

County Pocket

New response criteria outlined for county pocket

By Angie Francalancia

If a county pocket resident were choking today, Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue would call Boynton Beach to race to his aid, shaving several minutes off the response time from the county's nearest station.

Since November 2009, when 48-year-old Bill Dunn choked on a bite of steak and died while Palm Beach County

Fire-Rescue took nearly 13 minutes to arrive from its closest station — near Military Trail — residents in the pocket have pushed for faster response options.

Last month, Fire-Rescue created specific criteria of life-threatening calls that automatically trigger a call for mutual aid to the pocket from the nearer Boynton Beach Fire Department — a list that includes choking.

“We identified the more serious

calls,” said Battalion Chief Todd Blake. “When a call comes in through dispatch and the crew gets that call, they know to call Boynton.”

The list of life-threatening calls that will trigger the crew calling the Boynton Beach Fire Department are cardiac arrest, shortness of breath, choking, strokes, drowning and fire, Blake said.

Additionally, Blake said, Fire-Rescue is working to program its computers to

automatically send Boynton Beach.

The specific list is welcome news to Boynton Beach Fire Chief William Bingham.

“That’s what we had asked for,” Bingham said. “We’ve already got a mutual aid agreement. Let’s use it. We use it regularly. It’s been a good, cooperative agreement. “Why they chose not to use it for those [past] calls,

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Gulf Stream

A ‘little’ slice of paradise

By Emily J. Minor

There’s nothing tricky about understanding why the longstanding Little Club in Gulf Stream is called the Little Club.

There’s no Mr. Little who grew up in a little town a little bit down the road.



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Little Club is called the Little Club for one very big reason.

“They wanted something little, something intimate,” says Douglas C. Dugan, the dotting general manager of the 43-year-old private club. “It was as simple as that.”

Today, this 322-member club with the cozy clubhouse and challenging par-3 course prides itself on that same intimacy.

“We think we’re a bit more personal than some of the other country clubs,” says club President Bob Victorin.

“It’s a different atmosphere,” says past president Nancy Young.

Tucked not far from Town Hall, between A1A and the Intracoastal Waterway, the Little Club has a fascinating history. In 1998, when the club celebrated 30 years, Gulf Stream resident Elizabeth Matthews Paton — herself a bit of a local historian — compiled in great detail the story of the club

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Members gather before a golf match near the clock at Gulf Stream’s Little Club, named for its intimate feel. Photo by Jerry Lower

Lantana

Bridge closing expected to be ‘very traumatic’

Construction will affect residents, businesses, motorists and boaters

By Tim O’Meilia

Start saving your change for extra gas money. Not because gas prices may reach \$4 a gallon this summer, but because the round trip from South Palm Beach, Hypoluxo Island or Manalapan to the mainland will be six to 10 miles longer by Thanksgiving.

Replacement of the 61-year-old East Ocean Avenue Bridge in Lantana is expected to begin by November and last two years, Palm Beach County road officials estimate. And that’s without accounting for hurricanes or other natural disasters.

“We’re all going to have to go through something very traumatic — for businesses and for residents,” said Ron Washam, president of the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce. “We know folks are upset. We know it’s going to be a major inconvenience.”

The two-year gestation will produce a taller, wider, safer and quieter bridge designed to last until at least 2088. But not without birth pains.

Merchants and residents raised an array of concerns at two meetings in January, including emergency rescue response time, business losses along East Ocean Avenue, possible

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Joe Santarella helped found the Habitat for Humanity ReStore on South Dixie Highway in Boca Raton. Photo by Jerry Lower

Editorial

Statistics hit home when friend gets hit

When we started this newspaper, my husband was thrilled to trade in his I-95 commute for the leisurely beauty of roughly 10 miles of A1A. No more dodging ladders in the center lane, truck tires flying into the front grill or the all-too-frequent slowdowns near tragic accident scenes.

Without the I-95 commute, we now felt secure in our coastal cocoon.

Sure, we know that cars and bicycles often collide along our main street, and the frequent sirens from Boynton Beach Fire-Rescue across the Woolbright Road bridge remind us that many people are having very bad days.

Still, we felt casually secure coasting along east of the Intracoastal.

And then we got a call from Chris Bellard, our friend, business partner and sales manager: She'd been in an accident and was at Delray Medical Center.

Chris, too, is a veteran

of long I-95 commutes, and never dreamed her life would get turned upside down while waiting for the Atlantic Avenue Bridge to open.

Hit head-on while stopped on Atlantic Avenue? Hard to believe. Hit hard enough to result in broken ribs and a shattered knee? Unimaginable.

But it happened. Chris is home now. She's doing great, but a full recovery is going to be slow and she won't be driving for months.

In 2001, Progressive Insurance polled 11,000 of its policyholders and found that 69 percent were in accidents within 10 miles of home.

I'd heard variations on these statistics, and was vaguely aware that an accident like Chris' was possible. Now I know. Serious accidents can happen close to home.

Be careful out there.

— Mary Kate Leming, editor



Corrections

An article about the Storybook House on Hypoluxo Island that appeared in the December issue misstated the date that the first bridge to the island was built. The first wooden bridge was constructed in 1925.

In a photo appearing with the same story, a caption indicated a young girl standing in front of the Storybook House was the owner's daughter. This was incorrect. The young girl in the photograph is unknown.

Gulf Stream man helps others find homes

By Ron Hayes

When Joe Santarella left New York for South Florida in 1982, he brought the New York accent along. It's still here.

"My father was a laborer, and my mother was in retail," he says. "I was the first or second in my family to attend college. I'm basically an Italian guy from Staten Island who was fortunate enough to buy a house in Gulf Stream."

Now he helps the less fortunate throughout South County build and buy houses they might never own without people like him.

For the past decade, since retiring as head of the trust department at Chase Manhattan Private Bank in Palm Beach, Santarella, 72, has volunteered at Habitat For Humanity of South Palm Beach County.

First, he served as a "support partner," using his financial expertise to mentor a family for a year after Habitat built them a house.

From 2004 to 2007, he served as president of the board of directors, and then as a member. "Joe's just a wonderful

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fella," says Mike Campbell, the affiliate's executive director. "As president, he was able to place the vision of where Habitat was going to go. He's a person who's motivated by helping others. He likes to see those in need served."

Shortly after joining the board, Santarella helped found the organization's ReStore at 272 S. Dixie Highway in Boca Raton, where you'll find him working every Monday and Friday.

A feature of all Habitat for Humanity affiliates, the ReStore is a thrift shop with a twist.

Imagine Home Depot with donated merchandise. Imagine a discount store that doesn't sell clothes.

"We get new and gently used merchandise donated by stores," he explains. "We get last year's floor models, or discounted or discontinued merchandise."

Light fixtures and furniture, cabinets and construction products. Televisions, too, as

long as they're no more than 5 years old.

"We have things from 50 cents to a \$4,000 table," Santarella says, and the old New York enthusiasm slips into his voice. "It was brand new, retailed for \$15,000. All inlaid wood. Absolutely beauty-full."

Since opening in 2005, the store has raised about \$800,000, all of which is used to cover the affiliate's administrative costs, meaning 93 cents of every dollar donated outside the ReStore goes directly into home construction.

"I don't play golf," he says. "I failed golf. So this is purely selfish for me. I meet some really nice people at the store. After I retired, I wanted to do something where I could see the results of what I was doing. To me, Habitat for Humanity has the ability to help some people change the course of their lives, and their children's lives as well." ★

For more information, call Habitat for Humanity at 561-362-7284, or visit www.hfhboca.org.

Letters to the Editor

At the recent Delray Beach annual Citizens' Roundtable, City Manager David Harden stated that the only way for the City to solve the difficult budget problem next year would be to raise taxes. I believe this was inappropriate for two reasons: (1) he is wrong, and (2) his job is NOT to create policy but to respond to the direction given to him by the mayor and city commissioners.

Last summer, when these elected officials held the tax rate for the current fiscal year at the same level as the previous year, I applauded them for two reasons: (1) they found ways to

reduce spending, and (2) they listened to taxpayers who did not want their taxes raised. During that debate Mr. Harden repeatedly suggested raising the tax rate. Bravo to the mayor and city commissioners for doing their job wisely and knowing what residents wanted.

It distresses me that Mr. Harden continues to lobby for

policy changes — this is NOT his job — and step outside his responsibilities. His job is to run the city government according to the direction the mayor and city commissioners give him. If Mr. Harden wishes to set policy, I urge him to run for office.

Kevin Warner
Delray Beach

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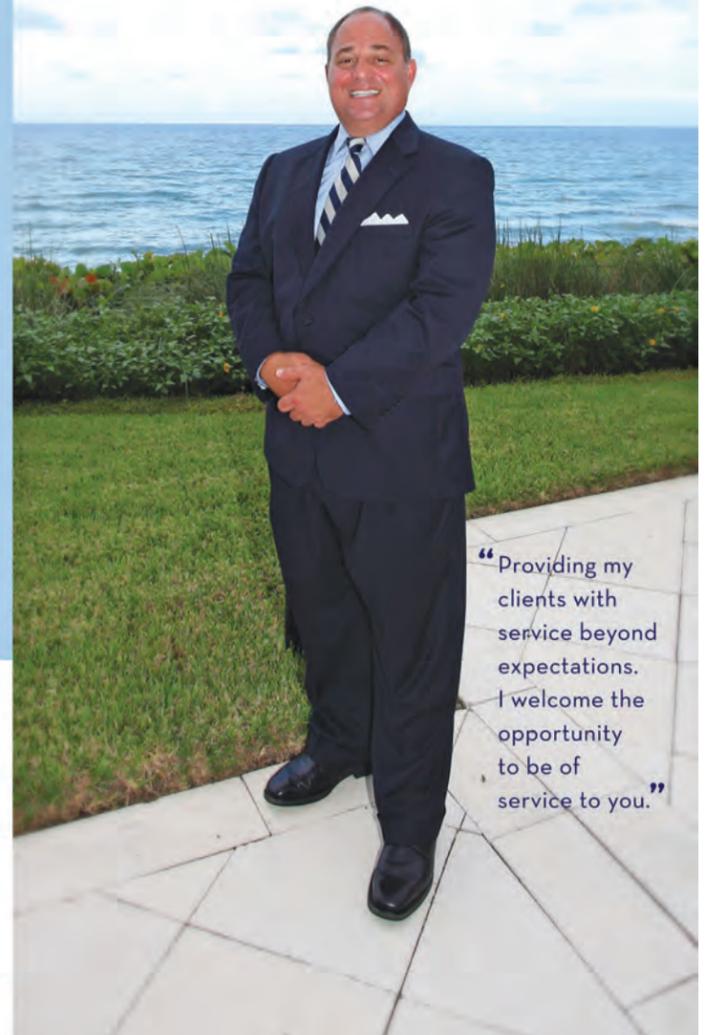
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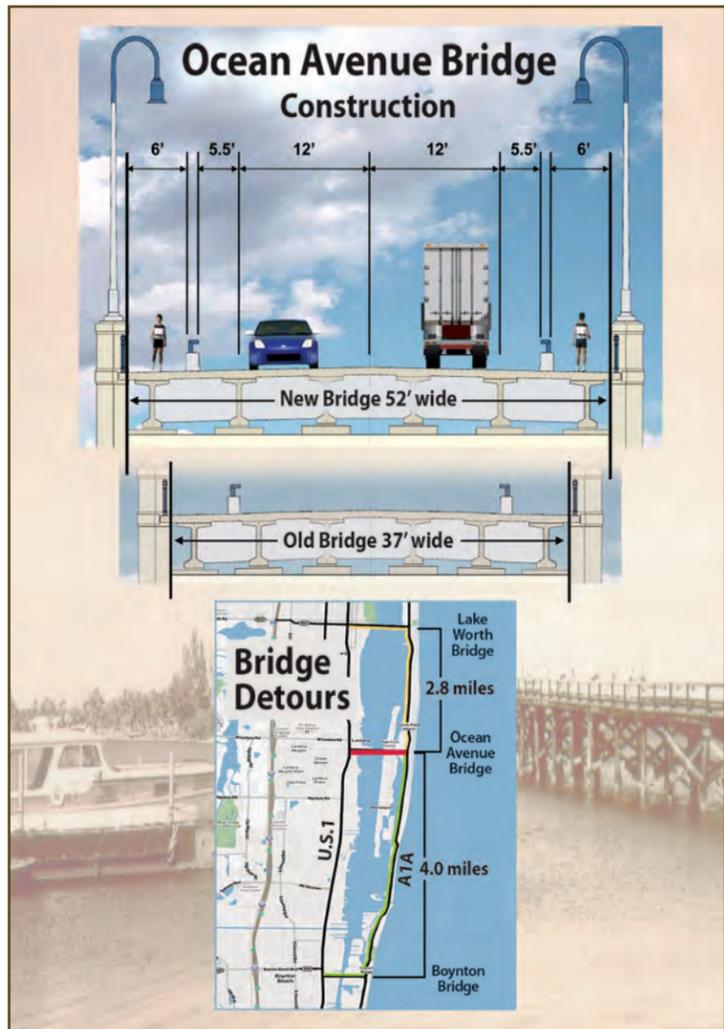


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lack of parking for boaters in parks on the west end of the bridge, travel time to grocery stores and even the color of the new drawbridge (orangey-brown).

The 30 or so businesses lining Ocean Avenue west of the bridge will be cut off from coastal residents who will drive north to Lake Worth or south to Boynton Beach for their needs. Merchants in the Plaza del Mar shopping center east of the bridge fear losing mainland customers.

At a meeting of merchants organized by the chamber, Lantana Town Manager Mike Bornstein urged business owners to organize themselves and present their concerns.

"We should celebrate the bridge going down, because we don't have any other choice," said Wayne Cordero, co-owner of the Old Key Lime House restaurant on the avenue. He and others suggest creating festivals, exhibitions and celebrations to bring customers to the area.

Business owners said they may seek a relaxation of parking restrictions to accommodate larger events that might overwhelm the area.

Hypoluxo Island residents are already discussing holding a demolition party when the project begins.

Although the estimated \$35 million replacement has been nearly 10 years in the planning, not everyone is convinced it's necessary. "This is a make-work project. It doesn't need to be replaced. I drive it every day. There's nothing structurally that cannot be repaired," said South Palm Beach resident Evan Geilich.

The bridge is rated a 38 on

a scale of 100, not far above the 30 mark of being declared dangerous. Palm Beach County engineers say the pilings are deteriorating, the bascule spans are corroded and weight restrictions have been put on the bridge.

The new span will be more than 11 feet taller at the center of the channel, at 24.5 feet, and 15 feet wider at 52 feet. The height will allow for 40 percent fewer openings.

The navigation channel will be safer for boaters at 125 feet wide, compared with the current 90 feet.

Although the two driving lanes will remain 12 feet wide, 5.5-foot shoulders/bicycle lanes will be added that don't exist now. A concrete barrier will separate the driving lanes and shoulders from the sidewalk, which will be 6 feet wide, almost double the current bridge's 3-foot width.

Bornstein hopes a \$400,000 fishing pier planned to be built beneath the west end of the bridge will encourage fishermen to abandon casting from the span itself, but the town cannot ban fishing outright from the bridge.

Although construction had been set to begin in July, current plans call for bids to be sought by May and a contract awarded by August. Demolition could start in November.

County project engineer Kristine Frazell-Smith said the bridge design is not yet complete and final permits have not been issued.

The town of Lantana hopes to lease part of the parking lots at Bicentennial and Sportsman's parks to the contractor for use as a staging area. The money would be used to refurbish the parks. This idea has boaters worried that parking will be scarce as a result.



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Manalapan

Town tackles dilemma of Plaza Del Mar

Shopping center has lost tenants, faces rising sewer rates

By Steve Plunkett

Manalapan is ramping up efforts to breathe new life into flagging Plaza Del Mar.

Daryl Cheifetz, who sits on Manalapan's Architectural Commission, told town commissioners in December that with this year's planned closing of the Ocean Avenue Bridge they should encourage the shopping center to find tenants that sell basic necessities. She was immediately tapped as an emissary.

For resident John Murphy, it wasn't enough. Plaza Del Mar lost longtime tenant Florida Stage last summer and the Epicurean gourmet market the year before. Other, smaller shops are also empty.

"If you had 25 homes sitting there unoccupied, you'd be declaring it a blight area. That's what we have," Murphy told commissioners in January. "I don't know what you can do, but we desperately need you to try and do something."

Adding to the plaza's gloomy outlook are sewer rates, which are more than doubling this year. **(Story, page 8)**

Michael King, general manager of The Ritz-Carlton, said the higher bills would severely impact the shopping center.

"With the bridge closing and all this, it's a perfect storm situation," said King, whose hotel will pay an additional \$60,000 to \$70,000 for sewer service this year.

Commissioner Donald Brennan raised the specter of a run-down shopping center directly across the street from a five-star resort and said the owner likely paid only 10 percent down.

"It doesn't take much to walk from 10 percent because probably now with market values, they're underwater," Brennan said before volunteering to go on a fact-finding mission for the town.

Commissioner Bill Bernstein said the plaza's ownership had recently changed but the old owner's name and number still appeared on signs, so prospective tenants were not getting phone calls returned.

"Our staff has been in constant contact with Del Mar, trying to make the town processes as quick and easy as possible for licensing and stuff like that," Bernstein said. "I know that they are not unimportant to a new business in town."



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“Ever since we closed, we’ve had so much good will,” owner **Russ Hibbard** said. “We kept the website up, and over the past year and a half we got so many e-mails. We were fortunate that we owned the property, so even though we were closed we were able to make improvements. Our old staff is back, and our intention is to keep the caliber of entertainment that we had before.” (www.bambooroomblues.com or 585-2583)

Butch Trucks is one of the many top musicians who’ve played the Bamboo Room. For nearly a half-century, Trucks has been singing and playing the blues, most notably as the drummer for the **Allman**



Trucks

Brothers Band ... And he’s still around to tell about it — the highs and the lows.

On Feb. 13, he will tell some stories, some of them about the highs and the resulting lows, at the 16th annual luncheon of **CARP, the Comprehensive Alcoholism Rehabilitation Programs**, at the **Ritz-Carlton** in Manalapan. The luncheon (\$150) will feature performances by singer **Avery Sommers** and pianist **Pepe Morreale**.

Trucks says he won’t pull any punches. “What I’m gonna talk about is what happens to idiots, not to idiots, but to normal people when they get deified, especially in their early ages,” Trucks said. “And why things like **CARP** are needed for idiots like us and for other people who can’t quite cope.

“My perspective is from that perspective: about fame and wealth coming much too fast, much too early, unexpected and then all the sycophants around you telling you how great you are.

“We used to fly around in a jet called the **Starship**. It had the

‘**Allman Brothers Band**’ written on the side of it. In the back was a bedroom with a big round bed with fur all over it, mirrors on the ceiling and all the walls and two very willing stewardesses. There was a den with a fireplace in it, and we put bean bags on the floor and that’s where everybody smoked reefer.

Some stories will be funny and some will be sad; he might even tell some about **Cher**, said Trucks, who’s battled his own demons. Thirty years ago, he quit drinking liquor. He continued to drink wine, but it made him aggressive and turned him into “a total jerk.”

“I finally decided eight years ago last October that if I couldn’t stop then I wouldn’t start,” he said. “That was the last sip of any alcohol I have had.”

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Charles Benoit (left) gets a chuckle from comedian Eddie Brill who entertained hundreds Jan. 28 at the Delray Beach Marriott, during the 5th Annual Laugh with the Library fundraiser to benefit the Delray Beach Public Library.

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his two previous seasons, the renowned swing coach — who helped improve the game of **Tiger Woods**, that young duffer who has that fortress just up the beach on Jupiter Island — worked with the likes of **Ray Romano** and **Charles Barkley**. In version No. 3, which debuted Jan. 25, he really goes off the deep end: His new student is **Rush Limbaugh**.

Watch as the king of bombast blasts cigar smoke in his host's face. Watch as his chip shot rebounds off a cart and almost beans him. Watch as he pontificates: "I actually think I'm too smart for the game. If you look at the people that can do this game very well, their minds are vacant."

Limbaugh admits he never practices, as he swings away and declares, "Nothing good ever happens when you go left." Of course, the aim in golf is to go straight; not much chance of that with Rush either.



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From Atlantic Avenue to Hollywood and Vine: Former Delray Beach millionaire, socialite and politician **Nick**

Loeb apparently has recovered sufficiently from a car crash to accompany his new squeeze, actress **Sofia Vergara**, to the Golden Globe awards bash on Feb. 16. Tagging along with Vergara, star of *Modern Family*, trust-funder Loeb, who has run unsuccessfully for Delray City Commission and Florida Senate, even managed a little face time on some of the gossipy entertainment shows. He showed no ill effects from the crash last August that put him in intensive care with a broken leg and pelvis.

Now, apparently, his intensive care comes from Vergara, although he hasn't given up on politics. He told *Access Hollywood's* **Billy Bush** he's thinking about running for the U.S. Senate in 2012.

What will islanders do?

"I don't know if I should be laughing or be scared," **Maurizio Ciminella** said with an uncharacteristically muted chuckle. Ciminella just opened **Amici Market** on North County Road, and come spring he'll be the only grocer in Palm Beach. That's when **Publix** plans to begin rebuilding its only store in Palm Beach County east of the Intracoastal Waterway.

The new store, 50 percent larger at 44,018 square feet, will be ready no sooner than December.

"Imagine the possibilities! Maybe I'll fill the coolers with bread, milk and eggs," Ciminella said, noting that some Publix regulars are already checking out his market. "People are coming in and asking if we are going to be open on Sunday. And we always deliver. We've already delivered to Manalapan.

"They're closing around Easter, and we'll start opening Sundays on Easter ... with the blessing of the church, of course," he said, referring to **St. Edward's Church** across the street.

For two decades **JAMS**, the **Jazz Arts Music Society**, has been about the only source for live jazz in the Palm Beaches. Its concert series at "the Harriet" in **CityPlace** already is into its 11th season, and pianist **Marian Petrescu** will headline the anniversary celebration on Feb. 22.

Should you prefer a little dinner with your jazz, head to the **Four Seasons Resort**, where JAMS has introduced its new Living Room Series. Take in a concert in the resort's

Living Room (\$25 for JAMS members, \$35 non-members) plus pre-concert three-course prix fixe dinners in either the Bistro (\$35) or the Restaurant (\$45). Call 582-2800 for dinner reservations, (877) 722-2820 for concert info and tickets. Next up, Feb. 7, saxman **Harry Allen** and his quartet.

Meanwhile, down the road in Manalapan, the **Ritz-Carlton** is embracing a new angle with the reopening of its signature restaurant, appropriately named **Angle**. Most of the fixin's, from greens and produce to line-caught fish, comes from local farms, and boutique purveyors who support the "slow food movement." It's an American supper club with modest prices — starters from \$10, entrees from \$26. Of course, you can go all out and request a special dining experience at the Onyx Tasting Table, glowing onyx and amber, that features **Far Niente Wines**, chef's plates and special Taste Makers dinners. (540-4924)

Newest Delray opening is the Atlantic Ocean Club and Buddah Sky Bar (217 E. Atlantic Ave.), just west of the tracks.

Jamie DeRosa, mostly recently at **Taste Gastropub** is running the kitchen, stressing fresh, local, sustainable, organic fare. DeRosa is Florida-raised but raised the level of his craft with **Wolfgang Puck** for five years and then at the Michelin-rated **Fat Duck** in London. Open only since Jan. 24, AOC is already earning good notices, with raves about the seafood, especially the crab cakes.



Freeman

Enjoying some down time in Delray at the **Seagate Hotel**, actor **Morgan Freeman** ... Semi-hometown boy **Andy Roddick** headlines the **Delray Beach International Tennis Championships**, Feb. 18-27, and **John McEnroe** once again will play a few games in the middle of Atlantic Avenue. Big Mac's opponent will be Swede **Mats Wilander** for the "Grand Slam grudge match" at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 18. No charge.



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Manalapan

Water and sewer rate increase not going down well

By Steve Plunkett

Manalapan town commissioners raised water and sewer rates, but not before hearing from a handful of unhappy customers.

Josh Nichols, who shares a Hypoluxo townhome with his wife, complained that they were being charged too much for having a 1-inch water meter and not enough for the water they actually use.

His monthly base rate of \$101 will go to \$106 this month and \$129 by 2014.

"If I leave my faucets on all day for an entire month, I may

pay another 15, 20 dollars on my water charge. But it doesn't change the base charge, and that's just going to keep going up," he said.

Town Manager Linda Stumpf said the typical customer with a 1-inch meter uses 100,000 gallons of water a month, not the 10,000 Nichols said he uses. She suggested he swap out his meter for a smaller one.

James Martin, also from Hypoluxo, said he had changed his meter years ago but sympathized with Nichols.

"The gentleman is exactly right — it's really out of

whack," Martin said. "If you put a 4-inch meter in my house, I'm still going to use the same amount of water, but you're going to charge me a lot more money."

Martin said Lantana charges \$965 a year less for a 1-inch meter and has offered to run a water line to Hypoluxo.

"If it could be done, with the prices they're talking compared with the prices you're talking, I wouldn't put it past that our town might just do something like that," he said. "Just think, if you lose Hypoluxo as a customer, where do you stand?"

Indeed, commissioners worried at previous meetings that Hypoluxo, which pays a 20 percent surcharge, might be wooed away by another provider. More than two-thirds of their customer base is in Hypoluxo.

Commissioners also decided water users should no longer subsidize the sewer system, which serves houses behind Town Hall, La Coquille Club, The Ritz-Carlton resort and Plaza Del Mar.

Michael King, general manager of The Ritz-Carlton, asked if the increase could be phased in.

"Over the years, your rates have been kept low, and it's time now that we have to charge you what it costs us," Mayor Kelly Gottlieb said.

Stumpf also told Manalapan resident Suzi Goldsmith that a full-time worker had been replaced by two part-timers to minimize overtime and that competitive bids are always sought to keep costs low.

"We have a high overhead and a low consumer base," Commissioner Bill Bernstein said. "We've tried everything we could to ameliorate it and we'll continue to do so in the future." ★

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Briny Breezes

Town readied Q&A for residents' queries

By Emily J. Minor

About 50 residents packed the Briny Breezes Town Council's January meeting to listen to a civics lesson on why the town handles its money the way it does.

"Many people don't understand what we are forced to spend money on," said Mayor Roger Bennett.

Although the turnout for the meeting was far above average, most residents just listened. Few spoke.

Relying on a written Q&A that she had prepared in advance, Clerk Kathleen Bray went through the town's money matters step by step, explaining everything from the timing of the budget hearings to why the town hires someone to read the meters.

(All Palm Beach County municipalities start their budgets in the summer, and the town uses someone to read the meters because when the corporation handled it, there

were too many equipment problems and errors.)

The January meeting was moved to the roomier community center after questions arose at the December meeting about the timing of the budget hearings. Most residents are gone when town officials debate the budget during the summer, but Bray encouraged residents to write in their comments. "In the past, they (residents) have seldom sought to do so," Bray wrote in the Q&A.

Still, the presentation was for information only. Bray said she put the report together at the request of the town's corporate side. "The town has passed its budget," Bray told the crowd. "There's no going back."

In addition to the timing of the budget hearings and the meter reader question, Bray also addressed things like Town Hall rent, the millage and improving communication between town and corporation officials.

A copy of the entire Q&A is available at Town Hall.

In other business, officials and residents:

- Listened to an update on the state-required Evaluation and Appraisal Report recently filed with the Department of Community Affairs. After comments from state officials and nearby towns, the Planning and Zoning Board now begins work on the Comprehensive Plan.

The revisions to the town's existing plan would allow for changes in what kind of homes can be built in Briny Breezes, something considered crucial for weathering future hurricanes. Now, the town's residential units are limited to mobile homes.

- Heard from Mayor Roger Bennett that he will be running for re-election. Bennett had said earlier he would step down for health reasons, but told residents he was feeling better. The town election is March 8. ★

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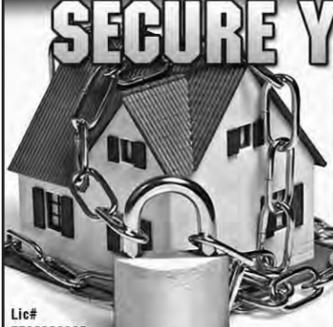
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RESPONSE:

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you'll have to ask them."

Blake, who transferred in November to lead the eight-station battalion that comprises the Boynton and Delray areas, wasn't there when Dunn's death prompted neighbors' outrage and rescue-system reviews. The change, he said, is procedural, which means it can go into effect immediately.

"There was a problem identified there with responses. This was just an agreement we put in place until we can work out [a formal] agreement between the county and the city," he said.

County pocket resident and former Boynton Beach firefighter Mike Smollon said he was happy there's a new plan in place but wondered why it took so long.

"I'm happy they finally got their stuff together. Boynton, which is 2 miles away, will be responding so that's a good

thing. This is something that should have been done for the past 20 years."

Officials from the city and county Fire-Rescue have discussed more formal agreements such as automatic aid, in which Boynton automatically would respond to every call in the pocket area.

There's even been talk of the pocket being annexed into Boynton and/or Gulf Stream on its south border.

County Commissioner Steven Abrams, who had organized meetings on the issue, said the list meets the short-term solution of making mutual aid responses more consistent.

Regardless of whether more permanent changes ever take place, Blake's crews underwent training late last month so everyone at Station 41 and its backup stations would know the new procedure.

Three new crew members transferred in to Station 41 late last year as part of Fire-Rescue's

annual bid of shifts. However, a refresher on policies would have taken place even if there were no crew changes, Blake said. None of the changes came as a result of how Dunn's case was handled, nor was anybody disciplined in connection with the call, Fire-Rescue spokesman Don Delucia said.

Training was expected to include a review of the call types that would trigger a request for aid from Boynton Beach. The request is made by the crews, not by dispatch, Blake said. Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue still would respond to the calls, he said.

"Boynton Beach will start treatment, and we'll, follow up and transport," he said. He also planned to review communications procedures "if they need to talk to people on the ground prior to arrival."

"We'll also get the maps printed up to familiarize everyone better with the area that falls under this plan," he said. ★



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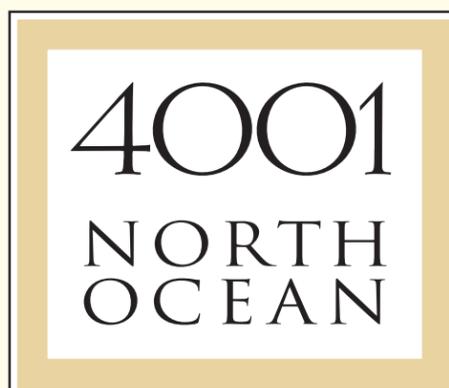
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Delray Beach



Architect Bob Currie has designed a beach pavilion to replace the current one at Atlantic Avenue and A1A in Delray Beach.
Photo by Tim Stepien

Team plans talent show to help pay for beach pavilion

By Mary Jane Fine

Right now, the project has something of the feel of a Mickey Rooney "Hey gang, let's put on a show!" movie, all vision and enthusiasm and tons of raw energy. And project architect Bob Currie will be the first to tell you that it's definitely a group undertaking; to date, it has involved the city of Delray Beach and its officials, the Beach Property Owners Association, the Community Redevelopment Agency, Northern Trust Bank, Ocean Properties and everyone involved in the planned talent-show fundraiser.

The only thing missing just now is the money to pull all this off.

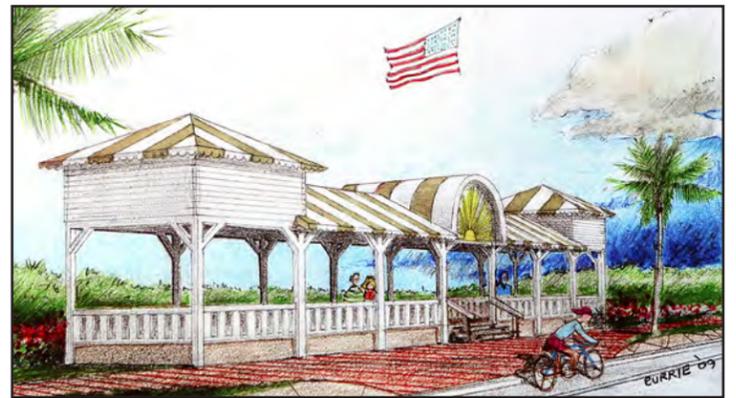
The project? A brand new beach pavilion, down where Atlantic Avenue meets A1A and the ocean.

The idea is hardly a new one; it's been envisioned and argued over and planned for, its need agreed upon, for years.

"It grew out of this frustration that this is our most important place in town, and it's totally neglected," Currie is saying, sitting on one of the half-dozen gray-painted benches that occupy the current pavilion. "Well, not totally neglected, but pretty neglected."

He glances up and points out one of the flaws: "See, this is just a standard truss that you can buy in a store. And that" — he indicates the underside of the roof itself — "is just plywood." The new pavilion, the one pictured in his hand-drawn rendering ("I'm a dinosaur," he says, explaining his non-use of computer design-software) will employ "real dimensional lumber" and tongue-and-groove decking.

But such talk is putting the pavilion cart before the funding horse — Andy Katz, a vice president of the Beach Property Owners Association, says that "money seems to be guiding all city issues these days, for obvious reasons," alluding to the economic woes that have kept city purse strings tight.



A rendering of Bob Currie's design, a replica of the original 1927 Delray Beach pavilion, which was destroyed in a hurricane.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: "Delray's Got Talent," a limited-seating fundraiser for the new Beach Pavilion
WHEN: March 10
WHERE: Crest Theatre, Old School Square
HOW MUCH: Tickets are \$100, available through Old School Square
FOR MORE INFO: Call 243-7922

The BPOA itself has promised \$10,000 toward the project, its estimated total cost about \$240,000.

In hopes of closing that yawning gap, the city will host, on March 10 at the Crest Theater, "Delray's Got Talent," an event described in the press release sent by the BPOA's Susan Hurlbert as "a red-carpet evening of music ... headlining many of the best classical, jazz, country and rock 'n' roll performers in the area."

The \$100 tickets are available through Old School Square.

The project specifics grew out of the Beach Area Master Plan charrette, emceed by Perry King Neubauer and held at the Marriott in November 2009:

The pavilion is Phase One of an overall overhaul of the beach area. Replacing benches and trashcans and beach showers with classier versions. Trading coin parking meters for, perhaps, the pay-by-numbered-space style. Designing dual paths for walkers and bike riders. Redoing signage in the area.

In August, the city accepted the plan.

The pavilion itself will be a replica of the original 1927 pavilion, which cost \$720 to build and succumbed, not long afterward, to a hurricane. Its updated descendant will be built to withstand a Category 5 storm, a green-and-white-striped aluminum roof that will look like but outperform its canvas ancestor.

"Oh, but you know what the most important thing is?" the architect asks, before answering his own question. "People want to see the ocean. You want to come here and you want NOT to be in Kansas. You want to see the ocean."

The man working to ensure that ocean view is working gratis. "It's my town," Currie says. "I've been here for 40 years, and this town's been good to me." And he to it. Among his many architectural projects: Caffe Luna Rosa, the original Marriott hotel, Berkshire by the Sea, the Waterway East offices, Veteran's Park, Old School Square, the Sundry House restaurant, Delray's City Hall.

The timeline for the beach-area renovation remains somewhat flexible, dependent on the tides of good fortune — of the spendable kind.

"We're hoping in the one-to-two-year horizon for the pavilion" — a kind of project kick-start, says Katz, "to set the tone for the rest of the work."

And the determination is there that this show must go on. Its architect and all those involved can see it clearly: the new made old again. ★

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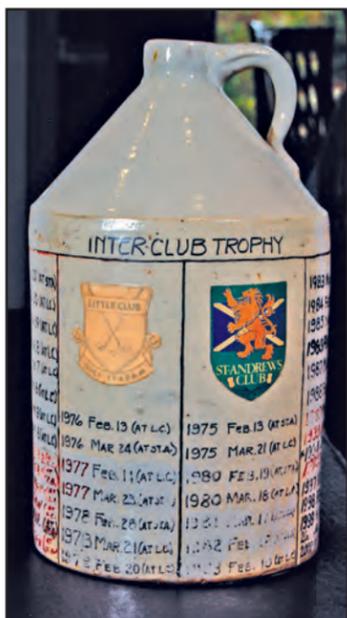
This painting by member Alice Church Jones, titled *After Dinner at the Little Club*, depicts the exterior of the clubhouse.



The Little Club's dining room overlooks the golf course. Photos by Jerry Lower

LITTLE CLUB:
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that began after polo had its heyday here on the island. "The Little Club today is a fine and fitting monument to the vision of those daring thirty five Founders," wrote Paton, who died in May 2009. "Some of the general affection which its members have for The Little Club may well be related to the connotation of the word 'little,' she wrote, adding that "little" means intimate and disarming, warm and friendly.



Currently in possession of the Little Club, this jug is a trophy won in golfing competitions with the neighboring St. Andrew's Club.

Nancy Young couldn't agree more. Indeed, she loves to tell this down-to-earth story about her beloved club. "In the old days, if you golfed and came in and wanted something to eat, you opened up a can of Campbell's tomato soup," she says.

My, how things have changed.

Swamp not an obstacle

The Little Club's land goes back to the early island days, when Henry Phipps — who had partnered with Andrew Carnegie in starting the U.S. Steel Co. — moved his family to Florida. Phipps was a brilliant businessman and realized the financial potential of this magnificent island. He and two of his sons, John and Howard, built mansions for their own families. They also invested in land where they would, eventually, build so-called "spec" houses.

The Phipps family was key in the development of the island, and in the establishment of Gulf Stream as a favored destination for the wealthy and influential. Even back in 1926, Gulf Stream was a town to be reckoned with.

It was Howard Phipps, according to Paton's historical

accounts, who came up with the idea of buying up the land and using it for polo grounds. He was so committed to the idea that by 1926 he had sunk nearly \$600,000 — about \$7 million in today's money — into what was called the Gulfstream Polo Club.

Despite the obstacles — the land was swampy and there wasn't ample room for stables — the polo operation was an immediate success, drawing large numbers for the matches, held three times a week.

But this success added a problem: more people and more development.

Pretty soon, magnificent homes were being built to serve the community. They were also squeezing out the polo fields.

After World War II was over — during the war, the stables housed horses for the government's Shore Patrol program — polo saw a quick rebirth. Mike Smith, Stewart Iglehart and George Oliver built new fields and the polo grounds blossomed during



Table settings in the Little Club's dining room hint at the club's casually elegant feel.

those years, into the early 1950s.

But with continued population growth — and continued real estate possibilities — that team lost interest. The land was sold to developer Henry Pope. From 1958 to 1964, Pope built homes on what used to be the southernmost polo fields.

The northernmost field had a special destiny all its own: the Little Club.

Polo out, golf in

With polo now gravitating elsewhere in the county, the land that once comprised the northern polo field held the town's interest.

What would become of those 40 acres?

The land could be developed into houses, although the island's rather quick development was already causing serious drainage problems. Town officials weren't sure that's what they wanted.

Re-enter Stewart Iglehart — a five-time winner of polo's

U.S. Open Championship — who eventually partnered with retired insurance magnate Mel Dickenson. And the partnership was based on a single idea: golf.

The Palm Beach Par 3 course was already a success on the island and Iglehart thought the old polo field would make another perfect par 3 course. First, though, they had to approach the big boys with their idea. The Gulf Stream Golf Club was the town's existing country club, and the Iglehart team needed the blessing from the club's board of directors.

The first time around, they walked out with their tails between their legs.

Realizing the potential, however, they refigured their financial plan — this time approaching Gulf Stream residents with the idea. Before long, they had 35 residents willing to put up \$10,000 each.

Differentiating clubs

The duo established a



Photographs in the Little Club offer a reminder of the day when the land it sits upon was the northern-most field of Gulfstream Polo Club.

corporation, which they named Oleander after the street Dickenson lived on. In Paton's historical account, the name the Little Club came from Iglehart's wife, Linda.

"The name was probably intended to be in contrast with the Gulf Stream Golf Club, the existing "big club," she wrote in 1998.

After its opening in 1968, the clubhouse changed to keep pace with progress.

Since it was built, renovations have included a new kitchen, dining room, pro shop, cart barn and offices, plus space reconfigurations and cosmetic changes like carpeting, upholstery and drapes.

Because of the area's changing demographics, more and more young families are now a part of this multi-generational legend enjoying the par 3 and the updated clubhouse with made-to-order meals and custom mixed cocktails.

Perhaps the best part? While the Little Club is still little, lunch is no longer a can of Campbell's soup. ★

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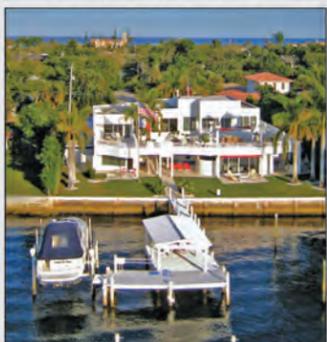
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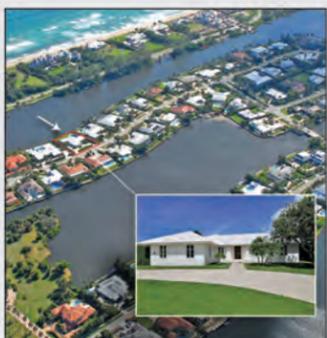
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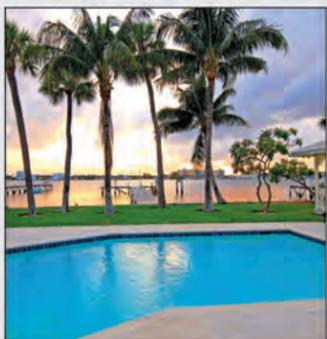
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Along the Coast Municipal governmental seats up for grabs

By C.B. Hanif

Feb. 8.
LANTANA

It's been said that all politics is local. For folks seeking to resolve local issues, the second Tuesday in March — Election Day — is the traditional date for significant civic action.

Public offices from mayor to town councils will be up for vote that day in Briny Breezes, Delray Beach, Gulf Stream, Lantana, Manalapan, Ocean Ridge, South Palm Beach and other Palm Beach County municipalities.

Here are seats up for election, the candidates who have filed to run as of the deadline for this edition (noon, Feb. 1) and candidate qualifying periods in our area: **BRINY BREEZES**

Up for election are the seats held by Mayor Roger Bennett, Alderman/Town Clerk Kathleen Bray and the one to which Alderman Lowen Pooch recently was appointed. Although Bennett has announced his intention to run, as yet no one has filed to seek a seat. The qualifying period ends noon Feb. 8.

DELRAY BEACH

Mayor Nelson "Woodie" McDuffie in Seat 5 and Commissioner Adam Frankel in Seat 3 have filed for re-election. Thomas Carney has filed for Seat 1 to which Commissioner Gary Eliopoulos is not seeking to return.

The only other ballot item would ask voters whether to change their elected officeholders' term limits from three, two-year terms to two, three-year terms.

If there are no challengers when the filing period ends Feb. 8, the Commission passed a resolution to cancel the special election regarding commission terms rather than cost taxpayers \$40,000 for an election in which the change would be the only ballot item.

GULF STREAM

Up for election are all five town commissioners: Mayor William Koch, Joan Orthwein, Chris Wheeler, Muriel Anderson and Fred Devitt. No one had filed for any seat; the qualifying period ends noon

Councilman Tom Deringer's Group 3 and Councilwoman Elizabeth Tennyson's Group 4 terms are expiring. Phil Aridas has filed for Group 4, to which Tennyson is not seeking re-election. Deringer has filed for re-election. Qualifying ends noon Feb. 8.

MANALAPAN

Commissioner Basil Diamond's term has expired in Seat 1, for which David Cheifetz has filed. Commissioner Donald Brennan has filed for re-election to Seat 3. Seat 5 Commissioner William Bernstein is seeking re-election; Bill Quigley also has filed. For mayoral Seat 7, currently held by Kelly Gottlieb, Diamond has filed. The qualifying period ends noon Feb. 8.

OCEAN RIDGE

The seats of Commissioners Betty Bingham and Terry Brown are up for re-election. Four candidates have filed: Incumbants Bingham and Brown and challengers Edward Brooks and Zoanne Hennigan. Could be six candidates total if two others who have shown interest qualify. Top two vote-getters win at-large seats. Candidate filling ends 3 p.m. on Feb. 11.

SOUTH PALM BEACH

Mayor Donald Clayman has filed for re-election to the seat to which he as former vice mayor was appointed after then-Mayor Martin Millar resigned in December. Councilman Joseph Flagello, who subsequently was appointed to the commission and to the post of vice mayor, has picked up an election package, but not yet filed. Councilman Brian Merbler is up for re-election. The council seats go to the top two vote earners in the at-large races.

Two charter amendments are also on the ballot. One would limit buildings east of A1A to a 60-foot height and the other would prohibit new non-residential uses in town. Candidate qualifying ends noon Feb. 8.



Candidate forums on tap

It may be snow season up North, but it's municipal election season in Palm Beach County.

Since it's hard to tell the candidates apart without a candidate forum, several have been scheduled in south county municipalities where elections are expected to be contested.

With any luck, the candidates will wear name tags.

The nonpartisan League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County is sponsoring two forums, possibly more, if the field of candidates warrants it.

OCEAN RIDGE: Feb. 24, Town Hall commission chambers, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd., 7 p.m.

LANTANA: Two candidate events are on the calendar, both on Feb. 24. The Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a 7 p.m. forum at the Old Key Lime House restaurant at 300 E. Ocean Ave. Earlier in the day, the Friends of the Library is the host for a forum at the Lantana Public Library, 205 W. Ocean Ave.

Election Day for all county municipalities is March 8.

South Palm Beach

Citizen board appointed ... to fill other boards

By Tim O'Meilia

Q: What's the best way to fill a town advisory board?

A: Form another board.

That's what the South Palm Beach Town Council did Jan. 25. They had to. The town charter says so.

It's right there in Art. II, Sec. 2-9: "To assist the Town Manager in making recommendations for appointment to boards and committees ... a citizen advisory council shall be established ..."

Never mind that there hasn't been a Citizens Advisory Council since the early '00s. The board fell through the cracks somewhere between the administrations of former town managers Margot Beck, Dennis White and Chuck Dobbins.

"I've been in town management since 1981 and I have never heard of anything like this," said current Town Manager Rex Taylor, absolving his predecessors and himself.

The council's job, according to the charter, is to recruit, screen and interview applicants, review their references and then make recommendations to the manager, who, in turn, makes recommendations to the

council.

Trouble is, hardly anyone thinks that a town of 1,531 (according to the 2000 census) with four advisory boards needs a fifth to fill the other four.

"We are about to create another board to recruit for 15 people when we only have two or three openings annually?" said Councilman Brian Merbler.

Actually, Merbler's count of 15 doesn't include the 25-member Community Affairs Advisory Board, which organizes the town's popular lecture and music series. But there will be six openings on the Planning, Architectural Review and Code Enforcement boards in May.

Merbler called the new board redundant.

Mayor Donald Clayman said it was superfluous.

Councilman Joseph Flagello agreed. "But it's on the books," he said.

Town Attorney Brad Biggs said the council was bound by the charter unless it is changed by referendum. Two referendum questions are on the March ballot but it's too late to pose a charter question to undo the new board.

"I've never seen anything like it," Biggs said. "It is somewhat redundant."

Credit — or blame — resident Isabella Ralston-Charnley for pointing the charter requirement out to town officials.

"How did they all miss this?" she said. And a more important question: "Are any of the boards still legal?"

Ralston-Charnley has accused Planning Board members of being biased against proposals to expand the Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn from a two-story motel to a 10-story condo-hotel.

In practice, the council has appointed members to town boards without recommendations from the town manager or any board.

Nevertheless, each council member made a nomination for the Citizens Advisory Council and all five were approved unanimously.

The new board comprises former Mayor Maurice Jacobson, Christian Kahler, Evan Geilich, Greg Harrison and Joanne Hanley.

The new board is expected to meet in February or March. ★

Voter registration deadline is near

By C.B. Hanif

The books close Feb. 7 at 5 p.m. for those who need to register to vote in the March 8 general municipal elections.

To register, contact the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections office at (561) 656-6200 or pbelections.org.

Generally, any 18-year-old U.S. citizen and legal Florida resident may register by submitting a completed voter registration application online or to a Supervisor of Elections office.

Once registered, a voter receives a registration card reflecting the precinct and polling place.

A photo ID with your

signature is required in order to vote. Acceptable forms of ID are: Florida driver's license, Florida identification card, U.S. passport, debit/credit cards, military ID cards, student ID cards, retirement center ID cards, neighborhood association ID cards, Public Assistance identification.

Due to a change in state law, voters who prefer voting by absentee ballot now must request one for each election cycle. Under previous law, absentee ballot requests were good through two general election cycles.

"If your absentee ballot request is marked for 'all available elections' voters who request absentee ballot for

the March 2011 Municipal Elections will also receive absentee ballots through the 20112 General Election," said Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher.

The last day to request an absentee ballot for the March 8 election is March 2 by 5 p.m. Voters may request an absentee ballot at Supervisor of Elections offices, by phone (561-656-6200), fax (561-656-6287), by e-mailing absentee@pbelections.org or at www.pbelections.org.

The polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. The date for a runoff election, if necessary, is March 22. ★

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Delray Beach

Segway Tours looks to segue into street-legal status

By Linda Haase

When Buck Ward opened Segway Tours of Delray in November, he was ecstatic. The Pineapple Grove business' grand opening was a festive event, attracting a crowd, including Delray Beach City Commissioner Gary Eliopoulos.

A few days later, Ward discovered that his business was in jeopardy because the city bans Segways on its streets. Since then, he's been trying to work out an agreement with city officials to amend the ordinance.

And, after the Jan. 11 City Commission workshop, he is a step closer. City officials didn't give him their ultimate endorsement, but they left the door open for a compromise.

"We don't want to throw you out. We want to look at this, but we want to make sure we don't hurt anyone in the process. A crucial issue is everyone's safety," said Delray Beach Mayor Nelson McDuffie.

Ward's attorney, Michael Listick, said he could work with a proposed ordinance drawn up by Delray Beach City Attorney Brian Shutt — except for one key point: the banning of Segways on A1A. "They have to go somewhere along A1A or they are missing Delray Beach," Listick said.

An A1A ban would be especially troubling to east Atlantic Avenue based business,

The Electric Experience — who also offers Segway tours.

The proposed ordinance discussed at the workshop, modeled after one in Sanibel Island, bans Segways from all public areas of the city, but allows tour operators to obtain conditional use approval from the city. In Delray Beach, that could mean banning the two-wheel vehicles along A1A from the north end of the municipal beach to Casuarina Road and on Atlantic Avenue from the beach to Swinton Avenue.

Delray Beach City Manager David Hardin suggested the possibility of allowing the Segways along the west side of A1A, where he said "there is very little pedestrian traffic."

Meanwhile, the city is allowing the Segway tours to continue while the details, including number of guides required per tour and routes, are worked out. The guided tours, which steer clear of Atlantic Avenue and A1A, are offered three times daily in areas including Veteran's Park, Banker's Row and the Marina District, Chris Dove, the manager at Segway Tours of Delray, said in late January, adding that he and Ward are "confident things will be worked out."

A date hasn't been set yet for the commission to review the issue. "We are trying to move it along, but make sure we do it right," Hardin said.

Ocean Ridge



Nick Tirs and Mario Hategan from Valentin Fodor of TMV Inc. assemble one of the four new entrance signs to Ocean Ridge. Three of the signs have been installed with a fourth being installed at the south end of town once approval is given by the Florida Department of Transportation. Total cost for the project is \$15,155. Photo by Jerry Lower

Town aims for more control over neglected properties

Town commissioners will hold public hearings Feb. 7 on two ordinances that would let Ocean Ridge collect payment for repairing or demolishing neglected properties.

The ordinances provide a means for commissioners to set up a special tax district and to assess property owners who

haven't corrected neglected properties or paid the town after it's stepped in to correct the issues.

The number of foreclosed and neglected properties that have popped up in the wake of the housing market collapse led to the actions.

— Margie Plunkett

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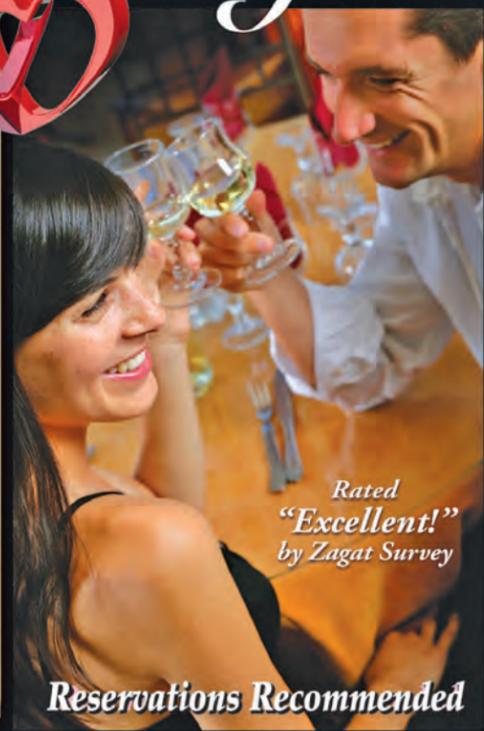
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Gulf Stream

Vacationing mayor gets hearty military greeting

By Steve Plunkett

A holiday visit to his daughter in Phoenix included a surprise Gulf Stream Mayor William F. Koch Jr. will never forget.

Plus, he'll rarely have to pay for drinks with military friends from now on.

Koch, who in World War II was the bombardier-pilot on a B-17 Flying Fortress, was treated to a red-carpet tour of Luke Air Force Base as a special guest of recently retired Lt. Gen. John Regni, the former superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Koch, who turns 90 this month, also spent about an hour dogfighting with his grandson in the base's F-16 flight simulators.

"I was doing pretty good until I came in for a landing. It all went red," Koch said.

"He was keeping the plane level with the horizon and they were just amazed," said his daughter, Claudia Burns. "My son was crashing and burning every two seconds."



Gulf Stream Mayor William F. Koch Jr. (third from the left) in this historic photo of the 8th Air Force's 493 Bomb Group

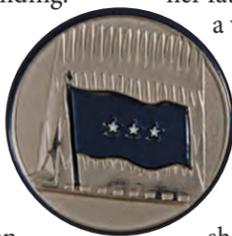


Burns, who is friends with Regni, let the general know her father was coming for a visit. Regni thinks it's important not to forget the World War II experiences of Air Force veterans, she said. "He walked in and shook my dad's hand and saluted him," Burns said. "He kept on calling him by his

rank, major." Koch left Rollins College early to join the war effort and was part of the 8th Air Force's 493rd Bomb Group, his daughter said. He flew over the beaches on D-Day and still remembers the empty chairs left in the briefing room by comrades killed in action, she said. Before the day was over, Regni gave Koch a coin

stamped "Presented by the Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy" along with three stars for Regni's rank. "It was a nice little memento to get," Koch said. Burns said Air Force personnel use the coins to decide, among other things, who picks up the bar tab, with the highest-ranking coin drinking for free. "It's a fun but a very

prestigious thing," Burns said. "It's tremendous bragging rights." Town Clerk Rita Taylor said Koch was very proud of the coin when asked about his Christmas trip at Town Hall. "He said he had a wonderful time. 'Just look here at what I got,'" she said.



and saluted him," Burns said. "He kept on calling him by his

Residents eager to learn about power-line plan

By Steve Plunkett

More than one snafu marred the straw poll on Gulf Stream's underground utility project and the proposed referendum on annexing the county pocket.

A couple dozen straw ballots, including the one to Gulf Stream Civic Association President Bob Ganger, were chewed up in the mailing process and delivered in shreds in a plastic bag.

Town police officers were pressed into service to deliver reprinted ballots.

And some part-time residents' forwarding addresses had expired so ballots were returned as undeliverable. Ganger said it was 16 of 50 at one condo.

Residents seemed hungry to learn more about the plan to bury electric, phone and cable TV lines. A crowd of 50 to 60 people attended an informational meeting put on by the Civic Association at the Gulf Stream School. At the Town Commission meeting two days later, extra seats had to be brought in.

"This isn't a new thing, this discussion on underground power," Mayor William Koch Jr. told the packed commission chambers. "It really started about 50 years ago when Bob Reed developed Place au Soleil. ... He was the first person to put underground wiring in."

Koch said the rest of Gulf Stream wanted underground lines, but were put off by the expense. But technology changes have brought the cost

down. The average fee for a single-family residence in Gulf Stream is \$15,218, town consultants said, while pointing out that similar projects in Jupiter Island and Jupiter Inlet Colony came in well under budget.

"Now more people here see the value of undergrounding, and that's why we're bringing this to the voters to make this decision," Koch said.

No residents spoke at the commission meeting. At the Civic Association meeting, condo residents asked why they should pay the same as a single-family home when the wiring in front of their building served more than one family. The consultants said their formula treated each dwelling unit equally regardless of size.

Another resident asked why the cost shown on her ballot did not include a yearly breakdown. After the project is approved, the town can negotiate 10- or 20-year payment plans, the consultants said.

And one resident wondered if the project is worth it if power lines in Briny Breezes and Delray Beach are still overhead.

On the proposed annexation, town officials discovered that the usual precinct for county pocket residents had been chained shut and that four of the 90 registered voters on the county's list are dead.

"The polling place that they had had over on Federal seems to be deserted," Town Clerk Rita Taylor told commissioners before they gave initial approval

to an annexation ordinance.

Taylor said she would divide the commission chambers to make polling stations for both the town's precinct

and the county pocket's voters.

★ *Straw ballots on the underground utility project were due back at Town Hall by 2 p.m. Feb. 7. Go to www.thecoastalstar.com for updates.*

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Residents and surfers were delighted by the January sighting of a migrating whale, seen here just offshore of Briny Breezes.
Photo by Ira Friedman



Along the Coast

Seasonal snow-birds: Vultures are nature's garbage crew

By Joanne Davis

They start migrating in October, and by early to mid-November they are here.

They come from everywhere east of the Mississippi River and from as far away as Canada. Their endless, effortless soaring sends large shadows gliding across the ground. They are dark, ominous against the blue, but their grace and mastery of the thermals brings us pause and a wonder to understand them; to get past their soiled reputation.

In South Florida there are two vulture species. Turkey vultures, which are both resident and migratory, and black vultures, which are smaller and mostly resident. Both have large populations here in winter.

An adult turkey vulture weighs approximately 6 pounds, with a wingspan of about 6 feet. They have a bare, red head. Black vultures are about 4 to 5 pounds with a wingspan of about 4½ to 5 feet. The head is dark gray to black and bare.

Brian Smith, coordinator of the American Bird Conservancy in the Appalachian Mountains, says, "Vultures get a pretty bad rap because of what they do."

What they do is eat carrion. When they are frightened they regurgitate. This is sufficient to repel any would-be predators,



A black Vulture shown basking in the sun to warm up on a recent chilly morning are smaller than Turkey Vultures who can weigh up to six pounds. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

just from the smell alone.

And if that isn't repelling enough, the turkey vulture often directs its urine right onto its legs. This serves two very important purposes: In the summertime, wetting the legs cools the vulture, as the urine evaporates (the vulture cannot sweat). And the urine contains strong acids from the vulture's digestive system that kills any bacteria that may remain on the bird's legs from stepping in its meal.

When the vulture is eating carrion, it must often stick its head inside the carcass to reach the meat — which explains the vulture's bald head. A feathery head would capture unwanted pieces of the vulture's meal, along with all the bacteria it hosts. After mealtime, the turkey vulture perches in the heat of the sun to bake off whatever leftover has managed to cling to their head.

Neither vulture species builds nests. They lay eggs in a small depression on the ground, among rocks in caves or old buildings.

Vulture populations are increasing near human habitation. They like landfills, roadkill, and roosting on cell towers. They have benefited from waste and other activities.

"People look down on vultures as not very elegant in the bird world, but they play an important role in nature," said Craig Watson, wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Vultures have a tough job — not one many would care to do. And they do it for free — a perk in the service that nature provides.

So, next time that shadow runs across the ground, look up at the grizzly looking bird that is looking for a mess to clean up, and give a thank you — from a distance. ★

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Along the Coast

Blaze kills boater; classes aim to lessen boating dangers

By Rich Pollack

The 32-foot cabin cruiser, The Quarterdeck, had finished refueling at the Delray Harbor Club Marina on the Monday right after the new year began, but the strong smell of gasoline still lingered in the air.

Fuel had apparently spilled into the water, according to state investigators, and a dock attendant quickly put a containment plan into action.

Just a few minutes later, all hell broke loose as The Quarterdeck exploded, erupting into flames.

Two of three men onboard made it into the water and were later taken to a local hospital.

A third person, 67-year-old Robert Romanelli of Orange Park — apparently trapped below deck — never made it out. Investigators later found his body in the boat's charred debris.

The fatal boat fire is still under investigation by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the state Fire Marshal's Office and the exact cause of the explosion is still unknown. What is certain, and what the incident underscores, is that in Florida boat fires are a constant threat.

In 2009, the last year in which data is available, the state Fire Marshal reported 229 boat or other water-vehicle fires, responsible for \$7.7 million in lost property. Although none of those fires involved a fatality, 14 people did suffer injuries, according to state records.

While the leading cause of boat fires is equipment failure, according to the state Fire Marshal's Office, it is the combination of gasoline fumes and electrical equipment on board a boat that should be a major concern for all who enjoy boating.

On boats, it's possible for gasoline spilled during fueling

to find its way to the bilge, the area below the deck that is similar to a crawl space under a house.

Because there is little ventilation in the bilge, fumes can build up and become a serious threat to safety.

"All it takes is one spark, one little spark, and a boat can go up like a Roman candle," says Delray Beach Mayor Woodie McDuffie, a veteran boater.

According to the state Fire Marshal's Office, one of the best ways to prevent explosions is to avoid spilling fuel or overfilling a tank. A funnel is often helpful in avoiding a spill should a sudden wave tip the boat.

To be on the safe side, fire officials recommend letting your engines cool before fueling and turning off all electrical systems while at the pump.

Ventilation is also important and fire officials say it's imperative for boaters to run blowers to clear out any fumes in the bilge and to also check for any gas fumes before starting engines or electrical systems.

Here are some other fire-safety tips for boaters from the state Fire Marshal's Office:

- Keep your boat in good repair and be on the lookout for leaky fuel lines and frayed wires.
- Do not use portable electric or propane heaters onboard.
- Keep aisles clear and store fuel-powered equipment in a separate storage area that is well-ventilated.
- Make sure batteries are properly installed and not damaged.
- Be sure to have a fire extinguisher onboard. A multi-purpose ABC fire extinguisher is the preferred option.
- Make sure you have a way to communicate in an emergency available at all

times.

Boaters who want to learn more about fire safety aboard boats can take advantage of safe boating courses offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Classes are offered at the Boynton Beach Boat Club Park on the last Saturday of every month.

There is a \$36 fee for the classes, which start at 8:15 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. with a break for lunch.

To find out more, call Jerry Schnue at (561) 966-2158 or contact him at capthook21@msn.com.



Firefighters extinguish a blaze on a boat at Delray Harbor Club Marina. One man died in the fire. Photo courtesy of Delray Beach Fire-Rescue



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Delray Beach

Musical memoir is perfectly Patsy

By Ron Hayes

During the day, C.C. Currie is a cat-scan technologist from Sunrise.

At night, she's Louise Seger, a star-struck country music fan from Mississippi.

During the day, Lisa Mills is a visual merchandising manager at Macy's in the Aventura Mall.

At night, she's Patsy Cline.

Add a six-piece band and they're *Always ... Patsy Cline*, a musical memoir running through Feb. 20 at the Delray Beach Playhouse, and a bit of a first for the community theater's 64th season.

"We've never done anything quite like this before," says Artistic Director Randolph DeLago. "Most of our musical programs have been about Broadway composers like Kander and Ebb or Harold Arlen."

But with help from a double bass, a fiddle and a steel guitar, the musical review is as close as country music lovers can get to an evening with the woman who turned *Walking After Midnight*, *I Fall To Pieces* and *Crazy* into country classics and juke box perennials.

Ted Swindley's play, which debuted in 1993, is inspired by a chapter in *Honky Tonk Angel*,

Always ... Patsy Cline is on stage at the Delray Beach Playhouse through Feb. 20. For information or tickets, call 272-1281.

Ellis Nassour's biography of Cline.

A long-time fan, Seger finally met her idol at Houston's Esquire Ballroom in 1961. She invited Cline back for a home-cooked meal. They remained friends and exchanged letters — signed "Always, Patsy Cline" — until 1963, when the 30-year-old singer died in a plane crash and a music legend was born.

In the play, Currie as Seger addresses the audience directly, recalling her friendship with Cline and serving as a narrative thread through the show's 24 songs.

"I get 90 percent of the talking, and Lisa gets 90 percent of the singing," Currie says.

And, oh, what singing.

On a Wednesday night in early January, Currie and Mills stood on the theater's empty stage as DeLago sat on a stool at the front, helping them shape a scene.

With no band and no mike, Mills broke into an a



Lisa Mills (left) and C.C. Currie star in the Delray Beach Playhouse production of *Always ... Patsy Cline*. Photo by Jerry Lower

cappella rendition of *Crazy* and sounded, no doubt about it, perfectly Patsy.

"I would give five years of my life to be able to sing like that," DeLago murmured.

In a blue cowgirl dress, white hat and boots, Mills

looks like Patsy Cline, and sounds like her, too. And Currie's giant bouffant wig and molasses drawl is a perfect echo of the early '60s.

Neither is a professional actress or singer, though both performed in college and

occasional local theater.

But with DeLago offering tips on when to turn, how to interact, the two moved easily through the rehearsal. Perhaps that's because they've already worked together, performing *Always ... Patsy Cline* at the Lake Worth Playhouse in April 2009.

"Rarely will you find such a uniquely expert cast," says DeLago, "so it's like a month in the country for an old director. This will be as close to a professional production as we'll see here for a while."

After a wrenching performance of *Three Cigarettes And An Ashtray*, they relaxed backstage.

What is it about Patsy Cline that's lasted, after so many long-gone stars of the Grand Ole Opry are forgotten?

"I think it's that her voice is very plaintive, and yet she brings so much feeling to it that everybody who hears her knows what she's feeling," Mills said.

And what is her favorite Patsy Cline song?

"One?" she protested. "I don't know. *Faded Love ...? You Belong To Me ...?*"

Finally, she gave up. Trying to choose a single favorite Patsy Cline song would be ... crazy. ★

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Celebrations



Students from Toussaint L' Ouverture High School (Boynton Beach) dance on the stage at Old School Square in Delray Beach during a multifaith Earthquake Remembrance Service held on Jan. 12, the one-year anniversary of the earthquake that devastated the country. **Photo by Jerry Lower**



Members of the Delray Beach Club held an exhibit by more than a dozen local artists who are club members. ABOVE: Neta Kulusa explains the technique she used to create one of her paintings to Allan Schwartz. LEFT: Bob Van Brott poses with one of his oil paintings. **Photos by Jerry Lower**



Gaylord Armstrong (left), Cliff Albertson and Roger Klink of Briny Breezes recently caught this 25-pound wahoo while fishing in the Atlantic. The fish grabbed Armstrong's line and the men joined forces to reel it in. **Photo by Barbara Klink**



Father William Stomski with students from St. Joseph's Episcopal School prepared more than 1,000 pounds of food for the WPTV 'Food for Families' community food drive. The students also raised \$645 for the Community Caring Center. **Photo provided**



Committee members attended a Palm Beach pre-benefit cocktail reception on Jan. 4 in anticipation of Sardi's South — the March 19 Dramaworks benefit at the Kravis' Cohen Pavilion. Pictured are Dorothy Lappin of Palm Beach (left) with Don and Linda Silpe of Manalapan. **Photo provided**

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Obituaries

Alieda Nelson Riley

DELRAY BEACH — Alieda Nelson Riley, a long-time Delray Beach resident and World War II veteran who moved here after the war, raised six children in a historic house by the sea and later became an ardent preservationist and avid gardener, died Jan. 10. She was 91.



Active until just a few months before her death, Mrs. Riley died at her home with her children.

She was instrumental in creating one of the city's first historic districts. The Marina Historic District encompassed her Palm Square home, two historic cottages designed by Addison Mizner and the city's marina. She served as president of the district for 14 years.

She told colorful stories of the "Village by the Sea" Delray of the '40s, '50s and '60s, and its long-since-gone gathering spots when the city was a winter mecca for world-class cartoonists, polo players and titans of industry.

And she herself was a world-class supporter of the town she loved, championing causes such as proper fire escapes for its residential neighborhoods.

She bore her children before there were any hospitals in southern Palm Beach County. Even before there was an Interstate 95.

"If the baby was coming fast, she told my father to take Federal Highway up to Good Samaritan (Hospital in West Palm Beach). Slow coming

babies, they took A1A," said her daughter, Carolyn Patton, a Federal Highway baby.

In 1998, Mrs. Riley was one of the founders, along with her daughter, of the Sandoway House Nature Center in Delray Beach and later was responsible for its being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. She tended the seaside garden of native plants and purchased items for the center's gift shop.

Mrs. Riley would tirelessly weed and care for the plants and flowers in summer heat that drove many a younger volunteer indoors.

Twice a month, the city would send workers to help with the heavy chores. She would bake them cakes and other treats to show her appreciation.

Those workers eventually began calling her "Granny," an endearing term her children and grandchildren had adopted years earlier.

Mrs. Riley was a wonderful cook, who kept myriad recipes in her head that never quite translated onto paper. "I just add enough until it's right," she would say. Her sweet pickles, preserves and chutney were much sought-after Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Riley grew up on a farm in Illinois and attended Northern Illinois University before enlisting in the U.S. Navy as a WAVE after the outbreak of World War II. During the war, she met her future husband, Melville Fuller Riley Jr., who served as a Navy lieutenant commander.

A communications officer who trained at Smith and Mount Holyoke colleges,

she was one of four WAVES assigned to his squadron when it was stationed at Dinner Key, near Miami.

The Rileys were married on March 2, 1946, honeymooned in Havana and moved to Delray Beach. There they reared their family in a historic oceanfront house built in 1939 for Mr. Riley's parents by noted architect John Volk.

After the couple's children were grown, they moved in 1979 to her current home on Palm Square. Mr. Riley died in 1986.

Mrs. Riley is survived by her sister Doris Purgason of Austin, Texas; children Georgia deHavenon of New York City; Melville Fuller Riley III of Boynton Beach; Carolyn Patton of Delray Beach; Saunders Riley of Delray Beach; Alieda Maron of Lakeland and N. Montague Riley of Delray Beach; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 15 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach, a church Mrs. Riley attended for more than 60 years. The Rev. William "Chip" Stokes officiated.

Burial followed in the Riley family plot in Pittsburgh, PA.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions in her memory be made to the Sandoway House Nature Center or St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Editor's note: Alieda Riley was a Coastal Star in this newspaper in May 2009. Her daughter, Carolyn Patton, is a founding partner of The Coastal Star.

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Joseph A. Piantedosi Sr.

By Emily J. Minor

OCEAN RIDGE — Joseph A. Piantedosi Sr., the retired president of the Piantedosi Baking Co. Inc., who moved to Ocean Ridge 20 years ago after first trying Boca Raton and deciding condo living wasn't for



him, died Jan. 9.

He was 87.

Mr. Piantedosi is legendary for steering the family-owned the bakery business into modern operation. The Piantedosi Baking Co. began when Salvatore and Mary Piantedosi — Mr. Piantedosi's parents — emigrated from Italy, settled outside Boston, and began baking bread and delivering it by horse and wagon.

Along with his two brothers, Mr. Piantedosi began learning the family

business at a young age, eventually encouraging mechanical manufacturing that was unheard of in those days. He brought automated conveyor belts to the family business, establishing the groundwork for what the company is today: an international bakery distributor.

"He was ahead of his time," said his son, Joseph Piantedosi Jr., who now runs the family business with his two cousins. "The things that he did, they said they couldn't be done."

After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, Mr. Piantedosi traveled the world during the 1950s, snatching up ideas and equipment, said his son. He would bring it all home and cobble it together into a conveyor belt system, the likes of which are still used today.

Along with his savvy business acumen, Mr. Piantedosi loved both the

mechanical and creative side of just about everything. The company began in the small town of Everett, outside Boston, and has its headquarters today not far away, in Malden, Mass. Mr. Piantedosi was a devoted family man. When he died, he had been married to his wife, Elaine, for 61 years. Together, they embraced their Florida life after retirement, his son said.

While the couple did spend a few months at their home outside Boston each summer, they loved Ocean Ridge. Mr. Piantedosi especially loved tinkering with his boats, his son said.

"He loved maintaining the boat and cleaning it as much as he loved driving it," his son said.

Besides his son, Joseph Jr., and his wife, Elaine, Mr. Piantedosi is survived by two daughters, Mary and JoAnn, three grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Connie Oleson

By Ron Hayes

BRINY BREEZES — Connie Oleson liked to paint furniture and give it to friends. She liked long walks up and down Old Ocean Boulevard. She liked fishing in the surf in front of the



Briny Breezes clubhouse.

Most of all, she liked people, and people liked her.

"She was a heckuva gal," said Mayor Roger Bennett, a longtime neighbor and friend on Hibiscus Drive. "She was a hard-charging gal, and tough as nails."

Ms. Oleson brought that same spirit to a long battle with cancer, which ended on Jan. 25 when she died at home, surrounded by her family. She was 71.

She had been admitted to Bethesda Memorial Hospital on Christmas Eve, but was able to return home Jan. 3, where she was cared for by family, neighbors and hospice workers.

"At the end she was comfortable," said her daughter,

Sandra Chlebowski, of Cary, N.C. "Her breath gave out and she died peacefully."

Among those with her at the end was John Hughes, her partner. The two met as neighbors in Briny Breezes, and went on to share their lives. He was from Canada, she from Michigan, and the couple vacationed in both spots before her illness, as well as New Hampshire and Maine.

"She was very outgoing, and knew everybody there was to know. She just had that kind of personality where people would open up to her, and become friends," Hughes recalled. "She was somebody who was interested in you, and a very caring person."

Constance Forbes Oleson was born on Aug. 29, 1939, in Jackson, Mich., and graduated from Jackson High School in 1957.

In July 1959, she married John W. Bannasch Jr., who died in 1977. From 1977 to 1999, she was married to David Philips, and later wed Eric Oleson, who died in 2007.

During her working life, Ms. Oleson was a fundraiser for

medical organizations, most recently as executive director of the WakeMed Foundation in Raleigh, N.C., from which she retired in 2004.

She was a seasonal resident of Briny Breezes starting in 1997 and came to stay year-round after her retirement.

Her four daughters will be third-generation owners in Briny.

In addition to Mr. Hughes and Ms. Chlebowski, she is survived by three other daughters, Cynthia Laing, of Naples; Mary B. Crookes, of Wilmington, N.C.; and Pamela B. Kastl of Apex, N.C.; five grandchildren; and two sisters, Dee Rappleye of Norton, Mich., and Audrey Worth of Clarklake, Mich.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Feb. 20 at the Briny Breezes ocean clubhouse, overlooking her favorite fishing spot.

In lieu of flowers, Ms. Oleson asked that donations be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County, the American Cancer Society, or the Palmetto Elementary (Collier County) 100 Book Challenge.

Donald E. Vigeant

By Liz Best

OCEAN RIDGE — Donald Vigeant spent his final years doing the things that defined his life — gardening, walking the beach, playing golf and listening to music.



"He couldn't sit still," said his wife, Lynne Vigeant. "He was not a couch potato."

Mr. Vigeant died Jan. 18, at the age of 75.

Up until the end, he actively pursued his interest in being outdoors. He walked miles along the beach located just five minutes from the couple's winter home at Crown Colony Club in Ocean Ridge. Mr. Vigeant tended the flower gardens there, as well as at

the couple's summer home in Colonie, N.Y.

"He did it because he loved it," said Mrs. Vigeant, adding that he was also competitive on the golf course. "He had a two handicap."

His daughter, Cheline Boston of Houston, said he was always the life of the party.

"He always wanted to include everyone and be sure everyone was having fun," she said. "He loved music and was very eclectic in what he listened to ... everything except country or rap. He would order off the Internet because the stuff he liked usually could not be found in the music store."

A native of Housatonic, Mass., Mr. Vigeant was honorably discharged from the U.S. Air Force in 1961. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University

of Massachusetts in Amherst and worked for 35 years at the New York State Department of Civil Services.

He and his wife fell in love with Ocean Ridge during the years they spent winters here. They purchased a condo in Crown Colony Club following retirement.

In addition to his wife and daughter, Mr. Vigeant is survived by a son-in-law, Kevin Boston, two granddaughters, Brielle and Braedyn Boston, and his former wife, Nancy Jenke, all of Houston; as well as a brother, Gerald Vigeant of Ballston Spa, N.Y.

His ashes will be buried this summer at Gerald B. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville, N.Y.

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John M. Regan Jr.

By Mary Thurwachter

OCEAN RIDGE — John M. Regan Jr., or Jack, as he was called, left a rich legacy that went beyond academic achievements, military decorations, business promotions, board and trustee appointments, and all the other trappings of public visibility, said his oldest son, John M. Regan III, known as "Mac."



Mr. Regan, former

chairman and CEO of Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc., and a resident of Ocean Ridge, died Jan. 10 after a battle with cancer.

During his 13-year tenure as CEO, the company diversified its businesses significantly and developed a strategy to expand its operations globally, resulting in huge growth in the company's revenue.

Mr. Regan, who retired in 1986, lived in New York for most of his career, where he was active in professional, business and charitable organizations including the Inner-city Scholarship Fund and the

Cardinal's Committee on Education for the Archdiocese of New York.

Born in Minneapolis on June 7, 1921, Mr. Regan was the oldest of three children of John M. and Philomena M. Regan. He graduated with honors from Yale University and also attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University's School of Business Administration.

To join the war effort, Mr. Regan graduated five months early from Yale in 1943. He was a first lieutenant and platoon commander with the U.S. 22nd Infantry of the 4th Army Division during the Normandy campaign and was seriously wounded during a 1944 attack on Cherbourg. His bravery earned him a Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Mac Regan said his father "was an exceptional leader of self and others, a thoughtful and generous care giver to not only family and friends but also to the church, to education and scholarship, and to his communities. He set an example as someone who constantly adapted and learned, maintaining an intellectual energy and vitality that stayed with him until the very end."

As a way of saying thank you to those who stood by him over the years, Mr. Regan took 200

friends and family to Venice to celebrate the Millennium.

In letters written to his parents during the war, Mr. Regan noted how fortunate he was to have received such a good education in Minneapolis at the Annunciation School (primary) and St. Thomas Academy (secondary) and then later at Yale and Harvard.

But these were only the beginning of a lifelong learning process that included his wartime, business, social and family experiences — a process that he embraced and advanced through voracious reading, incessant conversation and observation, and active involvement in many interests.

"The only downside to having all this knowledge," his son said, "was his urgency to share it at meals (like the breakfast lecture on the politics of the Cameroon) or while captive on one of his all-day ('anyone want to go for a short sail?') sailing days."

Mr. Regan served as a trustee of Notre Dame University, Connecticut College, St. Vincent's Hospital and New York Law School and as a director of Morgan Stanley Group, ACF Industries and the A.C. Nielson Co. He was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Ocean Club of Florida, the

Gulf Stream Bath and Tennis Club, the Misquamicut Club in Rhode Island and the Watch Hill Yacht Club, where he served as commodore for four years.

"Dad had endless enthusiasm," his son said, "with great empathy and consideration for others, with an eccentric curiosity, and a self-effacing style that reflected what he always referred to as his Minnesota values and roots; but what were in reality the product of a life well-lived."

Besides his wife, Prudence S. Regan, Mr. Regan is survived by two brothers, Robert M. Regan of Minneapolis and Richard F. Regan of Honolulu; six children, including John M. "Mac" Regan of Watch Hill, R.I., Deborah R. Edwards of Hartsdale, N.Y., Peter M. Regan of New Berlin, N.Y., R. Christopher Regan of Mendham, N.J., Prudence R. Hallarman of Lincolnshire, Ill., and William M. Regan of New York, N.Y., and nine grandchildren.

A private funeral was held in January and a memorial service is planned for June. Donations in Mr. Regan's memory may be made to the Inner-City Scholarship Fund, 1011 1st Ave., #1400, New York, NY 10022-4112.

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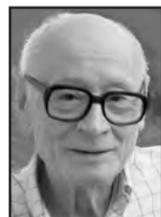
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By Dianna Smith

DELRAY BEACH — Carter Golembe wanted to be a poet.

This powerful, intelligent man who spent his life as a star of sorts in the banking industry



once wanted to focus his talents on writing, but life had different plans for Mr. Golembe.

He fought in World War II, received the Purple Heart and went on to earn his master's and Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University and a law degree from George Washington University. He spent most of his life excelling as a consultant, a speaker and a mentor to many in Washington D.C., where he spent many years working in the business world.

Mr. Golembe died Dec. 18 at the age of 86 and will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, where his longtime co-workers can say goodbye to

Carter Golembe

their very good friend.

But locals here in Delray Beach, where he lived full-time the last 20 years, also are mourning his loss.

One of Golembe's daily stops was at Delray News and Tobacco on Atlantic. Almost every morning he would pick up a copy of the *New York Times* and chat with manager Nancy Tolford about the latest news.

"He was an amusing man who really didn't speak of his own accomplishments," she said. "He was very intelligent. If he did speak of his banking experiences, you always learned something."

Some of those accomplishments include working for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and helping to start the American Bankers Association's Washington office. He started his own consulting firm in the late 1960s known as the "Mercedes of the industry," and founded the International Financial Conference. He also served 10 years on the board of

Barnett Banks of Florida in Jacksonville.

And in his often hectic life, Mr. Golembe also managed to find time for romance.

He married Patricia Healy-Golembe in 1990, nine years after hiring her as his decorator in Delray Beach. He was a part-time resident back then and their friendship eventually led to dating. They spent most of their 20-year marriage traveling around the world so Mr. Golembe could attend conferences.

"We had a great life," Patricia said. "We were best friends."

Patricia served as his secretary, transcribing notes that her husband would dictate to her. He was not one to use the computer, she said. They worked six years together on *But I Never Made a Loan*, a banking history memoir of which Mr. Golembe dictated every single chapter.

He worked until his early 80s and stopped after suffering a stroke. Patricia said her husband would've liked to have died then because during his last years, he wasn't living the life he loved.

"It was time for him to go," she said.

Mr. Golembe is also survived by his brother John of Schwetzingen, Germany, and sons: Gregory of Reston, Va., and Christopher of Pompano Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



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Margot Suzanne Graham

By Emily J. Minor

DELRAY BEACH — Margot Suzanne Graham, who grew up on Long Island and developed her sense of adventure as the daughter of a career Navy man, died Dec. 21 at the age of 65.

Mrs. Graham moved to Florida to live with her parents in the mid-1980s, said her husband, Allen P. Huntington — who met her shortly after that move. The two had been married for nearly 19 years at the time of her death.

A lover of travel and golf, Mrs. Graham worked for

SunTrust bank for many years as a mortgage processor, helping many first-time homebuyers attain their lifelong dream of owning a home.

Mrs. Graham left the bank during widespread corporate downsizing, which was difficult, said her husband, but it also gave her more time to have fun on her beloved Windjammer cruises.

Mrs. Graham, a bit of a free spirit, loved that those cruises required no shoes, said Huntington, who joined his wife on several of her adventures. She went on seven

or eight barefoot cruises, he said, until the company stopped offering them.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Graham is survived by three children from her first marriage: Alycia Leigh Westerbeck Horn, Erexenia Westerbeck Lanier and Thomas Westerbeck. She also is survived by four grandchildren.

The family asks that donations be made to Mrs. Graham's college alma mater: Coe College, 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402, or to a charity of choice in her memory.

Leon Sol Zimmerman

By Tim O'Meilia

SOUTH PALM BEACH — Leon "Lee" Sol Zimmerman, a former vice mayor and councilman and one of the



founders of the town's popular music and lecture series, died Jan. 23. He was 90.

When Lee and Bernice Zimmerman

settled permanently in South Palm Beach in 1985, they brought with them decades of experience in the printing business.

They put that expertise to good use by launching *The Sandpiper*, the town newsletter. Mr. Zimmerman helped found the town's Community Affairs Advisory Board in 1995 and served on it, including seven years as chairman, until he became a town councilman in 2002.

Mr. Zimmerman served six years on the council beginning in 2002, never facing opposition, including four years as vice mayor, chosen by his council colleagues. The town's three-term limit forced him off the council in 2008.

"He was a very innovative person," said former Mayor Maurice Jacobson, who served on the council with Mr. Zimmerman. "He was totally dedicated to the town. And you can't speak about Lee without Bernie. They were a team."

Mr. Zimmerman designed the CAAB's flyers for town events, including the music and lecture series which he nurtured from their beginnings. One of the reasons the Town Hall was expanded was to make more room in the council chambers for lecture and music audiences.

In 2001, he engineered an appearance by former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, the most highly attended lecture ever in the town. When Reno decided to run for governor, Mr. Zimmerman and town officials were forced to scramble and erect a huge tent on the Town Hall property to accommodate the hundreds who attended.

"We've lost a good man for our town," said former Councilman Joseph Kolbowski. "He was very active and took his job very seriously. He was very appreciative of older councilmen even when I might have disagreed on some issues."

Councilman Joseph Flagello, who came on the council when Mr. Zimmerman stepped down, was impressed with his forward thinking. "One of his ideas was to Wi-Fi the whole

town. It didn't happen, but it was a great idea. He was a great marketer for the town," he said.

Mr. Zimmerman was born and grew up in Philadelphia, where he attended the Charles Moore Price School of Advertising. He married the former Bernice Shapiro.

He served in the Navy during World War II and after the war the couple moved to Baltimore, where he owned a printing company. They were part-time residents in South Palm Beach beginning in the 1970s until they made South Palm Beach their permanent home in 1985.

Mr. Zimmerman is survived by his wife of 68 years, Bernice; a son, Donald "Duke" of Baltimore; a daughter, Rosanne Zimmerman of New York City; a sister, Elena Newman of Cherry Hill, N.J.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial was held Jan. 26 at the Town Hall. A funeral will be held in Baltimore. Instead of flowers, contributions may be made to the Palm Beach Cancer Institute Foundation, 1411 N. Flagler Drive, Suite 8900B, West Palm Beach, FL 33401.



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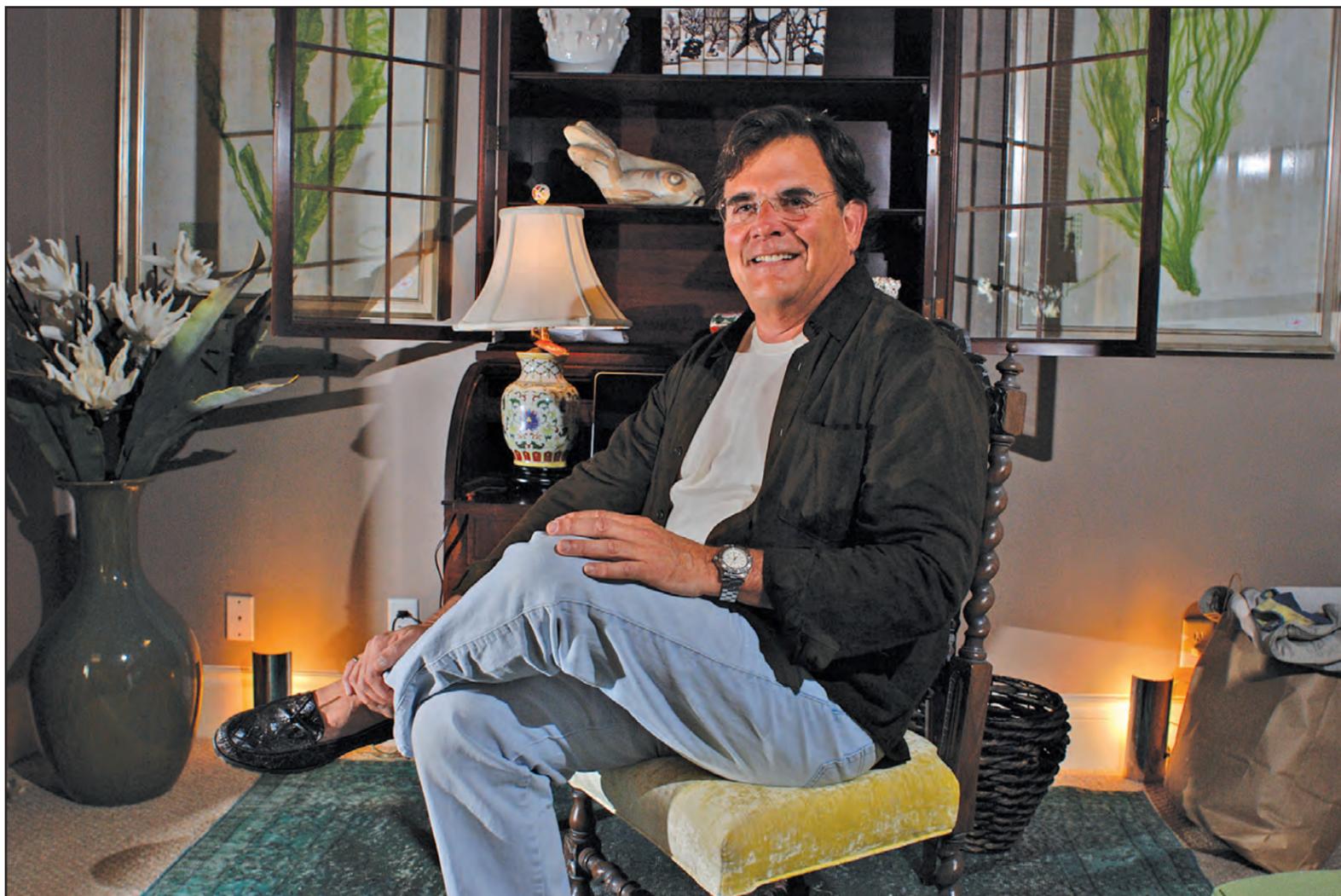
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Frank Maguire Jr.



Frank Maguire Jr., an owner of Quigley-Maguire of Delray Beach, has designed an office space in the 2011 Red Cross Designers' Show House in West Palm Beach. This is his fifth year participating in the show house. Photo by Jerry Lower

Are designers born or made? Frank Maguire says "born." Maguire is a self-taught interior designer whose eye for design developed as he grew.

He thinks he may have gotten it from his French grandfather, who founded the family business that Maguire later managed, catering to the inventive minds on Madison Avenue. Over the years Maguire's innate design sensibilities worked their way into interior design and down to Palm Beach County. Today, when you step into the home furnishings store Maguire co-owns in Delray Beach, it becomes abundantly clear: Design is in his blood.

Which is why, for the fifth year, Maguire has been asked to lend his talents to the American Red Cross Designers' Show House fundraiser.

Now in its 35th year, the fundraiser invites nationally recognized designers to collectively transform a local residence, and then invites the public to tour it in exchange for a small Red Cross donation.

"It's really a lot of fun with all the designers converging here, each creating his or her own unique space," Maguire says.

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Drive in West Palm Beach — a large house on the Intracoastal with plenty of separate spaces for the 16 participating designers to transform.

Maguire interpreted his assigned space as an office for the woman of the house, with a mix of old and new furnishings, Florida-themed art, and soothing tones of green. To create a mood of quiet contemplation, he covered the walls and ceiling with green-gray paint (color: Vapor, from Benjamin Moore), accented with classic white crown molding.

The room reflects Maguire's trademark style: eclectic. He likes antique wood pieces

alongside contemporary wicker and metal. Glass and ceramic art next to soft, colorful fabric. Décor splashed with oceanic blues and greens.

Maguire, who lives in Manalapan, currently divides his time between clients in Palm Beach County, New York City and the Hamptons. He is grateful to have commissions in South Florida that he expects will keep him busy through the rest of the year.

"Down here," he says, "people want someone to be their eyes and ears. They need help putting their homes together. I really enjoy doing it."

— Paula Detwiller

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

A. I grew up in Rye, N.Y. I had a predictable upbringing that taught me both to value tradition and rebel against convention.

Q. How/when did you get into the interior design business?

A. I got into the business gradually, first by designing my own homes, then helping out family and friends. Later, I opened a home furnishings store with my partner, Karen Quigley, and Quigley Maguire

Collections in Delray Beach was born.

Q. Have you had other careers (or hobbies)? What were the highlights?

A. In my former life, I owned and managed Horan Imaging Solutions, a print production facility that served advertising agencies in New York for over 70 years. The highlight was being part of the "Got Milk?" campaign. The creative energy was fantastic and the longevity of the campaign made it lucrative!

Q. How did you choose to have a home in Manalapan?

A. I chose to live in Manalapan due to its proximity to both Delray and Palm Beach and because I found a beautiful property on the water that I had a lot of fun renovating.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Manalapan?

A. Living in Manalapan feels like I am living in a resort. One thing is every morning outside, watching a different sunrise, while reading the paper and having coffee. It's hard to get me to leave here because it doesn't get any better than this.

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

inspired your life decisions?

A. I have been very lucky to have been surrounded by a great family and friends, but I can name three people I have looked up to the most.

First, my late grandfather Julien J. Soubiran. He was born in Hell's Kitchen in New York City and later founded our family business. In spite of his success, he always remained humble and never forgot his roots. Second, my father, Frank, who gave me trust and support throughout my life, and third, my son, Frank, who gives me the vision for the future.

Q. What book are you reading now?

A. *Hell's Corner*, by David Baldacci.

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

A. "Keep it simple."

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

A. Vince Vaughn, because my wife thinks he's sexy.

Q. Who/what makes you laugh?

A. The previous question—and my answer to the previous question.



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Along the Coast

'Daughters' are hep to history, service

By Ron Hayes

If you believe the Daughters of the American Revolution are a stuck-up bunch of blue-blood snobs, come meet the ladies of the Boca Raton chapter.

And please bring along some toilet bowl cleaner, if you have it.

"Snobs!" Melinda Johnson exclaims. "Hah! Nobody is blue blood here!"

Her eyes scan the dining room at the Holiday Inn in Highland Beach, where the Estahakee Chapter is gathering on a chilly Monday morning. Johnson is the chapter's regent — its president — serving a two-year term.

"Let's see," she begins. "We have one lady who was a driver for UPS. A dental hygienist.



A professional singer. A high school teacher. We have Democrats and Republicans and Independents."

This is the December meeting, so the ladies are stressing the red in their red, white and blue. About 60 of the chapter's 147 members are present, and nearly all have found something holly-berry red to wear. Red dresses, red

hats, red sweaters. They make a warm and cheerful group, more red-blooded than blue.

"But the biggest misconception about D.A.R.," Johnson concedes, "is that we're a bunch of ladies who drink tea and do nothing." She is perturbed. "We're a patriotic service organization!"

Founded in 1890, the Daughters of the American Revolution boasts 165,000 members in 3,000 chapters.

Every year, according to the national headquarters in Washington, D.C., those members volunteer 60,000 hours to patients in veterans' hospitals, and donate \$150,000 in scholarships and financial aid to students.

"Our priorities are historic preservation, education and patriotism," Johnson explains. "We call it H.E.P."

The meeting begins promptly at 11 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, of course. Then Mary Allen, the professional singer, leads a heartfelt *God Bless America*.

Today, Barbara Gualtieri of Boca Raton will become a Daughter.

"It was my daughter's idea," she says. "I always knew I was eligible, but then we met some D.A.R. ladies in Houston, and she said, 'This is a good idea.'"

The only requirements for D.A.R. membership are that a woman be 18 or older and prove lineal descent from



ABOVE: Betty-Jane Lee, a 70-year member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, sips tea during a recent meeting of the Estahakee Chapter at the Highland Beach Holiday Inn. **LEFT:** Melinda Swango Johnson (left), Sydney Hayes and Barbara Scifers Gualtieri celebrate Gualtieri's swearing in as new member of the D.A.R. **Photos by Tim Stepien**

a patriot of the American Revolution.

"Some do their own research, and others need a lot of help," says Johnson, who has taken a genealogy course to assist prospective members.

The application is then sent to Washington, where the national headquarters is the final arbiter, usually responding in six to eight weeks.

Washington has confirmed that Gualtieri is indeed a descendant of Andrew Feaster, who served in a South Carolina militia. She stands before the group and swears to uphold the Constitution and respect the flag. A prayer of thanks is offered, and she is applauded. A new Daughter has arrived.

And now an old Daughter is honored.

Laurajean Rood, 92, of Boca Raton has been in the D.A.R. for 70 years. She comes forward, receives a certificate, basks in applause.

"We've done a lot of good," she says. "We made a booklet to help train new citizens, and I've met a lot of nice people."

But she's not the longest-serving Daughter.

Seated beside her is Betty-Jane Lee of Boynton Beach, a Daughter of the American Revolution for 71 of her 90 years.

"I believe in educating children about our early history," she says. "I shudder when I see Jay Leno interviewing people on the street and they don't know the history they should know. I believe in what D.A.R. does."

Organized on May 8, 1961, the Estahakee Chapter takes its name from a Seminole Indian word meaning "beautiful scene," and so Native American history is a priority.

At today's gathering, Opal Spencer of its American Indian Committee delivers a brief account of the first known European contact with Florida's first residents, 500 years ago.

And then the ladies consider — well, toilet bowl cleaner.

Terry Shelton-Welsh of the chapter's Service For Vets committee has distributed a detailed schedule of donations needed through April. She wants brooms and mops, shampoo, hand soap, buckets and toilet bowl cleaner.

"You bring them in, and I'll deliver them to the V.A. Hospital for their homeless women vets program," she promises. In October, the ladies showed up at the dedication of a Habitat For Humanity house to present the new owners with an American flag.

On Veterans Day, they were at the Boca Raton cemetery.

In September, they donated \$1,000 to "Paws For Patriots," which trains guide dogs for soldiers blinded in combat.

On the table as you enter the meeting are pocket-sized copies of the U.S. Constitution.

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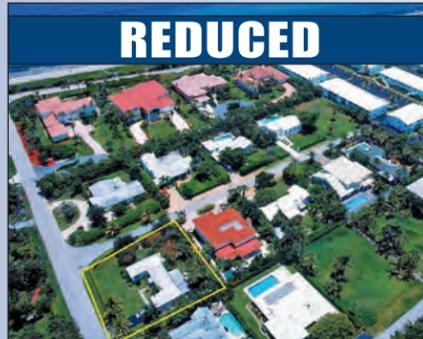
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Valentine's Day

Love and Chocolate

By Jan Norris

Who knows when chocolate began to be associated with Saint Valentine's Day? The history of that marriage is vague. Suffice it to say that today it's the chocolatiers' biggest day of the year, and heart-shaped boxes and fancy red-beribboned packages of the dark sweet stuff will fly off the shelves.

Chefs and others are getting creative with chocolate for Feb. 14 — it's not just the candy makers. Check out these ideas for chocolate treats for your valentine.

At the Four Seasons Palm Beach, pastry chef Jason Morale is making a chocolate torta with a sabayon mousse. Everyone dining leaves with a special Valentine's treat from the chef.

Also at the Four Seasons, they are offering a child's dine-in special on Saturdays — and during special events — in which the kids will be fed and entertained while the parents dine (until 9 p.m.) Cost per child is \$10 and available for kids ages 3-12.

A unique Chocolate and Red Wine Bar at the Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach Feb. 12-14 will present an ultimate decision conundrum for chocolate lovers. Which to choose? Chef Ryan Artim says to sample each: the raspberry white and dark chocolate fondue with dipping sticks of other treats such as tropical fruits, madeleines, marshmallows and meringues; fudgy cheesecake bites or cappuccino whoopie pies; chocolate pot de crème, chocolate



The Devil's Food Cake prepared by Ana Pheterson, pastry chef at 32 East. Photo by Tim Stepien

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A palm tree husk tied with raffia cradles a hot-pink eyelet sundress from The Petite Connection in Delray Beach. Photo by Tim Stepien

Wrapping the perfect present

By Paula Dettwiller

When Don Draper of the hit TV series *Mad Men* needed a Valentine's Day gift for his wife, his loyal secretary would slip out of the office and into a nearby downtown department store. She would return with a lovely box, wrapped in colorful paper and embellished with ribbons and lace — courtesy of the department store, of course.

Complimentary gift-wrapping

is almost as rare today as Don Draper's fedora. But a few select retailers in the coastal area still offer it, for Valentine's Day and any other occasion when a gift-wrapped package can warm someone's heart.

It's a tradition appreciated by shoppers at Lifestyles of Lynne in Boca Raton's Royal Palm Place. On a recent morning, Boca real estate agent Brian Jones stopped into

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Chocolate 'S'mores Cake from the Boca Raton Resort & Club offers a decadent way to show someone you care. Photo by Tim Stepien

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raspberry tart, lollipops. Now, what drink to pair with them? A sweet, fruit-forward Banyuls or Ruby Port,



Pheterson

Syrah, Shiraz, Cabernet, Malbec, Grenache, Merlot — or spicy hot chocolate? Champagne? Ladies will leave with a special chocolate valentine. At 32 East, Pastry Chef Ana Pheterson has concocted a fudgy rich Devil's Food Cake. It's layers of dark chocolate devil's food cake with a cocoa reduction and hazelnut croquand and served with berries and micro greens. Pick up warm, buttery chocolate croissants for a valentine's morning, or petits fours, or a rich Opera Cake from Tom Tchernia at the French bakery, Le Petit Pain, in Lantana. (Order these in advance for pickup on Valentine's Day.)

You could order a special one-of-a-kind chocolate cake (white or dark chocolate, with a number of flavored fillings) or special cupcakes of your own design, from Maria Palavecino at Couture Cakes in Delray Beach. Once you win over your sweetheart, she'll bake your wedding cake, too.

At the hip Cupcake Couture Sweet Boutique in Delray



The Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach will offer a Chocolate and Red Wine Bar that will include fondue with dipping sticks of various treats. Photo provided

Beach, Pam Joyner and her staff will bake up fancy cupcakes decorated for Valentine's Day. Also here are dark chocolate whoopie pies — with decorator colored centers — pick a hot pink for your valentine.

If it's real chocolates you want, Kilwin's Chocolates in Delray Beach will offer cases, boxes and bags full of candies. To further tempt, they'll decorate chocolate-dipped Oreos, chocolate-dipped pretzels and chocolate-covered Rice Krispie Treats with hearts and valentine motifs. For the kids, there are chocolate lollipops and their best-seller — chocolate fudge.

At the restaurant 501 East in the private Boca Raton Resort and Club (members and hotel guests only), the pastry chefs have taken campfire favorites and combined them into a Chocolate S'mores Cake: two layers of chocolate fudge sandwiched between layers of chocolate cake, with a graham cracker crust — all topped with a thick layer of toasted

marshmallow and sitting in a pool of chocolate sauce.

The bartenders at Zed451 in Boca Raton will be pouring the Chocolate Kiss — a drink worthy of any chocoholic. A mix of Godiva Chocolate vodka, Godiva Chocolate liqueur, Bailey's Irish Cream and a scoop of Chocolate Guinness Ice Cream, this is the ultimate fix for a chocolate craving in liquid form.

At the Top of the Bridge at the Bridge Hotel in Boca Raton, chef Dudley Rich is making a beautiful Bavarian Chocolate Torte: a creamy mousse of chocolate, set on a dark chocolate layer, surrounded by a pool of raspberry coulis and fresh berries. (Hint, hint, guys: It's a perfect dessert to have the chef bury a ring in.)

At any of the shops, get in early or you may be disappointed in selections.

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Gifts from Lifestyles of Lynne in Boca Raton, like these heart-shaped Romero Britto salt and pepper shakers, are tucked into specially dyed gold boxes and tied with Lynne's signature ribbon. Photo by Tim Stepien



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Lynne's to buy a housewarming gift for a client. He was happy to learn that owner Lynne Reiss would wrap the gift in her signature gold box with leopard-print chiffon ribbon.

"I went shopping over the holidays at Macy's in Water Tower Place in Chicago," Jones told her. "You know — the upscale tower where Oprah lives? I was shocked to find that Macy's stopped gift-wrapping. How can you be Macy's and not do gift wrapping?"

Reiss just nodded and kept wrapping. "I've always felt that if someone comes into a gift store, they want the entire gift experience, soup to nuts," she says. She's been wrapping gifts, complete with free gift card enclosures, since opening the store in 2002.

"In the beginning, it was a major bone of contention with my accountant, who was looking out for the longevity of my business," Reiss says. "He suggested I do away with gift wrapping to cut back on expenses. I told him, 'Don't even go there, it's not going to happen.'"

Natural Wrap

The Petite Connection on East Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach is similarly committed to complimentary gift-wrapping. They've been doing it since the business opened in 1989. They also offer free gift delivery. Owner Theresia Frost says people remember that extra level of service and keep coming back.

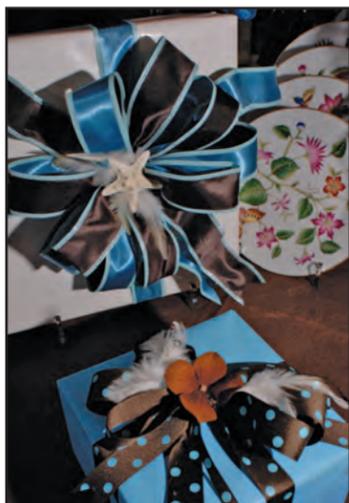
"We have a few husbands who call and say 'Pick out something nice for my wife, wrap it, and deliver it,'" Frost says. And they do.

Even Don Draper didn't have it that good.

Instead of wrapping paper and ribbon, The Petite Connection uses items from nature, both to contain and decorate the gifts. It's a reflection of the store's interior design, where scarves hang from a bamboo rod, necklaces drape over bits of driftwood, and a stylish handbag perches



A sleek red leather jewelry pouch doubles as gift-wrap for a sparkling bauble or a gift certificate from Private Jewelers in Delray Beach. Photo by Tim Stepien



Pre-wrapped gifts in all sizes and price points are lavishly wrapped in Joy of Palm Beach's distinctive chocolate brown and sky blue palette. Photo by Jerry Lower

on a weathered log.

The natural look is the work of gift-wrap specialist Sandy Remo, who has worked at The Petite Connection for 12 years.

"After windstorms I run around and pick up branches and all the stuff that falls out of trees," Remo says. "I take them home, put them on my porch to dry, wash them, and they're ready to go."

Remo wraps every gift differently, depending on its size and the "sticks and stones" she has on hand. "Men tend to like it, and I'm not quite sure why," Remo says with a laugh. "But I always ask the customer first: Do you want it wrapped with traditional paper and ribbon, or my way?"

Cupid's Artistic Touch

Across the street at Private Jewelers, the Valentine's Day gift wrap is itself a gift: a soft

red leather travel pouch for jewelry. Tied with a silk ribbon, the pouch has several zippered compartments inside to hide a pin, pendant or set of earrings. The pouch is also a clever way to give the gift of shopping: It can be folded around a gift certificate.

"Men are spontaneous shoppers for Valentine's Day," says one sales representative. "They tend to shop at the last minute. Their gift choices come from the heart — whatever they're feeling at the moment. But if they're just not sure about her tastes, we have a luxurious way to present a gift certificate."

Last-minute Romeos who drop in at Joy of Palm Beach on Royal Poinciana Way on Palm Beach not only get free gift wrap, they also avoid the wait. Gifts of all shapes and sizes are pre-wrapped in Joy's signature colors of chocolate brown and sky blue, and displayed next to a sample of whatever gift is inside the box. Co-owner Joyce McLeary says customers love it.

"They can pull right up to the store, run in, and get something in their price range that's already beautifully wrapped," she says. "It makes their life easier." For those who buy the more expensive gifts, the store is also happy to deliver.

McLeary, who opened her store Nov. 1, hopes her distinctive brown and blue gift wrap becomes as recognizable and desired as Tiffany's little blue box. For now, one thing is certain. In the words of one male shopper: "My wife's gonna know I didn't wrap this."

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TaylorMade R11 Driver

For: Low- and medium-handicap players.
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Comments: Despite all of its technology, the R11 likely will appeal to most golfers for one reason: the white color of its crown. That's what's going to initially attract them to the driver on the shelf and it's what they will see when they put the club on the ground. Most won't know that the R11 is 440cc as opposed to their current 460c driver, which is OK because that's a bit of the eye trickery of the white crown.

weight out of the crown and moving it deeper in the club head helps a player (at least in theory) create more swing speed and better accuracy. The latter is important given the 46-inch shaft.



Titleist 910 D2 Driver

For: Low- and medium-handicap players
Suggested Retail Price: \$499
Details: The Titleist 910 D2 (460cc) features a "SureFit Tour" dual angle hosel that allows the loft and lie of each driver to be independently adjusted and set. SFT technology features a sleeve and a ring, each with four settings. The sleeve settings are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and the ring settings are lettered A, B, C, D. The result is a matrix of 16 loft/lie combinations that allows the club fitter or golfer to make left or right flight improvements (mostly via lie adjustment), and launch and spin improvements (mostly via loft adjustments).
Comments: The technology sounds more complicated than it really is, but it's best to consult an experienced club fitter when fitting the loft and lie to individual specifications. Once most players have their specs locked in, there is no need to change.

performing ball for them than the premium Bridgestone B330 or Titleist Pro V1, each of which is designed for players with swing speeds in excess of 105 mph.



Bushnell Hybrid Rangefinder

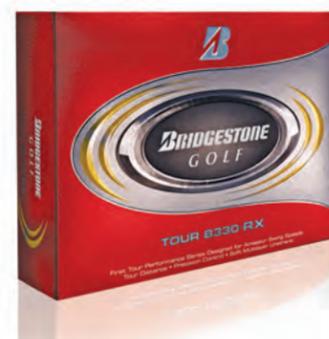
For: All players
Suggested Retail Price: \$499
Details: A combination of Bushnell's popular laser rangefinder with GPS. The company says the Hybrid provides golfers with precise distances within one yard to virtually any point on any course in the world. The Hybrid's GPS function allows users to access more than 16,000 North American golf courses that have been loaded onto the device, making it ready to use right out of the box without ever having to pay membership fees.
Comments: Obviously a player must check to see if his or her course is among those loaded in the Hybrid. Rangefinders are becoming more popular, but it should be noted that rangefinders of any kind are not allowed in tournaments played under U.S. Golf Association rules.



FootJoy DryJoy Tour Golf Shoes

For: All players
Suggested Retail Price: \$170 per pair
Details: The DryJoy Tours feature what FootJoy calls "the next generation" Tri-Density TPU Stability PODS outsole. The new shoe has four cleats vs. two in prior models. A fiberglass composite support bridge is enlisted to provide mid-foot stability and support. The shoes incorporate a new Cyclone cleat by Softspikes to create maximum ground contact.

Comments: Stability is vital for a good golf game and the technology in the DryJoy Tours help achieve that goal. The DryJoy Tour's improved stability and connection with the ground is something most players, especially big swingers, will notice right away.



Bridgestone Tour B330-RX Golf Ball

For: Medium- to high-handicap players
Suggested Retail Price: \$45 per dozen
Details: Bridgestone's version of its popular Tour B330 ball, the Tour B330-RX is for a player with moderate swing speeds between 85 and 105 mph. The multilayer urethane ball features a large and soft and a 330-dimple design. The softer core allows the ball to fully compress, especially for players with slower swing speeds.
Comments: Egos aside, most players have a swing speed on the lower end of the 85 to 105 mph scale, making the Tour B330-RX a better



Callaway Diablo Octane Driver

For: Medium- to high-handicap players
Suggested Retail Price: \$299
Details: The 46-inch driver's club head is made of forged composite, a material Callaway developed in conjunction with research and development partner Automobili Lamborghini. Callaway says that technology has allowed it to design a club head with a greater transfer of power at impact and more accurate trajectories vs. its all-titanium counterparts.
Comments: Taking more

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Along the Coast

Look at fit when choosing new clubs

By Steve Pike

So you want to be like Tiger and Phil? Good luck. But you can get a little closer by doing one thing each of them does. That is, get fit for clubs — even a golf ball. And don't let your ego get in the way. With a little bit of time and research, chances are good you will find the correct club and ball for your skill level.

Ever-evolving golf club technology has made it almost impossible to buy a bad golf club or set of clubs.

That doesn't mean, however, that every driver, iron, wedge, putter, or even golf ball, is made for every player.

Understand that a two-handicap player plays a completely different game from an 18-handicap; and a PGA Tour player plays a different game from a two-handicap.

Also understand that most golf equipment companies market their clubs through PGA Tour players. Those players validate a specific golf club and technology. Equipment companies use that validation to sell product. They want to make players — low- and high-handicap — believe that the driver or wedge that works for Tiger Woods or Phil Mickelson will work for them, too.

Today's sophisticated club and ball technology work so long as a player has the talent to make it work. For example, a player with a swing speed of 90 miles an hour doesn't need a ball such as a Titleist Pro V1 or Bridgestone Tour B330. Those balls are made to perform for players with swing speeds in excess of 105 mph. Chances are, nobody in your Saturday foursome has that kind of speed.

"When it comes to choosing a golf club, more important than the quality is the fit," said Dan Hager, a certified club fitter, PGA professional and manager of golf operations at The Links at Boynton Beach. "A good example is, if you're a 42-regular jacket and I handed you a new 34-short that costs \$800, it's worthless to you because it doesn't fit. You're better off with a Penney's Towncraft that does fit you."

"People unfortunately buy clubs off a rack. They're buying hope. Then they go out and it doesn't help their game."

There are 13 variables that go into a fit, Hager said, some of them minor, such as the grip.

The major factors, Hager

said, include a club's shaft flex, and lie angle and length of the club.

Most major golf equipment companies offer fitting systems for drivers and irons. Titleist and Bridgestone also offer ball-fitting systems and some companies even have custom-fit putter systems. Club fitting can take as little as 15 minutes or up to two hours depending on the fitting system and how technical a player wants to get.

"If I was going to buy a set of clubs that lasts two years, I could find two hours that makes an \$800 or \$1,000 investment worth it," Hager said. ★

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Chabad community welcomes all to plaza center

The Chabad of South Palm Beach's new center in Manalapan's Plaza Del Mar is just plain welcoming.

"We really did try to create that feel," said Rabbi Leibel Stolik. "We wanted it to be an inviting, warm, welcoming atmosphere, so that people can feel welcome, walk by and feel

that everybody and anybody can come in. And this includes Jews and non-Jews as well."

That initial consonant in "chabad" sounds closer to a "k" to some. "If you say 'habad,' you'll be forgiven," Stolik quipped.

The chabad movement within Judaism is characterized

by its emphasis, he said.

"Chabad stands for the three intellectual parts of your brain: knowledge, understanding and wisdom. Basically, it means to incorporate godliness and the appreciation of godliness not only in your heart, but in your mind as well."

There is much more to this

philosophy shared by hundreds of thousands of people at thousands of chabad locations. Each is independently operated, has its own budget, fundraising, services, programs and so forth.

Stolik cited 10 to 15 chabads in Palm Beach County, including three in Boca Raton, two in Boynton Beach and one in Delray Beach.

The philosophy "is the idea of helping and reaching out to and caring for other people," he said.

That's what he, his wife, Shaina, and others have been doing for more than two years in various rented space and, since September, in the renovated storefront at 242 S. Ocean Blvd. in the Plaza Del Mar, next to the Cashmere Shop.

Although a chabad is primarily a religious organization, "whenever possible we try to help out people in the community as well," he said.

That could mean volunteering in hospitals, helping the elderly or any of the host of social programs offered by a chabad.

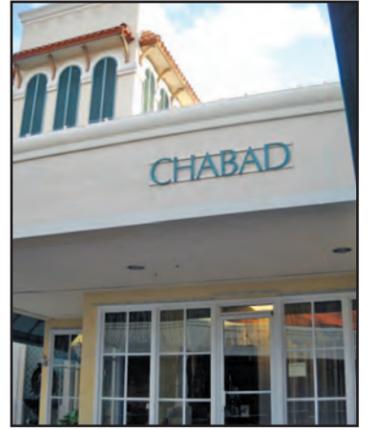
The Chabad of South Palm Beach's Jan. 23 "Open Air Jazz Concert" at the Lantana Nature Preserve drew more than 100 people. There are women's and men's activities. A Passover seder will probably draw other people.

"For most synagogues," Stolik said, "and perhaps churches as well as mosques, there's a certain need that members pull together and create a house of worship, and they bring down a rabbi or leader or minister or imam to serve their purpose."

In this case, "There wasn't an established membership that felt that there was a need to establish a new synagogue. We felt that if we open up our doors, and if we reach out to people and create this environment, we felt that this was a need for the community, that we were doing good for the community."

Although the various education, holiday and community programs are going on as before, he said, the regular prayers services are still at their beginning and picking up.

Inside the entrance, prayer books and Bibles adorn bookcase shelves. There are prayer shawls — in this case blue-and-white. One usually



TOP: Chabad of South Palm Beach has opened in a storefront at Plaza Del Mar in Manalapan.

BOTTOM: Prayer shawls hang just inside the synagogue door.

Photos by C.B. Hanif

does these when entering a synagogue to pray, also usually wearing a kippah, the traditional Jewish head covering, "symbolizing that there's an authority above us, there's always something on top of us," the rabbi said.

"Pure inspiration," is how Stolik described the traditional 9:30 a.m. Saturday service during which a chazzan leads the prayer and a portion of the Torah is read. A recent reading featured the portion pertaining to the 10 Commandments, "so it was a very special week."

Still, how does a storefront center exude such warmth of atmosphere?

"There were some people in the community that helped us set up the space," said Stolik, "so maybe it's a tribute to their skill in the layout and the design."

And, of course, where good people gather, there's usually a good spiritual vibe.

More information: chabadofsouthpalmbeach.org or 561-889-3499.

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In honor of February being proclaimed National Pet Dental Month, I'm encouraging all of you to truly be your pet's best friend by learning how to perform at-home dental care. By doing so, you can go a long way in keeping your pet healthy and in saving money on your veterinary bills.

Far too often, dental diseases such as tooth resorption, periodontal disease, stomatitis and oral tumors can also impact your pet's heart, kidneys and other vital organs if untreated.

"Start early and get your pet accustomed to having his mouth opened and touched — much like getting him used to having their nails touched and trimmed," says Tiffany Brown, DVM, a board-certified veterinary dentist who opened her specialty practice inside the El Cid Animal Clinic in West Palm Beach in October.

Up until then, Palm Beach County did not have any veterinary dentists and the closest one was in Hollywood. The entire Sunshine State only has five veterinary dentists, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Dental specialists like Dr. Brown go beyond routine dental cleanings by repairing jaw fractures, treating oral cancers, correcting malocclusions (teeth misalignment), gingivitis and more. Veterinarians in the county refer their most challenging cases to her.

"My first case in Palm Beach County involved a 1-year-old beagle-dachshund mix who was unable to close his mouth and was acting panicky," says Dr. Brown. "He had teeth stuck together and needed multiple extractions. The surgery was successful. According to his

Warning signs

Consult your veterinarian if your dog or cat shows any of these signs:

- Bad breath
- Chronic vomiting
- Becoming messy eaters, leaving pieces of kibble around the food bowl
- Swollen gums
- Bleeding gums (You might discover spots of blood on chew toys.)
- Resistance to being touched or brushed on the head
- Pawing at the face, sneezing or hiding

owner, this dog was happily running and playing at the dog park three days after finishing his pain medications."

Dr. Brown is a proponent of preventive care and shares these dental tips:

- Use toothpaste designated for cats and for dogs. Do not use human toothpaste because it contains fluoride. "Fluoride is not meant to be swallowed and our dogs and cats do not spit and rinse like we do," she says. Pet toothpaste is intentionally sticky and contains enzymes that work on teeth.

- Avoid playing fetch with tennis balls. "The fuzz on tennis balls gets dirty and it is abrasive. It can file away the enamel on a dog's teeth and lead to pulps being exposed and infection. I am a fan of soft, compressible, smooth-coated toys and Kong toys — they bounce and you can stuff them with something tasty," she says.

- Skip giving your dog ice cubes or synthetic bones. "Believe it or not, dogs' teeth are weaker than ours — they have much less enamel, but the muscles in their cheeks can generate a thousand more times pressure than ours," she says. "If you can't bend or break the chew toy, don't give it to your dog."

- Have your veterinarian or technician show you the proper way to brush your pet's teeth. Make daily brushing a positive time for you and your pet and follow up with treats that have earned the stamp of approval from the Veterinary Oral Health Council; look

for the VOHC on the product packaging.

- Refresh water in bowls daily. Provide a few drops of a water additive called OxyFresh, a pet oral hygiene solution that fights bad breath, plaque and tartar.

- In honor of National Pet Dental Month, treat your dog and cat to their own toothbrush, toothpaste and say goodbye to doggy breath and cats refusing to open their mouths.

Your reward: doggy kisses you truly welcome and cat purrs that signify pure contentment.

"If you want to keep your pet healthy, you need to be proactive," says Dr. Brown. "Don't hesitate to ask your veterinarian for help. We want your pets to live long, happy lives."



Dr. Tiffany Brown (left) holds Red Boy, a Bichon Frise, as his owner Clare Dana of Jupiter practices brushing his teeth. This was a follow-up visit at El Cid Animal Clinic after dental surgery. Photo by Tim Rivers

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. Tune in to her Oh Behave show on Pet Life Radio.com and learn more by visiting www.fourleggedlife.com.



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Flagler at Flagler

A new statue celebrating the role Henry Morrison Flagler had in the settlement of South Florida was unveiled at a ceremony on Dec. 11 in Palm Beach. Donor Col. G.F. Robert Hanke, USMC (Ret.) —the great-grandson of Flagler —is visible directly below the statue located at the eastern edge of Flagler Memorial Drive in the median of Royal Poinciana Way. The statue unveiling was a town of Palm Beach Centennial event.
Photo by Jerry Lower



Pretend Palm Beach pioneers

A typical 1886 school day was reenacted during Centennial Pioneer Day inside the Little Red Schoolhouse, built in 1886, and located at Phipps Ocean Park in Palm Beach. Mock teacher Michele Thompson of the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach examines the nail length and hand cleanliness of students Eddie Force, 9, of West Palm Beach (maroon jersey) and Isaac Jones, 9, of Palm Beach. Nail biting was said to promote childhood diseases.
Photo by Tim Stepien



Addison Mizner designed the Boca Raton Resort & Club, which opened in 1926. Photo provided

Mizner's pink palace turns 85

This year, the Boca Raton Resort & Club turns 85 years old. Looking back, the important role the hotel has played in the community is clear.

It's safe to say that if the pink palace never existed, Boca Raton would be a very different place from today.

Over the years, the hotel and its owners have done a lot to foster the community. Today,

the city is home to about 85,000 residents. But in 1903, it was a farming village with about 18 residents.

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For a timeline and listing of anniversary events, please visit: www.thecoastalstar.com

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Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 1/28. Please check with organizers for any changes

FEBRUARY 5

Saturday - 2/5 - Oceanfront Park Boardwalk Reopening is held at 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Sand sifters beach cleanup, ribbon cutting for new boardwalk, Opus and artist-creator, Rick Beau Lieu, music and refreshments. 8 am-noon. Free. 742-6226.

2/5 - Delray GreenMarket is held each Saturday in the first block of SE 4th Ave. between Atlantic Ave. and SE 1st Street. Local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music and children's activities. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 276-7511.

2/5 - Oceanside Farmer's Market is held each Saturday south of Lake Avenue, east of the intracoastal waterway. Puppy love chocolate festival benefiting the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League. Raffles, live music, chocolate, baked goods and pets. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 547-3100 or www.oceansidefarmersmarket.com.

2/5 - Ocean Ave. Green Market is held each Saturday at the Green Market Cafe, 400 E. Boynton Beach Blvd. 8 am-3 pm. Free. 317-6411 or 386-4261.

2/5 - Art Exhibit: Camille Rosano is on display at the J. Turner Moore Memorial Library, 1330 Lands End Road, Manalapan. 9 am-noon, T, Th & Sat. Exhibit runs through 3/10. Free. 585-1478 or www.manalapan.org

2/5 - The Writer's Studio is held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 2/12. 10 am. Free. 736-8044.

2/5 - Guided Hammock Walk - Kids go on a guided walk of a quarter-mile boardwalk at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. 10-11 am. Free. Registration: 338-1473 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

2/5 - Child Safety Prenatal Class is being offered at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn infant CPR and how you can assist in an emergency. 10 am-noon. Held again 3/3. \$40 per couple or \$25 per person. Registration: 369-2229.

2/5 - I'm Drawing with Pascal at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. International artist Pascal Lecocq, works with children on their own creations. 10 am-noon and 1-4pm. Free. 391-8110.

2/5 - Bugz Exhibit - New permanent exhibit at the South Florida Science Museum, 4801 Dreher Trail N., West Palm Beach. A "bugs eye" view of the creepy crawlies in an outsized backyard garden. M-F: 10 am-5 pm; Sat.: 10 am-6 pm; Sun.: Noon-6 pm. General admission: \$11.95/adults; \$8.95/children 3-12; \$10.45/seniors 62+; free/members. 832-1988.

2/5 - It's A Nano World Exhibit at the South Florida Science Museum, 4801 Dreher Trail N., West Palm Beach. This brand-new, 3,000-square-foot, interactive exhibition introduces the biological wonders of the infinitesimal nano world too small to see in our everyday life. Exhibit runs through 5/15. M-F: 10 am-5 pm; Sat.: 10 am-6 pm; and Sun.: noon-6 pm. \$11.95/adults; \$10.50/seniors; \$8.95/children ages 3-12; free for children under three years. 832-1988.

2/5 - Morikami Gardens Photography Workshop - Three-week workshop with professional photographer Richard Reddig at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Class meets again 2/12 (8-11 am) & 19 (10:30 am-1:30 pm). \$80. 10:30 am-1:30 pm. Held again 3/5. Registration: 495-0233 or www.morikami.org.

2/5 - Shabbat Adventure: A Shabbat Experience for Kids is held at the Palm Beach Jewish Center, 205 Royal Palm Way, Palm Beach. Children ages 3-11 learn, sing, dress up and create their own food craft. Held again 2/19 & 3/5. 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 659-3884.

2/5 - Math, Science, Reading and Writing FCAT Tutoring at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. For grades 3, 4 & 5. Held again 2/12, 19 & 26. 1-3 pm. Free. Registration: 819-6299.

2/5 - Talk on Haiku - Presented by author Joseph Gustafson as part of the Author's Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

2/5 - Dancing with the Sandoway Stars is the Sandoway House Nature Center Annual Gala held at The Ocean Club, 6849 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Annual dance competition, New England lobster bake dinner, cocktails, silent auction, live music and dancing under stars. 6:30 pm. \$175 or \$1,750 for table of 10. Reservations: 274-7263.

2/5 - Annual Daddy and Daughter Valentine's Dance is held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Appetizers, soft drinks and cake. 6-7:30 pm. \$5. 742-6221.

2/5 - 2nd Annual Chillounge Night Delray Beach at the Great Lawn at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Outdoor lounge party with music, food and fun. 6-11

pm. \$20/advance; \$25/at the gate. \$100/VIP. Must be 21 years old to enter. 941-448-0995.

2/5 - 26th Annual Gem of an Evening Gala is held by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at the Henry M. Flagler Museum, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Live music & auction, dinner and dancing and a Tiffany raffle. Black-tie. 6:30-11:30 pm. \$500. 686-7701.

2/5 - Bal des Arts 2011: An Evening of Chinese Enchantment is held at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$1,000. 832-5196, Ext. 1119.

2/5 - Diamond Anniversary Gala is held at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real celebrating the Boca Raton Museum of Art's 60th Anniversary. Live music, silent auction, raffle, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and dinner. Black tie. 7-11 pm. \$350. 392-2500.

2/5-6 - 10th Annual Clash on the Clay Tennis Classic is presented by South Florida Rainbow Tennis Association at the Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W. Atlantic Ave. Men's and women's singles and doubles; mixed doubles. \$28/singles, \$46/doubles; open singles \$54.25. Free for spectators. 243-7360.

2/5-6 - Art Market is presented by Arts Arena at 777 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-4 pm. Held again 2/19-20. 860-7222.

2/5-6 - Artists in the Park is presented by Delray Art League at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Exhibition and sales. Held again 2/19-21 and 2/26-27. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 843-2311.

FEBRUARY 6-12

Sunday - 2/6 - Sunday Breakfast is held each week at VFW Post 5335, 500 NE 21st St.,

Municipal Meetings

2/7 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday of the each month at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda available at www.oceanridgeflorida.com.

2/11 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday of the month at the Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Road 9 am. Agenda available in clerk's office.

2/14 & 2/28 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays of each month at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. 7 pm. Agenda available at www.lantana.org.

2/15 & 3/1 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays of each month at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda available at: www.mydelraybeach.com.

2/22 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday of each month at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S. Ocean Blvd. 9:30 am. Agenda available at www.manalapan.org.

2/22 - South Palm Beach - Fourth Tuesday of each month at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7 pm. Agenda available at: www.southpalmbeach.com.

2/24 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday of each month at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N. Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda available at www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com.

Boynton Beach. 8-11:30 am. \$2.50-\$5. All are welcome. 732-1989.

2/6 - 23rd Annual Art Deco Society Bus Trip to Southbeach's Art Deco District leaves from the Delray Beach Public Library, rear parking lot, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Stroll the Antique Collectible Market on Lincoln Road, lunch at Wish restaurant, designed by Todd Oldham, then visit the largest collectible show in the world at the Miami Convention Center. Free raffle prizes. 9 am departure, 6 pm return. \$89. RSVP: 276-9925.

2/6 - Yoga with Live Music is held every Sunday at the Colony Hotel, 525 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 9:30-11 am. \$20. 703-1236.

2/6 - Internet - Your Friend is presented by author Mary Twitty at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

2/6 - Concert: Gareth Johnson and Tao Lin is presented as part of Music At St. Paul's, 188 S.

Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 3 pm. Doors open 30 minutes before concert time. \$18/preferred seating, \$15/requested donation, \$5/students. 276-4541 or www.st.paulsdelray.org.

Monday - 2/7 - 20th Annual Hab-a-Hearts Luncheon is held at Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd, Palm Beach. Proceeds support services at the Palm Beach Habilitation Center. 11 am-2 pm. \$200. 965-8500.

2/7 - Classical Guitar Music is presented by Teddy O'Farrell as part of the Brown Bag Series at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Noon-1 pm. Free. 742-6390.

2/7 - Sunday Musical Matinee Series presents pianist Fedora Horowitz and flutist Jeanne Tarrant at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Doors open 1/2 hour before each performance. \$15. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

2/7 - Flash Those Pearly Whites at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest

Blvd. Infants-age 5 learn how to keep teeth clean and happy. 2-2:30 pm. Free. 742-6380.

2/7 - Joint Journey is a program for those undergoing total joint replacement at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn what to expect before, during and after surgery. 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. 2-3 pm. Free. 737-7733 ext. 4688.

2/7 - Math and Science FCAT Tutoring at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. For grades 3, 4 & 5. Held again 2/14 & 28. Two sessions available: 4-5 pm and 5-6 pm. Free. Registration: 819-6299.

2/7 - Arnold Scaasi - A Conversation about His Golden Years (1958-1969) at Café Boulud, Brazilian Court Hotel, 301 Australian Ave., Palm Beach. Featuring Pamela Parval, David & Roberta Logie Curator of Textile & Fashion Arts at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, with moderator Parker Ladd. Presented as part of the Palm Beach Cultural Council's Sixth Season of "Culture & Cocktails." 5-7 pm. \$35. RSVP: 472-3330 or www.palmbeachculture.com.

2/7 - Date Night with the Chef is held with executive Chef Ryan Artim and Chef de Cuisine Chris Roth at the Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. While sipping champagne, foodies participate in a hands-on epicurean adventure followed by a candlelight dinner at Temple Orange. 6 pm. \$300/couple plus tax and gratuity. Reservations: 540-4924.

2/7 - Financial Guidelines for Families and Singles is presented by Jim Barr, Advanced Financial Planner at Ameriprise Financial at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 736-8044.

2/7 - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 54 meets the first Monday of each month at Boynton Beach Boat Park, 2010 N. Federal

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Tuesday - 2/8 - Frozen in Time: Vintage Cameras & Photographs exhibit at the Boynton Beach City Library, 2nd floor, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Runs through May 14. Library hours: M-R 9 am-8:30 pm, Sat. 9 am-5 pm, closed F & Sun. Free. 742-6397.

2/8 - Family Storytime is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Listen to stories, sing songs and learn fingerplays. Infants-Age 5. Held again 2/15 & 22. 10-10:45 am. Free. 742-6380.

2/8 - Author Tim Dorsey: Electric Barracuda is presented at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 10 am-noon. Free. 742-6380.

2/8 - A History of Surfing in Southern Palm Beach County exhibition continues at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Presented by the Palm Beach County Surfing History Project, exhibit features historic photographs, locally manufactured surfboards, memorabilia and historic film footage. Runs through 3/30. Museum hours: T-Sat., 10 am-5 pm. Free with museum admittance: \$5/adults, \$4/seniors, \$3/children 2-17. 742-6780.

2/8 - Norton Museum of Art 70th Birthday Bash is held at the museum, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Live music, vintage cars, Norton-inspired birthday cakes and more. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 832-5196, Ext. 1193.

2/8 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings are held T-Sun., at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Feeding begins at 10:30 am T-Sat. and 1:30 pm Sun. Free with \$4 admission to the nature center. 274-7263.

2/8 - International Relations and Israel's High Tech Sector is presented as part of the Cultural/Educational Arts Jewish Heritage Series at the Holiday Inn Highland Beach, 2809 S. Ocean Blvd. Features Dr. Emmanuel Navon. Presented by the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County Gold Coast Division. 11 am. \$36/person includes lunch. Minimum gift of \$180 per person required to attend. 852-3342.

2/8 - 1960's & 1970's Crime Drama Film Series: Charley Varrick (1973) starring Walter Mattau is shown at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

2/8 - Games @ Your Library is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-4 play favorite video games. Held again 2/22. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6380.

2/8 - My Name Is Red by Orhan Pamuk is presented as part of the Evening Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490.

2/8 - Karate Class at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Ages 9 to adult. Every T&Thurs. 6-7 pm. \$5/residents; \$6/non-residents. 243-7356.

2/8 - Love Your Library Family Event at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. A night of fun and laughs. Refreshments. All ages. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6380.

Wednesday - 2/9 - Tots 'n Tales Storytime - Ages 3-23 months listen to books, sing songs and dance at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held again 2/16 & 23. 9:45-10:30 am. Free. 742-6390.

2/9 - Socrates Café - Weekly discussion group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 11:30 am. Free. 266-0194.

2/9 - Ready, Set, Read Storytime - Ages 3-5 listen to stories, sing songs, dance and make a simple craft at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. Held again 2/16 & 23. 742-6390.

2/9 - Electric Barracuda is presented by author Tim Dorsey at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 3 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

2/9 - Free Reading and Writing FCAT Tutoring at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. For grades 3, 4 & 5. Held again 2/16, 23 & 30. Two sessions: 4-5 pm and 5-6 pm. Free. Registration: 819-6299.

2/9 - VFW Post 5335 Weekly Dinner is held at 500 NE 21st St., Boynton Beach each Wednesday. Diverse menu. 4:30-7 pm. \$8. All welcome. 732-1989.

2/9 - Teen Gaming is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12 play video games. Held again 2/16 & 23. 5:30-7 pm. Free. 742-6393.

2/9 - Art Exhibition Opening at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. 6-8 pm. Meet the local artists and have a glass of wine. Benefits Public Art in Ocean Ridge. 732-2635.

2/9-10 - African Film Festival is presented as part of Black History Month at Spady Museum, 170 N.W. 5th Ave., Delray Beach. *Warrior Queen, The Good Mother of Ambogah and Grass Between My Lips*. 6-7 pm. Free. 279-8883.

2/9-10 - Reyna Carquill is presented as part of the Cy Schonberg Memorial Concert Series, under the artist direction of Dr. Robert Sharon at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7 pm/doors open, 7:30 pm/performance. \$25. 588-8889 or www.southpalmbeach.com.

Thursday - 2/10 - Boynton Beach Library Quilters meet every Thursday at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 9-11:30 am. Free. 742-6390.

2/10 - Two By Two Storytime - Ages 24-35 months listen to stories, sing songs, dance and do fingerplays at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 10-10:45 am. Held again 2/17 & 24. 742-6390.

2/10 - Knit 'N Purl - Twice monthly class at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490.

2/10 - Kindermusik Teddy Bear Valentines Party at the Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. For ages 6 mos.-6 yrs. 11 am-noon. \$7/non-resident, \$5/resident. 742-6550.

2/10 - Internet Safety for Kids at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 1-4. 2-3 pm. Free. 742-6380.

2/10 - U.S. National Security is presented as part of the Great Decisions Series every Thursday at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 2-4 pm. Free. 742-6380.

2/10 - Read to Hogan the Reading Dog at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Each reader gets 10 minutes with Hogan. All ages. Held again 2/17 & 24. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6380 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

2/10 - Interactive Storytelling with Baba Adekemi Lyons is presented as part of Black History Month at Spady Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Held again 2/24 (5pm) and 2/27 (2 pm). 5-6 pm. Free. 279-8883.

2/10 - Wine Tasting is held at Old Vines, Wine & Spirits, 900 E Atlantic Ave #3, Delray Beach. Held again 2/24. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 276-2076.

2/10 - Manalapan Library 2011 Lecture Series presents Yelena Harbick to discuss "Surprises and Discoveries in the Russian Art Market," at the J. Turner Moore Memorial Library, 1330 Lands End Road. 6 pm. 585-1478.

2/10 - Muse Awards Gala to benefit the Palm Beach County Cultural Council's art and cultural educational programs is held at the Cohen Pavilion, Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Awards presentation and benefit. 6 pm. \$250. 471-2901, Ext. 310.

2/10 - Strike Up the Band - Fundraiser presented by the Boca Delray Music Society at Benvenuto's Restaurant, 1730 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Cocktails, dinner, silent auction, and the 15-piece big band Fusion Machine. Benefits scholarship program for talented musicians ages 13-24. Black tie optional. 6:30 pm. \$75/person. Reservations by 2/7: 734-6159.

2/10 - Valentine's Day Origami at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. All ages. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6380.

2/10 - Rock and Roll: Its Roots, History, and Special Sounds is presented by Dr. Robert Weber as part of the Lifelong Learning Institute at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. This three-session course is part

of the spring semester. Class held again 2/17 & 3/3. 6:30-8 pm. First of a three-part series. \$35/members and requires purchasing a \$15 membership to enroll in this class. 266-9490.

2/10 - Writers Corner is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Free manuscript critiquing by published authors. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6380.

2/10 - columbinus is presented by Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop & Repertory Company at the Stonzek Theatre, 709 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Inspired by the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School in Colorado. Preview 2/10: 8 pm, Opening Night 2/11: 8 pm, 2/12: 8 pm, 2/13: 2 pm & 7 pm, 2/18&19: 8 pm, 2/20: 2 pm. \$25/adults, \$15/students. Tickets: 800-494-8497.

2/10-12 - Step-Above Rummage Sale at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St., Delray Beach. 9 am-3 pm. Free. 276-6338.

Friday - 2/11 - Parker Ladd's 2011 Author Breakfast Series features authors: Tab Hunter, *Tab Hunter Confidential: The Making of a Movie Star* and Josh Kilmer-Purcell, *The Bucolic Plague: How Two Manhattanites Became Gentlemen Farmers: An Unconventional Memoir* at Cafe Boulud at The Brazilian Court Hotel, 301 Australian Ave., Palm Beach. 8:45-10 am. \$100/ includes breakfast, valet parking and copy of the featured book. Reservations: 366-4301.

2/11 - Great Conversations One is presented by Dr. Barry Gross as part of the Great Books Discussion Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 2/18. 10-11:30 am. Free. 266-9490.

2/11 - Great Documentaries Film Series: Roger & Me by Director Michael Moore is shown at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490.

2/11 - Bob Roberts Society Orchestra performs at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Full 16-piece big band plays a variety of tunes. Every Friday through April. 1:30-3:30 pm. \$4. 742-6240.

2/11 - Dinner and Classic Movie at the Palms is held at Church of the Palms, 1960 N. Swinton, Ave., Delray Beach. *Valentino* (1951) is shown with Italian beef lasagna dinner. 5:30 pm. \$8/adults, \$4/children under 12. 276-6347.

2/11 - Kravis Center 2010-2011 Gala is held at the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Annual black-tie fundraiser features reception, performance by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and dinner-dance with show. 6 pm/reception, 7 pm/performance. \$375-\$750. 651-4320.

2/11 - Night Explorers at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Hike along the boardwalk and peek at the night sky courtesy of the Palm Beach County Astronomical Society. For ages 7-adult. 7-9 pm. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. 391-8110.

2/11 - Bonfire on the Beach is held at Lake Worth Beach. Family event with music, fire, sand and marshmallows. Bring beach chairs

or blankets. 7-10 pm. Please no alcoholic beverages or pets. Held again 2/25. 533-7367.

2/11-13 - 12th Annual Delray Beach Garlic Fest at Old School Square Entertainment Pavilion and grounds, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. National act entertainment, Gourmet Alley, Garlic Chef Competition, 150+ vendors, children's area, full liquor bars and more. Fri. 5-10 pm; Sat. 11 am-11 pm; Sun. 11 am-7 pm. Admission \$10/children under 10 free. 279-0907 or www.dbgarlicfest.com.

Saturday - 2/12 - A Day To Bring Your Dreams Closer is held at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Create treasure maps/vision boards/goals collages. 9 am-3pm. All faiths welcome. \$12 includes lunch and materials. Registration by 2/9: 276-5796.

2/12 - Ride & Remember Trolley Tour is sponsored by the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum. Visit 5 historic districts. Departs from Delray Beach Parking Garage, NE 1st Avenue. 10 am-noon. \$15. Reservations: 279-8883.

2/12 - Sailor's Valentine at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Create your own valentine box from our cache of shells. For ages 8-adult. 10 am-noon. \$15/ members, \$22/non-members. Reservations: 391-8110 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

2/12 - Retro Indie Market is held at the Boynton Woman's Club, 1010 S. Federal Hwy. Vintage finds and handmade goods. 11 am-6 pm. \$5. www.retroindiemarket.com.

2/12 - 9th Annual Book Talk is presented by the Boca Raton Branch of the National League of American Pen Women at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

2/12 - Watch A Rising Star benefit for Junior Achievement of the Palm Beaches is held at the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Talented local high school singers compete for scholarships at the event featuring silent & live auctions and dinner. 6:30 pm. \$200. 242-9468.

2/12-13 - Valentine's Day at Whitehall - At Café des Beaux-Arts, the Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Package includes Tea-for-two, a Valentine's Day rose, keepsake photo, box of Whitehall chocolates, and a \$15 gift card for the Museum Store. Sat.: 11:30 am-2:30 pm; Sun.: noon-3 pm. \$100/couple for non-members; \$60/couple for members. Includes Museum admission. Registration: 655-2833.

2/12-13 - Discover Everglades National Park - Two-day exploration presented by Gumbo Limbo Nature Center includes an evening pre-trip meeting and a two-day exploration of the park. In the Park, participants visit and discuss each of the Park's distinctive plant communities and observe the wildlife. \$99/member, double occupancy, \$124/ non-member and covers lodging (Holiday Inn Express in Florida City.) Meals and park fee not included. Park admission is \$10/vehicle and is good for seven days. Transportation is by your

own vehicle. Car-pooling is strongly suggested once all participants meet at the Visitors Center. Adults only. Reservations: 394-4428.

2/12-13 - Lake Worth Art League Outdoor Show - View and purchase works by local artists at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. 9:30 am-4 pm. Free. 586-8666.

FEBRUARY 13-19

Sunday - 2/13 - Comprehensive Alcoholism Rehabilitation Program (CARP), Inc. Spring Luncheon is held at The Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Featuring Butch Trucks, original drummer from

the legendary Allman Brothers Band. Luncheon includes live and silent auction. 11 am. \$150. 844-6400. Ext. 228 or www.carpinc.org.

2/13 - Ice Cream Social at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd., South Palm Beach. 2-4 pm. Free. 588-8889.

2/13 - A Tribute to the Great American Songbook - Sunday Musical Matinee Series featuring The Norm Kubrin Trio at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. \$15. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

2/13 - Dimensional Harmony show choir performs at the Boynton Beach Woman's Club, 1010 S. Federal Hwy. Choir is the winner of the



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2/13 - The Big Bad Musical is presented by the Delray Beach Playhouse Children's Theatre, 950 NW 9th St. 5 pm. \$10. Reservations: 272-1281, Ext. 4.

Monday - 2/14 - Valentine's Day 2/14 - Quilting Bee - Twice monthly quilting class at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 2/28. 10 am. 266-0194.

2/14 - Boys and Girls is presented as part of the Great Books group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 10 am-noon. Free. 742-6380.

2/14 - 2/14 - Musical Luncheon to benefit the School of the Arts Foundation is held at The Colony Hotel Pavilion, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. 11:30 am. \$125. 805-6298.

2/14 - Lovefest 2011 is presented by Nikki Rattinger as part of the Brown Bag Series at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Noon-1 pm. Free. 742-6390.

2/14 - Valentine's Day Tea is held in the Church Friendship Center of Church of the Palms, 1960 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Live music and readings. Bring your valentine. \$5. Reservations before 2/11: 276-6347.

2/14 - Boca Beachcombing - Meet for an introductory talk about seashells at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, then caravan over to Red Reef Park, 1400 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton, to walk the beach in search of ocean treasures. All ages. 3:30-5 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations: 391-8110.

2/14 - Ground Breaking Ceremony for Congress Avenue Barrier Free Park is held at 3111 S. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. RSVP: 742-6226.

2/14 - Got Gaming? is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Held again 2/28. 5:15-6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

2/14 - Name that Cheesy Love Song is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Name song and win some chocolate! Grades 6-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6393 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

2/14 - History of WXEL is presented by Gillian Davis at the Boynton Beach City Library, 2nd floor, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Learn about the 40 year history of Boynton Beach's first public broadcasting station. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6397 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

2/14 - 56th Annual Palm Beach Heart Ball is held at Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. "Romance in Paris" fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Dinner and dancing. 7 pm. \$750. 697-6607.

Tuesday - 2/15 - Annual Play for P.I.N.K. Golf Tournament and Luncheon featuring LPGA Icon Michelle McGann at the Atlantis Golf Club, 301 Orange Tree Drive, benefits The Breast Cancer Foundation. 8:30 am shotgun, luncheon follows at 1 pm. Event open to members only, but donations accepted. 966-7602.

2/15 - Little Hands for ages 12-24 months is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Caregiver and child enjoy creative play. Tuesdays, 9-10 am through 3/29. \$28/residents, \$35/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

2/15 - Creative Kids for children 3-4 is held at the Boynton Beach Arts Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Crafts, stories, songs and creative play. T&Th from 9-11 am through 3/31. \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents. Registration: 742-6221.

2/15 - Young Explorers for ages 24-36 months is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Creative movement and music. Tues: 10:30-11:30 am through 3/29 or Thurs: (2/17) 9:30-10:30 am through 3/31. \$28/residents, \$35/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

2/15 - Orchid Growing Made Easy is presented by Annette Jackson, American Orchid Society, at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

2/15 - Audubon Society of the Everglades: South County Meeting is held at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Larry Wood speaks about his research on hawksbill turtles. Open to the public. All ages 2-3 pm. Free. 498-0996.

2/15 - The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers is screened in the University Theatre on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road. Discussion and commentary by George Herring follows. 3:30 pm. 800-564-9539.

2/15 - Advances in Ankle Pain and Treatment is presented by Kyle Kinmon, D.P.M., Podiatrist at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

2/15 - The Compound by S.A. Boden is presented as part of the Teen Book Discussion Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 266-9490.

2/15 - Internet Safety for Teens is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S. Seacrest



Women's Circle chairs and co-chairs are preparing for the Celebration of a Decade of Caring 'Circle of Hope' Gala, scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 28 at Benvenuto Restaurant in Boynton Beach. Standing, from left: Honorary Chairs Bob and Frances Bourque and Gail and Bob Murphy. Seated, from left: Co-Chairs Peggy Martin, Eileen Augustyn and Helen Babione. The Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach, and *Palm Beach Post* columnist Frank Cerabino are featured guests. Dinner, dancing and raffles. RSVP by Feb. 15. \$75. Proceeds benefit Women's Circle Inc. 375-8360.

Bld. Grades 6-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6380.

2/15 - FAU Astronomical Observatory Star Gazing is held at FAU's Science and Engineering building, 777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton. FAU's astronomy and physics lab coordinator highlights various points of interest in the sky. Held the first Friday and third Tuesday of each month. 7 pm. Free. 297-7827.

2/15-16 - I Love Art Class for Homeschoolers is held at the Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Ages 4-10. Six-week session meets either Tuesday or Wednesday through 3/22-23. 10:30 am-noon. \$60/non-resident, \$48/resident. 742-6650.

Wednesday - 2/16 - Busy Bees for ages 3&4 is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Parent-child class lets preschoolers gain independence. Wednesdays from 9-10 am through 3/30. \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

2/16 - Morning Oil & Acrylic Painting is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Adults enhance their creativity and reduce stress. Wednesdays from 9-11:30 am through 3/23. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

2/16 - Exercises for the COPD Patient is presented by Janet Contrastanoc, CRT, at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 9:30-11 am. Free. 374-5731.

2/16 - Family JAM: Music & Movement for tots ages 2-5 at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 am through 3/30. \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

2/16 - Author William Finley: Air Force Cowboy, A World War II Adventure Story is presented at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 1:30-3:30 pm. Free. 742-6380.

2/16 - Jeffery Smith on Addison Mizner is presented as part of the Architects on the Architects Palm Beach Centennial Lecture Series held at the Preservation Foundation, 311 Peruvian Ave. 2 pm. \$20. Reservations: 832-0731.

2/16 - Back to Life is presented at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn what to expect before, during and after spine surgery. Meets the 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month. 2-3 pm. Free. 737-7733 ext. 4688.

2/16 - The Pentagon Papers 40 Years Later - Daniel Ellsberg speaks and signs books at 3 pm in the Kaye Auditorium in the Student Union on the FAU campus at 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. \$12. 800-564-9539.

2/16 - African Film Festival is presented as part of Black History Month at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. *Warrior Queen* is presented by the Women's International Film Festival. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 736-8044 or www.delraylibrary.org.

2/16 - Evening Oil & Acrylic Painting is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Adults enhance their creativity and reduce stress. Wednesdays from 6:30-9 pm through 4/2. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

2/16 - Citizens Police Academy is held at the Delray Beach Police Department, 300 W. Atlantic Ave. Training sessions and lectures focus on various aspects of law enforcement with emphasis on the duties and

responsibilities of police officers. Wednesdays for twelve consecutive evenings. Open to all Delray Beach residents 18 years of age or older. 6:30-9:30 pm. Free. 243-7873.

2/16 - Eco-Watch - Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency is presented by Bert Lichen, South Florida Solar Energy Network at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Recommended for adults and teens. 7-8:30 pm. \$5 suggested donation. Reservations: 391-8110.

2/16-17 - Current Political Issues: Making Sense of Today's Political Nonsense is presented by Dr. Robert Watson at South Palm Beach Town Hall as part of the 15th annual Cultural Series. Watson is director of the American Studies Program at Lynn University. Event held again 2/17. 7:30 pm. \$25. 588-8889.

Thursday - 2/17 - Ice Age Florida Exhibit - See over 100 genuine fossils of creatures that once roamed Florida over 10,000 years ago at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Exhibit runs through 3/20. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-4 pm, Sunday Noon-4 pm. \$4/ages 3 and up, Free/members. 274-7263.

2/17 - Hot, Flat & Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution and How It Can Renew America by Thomas Friedman is presented as part of the "Understanding Other Cultures Book Discussion Group" at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490.

2/17 - Lunch & Learn Series is presented by Palm Beach Opera at The Colony Hotel Royal Room, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. Opera's young artists perform *Così fan tutte*. Noon. \$50. 833-7888 or www.pboopera.org.

2/17 - Horn of Africa is presented as part of the Great Decisions Series at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 2-4 pm. Free. 742-6380 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

2/17 - African Warrior Mask Making/Children's Day is presented as part of Black History Month at Spady Museum, 170 N.W. 5th Ave., Delray Beach. 3-6 pm. Free. 279-8883.

2/17 - JEOPARDY! Boynton Beach Style is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S. Seacrest Blvd. Join in a challenging game that focuses on African American history. Grades 5-12. 5-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6380.

2/17 - A Votre Santé (To Your Health) is held at Eau Spa at the Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Cocktail reception benefits the FoundCare Health Center. Guests are invited to enjoy the spa's amenities. 6-10 pm. \$250. 472-3022, Option 4.

2/17 - Childlike Acceptance as a Path to Inner Peace is presented by James Finley, Ph.D. as part of FAU's Peaceful Mind/Peaceful World Series. 7 p.m. at FAU's University Theatre, 777 Glades Road. \$25. (800) 564-9539.

Friday - 2/18 - Water Media Class at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Six-week session meets Fridays through 3/25. 9:30 am-noon. \$75/non-resident, \$60/resident. 742-6550.

2/18 - Palm Leaflet Folding at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Twist and fold palm fronds into animal shapes. Adults only. 1-3 pm. \$9/members, \$14/non-members. Reservations: 391-8110.

2/18 - Tennis on the Ave featuring John McEnroe and Mats Wilander is held on Atlantic Ave. from NE 1st Avenue. to NE 2nd Avenue, Delray Beach. These two Grand Slam champions go stroke for stroke on Delray

Beach's main street. The avenue action is a prelude to the evening's featured matches at the Delray Beach International Tennis Championships. 5:30 pm. Free. 276-8640.

2/18 - Strictly Business (R&B) performs as part of the Ocean Avenue Concert Series at the Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, between Seacrest Blvd., and NE 1st Street in Boynton Beach. Bring folding chairs or blankets. No pets. 6-9 pm. Free. 742-6246 or www.boyntonbeachcra.com.

2/18-20 - The Music Man is performed at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Fri. 8 pm; Sat. 2 & 8 pm; Sun. 2 & 7 pm. \$42. 243-7922, Ext. 1.

2/18-27 - 2011 Delray Beach International Tennis Championships - ATP Champions Tour at the Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center, 201 W. Atlantic Ave. Prices range from \$20-\$250. Full schedule available online at www.yellowtennisball.com or call 330-6000.

Saturday - 2/19 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Gulfstream Park, 4489 N. Ocean Blvd. (A1A), near Gulf Stream. 8-10:15 am. Free. 734-9128.

2/19 - Briny Bazaar - Annual charity sale held in the Briny Breezes Auditorium just west of the spotlight on A1A. 9 am-noon. Free. Open to public. 272-0816 or 278-6738.

2/19 - Claying Around for ages 8-14 is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Learn the basic techniques of pottery including wedging and centering. Saturdays from 9-11 am through 4/2. \$21/residents, \$26/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

2/19 - The Great Backyard Bird Count is held at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Bring your binoculars and field guides. Open to beginners and experts. All ages. 9-11 am. Free. Reservations: 338-1473.

2/19 - Mini Monets for ages 5-12 is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Kids learn to achieve a variety of effects in pencil, watercolor, charcoal and paint. Saturdays from 9-11 am through 4/2. \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

2/19 - About Boating Safety Class is held at the Spanish River Park HQ Building, 3001 N. A1A, Boca Raton. Class is approved by the US Coast Guard and satisfies requirements for youth to obtain the Florida Boating ID card. 9 am-5 pm. \$35. 495-6702.

2/19 - Boca Beach Kids - Explore the shoreline at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Pickup at Red Reef Park, 1400 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 7-12. 10-11:30 am. \$9/members, \$14/non-members. Reservations: 391-8110.

2/19 - Breastfeeding Prenatal Class is taught at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn the benefits of breastfeeding, keys to success, supply and demand, positioning, breast pumps, returning to work and weaning. Both parents encouraged to attend. 10 am-noon. \$25. Registration: 369-2229.

2/19 - Canoeing The Mangroves - Enjoy a naturalist guided tour from the boardwalk at Rutherford Park, 600 NE 24th St., Boca Raton. Following the tour, paddle through the mangrove trails and back along the shoreline of the Intracoastal. Experience necessary. Ages 7-adult. 10 am-noon. \$15/member, \$22/non-member. Reservations: 391-8110.

2/19 - I Love Art Class is held at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Six-week session meets Saturdays through 3/26. Ages 4-8 at 10:30 am; ages 6-10 at 12:15 pm. \$60/non-resident, \$48/resident. 742-6550.

2/19 - Demonstration of Sado, The Way of Tea at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Four sessions, offered at noon, 1 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm. \$5 with paid museum admission. 495-0233 ext. 237.

2/19 - 4th Annual Worth Tasting event is held by the Junior League of the Palm Beaches along Worth Avenue in Palm Beach. 6-9 pm. \$80/couples, \$45/non-League members, \$35/League members. 689-7590 or www.jlpb.org.

2/19 - Adult Pottery is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Six-week class held 6:30-9 pm through 3/26. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

FEBRUARY 20-26

Sunday - 2/20 - Childbirth Education Prenatal Class is offered at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Overview of the signs of labor, breathing techniques and more. 9 am-4 pm. \$75. Registration: 369-2229.

2/20 - Guitarist Michael Nigro and flutist Lisa Schroeder present classics as part of Music At St. Paul's, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 3 pm. Doors open 30 minutes before concert time. \$18/preferred seating, \$15/requested donation, \$5/students. 276-4541.

2/20 - Pictures at an Exhibition is performed by Miami organist Matthew Steynor with

interactive art projections at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 100 N. Palmway, Lake Worth. Reception follows. 4 pm. \$20/adults, \$10/students under 18. 582-6609.

2/20 - 4th Annual Party at the Playhouse featuring *Always, Patsy Cline* is held at the Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Hosted by the Auxiliary of Bethesda Memorial Hospital. 6 pm. Complimentary wine & cheese; 7 pm curtain. \$37. 737-7733 ext. 4467.

Monday - 2/21 - President's Day
2/21 - Author Joanna Slan: Annual Author Benefit Luncheon is presented by the Friends of the Boynton Beach City Library at Benvenuto's Caterestaurant, 1730 N. Federal Highway. 11 am. \$45/person. 742-6380.

Tuesday - 2/22 - Superior Approach to Hip Replacement is presented by Elvis Grandic, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

2/22 - African American History Month at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Performances by the Galaxy Elementary School chorus, drum line and PATH steppers. All ages. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6380.

2/23 - Drop-in Craft Day at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Make an original art project. Materials provided. Grades K-4. 4-5 pm. 742-6393.

2/23 - Eclipse (PG-13) is presented as part of Teen Movie Night at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 5:30-7:45 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

2/23 - Palm Beach Wine Auction/Dinner & Live Auction is held in the Circle Room at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. Benefits the education programs at the Kravis Center. Cocktail attire. 6:30 pm. \$750. 832-7469.

2/23-24 - The Robert Sharon Chorale is presented as part of the Cy Schonberg Memorial Concert Series at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7 pm/doors open, 7:30 pm/performance. \$25. 588-8889

Thursday - 2/24 - Responding to the Financial Crisis is presented as part of the Great Decisions Series at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 2-4 pm. Free. 742-6380 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

2/24 - 2/25 - African Film Festival is presented as part of Black History Month at Spady Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Featuring *Warrior Queen* and *Daughters of Africa*. 6-7 pm. Free. 279-8883.

Friday - 2/25 - Parker Ladd's 2011 Author Breakfast Series - Featured authors: Stacy Schiff, *Cleopatra: A Life* and Terry Teachout, *Pops: A Life of Louis Armstrong*. Held at Cafe Boulud at The Brazilian Court Hotel, 301 Australian Ave., Palm Beach. 8:45-10 am. \$100/ includes breakfast, valet parking and copy of the featured book. Reservations: 366-4301.

2/25 - Cycles, A Musical Journey is performed at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Delray Beach percussionist, Drew Tucker, has arranged this musical "feast for the senses" as a special fundraiser for Old School Square's arts education programs. Fri. 8 pm. \$30. 243-7922, Ext. 1.

2/25-27 - 5th Annual Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance is held at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. 2/25: 'The duPont Registry Live!' Hanger Party at the Boca Raton Airport, 6-8 pm; \$50. 2/26: Gala Dinner & Show featuring Jay Leno and a live auction, 7-10 pm; \$500-\$10,000, 2/27: Event Show and Awards Ceremony, 10 am-3 pm; \$50 with d'Gourmet food, wine and spirits, \$75. 954-563-2822.

Saturday - 2/26 - Experimental Hot Glass Lab & Seminar is held at McMow Art Glass, 701 N. Dixie Hwy, Lake Worth. Take a detailed look into the world of hot glass. 9:30 am-12:30 pm. \$25 Lab fee. Registration: 585-9011.

2/26 - Family Kidz Day 2011 at the Delray Beach International Tennis Championships, Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center, 201 W. Atlantic Ave. Kids under age 14 enjoy games, arts and crafts, 11 am. ATP World Tour semifinals begin at 12:30 pm. Free. 330-6000.

2/26 - Narrated Bus Tour of Historic Delray Beach - Conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from MLFH inside Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave, Ste. 483. \$15/adult & senior citizen, Free/ children under 18. 243-2662

2/26 - Basics of Sushi Workshop is held at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Oki Education Studio, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Bring a sharp 7- to 8-inch knife, cutting board, apron and dishtowel. 1-3 pm. \$65. Registration: 495-0233.

2/26 - Surf Rider Foundation Presentation at Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Children learn about our world's oceans and beaches. 2 pm. Free with paid admission to the Museum: \$5/ adults, \$4/seniors, \$3/children 2-18. 742-6780.

2/26-27 - 14th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Craft Festival is held at 330 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 954-472-3755 or www.artfestival.com.



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Sunday - 2/27 - The Way of Taiko: The Heartbeat of Japan is held at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Fushu Daiko performers conduct this workshop. Two times: 11 am-1 pm & 2-4 pm. \$50 each session. Registration: 495-0233 ext. 235.

2/27 - Oscar Night presented by The Palm Beach International Film Festival is held at Bash of Boca, 6018 SW 18th St., Boca Raton. Telecast of the 83rd Academy Awards, silent auction/raffle/contests with appetizers and cocktails. 7 pm. \$50. 362-0003.

Monday - 2/28 - Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave is presented as part of the Great Books group at

the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 10 am-noon. Free. 742-6380.

2/28 - 43rd Annual 19th Hole Club Luncheon and Golf Event to benefit the American Cancer Society is held at The Breaker's Flagler Steakhouse, 1 South County Rd., Palm Beach. Features PGA Professional and 2010 Honda Classic Champion Camilo Villegas. Clinic and putting contest followed by luncheon and awards ceremony. 655-3449.

2/28 - Addison Mizner - Presented by Bonnie Dearborn as part of the Brown Bag Series at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Noon-1 pm. Free. 742-6390.

2/28 - Stenciling Sea Creatures at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Paint pre-washed cotton. For ages 5 to adult. 3-4 pm. \$9/members, \$14/non-members. Reservations: 391-8110.

Tuesday -3/1 - Stress Reduction Techniques - Presented by Maya Sarkisyan as part of the Healthy Living Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 736-8044.

3/1 - Genesis: A Non-Religious Approach to Family Relationships and Life is presented by Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg as part of the Lifelong Learning Institute at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. This four session course is part of the spring semester. Class held again 3/8, 15 & 22. 6-7:30 pm. First of a four-part series. \$35/members and requires purchasing a \$15 membership to enroll in this class. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

Wednesday - 3/2 - Easy Does It Yoga at the Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Wednesdays through 4/6. Noon-1 pm. \$90/non-residents; \$72/residents. 452-5370.

3/2 - Reimagining Nature: The Everglades as a Peopled Landscape is presented by Rebecca Garvoille as part of the Lifelong Learning Institute at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. This three session course is part of the spring semester. Class dates: 3/9 & 16. 2-3:30 pm. First of a three-part series. \$35/members and requires purchasing a \$15 membership to enroll in this class. 266-9490.

3/2 - Advances in the Prevention of Atherosclerosis is presented by Mark Gardner, M.D., Cardiologist at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

3/2 - The Mind/Body Connection - For Your Health And Well-Being is presented by Lera Chacon & Liz Sterling as part of the Lifelong Learning Institute at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. This four session course is part of the spring semester. Class dates: 3/9, 16 & 23. 6-7:30 pm. First of a four-part series. \$35/members and requires purchasing a \$15 membership to enroll in this class. 266-9490.

3/2 - Gateways into Romanticism: Four Symphonies by Beethoven is presented by Dr. Barbara Barry as part of the Lifelong Learning Institute at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. This four session course is part of the spring semester. Class held again 3/9, 16 & 23. 6:30-8 pm. First of a four-part series. \$35/members and requires purchasing a \$15 membership to enroll. 266-9490.

3/2 - Eco-Watch - Sea Turtles do not own iPhones: How Juvenile Green Turtles Find Their Way - Presented by Cody Mott, Marine Turtle Specialist at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Recommended for adults and teens. 7-8:30 pm. \$5 suggested donation. Reservations: 391-8110.

3/2-3 - Mezzo-Sopranos Janet Rabe-Meyer and Regina Torres are presented as part of the Cy Schonberg Memorial Concert Series, under the artist direction of Dr. Robert Sharon at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7 pm/doors open, 7:30 pm/performance. \$25. 588-8889 or www.southpalmbeach.com.

Thursday - 3/3 - Lunch with Liz @ the Library brown-bag lunch program for women, features "Wake Up Calls," based on the insights of Joan Lunden. 11:30 am-1 pm. Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 266-9490.

3/3 - 6th Annual Magical Evening of Music - Presented by C.R.O.S. Ministries at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach to benefit the Caring Kitchen and Community Food Pantries. Featuring performer, singer, and actor Sue Mathys. 5:45 pm. \$100/VIP; \$75/General. 233-9009 ext. 106.

3/3 - Manalapan Library 2011 Lecture Series presents Dr. Christos Papatheodorou to discuss "The Evolving Health Delivery Systems - Total Quality Management and Information Technologies, the Critical Elements," at the J. Turner Moore Memorial Library, 1330 Lands End Road. 6 pm. 585-1478.

3/3 - Delray Beach Residents Academy begins at City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. Gain an

increased understanding of the operations and services that are provided by all city departments. 6-9 pm Thursday evenings for six weeks. Applications available at City Hall or from www.mydelraybeach.com. 243-7231.

3/3 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium is presented by Miguel A. Lopez-Viego, M.D. at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 6:30 pm. Free. 737-7733 ext. 4688.

3/4 - The Social Network (PG-13) is presented as part of the Movies on the Ave. Series at the Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, between Seacrest Blvd., and NE 1st Street in Boynton Beach. Bring folding chairs or blankets. No pets. 6-8 pm. Free. 742-6246 or www.boyntonbeachcra.com.

3/4-6 - 'S Wonderful - at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. This all new musical celebrates the genius of George and Ira Gershwin. Fri. 8 pm; Sat. 2 & 8 pm; Sun. 2 & 7 pm. \$42. 243-7922, Ext. 1.

3/4-6 - 44th Annual St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Festival is held at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd., Delray Beach. Live entertainment, carnival rides, raffles. Benefits St. Vincent Ferrer School. Special events: fish fry Friday night and 8 am Sunday pancake breakfast. F. 5-11 pm; Sat.: 11 am-11 pm; Sun.: 11 am-5 pm. Free admission but carnival rides require tickets. 276-6892.

Saturday - 3/5 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., just north of Ocean Avenue in Ocean Ridge.. 8-10:15 am. Free. 734-9128.

3/5 - Little Wonders - Introduce children to plants and animals around them with a hike, crafts, and stories at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 3 & 4. 9:30-10:15 am. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations: 391-8110.

3/5 - Surfing History Project Presentation at Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 East Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Tom Warnke shares with children ways to respect the ocean and beaches. 11 am. Free with paid admission to the Museum: \$5/adults, \$4/seniors, \$3/children 2-18. 742-6782.

3/5 - Night at the Museum: 40 Winks with the Sphinx is held at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. This first ever sleepover invites guests to an overnight "expedition" in the Museum. For kids grades 1-6, and their parents or chaperones. 6 pm-9 am. \$75/non-member, \$65/Museum member. 832-5196, Ext. 1118.

3/5-6 - Lake Worth Art League Outdoor Show - View and purchase works by local artists at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. 9:30 am-4 pm. Free. 586-8666.




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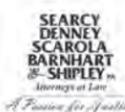
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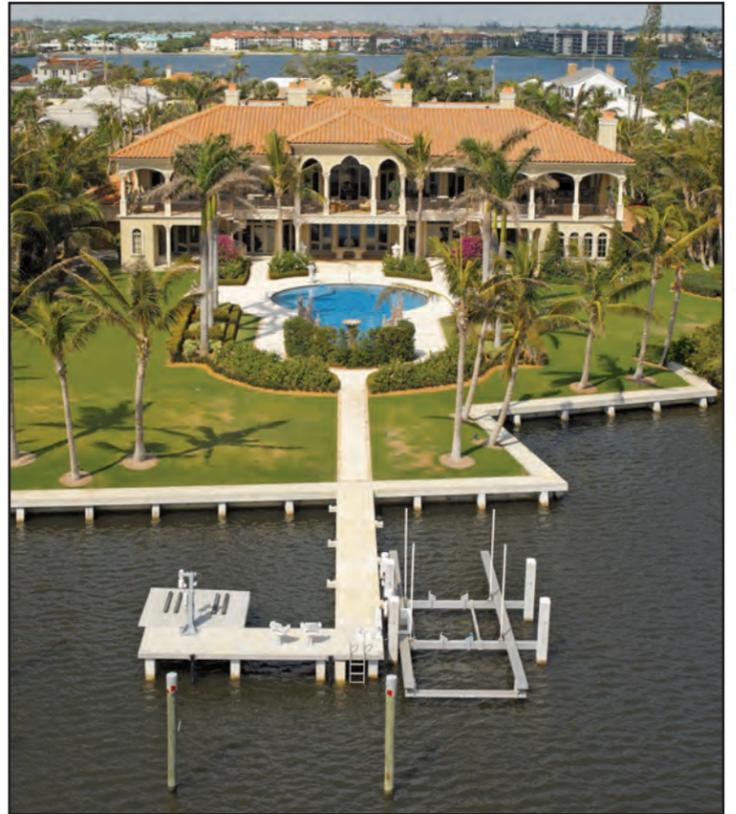
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