

Along the Coast

Intracoastal manatee warning signs months away

By Nirvi Shah

New signs that warn boaters of speed limits and note the possible presence of manatees in the Intracoastal Waterway could be months away from being installed.

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission has plans for several new signs throughout Palm Beach County's portion of the waterway — including some in areas not currently marked — based on a 2006 study of Intracoastal boat traffic. But FWC waterway unit planner Shaun Davis said a variety of problems are keeping the signs from being erected.

"We're trying as hard as we can to get it going," Davis said. The \$100,000 project needs permits from the Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Coast Guard to proceed, and then the signs must be ordered.

The delay worries Ronnie Svenstrup of Highland Beach. As it is, she said, many boaters ignore the existing signs and go far too fast. Their speed creates wakes that endanger people in the water and deteriorates mangroves — the pods of which provide one of manatees' favorite foods — and causes property damage.

"We need more patrol in this area, more enforcement of the laws that they have," said Svenstrup, whose condo overlooks the waterway.

Svenstrup, who is chairwoman of the Highland Beach Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee, is a boater herself. Her concerns, she said, have nothing to do with curtailing boaters from using the Lake Worth Lagoon. "I don't want to stop anybody from having fun," she said.

She'd like to see a restriction on wave height in addition to the speed limits and for others on the water to report speeding boaters. "If we had more people

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The Arts



George Bolge is leading the Boca Raton Museum of Art through a \$400,000 renovation. **Photo by Tim Stepien**

The State of the Arts Cultural organizations voice cautious optimism about prospects

By Hap Erstein

Upbeat, but not without concern. That is the way professional arts institutions describe their view of the season ahead, which they certainly hope will be the last for a while that is riddled with economic challenges.

"The verbal reports that I'm getting from our arts organizations are very optimistic, both with subscription sales and attendance at our museums," says Rena Blades, president and chief executive officer of the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, the prime support agency for the area's arts nonprofits. "It's optimism with some caution over what the economy has thrown at us, mostly in terms of private donations."

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Along the Coast

South County's life-savers

Meet two of the county's 215 lifeguards, whose job is to prevent tragedy on the beach.

By Mary Jane Fine

Patrick McGlamery wasn't nicknamed Squid for nothing. A water-baby who learned to swim at three months, he surprised no one when he dived into life guarding just out of high school. He joined Boca Raton's Ocean Rescue



Patrick 'Squid' McGlamery describes his job as 'boring, punctuated by incredible bursts of activity.' **Photo by Tim Stepien**

Department two decades ago and rose to lieutenant after a dozen years.

Middy on July 18, waves ramped up a rip current that pulled Nicholas Donev under, in front of Lifeguard Tower 17, a usually quiet stretch of beach just south of Spanish River Park. Squid McGlamery, just returned from lunch, was manning that tower.

One of the 215 men and women who guard Palm Beach County's 47 miles of shoreline — and the lives of those who enjoy them — McGlamery knows

the stereotype of his profession: sun-bronzed hunks who collect a paycheck for eight fun-in-the-sun hours of sunbather admiration. He's quick to define his job with the tongue-in-cheek one-liner: "a job that's boring, punctuated by incredible bursts of activity."

His more serious assessment: "Every day is different, unlike a desk job. The tides are always different. The wind is always different. It's almost a matter of finding your Zen, just relaxing and enjoying what's around you."

On this day, what was different was Donev, a football player at Olympic Heights High School, out celebrating his 16th birthday with friends. A yellow caution flag was flying, but the moderate risk it signaled couldn't predict the sudden waves that caught Donev and his buddy, Michael Maldonado, just on the far side of the sandbar, intensifying the until-then modest rip current.

McGlamery had kept his eye on the teens. When he spotted one "apparently going after" the other, he radioed a rescue, then launched himself into action. Within seconds, he was shoving a floating device to Maldonado. But Donev had vanished.

Statistics on drowning deaths vary, depending on the source, but according to B.J. Fisher, director of Health and Safety for the Virginia-based American Lifeguard

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Editorial

Looking ahead to our cultural future

Another season is upon us, and that's cause for celebration.

As writer Hap Erstein underscores in his report on the state of the arts in eastern Boca Raton and Highland Beach, our cultural leaders are cautiously optimistic in these times of economic strife.

Cautious optimism — that's a sensible approach.

Find ways to grow, as Florida Atlantic and Lynn universities have done, with new film and performance spaces.

Celebrate the space you're in, as Caldwell Theatre has done with a new cabaret series the theater hopes will bring in new audiences.

Take a gift and run with it, as Highland Beach's library has done in updating its gallery and performance space.

Or take stock of what you've got, and spruce up your digs, as the Boca Raton Museum of Art is doing in its \$400,000 renovation.

As the *Palm Beach ArtsPaper's* Season Preview shows us, there is much to savor. From art to music, theater to literary events, southern Palm Beach County has it all.

Festival of the Arts Boca,

which for several years has brought together internationally renowned musicians and authors, has the potential of being the area's largest cultural event, when it happens March 5 to 12 in Mizner Park.

And that's in addition to concerts by Florida Atlantic University's critically acclaimed Klezmer Company Orchestra and choral ensembles. Patricia Fleitas, director of choral studies at FAU, says it is her mission "to take our FAU choral program across Florida and even outside the United States."

That's a nice thought, and it's a far cry from the town of my youth, when FAU had no vocal program to speak of, Caldwell Theatre's home was in a mall and the Boca Raton Museum of Art was a small space on West Palmetto Park Road.

Making all those changes took vision.

And I hope our cultural leaders continue that vision to take their institutions on their next steps into the future.

— Scott Simmons,
managing editor



Coastal Star



Betty Grinnan volunteers with the Friends of the Boca Raton Library and the Florence Fuller Child Development Center. Photo by Scott Simmons

An advocate for reading, library

By Scott Simmons

With Betty Grinnan, her voice says it all.

It is at once authoritative and humorous. Focused, but sweetened with the honeyed accent of her native Virginia.

And Grinnan uses that voice to get things done.

As a member of the Friends of the Boca Raton Library and as liaison between the Friends and the Library Advisory Board, Grinnan helped prod the City Council into agreeing to build a larger library a few blocks north of the current location on Boca Raton Boulevard.

The City Council agreed on Sept. 13 to go forward with the 35,000- to 40,000-square-foot project, after more than a dozen citizens spoke in favor of the \$9.8 million project, to be built at Fourth Street and Boca Raton Boulevard.

It is a move that would allow the existing library to remain open during construction.

Grinnan was there, with a large chart, and asked, "Why are we here?"

She drew applause from the audience for her presentation, and Mayor Susan Welchel jokingly admonished the crowd by saying, "Do not give that woman any more encouragement," and later said, "Betty knows I'm teasing her because we've known each other for about 40 years."

But Grinnan is modest, and insists that she is just one of about 120 people who volunteer with the Friends of the Library.

The Friends' store on the library's second floor

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is packed with books, CDs and DVDs. Annual sales are upward of \$40,000, said Janet Klingler, president of the Friends.

The group receives upward of \$70,000 in requests each year from the library staff, and money it raises through book sales helps provide lectures and music programs. "They really are incredible," Grinnan says of the Friends, who she says also donate more than 1,500 books monthly that cannot be sold in the book shop to area nursing homes, hospitals and senior centers.

Grinnan comes by her library activities naturally.

She and her husband, Tucker, who live in coastal Boca Raton, moved to the area in 1977, with their four children. Tucker Grinnan, a business consultant, had accepted a job in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea.

Grinnan had a graduate degree in English, and had planned to teach, but one of her children's schools offered her the job of school librarian. She accepted the job and worked for 24 years as librarian for the North Broward School, now called North Broward Preparatory School. She later got a degree in library/information science from the University of South Florida.

"My main goal in that job was to get kids to love reading," Grinnan says. "I

am passionate about that, especially in today's digital world."

And she still is passionate about getting kids to read.

After her retirement, Grinnan became a volunteer librarian for the Florence Fuller Child Development Center.

"It is a wonderful venue for me to help children love books, and to encourage parents and teachers to read to them," she says of the Florence Fuller center, where she reads to the children.

Grinnan's love of books extends to her 10 grandsons and two granddaughters — three live in Hong Kong — who come to visit their grandparents in Boca Raton. The children tend to enjoy reading such fantasy material as the Harry Potter series and books by C.S. Lewis.

As for Grinnan, she reads *The New York Times* and biographies of people both contemporary and historical, but concedes that she loves Jane Austen: "I'm one of those *Pride and Prejudice* nuts."

Well, one of those *Pride and Prejudice* nuts who sees the library as a gathering place for the community.

"Every time I go in the library I see people working at the computer, possibly researching jobs. I see mothers and kids with bags of books. I see retirees sitting in chairs reading. I see young people using the computers for research," she wrote in an e-mail. "We have to keep the library open. The library is an essential service." ★

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Boca Raton



The Boca Raton City Council voted Sept. 13 to build a new downtown library on the former Causeway Lumber site, at Northwest Fourth Street and Boca Raton Boulevard, two blocks north of the current library (below right). The new site will include parking lots, a garage and possibly a train station.

Staff graphic by Bonnie Lalky-Seibert
Source: City of Boca Raton



Boca votes to build library north of current location

By Margie Plunkett

The direction Boca Raton council gave its city manager on where to locate the new library: Two blocks north from the current building at the former Causeway Lumber site.

The council favored the new site 3-1, and made its wishes known after a Sept. 13 public hearing and years after voters approved a new library.

A one-story Library Commons facility won after the public and commissioners contemplated one- and two-story buildings as well as if the Florida East Coast railway would use the old library as a train station in the event the new passenger rail plan ultimately succeeds.

The selection was made over several options offered up by PGAL Architects, including renovating the old library in stages so that it could remain open throughout construction. The library is at 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd.

Seven years ago, according to Betty Grinnan, chairman of the Committee to Support a New Downtown Library, residents voted to build a new 52,500-square-foot library. "There is no question the Causeway property — Library Commons — is supported by the library community."

The largest facility option offered by the architect was 12,000-square-feet smaller than the size voters gave thumbs up to, said Bob Keltie,

chairman of Boca Raton's Library Advisory Board.

He favored the Library Commons plan for several reasons, including that the one-story building under consideration would mean lower operating costs and 14 percent less construction time and would make management of library events easier.

Dissenting council member Anthony Majhess questioned a campaign of unsigned emails from Library Commons supporters, calling it "disingenuous" and wondering "if the lobbyists are registered with the city as required."

His concerns about the new location included whether Boca Raton would end up financially supporting the old library as an unused "mothball" building.

"If it's not fit for library patrons, I would imagine it would not be fit for others," Majhess said.

The corner property with a two-story building would be more attractive, he said, noting concern that the parking lot, which could be shared with the possible train station, would be more of a hazard for children and others visiting the library.

Construction on a new library could begin in July 2011 on the Causeway site and take about a year and a half, with completion between August 2012 and March 2013, according to PGAL Architects' anticipated schedule.

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The Arts

Classic film, theater options expanding in Boca Raton

By Hap Erstein

Despite economic challenges, there are two new venues on Boca Raton's arts scene.

A completely new art film complex is opening at the end of the month at Florida Atlantic University, and Lynn University's new theater continues to expand its programming in its first full season.



McArt

Take the arrival of Living Room Theaters, four 50-seat luxury screening rooms at FAU, slated to open Oct. 29. By day, they will be used for the school's film study program, but at night and on weekends they will open to the public with state-of-the-art, digitally projected foreign, independent and classic films.

"In hard times, people need something to entertain them and take their minds away," says Living Room co-owner Diego Rimoch.

At a ticket price expected to be \$9, \$6 for seniors and students, "This is really a premium experience at a bargain

price," he adds.

The ever-buoyant Jan McArt, director of theater program development at Lynn University, concedes that "all arts organizations are feeling a strain and stress."

Still, she is in the early stages of booking the new 750-seat, \$14.3 million Wold Performing Arts Center, open on campus since March, and is busy "keeping prices very, very reasonable and improving the quality and the popularity of my attractions."

She may be in academia, but she has the instincts of a commercial producer. "I think nonprofit, but I know that the bottom line has to be met."

Run without public grants, the facility relies completely on ticket sales for one- and two-night concert events and on private donors.

"I've been very fortunate in getting some very loyal sponsors who have been with me since the very first show that I did here," says McArt, the former dinner theater producer turned academic. "There is definitely an atmosphere of the arts out there that is at least holding its own." ★



ABOVE: The Living Room Theaters at Florida Atlantic University will offer four, 50-seat screening rooms and will show foreign, independent and classic films.



LEFT: The Living Room Theaters offers leather seating.

Photos courtesy of Florida Atlantic University

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"The economy is on everyone's mind right now," concedes George Bolge, executive director of the Boca Raton Museum of Art at Mizner Park. The museum is closed for \$400,000 in renovations, but is expected to reopen Oct. 12. "I think that the arts really represent the great advancements of mankind. And at a time like this, a certain amount of pride in what you've accomplished kind of offsets the weighted-down feeling you get with the economy."

Now, says Bolge, "You would think it might be difficult for us in a monetary way, but people are flocking more and more to museums."

When the museum opens its doors, it will feature a lineup of blockbuster exhibitions ranging from Pablo Picasso to California Impressionism to Costumes from the Cinema. How can it afford such shows in this economy?

"Guys like me, we call in a lot of favors," Bolge explains. "That way, we can get these spectacular shows, but not at the kind of cost of a retail

version."

"The more carpet I have to replace, the better I feel," says Bolge. [Also being updated is the museum's security system, which became antiquated over time.]

Not compromising

Arts organizations may be watching their pennies, but they are not compromising on the quality of work they are presenting. "I haven't seen our organizations sort of dumb down at all," reports Blades. "I'm certainly not seeing it from our theaters."

"You can't, you just can't" cut corners on quality, insists Clive Cholerton, who has completed his first full year as artistic director of Boca's Caldwell Theatre Company. "Every dollar you save doing that results in two dollars less in revenue. People see it, they smell it. It's the path to destruction."

Like most organizations that depends on subscriptions or memberships, the Caldwell has seen a drop in those numbers. "I think that's the area that gets hit the most, and it is not just the economy," notes Cholerton. "People are less willing to commit to all four shows. They

will still come out, but they're going to be more selective."

Adding to the challenges that arts institutions face today are the difficulties of fundraising, particularly from the public sector.



Cholerton

"The grants, of course, are disastrous," says Bolge candidly. "The state and the county constantly cut the granting monies back."

He mentions that seven years ago, Florida awarded \$30 million to its resident arts groups. This year, that figure will be \$7,000, putting the state 49th in support of the arts.

No wonder the performing arts groups and museums are looking elsewhere for so-called "unearned income."

The Caldwell has had some breakthroughs in that regard through the bolstering of its board of trustees. "Now people from the business world are approaching me, because they're looking for opportunities to meet other people and develop business for themselves," says Cholerton. "So now we have the ability to go to their businesses and say,

"Hey, can you do a sponsorship of a production?"

Library bequest

The already busy arts program at the Highland Beach Library had received a major boost, a bequest from patron Sanford H. Goldstein, who left the facility \$100,000 upon his death in July 2009.

Library director Mari Suarez put the money into renovations of its multiuse community room, now renamed for Goldstein.

"We put in a new wooden floor, a new state-of-the-art sound and light system," says Suarez with pride. "It is now a first-class state-of-the-art facility. I don't think any library has this."

Harder is figuring out is a way to increase the number of concerts and art exhibits in the room. "My goodness, that room is occupied almost every single day of the week, but you can always increase by juggling the times," she adds.

Ask Joe Gillie, longtime executive director of Delray Beach's Crest Theatre, about his outlook for the season and he responds quickly with one word, "Excellent." He adds, "We are just trying to hang on and

provide the services that we're known for," plus an increase in the arts complex's educational component, like its new expanded photography classes. "People in this community are being more cautious with their dollars, but the arts are important to them."

Even the Caldwell Theatre Company, which struggled this summer with two new plays that were sparsely attended, is increasing its programming and reaching out to new audiences.

"We created Club Caldwell, a cabaret in our beautiful lobby, and starting it off with (local songstress) Avery Sommers for a night," says Cholerton. "The hope is to attract the people who are not necessarily traditional theatergoers that we can convert into that. If you are more creative with the way you do things, you can get by in times like these."

Perhaps Cholerton sums the situation up best.

"When you get into tough times, if you look at it from a different way, you can see a way around it. Sometimes it doesn't feel like it when you're in the middle of it, but there is light at the end of the tunnel." ★



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Along the Coast

A loggerhead hatchling, less than 3 days old, weighs somewhere between an ounce and an ounce and a half. It can grow to more than 250 pounds.



Ready for their ocean journey

Photos by Jaime Kujala



ABOVE: Sea turtle expert Kirt Rusenko carries a bucket bearing about 60 hatchlings destined for release at Boca Raton's Red Reef Park.

LEFT: Volunteers display a baby sea turtle to members of the USA (Under Sea Adventures) Dive Club before the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center's Sept. 10 hatchling release.



One of more than 50 baby sea turtles makes its way into the surf at Red Reef Park. From there, it will attempt to swim to the Sargasso Sea grass beds, where it will feed and grow.

They came. They relaxed. And then they headed out to sea from the same beach their ancestors have used for thousands of year.

The Gumbo Limbo Nature Center helped more than 50 baby loggerhead and leatherback sea turtles on their journey to the ocean during a recent hatchling release.

The release, which took place at Red Reef Park, was a successful one, by all counts, with all but nine of the baby turtles — who were 3 days old or less — making their way into the surf to swim off to the floating grass beds of the Sargasso Sea, southwest of Bermuda, where they will feed and grow — or make a tasty snack for sea predators.

Because of the extreme heat, the hatchlings have been slower moving this season, said marine preservationist Kirt Rusenko.

Of the nine who didn't make it that night, one died. The others were returned to the Gumbo Limbo, where they were to dine on shrimp to build their strength before embarking on their own journeys across the sea.

— Scott Simmons

Highland Beach

Town to vote on whether to replace aging fire truck

By Steve Plunkett

It's in the shop a lot, and repair bills are mounting. It's not easy to drive in tight places. And every time it gets back to the station, the life support equipment has to be taken out and plugged into the wall.

Firefighters say it's time to replace Highland Beach's 15-year-old ladder truck, but they need voter approval to do so. The truck they want costs \$810,000; the Town Charter calls for a referendum on

any project priced more than \$350,000.

"That vehicle has outlived its usefulness and it should be replaced as soon as possible," Delray Beach Fire-Rescue Chief David C. James warned town commissioners this summer. Highland Beach contracts with Delray Beach for fire and rescue services.

The truck, made by Sutphen, has a 100-foot ladder and is so heavy it sometimes cracks pavers as it approaches high-rises, James said. Its weight limits how close it

can get to buildings, he said, making the ladder no better than a much shorter one positioned nearer to the wall.

Repair bills have totaled more than \$135,000 in the past 4 1/2 years, and the truck is out of service about 50 days each year. "That's a pretty high average," James said.

What's more, the truck originally was equipped for basic life support. It since has been upgraded to advanced life support but barely has room for all the gear.

"When a call comes out, or whenever they leave the station, the crew personnel must unplug that apparatus and restore it to its position in a compartment that is really quite packed," James said. "It's not designed to carry all the equipment."

The chief recommends that Highland Beach buy a lighter-weight, more maneuverable Pierce Manufacturing aerial truck with a 75-foot ladder.

If the town borrowed money from its reserves, then paid itself back, the owner of a \$500,000 home might pay \$32.71 for seven years or \$77.27 for three years, Town Manager Dale Sugerman said. Exact financing would be determined next year while the new truck is being built.

The town has about 60 high rises. Mayor Jim Newill wondered how many stories up the shorter ladder would reach. "I have a personal reason for asking that. I live on the ninth floor," he said.

Firefighters said the smaller truck would get closer to buildings, offsetting its shorter reach.

Assistant Chief Russ



ABOVE: The Highland Beach fire truck rescues workers at the Toscana.

LEFT: The town may buy a truck like this \$810,000 model.

Photo courtesy of Delray Beach Fire-Rescue



Accardi said the truck is used not only for fighting fires and providing emergency medical services, but also for special operations. He recalled a rescue the truck assisted in at the Toscana condos when a thunderstorm trapped two workers on scaffolding.

"This storm came out of the south I believe, very rapidly, very high winds," Accardi said. "Suddenly before they can get down or secure their scaffolding, the scaffolding ropes and cables got wrapped around some palm trees and it moved the scaffolding out of position and they were not able to lower to the ground."

Firefighters climbed the truck's ladder and untangled the scaffolding. Under the contract, Highland Beach owns the fire station just north of Town Hall, the ladder truck, a rescue truck and related equipment. Delray

Beach supplies five personnel for each 24-hour shift, with three shifts rotating every third day.

The proposal to replace the aerial truck had an instant fan on the Town Commission: Vice Mayor Miriam Zwick, who lives in a 16th-floor condo. A recent fall in her apartment left her helpless to move. "Every bone in one side of the neck was broken and the spinal cord was being pinched," she said.

Zwick praised the emergency medical technicians, firefighters and police who responded in minutes and took her to Delray Trauma Center.

"I take this very personally," she said. "And without looking into it deeper, according to the finances et cetera, I would stand up and say, 'All right, let's do it — please!'"

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Police to use volunteers in office

HIGHLAND BEACH — Town commissioners decided using a free volunteer instead of a paid administrative assistant was OK in the Police Department but not in the Town Hall lobby.

Chief Craig Hartmann assured them other towns use volunteers as a receptionist and first point of contact for residents seeking police help.

"They become the best ambassadors for

your department," he said.

Plus the town would save up to \$75,000 a year in salary and benefits by not hiring a permanent employee, he said.

But commissioners insisted nothing but paid help would do in the lobby.

"Put a part-timer in there and let him or her be seen," said Commissioner Doris Trinley, who served as town clerk for 16 years.

— Steve Plunkett

2010-11 Tax Rates

The final tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed property value as approved by the county, school district and municipalities.

Tax District	2010-11	2009-10
Palm Beach County, Aggregate (see note)	\$6.58	\$6.11
Palm Beach County School District	\$8.15	\$7.86
Palm Beach County Health Care District (preliminary)	\$1.15	\$1.15
Boca Raton	\$3.40	\$3.34
Briny Breezes	\$10.00	\$10.00
Delray Beach	\$7.19	\$7.19
Gulf Stream	\$2.87	\$2.87
Highland Beach	\$3.25	\$3.35
Lantana	\$3.24	\$3.24
Manalapan	\$2.80	\$2.80
Ocean Ridge	\$5.25	\$5.40
South Palm Beach	\$4.32*	\$7.65

Notes: *South Palm Beach: Does not include \$3.46 per \$1,000 Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue tax now billed directly to property owners.

The Palm Beach County Health Care District holds its final budget vote Sept. 29, after *The Coastal Star* deadlines. County and Municipal taxes shown reflect only those over \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable property value. Debt services and other independent taxing districts often vary by municipality and are not reflected in this chart. Please see your 2010 property tax record.



Delray Beach lifeguard supervisor Bob Black, at Atlantic Dunes Park, once rescued a mother and daughter who were being pulled out to sea. Photo by Jerry Lower

LIFEGUARDS:

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Association, the U.S. records about 3,800 drowning deaths annually, including both ocean and pools.

Danger is nowhere evident on a recent mid-September morning in Delray Beach, illustrating the other end of the life-saving spectrum, a classic green-flag (low-hazard) day: air temperature 79 degrees at 7 a.m., water temperature 84, a gentle 5- to 10-mph breeze from the east, just the slightest ruffle of wavelets. This is the slow season, those lazy, hazy, less-than-crazy days of late summer after the kids return to school and before the snowbirds descend.

At Tower 5, lifeguard supervisor Bob Black scans the water, where one woman bobs close to shore, and a kayaker paddles out, but not too far. "As you can see, it's really calm out this morning. There are no sea pests, no jellyfish or nothing," says the genial Black. "Today, I think we're gonna be sittin' and sweatin'."

This is not a complaint.

"Whenever I think about being bored," says Black, "I think that in a couple of months I won't be."

The county's beaches are guarded 365 sometimes-boring-sometimes-not days a year, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. But a lifeguard's day begins even earlier, says Bob Taylor, Delray's Ocean Rescue superintendent. Supervisors start at 7, everyone else at 8. They assess the day's weather and water conditions; get rescue equipment ready — the watercraft and ATVs, the foam-filled and hard-plastic rescue buoys, the paddleboards and backboards and first-aid gear. They must be EMT-qualified within a year of hire.

And hiring, Taylor says, got easier when the economy got tougher, making better-paying jobs scarce. Now, he gets "dozens and dozens" of applicants for jobs that begin

at \$12.79 an hour. In the test, a grueling physical challenge eliminates most: "We'd have to go rescue them," says Taylor.

Rescues are lifeguards' huzzah! moments, but avoiding danger is the real goal.

"We practice preventative lifeguarding here, directing people verbally or with a whistle, Taylor says. "That's our focus now: to prevent people from getting in trouble rather than fishing them out."

Black employed that method a couple of years ago when, manning North Tower 2, he noticed two people swimming in unguarded water that hid a rip current. He radioed a rescue and swam out. He'd covered 25 yards before the pair, a mother and 12-year-old daughter, screamed for help. And help was right there.



When McGlamery pulled Nich Donev from under the sea, he detected a faint pulse. Seconds later, on shore, he felt



Lt. Patrick 'Squid' McGlamery helped rescue two teens south of Spanish River Park in Boca Raton. Photo by Tim Stepien

for a pulse again. There was none. Other lifeguards arrived. They did CPR. They did chest compressions. They turned him on his side to let water spill from his mouth. He began to breathe on his own.

Within two to three minutes, fire department paramedics were there with a bag-valve mask that gave

Donev 99 percent oxygen with each breath. The paramedics transported him to the hospital, where he made a full recovery.

McGlamery recovered, too. During the rescue, he had little time to think. That night was different. "Every muscle in my body was tense," he recalls. "I couldn't eat. I was freezing cold. I had to turn the a/c up to 85.

Guarded beaches

Boca Raton: 50 lifeguards. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. every day, year-round. 561-393-7820.

Delray Beach: 14 fulltime, 19 part-time lifeguards. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. every day, year-round. 561-243-7352

Boynton Beach: Oceanfront Park: 9 fulltime, 6 part-time lifeguards. 9 a.m.-5:15 p.m. every day, year-round. 561-742-6650

Lantana: 5 lifeguards (also responsible for guarding inshore and offshore coastlines of Manalapan and South Palm Beach). 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 561-540-5731

Palm Beach County: Includes Gulfstream Park, Ocean Inlet Park and South Inlet, Boca Raton. Lifeguard staff of 60 year-round and 20 seasonal guards oversees 13 ocean and inlet parks from Tequesta to Boca Raton. Most are covered from 9 a.m. -5:20 p.m.

"It was the first time in 20 years of lifeguarding I knew for sure that, without my intervention, this person would have lost his life."

Two months later, when the Olympic Heights football team played Spanish River High, Donev had a special fan in the stands: Lt. Patrick "Squid" McGlamery. ★

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Around Town

An away game? Mizner Park is *the* place for Dol-Fans to gather

Mustard and ketchup. Bees and honey. Beer and pretzels. Abbott and Costello. The Miami **Dolphins** and **Boca Raton**. They just naturally go together.

Lots of Dolphins alums live in the area. Hall of Fame center **Dwight Stephenson** recently competed in Boca's Ballroom Battle dance contest. Former running back **Keith Byars** coaches at Boca High.

But the relationship to Boca is nearly half a century in the making. Way back in 1966, when **Joe Robbie** put the team together to play in the American Football League, where did the Dolphins practice? At **St. Andrew's School**, which also is where the movie *Paper Lion* was filmed in 1967, thanks to Dolphins and former Detroit Lions Coach **George Wilson**. (Also take note that *Paper Lion* proved the springboard to fame for three future stars: **Alan Alda**, **Lauren Hutton** and **Alex Karas** (who actually came close to becoming a Dolphin).

Times have changed. Pro football may have been big money back then, but now the stakes are huge, both inside and outside of the stadiums. Boca's mantra: When the Dolphins are away, the Dol-Fans will play ... at **Mizner Park**.



The March of Dimes honored Countess Henrietta de Hoernle on her 98th birthday at its Fifth Annual Signature Chefs & Wine Extravaganza at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. Photo by Thom Smith

The Dolphins and the city have teamed up to produce "South Florida's biggest away-game parties" every time the Fins play somewhere else. Several thousand fans are expected at noon on Oct. 17 for the third party of the season and organizers hope the game against the **Packers** in Green

Bay goes as well as the first two, against **Buffalo** and **Minnesota**.

"It was great; we had more than 1,500 show up for the Minnesota game," event publicist **Jon Kaye** said. "The restaurants were extremely happy. **Uncle Julio's** had more than 400 covers."

Admission is free; so is parking. Special guests will include Dolphins alumni, some conducting clinics for youngsters, the Dolphins cheerleaders and the **T.D. Fins Force**. Large-screen TVs will be set up around the park so fans can watch the game; games and bounce houses are set up for the kids while adults can compete for memorabilia, game tickets and travel packages; area restaurants offer game specials. For details, go to www.downtownboca.org.

Boca has another Dolphin link — **Howard Schnellenberger**. Now head coach of the **Florida Atlantic University Owls**, Howard first came to South Florida as the Dolphins' offensive coordinator when the team went 17-0 in 1972. He later led the **University of Miami** to its first national championship and built **Louisville** into a national power.

The Owls are slowly working their way up the ranks. With its bid to the **New Orleans Bowl** in 2007, FAU became the youngest program



Schnellenberger

to play a bowl game in NCAA history. Now playing their 10th season under Schnellenberger, the Owls have just attained another major goal, not on the field, but in the offices of the state's Board of Governors. On Sept. 16, the board approved FAU's plan to finance a \$70 million, 30,000-seat stadium complex with 20 luxury suites plus student housing and a retail area.

The groundbreaking ceremony is set for 4 p.m. Oct. 16, with a tailgating party to follow. University officials hope the stadium will be ready next fall.

"The stadium will provide a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community, building traditions and enhancing the university experience," Schnellenberger said.

Soon, however, the school administration will have to make another big decision: a name for the stadium. Schools name buildings for donors, mascots, famous graduates, noted Americans. De Hoernle is everywhere in Boca; so is Mizner; Lynn, too!

It shouldn't be called the Owls Nest because the original residents of FAU dig holes. Save "The Burrow" for a

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Along the Coast

Citizen board opposes public radio station's sale

By Angie Francalancia

For the first time since the sale of WXEL-FM 90.7 was announced six months ago, the public broadcasting station's Citizens Advisory Board had a chance to tell its board of trustees why the members and the community oppose the sale.

The board of trustees met Sept. 23 for its annual meeting. It was the first time the board met since its April 20 special meeting in which it approved the station's sale by Barry University to Classical South Florida.

Citizens Advisory Board President Pablo del Real, who had asked for time on the agenda to speak, reminded the trustees that having a citizen's advisory board is a requirement of its license.

"It's supposed to operate as a conduit for community input," he told the board. "It's difficult to advise someone on a decision after they have made that decision."

Del Real told the trustees that the advisory board opposes the sale because the new owners wouldn't be local, they'd move to an all-music format rather than community programs, and the sale would split the licenses of the radio station from the public television station, WXEL TV.

The transfer of the station's license to buyer Classical South Florida must be approved by both the state Department

of Education and the Federal Communications Commission.

The license transfer is anticipated to be on the DOE's agenda at its Dec. 17 meeting, which will be held in Miami. The location has not been identified, said a department spokeswoman.

The Citizens Advisory Board told the trustees it had the same concerns as those raised in past months by the DOE, including the position that the broadcasting license is a public asset and that "Barry is profiting from the sale of a public asset," del Real said.

Pat Meehan of the law firm Holland Knight, which represents the trustees in the sale, said the trustees had addressed all the concerns raised by the DOE, adding that the lawyer who described the station as a public trust "was misguided."

James Roth, a West Palm Beach resident who opposes the sale, said he's forming a grass-roots group to fight it, called SOSWXEL.

Last month, the Boynton Beach City Commission sent a letter to the DOE expressing concern about the potential loss of community programs and loss of jobs in the city. Boynton Beach deeded the land on South Congress Avenue that is home to WXEL specifically for the community to have a non-profit public voice, said City Commissioner Bill Orlove. ★

Autumn high tides may cause flooding

By Steve Plunkett

Fall has come and, with it, the season of higher-than-usual tides.

In the Intracoastal Waterway behind Highland Beach, for example, tides crested at 3.5 feet above mean lower low water levels in September.

They'll hit 3.6 feet with the new moon Oct. 7-9 and 3.5 feet again Nov. 3-4.

In March, April and May, by comparison, the tides maxed out at 2.9 feet.

Tides peak twice each month, during the new and full phases of the moon, said Robert Molleda, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

"They occur when the Earth, sun and the moon all three are in a line," Molleda said.

And they're generally

higher around the fall and spring equinoxes.

Town Manager William H. Thrasher said Gulf Stream had major problems with flooded roads about 10 years ago but had since invested in extra drainpipes and additional pumps.

Still, water can accumulate especially when tides are extra high and accompanied by rain.

"High tide is one thing, but high high tide is another," Thrasher said.

Even though Highland Beach is low-lying, Town Manager Dale Sugerman said the town doesn't get tidal water on State Road A1A but rain can back up if tides are high.

"If you have a high tide and a heavy rain it just takes that much longer to dissipate," Sugerman said. ★

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campus rathskeller. I'll throw my 2 cents in right now and propose a simple solution that recognizes the one person who's put FAU sports on the map. Call it **Howard's House**.

Boca, of course, is loaded with restaurants, so naturally they want to put the word out. On Sept. 14 and 15, Mizner Park hosted **Tastemakers**, a progressive tasting of food and drink samples at 10 of its prime eateries: from shepherd's pie and mac and cheese at **Dubliner** to Asian spiced duck taco at **Max's Grille**. Great deal for \$25 a ticket, and most of the 1,200 guests, double last year's turnout, didn't mind that service at some places was a little slow.

At \$100, the price was a bit higher for the **Fifth Annual Signature Chefs & Wine Extravaganza**, Sept. 24 at **The Boca Raton Resort & Club**, but then the bash featured 31 restaurants and benefited the **March of Dimes**. Gourmet

finger food at its best, served by some of the area's top chefs, fine wines, an auction of special dining experiences from the chefs — ah, heaven.

And to top it off, the crowd wished happy birthday to **Henrietta de Hoernle**, who was honored for her philanthropy. It was her 98th.

The first **Oktoberfest** of the season is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at the **Count de Hoernle Pavilion** at the of **F.E.C. Railway Station** in Boca. Benefits the **Boca Historical Society**. Food, German beer, bake sale (German) and music by the **Sheffield Brothers**. \$75, 561-395-6766 or www.bocahistory.org.

The first **Boca Raton Wine & Food Festival**, Oct. 10 at 6:30 (5:30 for VIP ticket holders) is a street festival. The north side of Camino Real will be blocked from U.S. 1 to the Boca Resort to make room for samplings from 70 restaurants and dozens of vintners and breweries, cooking demonstrations, a bazaar and

live music. General admission is \$85, VIP \$125. Several charities and nonprofits will benefit. 561-338-7594.

Come to the **Cabaret**, as mounted at **Caldwell Theatre** by **Entre'Acte Theatrx**, a new production company from Palm Beacher **Vicki Halmos**. The show will run from Oct. 14-24. Halmos' goal is to "give emerging talents from South Florida the opportunity to get those critical professional theater credits before contemplating a move to New York, or any other larger arena."

Kimberly Dawn (KD) Smith, a protégé of the late Broadway wunderkind **Michael Bennett**, who a recently handled a local production of **Hair**, will direct and choreograph. Call 561-241-7432.



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The Cheese Course offers an array of cheeses from around the world, and a bistro that's just right for relaxing with a glass of wine and a selection of cheese. Photo provided

What's cooking in downtown Boca?

Mizner Park and Royal Palm Place are home to new restaurants and new concepts

By Jan Norris

No matter what the economic climate, diners still must eat. Restaurateurs may be scaling back, lowering menu prices or offering less unfamiliar foods, but many are still willing to take the plunge into the hospitality industry.

In the two east Boca Raton plazas, Mizner Park and Royal Palm Place, new restaurants have opened, expanding the offerings with American gastropub fare, tapas, Italian cuisine, cheeses and spices and teas.

In Mizner Park, Gary Rack, a steel-building magnate, is behind the new Rack's Downtown Eatery + Tavern. Envisioning a "neighborhood gathering and eating place," where regulars would show up to dine on simple, updated comfort fare, he's designed a contemporary, space in the old Pranzo location.

Rack had a few models in mind when creating it. "I like the feel of the Buckhead Diner," he said, of the Atlanta landmark casual eatery that's set a bar for new American comfort food. He's also owner of Miami and Lauderdale Italian restaurants, and wanted to try a new concept.

Whimsical touches abound in the décor: rope chandeliers, light fixtures made of silverware, and specially made tiles that emulate bubbling brown cheese on pizzas. Diners can watch the pizza makers, or sit in the booths or at high-top

tables, and choose from foods such as lobster mac n' cheese, Greek salad, cheese and artichoke-stuffed squash blossoms, tuna steak "Oscar," and Yesterday's onion soup, named for a favorite restaurant Rack visited as a teen in Fort Lauderdale. Daily specials as well as fresh fish selections round out the menu.

Happy hour here draws bar patrons for signature cocktails and half-price appetizers. The restaurant swings after dark, when the indoor-outdoor bar sees the action, and the music is ramped up for a club-oriented crowd.

It's quieter over at The Cheese Course, and though not exactly new, it's still yet to be discovered by some diners.

The small shop features hundreds of cheeses from around the world for sale, including some by the pound, as well as all serving platters and utensils for cheese service, and the wines to accompany them.

Diners, however, are missing half the shop if they don't check out the bistro menu. A number of café tables lines the room and patio, and cheese and wine lovers can mix and match tastings, based on the country of origin (Spain, for example, has tetilla, manchego and garrotxa — a goat's milk cheese from Catalonia) or cheese flavors (mild, strong, medium), served with go-withs like Marcona almonds and quince preserves or sundried tomato pesto, homemade cranberry raspberry



Gary Rack has converted his Coal Mine Pizza at Royal Palm Place to Table 42. The pizza over

relish or a specialty meat.

Bistro sandwiches include an Italian Caprese, Albacore white tuna melt with Gruyere, roast turkey breast with smoked cheddar, a sopressata salami with provolone, and a grilled pastrami with Swiss Emmental. A number of salads, with options for meat add-ons are available — all at reasonable prices.

Shoppers will find the staff friendly and knowledgeable, and willing to help pair foods and wines and even offer samples.

At the Spice and Tea Exchange of Boca Raton, the aroma is a best-seller — the shop's heady spices, displayed in old-fashioned apothecary jars, perfume the air. With more than 170 internationally sourced spices, herbs and teas, along with custom blends, specialty rices, flavored sugars and a variety of salts, are sold alongside the best seller — a blend called Florida Sunshine, made in house and "with love," according to owner Paulette Callender. It has citrus zests, sea salt, ginger, peppercorns and rose petals in the mixture. Other blends are for special applications — popcorn blends, chili blends and seafood rubs, to name a few.

"We have flavored sugars, for example the espresso sugar — I used it as a steak rub, and when it was grilled, it caramelized and had that great flavor," she said.

Cooks who are frustrated at having to buy a large jar of spice for a recipe that calls for a mere



Table 42 offers \$5 burgers on Wednesday nights. Picture shows a burger, with jalapeños, cheese, slaw and short rib. Photo provided

one-eighth teaspoon of the stuff will appreciate the by-the-ounce availability of most herbs and spices. They'll also like the cook's tools — mortar and pestle sets and grinders, salt cellars, infusers and a variety of teapots for the perfect brew.

"We also sell the Himalayan salt platters. Heat them in the oven and then serve steak pieces or scallops — and they cook right in front of you, and have the salt infused in the flavor. Or chill them, and serve cheeses and meats on them," Callender said.

While prepared foods aren't sold here, it's a food lover's exotic supply

store, with recipes for using the products for cooking demos and the schedule is posted on the wall.

Over at the Royal Palm Place, the plaza's number of international restaurants — from Thai to

The old Coal Mine Pizza converted to Gary Rack's Table 42 with an updated menu.

See RESTAURANTS



is still there, but the restaurant also offers burger specials. Photo by Tim Stepien



ABOVE: Buffalo chicken waffles are on the brunch menu at ZED451, at Mizner Park. **LEFT:** The Spice and Tea Exchange offers a range of spices, teas and flavored sugars. Photos provided



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The tile on the pizza oven at Rack's in Mizner Park is tiled to simulate the bubbling brown cheese on pizzas. Photo provided/Shayne Hensley

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Along the Coast

Reef predator: Exotic, spiny — and edible

By Jan Norris

The pest from the Pacific Ocean called a lion fish could soon be called dinner.

Scott Hardin, exotic species coordinator for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, said marketing the predator that's attacking native fish on South Florida reefs as an edible seafood is entirely plausible.

"I really don't know what it tastes like — I've never eaten them — but yes, they're edible. Plenty of people have. It's actually part of the management strategy used in the (Caribbean) islands," he said.

The lion fish, one of a number of fishes in the Scorpaenidae family, is now a concern on reefs off Palm Beach County. A non-native species introduced largely by saltwater

aquarium owners, the fish has no natural predators here, Hardin said.

Environment watchers are afraid the fish may take over natural habitats and decimate reef fish populations if left to multiply, so fisheries staff members are training others — divers and anglers — to catch and destroy any lion fish they find.

Compounding the problem is that the fish is venomous — its long spines give those who touch it a sharp sting, similar to that of a severe jellyfish sting, Hardin said. "In most cases, it's not fatally venomous. You don't want to get stung by them, or spined as it were."

Anglers and divers, groups that the FFWCC are working with to catch the fish, must be taught how to handle them safely; this may deter their being sold as a food fish in

seafood departments anytime soon.

Beachgoers have little to worry about however, Hardin said. "They're saltwater animals. We know they've gotten to near-shore waters — they can hang around bridge pilings and rubble around them — but typically they're on the offshore reefs."

Nobody has a clue as to the current population, but the growing number is troubling. "We've got something that can eat a lot of stuff. They're indiscriminate about eating reef fishes," Hardin said. "They reproduce after two years, then can reproduce many times a year, constantly pulsing out eggs in their unique reproduction method."

There's hope they may become dinner for other reef fish, though. "A couple have turned up in some Goliath



This lionfish was caught in the waters of Biscayne National Park near Miami. Photo courtesy of the National Parks Service

groupers, and a lot of folks think those fish will eat them," he said.

Hardin finds this new intruder an educational challenge. "All our other exotic predators have been on land or [in] freshwater. This is really

the first marine animal we've dealt with, and we have yet to talk to a lion fish expert. They don't have any natural enemies on this side of the world, so not that much is known about them. We'll be learning as we go." ★



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décor, and a popular burger night. The eatery offers patio and indoor dining, with a bar where diners can watch pizza makers twirl the coal-fired pies.

The place jumps on Wednesdays for the \$5 build-your-own-burger event — guests wait in line to put in their custom burger orders and a late-night crowd likes it, too.

Part wine store, part bodega, La Bodega Tapas Y Tintos offers hot and cold tapas and Spanish and domestic wines.

The small-plates menu includes traditional tapas such as potatoes with homemade tomato sauce, baby herring in vinegar, oil and parsley; jumbo shrimp wrapped in Serrano ham with melon, shrimp in garlic and a Spanish omelet. A nod to modern tapas include the grilled wild salmon with a fresh mango salsa.

It's a place to meet up for a glass of port and plate of pata negra — cured Iberian ham made from the black pig, or to

share a bowl of paella.

Caruso Ristorante is another nearly new restaurant, a family-owned Italian with classic dishes married to modern. Housemade lobster ravioli, gnocchi, or bucatini Amatriciana, with guanciale — an Italian bacon brought in from New York, are a few of the signature dishes.

The owners revamped the interior to add romantic lighting, and have dressed up the adjoining Rouge Bar (Caruso's is in the former Café Joley spot), with outdoor seating around it as well.

The new Club 303 is a dance lounge with cool drinks on tap for the club set.

On Wednesdays, live local bands appear, with a recent Battle of the Bands concert held here. The music wails till wee hours.

Coming soon to Royal Palm Place is Rivals — a sports bar loosely themed to Fenway Park's baseball. Look for sports bar noshes — burgers, wings and such.

Another American place is

Maxie's — with burgers, dogs, salads and yogurt; it's slated to open sometime in October as well. Later in November, expect Raffaele, an Italian restaurant, to open.

Not a newcomer, the uber-stylish ZED451 nonetheless has done a turn-around.

While it maintains its American churrascaria menu (grilled meats brought to the table as long as you can eat), but it now also offers an a la carte menu, plus the choice of only the Harvest Table — a circular room full of creative salads, soups, breads and cheeses.

New menu items include Asian pork belly and New Zealand red deer on the small plates, with New York strip, double-cut lamb chops, a brick chicken (good with smoked Gouda mashed potatoes) and a Kobe burger off the ala carte entrees.

The mixologists here are standouts, too — for the lengthy Happy Hour or Sunday brunch, try the blueberry mojito to pair with the Buffalo chicken waffle. ★

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Patricia Fleitas

Patricia Fleitas' story is the classic story of immigrants who came to America to escape oppression and built lives in the new land.

But, as director of choral and vocal studies at Florida Atlantic University, Fleitas has taken her role a step further and inspired generations of singers, each of whom has trained with her for a career in music.

"You have to be an educator, an artist and a taskmaster," said Fleitas of her role as teacher.

Students are "the reason on a personal basis that I'm seeking

to satisfy my musical development and experiences," Fleitas said. "They happen to be my partners in that."



Fleitas

"I have a goal to take our FAU choral program outside Florida and even outside the U.S.," Fleitas said. "It would be a double gift, a highly enhanced opportunity, if our students were involved in that."

Those are lofty goals for Fleitas, a Highland Beach resident, who said there was no choral ensemble at FAU when she arrived in 1992. Now, the school's choral programs are well regarded regionally, if not statewide.

And Fleitas is especially proud that she has helped to start ¡Cantemos!, an a capella ensemble that will perform music of the Iberian peninsula (Spain and Portugal) and Latin America.

"I even have a Russian in the group," she says. "It's all about talent and desire."

Fleitas' mother lived with her five years, until her death last February, but Fleitas, who has no children of her own, is close to her late brother's children. And then there are all of those students.

"I have a lot of surrogate grandchildren and children," Fleitas laughs. "I am full with children and young adults."

— Scott Simmons

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

A. Well, I grew up in different places. My birthplace is Havana, Cuba. In 1962, my parents decided to save my brother and me from the communist regime that Fidel Castro had implemented in 1959. So, my early years were in Havana and my memories of those years are wonderful and beautiful ones. I was in a Catholic American school, Merici Academy, so when we moved to Miami, I was not as lost as my brother, who did not know a word of English yet.

At Shenandoah Junior High School, since I could not continue my piano lessons due to the lack of funds, I decided to



Patricia Fleitas helps freshman Samuel Flores warm up before a vocal lesson in Fleitas' studio at Florida Atlantic University. Fleitas later worked with Flores, a baritone, on a piece by Henry Purcell. "You have your solo successes," Fleitas says. "But when you are with [students], it doesn't just go away and it feeds them."

Photo by Tim Stepien

sign up for orchestra and play the violin. It was through that experience in the eighth grade that I decided that some day I would be a music teacher like Mrs. Naruns, my inspiration to become a music teacher. Since my parents' ritual was to listen to "classical" music before they retired to bed, my involvement with this orchestra bridged the miles that separated us. I had music back in my life and I had part of them back in my life as well; my letters to them were rich with information about the orchestra's activities and repertoire, Mrs. Naruns' assignments, and, of course, learning to play the violin.

Unfortunately, the next stage did not involve music. When they came to the U.S., Dad had to study for his foreign exam in medicine so that he could practice here. That year actually bought Tony and me some time before we had to face another move. This one was in some ways more difficult for me. We moved to a small town in Texas — Marlin. Because I was a sophomore and did not play a wind or percussion instrument, I was not allowed to be in band. But since I spent all summers at my aunt's in Miami all through my high school years, I was able to take violin lessons in Miami.

In December 1969, Dad went into private practice with a group in Bryan, Texas. Bryan has been our home since then. However, when I graduated from high school and decided that I wanted to major in music education, Texas A&M University did not offer any degrees in music. After many discussions at home, I was allowed to attend Barry University in Miami.

My brother stayed in Bryan and raised his family there while I was in and out of town for a few years until I came to work at Florida Atlantic University in 1992.

Q. What are some of the highlights of your career?

A. I have thoroughly enjoyed my entire career. The real highlights have been the incredible students I have met and had the privilege to teach; a very humbling experience and an incredible reward! Having said this, some of the highlights that come to mind are the international tours I have experienced with student ensembles, the numerous performances we share on an annual basis, and the opportunities I have had to conduct as guest conductor or clinician. Most recently, however, was the honor of conducting the FAU Symphony Chorus and the Palm Beach Symphony in a performance of Haydn's *Nelson Mass* and Bruckner's *Te Deum* last spring. That was the third time that I had the honor of working with such fine players. In previous years I have conducted the same ensembles in Mozart's *Requiem*, Beethoven's *Mass in C minor*, and Puccini's *Gloria* from his *Messa di Gloria*. All of these experiences and so many others have enriched my life. Simply said, every opportunity has the potential of becoming a highlight so that is rather motivating.

Q. What works are you most looking forward to performing in the coming season?

A. We have all kinds of music programmed for this year and I have not even completed the plans for the spring semester. We will be performing at our new president's Inaugural events the week of Oct. 25. The Department of Music will present a concert in her honor on Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. in the Carole and Barry Kaye Auditorium on the Boca campus. At that concert, I will be conducting the FAU Chamber Singers in what I

believe will be a very effective program and a positive way to introduce our students to Dr. Mary Jane Saunders (FAU's new president). For her inauguration on Oct. 29, we will be performing with the FAU Wind Ensemble a setting of two Emily Dickinson poems for chorus and wind ensemble by one of our faculty composers and former chair of the department, Dr. Stuart Glazer. Also, all the choral ensembles at FAU will be performing with the FAU Symphony Orchestra a piece titled *Kaddish*. Although this performance will be under the baton of Dr. Laura Joella on Nov. 6, I am certainly looking forward to wear the hat of chorus master.

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

A. In all honesty, it was accidental, but a very fortunate accident.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Highland Beach?

A. The view of the ocean, the fact that it is quiet, where I live which is at Ambassador South, and that it is so close to campus.

Q. What book are you reading now?

A. Well, the last month has not allowed me to do too much reading. I bought a couple of books and was also given a couple by friends but the beginning of the academic year is pretty hectic in any department of music, I assure you.

This weekend I will be real happy if I get to read a PhD proposal from one of our students and hopefully some of the materials I brought home from my research trip to Colombia this past August.

Q. Do you have a favorite

quote that inspires your decisions?

A. I love to read quotes so I really find inspiration in many. I have a common issue with quotes and jokes. I don't seem to recall them when needed. I have one by me right now that says, "The song that we hear with our ears is only the song that is sung in our hearts."

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

A. Absolutely! My parents were incredible supporters and mentors of my career choices and everything I did. I grew up with a lot of love from them as well as the aunt and grandmother who were also so active in our lives until their respective passing.

My mentor in music is my professor from the University of Texas at Austin, Dr. Morris J. Beachy. I will forever love him and be grateful to him for the knowledge that he so patiently and generously imparted and for his continuous support and encouragement to date. He has been a real blessing in my life.

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

A. Well, this is difficult because my choice does not resemble me by any stretch of the imagination, to say the least! However, based on her ability to balance characters that require humor, light-heartedness and depth, I would say Julia Roberts.

Q. Who or what makes you laugh?

A. I actually love to laugh so, a lot of things make me laugh. However, I have a cousin, Mati, with whom I laugh a lot. It does not take much for us to share some serious laughter. I assure you that we find laughter in things and events that most people would not.



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More than 4,000 people turned out on Sept. 25 along the coast of Palm Beach County for the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup. Eileen Freund and her daughter Kayla work with Kelsey Millar, all of Boca Raton, as they cleaned the beach in front of the Sea Ranch Club condo. Photo by Jerry Lower

Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 9/24. Please check with organizers for any changes

OCTOBER 2

10/2 - Be the Dinosaur: Life in the Cretaceous - This first-of-its kind exhibit combines traditional dinosaur exhibit elements with sophisticated computer simulation at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This exhibit is designed to answer what visitors most want to know about dinosaurs: what did they do, and what was it like to be one? Exhibit runs through 1/10/2011 during regular hours. Monday-Friday 9 am-6 pm, Weekends/holidays 10 am-5 pm. \$5. 347-3912.

10/2 - Tiny Turtles/Kinder Turtles - Parents and kids can spend some one-on-one time learning how sea turtles are similar to us at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Children will decorate a paper plate sea turtle to take home. For children ages 3 & 4, accompanied by an adult/9:30-10:15 am. For children ages 5 & 6, accompanied by an adult/10:30-11:15 am. \$5/members, \$8/non-members - per child. Class is offered again on 4/3. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

10/2 - Bookworm Story Time - at

Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Saturday for children ages 1-8. 10 am. Free. 278-5455.

10/2 - Saturday Stories & Spanish Bilingual Storytime - Music, stories, fun finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at this weekly program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

10/2 - Chess Club - at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Sponsored by the Boca Raton Education Advisory Board. Meets every Saturday. For ages 7-17. 10-11:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

10/2 - Science Stories - Join the staff and volunteers every Saturday as they share some favorite books about the curious world of science at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Ages 5-12. 11 am. Free. 347-3912.

10/2 - Freaky Friday (PG) - presented as part of Movie Mania at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For age 9-12. Includes free pizza and drinks. Noon-2 pm. Free. 393-7968.

10/2 - Let Food Be Your Pet's First Medicine - Learn how the right foods can improve your pet's health and vitality. Whole Foods, 1400 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Instructor: Andrew Turkell, DVM,

CVA, CCRT, from Calusa Veterinary Center. 1-2 pm. Free. 447-0000.

10/2 - Stitch Rock, an Indie Craft Fair & Bazaar - Old school crafting techniques with new school flair at Old School Square Vintage Gymnasium. Handmade crafts and unique products like D.I.Y. Fashion, funky home decor items, natural bath and body goodies, vintage finds, hot rod paintings, pin-up photography and much more. Free swag bag for the first 100 people. D.I.Y. Noon-6 pm with Fashion show at 3 pm. \$5 admission, children 12 and under free with paid adult. 635-8086.

10/2 - Gallery Tour - Out of the Book: Selections from the Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts - FAU presents "Out of the Book", a thematic selection of more than 200 book art works featuring the finest and most innovative works from more than 6,000 objects held in the Jaffe Book Arts Center at the Schmidt Center Gallery (through 10/30) and the Ritter Art Gallery (through 11/17), FAU Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road. Tours will be led by John Cutrone, who functions as the collection's curator. Tours begin at the Schmidt Center Gallery and conclude at the Ritter Art Gallery. 2 pm. Free. 297-2966.

10/2 - Disney's Alice in Wonderland - Saturdays through Nov. 13, Showtime Dance & Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Suite 73, Boca Raton. Tickets: \$10 for children 12 and under, \$14 for adults. 2 pm. 394-2626.

10/2 - Oktoberfest 2010 - Kick off the season with German beer, food and music at the F.E.C. Railway Station, Count de Hoernle Pavilion, 747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton. Sponsored by the Boca Raton Historical Society and Boca Bacchanal. Reservations required. 7-11 pm. \$75/person; \$65/Young Friends members. 395-6766, Ext. 100.

10/2-3, 7-10 - A Salute To Broadway - Hear songs from your favorite Broadway musicals at The Willow Theatre, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 8 pm shows 10/2 & 7-9; 2 pm shows 10/2-3 & 9-10. \$17 advance/\$18 after 9/25; \$10 on Thursday and for students with valid ID. 347-3948.

OCTOBER 3-9

10/3 - Prenatal Yoga - Develop greater vitality and awareness of your body. Gentle posture, breath work, visualizations, vocal toning and meditation are learned to cultivate flexibility, calm and confidence in preparation for labor and childbirth. Enhance relaxation, comfort and enjoyment as you learn techniques to reduce pain and increase the joy of giving birth. Doctor's written release is required.

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9:30 am four consecutive Sundays, Toppel Family Place at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Road. \$40. Phone: 929-4416.

10/4 - Auditions for 'A Christmas Carol' - at Showtime Dance & Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Suite 73, Boca Raton. 5-8 pm. Theater also is holding auditions for *The Jungle Book* (through Oct. 10). 394-2626.

10/4 - Boca Scrabble Club will be held every Monday (except holidays) at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$3 donation. 361-9091.

10/4 - Oil paintings by Linda Botwinick in the Friends of the Boca Raton Library Art Gallery, Spanish River Library & Community Center, 1500 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton. Through Nov. 18. 393-7852

10/5 - Small Fry Story Time at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held 10:30-11 am. every Tuesday for ages 1-3. Free. 278-5455.

10/5 - Women From the Heart - Join fitness coach Sheree Thomas for a walk in downtown Boca Raton each Tuesday at Tropical Smoothie Cafe, Royal Palm Place, 100A Plaza Real South, Boca Raton. All fitness levels welcome. 5:30 pm. 251-4164.

10/5 - Heartsaver (Automated External Defibrillator) Class - for the general public and teaches adult, child and infant one person CPR, as well as the use of the Automated External Defibrillator. A AHA certification card is issued upon successful completion of the course. The class runs 2-3 hours and includes a AHA textbook. at the Education Center, Boca Raton Regional Hospital, classroom B, 800 Meadows Road. \$25 per class. 9 am-noon. 955-4468.

10/5 Sign, Say & Play - A six-week baby signs play class program designed especially for parents and their babies. Fun games, songs, and activities highlight important developmental skills and introduce families to many of the most popular signs. Maternity Services, Toppel Family Place, Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Road. Fee: \$170 (includes Sign, Say and Play Starter Kit). 561-585-3674.

10/5 - Congressional candidates Allen West and Ron Klein - The two have been invited to speak to the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations at 8:30 a.m. at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. (next to City Hall).

10/5 - Tai Chi Classes - 2-3 pm Tuesdays Lynn Cancer Institute at the Harvey and Phyllis Sandler Pavilion, 701 NW 13th St., Boca Raton. \$10 per class or \$48 for six consecutive weeks. 955-5321.

10/5-7 - After School Science Series: Magic Mysteries - Explore the magic of science, or the science of magic, at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Tuesday: Grades K-1st (with parent); Wednesday: Grades 2-3; Thursday: Grades 4-5. 4-5 pm. \$7.50/residents; \$9.40/non-residents. 347-3912.

10/6 - Current events discussion group at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held 10 am every Wednesday. Free. 278-5455.

10/6 - Fibromyalgia Lecture - Learn about a new dietary breakthrough for adverse food reactions and sensitivity. Lecture by Juliannne Kortiz, MS, LD/N, RD; Nutrition Coach. Whole Foods, 1400 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Free. 6-7 pm. 447-0000.

10/6 - Toppel Family Place Tour - Boca Raton Regional Hospital. 6 pm Wednesdays and 10 am Saturdays, Maternity Service, Toppel Family Place Lobby, 800 Meadows Road. Free.

10/6 - Family and Friends - Class teaches parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or any family/friend who wants to learn the basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, and child and infant one person CPR, as well as the use of the Automated External Defibrillator. A completion



Boca Raton Police Chief Dan Alexander competes in the 24th annual Police Labor Day Challenge along Delray's Municipal Beach. Officers from the Boca Raton, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach police departments competed in volleyball, basketball and other activities. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

certification is issued upon successful completion of the course. The course includes a course book and runs 2-3 hours. At Education Center Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Classroom B, 800 Meadows Road. \$20. 6-8 pm. 955-4468.

10/6 - Knight Lights - See a variety of performance styles, including musical revue, improv, sketch comedy, performance art and more at the Schmidt Family Studio in the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sponsored by Lynn University's Drama Program. Held again 11/3. 7:30 pm. \$5. 237-9000.

10/7 - Drop-in Story Time - Music, stories, fun finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at this weekly program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

10/7 - Homestead Exemption Registration Outreach is held at the Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road. Every person who has legal title on Jan. 1 to a residential property and lives here permanently qualifies for this exemption. This event will be held again 11/4 and 12/2. 11 am-noon. 393-7836.

10/7 - Critter Camp/Craft Time at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held again 10/21 and 11/4. 4 pm. Free. 278-5455.

10/7 - Movie Club: Boogeyman (PG-13) is presented as part of Teen (ages 13-17) Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. 6-8 pm. Free and includes free pizza & soda. 393-7968.

10/7 - Dean's Showcase No. 1 - Presented by the Conservatory of Music at Lynn University, this exposition of various delightful solo and chamber works performed exclusively by the conservatory's finest young musicians at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall in the de Hoerle International Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$10. 237-9000.

Friday - 10/8 - 23rd Annual Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon & Fashion Show is presented by The Junior League of Boca Raton Inc. and Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation to celebrate

volunteerism is held at the Boca Raton Resort and Club, Mizner Center Grand Ballroom, 501 E. Camino Real. 10:30 am/reception, 11:30 am/luncheon. Fashion show presented by Saks Fifth Avenue. Tickets \$85-\$175. 620-4778, Ext. 2.

10/8-24 - The Hunchback of Notre Dame - Opening night at the Sol Children Theatre Troupe, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Opening night \$15/\$10 juniors, 7 pm - reservations required. 7 pm shows Friday-Saturday; 2 pm shows Saturday and Sunday. Other nights: \$12/adults, \$8/junior 11 and under. 447-8829.

10/8 - The Mighty Ducks - Cinema In The Park - Celebrate the opening of the Florida Panther hockey season with this feature film at Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Special appearances by Florida Panthers Promotions including ticket information, rides and games for all ages. Panther activities begin at 6 pm. Free. 393-7827.

10/9 - Drop-in Story Time - Music, stories, fun finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at this weekly program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

10/9 - Father and Daughter - Photographs by John and Danielle Torres - Meet the Artist Reception - This exhibit features the father daughter team of Fine Art Photographers at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Display continues through 10/28. Hours: Monday-Friday 8 am-10 pm, Saturday 8 am-5 pm, Sunday/holidays 10 am-5 pm. Reception: 11 am-noon. Free. 347-3900.

10/9 - Canoeing the Mangroves - Enjoy a naturalist guided tour from the boardwalk at Rutherford Park, 600 NE 24th St., Boca Raton. Presented by the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Following the tour, paddle through the mangrove trails and back along the shoreline of the Intracoastal. Experience is necessary. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and dirty. Sun protection, water and bug spray are recommended. Prerequisites: Must be proficient at paddling and maneuvering a canoe in open water and confined trails; Must be capable of getting into and out of a canoe from a dock and dry or muddy

Municipal meetings

10/5 - Highland Beach - first Tuesday of each month at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S. Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda available at www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us. Closed Columbus Day, 10/11

10/13 & 10/26 - Boca Raton - second & fourth Tuesday of each month at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Rd. 6 pm. Agenda available at www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.meeting 10/13 because of 10/11 holiday. Closed Columbus Day, 10/11.

land on your own or with assistance from a companion; and must have the physical agility to get back into a canoe from the water, in case of tipping. Ages 7-adult, an adult must participate with each child. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$15/member, \$22/non-member. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

10/9 - "Picture a Cure for Diabetes" - Adult Scavenger Hunt to benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation will begin at Caruso Ristorante, 187 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 39, Boca Raton. Participants are asked to bring their digital camera and detective skills to unravel clues throughout the plaza in teams of four to six people. Check-in/registration begins at 3 pm, hunt begins at 4 pm. \$25 advance/\$30 day of event. After-party only tickets \$15 for non-participants. 686-7701.

10/9 - Blessing of the Pets - St. Gregory's Episcopal Church welcomes pets and their owners to its special annual service, 4 pm, in the church parking lot, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. 395-8285.

10/9 - Third Annual Think Pink Rocks Charity Concert - Concert to benefit breast cancer research charities will be held at the Count de Hoerle Amphitheater at the Center for the Arts at Mizner Park, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Artists include AKON, Asher Roth, Melanie Fiona and Shontelle, along with special guest Pitbull. Pink Carpet Arrivals begin at 6 pm, concert at 7 pm. \$35. 702-6116.

10/9 - Scotch ROCKS at Crown Wine & Spirits - Sample more than 30 high-end blends and single malt scotch whiskies at Crown Wine & Spirits, 3500 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton, 7-9 pm. \$20/Royalty Members, \$25/general admission, free if wearing a kilt. 392-6366.

10/9 - Eyes to the Skies with the professional-grade 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Held in the parking lot (weather permitting). All children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. Telescope will be out for at least one hour after the scheduled start time. Note: Stars must be visible for the telescope to align. 7:30 pm. Free. 347-3912.

10/9 - Just The Funny: Hilarious Improv Troupe - See Miami's most storied and acclaimed improv theater company at the Caldwell Theatre, Count de Hoerle Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$35. 241-7432.

10/9-10 - First FAU Fine Arts Festival - Art and design work of FAU students as well as some of South Florida's finest professional artists will be on exhibit and for sale at the Performing Arts and Visual Arts Center, FAU Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road. All proceeds from the sale of student artwork will directly benefit the mission of educating artists and providing them with scholarship opportunities, access to state-of-the-art traditional and digital arts facilities, and enrichment through visiting artist lecture series. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 297-2971.

10/9-10 - Gallery Tour - Out of the Book: Selections from the Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts - FAU presents "Out of the Book", a thematic selection of more than 200 book art works featuring the finest and most innovative works from more than 6,000 objects held in the Jaffe Book Arts Center at the Schmidt Center Gallery and the Ritter Art Gallery, FAU Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road.

FAU art students will lead tours of the exhibition in association with "10x10," a two-day festival celebrating the visual arts at FAU. Tours begin at the Schmidt Center Gallery and conclude at the Ritter Art Gallery. Noon and 2:30 pm. Free. 297-2966.

10/9-11 - CEO Golfers World Challenge: 2010 U.S. Regional Semi-Final Match is held at the Boca Raton Resort and Golf Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Hosted by World Trade Center (WTC) Palm Beach, the CEO Golfers not-for-profit association caters exclusively to chairmen, presidents, CEO's, senior level management and owners of companies striving to bring better fiscal understanding, efficiency and productivity to the Palm Beach County area. Entry fee \$500 per golfer, which includes greens fees and carts for two days, practice round 10/9 or 10/10 and shotgun tournament 10/11. 644-1717.

OCTOBER 10-16

10/10 - 1st Annual Boca Raton Wine And Food Festival - Combining leading chefs and wine makers from around the world in a one of a kind mix of great wine and food on East Camino Real, Boca Raton. Entertainment by Urban Gypsy Band and the Amber Leigh Band. Ticket prices include all wine and food. VIP tickets include champagne kick-off party (5-6:30) and after party (9:30-10:30 pm). General Admission 6:30-10 pm. VIP admission \$125, general admission \$85. 338-7594.

10/10 - 10.10.10 benefit for the American Health Society and the American Soldier Campaign in Afghanistan. Includes dinner and wine, 5-9 pm Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, Boca Raton. Tickets: \$60 per person, \$100 per couple. 361-9091.

Monday - 10/11 - Columbus Day 10/11 - Daughters of the American Revolution, Estahakee Chapter, meets the second Monday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 2809 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. R.S.V.P. one week in advance. 11 am. 561-483-1762.

10/12 - Strengthen Your Style & Spirit at Bloomingdale's Morning, Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County. Chaired by Kim Greenbaum and Dawn Pollay, the event will preview fall trends with Bloomingdale's expert stylists and offer inspiration for the New Year from Rabbi Marci Bloch. Bloomingdale's at Town Center, 5840 Glades Road, Boca Raton. \$36 couvert. 9:30 am. 852-6090.

10/12 - Mizner Mediterranean: The Origins of Palm Beach Style is the fall exhibit at the Flagler Museum, Coconut Row and Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Exhibit explores Palm Beach's signature style through Mizner's most significant projects. Runs through 1/2/2011. Free with museum admission. 10 am- 5 pm: Tuesday-Saturday, Noon-5 pm: Sunday. \$18/adults, \$10/ages 13-18, \$3/ages 6-12, free/under 6. 655-2833.

10/12 - Early Afternoon Science Series: Solar Science - Learn about this important alternative energy source at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Ages 6-9: 1-2 pm; ages 10-12: 2-3 pm. \$3/residents; \$3.75/non-residents. 347-3912.

10/12 - Suck It Up by Brian Meehl - will be presented as part of Teen Book Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Receive a free copy of the book at the time of required registration. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 393-7968.

Wednesday - 10/13 - Lyric Arts Duo -

Arlene Stein and Allen McGill - Free concert at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 5-7 pm. Free. 278-5455.

10/14 - Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff - Book Discussion - Kids ages 9-12 meet at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Registration required. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968.

10/14 - Biodiversity Lab - at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Participants will be invited to explore different taxonomic groups by examining specimens under a stereoscope, observing preserved and live specimens with demonstrations performed, and the feeding of plankton to a sea anemone. For adults only. 7-8:30 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

10/15 - Playground Playdate - at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 1 pm. Free. 347-3900.

Saturday - 10/16 - The Ultimate Business Startup Workshop - Presented by SCORE South Florida at Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This workshop is geared for those planning to start a business and those recently in business. Continental breakfast and lunch will be included. Registration and coffee: 8-8:30 am; Workshop 8:30 am-4 pm. \$79 advance, \$89 at the door. 981-5180.

10/16 - Gallery Tour - Out of the Book: Selections from the Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts - FAU presents "Out of the Book", a thematic selection of more than 200 book art works featuring the finest and most innovative works from more than 6,000 objects held in the Jaffe Book Arts Center at the Schmidt Center Gallery and the Ritter Art Gallery, FAU Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Rd. Linda Johnson, chair of FAU's department of visual arts and art history, and Kate Schmitt, assistant professor in FAU's department of English, will lead this tour. Tours begin at the Schmidt Center Gallery and conclude at the Ritter Art Gallery. Noon and 2:30 pm. Free. 297-2966.

10/16 - 5k Pumpkin Run is presented by the Center for Autism & Related Disabilities at the Track and Field Complex at FAU, 777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton. Includes 5K run, one mile fun run and a free kids run. All funds raised go to support programs that help people with autism and related disabilities. 5:30 pm. \$25/pre-registration through 10/11, \$30 after 10/11; \$10/under 18 & FAU students; 1-mile walk/run: \$10; age 14 & under \$5. 361-1950.

10/16-17 - Martin Preston starring as Liberace! - Presented as part of the Libby Dodson's Live at Lynn Theatre Series at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Officially endorsed by the Liberace Estate, this dynamic production by Martin Preston, joined by song stylist William Garon, recreates the magic of Liberace, complete with crystal candelabra, elaborate replica costumes, rhinestone-studded grand piano and the flamboyance and excitement of Las Vegas' greatest musical showman. A cabaret reception sponsored by Linda L. Miller will follow the Saturday evening performance. Sat. 7:30 pm, Sun. 4 pm. \$45-\$65. 237-9000.

OCTOBER 16-23

Monday - 10/18 - Flying Fish Kites - Learn a few fishy facts helpful in identifying our aquatic friends at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 5-12 with an adult. 3-4 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

10/18 - Terrific 4s & 5s - Delightful stories, songs and a simple craft for kids ages 4-5 at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Child attends

GreenMarkets

10/9 - Boca Raton GreenMarket is held each Saturday, Oct. 9-May 7, Royal Palm Place Southwest Parking Lot, intersection of South Federal Highway and South Mizner Boulevard. Opening day, Oct. 9, will feature an Italian Fest, with food and tastings by local restaurants. A concert by the Five Boroughs will take place at the Royal Palm Place Monument Piazza. 8 am-1 pm. 368-6875 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

10/23 - Delray GreenMarket opens its 15th season in the first block of SE 4th Ave. between Atlantic Ave. and SE 1st St. Outdoor venue offers fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music and children's activities every Saturday through 5/14. 8 am - 1 pm. 276-7511 or www.delraycra.org.

10/30 - GreenMarket Pompano Beach opens its 8th season at Flagler Ave. and N.E. First St., Pompano Beach. 8 am-1 pm. Opening day ceremonies will take place at 10:30 am and will feature the traditional "pepper ribbon" cutting by local officials. Runs through 4/30/2011. (954) 782-3015 or www.pompanohistory.com/phc/market.

independently - parents remain in the YS area. Held again 10/25 & 11/1. 3:30-4 pm. Free. 393-7968.

Tuesday - 10/19 - Boca Beachcombing - Meet for an introductory talk about seashells and the animals that make them at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, then caravan over to Red Reef Park, 1400 N. State Rd. A1A, Boca Raton, to walk the beach. Open to all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-5 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

10/20 - Terrific 2s & 3s - Stories, flannel boards, puppets and a simple craft for kids ages 2-3 at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Adult attends with child. Held again 10/27 & 11/3. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

10/20 - 5th Annual Pink Ribbon Luncheon is held at Woodfield Country Club, 3650 Club Place, Boca Raton. Keynote speaker is Liz Thompson, Senior Vice President of Medical and Scientific Affairs for the global Komen for the Cure organization. 10 am-1 pm. \$100. Registration: 514-3020.

10/20-22, 27-29 - Antigone by Sophocles - This modern adaptation, conceived and directed by assistant professor of drama Harry Murphy and star students, will be held at the Schmidt Family Studio in the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm shows all six nights. \$15. 237-9000.

Thursday - 10/21 - Canoeing the Mangroves - Enjoy a naturalist guided tour from the boardwalk at Rutherford Park, 600 NE 24th St., Boca Raton. Presented by the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Following the tour, paddle through the mangrove trails and back along the shoreline of the Intracoastal. Experience is necessary. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and dirty. Sun protection, water and bug spray are recommended. Prerequisites: Must be proficient at paddling and maneuvering a canoe in open water and confined trails; Must be capable of getting into and out of a canoe from a dock and dry or muddy land on your own or with assistance from a companion; and must have the physical agility to get back into a canoe from the water, in case of tipping. Ages 7-adult, an adult must participate with each child. 9-11 am. \$15/member, \$22/non-member. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

10/21 - Creative 6-8: Puppet workshop - Great activities and crafts for just 6- to 8-year-olds at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Child attends independently. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 393-7968.

10/21 - Craft Crew: Mandala Sand Art - Kids ages 9-14 can unleash their creativity at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Make your own and learn about this traditional art form originating in ancient India. 6:30-8 pm.

Free. 393-7968.

10/21-23, 28-30 - Shriek Week: Crooked Creek Haunted Ghost Town Tours - at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Creepy creatures from outer space land in the sleepy western town of Crooked Creek. \$5/advance tickets, \$7/beginning 10/21. 347-3901.

10/21 & 28 - Shriek Week: Family Friendly Roundup at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Halloween Magic Show by magician Criss Cross, plus arts & crafts, games, prizes and more. 6-8:30 pm. Each event requires tickets, which may be purchased at the ticket booths. 347-3901.

Friday - 10/22 - Making Strides Fund Raiser Luncheon is hosted by the Women's Executive Network at Bonefish Grill, The Shoppes of Boca Grove, 21065 Powerline Rd., Boca Raton. Cost: \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. 364-4035.

10/22-23, 29-30 - Shriek Week: Gary Goodman's Ghoulish Comedy Magic & Frightful Illusion Show at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 5 and up. Limited seating - tickets may be purchased in advance at the box office. 8 pm 10/22, 29-30 and 6 pm 10/23 & 30. Shriek Week hours: 10/21 and 28 - 6-8:30 pm, 10/22-23 & 29-30, 6-9:30 pm. \$9/adults, \$7 children 12 and under. 347-3901.

10/22 - Fright Night Explorers - Ghosts, ghouls and monsters take over the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Follow your ghostly guide along the haunted trail. For ages 7-adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. 7-9 pm. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

10/22-23 - Junior Achievement's 25th Annual Bowl-A-Thon: Boo-A-Thon - Dress in your favorite Halloween costume while supporting your local Junior Achievement programs at Strikes@ Boca, 21046 Commercial Trail, Boca Raton. Friday 6-8pm, Saturday 3-5 pm. 242-9468. Saturday - 10/23 - 9th Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk is held at the Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. American Cancer Society event is a 5K non-competitive walk. 394-7751, Ext. 5311.

10/23 - Boca Raton Police "In The Pursuit Of Safety" Event - This is a fun-filled and educational community event at Town Center Mall, 6000 W. Glades Rd., Boca Raton. Rides, clowns, games, activities for children, free bicycle helmet giveaway, car seat checkup. Also featuring Boca Raton speciality vehicles/equipment including motorcycle demonstration, bomb robot, boat and more. 11 am - 3 pm. Free. 347-3938.

10/23 - Fall Herbs With a Pinch of Sugar and Spice - Learn how to spice up your holiday foods using simple and savory sugars, spices and herbal ingredients at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. For adults

only. 1-2:30 pm. \$15/members, \$22/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

OCTOBER 24-30

10/24 - Concerto Competition Final Round - Finalists perform before a panel of guest judges at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, de Hoernle International Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. The jury includes guest musicians Carol Wincenc (flute), Andrés Cárdenes (violin), and Bruce Murray (piano). Winners selected will perform as soloists with the Lynn Philharmonia at the annual Concerto Winner's Concert in December. 9:30 am. Free. 237-9000.

10/24 - Waves of Blue - Concert to celebrate the inauguration of Florida Atlantic University President Mary Jane Saunders. Features performances by the FAU Chamber Singers, the Klezmer Company Orchestra and the FAU Wind Ensemble, which will perform George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. 3 pm, Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium, FAU, 777 E. Glades Road, Boca Raton. Tickets: \$25 general admission; \$15 for faculty, staff and Life Long Learning Society students; and free for degree-seeking students. (800) 564-9539.

10/25 - 13th Annual Boca Raton Regional Hospital Golf Tournament - at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Dr., Boca Raton. Participants will enjoy championship golf, a one-of-a-kind amenity package and a gala Awards Dinner. Benefits the Ron & Kathy Assaf Center for Excellence in Nursing. Registration 10:30 am-noon, shotgun start 12:15 pm. Foursomes are \$2,000. 955-3249.

10/26 - Tuesday Book Club - Adults meet at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. 10:30-noon. Free. 393-7968.

10/28 - Frank Chesebro Diary Lecture - Travel back in time with Historical Society as part of the Town Hall Talks Lecture Series at the Boca Raton Historical Society, Old Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Hwy. Volunteers have transcribed and analyzed the handwritten diaries of Frank Chesebro, who became the largest property owner and principal employer in Boca Raton after 1903. 7 pm. \$5/non-members; Boca Raton Historical Society members free. Reservations required. 395-6766, Ext. 100.

10/28 - Woodwinds: Versatile and Diverse! - Enjoy chamber music with the Lynn Conservatory of Music Woodwind Studio at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, de Hoernle International Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$10. 237-9000.

10/28 - 7th Annual Go Pink Luncheon featuring Fran Drescher - Actress, cancer survivor and advocate for women's health will speak at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Benefits Boca Raton Regional Hospital's Institute for Women's Health & Wellness/Center for Breast Care. \$125. 11:30 am - 1:30pm. 561-955-4142.

10/30 - Suzy Hammer's Pumpkin Patty - Children of all ages are invited to attend this special program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Costume parade follows. Registration is not required. 11-11:45 am. Free. 393-7968.

10/30 - MONSTER MASH - Kids ages 6 and up are invited to this event at The Swim Center, 21618 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton. Come in costume, bring a swim suit or both - activities to be held in and out of water. Trick-or-treating, bounce house, face painting, popcorn and lots of fun. 11 am-1 pm. Free. 544-8542.

10/30 - MisSpelled: A Bewitching Musical Comedy - Enjoy this first musical play reading at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, de Hoernle International Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Conceived and written

by D'Jamin Bartlett with music and lyrics by Mark Bornfield. 7:30 pm. \$10. 237-9000.

OCT. 31-NOV. 6

10/31 - Studio 6 - Art Exhibit at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Studio 6 is a group of artists who inspire each other through work and life. Display continues through 11/28. Hours: Monday-Friday 8 am-10 pm, Sat. 8 am-5 pm, Sun./Holidays 10 am-5 pm. Free. 347-3900.

10/31 - The United States Army Field Band, "The Jazz Ambassadors," perform a free concert at Royal Palm Place Monument Piazza, 101 Plaza Real South, south of Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. The Jazz Ambassadors is the United States Army's premier big band. This 19-member ensemble, formed in 1969, has received great acclaim both at home and abroad performing America's original art form, jazz. 3 pm. Free. 392-8920, Ext. 361.

10/31 - Deborah Silver performs Irving Berlin - as part of the Libby Dodson Live at Lynn Jazz Series at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Features Marshall Turkin and his Classic Jazz Ensemble with The Musical Golden Age of Jazz, Broadway, Hollywood and Tin Pan Alley plus guest artists and historical videos. 4 pm. \$25-\$40. 237-9000.

11/4 - Wetlands Walk - Wakodahatchee is a man-made wetland that has become a favorite for birders and photographers at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Bring your binoculars for this 3/4 mile guided boardwalk tour to learn more about Florida's wetland ecosystems. Ages 7-adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. 8-10 am. Free. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

11/4 - Movie Club: Blind Side (PG-13) is presented as part of Teen Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 13-17. 6-8 pm. Free; includes free pizza & soda. 393-7968.

11/4 - "Weeds and Seeds: A History of Dining in Southern Florida" by Dr. Michele Williams - Examine various plants utilized by early Floridians as well as some of the "meatier" issues of early diet in South Florida as part of the Town Hall Talks Lecture Series at the Boca Raton Historical Society Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Hwy. 7 pm. \$5/non-members; Boca Raton Historical Society members free. Reservations required. 395-6766, Ext. 100.

11/4 - Dean's Showcase No. 2 - Presented by the Conservatory of Music at Lynn University, this exposition of various delightful solo and chamber works performed exclusively by the conservatory's finest young musicians at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall in the de Hoernle International Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$10. 237-9000.

11/5-7 - Wyland Living Green Fair is held at Mizner Park, 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Friday's Environmental Conference Day is held at FAU-Boca Raton Campus, with public interactive community event with art, health and wellness and awareness about the environment in a fun atmosphere on Saturday and Sunday at Mizner Park. 10 am-6 pm. Free. 241-7309.

11/6 - Planet 51 (PG) - presented as part of Movie Mania at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For age 9-12. Includes free pizza and drinks. Noon-2 pm. Free. 393-7968.

11/6-7 - Lynn University's Philharmonia Orchestra No. 2 - Students will perform pieces from Glinka, Mozart and Sibelius under the direction of Albert-George Schram at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sat. 7:30 pm; Sun. 4 pm. Tickets \$35-\$50. 237-9000.



Dozens of new signs like these will be added or replaced along the Intracoastal Waterway to remind boaters of no-wake zones meant for safety and to protect manatees.

MANATEE:

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doing that on the weekends you would see people would start to operate safely," she said. "Manatees would benefit. People would benefit. Property would benefit."

While many of the signs Fish & Wildlife plans to install will replace those already in place warning boaters of speed limits and manatees, others are intended to cover previously unmarked portions of the waterway, Davis said.

For example, "one area is at Woolbright Road," he said. "There's not a zone there, but there will be. It's not enforceable: There's no signs."

The sign delay comes on the heels of a deadly year for manatees. In 2009, 429 manatees were killed by weather, boaters and other causes.

But 2010's severe cold weather alone killed 246 sea cows, for a total of 640 through the end of August, according to Fish & Wildlife records.

While some manatees may be here now, the manatee season in south Florida is Nov. 15 through March 31, said Paul Davis, an environmental manager at Palm Beach County's Environmental Resources Management Department.

Like snow birds, manatees crave the warmth of the waters here as temperatures in other parts of the state cool.

"They're snow-mammals, I guess," he said with a laugh.

The county's Manatee Protection Plan pays for more than 2,300 hours of extra patrolling along the coast during manatee season, he said, but that doesn't include the Intracoastal Waterway, which is the jurisdiction of the Fish & Wildlife Commission.

The plan calls for the county to devote \$200,000 to pay for the extra patrolling, via overtime for existing marine patrol officers from 10 law enforcement agencies.

The money isn't on the chopping block, although Palm Beach County government officials have been wrestling with how to shrink their budget as property values drop, decimating county revenue.

Although budget cuts mean Delray Beach is cutting its marine patrol, that isn't one of the county's partner agencies for manatee protection. ★

Source: Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission



InterFaith21

Acts of kindness contrast with divisive rhetoric

"For those of us who experienced 9/11 in America, our hearts were heavy in two respects. One, because of the senseless loss of innocent life. But then there was a double blow to us, because in the process, the religion of Al-Islam was blemished, by the conduct of people who called themselves doing something in the name of Islam."

Those thoughts come from David Shaheed, Superior Court Judge in Indianapolis, Ind. He's also an assistant imam, chairman of the Interfaith Alliance and one of the founding members of the Coalition for Good Government.

He's a sign of the longtime positive participation of Muslims in American life — and as such, someone of whom the Rev. Terry Jones of Gainesville might find it hard to conceive.

Shaheed's comments, from a speech at Yale, underscore Jones' mistake at the foundation of much of the angst of recent days: the failure to distinguish between the overwhelming majority of Muslims — good people living alongside those of other faiths — and the comparatively few but murderous extremists. Even when the former are labeled "moderate Muslims," they wrongly get blamed for the latter.

It's that conflation of blame that had Jones threatening to burn copies of the Quran on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks against America — and Islam. That, in turn, brought him the condemnation even of folks who admittedly know little about Muslims, but who recognize the contradiction of a purported man of faith burning other people's religious texts.

With the reverend having backed off, the focus shifted back to the Islamic cultural center in Lower Manhattan that has been misidentified as "the mosque at ground zero."

Again the same misperceptions persist.

The proposed equivalent of a YMCA or Jewish Community Center not only would serve the hundreds of thousands of New York City's Muslims — policemen, firemen, teachers, lawyers, accountants, cab drivers, etc., its very concept serves notice to the extremists that Muslim Americans in particular are not with their program — and that perhaps they should take a look at America's pluralistic expression of Islam.

Unfortunately, the rhetoric of Jones and others has encouraged verbal and physical attacks against innocent Americans already twice victimized by 9/11.

In contrast, countless other individuals and organizations made plans to pray, read the Quran or otherwise support their Muslim neighbors, co-workers and fellow citizens in the face of the reverend's spiritual assault.



Joe Bernadel (left) is joined by Imam Yahya Islam, who delivered Haiti relief items from his congregation. Photo by C.B. Hanif

Local acts of kindness

Members of the Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association, on a recent Ramadan evening, joined a fast-breaking dinner at the Islamic Center of Boca Raton.

And at the clergy's September meeting, their speaker, retired Army Maj. Joseph Bernadel — also founder of the Toussaint L'Overture High School in Boynton Beach, and representative of the Haitian Diaspora on the Haitian Reconstruction Commission — gave a warm nod to Imam Yahya Islam of Columbus, Ga., who had delivered to the school a U-Haul truckload of spontaneously collected Haiti relief items from his congregation.

That was a just another routine act of kindness among good people, as when Heartsong Methodist Church opened its doors for the congregation across the street when that Memphis Islamic Center's renovations weren't completed in time for worship services during Ramadan.

It also was a reminder of the increasing awareness that the unity of humanity is our ace in the race against insanity. Said one woman of the church's example of "What Would Jesus Do" — as opposed to Jones' misguided plan:

"We share Earth together. So what's the difference between sharing Earth and sharing a street?"



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Along the Coast

Amendment 4 puts rules for future land use on the ballot

By Steve Plunkett

On one side is Florida Hometown Democracy, the sponsor of Amendment 4, supported by what it calls a “grass-roots group of committed volunteers” as well as the Palm Beach County Environmental Coalition, the Florida Public Interest Research Group and the Audubon Society of the Everglades, among others.

On the other side is Citizens for Lower Taxes and a Stronger Economy, which says its “grass-roots army” includes the Associated Builders and Contractors; the Chambers of Commerce for Greater Boca Raton, Greater Delray Beach and Greater Boynton Beach; and the Realtor Association of the Palm Beaches.

Stuck in the middle on the amendment, which would put land-use changes to a refer-

endum vote, are two groups more accustomed to being advocates: the Delray Beach-based Florida Coalition for Preservation and the 1000 Friends of Florida.

“It’s frustrating not to take a position,” said Bob Ganger, the coalition’s president. “We determined if we did, we might just do ourselves more harm than good.”

Ganger said Amendment 4 could turn out the same way the constitutional amendment on classroom reduction did.

“Now the school system runs out of money because they can’t build enough school rooms or hire enough teachers,” Ganger said. “Well, the same thing is likely going to happen here.”

Another fear, he said, is that legislators might do away with the Department of Community Affairs, which monitors land use plans, by saying it’s no longer needed if the

amendment passes. Managing growth without the DCA would be like a baseball game with no umpire, Ganger said.

“We’ll play the game without an umpire, and let the fans decide if it’s a ball or a strike,” he said.

The 1000 Friends of Florida, a nonprofit growth management watchdog group, at first opposed the measure but in mid-September shifted to a neutral stance.

“The current position is voters should educate themselves and make a conscious decision,” said Joanne Davis, community planner with the group’s Palm Beach County Green Initiative.

Davis said if the amendment becomes law there would be no sudden stop in development. There are enough plans in the pipeline to keep everyone busy for six years, she said.

“That’s a lot of develop-

ment, and it’s already been approved,” Davis said.

But Highland Beach Town Manager Dale Sugerman said site plan approvals would become more time-consuming and expensive.

“If Amendment 4 passes it will have a very definite, very serious effect on the town,” Sugerman said.

In Gulf Stream, Town Manager William Thrasher said Amendment 4 could add an unwelcome \$3,600 to \$5,000 to land use decisions.

“Our town is very frugal, very cost-sensitive. They’re just generally against growing government,” he said.

In the County Pocket, residents who are unhappy over a county decision to boost density at the Sea Horse complex may vote in favor of the proposal “to make a statement,” Ganger said.

He said amendment supporters could get a 10- to 20-

percentage point bounce from the electorate’s mood this year to “throw the bums out” on ballots across the country.

Davis said there was another motivation. “A lot of people feel truly disenfranchised,” she said. “There’s a good shot this thing is going to pass because of people’s anger.”

Ganger said Amendment 4 supporters are very effective at using Facebook, Twitter and other social media, while opponents are likely to use more traditional media to get their message out in the coming month.

“I don’t think there’s much chance of voters coming in uninformed,” he said.

What’s the right way to vote on Nov. 2?

“It’s a very tough call,” Davis said. “I’m not going to say how I’m going to vote because I might get in trouble on either end.” ★

Paws Up for Pets

Girl helps firefighters get oxygen masks for pets

You’re never too young to make a difference. Just ask 12-year-old Monica Plumb of Powhatan, Va. After reading in her local newspaper about firefighters using a pet oxygen mask to save the life of a dog in a house fire two years ago, the then-10-year-old did some research and was dismayed to discover that most fire departments across the country lack pet oxygen masks.

With the help of her parents, Monica created the www.petmask.com website and started to raise money to buy pet oxygen masks for fire stations. Thanks to her efforts, more than 320 fire stations from Maine to Alaska — plus some in Canada — now carry these specially designed oxygen masks, including three departments in Florida.

“I am an animal lover and care a whole lot about all animals,” says Monica. “At the time, I was too young to be able to volunteer at my local animal shelter. I wanted to do something to help animals and that’s when I realized I could raise money and awareness about pet oxygen masks.”

Her proud father, William, adds, “Monica surprised my wife, Wendy, and me by her determination. We thought she was going to just do this locally for about a month and stop, but she told us she wanted to do more to help pets all over the country. We’re happy to help her.”

I called several fire departments in Palm Beach County to see if their trucks were equipped with pet oxygen masks. Kevin Green, a spokesman for the West Palm Beach Fire Department



ABOVE: A firefighter demonstrates the pet oxygen mask.



LEFT: Twelve-year-old Monica Plumb is raising money to buy pet oxygen masks for fire stations across the country. Photos provided

said, “I’ve heard about the pet oxygen masks, but we do not have them. I wish we did.” Same answer from the Lantana Fire Department.

However, Steve Lewis, spokesman for the Boynton Beach Fire Department, confirmed that they have pet oxygen masks, thanks to a fundraiser organized by the Boca Raton Dog Club.

“We’re on a mission to help animals,” says Diane Wagner, president of the Boca Raton Dog Club. “We want our county

prepared and we believe strongly that no one — and no pet — should die from smoke inhalation.”

Adds Lewis, “Pets are very much part of families. A couple years ago, we had a house fire that had a cat stuck inside a closed room. Luckily, the fire was contained, but the cat was unconscious. We were able to provide that cat oxygen using a pet mask. The cat was revived, taken to a local veterinary clinic and made a complete recovery.”

Pets, especially cats, are often more vulnerable to

smoke inhalation in house fires because they hide. In addition, human oxygen masks don’t fit properly on their faces.

Originally developed for use by veterinarians, this cone-shaped, plastic pet mask forms a seal around an animal’s muzzle to allow firefighters to deliver the right amount of oxygen.

The mask also protects firefighters from an injured pet who may try to bite out of fear.

Dave Bailey, battalion chief of the Chesterfield Fire Department in Chesterfield, Va., has been a firefighter for 32 years. His department was among the first to receive pet oxygen masks thanks to the efforts of Monica Plumb.

“We responded to a house fire last year on Christmas Day and were able to revive a large Labrador from one of the pet oxygen masks,” says Bailey. “There are a lot of deadly toxins present during a structure fire and having the right oxygen mask for family pets is crucial to saving their lives.”

The U.S. Fire Administration estimates that nearly 100,000

animals die each year in fires, mostly due to inhaling poisonous gases. This year, a cat suffering from smoke inhalation after an apartment fire in Winnipeg, Canada, was revived after receiving a dose of pure oxygen from one of Monica’s donated pet masks. In Bonner Springs, Kan., a cat was rescued from a house fire and resuscitated with one of the donated pet masks.

Each pet oxygen mask kit costs about \$70 and includes three sizes. Each set can help revive cats, dogs, rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs and even birds.

Monica’s goals include becoming a veterinarian, but she is picking up skills in marketing and sales.

To make a donation and/or sponsor a fire station, contact Monica at sponsorship@petmask.com.

As Monica says, “Every penny counts! I hope to provide pet oxygen masks to every fire station that needs them.”

Monica’s efforts have earned her the 2009 ASPCA “Tommy Monahan” Kid of the Year Award and 2009 United Animal Nations’ Animal Choice Award.

Not bad for a kid who is still a year away from becoming a teenager.

Arden Moore, Founder of Four Legged Life.com, is an animal behavior consultant, editor, author and professional speaker. She happily shares her home with



two dogs, two cats and one overworked vacuum cleaner. Learn more by visiting www.fourleggedlife.com.

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