreciation for Petersen on Jan. 27 with a party and celebration at the library.

"It's been a wonderful 18 years," she said. "I have no complaints. The residents have been so kind."

Waters put it this way: "She will be sorely missed but never forgotten. Well done, Miss Lisa, well done!" ★

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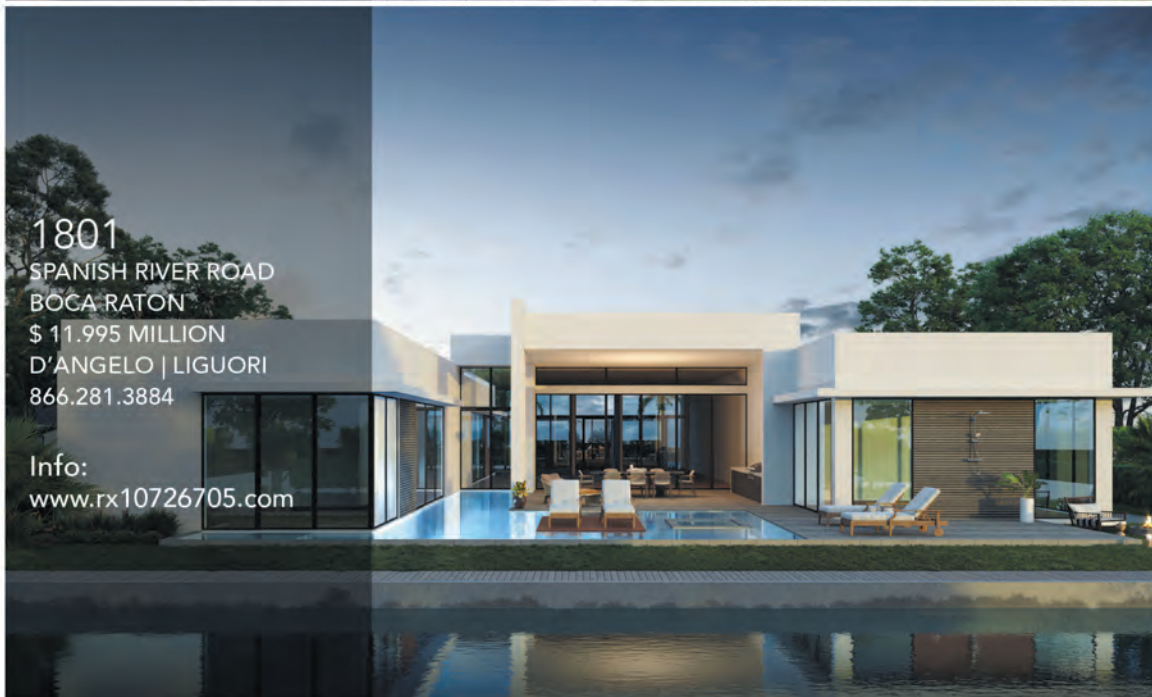
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Local Voices

A do-or-die effort to feed starving manatees begins in Brevard

Lettuce will supplement scarce seagrass in experiment after year in which state death toll exceeded 1,000 — double the recent average

Orlando Sentinel Editorial

There's no way to pretend Florida's manatees aren't endangered. They are. In every sense of the word.

The official tally of deaths in 2021 stood at 1,075 as of Dec. 17. That's more than twice the annual average of the last five years — and nearly one-sixth of the entire population of manatees in the southeastern United States and Puerto Rico.

In one year. Even worse, the biggest factor in this "unusual mortality event," as federal wildlife officials blandly tag it, is one that won't be getting better any time soon. In fact, deaths may accelerate as Florida moves into colder-weather months.

The problem is simple and horrible: Manatees are starving to death, particularly in the Indian River Lagoon, where the ecosystem is in a state of wholesale collapse after decades of pollution and inaction on the part of local, state and federal officials. Dozens have been taken to various rehab centers across the state for a laborious, months-long recovery, but too often, the slow-moving mammals aren't spotted until it's too late to save them.

The peril is so great that manatee advocates along with state and federal officials have agreed to an unprecedented plan to supplement manatees' diets in one key area with romaine lettuce. It's a move that Pat Rose, longtime head of Florida's Save the Manatee Club, never wanted to make.

Feeding manatees encourages them to linger in areas that have no other food source. But many are just too weak to make it to safer feeding grounds, and Rose — along with others — is too heartbroken and weary of watching manatee carcasses hauled in nearly every day.

"Hopefully it will buy time for the manatees that might not otherwise make it," Rose said, noting that the feeding will be restricted to one specific area in Brevard County, though it may later be expanded. State scientists are also working to replant seagrass in areas

where it might take root, and suspending spraying of herbicides so manatees can eat floating vegetation as well. They hope it will be enough to save at least some of the manatees that are most threatened. But they fear it won't be.

The manatees aren't the only ones suffering. The vanished seagrass beds where they once foraged were also prime spawning grounds for the wide variety of fish, crustaceans and other sea life that make the Indian River Lagoon one of the most diverse estuaries in the nation.

And if dollars and cents matter more to you than fish and wading birds, consider this: The lagoon is a multi-billion-dollar driver of the coastal economy from south Volusia



down into Palm Beach County. Massive algae blooms have, in past years, turned portions of the lagoon into a fetid soup often compared to rancid guacamole. Imagine how many tourists want to return after seeing (and smelling) that.

Many are beginning to wonder whether the lagoon has passed the point of no return. Now they're asking the same question about the manatee population.

The same scientists and environmental advocates have been sounding the alarm about the lagoon for more than a decade. And they were almost completely ignored in 2017, when (after years of insidious attempts) a politically masterminded ploy resulted in an official downgrade of

manatees' protected status under the Endangered Species Act.

It's time to undo that. If it takes political machinations to accomplish it, so be it. U.S. Reps. Vern Buchanan and Darren Soto have filed legislation that would fast-track the manatees' restoration to endangered status — a move U.S. Rep. Stephanie Murphy has also endorsed — and it should pass.

That would force officials to give greater consideration to manatees' well-being on several levels of decision-making, including development planning and boat-speed zones, and could lead to increased resources for emergency measures.

It's not an ideal solution, since it would accelerate past scientific evidence-gathering that could put a clearer light on the manatees' peril and

prospects for recovery. And it is only a small part of the bigger reality: If Florida and federal officials don't act swiftly to rescue the entire lagoon system, there will be no saving any of the birds, fish and mammals that call it home. But the manatees don't have time to wait for a perfect solution; they need help now.

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informed by what he learned during planning for the condo.

“There is a need for larger luxury (units) rather than average rental units in the area,” he said. That was also true for the condo. To accommodate people wanting more living space, he reduced the number of Tower 155 units from 170 to 128.

Class A office space is also needed, he said, since no new Class A buildings have been constructed in about two decades.

City Council members said in November that they want more Class A space to help lure blue-ribbon companies to Boca Raton. They plan to solicit ideas on how best to accomplish this.

Aletto Square would be the first large-scale downtown project proposed since Camino Square — with two apartment buildings, two parking garages and two retail buildings at 171 W. Camino Real — was approved by the City Council in 2019.

Large projects have stirred residents’ passions for more than a decade as they transformed the downtown, prompting cries of overdevelopment that was ruining the city’s character.

Camino Square, Tower 155 and Alina Residences, which opened in 2021 on Southeast Mizner Boulevard, were criticized as too large and certain to worsen traffic



The trio of buildings would be located at 121 E. Palmetto Park Road, a block east of Federal Highway. **Rendering provided**

conditions.

So it is hardly surprising that residents are gathering signatures on a petition

imploping the City Council to deny approval for Aletto Square. As of Dec. 15, 284 people had signed.

The petition says that small shops would give way to the project, stripping the area of its welcoming feel.

It says the first sight for visitors would be “just another series of tall concrete buildings.”

“Combined with Tower 155, another large building on a very small footprint just down the road, Aletto Square would make a concrete jungle out of an idyllic touch of urban living.”

The petition also laments the negative impact on “peaceful and bucolic” Sanborn Square, saying its atmosphere would be harmed by a “concrete-heavy environment.”

Vander Ploeg dismissed the

complaints, saying they have “no substance.”

The project is not yet scheduled for review by the Planning & Zoning Board, but the Community Appearance Board gave it a preliminary review Nov. 16.

The CAB’s purview is limited; it assesses the aesthetics of a project. Board members liked the appearance of the buildings and central courtyard.

Two suggested improvements to the landscaping, with one member saying it was “a little underwhelming” and another saying he would like the addition of more shade trees. ★

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Bridge work causing delays on West Palmetto Park

Drivers using West Palmetto Park Road can expect travel woes to continue over the next nine months as the county continues its work demolishing and replacing the concrete bridge over the El Rio Canal.

Since the project has been underway, drivers have experienced lane closures and detours between Southwest Eighth Terrace and Southwest Fourth Avenue affecting both eastbound and westbound traffic.

The northern part of the bridge that services westbound traffic has already been demolished, with westbound

traffic diverted to one of the eastbound lanes. Traffic will shift to the westbound lanes when the southern part is replaced.

One lane in each direction will be open at all times during the construction, which is expected to be completed in late October 2022.

The work is being done because the bridge was determined to be “functionally obsolete,” said Deputy County Engineer Joanne Keller.

The new bridge will cost \$4.3 million, funded by gas taxes and impact fees.

— Mary Hladky

TOURISM

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in play annually from visitors in pre-pandemic years, according to the county's Tourist Development Council.

"Commerce continues to happen. The GM of Town Center mall reports stores are bustling. Restaurants are on waits [for seating]. But the flip side is having workers," McLellan said. The challenge remains finding the labor to service the tourists, he said.

The problem started early in the pandemic, he said, as hospitality industry workers and hourly laborers started assessing their careers after their bosses closed the doors to the public. Many who were let go decided to go back to school or to switch careers for less demanding hours and the uncertain pay of tip-based earnings.

Cooks, servers and hotel housekeepers are still in big demand. Restaurants have adjusted with shorter hours or fewer tables seated. Pay scales have increased for retail and hotel workers, and often companies have thrown in hiring bonuses.

But, McLellan said, "The business of hotel, restaurants and retail is doing well."

After shutting down completely in March 2020, Florida became one of the first states to reopen its hotels, restaurants and transportation. Once airlines got back up to speed, and later cruises began sailing, South Florida became the "at last we can travel" resort destination.

"We had the highest bed tax collections in August on record," McLellan said. "It means people are traveling again."

Discover The Palm Beaches, the marketing agency that collects data on visitors to the county, provided statistics showing spring and summer had record numbers of leisure travelers in April, May, June and July — surpassing 2019's boom year.

In November, after a year and a half of restrictions, the U.S. opened its borders again, allowing in international tourists who showed proof of vaccination.

Europeans came back, sometimes to reunite with families; Canadian tourists and snowbirds arrived, and some from South America came north for their annual holiday shopping, with favorable exchange rates in place.

The year ended with the county hosting about 7.8 million visitors, just shy of the pre-pandemic record-breaking 2019 year, according to Discover The Palm Beaches.

Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, the beachfront resort in Manalapan, is experiencing a strong demand for bookings, both suite and premium rooms, according to Michelle

Phillips, marketing director.

"Indicators suggest that we could return to pre-pandemic levels sometime in late 2022 once the corporate group and social/wedding business bounces back entirely," she said.

Group functions, including large conventions and big weddings, were canceled because of the pandemic. Smaller gatherings, most outdoors, have taken their place.

Phillips noted that Florida's open spaces and warm weather conducive to outdoor events are drawing customers.

Season started early

The county's marketing program, touting 39 unique cities and towns plus 47 miles of "unspoiled beachfront," reaches the Northeast U.S. and spreads throughout eastern Canada. Now that borders have reopened, Canadians are coming down by car and in motor homes, or renting favorite efficiency hotels for lengthy stays.

At the Del-Raton RV Park in Delray Beach, owner Art Parsons says his spots have been booked out for months. "We're very busy. We have our seasonal regulars, but a lot of newcomers. There are a lot of RVs on the road."

He's owned the park for 48 years, and many people who rent space for months at a time reserve the same spot each year. His visitors include those from Ohio, Pennsylvania and Georgia, but none in 2021 from Canada. "Canadians got a late start," he said. "We were all booked up by the time they hit the road. A lot of them are going to Pompano and Hollywood."

At Benny's on the Beach on the Lake Worth pier, the Canadians are back full force, according to chef/partner Jeremy Hanlon. "Oh yeah, as of mid-December, it's like a ship pulled up to Palm Beach County. All the Quebec tags. We have several regulars and they were really pumped to be back. They're so happy to be able to travel."

A lot of new residents are filling seats too, he said. "It's the mainstay of conversation: 'I just moved down and I've never been here before.'"

But finding help to run the dining room is a challenge, Hanlon said. "We get people who are looking for a job, but who don't want to work. We'll interview and welcome them, then they don't show up. That's when management steps up" to do extra work.

John Calormis of the Dune Deck Cafe in Lantana says his seasonal Canadian regulars as well as newcomers have been coming in for "a while."

Diners still appear to prefer outdoor seating as safer, so the Dune Deck, which is entirely al fresco, has a built-in edge on restaurants that don't have as much outdoors.

The business is a godsend after the beach was closed and the restaurant completely out of service for months in 2020. "It was tough," Calormis said.

The increased number of visitors so early has been obvious to people trying to get into restaurants and finding out they have to wait.

Jeremy Bearman, chef/owner of Oceano Kitchen on Ocean Avenue in Lantana, says he's seeing really big numbers. "Season doesn't usually start for us till January. This year, it began in September and hasn't stopped."

Several factors contributed, he said, with "Florida being open" the main one. "Obviously, you see it on the roads. Traffic has never been worse."

He's also seeing a lot of new residents — ones who came to visit and decided to stay. "We hear it every day in the restaurant: 'Yeah, I just bought a house down here.' I don't know if it's their primary residence or a second home. But a lot of people are talking about moving here."

His small casual eatery is doing so much business, he said, he's working on expanding to accommodate more diners. "We really need a bar, and more seating. In season, we're on a 1½- to 2-hour wait. Our regulars who support us year-round can't get in. It's frustrating."

He is trying to work things out with his landlord and the town, which he said "has been very supportive and helpful."

"We want to stay on the Avenue."

Overall, he said, "We're very thankful to have all good opportunities. Being a small restaurant, we were able to pivot and stay open and do well."

Many restaurants changed because of COVID, especially adding outdoor seating to assuage diners who did not want to be in confined spaces with strangers. Dozens added patios, and cities loosened restrictions on sidewalk seating and allowed canopies. The Kapow Noodle Bar in Mizner Park was among restaurants that took advantage of this and moved more outdoors.

Transit bouncing back

Another indicator of the comeback is public transportation. Steven Abrams, executive director of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, which operates Tri-Rail, said ridership on the commuter railway is booming.

"We are second in the nation behind Denver for commuter rails coming back to ridership," he said. "We're at approximately 70% of pre-COVID figures." The rail is transporting about 15,000 riders a day, he said.

In contrast, he said,

ridership on commuter trains in New York and New Jersey is at just 20% of pre-COVID numbers.

Tri-Rail connects to all three airports in South Florida, giving tourists inexpensive rides to and from their destinations. Connecting rides via free coaches in Fort Lauderdale and city buses in Miami and West Palm Beach, as well as cars for hire, make it easier to get around the area without a car.

"West Palm is now the highest ridership station in the county," Abrams said. Boca Raton used to be, but that was when offices there were full of on-site staffers who now work remotely.

Visitors also take Tri-Rail to visit attractions and shop in other cities; with its proximity to the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach and the downtown area, tourists who want to see a performance can take the train back and forth.

Sports venues in Miami are accessible via rail, eliminating long car trips and parking costs, Abrams said.

Tourists and residents alike are finding plenty of attractions open as well, and the Boca Museum of Art has record-breaking figures in the books for November, according to Jim May, deputy director of communications.

He points to the international premiere of the exhibit *Machu Picchu and the Golden Empires of Peru* as one of the biggest draws for the

museum. It opened in October and runs through early March.

"A year ago, there were 750 visitors for the month of November. We had 10,000 this year. The year before COVID, we did 2,600 in November," May said.

The county's Tourist Development Council is a sponsor of the exhibit, which has drawn visitors from other parts of Florida, particularly Miami-Dade and Broward counties. It was planned to open after hurricane season and on the cusp of the traditional tourist season opening; it exceeded expectations.

"Our membership is breaking records, and while most of that is local, we're getting a lot of new people from all over. Sales in the museum shop are up significantly as well," May said.

While there are no guarantees with the coronavirus surging again and the especially contagious omicron variant taking hold, Discover The Palm Beaches is bullish on 2022.

Figures on bookings for the new year have the experts predicting record-breaking numbers in high season — January through March — and overall to be 10% to 11% higher than 2021. That translates to 8.5 million tourists visiting Palm Beach County. ★



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Delray Beach

City scrambles to find new management team for Old School Square

By Jane Smith

With a lawsuit looming and no suitors to manage Delray Beach's historic arts and culture center, the city is trying to cobble together a team to manage the Old School Square campus once the lease — canceled last year by the city — expires Feb. 9.

No company responded last month to the city's "invitation to negotiate," a process that allows the city to enter discussions with interested firms.

"With a pending lawsuit against the city, it's not surprising," Mayor Shelly Petrolia said last month. "We continue to keep the campus active with events organized through our Parks and Recreation Department.

"Once we get on the other side of the lawsuit, we will see some interest," Petrolia said.

In the interim, the city will use its parks department, which has managed several weddings, bar mitzvahs and other events during the past several months, and back it up with the Downtown Development Authority and Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, City Manager Terrence Moore wrote in a Dec. 17 weekly roundup.

Moore added that he would update the City Commission on Jan. 4.

OSS managers sued the city Nov. 5 and claimed the City Commission's Aug. 10 vote to terminate the lease was improper and did not allow the OSS managers to remove their equipment, paintings, furniture and accessories acquired by the nonprofit organization over the past three decades.

It further alleges the city stopped a \$1.2 million renovation of the Crest Theatre and failed to allow them "to quietly hold, occupy and enjoy the premises."

The city countered on Dec. 9 that the suit should be dismissed "with prejudice" because it was little more than a "shotgun pleading," throwing more than 200 allegations against the wall and hoping something would stick.

The response notes the suit is "comprised of 206 factual allegations, with each of the fifteen Counts incorporating and re-alleging all of the Complaint's 206 factual allegations, leaving the defendants to speculate as to which allegations relate to which Count," the response notes.

Petrolia and commissioners

Shirley Johnson and Juli Casale voted to terminate the contract because OSS managers had repeatedly failed to provide accounting of how they had spent hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars given to OSS over the years.

The city contends Petrolia and Johnson were entitled to immunity for decisions made in their official roles.

Casale hired her own attorney "that is personally known to me," who contends in court filings that she, too, is entitled to immunity.

OSS supporters claim the vote was taken without public notice. The city contends the commissioners followed the terms of the lease.

The vote, and the resulting public outcry orchestrated in no small part by OSS directors and supporters, prompted eight former mayors to write a letter that the OSS publicist sent on Dec. 8 to media outlets.

"While the Old School Square termination is what's on everyone's mind, we see a similar pattern in the general culture of division and polarization in our city politics that has led to costly turnover and litigation," the former mayors wrote. "It's not the 'Delray Way.'"

They suggested holding "a charrette to gain public input on the future of Old School Square."

Petrolia declined to comment on the letter because of the pending suit.

Joy Howell, a former OSS board chair, also was named in the suit. Her attorney contracted COVID-19 and received an extension to file a response, as did Shannon Eadon, a former OSS executive director. Neither response was available at press time.

Hearing set

A Jan. 18 hearing is scheduled before Circuit Court Judge John Kastrenakes to decide whether OSS managers can receive expedited mediation in the case.

Delray Beach taxpayers own the nearly 4-acre OSS campus. It is deed restricted and must remain an arts, cultural and educational center. If it does not, the property reverts to the Palm Beach County School District.

The campus has five entertainment venues: the Field House, the Crest Theatre, the Creative Arts School, the Cornell Art Museum and the Pavilion.

Sam Metott, the city's parks and recreation director, wrote

in a Dec. 16 email that his department can oversee the Field House events.

"We may require some assistance with the Cornell Art Museum as that involves a more distinct set of capabilities for curation and the daily functions," Metott wrote. "Lastly, outdoor events" — such as concerts on the Pavilion stage — "involves additional planning, scheduling, and on-site logistics. Any support in that area would be beneficial."

Toward that end, the DDA is expected to host its annual Fashion Week in February on the OSS campus instead of the Colony Hotel, Petrolia said.

"We are looking forward to helping guide and bring more community events to our downtown and city," Laura Simon, DDA executive director, wrote via a Dec. 21 text message in response to a *Coastal Star* question about the DDA's role.

Meanwhile, even though its lease expires in less than six weeks, the OSS board sent out a pre-Christmas email seeking contributions, noting that "with your help we will rise stronger than ever to bring generations of friends and patrons all the joy Old School Square has to offer." ★

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Boca Raton

Councilman renews cleanup pledge 1 year, 475 miles later

Growing numbers of volunteers follow leader into 2022

By Mary Hladky

Boca Raton City Council member Andy Thomson launched 2021 with a resolution to run all 475 miles of the city's streets, picking up litter along the way.

In 2022, "I'm going to do it all over again," he said.

Thomson, 39, confesses he's not a big fan of running. And in late December, as the former punter on Georgia Tech's football team rushed to complete his mission, he admitted his knees were sore.

But he's going to press on because his "Run the City" initiative provided benefits he didn't expect.

"I've gotten to know our city better," he said. "What each neighborhood is like and what they could use, what they need."

Beyond that, the effort yielded a cleaner, safer city. He and nearly 500 volunteers who joined his cause picked up nearly 1,300 pounds of trash. The potholes, broken sidewalks and other safety issues he spotted and reported have been fixed by city or county crews.

"The best part is the volunteers," Thomson said. "I didn't anticipate there would be a lot of involvement or interest. But there was a lot."

The long list of nonprofits and other groups that helped includes Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Junior League of Boca Raton, Boca Raton Innovation Campus, Riviera Civic Association, Spanish River High School cross-country teams, Addison Mizner elementary school PTA and Christ Community Church.

Also at times, some of his five children accompanied him.

In the new year Thomson will tweak his system a bit. He'll run major arteries early in the morning since few pedestrians walk along them and there are fewer opportunities for interaction.

He'll save neighborhoods for later in the day and announce in advance where he will be so residents can talk with him about issues they'd like the city to resolve.

"It has helped me immensely" as an elected official, he said. "I have met so many people I probably would never have met as a result of



ABOVE: Boca Raton City Council member Andy Thomson addresses a group of volunteers at University Woodlands Park before they head out to pick up trash on Dec. 11.

LEFT: Jackson Gray, 6, found this bag that used to contain ice. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



being in their neighborhood."

The project is reminiscent of "Walkin' Lawton" Chiles' 1970 campaign for U.S. Senate, when the Lakeland politician walked 1,003 miles from Pensacola to Key West to meet everyday Floridians and promote his candidacy. He won the Senate seat and later served as Florida's governor.

Thomson's effort no longer is a solitary one. Some volunteers have been inspired to conduct independent cleanups.

"Once they start doing this, they realize your eyes can't not see the litter that's out there. You feel compelled to do something about it," he said.

As 2021 drew to a close, Thomson was joined by volunteers from Boca Save our Beaches and the environmental organization Waterway Advocates to clean up

neighborhoods near University Woodlands Park at 2501 St. Andrews Blvd.

"We are super-excited to work partner with (Thomson),"

said Boca Save our Beaches founder Jessica Gray. "All trash will eventually lead to the ocean," endangering wildlife.

About 18 volunteers showed up for the Dec. 11 cleanup, including Florida Atlantic University students Makayla Williams and Manoucheca Pierre, who could earn community service credit for participating.

"I felt I had to do something," Williams said.

Dylan Uttenreither, a 10th-grader at West Boca Raton Community High School, brought along his parents, Jennifer and Scott.

"We love to help," Jennifer Uttenreither said.

Ellen Gray, who participates in beach cleanups with Boca Save our Beaches, brought her

children, Jackson, 6, Julia 3, and Jane, 1, with the intention of "teaching our kids good things."

Jackson, who proved to be an expert with a trash-grabbing device, amassed a big haul after about 15 minutes of work — 14.5 pounds.

"I am so pleased," Gray said of her son's efforts.

In all, the volunteers collected 42.3 pounds of trash, including a car grille, styrofoam, old tennis balls, plastic water bottles and beer cans.

"Even in a city as beautiful as Boca, this stuff is out there," Thomson said as he thanked the group. "The best part is, you are demonstrating you care about our city." ★

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and others are having an effect.

For example, cases more than doubled in 2021 in which paramedics arrived after someone else had administered naloxone, whose brand names include Narcan, Delray Beach Fire Rescue documents show. That is medicine that can counter the potentially lethal effects of an opioid overdose.

Delray Beach paramedics used Narcan 118 times in 2021 through mid-December, compared to 161 times the full year before, records show. But people other than paramedics, sometimes denoted in records by the catch-all term “bystanders,” administered Narcan by the time paramedics arrived 100 times in 2021, compared to just 41 in 2020.

Delray Beach issues Narcan to police as well as fire-rescue responders. Records show city police used Narcan 70 times in 2021, Ciancio said. She said she did not have 2020 data at hand.

Even so, that would not account for all bystander interventions in 2021. Ciancio said community organizations have mounted a continuing push to educate and train people how to help.

For instance, about 50 people attended a public meeting at the Delray Beach Public Library on Dec. 1, where an overdose death occurred in the parking lot months earlier, officials said. The event offered naloxone training by members of the West Palm Beach-based group Rebel Recovery, whose website describes programs to offer peer support, reduce harm and assist people struggling with addiction to make “positive changes.”

‘Trial by fire’

At the same time, paramedics have been honing protocols to deal with fast-moving situations, said Sean Gibson, division chief of emergency medical services for Delray Beach Fire Rescue.

Responders have tried to calibrate carefully how much Narcan is needed to keep patients stable and breathing on their own, while assessing how much, if any, may have been administered before paramedics arrived, Gibson said. Too much too soon can leave people

Overdose deaths

Overdose deaths showed a downward trend in Palm Beach County in the first three quarters of 2021, according to figures from the Medical Examiner’s Office.

City	2020 complete	2020 through Sept. 30	2021 through Sept. 30
Boca Raton	76	67	48
Boynton Beach	71	58	44
Delray Beach	70	55	33

SOURCE: Palm Beach County Medical Examiner’s Office

startled, upset or resistant to treatment at a hospital, he said.

Facing a pandemic since early 2020 on top of overdose calls, “it was a trial by fire for a lot of new paramedics,” Gibson said. “It’s been a long row to hoe, I’ll say that. But I think we’ve got a good group of people who have weathered it despite all the adversity.”

Overdose deaths recorded by medical examiners can vary from counts by police and fire-rescue departments, which may have on-scene information for certain cases without access to final medical reports for all deaths. By just about any account, though, 2020 was a tough year.

Delray Beach Fire Rescue recorded 64 overdose deaths in 2020, rising from 35 in 2019 and 18 in 2018 before falling to 11 in 2021 through mid-December. Emergency calls for suspected overdoses declined to 161 in a not-quite-finished 2021, down from 244 in 2020, 213 in 2019 and 214 in 2018.

Complicated by coronavirus

The first part of 2020 was especially rugged. Delray Beach police logged a doubling of overdose fatalities, to 42 from 21, in the first seven months of 2020 compared to the same period a year earlier.

The early stages of the pandemic not only threatened lives and jobs, but also temporarily closed in-person meeting spaces for support and recovery groups. Many scrambled to meet through Zoom or other online methods.

In 2021, a common approach was a hybrid of the two, alternating between gathering in person and virtually, said one participant who asked not to be identified in a group that meets in southern Palm Beach County.

“Discussions in meetings are certainly less centered on

COVID than they were in 2020,” the participant said. A helpful thing for many has been “more intimate access to support in in-person meetings.”

In Boca Raton, city officials said overdose deaths tracked by responders rose from 15 in 2018 to 28 in 2019 and 32 in 2020 before falling to 13 as of Dec. 10, 2021.

Mayor Scott Singer said factors might be greater awareness of the potential hazards and greater proactivity by doctors and health care professionals to limit abuse.

First responders deserve credit, Singer said: “Because of intervention by our fire-rescue teams and police officers, they are able to actually save a number of lives.”

Deputy City Manager George Brown said the city has not changed its policy on how it responds to opioid cases. He speculated that police and fire-rescue might be getting calls sooner and so are able to administer Narcan or get people to the hospital more quickly.

Where deaths happen

Briny Breezes, Manalapan, Gulf Stream and Ocean Ridge do not appear as “injury” locations in overdose records from medical examiners, though they do fall within ZIP codes listed as death locations where no place of injury was identified. That happened in 11 cases in 2020 and 10 during the first nine months of 2021.

This does not mean residents of those towns were necessarily involved. A death location can be different from an injury location because someone was taken to a hospital, for example, officials noted. And sometimes examiners did not know or at least did not record a place of injury.

In another 21 cases in 2020 and nine through nine months of 2021, records listing only

a death location showed ZIP codes in or near Delray Beach, Boca Raton and Boynton Beach.

The records include what medical examiners classify as overdoses from all drugs and alcohol and, at least in this case, do not specify the specific substances causing death.

But other sources paint a stark picture of which drugs have been causing the deadliest outcomes.

Florida’s deadliest drug

The death toll from opioids rose a staggering 42% in Florida in 2020, a detailed analysis released in November by the state’s Medical Examiners Commission showed. That was 16.7 deaths a day from opioids as an official cause of death — the “highest total ever,” Palm Beach County State Attorney Dave Aronberg said.

And an average 2.6 of those opioid deaths happened each day in Palm Beach County. That included 1.6 per day in the county dying from the synthetic opioid fentanyl. It was Florida’s deadliest drug, accounting for more than twice as many direct fatalities statewide as any other single contender including cocaine, alcohol or methamphetamines.

Broward (611 deaths) and Palm Beach (572) counties led the state in deaths directly attributed to fentanyl in 2020. Fentanyl was present but not ruled the cause of death in another 62 cases in Palm Beach County.

Many people think of heroin when they hear the word opioids, but records tell an evolving story: Heroin-caused deaths fell by a third in Palm Beach County during 2020 to 138, the lowest total since 2014.

Opioids can come in many forms, including pills such as oxycodone. It is fentanyl, though, that wreaked unprecedented damage.

“Increasingly fentanyl, which is 100 times more powerful than morphine, is added surreptitiously to other illegally manufactured drugs to enhance their potency,” said John Hulick, senior program manager for the substance use disorders community service department of Palm Beach County. “While some drug users may be seeking out fentanyl, many may not have wanted to take it. Many people are dying without knowing what they are ingesting.”

A breakdown by age of the 572 fentanyl deaths in Palm Beach County in 2020 shows relatively few — 67, or less than 12% — involved people 25 years old or younger. Deaths occurred more frequently among people 26 to 34 years old (180), 35 to 50 (208) or older than 50 (117).



Narcan use rises

In 2021, an increasing number of Narcan doses were administered in Delray Beach to counter potential drug overdoses before Fire Rescue personnel arrived.

Provider	2020	2021*
Fire Rescue	161	118
Bystanders	41	100
Total	202	218

* Through mid-December
SOURCE: Delray Beach Fire Rescue

‘One death is too many’

Across Palm Beach County, “you’ll note the overdose deaths in 2021 are below 2020 and on par with the number of deaths experienced in 2019,” Hulick said. “My position is, while we prefer to see reductions and may never get to zero, one death is too many. The devastation of such experienced by families, friends and the community is enough to maintain that position.”

Reports late in 2021 showed the struggle is far from over. In October and November combined, overdose response calls tracked by Delray Beach police fell from 55 to 48 but deaths rose to 18, double the number in the same months a year earlier, Ciancio said.

October brought a 21-month peak for Palm Beach County Fire Rescue’s use of Narcan, according to records supplied by Hulick’s office. Reported fatal overdoses countywide reached a 2021 high of 70 in November, a total exceeded by only one month of 2020, though causes had yet to be confirmed by medical examiners in all cases.

Hulick spoke in Delray Beach at a September event that celebrated hard-won gains but also recognized how precarious progress can feel for people and families affected by addiction.

“Our work is not complete,” he said. “I am reminded of that day in and day out.” ★

Mary Hladky contributed to this story.

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Along the Coast

Opioid settlements, 'way less' than cost of crisis, get reluctant support

By Mary Hladky and Jane Smith

When a \$26 billion deal was reached in July that required the pharmaceutical industry to help pay for the opioid addiction and overdose crisis, a framework was established to get that money to thousands of communities that have borne the brunt of the problem.

Florida and its cities and counties are slated to receive as much as \$1.6 billion if the two settlements in the massive nationwide case against Johnson & Johnson and drug distributors Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen and McKesson are finalized.

That's an eye-popping amount. But as it is divvied up, each city's and county's share will fall far short of what the opioid epidemic has cost them.

In southeastern Palm Beach County, Boca Raton stands to get the biggest slice of that pie — a maximum of \$1.2 million paid out over 18 years.

Delray Beach, the epicenter of the crisis in the county, could see nearly \$900,000. Boynton Beach's cut could be \$783,000, according to allocations listed in the Florida Attorney General Office's opioid settlements portal.

Gulf Stream could get \$27,266; Highland Beach, \$83,070; Lantana, \$62,619; Manalapan, \$55,275; Ocean Ridge, \$32,671; and South Palm Beach, \$14,990. Briny Breezes' share is listed as \$8,323, but Town Attorney Trey Nazzaro told the council to expect about \$800 a year, which would be about \$14,400.

Palm Beach County would be entitled to about \$13 million.

"I think every single county is under the impression it was way less" than what each spent responding to the crisis, said Chief Assistant County Attorney David Ottey.

If the county had litigated the case on its own, "we would not be satisfied with that amount," he said.

Various organizations have pegged the epidemic's cost at many multiples of the settlement amounts. The Society of Actuaries found the costs in the U.S. were \$630 billion from 2015 through 2018 alone, the Associated Press has reported.

Delray Beach officials are especially aggrieved that their share is so small when their burden was so large, and that the city trails Boca Raton, which was not as severely affected by opioid overdoses and deaths.

Nevertheless, Delray Beach joined the state of Florida in agreeing to the settlements, as did Boca Raton and Boynton Beach ahead of the Jan. 2 deadline, rather than leave money on the table.

"It's super-disappointing to me to see actual figures when

they came through, knowing that our neighboring town is going to see more of those dollars," Mayor Shelly Petrolia said at a Dec. 7 meeting of the City Commission. "And I know that they did not have as huge a crisis as we did in Delray Beach."

"There was not an hour in a day (in 2016 and 2017) when we were walking outside that we didn't hear sirens running," she said. "Our police and our fire staff were on the front end. They looked like they were in a war, watching young people die in front of them. It was terrible on a daily basis."

Former Mayor Cary Glickstein, who led the city in 2016 when public safety officers responded to a record-high 690 overdoses and 65 fatalities and in 2018 when it filed a lawsuit that ultimately was rolled into the national litigation, also reacted with dismay.

"I think by any objective measure, the settlement is disappointing," he said in a Dec. 8 email to *The Coastal Star*. "Delray's portion of the settlement amount will do little to offset the addiction and mental health crises these drugs spawned by the defendants' collective negligence and callous disregard for human life."

He also faulted the metrics used to determine how much each local government would receive that favored Boca Raton over his city.

But Boca Raton Mayor Scott Singer indicated his city had no control over the metrics used, and noted that since population was one factor, his city stood to receive a larger amount.

The city and county metrics are based on population numbers adjusted for their proportionate share of the nationwide impact of the opioid epidemic. Factors include the amount of opioids shipped to the state, the number of opioid-related deaths and the number

of people who suffer opioid use disorder.

More than 500,000 have died from overdoses to prescription and illegal street opioids since 1999, according to federal data.

If the settlement agreements are finalized, the four companies would be bound by them. They would be released from all civil liability in the opioid epidemic and thousands of local governments and states would drop lawsuits against the companies.

But the agreements leave thousands of other lawsuits against many other defendants unresolved, including manufacturers, drugstore chains and smaller distributors. Many of those are negotiating their own deals, which could potentially bring more money to states, cities and counties.

After the agreements were reached, they went to states and their municipalities for formal approval. Most were expected to sign off on the proposals.

The Boca Raton City Council, for example, authorized City Manager Leif Ahnell to sign the settlement agreements on Nov. 23. Cities need not have filed a lawsuit to receive a payout, and Boca Raton and Boynton Beach were among those that chose not to do so.

The exact amount local governments get will be determined by how many of them sign on. The more that do, the more each state will receive. The states will then distribute the money to local governments.

Cities and counties will have numerous options on how they can spend the money. The settlements include approved uses for the funds that stretch over many pages, but generally revolve around opioid prevention, treatment and recovery services. ★

Joe Capozzi contributed to this story.

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South Palm Beach

Council may soon turn up volume on allowable noise levels in town

By Joe Capozzi

Council members are considering changes to the town code that would turn up the volume on allowable noise levels in South Palm Beach.

But peace-and-quiet advocates needn't worry: The Town Council doesn't intend to allow much more of a racket than most residents are already used to hearing.

The aim of the proposed

changes is to help accommodate condominium generators that kick on during power outages.

Many of those generators, as well as other machinery such as air-conditioning units and the town's generator and pump station, give off noise emissions that exceed 60 decibels, the current maximum allowed in the town code — with the exception of motor vehicles and lawn mowers.

"As a reference point, I am talking at 62 DBA," Town Manager Robert Kellogg, speaking through a microphone at Town Hall, told the council on Dec. 14. "So anybody giving a presentation is exceeding the town's decibel levels."

The town decided to look at revising the noise levels after the Concordia condominiums requested permission to install a new generator in the parking lot. That generator will emit 70 decibels when running at full power.

"I'm certain other generators in town at other condos exceed that 60 DBA" limit, Kellogg said. "Short of requiring additional muffling, buffering or screening on these generators, I don't know what the other solution would be."

He said a review of surrounding communities showed that "most have similar or lower DBAs than we do."

Kellogg will offer the commission a proposal of changes in January. Options may include allowing exemptions for certain uses at certain hours.

The proposed changes are being reviewed as the town is trying to address a complaint by a Concordia resident

about noise from the air-conditioning units at a condo next door to the north, The Barclay.

A special magistrate Dec. 22 ruled The Barclay was violating the town's noise ordinance and gave the condo until Jan. 25 to come into compliance.

"This is a tricky situation because I can just see Pandora's box being opened up because a complaint has been filed against The Barclay by a Concordia resident. Concordia wants a new generator. I don't think there's a good solution to this problem, to be honest with you," Kellogg said.

Changes to the town code might be the most viable solution.

"Technology has changed and generators are much quieter than they used to be, but they still would exceed the town's limit," Town Attorney Glen Torcivia said. "How can we approve a generator that we know is going to violate our code? 'Yes, you can do this, but we're going to ding you with a code citation?'"

Bill Ellis, president of the board of directors for the Concordia, said the new outside generator, which will replace a 40-year-old generator that "completely died," will

cost the condo about \$150,000 less than a generator that sits indoors.

The outdoor generator will run on natural gas, allowing the condo to "get rid of diesel fuel" that has been stored on site.

In other business, the council heard a 30-minute water quality presentation from Darrel J. Graziani, the assistant director for the West Palm Beach Public Utilities Department.

West Palm Beach supplies water to the town, and Graziani said the water is safe.

In June, Mayor Bonnie Fischer said the city needed to do a better job of notifying the town's water customers when problems arise. It took West Palm Beach officials about eight days in May to announce that the city's water had an unacceptably high level of the blue-green algae contaminant cylindrospermopsin and posed a risk to physically vulnerable customers.

Speaking to Graziani on Dec. 14, Fischer said: "I don't drink the water anyway, I have to be honest with you. ... West Palm Beach water has not touched my lips for 45 years. Not that I say drinking out of plastic is any better." ★

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Lantana

Little libraries provide new way of reaching young readers

By Ron Hayes

The Lantana Public Library is getting bigger.

And smaller.

As workers labor to complete an \$811,000 expansion to the library building at 205 W. Ocean Ave., director Kristine Kreidler is overseeing the installation of six small branch libraries all around town.

Very small branch libraries. Extremely small.

The Little Free Libraries are coming to Lantana. When the renovation is completed in March, the main library will be about 1,000 square feet larger, with a centralized circulation desk, special areas for children and teens, and a new meeting room where the former bank's drive-thru used to be.

By early January, however, a half dozen Little Free Libraries, colorfully painted wooden houses with doors and windows, will already have appeared, filled with books free for the taking.

Look for them at Maddock Park, Bicentennial Park, Municipal Beach Park, the Nature Preserve, McKinley Park on Hypoluxo Island, and the town's Recreation Center at 418 S. Dixie Highway, where the library is temporarily housed during construction.

"Take a book," passersby will be urged. "Leave a book."

The Little Free Libraries are being paid for by a \$3,000 grant obtained from the American Library Association by Lantana librarian Jane Smith.

The grant had been expected to pay for only the construction of the miniature libraries until Hypoluxo Island resident Gene Work volunteered to build them.

The painting was done by students from South Tech Academy and local elementary and middle schools.

"I painted the sailboat on the red box that's going in Bicentennial Park," Kreidler boasts, then pauses. "But we may hire a real artist."

With the libraries built and painted by volunteers, the entire grant will buy books to fill them. And because the libraries are little, top priority will go to books for little people.

"We'll have adult books, too," Kreidler is quick to note, "but all the studies agree on the importance of early access to books in a child's development. It's not easy for a lot of kids to walk to our library, so this is an easy access to encourage reading."

Original library was small

With the arrival of the Little Free Libraries, local historians will recall that the town's original library was also very little.

In 1947, the Lantana Woman's Club initiated today's library with a lending collection of 900 books, donated by the



Joseph Jean paints a scene of the Barefoot Mailman on a tiny library while library director Kristine Kreidler talks with Jonathan Simplicio, who takes a break from his painting. They were among volunteers building and painting the structures; a \$3,000 grant will buy books. The six libraries will go into town parks and the Recreation Center. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Society of the Four Arts in Palm Beach and housed in the Lantana Community Church on Oak Street.

By 1951, both the book collection and church membership had grown so large a new location was needed. The town (pop. 773) couldn't afford to build a library, and the Woman's Club couldn't afford to rent space.

Fortunately, there had been a hurricane.

A 1947 storm had destroyed the wooden bridge to Hypoluxo Island, and when a new, concrete bridge was built, the wooden bridge tender's house, which survived, was moved to a spot by the waterway.

In 1952, the Town Council leased that small house to the Woman's Club for \$1 a year, and again volunteers appeared to spruce up the house and build shelves and furniture.

Today's library building arrived in 1995, purchased by the town for \$226,000 after the Carteret Federal Savings and Loan succumbed to the financial crisis of the late 1980s.

The original bridge tender's house is now at Yesteryear Village at the South Florida Fairgrounds.

A global initiative

The international Little Free Library project grew from equally humble beginnings.

In 2009, a man named Todd Bol built a model of a one-room schoolhouse and stuck it on a post in the front yard of his Hudson, Wisconsin, home as a tribute to his mother, a schoolteacher who, of course, loved books.

Friends and neighbors wanted one. Bol built more.

When Rick Brooks of the University of Wisconsin at Madison saw Bol's miniature libraries, he brought a bigger idea to the little project.

In the early 20th century, multimillionaire Andrew

Carnegie — of Hall fame — had paid to build 2,508 free public libraries. Brooks and Bol decided they would try to establish 2,508 Little Libraries by the end of 2013.

They beat their goal by a year and a half, and today the Little Free Library organization (littlefreelibrary.org) boasts more than 100,000 LFLs all over the world.

Now six of them are in Lantana.

"I'm excited," Kreidler says. "We'd like people to bring back the book they take and donate one of their own books for others to enjoy, but you don't have to."

And she's not stopping there.

The library has already secured a state Library Services and Technology grant for \$50,000 to install a "radio frequency identification device" — a code reader that scans books for checkout or to find

misplaced titles on the shelves.

Kreidler would also like to establish a StoryWalk in the Nature Preserve, a series of 30 panels that tell a different story every month.

"And more little libraries, of course," she says. ★

Lantana librarian Jane Smith is a freelance contributor to The Coastal Star.

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Delray Beach

Jury's verdict swift as former manager loses case against city

By Jane Smith

Former City Manager Mark Lauzier lost his wrongful dismissal lawsuit against Delray Beach in a jury trial that ended before 2 p.m. Dec. 16.

Lauzier was seeking \$248,659 in severance for five months of pay and benefits, seven months of paid leave and 12 months of health insurance benefits, his attorney, Isidro "Sid" Garcia, said in closing arguments that morning in Palm Beach County Circuit Court.

"We are disappointed in the outcome and believe there are numerous grounds for appeal of court rulings that impacted the verdict," Garcia wrote in

a text message the next day. "We are considering appellate options."

Delray Beach Mayor Shelly Petrolia was happy the taxpayers would not have to pay Lauzier anything.

"We will seek attorneys' fees for the city," she said.

The mayor did not know the amount spent on the more than 2-year-old lawsuit.

Petrolia, who testified as a witness, attended the closing "to show the jury that the city cared about the case."

The judge instructed the jury about 11:50 a.m. and the jury reached a unanimous verdict less than two hours later, including time to eat lunch.

City commissioners unanimously fired Lauzier on March 1, 2019, after 16 months on the job. He filed a two-count lawsuit against the city on April 29 that year.

The first count, for whistleblower protection, was tossed out by a different Circuit Court judge on Nov. 18, 2019.

Lauzier had claimed the mayor fired him in retaliation for his denying her voucher for airplane tickets for herself and one of her sons to Tallahassee. (Petrolia said she was tending to family problems and forgot to reimburse the city for her son's airline ticket.)

Shortly after Lauzier was hired in November 2017 he rewrote the city's personnel manual so that it favored his choices. He did not update the City Charter or alert the mayor, as was required, according to a city audit.

Julia Davidyan, the city's internal auditor, also found that Lauzier hired inexperienced staff at high salaries and promoted his assistant to an assistant city

manager position when she did not have the required experience. Davidyan also was a witness at the trial.

City commissioners received her report in late February 2019. Commissioner Ryan Boylston met with Lauzier on Feb. 26, 2019.

But Boylston was not satisfied with Lauzier's answers and wanted to call the commission together to discuss the auditor's concerns. City policy, though, allows only the city manager and mayor to call a meeting.

Boylston then reached the city attorney, who called the mayor to let her know that a colleague wanted to hold a special meeting. The city attorney explained why, and the mayor agreed to call the meeting. Boylston also testified in the case.

Six weeks before Lauzier was

fired he received a 4% raise, Garcia told the jury, trying to bolster the claim that Lauzier was wrongfully fired.

But Garcia did not say the vote was 3-2 with Petrolia and Commissioner Shirley Johnson against giving Lauzier a raise.

At an annual salary of \$244,000, Lauzier was then the highest-paid Delray Beach employee.

He is now the budget manager for St. Lucie County government in Fort Pierce.

Delray Beach commissioners also fired Lauzier's successor, George Gretsas, after five months on the job. Terrence Moore was named city manager in August, becoming Delray Beach's fifth city manager in eight years. ★



Lauzier

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"We are disappointed in the outcome and believe there are numerous grounds for appeal of court rulings that impacted the verdict," Garcia wrote in

Road repairs will close part of Bush Blvd. for two weeks

By Jane Smith

One block of George Bush Boulevard, between Northeast Sixth and Northeast Seventh avenues, will close completely starting Jan. 3 through Jan. 17, the Delray Beach Public Works director said at the Dec. 14 City Commission meeting.

Contractors will make utility repairs and improve the drainage, Missie Barletto said.

Motorists, cyclists and pedestrians traveling west on George Bush Boulevard will follow this detour: Turn south on Northeast Seventh Avenue, then west on Northeast Seventh Street to Northeast Sixth Avenue, then north on Northeast Sixth to George Bush Boulevard.

Those traveling east will be directed to take this path: Turn south on Northeast Fifth Avenue to Northeast Seventh Street, turn east on Northeast Seventh Street to Northeast Seventh Avenue, then north on Northeast Seventh Avenue to return to George Bush Boulevard.

The \$2 million of improvements to George Bush Boulevard, from Northeast Second Avenue to A1A, started in July and are estimated to end in summer 2023.

The Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency is paying for the work, which includes milling and resurfacing the road with utilities and drainage improvements, 5-foot sidewalks and bike lanes.

The work does not include improvements to the steel grate bascule bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway.

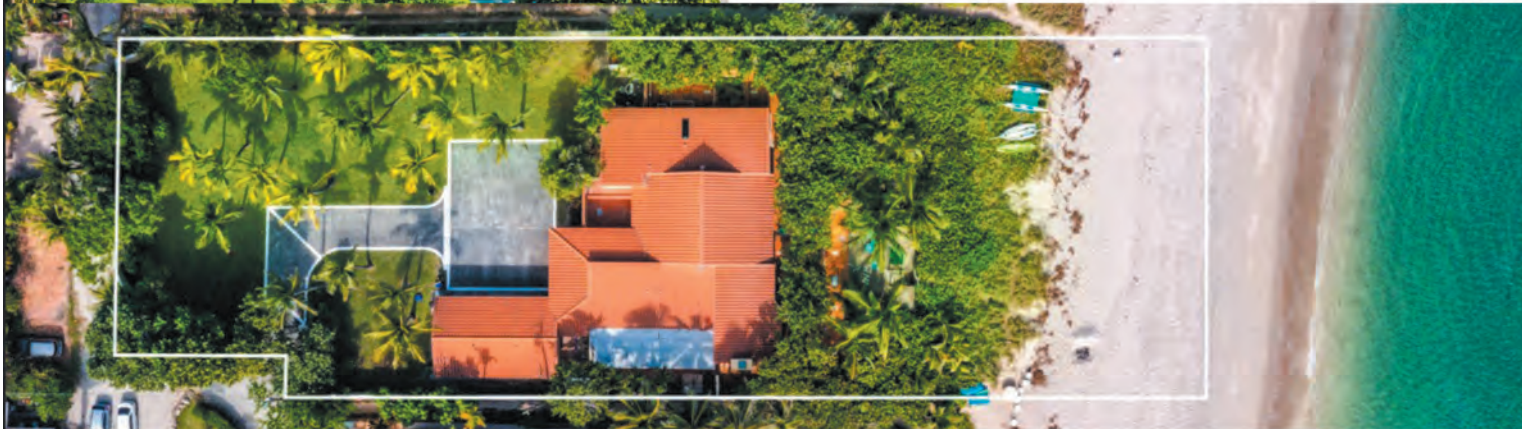
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Highland Beach

January event to highlight proposed charter changes for voters

By Rich Pollack

Highland Beach voters will have a chance to learn more about five proposed charter changes — all of which could have a long-term impact on how the town operates — prior to casting their ballots on March 8.

A food truck event at Town Hall on Jan. 6 will kick off an educational campaign designed to ensure voters are aware of the proposed changes and have an opportunity to ask questions of town leaders.

Voters who go to the polls will weigh in on issues ranging from increasing the town's spending cap from \$350,000 to slightly over \$1 million to allowing commissioners to increase their salaries by no more than 5% a year, rather than leaving that decision up to residents.

Voters also will be deciding on a proposal that would adjust commission term limits by allowing a third three-year term instead of just two in a single seat and limiting commissioners to a total of 12 consecutive years in any elected

position.

In what amounts to a housekeeping issue, voters will also be asked to eliminate a clause in the Town Charter that requires a commissioner signature on every town check.

Another key issue on the ballot will give voters the ability to accept or reject changes in managerial control of the police department, proposed new fire department or water facility to another government agency.

In essence that measure would make it impossible for a town commission to turn over operation of the new fire department, for example, to Palm Beach County Fire Rescue without approval from voters.

During a meeting last month commissioners had a lengthy discussion about the proposed change allowing commission salaries to be changed by ordinance rather than by referendum. While they all agreed to put the issue on the ballot, the discussion centered on whether there should be a cap and just how much that cap should be.

"We have to put in a number

but remember we're dealing with salaries of \$1,000 a month," said Commissioner John Shoemaker.

Commissioners are paid \$12,000 a year, while the mayor receives \$15,000 a year — rates that haven't changed since 2004.

Mayor Doug Hillman pointed out that any changes would not just affect the current commission but would apply to future commissions until the issue was brought back to voters.

Hillman also reminded commissioners that "we have to come up with a number that we believe the voters will approve."

In the end, commissioners agreed to ask voters to let commissions determine their salaries but with an increase of no more than 5% a year.

Their decision to bring the issue to the voters comes after a volunteer charter review board recommended adjusting salaries by ordinance rather than by a vote of residents.

"While there was concern about a future 'rogue' commission overstepping reasonable salary limits, the

majority of the board felt the electorate would have enough control at the ballot box to serve as a restraint against such actions," said Barry Donaldson, who chaired the committee.

"So, in the end we recommended the commissioners be trusted to set their own salaries by ordinance, answerable to the sentiment of the voters during elections."

He said the committee felt the issue of a cap would be better addressed by commissioners.

Earlier in 2021, commissioners approved a recommendation from the town's Financial Advisory Board that would have increased the salaries commissioners receive by 20% and then added annual cost-of-living increases.

Before that could take effect, however, the town discovered that changes to commission salaries currently must be approved by voters. That led to bringing the issue before the charter review board, the commission and ultimately the voters.

While the commission was unanimous in agreeing to the 5% annual limit, it did not reach full agreement on language centered on raising the spending cap.

While four members agreed to raise the spending limit by 5% of the town's total budget, Commissioner Peggy Gossett-Seidman dissented, saying she felt a cap based on a "hard" number would have a better chance of getting voter approval.

"I truly believe residents will not understand the 5%," she said.

Recognizing that the issues may be complicated, commissioners plan to send out six mailings before election day, including one on each issue as well as a voter guide.

Commissioners will also be available at a second food truck event on Feb. 10, and a "Coffee With the Mayor" will be held on Jan. 18.

The town will have a separate page on its website devoted to the proposed charter changes with additional information on each of the events. ★

Six condominiums in first wave of recertification notices

By Rich Pollack

Armed with newly minted building recertification requirements drafted following the collapse of Surfside's Champlain Towers South, Highland Beach's building department has begun notifying a handful of condominium associations and others of when they must file a detailed inspection report with the town.

Last month, Building

Official Jeff Remas sent letters to six of the town's oldest buildings informing them of the town's new recertification ordinance and letting them know the due date — within 365 days from receipt of the letter — to file reports from specialized threshold inspectors and electrical engineers.

Under the carefully crafted ordinance adopted in November, buildings that are more than three stories or

50 feet in height are required to have a recertification inspection when the building reaches 25 years old.

Buildings that are 40 years old and older are required to be inspected every seven years and buildings that are more than 25 years old are required to be inspected every 10 years.

Two of the buildings that have already received notice of deadlines will have until January 2023 to file an inspection report, two others will have until February of that year and two more until March 2023.

Deadlines for the remaining 44 buildings requiring inspections will be staggered, with two associations a month needing to file reports on the identified deadline date.

"Our goal is to make sure property owners have adequate time to turn in their paperwork," Remas said.

A little more than half of the 50 buildings are 40 years old or more.

Highland Beach's ordinance put the responsibility for inspections on individual condominiums, requiring them to hire qualified inspectors who

must complete the detailed report and file it with the town.

The report requirements will focus specifically on critical and major deficiencies impacting safety and will not address cosmetic issues.

"Our ordinance makes for a safer community because the requirements are solely about safety," Remas said.

The timing for when identified issues should be addressed will be determined by the inspectors.

"It is up to the engineers and inspectors to say if immediate attention is needed," Remas told town commissioners during a meeting in October. "They are the ones who determine the condition of the building."

While the town's role will be largely administrative, the ordinance allows the building official to ensure that buildings meet the recommendations of the inspectors within the time line specified in the report.

"This requires them to follow through after the inspection," Remas said, adding that failure to meet recommendations from inspectors was identified as an issue at Champlain Towers.

According to Highland Beach Town Manager Marshall Labadie, any violations, including failure to submit reports in a timely manner, will be handled through the town's code enforcement process.

While all buildings will be given at least a year to file inspection reports, Remas says condominiums can file reports from recent inspections as long as all of the requirements are addressed.

In addition to his letter — which was sent by certified mail and hand-delivered — Remas has included a summary of the town's recertification ordinance, listing some but not all of the requirements.

The letter also asks associations to encourage their engineers to register with the town as a certified threshold inspector in order to help Highland Beach develop a list that can be available to other buildings.

Remas said it is imperative that inspectors and engineers read the ordinance — available on the town's website — and contact him with any questions. ★



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Along the Coast

Boca-Highland condo group expands to Delray

By Rich Pollack

For almost four decades, officers and managers of condos east of Federal Highway in Boca Raton and Highland Beach met regularly to share information and to listen to key speakers on topics that affect them all.

Now, with the collapse of Surfside's 12-story Champlain Towers South in June still on the minds of many and with recertification regulations coming down the road in some communities, the Beach Condo Association of Boca Raton and Highland Beach is expanding to welcome representatives from condos in Delray Beach east of Federal Highway.

"Our organization is about community and this is about neighbors helping neighbors," said Emily Gentile, the association's president. "It's about courtesy and kindness to our neighbors in Palm Beach County."

The association meets for an hour and a half the third

Tuesday of every month from October through April. It focuses on sharing information on topics that are common and of interest to most associations.

During past meetings, members have discussed a wide range of issues from crosswalks on State Road A1A to beach erosion and storm protection. They have shared ideas about security, maintenance and repairs and even staffing.

In addition, the association offers board certification classes and other continuing education classes that are useful to condominium leaders and managers.

"Meeting board members from other buildings is always helpful," said Janet Friedman, a vice president on the board of Villa Costa, a 36-unit building in Highland Beach. "We always have a common problem or question and I can either get information or possibly give information to a fellow board member with something we at Villa Costa have faced in the

past."

Friedman says she goes to meetings to keep up with changes to relevant legislation on the state and local levels and to work with others on important issues.

"It is always good to collaborate with others that have the same interests," she said.

Joanne Chester, president of the board of the 55-unit Mayfair of Boca Raton, agrees about the value of swapping ideas.

"Just hearing stories of what other buildings are doing is priceless information," she said.

Now, Gentile says, there is a great focus on structural integrity and recertification of buildings, topics with lots to learn that can often be confusing.

"Recertification is an issue that requires a lot of education," Gentile said. "We want our neighbors to know what we know."

With that in mind, the Beach Condo Association in November held a Recertification

Experts Panel meeting on Zoom featuring building officials, code enforcement officers, two structural engineers, an electrical engineer and structural contractors. Members had an opportunity to learn more about ordinances passed by Boca Raton and Highland Beach relating to recertification and to get an idea of how certification requirements will be rolled out.

Condo board members and managers also now have a better understanding of the structural and electrical issues facing buildings — especially those on the barrier island — and what inspectors will look for.

"We have a lot more to come," Gentile said. "We're pulling out all the stops to educate our members and give them all the information they need."

Future meetings, she said, will include related topics including how the Champlain Towers collapse will impact insurance. The association also plans to hold a meeting focused on financial issues with banks and other institutions, discussing what options are available should condo associations need to finance major structural or electrical repairs.

Annual dues for the Beach Condo Association of Boca Raton and Highland Beach are \$150 per building. Meetings are open to condo association officers and committee chairs as well as managers. Meetings are hosted at different condominiums along the coast.★

More information is available at <https://beachcondoassociation.com>

Sugar Sand carousel closed for repairs

By Steve Plunkett

The carousel at Sugar Sand Park — popular with young children and grandchildren — is closed for at least three months while waiting for replacement metal poles to secure the horses and chariot benches.

Briann Harms, executive director of the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District, which operates the park, told district commissioners on Dec. 20 that "severe deterioration" was discovered the previous week "in a lot of the equipment and gearboxes" and she shut down the ride.

"We don't have a quote ... specifically on how much it's going to cost, but we know it's going to be a pretty healthy sum," she said.

Commissioners authorized Harms to spend up to \$100,000 for new parts and to issue a request for proposals for the actual repair work. Harms predicted that work could cost around \$150,000.

"The carousel has been around since 2005, so it's given us a lot of life," she said.

The parts will take three months to arrive from the Wichita, Kansas, manufacturer and should add 10 to 15 years of use to the carousel, Harms said.

"A replacement carousel is anywhere from \$1 million to \$1.5 million," she said.

Commissioners decided back in October to seek bids for a qualified person or firm to undertake restorative work and ongoing maintenance for the carousel. A consultant



The carousel, which opened in 2005, will be closed for at least three months. Photo provided

hired to develop the scope of the project found the ride was no longer safe.

The carousel, which normally operates every

day, features 30 jumping horses and two wheelchair-accessible benches that look like chariots. Rides are \$1 per person. ★

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Gulf Stream

Commission takes dim view of proposed 2-story home in town core

By Steve Plunkett

Town commissioners bounced back plans for a two-story home on a cove off the Intracoastal Waterway as too big, telling the advisory Architectural Review and Planning Board to revisit the structure's overall massing. Also criticized at the Dec. 10 meeting were applicants James and Nadia Davis' requests for a special exception to the backyard setback, the design

of the master suite and east side of the house facing the cove, landscaping and choice of window frame color. Mayor Scott Morgan led the charge against the home at 588 Banyan Road in the town's core district. "I just looked at the photograph of the proposed residence and it takes up a good chunk of the property. And frankly, in my opinion there's an overwhelming massing to this house," Morgan said.

The mayor wanted reasons for a special exception to be granted "outside of the desire to move the home further south to expand the size of the building." Architect Benjamin Schreier said the house already was well under what Gulf Stream's rules require. The first floor was designed to be 8,699 square feet instead of the permitted 8,720 and the second floor was 2,625 square feet instead of 3,031. Also, the height of the second-story roof was 28 feet 10 inches, well below the permitted 35 feet. That, the design's Anglo Caribbean style and "the way that the massing has been broken down so there's a village-like character to it rather than one big block" made it qualify for approval, he said. "Really?" Morgan responded. "You think this meets the characteristic of a small village which is the definition of the core district's character?"

Schreier also argued that he had consciously tried to limit the size of the home. "First of all, in terms of its massiveness we are a full 6 feet below the allowable height," he said. "I know we've been very sensitive to what might appear as mass." But the mayor fretted that "we're seeing this more and more as people are building new homes. They're going bigger and bigger." Morgan said the plan lacked a village feel. "This is a very large house that's seeking even additional setback variance to put a large home on a lot that's going to be visible to every other home in that cove," Morgan said. The current allowable size of the house was partly the result of a previous decision the commission made, Commissioner Joan Orthwein said.

The Davises bought the property for \$4.5 million in April 2018. They soon asked the town to abandon a 2,500-square-foot right-of-way on Banyan Road that jutted into their peninsular parcel. "We have no current plans to build a new house, so any theoretical benefit in setbacks or buildable square footage is option value, at best, to us," they advised the town in November 2020. Town Manager Greg Dunham advised commissioners then that abandoning the right-of-way would add 500 square feet to the maximum allowable first floor, making the total 8,720 square feet instead of 8,220 square feet. Commissioners approved the abandonment in December 2020 after the Davises paid a \$200,000 "privilege fee" patterned after a similar procedure in Palm Beach.



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790 Andrews Ave, I103	3/3.1	3,600	\$1,295,000
86 MacFarlane Dr, 10G	2/2.1	1,486	\$1,100,000
220 MacFarlane Dr S-1106	2/2	1,760	\$1,091,000
790 Andrews Ave, A101	2/2	2,099	\$1,050,000
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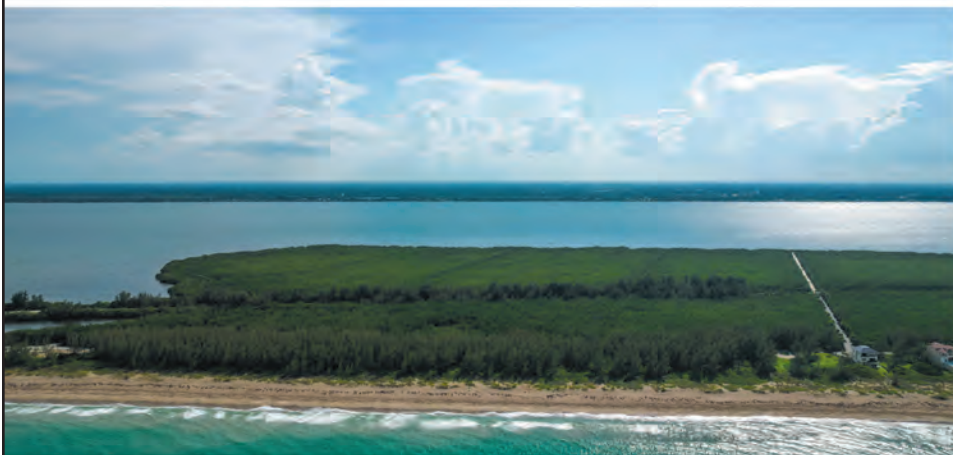
"We created this, by the way, when we sold off that piece to Mr. Davis," Orthwein said at the Dec. 10, 2021, meeting. Also at the meeting, Bill Boardman, a 17-year resident on the east side of Polo Drive, noted that the Davises' existing home has only one story. "The roof really in most places is no higher than the surrounding trees. You can barely see the house." A disappointed Schreier said the ARPB had approved and even complimented his proposed design. "This is completely unanticipated," he said. But Morgan was steadfast in his desire to protect the core's quaint nature. "You see what happens in Delray ... you've seen our neighboring towns, what's happened to them," Morgan said. "Manalapan's a perfect example. I think it's already gone." The mayor said Gulf Stream's design manual outweighed the town's numerical rules for construction at the site. "I don't think it's consistent with the district definition ... which requires us to consider the characteristics. It mandates that we consider them, and I think we need to consider them," he said. "This is an opportunity to refocus the town on that which is preserving its overall character, which means preserving the neighborhood characteristics," he added. Later in the meeting commissioners discussed what changes could be made to encourage building one-story homes and discourage two-story proposals. Among the suggestions: making the front setback deeper for two-story structures, pushing them farther from the street. Commissioner Paul Lyons said with higher finished-floor elevations now required, side setbacks should also be examined to protect the backyard privacy of neighbors. ★



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Kevin Anderson

It's been close to a decade since Kevin Anderson and his wife, Kelsey, settled in Gulf Stream, soon after he won his first ATP title outside his native South Africa at the 2012 Delray Beach Open.

The memory of hoisting that trophy has not faded.

"I remember that tournament very well," Anderson said. "Really good matches, and it was a very meaningful event for me. (Winning) doesn't happen every week.

"At the time I'd actually moved here, and it's where I train, so winning the tournament gave a little extra meaning to it," he said.

Anderson, 35, has compiled an impressive résumé since turning pro in 2007. He has a 76-47 record in majors, reached the finals of the 2017 U.S. Open and 2018 Wimbledon, and attained a career-high No. 5 world ranking in July 2018, becoming the first South African to reach the top five since Kevin Curren in 1985.

Those numbers might be even better if not for three of his contemporaries in what has often been called the golden age of tennis. He's the same age as Rafael Nadal, one year older than Novak Djokovic and five younger than Roger Federer. The big three have won 20 Grand Slam titles each.

"That's been tough," Anderson admitted. "The two Grand Slam finals I played in were against one of those guys. They have so much experience, so it wasn't easy. It's been quite remarkable what they've been able to do.

"In some ways it's been tough, but they've also been able to grow the sport, so it's a bit of a curse and a blessing."

Wimbledon 2018 was one of the highlights of Anderson's career. He came back from two sets down to beat Federer in the quarterfinals, winning the final set 13-11, then beat John Isner 26-24 in the fifth set before losing to Djokovic in the final.

"The opportunity to play and come up on top of him was a great memory, a great experience," Anderson said of the Federer match. "That hasn't always been the case."

Anderson got a life-altering experience when Kelsey, whom Anderson met when they were athletes at the University of Illinois, gave birth to their daughter, Keira, in September 2019.

"It sort of exaggerates the difference between life on and off the court," he said. "On the court I've always been motivated, so there's no big change there.

"But it's more about coming home and spending time with Keira and my wife, having this different responsibility. That's the biggest change. I'm going to be in Australia now and away for a month, but it's part of the job. So, you get used to FaceTime and all that."

After struggling with injuries in recent years, Anderson said he had "a



Kevin Anderson of Gulf Stream says time away from tennis is more important since his 2-year-old daughter, Keira, was born. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

good offseason" of training and was optimistic as he headed out in December for this month's Australian Open. His world ranking stood at No. 80.

"Getting healthy is the difference between practicing and competing in terms of the strength and the body," he said, "but all I can do is prepare the best I can."

— 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 Johannesburg, South Africa. I attended St. Stithians high school. I moved to the United States in 2005 and went to the University of Illinois on a tennis scholarship. This, combined with my travels for tennis which took me around the world, really allowed me to interact with so many different people and experience different cultures. I think one of the main areas this influenced me is being able to relate to many kinds of people.

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

A: My whole life has been dedicated to tennis. From the time I was a little kid my dreams and aspirations were to be a professional tennis player. I never pursued any other type of profession. My most proud accomplishment would be making the finals of Wimbledon in 2018, reaching my career-high ranking of 5 in the world, and representing South Africa in the Olympic Games.

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

A: You have to work hard, believe in yourself and be patient. Anything that is worth achieving takes a lot of work, there is no substitute for putting in the hours in your chosen field. You have to believe in your abilities and believe in your goals. Surround yourself with people who share in your dreams and support you. There will always be people who will try to dissuade you, but you need to confidently

quiet their voices. Lastly, the road to success is always up and down. You have to remain patient and learn from both the positive and negative experiences.

Q: How did you choose to make your home in Gulf Stream?

A: Delray is host to the ATP 250 event hosted at the Delray Tennis Center in February. I played this event a couple times so it brought me to Delray Beach. My wife was born in West Palm Beach so she knew the area. We came down to spend the Fourth of July weekend in 2012 and really liked so many things about Delray Beach. We bought a condo nearby in Gulf Stream and moved here in the beginning of 2013.

Q: What is your favorite part about living in Gulf Stream?

A: I love being near the small-town beach feel that Delray Beach and this area offers; great restaurants, family-owned businesses, fun local events all really add to the feel. The beach and the outdoor weather all year long also is something that I really like. Lastly, as the years have gone on we have gotten to know more and more people. Many share the same love for the area and we have connected well with the wonderful people who call this area home.

Q: What book are you reading now?

A: I am reading a series of books called *The Stormlight Archive*. I really enjoy fantasy books and this is one of the best series I have read.

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

A: I really enjoy classical music — at the end of the day I'll often find a Spotify playlist that goes over some of the old great classical music pieces. When I want something more upbeat I like listening to classic rock.

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

A: My dad coached me from the time I started playing tennis. But more than just tennis he taught me the value of hard work, sacrifice and pushing yourself to be the best you can be. This mind-set has really shaped my life's journey so far.

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

A: One of my favorite actors is Matt Damon, so that would be my choice.

Q: Who/what makes you laugh?

A: I'm a big Ricky Gervais fan; he makes me laugh every time I watch or re-watch him. I have a pretty dry sense of humor at times, so a well-timed sarcastic joke will get a smile out of me.



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Hypoluxo Island

Rainstorm produces one of worst floods in islanders' memories

By Mary Thurwachter

After a heavy downpour early on Dec. 19, residents of Hypoluxo Island awakened to flooded garages and roads turned to rivers.

Town officials were up early to survey the area.

One of the first on the scene was Lantana Council member Mark Zeitler, who left his car at his mainland home, opting for his 1978 Dodge truck to better navigate swampy streets.

"I don't remember seeing the water this high before," said Zeitler, who grew up in Lantana. "I had a paper route on the island in the '70s and I don't remember anything like this."

How deep was the water?

Ken Hilgendorf gauged it by walking on the street in front of his North Atlantic Drive home.

"I'm 6-4 and the water was up around my knees, so about 2 feet," he said. The water crept up to the edge of his garage. "A little more rain and it would have been inside," he said. His neighbor's garage did flood.

The deluge wasn't any less on South Atlantic Drive, where street signs alerted motorists to flooding and "no wake zones" and a few cars around Beach Curve Road near McKinley Park had to be towed. The island has been plagued with flooding for decades and the town has done extensive drain, sewer and road improvements over the years.

Islander Michelle Donahue said on Facebook: "Wow!! Crazy flooding in Hypoluxo Island today."

Town Manager Brian Raducci sent a message to residents later in the day: "Apparently, we received four inches of rain between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. That in combination with high tide and a full moon has created the flooding issues that we are experiencing."

"All systems appear to be working properly at this time, but it will take some time for them to catch up. ... Hopefully we won't get any more rain today so we may dry out a little bit."

Floodwaters were down after



ABOVE: A Dec. 19 rainstorm flooded roads on Hypoluxo Island, including near McKinley Park around Southeast Atlantic Drive and Beach Curve Road, where the town put up a sign to warn drivers. **Photo provided by Media Beverly**

RIGHT: The flooding, a result of about 4 inches of rain and high tides, inundated portions of North Atlantic Drive, where the water drained after several hours. **Photo provided**

several hours on North Atlantic Drive, but took another day on South Atlantic. The damage was mostly the cleanup required for some garages, streets and lawns.

Lantana Operations Director Eddie Crockett weighed in via email to *The Coastal Star*: "There was a significant amount of flooding on Hypoluxo Island and in other parts of the town. We received about four inches of rain in a short period of time which overwhelmed the capacity of our stormwater infrastructure."

"The pumps on the island functioned at full capacity for about seven hours. We responded and continued those efforts throughout Sunday."

Crockett said stormwater systems are maintained weekly

and during and after each rain event. "The island experiences similar events of this magnitude several times a year."

But some islanders thought this time was more severe.

"Have lived here 35 years and this is the worst I have seen, and I was here before the pumping system on Beach Curve/park was installed," Gretel Andrea Babkie wrote on Facebook. "I believe the increased building of larger homes, loss of foliage and homes being built higher also contribute."

Before his tour of the island, Zeitler visited the Sea Pines neighborhood, which is known to have flooding problems. That area fared much better, he said. "It drained down so fast. That made me happy." ★



Briny Breezes

By Joe Capozzi

Briny Breezes is about to replace all 69 light fixtures in town with new energy-efficient LED lights.

The Town Council on Dec. 9 approved a plan to have Florida Power & Light replace the fixtures sometime in 2022.

The new fixtures, part of a green energy initiative by the utility, won't cost the town a penny.

They're expected to lower the town's electrical costs to FPL by \$500 or \$600 a year.

"It's a savings and it's an

upgrade aesthetically," Town Manager William Thrasher said.

When the work would start was not worked out. But Thrasher said he would ask FPL to begin in April at the earliest at the request of Council President Sue Thaler.

"We've had so much going on with road construction and the water line project. I really would like a chance personally to just enjoy the property," she said.

The project will include three new fixtures on Old Ocean Boulevard that will meet regulations protecting sea turtles.

In other business:

• Mayor Gene Adams told the council he'd like to serve another term, even though he was disqualified from the March 8 election because of a paperwork error.

"Thank you, Gene. I think that's reassuring to people who thought you didn't want to be the mayor any more," Thaler said in jest.

Since no one filed to challenge incumbents Kathy Gross and Christina Adams, the election was canceled. But under city charter rules, the council must decide at its first meeting

after the date of the election whether to appoint Adams or another candidate as mayor. His term expires March 8.

If the council fails to take action at that meeting, the town will have to hold a special election.

One resident clapped in support of Adams, and Ocean Ridge Mayor Kristine de Haseth, who also attended the meeting, told the council she hopes Adams returns as mayor.

• Ocean Ridge will continue to provide police services to Briny Breezes for three more years. Briny Breezes' three-year

police contract expired Sept. 30, but the town agreed to exercise a three-year option.

For each of those next three years, Briny will pay Ocean Ridge \$196,690, \$202,591 and \$208,668 for police service. Under the current contract, Briny is paying \$190,962 this year and it paid \$185,400 the prior year and \$180,000 the year before that.

• The council voted to spend up to \$7,000 to have an attorney draft revisions to the town's land uses that would allow alternative housing styles. ★

Along the Coast

'Twas the holiday season

We may not have snow or even much chilly weather, but in classic South Florida form, we celebrate the holidays.

RIGHT: The Boynton Beach/Delray Beach boat parade on Dec. 10 had dozens of entries, including this one with Santa's ship being led by a red-nosed dolphin.



RIGHT: Members of Sunshine Junkanoo perform in Boca Raton's 50th annual Christmas Street Parade held on Dec. 8. The parade's theme was 'What Are You Streaming?' The event featured more than 50 floats and groups that entertained viewers, bringing dance, lights and song to Federal Highway in downtown Boca. Judges for the evening were Joanna Marie Kaye, executive director of Festival of the Arts Boca; Cary Roman, founder of LivingFla.com; and Shayne Wright, sports director at WPBF-TV.



Photos by Tim Stepien, Rachel S. O'Hara and Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star



ABOVE: The Seagate neighborhood in Delray Beach held a holiday gathering at its designated Cocktail Corner on Dec. 12, featuring an Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest and Holiday Golf Cart Parade. Several of the contestants dance and display their sweaters to voters and neighbors in a sometimes offbeat celebration. **TOP RIGHT:** Commissioner Martin Wiescholak dressed as Rudolph and Richard Hurwitz as Santa greet residents during Ocean Ridge's second annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade on Dec. 11. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Ace, 2, and Kona, 5, are dressed in their finest ugly sweaters for the Dog Friendly Ugly Sweater Contest put on by the nonprofit Salty Dog Paddle surf brand and Death or Glory bar on Nov. 28 in Delray Beach. Their owners, John Wagner and Amanda Merrigan of Lake Worth Beach, saw the event advertised and were excited to get into the holiday spirit with their dogs.

Along the Coast

Iguanas are a growing hazard for coastal golf courses



The orange-and-gray iguanas are the primary breeders in the colonies often found along the coast, according to exterminator Keith Shepherd.

By Brian Biggane

Tony Chateauvert, head pro and manager of the Palm Beach Par-3 golf course on State Road A1A, says he has spent \$1,500 each of the last two years — and figures he'll do the same in 2022 — to curtail the iguana population on his course.

"The guy comes out in the morning, shoots them out of the trees, they come tumbling down, and we put them on the menu Tuesdays and Fridays," he said.

Chateauvert was joking, but the absence of any killing cold weather in recent years and iguanas' desire to live near fresh water have meant the invasive reptiles are an increasing headache for golf courses on the barrier island.

"They're so proficient at procreating, and they get bigger and bigger," Chateauvert said. "They're not aggressive, they don't bite people, but they do have salmonella, and they burrow under the sea wall, which is a problem. They also burrow under the banks of the pond, which creates erosion."

Jason Holmes, who oversees the par-3 course at Red Reef Park for the city of Boca Raton, says iguanas are "becoming an issue we have to deal with."

"We haven't hired anybody to address it, but we are seeing an increased number of them, and all that goes along with it. One of the biggest problems we have is they do some burrowing, which causes some issues for the golf course."



Although iguanas do not attack or generally disturb golfers, they eat plants and damage the ground with their burrowing.

Glen Terranova, superintendent at St. Andrews Club, which like the other two courses has several holes along the Intracoastal Waterway, said that's not the only damage iguanas inflict.

"They eat the hibiscus flowers ... and really any plant they can find," he said. "They don't mess with oleanders, because they could be poisonous, but hibiscus, they eat all the flowers."

The hibiscus "is one of their favorites," Holmes said. "We notice the damage more there because it's an ornamental flower."

Keith Shepherd, who hunts iguanas in his time away from

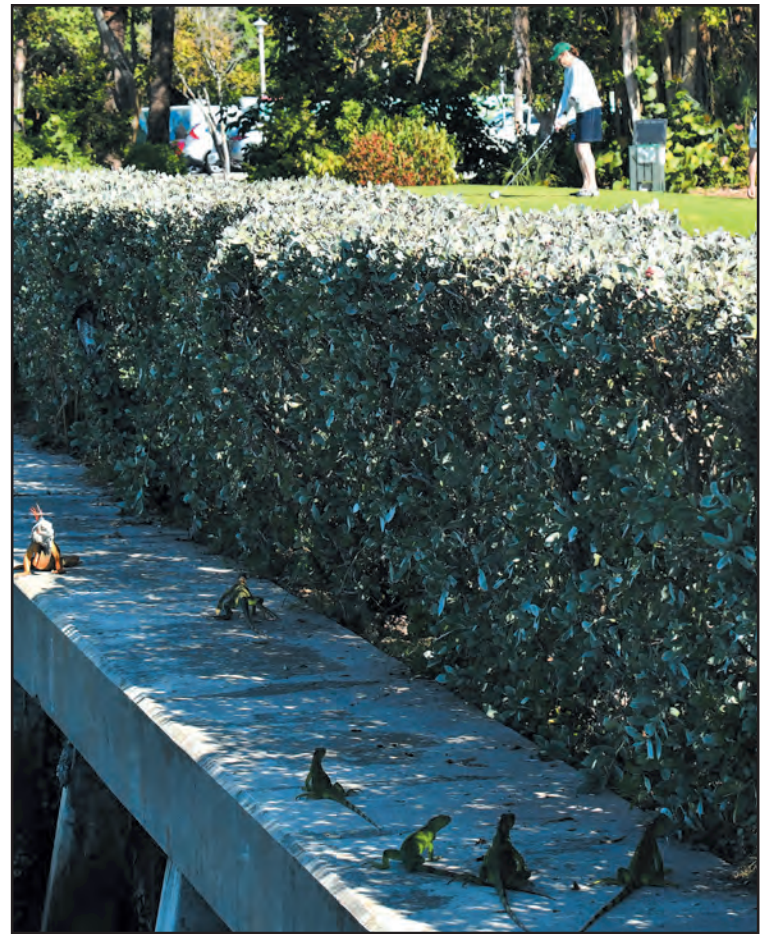
his full-time job as a coastal police officer, has yet to be summoned by a golf course but has customers whose homes are alongside them.

"They do a lot of damage," said Shepherd, whose business, Ten-Seven Iguana Removal, refers to the police code for off-duty. "They burrow into the banks, and the biggest complaint I get is the poop. It's like having a bunch of small dogs running around pooping everywhere."

Chateauvert and groundskeeper Tim Campbell have hired Enviroscapes Plus, a landscaping company from Plantation, to address their problem. Owner Johnny Cannon said he's used a pellet gun to harvest about 100 iguanas from the course over two days each of the last two years.

Chateauvert's course attracts a number of tourists, and he's seen their attitude toward the reptiles change quickly.

"It starts out with, 'Oh, the cute iguanas,' and they take pictures of them. Then it's, 'Oh, look at the size of 'em,' and 'They're all over the place.' They mostly run away from humans, but the big ones sort of lie there.



The sea wall along the parking lot and the first hole at Red Reef Park's par-3 course in Boca Raton is home to dozens of iguanas that sun themselves on the concrete and eat grass.



Keith Shepherd, owner of Ten-Seven Iguana Removal. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

"They're nasty looking."

Shepherd said the orange-and-gray variety, which can grow up to several feet long, are more destructive as they eat more and poop more.

"They're the breeders," he said. "And they have territories. From my experience you'll see an orange one every four or five houses. You shoot one and there's another waiting to take over the territory."

He said three half-hour roundups a few days apart will typically cut the numbers significantly.

But the iguanas are smart. "They get used to people hunting them," Shepherd said. "Their first defense is to hold still. Sometimes you feel like you're being watched, and then you spot them standing 20 feet away."

"I have a diesel truck and after three or four visits they'll start running before I get out, so I have to park down the street and walk up."

Terranova said he hasn't gone to what he considers the "extreme" of buying a gun — Shepherd uses a pellet gun with .177 ammunition — or calling in outside help yet out of consideration for his members,

many of whom live in condos overlooking the course.

"A lot of members just like them," he said. "They're not moving their golf balls, they're not running in front of them, they're not disturbing them yet. I do have people who say they don't want hibiscus plants because the flowers disappear. So that could be an issue as time goes on."

Holmes, who said he's been on the job only about six months, said he's considering taking the Red Reef situation to the Boca City Council and that hiring a contractor could be in the offing.

"We have not taken the steps to address it at this point," he said. "But that's probably not far off."

The one phenomenon that could make a difference is a sub-freezing cold snap, though it's been years since South Florida has experienced one.

Cold slows the blood of these cold-blooded reptiles, eventually leading to death.

"I hope it freezes in January, goes down to 28 degrees for two days," Chateauvert said. "That would do it." ★

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Ocean Ridge

Town may simplify code policy with option for fines to replace hearings

By Joe Capozzi

Town commissioners have endorsed a plan to enhance Ocean Ridge's code enforcement procedures with a new approach aimed at encouraging voluntary compliance with the town code.

If the measure is passed on second reading in early 2022, the Code Enforcement section of the town code would be renamed the Community Standards section and would include a new option for residents and visitors to comply with common violations by paying a fine similar to a parking ticket.

"What we're doing is trying to create some efficiencies and effectiveness," Town Attorney Christy Goddeau said Dec. 6 before the Town Commission unanimously approved the plan on first reading.

The Community Standards officers would be able to issue

citations for such common violations as overgrown grass and illegal parking.

"The citation would become a parking ticket and the person in violation can pay it, comply with the violation and that closes the matter," she said. "This will alleviate need to go before a special magistrate for a hearing and will cut expenses for hearings and allow violations to proceed quickly."

Goddeau served with Town Manager Tracey Stevens, Police Chief Richard Jones and Building Official Durrani Guy on a committee that drafted the changes after "limitations that were found through enforcement of some recent cases," according to a memo.

Warnings issued by the Community Standards officers will be tracked by the Police Department. Violators will be given a chance to correct violations before enforcement actions proceed.

"It is streamlining not only for residents but for the town and hopefully reducing costs of bringing someone into compliance," Mayor Kristine de Haseth said of the process. "It gives them the opportunity to just pay a ticket rather than have to pay to go in front of a magistrate."

A fee schedule for violations will be presented before the commission takes a final vote on the plan.

"Code enforcement is not going away. Rather than take enforcement action against a resident, we want to see voluntary compliance," Chief Jones said.

"The words 'code enforcement' just sounds like you are targeting enforcement rather than working with the community to meet the standards that have been developed by the community," he said.

"I think it's a great idea,"

Vice Mayor Susan Hurlburt said.

In other business:

- Although construction has begun on a new marina at Ocean Inlet Park, plans to reroute the dredging pipeline at the park will be delayed again for nearly a year because of contractual and permitting issues, Stevens said. Palm Beach County, which is in charge of the so-called jack and bore project, is now targeting the work next winter from November 2022 to February 2023.

- The commission approved a \$31,000 contract with Engenuity Group for a survey of the underground utility pipes in town. The survey, to be paid for with federal American Rescue Plan Act money, may take up to two months to complete. But it's a necessary first step before Ocean Ridge can replace aging potable water pipes on the north end of town.

Discussion about that contract prompted Commissioner Martin Wiescholak to ask the town to consider installing new sewer pipes when the water pipes are replaced. That way, he said the town could avoid having to tear up the road again in five or 10 years. The town is preparing to convert from septic to sewer, but that project is years away.

"I wish we could be more proactive about the septic-to-sewer conversion and start the progress of at least getting our engineering in place so we know what we can do and if we have these projects, stick a pipe into the ground we don't have to open those roads a second time. It's cost saving," he said.

- Commissioners approved a \$65,551 contract with Enterprise Fleet Management to lease four cars for town use, three for the Police Department and one for the Building Department. ★

Ocean Ridge dropped as defendant in lawsuit against police

By Steve Plunkett

A federal judge has dismissed six counts of former Ocean Ridge Vice Mayor Richard Lucibella's police brutality lawsuit — including two specifically targeting the town — but ruled his claim that police officers illegally entered his backyard will be decided by a jury.

"Taking Plaintiff's allegations as true, Defendants have not met their burden at this stage to show the existence of exigent circumstances sufficient to justify ... the warrantless entry onto Plaintiff's curtilage," U.S. District Judge Aileen M. Cannon wrote in her Nov. 23 order.

Jurors will also consider two more counts that defense attorneys left out of their motion to dismiss — whether officers Richard Ermeri and Nubia Plesnik battered Lucibella as they arrested him on Oct. 22, 2016, and whether they used excessive force.

The "exigent circumstances" exception, Cannon wrote, applies "when there is a compelling need for official action but no time for law enforcement to secure a warrant, and it includes situations involving ... 'the need to protect or preserve life' in an emergency situation."

Case law defines curtilage, she said, as "an area near and closely associated with the home; at the founding, it was considered part of the house for Fourth Amendment purposes" protecting citizens against unreasonable searches.

Cannon scheduled the trial for March 28 at the federal courthouse in Fort Pierce.

Meanwhile a separate civil lawsuit filed by Plesnik, who has

married and is now known as Nubia Savino, is set for a jury trial in Palm Beach County Circuit Court in May. The police officer alleges Lucibella battered her during the arrest.

Lucibella filed his lawsuit against Ermeri, Plesnik and the town on Oct. 20, 2020, in the Circuit Court. Because he alleged Fourth Amendment violations the defendants quickly had the case transferred to the U.S. District Court.

The lawsuit centers on Lucibella's arrest five years ago. Plesnik, Ermeri and Sgt. William Hallahan, who has since retired, went to Lucibella's home that night after neighbors reported hearing gunfire. They confiscated a .40-caliber handgun and found five spent shell casings on the patio.

One of the officers' supervisors, Lt. Steven Wohlfiel, was with Lucibella; police later determined the handgun belonged to him.

During the arrest, Lucibella was pinned to the patio pavers and suffered injuries to his face and ribs. Before he was taken to the ground he forcefully poked Ermeri's chest with his finger.

He was charged in state court with battery on a police officer and resisting the officer with violence, both felonies, as well as a misdemeanor count of using a firearm while under the influence of alcohol. The firearm charge was dropped at the beginning of the criminal trial; on Feb. 1, 2019, the jury found Lucibella not guilty of the felonies but guilty of the lesser included offense of misdemeanor simple battery.

Plaintiff's conviction a factor

In her ruling in federal court, Cannon said because Lucibella was convicted of simple battery he could not pursue two counts

of false arrest against Ermeri and Plesnik. In fact, she wrote, Lucibella in another filing had conceded that the conviction barred the false arrest claims.

Cannon also dismissed two counts of malicious prosecution against the officers, again partly because of the battery conviction and because Lucibella was not the victim of a Fourth Amendment-protected unreasonable seizure.

Ocean Ridge Police Chief Richard Jones said he understood Cannon's dismissal of the claims against the town to mean the town is no longer separately liable to pay damages.

"The ruling further allows the town's insurance carrier

to actually go after Lucibella to collect legal fees paid by the town. At this time, those fees are estimated to exceed \$150,000," Jones said.

The case against Ermeri and Plesnik remains ongoing, he noted. "The town is currently defending the officers since it does not appear that they did anything wrong in this case," Jones said.

The two counts against Ocean Ridge alleged that the town contributed to malicious prosecution of Lucibella through the actions of then-Police Chief Hal Hutchins by failing to train, investigate or discipline Plesnik and Ermeri, and that the officers used excessive force against him

while acting for the town.

Cannon used similar reasoning to dismiss the malicious prosecution claim against the town as she did for the claim against the officers, "because Plaintiff does not allege a seizure pursuant to legal process under the Fourth Amendment."

The judge also ruled that Lucibella's excessive force claim against the town "appears to allege ... liability based on a failure to train theory, but Plaintiff's allegations are devoid of any facts to support such a theory."

Cannon set a deadline of Dec. 29 for the parties to file all pretrial motions. ★

League of Cities general membership meeting

Benvenuto restaurant, Boynton Beach — Nov. 24



After the Palm Beach County League of Cities concluded business, it recognized several past presidents for their service. "Once a year, we try to honor the people who have served as past presidents," Executive Director Richard Radcliffe said. "They helped us out, so we like to bring them back to say thanks." ABOVE: In front row with Radcliffe (l-r) are Mayor Anne Gerwig, Wellington; Mayor Bev Smith, Palm Springs; Retha Lowe, former commissioner of Lake Worth Beach; and councilman Jeff Hmara, Royal Palm Beach. In back row are Ike Robinson, former commissioner of West Palm Beach; Dave Stewart, former mayor of Lantana; Lisa Tropepe, former commissioner of Palm Beach Shores; and Mayor Steve Wilson of Belle Glade. Photo provided

Highland Beach/Delray Beach

Town disputes year-end cost adjustment from Delray fire service

By Rich Pollack

As Highland Beach moves forward with plans to create its own fire department and split from neighboring Delray Beach, the two municipalities continue to squabble over money.

The newest disagreement is centered on a Nov. 29 notice Delray Beach sent saying that Highland Beach owed the city \$121,514 as a result of a "true-up," which compares actual costs to projected costs.

The town pays Delray Beach to staff a town-owned fire station on State Road A1A within the town limits, but that arrangement is set to expire in May 2025.

In a letter to Highland Beach, Delray Finance Director John Lege noted that the projected cost for fiscal year

2021 was \$4,657,148 but when all the numbers were in, the bill came to \$4,778,662, meaning Highland Beach owes the \$121,514 difference.

Highland Beach leaders disagree and are questioning the methodology Delray Beach used to calculate the true-up, which they say is different from the methodology Highland Beach used.

Town leaders hope the issue can be resolved.

"Our people are meeting with Delray Beach to get a better understanding of the details that comprise the calculation of the true-up," Mayor Doug Hillman said.

Town Manager Marshall Labadie called it "a minor impasse" and said "hopefully we can come to some understanding."

Most of the difference

between the projected and actual costs comes in the areas of salaries and overtime. Salaries, according to the true-up, were just shy of \$79,000 more than projected, while overtime was about \$37,300 more than projected.

The true-up also showed that pension costs were higher than projected by about \$52,000 while actual operating costs were \$62,000 lower than expected.

Overall, with the true-up included, Highland Beach has been billed \$4.78 million, or about \$306,000 more than in the previous fiscal year.

A comparison of true-up statements from Delray Beach show that Highland Beach was charged \$3.72 million for fire service in fiscal 2017, about \$1 million less than it is being charged now, four years later.

Delray Beach officials say the increase is a reflection of higher costs, especially when it comes to pension costs and health insurance premiums.

The substantial increase in costs, and a concern that prices would continue to rise, were among the reasons Highland Beach commissioners voted to break away from Delray Beach and start their own department.

While charges from Delray continue to be examined, Highland Beach is moving ahead quickly in the process of starting its own fire department.

Last month commissioners heard an update from Labadie and two consultants on the progress the town is making.

"Everything is going as well as we had hoped and in some cases even better," he said.

Commissioners also had a chance to review the plans for renovation of the fire station. Town leaders say the expansion is needed because they intend to have two fire trucks and two rescue wagons housed in the station as opposed to the one of each currently there.

The renovations, expected to cost about \$5 million, are part of an overall estimated \$10 million start-up expense voters overwhelmingly approved in November.

Commissioners appear to be pleased with how the overall plan is unfolding.

"I'm really happy with the progress we're making with the fire department," Commissioner Evalyn David said. ★

Lantana

Council votes to give town employees bonuses of up to \$2,000

By Mary Thurwachter

The holidays became a bit merrier for general employees of the town of Lantana in December after the Town Council voted to gift them one-time bonuses of up to \$2,000 and 1.5% salary increases.

The bonuses and salary

increases are in addition to the 2.6% cost-of-living raises and merit raises up to 5% that were approved and applied on Oct. 1.

Finance Director Stephen Kaplan said the money was given to recognize and compensate employees "who performed under exceptional or stressful circumstances"

through the pandemic and who "continue to excel despite the ongoing challenges presented during fiscal year 2021 and beyond."

Police Department employees received similar perks in October, the result of a collective bargaining agreement. Mayor Robert Hagerty, a former

commander with the Police Department, requested the staff bring back a similar plan for general employees. Kaplan said the exact amounts depended on how long employees worked for the town, whether they had decent evaluations, and the number of hours they worked.

"This is long overdue; our employees work hard for us every day," said Hagerty, who, along with Vice Mayor Malcolm Balfour, attended the Dec. 13 meeting by phone.

Costs for the one-time payment and 1.5% salary adjustment are about \$110,000 and \$55,000, respectively.

Kaplan said that since these costs were not considered in the 2021-2022 original budget, funding will be provided at the midyear budget amendment in April. "At that time, either excess revenues or reserve funds will be utilized, providing the offsetting funding source," he said.

In another matter, the council voted 3-2 to change the council meeting start times from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. starting with the first meeting in January.

Town Clerk Kathleen Dominguez said staff requested the time change to make more efficient use of everyone's time.

"It also decreases the block of time that citizens and employees have to wait for the meeting to start after finishing their workday, which is generally

about 5 p.m.," she said.

Media Beverly, longtime council-watcher and a candidate in the March election, said she polled residents on their preference for starting time and they wanted to keep it at 7 p.m.

"I'm retired and can come anytime but those who work need a little time between work and meetings," she said.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Karen Lythgoe said she had talked to residents who all seemed to prefer starting meetings earlier.

Beverly suggested compromising with a start time of 6:30 p.m., but that suggestion failed to gain traction.

Hagerty, Lythgoe and Lynn Moorhouse voted in favor of the time change. Mark Zeitler and Balfour dissented.

In other action, the town:

- Voted to add former council member Ed Shropshire as an alternate member of the planning commission. Shropshire, who is a candidate for council in the March election, received votes from Hagerty, Moorhouse and Lythgoe. Zeitler and Balfour supported the other applicant, Patricia Towle, a real estate agent who lives on Hypoluxo Island.

- Honored Detective Brian Gibson as the Police Department's Officer of the Quarter. Gibson was recognized for his extensive investigation of online child exploitation. ★

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Boca Raton

Brightline station project underway with work on parking garage

By Mary Hladky

Two years after ecstatic City Council members approved a deal that allowed Brightline to build a Boca Raton train station, construction has begun.

Brightline announced on Dec. 21 that it has started work on a 4.5-story, 455-space parking garage on city-owned land along the Florida

East Coast Railway tracks immediately east of the Downtown Library.

The company expects station construction will begin in early 2022 after it signs a construction contract. All work is projected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2022.

Construction is starting about a year later than anticipated in part because of

the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, which forced the high-speed train company to halt passenger service in March 2020. Service resumed in November.

Another reason for the delay is that Brightline and the city sought, and later received, a \$16.3 million U.S. Department of Transportation grant to help pay for the station and garage.

Brightline will pay \$20 million of the station cost, and the city will spend \$9.9 million on the garage.

“The community of Boca Raton has shown great enthusiasm and support for this station which we believe is vital to the connectivity of the communities from Miami to Orlando,” Brian Kronberg, Brightline’s vice president of development, said in a

statement.

Mayor Scott Singer said the station would bring riders to cultural, dining and shopping attractions in the city.

“So many residents and businesses have discussed how Brightline will be a game changer for Boca Raton,” he said. “We can’t wait to say ‘all aboard in Boca Raton!’” ★



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Delray Beach

City pays fine, publishes admission of neglect in water program

By Jane Smith

After a failed legal maneuver to water down the strength of its public notice, the city of Delray Beach admitted on Dec. 3 that its Utilities Department had failed to inform the public for about 12 years that drinking water might be unsafe.

Since 2008 — when the city first started its reclaimed water program — through Feb. 4, 2020, when the program was shut down, the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County insisted the city admit to four failures:

The city failed to inspect that its distribution system was protected from hazards; to ensure backflow preventers were installed at each reclaimed water site; to evaluate each location for cross connections and backflow preventers, and to conduct initial and follow-up inspections and investigate customer complaints.

The city's outside counsel, Fred Aschauer, wanted to publish only two items "to provide clear, easy language for the general public." He wanted to list only failures to conduct inspections to ensure adequate backflow prevention was installed on all properties when a customer connects to reclaimed water; and to have a dedicated employee conducting initial and follow-up inspections, testing and complaint investigations.

The Health Department did not back down.

As a result, the city published the public notice on its website on the Utilities Department page on Dec. 3. Two days later, Dec. 5, the notice was published as a legal ad in the *South Florida Sun Sentinel* newspaper that covers southern Palm Beach County.

Delray Beach has been operating under a consent order with the Health Department since Dec. 1. That legal agreement between the two parties covers the city's reclaimed water program. Reclaimed water is highly treated wastewater that is

Time line of settlement with state and deadlines

A time line of events along with deadlines Delray Beach must meet or risk being fined \$5,000 per day for each violation by the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County:

- On Nov. 9, city commissioners approved the consent order with the Health Department, agreeing to pay a \$1 million fine for violations in its reclaimed water program and \$21,193.90 for costs and expenses of the Health Department's investigation.
- On Nov. 15, the Health Department set up a "corrective action" table to track the deadlines listed in the consent order.
- On Dec. 1, the clerk in the Tallahassee office of the Health Department recorded the agreement that started the clock on the following deadlines:
 - **Dec. 30:** City to submit a public notice about its failure to implement a cross-connection/backflow prevention program and within 10 days of the public notice, submit a certificate of delivery of publication to the Health Department. Both completed on Dec. 3.
 - **Dec. 30:** City to pay the \$1 million fine and \$21,193.90 for costs and expenses of the investigation. Done on Dec. 7.
 - **April 10, 2022:** Publish the violations in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2021 Consumer Confidence Report.
 - **May 29, 2022:** Complete or begin the installation at seven properties that still need backflow devices. Five are on the barrier island.
 - **Dec. 1, 2024:** Ensure all reclaimed water customers comply with statewide rules and provide the Health Department quarterly progress reports that are needed starting Feb. 28, 2022.

Source: Public records from Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County

suitable only for lawn irrigation, not for human and pet consumption.

The city used contractors to install the system, including the 581 backflow preventers that stop reclaimed water from flowing into the drinking water supply.

The reclaimed water problems became public on Jan. 2, 2020, when a South Ocean Boulevard resident notified the Health Department she was not properly informed of a cross connection found on her street in December 2018. A cross connection occurs when reclaimed water pipes are wrongly connected to the drinking water lines.

The city has spent a total of more than \$1 million to inspect each of its reclaimed water locations and add backflow preventers when needed.

On Dec. 7, the city hand-delivered a check to the Health Department, as required in the consent order. The check

covered the \$1 million civil fine and \$21,193.90 for costs and expenses of the Health Department's investigation.

The Health Department also has set up a "corrective action" table to track the deadlines outlined in the consent order, according to an internal email of Nov. 15.

Some Delray Beach residents have written the city asking for an investigation of who's to blame for the missing backflow devices and the lack of records.

But City Manager Terrence Moore does not want to do that. He wants to keep moving forward and stop the drain on city coffers that fees to attorneys and consultants create, he told *The Coastal Star*.

"After signing the consent order, I want the city to focus on meeting the deadlines," Moore said, referring to three years of deadlines in the consent order relating to quality control, so the city can avoid further fines. ★

Gulf Stream/Delray Beach

Seasonal water pressure woes return to condo

By Rich Pollack

The water was flowing out of the faucets just fine at Jim Gammon and Margo Stahl-Gammon's top-floor Gulfstream Shores condo for a few months as the summer rains came down.

But when the storms stopped and snowbirds flocked back to their Florida roosts, the steady stream of water used to take baths and make coffee was once again reduced to a trickle — if that — during early morning hours.

For the Gammons and others in the four-story, 54-unit oceanfront condo, the hope of having adequate water pressure that blossomed in the spring has once again dried up with the end of the rainy season and the coming of winter.

"Things were flowing better for a while," Margo Stahl-Gammon said. "Then after several weeks of no rain, it became unbearable and the problem extended to all floors."

Now the frustrated condo residents — who say they have been with low and no water pressure in the early morning hours off and on for several years — hope the new city manager in Delray Beach, which provides water to Gulf Stream, can rescue them.

Several members of the condo association's board sent a letter to Terrence Moore on Dec. 9 asking for help in determining if the water Gulf Stream receives from Delray has high enough pressure to prevent problems in their building, at the northern end of town.

"We request monitoring and evaluation of the pressure and flow to ensure it is adequate to the meet the needs of the town (which includes our building) at all hours," they wrote.

Although Delray Beach spokeswoman Gina Carter pointed out that the city is not contractually required to maintain a specific water pressure in Gulf Stream, she said residents most likely will have a chance to discuss the problem directly with Delray's city manager.

"Mr. Moore is always eager to hear directly from residents/customers when a concern is raised," Carter said.

Details remain to be worked out.

Monitoring of the water pressure at the interconnect — the point at the south end of Gulf Stream and the north end of Delray Beach where city and town pipes come together — has not been possible, but Town Manager Greg Dunham says that may not be the case for much longer. He believes a new meter is being installed at the interconnect that can monitor pressure of water coming into Gulf Stream.

For Gulfstream Shores residents, that information could confirm — or refute — suspicions that the source of their problem may be Delray Beach's aging water treatment plant off Southwest Fourth Street.

"We still believe something is going on at Fourth Street that is causing a drop in our water pressure in the early morning hours," said Harvey Baumgarten, a member of the Gulfstream Shores board of directors.

Another contributing factor to the low water pressure could be overwatering of landscaping during those hours.

When the condo residents raised concerns last spring, Dunham and town leaders dispatched police officers to monitor lawn sprinklers and ensure that they were being used in compliance with town restrictions, which allow irrigation only on alternating days based on odd or even addresses.

That effort, which included notifying homeowners of over-irrigating, led to some relief for Gulfstream Shores.

"We're continuing to make observations of the watering habits of our residents and if we need to, we'll be having discussions with those responsible for irrigation," Dunham said.

For their part, leaders of the Gulfstream Shores Owners Association are looking into the possibility of putting in booster pumps and making improvements to the interior pipes of the almost 50-year-old building.

That could cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000, according to some estimates, Baumgarten said.

"We could take it upon ourselves, but the question is why are we still having a problem," he said. ★



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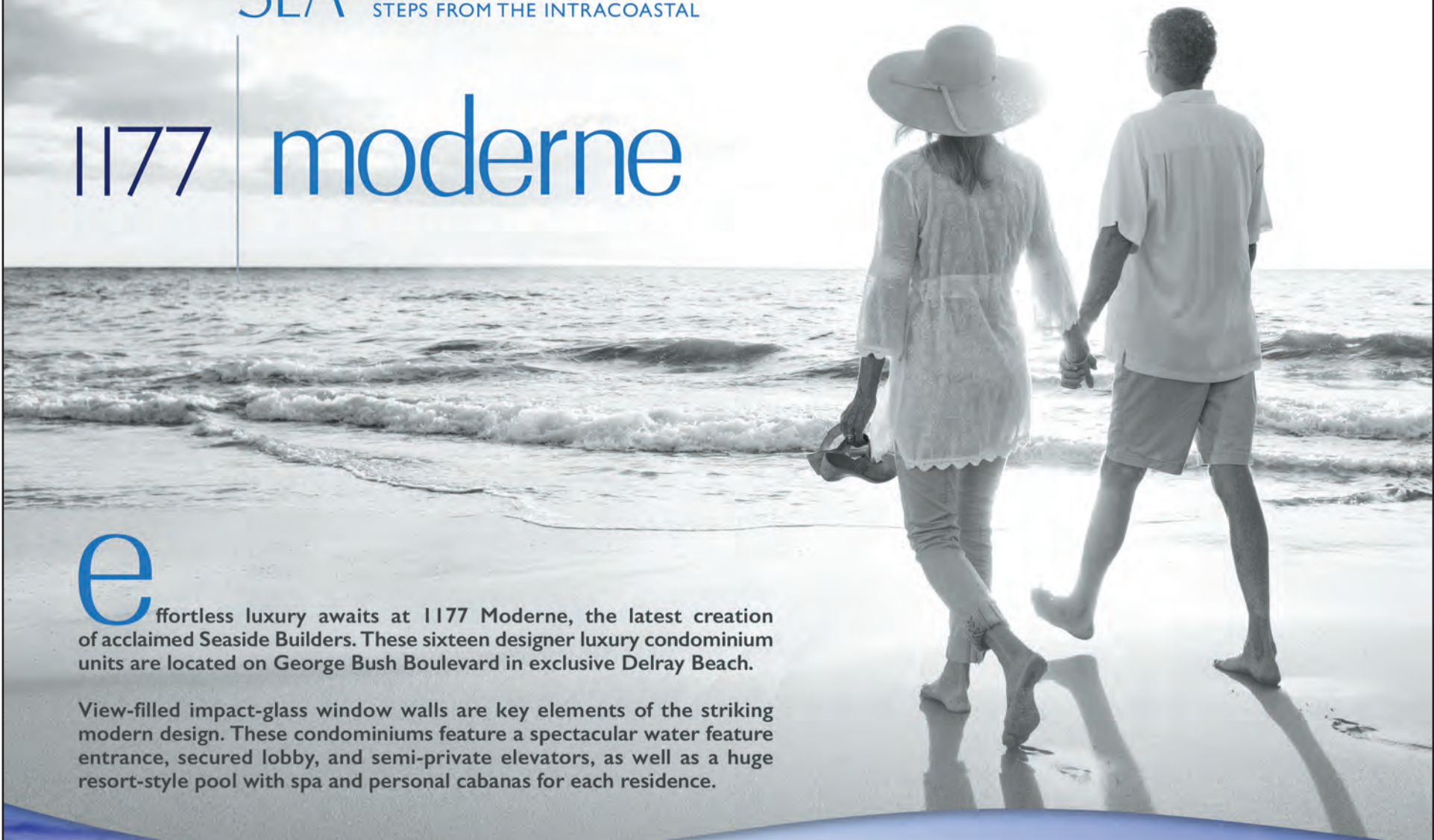


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Obituaries

Anne Gibb

By Rich Pollack

GULF STREAM — Even after her retirement in 2004, Anne Gibb remained one of Gulf Stream School's most beloved educators.



"Everyone adored her," said Barbara Backer, whose now-grown children attended the school and who remained close

to the former school leader. "She held us all to a standard even higher than what we envisioned for ourselves."

Now the Gulf Stream School community is mourning the loss of the longtime teacher and administrator known to most simply as Miss Gibb, who died on Christmas Day. The former English teacher, who served as the head of school for 14 years, was 90 years old.

Described by those who knew her as firm but caring and exceptionally dedicated, Miss Gibb spent 32 years — and touched the lives of thousands of children and parents — at the school.

"She really shaped every kid who went through that school," said Barbara Crocker, a former president of the board of trustees, whose three children attended the school during the Gibb years. "She made an indelible mark on who they are."

A sixth- and eighth-grade English teacher who quoted Shakespeare and Dickens with ease, Miss Gibb is remembered mostly for her ability to bring out the best in people.

"She was an amazing woman who made you stand taller," said Crocker, who worked closely with Miss Gibb while serving as a trustee. "When you went to see Miss Gibb, you were always on your best behavior, whether you were a student or a

grandparent."

Other parents recall Miss Gibb's evident kindness — from her handwritten thank-you notes to the annual tea parties she held for first-graders.

Miss Gibb was a champion of respect for everyone and someone who made sure her young charges gave their all — in the classroom, on the athletic field or in the community.

"She held you to your very best behavior with a twinkle in her eye," Backer said.

Originally from Scotland, Miss Gibb retained a bit of an accent as well as a touch of European propriety. Conversations were laced with words such as "laddie" and "lassie" and "wee."

"She was a female Mr. Chips," said Judy Wilson, who along with her husband, Ned, taught with Miss Gibb for many years. Both agreed that Miss Gibb was a natural when it came to teaching.

"She was one of the five best teachers I've come across," Ned Wilson said. "She was a fabulous teacher as well as a dear friend."

For former students like Casey Wilson — Ned and Judy's son who is the school's longtime director of development — Miss Gibb's classroom was a place where children honed their respect for learning and for one another.

"You liked learning when you were in her classroom," he said.

Wilson described Miss Gibb as the quintessential independent school headmistress whose kindness was unparalleled.

"She saw and cultivated the good in people," he said.

Retired English teacher David Winans, in his book *The Little School by the Sea*, credited Miss Gibb's leadership success as head of school to several factors, including her love of the

school and of her job, her ability to listen well, her attention to detail and her strong work ethic.

"She always referred to Gulf Stream School as her family and home," Winans said. "She often mentioned it at Founders Day when she gave headmistress remarks."

Winans said that when he was first hired he was told to sit in on Miss Gibb's class so he could see the way she taught. "She held the bar high and the kids responded to it," he said.

Throughout her tenure as headmistress, Miss Gibb continued to have a presence in the classroom, sharing her love of literature and, of course, proper grammar.

"I think it's important for heads of school to teach," she told *The Coastal Star* in 2013.

Miss Gibb believed it was important that students did well both in the classroom and in life.

"I liked the children to have a good education but I also liked them to be ladies and gentlemen," she said during a 2013 interview prior to the school's 75th anniversary.

Underscoring that philosophy was a banner that hung in front of her classroom that said: "Kindness is spoken here."

Following her retirement in 2004, Miss Gibb always felt part of the Gulf Stream School family.

"It gives one an enormous sense of pride and pleasure to be able to say you were associated with Gulf Stream School," she said in 2004.

That Miss Gibb died on Christmas Day seemed fitting to some who knew her.

"I'm sure she would have picked one of the most blessed days of the year to go home," said Melissa Pope Scott, a parent who later became pen pals with Miss Gibb, writing back and forth every six weeks or so. "If anyone could pull it off, she could."

Gulf Stream School is planning a celebration of Miss Gibb, with Barbara Backer and Susie Ridgley coordinating the gathering. Backer says it will be much like the educator herself:

"It will be refined, beautiful, simple and very classy, but in no way pretentious."

Leonard Cohen

By Brian Biggane

SOUTH PALM BEACH — Leonard Cohen, a fixture in South Palm Beach since arriving from his native Newark 45 years ago, died after a brief illness on Dec. 7 at age 91.

Mr. Cohen attended Weequahic High School in South Newark and worked several jobs as a youngster, including at an icehouse in Neptune, New Jersey, moving 300-pound blocks of ice, and in produce lifting 100-pound bags of potatoes. While peddling greeting cards on the streets of Newark, he was hired by Jack Rothhauser of Rothhauser Radio and Appliance and within a year was managing the store.

Soon afterward he borrowed money from relatives and opened a five-and-ten-cent store.

Subsequently hospitalized by a hit-and-run accident, he had the idea while recuperating of putting goods he was selling in the store into supermarkets, ultimately growing that business to the point where it served 4,000 stores.

Considering retirement, he opted instead to launch a potpourri business, which also became a success and which he ultimately sold to his son-in-law. Upon moving to South Palm Beach following retirement in 1976 he got bored and decided to take courses in real estate. He soon became one of the most successful salesmen in Palm Beach County, concentrating mainly on his own South Palm Beach market. One of Mr. Cohen's transactions involved an apartment in his own building he sold to Mark Harris, who had been an emergency responder at the 9/11 tragedy in New York City. Getting to know Harris inspired Mr. Cohen to increase his involvement in helping as many families of first responders from that episode as possible.

Of Harris, Mr. Cohen said last year, "He didn't have any parents down here so we became his parents." Harris would die in his 50s.

Another of his activities in South Palm Beach was hosting ice cream socials. For about 20 years he would provide ice cream in an attempt to bring residents of the community closer. Even in his final years fellow residents would refer to him as "the ice cream man."

In keeping with Cohen's tradition of ice cream socials, the town of South Palm Beach is planning to host a Lenny Cohen Memorial Ice Cream Social in the parking lot behind Town Hall at 2 p.m. on Jan. 2. The goodies will be donated by The Ice Cream Club in Manalapan, Cohen's favorite spot.

The South Palm Beach Town Council devoted the first five minutes of its meeting Dec. 14 to remembering Lenny Cohen.

"I can't do a moment of silence. I would rather just talk about him a little because in my estimation Lenny Cohen was South Palm Beach," Mayor Bonnie Fischer said.

"He used to send me emails, mostly blond jokes, but he also gave me encouragement being mayor," she said. "He had a warm and open heart. Let's honor his memory."

Vice Mayor Robert Gottlieb said, "Len will always be the big dipper. ... We can see him in the constellations, too."

Mr. Cohen also became involved in charities and purchased teddy bears for countless children who were in hospitals, battling life-threatening illnesses. A photo in a June 2021 profile in *The Coastal Star* portrayed him clutching a teddy bear on the patio of his beachside residence.

Mr. Cohen was most devoted, however, to his wife of 73 years, Florence. He became her caretaker in their final years together.

"He hovered over her and performed every activity one could do," said daughter Linda. "He loved to cook and loved to cook for her."

"He was my mother's soulmate. They were one. After 73 years they were tied at the hip. Literally. He never let her out of his sight."

Mr. Cohen is survived by his wife and daughter, by a son, Jeffrey, as well as three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Boynton Beach

CRA endorses plan for historic restaurant, eyes buying more land

By Larry Barszewski

A historic home on Ocean Avenue has moved a step closer to becoming a first-of-its-kind restaurant for Boynton Beach, one that will use corrugated steel shipping containers for its kitchen, freezer, restroom and bar facilities.

Meanwhile, the city's Community Redevelopment Agency is considering whether to spend \$3 million on land directly north of the restaurant site for a future project.

The CRA plans to deed the 102-year-old Magnuson House at 211 E. Ocean Ave. to restaurateur Anthony Barber, who operates Troy's Barbeque on South Federal Highway.

Barber's idea is to restore the house so it can be used for indoor dining, while adding refurbished shipping containers — a 40-foot one and three 20-foot ones — behind the house. He also expects to add outdoor dining on a new patio deck that can seat 200 guests, with American fare on the menu.

"We look to revitalize this property and make it a destination location for Ocean Avenue in Boynton Beach, something that can stand for many, many years to come," Barber told city commissioners, who serve as the CRA's governing board, at the CRA's Dec. 14 meeting.

The board voted 4-0 to accept Barber's letter of intent for the property and to develop a final agreement with him that would also need board approval.

New land deal considered

Commissioners may also try to reach a deal to buy the Green Acres Condominiums site to the north of the Magnuson property from owner Brian Fitzpatrick. Fitzpatrick began acquiring condominium units in 1986 — he now owns all but one of the 10 — but has been unsuccessful in enticing someone to redevelop the property.

Fitzpatrick is offering to sell two parcels — the Green Acres one at Northeast First Street and First Avenue, and a vacant lot at 409 NE First St. next to the city's proposed Cottage District — to the CRA for \$3 million. He said the other condo owner is also willing to sell his unit.

Commissioners said they are interested in buying the condo property to have a say in what is developed there, but the CRA doesn't have the money in the current budget to pay for such a purchase. Commissioners said they would consider a deal to pay for the properties over the next two to three years.

Fitzpatrick's past attempts to see his property packaged and developed along with the CRA-owned Magnuson House site were stymied in part by the house itself and what it would cost for a developer to restore it. He previously suggested the city move the house to make the block more attractive to



Anthony Barber plans to turn the historic Magnuson House on Ocean Avenue in Boynton Beach into an American fare restaurant. In addition to using shipping containers to create kitchen, restroom, storage and bar space, the restaurant will have a patio deck that can seat 200 guests. **Rendering provided**

developers.

Restaurant finds a partner

Commissioners have warmed to the idea of the Magnuson House as a restaurant to serve downtown visitors. The CRA, which bought the property for \$850,000 in 2007 intending to use it for CRA office space, sold the property for \$255,000 in 2016 to a restaurant developer after its plans changed.

The CRA took back the property two years later when the restaurant project fell through once the developer realized the costly work needed to bring the house up to code for a commercial operation.

Barber's plan, while still spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to restore the house, avoids more costly commercial upgrades by placing the kitchen and other operations in stand-alone shipping containers — a first in Boynton Beach.

Barber offered to pay the city \$240,000 for the property, but that was offset by his intent to seek \$50,000 in a CRA commercial improvement grant and another \$200,000 in tax incentives.

Rather than make the deal more complicated, commissioners suggested just conveying the property to Barber with deed restrictions

— including that it always be a restaurant — and a requirement for specific design features the city may want.

Mayor Steven Grant said any changes to the Magnuson House would have to go before the city's Special Historic Resources Preservation Board and City Commission because it is designated a local historical resource. Commissioners hope to have a signed purchase and sale agreement in February.

"I'm not in the land development business," Barber said. "You can kind of rest assured that for the foreseeable future, barring major tornadoes, hurricanes, landslides, tsunamis, you'll have a restaurant on Ocean Avenue."

Rodney Mayo of the Subculture Group said he is providing \$1 million in financial backing for Barber's restaurant and the needed renovations. The Subculture Group runs restaurants from Jupiter to South Beach, including Kapow! in Boca Raton's Mizner Park, Dada in downtown Delray Beach and Respectable Street in West Palm Beach. Mayo expects the restaurant will take 14 months to complete once permits are pulled.

"We're partners in the restaurant as well as the property. We're planning on going into this venture

together," Mayo said.

The CRA had another proposal for the Magnuson House, one that didn't have the downtown draw commissioners were seeking.

James Barton, CEO of Florida Technical Consultants, offered to use the house as FTC's offices and a new training center. Barton's business is in an Ocean Avenue building that is supposed to be torn down for another development — one of three buildings that had been owned by the Oyer family. The CRA closed on a purchase deal Dec. 17, buying the three buildings at 511, 515 and 529 E. Ocean Ave. for \$3.6 million.

Negotiations underway

The Oyer buildings are expected to be demolished as part of a new project by Affiliated Development. The CRA selected Affiliated in November to develop CRA-owned land on the west side of Federal Highway, extending from Ocean Avenue to Boynton Beach Boulevard. The two sides are now negotiating an agreement.

Affiliated plans to build 236 apartments, with half considered to have workforce housing rents. It also plans restaurant, retail and office space and a parking garage.

Affiliated's proposal would

move Hurricane Alley Raw Bar and Restaurant from its Ocean Avenue location to expanded space on the north side of the project, on Boynton Beach Boulevard alongside the Florida East Coast Railway tracks, allowing it to remain open until the move into the new location.

In addition to the CRA properties, Affiliated has a contract to purchase the Ocean Food Mart site on the northwest corner of Ocean Avenue and Federal Highway to include in the project.

The Affiliated project also includes a significant amount of open space. The Affiliated proposal would put freestanding restaurant and retail buildings on Ocean Avenue where Hurricane Alley now stands, surrounding the buildings with more open space and pedestrian-friendly areas connected to the existing Dewey Park.

Boardwalk deal offered

Hyperion Development Group, which plans a mixed-use development on former CRA-owned property on the east side of Federal Highway across from the Affiliated project, is also buying land on the west side that could be added to Affiliated's project.

Hyperion CEO Robert Vecsler said his company is planning to purchase the Boardwalk Italian Ice & Creamery site on Federal Highway. He suggested then selling the property to the CRA in exchange for tax incentives for Hyperion's project on the east side of Federal Highway. Commissioners were reluctant to tangle the two projects, but asked Hyperion to put its offer in writing for staff to review.

Grant was also interested in seeing if Affiliated would add more commercial space in its project if the Boardwalk site were added to it. ★

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Business Spotlight

Neighboring properties lead real estate price surge in Manalapan

After six years on the market, the ocean-to-Intracoastal estate at 2000 S. Ocean Blvd. in Manalapan, owned by the billionaire Ziff family, finally sold in March for the recorded price of \$94.17 million, and that sale set a record for the town. However, other properties are inching closer.

A big-ticket property that just came on the market is listed by **Lawrence A. Moens Associates**. The estate at **1000 S. Ocean Blvd.** is priced at \$106 million, as advertised on Realtor.com and on the Lawrence A. Moens website. The 22,868-total-square-foot, ocean-to-Intracoastal, eight-bedroom home and two-bedroom guest house, built in 2017, is sited on 2.2 acres.

It last sold for \$14.995 million in April 2015. In 2017, the owner of the property, Jackson Real Estate Partners LLC, managed by Kenneth Slater, extended a 99-year residential lease agreement to Ellen and Kenneth Slater, who have homesteaded the estate as their primary home, according to tax rolls.

And there's this in the "Just Sold" category. Recorded on Dec. 15, Paul Saunders, founder of James River Capital Corp., based in Manakin-Sabot, Virginia, and his wife, Victoria Saunders, a board member, former president and faculty member of the Innerwork Center, sold their 16,000-square-foot estate at **1020 S. Ocean Blvd.** for \$89.93 million in an off-market deal. The buyer is 122021Land Trust, with the trustee listed as James G.B. DeMartini III, chairman of the California accounting firm Seiler LLC.

According to public records, the Saunderses, who claimed homestead exemption on the property, paid \$14.5 million for



The ocean-to-Intracoastal property at 1000 S. Ocean (left) was listed at \$106 million, which would be a Manalapan record. The property at 1020 S. Ocean sold last month for \$89.93 million, nearly a record. Both are recently redeveloped. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

the nearly 2.2-acre lot in 2018. It features 200 feet of ocean frontage and a strip of land with a dock fronting the Intracoastal Waterway.

The Saunderses had a new five-bedroom house built on the lot, designed by the Benedict Bullock Group. Details include a golf-simulator room, outdoor putting green, an outdoor kitchen and pool, according to the architect's website.

Senada Adzem of Douglas Elliman represented the sellers. **Christopher Leavitt** and **Ashley McIntosh**, also agents with Douglas Elliman, handled the buyer's side, according to the *Palm Beach Daily News*.

Shelly Newman, an agent with **William Raveis South Florida**, has the listing for the ocean-to-Intracoastal 1960s-era geodesic-dome compound at **1860 S. Ocean Blvd.**, owned by Jeanette Cohen as trustee

of an irrevocable trust in the name of her husband, Stephen D. Cohen. Not quite as pricey as the other two properties, the Cohens' estate, which they bought in 1978 for \$620,000, is now priced at its land value at \$27.5 million. Newman listed it for sale in late May 2021 for \$29.9 million, but later dropped the price.

Newman, who handled both sides in an off-market sale for a recorded price of \$14 million at 1800 S. Ocean Blvd. in May, is involved in two other property deals on the same block. She represented the seller at **1840 S. Ocean**, with a price of \$18 million, and the buyer of the estate at **1880 S. Ocean** in a deal that closed just before Christmas for \$19 million.

The estate at 1840 S. Ocean was owned by former Bear Stearns executive Robert Steinberg and his wife, Suzanne, who bought the property for \$8.975 million in 2009.

The new owner of the property is 1840 South Ocean LLC, a Florida limited liability company with an address of 222 Lakeview Ave., Suite 1500, West Palm Beach, which is the address of attorney Maura Ziska. **Lawrence Moens** represented the buyer.

"Properties such as these in Manalapan are attractive to families looking to build a family estate," Newman said. "Land is hard to find, and prices are so high in Palm Beach that a lot of people are choosing to live in Manalapan where they can build their family home on a larger piece of property. These are high elevation, ocean-to-Intracoastal, where people can enjoy sunrise and sunsets, boating and the beach with lots of property for children."

Nearby in Ocean Ridge, Raymond Gregg Hill Sr. and his wife, Marsha, sold their 17,183-square-foot oceanfront estate at **6275 N. Ocean Blvd.**

to Simon Lincoln as trustee of the 6275 N. Ocean Land Trust for \$27 million. The sale was recorded on Dec. 9.

According to its listing, the home, which was listed for sale in September at \$29.9 million, features eight bedrooms that include two bunk rooms; an epicurean kitchen with a 15-foot kitchen island; an Alice-in-Wonderland-like play area; media room; and a separate second-floor guest house. **The Corcoran Group** agents **Candace and Phil Friis** handled both sides of the deal.

The Hills bought the property in 2002 for \$2.8 million from Ocean Ridge Development Company, with Frank E. McKinney as manager. The latest purchase was a record sale for Ocean Ridge, said Phil Friis, beating out the \$19.879 million sale of 6161 N. Ocean Blvd., which sold in June 2018.

Morris Flanbaum, president of Colts Neck, New Jersey-based custom homebuilder Colts Neck Associates, and his wife, Susan Rizzuto, sold their waterfront home at **250 NE Fifth Ave.**, Boca Raton, for \$22 million. The sale was recorded on Nov. 24. The buyer is 250 NE 5th Avenue Land Trust, with attorney Gregory S. Gefen as trustee, records show.

The seven-bedroom, 10,538-square-foot estate sits on a 1.62-acre lot and features marble floors, a dock, summer kitchen and wine room. Flanbaum and Rizzuto bought the home in 2019 for \$16.5 million.

Jonathan Postma of Coldwell Banker/BR represented the seller. **Nancy Gefen** and **Kathy Green of Signature International Premier Properties** represented the buyer.

Newbond Holdings has acquired the newly updated

139-key **Waterstone Resort & Marina**, 999 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton, in an off-market deal, according to a news release.

Newbond Holdings is a real estate investment firm founded by Neil Luthra and Vann Avedisian.

"We were drawn to Boca Raton, and South Florida in general, by the unabated flow of families and businesses relocating to this market," Luthra said. "The Waterstone is particularly well-positioned within its competitive set in the Boca Raton market. We are making a few select improvements to ensure that the Waterstone will be able to capture a disproportionate share of the future market growth."

According to public records dated Dec. 7, the Waterstone was purchased for \$37.875 million from BB Hotel Owner JV, managed by Matthew Lane, the entity that bought the property for \$20.163 million in 1986. **JLL's Hotels & Hospitality Group** represented the seller and worked on behalf of the buyer to originate the floating-rate acquisition financing.

So, what's the deal with the high-end sales in South County these days?

Jonathan Miller, the president and CEO of New York-based Miller Samuel Real Estate Appraisers and the author of a series of market reports covering almost 40 U.S. markets for Douglas Elliman, has been keeping a chart on U.S. sales that have closed at more than \$50 million for 20 years. In 2014, he noticed "a slew of listings for properties worth reasonably \$5 [million] to \$10 million, that all of a sudden were priced at \$30 [million] and \$40 million and not selling," he said. "Other homeowners in the vicinity were also pricing their properties dramatically higher. I called it

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aspirational pricing. Then we started to see some sales, and it became a new submarket, and it hasn't stopped."

The majority of the transactions occur in the Manhattan borough and the Hamptons in New York, Los Angeles, and Palm Beach. "Florida, in general, has become the bigger market," Miller said.

By mid-December 2021, he saw 39 U.S. sales over \$50 million. "It was 29 in 2020, so that's a significant jump," he said.

He attributes this to a combination of factors. He reasons that "wealthy individuals have come to put more value in real estate, and that it is affordable in the context of their wealth."

Additionally, Florida has become more attractive given its looser pandemic rules than those in New York and California, for example. Wall Street businesses are either moving to Florida or considering moving here. People from California and New York, which have high property, state and local taxes, are attracted to Florida and Texas because of the federal SALT tax (state and local tax deduction limits) that went into effect in 2018.

In terms of Manalapan, Miller has noticed that neighboring areas also have seen high-end sales.

"The sale of housing is much more about immediate gratification rather than long term. I think this phenomenon has a long runway in front of it, just because land is a prized asset and it's tangible," Miller said. "This segment of the market was created and redefined in the last eight years."

Home prices are going up. But how long will this last? If you are a prospective home buyer and wondering about that, take a look at the Florida Atlantic University College of Business free website tool, called the **Beracha and Johnson Housing Market Ranking**, which was launched in October. Its interactive graphs show the degree of overpricing or underpricing per month in the nation's 100 largest housing markets over the past 25 years. The goal is to help people make better-informed buying decisions.

"Being able to see historically how a housing market has performed can help potential buyers visualize where their housing market is in its current housing cycle," said **Ken H. Johnson, Ph.D.**, an economist with FAU Executive Education in the College of Business. Johnson launched the rankings with **Eli Beracha**, director of the Tibor and Sheila Hollo School of Real Estate at Florida International University.

"They will have a better understanding of the possibility of significant housing downturns or the potential for growth in home values."

The site is at <https://business.fau.edu/executive-education/housing-market-ranking/housing-top-100/index.php>.

Partnering with BrandStar Studios, Manalapan resident **Robert Matthew Van Winkle**, known as **Vanilla Ice**, will be renovating homes on TV again. This time, he'll use virtual, augmented and mixed-reality technology.

Van Winkle plans to find inspiration from high-end celebrity homes, and then, based on a realistic budget, re-create them. BrandStar's Catapult Productions division will place Van Winkle and his team in a large LED screen that will display the "shell" of the space previously visited. At that point, the renovation will start appearing in augmented reality, with Van Winkle describing how elements of the upscale home can be re-created in a home at a reduced cost.

"I am passionate about helping homeowners achieve what they may have previously thought as impossible as it relates to home remodeling," Van Winkle said. "The ability to use cutting-edge technology to literally walk our audience through the process of reproducing elements that may have cost hundreds of thousands of dollars in these celebrity homes in an affordable manner really excites me and my team."

To watch previews of *The Vanilla Ice Home Show*, tune into IG Live, Facebook Live and YouTube starting in the first quarter of 2022.

The **Boca Raton Historical Society** inducted its 2021 Walk of Recognition honorees in November: **George S. Brown Jr.**, **Robert K. Rollins Jr.**, **Edith Stein**, and the **George Snow Scholarship Fund**.

Brown, deputy city manager of Boca Raton and a former board member of the Schmidt Boca Raton History



Walk of Recognition honorees are (l-r) Dan Guin and Jane Tyree for Boca Ballet Theatre; Terry Fedele; Robert K. Rollins Jr.; Edith Stein; George S. Brown Jr.; Lowell Van Vechten on behalf of her late husband, Jay Van Vechten; Tim Snow of the Snow Scholarship Fund. **Photo provided**

Museum, played a pivotal role in developing the partnership between the city and Florida Atlantic University.

Rollins, president of the Beacon Group insurance agency, has served on the board of the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District for 10 years. He's also past president of the local Soccer Association and the Boca Raton Rotary Club and served on the board of directors of the FAU Foundation.

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

The George Snow Scholarship Fund, which helps students achieve their career goals through the pursuit of higher education, has awarded almost \$16 million in scholarships since 1981 to nearly 2,400 Snow scholars.

Because the 2020 ceremony was postponed because of the pandemic, that year's Walk of Recognition inductees were also honored: Terry Fedele; the late Jay Van Vechten; and Boca Ballet Theatre.

Florida Humanities, a nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, in December

awarded the Boca Raton Historical Society a \$24,500 grant for general operating costs to help it recover from the economic impact of the pandemic. The NEH received \$135 million from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The state humanities councils, including Florida Humanities, each received a portion of the NEH award to support museums, archives, historic sites and other humanities-focused nonprofits. The Boca Raton Historical Society was one of 129 organizations in Florida that was awarded ARP funding totaling \$1.88 million from Florida Humanities.

Paul Lykins of KW Innovations won the Boynton Beach Professionals' recognition award, following a review process and vote by the management team of the

Boynton Beach Professionals leads group. Awards are presented every other month.

"This award was created to honor the member who has done the most for the group and the Boynton Beach community,"

said John Campanola, chairman of the group and an agent with New York Life.

"Paul has been tirelessly working to promote the group and all of its members. He is an ardent networker throughout Palm Beach County and especially Boynton Beach."

For more information contact boyntonbeachprofessionals@gmail.com

GL Homes received the **Delray Beach Housing Authority's Making the Difference Award** for its donation of bedding, household goods and furnishings to 18 formerly homeless families.

"Our programs provide working families a place to call home by providing families with rental assistance and affordable housing opportunities," said Shirley Erazo, president and CEO of the authority. "We applaud GL Homes for their support and generous donation to these needy families."

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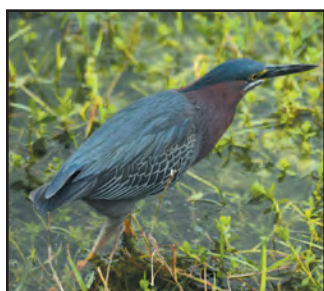
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The Delray Beach Playhouse, founded in 1947, moved to its current location along Lake Ida in 1958. Pictured is a set from a production in those early years, probably late 1950s. The second of four main productions this season at the venue opens Jan. 28. Photo provided

THE SHOW GOES ON AGAIN

By Ron Hayes

Delray Beach Playhouse marks 75 years of community theater

"I never look back," Randolph DelLago says, looking back.

"I remember driving into the parking lot and being amazed that there was such a beautiful theater in such a beautiful setting."

That was in May 1982, and the Delray Beach Playhouse was already 35 years old.

This year, DelLago, 74, is marking 40 years as its artistic director, and the playhouse is celebrating 75.

How does a community theater survive and thrive for three-quarters of a century?

Community, of course. From that day in 1947 when a group of men and women gathered in the St. Paul's Episcopal Church parish hall to talk about putting on amateur plays, enthusiastic volunteers have been the theater's life force.

"Amateur means 'for the love,'" DelLago notes, "and to survive for 75 years in South Florida shows a commitment to a level of quality because

we're so dependent on amateur volunteer talent."

Eventually, the amateurs outgrew those early one-act plays performed on a tiny stage in the parish hall. They moved to the city's Civic Center, dared to tackle five productions during each five-month winter season, and became the "Little Theater of Delray Beach."

In 1957, construction began on a permanent building in

Lake Ida Park. Robert Blake, an amateur actor and professional architect, designed the building. Again, volunteers provided much of the carpentry, painting and installation, and in January 1958 the ribbon was cut and the curtain came up on *The Philadelphia Story*.

The theater's windows were covered with plastic sheeting to keep out the cold, so when the winter winds blew, the sheeting rattled audibly. The restroom doors opened on the auditorium, so whenever nature drove a theatergoer to seek relief in mid-act, the restroom light See **PLAYHOUSE** on page AT10

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Pay It Forward

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JANUARY

Saturday - 1/8 - Boca Raton Regional Hospital Ball at The Boca Raton, 501 E. Camino Real. Honor 10 outstanding nurses, recognized as healthcare heroes, for their commitment and dedication to the job while enjoying special entertainment by the legend known as Sting. 6-11 pm. Sold out. 561-955-4142 or <https://donate.brrh.com>.

Sunday - 1/9 - LIFE's "Lady in Red" Gala at The Breakers, One S. County Road, Palm Beach. Celebrate with legendary singer Dionne Warwick and crack comedian Rita Rudner at the 28th-annual affair benefiting a program that trains shelter dogs so they can be partnered with disabled veterans as companions as well as the Palm Beach County Food Bank. 6 pm. \$1,000. 561-582-8083 or life-edu.org.

Saturday - 1/15 - Unicorn Children's Foundation's Pinball for a Purpose at Silverball Museum, 19 N.E. Third Ave, Delray Beach. Play unlimited games to help raise money that will enable children and young adults with developmental disabilities to excel in their communities. Noon-3 pm. \$30. 561-620-9377 or unicornchildrensfoundation.org.

Thursday - 1/20 - Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County's Lion of Judah Luncheon at B'nai Torah Congregation, 6261 S.W. 18th St., Boca Raton. Join keynote speaker and writer Bari Weiss for an empowering luncheon that celebrates women who annually contribute \$5,000-plus to the federation. 10:45 am. \$50-\$100 couvert. 561-852-3163 or jewishboca.org/lionluncheon.

Thursday - 1/20 - Hanley Foundation's Palm Beach Dinner at Sailfish Club of Florida, 1338 N. Lake Way, Palm Beach. Enjoy an evening under the stars with an elegant reception, live music and a silent auction to raise funds for the foundation's alcohol- and drug-treatment programs. 6-9 pm. \$500. 561-268-2355 or hanleyfoundation.org.

Saturday - 1/22 - Bethesda Hospital's Gala of Generosity at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Partake in an unforgettable evening of cocktails, chef stations and live entertainment to benefit the modernization of Bethesda Hospital East's emergency department. 6:30-

10 pm. Sold out. 561-737-7733, Ext. 84445 or bethesdaweb.com.

Saturday - 1/29 - Caridad Center's Essential Call to Heart Ball at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Join the nonprofit for an unforgettable evening of cocktails, gourmet food, live music and more. 6 pm. \$500. 561-853-1638 or caridad.org.

FEBRUARY

Thursday - 2/3 - Breast Cancer Research Foundation's Palm Beach Hot Pink Virtual Luncheon & Symposium. Honor Howard and Michele Kessler with the Evelyn H. Lauder Humanitarian Award during the informative fundraising affair. 11:30 am. Ticket price TBA. Call 646-497-2635 or visit bcfr.org.

Friday - 2/4 - Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County's The Winter Ball at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. Support the organization's 17 clubs that serve more than 10,000 youths ages six to 18 at an extravagant black-tie affair. 7-11 pm. \$1,250. 561-683-3287 or bgcpbc.org.

2/4 - Delray Beach Public Library's Laugh with the Library at Opal Grand Oceanfront Resort & Spa, 10 N. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Laugh out loud at this year's installment of an evening of comedy, featuring *Saturday Night Live's* James Austin Johnson. 7:30-10:30 pm. \$400. 561-266-0798 or delraylibrary.org/laugh.

Saturday - 2/5 - Delray Beach Initiative's An Evening on the Love Boat at Delray Beach Elks Lodge, 265 N.E. Fourth Ave. Soak in an authentic cruise experience highlighted by flower leis and themed food and drinks inspired by each port of call, all to benefit Achievement Centers for Children & Families. 7-10 pm. \$30. 561-266-0003 or achievementcentersfl.org/love-boat.

Sunday - 2/10 - American Disabilities Foundation's Boating & Beach Bash for People with Disabilities at Spanish River Park, 3001 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Watch participants engage in wheelchair yoga, costumed dance parties, animal-therapy sessions and more at an event that is the nation's largest for children and adults with special needs. 10 am-3 pm. Free. 561-715-2622 or boatingbeachbash.com.

Thursday - 2/17 - Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County's Jacobson

An Evening on the Love Boat

Delray Beach Elks Lodge



Feb. 5: Delray Beach Initiative's nautical night of fun will include an authentic cruise experience highlighted by flower leis and themed food and drinks inspired by each port of call. Proceeds benefit Achievement Centers for Children & Families. Time is 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$30. Call 561-266-0003 or visit achievementcentersfl.org/love-boat. Photo: (l-r, seated) Jessica Hall, Peggy Kelleher, Nancy Handler, Carol Eaton, Holly Black, Stephanie Seibel, (standing) Rich Pollack, Dan Paulus, Jeff Schwatz, Alan Glass, Stephen Green, Ted Hoskinson, Jim Nolan, Mitch Katz and Chuck Halberg. Photo provided

Jewish Community Foundation Professional Advisory Committee's Irving Eckhardt Mitzvah Society at Farmer's Table, 1901 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Honor William Miller as a professional who has been instrumental in leading clients to make planned gifts. 6 pm. \$75 couvert. 561-852-3114 or jewishboca.org/mitzvahsociety.

Tuesday - 2/22 - Palm Beach Atlantic University's Women of Distinction at The Breakers, One S. County Road, Palm Beach. Honor Ronnie Heyman and Lois Pope during the event whose proceeds benefit scholarships for female students. 11 am. \$350. 561-803-2971 or pba.edu.

Tuesday-Thursday-2/22-2/24 - Wayside House's Spring Boutique & Trunk Show at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Shop for unique items from 30-plus vendors from throughout the United States at the organization's premier fundraiser, which kicks off with a Preview Party. 6-8 pm Feb. 22, 10 am-4 pm Feb. 23-24. \$125 Feb. 22. Free Feb. 23-24. 561-268-0055 or waysidehouse.net.

Spring Boutique & Trunk Show

Old School Square



Feb. 22 through 24: Wayside House's premier fundraiser, which kicks off with a preview party, returns in full force featuring unique items from 30-plus vendors from throughout the United States. The party is 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 22. Cost is \$125. The show is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 23 and 24. Cost is free. Call 561-268-0055 or visit waysidehouse.net. ABOVE: Chairwomen Lisa Hayes Jankowski and Martha Grimm. Photo provided

Caridad Center fundraiser aims to make up for lost time

By Amy Woods

Two years have passed since the last Call to Heart Ball benefiting the Caridad Center, a vital Boynton Beach nonprofit providing free health care to uninsured people.

On Jan. 25, 2020, more than 330 guests filled the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa in Manalapan and raised nearly \$500,000. On Jan. 29, a modest 200 will gather in the same luxurious location with coronavirus safety protocols in place.

"Hopefully, we're still going to raise the same amount of money," CEO Laura Kallus said.

Renamed the Essential Call to Heart Ball, the evening affair will celebrate the center's core donors as well as its core patients.

"We wanted to focus on our essential donors who really came through for us during the pandemic," Kallus said. "Our patients are essential workers — the ones who did not have the privilege of staying home."

The ball also will highlight the essential nature of the largest no-cost clinic in Florida. It annually serves 5,000 of the area's poorest people through a network of 170-plus volunteer providers.

"If the past two years have taught us anything, it's how essential we are in the services we provide to the community," Kallus said. "It is glaringly obvious that the way to help prevent the spread is to provide health care to those who are uninsured."

The ball will have a cocktail reception followed by dinner, entertainment and a live



Shahid Freeman and Caridad Center co-founder and board member Connie Berry at the 2020 ball. Photo provided

If You Go

What: Essential Call to Heart Ball
When: 6 p.m. Jan. 29
Where: Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan
Cost: \$500
Information: 561-853-1638 or www.caridad.org

auction. Dress is black-tie optional. "We're going to keep it as celebratory as possible," Kallus said. "I think we all need that now." ★

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Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton — Dec. 2



The campus officially opened the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence, marking a major milestone. The facility will play a central role in elevating the school's standing in education and sports while helping students reach their potential. 'We are extremely grateful to all of the generous donors who have supported the construction of this outstanding facility on our Boca Raton campus,' FAU President John Kelly said. 'Our journey to complete this state-of-the-art facility started with the Schmidts' vision to build a complex that would benefit all our students. Today, this vision is a reality for FAU and the community we serve.' **ABOVE:** With the Owls mascots are (l-r) Christopher Delisio, Dan Gropper, Kelly, Michelle Maros, Barbara and Dick Schmidt, Anthony Barbar and Brian White. **Photo provided**

Cocktails for the Club

Little Club, Gulf Stream — Dec. 1



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Delray Beach's fundraising event broke a record by generating \$190,000. Proceeds will help the club's hunger-relief efforts and provide more than 100,000 nutritious meals. 'We are so excited to have been able to host this special event in person, and we are proud it was such a success,' co-chairwoman Virginia Costa said. 'All were excited to see their friends after so long and to support an organization that is near and dear to their hearts.' **LEFT:** Susan and Michael Mullin. **RIGHT:** Jennifer and Stephen Streit. **Photos provided**

Grand opening

21301 Powerline Road, Boca Raton — Nov. 11

Connected Warriors had a special ceremony on Veterans Day for the grand opening of its Veterans Outpatient Behavioral Health Treatment Center. The Boca Raton center will provide free counseling and customized treatment to clients through a network of licensed mental health professionals. 'Our veterans need a place to receive instant help,' Connected Warriors founder Judy Weaver said. 'When they are struggling and at their lowest, that is the time



for no bureaucracy, that is the time to say, come in, you are safe, I am here for you.' **ABOVE:** Connected Warriors advisory board members (l-r) Jeff Burks, Jan Savarick, Keith O'Donnell, Weaver, David Frankel, Odette Artime and Bill Greenfield. **Photo provided**

Wee Dream Ball

Boca West Country Club, Boca Raton — Nov. 9



Florence Fuller Child Development Centers' signature fundraiser brought in \$1 million and celebrated the agency's 50th anniversary. The elegant evening included a cocktail hour, a silent auction, dinner and dancing and a ceremony naming Peggy Henry Van Dorp as the inaugural Legacy Society honoree. 'We are so grateful for the unwavering kindness and commitment of our supporters who believe in investing in our children and families, securing our future,' CEO Ellyn Okrent said.



ABOVE: (l-r) Hiromi Printz, Simone Spiegel, Stacey Packer and Peg Anderson. **INSET:** Dr. John Westine and Gail Wasserman. **RIGHT:** (l-r, front) Carrie Rubin, Kathy Adkins, Denise Zimmerman, (back) Dana Weiss, Lauren Johnson, Megan Escamilla, Heidi Johnson Adams and Van Dorp. **Photos provided**



Celebrations

Sole Mates Luncheon

St. Andrews Country Club, Boca Raton — Nov. 9



Close to 300 guests attended Best Foot Forward's sold-out event and helped generate more than \$250,000 to support the needs of children in foster care beyond the academic support the organization provides. Examples include medical expenses such as contact lenses or glasses and orthopedic braces as well as gas cards and Uber rides to enable youths to get where they need to go. 'This was a memorable event, and we raised a significant amount of money to support student essentials like birthday celebrations, field trip money, senior year activities, groceries and college summer housing, which are often overlooked but are extremely important,' co-founder Donna Biase said. **ABOVE:** (l-r, front) Robyn Moncrief, Christine Paige, Juliet Young, Claire Borghei, (back) Samer Fahmy, Haroula Norden, Mark Larkin, Maureen Mann, Brian Altschuler, Freyda Burns and Renee Burns. **RIGHT:** Danielle Rosse and Rochelle LeCavalier. **Photos provided by Gina Fontana**



Wedding

St. Hugh Catholic Church, Coconut Grove — Nov. 13



Chad Birdsall and Jenna Fluehr were married Nov. 13 by Father Paul Pierce at St. Hugh Catholic Church, with the reception at the Mr. C Hotel in Coconut Grove. Jenna, 32, is the daughter of Lori and Chris Fluehr of Boca Raton. She is a director of finance for Discovery Inc. She graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor's in finance and entrepreneurship and earned her MBA at the University of Tampa. Her mother is retired from the *Chicago Tribune*, where she was an advertising representative. Her father is a certified financial planner with Raymond James Financial. Chad, 33, is head of market operations with Bungalow Inc. He formerly was a manager for Uber in Singapore. He graduated from Ohio University with a bachelor's in marketing. He is the son of Barbara and Cliff Birdsall of Dublin, Ohio. Barbara is retired from the Dublin School Board. Cliff is retired from Forward Air Inc., where he was vice president. The newlyweds met in Washington, D.C., and will reside there.

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Philanthropy Notes

Donation will fund new therapy, family center at Rales JFS

Leon and Toby Cooperman have made a transformational gift of \$2 million to the Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services that will launch a capital campaign for a new center. The Toby and Leon Cooperman Therapy & Family Resource Center, set to open this spring in Boca Raton, will be a one-stop shop for families with special needs. "We are so pleased to be able to support causes and

agencies that we care about," Toby Cooperman said. Added Leon Cooperman, "Rales JFS truly makes a difference in people's lives. We believe that agencies like Rales JFS deserve support for the important services they provide, and we are blessed to be in a position to contribute to the creation of this new center." For more information, call 561-852-3333 or visit <https://ralesjfs.org>.

Gift to go toward FAU athletes' mental health
The Schmidt Family Foundation has made a gift of \$670,000 to create a position for an athletics mental health services director at Florida Atlantic University. The gift also establishes the FAU Athletics Mental Health Fund. FAU Athletics Director Brian White said the gift is important to the development of student athletes. "The health and well-being of our student athletes is our

absolute highest priority," White said. "Enhancing our mental health resources is critical to the holistic approach we are taking regarding student athlete wellness." For more information, call 561-297-3000 or visit <https://fausports.com>.

because of the pandemic. For more information, call 561-803-2971 or visit www.pba.edu.

Boating & Beach Bash organizers need boats
The American Disabilities Foundation is requesting that captains offer their vessels and fuel for free rides to be given at the Boating & Beach Bash for People with Disabilities. Fifteen boats of more than 25 feet long are needed for the Feb. 20 event, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Spanish River Park in Boca Raton.

People who are interested can contact Liz Schmidt at 612-309-1363 or email lizschmidt1363@gmail.com. The Boating & Beach Bash for People with Disabilities is the nation's largest event for children and adults with disabilities. For more information, call 561-715-2622 or visit www.boatingbeachbash.com.



Heyman



Pope

PBAU fundraiser to honor Women of Distinction
South County philanthropists Ronnie Heyman and Lois Pope have been selected as Palm Beach Atlantic University's 2022 Women of Distinction. The women will be recognized at a Feb. 22 luncheon at The Breakers in Palm Beach. Proceeds from the event will go toward scholarships for female students. Women of Distinction is the school's largest fundraiser. It was canceled in 2021



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Dining

A guide to healthy food terminology, restaurants

Ah, those New Year resolutions — here they come again.

If they include eating healthier, you're in luck — a number of spots will put you on the right road in South County.

Along with a dine-in meal — breakfast, lunch, brunch or dinner — many of them also offer meal plans to provide their foods at home. They can be customized for number of days per week, as well as menu choices.

To understand some of the terms on these menus, here's a brief rundown:

Gluten free: Foods free of products containing wheat, barley, rye and triticale. The strictest restaurants do not cross contaminate with gluten products — crucial for people with celiac disease.

Vegetarian: Foods free of animal flesh or byproducts. Some vegetarians are ovo-lacto, meaning they will eat eggs — including caviar — and dairy products, or consume byproduct foods where no animal is killed; thus these dishes are marked vegetarian.

Vegan: Totally animal-free foods (these foods have “no mother or a face”). Includes

products such as honey, produced by insects.

Raw: Primarily organic vegetables, fruits, nuts, sprouts and seeds. No food is warmed beyond 118 degrees. Not necessarily vegetarian (raw milk, sushi, and carpaccio organic meats are eaten by some raw foodists).

Paleo: Unprocessed foods that would have been obtained by hunter-gatherers; wild, natural foods. Typically lean meats, fish, fruits, vegetables, nuts, sprouts and seeds. Grass-fed and wild game meats are paleo. Dairy, refined sugar, wheat and farmed grains and legumes are avoided.

Sustainable: Briefly, foods that are environmentally and economically friendly, provide social benefits for growers, harvesters and their communities, and those that avoid wasting natural resources. This group of foods has a long list of attributes.

Locally grown: This can mean a wide region, especially in South Florida, where growing season is a short fall and winter. Ask for farm names and confirm with the farms, if you are concerned.

Here are some restaurants



Buffalo cauliflower drumettes from Farmer's Table in Boca Raton. Photo provided by Gyorgy Papp

where you can find some of these foods on their menus:

A few are casual upscale restaurants, such as **True Food Kitchen** in Town Center, Boca Raton. Gluten-free, vegan, paleo and grass-fed are a few of the terms you'll find on the menu. Along with full service, as well as takeout or delivery, it offers customizable meal-prep services.

Overall, True Food Kitchen offers a lot of options, especially for groups dining out with a variety of tastes. From pizzas, sandwiches and bowls to full

entrees that can be customized, the restaurant strives to accommodate its diners. It is linked to Dr. Andrew Weil, a noted cookbook and healthy food author.

Farmer's Table in the Wyndham Hotel in Boca Raton offers a number of vegetarian and vegan options, as well as more traditional fare from sustainable and local sources. Chef/owner Joseph Giannuzzi is known in the community for his “green” food objective — healthy and sustainable.

Raw salads, vegan quinoa or

chicken meatballs, pasta made from squash and vegan cheeses are some of the items on the seasonal menu. Side items emphasize plant-based foods, and Buffalo drumettes are made with cauliflower, served with a vegan ranch dip.

With baby back ribs and roasted salmon on the menu, there's a dish for everyone in your group.

At **Gary Rack's Farmhouse Kitchen** on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach (also in Boca Raton in Royal Palm Place), the dishes lean more paleo than

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vegetarian or vegan, but each is available. Bison meatloaf, shrimp and grits, and a buffalo meat burger served with a roster of vegetables give meat-eaters healthier options.

Pizzas with cauliflower and seed crusts are gluten free, and some are vegetarian and vegan.

Greens are organic, and some vegan offerings include a vegan-veggie burger, as well as an avocado Caesar salad.

Harvest Seasonal Grill and Wine Bar, at 1841 S. Federal Highway, Delray Beach, provides a full restaurant and wine bar experience. The emphasis is on seasonal fare, using local ingredients with unusual sauces and sides.

The roasted mushroom toast appetizer has a white bean-cashew “crema,” along with a charred cipollini, pomegranate and sorrel combo. There’s a warm butternut squash dip, and organic hummus served with an Israeli apple-celery slaw and naan.

Both grass-fed beef and bison burgers are available, as is a wild-mushroom cheese steak sandwich. Three entree bowls are on the menu: quinoa and vegetables; black beans and rice; and Korean vegetable fried grains. They are available with proteins such as chicken, shrimp, salmon and organic tofu.

One section of the menu is devoted to plant-based vegan, including an all-veggie burger, eggplant parmesan, pumpkin ravioli and an “Impossible Chorizo Burrito.”

Joey and Victor Weiss, a wife and husband duo, run **Joey’s Home Bakery Gluten Free** in Boynton Beach, at 1532 SW Eighth St. You can find a full roster of baked goods, including their new gooey cinnamon bun, and loaves of bread, pastries and treats — all gluten free. Many offerings are paleo and vegan, including cakes, cookies and quiches.

All products are baked in-house, including their gluten-free bagels. They offer both delivery and takeout. Specialties are on the board.

A number of small cafés dot Pineapple Grove in Delray Beach with healthy offerings in a casual, counter-serve atmosphere.

At **Roots**, in the Delray Beach Market food hall, you’ll find a variety of bold flavors in the vegan dishes, such as squash tamales with a cashew sauce, hearts of palm tacos and Buffalo fried cauliflower. Find the unusual jackfruit used on a Reuben sandwich. Counter takeout and communal seating are available.

In Boynton Beach, the **Organic Kitchen and Mercantile**, at 640 E. Ocean Ave., is open for breakfast and lunch with farm-raised meats, vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free foods. The restaurant features a small café, takeout, and meal delivery plans.

The menu includes granola bowls, croissant sandwiches,

brioche, and California style huevos rancheros. Organic, pasture-raised hen eggs, vegan cheese and nitrate-free bacon are featured.

Salads such as grilled artichoke arugula, a tahini green kale, and King Caesar can be dressed with chicken breast, sea scallops and local soft-shell crabcakes.

Buddha bowls and numerous sandwiches also are on the menu. Sides include air-fried veggies and potatoes.

In Boca Raton, the **Living Green Cafe** is set in the Fifth Avenue Shops at 2202 N. Federal Highway. A variety of sandwiches and wraps with vegan and gluten-free offerings are available. The specialties are fresh juices and smoothies, along with coffees and teas.

Brunch is served every day. Goat’s toast — vegetarian multigrain toast, avocado, dill, red onion and goat cheese, served with a side of greens — is a star offering.

Also on the menu are gluten-free, vegan pancakes; a protein omelet; the hippy omelet (avocado, onions, spinach, mushrooms, cherry tomatoes and pesto); and a Greek bagel (with Greek yogurt, blueberries, honey and orange zest).

The establishment is also a small grocery with the same green products and fresh produce on the menu sold in a green-market format.

The Healthy Spot, a small takeout-only juice bar, is in the Shops at University Park, 141 NW 20th St., Boca Raton.

Smoothies, protein coffees, and energy teas start the menu, with healthy snacks in the mix such as protein waffles and protein donuts, as well as a donut “shot” that purports to “control hunger and reduce fat.”

Acai berry bowls and “loaded” teas have healthy properties spelled out on the menu. Power smoothies have flavors such as choco-peanut butter, strawberry shortcake and double chocolate.

Foods can be customized (sugar- and gluten-free) or come with certain macros added.

The shop has online ordering for pickup.

In brief

The New Vegan, a popular spot in Delray Beach for creative and house-made vegan foods, has closed. Fans of the Johnson family’s soul food offerings made completely from plant-based sources, including a take on fried chicken, now must go elsewhere for vegan, gluten-free and soy-free foods. No word on whether the establishment will open elsewhere to the public.



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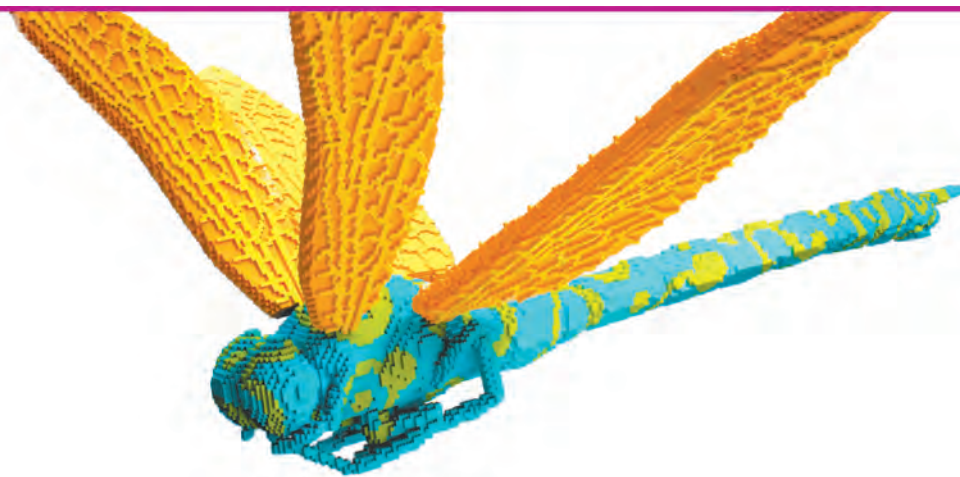
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'Musical Journey of Women' to showcase century of songs

By Ron Hayes

"If you could choose one song that meant the most to you," Suzanne Dunn asks, "what would be the soundtrack of your life?"

Beginning Jan. 28, the Delray Beach Playhouse will offer 60 suggestions from more than a century of popular song when *Respect: A Musical Journey of Women* debuts under Dunn's direction.

With a cast of eight and a five-piece band, the main-stage musical revue charts the history of women asking for a little r-e-s-p-e-c-t, as reflected in the lyrics of songs from 1910 to the present.

The memories are not always sweet, or respectful.

Yes, you'll hear Helen Reddy's defiant anthem, *I Am Woman (Hear Me Roar)*. But much earlier in the 20th century Fanny Brice was singing, "Oh, my man, I love him so; he beats me too, what can I do?"

There's *These Boots Are Made For Walkin'*, but also *I Will Follow Him*.

I Will Survive, but also *Someone To Watch Over Me*.

The show was created by Dorothy Marcic, a professor at Columbia Teachers College, who turned her book, *Respect: Women and Popular Music*, into a musical revue that has been performed more than 3,400 times since its debut in 1999.

"The show is written for four women, but we have a cast of eight, chosen from about 25 who auditioned," Dunn says. "That



Suzanne Dunn directs a rehearsal of 'Respect: A Musical Journey of Women' at the Delray Beach Playhouse. This is her first time as director there. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

way, four are also understudying so they can fill in if one drops out or gets sick."

As befits a musical revue about women, *Respect* is also very much by women.

In addition to Dunn and the eight-member cast, the production team includes musical director Karen Nagy, choreographer Jeannie Krouch, stage manager Michele Popken, set designer Cindi Taylor, prop master Susan Rose, and lighting by Sonia Buchanan.

And Sandi Hagood sets the drumbeat for the four men in the band.

Dunn, the woman charged with putting it all together, came to acting and directing because many years ago she decided a college professor had undervalued William Shakespeare.

"I was a literature major at

FAU," she recalls, "and one day my professor told us, 'Shakespeare belongs in literature, not the theater.' Well, that didn't make sense to me, so I switched my major to theater arts and earned a bachelor of fine arts degree."

Since then, she's worked professionally at the Pope Theater in Manalapan, the Theater Club of the Palm Beaches and the Lake Worth Playhouse. She made her Delray Playhouse acting debut back in 1987, when Randolph DelLago directed her in the British farce *See How They Run*. This is her first time directing at the playhouse.

"Am I scared?" she says. "I'm afraid I won't give the actors what they need. I'm afraid people will hate it. You want everyone to love what you do, and that's just not going to happen.

If You Go

What: *Respect: A Musical Journey of Women*

When: Jan. 28-Feb. 13.

Where: Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW Ninth St.

Tickets: \$38.

Information: Call the box office at 561-272-1281 or visit <https://delraybeachplayhouse.com>.

Other shows this season

Jan. 21-22: *The Cabaret*, a special encore performance of the 2007 Bistro Award-winning show *A Collective CY: Jeff Harnar sings CY Coleman*

Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 22, April 27, May 25: *Victory Dolls Lunch Club Matinee*, starring vintage Andrews Sisters-inspired musical harmony group with South Florida's Leading Ladies of Theater

Jan. 26: Lunch Club Matinee with comedian Jeff Norris

Feb. 7-10: *Music Man*, the songs of Meredith Willson

Feb. 14: *The Cabaret Evening with Sally Mayes*

Feb. 15: Lunch Club Matinee, an afternoon with songbird Sally Mayes

Feb. 18-19: Robert Dubac's *The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron*

Feb. 20: Robert Dubac's *Stand-up Jesus*

Feb. 23: Lunch Club Matinee featuring Peter Fogel's *'Til Death Do Us Part ... You First*

Feb. 25-26: *Italian Bred*

Feb. 27: The Music of Crosby Stills Nash & Young

March 6: The Edwards Twins, two brothers, 100 stars, master vocal and makeup illusionists

March 16-17: Lunch Club Matinee, Yanni's featured vocalist Lauren Jelencovich in concert

March 18-April 3: *Deathtrap* play

April 9-10: Richard Barker, hypnotist, entrepreneur, entertainer, author, public speaker and TV personality

April 29-May 15: *Same Time, Next Year* play

May 28: Spidey, mentalist

But I'll tell you, this is community theater, but we work as if the audience paid for front-row *Hamilton* tickets."

And finally, of course, there's that musical elephant in the room.

Can men enjoy a show about the musical journey of women?

"Men can enjoy it," Dunn says. "It's the music they grew up with as well.

"Men appreciate good talent.

"And men have daughters, too." ★

PLAYHOUSE

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flooded the auditorium.

There was no heating and no air conditioning.

But the Little Theater was now the Delray Beach Playhouse, and over time air conditioning arrived, as well as a lobby, dressing rooms and a children's theater workshop.

And the restrooms no longer opened on the auditorium.

When DelLago arrived from Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1982, he already had an acting job waiting, playing Claudius in an Oklahoma City production of *Hamlet*. In the meantime, he'd accepted a one-time job guest directing at the Delray Beach Playhouse.

He chose *Arsenic & Old Lace*, the beloved farce about two elderly spinsters who poison 12 lonely old men with elderberry wine spiked with arsenic, then bury the bodies in their Brooklyn basement.

The victims are never seen during the play, but DelLago persuaded 12 local volunteers to don green makeup and eyeshade each night and join the cast for the curtain call.

"You couldn't do that in a professional theater," he points out. "Union rules would require that each of the corpses be



Randolph DelLago joined the Delray Beach Playhouse in 1982. A portrait of him in the 1980s (left) sits alongside a more recent photograph.



Delray Beach Playhouse organizers cut the ribbon on the theater in 1958.

paid."

The play was such a success DelLago was asked to remain as the permanent artistic director. Oklahoma lost a Claudius, and the rest is local community theater history.

Since then, the playhouse has maintained its original vision of presenting five productions each season, a tradition interrupted briefly by the coronavirus



ABOVE: The Delray Beach Playhouse, seen in recent years, now has a capacity of 238 seats.



LEFT: The playhouse opened in 1958 in its current location along Lake Ida. **Photos provided**

threat, when part of the 2020-2021 season was presented as prerecorded online productions.

"I'm just sorry our 75th anniversary is taking place at a time when some are still not comfortable coming to the theater," DelLago says.

This will be a four-show season. In addition to *A Spider's Web*, which closed Dec. 19, and *Respect: A Musical Journey*

of Women, opening Jan. 28, the playhouse will present *Deathtrap* in March and *Same Time, Next Year* in April.

But other shows go on, with matinees of one-act plays, lectures, a separate theater and stage for children's productions, and the popular "Musical Memories" series, in which DelLago introduces audiences to the works of Broadway

composers, accompanied by professional singers.

The tiny stage in the church hall is long past, and DelLago has no intention of leaving any time soon.

"I can't imagine retirement," he says. "To have done what I love all these years is an amazing gift. How many people get paid to do what they would do for free?" ★

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Art



All 'Heart'

Exhibit honors Delray Beach's Old School Square

By Lucy Lazarony
ArtsPaper Art Writer

The *Heart of the Square* art exhibit at the Cornell Art Museum gets down to the heart of the matter, providing a showcase for Old School Square, the arts and cultural complex that has been serving Delray Beach for 32 years.

The complex in downtown Delray, which features restored early 20th-century school buildings, includes the Cornell Art Museum, Crest Theatre, Field House, Pavilion and Creative Arts School.

On Aug. 10, the Delray Beach City Commission voted 3-2 to terminate its lease agreement with the management of Old School Square. And unless a lawsuit from the management at Old School

Square against the city is successful, its lease will be over in February, a few days after *Heart of the Square* is completed.

According to Melanie Johanson, museum director and curator, *Heart of the Square* attempts to highlight the cultural impact Old School Square has had on the broader Delray Beach community over 32 years.

"Old School Square is recognized as being a catalyst for the revitalization of downtown Delray, and this exhibition intends to remind us of those origins while simultaneously recognizing the dire reality of our organization's future," Johanson says. "After the city's vote to terminate our lease, several artists were eager to show

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TOP: Tyler Levitetz's *The Boiz*, painted metal figures representing various emotions, takes up one room in the *Heart of the Square* show at the Cornell Museum.

BOTTOM: This piece by Giannina Coppiano Dwin is a gilded outline of the buildings that comprise Old School Square, surrounded by lacy leaves. Photos provided

Arts

New season already marred by COVID reshuffling

ArtsPaper Staff

A convention featuring stars and writers from romance dramas featured on channels such as Hallmark, Lifetime and Netflix has been canceled because of the spread of the omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus.

The second RomaDrama Live! convention, which debuted last year in Nashville, had been scheduled for Jan. 7-9 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach. But its organizers, Gabrielle Graf Palmer and Sara Lunsford, announced just before Christmas that the spread of omicron posed too great a threat to performers and audiences.

"We've always said we are a family, the RomaDrama Family," they wrote in a social media post. "We love each of you dearly, and we feel the deep need to protect you as our own. Therefore, after many conversations with our medical director and based on the current spread of both the omicron and delta variants, we've made the responsible decision to postpone our January event."

The convention has been rescheduled for June 24-26 at the convention center.

"Our event will remain in Palm Beach, and at this time, will feature all of our current celebrity guests," Palmer and Lunsford wrote, adding that they planned to offer virtual events during the original Jan. 7-9 weekend.

RomaDrama Live! was created by the friends on a girls' birthday weekend in 2018 when the two set out to meet Starz TV *Outlander* star Sam Roland Heughan at

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Music

Feel the beat at inaugural Pompano Jazz Fest

By Bill Meredith
ArtsPaper Music Writer

Percussionists are often an afterthought for band leaders when putting together musicians for recording or live performance. From pop to jazz, most think that having vocalists and a guitarist, bassist and drummer, plus perhaps a keyboardist and/or horn players, suffices.

Often it does. Unless, of course, a band leader wants the extra rhythm, energy, and visual element of a percussionist — who usually

plays hand drums like congas and bongos, and stick instruments like bells, woodblocks and timbales. All employ eye-catching hand movements, and add rhythmic spice to any musical situation.

And one of the preeminent congueros of the past half-century resides in South Florida. Miami Beach-based Sammy Figueroa performs with his Latin Jazz Explosion band (also featuring saxophonist Troy Roberts, trumpeter Francisco Dimas, pianist Martin Bejerano, bassist Carlo De Rosa and drummer Ludwig Afonso)

at Jazz Fest Pompano Beach, the city's inaugural two-day jazz festival, on Jan. 29.

You may have heard of some of the artists Figueroa has recorded and/or toured with: Average White Band, David Bowie, Mariah Carey, Joe Cocker, Hall & Oates, Whitney Houston, Mick Jagger, Carole King, Diana Ross and Luther Vandross.

In jazz, Figueroa's credits include George Benson, Michel Camilo, Miles Davis, Joey DeFrancesco, Dave Grusin, Freddie Hubbard,

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Renowned South Florida percussionist Sammy Figueroa and his Latin Jazz Explosion band will play Jan. 29 during the two-day Jazz Fest Pompano Beach. Photo provided

Art

Incan glory comes alive — with VR boost — in Boca exhibit

By Jan Engoren
Contributing Writer

In all the splendor of the ancient objects in the Machu Picchu exhibit now on view at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, one of the highlights is something that isn't really there: The Incan ruler Pachacuti, who died in the 1470s, alive again in a virtual reality tour.

Machu Picchu and the Golden Empires of Peru, which runs through March 6, will embark on a multi-country, worldwide tour after leaving Boca. Presented by Cityneon, the government of Peru, the Peruvian Ministry of Culture and Inkaterria Asociación, the exhibit brings almost 200 artifacts from the Museo Larco and Museo de Sitio Manuel Chávez Ballón in Peru.

With many original Andean gold *objets d'art* from royal

tombs, some of which have never been seen outside Peru, including the fully intact gold attire of a Chimú Emperor dating back to 1300, the exhibit takes up two floors of the museum.

A golden headdress shows a feline head with feathers, bird-beak nose, and second figure with headdress of plumes and triangular pendants, embossed with two monkeys and a two-headed serpent.

A number of vessels depicting anthropomorphic figures, ceramic objects, breastplates, jewelry — including a gold, conch and turquoise ear ornament — ceremonial drums and fertility totems also are on display.

Guided by Ai Apaec, a mythical Andean hero, visitors learn about Andean cosmology, rituals of birth and death, beliefs in gods and the afterlife,



The world premiere exhibit at the Boca Raton Museum of Art contains almost 200 artifacts from ancient Peru. Photo provided

and gain a perspective into the transformation through forces of nature that result in his death and subsequent rebirth.

A sculptural spout bottle on display depicts his transformation into a puffer fish after he fought and conquered one in the sea.

Another highlight of the exhibit is a virtual reality tour of Machu Picchu, guided by the Incan ruler Pachacuti, Sapa Inca, who reigned over the Kingdom of Cusco in the 15th century.

The exhibit begins on the second floor; once back on the first floor, guests can queue up for the virtual reality experience of Machu Picchu.

It was filmed in 2020 during the unprecedented closure of the site during the pandemic, marking the first time in recent

history this City in the Sky was completely empty. The film used state-of-the-art drone-VR technology.

Many archaeologists believe that Machu Picchu was built as an estate for Pachacuti himself. Now reincarnated for modern times as a CGI figure, Pachacuti takes visitors on their search for the lost Incan treasures.

Once your headset is on, your first stop is the Temple of the Three Windows, each window representing one of the three Inca worlds — the land of the living (Akapacha), the celestial life (Ajapacha), and the underworld (Manquapacha).

Each world is represented by an animal. The underworld is represented by a snake, the present life is represented by a cougar, and the afterlife is where the Great Condor dwells.

If You Go

Machu Picchu and the Golden Empires of Peru runs through March 6 at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real.

Admission: \$29.95, \$19.95.

Hours: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Info: 561-392-2500 or bocamuseum.org

“We Incas believe in reciprocity,” intones Pachacuti. “We established the Mit'a, a law of public service where everyone was required to dedicate time to serving the community. ... On this tenet we built our empire.”

Our narrator credits the builders of the Inca city for their ingenuity and engineering skills in creating two-thirds of the rock, gravel and sand foundation underground, resulting in its ability to withstand the ages.

For the last stop on the tour, Pachacuti takes us to the Temple of the Condor, where the spirit of this great bird resides. He bids his visitors adieu, thanking them for visiting his beloved city — his “jewel” and his “respite.”

“Remember this glorious sight and remember the glory of the Inca,” he says before leaving and flying off to the heavens.

The exhibit is completely bilingual in English and Spanish.

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JAZZ FEST

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Stanley Jordan, Earl Klugh, Bob Mintzer, Sonny Rollins and John Scofield.

“The number of albums I’ve appeared on has to be over 400,” Figueroa says. “I don’t know the exact number in my head, because I’ve lost count. People come up to me to tell me about how much they like recordings I’m on, and I sometimes don’t even remember those sessions.”

Born in the Bronx and raised in Puerto Rico, Figueroa returned to New York before relocating briefly to Los Angeles in the late 1990s, and then to South Florida since the early aughts.

“I’ve had different musicians in the Latin Jazz Explosion over the years, all from the great music schools in South Florida. This is a special place,” he says.

The percussionist, 73, got his big break in music in New York City courtesy of yet another prominent jazz musician, flutist Herbie Mann, in a scene that sounds more cinematic than realistic.

“I was working at the record store Sam Goody’s,” Figueroa says, “and I met Herbie there, because he used to come into the store all the time. Eventually we went to lunch together, and he said, ‘Sammy, do you play anything?’ I told him I was a percussionist and played congas, and he said, ‘Great, come to the club where I’m playing tonight and jam with me.’”

“So I did, and he asked if I wanted to join his band and play

some gigs, as well as playing a tour of Europe. ... Herbie was a special sort of soul who came into my life and blessed me.”

Figueroa has made a handful of recordings as a leader since he moved to Miami, and his next recording will take on special significance.

“My father’s name was Charlie Figueroa, and I was only 7 years old when he passed away at age 27,” says Figueroa. “So I barely remember him, but he was an amazing singer. So my next project will be to transform his romantic ballads into hip, new Latin Jazz harmonic structures. I’m working with [pianist] Gonzalo Rubalcaba, one of the only people who could do that.”

Figueroa isn’t the only star appearing at Jazz Fest Pompano Beach. Ten-time Grammy-winning trumpeter Arturo Sandoval opens the festival on Jan. 28.

The opening concert also features flutist and master of ceremonies Nestor Torres, whose recording and touring credits include Sandoval, Herbie Hancock, and Paquito D’Rivera as well as pop stars Dave Matthews, Gloria Estefan, and Kenny Loggins. The show will also feature Miami-based guest vocalist Ashley Pezzotti, 21, who’s already collaborated with Sandoval, Chick Corea, Keith Urban and Vampire Weekend.

Jan. 29 afternoon sets, from noon to 6 p.m., feature young Afro-Cuban vocalist and flutist Magela Herrera, and Grammy-winning trumpeter and University of Miami professor

If You Go

Jazz Fest Pompano Beach runs Jan. 28-29 on the beachfront Great Lawn and at the Cultural Center.

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Brian Lynch, before sets by Pezzotti and Figueroa. Another Grammy winner, saxophonist Ed Calle, leads his Miami-Dade College student ensembles throughout those afternoon hours on a separate stage.

Figueroa, of course, has shared studios and stages with some of the festival’s other principals.

“Brian is an old friend of mine from New York, so we’ve worked together for years,” Figueroa says. “Arturo, of course, as well. And Nestor and I did a live gig together only a couple months ago.”

Grammy-winning vocalist Dee Dee Bridgewater, who headlines the indoor finale, has the rare distinction of also being a Tony Award winner — for her role as Glinda the good witch in *The Wiz*. Born in Memphis and raised in Flint, Mich., Bridgewater started her original, tribute, and Broadway recording career in the mid-1970s, at the same time she launched an acting career that’s included television, film, and award-winning stage performances.

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Review

Kurt Vonnegut: Unstuck in Time (Streaming on AppleTV, Amazon Prime, Vudu)

Robert B. Weide's documentary *Kurt Vonnegut: Unstuck in Time* is about the man in the title, but it's also about an enduring friendship, and it's about the long game of filmmaking.

Long as in 40 years: Weide, then a little-known documentarian, first proposed the idea of a documentary about the influential novelist in 1982, when he was 23 and Vonnegut was 60. Vonnegut died in 2007.

Weide, at 62, is now older than Vonnegut was at this project's inception. What took so long?

As Weide himself candidly explains in the film, other, more lucrative offers got in the way, not the least of which was the 1999 pilot for *Curb Your Enthusiasm*; Weide would go on to direct 28 more episodes of the HBO comedy, winning Emmys for some of them.

But there are more poignant reasons for the project's

extended delay. To complete the film would be to acknowledge Vonnegut's death — to come to terms with the mortality of someone who had become more than just a subject.

The result is a portrait of platonic male love that transcends art. Given Vonnegut's darkly satirical writing and curmudgeonly reputation, it pulls at the heartstrings with an unexpected sincerity.

We hear about Vonnegut's transformative stint as a POW in World War II and how it inspired *Slaughterhouse-Five*; about the death of his beloved sister Allie, at 41, from cancer; about his grueling day job at General Electric while trying to sell science-fiction short stories to literary magazines; about his mercurial temper and dogged work ethic.

All of this material, delivered with stately authority, lives in a more structurally adventurous cocoon punctuated by meta disruptions. The documentary ethos of objective detachment is broken straightaway. Weide reveals how the sausage of filmmaking is made,



"rewinding" his own footage when necessary.

Vonnegut's life was not a linear one. We are told that, long before the bombing of Dresden, Vonnegut put his head against a tree and saw the events unfold in his mind, with the clarity of a prophet. In a commencement speech to graduating collegians, he speaks of generations colliding into each other, of time collapsing — of the notion of time as something illusory, something irrelevant.

Vonnegut's books, as his champions would agree, are timeless. So too, Weide implies, is the man who wrote them. — *Palm Beach ArtsPaper staff*

SCHEDULES

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Wizard World Comi-Con in Chicago.

As fan girls, it occurred to them that there was nothing comparable for devotees like themselves of The Hallmark Channel or Lifetime to attend. Sitting at the hotel bar later that night, scribbling notes on a napkin, the two came up with ideas for what has turned into RomaDrama Live! — part convention, part boutique fan experience and all wholesome good time.

"We both faced some adversity and found ourselves suddenly single," Palmer said. "We had two choices: Be swallowed up whole or take control of our lives and forge a new path for ourselves and our children."

The two founded BriteStar Events and had their first RomaDrama Live! event last summer outside Nashville.

"It's just plain fun," Palmer said. "Bring your girlfriends, daughter, or grandchildren, meet your favorite actors, let your hair down and feel like yourself again."

Organizers of RomaDrama Live! said current ticket holders would receive special bonuses, and those who had booked rooms at the Hilton would be able to move their dates to the new weekend.

Jersey Boys canceled

Also canceled this month was the opening show of the Maltz Jupiter Theatre's 2022 season, *Jersey Boys*, the jukebox musical chronicling the lives and music of the Four Seasons, the 1960s singing group led by the high-voiced Frankie Valli.

The Maltz had intended to mount the show outdoors at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter from Jan. 11 to 30, but canceled

just before Christmas, saying that multiple factors were to blame.

"Unfortunately we experienced a confluence of issues that led to this difficult decision, including supply chain delays, material cost escalation, engineering issues and skilled labor shortages unique to this production," producing artistic director Andrew Kato wrote in a message on the Maltz website.

Kato wrote that ticket holders would receive full refunds by the end of January.

The Maltz canceled its 2020-21 season for the COVID-19 pandemic, and concentrated instead on a \$36 million renovation and expansion of its playhouse complex. The \$4.2 million first phase of the expansion began in the spring of 2019, after the final performance of that season, and was completed that fall.

For *Jersey Boys*, the Maltz had planned to construct a stage at home plate, with 1,600 seats made available in the center of the stands.

The Maltz will open its season at The Benjamin School in Palm Beach Gardens on Feb. 8 with a production of Paul Rudnick's 1991 comedy *I Hate Hamlet*. The show runs through Feb. 20.

The Maltz's new theater will debut Feb. 19 with the 1966 Cy Coleman-Dorothy Fields musical *Sweet Charity*. The musical is scheduled to run through March 9.

As of Dec. 26, no further cancellations had been announced for other arts venues because of the omicron variant. But reports show cases of the virus are doubling every two or three days in many U.S. cities, and some estimates suggest the country could see 1 million cases a day sometime this winter.

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HEART

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their support for Old School Square and contributed works of art intended to be a direct response to our current plight.”

For instance, Freddy Jouwayed’s installation piece *Omen* is surrounded by red walls to portray “code red” action. And Susan Romaine did a painting of the old schoolhouse without Old School Square’s revitalization. She also wrote a poem.

In addition, “Several more artists reached out to me with their personal stories of how our organization impacted their career or just to express their sympathy and well wishes in this battle to maintain our position as the premier arts and culture destination in Palm Beach County,” Johanson says.

Some artists created works and installations inspired by the buildings of Old School Square.

Giannina Coppiano Dwin translated the Cornell Art Museum, Crest Theatre, Creative Arts School, Field House and Pavilion into small-scale outlines, gilding them to symbolize their value and importance to the community. Surrounding the buildings’ outlines are a variety of leaves made from salt.

Jen Fisher’s optimistic watercolor painting featuring the center’s outdoor pavilion is called *Keep Dancing*. Crystal Bacchus gave a sparkling salute to the Cornell Art Museum with

a watercolor painting featuring glitter and ink.

For those interested in the history of Old School Square, a time line display stretches from the days when the buildings were schoolhouses to when the entire complex became a cultural arts center.

And one whole room is filled with colorful photographs of Old School Square through the years. There also is a wall filled with small notes from museum visitors who are asked to share favorite memories of times spent at Old School Square.

There is a room honoring local plein air artists with artwork by Pati Maguire, Ralph Papa, Lorrie Turner, Sheila Wolff, Steve Nash and Kerry Eriksen. Also featured in the room are paintings from the Highwaymen, African-American artists who created about 200,000 paintings from the 1950s to 1970 in Florida. The Highwaymen are recognized for their vibrant images of nature, and three such landscapes are part of the permanent collection at the Cornell Art Museum.

The most unusual room of the exhibit features *The Boiz*, small figures made of cut and welded sheet metal, spray paint and oil paint created by Delray Beach’s Tyler Levitz. Each figure represents a different emotion. Levitz says his army of Boiz is meant to show support for arts and culture in Delray Beach.



A graphic work by Robert Indiana. Photo provided

If You Go

Heart of the Square runs through Feb. 5 at the Cornell Art Museum, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach
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Arts Calendar

Editor's note: Events through Jan. 31 were current as of Dec. 23. Please check with the presenting agency for any changes. Ticket prices are single sales unless otherwise specified.

ART EXHIBITS

Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens: Opens Jan. 7: *Tarik Currimbhoy: Reflections*. \$15 adults; \$10 seniors; \$7 children/students; free for members. 10 am-4 pm W-Sun. 561-832-5328. Info@ansg.org.

Armory Art Center: Opens Jan. 8: *Armory Faculty Show*. Through Jan. 28. \$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: Through Feb. 5: *Heart of the Square: Let Our Voices Be Heard*. \$15; \$8 children 4-17; free for members, veterans, children under 3. Noon-5 pm T-Sun. 561-243-7922 or oldschoolsquare.org.

Cultural Council for Palm Beach County: Through Jan. 15: *Gatherings*; opens Jan. 27: *Being Heard, Being Seen*. Through April 9. Free admission. Noon-5 pm T-F, first Saturday. 561-471-2901 or palmbeachculture.com/exhibitions.

Lighthouse ArtCenter: Opens Jan. 13: *Warhol! Warhol! Warhol!* Through March 23. \$5 non-members. 9 am-6 pm M-Th; 9 am-4 pm F; 10 am-4 pm Sat. 561-746-3101, lighthousearts.org.

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens: Through March 27: *Painting Enlightenment*. \$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*; through Jan. 16: *Origin Stories: Photography of Africa and its Diaspora*; through Jan. 23: *The Other Half of the Sky: Twentieth-Century Chinese Women Painters*; through March 13: *From Hassan to Wyeth: Gifts from Doris and Shouky Shaheen*; through June 12: *Jane Peterson: Impressions of Light and Water*. \$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: Through Jan. 30: *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, Jan. 2
Renée Fleming: The American soprano, well-known for the lushness of her voice in the works of Richard Strauss. \$35 and up. 2 pm at the Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Saturday, Jan. 8-Sunday, Jan. 9
The Symphonia: Violinist Andrés Cárdenas leads this all-strings program that features two concertos by Vivaldi and Mahler's string orchestra arrangement of Schubert's *Death and the Maiden* Quartet. 3 pm both concerts, St. Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton. 561-376-3848 or thesymphonia.org.

Sunday, Jan. 9
Jan Lisiecki: The Canadian pianist performs an all-Chopin program. 3 pm, Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. \$30. 561-655-7226 or www.fourarts.org.

Monday, Jan. 10
Palm Beach Symphony: Pianist Yefim Bronfman joins director Gerard Schwarz and the ensemble for the Rachmaninov Third Concerto. \$25 and up. 7:30 pm at the Kravis Center. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Tuesday, Jan. 11
Gabriel Martins and Geneva Lewis: The young cello-and-violin duo plans music by Villa-Lobos, Ravel and Jorg Widmann. Kravis Center's Rinker Playhouse. 7:30 pm. \$35. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Thursday, Jan. 13
Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach: The SPA Trio, soprano Susanna Phillips, violist Paul Neubauer and pianist Anne-Marie McDermott, perform a concert of songs by Rachmaninov, Gounod and Schumann. 7 pm, Norton Museum of Art, 1450 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. \$75. 561-379-6773, www.cmspb.org.

Saturday, Jan. 15; Monday, Jan. 17
Detroit Symphony: The Michiganders, under their new director Jader Bignamini, are joined by cellist Joshua Roman for two performances of the Dvorak Cello Concerto; Sunday's program includes Florence Price's Symphony No. 3; on

Monday, it's the Second Symphony of Brahms. \$35 and up. 2 pm Sat, 8 pm Mon., Kravis Center. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Sunday, Jan. 16
Escher String Quartet with Susanna Phillips: The soprano and the New York-based foursome perform Respighi's *Il Tramonto; Triptych*, by American composer Arthur Shephard; and Dvorak's "Song to the Moon," from his opera *Rusalka*. 3 pm, Society of the Four Arts, Palm Beach. \$30. 561-655-7226 or www.fourarts.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 19
Rolston String Quartet: The young Canadian foursome opens the Duncan Theatre's Classical Cafe series. 2 pm, Stage West, Palm Beach State College, 4200 Congress Ave., Lake Worth Beach. \$35. 561-967-7222, www.palmbeachstate.edu.

Sean Lee and Peter Dugan: The violinist and pianist present Robert Schumann's arrangement of the 24 *Violin Caprices* of Nicolo Paganini. 7:30 pm, Society of the Four Arts, \$40. 561-655-7226 or www.fourarts.org.

Sunday, Jan. 23
Cleveland Orchestra: Conductor Franz Welser-Most leads his band in the *Linz* Symphony (No. 36 in C) of Mozart and the Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4. \$35 and up. 2 pm, Kravis Center, 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Pacifica Quartet with Anthony McGill: The string quartet and the principal clarinet of the New York Philharmonic team up for quintets by Weber and American composer James Lee III. 3 pm, Society of the Four Arts. \$30. 561-655-7226 or www.fourarts.org.

DANCE

Saturday, Jan. 8-Sunday, Jan. 9
Eisenhower Dance Detroit: Now in its 31st year, the modern dance troupe led by Stephanie Pizzo performs works from its repertory. 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm Sat; 7:30 pm Sun, Rinker Playhouse. \$40. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Friday, Jan. 14-Saturday, Jan. 15
Parsons Dance: The modern dance company founded by David Parsons opens the 2022 season of the Duncan Theatre's popular weekend dance programs. 8 pm both nights. \$45. 561-967-7222 or www.palmbeachstate.edu.

Tuesday, Jan. 25-Thursday, Jan. 27
Malpaso Dance Company: The Cuban dance company performs works by Daile Carranza, Mats Ek, Robyn Mineko Williams and Aszure Barton. 7:30 pm, Rinker Playhouse, Kravis Center. \$40. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

JAZZ

Sunday, Jan. 2
Tal Cohen: The young Israeli jazz pianist mixes traditional Jewish melodies into his jazz vocabulary. 7 pm, Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. \$20-\$25. 561-450-6357 or artsgarage.org.

Saturday, Jan. 8
Dave Meder Songs and Stories Trio: The celebrated jazz pianist and University of North Texas professor released an album in October that evokes the work of the Spanish philosopher Miguel de Unamuno. 8 pm, Arts Garage. \$35-\$40. 561-450-6357 or artsgarage.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 12
Shelly Berg Trio: The splendid jazz pianist and dean of the University of Miami School of Music is joined by bassist Chuck Berghofer and drummer Gregg Field for *Gershwin Top 20 Celebration*. 7:45 pm, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW 5th Ave., Fort Lauderdale. \$65. Ticketmaster or www.browardcenter.org.

Friday, Jan. 14-Saturday, Jan. 15
Billy Stritch and Gabrielle Stravelli: The two jazz performers join for a program of music in tribute to Mel Torme and Ella Fitzgerald. 7:30 pm F, 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm Sat, Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. \$35 and up. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Friday, Jan. 14
The Randy Brecker and Ada Rovatti Quintet: The master trumpeter and his wife, an innovative Italian saxophonist and composer. 8 pm, Arts Garage, 94 N.E. 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357 or artsgarage.org.

Tuesday, Jan. 18
Kravis Center Pops Orchestra Big Band: Michael Feinstein leads the group in music of Broadway, including songs from *Guys and Dolls*, *West Side Story* and *City of Angels*. 8 pm, Kravis Center. \$39. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 25
Kenny Barron Trio: The jazz pianist is joined by bassist Kiyoshi Kitagawa and drummer Jonathan Blake. 7:45 pm, Broward Center. Ticketmaster or www.browardcenter.org.

Sunday, Jan. 30
Ben Rosenblum Trio: The New York-based pianist, accordionist and composer with Curtis Lundy on bass and Billy Hart on drums. 7 pm, Arts Garage. \$25-\$30. 561-450-6357 or artsgarage.org.

POPULAR MUSIC

Friday, Jan. 7
Steve Forbert: The folk-rock (Romeo's Tune) is joined by guitarist George Naha for a survey of his 40-year career. 8 pm, Arts Garage. \$35-\$40. 561-450-6357 or artsgarage.org.

Friday, Jan. 14
Erasure: The British pop-synth duo, on their *Neon* tour to promote the release of the album of that name, their latest. 8 pm, Fillmore Miami Beach, 1700 Washington Ave., Miami Beach. \$55-\$75. Visit livenation.com for tickets.

THEATER

Wednesday, Jan. 5-Sunday, Jan. 9
Summer: The musical celebrates the life and work of the late queen of disco, Donna Summer, featuring more than 20 songs. Kravis Center. \$33-\$94. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Opens Thursday, Jan. 6
Gypsy: The 1959 Jule Styne-Stephen Sondheim musical about stripper Gypsy Rose Lee and her unforgettable stage mother. Through Feb. 13, Wick Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. \$75-\$85. 561-995-2333 or www.thewick.org.

Friday, Jan. 7-Sunday, Jan. 9
New Play Festival: Featuring new plays by E.M. Lewis, Steve McMahon, Adrienne Dawes, Johnny G. Lloyd and Enrique Urueta. At FAU Theatre Lab, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. \$32-\$40. 561-297-6124.

Opens Wednesday, Jan. 12
Almost, Maine: John Cariani's 2004 play with nine playlets about love in a fictional Maine town. Through Jan. 30. Don and Ann Brown Theatre, 201 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. 561-514-4042 or www.palmbeachdramaworks.org.

Opens Friday, Jan. 14
9 to 5: Dolly Parton's 2008 musical based on the 1980 film. Through Jan. 30. Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 561-586-6410 or lakeworthplayhouse.org.

Opens Friday, Jan. 21
Rx: Kate Fodor's 2012 play that takes on Big Pharma. Sol Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. \$45-\$50. 561-447-8829 or bocastage.org.

Opens Friday, Jan. 28
Respect: A Musical Journey of Women: A 2004 musical revue by Dorothy Marcic that looks at the history of American women through the medium of popular songs. Through Feb. 13, Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 561-272-1281, ext. 5, or www.delraybeachplayhouse.com.



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Paws Up for Pets

Robo-cats, a hit in dementia study, may ease pandemic isolation



Research from FAU's college of nursing showed battery-operated cats lifted moods of people in cognitive decline even though they were told the cats were not real. Photo provided by FAU

Numerous studies published in the past two decades echo what many of us already know in our hearts: Pets are good for our mental health. But a new study based on research conducted by Florida Atlantic University's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing verifies that the healing power of pets is not limited to real ones.

Yes, even battery-operated robotic cats can improve mood, behavior and cognition in older adults with mild to moderate dementia. And, during this pandemic roller-coaster ride that limits visits to senior care facilities and hospitals, these high-tech felines are proving to be purr-fect mood-boosting companions.

In 2019, Bryanna Streit LaRose conducted a study on the impact of robotic cats for her doctorate of nursing practice project.

"I decided to use this as my project because I remember growing up and visiting my grandma who was in a memory care unit at a nursing home," says LaRose. "When visiting her, my family would bring our two dogs. I still remember how all of the residents' faces lit up with joy and excitement as the dogs approached them."

LaRose teamed up with Lisa Kirk Wiese, Ph.D., RN, an assistant professor; and Maria Ortega, DNP, APRN, director of FAU's Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center, to co-author the results of this study. It was recently published in the peer-reviewed journal *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*.

In the study, a dozen robotic cats — all black-and-white fluffy "tuxedo" types — "interacted" with attendees at the FAU adult day wellness center for 12 visits. Each battery-operated kitty would purr, cuddle and softly blink its eyes as study participants would talk to them, place them on their laps and even take naps with them.

"We made it clear to them that these are not real cats, but

that they were welcome to name their cat," says Wiese. "The participants in our study gave them names, including Fluffy and Happy, and a couple even named their cats after their spouses. After the study ended, we offered the participants to take their cats home. Some have continued to bring their cat on doctor appointments or took them with them when they moved. A caregiver mentioned that the cat was a wonderful distraction for her mother with dementia when the caregiver needed to be in the kitchen to cook dinner."

The pandemic closed FAU's adult day center for about a year, so these robotic cats are now in homes and senior care centers with ongoing research taking place virtually for health safety reasons.

"We now have people from all over the state," says Wiese. "If you have a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia, we welcome your participation."

In the United States, it is estimated that one in three older adults dies with dementia-related diseases. Although there is no cure yet, this non-medication option using robotic cats has improved mood scores in participants.

"Engagement with pets increases your endorphins and helps decrease your risk of cognitive decline," says Wiese. "These robotic cats help some relate back to a time when they had pets and evoke feelings of joy and happiness. They definitely help to lift one's spirits."

Another advantage in using robotic cats during the pandemic is the absence of worries about the safety or care of a real therapy cat or dog during visits.

"The robotic cats we used mimicked real cats," says LaRose. "Research shows that they seem to provide a sense of comfort and a calming effect."

What's next for these FAU robotic cats? They will be used in a project to see how they

Read the study

Here is the link to view the complete study published in *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/01612840.2021.1979142>

Sign up for a robotic cat

Florida residents are eligible to order a robotic cat for free through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. These special cats are for people with health-related issues and are not just toys. Also, it takes about eight to 12 weeks for delivery. Learn more at this link: <https://elderaffairs.org/programs-services/livable-florida/livable-initiatives/>

may combat loneliness as well as physical and psychological symptoms of dementia in older adults in this coronavirus time.


The pandemic has prevented me and my certified therapy cat Casey and dog Kona from visiting memory care centers together. We miss interacting with the residents.

So, I am hoping that more centers will take FAU's lead and offer these battery-operated felines to generate smiles and joy for people with memory issues. The sound of a sweet purr and the feel of a fluffy coat from a real or faux feline can definitely bring on happy smiles.

Arden Moore, founder of *FourLeggedLife.com*, is an animal behavior consultant, author, speaker and master certified pet first-aid instructor.

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Outdoors



Palm Beach County is preparing for a second phase at the Green Cay Nature Center and Wetlands, west of Boynton Beach. Plans include a boardwalk, picnic area, playground and pavilion on 63 acres and connected to the current wetlands. Completion is expected in 2025. The orange lines show existing pipes. **Rendering provided**

Green Cay a delight for wildlife — and humans who watch

By Rich Pollack

Alligators, owls and bobcats, oh my!

No, they're not at a zoo far away, they're all here in our backyard at the Green Cay Nature Center and Wetlands, tucked into a residential area west of Boynton Beach.

And January marks the beginning of peak season for migratory birds, flocking to the 100-acre preserve to escape the cold weather up North and, in some cases, to make a quick stop and recharge on the way to South America.

"At Green Cay you're almost guaranteed to see something when you're there," says Jo Ann Ricchiuti of South Palm Beach, a wildlife photographer and a frequent visitor to the boardwalk that winds through the wetlands.

Throughout the year, bird watchers can find as many as 100 species — from hawks and great blue herons to least bitterns and ruby-throated hummingbirds.

Then there are the seldom-seen birds that stop by for a few days. Each year is different and even the regulars never know what they'll see.

"Every once in a while, there will be a rare bird that draws a lot of attention," says Bobby Seals, Green Cay Nature Center manager.

The rare bird this time was a barred owl, or maybe two, that stayed at Green Cay for a couple of weeks.

Green Cay has also been known to attract the Eastern screech owl, which is smaller and harder to spot.

But the rare birds were overshadowed by the presence



of a mother bobcat and three cubs, who had been seen for a few months dashing through the parking lot, snoozing on a berm or hunting for rodents.

"Everybody's been going nuts over the bobcats," says Ricchiuti.

Bobcats are migratory and somewhat reclusive. Seals says they had not been seen at the center for a while.

Best times to visit

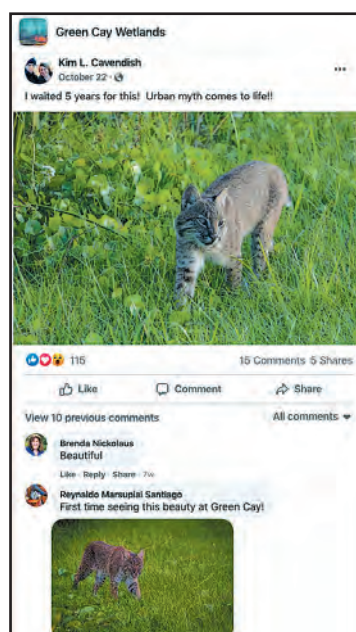
For people looking for birds, the best time to visit Green Cay is early in the morning, or later as it's getting dark, Seals says. This month and next are when visitors are likely to see the most birds.

Not every Green Cay visitor is there to see the birds, however. Some come just to be in a calming natural environment, while others come for a daily walk. It's also a great place to bring the kids.

"We were there the other day," Ricchiuti says, "and there were whole families all enjoying nature."

In addition to the 1.5-mile boardwalk that winds through a variety of habitats — from cypress swamps to hardwood tropical hammocks — Green Cay has an expansive nature center with a variety of displays.

The nature center also holds meetings and environmental



LEFT: Late afternoon light makes the display plumes on this great blue heron glow, while it stands in water near the boardwalk at Green Cay Wetlands on Dec. 4. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**
ABOVE: A mother bobcat and three cubs have been spotted at Green Cay. Some photos have made it onto Facebook. **Photo provided**

presentations, including Science for Seniors.

The next Science for Seniors is 1 p.m. Jan. 21, when a presentation on camouflage in nature is scheduled.

The Feb. 18 program will be about purple martins — frequent visitors. Programs are \$5 each.

Major expansion coming

First open to the public in 2005, Green Cay is built on farmland sold to the county by Ted and Trudy Winsberg at a very reduced price. In addition to attracting wildlife and tourists, Green Cay serves as a reclaimed water facility,

naturally filtering millions of gallons of water each day.

A new chapter in the evolution of Green Cay is about to begin as Palm Beach County plans a massive \$40 million expansion that will include a state-of-the-art water purification facility, making it possible for fishing and kayaking in newly created lakes.

This phase of Green Cay, to be built on 63 acres east of the wetlands, will include a boardwalk, picnic area, playground, shaded fitness area and a pavilion.

Although the current wetlands will remain largely the same, the two phases of Green Cay will be connected. Now in the preliminary stages, phase two of Green Cay is expected to be completed in 2025.

While the expansion will provide new recreational opportunities, it will all have an important positive environmental impact.

"This next phase will combine some of the latest technologies in water reuse coupled with new environmental, recreational and educational opportunities for our community," said Todd Bonlarron, an assistant Palm Beach County administrator. "The new purification facility will be the first of its kind in the state and provide the highest quality of water to a new 63-acre recreation park."

For more information about Green Cay Nature Center and Wetlands, visit <https://discover.pbcgov.org/parks/Pages/GreenCay.aspx> ★

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Gardens

‘Ladies of Garden’ dig the dirt, and it shows in Boca and beyond

This is the first in a series on four local garden clubs.

By Jan Engoren

With tips such as “keeping homegrown roses for future decorating” and topics such as “Everything We Need to Know About Crotons” and “Sustainable Gardening in Florida,” the Boca Raton Garden Club has inspired gardeners and would-be gardeners alike.

Celebrating 68 years in 2022, the nonprofit has missions of stimulating knowledge of gardens among amateurs, encouraging civic beautification, maintaining Florida’s natural beauty and furthering club programs.

Unlike many other garden clubs, the Boca Raton club has its own building and grounds. It owns the property at 4281 NW Third Ave., complete with native plants, orchids and flowering trees.

The grounds are maintained by the club’s “dirt gardeners,” women who work in and maintain the gardens.

Joan Witter is one of them, but she prefers the term “Ladies of the Garden.”

Witter joined the club three years ago when she retired from her horticulture and landscaping business.

Originally from Iowa, Witter says, “Green is green wherever you go.” She meets with her crew on Mondays, when they maintain the grounds by propagating, weeding, trimming and relocating plants.



Joan Witter, who coined the name ‘Ladies of the Garden’ for her crew, describes what needs to be done during one of their weekly meet-ups at the club grounds. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

They have 50 native orchids growing in trees, bromeliads, the yesterday-today-and-tomorrow plant (*Brunfelsia pauciflora*), the Chinese hat plant (*Holmskioldia sanguinea*), Dombeya trees, thryallis evergreen shrubs, clerodendrum and hibiscus shrubs, among others.

The club, which has 150 members, holds its meetings the first Tuesday of each month from October through May at 1 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome at one or two meetings before joining. Annual dues are \$50 in addition to \$12 for administrative fees.

Mary Kaub, a former teacher and second-term president

of the club, joined nine years ago when she became an empty nester. “I’ve learned so much about native plants, the environment and landscaping,” she says. “There is a wealth of information among our members.”

Kaub studied three years to become an accredited floral design judge and says she has taught all four grandchildren how to garden.

“Once they put down the computer, come outside and see a cocoon with a butterfly, they’re hooked,” Kaub says.

During the coronavirus pandemic, Kaub, Dellie Krebs and other members sewed nearly 2,500 face masks for members of the community and health care

workers.

The club participates in the Million Orchid Project created by the American Orchid Society and the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Miami. The project was launched in 2013 to reintroduce native orchids in the environment. Orchids, once naturally abundant in Florida, were displaced by urbanization, and this is an effort to allow them to flourish naturally.

Additionally, the club hosts a junior gardening program at Whispering Pines Elementary School and before the pandemic did garden therapy with Alzheimer’s patients at the FAU Memory and Wellness Center.

Club members partner with the city to maintain Boca

Raton’s Community Garden, work on conservation efforts, and provide scholarships to students in horticulture or other science fields.

The club’s ownership of the property dates to 1964, when after some fundraisers it put down \$6,000 for three lots.

The land had a structure originally used by the Air Force during World War II as a boiler room and coal bin. The club had it rebuilt to include an office, kitchen, restrooms and a horticulture room. In four years, the women paid off the mortgage of \$21,491.77.

In 1971, they added an auditorium, stage and sound system, which they use to this day. They raise funds year-round to support such efforts.

In addition to a bi-annual flower show, fundraisers include the Trash to Treasures, Vintage Jewelry and Plant Sale set for Feb. 18-19; creating custom ornaments; and Holiday House, a craft, baked goods and plant sale which ran in October and raised \$18,000.

“Come and join us,” Witter says. “Not only is gardening a wonderful way to learn in a hands-on way, but you will meet some wonderful people.”★

The club will hold its general meeting at 1 p.m. Jan. 4 in its clubhouse, 4281 NW Third Ave. The speaker will be floral designer Susie Slater, who will present “Horticulture in Design Arts,” an overview and demonstration. Free and open to the public. For more info call 561-395-9376 or visit bocaratongardenclub.org.

Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 12/23. Please check with organizers for any changes.

JANUARY 1

Saturday - 1/1 - 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. 561-966-7000; pbcnature.com

JANUARY 2-8

Sunday - 1/2 - Intracoastal Adventures: Intro to Canoeing at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 7-adult; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 9-10:30 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Tuesday - 1/4 - A Walk in the Hammock at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided nature walk. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 1/25. 9:30-10:30 am. \$5/resident; \$8/non-resident. Reservations: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

1/4 - 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, nature trail, ends w/sunset views of the Intracoastal. Age 7-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 1/14, 18 & 28. 5-6:30 pm. \$10/member; \$13/non-member. Reservations: 561-544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Wednesday - 1/5 - Beach Treasures at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. 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. Held again 1/21 & 2/2. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Thursday - 1/6 - Intracoastal

Adventures: Advanced Canoeing at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. For experienced paddlers age 7-adult; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 9-10:30 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Saturday - 1/8 - 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. 9:30-11 am. \$3. RSVP: 561-966-7000; pbcnature.com

JANUARY 9-15

Thursday - 1/13 - Intracoastal Adventures: Kayaking at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 7-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 9-10:30 am 1/15 & 1/23. 2-3:30 pm. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

1/13 - Eco-Watch Lecture Series: Sea Turtle Rehabilitation with Whitney Crowder presented by Gumbo Limbo Nature Center at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 10 & up; children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 6:30-8 pm. \$5/suggested donation. 561-544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Friday - 1/14 - Night Hike at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn about nocturnal animals, join a naturalist on a tour of the boardwalk. Age 8+. 6 pm. \$5. Reservations: 561-629-8760; pbcnature.com

JANUARY 23-29

Thursday - 1/27 - Early Birding with Al at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Learn about native and migratory birds from an experienced birder; walk in search of warblers, gnatcatchers,

woodpeckers. Binoculars recommended. Meet on the nature center front porch. Age 10+; children must be accompanied by an adult. 8:30-10 am. Free. Reservations: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

1/27 - 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: 561-966-7000; pbcnature.com

1/27 - Eco-Watch Lecture Series: Sea Turtle Conservation with David Anderson presented by Gumbo Limbo Nature Center at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 10 & up; children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 6:30-8 pm. \$5/suggested donation. 561-544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Saturday - 1/29 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-9:30 am. 561-369-5501; seaangels.org

1/29 - Birding 101 at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn about the hobby of bird watching. Age 5+ w/guardian. 10:30 am. \$3/person; payment required at registration. Reservations: 561-629-8760; pbcnature.com

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Tuesday - 2/1 - Golden Hour Guided Tours at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided tour through Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Facility, outdoor aquariums, butterfly garden, nature trail, ends w/sunset views of the Intracoastal. Age 7-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 5:30-7 pm. \$10/member; \$13/non-member. Reservations: 561-544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Wednesday - 2/2 - West Palm Beach Fishing Club at 201 5th St. Speaker Captain Dale Ash, the Jupiter Snooker. 7 pm. Free. 561-832-6780; westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

Garden Calendar

JANUARY 2-8

Sunday - 1/2 - The Art of Bonsai at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Oki Education Center, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Explore new techniques to artfully train/trim trees. Bring your own tree, pruning tools, bonsai pots, soil, wire as needed. Every Sun through 2/6. Intermediate 9 am-noon; Beginner 12:30-4 pm. \$45 materials fee (beginners) + \$90/member; \$100/non-member. Reservations: 561-495-0233; morikami.org

Tuesday - 1/4 - Boca Raton Garden Club Meeting at 4281 NW 3rd Ave. Speaker floral designer Susie Slater: Horticulture in Design Arts. 1 pm. Free. 561-395-9376; bocaratongardenclub.org

Saturday - 1/8 - Exhibition Opening: Sean Kenney's Nature POP! at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 40+ sculptures made from more than 800,000 LEGO pieces explore the beauty of nature through stylized, colorful displays that stand in contrast w/their surroundings. Runs through 5/1. T-Sun 9 am-4 pm. \$15/adult; \$12/senior, college student & military w/ID; \$7/child 6-17; free/child under 6. 561-233-1757; mounts.org

JANUARY 9-15

Sunday - 1/9 - Dogs' Day in the Garden at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Bring water/treats for pets. 9 am-4 pm. Free w/paid regular admission; ticket includes full garden admission. 561-233-1757; mounts.org

Tuesday - 1/11 - 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, your favorite photographic device (cell phone or tablet). Class includes full garden admission. Adults. Held again 1/18 & 25 10 am-12:30 pm. Per class \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 661-233-1757; mounts.org

1/11 - Boynton Beach Garden Club Potluck Luncheon and Auction at Sterling Village, 500 N Federal Hwy. Noon. Free. RSVP by 1/6: 516-849-3415 or kathleenmenninger@gmail.com

Wednesday - 1/12 - Delray Beach Orchid

Society Meeting at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 2nd W 7 pm. Free. 561-573-2422; delraybeachorchidsociety.com

Thursday - 1/13 - Boca Raton Orchid Society Meeting at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd. 2nd Th 7:30 pm. Free/member & 1st-time guest. 561-810-6547; brosonline.org

Friday - 1/14 - Moai at Mounts: Awe & Wonder Lecture and Tour at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Held again 1/28 10-11 am. \$12/adult; \$10/senior, college student & military w/ID. Registration: 561-233-1757; mounts.org

Saturday - 1/15 - Using Crotons and Cordylines in Landscaping Class at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Led by Mark Peters of Peters Crotons & Cordylines. 10 am-noon. \$30/member; \$45/non-member. Registration: 561-233-1757; mounts.org

JANUARY 16-22

Sunday - 1/16 - Nature Journaling at Mounts Botanical Gardens, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Materials provided. 1-2:30 pm. \$14/member; \$20/non-member. Registration: 561-233-1757; mounts.org

Saturday - 1/22 - Friends Garden Tour at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Bring a friend, explore the gardens; learn about rare tropical plants collected from around the world. 10-11:30 am. \$12/adult; \$10/senior, college student & military w/ID. Registration: 561-233-1757; mounts.org

1/22 - How to Repot an Orchid at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 4th Sat 3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

JAN. 30-FEB.5

Tuesday - 2/1 - Boca Raton Garden Club Meeting at 4281 NW 3rd Ave. Speaker Mark Peters, owner of Peters Croton Nursery: Everything We Need to Know About Crotons. 1 pm. Free. 395-9376; bocaratongardenclub.org

Wednesday - 2/3 - Peter Wirtz: Texture and Plant Knowledge in Building Landscapes with Character at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 3 pm. Free. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

Religion News

Interfaith Café to resume this month

As South Florida adjusts to the coronavirus pandemic, in-person services and meetings are restarting.

One group that begins meeting again in January after an extended hiatus is the Interfaith Café, a discussion group that talks about cross-faith topics. The group is hosted by the Interfaith Coalition, a clergy group that coordinated events like family days at the park and an Interfaith Earth Day.

The monthly meeting features a presentation followed by a discussion and refreshments at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. All are welcome.

This month's meeting is from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 20. The topic for discussion: emotions of reconnecting. The guest speaker

is life coach Rosemarie Rose-Spencer of Wellington. She is a retired Department of Defense administrator

with a background in mediation, motivational speaking and helping military families handle transitions. That gives her a keen perspective about handling intense emotions.

For more information, visit www.meetup.com/Interfaith-Cafe.

Islamic Center open house

The Islamic Center of Boca Raton, 3480 NW Fifth Ave., hosts a monthly open house from 7 to 9 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. Everyone is welcome and no reservations are needed. The next meeting is Jan. 6.

Anyone who is new to or interested in Islam, clear from misconceptions, will find this free event engaging and educational. Refreshments are served followed by a tour of the mosque and question/answer session. Call 561-395-7221 or visit www.icbr.org.

Old ritual at Unity of Delray

Unity of Delray Beach will hold its White Stone Ceremony at 7 p.m. Jan. 12 at the church, 101 NW 22nd St.

This evening of self-awareness has its roots in an ancient ritual that helped each individual focus on a personal path by selecting a new name.

This new name was written on a white stone tablet and signified freedom from the past, from who the person was. As they began a new year, participants made commitments and declared what their focuses would be by

calling forth the new names.

Everyone is welcomed. For more information, call 561-276-5796.

Anti-abortion public rosary

Join in prayer for the protection of the unborn child with the Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach, who will lead the rosary at 11 a.m. Jan. 22, at the old courthouse, 300 N. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach.

For more information, contact the Respect Life Ministry office at 561-360-3330 or visit www.ccdpb.org/programs/respect-life.

Catholic Days at the Capitol

Congregants from St. Lucy Catholic Church in Highland Beach will join Catholics from around the state at Catholic Days at the Capitol, Feb. 1-2 in Tallahassee.

This is an opportunity to attend a legislative briefing with elected officials and see the place where laws are made and changed. On day 2, enjoy a breakfast with the bishops of Florida and legislators. A votive Mass will be celebrated at the end of the event.

For more information, visit www.ccdpb.org or call Deanna Herbst-Hoosac at 561-360-3330 or email dherbst@ccdpb.org.

— Janis Fontaine

Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 12/23. Please check with organizers for any changes.

JANUARY 1

Saturday - 1/1 - Worship and The Word Fellowship at Barwick Road Baptist Church Family Life Center, 500 Barwick Rd, Delray Beach. Non-denominational, multicultural church. Every Sat 6 pm. Free. 248-660-4036; thebasels@comcast.net

JANUARY 2-8

Sunday - 1/2 - St. Vincent Ferrer Live-Stream Mass. 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every Sun 9 am. Free. 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

1/2 - First United Methodist Church Boca

Raton In-Person Services at 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every Sun 9:30 & 11 am. Free. 561-395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

1/2 - St. Joseph's Episcopal Church Live-Stream Service. 3300 Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 9:30 am. Free. 561-732-3060; stjoesweb.org

1/2 - First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach Sunday Morning Worship at 33 Gleason Street. In-person & online. Every Sun 10 am. Free. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com

1/2 - Christian Science Church Service at Fairfield Inn & Suites Seacrest Conference Room, 910 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Every Sun 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 617-851-7750; delraycss@gmail.com

1/3 - Women's Bible Study via Zoom at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every M 10 am. Free. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com

1/3 - Rosary for Peace at St Vincent Ferrer Adoration Chapel, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every M 5:30 pm. Free. 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

Tuesday - 1/4 - Tuesday Morning Prayer Service at Unity of Delray Beach Church, 101 NW 22nd St. Masks optional, social distancing. 10 am. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Wednesday - 1/5 - Wednesday Evening Meditation Service at Unity of Delray Beach Church Sanctuary, 101 NW 22nd St. Masks optional, social distancing. 6:30 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

1/5 - Burning Bowl Ceremony at Unity of Delray Beach Church, 101 NW 22nd St. Toss past concerns away, gear up for 2022. 7 pm. Free-will offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

1/5 - The Bishop's Bible Study at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, 101 Homewood Blvd, Delray Beach. Every W 7:15 pm. Free. 561-265-1960; stmaryanglican.com

Thursday - 1/6 - Men's Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach Courtyard, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com

1/7 - Legion of Mary at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every F 9:30-11 am. Free. 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

1/7 - Virtual Shabbat Service at Temple Sinai of Palm Beach County, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Every F 7:30 pm. Free. 561-276-6161; templesinaipbc.org

JANUARY 9-15

Tuesday - 1/11 - Lunch & Learn: What Jewish Texts Say on Gender, Ethics and Power with Rabbi Sarah Mulhern at Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. Bring lunch, drinks provided. Held again 1/18 & 25. Noon-1 pm. Free. 561-391-8900; tbeoca.org

1/12 - White Stone Ceremony at Unity of Delray Beach Church, 101 NW 22nd St. Special evening of self-awareness. 7 pm. Free-will offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

JAN. 30-FEB. 5

Tuesday - 2/1 - Lunch & Learn: The Making of Modern Israel in Security and Society with Harvey Leven at Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. Bring lunch, drinks provided. Held again 2/8, 15 & 22. Noon-1 pm. Free. 561-391-8900; tbeoca.org



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Finding Faith

St. Paul's music ministry feels 'promise of a rebirth' in new season

The music ministry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church has been bringing well-loved classical and chamber music to Delray Beach for more than 30 years, and the church has provided accomplished musicians with a venerable venue: the acoustically perfect parish hall.

In January, David Macfarlane will celebrate his one-year anniversary as director of the church's music ministries. On Dec. 12, the church hosted its popular "Festival of Lessons and Carols" to a full house.

"We all felt the promise of a rebirth, like a weight lifting off of us," Macfarlane said. "Tears were shed."

The church continues to follow the diocese leadership where the coronavirus is concerned, so the choir continues to wear masks even while performing. "It's uncomfortable and unpleasant, but I believe we present a model for others, so we follow the guidelines the church has set," Macfarlane said.

Everyone has sacrificed in the name of caution.

"I'm 63 years old and 2020 was the first time I didn't go to church on Christmas Eve," Macfarlane said.

He was raised in the Lutheran church, and he began



St. Paul's music director David Macfarlane with members of his choir. Photo provided

playing the organ in church in the eighth grade.

Macfarlane earned a degree in organ performance from the University of Illinois, a master's from the University of Hartford's Hartt School of Music and a doctorate from Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts, where he received the Elizabeth Wyckoff Durham Award for keyboard performance.

His career includes 18 years as the director of music and organist at the First Presbyterian Church in Englewood, New Jersey, and 10 years at the Church of the Holy Trinity on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

Macfarlane admits he had

his eye on St. Paul's position for a while. He bought a vacation condo in Oakland Park years ago and knew about the legacy of music at St. Paul's. But when the position opened up a few years ago, Macfarlane wasn't ready. His two sons (foster children he adopted) were still teenagers and he didn't want to uproot them.

Now they're 23 and 25 and out on their own. The timing was right. "I feel it was fated," Macfarlane said.

The classical and chamber music for which the ministry is known is a passion for the organist.

"I believe it's an example of 'bring your best to God,'" he said. "Music is an art but it's also

an educational tool we can use to reach people."

Macfarlane still lives in Oakland Park and makes the 25-minute drive to Delray Beach for work. He shares his condo with a rat terrier mix he rescued in 2021.

This year's schedule features returning favorites and some new performers. The Delray String Quartet returns as the artists-in-residence. Other familiar faces include pianist Roberta Rust, Duo Beaux Arts, the Con Brio Quartet and the Girl Choir of South Florida. The finalists of the Lynn University chamber competition will perform. New this year will be the Palisades Virtuosi, a flute, clarinet and piano trio, a

favorite of Macfarlane.

- "Mozart Juxtaposed," featuring Rust on piano: 3 p.m. Feb. 13. \$20. Free for 18 and younger.

- DSQ in the Round: Child Prodigies: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25. Featuring the Delray String Quartet. Seating is arranged 360 degrees around the performers in the parish hall. Reserved seating \$60 and \$50.

- Choral Evensong for the First Sunday in Lent: 5 p.m. March 6. Featuring the Chancel Choir of St. Paul's and Macfarlane.

- DSQ in the Round: A Princess and a Bird: 7:30 p.m. March 25. Featuring the Delray String Quartet. Reserved seating \$60 and \$50.

- Lynn University Conservatory of Music 2022 Chamber Music Competition finalists: 3 p.m. April 3. \$20. Free for age 18 and younger.

St. Paul's is at 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 561-276-4541; <https://stpaulsdelray.org>.

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Health Notes

Women in health care recognized for strong work, mentoring

The Palm Beach Health Network, made up of six hospitals including Delray Medical Center, supports opportunities for women to succeed in leadership roles. A McKinsey study on women in the workplace found that in 2021, 24% of C-suite members — or upper management — were female across all industries, and that number rose to 30% in health care.

In the Palm Beach Health Network, close to 70% of its top executives are female. They include Aganette Joseph, associate administrator for Delray Medical Center; Maria Morales-Menendez, chief operating officer for Delray Medical Center; Billie Young, IT director for Delray Medical Center and the Palm Beach Health Network; Amy Harrison-Daughtry, group

director of health information management for the Palm Beach Health Network; and the top executive, Maggie Gill, CEO of Delray Medical Center and Palm Beach Health Network.

“I am proud that our female leaders are recognized for their strong work and that we are able to provide opportunities for them to advance their careers,” Gill said. “These women truly exemplify our commitment to delivering the highest quality care in the communities we serve. The Palm Beach Health Network is deeply invested in mentoring future female leaders and promoting diversity, equity and inclusion for everyone.”

Dr. Lloyd Zucker, medical director of neurosurgery for **Delray Medical Center**,

which now offers a new scalpel-free treatment for Parkinson’s disease tremor patients, recently treated his first patient using sound wave energy to treat brain tissue at the source of the tremor. No surgical incision or anesthesia is necessary.

“I am honored to be able to not only treat the first patient at Delray Medical Center with this new groundbreaking procedure, but the first in any hospital in the region,” Zucker said. “We are now able to give those who suffer from this disease a chance to get back to living their lives, and pursuing their daily activities. We are at an exciting time in medicine when it comes to treating neuro disorders, and this technology is a game changer for patients who have suffered from Parkinson’s disease.”

Richard S. Isaacson, M.D., neurologist and researcher, is director of the newly launched **FAU Center for Brain Health**



Isaacson

within the Schmidt College of Medicine.

He also will direct the Alzheimer’s Prevention Clinic and lead

an academic clinical research program aimed at reducing the risk of Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, and Lewy body dementia in individuals with a family history of these diseases who do not yet have any cognitive decline or other clinical complaints.

“Most people are unaware that Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias begin

silently in the brain decades before memory loss and other symptoms begin,” Isaacson said. “This leaves ample time to make brain-healthy choices in an effort to reduce risk and protect against cognitive decline. I am excited to join FAU’s Schmidt College of Medicine to help identify patients at risk and to design personalized prevention strategies to delay or possibly prevent the onset of these diseases.”

Isaacson will maintain a clinical research program for individualized prevention for patients at risk. The FAU Center for Brain Health will support basic research, clinical care, education and outreach. The center plans to grow the clinical team to begin seeing patients in the second quarter of 2022.

In the meantime, the center has launched a free online course on brain health for the public at <https://faumedicine.org/alz/course>.

For information about the programs available at the FAU Center for Brain Health, visit <http://faumedicine.org/alz>.

St. Mary’s Medical Center & the Palm Beach Children’s Hospital appointed **Jessica Miller** as its chief nursing



Miller

officer in December.

“This is homecoming for Jessica, as she is returning to Tenet Healthcare

where she has spent much of her career, and she was actually born at St. Mary’s Medical Center, giving her strong family ties to this community,” said Cynthia McCauley, chief executive officer of the medical center and children’s hospital.

Palm Beach County has been recognized as one of 10 winners from across the United States of the **2020-2021 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize**.

Palm Health Foundation, Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County, and Palm Beach County Youth Services Department collaborated on the application process.

Palm Beach County was recognized for pursuing innovative ideas and bringing partners together around a shared vision of health, including expanding access to behavioral health, focusing on youth and elevating resident leadership.

The awards were presented at a virtual ceremony in November.

Send health news to [Christine Davis at cdavis9797@gmail.com](mailto:Christine.Davis@cdavis9797@gmail.com).

Happy New Year!

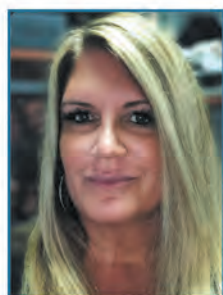


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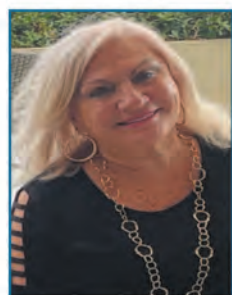
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Health Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 12/23. Please check with organizers for any changes.

JANUARY 1

Saturday - 1/1 - Yoga Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every Sat 9 am. \$5/class. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

1/1 - Something Big Yoga 2022 at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. All ages/levels welcome. 10 am-2:20 pm. Free. Registration: 561-479-7819; yogajourney.com

JANUARY 2-8

Monday - 1/3 - 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. 561-483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

1/3 - AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every M 6-7 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Tuesday - 1/4 - 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. 561-483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

1/4 - 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. 561-483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

1/4 - Al-Anon 12-Step Study at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every T 7 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Wednesday - 1/5 - Stroll for Well-Being Orientation at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Participants must attend orientation & all 3 meetings to receive 1-year "dual" membership. Wed 1/12, 2/2 & 3/2 or Sat 1/15, 2/5 & 3/5 mornings 11 am-12:30 pm or afternoons 1:30-3 pm. Orientation 9-10 am; held again 1/8. Application deadline 1/3: 561-495-0233; morikami.org

1/5 - Divorced & 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. 561-483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

1/5 - 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. 561-483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

Thursday - 1/6 - 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. 561-483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

1/6 - 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: 561-268-2357; hanleyfoundation.org/project-c4ope

Friday - 1/7 - Tai Chi Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every F 9 am. \$5/class. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

JANUARY 9-15

Wednesday - 1/12 - Stretch, Walk and Talk at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Come early, enjoy the quietness of the morning, reconnect/recharge w/nature. Held again 1/19 & 26 8:30-9:30 am. \$5/member; \$15/non-member includes full garden admission. Registration: 561-233-1757; mounts.org

1/12 - Qi Gong Class at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Relieve stress; increase metabolism, flexibility, strength. Held again 1/19 & 26 10-11 am. \$10/member; \$15/non-member. Registration: 561-233-1757; mounts.org

Thursday - 1/13 - Gentle Body Movement at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Raise energy level; work on balance, strength, mental relaxation; have fun in the garden's beautiful surroundings. All movement fully supported using a chair or a bar. Held outdoors, or indoors in case of rain or heat. Held again 1/20 & 27. 9:30-10:30 am. \$14/member; \$20/non-member. Registration: 561-233-1757; mounts.org

JANUARY 23-29

Sunday - 1/23 - 3rd Annual Boca Raton Eco Trail Trekker Sports, Health & Wellness Expo at Embassy Suites Hotel by Hilton, 661 NW 53rd St, Boca Raton. Benefits local charities. 5K/10K/30K/2K Family Fun Walk; teams of 4. Check website for details. 8 am-4 pm. Tickets start at \$50/person. ecotrailtrekker.com

Monday - 1/24 - The Rise and Fall of Medicine: What Comes Next? With Steve Charlap 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

Thursday - 1/27 - Wellness Walk: Set Your Fruitful Intentions at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Learn techniques to honor health/wellbeing. Explore ways plants have overcome significant environmental pressures, similarities in all living beings. 10-11:30 am. \$12.60/member; \$18/non-member includes full garden admission. Registration: 561-233-1757; mounts.org

Saturday - 1/29 - Yoga Nidra at Mounts Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Yoga Nidra (also known as yogic sleep): a powerful healing practice of self-care for mind, body, spirit. No experience necessary. 10-11 am. \$14/member; \$20/non-member includes full garden admission. Registration: 561-233-1757; mounts.org



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Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 12/23. Please check with organizers for any changes.

JANUARY 2-8

Monday - 1/3 - Teen Fiber Arts Studio at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. 5-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

1/3-4 - Winter Break Camp: Blox Coding at Cox Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 7-12. 9 am-4 pm. \$110/member; \$120/non-member; before/after care 7:30-9 am & 4-5:30 pm \$15/day. Registration: 561-832-1988; coxsciencecenter.org/camps

1/3-4 - Bright & Smart Coding & Robotics at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Design, create, build, program an array of robots. Age 6-10. 8:30 am-1 pm. Per day: \$55/resident; \$68.75/non-resident. 561-347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

1/3-4 - ArKIDtecture Class at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Test materials, meet design constraints, dream up structures using a variety of different materials. Age 5-12. 8:30 am-3 pm. Per day \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident; +\$15/materials fee. 561-347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

1/3-4 - Virtual Discover Magic One-Day Wonder Class presented by Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Part of one-of-a-kind, nationally recognized program. Different subject daily. Age 7-12. 10-11:30 am. Per day \$23/resident; \$28.75/non-resident; +\$7/materials fee. 561-347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

Tuesday - 1/4 - Mother Nature & Me: Fun Frogs 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: 561-629-8760; pbcnature.com

1/4 - Shark Feedings at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. T-Sat noon; Sun 1 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

1/4 - Daily Aquarium Feedings at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. T-Sun 2 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

1/4 - 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: 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

1/4 - Teen Open Lab at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Every T 3:30-5:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

1/4 - Teen Game Day at the Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Snacks provided. 4-6 pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

1/4 - Teen Book Club: Nimona by Noelle Stevenson at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. 1st & 3rd T 5 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

1/4 - Bedtime Storytime at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Children up to age 5. Every T 6:30-7 pm. Free. 561-393-7968;

bocalibrary.org

1/4-5 - 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. 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

Wednesday - 1/5 - 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 9 & 10 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

1/5 - Outdoor Storytime at Boynton Beach City Library, under the banyan tree just outside City Hall, 100 E Ocean Ave. Stories, rhymes, more. Held again 1/19. 10-10:30 am. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

1/5 - Storytime with Darlene at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Age 0-5. Every W 11-11:30 am. Free w/\$6 admission. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

1/5 - Croc vs. Alligator at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. Every W & Sat 2:30 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

1/5 - STEAM Stars at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. STEAM inspired activities, hands-on exploration. Held again 1/19 & 2/2. Grades 4-6. 3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

1/5 - Youth Chess Club at the Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. For teens & tweens; all skill levels. Every W 4-5 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

1/5 - 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. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

1/5-22 - Dear Future Self ... at the Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Set an intention for the New Year, stop by Youth Services to write it in a letter. We will mail your letter & a surprise back to you in 11 months. M-Th 9 am-8:30 pm; F/Sat 9 am-5 pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

Thursday - 1/6 - Music Together with Laurie at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Natural, family-style learning. Any caregiver can bring the child. Age 0-6. Every Th through 3/10 9:30-10:15 am, 10:30-11:15 am or 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$50/materials fee due to instructor at first class; \$175/resident, \$148.75/2nd child; \$218.75/non-resident, \$185.94/2nd child. 561-347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

1/6 - Family Storytime at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Child up to age 5. Every Th 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

1/6 - Chess Club at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th 5-6 pm; Sat noon-2 pm. 561-352-7145; spadymuseum.com

1/6 - Mori Stories: Kamishibai Folktales: Hats for the Jizos at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 1 pm. Free w/museum admission. 561-495-0233; morikami.org

1/6 - Discovery Series: Animal Kingdom at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd,

Delray Beach. Outdoors, limited to 5 families per class. Age 3-5. Held again 1/13, 20 & 27. 2:30 pm & 3:15 pm. \$8/child + admission; \$6/accompanying adult + admission. RSVP: 561-274-7264; sandoway.org

1/6 - Make & Take at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Snacks provided. Age 6-12. Every Th through 1/27 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

1/6 - Bright & Smart: Pre-Startier Coding & Robotics at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Design, create, build, program an array of robots. Age 5-7. Every Th through 2/24 5:15-6:15 pm. \$180/resident; \$225/non-resident. 561-347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

1/6 - Teen Super Smash Tournament at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Held again 2/3 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

1/6 - Bright & Smart: Starter Coding & Robotics at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Design, create, build, program an array of robots. Age 8-10. Every Th through 2/24 6:30-7:30 pm. \$180/resident; \$225/non-resident. 561-347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

Friday - 1/7 - Bright & Smart: STEM Mommy & Me at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Design, create, put together contraption (w/help of a parent.) Parent/caregiver participation required. Age 3-4. Every F through 1/28. Held again 2/4, through 2/25/ 11-11:30 am. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 561-347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

1/7 - Animal Encounters at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. Every F 3 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

1/7 - Friday Night at the Museum: SING 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. 561-347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

Saturday - 1/8 - Soccer Shots at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Indoor intro to soccer focuses on teaching children skills in a non-competitive environment, builds on skills week to week. Every Sat through 2/26. Age 2-3.5 9-9:30 am or 9:40-10:10 am; age 3.5-5 10:20-11:05 am. \$150/resident; \$187.50/non-resident. 561-347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

1/8 - Lil Sluggers Baseball at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Introduces children to baseball. Every Sat through 2/26. Age 4-5 8:15-9 am; age 2 9:15-10 am; age 3 10:15-11 am; age 3.5-4 11:15 am-noon. \$152/resident; \$190/non-resident. 561-347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

1/8 - Little Wonders at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Hike, crafts, stories. Age 3-4. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11 am. \$8/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

1/8 - Saturday Morning Art (smART): Clay Creations at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Workshops for families/intergenerational groups focus on artistic family fun to learn, create, enjoy the visual arts. 10-11 am. \$5/family. Reservations: 561-392-2500 x106; bocamuseum.org

1/8 - Teen Workshop: Introduction to Macrame at The Society of the Four Arts King Library, 101 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Age 12-18. 10:30 am. Free. Reservations: 561-655-2766; fourarts.org

1/8 - Nature Detectives at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. New mystery each month. Age 5-6 w/an adult. Noon-1 pm. \$8/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

1/8 - Youth Actors' Guild Open House at Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop & Repertory Company, 1000 N Dixie Hwy. Free program for high school students. Members receive free classes in exchange for working backstage on mainstage shows. 3:15 pm. Free. 561-833-7529; actorsrep.org

1/8-9 - Bak Theatre Audition Prep Class with Kat Kenny presented by Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop & Repertory Company, 1000 N Dixie Hwy. 2-day intensive class for students to brush up skills before audition. 10 am-2 pm. \$200. 561-833-7529; actorsrep.org

to week. Every Sun through 2/27. Age 2-3.5 9:30-10 am or 10:10-10:40 am; age 3.5-5 10:50-11:35 am. \$150/resident; \$187.50/non-resident. 561-347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

1/9 - The Science of Nature at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 7-adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$8/member. Reservations: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

1/9 - COBRA Minis Basketball at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 3-5. Every Sun through 2/20 10-10:45 am. Call for pricing: 561-347-3916; sugarsandpark.org/cobra

Monday - 1/10 - Kindergarten Readiness Story Time at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Snacks provided. Held again 1/24. Age 3-5. 10 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

1/10 - Story Chasers Book Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. In person or Zoom. Grades 1-3. 3:30-4:15 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

1/10 - BUGS! at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Take part in activities including insects or not. Age 5-12. Every M through 3/21 4:15-5:15 pm. \$195/resident; \$243.75/non-resident; +\$25/materials fee. 561-347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

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JANUARY 16-22

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Monday - 1/17 - 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: 561-347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

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Tots & Teens

Gulf Stream student finds joy in volunteering at home, abroad

By Janis Fontaine

At 14, Athena Zarcadoolas has done more to make this world a better place than some others manage in a lifetime.

"It's fun. I do it because I want to do it," not to fill her CV or because her parents ask her to, she said by phone.

Athena, an eighth-grader at Gulf Stream School, has helped build two schools in Costa Rica, working alongside the students who would study there. She helped rebuild a family's home that had been destroyed by fire. Before the pandemic, Athena and her family fed hundreds of homeless people on Christmas Eve at a church in the center of Alajuela, Costa Rica.

"I want to make a personal connection, talk to them and hear their stories," said Athena, who speaks Spanish.

Because Athena's mother was born in Costa Rica and her parents met there, the family frequently travels to the country, where they have a second home.

"We like to eat out a lot," Athena said, "because it supports the economy. The

people have struggled a lot."

Costa Rica is "very peaceful, friendly and very welcoming," she said.

From her home base in Gulf Stream, Athena is a frequent volunteer at the Caridad Center, the largest free health care clinic in Florida and one of the largest in the nation. Caridad provides care for uninsured and underserved children and families in Palm Beach County.

Charity work is a family affair and Athena, with her mother, Nancy, and sisters, Dorothea and Paulina, are familiar faces at the Boynton Beach facility.

Athena, who plays volleyball and golf, also volunteers with the Miracle League of Palm Beach County, a baseball program open to all children regardless of mental or physical disabilities. She said it is important to her because she was a victim of bullying.

She was born with muscular dystrophy and goes to physical therapy once a week to stay strong and combat the muscular weakness associated with the genetic disease.

"They made me feel

different, like an outsider," she said. "Bullying hasn't really changed. It's a lot more secretive now."

Athena says she's known since she was little that she wanted to be a doctor. A few years ago, she upgraded the dream: She now plans to become a cardio-thoracic surgeon.

In keeping with her determined pursuit of that dream, Athena recently told her parents, Nancy and Paul, that she plans to go to boarding school for her high school years. She has her eye on two schools: one in New York state and the other in Connecticut.

"My parents were originally against the idea," Athena said. "I really think it's my best option and it will make it easier to balance my workload."

For now Athena says English is her favorite subject.

"I love to read," she said, adding she still prefers real paper books to a Kindle or tablet.

She also enjoys writing, and her love of literacy has made her an enthusiastic volunteer



Athena Zarcadoolas has worked with her family to help people in Costa Rica, where her mom was born. Photo provided

for the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, where she was a top money-raiser.

"I'm a very hard worker," she says, when asked about her strengths. And she's organized: "I keep two planners."

She names her late grandpa as one of her heroes for his positive attitude and great spirit, qualities she shares.

Her parents have shown altruism her whole life, she says. She can't imagine a world that didn't include giving of herself. To her, giving is the greatest gift.

"Some of the happiest times I've felt are seeing people smile because of something I have been able to do for them," she said. ★

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Friday - 1/21 - Early Afternoon Explorers: Now Hear This at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton.

Monthly hour-long classes for home-schoolers. Age 6-9 1 pm; age 10-12 2 pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. 561-347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

Saturday - 1/22 - Family Studio - New Year Celebrations! at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Children w/adult partner tour the current special exhibition, create their own artwork. Age 5-12 w/parents. 10:30 am. \$3/family. Registration: 561-832-5196; norton.org

JANUARY 23-29

Sunday - 1/23 - Playful Projects at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Create unique DIY craft projects. Each class features a different theme, includes supplies. Age 5-12. 2-3 pm. \$5/non-resident. 561-347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

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Tuesday - 1/25 - Teen Rubber Stamp Creations at the Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Learn the history of rubber stamps and create your own. Age 13-17. 4-6 pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

1/25 - GEMS Club: Your Best Foot Forward at Cox Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Empower young girls to explore STEM fields. Girls grades 3-8. 5-7 pm. \$7/advance; \$9/at the door. Registration: 561-832-1988; coxsciencecenter.org/gem

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Saturday - 1/29 - Sharkfest at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. 10 am-3 pm. \$6/person. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

1/29 - Princess & Superhero Day at Boynton Beach Amphitheatre at Centennial Park, 120 E Ocean Ave. Kids dress up as their favorite

character for a parade, face painting, music, games, food trucks, more. 10 am-4 pm. Free. 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

1/29 - Citizen Science Squad at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. New hands-on science experience every month. Age 9+; must be signed in/out by a parent/guardian. 2-3 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 561-544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

JAN. 30-FEB. 5

Tuesday - 2/1 - The Fairy Tales of Grimm at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. For grades K-5. 11 am. \$8/adult; \$6/child 12 & under. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

2/1 - Teen Game Day at the Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Snacks provided. 4-6 pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

2/1 - Teen Book Club: Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me by Mariko Tamaki & Rosemary Valero-O'Connell at Delray Beach

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Thursday - 2/3 - Discovery Series at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Outdoors, limited to 5 families per class. Age 3-5. Held again 2/10, 17 & 24. 2:30 pm & 3:15 pm. \$8/child + admission; \$6/accompanying adult + admission, free/member. RSVP: 561-274-7264; sandoway.org

2/3 - The Club House at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Arts and crafts. Every Th through 2/24. Grades 1-3. 3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

Saturday - 2/5 - Family Saturdays: Cultural Expressions, Fiber Art! 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. 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

2/5 - Virtual Family Fun Day: Setsubun at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Welcome the arrival of spring. Families in Japan throw roasted soybeans outside of their house or at someone dressed up like an oni, a naughty ogre-like creature. Make your own oni to chase away and bring in good luck to your life. Noon. Free. 561-495-0233; morikami.org

2/5 - Special Presentation: Meet the Music! Leaping Leopold at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Family-friendly live performance w/Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. 3 pm. Free/age 17 & under; \$30/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org



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JANUARY 1

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1/1 - Franco Corso: Italy Meets Broadway at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 2 pm. \$50-\$125. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

1/1 - Donna The Buffalo at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$25-\$30 + minimum \$25 food/beverage purchase. 561-465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

1/1 - The Music of Steve & Eydie starring Natalie Cordone & Shawn Kilgore at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$35-\$45. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

1/1 - Salute to Vienna New Year's Concert at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$35. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

1/1-2 - 15th Annual Boca Raton Fine Art Show at South County Regional Park Amphitheater, 20405 Amphitheater Cr, Boca Raton. 10 am-5 pm. Free/donations accepted. 248-762-2462; hotworks.org

JANUARY 2-8

Sunday - 1/2 - Nihongo: Introduction to Japanese presented by Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 3 parts per level to take sequentially before moving to the next level. Introduction of the Japanese language, culture. Every Sun through 2/27: Level I In Person 10:15-11:15 am; Level I Virtual 1-2 pm; Level II Virtual 2:10-3:10 pm; Level III Virtual 3:20-4:20 pm; Level IV Virtual 4:30-5:30 pm. \$100/member; \$110/non-member. Registration: 495-0233; morikami.org

1/2 - Franco Corso: Italy Meets Broadway at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 2 pm. \$39-\$49. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

1/2 - The Music of Steve and Eydie at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 2 pm. \$35-\$45. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Monday - 1/3 - Freeform Expression in Charcoal, Pastels, and Acrylic Inks with Yelitza Karolyi at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. Every M through 1/31 10 am-1 pm. \$350/session. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/3 - Art Exhibit by Galel Ramadan & David Rogers at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Runs through 3/1 during regular hours M-Th 10 am-8 pm; F 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat 9 am-1 pm. Free. 561-278-5455; highlandbeach.us

1/3 - Curator Lecture: Emilee Enders at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 11 am. Free. Reservation: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/3 - Concorde and Its Place in History: Technology Meets Glamour with Rene Silvin 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/3 - Sick Puppies Improv Class Test Drive at Doghouse Theater, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Class for beginners to explore the program. 8-9:30 pm. \$25. Registration: 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

1/3-4 - Tomer Adaddi and Friends: Symphonic Broadway at Spanish River Church, 2400 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 1/6. 8 pm. Call for tickets: 800-716-6975; spanishriverconcerts.org

Tuesday - 1/4 - The Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations Meeting at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Speaker Angelo Bianco, Managing Partner Boca Raton Innovation Campus. Refreshments provided; face masks optional. 8:30 am. Free. federatonofbocahoa.org

1/4 - Career and Employment Help with CareerSource PBC at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Assistance w/ employment, resumes, unemployment filing, career path assistance. Representative fluent in English, Creole, French. Adults. Every T 9 am-4 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

1/4 - Ikebana Flower Arrangement: Ikenobo School Class at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Traditional flower arranging using fresh flowers. Every T through 1/25. Beginner 11 am-1 pm; Intermediate 1-3 pm. \$70/member; \$80/non-member; + \$80/flower fee. Registration: 561-495-0233; morikami.org

1/4 - Princess Diana: Her Life and Impact with Rose Feinberg 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/4 - Israel and Middle East-U.S. Policy Under President Biden with Samuel M. Edelman 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/4 - Socrates Café at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every T 1:30-3 pm. Free. 561-393-

Municipal Meetings

1/3 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgeflorida.com

1/4 & 1/18 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 4 pm. Agenda: delraybeachfl.gov

1/4, 1/18 & 2/1 - Highland Beach - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: highlandbeach.us

1/4, 1/18 & 2/1 - Boynton Beach - First and third Tuesday at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Ocean Ave. 5:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

1/10 & 1/24 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 6 pm. Agenda: lantana.org

1/11 - South Palm Beach - Second Tuesday at the South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

1/11 & 1/25 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesday at the auditorium, 6500 Congress Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us

1/14 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulfstream.org

1/25 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 10 am. Agenda: manalapan.org

1/27 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

7852; bocalibrary.org

1/4 - Sir Alex Younger: Cybersecurity Assessing Global Threats at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$50/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/4 - Cats in Art and the Lives of Artists with Wes Ervin 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/4 - Political Parties: The Real Reason People Dislike Washington with Bill Thomas at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/4 - The Judgment of Paris by Ross King at The Society of the Four Arts King Library, 101 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 5:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 561-655-2766; fourarts.org

1/4 - Zonta Club of Boca Raton Meeting on Zoom. 1st T 5:30 pm. 561-482-1013; zontabocaraton.org

1/4 - Comedy Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Held again 2/4 8-10 pm. \$5. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Wednesday - 1/5 - Alliance of Delray in-Person Meeting at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. Speaker: Joshua Gerstin, Leading Your Association after COVID with updates from PBSO, PBCFR and elected officials. 9:30 am. Free. 561-495-9670

1/5 - Worth Avenue Walking Tour meets at 256 Worth Ave, Via Amore. Benefits Historical Society of Palm Beach County. 60+ minute guided tour covers the history of Worth Avenue, its architectural importance, influence on fashion, development of the legendary social scene. Every W through 4/27 10-11 am. \$10/person. Registration: 561-832-4164; pbchistory.org

1/5 - 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. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

1/5 - Senses of Cinema: Films for Thought Class at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 25+. Every W through 2/16 10 am-12:45 pm. Per class \$12-\$15; full session \$60-\$70. 561-347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

1/5 - West Palm Beach Then & Now Walking Tour departs from Visit Palm Beach Adventure Center, 226 Datura St. 2-hour guided walking tour of West Palm Beach's downtown. Not recommended for children under age 10. Every Sun & W 10:15 am. \$25. 561-881-9757; visitpalmbeach.com

1/5 - Ikebana: Flower Arrangement/Sogetsu School Class at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Contemporary flower arranging using fresh flowers. Every W through 1/26. Beginner 10:30 am-12:30 pm; Intermediate 1:30-3:30 pm. \$70/member; \$80/non-member; +\$60-\$80/flower fee. Registration: 561-495-0233 x237; morikami.org

1/5 - Biography Book Club: Mary Cassatt at The Society of the Four Arts King Library, 101 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 11 am. Free. Reservations: 561-655-2766; fourarts.org

1/5 - The Words That Made Us: America's Constitutional Conversation, 1760-1840 with Akhil Amar, Ph.D. at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 11 am. \$20/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/5 - Yours For Justice: The Jewish Community and the Campaign for Women's Suffrage with Sylvia Gurinsky 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/5 - Myths Made Modern: Reanimating Myth in a Contemporary Literary Context with Daphne Nikolopoulos at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/5 - Conversations on Style with Steven Stolman featuring Elaine Wynn at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$25. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/5 - Russia on Ice: Putin's Extraordinary Militarization of the Arctic with Andrew Kahn 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/5 - Adult Acting Class at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 18+. Every W through 2/2 4:30-6 pm. Full session \$150/ resident; \$187.50/non-resident. 561-347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

1/5 - Special Event Lecture: Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg at Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 5-7 pm. \$20. 561-832-4164; pbchistory.org

1/5 - Town Hall Talks: Boca Raton Anthrax Attack, October 2001 with Thomas R. Wood at Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum, 71 N Federal Hwy. 6 pm. \$10/non-member. Registration: 561-395-6766; office@bocahistory.org

1/5 - The Songs of Ray Charles & Stevie Wonder with Rod MacDonald & The Humdingers at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7-9 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/5-8 - Opera Open House at Hatch 1121, 1121 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth Beach. Presented by Palm Beach Opera. Museum-style exhibit: archival photos, news clips, costumes, memorabilia from the past 60 years. W-F 5-9 pm; Sat 12-4 pm. Free. 561-833-7888; pbopera.org

Thursday - 1/6 - Quilters meet at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Share quilting information, perpetuate quilting as a cultural & artistic form. Limit 10 quilters at a time. Every Th 9 am-noon. \$1/lifetime membership. 561-742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

1/6 - Jerusalem: Between Reverence and Pandemonium with H.V. Savitch at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/6 - Resume and Job Source Services Help with CareerSource PBC at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Th 10 am-4 pm. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

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1/6 - Sumi-e Ink Painting Class: Beginners Floral at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Every Th through 1/27 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$65/member; \$70/non-member. Registration: 561-495-0233; morikami.org

1/6 - Kickstart Your Writing Ability at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 1:30 pm. \$30. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

1/6 - Video Editing with Adobe Premiere Pro Class presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

1/6 - Book+Art: *Tristana* by Benito Perez Galdos at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. 2-3 pm. Free w/museum admission. Registration: 561-832-5196; norton.org

1/6 - Jews in Sports with David Dalin 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/6 - The Art of Laughter: A Hysterical New Comedy Series with Jimmie "JJ" Walker at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-9:30 pm. \$30/general admission. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

1/6 - Sick Puppies Stand Up Comedy Class at Doghouse Theater, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$499/5-week series. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

1/6 - Legendary Film Directors: Vincente Minnelli with Bill David at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 2:30-4:30 pm. \$35. Reservations: 561-805-8562; fourarts.org

1/6-7 - The Future is Unwritten: Healing Arts Palm Beach at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 4-part series Th 11 am, noon, 5:30 pm; F 11 am. \$65/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/6-7 - Tapestry: Carole King Songbook at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$45. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Friday - 1/7 - The African-American Athlete as Hero with Joseph Dorinson at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/7 - Virtual Great Books Discussion Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every F 10 am. Free. 561-266-0798; delraylibrary.org

1/7 - The Art of Singing: Opera Stars of the Twentieth Century, Part I (1910-1960) with Giuseppe Albanese 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/7 - Basically Broadway Glee Club with Barbara Brilliant at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every F through 2/25 12:30-2:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$120/member; \$160/non-member. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/7 - Streaming Video Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Learn about online streaming services Hoopla, Netflix, Disney+, Hulu, Amazon Video to watch movies & TV shows via smartphone or tablet. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

1/7 - Sumi-e Ink Painting Class at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Beginner & Intermediate class combined. Every F through 1/28. Floral 10:30 am-12:30 pm; Landscape 1:30-3:30 pm. \$65/member; \$70/non-member. Registration: 561-495-0233; morikami.org

1/7 - Color, Create, Craft at The Society of the Four Arts King Library, 101 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Different project each week. Every F 2-4 pm. Free. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/7 - Fisherman's Friends (2020 PG-13) at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 & 5:30 pm. \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/7 - Deterioration of Democracy in Our Time with Luis Fleischman at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every F through 2/25 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$120/member; \$160/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/7 - Gallery Exhibition Reception - Ribbon HIV: Manipulated Photographs by Emilio Apontesierra-Paretti at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County Main Gallery, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Runs T-F noon-5 pm through 2/19. 5-7 pm. Free. RSVP: 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

1/7 - Art After Dark at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Every F 5-10 pm. Free. 561-832-5196; norton.org

1/7 - First Friday at 5 Concert at Boynton Beach Centennial Park + Amphitheater, 120 E Ocean Ave. Bring chairs/blankets; food truck/ beverage vendors on site. Family fare. 5 pm. Free. 561-742-6038; boynton-beach.org

1/7 - First Friday Art Walk at Downtown Development Authority, 85 SE 4th Ave, Delray Beach. Self-guided tour through a myriad of styles in art, photography, furnishings, live entertainment at Arts Garage, Atlantic Avenue Galleries, Pineapple Grove, Artists Alley Studios & Galleries. 1st F 6-9 pm. Free. 561-243-1077; downtowndelraybeach.com

1/7 - 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: 561-912-0000; paviliongrille.com

1/7 - Drive-In Movie Night: Disney's Jungle Cruise at Lantana Sports Park, 903 N 8th St. 7 pm. 561-540-5754; lantana.org

1/7 - FAU Astronomical Observatory public viewing day at Florida Atlantic University Science & Engineering Building 4th floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Schedule subject to change: 1st F & 3rd T 7 pm. Free. 561-297-STAR; physics.fau.edu/observatory

1/7 - Garth Tribute Live! at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$35-\$45. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

1/7 - Dorothy's Dictionary by E.M. Lewis at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab at Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$20. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

1/7 - The Fabulous Thunderbirds at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 9 pm. \$50-\$75 + minimum \$25 food/beverage purchase. 561-465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

Saturday - 1/8 - AVDA's 22nd Annual Race for Hope at John Prince Park Center Drive Pavilion, 2700 6th Ave S, Lake Worth. Benefits AVDA. Breakfast, music, prizes, Hometown Heroes awards. Registration fee waived for all active Palm Beach County police officers/ firefighters & all active/reserve duty Military personnel. 6:30 am registration; 7:30 am 5K run/walk; 8:30 am kid's dash. \$30-\$40. 561-265-3797; avdaonline.org/race-for-hope

1/8 - Hillsboro Lighthouse New Year Tour meets at Sands Harbor Resort and Marina, north side, 125 N Riverside Dr, Pompano Beach. Park in Pompano Beach City Parking (fee required) across from Sands Harbor. Look for HPLS Lighthouse tour table beginning at 8:30 am. Transportation to/from lighthouse 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

1/8 - History & Architecture Walking Tour meets at the West Palm Beach Green Market at N Clematis St; ends 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. 10-11 am. \$10/person. Registration: 561-832-4164; pbchistory.org

1/8 - Shibori Indigo Workshop: Scarf at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Adults. 10 am-3 pm. \$65 + \$25/material fee. Registration: 561-495-0233 x210; morikami.org

1/8 - Saturday Morning Writers' Group via Zoom at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 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. 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org

1/8 - Japanese Traditional Music: Koto Class at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Every Sat through 2/5. Beginner 10:15 am-12:15 pm; Intermediate 1-3 pm. \$150/member; \$155/non-member. 561-495-0233 x210; morikami.org

1/8 - Two of Us on The Run by Steven Mahon at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab at Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Noon. \$20. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

1/8 - Inventors Society of South Florida Virtual Meeting. 2nd Sat 1 pm. 1st meeting free. Registration: 561-676-5677; inventorsociety.net

1/8 - Fire Shut Up in My Bones at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Part of Metropolitan Opera HD Live series. 1 pm. \$25/member; \$30/non-member; \$15/student w/ID or age 15 & under. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/8 - Nihongo: Japanese Language Intensive Virtual Workshops 1-B presented by Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Introduction of the Japanese language and culture. Each level/3 parts should be taken

sequentially. Zoom conference; dedicated internet connection plus use of a computer or tablet needed. 3-day course held again 1/22 & 1-4 pm 2/5. 1-3:30 pm. \$100/session. Registration: 561-495-0233; morikami.org

1/8 - History Talks: Russell P. Kelley Part I: Pioneer Era, Flagler Era, and Town of Palm Beach (1872-1918) at Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 2-3 pm. \$20. 561-832-4164; pbchistory.org

1/8 - A Discussion with Former U.S. Ambassador John Rakolta, Jr.: Abraham Accords, Middle East Politics, UAE, and the U.S. State Department with Robert Rabil and Rakolta at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 2-3:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$35/member; \$40/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/8 - Alyssa Maxwell speaks & signs her book *A Deadly Endowment* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. In person w/ live Zoom stream. Face masks required. 2 pm. Free. 561-279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

1/8 - Learn Basic Cricut Design Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2nd Sat 3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

1/8 - South J Street 5th Annual Cookie Crawl, Lake Worth Beach. Presented by J Street Junction. Visit 8 merchants for cookies/beverages, music, art, more; bring your own napkins. Family fare. 3 pm. Free. 215-205-9441; joyce@flamingoclaystudio.org

1/8 - This Bitch: Esta Sangre Queiro by Adrienne Dawes at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab at Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3:30 pm. \$20. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

1/8 - The New Orleans Suspects at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$25-\$40 + minimum \$25 food/beverage purchase. 561-465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

1/8 - Comedian "Ticked Off" Vic Dibitetto at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 7 & 9:30 pm. \$46.35-\$61.80. 561-483-9036; bocablackbox.com

1/8 - Meri Ziev: New Words - a NY Style Cabaret at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 7:30 pm. \$20. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

1/8 - The Problem with Magic, Is by Johnny G. Lloyd at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab at Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$20. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

1/8 - Do It Again: Featuring the Music of Steely Dan at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$38-\$48.561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

1/8 - Improv Show at Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop & Repertory Company, 1000 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 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: 561-833-7529; actorsrep.org

1/8-9 - Puccini to Broadway: A Magical Night of Music and Theatre at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Part of Libby Dodson's Live at Lynn Theatre series. Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 4 pm. \$50-\$70. 561-237-9000; lynn.edu

1/8-9 - Tapestry: Carole King Songbook at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$45. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

JANUARY 9-15

Sunday - 1/9 - Coffee with a Naturalist at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Adults only. 8-9 am. \$8/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

1/9 - Private Tour of Worth Avenue presented by St. George's Society of Palm Beach at 256 Worth Ave. Dress for walking/ weather. Dutch lunch at Pizza al Fresco follows. 10:45 am meet; 11 am tour starts. \$25/member; \$35/non-member. Registration: stgeorgessocietyofpalmbeach.org

1/9 - Palm Beach VegFest at Meyer Amphitheater, 105 Evernia St, West Palm Beach. 100% vegan event. 11 am-5 pm. Free. pbvegfest.com

1/9 - Actor's Workshop Class with Bob Carter at Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop & Repertory Company, 1000 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Designed for actors of all levels. Adults. Every Sun through 1/30 3-5 pm or 6-8 pm. \$100. Registration: 561-833-7529; actorsrep.org

1/9 - Marielita by Enrique Urueta at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab at Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3:30 pm. \$20. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

1/9 - Story Central Storytelling Slam at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

1/9 - Shake Baby Shake at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7-9:30 pm. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Monday - 1/10 - Custom Card Crafting Club at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave.

Create custom greeting cards. Adults. 10 am-noon. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

1/10 - Rethinking the Middle East: Past, Present, and Future with Mehmet Gurses at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/10 - Dr. Jake Leech: Global and Local Sea Rise part of Robert Welstein Question for Knowledge series at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

1/10 - The Four R's of Comedy: Rodney Dangerfield, Robert Klein, Rita Rudner, and Robin Williams with Ira Epstein at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every M through 2/7 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$60/member; \$80/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/10 - Dirty, Nasty Politics in Early America with Joanne Freeman, Ph.D. at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$20/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

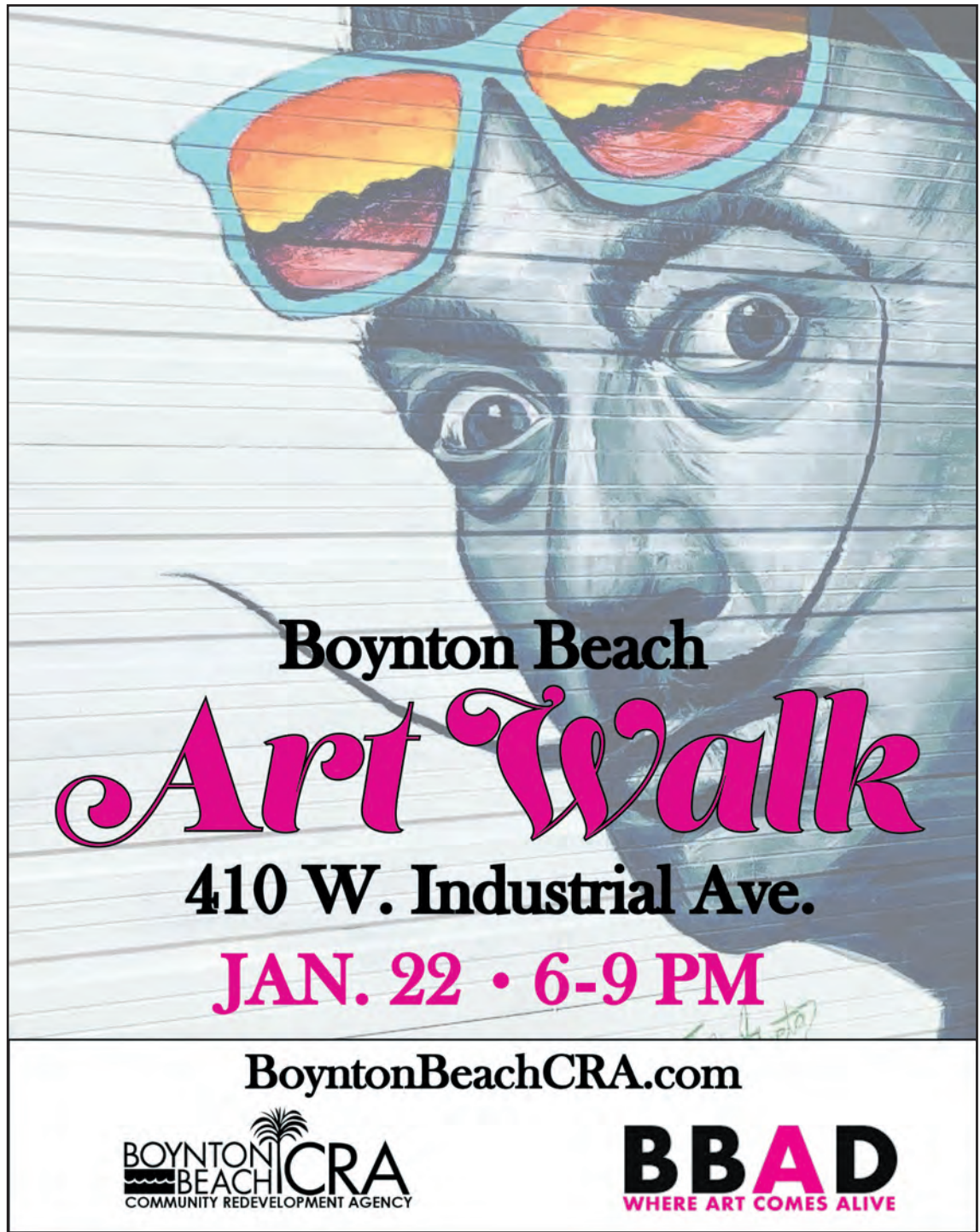
1/10 - Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks: A 2000-Year-Old Friendship with Paul Offenkrantz at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/10 - Culture & Cocktails: Washington to Warhol at The Ben, 251 N Narcissus Ave. Presented by Cultural Council for Palm Beach County. 5 pm cocktails; 5:45 pm program. Valet parking included in ticket price. \$125/VIP; \$75/advance; \$85/at the door. RSVP: 561-472-3330; palmbeachculture.com

1/10 - An Enchanted Evening with Rodgers and Hammerstein with Robert Wyatt at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7-8:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/10 - Sick Puppies Improv Class for Beginners at Doghouse Theater, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$299/7-week series. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

1/10-15 - 18th Annual Virtual Palm Beach Poetry Festival. 6 days & evenings of workshops, readings, interviews, craft talks, panel discussions, more. Check website for dates/times/prices of virtual events. 561-868-2063; palmbeachpoetryfestival.org



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Tuesday – 1/11 - China's Global Policy with Robert G. Rabill at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every T through 3/1 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$120/member; \$160/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/11 - An Hour to Kill Mystery Book Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

1/11 - Curiosity-Driven Discovery: Illuminating Our Path to the Future with Dr. David Fitzpatrick at Sailfish Club of Florida, 1338 N Lake Way. Part of Palm Beach Zoo Cocktails & Conservation Lecture Series. 11:30 am. \$150. 561-547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

1/11 - Zoom Beginner's Spanish presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Every T through 4/26 1-2:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

1/11 - Paul Tudor Jones Views on '22 at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$50/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/11 - Where is the Middle East Heading? With Walid Phares at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every T through 2/1 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$60/member; \$80/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/11 - Great Discussions Lecture by Dr. Jeffrey Morton at Florida Atlantic University Kaye Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every T through 3/1 4 pm. \$25. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

1/11 - The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline part of Tuesday Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

1/11 - Photoshop: Simple Filters and Effects at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org

1/11 - Trivia Tuesday at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Single or team (max 5/team). Adults. 6-8 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boynton-beach.org

1/11 - Alafair Burke speaks about her book *Find Me* presented by Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. On Crowdcast. 7:30 pm. Free. 561-279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

1/11 - PROUD Tina: The Ultimate Tribute to Tina Turner at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$25. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

1/11 - The Machine performs Pink Floyd at Palm Beach State College Duncan Theatre, 4200 Congress Ave, Lake Worth. 8 pm. \$39. 561-868-3309; duncantheatre.org

1/11 - All Arts Open Mic Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd T 8-10 pm. \$5. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Wednesday – 1/12 - GFWC Woman's Club of Delray Beach Meeting at Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave. Bring your own refreshments/coffee. 10 am. Free. delraywomensclub.com

1/12 - Object! Current, Contentious, and Confusing Legal Battles with Irving Labovitz at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every W through 3/2 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$120/member; \$160/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/12 - Zoom Beginner's Italian presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Every W through 4/27 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

1/12 - Bite by Bite with Peter Callahan at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. Book signing follows. 11 am. \$20/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/12 - The Doo Wop Project at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 11 am. \$39. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

1/12 - Lunch Club Matinee: Gershwin Swings starring Harvey Granat at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 12:30 pm. \$44. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

1/12 - Cold War Theater with Bill Thomas at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every W through 2/2 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$60/member; \$80/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/12 - Deborah Goodrich Royle, Ruby Falls at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 1:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/12 - Silver Science Days at Cox 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: 561-832-1988; coxsciencecenter.org

1/12 - Music Americana: The New Golden Age with Rod MacDonald at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every W through 3/2 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$120/member; \$160/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/12 - Book Club: China Miesville's The City and the City with Cora Bresciano at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every W through 2/2 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$100/member; \$130/non-member; \$35/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/12 - Journey of Hope Remembrance Ceremony at Lynn University Remembrance Plaza, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Join President Kevin M. Ross: Ceremony remembers four Lynn students and two faculty members lost during the 2010 Haiti earthquake while on the Journey of Hope humanitarian trip. 4:45 pm. Free. 561-237-9000; lynn.edu

1/12 - Cocktails in Paradise at The Colony Hotel Palm Beach, 155 Hammon Ave. Presented by The Young Friends of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$25/non-member. Registration: 561-832-4164; pbchistory.org

1/12 - Writer's Corner at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Monthly program; free manuscript critiquing by published authors. Adults. 2nd W 6:30-8 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

1/12 - The Golden Age of Jewish Humor You Don't Have to Be Jewish to Love This Humor! with Stephen Z. Cohen at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7-8:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/12 - Drumline LIVE! at Palm Beach State College Duncan Theatre, 4200 Congress Ave, Lake Worth. 8 pm. \$35. 561-868-3309; duncantheatre.org

Thursday – 1/13 - Jazz Up Home Delivered Food with Flavorings and Presentations with Peter Callahan at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 10 am. \$95. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/13 - Great Decisions Discussion Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Held again 1/27. 10-11:30 am. Free. 561-266-9490; delraylibrary.org

1/13 - News of the Week with Frank Cerabino at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th through 3/3 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$120/member; \$160/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/13 - Man, Falcon, Fish! What Do They See? How Do We Know? Why Does It Matter? With Russell Hamer at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th through 2/3 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$60/member; \$80/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/13 - Senryu: Haiku's Cousin Workshop Facilitated by Yaddya Peralta at Morikami Gardens and Museum Theatre, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Bring pen/paper to write your own haiku or take notes. 11 am-1 pm. Free w/museum admission. 561-495-0233; morikami.org

1/13 - But They Were Good to Their Mothers: Jewish Gangster in America with Helene Herman 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/13 - What is Jazz and How to Listen to It with Mark Gridley at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th through 2/3 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$60/member; \$80/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/13 - 3D Printing and Design with TinkerCAD Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

1/13 - Techniques and Secrets of Botanical Arts Entries with Sarah Boynton at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$20/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/13 - Paying for the Holocaust: The Controversial Reparations Agreement Between Israel and West Germany, and the Plot to Kill Adenauer with Claudia Dunlea 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/13 - Virtual Historical Fictionados Book Club: The Secrets We Kept by Lara Prescott presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

1/13 - The Expanding Man: An Original Tribute to Steely Dan at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Free. Reservations: 561-465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

1/13 - I Now Pronounce You Husband and Wife and Co-Stars: Husbands & Wives Who Starred in Movies Together with Kurt F. Stone at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th through 3/3 7-9 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$120/member; \$160/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/13 - Auditioning for Film and Television Class with Marlo Cohen at Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop & Repertory Company, 1000 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 6-week class; in-depth look at process/skills needed to audition for film/television. Adults. Every Th through 2/17 7-9 pm. \$150. Registration: 561-833-7529; actorsrep.org

1/13 - One Voice: Music of Barry Manilow at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$35-\$45. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

1/13 - An Evening with Jimmy Webb at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$49. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

1/13 - Dr. Frank Alcock: Trade Wars part of Town of South Palm Beach Virtual Lecture Series. Virtual access via email only after payment received. 7:30 pm. \$15. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

1/13 - Ledisi Sings Nina at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$29. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

1/13 - Nissim Black's Bright Lights Tour at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 8 pm. \$36.05-\$46.35. 561-483-9036; bocablackbox.com

Friday – 1/14 - Exhibition Opening: Forms + Figures at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Rd. West Palm Beach. Runs through 6/30. W-Sun 10-am-4 pm. \$15/adult; \$10/age 65+; \$7/child 5+; free/child under 5. 561-832-5328; ansg.org

1/14 - Lives Cut Short: Major Figures in American Literature with Matt Klauza at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every F through 2/4 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$60/member; \$80/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/14 - The Best of Portraits of Musical Greatness with Giuseppe Albanese at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every F through 3/4 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$120/member; \$160/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/14 - Cash Apps Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

1/14 - Music Learning Apps presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org

1/14 - Operation Finale (2020 PG-13) at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 & 5:30 pm. \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/14 - Guided Discussion: Pollution Prevention and Sustainability with Masoud Jahandar Lashaki at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every F through 3/4 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$200/member; \$260/non-member; \$35/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/14 - Bonfire on the Beach at Lake Worth Casino and Beach Complex, 10 S Ocean Blvd. Bring beach chairs/blankets. 2nd & 4th F through 2/25 6-10 pm. Free; metered parking. 561-533-7395; lakeworth.org

1/14 - An Evening of Music & Art in the Gardens at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Rd. West Palm Beach. 6-8 pm. \$15/adult; \$10/age 65+; \$7/student; free/child under 5. 561-832-5328; ansg.org

1/14 - Nerd Night at Cox Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. N'Sync & Backstreet Boys laser show, Fire vs. Ice demonstration, giant beer pong, interactive nerd trivia. Food trucks & brew samples. Age 21+. 6-9 pm. \$20/advance; \$25/at the door. Register: 561-832-1988; coxsciencecenter.org

1/14 - Brooklyn's Best at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm show. \$20/minimum per person. Reservations: 561-912-0000; paviliongrille.com

1/14 - The 5th Dimension at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 6:30 & 8:30 pm. \$46.35-\$61.80. 561-483-9036; bocablackbox.com

1/14 - Roger Voisin Memorial Trumpet Competition Judge's Recital at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. Call for tickets: 561-237-7000; lynn.edu

1/14 - One Voice: Music of Barry Manilow at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$35-\$45. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

1/14 - JP Soars Gypsy Blue Revue featuring Jason Ricci & Anne Harris at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 9 pm. \$25-\$50 + minimum \$25 food/beverage purchase. 561-465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

1/14-16 - Volunteers Needed for 9 to 5 Stage Crew at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Be able to lift 30 lbs, be available for tech rehearsals & entire run of the show (1/14-16, 1/21-23 & 1/28-30). Students can earn community service hours. Contact Daniel Eilola: daniel@lakeworthplayhouse.org

1/14-16 - Affair of the Arts at Boynton Beach Mall, North Parking Lot, 801 N Congress Ave. Arts, crafts, culture, food; 300+ vendors. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 561-297-0907; affairoftheartsfl.com

1/14-16 - Men are from Mars Women are from Venus Live! 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

1/14-30 - South Florida Fair at 9067 Southern Blvd, West Palm Beach. Check website for times/events/tickets. 561-793-0333; southfloridafair.com

Saturday - 1/15 - Florida Highwaymen Art Show & Sale at Boynton Beach Arts and Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Sponsored by Boynton Woman's Club & Boynton Beach Historical Society in partnership w/the City of Boynton Beach. 11 am-3 pm. Free. boyntonhistory.org

1/15 - Japanese Calligraphy Workshop for Beginners: Adults at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Learn brush strokes, some Japanese characters w/ink & brush, traditional calligraphy writing implements. 11:30 am-1 pm or 2-3:30 pm. \$40/person + museum admission. Registration: 561-495-0233; morikami.org

1/15 - Omotesenke School Sado Tea Ceremony Workshop at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Learn basics of Sado Tea Ceremony necessary to know in order to better understand, fully enjoy the tea ceremony. Workshop is a prerequisite to study sado at Morikami. 1-3 pm. \$50. Registration: 561-495-0233 x237; morikami.org

1/15 - Community Open House at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. All ages. 1-3 pm. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

1/15 - Art Talks: Shakeera Thomas - My Grandmother's Masala Brick: The Art of Making Roti & Dhal Puri at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 2-3 pm. Free. RSVP: 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

1/15 - The Danish Collector: Delacroix to Gauguin at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 pm. \$15/member, student w/valid ID or age 15 & under; \$20/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/15 - Artist at Work Series: Carolina Cueva at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. 3-4 pm. Free w/museum admission. Reservations: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

1/15 - Story Central: Caren Schnur Neile: Peninnah's World: A Jewish Life in Stories at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

1/15 - Scarborough Fair: A Simon & Garfunkel Experience by The Guthrie Brothers at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 7-9 pm. \$36.05-\$46.35. 561-483-9036; bocablackbox.com

1/15 - Roger Voisin Memorial Trumpet Competition Final Round and Closing Ceremony at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. Call for tickets: 561-237-7000; lynn.edu

1/15 - Otis Cadillac & the El Dorados Rhythmic and Blues Revue featuring the Sublime Seville Sisters at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

1/15-16 - 33rd Annual Downtown Delray Beach Festival of the Arts at 401 E Atlantic Ave. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 561-746-6615; artfestival.com

1/15-16 - 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

1/15-16 - Martin Barre Band at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$55-\$75. 561-465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

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Sunday – 1/16 - South Florida Gift of Life Steps for Life 5K Run & Walk at Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Presented by Gift of Life's Marrow Registry. 7 am registration. \$30-\$35/adult; \$20-\$35/ student; free/child 6 & under Superhero Sprint. 800-962-7769; secure.egiv.com/event/sfl2022

1/16 - German Beerfest at American German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth Beach. Facial coverings required except while at your dining table. Admission includes food/drink. Noon-5 pm. \$35/guest. Registration: 561-967-6464; americangermanclub.org

1/16 - The Sunday Sleuths Book Group on Zoom: The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 104 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

1/16 - Damon Fowler at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7-8:30 pm. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

1/16 - 16th Annual New Music Festival Spotlight 1: Emerging Composers at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 4 pm. Free. 561-237-7000; lynn.edu

1/16 - Pink Martini featuring China Forbes at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$29. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

Monday - 1/17 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

1/17 - Day Trip to Archbold Biological Station, Venus, Florida meets at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. Check in 15 minutes prior to departure. Wear footwear suitable for walking. 8 am-7 pm. \$225/includes transportation, tour, lunch. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/17 - MLK Jr. Day Unity March at Ebenezer Baptist Church/MLK Jr. Memorial, 200 NE Ruby St to Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 10 am walk; 10:30 am ceremony; 11:30 am-2 pm Unity Carnival. Free. 561-393-7700; myboca.us/1468/MLK-Jr-Day

1/17 - MLK Event at Boynton Beach Amphitheater, 120 E Ocean Ave. Bring chairs/blankets. Music, food trucks, non-profit displays, kid's activities, more. Facial coverings & social distancing recommended. Family fare. Noon-4 pm. Free. 561-742-6010; boynton-beach.org

1/17 - Movie Mondays: Back to the Future at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 3rd M 1-3 pm. Free; popcorn & coffee provided. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

1/17 - Turner's Modern World with Frederick Ilchman at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$20/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/17 - Virtual 16th Annual New Music Festival Master Class and Workshop with John Harbison presented by Lynn University, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-237-7000; lynn.edu

1/17 - Poetry Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$5. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Tuesday – 1/18 - Deutschland, Deutschland: Germany from Bismarck to Merkel with Stephen Berk at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every T through 2/8 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$60/member; \$80/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/18 - Author Talk: Bernice Lerner at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

1/18 - P.J. O'Rourke: A Cry from the Far Middle at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$50/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/18 - Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016 Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every M & 2 T from 1/19 through 2/28 3-5 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

1/18 - Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016 Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every T through 3/1 3-5 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

1/18 - Sewing for Beginners at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Learn basics, practice skills of machine sewing. Machines provided. Adults. 6-8 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; 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. 9 am-1 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

University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu
1/19 - Book Buzz: Adult Book Club at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org
1/19 - League of Women Voters Virtual Event: Beyond Roe: Reproductive Rights in Florida with Guest Speaker Amy Weintraub. Noon. Free. RSVP: 968-4123; lwvpsc.org
1/19 - Mistress of the Ritz by Melanie Benjamin at The Society of the Four Arts King Library, 101 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 1:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 561-655-2766; fourarts.org
1/19 - Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every W through 3/2 3-5 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org
1/19 - French Art in Russia: The Passion of Emperors, Aristocrats and Industrialists with Emmanuel Ducamp at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$20/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org
1/19 - Virtual Workshop: Marketing for Entrepreneurs and Businesses at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org
1/19 - Book & Author Podcasts presented by Women's National Book Association South Florida Chapter via Zoom. Behind-the-scenes look w/panel members. 6:30 pm. Free. Registration: southflorida@wnba-books.org
1/19 - Rodgers and Hart A Celebration of Brilliant Words and Wonderful Music with Harvey Granat at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7-8:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu
1/19 - Michael Bolton at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$29. 561-832-7469; kravis.org
1/19-21 - Photoshop for New Photographers with Mickey Strand at Palm Beach Photographic Centre, 415 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. 9 am-4 pm. \$845/member; \$895/non-member. 561-253-2600; workshop.org
Thursday - 1/20 - God and the Brain? With Jeffrey Small, Jr. at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 11 am. \$20/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org
1/20 - Lunch & Learn: Carmen presented by Palm Beach Opera at The National Croquet Center, 700 Florida Mango Rd, West Palm Beach. Noon-2 pm. \$270/series of 3; \$100/single ticket. 561-835-7557; pbopera.org
1/20 - Voices from the Past: Cultural History Gathered from Yizkor (Memorial) Books with Bill Farran 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu
1/20 - Creating Graphics with Adobe Illustrator at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org
1/20 - 1942 with Stephen Berk 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu
1/20 - American Foreign Policy: Artificial Intelligence with Jeffrey S. Morton, Ph.D. at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 3-4:30 pm. \$125/5-part series; \$35/lecture. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org
1/20 - Mock Trial: Was It Murder? at Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Join the trial as a role in the case or member of the jury, or sit back/enjoy the show. Age 21+. 5:30-7 pm. \$20/member;

\$30/non-member. Registration: 561-832-4164; pbchistory.org
1/20 - Town Hall Talks: A Tale of Two Cities: Boca Raton and Delray Beach, A Conversation Between Boca Magazine's Marie Speed & Randy Schultz at Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum, 71 N Federal Hwy. 6 pm. \$10/non-member. Registration: 561-395-6766; office@bocahistory.org
1/20 - Community Bike Tours presented by Norton Museum of Art at Museum's Heyman Plaza, 1450 S Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Tour murals/public works of art around downtown West Palm Beach. Enjoy a leisurely bike ride, learn about artists/stories behind each public art project. Tour concludes in a nearby brewery in West Palm Beach. Adults 21+, all skill levels. 6:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-832-5196; norton.org
1/20 - Brock Butler & Friends at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$15-\$25 + minimum \$25 food/beverage purchase. 561-465-3946; funkybiscuit.com
1/20 - Jeff Harnar Cabaret at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$39-\$49. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com
1/20 - Comedian Modi at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 8 pm. \$46.35-\$61.80. 561-483-9036; bocablackbox.com
Friday - 1/21 - Science for Seniors: Sydelle Dombrowsky - Now you see me ... at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Age 50+. 1 pm. \$5/person. RSVP: 561-966-7000; pbcnature.com
1/21 - iPad Basics Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org
1/21 - Exhibition - Teaching the Object: Selections from the FAU Art Collection at Florida Atlantic University Ritter Art Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 3/5. T-F 1-4 pm; Sat 1-5 pm. Free. 561-297-2661; fau.edu/galleries
1/21 - The Art of Racing in the Rain (2019 PG) at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 & 5:30 pm. \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org
1/21 - Artist Exhibition Reception: Izel Vargas at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County Main Gallery, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Runs T-F noon-5 pm through 3/5. 5-7 pm. Free. RSVP: 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com
1/21 - Friday Flicks: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 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
1/21 - Annual Winter Fundraising Gala at Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment, auction. 6-9 pm. \$250. 561-832-1776; armoryart.org
1/21 - Outstage Night: Almost, Maine at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Special performances/events engage/inspire the LGBTQ community. Includes pre-show reception, production, post-show reception w/the actors. 7 pm. \$94. 561-514-4042; palmbeachdramaworks.org
1/21 - Heitz Cellar Tasting at Gourmetphile, 323 E Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$100/person. 561-757-6208; gourmetphile.com
1/21 - The Music of Sam Cooke at Palm Beach State College Duncan Theatre, 4200 Congress Ave, Lake Worth. 8 pm. \$39. 561-868-3309; duncantheatre.org
1/21 - Do It Again: Music of Steely Dan at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$38-\$48. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com
1/21 - 4NR2: The Ultimate Foreigner Tribute at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 8 pm. \$36.05-\$46.35. 561-483-9036; bocablackbox.com
1/21 - Bold City Classics at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
1/21-22 - Aquila Theatre: Macbeth at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Sat 1:30 pm; F 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$45. 561-832-7469; kravis.org
1/21-22 - A Collective Cy: Jeff Harnar Sings Cy Coleman at The Delray Beach Playhouse,

950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$39-\$49. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com
Saturday - 1/22 - Symposium - Andean Connections: Culture and Nature through Time at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd. Begin at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real, continue at FAU w/11 am keynote lecture. 8:30 am-4:30 pm. \$10/member; \$20/non-member. Reservations: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org
1/22 - 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 and in the water. Dogs required to stay within the temporary fencing installed at the 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. 561-742-6255; boynton-beach.org
1/22 - Kimono Culture Demonstration at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Tea House, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Explore the traditional kimono; its rich culture, seasonal subtleties, symbolic nuances. Observe how to properly wear a kimono. 11 am, 1:30 pm & 3 pm. \$5 w/paid admission. 561-495-0233; morikami.org
1/22 - Special Musical Presentation: Kinky Boots at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 pm. \$25/member; \$30/non-member; \$15/student w/ID or age 15 & under. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org
1/22 - Boynton Beach Art Walk at 410 W Industrial Ave. 6-9 pm. Free. 561-737-3256; boyntonbeachcra.com
1/22 - Frank Marino's Divas Las Vegas at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 6 & 9 pm. \$65-\$75. 561-483-9036; bocablackbox.com
1/22 - Virtual Piano Recital and Master Class with Alexander Wasserman at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-237-9000; lynn.edu/events
1/22 - Greatest Love of All with Belinda Davids at Palm Beach State College Duncan Theatre, 4200 Congress Ave, Lake Worth. 8 pm. \$39. 561-868-3309; duncantheatre.org
1/22 - South City Brothers: A Doobies Celebration at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$35-\$45. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com
1/22 - Delfini Jazz at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$35-\$40. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

1/22-23 - 16th Annual Boca Raton Fine Art Show at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 248-762-2462; hotworks.org

JANUARY 23-29

Sunday - 1/23 - Fruehschoppen: Bavarian Brunch at American German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. No t-shirts, shorts or flip flops. 4th Sun 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Free admission; menu items a la carte. Reservations: 561-967-6464; americangermanclub.org
1/23 - Exhibit Artists Reception at Artist's Eye Gallery Boutique, 604 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth. Runs through 2/12. 1-3 pm. Free. 561-586-8666; lwartleague.org
1/23 - Final Hags Jazz Society Concert at Boca Raton Shrine Club, 601 Clint Moore Rd. Final concert as this organization has been terminated. Farewell concert features Rob McGowan & Glyn Dryhurst. 1-4 pm. \$10. 561-330-9303; hagsjazz.com
1/23 - Aquila Theatre: The Great Gatsby at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 1:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$45. 561-832-7469; kravis.org
1/23 - New Florida Follies: Curtain Up! at Spanish River Community High School Countess de Hoernle Theatre, 5100 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. Song/dance celebration. Benefits local children's charities. Held again 1/30. 2 pm. \$35. 305-596-7394; newfloridafollies.yapsody.com
1/23 - Final Account (PG-13) at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
1/23 - Guillermo Figueroa in Recital: Virtual presented by Lynn University, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 4 pm. Free. Registration: 561-237-9000; lynn.edu
1/23 - The Holy Rocka Rollaz at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7-8:30 pm. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
Monday - 1/24 - Biden and the Trump Legacy: Exploring the Future of American Politics with Kevin Wagner at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu
1/24 - Rabbi Barry Silver: Current Events part of Robert Welstein Quest for Knowledge series at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com
1/24 - Lunch and Learn: Affairs of The State

- **An Irreverent History of Presidential Mistresses and Misbehavior with Dr. Robert Watson** at Kravis Center Gimelstob Ballroom, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 11:30 am. \$100. 561-832-7469; kravis.org
1/24 - Whereabouts by Jhumpa Lahiri part of Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org
1/24 - Welcome Home George Washington with Dean Norton at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$20/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org
1/24 - America from the Gay 90s to the Roaring 20s with Taylor Hagood, Ph.D. at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 4-class series held again 2/28, 3/21 & 4/11. 5:30-7 pm. \$100/series. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org
1/24 - Playing Favorites: Classic Director/Actor Collaborations with Shelly Isaacs at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every M through 2/14 7-9 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$60/member; \$80/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu
1/24-25 - Palm Beach Watercolor Society Virtual 3-Day Workshop with Mick McAndrews. 9 am-4 pm. \$350/member; \$400/non-member. 561-885-4199; palmbeachwatercolorssociety.org
Tuesday - 1/25 - Friends Virtual Book Club: A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Email for zoom link: DTLbookclub@bocalibraryfriends.org; 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
1/25 - Dialogues Lecture - Foster: A Discussion with Hollywood Filmmaker Deborah Oppenheimer hosted by Dr. Robert Watson at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Noon. \$15. Registration: 561-237-7000; lynn.edu
1/25 - Lunch Club Matinee: The Victory Dolls at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 12:30 pm. \$44. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com
1/25 - Sally Mann: Down the Rabbit Hole at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$50/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org
1/25 - Harbor Branch: 50 Years of Ocean Science for a Better World with Jim Sullivan at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton.



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1/25 - Crafts and Coffee: Paper Marbling at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Materials & instruction provided. Adults. 5-7 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

1/25 - Lessons for Our Future Selves: Leslie Gold A.K.A. Radio Chick at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7-9 pm. \$15. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

1/25 - The Everly Brothers Experience at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 8 pm. \$36.05-\$46.35. 561-483-9036; bocablackbox.com

Wednesday – 1/26 - The Baroque: The Art, Literature, Music, and History of Europe's Splendidly Dark Era with Taylor Hagood at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every W through 3/2 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$90/member; \$120/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/26 - Lunch Club Matinee: Comedian Jeff Norris at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 12:30 pm. \$44. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

1/26 - The Ultimate Folk Experience with Special Guest Roy Connors formerly of the 1960s Folk Group The Highwaymen with PinkSlip Duo at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7-8:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/26 - Rat Pack Together Again at Lake Worth Playhouse Stonzek Studio, 713 Lake Ave. 7:30 pm. \$35. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

1/26 - Corky Laing's Mountain at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 8 pm. \$60-\$75. 561-483-9036; bocablackbox.com

Thursday – 1/27 - Hoodood with Priscilla Rattazzi at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 11 am. \$20/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/27 - Boynton Woman's Club Luncheon Arts & Crafts Show at the Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. 11:30 am. 561-369-2300; boyntonwomansclub.com

1/27 - The American Revolution in Florida: Spain's Gulf Coast Campaign, 1779-1782 with David Head 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/27 - Image Compositing with Adobe Photoshop Class presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

1/27 - Johnny Mercer: Four-Time Academy Award-Winning Icon with Harvey Granat 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/27 - Buckingham Palace: Its Art and Interiors with Desmond Shawe-Taylor at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$20/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/27 - King Solomon Hicks at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$20-\$35 + minimum \$25 food/beverage purchase. 561-465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

1/27 - December '63: A Tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$35-\$45. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

1/27 - Dr. Kevin Wagner: Election Review part of Town of South Palm Beach Virtual Lecture Series. Virtual access via email only after payment received. 7:30 pm. \$15. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

Friday - 1/28 - Exhibition - Artists At Home: Photography of Historic Artists' Homes & Studios Program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation at Ann Norton Sculpture Garden, 253 Barcelona Rd, West Palm Beach. Runs through 5/30 during regular hours W-Sun 10 am-4 pm. \$12/adult; \$8/senior 65 & older; \$5/student & child. 561-832-5328; ansg.org

1/28 - Facebook Settings & Privacy Class presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 561-393-7852; bocapubliclibrary.org

1/28 - iPad Intermediate Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

1/28 - Repeat Wives; Second, Third, and Counting at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 1:30 pm. \$25. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

1/28 - Documentary: Waste Land (2010 NR) at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 5:30 pm. \$10/non-member.

Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/28 - Association of Performing Arts of India: Sitar Songs of the Universe at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$20. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

1/28 - Al Pessin speaks about his book *Shock Wave* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. In person w/ live streaming. 6 pm. Face masks required. Free. 561-279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

1/28 - Oh, Canada! at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$35-\$45. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

1/28 - Jeff Norris at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center Cabaret Room, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$35. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

1/28 - Garage Queens 2021 at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$35-\$40. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

1/28-29 - Comedian Bob Marley at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 7 & 9 pm. \$36.05-\$46.35. 561-483-9036; bocablackbox.com

1/28-30 - Black Box Series: Water By The Spoonful by Quira Alegria Hudes at Lake Worth Playhouse Stonzek Studio, 713 Lake Ave. Runs through 2/6. Sun 2 pm; F/Sat 8 pm. \$25. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

1/28-30 - Palm Beach Opera presents Carmen by George Bizet at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Opening night dinner, 5:15 pm, \$205; F/Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 2 pm. Tickets start at \$25. 561-833-7888; pbopera.org

Thursday – 1/29 - Susan G. Komen More Than Pink Walk at Meyer Amphitheater, 104 Datura St, West Palm Beach. 7 am registration; 8:30 am opening ceremony; 9 am walk starts. Registration: free. 877-465-6636; Komen.org/WPBWalk

1/29 - Half Price for Heroes Day at Cox Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Doors open 1 hour early for half-price admission for frontline workers/first responders, up to 4 guests; must show ID badge. Last Sat 9 am-6 pm. 561-832-1988; coxsciencecenter.org

1/29 - Rigoletto at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Part of the Metropolitan Opera HD Live series. 1 pm. \$25/member; \$30/non-member; \$15/student w/ID or age 15 & under. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/29 - Traci Hall speaks and signs her book *Murder at a Scottish Social* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. In person w/live streaming. Face masks required. 1 pm. Free. 561-279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

1/29 - TEDx Boca Raton: Defining Moments at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Registration opens 4 pm; 6-10:30 pm. \$60. tedxbocaraton.com

1/29 - Jeans, Jewels, Journey & The J at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Dr. Benefits Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center programs/services. 7 pm. \$180/person. 561-852-3200; levisjcc.org

1/29 - FAU Brass Day at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Free. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

1/29 - Our Song, Our Story: The New Generation of Black Voices with Musical Direction by Damien Sneed at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$39. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

1/29 - Piano Men: Generations at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$35-\$45. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

1/29 - Tas Cru & His Band of Tortured Souls at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$35-\$40. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

1/29-30 - Lynn Philharmonia No. 3 at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 4 pm. \$35-\$50. 561-237-7000; lynn.edu

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Sunday – 1/30 - The Way of Taiko: The Heartbeat of Japan 2021: Session I at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Introduction to the history of taiko; understand sounds/movements, how to connect nature, the meaning of body movement; learn how to drum. Wear comfortable clothes, shoes; jewelry not recommended. 11 am-1 pm or 2-4 pm. \$60. Registration: 561-495-0233; morikami.org

1/30 - Spartacus at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 pm. \$25/member; \$30/non-member; \$15/student w/ID or age 15 & under. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/30 - ABBAFAB at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 2 pm. \$35-\$45. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

1/30 - The Flavors of Nature at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton.

Adults only. 4:30-5:30 pm. \$8/resident; \$10/non-resident. 561-544-8605; gumbolimo.org

1/30 - Comedian Zoltan Kaszas at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 7 pm. \$25.75-\$36.05. 561-483-9036; bocablackbox.com

Monday – 1/31 - Teal Kawana: Sea Turtle Conservation part of Robert Welstein Quest for Knowledge series at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

1/31 - Rumours: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 11 am. \$39. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

1/31 - Medieval Multiculturalism: Norman Sicily Between East and West with Anne-Marie Bouche at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/31 - Saving Venice: Fifty Years On with Melissa Conn at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$20/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

1/31 - Music and Art: Impressionism with Thomas Cimarusti 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/31 - The Dead Speak Again: Ancient Sumer at the Dawn of Western Civilization with Anne-Marie Bouche at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/31 - Dance Around the World for Beginners with Jill Adomaitis at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every M through 3/7 7-8:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$150/member; \$195/non-member; \$35/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

1/31 - Jam Session at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Last M 8 pm. Free/performer; \$5/patron. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

1/31-2/1 - Liverpool Legends: Orchestral Hits of The Beatles at Spanish River Church, 2400 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 2/3. 8 pm. Call for tickets: 800-716-6975; spanishriverconcerts.org

1/31-2/1 - Auditions for Deathtrap: A Thriller by Ira Levin at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 3 men age 20+; 2 women age 30+. Rehearsals begin 2/17. 7:30 pm. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Tuesday – 2/1 - Ayaan Hirsi Ali: On the Clash of Civilizations at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$50/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

2/1 - How to Avoid a Climate Disaster at The Society of the Four Arts King Library, 101 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 5:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 561-655-2766; fourarts.org

2/1 - Why The West Is Best: Ayaan Hirsi Ali at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 6 pm. \$30/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

2/1 - Concert: Frost Faculty String Trio part of Flagler Museum Music Series, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Chamber music series features 6 performances from University of Miami Frost School of Music. 6:30 pm doors open; 7 pm concert. \$350/6-concert series; \$70/concert. 561-655-2833 x10; flaglermuseum.us

2/1 - Virtual Art Salon: Christina Petterson, Memory Palaces of Florida presented by Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. 7-9 pm. Free. 561-832-1776; armoryart.org

2/1 - African-American Film Festival: Lean On Me at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$12. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

2/1 - An American in Paris at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$32. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

Wednesday – 2/2 - Craig Pittman, The State You're In at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 1:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

2/2 - Lysander Piano Trio in Stage West at Palm Beach State College Duncan Theatre Stage West, 4200 Congress Ave, Lake Worth. 2 pm. \$35. 561-868-3309; duncantheatre.org

2/2 - Feelin' Groovy: The Ultimate Folk Experience: The Story and Songs of the Great American Folk Music Revival at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 2 pm. \$28. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

2/2 - Town Hall Talks: The Wonderful Innovation of Artificial Intelligence in

Health with Pete Martinez at Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum, 71 N Federal Hwy. 6 pm. \$10/non-member. Registration: 561-395-6766; research@bocahistory.org

2/2 - The Perfection of Deception: Magicians Who Have Changed History! With Harry Maurer at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7-8:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

2/2 - A Journey through the World of Ballroom Dancing at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$40/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

2/2 - The Science of Leaving Omaha by Carter W. Lewis at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Part of New Year/New Plays Festival. 7:30 pm. Call for ticket price: 561-514-4042; palmbeachdramaworks.org

2/2 - Brothers Again: Music of The Allman Bros. at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 8 pm. \$55-\$75. 561-483-9036; bocablackbox.com

2/2-3 - Auditions for Same Time, Next Year, A Play by Bernard Slade at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 1 man & 1 woman. Rehearsals begin 3/21. 7:30 pm. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

2/2-3 - Nobuntu at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$35. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

2/2-6 - Virtual New Year/New Plays Festival presented by Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Zoom event. W-Sat 7:30 pm; Sat noon; Sun 2 pm. \$20/show. 561-514-4042; palmbeachdramaworks.org

Thursday - 2/3 - Kravis Film & Literary Club: Julie Gilbert on Affie at Kravis Center Persson Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 11 am. \$52. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

2/3 - Navigating the Art Market: What You Need to Know Now with Lisa Dennison at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 11 am. \$20/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

2/3 - Unsung Songwriters of the Great American Songbook with Al Kustanowitz 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

2/3 - Making Music with Garageband Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

2/3 - A Tale of Two Popes: Jews, Israel and the Demise of Communism with Stephen Berk 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. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

2/3 - Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach: Montrose Piano Trio - Martin Beaver, Violin; Clive Greensmith, Cello, Jon Kimura Parker, Piano at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 211 Trinity Pl, West Palm Beach. 6 pm reception; 7 pm concert. Season subscriptions \$75. 561-379-6773; cmspb.org

2/3 - Charles Todd speaks and signs his book *A Game of Fear* at Murder on the Beach Mystery Bookstore, 104 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. In person and live Zoom streaming. Face masks required. 7 pm. Free. Reservations: 561-279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

2/3 - J. Wail featuring Natalie Cressman & Friends at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$25-\$40 + minimum \$25 food/beverage purchase. 561-465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

2/3 - Dark Skinned Pavement by TJ Young at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Part of New Year/New Plays Festival. 7:30 pm. Call for ticket price: 561-514-4042; palmbeachdramaworks.org

2/3-4 - The Edwards Twins at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$59. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

2/3-6 - Last Night in Inwood by Alix Sobler at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab at Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 2/27. Sun 3 pm; Th/F/Sat 7:30 pm. \$30-\$35/general public; \$10/student. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

Friday – 2/4 - iPad/iPhone Basics Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

2/4 - Official Secrets (2019 R) at The Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 & 5:30 pm. \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-655-7226; fourarts.org

2/4 - Artist-in-Residence Exhibition Opening Reception at Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. Exhibit runs through 2/25. 5-7 pm. Free. 561-832-1776; armoryart.org

2/4 - First Friday at 5 Concert at Boynton Beach Centennial Park + Amphitheater, 120 E Ocean Ave. Bring chairs/blankets; food truck/beverage vendors on site. Family fare. 5 pm. Free. 561-742-6038; boynton-beach.org

2/4 - Food Truck Friday at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Sweet & savory selections, live music, more. 5-8 pm. myboca.us

2/4 - Drive-In Movie Night at Lantana Sports Park, 903 N 8th St. 7 pm. 561-540-5754; lantana.org

2/4 - Past Midnight: A Visit with Larry and Viv by Donna Hoke at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Part of New Year/New Plays Festival. 7:30 pm. Call for ticket price: 561-514-4042; palmbeachdramaworks.org

2/4 - Stars of the Sixties Vol. 4 at Florida Atlantic University Kaye Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$39-\$79/general public; \$19.50/student. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

2/4 - Homeschool Dropout World Tour with Comedian Basile at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 8 pm. \$36.05-\$46.35. 561-483-9036; bocablackbox.com

2/4 - Celebrate: A Tribute to Three Dog Night and Friends at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

2/4 - Tango Fire at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$20. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

2/4-5 - Cleo Parker Robinson Dance at Palm Beach State College Duncan Theatre, 4200 Congress Ave, Lake Worth. 8 pm. \$45. 561-868-3309; duncantheatre.org

2/4-6 - Black Box Series: God of Carnage by Yasmina Reza at Lake Worth Playhouse Stonzek Studio, 713 Lake Ave. Runs through 2/13. Sun 2 pm; F/Sat 8 pm. \$25. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

Saturday – 2/5 - Family Saturdays: Cultural Expressions, Fiber Art! 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. 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

2/5 - Croquet Lessons, Play & Lunch presented by St. George's Society of Palm Beach at National Croquet Center, 700 Florida Mango Rd, West Palm Beach. Wear all-white attire & flat-soled shoes. 11:15 am. \$75/member; \$85/non-member. Registration: stgeorgessocietyofpalmbeach.org

2/5 - Playwrights Forum at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Part of New Year/New Plays Festival. Noon-1:30 pm. Call for ticket price: 561-514-4042; palmbeachdramaworks.org

2/5 - Emerging Collector Tour: Marc Straus at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

2/5 - 8th Annual Mayor's Ball at Palm Beach Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd. Presented by Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County. Palm Beach County Mayor hosts, joined by fellow local mayors. Black-tie signature gala features cocktails, dinner, dancing. 6-11 pm. \$300. 561-355-4663; homelesscoalitionpbc.org

2/5 - Milagro Center's 2nd Annual Showcase Under The Stars Dedicated to the Memory of Paul Reekie at Milagro Center, 360 SW 6th Ave, Delray Beach. 7-9 pm. \$75. 561-279-2970; milagrocenter.org

2/5 - Carole's Kings: The Music of Beautiful at Boca Black Box Center for the Arts, 8221 Glades Rd #10. 7 pm. \$46.35-\$61.80. 561-483-9036; bocablackbox.com

2/5 - The Chisera by Paula Cizmar at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Part of New Year/New Plays Festival. 7:30 pm. Call for ticket price: 561-514-4042; palmbeachdramaworks.org

2/5 - Virtual: Philharmonia Strings presented by Lynn University, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-237-9000; lynn.edu

2/5 - Ryan Hamilton at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 & 9 pm. Tickets start at \$29. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

2/5 - Kristin Chenoweth: For The Girls at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$35. 561-832-7469; kravis.org

2/5 - Gunhill Carling Experience at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

2/5 - 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: 561-833-7529; actorsrep.org

2/5-6 - 35th Annual Boca Raton Museum Art Festival at Boca Raton Museum of Art Store, 501 Plaza Real. 10 am-5 pm. With Italianissimo Trunk Show 1-5 pm. Free. 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

House of the Month



LEFT: Wood floors set the stage for a family room and breakfast area washed in natural light from walls of windows and doors that overlook wide water views and the nature preserve. Photos provided



This home in The Sanctuary in Boca Raton has unobstructed views of a water-surrounded preserve for bird-watching as well as large-boat access with no fixed bridges.

Sanctuary estate features incredible views

This two-story concrete block constructed home is on a rare point lot in the sought-after community of The Sanctuary. With 11,092 total square feet, this property features a master suite on each level with elegant master baths and expansive walk-in closets. The first-floor master bedroom overlooks the patio, dock and preserve. The upper level master has a walk-out balcony to view the entertainment area, dock and preserve beyond. There are three additional en suite bedrooms upstairs. The home has a total of six bedrooms, seven full and two half baths plus a formal dining room, formal living room, a recreation room and laundry room. An inside elevator, fireplace and four-car garage are additional amenities.



The gourmet eat-in kitchen has a cook island, a prep island, pantry and breakfast area and custom cabinetry.

The barrel tile roof was replaced in 2016. In addition to The Sanctuary community's

marina, the home has its own private 130-foot dock with water and electric and room for up to a 101+ foot yacht.

Offered at \$7,495,000. Contact Jeannine Morris, 561-706-8287, jeannine@morrisreg.com or Blake Morris, 561-901-6960, blake@morrisreg.com, Lang Realty-Boca, 4400 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton, FL 33431.



Floor-to-ceiling windows surround the first-floor master bedroom with sitting area and overlook the nature preserve.

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