

Along the Coast

Suffering summer of sargassum

Seasonal inundation is here to stay, scientists say

By Larry Barszewski

Rotting seaweed piles along South Florida's coast can ruin a perfectly good day at the beach and foul the breeze reaching nearby homes and condos. At night, large sargassum wracks can ensnare sea turtle hatchlings struggling to reach the ocean.

But out at sea, the sargassum is a floating buffet and camouflage for baby sea turtles and other marine species, providing sustenance and protection from predators. And on shore, it can trap sand and fortify eroding coastlines. It can even be recycled into fertilizer.

Good or bad, benefit or nuisance, the seasonal inundation on South Palm Beach County beaches is here to stay, scientists say.

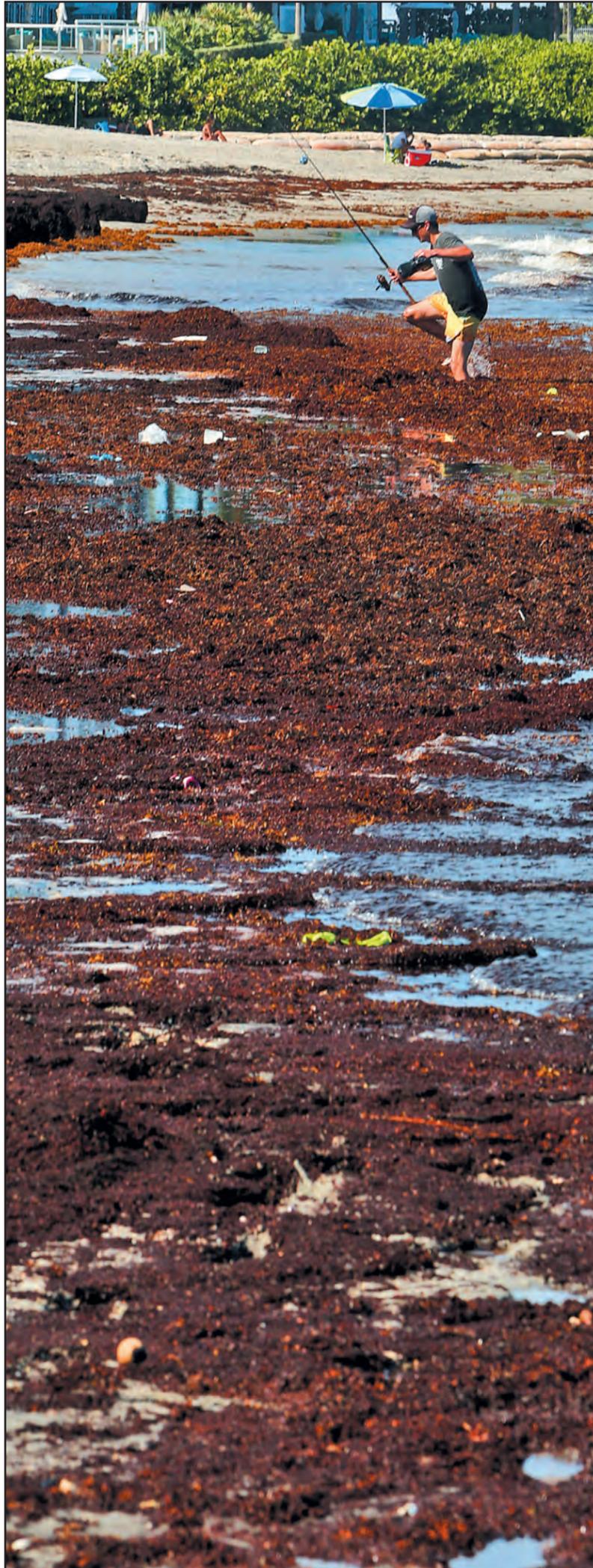
"In the past seven years, starting from 2015, the waters around Southeast Florida experienced way more sargassum than before 2015. This is likely going to continue in future years," said Professor Chuanmin Hu, an optical oceanographer at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

It's not only a local issue. Florida Atlantic University researchers have concluded the large increases in sargassum in the tropical Atlantic Ocean, forming the Great Atlantic Sargassum Belt, are fed by vast amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus pouring into the ocean from the Amazon, Congo and Mississippi rivers, often resulting from deforestation and the rise of agriculture.

The nutrients also are carried in the wind on grains of sand from the Sahara Desert and from biomass burning of vegetation in Africa, according to a 2021 FAU study.

"We saw very clearly in our data that these plants respond to increasing nitrate and phosphate,

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Adrian Guarriere, 17, a senior at Boca Raton High, wades through dense, floating sargassum on his way back to the beach on Aug. 26. He'd been fishing with a friend at South Beach Park. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Highland Beach

Donated Tesla ready to patrol A1A

By Rich Pollack

At first glance, the sleek black Tesla blends in easily with other cars and SUVs on State Road A1A.

Take a closer look, however, and you might notice the low-profile light bar attached to the glass roof and the word "Police" painted on the front and sides of the car in gray "ghost lettering" that is difficult to see in daylight but glows at night.

This is Highland Beach's new Tesla police cruiser, a donated electric vehicle that after a year and a half of research by local police personnel has been transformed into a customized prototype of sorts unlike any other police vehicle in Palm Beach County.

"This is a concept vehicle that we're able to test and integrate into our existing fleet," said Highland Beach Police Chief Craig Hartmann. "Having this

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Highland Beach Reserve Officer Gerry Riccio drives the force's new Tesla. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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Hot package shows risks of meds' home delivery

By Charles Elmore

Like millions of Americans, Miriam Sivak agreed to receive prescription medicine by delivery to her Boynton Beach home — but the arrival of a package on a hot June day filled her with anxiety.

The medicine, an infusion treatment for an immune condition, was supposed to be kept at a controlled temperature. But it arrived late and hot to the touch, she said. So were the cooling packs in the container.

Her reaction? "Stunned," said Sivak, 80.

Floridians get at least \$8 billion worth of prescriptions delivered, sometimes steered to do so by financial incentives in their health plans or a desire to cut down on trips outside the home.

While the practice can offer convenience, it also has stirred concerns. These include lost, late or damaged shipments, questions about the consistency of delivery safeguards and regulatory oversight and — especially in a state like Florida — exposure to extreme temperatures.

In a world where more and more stuff gets delivered, consumers learn to factor in mishaps like a chip in a porcelain figurine or plants that wither. Not ideal, but it

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Charna Larkin and her poodle, Gigi, sit in front of framed images, letters and signatures from American presidents. Her late husband, Alan, loved history and the family has amassed a letters collection from every U.S. president from Washington to Biden. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Editor's Note

Hurricane Andrew's legacy: Uneasy feelings disturb calm summer

Thirty years ago, life changed over the course of an August weekend.

A swirling mass off the coast of Africa had struggled to develop until it was on South Florida's doorstep. Then it intensified so quickly that Hurricane Andrew rushed ashore less than 24 hours after a hurricane warning had been issued for the Southeast Florida coast.

With 27 years since a major storm and 13 years since the last significant threat, South Floridians were taken by surprise. A normal Saturday morning suddenly became belated preparations, with cars lining up at gas stations and plywood flying off hardware stores' shelves.

By late Sunday, the track of the storm began shifting from its original forecast toward Stuart and was aiming for Miami.

Then the sun rose on Monday morning to illuminate thousands of shattered lives. Andrew had ripped off roofs and imploded houses, tossed boats ashore, uprooted trees, buried roads in debris and left more than 1.4 million people without power.

Fifteen people had died during the storm. In total, 65 deaths were attributed to the storm and its aftermath. More than 60,000 homes were destroyed and an additional 100,000 damaged.

Only in retrospect was Hurricane Andrew measured as a Category 5. The storm had ripped the

radar off the roof of the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables.

Florida's collective memory was split that 1992 weekend into "before and after Andrew."

In the wake of the storm have come many positive changes: Hurricane forecasting has become more precise, emergency managers have improved communication tools for coordination and — thanks to major changes in Florida's building codes — homes are more storm-worthy.

But over the same time period, 9 million more people have moved to Florida, 4 million more housing units have been built in the state and sea levels have risen. Meanwhile, residents opt out of watching TV news, preferring to get their information from disparate and opinionated social media silos.

So, the hot, sunny, calm days we've had so far this summer make those of us who lived through Andrew nervous. We keep an anxious eye on the weather systems in the Atlantic and stay prepared.

We know from a terrifying experience 30 years ago, that life can change over the span of a weekend.



— Mary Kate Leming, Editor

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Boca woman donates presidential letters — and scholarship funds — to FAU

By Jan Engoren

For longtime Boca Raton resident Charna Larkin, who turns 94 this month, doing good comes naturally.

Both Larkin and her late husband, Alan, were the children of Russian Jewish immigrants and she remembers life was not always easy, but the practice of *tzedakah* (charity) was instilled at an early age.

One of her latest good deeds was a grand one. In June, she donated \$1.6 million to Florida Atlantic University to support student scholarships and establish the American Presidential Study.

The donation establishes the Alan B. and Charna Larkin Student Opportunity Fund within FAU's Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters.

"We've been coming to Boca Raton from Newton, Massachusetts, since 1988 when our children were still young," Larkin said, recalling family vacations. She enrolled in FAU's continuing education classes and says, "I was impressed by the faculty and their vision and saw a great fit for us."

This donation is in addition to a \$617,000 gift from Larkin to construct and name the Alan B. and Charna Larkin American Presidential Study on the third floor of the S.E. Wimberly Library. The space will house the family's letters collection, making it available to a wide audience.

Among the items are letters signed by all 45 American presidents from George Washington to Joe Biden.

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"Charna's philanthropic vision elevates the profile of our college and university while providing students access to the historical record of the American presidency and to the financial support to pursue their studies in the arts, humanities and social sciences," said Michael J. Horswell, dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

History was a passion for Alan Larkin, but his claim to fame was as founder of the Larkin Group with his brother Harold. It grew into the largest producer of fashion trade shows in the country, hosting events at Lincoln Center and the Javits Center in New York City during the Woodstock era.

"It was hysterical and fun," Charna Larkin recalled. She worked there after she graduated from college later than usual, and the couple had three sons. "It was a true family business."

"Alan was interested in the American presidency," Larkin says. "It began as a hobby, but as Alan acquired more of the letters, it became too intriguing not to pursue."

"We realized what a unique resource he had."

Larkin says her intention with the donation was to honor her husband, who died after a fall in 2002 at age 80.

"Now we feel that the whole Larkin family shares in

this legacy," she said. "It's inspiring to see people of all ages and walks of life participate in the Larkin Presidential Symposium."

Her favorite letter is a thank you written by Harry S Truman to the Anti-Defamation League, after it acknowledged him for recognizing the State of Israel in 1948. In later years Alan Larkin was active in the ADL and its parent group B'nai B'rith.

"I'm happy that I've been able to continue collecting letters since Alan's passing," says Larkin. "Both George W. Bush and Donald J. Trump wrote personal letters to Alan after hearing about his collection," and Biden followed suit this past spring.

"There is something inspiring about seeing all the Founding Fathers autographed letters represented," she says, noting that it will be a legacy for her sons and six grandchildren.

"I take pleasure in our family," says Larkin. "All our children and grandchildren are good people. They take pride in this collection and are as excited as I am that we found FAU as stewards for the collection."

Her advice for future donors? "Start early and get in the habit of giving. Assemble assets and personal interests. Find ways to give back to the organizations you care about."

"We found a way to succeed," Larkin says. "We are grateful for the life this country gave us. The surprise is that I am still here and life is more interesting than ever."★

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Boca Raton

Vote on performing arts center delayed until Sept. 28

By Steve Plunkett

Lawyers for Boca Raton and the cultural arts consortium that wants to build a performing arts center in Mizner Park are spending this month trying to resolve two sticking points in the way of a 94-year lease of city property.

The proposed lease was up for approval at a special meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency on Aug. 22, but City Council members and city staff balked at using old estimates of the construction cost that did not reflect recent inflation and a demand by the arts supporters that the city be liable for actual damages if it or the CRA were found to be in default.

Instead of voting on the proposal, council members sitting as the CRA decided to table the matter until Sept. 28.

"I really want this to be successful, so that's why I think this additional 37 days is important to get this right. We need to get this right for both of us," said council member Monica Mayotte, who chairs the CRA.

As presented, the proposed lease still had a minimum benchmark of \$75 million for the performing arts



Questions about rising construction costs and the city's potential liability prompted the CRA to delay a vote on a contract for the proposed center at Mizner Park. **Rendering provided**

The \$130 million complex to be built on city-owned land on the north end of Mizner Park will include a performing arts center whose venues can accommodate 6,000 people, completely renovated amphitheater, jewel box theater, rooftop terrace and outdoor performing arts spaces.

Virgin said her group already has raised \$13 million and has pledged of \$25 million to come after the city approves the plan. But she worried about holding those donors to their word if negotiations continue.

"The longer we take to have this vote, the longer I have to keep my donors warm. The job is hard enough. I don't need indecisiveness, delay to make that harder," she said.

In other business, City Council members on Aug. 23 repealed the ordinance banning the practice of conversion therapy on minors. They approved a temporary repeal on Aug. 5 after the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the ordinance was unconstitutional.

Council members also approved on second reading an ordinance banning smoking on public lands on the beach and in parks. ★

Mary Hladky contributed to this story.

center, despite the fact that construction costs have risen an estimated 30% in the past year.

Andrea Virgin, president of the board of the former Boca Raton Arts District Exploratory Corp., now renamed The Center for Arts and Innovation Inc., tried to reassure council members that the group would hit specified percentages of the construction money throughout the fundraising process regardless of the final dollar amount.

"Whether it's \$75 million or \$150 million to build the minimum, that is what we are obligated to do," said Ele Zachariades, one of the group's

lawyers. "Again, it's a moving target."

In the end, Virgin's group said it would do what it could to produce updated figures.

The debate over whether the city should be liable for actual damages seemed to be at an impasse until the third hour of the meeting when City Attorney Diana Grub Frieser suggested a compromise that the arts group initially rejected.

"We floated the idea of a cap. That was not our first suggestion, but that's the only place I can see any room," Frieser said.

Virgin's group then offered to cap any claim for actual

damages to 25% of the value of the arts complex, but council members wanted city staff to vet the implications.

Lawyers on both sides had trouble describing what a possible breach of the contract by the CRA or the city might entail, but Frieser said the city's "unlimited" exposure would be troublesome.

"Many things will happen in five years, in 20 years, in 80 years that nobody in this room can anticipate. No matter how well-written the contract is, there is no contract that, over that length of time, will not raise issues of uncertainty," Frieser said.



Brightline President Patrick Goddard (in orange vest), Mayor Scott Singer (sixth from left), other City Council members and staff from Brightline and Kaufman Lynn Construction attend the ceremony for the Boca Raton train station and parking garage. **Photo provided**

Brightline station hits construction milestone

By Mary Hladky

Brightline, its contractor Kaufman Lynn and City Council members celebrated a "topping-off" ceremony on Aug. 16 to note that vertical and structural work has been completed at its Boca Raton station and parking garage and the focus of work now shifts to completing the interiors.

"Our construction teams are working across South Florida and throughout the state to connect Florida like never before and we can't wait to connect to Boca," said Patrick Goddard, president of the rail service.

Brightline expects to launch passenger service to Boca Raton before the end of the year.

The 22,000-square-foot station will be Brightline's fourth in the state, connecting travelers in Boca Raton to Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. Its fifth expansion station

in Aventura will also open in 2022 followed by service to Orlando in 2023.

"It's a game changer for Boca Raton to have a Brightline station in our downtown," said Mayor Scott Singer. "Our residents and business know how much it means to be a key part of a major transportation network. We're excited to see the line build out to Orlando and possibly beyond."

The Boca Raton station received a federal grant for \$16.4 million that obligates Brightline to build "Buy America Compliant," which means the materials used for the construction were manufactured within the United States.

The station, adjacent to the Downtown Library, will provide a major boost to the local economy, Brightline says. Approximately 1.8 million visitors annually by 2025 will use Brightline to visit Boca Raton and are projected to contribute up to \$10.9 million annually in local spending. ★

Highland Beach

Town employees to receive 3% bonuses to fight inflation

By Rich Pollack

Highland Beach's town employees will see a little extra in their paychecks come November, thanks to a 3% bonus designed to help offset rising costs.

The Town Commission late last month unanimously approved a one-time Economic Impact Payment that will be given to most full- and part-time employees who are on the payroll during October.

"If an employee has a satisfactory performance in October, they will get a check in November," Town Manager Marshall Labadie said.

In agreeing to offer the one-time bonus, town commissioners cited the rising cost of necessities including food, fuel and housing. "Prices have spiked and people are feeling under the gun," said Commissioner John Shoemaker.

While commissioners aren't downplaying the positive financial impact the bonuses will have on the staff, they say that the message the extra money sends is equally important, if not more so.

"The town has done a great job of getting things done and this is really an endorsement of our entire team," Shoemaker said. "The money is a real token to show that we value their contributions."

Commissioners also said they hope that by showing their support for the staff, it will help the town retain top-notch personnel.

"We have a great staff and we want them to stay," Commissioner Peggy Gossett-Seidman said.

Labadie said the bonus would be paid to employees who are in the town's two unions — once union leaders agree — as well as to those not covered by the union.

To cover the cost of the bonuses, the town will pledge about \$150,000 from its almost \$10 million in reserves but plans to replace that money with unspent funds from the current fiscal year.

In addition to the one-time bonus, which will not affect base pay, town employees will be eligible for merit increases up to 5%.

Labadie said that town employees in general have faced financial challenges in recent months and that bonuses will be helpful.

"Coming out of the pandemic and into a recession has been difficult for our staff," he said. "This gesture from the commission speaks volumes and lets them know that they want them to stay a part of our Highland Beach family." ★

Ocean Ridge

Body of Lake Worth Beach teen found in vacant Ocean Ridge lot

By Joe Capozzi

Ocean Ridge police are investigating the death of a Lake Worth Beach teenager whose body was found in a vacant lot just east of the Ocean Avenue bridge leading to



Cassidy Craig

Boynton Beach. The body of Cassidy Craig, 18, had been lying in a vacant lot at 21 E. Ocean Avenue for at least two days before being discovered

around 7 p.m. Aug. 12 by a man walking his dog, Ocean Ridge Police Chief Richard Jones told *The Coastal Star*.

Jones said police and the county medical examiner's office were awaiting results of toxicology tests before they could determine a cause of death. Although Jones said she might have died of a drug overdose, "the investigation will continue as a homicide until we prove otherwise."

Police said she might have died at a different location.

"The scene doesn't appear to contain all the evidence that would be contained if that is where she expired," Jones said.

On Aug. 29, nearly 60 of Cassidy's friends and relatives,



Nearly 60 friends and family members gathered in Ocean Ridge on Aug. 29 for a candlelight vigil for Cassidy Craig. Cassidy's parents, Johnny and Deborah Craig, are on the right. Jerry Lower/*The Coastal Star*

some from as far away as New Mexico, gathered at sunset for a candlelight vigil on the grassy spot at the base of some bushes where her body was found. Many of them wore red, Cassidy's favorite color.

A short white lattice fence strung with white lights surrounded the spot, which was covered with more than a dozen bouquets of roses and flowers by the time the vigil ended with her friends and family holding candles toward the sky.

"She was just my baby girl," said her mother, Deborah, choking back tears. Losing her "is unbearable. You can't understand it unless you go through it. It's horrifying."

She said Cassidy, who would have turned 19 on Oct. 16, was homeschooled and three credits shy of earning her high school diploma. She loved going to the movies and "had an infectious laugh. She always made us laugh with her smart-aleck comments," her mother said.

Cassidy's surviving relatives include her father, Johnny Craig, her older sister, Priscilla, and her maternal grandfather, Dr. Angelo Pace.

"I just want to know what happened. That's all I want to know," her mother said.

Deborah Craig praised the detectives with the Ocean Ridge Police Department for their compassion and professionalism during the investigation.

And she offered a message to

anyone with information about who dumped Cassidy's body in the lot.

"Please just step up. Do the right thing. If you do the right thing then people can forgive that," she said. "And for the people who did do this and left my daughter there, I hope you actually burn in hell."

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Ocean Ridge Police Department at 561-732-8331. ★

TESLA

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car as a donation gives us the opportunity to test the functionality of a fully electric car in a police patrol capacity."

The first-of-its-kind in the county Tesla has a customized police package developed locally and specifically for this vehicle. It has been on the road for about a month in a dry-run capacity to work out bugs and is expected to be tested on 12-hour shifts later this month.

"It doesn't replace any other vehicle in our fleet, it's just an extra vehicle at no cost to taxpayers," Hartmann said, explaining that the car was given by an anonymous donor to the Highland Beach Police Foundation, which in turn gave the car to the Police Department. The foundation provides equipment that is not covered in the town's budget to the Police Department.

For Highland Beach, a Tesla police car — especially a \$90,000-plus car that came as a donation — arrives with a long list of benefits.

An electric vehicle, with a range of about 300 miles per charge, is a good fit for a town that has one main road — A1A — and is only 3.5 miles long with a handful of side streets.

In fact, most of the vehicles in the department's fleet, which includes Ford SUVs made specifically for police work, are hybrids and have been for years.

The Tesla, however, takes



Highland Beach Reserve Officer Gerry Riccio says the department's modified Tesla is turning heads because it doesn't look like a typical police car. Tim Stepien/*The Coastal Star*

cost savings and environmental friendliness to the next level. It is less expensive to operate than even the hybrids with the cost per mile estimated to be about 50% of the cost of a traditional gas-engine vehicle.

On top of that are the savings that come with significantly lower maintenance costs and downtime.

"There's very little maintenance," says Jeff Rubenstein, a Highland Beach reserve police officer who focuses on applying technology to law enforcement and who took the lead in configuring the Tesla for police work. "There's no oil to change, no engine service needed and it has so many fewer parts."

Another benefit of the Tesla that works well in Highland Beach is that it is quiet and

stealthy.

"If you look at it, you can hardly tell it's a police car," Rubenstein said. "It looks like a civilian car until you don't want it to look like a civilian car."

Patrolling quiet residential neighborhoods at night, the car can remain all-but-silent and it can sit in a condo parking lot — idling at a lower cost than a gas counterpart — unnoticed by thieves focused on yanking valuables from vehicles.

"It looks like it belongs there," Rubenstein said. "Nobody is going to think a Tesla is a police car."

Rubenstein also believes that having an electric patrol vehicle adds depth to the fleet should gasoline become scarce or unavailable.

"Having a Tesla means we can always have a vehicle on the

road," he said.

Although Highland Beach has one of the lowest crime rates in Florida, the Tesla is a capable deterrent on the road. It can quickly catch up to another vehicle with rapid acceleration due to the torque provided by its electric motors.

While other municipalities in Florida have Teslas — Hallandale Beach in Broward County just added 13, most of which will be used by detectives — no others have been customized to the extent that the 2015 Model S in Highland Beach has been.

To turn a standard Model S into a police car meant that radar systems, computer systems and communication systems had to be installed.

To find the right equipment, Rubenstein worked closely with

vendors here and nationally and with Tesla.

Because of what Highland Beach is doing, several manufacturers — including Panasonic, Havis, Sound-off and Airgain — agreed to partner with the Police Department and provide their latest state-of-the-art equipment at no charge.

One of the biggest challenges was to make sure electrical power to run all the police equipment was available all the time, since the Model S is designed to shut down power once the driver steps away from the vehicle.

To conquer that, Rubenstein worked with designers and engineers and added a second battery in the car's trunk to run police equipment that is separate from the Tesla's operating electrical system.

To address a remaining issue with the Tesla, Highland Beach is trying to acquire a high-speed charger that can get the batteries up to capacity while an officer is on his lunch or dinner break or in the station doing a report, Hartmann said.

In the interim, the car is charged overnight by Reserve Officer Gerry Riccio, who has been test-driving the Tesla before it goes on patrol.

He's noticed, not surprisingly, that heads turn when people see the car.

"One of the first times I was driving it, a lady in a white Tesla pulled up to me and said, 'I can't believe it's a Tesla police car,'" Riccio said. ★

Gulf Stream

Staff members promoted to new positions at Town Hall

By Steve Plunkett

Gulf Stream is getting its first-ever assistant town

manager and a public works director come Oct. 1 amid other high-level moves in Town Hall. Assistant Town Attorney

Trey Nazzaro will be promoted to assistant town manager/legal, and water maintenance supervisor Anthony Beltran will be public works director.

In a shuffle of duties in the town clerk's office, Rita Taylor will get a new title — senior town clerk. Her deputy clerk, Renee Basel, will become town clerk and Rebecca Tew, the town's chief financial officer, will handle more of the building permit work previously done by Taylor.

Town Manager Greg Dunham made the recommendations on Aug. 12 and said the changes, which town commissioners will approve during budget hearings in September, will add a cumulative \$47,000 in salary expenses.

"We're happy with all the staff recommendations and titles.

Everyone's doing well so we'll keep moving forward," Vice Mayor Tom Stanley said.

Nazzaro, who helped write the town's public records procedures as a paralegal, was named its full-time staff attorney in 2016 and assistant town attorney in 2019.

"I think someday, I think he has visions of going into city management," Dunham said, calling Nazzaro his "right-hand man."

Basel came to Gulf Stream as a temporary worker in 2015 and was given a permanent position as executive assistant soon after. She became assistant town clerk in 2019 and deputy clerk after earning her designation last year as a certified municipal clerk. She is also the Southeast district director of the Florida Association of City Clerks.

Taylor, who has been the town clerk for 32 years, "will always have a place on our staff as she continues working in our clerk's office and also providing historical perspective, knowledge and advice to our staff and to the residents of Gulf Stream," Dunham said.

Commissioners early last year named the one-room library inside Town Hall the "Rita L.

Taylor Gulf Stream Library" in a show of gratitude for her years of service.

Before taking her job in Gulf Stream, Taylor served 20 years as clerk in Ocean Ridge. And from the early 1970s to the late 2000s, she was an alderwoman and volunteer clerk in Briny Breezes, where she owns a second home.

In other personnel moves, Dunham proposed hiring a new police officer and an accounting clerk.

He also recommended giving town employees a \$200-a-month "fuel allowance" to offset inflation pressure, along with a 5% cost-of-living raise.

In other business, commissioners:

- Agreed to pay consulting engineers Baxter & Woodman \$64,000 for construction management services for civil work to be done at Bluewater Cove. The nine-month project will include water, wastewater, drainage and paving work at the new subdivision north of Place Au Soleil.

- Were told the town will pay police officers on night duty a shift differential above the pay given daytime patrols. ★

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Back to School



Deb and Larry Handler will mark their 30th wedding anniversary this school year at Gulf Stream, where they total 75 years of service as teachers. They also love basketball. Deb played for Keene State College in New Hampshire and Larry is co-athletic director at Gulf Stream. Rachel O'Hara/The Coastal Star

Teachers married to jobs — and each other — at Gulf Stream

By Rich Pollack

For Deb and Larry Handler, the return of students to the Gulf Stream School campus in late August signaled the beginning of a year packed with milestones.

For Deb Handler, this calendar marks the beginning of her 40th year at the school, where she has been teaching kindergarten for most of her career. Some of the little ones, in fact, are children of her former students.

For Larry Handler, this year marks his 35th year teaching math to middle-schoolers and playing a key role in the athletic programs.

This school year will also include the 30th anniversary of the couple's wedding, which took place in the school chapel and was, by all accounts, a major Gulf Stream School happening.

"Almost everything in our lives has involved Gulf Stream School," Larry Handler says.

In fact, the Handler family and the family-like atmosphere enveloping the school have been firmly intertwined over the years.

The couple's daughter, Kendra, attended the school, as did Handler's son from a previous marriage, Aaron.

"Kendra literally grew up here," said Larry Handler, adding that she is now an elementary school teacher in Cocoa.

The school, Deb Handler says, has helped to provide a solid foundation for the couple and their family to build upon, both personally and professionally.

"Gulf Stream School gave us the opportunity to work and grow as a couple," she said.

Both give credit to school leaders, especially former Head of School Anne Gibb, for making that possible.



The weddings of Bryan and Shani Cook and of Deb and Larry Handler were celebrated in the 1994 edition of the Gulf Stream School yearbook, *The Mariner*. The Cooks and Handlers still teach at Gulf Stream. Photos provided

"Miss Gibb set the atmosphere that allowed us to flourish as teachers and as a family," Deb Handler said.

Other campus couples

When it comes to married couples on the Gulf Stream School campus, the Handlers are not alone.

The school has employed couples before, and two are teaching now: the recently married Rob White-Davis and Samantha Smith White-Davis, as well as Bryan and Shani Cook, who have a story similar to that of the Handlers.

Like Larry Handler, Bryan Cook teaches middle school math. He is also co-athletic director with Larry Handler and was his best man in the couple's wedding.

Shani Cook, like Deb Handler, works with the youngest students, teaching prekindergarten.

Bryan Cook says that what stands out about the Handlers is their significant impact on the school and the students over their years there.

"They're such a large part of the fabric of the school and have been for such a long time," he said.

Cook says their dedication to the students is clear even outside of teaching or coaching. It's not unusual, he says, for the couple to attend students' games when they play in rec leagues or on travel teams or even after

they graduate from the school.

Because the Handlers teach at opposite ends of the school — as do the Cooks — their paths don't usually cross during the school day.

That's also the case for both Samantha and Rob White-Davis. Rob, the director of performing arts who is beginning his 15th year at the school, teaches at the south end of campus. Samantha, the newly named lower school division coordinator, is at the north end of the school.

The couple, who got married in July, do their best to avoid shop talk during their time off.

"It would be easy to talk to each other about school, but we try not to," says Samantha White-Davis, who began dating Rob during the pandemic while becoming best friends. "It would consume our whole relationship."

A basketball connection

For the Handlers, who sometimes compare notes during evening walks, there's a chance to work together during basketball season as co-coaches.

Basketball, it seems, has played a large role in how the Handlers got together.

"We hit it off largely because of college basketball," Larry Handler said.

Deb, who played college basketball at Keene State College in New

Hampshire, is a fan of NCAA powerhouse Duke, while Larry is just a fan of the game.

There was even a time when the two took to the basketball court for a game of one-on-one, although it appears no one kept score.

It was during the summer of 1992, when Deb was in Massachusetts and Larry was here in Florida, that the two got engaged. Larry sent Deb a wooden puzzle in the shape of a heart with the words "will you marry me" visible once it was completed.

It is clear to those who work with the Handlers and who know them well that teaching at Gulf Stream School is more than just a profession — it's a passion.

"I love teaching kindergarten," Deb Handler said. "I love seeing the joy on a child's face when they see they can read. They just light up."

Larry Handler says his enjoyment of teaching has never faded and that he can always expect the unexpected.

"There's still a time when something will happen that I've never seen before," he says.

What the long term holds for the Handlers is unknown — they're both in their early 60s — but it's a bet that whatever they do, they'll be doing it together.

"We're a package deal," Larry Handler says. ★

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Highland Beach/Delray Beach

Town wins crucial recommendation for new fire department

By Rich Pollack

Armed with a unanimous recommendation from a county advisory board, Highland Beach leaders this month will go before the County Commission seeking a much needed certification that helps clear the way for a new town fire department.

Last month Palm Beach County's Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council reconsidered Highland Beach's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) license. That certificate is required before the town can provide EMS services once its new fire department is operational in May 2024.

The council, which earlier postponed a vote on the application to get additional information, agreed to forward its recommendation to the County Commission after little discussion.

"This is a very big step in establishing a Highland Beach Fire Rescue Department," Town Manager Marshall Labadie said. "We were able to work through the initial roadblock and have been able to secure the advisory council's first new agency approval in

more than 30 years."

Still, the final decision on whether to grant Highland Beach the license will rest with county commissioners, who are scheduled to vote on the issue at their Sept. 13 meeting.

To support their efforts, town leaders hope town residents will come to the meeting. They plan to send a bus of about 50 supporters and will supply T-shirts with the fire department logo on them.

Labadie has spoken with several county commissioners and said they have indicated support for the town. Like Labadie, Mayor Doug Hillman says he is optimistic the town's application for the certificate of need will be approved.

"It would be remarkable if the commissioners went against it but it's never a done deal," Hillman said. "It's not over until the County Commission approves it."

Having residents attend the County Commission meeting, Hillman said, will remind commissioners that a referendum in which voters agreed to let the town spend up to \$10 million to start the new department passed with more than 90% approval.

"We want to be sure to show that our residents support

the creation of a new fire department," Hillman said.

Hillman and Labadie encouraged residents who want to ride the bus to the meeting to register online, with a link provided on the town's website. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. with only 50 spots available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Town commissioners in April 2021 voted to split from Delray Beach Fire Rescue and start a new department — breaking a relationship that had lasted more than 30 years. Commissioners, citing a consultant study, said they believe the town can still provide quality fire service for less than the \$5 million a year

Delray charged.

Since then, sometimes contentious discussions have taken place in which Delray Beach Fire Chief Keith Tomey has expressed concerns about the ability of the new department to provide residents with the level of service they receive from his department.

In a memo to Delray Beach City Manager Terrence Moore the day after the EMS Advisory Council vote, Tomey reported Highland Beach had agreed to increase its staffing to eight paramedic firefighters on a shift and said that Delray would be required to provide EMS mutual aid to Highland Beach.

"Our COPCN license

requires any COPCN holder to render aid to another COPCN holder in another jurisdiction as a requirement to have a COPCN license," he wrote.

At the same time, he pointed out that Highland Beach's two neighboring communities have declined to provide mutual aid for fire calls.

"The bigger issue for them is that Boca nor Delray will be providing the fire protection mutual aid," he said.

Both Labadie and Hillman have said they have a verbal commitment from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue to provide mutual aid for fires, but no formal agreement has been reached. ★



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Along the Coast

Gossett-Seidman, Caruso, Byers advance to November ballot

By Joel Engelhardt

The Aug. 23 primary whittled the field in three state Legislature races critical to residents of coastal South County.

In the closest race, Highland Beach Commissioner Peggy Gossett-Seidman defeated newcomer Christina DuCasse with 52.6% of the vote, per unofficial results posted on Aug. 24. Gossett-Seidman, a Republican, will face Boca Raton City Council member Andy Thomson, a Democrat, for the House District 91 seat in November.

State Rep. Mike Caruso, moving into new House District 87, took 67.5% of the vote in defeating Republican Party activist Jane Justice. Caruso, who has spent more than half of the \$208,000 he raised through Aug. 18, will face Democrat Sienna Osta, who has raised \$4,900.

In Senate District 26, Republican Steve Byers took 58.8% of the vote to defeat William Wheelen. Byers will



Gossett-Seidman



Caruso



Byers

\$225,000 but spent just \$30,000. The district includes all of Boca Raton, most of Highland Beach and much of west

calls every day from voters concerned by allegations made by his opponent and that his campaign knocked on 14,000 doors.

"We need to come together as a party," he said. "We've got to keep Florida red, keep Florida conservative and keep Florida free."

Byers, 54, parlayed success in Amway sales into a consulting business, which did projects for IBM and the CIA, he said on his website. Among businesses he started since then is one as a beekeeper.

Byers sent out campaign mailers promoting himself and DuCasse. The mailers stated they were paid for by the Byers campaign but did not contain a similar disclosure on behalf of DuCasse, prompting criticism that they violated Florida election law.

Byers said he has not received notice of an elections complaint and he noted that the law says for there to be a violation it must be committed "knowingly and willingly," and he did not know the flyer

face incumbent Democrat Lori Berman on Nov. 8.

Gossett-Seidman, who won by about 500 votes from about 9,500 cast, spent nearly \$194,000 in her race. DuCasse, a Russian-born American adoptee married to a Boca firefighter, spent less than \$10,000 but had the support of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1560 of Boca Raton.

Gossett-Seidman, 69, raised nearly \$290,000, including a \$200,000 loan from herself. She credited her victory to hard work going door-to-door and her success in getting Tallahassee financial support for local projects.

Thomson, who had no primary challenger, has raised

Boca.

After four years representing the Delray Beach area and most of the South County barrier islands, Caruso moved into a new coastal district that starts at the Boynton Inlet and covers Hypoluxo, Lantana, Manalapan and South Palm Beach, as well as large swaths of West Palm Beach and Palm Beach Gardens.

He decried the split in the party that turned many local party members against him over his primary endorsement of Democrat Katherine Waldron, a Port of Palm Beach commissioner. He said he spent money fighting "untruths" that should have been saved for his Democratic rival.

Caruso, 63, said he took

would pose a problem.

In his upcoming campaign, he said he would focus on insurance reform and reining in homeowner association overreach.

He lent his campaign \$54,800 and raised an additional \$1,665, while spending nearly \$33,000 (including \$5,000 to repay loans to himself).

Wheelen had been a party volunteer since 2015 and was honored with the local party's Jean Pipes Award for Volunteer Service in March at a Mar-a-Lago dinner headlined by former President Donald Trump and Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Byers will face Berman, who served eight years in the state House and has been a state senator since 2018. Through Aug. 18, she raised \$130,000 and spent \$35,000.

Senate District 26 extends along the beach from Boca Raton's Red Reef Park to the Boynton Inlet and stretches west to Belle Glade. ★

Ocean Ridge

Interim manager gets started, expresses interest in full-time job

By Joe Capozzi

Lynne Ladner, a former interim town manager in Pinellas County, will take over as interim town manager in Ocean Ridge.



Town commissioners voted 4-0 on Aug. 8 to hire Ladner after interviewing one other candidate, former Lake County Manager Alan Rosen. Commissioner Geoff Pugh was absent. Ladner

formally accepted the job on Aug. 10.

Ladner planned to start Sept. 1, working alongside departing manager Tracey Stevens, whose last day is Sept. 11. Stevens has accepted the town manager job in Haverhill.

Commissioners hope to interview candidates for a full-time town manager in October and hire one by Thanksgiving. Ladner told commissioners she is interested in the full-time position.

"I am thrilled at this opportunity and I am excited to come next week and

get started," Ladner told commissioners after they approved her contract at a special meeting Aug. 25. "I look forward to working with all of you and everyone in the town."

Commissioners were impressed with Rosen, but felt Ladner was the better fit. Rosen had told commissioners he probably would not be interested in the full-time position because of family commitments.

"I think Lynne would be a good fit for keeping the boat afloat for the three months

while we are looking for somebody else," Mayor Susan Hurlburt said.

Ladner has more than 15 years of experience working in local governments in Florida, Michigan and Kansas. More recently she served as interim town manager in Kenneth City, a suburb of St. Petersburg.

She also has been working as a consultant for the city of Pahokee, a job she planned to leave before starting in Ocean Ridge.

Ladner will draw a paycheck based on a \$100,000 annual salary for the first two weeks.

On Sept. 12 her pay will increase to \$132,500 a year, which Stevens was making.

The commission also gave Ladner permission to serve on a Florida League of Cities committee that will require her to attend a meeting once a month in Kissimmee.

At the Aug. 25 meeting, Ocean Ridge resident Terry Brown, a former commissioner, asked commissioners to give Ladner an overview about the town's neighborhoods and political factions.

"I'm not trying to be cute or anything, but I want to be sure as soon as possible" that officials "give an orientation to the town in terms of demographics and neighborhoods where various tensions exist," Brown said.

It's important that Ladner is "aware of what happens in the town with various groups so there are no surprises. You dig what I'm saying?" Brown said. ★

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A swath of sargassum 20 feet wide and knee-deep coats the beach south of the Boca Raton Inlet on Aug. 26. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

SARGASSUM

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particularly when they're combined together," said the study's lead author, FAU Professor Brian Lapointe of the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute. The whole North Atlantic basin is being affected by major river plumes and atmospheric deposits, he said.

The brown sargassum reaching Palm Beach County passes through the Caribbean Sea first, where significant increases have been reported since 2011, leading to "mountains" of sargassum landing on island beaches there, Hu said. Some of the sargassum from the Caribbean travels to the Gulf of Mexico, the Florida Straits and north along the Gulf Stream — where a strong easterly wind and local tidal conditions can send it to Florida shores, Hu says.

"The past few years represents a new normal for future years, but every year will fluctuate. It could be higher or lower, but it will never reach the level we see in the Caribbean Sea," Hu said of sargassum's impact on the Southeast Florida coastline. "An individual beach may have a completely different story. ... An individual beach may have more sargassum, even major sargassum, simply because of winds and tides. That's a huge variable."

Tides of seaweed

Clayton Peart experiences the impact in south Palm Beach County, where the Gulf Stream's proximity to land is at its closest, on almost a daily basis. His family owns Universal Beach Services, a Delray Beach company that contracts with condos and homeowners to clean the beaches in front of their properties.

One thing that has drawn Peart's attention as he cleans beaches this year is just the magnitude of the large patches of sargassum offshore.

"It seems like islands of seaweed washing in," Peart said. The frequency of sargassum landing on the beaches rose dramatically this year, he said.

"The normal conditions are three weeks off and then two or three days of bad seaweed," Peart said. This year, the situation flipped, he said: "The seaweed is bad for two or three weeks, and then there's a break for three days."

Fortunately, the sargassum



The county has a hands-off policy for sargassum at its parks such as Ocean Inlet (above).

amounts are lessening as fall approaches. Heavy inundations should not be seen again until the spring. But even that is a change from the past.

Hu said that although 2022 doesn't appear to have dumped the most sargassum on the Florida coast, the sargassum presence expanded, showing up as early as April, in the heart of tourist season, when the beaches are most crowded.

"The amount of sargassum is not the highest we've seen, but the duration is the longest," Hu said. "Usually, the Southeast Florida coast did not experience large amounts of sargassum except in June and July, you know, two months, or sometimes May to June."

The sargassum piles are particularly noticeable on the south side of jetties at the Lake Worth Inlet, the Boynton Inlet and the Boca Inlet, trapped after being pushed there by southeasterly winds.

"We have seen massive amounts, for example, accumulate on the south jetty at Fort Pierce Inlet, very similar to what has happened in the town of Palm Beach this summer. It can catch on the jetties, right, and accumulate and begin to rot and stink," Lapointe said. "Those areas are becoming problematic, releasing a lot of toxic hydrogen sulfide gas that is a health issue at very low concentrations."

Hatchling obstacle

The heaviest time for the sargassum reaching south Palm Beach County overlaps the sea turtle nesting season, posing potential problems for hatchling turtles.

A study by a Florida Atlantic University graduate student published in the *Journal of Coastal Research* this year said sargassum accumulations in 2020 "may have caused as much as a 22% decline in net hatchling production in Boca Raton."

The study by Joshua P. Schiariti and Michael Salmon, an FAU professor, at one point looked at 101 hatchlings trying to reach the ocean and found decreasing levels of success as the height of the sargassum barriers increased. None of 16 hatchlings coming upon a sargassum wrack that was a foot or more high was able to cross it, the study reported.

Although it is a potential threat to hatchlings, the sargassum hasn't stopped near records of loggerheads and other nesting sea turtles from coming ashore this year to lay their eggs. "They plow right through it getting to the beach," said David Anderson, the sea turtle conservation coordinator at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton.

"The biggest impact we have seen, because of the large amounts of sargassum, is hatchlings struggling to get to the high tide line," Anderson said. "We have a lot of people wave us down on the beach where hatchlings are stuck in the sargassum."

City and private crews hired to clean the beaches and bury the sargassum aren't allowed to work until crews surveying the beach for turtle nests and wayward hatchlings give an all-clear. Peart said in early August that there were a couple of weeks when he had lengthy delays in his morning work schedule

because of heightened concern about trapped hatchlings.

"The turtle people were requesting I come to work later, to make sure all the hatchlings were out," Peart said. That meant instead of cleaning the beaches between sunrise and mid-morning, he couldn't get started sometimes until closer to lunchtime, he said.

Can't you smell that smell?

Hatchlings aren't the only ones affected by the decomposing sargassum — it bothers people, too.

Sargassum, by itself, isn't toxic like red tide, an algal bloom that has been a particular problem on Florida's Gulf Coast, Hu said. However, the hydrogen sulfide it emits while decaying can cause health issues for people breathing it in.

"Under Florida sunshine, after a couple of days, the sargassum plant gets rotten and smells very bad, like a rotten egg," Hu said, especially when it's in huge amounts. "It's not good, maybe it's harmful to your health, especially if you have breathing problems, asthma."

And the sheer volume of the sargassum at sea is turning its presence from a vibrant living organism into a toxic "dead zone," according to Lapointe's study published in *Nature Communications*. It suggested the increased nitrogen availability is turning the critical nursery habitat for marine life into harmful algal blooms having severe impacts on coastal ecosystems and human health.

Keeping beaches clean

To handle the wrack locally,

most beach cleaning in south Palm Beach County is done by private contractors because many towns don't have a public beach to clean. The larger cities, including Boca Raton and Delray Beach, take care of their own public beaches.

Unlike Fort Lauderdale, which collects and composts its sargassum for use as a soil supplement, the private contractors and local communities here generally bury the seaweed at the beach. "I incorporate it into the dune system," Peart said.

They must follow strict rules during the turtle nesting season, which runs from March through October, to ensure protection of sea turtle nests and hatchlings.

"We have two teams using a process where groundskeepers in a utility vehicle move forward to clear large debris and trash from the seaweed. As the groundskeepers advance, a tractor is brought in behind to dig a hole where needed and seaweed is pushed into the hole and buried," Boca Raton spokeswoman Anne Marie Connolly said in an email to *The Coastal Star*.

"Cleaning is also limited to the last high tide line and our tractors are not permitted to clean the upper beach or dune line," Connolly said. "The beach is cleaned daily, though at times we are hindered by an overwhelming amount of seaweed that is occasionally deposited during the change in tides or an occasional equipment issue."

Palm Beach County takes a hands-off approach to the sargassum, because of the beneficial impacts it can have on beaches. That policy is in effect at county-owned beaches, including Ocean Inlet Park, Gulfstream Park, Hammock Park and South Inlet Park in South County.

"The county's standard practice is to leave accumulation in place as it represents a critical part of the beach ecosystem providing food and shelter for wildlife, and nutrients and stability to sensitive dune habitat," Andy Studt, the county's program director for coastal resources management, said in an email to *The Coastal Star*.

"If necessary, Parks staff will work to clear open pathways through the sand down to the water for beachgoers at county-owned parks," Studt said. ★

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Along the Coast

Highland Beach agrees to issue Gulf Stream's building permits

By Steve Plunkett,
Jane Smith and Rich Pollack

Highland Beach and Gulf Stream have struck a deal in which the former will process the latter's applications for building permits.

"We're excited about this. We've been kind of in a purgatory here," Gulf Stream Town Manager Greg Dunham said after a special meeting on Aug. 26 that culminated with a 3-0 vote to approve the arrangement.

A day earlier, Highland Beach commissioners OK'd their side of the bargain on a 5-0 vote.

"This is an example of how small towns can work together for the benefit of everyone," said Highland Beach Commissioner Evalyn David.

Under the agreement, the Highland Beach Building Department will provide building plan review and inspection services to Gulf Stream, work that until last spring had been handled by Delray Beach.

In May, Delray Beach ordered an abrupt halt to engineering, floodplain and landscaping review for Gulf Stream plans after discovering its building department was doing the reviews without necessary City Commission authorization.

Gulf Stream hired outside engineers and a landscape architect to pinch-hit on the reviews and solicited bids from three third-party firms while also negotiating with Highland Beach to take over the work.

Highland Beach Town Manager Marshall Labadie touted the advantages to both towns.

"Overall, the building permit fees generated by the Town of Gulf Stream customers would cover all variable costs (plan review and inspections) and its proportion of fixed costs and provide an administrative fee to cover management costs, all while improving service for Highland Beach customers by securing greater access to more inspectors and plan reviewers," Labadie wrote in his Manager's Minute online newsletter. The inspections and reviews are done by an outside contractor, CAP Government Inc.

Dunham said Gulf Stream officials "have been working on this for longer than we really liked."

Highland Beach officials originally were scheduled to consider the proposal on Aug. 2, but the mayor was absent so the matter was postponed until Aug. 4. At that special meeting, commissioners decided to ask their Financial Advisory Board to review the terms at its Aug. 23 meeting. Commissioners then approved the agreement on Aug. 25.

Some final tweaks included striking a clause that

applications from both towns would be handled first-come, first-served and that Gulf Stream residents would pay the same fees as those charged to Highland Beach properties.

Labadie said the permit fees paid by Gulf Stream may not be the same. "In fact, the Town Commission has signaled its desire to maintain the 10% discount to Highland Beach customers put in place earlier this year," he said.

The first-come, first-served idea was scrapped to give Highland Beach flexibility in scheduling small jobs submitted shortly after a much larger project such as a home renovation.

Dunham said the next step will be to schedule the transition toward the Highland Beach takeover and away from Delray Beach's withdrawal.

Meanwhile, Delray Beach city commissioners on Aug. 9 unanimously agreed to stop processing building permits for Gulf Stream on Oct. 10.

The city is installing a computerized permit system that allows builders and others to submit plans online. City staff sent a letter to Gulf Stream in late April about the upgrade and that paper plans would not be accepted after the transition.

Delray Beach estimated the annual cost to Gulf Stream would be \$13,208 for storing and maintaining the electronic system.

Delray Beach also wanted Gulf Stream to pay for travel time and a portion of the salary and benefits when one of the Delray Beach inspectors or its contractors drives to the town to inspect a building.

Delray Beach has been processing Gulf Stream's permits for nearly 13 years. The town's permits account for between 3.6% and 5.6% of the building fund revenue, said Anthea Gianniotis, the city's development services director. The town's permits comprise 3% to 20% of the permits processed annually by Delray Beach.

Highland Beach estimates Gulf Stream's permits will add around 40% to its workload. Gulf Stream won't have to pay extra for inspections because the third-party inspectors come from their company offices in West Palm Beach, passing through Gulf Stream on their way to Highland Beach.

The new agreement between Highland Beach and Gulf Stream is of a "continuing nature," with either side able to terminate it by giving no fewer than 90 days' written notice. ★



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Pros and cons of prescriptions by mail or delivery

Pros

- **Possible savings.** Your health plan might offer discounts for certain drugs by mail, often for a 90-day supply. Check to see how it compares with the co-pay at the pharmacy.

- **Convenience.** Skipping a trip to a pharmacy or clinic can save time and money. Among the most common prescriptions by mail are for chronic conditions like high cholesterol, acid reflux and thyroid issues.

- **Privacy.** Not running into a chatty

neighbor at the pharmacy might be a plus if you don't feel like discussing medical conditions or issues.

Cons

- **Initial delays.** It can take up to two weeks to receive a prescription by mail. If you need the medicine immediately, consider asking for two prescriptions. One can be filled right away at the pharmacy and the other can be by mail for the longer term.

- **Delivery tangles.** During the

pandemic, consumers got used to having more things delivered. But the post office and delivery companies sometimes have run into staff shortages or budget constraints trying to meet that demand. The more important a medicine is to a patient's day-to-day health, the more comfortable it might feel to know it can be filled at a pharmacy if there's a glitch.

- **Heat and other issues.** Extreme temperatures in warehouses, trucks, stoops and mailboxes without air

conditioning can leave consumers uneasy about whether drugs remain safe and effective.

- **Difficulty keeping up** with prescription renewals remotely. Sometimes the onus is on a mail-order customer to go online or call and request a periodic refill. A pharmacy provides a face-to-face way to sort that out, as well as to answer any medical questions.

Sources: Kaiser Family Foundation, Consumer Reports, *goodrx.com*

PRESCRIPTIONS

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happens.

It's harder to dismiss with a shrug, though, when it's a prescription medicine — where a person's life and health may be at stake.

Sivak began making worried calls to the pharmacy, the drug manufacturer and anyone else who could advise her. A pharmacy representative assured her the medicine was fine, as it could withstand a certain number of days up to 104 degrees, or even for shorter periods up to 124 degrees, she said. Others advised caution.

She chose not to take the medicine.

"The manufacturer told me there was no way we could know how hot that medication got," she said.

A federal agency once measured temperatures up to 136 degrees inside mailboxes exposed to direct sun in St. Louis. Heat exceeding 150 degrees has been reported in the back of commercial delivery vans without air conditioning in Florida and Arizona.

But typical packages don't arrive with any way to measure how hot the contents got along the way.

Packages arriving hot, late or both can put the customer in a bind.

"We've had multiple situations where people bring stuff in, asking if it's still safe to use," said Tom Craig, who co-owns Gulfstream Pharmacy in Briny Breezes with his wife, Erin Craig, a pharmacist.

This has happened with prescription eye drops, for example, he said.

In some cases, the trouble is an interruption in supply because of a delivery tie-up.

"We've had to call a doctor many times and ask for a three-day supply because the mail order was late," he said.

Another potential risk: There has been a rash of thefts from mailboxes in local municipalities in recent months, in some cases involving the fraudulent altering of checks.

To date, Ocean Ridge Police Chief Richard Jones said he is not aware of anyone stealing prescription drugs. Several employees in his department get prescription drugs sent to the office, he noted.

At UPS, the world's largest package delivery company, many warehouses and



The Florida Board of Pharmacy has rules meant to ensure home-delivered medicines arrive unadulterated, but Miriam Sivak of Boynton Beach said a box of her prescriptions — and the cooling pads inside — were hot to the touch. The shipping box (left) was clearly marked as perishable. She chose not to take the medication after getting conflicting advice from the pharmacy rep and manufacturer. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

mail order for at least one prescription. That suggests plenty of deliveries in Palm Beach County, where nearly a quarter of the residents are 65 or older, in addition to younger folks who might get medicines by mail.

The pandemic only accelerated the trend, as some patients were subjected to stay-at-home orders or just wanted to limit face-to-face interactions to stay safe. In the first seven months of 2020, use of mail order increased up to 20% over 2019 levels, Kaiser found.

But 2020 also brought reminders of potential tangles with mail delivery. Service cutbacks at the U.S. Postal Service, some later postponed or modified, produced warnings in congressional hearings about delays in everything from mailed ballots to prescriptions.

And it became increasingly clear the delivery trend was colliding with weather extremes. A Nevada woman interviewed by NBC said her insurance company told her she could get migraine medication by mail order for about \$50 a month, or pay out of pocket at around \$600 a dose, she said. The injectable medicine was supposed to be kept refrigerated, but she said it arrived a day late, with the ice packs melted, sitting in 94-degree evening heat on her stoop.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services do not regulate or monitor delivery services through Part D, in which a private insurer may partner with the government to deliver medicine, a CMS spokeswoman said.

"It is important to note that

pharmacies must comply with safety requirements pertaining to handling medications when sending them through the mail under the U.S. Food & Drug Administration and state law," the CMS spokeswoman said. "If there are temperature requirements of certain medications, they must be sent through delivery services that can provide those requirements or they cannot be sent through the mail at all."

An FDA spokeswoman said the agency oversees the approval and manufacture of prescription drugs, but she referred questions about delivery to state boards of pharmacy.

The Florida Board of Pharmacy enforces rules that pharmacies "must have and follow policies and procedures to ensure medicinal drugs are not adulterated," a Florida Department of Health spokesperson said.

For consumers concerned about, say, the shipping or handling of drugs, there is an online portal to file complaints (<https://mqa-flhealthcomplaint.doh.state.fl.us/>).

Records show 99 administrative and disciplinary actions in 2022 as of Aug. 24, after 178 in 2021, 255 in 2020 and 211 in 2019. Penalties can include fines or revocation of licenses to operate in Florida for pharmacies based here or in other states. But the state database offers no way to search for cases involving delivery problems in particular.

A 2020 case alleged a Boca Raton pharmacist shipped misbranded compounded drug products out of state. A settlement was reached,

involving a fine of more than \$1,500, records show.

Complaints hard to gauge

The FDA received 2.3 million reports of "adverse events" associated with drugs and therapeutic biologic products in 2021, up from 2.2 million the year before, a government database shows. The reports do not prove a given drug caused a reported symptom, which can range from a headache to life-threatening conditions, disclaimers note.

Relatively few cases deal with the delivery of drugs, at least as an identified category. Complaints the FDA classified as a "manufacturing product shipping issue" rose to 68 in 2021 from 64 in 2020, after 124 in 2019, records show.

Then again, a consumer might not have an adverse reaction to report if she chooses not to take a medicine that arrives hot to the touch or otherwise in question.

Even if a consumer took a drug and suspected it may not have been handled properly, proving that it caused adverse health effects can be difficult. The drug itself may have been consumed and unavailable for testing. In addition, many consumers are not sure where to direct a complaint — to the delivery company, the issuing pharmacy, the insurance company? Not all of those routes would necessarily lead to a report registering in an FDA database.

The Package Shippers Association, whose members include UPS, FedEx and others, did not respond to questions for this story.

Neither did AHIP, formerly known as America's Health Insurance Plans, whose members include Aetna, CVS Health, Cigna and other large health insurers.

But Sivak believes the issue should not be ignored. She remembers the feeling, during some of her phone conversations, that "they tried to browbeat me, saying it's perfectly fine."

She wonders how many other people find themselves wondering what to do when an arriving package produces a queasy feeling.

"I could have gotten seriously hurt," she said. "There's no oversight and we need oversight." ★

Boynton Beach

City, PBSO end talks on merger

By Tao Woolfe

The romance between Boynton Beach and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is officially over. Both sides announced separately last month that negotiations to allow PBSO to take over the city's police services had ceased.

Boynton Beach Mayor Ty Penserga told a delighted crowd at an Aug. 16 City Commission meeting that the merger was "financially infeasible" due to unspecified pension fund liabilities.

"Given the financial reality, it is not in the best interest for the city to move forward at this time," Penserga said.

The previous day, Sheriff Ric Bradshaw had announced the breakdown in merger talks.

In his statement, Bradshaw made it clear that Boynton Beach had approached the PBSO about a possible merger — not the other way around.

"At no time did we ask for or initiate the discussions," the sheriff said.

Nevertheless, the sheriff had presented a \$42.5 million proposal in July to provide Boynton Beach with "greatly enhanced security and depth of law enforcement," if the commission hired PBSO.

Although the Boynton Beach Police Department's proposed budget for next year is a relatively modest \$38.5 million, newly named Police Chief Joseph DeGiulio and interim City Manager Jim Stables said the City Commission would not regret its decision.

The future city Police Department will be reorganized, adequately staffed and willing to work more closely with the community, DeGiulio and Stables said.

The commissioners promised to support the department and its goals.

"The people have spoken. Sorry it took so long," said Commissioner Woodrow Hay, who had been opposed to a PBSO merger all along. "I'm happy we are headed in the right direction. Let's not waste more time and money. ... Let's work together with our Police Department and our citizens."

Residents at the meeting applauded the commission for opting to stay with the city police, but some questioned the rationale.

"You didn't make the motion because it's the right thing to do, but because it's financially infeasible," the Rev. Richard Dames, pastor of the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, said of the decision to end the talks.

Community activist Bryce Graham said negotiations with the sheriff's office should be called off permanently. "This should not come up again," Graham said. "This should be a cease and desist."

He added that going forward, the City Commission should heed the community's "cries for transparency and accountability" from the Police Department and city officials.

The possibility of bringing PBSO in to replace the Boynton Beach Police Department was raised in April following months of tumult and anger — especially from the Black community — after 13-year-old Stanley Davis III was killed during a Dec. 26, 2021, high-speed police chase. The teen was riding a dirt bike.

Residents had expressed frustration that an internal investigation was taking so long. Nevertheless, Black and white residents had repeatedly said at commission meetings that they did not want PBSO to replace the city's police.

Instead, residents said, the local force should be winnowed of bad officers and more

enlightened policies enacted.

Officer fired; union protests

Just days after the commission meeting, the Boynton Beach Police Department announced that its internal investigation into the circumstances of Davis's death had come to an end.

As a result, Mark Sohn, the officer involved in the deadly chase, was fired.

On Aug. 19, the same day the termination was announced, Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association attorney Lawrence K. Fagan sent a letter to DeGiulio to initiate the union grievance process with the city, alleging that Sohn had been disciplined through termination "without just cause."

The union is seeking Sohn's reinstatement as a police officer "along with back pay, wages, pension contributions and all associated emoluments," according to the grievance document.

According to the findings of the months-long internal affairs investigation, Sohn violated the department's strict vehicular pursuit policies on more than one occasion.

"By repeatedly violating this policy, Officer Sohn unnecessarily placed the safety of the public and officers at risk," DeGiulio wrote in the report dated June 29.

Sohn also violated the officers' code of ethics and engaged in conduct unbecoming a police officer, according to the report.

Reorganization planned

Stables and DeGiulio told the commissioners and the residents that community policing would be a top priority going forward.

"We have been thinking through reorganization, and looking at efficiencies," Stables said. As for staffing, "we don't have the budget this year, but we will look at expansion in the future."

DeGiulio said the department would specifically like to add to its road patrol, investigations and communications personnel.

Commissioner Thomas Turkin said city officials should ensure, during upcoming budget hearings, that the Police Department has the money it needs to meet its new goals.

"We need to put our money where our mouth is and invest in the Police Department," he said. "I hope this support of the Boynton Beach Police Department does not disappear overnight."

For his part, the sheriff said there are no hard feelings about the city's decision.

"The Sheriff's Office wishes the city all the best, and will assist them in any way if asked to do so," Bradshaw said. ★



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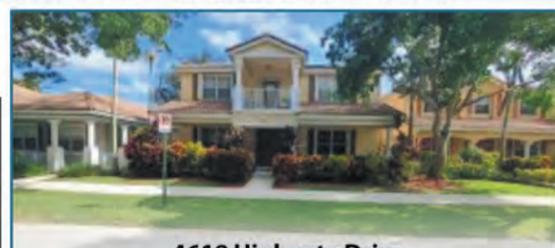
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Ron Standerfer

No matter that it happened more than 80 years ago, Dec. 7, 1941, is still etched in the mind of Gulf Stream's Ron Standerfer.

"I came down the steps from my bedroom and saw my father listening attentively to the radio while the Japanese were bombing the naval base in Hawaii," Standerfer, 87, recalled.

"The look of seriousness on my father's face told me this was big stuff, and planted the first seed of what would become my career."

That career, which included 237 combat missions during the Vietnam War and ultimately earned him a Purple Heart, two Silver Stars and 13 Air Medals, was celebrated this past May when Standerfer was invited by the Air Force to the unveiling of an F-100 jet refinished in the markings of one he was flying when he was shot down over Laos in April 1969.

Standerfer's father was too old to be drafted when the U.S. entered World War II, so he volunteered and was sent to boot camp in Idaho, then on to San Francisco, where the Navy made him a signalman and assigned him to an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. Standerfer and his mother followed — he attended the third grade in San Francisco — before returning to their native Belleville, Illinois.

Standerfer went to the University of Illinois, but by early in his sophomore year his grades were so poor he worried he might flunk out. With the Korean War on and knowing he would be drafted if that happened, he joined ROTC and soon after visited a local air base that had a vintage WWII bomber on site.

"It was my first airplane ride, it was noisy as hell, but boy, by the time it was over I was hooked on flying," he said.

He learned about the aviation cadet program and that if he passed a physical and spent a year as a cadet to learn how to fly, he could join the military as a pilot.

"So that changed everything," he said.

The war ended only months after he joined the Air Force in 1954 so he didn't get a chance to participate, instead joining the New Jersey National Guard 177th Tactical Flight Group.

Fourteen years later, in January 1968, Standerfer was working as a newly hired flight engineer for Pan American Airways when the USS Pueblo was seized off North Korea and accused of spying.

President Lyndon Johnson called up 14,000 Guardsmen to Vietnam, including Standerfer's group, and he was one of 11 pilots who volunteered for combat duty.

"The other pilots had been there for a year and thought we were going to be a bunch of hicks," Standerfer said. "But it turned out we had way more experience than they did, and we were the ones who became the flight commanders."

Twenty-two of his missions were as part of the secret and highly dangerous "Misty" program, flying F-100 Super Sabres over North Vietnam and Laos. Shot down by anti-aircraft fire on April 1, 1969, he and air crewman Lacey Veatch were rescued by a U.S. helicopter.

"I've had 'some pretty unusual things happen to me,'" he said. Among them:

- When he was 21 his operations officer in Maine picked him to watch a test of an atomic bomb near Las Vegas. "They miscalculated the strength of it, and it was twice as big as the Hiroshima bomb. I stumbled across a military film of it (later) and there were guys and girls wearing sunglasses at hotel pools in Las Vegas watching this mushroom cloud going up 20 miles away."

- When he returned from Vietnam he



Retired Air Force Col. Ron Standerfer of Gulf Stream keeps an image of the F-100 Super Sabre, an aircraft he flew in Vietnam. In 1969, he was shot down and ejected over Laos. He received the Purple Heart. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

was sent to train on a single-engine F-105 fighter bomber. "On my very first flight the engine flamed out when I came back to land, so I almost had to bail out. I got the engine started. The first thing you learn in the military is how to start an engine when it quits in the air."

- After dinner one night in Lima, Peru, he was kidnapped by three armed men. "They had a gun to my head but kept arguing about what they were going to do. They let me go and drove off and I had to hitchhike back to my hotel."

Standerfer has been married to his wife, Maya, a native of Poland, for 33 years and has three stepchildren: John Harrell, 57, who works for the Navy in Washington, D.C.; Steve Harrell, 56, the vice president of a computer company in Pittsburgh, and Michael, 50, an artist in New York.

— Brian Biggane

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

A: I was born and raised in Belleville, Illinois, a town across the Mississippi River close to St. Louis. I went to Belleville Township High School. The proximity of a large Air Force base exposed me to the Air Force way of life.

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

A: I spent 27 years flying a variety of high performance fighters including the F-100, F-102, F-105, F-4 and A-7. After I retired, I was a marketing director for Falcon Jet Corp., a subsidiary of

young person seeking a career today?

A: Be realistic about your professional goals.

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

A: We chose Gulf Stream as our permanent residence seeking a different, more quiet lifestyle than living in New York City. The Atlantic Ocean is roughly 20 yards from our balcony. But another part of the equation was there was a large VA hospital in West Palm Beach and I wanted to be close to that. So, we bought a condo here about 15 years ago.

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

A: Having ocean in front of my windows and beautiful nature. A small-town environment suits me perfectly.

Q: What book are you reading now?

A: *The Lincoln Highway*, by Amor Towles. I like that writer very much because of another book he wrote called *A Gentleman in Moscow*. Excellent writer.

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

A: Classical music, especially Chopin and Beethoven. I was a music major when I went to college and that's where the classical came in.

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

A: Maj. Gen. Evan Rosencrans was my mentor and source of advice until he died. He was the operations officer in the first squadron to which I was assigned. He was a real gentleman and ultimately was promoted to two-star general. He followed my career very closely and gave me a lot of good advice.

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

A: Tom Cruise because he is a natural-born leader, a typical fighter pilot who takes risky chances. The boys out there in Top Gun School and all that stuff, they have done a very fair presentation of what Navy pilots like that were like, and Air Force too. We broke rules, we chased girls, we drank a lot, it goes on and on. The second movie was better than the one before, at least I thought so.

Q: Who/what makes you laugh?

A: A good joke when I hear one.

Q: What advice do you have for a

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Delray Beach/Gulf Stream

Delray rejects new auto dealership next to Place Au Soleil homes

By Jane Smith

The son of a well-known Long Island car dealer was not allowed to rezone parcels in the north end of Delray Beach after nearby Gulf Stream homeowners complained about the adverse effects the proposed car dealership would have on their lives.

The Aug. 16 denial was a split vote. Mayor Shelly Petrolia, Deputy Vice Mayor Juli Casale and Commissioner Ryan Boylston voted to deny the rezoning, while Vice Mayor Adam Frankel and Commissioner Shirley Johnson

voted in favor of it.

"I support the change," Johnson said. Residents bought their homes "knowing they would be next to a commercial district."

John Staluppi Jr.'s ABC JS Auto Imports II LLC paid \$10 million for the seven parcels on the east side of North Federal Highway south of Gulfstream Boulevard. He is also CEO of SuperStore Auto Group, which acquired Delray Hyundai, Delray Genesis and Delray Acura in January.

Staluppi's dad, John Staluppi Sr., started out as a mechanic and built a billion-dollar

business of new car dealerships.

Land use attorney Bonnie Miskel represented Staluppi Jr. before the commission for the rezoning request for the combined 4.4 acres.

Miskel said the rezoning to automotive commercial was allowed in the Delray Beach comprehensive plan.

Trey Nazzaro, Gulf Stream's assistant town attorney, attended the meeting with its mayor and town manager and argued against the request.

Nazzaro said the rezoning was not appropriate because the potential car dealership backed up to single-family homes in the

Place Au Soleil community. The proposed dealership would have only a 10-foot buffer, when the Gunther car dealership to the south has a 35-foot buffer from the community.

Malcolm Murphy, who lives in the community and chairs the town's Architectural Review and Planning Board, said, "The bigger picture is diminished quality of life from the endless noise and endless light" from the proposed car dealership.

Sam Pearlman, whose backyard abuts the land, said the noise from the key fobs, car alarms and horns honking would be disruptive.

"The bright lights would spill into our neighborhood, making it feel like daytime all of the time," said Pearlman's wife, Shana Ostrovitz.

"While car dealerships are a legacy industry in Delray Beach, I have not seen any plans that say they should be expanded," Boylston said. "I am not in favor of this rezoning."

Petrolia said the auto dealerships should be on the west side of Federal where they will not abut residences. "The property on the east is too small to accommodate a dealership," she said. ★

Budget adjustments include money to finish Crest Theatre renovation

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach leaders were able to trim about \$5.6 million from next year's proposed city budget, mostly because the city's Community Redevelopment Agency agreed to pay \$4.5 million more toward improvements at Pompey Park.

That reduction is offset by the addition of an estimated \$1.35 million to finish the renovation of the Crest Theatre building on the Old School Square campus.

The city, which owns the building, stopped the renovation in July 2021 in a dispute with the former Old School Square operators over the construction

contract.

Delray Beach decided to end the lease with the former operators, who then sued the city in November for breach of lease. The city recently asked the judge in the case to allow it to file a counterclaim, seeking reimbursement of its expenses to finish the Crest renovation.

To find other budget savings, the city staff proposed pushing back the purchase of a mobile performance stage for two years, retaining \$250,000, Public Works Director Missie Barletto said at the Aug. 22 City Commission workshop. She also said the city has \$374,693 more in its penny surtax fund than

previously anticipated, which will be saved until its proper use is determined.

In addition, Barletto said the purchases of two police cruisers and several stand-up electric patrol units were removed, saving another \$101,730. "That captures the comments that you had made at the last (budget) meeting," she said. "We are listening and paying attention."

At the end of the workshop, Commissioner Ryan Boylston reminded his colleagues that \$3.7 million more than the goal of 25% of the city's operating budget sits in the reserve fund.

"That's \$3.7 million of taxpayers' money that is sitting in reserves and not being used for their benefit," he said.

The first and second public hearings on the proposed tax rate and budget will be held during regular commission meetings that start at 4 p.m. Sept. 6 and 19. The public hearings on the tax rate and budget cannot begin before 5:01 p.m. at those meetings.

The city set the proposed tax rate at \$6.67 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, down slightly, 2.54%, from the current tax rate of \$6.84 per \$1,000. Both figures include the city's debt service.

The city's proposed operating budget is \$166.4 million, a 9% increase. ★



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Delray Beach

Commission delays decision on raise for manager after mixed evaluation

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach City Commissioners evaluating City Manager Terrence Moore gave him mixed reviews Aug. 9, then postponed any raise for



Moore received high marks all around from Vice Mayor Adam Frankel, while Commissioner Shirley Johnson's review was very critical. The commission did not discuss what they would do if three of them do not see improvement.

The commission's cumulative score for Moore was 2.94, on a scale from 1 to 5, which put it just under the "meets expectations" rating of 3. The score would have translated to a 2.94% raise had the commission approved it.

Instead, despite a proposal by Deputy Vice Mayor Juli Casale to round up the raise to 3% retroactive to Aug. 9, commissioners decided to put any raise on hold.

"I strongly take the constructive feedback and ... support moving forward accordingly," Moore said.

In her evaluation that gave Moore a 3 rating, Casale said the city manager should prioritize his tasks, instead of just checking items off a list. "He tries to do too many things for too many people," she said.

Commissioners' evaluations were not included in the commission's agenda materials, but had to be requested separately from the city's Human Resources Department.

Casale said she wanted to bring up Moore's performance during the city goal-setting session on May 13, but that session was shortened from two days to one day and the topic did not come up.

Mayor Shelly Petrolia was more pointed in her review. She rated Moore's performance 2.75. When the city's internal auditor found that there were problems with the paper payroll system, Moore did not move quickly enough to fix the payroll system, her review said.

Petrolia also faulted him for not consulting with the city attorney when Waste Management asked for an increase in its monthly rates.

"Had that taken place, the city attorney could have immediately advised that the renewal letter was not properly served and saved the ratepayers potentially millions of dollars from a premature rate increase," Petrolia's review said.

(At their second budget workshop on Aug. 22, commissioners discussed using money from the Sanitation

Fund to offset the increases for residential and commercial trash customers. Staff will return on Sept. 6 with options for the commission to consider.)

"It's been a tough year with lots of issues," said Frankel, who gave Moore's performance a 4.3 rating, one that means Moore "exceeds expectations." That was the highest overall rating given by a commissioner. He pointed out the selection of a new police chief. "Moore acts in good faith," Frankel said.

Even so, Frankel faulted Moore for making decisions after talking to only one or two of the commissioners, when the city charter says he should be seeking consensus.

Johnson rated Moore's performance slightly above 1, a rating of "unsatisfactory." When asked on the evaluation form

what two things Moore should continue to do, she wrote, "I can't think of any except that the residents really love him."

She found fault with him for trying to direct the Community Redevelopment Agency and the city attorney, who do not report to the city manager.

She directed him to pay attention to the city charter for his job responsibilities.

Commissioner Ryan Boylston rated Moore's performance as 3.44. He liked Moore's responsiveness to his questions via text, phone or email. Boylston also appreciated Moore's calm demeanor during tense situations.

Areas for improvement include Moore's being more assertive in his decisions and rising above the politics of an issue, Boylston said. ★

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Boca Raton

Flashing lights coming to help pedestrians cross A1A

By Mary Hladky

To the relief of many beachside residents, enhanced crosswalks to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety are being installed along State Road A1A.

Those living along the beach have long pushed for the upgrades. "It is really not safe to cross A1A," said Emily Gentile, president of the Beach Condo Association of Boca

Raton and Highland Beach. "People do not stop."

The project was stalled, however, by government bureaucracy. A1A is a state road, so the Florida Department of Transportation normally would be responsible for improvements.

The FDOT said it would study the idea "in a couple of years," City Manager Leif Ahnell told City Council members recently. If the

agency agreed the work should be done, it would start in 2025.

"I said that is unacceptable," Gentile said.

City officials felt the same way and negotiated with the state to take over the project. The work, costing about \$260,000, is now expected to be completed this fall.

"Everyone is very excited about it," Gentile said. "We have been taking safety very seriously."

She credited Mayor Scott Singer and state Rep. Mike Caruso, R-Delray Beach, with working to eliminate project roadblocks.

Work will be done at 11 locations between Highland Beach and Deerfield Beach.

The city will install flashing lights that warn motorists a pedestrian is crossing the roadway. Pedestrians can activate them by pressing a button.

In government parlance, the lights are called rectangular rapid-flashing beacons.

Some of them already exist on Palmetto Park Road and Mizner Boulevard.

Work will be done at 2531 S. Ocean Blvd.; the intersection of De Soto Road and A1A; the intersection of Ponce De Leon

Road and A1A; 550 S. Ocean Blvd.; 400 S. Ocean Blvd.; the intersection of Northeast Fourth Street and A1A; the intersection of Northeast Sixth Street and A1A; 2150 N. Ocean Boulevard; 2667 N. Ocean Blvd. at the Yacht & Racquet Club of Boca Raton; 2871 N. Ocean Blvd. at the San Remo condominium, and 4201 N. Ocean Blvd. at the Sea Ranch Club condominium.

Gentile said buckets will be placed at the crosswalks on both sides of A1A holding orange flags that pedestrians can wave when walking across the roadway. ★

Permits approved for building Ocean Strand Park

Plans to develop Ocean Strand into a passive park have won final approval from the city.

The Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District, which owns the vacant property between Spanish River and Red Reef parks, announced the successful end of the permitting process on Aug. 26. Surveyors were to be on the site the following week with development crews expected shortly afterward for the \$300,000 project.

"We are excited to bring this great park to the Boca Raton

community," District Chair Erin Wright said in a statement. "We intend to develop a park that puts Boca's natural beauty on full display."

Located at 2300 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Strand's 16.2 acres stretch from the beach to the Intracoastal Waterway.

The first phase of construction, for the land west of State Road A1A to the Intracoastal, will include natural walking trails through the mangroves, ADA accessibility and educational opportunities.

The unbuilt park is

one of 10 finalists in the National Recreation and Park Association's "Perk Your Park" competition. The contest, sponsored by Niagara Bottling, awards the top three vote-getting parks \$75,000 each based on the results of an internet election.

The Boca Raton community is invited to visit www.niagaraperkyourpark.com/parks/ocean-strand-park/ to cast a ballot. Community members can vote once a day through Sept. 12.

— Steve Plunkett

Boca Raton

Gopher tortoises to get an enhanced preserve

By Steve Plunkett

Nature lovers and Boca Raton's threatened gopher tortoises are getting a boost in the coming budget year — new preserve land is being cleaned up and made accessible to the public south of Hidden Valley Boulevard and west of Dixie Highway.

The enhanced preserve will include 11.27 acres of sand pine scrub habitat, a quarter-mile pedestrian sand path through the preserve, 968 feet of ADA accessible concrete path, six parking spaces with one being ADA-compliant, a bicycle rack, educational kiosk and perimeter fencing. The kiosk will offer information on the history and importance of the site.

The work will be paid for with a \$319,500 community development block grant from the federal government.

As part of the project, the site will be cleared of trash and debris that has been dumped over the years, making the site more accessible to the neighborhood.

Project designers WZA Architects and the city's Recreation Services Department

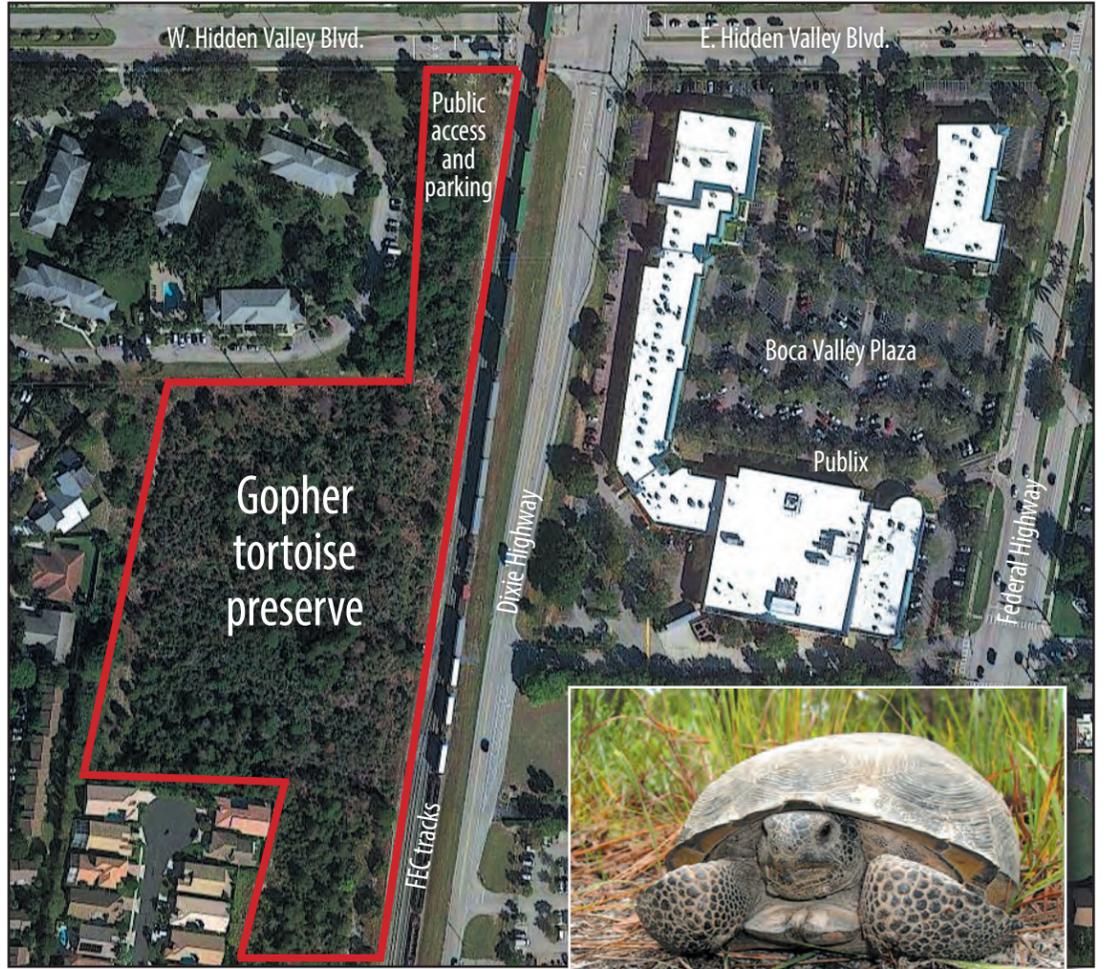
hosted a public information meeting about the preserve at the Spanish River Library on Aug. 17.

Besides the preserve area, gopher tortoises can be seen in an exhibit area at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Red Reef Park. Visitors to the Blazing Star Nature Preserve on West Camino Real, the Yamato Scrub Natural Area on Yamato Road and other sites have also encountered them.

In Florida, the gopher tortoise is listed as threatened, mostly by habitat destruction, with both the tortoise and its burrow protected under state law. The tortoises share their deep burrows with more than 350 other species, and are therefore referred to as a keystone species.

The long-lived reptiles must be relocated before any land clearing or development takes place, and property owners must obtain permits from the state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission before capturing and relocating tortoises.

Gopher tortoises occupy upland habitat throughout Florida including forests, pastures and yards, and forage on low-growing plants. ★



Boca Raton is enhancing a gopher tortoise preserve along the Florida East Coast Railway tracks south of West Hidden Valley Boulevard. The 11.27-acre preserve, which will be open to the public, is being paid for with a \$319,500 federal grant. Photo provided, staff map



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Obituaries

Susan Slade Whelchel

By Mary Hladky

BOCA RATON — Susan Whelchel, a force in city politics for nearly 20 years whose vision was to transform Boca



Raton into a world-class city, died at age 77 on Aug. 5 surrounded by her family after battling Alzheimer's disease.

"Former Mayor Susan Whelchel will be remembered as a dedicated public servant and advocate for her community and the residents of Boca Raton," Gov. Ron DeSantis said in a memorandum directing flags to be flown at half-staff at the State Capitol, Palm Beach County Courthouse and Boca Raton City Hall on Aug. 11, the day of her funeral at Grace Community Church.

After moving to Boca with her husband, John, in 1978, Mrs. Whelchel devoted herself to her teaching career, volunteer work with nonprofits, including the Junior League of Boca Raton, and raising the couple's four children.

When she turned her attention to politics, it was her experience with the Junior League that helped prepare her for her new role, said her son Jay Whelchel, founder of Whelchel Partners Real Estate

Services in Boca Raton.

While some see the organization as encouraging volunteers to help out with good causes, it actually has a more important role, he said. "Their real goal is to give women leadership tools and skills to become leaders," he said.

Mrs. Whelchel was elected to the City Council in 1995 and re-elected twice before she was term-limited from another run. She next served on the Palm Beach County School Board after then-Gov. Jeb Bush appointed her to a two-year term.

She returned to the City Council, serving two more terms before her election as mayor in 2008, a position she held until 2014.

She entered the political realm with the intent to elevate Boca from its reputation as a sleepy town with not much to recommend it to young people and corporations, Jay Whelchel said.

At a time when some major employers were leaving the city or downsizing, "she made it her mission to create a world-class city that young adults would want to come back to because jobs were here," he said.

She was spurred toward that mission after asking high school graduates if they would return to Boca after graduating college. She was told "no," he said,

because "Boca is boring. There is nothing in Boca for us."

Mrs. Whelchel's longtime friend, former Boca Raton Mayor and County Commissioner Steve Abrams, echoed that assessment.

"That was her driving vision," he said. "If you keep that next generation here, you have a real exciting, cohesive dynamic in your community, and she realized that.

"That resulted in a lot of specific things she would work on in terms of bringing jobs into the city," said Abrams, who is leaving his position as executive director of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, which runs Tri-Rail, on Sept. 15.

"We brought thousands of jobs to Boca Raton," he said. "We did a lot of ribbon-cuttings together."

For the city to rise, Mrs. Whelchel recognized it needed not only good jobs but also good schools, health care, cultural offerings and strong nonprofit organizations, Jay Whelchel said.

To that end, she served on committees for Florida Atlantic University and Boca Raton Regional Hospital and volunteered at many nonprofits.

Among the things that she was most proud of, he said, was her effort to get

Boca schools their fair share of funding and helping establish Don Estridge High Tech Middle School.

Her vision for the city has been validated by her own children, he said. He and two of his siblings moved back to Boca to pursue their careers.

"Lots and lots of our friends all moved back because of all the ... vibrancy they are seeing," he said.

Susan Slade Whelchel was born on Aug. 13, 1944, as the youngest daughter of Flora and Tom Slade in Baxley, Georgia. The family moved to Starke and she graduated from Jacksonville University with a degree in political science. While in Jacksonville, she met her husband of 52 years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter Joanne Jackson and her husband, Tracey; daughter Kristy Hartofilis and her husband, Nick; sons Matthew and his wife, Kimmie, and Jay and his wife, Melissa; and 10 grandchildren.

The family asked that donations be made in her memory to Grace Community Church, Alzheimer's Community Care or Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center.

Patricia 'Patti' Payne Carpenter

BOCA RATON — Patricia "Patti" Payne Carpenter, an ever-present pillar of the Boca Raton community, died Aug. 8, surrounded by her family and friends. She was 74.

Mrs. Carpenter will be missed by those who worked alongside her on a variety of charitable missions, recalling her passionate drive, leadership, genuineness, compassion, kindness, generosity of self, signature style, hospitality and keen sense of humor.

Born in New York City on Nov. 1, 1947, and raised in the Riverdale neighborhood, Patricia attended Marymount Schools, The Gerard School for Girls and The Sacred Heart of Mary Academy.

She relocated to Boca Raton in 1970 and became a devout supporter of many community charitable organizations for five decades, early on serving on the board of Boca Helping Hands and hosting the first major fundraiser for Kids in New Directions.

Mrs. Carpenter served on the regional advisory board for Deliver the Dream, a respite and retreat program serving families facing serious illness or crisis. She also served as chair for the Chris Evert Pro-Celebrity Tennis Tournament and twice as chair of the Lynn University Ball. She supported the Junior League of Boca Raton, which recognized her as Woman Volunteer of the Year in 2001.

Mrs. Carpenter served as president of the board of the Center for Family Services, South County, was chair of the 2005 Boca Raton Regional Hospital Ball, and was involved in many events hosted by the Boca Raton Historical Society.

Mrs. Carpenter graciously opened her home to host countless events for charities, including The Boca Raton Symphonia, The American Cancer Society, The Migrant Association of South Florida, Boca Helping Hands and the hospice building fund.

She took the floor as a dancer for Boca's Ballroom Battle supporting the George Snow Scholarship Fund and stepped up as a Habitat for Humanity "Woman Builder."

Most notable, Mrs. Carpenter was a long and trusted supporter of Boca Raton Regional Hospital, serving as chair for its annual GO Pink Luncheon for 19 consecutive years. Her voice and well-recognized face helped to grow the community's signature event into one of the most highly anticipated and well-attended women's health and breast cancer awareness gatherings in South Florida.

Mrs. Carpenter's tireless efforts helped Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation raise over \$13 million.

Throughout the years, Mrs. Carpenter's commitment and dedication to raising the public's awareness of breast cancer prevention enabled The Schmidt Family Center for Breast Care and the Eugene M. & Christine E. Lynn Cancer Institute to reach tens of thousands of women annually, saving countless lives.

Mrs. Carpenter also established the William K. Carpenter Nursing Education Fund at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. It supports continuing education, funding for nursing certifications and tuition reimbursements.

A loving daughter, mother and grandmother, Mrs. Carpenter is survived by her son, Todd Payne, daughter-in-law, Allison Payne, and granddaughter, Devyn Payne. She is predeceased by her beloved husband, William K. Carpenter, and mother, Eleanor C. Payne.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Boca Raton on Aug. 20.

Contributions in Mrs. Carpenter's honor may be made to GO PINK, Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation, 800 Meadows Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486; <http://donate.brrh.com/Patti-Carpenter>.

— Obituary submitted by the family

Narine Ebersold

By Mary Thurwachter

HYPOLUXO ISLAND — Narine Ebersold, a good, kind and friendly woman cherished by her children and admired by neighbors and friends, died

on Aug. 26 at Palm Garden of West Palm Beach. She was 95.

Mrs. Ebersold and her late husband, David Ebersold, raised their family on Hypoluxo Island, where they'd moved in 1946 from Jacksonville.

The island was a jungle back then with only a handful of homes and a few human settlers, she told *The Coastal Star* in 2014. They didn't have a car and they rode bicycles everywhere, including to West Palm Beach where she worked for the phone company.

"My dad would ride with her to work and then go to meet her on her way home," said their daughter Sandy Ebersold. "Mom and Dad had a longtime romance. He'd always draw a heart with their names in it. He'd take a picture of them and put his initials and hers on the back inside a heart. She was a beauty and she loved Dad."

Mrs. Ebersold was born on Oct. 26, 1926, in Arkansas — the daughter of James Myers and Daisy Henderson — but moved to Florida when she was 6 months old, first to Haines City, then to Jacksonville. As a teenager, she worked at a Jacksonville drive-in. That's where she met her future husband.

"He was a lifeguard at the beach," she told *The Coastal Star* in the 2014 story. "In those days, people were kind of bashful and I didn't even know he liked me, but he went home and told his brother he met this good-looking girl."

The couple began dating and married a few years later. Mr. Ebersold was a prominent builder who constructed many of the homes on the island. When he died in 2006, they had been married for 61 years.

"She was very sweet, a good mother

and she was kind," said Sandy Ebersold, the oldest of the couple's four children. "She loved to bake chocolate cake and always had ice cream in the freezer. Everybody loved her.

"She was very social and always had lots of visitors at the nursing home. She loved people and she was extraordinarily beautiful."

Mrs. Ebersold was "no helicopter mom," her daughter said. "We kind of did our own thing. We'd be on our bicycles all day long and take off. We went in the woods and climbed up those trees. We fished and camped and lived for a few years on a sailboat my dad bought."

Mrs. Ebersold loved to sing, especially music from the 1940s. She even won a talent contest at Palm Garden for her singing. Her favorite song was *I'll Be Loving You Always*.

Her neighbors enjoyed spending time with her.

"My friendship with Narine Ebersold began over 23 years ago when she welcomed my family to Hypoluxo Island," said Michelle Donahue, president of the Hypoluxo Island Property Owners Association. "She was such a sweet lady, never complained and always made people feel warm and welcomed. I'll forever cherish our evening visits on her front porch sharing the history of her time on the island and the stories of her life and family legacy."

Mrs. Ebersold was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sister Armastine Culpepper and sister-in-law Barbara Ebersold.

She is survived by her children — Sandy, Davie (Lynne), Terri and Don; her sister, Coy Johnson; six grandchildren; and many friends.

Arrangements are pending and are being handled by Dorsey-E. Earl Smith Memory Gardens Funeral Home. If people wish to make a donation in her memory, her children suggest the Humane Society of ASPCA. "Mom loved her kitties, and they loved her," Sandy Ebersold said.



Obituaries

Capri Grotowski

By Brian Biggane

BOYNTON BEACH — Near the end of a lengthy interview with Ken and Cat Hilgendorf concerning the recent death of their daughter Capri Grotowski, Ken summed up all the two had said previously: “She was our hero.”

They are not alone. Mrs. Grotowski, who spent her formative years on Hypoluxo Island in Lantana before becoming a star beach volleyball player and spent the last eight years coaching the sport at Florida Atlantic University, died June 25 at age 38 after being treated for breast cancer for almost a decade.

“It never slowed her down,” said FAU volleyball coach and best friend Fernanda Nelson. “She made us better every day. It didn’t matter if she was going through chemo or in a bad depression, she came in with a smile every day ready to work.”



“It was pretty impressive. She was a very special person,” Nelson said.

“Our student-athletes loved playing for her,” FAU Athletic Director Brian White said. “She was all about all the right things, and as a result they were all about all the right things. They had as strong a culture as any program I’ve ever been around.”

Ken Hilgendorf described his daughter as “kind of a tomboy” growing up who decided at one point that “grape soda wasn’t healthy, so she stopped drinking it.” She excelled in sports at Lake Worth High School, playing volleyball, softball and soccer — and didn’t allow anyone to push her around.

“She had a soccer game at Palm Beach Lakes and an opponent came up from behind and knocked her down,” he remembered. “Capri got herself up and near the end of the game she got her back.”

Named to the elite Super Six in volleyball, she earned a scholarship to Northwood University (now Keiser University) in West Palm Beach, earning MVP honors all four years. She then played the pro circuit before turning to coaching at FAU, taking over a beach volleyball program in 2014 that Nelson had begun only a year before.

It was during orientation that first year that the cancer was diagnosed.

“She had gone to her doctor nine months prior and told him she had a lump in her breast and he told her there was nothing to worry about,” Ken Hilgendorf said. “She trusted this doctor, and he basically took my daughter from me.”

Asked how she handled that news, he said, “Her oncologist said it perfectly. The reason why she loved coaching so much is she never identified herself as a patient or a victim. She just fought the fight.”

“Capri was one of those special people,” said Dave Stewart, next-door neighbor to her family on Hypoluxo Island and former Lantana mayor. “Very considerate, very caring, very ambitious.”

In a short time she built the FAU program into a powerhouse. The Lady Owls boasted four All-Americans during her tenure — including two last season, when they reached the 16-team NCAA Tournament and beat powerhouse Stanford before losing to eventual champion Southern Cal.

Her eight-year record was 128-86.

“The success they’ve had is unprecedented for any program here athletically,” White said, “and they also led the athletic department in team GPA. Just a very impressive group to be around.”

As the years passed and the hoped-for remedies failed to materialize, Mrs. Grotowski looked into dendritic cell treatment as a possible cure. Told her cancer was too far advanced for her to undergo the treatment in the U.S., she and her mom traveled to Cologne, Germany, for five weeks and had it done by the doctor who created it.

Mrs. Grotowski, who resided in Boynton Beach, leaves behind her husband, Steve, a former England Olympic volleyball player who was her assistant coach and is now head coach at FAU; along with son Cayd, 11, and daughter Kyah, 8, as well as her parents and older brother, Ken Jr.

FAU will hold a celebration of life to honor her from 1-3 p.m. on Sept. 11.

“She was an inspiration to all of us,” Fernanda Nelson said. “The way she handled the cancer, sometimes you wouldn’t remember she had it. She was just incredible.”

Donald Richard Edge

By Ron Hayes

HYPOLUXO ISLAND — Don and Alice Edge moved into their Hypoluxo Island home on April 9, 1959.

Two years earlier, the young architect had bought the 6,000-square-foot lot on Southeast Atlantic Drive for \$6,000. He designed the house, paid a local contractor to put up the walls and supports, and then built the rest himself.

In the early hours of Aug. 24, Mr. Edge died in his sleep in that home. He was 95, and during 63 years on the island, he devoted himself to the area’s past and future with a spirit that made his time there local history, too.



“Don Edge and I became good friends over a shared passion for history,” said Michelle Donahue, publisher of the *Brown Wrapper*, the island’s history newsletter.

“His first-person account of many Palm Beach County and Hypoluxo Island historical events brought stories to life in ways you just can’t get from a book.”

Donald Richard Edge was born in Detroit on Jan. 25, 1927. He joined the U.S. Navy at 18 and then attended the University of Michigan on the G.I. Bill, graduating with a degree in architecture.

Mr. Edge delighted in telling friends he decided to move to Florida after stepping off a Detroit sidewalk into a pile of cold winter slush.

Arriving in 1952, he found work with architect Byron Simonson in a one-room Palm Beach office. When the firm won a contract to build La Coquille, a small resort hotel in the Manalapan dunes (where the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa now stands), Simonson created a rendering and Mr. Edge drafted the detailed drawings from which the contractor worked.

Until its demise in 1986, La Coquille was a fashionable gathering spot for the Vanderbilts, Fords and Whitneys.

“I didn’t associate with the classy members,” Mr. Edge recalled for *The Coastal Star* in 2019. “They knew I was a flunky. But I did get the first drink from the bar. The bartender was setting up for the opening night gala, and he asked me if I wanted a drink.”

“A Manhattan, I think.”

In the late 1950s, when William Benjamin was developing Point Manalapan and had applied for a permit with the Army Corps of Engineers to construct a small bridge connecting the island from Audubon Causeway to A1A, Mr. Edge joined his neighbors in opposing the proposal.

“Together with a group of Manalapan

residents, Don took Benjamin to court to stop construction of the bridge and won,” Donahue said. “Today, Hypoluxo Islanders truly enjoy and are grateful for the open waters of the lagoon due to Don’s efforts and perseverance.”

In 1956, he married Alice Nan Divine, and four years later he opened his own office in the same Palm Beach building where he’d first found work eight years before.

As an architect, Mr. Edge designed the Lantana Town Hall, Recreation Center and Beach Pavilion. He built Seventh-day Adventist hospitals in several states, and drafted plans for the 1972 wraparound of the county’s 1916 courthouse, his firm’s most controversial project.

When the wraparound was removed in 2004 to reveal the original courthouse, now the Historical Society of Palm Beach County, Mr. Edge was not pleased.

“I still don’t think that old courthouse is a gem,” he would say. “I guess I’d consider myself a modernist.”

But he didn’t hold a grudge. In 2007, he donated 270 historic architectural drawings to the historical society, some from architects Addison Mizner and Marion Sims Wyeth.

Alice Edge died in 2009 after 53 years of marriage.

“She was fantastically good for me,” Mr. Edge said. “She was outgoing while I was kind of inward bound.”

The couple had three children, including Nancy Davis of Seattle.

“He was very gentle and kind,” Davis said. “He was a true inspiration to me. He made every day worth living. There was no sadness in his world. He was, ‘I’m just going to get up and go as long as I can.’ He was out in the workshop making things until the day before he died.”

The secret of a good life, Mr. Edge believed, was a good wife and a lack of stress — and a lack of stress came from having a good wife.

In his home, he kept a photograph of Alice as a teenager on a table in the living room, where each evening he enjoyed a glass of wine, as they had shared one together for so many years.

In his final years, after his doctor forbade alcohol, Mr. Edge switched to nonalcoholic wine, but kept the evening tradition.

When his caretaker arrived on Aug. 24 to find him dead, he was still wearing his wedding ring.

In addition to Nancy Davis, he is survived by another daughter, Carol Edge of Fernandina Beach, and a son, Karl Edge of Tallahassee.

A celebration of Mr. Edge’s life will be held later.



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Along the Coast

Coastal Star wins 14 awards in Florida Press Association contest

By Larry Barszewski

The *Coastal Star* received five first-place awards and 14 overall in the Florida Press Association 2022 Weekly Newspaper Contest for non-daily newspapers.

The articles receiving first-place recognition covered a variety of topics, from inspections of aging condos, to newly found photos of a ship that wrecked off Manalapan's coast more than a century ago, to a Valentine's look at the love letters and the enduring affection between former Florida Atlantic University head football coach Howard Schnellenberger and his wife, Beverlee.

"These awards recognize the excellence our experienced reporters and editors bring to the local community," said Executive Editor Mary Kate Leming. "Their contributions shine a light on the people, places, governments and activities in our coastal cities and towns, giving readers a sense of place and inclusion in our unique coastal area."

The association presented the awards at a ceremony Aug. 5 in Ponte Vedra Beach near Jacksonville.

Though it comes out monthly, *The Coastal Star* competed against weekly newspapers in a division for papers with circulations over 15,000.

The paper's top awards went to:

- The staff, led by reporter Joel Engelhardt, for in-depth reporting, non-investigative, with its look — following the Surfside condo collapse — at the number of aging condos in coastal South Palm Beach County.

- Ron Hayes, with two first-place awards. The first, in the feature story, non-profile category, was for his story about the Delray Beach Public Library providing free laundromat services to homeless people. His second came in the community history category, for a story about one historian's efforts that uncovered photos of the Lofthus, which ran aground off

Manalapan in 1898.

- Brian Biggane, in the sports feature story category, for his poignant telling of the Schnellenbergers' decades-long love story.

- Janis Fontaine, in faith and family reporting, for a pair of pandemic-related stories: one on how the musical director at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Boynton Beach was able to rediscover his creative passion during the pandemic lockdown; the other on how Jehovah's Witnesses responded after they had to put their communal gatherings and door-to-door visits on hold because of COVID.

Second-place awards went to:

- Rich Pollack for general news story;
- Larry Keller for education feature story;
- Gretel Sarmiento for arts, entertainment and review reporting;
- *The Coastal Star* staff, for general excellence.

Third-place awards went to:

- Keller for faith and family reporting;
- Tara Mitton Catao for arts, entertainment and review reporting;
- Pollack and Jane Smith for local government reporting;
- *The Coastal Star* staff for overall graphic design and for website excellence. ★

Boynton Beach

Oyer Park to close for two months as boat ramps get renovations

Harvey E. Oyer Park, on North Federal Highway, will be closed for renovations from Sept. 12 through mid-November.

During those months the Boynton Beach park's three boat ramps will undergo a \$1.25 million face-lift and are scheduled to reopen just in time for the winter season.

The work will be paid for by Palm Beach County's 1-cent sales surtax and the Florida Inland Navigation District.

For more information call 561-742-6239.

Pioneer Canal Park seeks your votes for prize money

In other boat ramp news, the city is competing for \$75,000 in prize money to add a boat ramp and observation deck at Pioneer

Canal Park at 848 NW 13th Ave.

The city is asking residents to visit niagaraperkyourpark.com/parks/pioneer-canal-park and vote for the Pioneer Canal Park project.

The "Perk Your Park" contest is offered by the National Recreation and Park Association. Pioneer Canal Park is one of five South Florida parks in the competition.

If the city wins one of the top three spots — and the \$75,000 in prize money — the improvements would allow access to waterway activities that include kayaking, boating, fishing and observing wildlife.

Voting runs through Sept. 12, and each individual may cast a vote daily. Winners will be announced on Oct. 12.

For more information call 561-742-6220. ★

Interim public safety chiefs win permanent status

By Tao Woolfe

Boynton Beach's two top public safety officers — the police and fire chiefs — have been elevated from interim to permanent status.

Interim City Manager Jim Stables, in announcing the appointments last month, said he hoped the promotions would bring stability to the city's leadership team, which has been in flux since early spring.

Police Chief Joseph DeGiulio had served as interim chief of the Boynton Beach Police Department since May, when acting chief Vanessa Snow left the force.

Fire Chief Hugh Bruder stepped up to serve as interim chief in April when Stables, the former fire chief, left his post to serve as interim city manager.

Both DeGiulio and Bruder have extensive leadership experience.

DeGiulio has been with the Boynton department for more than 20 years. Before becoming interim chief, he served as assistant police chief for the uniform services division.

DeGiulio brought advanced training programs to the department, including tactical first aid, fair and impartial policing and de-escalation.

He was also responsible for implementing the body camera program, the Narcan/naloxone program and tactical fitness and wellness programs.

The police chief earned a master's degree in leadership from Palm Beach Atlantic University, and a bachelor's degree in police studies from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City.

Bruder has had more than 42 years of fire service experience. He joined the Boynton Beach



DeGiulio



Bruder

Fire Rescue Department in 2020 as deputy fire chief. Since then he has reorganized the department's administration so that more firefighters could be deployed in the field.

His other priorities have been fostering labor/management relations; improving staff morale; and helping secure grants for a new fire boat, EMS equipment and infrastructure for emergency communications.

Bruder also revamped critical incident management and peer support programs for the police and fire departments, and helped create a new community outreach program.

Bruder, an Air Force veteran, holds an associate's degree in emergency medical services, and a bachelor of science degree in public administration/fire service management — both from American Medical Academy in Miami.

"Both of these public safety leaders have spent a lifetime nobly serving others, while qualifying and climbing the promotional ladders in their respective areas and collaborating to enhance the mental wellness of their employees," Stables said in a prepared statement.

"These well-deserved promotions will bring further stability to our leadership team and to the overall public safety of the community." ★



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Boynton Beach

Commission selects police captain to be city manager

By Tao Woolfe

Daniel Dugger, a captain in the Boynton Beach Police Department, was chosen as the new city manager after a lengthy and contentious special City Commission meeting on Aug. 30.

The field of three candidates was unexpectedly winnowed to two early in the evening when interim City Manager Jim Stables announced he was dropping out of the running.

Stables said he would resign from his post as of Sept. 30 to return to Tennessee and his family.

"I have been honored to serve with such a great team," Stables said, referring to the city staff.

Stables had been a top-choice candidate of all five city commissioners. Besides Dugger, the other top candidate was Robert Curnow, a deputy city manager in Coral Springs.

At a City Commission meeting on Aug. 16, Mayor Ty Penserga had asked his colleagues to choose three to five favorite candidates from a pool of about 40. The special meeting on Aug. 30 was to determine what steps to take next.

Penserga said the commissioners had three options — continue to choose among the existing candidates, hire an outside headhunting firm to broaden the search, or have the Boynton Beach Human Resources Department re-advertise the job.

Then he opened the discussion up to the public.

The rest of the evening was a kind of verbal free-for-all, with many residents and non-residents speaking for and against Dugger and airing other grievances about the city and the commission.

Those who praised Dugger — and there were many — said he was invested in the city and its people, he is well liked, and brings 18 years of experience with the city to the job.

"We need somebody who is passionately invested, someone who has the whole city in mind — Dan Dugger," said resident Jim Sussic, summing up the prevailing sentiment.

Those who spoke against Dugger knocked him for not having the minimal qualifications for the job.

Even before the special meeting, residents familiar with the candidates were urging commissioners to hire a headhunter to conduct a nationwide search for more

qualified candidates.

That advice was repeated throughout both meetings, but the commission chose to ignore it.

"We are not Greenacres. Hire a headhunter to bring in executive level professionals," resident Barbara Ready said at the Aug. 16 meeting.

Ready said she had looked at the entire pool of candidates and found most of them lacking in city manager-level experience.

At the Aug. 30 meeting, Ready again urged the commissioners to hire professionals to help find a city manager who would understand the complex workings of government and truly be a leader.

Commissioner Woodrow Hay, the only commissioner to vote against Dugger, was also in favor of hiring a headhunter.

Vice Mayor Angela Cruz said she had interviewed Curnow for two hours and found him qualified, but that once she had determined he was unwilling to move to Boynton Beach, she decided against him.

Commissioner Aimee Kelley agreed.

She added that Dugger's experience with the city police force more than made up for his lack of credentials.

Penserga did not really discuss his rationale, but voted with the majority.

The city attorney and human resources staff will draft an agreement and contract with Dugger and bring it back to the commission at a future meeting.

Dugger holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix. He has risen through the city police ranks from patrol officer to detective first-grade. He became a sergeant in 2016 and last year was promoted to captain, according to his application.

Curnow holds a master's degree in public administration from Barry University.

Curnow has worked for the city of Coral Springs for the last 10 years. He joined as an infrastructure manager, made his way up to assistant city manager and was named deputy city manager in 2019.

Stables was tapped for the interim city manager position at an April 25 special City Commission meeting. He had been the city's fire chief for a little more than a year at the time.

The unanimous vote for Stables as interim city manager came days after the commission fired City Manager Lori LaVerriere after 10 years on the job.

It remains unclear exactly why LaVerriere was fired. ★



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Business Spotlight

Ocean City Lumber property sold for \$30 million

The distinctive water tower in downtown Delray Beach marks the charming Ocean City Lumber Co. property, which sold for \$30 million in a deal recorded on Aug. 8.

Owned and developed by Janet and Tim Onnen, the 48,474-square-foot mixed-use complex was sold to Delray Trio LLC and is managed by Nader Ohebshalom, Babak Ebrahmizadeh and a trust in the name of Isaac S. Ohebshalom, all executives at Gatsby FL.

Representing both sides were Laura Allen and Cecelia Boone, of Southdale Properties Inc.'s commercial division, who brokered the off-market property on behalf of the Onnens. The 2.5-acre site is on the south side of Northeast First Street, from Railroad Avenue to Northeast Second Avenue.

For the Onnens, Ocean City Lumber Co. has been part of their lives since the 1980s. For Delray Beach, it has a history that spans from 1920.

Janet and Tim moved to Florida from Iowa to operate her father's business, Meisner Electric, in 1983. Soon after, the Onnens decided to move the Meisner offices closer to the center of town.

They started by buying two properties — one where the old Sundry Feed Store used to be, and a window and screen repair shop, which was once part of the Ocean City Lumber Co.'s operation. Then the couple added the lumberyard to their portfolio when the owner defaulted and it went to auction in 1992.

A history buff who was involved with the Delray Beach Historical Society, Janet Onnen became intrigued with the stories of Ocean City Lumber Co.

"I kept its name, because it had historical significance to me," she said. One bit of folklore



The Ocean City Lumber Co. property in Delray Beach, with its distinctive water tower and historical train depot, owed much of its preservation to Janet and Tim Onnen, who sold it in August. The original lumber company's history dates to 1920. Photo provided

that she had heard about: "It was considered a decent place for a husband to hang out, rather than the brothels and bars Delray had at the time," she said.

Another tidbit she shared: "I found in the old records that the lumberyard was essentially a bank in the early days. When people wanted to build their home or business, the lumber company would lend them the money. The lumberyard was where they could go to make their American dream happen. It financed Delray in the early days for regular people."

And that makes sense, in a way. In 1920, the lumberyard was started by three partners, Fred Benson, a local bank chairman, J.C. Keen, who ran the company, and attorney C.Y. Byrd.

In 1993, the Onnens added the final parcel of land, an FPL property, and then they replatted their properties.

"We redeveloped it using the same building footprint mostly, with architect George Brewer,

between 1993 and 1996," Janet Onnen said. "With Tim and I in construction, George being a young fun-loving architect, and our great construction team, it was a great project, and by 1996, we started leasing out space. At one time, a water tower was on the lumberyard property, and that's how we came to build the water tower."

They added a dilapidated 1896-era Florida East Coast railway station that had been moved west to Sims Road but was originally located across the FEC tracks diagonally from its current location. The railway station is owned by the Delray Beach Historical Society.

After years of involvement with the property and many memories — including sheltering friends and employees at their site during hurricanes — the Onnens are moving on to the next phase of their lives.

"I'm divesting of my responsibilities. I want to do some traveling and sit back and watch the world go by," she said, adding that her husband is looking forward to that plan, too. "It's a great location with great tenants and I hope that everything works out for both the tenants and the new buyers."

Current tenants include the Bru's Room, PurLife Fitness Center, Ramen Lab, Bond Street Salon, and Coco Sushi Lounge and Bar.

Related Group, a Coconut Grove real estate company headed by Jorge Pérez and Jon Paul Pérez, paid \$48 million for an apartment complex that is restricted to low-income senior residents, according to public records dated July 22.

The Boynton Bay community, on the southwest corner of Northeast Fourth Street and Northeast 20th Avenue in Boynton Beach, was bought from Boynton Bay Ltd., an affiliate of Delray Beach-based affordable senior housing developer Auburn Communities, managed by Brian Hinners.

KeyBank provided a

mortgage in the same amount as the purchase price.

Related Group also signed an agreement with the Florida Housing Finance Corp., a state Legislature-created authority that in part oversees various financing options for affordable housing. The 240-unit Boynton Bay complex was constructed in 1991 on 21.4 acres. It last traded in 2009 for \$21.1 million. Related Group's Related Urban Development Group focuses on building affordable housing.

The Delray Beach Housing Authority and AffordableHousing.com

conducted their annual children's backpack giveaway on Aug. 4, inside the Delray Beach Housing Authority. Six hundred backpacks with school supplies were given away.

"We are so glad to have the support of AffordableHousing.com every year. And this year certainly is going to be one of the most important years for kids of all ages to get back to school and back into a routine," said Charmaine Jackson, executive assistant at the Delray Beach Housing Authority.

Airbnb shared findings from the North American Digital Nomad Index that Delray Beach has been named a top-earning destination for hosts with long-term stays. Demonstrating a pandemic-era trend, the report also found that 1 in 5 guests used Airbnb to work remotely while traveling in 2021, and that hosts in the U.S. earned a combined total of \$2 billion from long-term stays alone. The report comes just months after Airbnb co-founder and CEO Brian Chesky told the company's employees that they could work from anywhere.

The Arthur and Emalie Gutterman Family Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education at Florida Atlantic University recently announced the Gutterman Family Outstanding Holocaust Educator Awards for 2022.

The awards recognize educators who have exemplified through their teaching a positive impact on their schools and the wider community in the field of Holocaust, genocide and human rights education.

Among those recipients was Boca Raton High School teacher Maureen Carter, a resident of Boynton Beach, who has

been involved in Holocaust education for more than 25 years. The Gutterman Center will recognize her and two other

educators on Nov. 7 at the annual awards dinner honoring outstanding Holocaust educators. The awards enable recipients to participate in an educator field study at Holocaust sites in Poland and Israel. The field study trip should occur in early summer 2023.

Todd Jackson, president of Fox Public Insurance Adjusters Inc., received the Recognition Award from the Boynton Beach Professionals. The award is the result of a review process and is voted on by the management team of the Boynton Beach Professionals leads group. Awards are presented on an every-other-month basis.

John Campanola, chairman of the group, said: "This award was created to honor the member who has done the most for the group and the Boynton Beach community. Todd 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 information on the Boynton Beach Professionals leads group, contact boyntonbeachprofessionals@gmail.com.

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restaurants added to its list. It also has a new CEO, Kerri Paizzi, a 20-year restaurant and marketing professional who has helped launch a new mobile app for Flavor.

At select eateries from Tequesta to Boca Raton, customers can enjoy prix fixe menus for three-course meals for lunch and dinner, with prices ranging from \$35 to \$65. This year's most renowned celebrity chef is Michelin Star and James Beard Foundation Award winner Daniel Boulud, who owns Café Boulud in Palm Beach.

To participate in Flavor Palm Beach, simply make a reservation, visit the restaurant and enjoy the menu. For more information, visit flavorpb.com.

Boca magazine was named the Magazine of the Year and Best Overall Magazine at the 2022 Florida Magazine Association's Charlie awards on Aug. 5, in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Boca magazine, produced by JES Media since 1981, also won top awards in several categories, including Best Overall Writing; First Place, In-Depth Reporting; Best Custom Publication, and Best Advertising for a Client.

Boca magazine received silver awards for Best Feature and the "Women in Business" advertising section. Finally, it received a bronze award for *Worth Avenue* in Best Custom Publication.

The Boca Raton Historical Society and the Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum is seeking nominations for this year's Walk of Recognition. The honor serves as a permanent memorial to individuals and local institutions whose public service has helped build the city and enriched the lives of residents.

The Walk of Recognition is located in Mizner Plaza at Royal Palm Place. A ceremony and reception for honorees will begin at 6 p.m. Nov. 29 at the Addison, 2 E. Camino Real in Boca Raton. Tickets are \$85 per person.

For tickets or more details, call 561-395-6766, ext. 106 or see www.bocahistory.org.

On Sept. 24, the Boynton Beach-based nonprofit Feeding South Florida, a hunger-relief organization, will host its annual Outrun Hunger 5K in celebration of Hunger Action Month. It will take place at Okeehetee Park, 7715 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach. Cost to participate starts at \$20. To register visit www.feedingsouthflorida.org/outrunhungerpb.

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Gone fishing: Lantana chamber president retiring

Lantana businessman and Chamber of Commerce president Dave Arm is bidding farewell to the small fishing village he and his wife, Renee, fell in love with in 2006. The couple recently bought a house in Vero Beach, another fishing village about 90 miles north.

"It's actually very Lantana-ish with a fun little downtown," said Arm, who turned 70 this year. "It's time to sit back and relax. Renee deserves to retire, and we want to enjoy our time while we're still fairly young."

The Arms owned and managed a gym, Lantana Fitness at 700 W. Lantana Road, for 16 years and sold the property to Enterprise Property Group LLC of Delray Beach for \$2 million on June 2.

The building will remain a gym managed by Sarah and Dawn Malega, owners of the Zoo Gym in Lake Worth Beach, where Sarah is also a city commissioner.



Dave Arm is retiring as Chamber of Commerce president and from his gym business, but won't leave his love of fishing behind. Here he reels in a sailfish on a trip to Costa Rica. Photo provided

Lantana Fitness was to officially become Zoo Health Club of Lantana on Sept. 1.

Arm will also be retiring as president of the Lantana Chamber of Commerce, a post he has held for 10 years — and from being chairman of the fishing derby, the chamber's biggest fundraiser, for 13 years.

Arm recalled several major highlights of his time with the

Lantana chamber.

"One was being involved with our members who are developers who make such an impact on Lantana, from Water Tower Commons to the Related Group's Water Tower Commons apartments to the 7-Eleven, the Dollar Tree and anything that's been built recently in Lantana. We've tried to help guide them along.

"The other thing was just to be involved in this great community and especially running the fishing derby for so long."

He has enjoyed working with the town. "The Town Council and the chamber have a great symbiotic relationship, we work so well together on events like the Fourth of July and Winterfest, and their support of the derby."

No word yet on who will replace him at the chamber.

Before moving to Florida, Arm, who was born in New York City, spent 30 years working for investment firms on Wall Street.

Arm doesn't plan to retire from his favorite pastime, though.

"Renee and I still enjoy fishing and are looking forward to exploring the Indian River Lagoon and the ocean off Vero," he said.

— Mary Thurwachter

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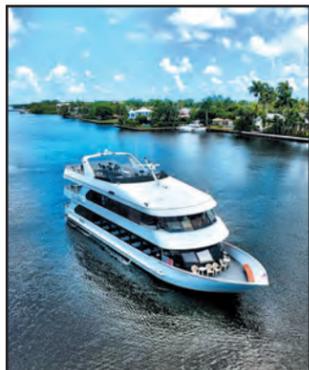
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The Grand Hall at Whitehall, Henry Flagler's 1902 mansion in Palm Beach. A model of innovation in its day, the house is now home to the Flagler Museum. Photo provided by Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

COOL TIMES IN OLD PLACES

Beat the heat in five air-conditioned house museums open to public

By Scott Simmons

Let's get this out of the way first — it's hot! And, we know, we know: You're looking for places to chill this never-ending summer. So, we invite you to get out of the house by cooling your heels inside a house.

That's right — inside a historic house, something built before there was air conditioning and interstates and, in some cases, electric lighting.

The history of South Florida as we know it is fairly recent. But you don't have to drive far to travel back in time at these houses of history.

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The Cason Cottage offers a peek at early 20th-century life in Delray Beach. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

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Pay It Forward

Boca's Ballroom Battle is back before an in-person crowd

By Amy Woods

The George Snow Scholarship Fund is bringing Boca's Ballroom Battle back to the dance floor. The popular *Dancing with the Stars*-themed fundraiser — always a sellout — returns Sept. 10 to The Boca Raton for its 15th anniversary.

"This is going to be the first time that we are going to be holding it live and in-person since COVID," said Laura Gilli, the fund's director of special events. "Ticket sales from the get-go were off the charts."

In 2020 and 2021, Boca's Ballroom Battle was broadcast on WPTV-TV. To celebrate the pent-up demand for glitz, glamour and grand dance moves, the 2022 theme is One Hit Wonders.

"We want the dancers to have a great time as they're practicing their routines, but we



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also recognize that we're putting on a show, and we want our guests to have a good time as well," Gilli said. "People are pretty excited. It's become a well-known event."

Proceeds benefit not only scholarships but also support services for students with other needs. Among those are motivational mentoring, health care checkups and access to technology, all with the goal of helping build a better life through higher education.

"Many of our scholars don't come from environments that you or I may have," Gilli said. "We try to be the support

system they need."

The dancers vying for the coveted Mirror Ball trophy given to the top fundraisers are Lynn Aronberg, Paul Bonaros, Jay Brandt, Ryan Haines, Howard Kanner, Erica Kasel, Tracey McCutchen Rossi and Andrea Virgin. They began their weekly lessons in April at Fred Astaire Dance Studios in Boca Raton.

"In any way that people can contribute to Ballroom Battle, all of that money goes to support our Snow scholars who really are going on to do incredible things," Gilli said. "We just look forward to being

that second chance that all our scholars deserve."

In addition to the pop, rock and disco routines, activities will include a raffle, live and silent auctions and lots of food and drink.

"Judging by the demand for tables, tickets and sponsorships, our supporters are just as excited as we are about being live once again," President Tim Snow said.

"It is going to be an amazing show and so good to see everyone in person for this very important event for the scholarship fund and the young people we serve."

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What: Boca's Ballroom Battle
When: 6 p.m. Sept. 10
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Information: 561-347-6799 or www.ballroombattle.com



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Celebrations

White Coats-4-Care

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton — Aug. 2



The 12th annual reception raised a record \$1 million in student scholarship funds that will help dress and equip the incoming class at the school's Schmidt College of Medicine. The class of 72 aspiring doctors was selected based on both their academic accomplishments and their humanistic attributes. 'Right now, South Florida as well as communities across the country are facing a significant shortage of health care professionals,' said Dr. Julie Pilitsis, dean and vice president of medical affairs at the college. 'FAU continues to aid in the charge of educating and training doctors, nurses and other front-line health care workers to reduce these gaps in accessible and quality health care for all.' **TOP:** (l-r) Dr. Stuart and Beth Markowitz, Maurice Plough Jr., Bonnie Halperin and Dr. Joanna and Bryan Drowas. **MIDDLE:** (l-r) Tom Mersch, Susan Rutherford, Dr. Ron Rubin, Arlene Herson, Holli Rockwell Trubinsky and Joseph Trubinsky. **INSET:** (l-r) Pat and Rick Howard and Alisa Cohen. **Photos provided by Ryan Merrill and Johnny Simmons**



Philanthropy Notes

Boca Helping Hands asks for assistance to feed hungry

September marks Hunger Action Month, and Boca Helping Hands is offering the community ways to contribute to the fight against food insecurity.

The public can get involved by donating nonperishable items, volunteering and contributing money.

"Hunger Action Month is a reminder that there are local families and children who do not know where their next meal is coming from, and as a community, we can help," said Greg Hazle, executive director of Boca Helping Hands.

Feeding America projects that more than 180,000 Palm Beach County residents are suffering from food insecurity; of those, nearly 53,000 are children.

"Unfortunately, inflation being the highest it's been in four decades has made it much harder for families to put food on the table," Hazle said.

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

Joy Bauer to headline Meals on Wheels fundraiser

The keynote speaker for the "More than a Meal Breakfast" — a benefit for Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches — is Joy Bauer, the nutrition and healthy-lifestyle expert on NBC's *Today* show.

During the Sept. 14 event, guests will have an opportunity to mingle with supporters of the nonprofit and learn more about its role in addressing hunger among seniors in the community. Additionally, VIP attendees will be treated to a meet-and-greet with Bauer following the breakfast and

offered a signed copy of her latest cookbook, *Joy Bauer's Superfood! 150 Recipes for Eternal Youth*.

"We are so excited to have Joy returning to our 'More than a Meal Breakfast' as our keynote speaker," President and CEO Pamela Calzadilla said, referring to the celebrity's 2019 appearance at the inaugural fundraiser.

The breakfast will take place at 7:30 a.m. at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach. Tickets start at \$175. For more information, call 561-802-6979 or visit mowpb.org.

Help improve childhood literacy by being a tutor

With school underway, the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County is looking for tutors for its Building Better Readers children's program.

Building Better Readers provides one-on-one assistance for elementary-age students in select schools as well as after-school assistance at the coalition's Blume Literacy Center in Boynton Beach.

"In Palm Beach County, 47% of third-grade students are reading below grade level," according to a news release. "To address this, the literacy coalition, in partnership with the School District of Palm Beach County, has completed its seventh year of Building Better Readers."

Training sessions for interested volunteers are scheduled for Sept. 21 and 29. Both take place from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the center — 3651 Quantum Blvd. For more information, call 561-635-8423 or visit literacypcb.org.

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The Spady Cultural Heritage Museum is in the former home of educator Solomon D. Spady. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

The Spady Cultural Heritage Museum

The Spady Cultural Heritage Museum is dedicated to discovering, collecting and sharing the African-American history and heritage of Palm Beach County.

The building from 1922 to 1957 was the home of Solomon D. Spady, a prominent African-American educator and community leader in Delray Beach. It marked its 20th anniversary as a museum last year.

Black people arrived in Delray Beach in the late 19th century, migrating from the Bahamas, North Florida and the coastal communities of the Carolinas and Georgia.

At that time, the South was deeply segregated — Jim Crow

laws were in force, dictating how and where people of color could live, work and worship.

Entrepreneurship was a necessary part of survival for Delray Beach's Black residents, who had a thriving community separate from that of the white residents to the east.

As for Spady's Mission Revival house, built around 1925-26, it's a stucco-over-frame two-story residence, with four rooms downstairs and four upstairs. It is filled with exhibits year-round.

The museum is at 170 NW Fifth Ave. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Info: 561-279-8883 or www.spadymarketplace.org.



Whitehall, now the Flagler Museum, was Henry Flagler's gift to his bride in 1902. **Photo provided by Flagler Museum**

The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

Like so many dwellings of its day, Henry Flagler's Whitehall almost met the wrecking ball.

But thanks to his granddaughter Jean Flagler Matthews, the house, built in 1902 as a wedding gift to Flagler's bride, Mary Lily Kenan, endures as a testimony to his love.

The Gilded Age palace left visitors to Palm Beach awestruck — the home even had central heating.

After Flagler's death in 1913, the house became part of the Whitehall Hotel, with an 11-story tower built behind it. The original part of the house was used for lobbies, card rooms, lounges, a bar and guest suites.

When the hotel became obsolete in 1959, it seemed the house might be demolished.

But Matthews raised the money to preserve the house once the tower was demolished.

Over the decades, the museum has acquired furnishings original to the house. In more recent years, the place has been air-conditioned to stabilize it for the antiques and artwork on display.

Flagler's private railcar No. 91 is on display in the Flagler Kenan Pavilion.

Starting in September, the museum will offer musical performances on select Sundays on Flagler's 1902 J. H. & C. S. Odell & Co. organ in the music room and the 1901 Steinway and Sons model B art-case piano in the drawing room.

The museum is at One Whitehall Way. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday, noon to 5 Sunday. Info: 561-655-2833 or www.flaglermuseum.us.

The Cason Cottage

Delray Beach has undergone many changes over the past century.

But one thing remains the same — the Cason Cottage.

Since 1989, the Delray Beach Historical Society has operated this modest frame vernacular 1924 structure as a house museum to help interpret the city's history from 1915 to 1935.

Its builder, the Rev. J.R. Cason, was a community leader who served as a municipal judge and as chairman of the Palm Beach County Board of Public Instruction.

He also was the founder of Florida's first orphanage, at Enterprise, in Volusia County north of Orlando. Cason United Methodist Church, a few blocks northwest of the cottage, was named for the reverend.



The cottage's furnishings reflect life in the early 20th century. **Photo provided by Delray Beach Historical Society**

The house is furnished to reflect life in the early years of the 20th century. The current exhibition is "Delray Beach: WWII Homefront."

The cottage is at 5 NE First St. Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Info: 561-274-9578 or delraybeachhistory.org.

The Sample-McDougald House

Old-timers may remember seeing the Sample-McDougald House on its original site, along the west side of Old Dixie Highway in Pompano Beach.

Built in 1916, the majestic Colonial-Georgian Revival home stood alongside a very busy stretch of commercial highway, a testament to when Dixie was the main artery to Fort Lauderdale and Miami beyond, and Broward County was an agricultural hub.

It originally was home to Pompano Beach pioneer and farmer Albert Neal Sample, for whom Sample Road is named.

After Sample's death in 1941, the house was sold to William and Sarah McDougald, whose family



The Sample-McDougald House was built in 1916 in Pompano Beach. **Scott Simmons/The Coastal Star**

lived in the home until the 1990s. At that point the McDougald family donated the house to the Sample-McDougald House Preservation Society Inc., which raised the money to move the house to Centennial Park, where it now serves as a museum and events center. It boasts some original

furnishings.

Outside, the 5-acre Centennial Park also is home to a heritage garden, planted with seasonal heirloom fruits and vegetables.

The house is at 450 NE 10th St. Hours: noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Info: 754-307-5446 or www.samplemcdougald.org.

The Historic Stranahan House Museum

When Frank Stranahan, credited as Fort Lauderdale's founding father, built this two-story wood frame house on the New River in 1901, the area that's now home to skyscrapers was a wilderness. The house now is Broward County's oldest surviving building.

Frank and Ivy Stranahan took leadership roles in the community and donated land for public projects, but Frank Stranahan suffered economic misfortunes worsened by the 1926 and 1928 hurricanes. Friends who had invested in him also were ruined, according to the Historic Stranahan House Museum's website.

In 1929, he committed suicide, drowning himself in the New River in front of his home.

The structure served as a trading post, post office, community gathering place, as well as a home to the Stranahans. Ivy Stranahan lived there until her death at age 90 in 1971. She left it to



The house is Broward County's oldest surviving building. At left is the dining room. **Photos provided by Fort Lauderdale Historical Society**

the Seventh-day Adventist Church and it later was bought and restored by the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society and the Fort Lauderdale Board of Realtors and opened to

the public as a historic house museum in 1984.

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Art

‘We are here’



Juuri sits in front of her mural *Shime*, on display at the Morikami Museum through Sept. 25. Photos by Austen Waldron

Murals at Morikami explore Asian-American identity

By Jan Engoren
Contributing Writer

The complicated question of Asian-American identity is explored in an exhibit ending this month at the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens in suburban Delray Beach.

Beyond the Wall: Visions of the Asian Experience in America, running through Sept. 25, explores the Asian-American experience in the United States through a non-traditional mural exhibit.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still a concern last year, the five artists worked at home and shipped their murals — created on canvas, wood panels and bamboo mats specifically for this exhibit — to the museum; thus, the name *Beyond the Wall*.

“This is a unique exhibit,” says Wendy Lo, education curator for the Morikami. “The exhibition explores the



Casey Kawaguchi created a piece for the show titled *Unmei (Create Your Own Fate)*.

experience of Asian-American artists and provides a platform for them to express their voices and their personal experiences as Asian-Americans living in the U.S.

“The exhibit highlights the Asian-

American experience and growing up with both identities,” says Lo, herself a first-generation Chinese-American from Miami. “While this exhibit explores Asian-American identity, it’s a struggle many people can relate to.”

Beyond the Wall features the work of contemporary artists of Japanese, Chinese and Vietnamese descent who explore their heritage and identities through the large-scale medium of the mural.

Noting that the exhibit opened in May during Asian-American Pacific Islander Month, Lo says Asian-Americans in this country are a minority and have faced historical racism as well as more recent hate crimes.

“‘Beyond the Wall’ is a showcase to say we are here and part of a larger, diverse community,” she says. “It’s important for people to hear their voices, open a dialogue to foster understanding and communication with Asian-Americans and for Asians in the community to feel represented and seen.”

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Poetry

Poetry fest hits pause while it composes future

ArtsPaper staff report

The Palm Beach Poetry Festival is taking a hiatus in 2023 as it regroups from the death of its founder, Miles Coon, and searches for a new home.

Officials said the festival plans to return in 2024 in a new venue, a new city and with a new name.

Founded in 2005, the festival brought many big-name poets, including poet laureates Billy Collins, Robert Pinsky and Natasha Trethewey, to Delray Beach each January.

“We know many of you — our dear poetry family — will be disappointed,” the staff of the festival wrote in an announcement. “We understand. We miss you too, terribly so, but this time to regenerate on a new plot of land

will allow us to reestablish ourselves and come together again, most likely in 2024.”



Brown

Poet Nickole Brown, an old friend of the festival who has

attended the six-day event each year since 2005, is stepping in as festival president.

“Because of the gifts of the Palm Beach Poetry Festival, I’ve come into my own as a poet and teacher, and this is my way to pay back what I’ve received,” said Brown, who will draw from her 20 years of experience in independent publishing and teaching creative writing.

“It’s my aim to assure that what Miles started (along with the help of his dear friends, poets Thomas Lux and Kurt Brown) continues to

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Book Review

Dancer’s account of Balanchine’s ‘Serenade’ bows down to a master

Serenade: A Balanchine Story by Toni Bentley, Pantheon, 320 pp., \$30

By Sharon Geltner
Contributing Writer

When I started reading *Serenade: A Balanchine Story*, I wasn’t sure what to make of it. In fact, I wasn’t sure that I was going to continue reading it.

I had my suspicion that the tone might be overly reverent, as Bentley was young and impressionable when she joined the ranks of New York City Ballet and was chosen by master choreographer George Balanchine to dance in his most celebrated ballet, *Serenade*.

The book begins with Bentley’s personal perspective of dancing for Mr. B., though in reality she had very little real personal contact with him. For too many pages, she rhapsodizes about her experience as if she were once again a shy, 17-year-old bunhead skirting around the hallways and theater wings of Lincoln Center.

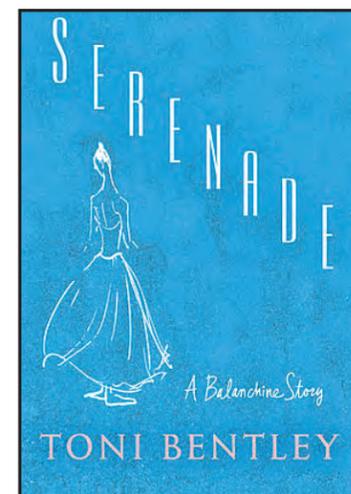
Bentley’s effusive writing style is at times almost too much to take. For example, when describing the pointe shoe which allows the female dancer to rise on her toes, she refers to it as “... our crusade against gravity. An unlikely wager is won inside these satin cylinders, Newton’s apple upended, cored and spun into a vertical liquid of unlikeliness.”

The ballet *Serenade* is truly a beautiful piece of choreography and is undoubtedly Balanchine’s most famous work, deserving of a full written exploration of it.

It was the first work Balanchine created when he arrived in New York in 1934. He choreographed it for the students of his newly formed ballet school, and at the first rehearsal, 17 female students showed up, and so 17 dancers were choreographed into the striking opening.

The next day, nine were present and the following day six. So, Balanchine simply used whatever number of dancers were at rehearsal for the section being

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Art

'Dirty' job gets the fine-art treatment

By Gretel Sarmiento
ArtsPaper Art Writer

A different type of oil change went on during lockdown at a mechanic shop in Miami where an artist found a full-time job at the peak of the pandemic outbreak. The resulting 19 oil paintings created among vacuums, tires, and commercial mop buckets now comprise a new exhibition.

A frenzy of colors delivered mostly in impasto style sets up the scene of a sedated machine undergoing a dissection or diagnostic test in *Last Flight*. The car spreads its silver doors like a winged alien creature while surgery is performed on it. Lifting equipment aids the procedure, but we have not been made aware of the risks posed by an environment that is clearly far from sterile. Before long, we find ourselves concerned about the fate of this metal box, as if it were a living being. Empathy is a recurrent theme throughout *Mechanics: Recent Paintings by Jefreid Lotti*.

On view through Sept. 18 at the Coral Gables Museum, the exhibition consists of anecdotal paintings inspired by the daily dynamics of the Lotti family's auto repair shop, where he works. Despite the frenetic

If You Go
Mechanics: Recent Paintings by Jefreid Lotti runs through Sept. 18 at the Coral Gables Museum, 285 Aragon Ave.
Hours: Noon to 5 p.m. Mon. through Fri., noon to 6 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
Admission: \$12.
Info: 305-603-8067, coralgablesmuseum.org



ABOVE: Jefreid Lotti works on a painting. **Photo by Silvio Padill**
RIGHT: *Tires (Orange)*. **Photo by Gretel Sarmiento**

compositions — all of which are spontaneous, not staged — the pieces are studies in solitude and endurance. They also project the “essential” nature of a mechanic’s job. At the time the pieces were created, most businesses were closed but the shop was fully operational; mechanics literally kept the wheels turning.

That could explain the speed and energy with which the artist produced the works on display. His application of paint is not consistent throughout the show or even the same painting; areas of flat color appear next to impasto and, in some spots, color landed on the canvas straight from the tube.

The industrial landscape filled with tool chests, oil drums, and electric fans is rendered in heavy textures and

bright colors. Inanimate objects crowd every inch of the surface, overwhelming us at times. No human presence is detected, but the vibe doesn't exactly spell ghost town. Instead, Lotti has given the objects the lead role in an improvised musical showcasing drilling sounds, loud voices, and pushing-pulling gestures. This imaginary soundtrack and choreography accompany our gallery walk, along a narrow hall to the left of the greeting counter.

As seen with *Transmission Pump* and *Vacuum*, Lotti zeros in on particular angles and objects, intentionally cropping peripheral activities to elevate the moment or the machinery to higher realms. That is the case with an untitled piece that



anchors an orange folding crane to the center of the picture, giving it the effect of a glossy modern abstract sculpture. These snapshots are somewhat calmer and concentrate on one mundane task at a time.

The Havana-born artist doesn't spare any details. Although our eyes gravitate toward the yellow Volkswagen Beetle levitating with the help of a crane in *Don't Leave Me Dry*, he makes sure to include the Pepsi vending machine and water cooler located in the adjacent room. They are barely visible, but supply those hard at work with crucial substances that keep them going.

Lotti moved back to Miami in 2020 after cutting short a teaching residency at the University of Wisconsin in Green Bay. Shortly after, he started painting in the mechanic shop after closing time.

In a way, *Mechanics* reflects an artist's ongoing need for experimentation and transformation. Humans are not excluded from the acts of removal, mending, and replacement of parts. We do ignore our internal computer and postpone the diagnostic test sometimes. Lotti does the opposite, tending to the internal turmoil brewing by examining and treating his immediate surroundings.



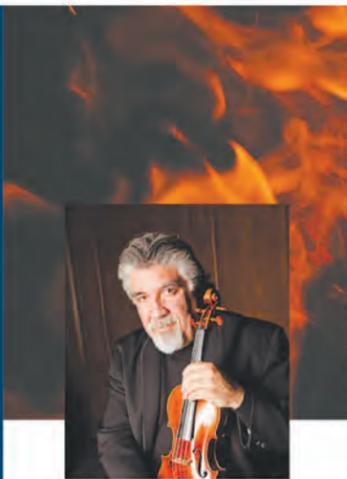
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Elena Øhlander with her work titled *Chō Chō to Hana to Kumo (The Butterfly, The Flower and The Spider)*. Photo by Austen Waldron

MORIKAMI

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During a symposium held May 6 at the opening of the exhibit, the artists talked about their work in a panel discussion led by Mitzi Carter, a professor of anthropology at Florida International University.

Boy Kong, based in Orlando, is a multimedia artist of Chinese and Vietnamese heritage. He draws inspiration from folk art, graffiti, surrealism and *ukiyo-e* (Japanese for “pictures of the floating world”), and employs various mediums, including paint, collage, and assemblage, to create his murals.

For this exhibit, Kong was inspired to bring the garden into the gallery. And, in honor of the Chinese “Year of the Tiger,” he created *Three Tigers*, one resting, one sitting and a third depicting energy, “a good reminder to rest, or sit and pay attention to your energy,” Kong said. He likens the images to flash cards — each one conveying a message.

Casey Kawaguchi, a Japanese-American artist who grew up in mostly white and Mormon Utah, also draws on his heritage for inspiration.

For this exhibit he created *Unmei (Create Your Own Fate)*.

Kawaguchi’s artistic practice revolves around a recurring feminine character, juxtaposed on each side by a sword and a brush, representing balance, or the opposite forces of creation and destruction.

“The duality of the sword and

If You Go

Beyond the Wall runs through Sept. 25 at the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach.

Artist Hiromi Moneyhun will host a paper-cutting workshop Sept. 10.

Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sun.

Admission: \$15; \$13 seniors; \$9 children; free for members and 5 and under
Info: 561-495-0233, morikami.org

the brush represent my own experience making art and the battle I experience internally,” says Kawaguchi, now based in Denver.

Juuri, one of three women in the show, is a Tokyo-born Japanese-American artist working in Oklahoma City. Her colorful figure-driven work is inspired by traditional Japanese art, such as *bijin-ga* (images of beautiful women) and *yakusha-e* (images of kabuki actors), interpreted through the stylistic lens of modern fashion photography.

Other influences include Japanese history, folklore and kabuki theater, with its themes of love, betrayal and seduction.

For this exhibit she has offered *Shime*, inspired by the kabuki play *Shibaraku*, one of the most iconic and well-known kabuki plays.

“These stories could be on Netflix,” Juuri says. “They’re still relevant and contemporary.”

Paper-cut artist Hiromi Mizugai Moneyhun moved to Jacksonville from Kyoto, Japan, in 2004. She began drawing at a young age and developed her own artistic voice, which combines Japanese *kirigami* (cut paper), with a hyper-modernity that is synonymous with Japan’s contemporary urban aesthetic movements.

Her mural, *Immersion*, depicts an unclothed Japanese woman entering a public bathhouse (*sentō*) and confronted with the dilemma of where to sit.

Also based in Jacksonville is mixed-media artist and photographer Elena Øhlander. She created *Chō Chō to Hana to Kumo (The Butterfly, The Flower and The Spider)* with acrylic, spray paint and mixed media on canvas.

She speaks about identity, gender, individuality, pop culture and breaking down societal constructs such as the term “mixed-race.”

“My work is a discovery process,” Øhlander says. “Public art is a way to connect with people about culture, history, identity and who I am. It opens conversations about the work and about myself as an artist.”

When other Asians and Asian-Americans view her work, they say, “We feel included,” she says. “My goal is to inspire the viewer to break down stereotypes.”

SERENADE

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choreographed that day. Male dancers were added quite late in the work because they only showed up for rehearsal later in the process. Balanchine’s artistic process seemed born both out of necessity and a natural intuition for putting steps to music, but Bentley’s take on the creative process is reverential. “He molded a live conundrum. An aristocracy of equals, an aristocratic democracy, a democracy of aristocrats. This was Balanchine’s America.”

Retiring from dancing due to injury at age 25, Bentley wrote five books over the next four decades, all of which have been on the *New York Times* list of notable books.

Balanchine once said, “I couldn’t move without a reason, and the reason is music.” In *Serenade*, the music

— Tchaikovsky’s *Serenade for Strings* — and the choreography are indispensable to each other.

Balanchine felt the need to keep tweaking the ballet throughout his life.

Bentley describes *Serenade*’s choreography in great detail, tagging it with time stamps, while also taking welcome detours by interjecting historical details that are crucial for understanding the evolution of the ballet.

One chapter, titled “Turnout,” is about the history of ballet in the court of the French King Louis XIV and its forgotten ballet maker, Pierre Beauchamps, who not only created the five turned-out foot positions that are the foundation of ballet but also created the first system of dance notation.

Bentley also includes some fascinating tidbits of scandal — allegations of kidnapping, illegitimate children, abusive

wives, suicides, drastic changes of fortune and dark secrets — and this certainly does keep the retelling of the personal histories moving along.

The book contains helpful references including a detailed index and bibliography, which I used numerous times.

By many accounts, Balanchine was a modest person (“God creates, I assemble”), but his influence on the art form is undeniable.

Balanchine had no interest in preserving his ballets (over 450). When he died in 1983, he left no real plans for his choreography. “I can see no need for preservation. A ballet is a movement in time and space, a living moment. Like a hothouse flower, it blooms, and dies. ... This is as it should be.”

Nevertheless, Bentley’s book helps enshrine Balanchine’s most celebrated work for generations to come.

POETRY FEST

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evolve and thrive,” she said.

“I want to see the festival continue to provide the kind of nurturing community I’ve found there, a true home for any poet serious about words and what they can do in the world,” said Brown, who was appointed by Coon himself before his death of cancer in May at 84.

“My time at the helm of the Palm Beach Poetry Festival these past nineteen years have been thrilling and rewarding,” Coon, a former businessman

and lawyer, wrote in announcing the appointment. “Poetry has made my later years in life joyful and enriched, and while ending this chapter of my life feels like a door closing, I’m proud of what’s been accomplished.

“This is a bittersweet new chapter, but I’m pleased to see this legacy carried forward,” he said.

A guestbook is available on the festival’s website for sharing thoughts and memories of Coon, or experiences from past festivals. Visit palmbeachpoetryfestival.org/guestbook.

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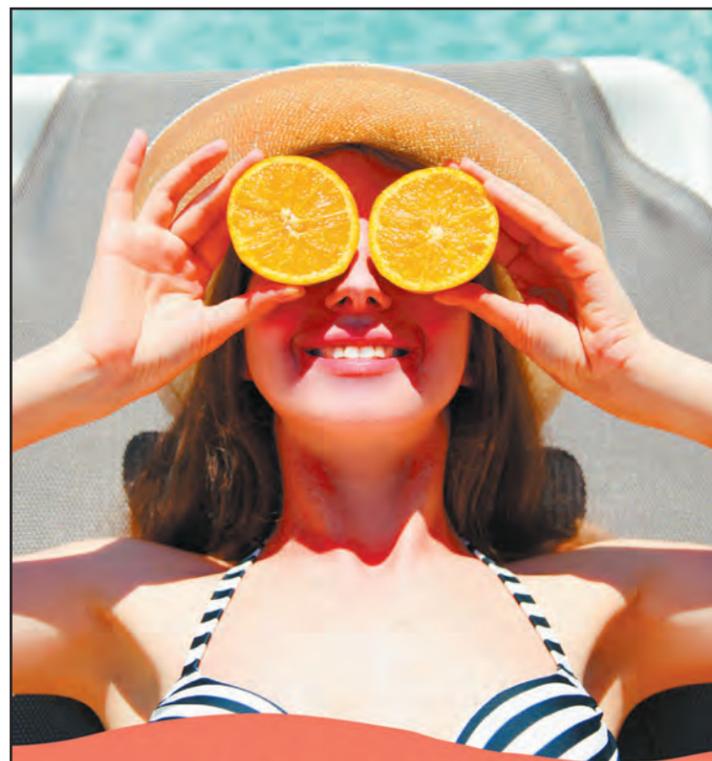
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Music Brief

Bumblefest to rumble up and down Clematis Street

For cultured South Florida listeners seeking to hear things they've never heard before, this "buzz" is for you.

The sixth installment of Bumblefest celebrating the 11th anniversary of Lake Clarke Shores-based promoter and publisher Steev Rullman's free, independent PureHoney magazine, spreads throughout six different stages along the 500 block of Clematis Street in downtown West Palm Beach at 6 p.m. on Sept. 2 and 3.

Headliners include independent rock acts that split time between Los Angeles and Memphis (Spaceface), Tampa and Austin (The Stargazer Lilies), and Hallandale Beach and Brooklyn (Lumberob & Kramer), plus CumGirl8 (from Brooklyn), Immaterial

Possession (Athens, Ga.), Gal Musette (San Clemente, Calif.), and Postface (Deerfield Beach).

At Subculture Alley, Alchemy, Lost Weekend, Hullabaloo, and on indoor and outdoor stages at Respectable Street, you can also see and hear Chlorinedream, Liquid Pennies, Daddy, Babe Honey, Brett Staska, DirtBike, Do Not Air, The Dreambows, Emily Blaylock, Kenny 5, Mila Degray, Mold!, Monster Teeth, MRENC, Nick County, Sagittarius Aquarius, Rick Moon, Rude Television, Paper Carcass, Violette Silhouette, Sandman Sleeps, Machine Gun Girl ft. Eden, The Basement Presents, World Renowned Elvis, Thank God It's Drag, and Leah Wellbaum (Slothrust).

And if your response is that you've never heard, or heard of, any of these performers, you're obviously missing the point. Tickets: \$20-\$30 at Bumblefest6.eventbrite.com.

Arts Calendar

Editor's note: Events listed through Oct. 1, 2022, were current as of Aug. 25. Check with the presenting agency for any changes. Ticket prices are single sales unless otherwise specified.

ART

Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens: Closed through October for renovation of the Norton House. 253 Barcelona Road, West Palm Beach. 561-832-5328, info@ansg.org.

Armory Art Center: Opening Sept. 9: *New and Now*, works by new Armory Art Center faculty, plus artists-in-residence Maria Camera-Smith, Hannah Scrima, Tony Baker and John Lark. Through Oct. 21. 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. 10 am-4 pm T-F, 10 am-2 pm Sat. Free admission. 561-832-1776, www.armoryart.org.

Boca Raton Museum of Art: Through Jan. 22, 2023: *The Art of the Hollywood Backdrop*. 501 Plaza Real (Mizner Park). 11 am-7 pm daily. \$12; \$10 seniors. 561-392-2500; www.bocamuseum.org

Lighthouse ArtCenter: Opens Sept. 6: *ImageMakers 2022*, photos by members of Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County. Through Oct. 1. 373 Tequesta Dr, Tequesta. 9 am-5 pm M-Th; 9 am-4 pm F; 10 am-4 pm Sat. \$5 non-members. 561-746-3101, lighthousearts.org

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens: Through Sept. 25: *Beyond the Wall: Visions of the Asian Experience in America*. 4000 Morikami Park Road, western Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm T-Sun. \$15; \$13 seniors; \$9 children; free for members, ages 5 and under. 561-495-0233 or morikami.org

Norton Museum of Art: Opens Sept. 10: *Autumn Mountains and the Light of the Harvest Moon*, four paintings by Chinese artists from the 18th through the 21st centuries examining the landscape tradition, through Jan. 15; through Sept. 11: *Dürer, Rembrandt and Picasso: Three Masters of the Print; A Remarkable Gathering: The Fisher Landau Family Collection*; through Sept. 25: *The*

Howard and Judie Ganek Collection. 1450 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. 10 am-5 pm, M, T, Th, Sat; 10 am-10 pm F; 11 am-5 pm Sun. \$18; \$15 seniors; \$5 students; free for members, ages 12 and under. 561-832-5196, www.norton.org

CLASSICAL

Sunday, Sept. 18

Trillium Piano Trio: Jupiter-based pianist Yoko Sato Kothari and her musical partners, violinist Ruby Berland and cellist Cornelia Brubeck, open, as they always do, the music series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach. Trios by Schubert (the early D. 28), Beethoven and Dvorak are on the program. 3 pm, St. Paul's, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Suggested donation: \$20. 561-278-6003, musicstpauls.org

Saturday, Sept. 24-Sunday, Sept. 25
Lynn Philharmonia: The student orchestra at Boca Raton's Lynn Conservatory of Music opens its season with Jennifer Higdon's *Blue Cathedral*, Richard Strauss' *Tod und Verklarung* and the Seventh Symphony of Beethoven, led by Guillermo Figueroa. 7:30 pm Sat, 3 pm Sun, in the Wold Performing Arts Center on the Lynn campus, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. \$35-\$50. 561-237-9000, lynn.edu/events

JAZZ

Saturday, Sept. 10

Nestor Torres: One of the world's best-known jazz flutists is also a master of Latin jazz. 8 pm, Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. \$45-\$50. 561-450-6357, artsgarage.org

POPULAR MUSIC

Saturday, Sept. 17

Guavatron: South Florida's jam band promises a night of freewheeling music. 7 pm, The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. \$20-\$30. 561-395-2929, funkybiscuit.com

Tuesday, Sept. 20

Wu-Tang Clan and Nas: The titans of East

Coast rap unite for the New York State of Mind tour. 8 pm, iThink Financial Amphitheatre, 601-7 Sansburys Way, West Palm Beach. \$29.50 and up; www.livenation.com

Wednesday, Sept. 21
Kiss: Nearly 50 years after its founding in New York City, this legendary band (two of the original members, anyway) stops in South Florida for its End of the Road World Tour. 7:30 pm, iThink Financial Amphitheatre, 601-7 Sansburys Way, West Palm Beach. \$39.50 and up; www.livenation.com

Friday, Sept. 30
Luke Bryan: The country mega-star and *American Idol* judge swings by for a stop on his Raised Up Right tour. 7 pm, iThink Financial Amphitheatre, 601-7 Sansburys Way, West Palm Beach. \$97 and up; www.livenation.com

THEATER

Opens Friday, Sept. 16

The Lifespan of a Fact: The 2018 play by Jeremy Kareken, David Murrell and Gordon Farrell is based on a book about the suicide of a Las Vegas teenager and the controversy it led to in the world of journalism. Through Sept. 25 at the Stozek Black Box Theatre at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth Beach. \$25. 561-586-6410, lakeworthplayhouse.org

Through Sunday, Sept. 18

Fade: The Mexican-American actress and playwright Tanya Saracho's comedy about a Hispanic novelist who gets a TV writing job and bonds with Abel, the Latino janitor at her workplace. At GableStage, Biltmore Hotel, 1200 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables. 305-445-1119, gablestage.org

Opens Friday, Sept. 30

Fun Home: Jeanine Tesori's 2014 musical, based on the graphic novel by Alison Bechdel about a girl growing up in a funeral home family after the death of her father. Won five Tony Awards in 2015. Through Oct. 16 at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth Beach. \$38. 561-586-6410, lakeworthplayhouse.org

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Paws Up for Pets

Adoption event seeks forever homes for dogs and cats

The first time I spotted Casey, my ginger cat, he was a confident 4-month-old kitten making entertaining moves inside his mobile adoption unit at a Petco store. After he played, he cuddled in my arms, letting out loud, happy purrs.

The first time I locked eyes with Kona, my terrier mix, she shyly pressed her body against the front of her kennel cage so I could touch her scruffy fur. She had been in two shelters and her bio declared she really wanted to be in a home with other pets.

The connections I had with Casey and Kona were instant and strong. I knew a lifetime of friendships was just beginning for all of us.

Flash forward to today. Casey is now best known as Pet Safety Cat Casey and Kona is dubbed Pet Safety Dog Kona (as well as the playful moniker Ice Cream Kona). Both are 8 years old. Both assist me in my pet first aid and pet behavior classes. Both are certified therapy pets who visit memory care centers, libraries and shelter events for kids.

And, both are what I proudly call shelter alums. Kona and Casey are two of countless dogs, cats and other companion animals inside shelters just waiting for the chance to join families.

Admit it. Pets can change our lives for the better. When the coronavirus struck and forced us to stay home, many of us were doggone lucky to hang out with our loyal and loving pets. In 2020 and 2021, people flocked to shelters, locally and across the country, to adopt. Many of these places ran out of pets during the pandemic.

But that's not the case any longer. This year, more people have returned to workplaces and are taking vacations. Shelters are filling back up with pets longing to win forever homes.

That's why I am delighted to share big news.

Starting Sept. 24 through



This mixed-breed is one of many dogs and cats available for adoption through the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League. Photo provided

Oct. 1, the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League and Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control are teaming up to host the ninth annual Countdown 2 Zero Mega Pet Adoption Event.

"Adoption events, such as Countdown 2 Zero, are incredibly important to bring awareness to the community about the importance of pet adoption," says Sue Berry, CEO of Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League. "It's wonderful to see all the rescue organizations collaborate and join forces to find as many loving homes as possible. In fact, over the eight years of the C2Z Adoption Event, nearly 2,300 animals have been adopted."

This year's event officially kicks off from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 24 at two locations: the Peggy Adams Rescue League, 3200 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, and Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control, 7100 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach.

Here's your chance to get to mingle and interact with cats, dogs as well as rabbits, birds and other companion animals ready to be adopted.

On Sept. 24, adopters will receive goody bags — while supplies last — with County Animal Care and Control officials offering free rabies tags. Local rescue groups will also participate. As of mid-August the groups included:

Countdown 2 Zero

Looking to adopt? Maybe become a shelter volunteer? Learn more details about this major adoption event by visiting www.countdown2zero.org.

- Big Dog Ranch Rescue, located in Loxahatchee Groves, www.bdrr.org.

- Furry Friends Adoption, Clinic and Ranch, in Jupiter, furryfriendsadoption.org.

- Shining Horse Farm and Sanctuary, in West Palm Beach, www.shininghorse.org.

Then this mega adoption event will continue virtually from Sept. 25 through Oct. 1.

Remember, if you are unable to adopt, you can always reach out to these groups and offer to volunteer, foster pets or donate money or much-needed pet supplies.

Kona and Casey are part of what I affectionately call my Furry Brady Bunch. When I got married to Julie five years ago, we merged our pets. Today, our pets total six. Our remaining pets were wandering streets before we adopted them: Emma, an 8-pound toy poodle-chihuahua mix; plus cats Rusty, Mikey and Baxter.

Here are just a few examples of how our Furry Brady Bunch has made our lives better:

Kona and Emma hop up on the back of our sofa and pop

their heads through the curtains to greet us the second we turn our car into the driveway.

Casey engages me in cat chats with his upbeat meow and loud purrs, especially when I am in the kitchen where he knows the pet treats are stashed. Yes, he has trained me!

Rusty and Baxter entertain us each evening with their play wrestling antics, followed by curling up together for a nap on the loveseat.

Mikey, our senior of the bunch at age 17, acts more like a momma cat as he tenderly grooms Kona's head every evening. Kona nuzzles him back.

Pets do make us better humans. To me, they are more valuable than new cars or jewelry because they are loving, loyal and priceless.

I hope you agree and consider adoption. The C2Z may be the place where you find the right pet for you.

Arden Moore is a best-selling author, professional speaker and master certified pet first-aid instructor. She hosts a nationally syndicated radio show, *Arden Moore's Four Legged Life* (www.fourleggedlife.com) and the *Oh Behave!* podcast on *PetLifeRadio.com*. Learn more at www.ardenmoore.com.



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Center. "Our patients have a choice, and they deserve to know how we rank against our peers when it comes to delivering high-quality, safe care with good outcomes."

One of the gynecologic procedures recognized at Delray Medical Center is robotic surgery. For years, the standard approach to hysterectomy has

been traditional open gynecological surgery. Using the da Vinci robotic surgical system, surgeons can perform hysterectomy through small incisions, using mechanically enhanced micro instruments.

"It is critical for patients to select care based on three key pieces of information — hospital quality, facility and care

team experience with your condition/procedure, and compatibility — and this five-star distinction is another benchmark to help make those decisions easier," said Brad Bowman, MD, chief medical officer and head of data science for Healthgrades.

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Health Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 8/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

SEPTEMBER 3

Saturday - 9/3 - Yoga Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every Sat 9 am. \$5. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

9/3 - Alateen at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, 501 SW 3rd St, Boca Raton. Every Sat 10 am. Free. 888-4AL-ANON; al-anon.org/teen-info

9/3 - OA (Overeaters Anonymous) Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 11 am. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

9/3 - Judo Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Warm-up exercises, instruction, practice, tournament training. W 6-8 pm mixed ages/ranks; Sat 10 am-noon all groups. Per month \$21.50/resident; \$27/non-resident. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

9/3 - Yoga at the Beach at Red Reef Park West, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Class held on grass overlooking the Intracoastal. No cash accepted on-site. 1st & 3rd Sat 10-11 am. \$10/class; 60-day membership \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

9/3 - AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 5:30 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

SEPTEMBER 4-10

Sunday - 9/4 - Coco Connections Market at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach.

Monthly wellness market: 30 local vendors, health/wellness professionals w/various healing modalities; live music; 2 free yoga, meditation or fitness classes per event. 1st Sun through 12/31 9 am-2 pm. 561-870-4090; thecocoyogi.com/market

9/4 - CODA (Codependents Anonymous) Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sun 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

9/4 - Yoga at the Beach at Red Reef Park West, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Class held on grass overlooking the Intracoastal. No cash accepted on-site. Every W/Sun 6:30 pm. \$10/class; 60-day membership \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

Monday - 9/5 - Strength and Stretch Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every M 10:30 am. \$5/class. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

Tuesday - 9/6 - 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 - 9/7 - LGBTQ AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every W 7 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Thursday - 9/8 - Finding Serenity: A Journey through Poetry with Dr. Marlene Smith at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 2-3 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

SEPTEMBER 11-17

Tuesday - 9/13 - Health Seminar: Brain Health as We Age at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 11 am. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Wednesday - 9/14 - Health and Wellness

in the Ancient World at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 3-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

SEPTEMBER 18-24

Sunday - 9/18 - Sunday Speaker Presentation: Lynn Lesell on Daily Stress or Daily Joy at Boca Raton Public Library Friends Community Room, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 11:30 am-1 pm. Free. 561-373-7582; bocalibrary.org

Wednesday - 9/21 - Scripps Research Front-Row Lecture Series: Advancing Maternal Health with Digital Technologies: Toluwalase Ajayi, MD, PhD. 1-hour virtual lecture. 4 pm. Free. Register for link: frontrow.scripps.edu

Friday - 9/23 - Grand Opening Celebration at Surfside Medical Center, 4600 N Ocean Blvd, Boynton Beach. Food, drinks, raffle prizes, special event pricing for treatment packages. 10 am-1 pm. Free. Limited space/RSVP: 561-894-8083; surfsidecenter.com

9/23 - An Illustrative Introduction to Tai Chi at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 11 am-noon. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

9/24 - A Conversation with Jameela Jamil at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Presented by FAU & Peaceful Mind Peaceful Life. 1 pm. \$25/general public; \$15/faculty/staff/alumni/veterans; \$5/student. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

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9/28 - Medicare 101 with Humana at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 1-2 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org



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Columnists on vacation this month



Joyce Reingold writes about health and healthy living. Send column ideas to joyce.reingold@yahoo.com.



Willie Howard is a freelance writer and licensed boat captain. Email tiowillie@bellsouth.net.



Jan Norris is a food writer who can be reached at nativefla@gmail.com

This month look for Health coverage on page AT12 and Outdoors coverage on page AT13. Dining returns next month.

On the Water

Banish summertime blues with an Intracoastal cruise

By Tao Woolfe

Long subtropical summer got you down? Follow the mantra of every South Seas explorer from Cortés to Cousteau: Get out on the water.

Fortunately, there are many ways to do that in Palm Beach County, from party boats to private tours.

One of the newest vessels to ply the local Intracoastal Waterway is the Boynton Beach Tiki Taxi Cruise. It costs only \$10 for a ride, and you can stay aboard for as long as you like, or jump off — have dinner at one of the Boynton Beach pier restaurants — and then jump back on.

The Tiki Taxi, with its thatched roof and disco lights, may not be the most elegant boat on the Intracoastal, but it's a lot of fun.

You can find your own space on the 40-foot vessel to watch sunsets and pelicans, or join the conversation around the crowded bar. Mixed drinks, soft drinks, beer, wine and snacks are available at the bar.

During a recent Saturday evening cruise, a group of visitors from Colombia took advantage of the slow, steady ride to dance, drink and glance occasionally at the mansions along the shore.

Colored lights, tucked up under the speakers and thatched roof, seemed to shift along with the upbeat mix of pop, rock, country and disco music.

A pair of lovers, lost in their own world, stood at the front of the boat and held each other.

Capt. Dave Montgomery took it all in stride.

"We have a good crowd tonight and this is only our second week," he said. "We just take our time and everybody loves it."

Boynton Beach resident Madeline McCreery, accompanied by her friend Casey Donnelly, said she was having a blast.

"It's a great way to get out on the water, especially if you don't have a boat," McCreery said. "It's something we really needed around here to get people out of the house."

Donnelly agreed. "I'm having the best time," she said. "I love it!"

The Tiki Taxi and Cruises company, based in Stuart, opened in 2020 just before the pandemic shut everything down, said owner Rosemary Kuyrkendall.

The company reopened last year and now operates boats in Stuart, Jupiter and Boynton Beach.

Kuyrkendall said she and her husband, Gene Kuyrkendall, hope eventually to add a second Boynton Beach boat to the fleet.

Cruises leave on the hour from the Boynton Beach harbor marina — right next to Two Georges Restaurant. The hours of operation are Thursdays and Fridays from 5-11 p.m.; Saturdays from 1-11 p.m.; and Sundays from 1-9 p.m.

Call 772-521-0024 for more information.

Delray Yacht Cruises

If you're looking for a bigger, sleeker boat, Delray Yacht Cruises operates two yachts that sail out of Delray Beach — the 90-foot Lady Delray and 105-foot Lady Atlantic.

The sightseeing cruises, which offer two-hour narrated tours along the Intracoastal Waterway, depart from Veterans Park on East Atlantic Avenue.

Tours are offered Wednesday to Sunday afternoons starting at 1:30, and Friday and Saturday evenings starting at 5:30. Tickets are \$30 for regular admission and \$27 for seniors and children.

Snacks and a full bar are available onboard. Reservations are highly recommended. Call 561-243-0686.

Palm Yachts

If you're looking for something a bit more intimate — and colorful — you can charter a mint- or pink-bodied Boston Whaler with a matching striped Bimini top for an Intracoastal cruise.

The 17-foot boats come equipped with a captain and can accommodate up to six people. Cruises depart from Jupiter and from the docks of waterfront hotels in Palm Beach proper —



TOP: Visitors from Colombia dance on the Tiki Taxi, which serves the Intracoastal Waterway in Boynton Beach.

MIDDLE: Palm Yachts' Boston Whalers can even provide picnic umbrella and chairs.

LEFT: The Lady Atlantic sails out of Delray Beach at Atlantic Avenue for two-hour narrated tours. **Photos by Tao Woolfe /The Coastal Star (top) and provided**

which the company advertises, Norcross said.

The company will supply box lunches, upon request, and will also extend the \$750 two-hour tours for an additional \$150 an hour.

If you just can't get enough of the adorable boats on an hourly basis, you can buy one for \$54,995.

Reservations can be made only online. Visit www.palm-yachts.com for reservations and more information.

including The Breakers, Four Seasons Resort and the Colony Hotel.

"We have carved a specialty niche of bachelorette parties," said Jason Norcross, one of

four company owners. "People rent both boats, which can accommodate 10-12 people."

The boats are very popular among Instagram fans and that is the only platform on

Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 8/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

SEPTEMBER 3

Saturday - 9/3 - Sand Sifters Beach Clean Up at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Meet at south pavilion, lower parking lot. Bring water, hat, sunscreen. Bags, gloves, grabbers provided. 8-10:30 am. Free. jefflev02@gmail.com

9/3 - Outdoor Marine Aquarium Feedings at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Daily 12:30 pm. Free. 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

9/3 - Sea Turtle Talk at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age

8+; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. Daily 2 pm. Free. 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

SEPTEMBER 4-10

Saturday - 9/10 - Intracoastal Adventures: Advanced Canoeing at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. For experienced paddlers age 12-adult; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 9:30-11 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

SEPTEMBER 11-17

Tuesday - 9/13 - A Walk in the Hammock at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N

Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided nature walk along the ¼-mile boardwalk trail winds through the hammock, along the mangroves by the Intracoastal. All ages; child must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 9/27 9:30-10:30 am. \$5/resident; \$8/non-resident. Reservations: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

SEPTEMBER 18-24

Sunday - 9/18 - Intracoastal Adventures: Kayaking at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Includes short talk about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 7-adult; each child under 12 must be accompanied by one adult. Held again 9/24 9-10:30 am. \$20/member; \$25/

non-member. Registration: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Saturday - 9/24 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-9:30 am. Pre-registration: 561-369-5501; seaangels.org

9/24 - Coast Guard Auxiliary About Boating Safety Course at Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park, 2010 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Boating terminology, boat handling, navigation rules, federal & Florida regulations, more. Certificate & Florida Boating ID card on completion. 8 am-4 pm. Call for price: 561-331-2429; Florilla54.uscgaux@gmail.com

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Sunday - 9/25 - Intracoastal Adventures: Intro to Canoeing at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 10-adult; child under 18 must be accompanied

by an adult. 10-11:30 am. Free. 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Thursday - 9/29 - Early Birding with AI at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Learn about native & migratory birds from an experienced birder; walk the Ashley Trail/boardwalk in search of warblers, gnatcatchers, woodpeckers, other avian species. Binoculars recommended. Meet on nature center front porch. Age 10+; child must be accompanied by an adult. 8:30-10 am. Free. 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

10/1 - Family Summer Snorkel at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Bring your own snorkel, mask, water shoes (no fins allowed). Age 10+; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 1-2:30 pm. \$15/resident & member; \$19/non-resident. Registration: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Tots & Teens

Plan now to get kids into fun, educational fall programs

By Janis Fontaine

The Cox Science Center and Aquarium, formerly the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, has undergone several upgrades and improvements as well as a name change.

On Nov. 15, 2021, the center announced a record donation from Howard and Wendy Cox of Palm Beach. Their \$20 million gift is nearly half of the center's \$45 million capital expansion campaign.

That support helps the museum bring outstanding content to families. Kids can draw inspiration from the "Dinosaur Explorer" exhibit, which will open Sept. 15. It features a series of dinosaur displays, authentic casts and actual fossils. A variety of interactive activities rounds out the experience.

The center just published its 2022-23 Education Guide, available on its website. Here are two of the most popular programs:

The GEMS Club — Girls Excelling in Math and Science — is in person again. Designed for students in grades 3-8, the club meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5-7 p.m. for pizza, hands-on activities and a female guest speaker. Topics: Newton's Power Struggle (Sept. 27); Deep Sea Destruction (Oct. 25); Unveiling the Universe (Nov. 29), and Light Up the Night (Dec. 27).

Code Palm Beach is continuing its coding workshops for kids ages 6-14 through fall. Code Palm Beach is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that hosts monthly events with volunteer teachers to introduce K-12 students to



computer coding technology. This beginner course meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. Advance registration required. An intermediate course will also be offered. Call 561-425-8918 or visit codepalmbeach.com or email team@codebeachtech.org.

The Cox Science Center and Aquarium is at 4801 Dreher Trail N., West Palm Beach. 561-832-1988; www.coxsciencecenter.org.

Songs, rhythm and more

Most of the Schoolhouse Children's Museum programming is geared to ages 2-5. The museum still closes from 12:30 to 1 p.m. for cleaning, a coronavirus precaution that stuck, program manager Linda Abbott said.

"The playground stays open if you just can't bear to leave," she said.

Here are a few programs offered in September:

Music Circle with Noam Brown is an intro to music for your toddler. Held at 11 a.m. Thursdays through December.

Baby Rhythms is a fairly new but popular class that exposes the littlest ones to the magic of rhythm. It meets at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

Sensational Story 'n More is a weekly story time offered on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 3 p.m. through Nov. 30.

Messy play, a favorite for kids and adults because they don't have to clean up, will continue on Thursday afternoons.

The Schoolhouse Children's Museum is at 129 E. Ocean Ave.,

Parents and kids can get a close-up view of prehistoric life when they visit the 'Dinosaur Explorer' exhibit, which opens Sept. 15 at the Cox Science Center and Aquarium in West Palm Beach. Besides dinosaur displays and actual fossils, visitors will find a variety of interactive exhibits. **Photos provided**

Boynton Beach. 561-742-6780; www.schoolhousemuseum.org.

Family art classes

The Boca Raton Museum of Art's popular Saturday art class for families will continue at 10 a.m. Sept. 10 for kids aged 5 and older and a parent, grandparent or adult guardian. The inspiration for the project is drawn from a current exhibition, and September's program is "Monumental Backdrops." The exhibit, "Art of the Hollywood Backdrop: Cinema's Creative Legacy," features scenic backdrops made for movies from 1938 to 1968. \$5 for adult members, \$10 nonmembers.

The Boca Raton Museum of Art is in Mizner Park at 501 Plaza Real. 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org.

Nature explorations

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center had a silent partner of local advocates and protectors called the Friends of Gumbo Limbo since it was founded in the 1980s. Many of the programs were offered with the support of the nonprofit. Then the coronavirus came. It seemed like it might destroy the nature center and derail the Friends, but instead the organization came back with a bigger mission and a new name: the Gumbo Limbo Coastal Stewards.

The Nature Center educators are excited to welcome kids back to in-person programming. Reservations are required for

these programs.

During the **Citizen Science Squad**, kids aged 9 and older gain hands-on experience in the collection of scientific data that are used in Gumbo Limbo's conservation of coastal and marine ecosystems. Offered 2-3 p.m. Sept. 24. Resident/Gumbo Limbo Coastal Stewards \$5; all others \$8.

Little Wonders is a chance for you and your child, ages 3-4, to learn about the nature around us through stories, exploration and crafts. 10-11 a.m. Sept. 17 and Oct. 15. Resident/Gumbo Limbo Coastal Stewards \$8; all others \$10.

Nature Detectives is a monthly kids program that features story time, exploration and crafts for ages 5-6. Learn the wonders of nature together through story times, explorations and crafts. Offered from noon-1 p.m. Sept. 17 and Oct. 15. Resident/Gumbo Limbo Coastal Stewards \$8; all others \$10.

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center is at 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. 561-544-8605; www.gumbolimbo.org.

Marine life adventures

Since 1998, the Sandoway Discovery Center has been protecting our environment and introducing visitors to freshwater and marine animals. Learn about native and invasive reptile species. Meet sharks and other fish at the coral reef pool. Explore the private shell collection and the native plant and butterfly garden.

Special events:

Discovery Series: Reptiles — Sept. 22. Two sessions are offered: Session 1: 2:30 p.m.; Session 2: 3:15 p.m. A hands-on discovery of reptiles and why they are important through crafts and artifacts. \$8 non-members, \$2 members. Reservations required. Best for ages 3-5 years.

Beach Cleanup — Volunteers needed for a beach cleanup from 8-10 a.m. Sept. 17.

Ongoing programs:

Alligator Meet and Greet — 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. This program features an informative talk about alligators and a chance to meet a baby alligator. Included with admission. All ages.

Aquarium Feedings — 2 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Daily feedings teach fun facts about marine life. Included with admission.

Story time with Darlene — 11 a.m. Wednesdays. Hear a story about an animal adventure and meet some resident critters. Included with admission.

Animal Encounters — 3 p.m. Fridays. Meet the resident animals and learn about their behaviors and characteristics.

The Sandoway Discovery Center is at 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Some programs are free with admission of \$6 for ages 3 and older. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org.

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Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 8/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

SEPTEMBER 3

Saturday - 9/3 - Drop-In Family Storytime at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Up to age 5. Every Sat 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
9/3 - Pulp, Paper and Play Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 6-17. Held again 10/1 10:30 am-noon. Per class \$5/resident; \$7/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org
9/3 - Group Swim Lessons at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton. Every Sat through 10/22. Level 1 & 2 Noon-12:45 pm; Level 3 & 4 1-1:45 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 561-393-7851; mybocaparks.org
9/3 - 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; spadmuseum.com
9/3 - 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
9/3 - Alligator Meet & Greet 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

SEPTEMBER 4-10

Tuesday - 9/6 - Alphabet Tree Class at Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 3-5. Every T/W/Th through 9/29 10-11 am. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org
9/6 - Play & Learn for Toddlers at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Learn literacy skills during playtime. Age walking to 23 mos. Every T 10:30-11 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
9/6 - Teen Tech Sandbox at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. Every T through 9/27 3-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
9/6 - Adventures in Reading with STEAM Activities at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Literacy enrichment through books w/related activities. Child attends independently. Age 4-6. Every T through 10/4 3:30-4 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
9/6 - Teen Game Day at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Age 13-17. 4-6 pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org
9/6 - Teen Book Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. In person & via Zoom. 1st & 3rd T 5 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
9/6-7 - Sensational Story 'n More at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Children's books come to life through interactive performance, singing, movement. Age 2-5. Every T/W. T 10-10:45 am & W 3-3:45 pm. 10-10:45 am. Free w/paid admission. 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org
Wednesday - 9/7 - Bilingual Outdoor Storytime at Boynton Beach City Library under the Banyan tree, 100 E Ocean Ave. Stories, rhymes, more. Held again 9/21. May be cancelled in inclement weather. 10-10:30 am. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org
9/7 - Oh Baby Story Time at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Pre-literacy class: music, stories, rhymes, lap bounces. Age 3 months-2.5 years. 1st, 2nd & 3rd W 10 am. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
9/7 - Reading & Rhythm for 2-3s at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Literacy enrichment class: stories, music, movement. Child must be accompanied by an adult. Every W through 10/5 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
9/7 - Play & Learn for 2-3s at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Learn literacy skills during playtime. 10:30-11 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
9/7 - 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
9/7 - Group Swim Lessons at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton. Every W/F through 9/30. Level 1 & 2 3:30-4:15 pm; Level 3 & 4 4:30-5:15 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 561-393-7851; mybocaparks.org

9/7 - Young @ Art at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Create fun arts/crafts, learn the principles of art. Age 5-7. 1st & 3rd W 3:30 pm. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
9/7 - Teen & Tween Crochet at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-18. Every W through 10/5 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
Thursday - 9/8 - Snips, Snaps, Tales, & Tunes at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Join Ms. Lovely; story/related craft to develop listening skills, print awareness, fine motor coordination. Age 3-5. 2nd & 4th Th 3:30 pm. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
9/8 - Creative Writing Class at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Grades K-8. Every Th through 9/29 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org
Friday - 9/9 - 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
9/9 - The Science Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Variety of experiments in physical science, earth, space science; group & individual challenges. Age 6-9. Every other F 3:30 pm. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
Saturday - 9/10 - Gymnastics Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 5-11. Every Sat through 10/1 9:15-10 am. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org
9/10 - Saturday Morning Art (smART) at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Studio workshops; families/intergenerational groups focus on artistic fun to learn, create, enjoy visual arts. 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org
9/10 - Gymnastics/Cheerleading Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 5-10. Every Sat through 10/1 10:05-10:50 am. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org
9/10 - STEAM Stars at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. S.T.E.A.M.-inspired activities, hands-on exploration. Age 8-12. Every other Sat 10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
9/10 - Drama & Musical Theater Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 6-12. Every Sat through 10/1 11-11:45 am. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org
9/10 - Tail Waggin Tutors at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog. Grades K-5. Held again 9/24 noon-3 pm. Free. Register: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
9/10 - Got Gaming Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Held again 9/24. Age 13-17. 3-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

SEPTEMBER 11-17

Sunday - 9/11 - Chess Moves: Open Play or Tournament Play at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 6+. Held again 9/25. 10 am-4 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
9/11 - Chess Classes for Teens & Tweens at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-18. Held again 9/25. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
Monday - 9/12 - Kindergarten Readiness Story Time with Ms. Tea at Catherine Strong Splash Park, 1500 SW 6th St, Delray Beach. Age 3-5. 2nd & 4th M 10 am. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org
9/12 - Baby Bookworm at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Storytime for infants accompanied by an adult. Age 0 months to "non-walking." Every M through 10/3 11-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org
9/12 - Play & Learn for Babies at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Learn literacy skills during playtime. Age 0 months to "non-walking." 11:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
9/12 - Seeds of Creativity Graphic Novel Workshop at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6-week workshop in art, writing, production; create your own graphic novels, bound & published for keeps. Registrants must commit to all 6 sessions. All

materials provided. Age 8-12. 2nd & 4th M through 11/28 4 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org
Tuesday - 9/13 - Bedtime Storytime at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Up to age 5. 6:30-7 pm. Free. 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
Wednesday - 9/14 - Outdoor Storytime at Boynton Beach City Library under the banyan tree, 100 E Ocean Ave. Stories, rhymes, more. Held again 9/28. 10-10:30 am. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org
9/14 - Little Artists at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Age preschool to kindergarten. Held again 9/28. 10:30-11 am. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org
Thursday - 9/15 - Drop-In Family Storytime at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Up to age 5. Every Th 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
9/15 - Youth STEM Lab at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Age 5-12. Held again 9/22 & 29 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org
Saturday - 9/17 - Little Wonders at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Hike, crafts, stories. Age 3-4 w/an adult. 10-11 am. \$8/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-544-8615; gumbolimbo.org
9/17 - Space Camp at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 8-12. Every other Sat through 10/29 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
9/17 - 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

SEPTEMBER 18-24

Monday - 9/19 - Story Chasers Book Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. In person or Zoom. Grades 1-3. 3rd M 3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
Tuesday - 9/20 - Checkmate! A Chess Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 8-12. Every T 4 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
Thursday - 9/22 - Discovery Series: Reptiles at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Takes place outdoors, limited to 10 students per class. Age 3-5. 2 sessions: 2:30 pm & 3:15 pm. \$8/non-member; \$2/member child. RSVP: 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

9/22 - Picture Book Club at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Age 5-12. Held again 9/29. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org
Saturday - 9/24 - 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 parent/guardian. 2-3 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 561-544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

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Monday - 9/26 - TAB (Teen Advisory Board) Meeting at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 5-6 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
Tuesday - 9/27 - Readers are Leaders Book Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Receive a free copy of the book to

keep. Grades 4-7. Last T 4 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
9/27 - Anime Night at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-18. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
Wednesday - 9/28 - Pajama Playdate at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Interactive play. Age 1-7. 4th W 6 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
Thursday - 9/29 - Throwback Thursday at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Age 5-12. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org
Saturday - 10/1 - Spooky Scribblers Art Competition at Boca Raton Innovation Campus, 5000 T-Rex Ave, Ste 100, Boca Raton. Create your own Halloween masterpiece. Winners selected from each age group; Grades K-2, 3-6, 7th+. 9 am-noon. Free. Registration: web. bocaratonchamber.com

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Finding Faith

**High Holidays message:
Change for better
starts with everyone**

The Judaic holiday Rosh Hashana celebrates the biblical birthday of the world, and it's a holiday from which everyone could really benefit. The 10 days between Rosh Hashana, which begins Sept. 25, and Yom Kippur, which begins Oct. 4, carve out a period of candid self-reflection called the Days of Awe.

The High Holidays' themes — forgiveness and repentance — are twofold: We are supposed to both ask for and give others forgiveness. It's a time of honest evaluation of ourselves as spiritual people.



Steinhardt

It's not about how successful we were at work in the last year, but how successful we were at life.

Rabbi David Steinhardt

of B'nai Torah in Boca Raton says Yom Kippur builds an awareness of who we are in this world.

He wants everyone to leave despair and helplessness behind, and know that we have more strength and agency in the world than we realize.

Steinhardt has been the senior rabbi at B'nai Torah Congregation serving the Boca Raton community for more than 20 years.

B'nai Torah is the largest Conservative synagogue in Southeast Florida with over 1,300 membership families. He expects 75-80% attendance at services this year.

This is what the High Holidays mean to him in 2022: "I am often asked: Is there a bigger purpose whereby the meaning of traditions and holidays can speak to our lives and our world?"

"While traditions help create connections to the past and deepen religious feeling, I propose that our inherited traditions also require a language that speaks to the needs and challenges of today. As we stand before the Jewish High Holy Days, I'd like to present a possibility.

"The most profound message of the High Holidays reminds us that the world was created with one person. Rosh Hashana is called the birthday of the world. As it began with one, it is renewed with each one of us. We all matter. So, in a world that is so deeply divided, and where there is so much violence, anger and hostility, and intolerance for the 'other,' our tradition tells us to look at ourselves and see what we can do to create change for the better."

Rosh Hashana is followed by 10 days of repentance and concludes with the holiest day,

Yom Kippur.

"The central idea of *teshuvah*, which means repentance or return, is defined by a call to examine ourselves, recognize what we have done over the year, perhaps see the things we could have done differently, perhaps look at the hurts we caused and see where we can improve," Steinhardt said. "During this process, we might ask ourselves, how can I be kinder, more patient, more forgiving, or more giving in this world?"

"I acknowledge it is not always easy in a world that constantly presents us tragedy, sadness, conflict, issues and events that make us feel overwhelmed and often helpless. But it is in these exact moments of personal reflection that we can have personal agency to fix some of the problems around us.

"At the end of the day, we can hardly change another, but we can bring about change when we look at ourselves and see what we can do better.

"I wish all a good, healthy and meaningful New Year! Shana Tova."

Ideas for self-reflection

In a post for the 10 questions project at MyJewishLearning.com, Joey Soloway, a TV writer, producer and director whose credits include *Six Feet Under* and *Grey's Anatomy*, included these ideas for self-reflection:

- What's a significant experience that has affected you over the past year?
- Is there something that you wish you had done differently this past year? Or that you're especially proud of?
- Describe an event in the world that has impacted you this year.
- Describe one thing you'd like to achieve by this time next year. Why is this important to you?
- Have you had any spiritual experiences this past year? This can include secular, artistic, cultural, and so on.
- How would you like to improve yourself, your life, next year?
- Is there something (a person, a cause, an idea) that you want to investigate more fully next year?
- What is a fear that you have and how has it limited you? How do you plan on overcoming it this year?

Janis Fontaine writes about people of faith, their congregations,



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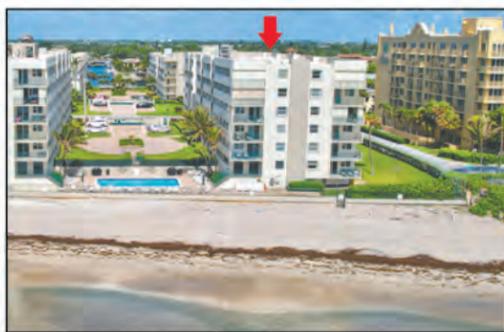
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Religion News

Delray's Perlman leads a golden effort at Maccabiah Games

Melissa Perlman of Delray Beach has represented the United States at the quadrennial Maccabiah Games in Israel several times, but this year was special. Perlman was asked to use her experience to recruit and lead a team of athletes as the commissioner of endurance sports.

She grew up hearing about the games from her father, who competed in 1973. She first attended the games as a junior, running track on the 1997 team. She won four bronze medals.

Years later, in 2013, Perlman felt compelled to make supporting the games her passion project and she returned to Israel to represent the USA for the second time.

"I understood the true meaning of the games and the importance of thousands of Jews from all over the world coming together to show our strength, our resilience and our pride," she said.

Perlman's athletes won a bevy of medals in July 2022, competing in the half-marathon, cycling, track and field, and the Maccabi man/woman, which consists of four events that test running, cycling and swimming endurance.

Perlman, 40, won a gold medal in the half-marathon in the masters division. But more important, she and the other athletes "made new lifelong friends, and left with a better understanding of Israel and our Jewish history," she said.

The Maccabiah Games, conceived in 1912, were first played in 1932. Sometimes called the Jewish Olympics, the games are open to all residents of Israel and all Jews, no matter where they live. Every four years, athletes from more than 60 countries compete in more than 40 sports. The Maccabiah Games are the third-largest sporting event in the world; only the Olympics and soccer's World Cup are bigger.

For the first time in the history of the games, the United States president attended the opening ceremonies, and Perlman was part of a group of about 200 USA athletes chosen to attend a private meeting with President Joe Biden. Perlman said he told the crowd: "I am



Melissa Perlman of Delray Beach won gold in the women's masters half-marathon at the Maccabiah Games and captained the U.S. effort in endurance sports. Photo provided by Melissa Perlman

so darn proud of you. You have demonstrated to the world that we can do anything."

Perlman, who owns the local PR company BlueIvy Communications, says the Maccabiah Games are "an opportunity to shout from the rooftops that I am proud to be Jewish, that I am an athlete and I am strong," Perlman wrote in an article in the *Jewish Journal*. "I know that if the Maccabiah Games continue to thrive and grow, so will the Jewish people, and our resilience and strength in today's ever-changing world."

Back-to-school prayer

A few local churches offered "a blessing of the backpacks," but if you want to do your own, here's a prayer from St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in Boca Raton:

"Lord Jesus Christ, in whom all things are renewed, refreshed and refined, we pray that you will guide us into this new year, lighting our path with your love, truth and wisdom. We pray for all students, families, teachers and school officials for encouragement, joy and hope and we pray for each one's safety and well-



First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach held a 'blessing of the backpacks' during worship on Aug. 7. The elders helped to bless the backpacks and all the students were given luggage tags. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

being. May each heart be open to receiving the blessings of learning and growing together in you. Amen."

Forum discussion resumes

The Interfaith Café has resumed its in-person monthly meetings, with the next taking place from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 15. The title of the discussion is "Here we go again: How to begin another year with the right perspective," and the speaker is Rabbi Boruch Shmuel Liberow. He co-directs

the Chabad Student Center, which serves the college community at FAU, Lynn University and Palm Beach State College.

The rabbi, who is also a certified life coach and a chaplain, will speak along with his wife, Rivka. They've been active in the Boca Raton community since 1998.

The Interfaith Café meets at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Each month features a presentation by a guest speaker

and a discussion about notable topics. People of all faiths are welcomed.

For more information, call Linda Prior at 561-330-0245 or visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DelrayBocaInterfaithCafe.

Music at St. Paul's returns

Mark your calendar: Music at St. Paul's 2022-2023 season begins at 3 p.m. Sept. 18 with the Trillium Piano Trio, featuring Ruby Berland, violin, Cornelia Brubeck, cello, and Yoko Sata Kothari, piano. The suggested donation is \$20, but students younger than 18 get free admission. Tickets are available only at the door on the day of the concert. St. Paul's is handicapped accessible. For more information, visit musicstpauls.org.

Here's the rest of the lineup: Con Brio Quartet — 3 p.m. Oct. 2, with Stojko Miserliowski, clarinet

Strings and Keys — 3 p.m. Oct. 30. Delray String Quartet with Marina Radiushina, guest pianist

John Rutter's Requiem for All Saints — 3 p.m. Nov. 6. The Choir of St. Paul's performs under the direction of Dr. David Macfarlane, director. The chamber ensemble performs.

German Romantics — 3 p.m. Nov. 27. Duo Beaux Arts: Catherine Lan and Tao Lin, pianists.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas — 3 p.m. Dec. 11. The Choir of St. Paul's performs under the direction of Macfarlane.

Bazaar donations needed

The ECW at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church needs donations for its Fall Bazaar, scheduled for Oct. 29. Kitchen items, accessories, holiday decorations, artwork and jewelry in good condition are wanted.

The women also need baskets to fill with gourmet items like nuts and other snacks, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Items can be delivered to the Thrift Store or church office at 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Call 561-395-8285 or visit www.stgregorysepisopal.org.

Send religion news to Janis Fontaine at fontaine423@outlook.com.

Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 8/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

SEPTEMBER 4-10

Monday - 9/5 - 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
9/5 - Rosary for Peace at St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every M 5:45 pm. Free. 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com
Tuesday - 9/6 - Tuesday Morning Prayer Service at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 10 am. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org
Wednesday - 9/7 - Wednesday Evening Meditation Service at Unity of Delray Beach,

101 NW 22nd St. Led by Rev. Laurie Durgan. Masks optional, social distancing practiced. 6:30 pm. Free; love offering. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Thursday - 9/8 - Thursday Morning Prosperity Coffee at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Led by Charlene Wilkinson. Masks optional, social distancing practiced. 7 am 1st Th in person; phone meeting (720-740-9634, passcode 2152894) all but 1st Th. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org
9/8 - Men's Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com
9/8 - Women's Discipleship Group at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 10 am. Free. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com

Friday - 9/9 - Legion of Mary at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every F 5:30 pm. Free. 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

9/9 - 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

SEPTEMBER 11-17

Sunday - 9/11 - PREP: 2022/2023 Parish Religious Education Program at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic School, 810 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Grades 1-9. Every Sun 9:15-10:45 am. \$125-\$175/student; \$185-\$235/family. Register: 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com
Thursday - 9/15 - Interfaith Cafe at South County Civic Center, 6700 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. Here We Go Again - How to Begin Another Year with the Right Perspective presented by Rabbi Boruch Shmuel Liberow. 7-9 pm. Free.

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SEPTEMBER 18-24

Sunday - 9/18 - Annual Community Breakfast at Boca Beach Chabad, 120 NE 1st Ave. 10 am. Free. RSVP: 561-394-9770; bocabeachchabad.com/breakfast

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Sunday - 9/25 - Rosh Hashanah begins

9/25 - Rosh Hashanah Eve Service presented by Chabad of East Boca Raton at Hyatt Place Hotel, 100 E Palmetto Park Rd. 6:55 pm candle lighting & services; 7 pm mincha. 561-394-9770; bocabeachchabad.com
Tuesday - 9/27 - Rosh Hashanah ends
Thursday - 9/29 - Blue Mass at St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach, 6 pm. Free. 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com



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Community Calendar

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SEPTEMBER 3

Saturday - 9/3 - Pickleball at Hester Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Combines badminton & tennis. Adults. M/W 6-8 pm; Sat 9 am-noon. \$5; \$50/30-visit pass. 561-742-6550; boynton-beach.org

9/3 - Calling All Serious Writers! Saturday Zoom Writers Studio presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Sat 10 am. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/3 - Wild + Color Art and Photography Exhibition at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Works by Fran Mann Goodman, abstract expressionist & Phoenix, nature photographer. Runs through 9/28. M-Th 10 am-8 pm; F 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat 9 am-1 pm. Free. 561-278-5455; highlandbeach.us

9/3 - Freestyle Saturdays Art Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every Sat through 12/24 10 am-12:30 pm. Per class \$29/resident; \$35/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

9/3 - Current Events Discussion at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 561-266-9702; highlandbeach.us

9/3 - Protecting Our Ocean Treasures at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Presented by Evan Orellana, Marine biologist & Florida Regional Manager of The Surfrider Foundation. 2 pm. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/3 - Sick Puppies Improv Comedy Show at Doghouse Theater, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Every Sat through 9/24 7:30 & 8:30 pm. \$20-\$25. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

9/3 - Shaw Davis & The Black Ties at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$30-\$35. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

SEPTEMBER 4-10

Sunday - 9/4 - Friends Music Series: It Takes Two at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 2 pm. Free. 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org

9/4 - VidLive: YI Love YiddishFest '22 presented by VidLife Crisis at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 W Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$36. 888-945-6835; yilovejewish.org

Monday - 9/5 - Labor Day

Tuesday - 9/6 - Career & Employment Help with CareerSource PBC at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave.

Assistance w/employment, resumes, filing for unemployment, more. Representative fluent in English, Creole, French. Adults. Every T 9 am-4 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

9/6 - Zoom High-Intermediate Spanish presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Every T through 12/20 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

9/6 - Appy Hour: eBooks at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/6 - Beginning Tap for Adults: Fall Session 1 at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave.

Every T through 9/27 5:30-7 pm. \$60/4 weeks; \$20/per class at the door. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

9/6 - Comedy Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Every 1st T 8-10 pm. \$5-\$7. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Wednesday - 9/7 - 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

9/7 - Exhibit Opening: Reginald Cunningham: Black Pearls at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Runs through 1/22/2023. W/F/Sat/Sun 11 am-6 pm; Th 11 am-8 pm. \$12/adult; \$10/senior (65+); free/student w/ID, child & member. Reserved tickets: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

9/7 - Assassinations, Threats, and the American Presidency: From Andrew Jackson to Barack Obama with Ronald Feinman 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 door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

9/7 - Zoom Intermediate Spanish II presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Every W through 12/21 1-2:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

9/7 - Password Managers Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/7 - Writing Workshop: Create an Outline for Your Book at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 3-4:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

9/7 - English Conversation Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every W 6:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

Thursday - 9/8 - Quilters meet at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Share quilting information, perpetuate quilting as a cultural & artistic form. Sale of quilted items supports the Library. Limit 10 quilters at a time. Every Th 9 am-noon. \$1/lifetime membership. 561-742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

9/8 - Line Dancing at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Adults. Basic modern western square dancing. Every Th 10:30-11:30 am. \$6. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

9/8 - Tech Talk at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. Every Th 10:30-11 am. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

9/8 - A Guided Discussion: American Social Issues with Luis Fleischman at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th through 9/29 1-2:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$100/member; \$130/non-member; \$35/one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

9/8 - iPhone Basics for Beginners at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

Municipal Meetings

9/6 - Highland Beach - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: highlandbeach.us

9/6 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgeflorida.com

9/6 & 9/19 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 4 pm. Agenda: delraybeachfl.gov

9/8 & 9/22 - Boynton Beach - First and third Tuesday at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Ocean Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

9/9 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 4 pm. Agenda: gulfstream.org

9/12 - South Palm Beach - Second Tuesday at the South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

9/12 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 6 pm. Agenda: lantana.org

9/13 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesday at the auditorium, 6500 Congress Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us

9/22 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

9/27 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: manalapan.org

9/8 - Introduction to Laser Cutting at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/8 - Intermediate Tap for Adults: Fall Session 1 at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Every Th through 9/29 5:30-7 pm. \$60/4 weeks; \$20/per class at the door. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

9/8 - Vocalist Concert: Carlos Manuel Santana - Songs to Warm Your Heart at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5:30 pm. Free. 561-278-5455; highlandbeach.us

9/8 - United in Blue We Celebrate: An Evening with The Music of Chicago and Earth Wind & Fire at The Addison, 2 E Camino Real, Boca Raton. Benefits Boca Raton Police Foundation. 6-10 pm. \$125-\$150/general admission includes dinner/open bar. 561-988-1711; bocaratonpolicefoundation.org

9/8 - Poets on the Fringe (POTF) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Every Th 6-7:45 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

9/8 - Rendezvous with French Film: The Umbrellas at Cherbourg at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-8 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

9/8 - Virtual Historical Fictionados Book Club: The Nature of Fragile Things by Susan Meissner presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

9/8-9 - Film Screening: Fiddler's Journey to the Big Screen (2022 G) at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Th 6-7:30 pm; F 2-3:30 pm. \$5/member & student w/ID; \$15/non-member. 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

Friday - 9/9 - iPad Basics Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/9 - Mizner Park Friday Night Artisan Market at 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Every Friday. 4-9 pm. 561-362-0606; miznerpark.com

9/9 - Castoffs Square Dance at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Adults. Basic modern western square dancing. Every F 6:30-9 pm. \$6. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

9/9 - Outdoor Movie: Summer of Soul at Delray Beach Historical Society North Lawn, 3 NE 1st St. Part of Summer of Rock 'n Roll Movie History Series. Bring your picnic dinner. Includes history exhibit entrance, beer, wine, popcorn. 7 pm doors open; 8 pm movie. \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-274-9578; delraybeachhistory.org

9/9 - Sick Puppies Stand-Up Comedy Show at Doghouse Theater, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Every F through 9/23 8 pm. \$25-\$30. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

9/9 - Yacht Rock Returns at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

9/9-11 - La Cage Aux Folles at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Runs through 9/18. F/Sat 7:30 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$35. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Saturday - 9/10 - Workshop: Basics of Still Life Drawing at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$40/workshop. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

9/10 - Workshop: Mixed Media & Street Art Techniques at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Age 16+. 10:30 am-4 pm. \$120. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

9/10 - Boca's Ballroom Battle at The Boca Raton's Grand Ballroom, 501 E Camino Real. Benefits the George Snow Scholarship Fund. 6-11 pm. Admission \$200/person; raffle tickets \$100/each or 4/\$300. 561-347-6799; ballroombattle.com

9/10 - Divas on Stage at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 8 pm. \$15. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

9/10-11 - 27th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Craft Festival at 330 E Atlantic Ave. Juried outdoor craft showcase, original crafts, green market, craft media. 10 am-4 pm. Free. 561-746-6615; artfestival.com

SEPTEMBER 11-17

Sunday - 9/11 - An Evening with Daniel Black at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Presented by Spady Museum & Arts Garage along with Chapters & Wine Book Club. 3 pm reception; 4-6 pm event. Free. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Monday - 9/12 - 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

9/12 - Zoom Intermediate Italian II presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Every M through 12/19 1:30-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

9/12 - Advanced Squares at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Adults. Every M 2-4 pm. \$6. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

9/12 - Computer Basics Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/12 - Computer/Technology Literacy for Haitian/Creole Speakers at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. Every M through 10/31 5-8 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

9/12-13 - Auditions: Beehive The '60s Musical at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 7 pm. Production dates 11/11-20. First come first served. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

Tuesday - 9/13 - An Hour to Kill Mystery Book Club: Winter Counts by David Heska Wanbli Weiden at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. In person or virtual. 10:30-11:30 am. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

9/13 - 2-Day Workshop: Intuitive Abstract Painting at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Age 16+. Part 2 held 9/20. 11 am-2:30 pm. \$115. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

9/13 - Internet Basics Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/13 - The Fugitives by Jamal Mahjoub part of Tuesday Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/13 - Custom Card Crafting Club: Evening Edition at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Create custom greeting cards. Adults. 6-8 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

9/13 - Virtual Stand Up Class presented by Improv U, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Every T through 10/11 6:30-8 pm. \$199. 561-501-3531; theimprovu.com

9/13 - All Arts Open Mic Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd T 8-10 pm. \$5-\$7. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Wednesday - 9/14 - The Royals' Future: What Next After Elizabeth? With Margery Marcus at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$40/member; \$50/non-member & one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

9/14 - Microsoft Word Basics Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/14 - The Story of We the People Exhibit: Virtual Live Guided Tour at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-4:45 pm. Free. Registration required for Zoom link: 561-544-8577; bocalibrary.org

9/14 - Writer's Corner at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Manuscript critiquing by published authors. Adults. 2nd W 6:30-8 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

9/14 - Delray Beach Orchid Society Meeting at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 2nd W 7 pm. Free. 561-573-2422; delraybeachorchidsociety.org

Thursday - 9/15 - BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Club presented by Delray Beach Public Library at The Coffee District, 325 NE 2nd Ave. 3rd Th 9:45 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

9/15 - Virtual Event: Michael Twitty Author Talk presented by Mandel JCC Palm Beaches. 12:30 pm. Free. RSVP required for Zoom link: 561-740-9000; pbj.jcconline.com/programs/arts/twitty

9/15 - Women, the Courts and Shifting Notions of Liberty with Dahlia Lithwick at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 2-3:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$25/member, non-member & one-time pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

9/15 - Traditional Mexican Dance Performance at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org

9/15 - Workshop: Painting a Picture of Abstract Expressionism by Fran Mann Goodman at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5:30 pm. Free. 561-278-5455; highlandbeach.us

Friday - 9/16 - Exhibition: Porous Boundaries at Florida Atlantic University Schmidt Center Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 12/16. T-F 1-4 pm; Sat 1-5 pm. Free. 561-297-2661; fau.edu/galleries

9/16 - Exhibition: Waiting for Approval at Florida Atlantic University Schmidt Center

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9/16 - iPad Intermediate Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/16 - Basic Orchid Care: How to Repot an Orchid at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

9/16 - The Smoogies at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$25-\$30. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Saturday - 9/17 - Workshop: Beaded Tassel Earrings at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 11:30 am-1 pm. \$35. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

9/17 - Workshop: Open Figure Studio with Model at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 2-4 pm. \$15. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

9/17 - Raul Gallimore Y Su Orquesta Inmensidad at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

9/17 - 18 - Exotics & Orchids Sale at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Sat 9 am-4 pm; Sun 9 am-3 pm. \$15/adult; \$12/ senior 65+ and college student & military w/ID; \$7/age 6-17. 561-233-1757; mounts.org

9/17-18 - Red Riding Hood by Allison Gregory at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 10/9. Sat 6 pm; Sun 3 pm. \$25/adult; free/ student under 18 w/pd adult admission. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

9/17-19 - Annual Sunshine State Open at Polo Club, 5400 Champion Blvd, Boca Raton; Delray Beach Swim & Tennis Club, 2350 Jaeger Dr; Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave; Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Dr. Best juniors in the country compete in Boys' & Girls' 12s & 14s age division. Starting times posted online; doubles & singles format. 8 am matches begin. Free/spectator admission. Schedules/draw information: 561-330-6003; yellowtennisball.com/sunshine-state-open

SEPTEMBER 18-24

Sunday - 9/18 - Blackmer's Market at Spady Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Food, clothing, accessories, community organizations, service providers. Family fare. 3rd Sun through 3/19/2023 11 am-4 pm. Free/admission. 561-243-1077; downtowndelraybeach.com

9/18 - Story Central Storytelling Slam at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

Monday - 9/19 - Gmail Basics Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/19 - Poetry Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Every 3rd M 8-10 pm. \$5-\$7. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Tuesday - 9/20 - Handmaid's Tale, Fiction to Reality? Let's Discuss with Marlene Solender at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$20/member; \$25/non-member & one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

9/20 - Gmail Advanced Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/20 - A Beginner's Guide to Podcasting at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-544-8577; bocalibrary.org

9/20 - 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

9/20 - FAU Astronomical Observatory public viewing day at Florida Atlantic University Science & Engineering Building 4th floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 1st F & 3rd T 7:30 pm. Free. Schedule subject to change; check website: 561-297-7827; cescos.fau.edu/observatory

Wednesday - 9/21 - Book Buzz: Adult Book Club - Four Hundred Souls by Ibram X. Kendi at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

9/21 - League of Women Voters Hot Topics Discussion: Education with Michael Burke at Mel's Way Bistro, 3536 Via Poinciana, Lake Worth. 11 am-1 pm. \$35/launch. RSVP by 9/13: 561-276-4898; lwvpsc.org

9/21 - The Art of Tablescapeing with Susana Fernandez at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$40/member; \$50/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

9/21 - Microsoft Word Intermediate Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic

Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/21 - Friends Virtual Book Club: Her Hidden Genius by Marie Benedict presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Email for zoom link: spanishriverbookclub@yahoo.com; 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Thursday - 9/22 - Hispanic Business Impact Symposium at Florida Atlantic University Schmidt Family Complex for Academic & Athletic Excellence Building 103, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 9 am-5 pm. \$45-\$149.561-866-3322; heiflorida.org

9/22 - iPad Basics for Beginners at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

9/22 - Rendezvous with French Film: Only the Animals at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-8 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

9/22 - Workshop: Beginning Portrait Drawing at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 6-9 pm. \$40. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

Friday - 9/23 - Bold City Classics Returns at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$35-\$40. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Saturday - 9/24 - League of Women Voters: A Taste of the League - New Member Online Orientation. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. RSVP: 561-276-4898; lwvpsc.org

9/24 - Do It Again featuring The Music of Steely Dan at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$37-\$45. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

9/24 - The Frank Bang 5 at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$25-\$30. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

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Sunday - 9/25 - Rosh Hashanah begins 9/25 - Countdown2Zero Mega Pet Adoption Event Begins. Virtual event presented by The Lois Pope LIFE Foundation; organized by Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League & Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control. Hours/procedures vary by organization. Runs through 10/1. countdown2zero.org

Monday - 9/26 - Bewilderment by Richard Power part of Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

9/26 - Jam Session at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Last M 8 pm. Free/performer; \$5-\$7/patron. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

9/26-27 - Auditions: Small Mouth Sounds by Bess Wohl at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Production dates 11/18-27. 7 pm. First come first served. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

9/26-30 - Open House at Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Learn about activities available for seniors; activity fees waived for the day. 9 am-3 pm. 561-742-6570; boynton-beach.org

Tuesday - 9/27 - Rosh Hashanah ends 9/27 - Friends Virtual Book Club: Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner 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

9/27 - Hispanic Heritage Month Book Talk: Thrillers from Argentina - The Foreign Girls by Sergio Olguin at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

9/27 - Crafting in the Library: Paper Beads

at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Materials & instruction provided. Adults. 5-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

9/27 - From Memory to Memoir: How to Write Dialogue at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Presented by Barbara Cronie, Director, The Writers' Colony. Every T through 11/1 6-8 pm. \$249. Registration: delraylibrary.org

Wednesday - 9/28 - Popular Music and American Politics with Kristin Shockley at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 1-2:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

9/28 - Dumpling Making & Sake Pairing Workshop at Ramen Lab Eatery, 25 NE 2nd Ave #114, Delray Beach. 6:30-8 pm. \$49. Tickets: 561-455-2311; ramenlabeatery.com

Thursday - 9/29 - Hooray for Hollywood ... Tampa & Jacksonville: A Century of Film in Florida with Sylvia Gurinsky 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 door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

9/29 - Introduction to Virtual Reality and 360 Videos at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/29 - Vocalist Concert: Carlos Manuel Santana - Songs to Warm Your Heart at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5:30 pm. Free. 561-278-5455; highlandbeach.us

Friday - 9/30 - Exhibition: Surplus Reiterations: Tom Scicluna, Letty Bassart, Rod Faulds at Florida Atlantic University Ritter

Art Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 11/6. T-F 1-4 pm; Sat 1-5 pm. Free. 561-297-2661; fau.edu/galleries

9/30 - Learn Basic Cricut Design Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

9/30 - Garage Queens: Fierce, Fabulous and Fascinating at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$35-\$40. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

9/30-10/2 - The Wolves by Sarah DeLappe at Florida Atlantic University Studio One Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 10/9. F/Sat 7 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$25/general public; \$18/faculty/staff/alumni. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

Saturday - 10/1 - Virtual Saturday Morning Writers' Group presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

10/1 - Horror Film Fest: What We Do in the Shadows at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

10/1 - Bald Bold & Beautiful Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch at Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Required attire: any shades of pink. 3-6 pm. \$30. bocacal.com/event/bald-bold-beautiful-breast-cancer-awareness-brunch

10/1 - Duo DGC & Friends at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$20/general public; \$10/alumni; free/ faculty/staff & children under 13. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

10/1 - Carole Bufford: Vintage Pop at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$45-\$50. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

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