

## Celebrating our history



Addison Mizner's vision is pretty in pink on the original 1926 portion of the Boca Raton Resort & Club. Photo courtesy of the Boca Raton Resort & Club

## Mizner's famed palace turns 85

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

This year, the Boca Raton Resort & Club turns 85 years old. Looking back, the important role the hotel



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has played in the community is clear. It's safe to say that if the iconic hotel never existed, Boca Raton would be a very different place from today.

"This landmark is part of our past and present," says Susan Gillis, curator for the Boca Raton Historical

Society. "The hotel is still a very important part of Boca Raton."

In fact, people in Boca think of it as "their" hotel, Gillis says. And until World War II, the hotel and agriculture were the mainstays of the area's economy.

Natalie Warren, a BRHS docent who gives tours of the historic hotel, knows how important the property is to the community. She virtually grew up there.



A postcard shows the resort as it looked in the 1930s. Courtesy of the Boca Raton Historical Society

Her mother was a real estate agent with offices just off what was the hotel's original lobby.

Warren spent afternoons sitting on Addison Mizner's grand staircase reading books.

As a young woman, she held jobs at the resort, including working at the lobby chocolate shop and the hotel flower shop as well as waitressing at

the golf course restaurant.

"I loved coming here. It was like being part of history," she says.

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

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## Highland Beach

### Town manager suspended in flap on e-mailed jokes

By Steve Plunkett

Nestled among Highland Beach Town Manager Dale Sugerman's e-mail last July was a message he wasn't supposed to see: a collection of jokes Town Clerk Beverly Brown forwarded to him by mistake via the town's official e-mail.

Sugerman investigated and found more jokes, some "sexually-oriented or defamatory," that Brown had forwarded during work hours, including one alluding to President Obama and using the N-word. He decided a one-month suspension without pay was appropriate for the town's second in command.

But before he could suspend her, Sugerman himself was suspended—though with pay—amid strong indications the Town Commission will not renew his contract in June.

"Where are you coming from?" Commissioner John Sorrelli demanded during the commission's initial inquiry. "I am so upset, I am ready to blow my cork here."

The commission's Jan. 4 meeting began with an appeal from former Mayor Arlin Voress to intervene on Brown's behalf. Sugerman said it was inappropriate to discuss the case in public

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## Boca Raton

### City moves to zone Ocean Strand recreational

By Steve Plunkett

For land that's lain idle more than 17 years, Ocean Strand swirled into 2011 with a flurry of activity.

- Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District Commissioner Dirk Smith met with the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations to invite ideas on what kind of park Ocean Strand should be.

- Keep Your Boca Beaches Public submitted 1,522 signatures demanding that "development for private uses (including members-only beach clubs) ... be prohibited" at Ocean Strand and other public land on the barrier island. The grass-roots group paid \$152.20 to have the signatures verified.

- The Beach and Park District short-listed six firms to draw up plans for the parcel.

- Boca Raton's city attorney declared the grass-roots petition unconstitutional and told the city clerk not to process the signatures.

- The Boca Raton City Council ordered its

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## Coastal Star

## FAU backer invites you to join the club

By Mary Thurwachter

After Hurricane David blew into Palm Beach County in 1979 — just in time to ruin Labor Day weekend and collapse the jai alai fronton — Marliss Hadeed and her then-husband, John Sudbay, drove north from their home in Pompano Beach to check out the damage for themselves.

They never made it to Palm Beach that day, but it had nothing to do with the weather. On their drive up A1A, they saw a construction trailer for a seaside condo called Beach Walk East in Highland Beach. The pre-construction plans so impressed them, they bought a condo on the spot.

In 1981, when they moved into the condo, the couple had the entire building to themselves for several months, Hadeed said. Highland Beach has been her home ever since.

She has forged many friendships in the town over the years. One of those friends invited her to become a member of the University Club, a branch of Florida Atlantic University's Foundation devoted to helping the university's library and raising money for scholarships.

That was 18 years ago.

"My friend moved away, but I'm still here," Hadeed said. In fact, she is the organization's president. Her term will end in April, but she will stay on as a board member.

"We're a friendly group," Hadeed said, sitting at her kitchen table. From there, she has a postcard pretty view of a handful of kite surfers gliding across the waves outside. Occasionally, Hadeed hosts soirees at the condo for members of the University Club. The organization has about 100 members; a fourth of them are board members, too.

Started by eight women in 1976, the University Club has raised about \$1 million over the years for the FAU library and for many scholarships. Money is raised during annual fundraisers, dinner theaters, brunches and silent auctions.

"It's open to anybody who might like to join," Hadeed said. "It's a fine organization and we're all friends."

Last year, the club hosted

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Marliss Hadeed, who has lived in Highland Beach nearly 30 years, heads the FAU Foundation's University Club. **Photo by Tim Stepien**

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a reception for FAU's new president, Mary Jane Saunders, at the Delray Beach Club, where Hadeed also serves as president.

Most of the money raised by the University Club goes to the library, she said, but over the years the group began to fund small scholarships, as well.

"We try to give \$1,000 need scholarships," Hadeed explained. "In this economy we can't afford four-year scholarships."

While not an alumna of FAU, Hadeed's granddaughter is studying exercise science there. Sometimes she comes over to dinner with friends giving her grandfather, who has Lebanese roots, a chance to show off his Middle Eastern cooking skills.

Born and reared on a farm in northern Iowa, Hadeed was the only girl in her family. Having four brothers had it advantages, she said. She didn't have to do many chores.

"I was a tomboy," she said. "My father didn't want me to play basketball at school because he thought it was a boy's sport, but I played anyway and he came to all the games."

She married her high school sweetheart, Lyle Hacker. After he died at age 33 in a canoeing accident, she worked as a travel agent to support their three children.

Her second husband, John Sudbay, a general agent for the

Mutual of Omaha, brought her to Florida, and eventually to Highland Beach. After Sudbay died, she married Vic Hadeed, a friend of the couple and a neighbor at Beach Walk East. All of them have been active on the condo board. Vic Hadeed is current treasurer of the condo board.

Her extended family includes 11 children, 14 grandchildren and one new great granddaughter.

The Hadeeds enjoy traveling, especially cruising, and have been on just about every cruise line, and ships from the QE2 to the Oasis. "Cruising is an easy way to travel," she said. "We go at least once a year."

Although she claims not to be able to sketch at all, Hadeed taught herself to paint years ago and has several examples of her artwork around her condo. Her subjects are orchids and daises, seascapes and landscapes.

While she hasn't been inspired to pick up a brush lately — frankly, she hasn't had time between meetings, social functions, keeping up with family, and travel — she hopes to get back to it one day soon.

She does enjoy bridge and plays three times a week at the Delray Beach Club.

"I'm busier now than when I worked full-time," Hadeed laughs.

For more information about the University Club, call Laura Kraft at 297-3575 or e-mail lkraft3@fau.edu.

## Editorial

## Looking forward to sharing your stories

A yellowed newspaper clipping floated out of the Christmas card my sister Susie sent in December.

"That's me!" I yelped, getting a quizzical look from my husband across the breakfast table.

Beneath a photo of a smiling me was story about how, at age 23, I had become the youngest community newspaper editor in the state of Wisconsin.

The realization hit me like a ton of ink: I've been working for newspapers a long time. In fact, I've been a journalist for more years than I had lived when that picture was taken. I've even been working in Palm Beach County for more years than that.

My career path was never set in stone. As a shy girl with four brothers and three sisters, I do remember preferring writing over talking. When asked as a third-grader to pen (er, pencil) a short essay on what I wanted to be when I grew up, I wrote "a shepherd."

I'm pretty sure I had never seen a real sheep at the time. Undoubtedly, a richly detailed drawing of Jesus and herd of sheep in a book I had received for my First Communion was then etched in my memory.

When asked to write my own obituary in a basic college

journalism class (sorry, I don't remember what I wrote), the professor gave me an "A" and I was on my way. Becoming a reporter was a good track for a shy girl. It gave me a reason to ask questions I likely would not have asked otherwise. Some might say it helped me bloom.

Surely it helped bolster my confidence. In 1979, I packed up my Ford Fiesta and drove to Boca Raton, my very first home in Florida. I didn't have a job or know a soul here.

I began working for the South County bureau of *The Evening Times*, which later merged with *The Palm Beach Post*. For a few years, I was the editor of the *Delray Beach News Journal*.

Two years ago, I left *The Post* and began working as a freelance writer/editor and Web designer.

I don't know how much I bloomed. What I do know is that I have a great fondness for people. I like hearing their stories. And I like sharing them with others.

I look forward to hearing your stories and sharing them in *The Coastal Star*.  
— Mary Thurwachter, managing editor



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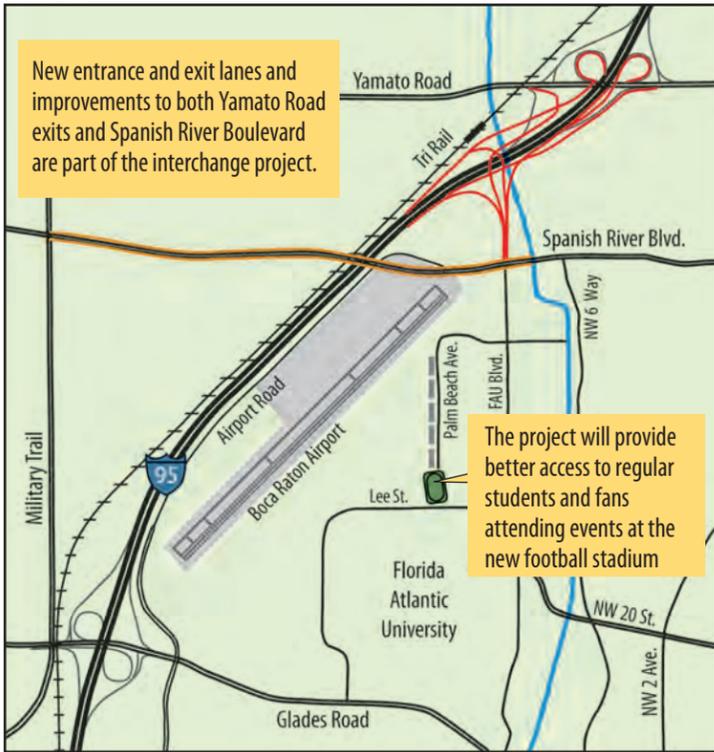
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**Boca Raton**

# Interchange in future for I-95 and Spanish River

A new I-95 interchange at Spanish River Boulevard in Boca Raton has been officially adopted as a future development project by the Florida Department of Transportation.

So says County Commissioner Steven Abrams, who is a member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Numerous traffic analyses performed during the past few years have shown that this segment of I-95 does not meet the required standards, mainly because of the high levels of congestion.

"I have been working on this since my first days as mayor, and it has finally come to fruition," Abrams says. "It will provide needed relief to Glades Road and Yamato Road, two of the county's most congested interchanges."

The proposed airport/FAU interchange will connect

to Spanish River Boulevard, extending from Military Trail on the west to A1A on the east. It will provide a back entrance to FAU's campus while providing relief on Glades Road, and eliminate residential cut-through traffic via Yamato Road.

One of the main reasons for the interchange is to serve FAU, which has a new campus master plan that shows explosive growth for commuter and local students. Currently, there are approximately 15,000 students at the Boca campus, of whom more than 12,000 are commuters.

FAU is also planning a Division 1 football stadium large enough to seat 40,000 people and will be used for other events, such as concerts.

The proposed interchange is part of the Five-Year Work Program and is scheduled to begin late in 2014.

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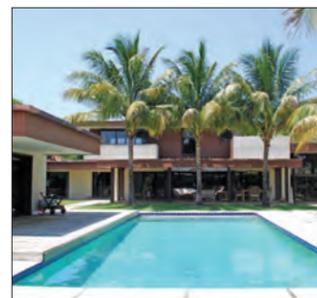
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while Brown still could appeal. Commissioners were divided on talking about it, and Mayor Jim Newill cast the deciding vote (to discuss).

Brown has breast cancer, and Newill's wife has been going with her to doctor appointments and treatments, he said.

"The doctors have been very, very specific, which I passed on to the town manager several times, that she is not to be

put under any kind of stress, because stress can really ruin the treatment," Newill said.

Newill said he opposed firing the town manager without cause but asked if any commissioner would make a motion to direct Sugerman to rescind the suspension. That way, he said, if Sugerman refused, he would be guilty of insubordination.

"Just because you don't agree with what the person is saying, you don't think that he's necessarily doing what you would like them to do, that doesn't to me constitute cause. I think something like this constitutes cause," Newill said.

In a memo Sugerman gave Brown on Jan. 3, he outlined what he said was cause to suspend her: five e-mails containing "derogatory, racist, lewd and lascivious" jokes sent from April 20 to July 15 on Highland Beach's computer system during working hours. He noted she had signed the town's Information Technology Policy, which prohibits sending or receiving "obscene, sexually-oriented or defamatory" materials.

At a Dec. 20 hearing, Brown's lawyer said the e-mail sent to Sugerman "was obviously done in error," he wrote. Brown's lawyer said a verbal or written warning was in order, he added.

"What is most disappointing in all of this is that you absolutely should have known better," Sugerman wrote.

There were other e-mails, but Sugerman did not want to pile them onto his complaint, he said. Town Attorney Tom Sliney told him the police chief of Wilton Manors in Broward County had received a 30-day



Sugarman



Brown

suspension without pay for sending derogatory and racist e-mails during work hours from his city computer, he wrote. That chief ultimately resigned rather than be fired.

He said Brown's actions were serious enough to warrant termination but because she had health problems he had decided on the unpaid suspension. He arranged for Brown to take college classes at town expense on sexual harassment, cultural sensitivity and computer etiquette.

The e-mails Sugerman cited as evidence include one forwarded to Brown by Fran Garfunkel, who Brown said is the town attorney's paralegal. "Now I know why I like our neighbors to the North," it begins. "Nothing they do is politically correct."

Another e-mail, about a "Texas girl" who shoots a Mexican and an Arab at a bar because her state has "so many illegal aliens," was sent to Brown by Mary Haynes, city clerk of Peoria, Ill. Brown and Haynes won Quill awards from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, which certified them both as Master Clerks.

IIMC members sign a Code of Ethics promising that "the affairs of my office shall be above reproach" and "to so conduct my public and private life as to be an example to my fellow citizens."

"I don't think this is the norm for these two ladies, I really don't," said Chris Shalby, executive director of the organization, adding he has known Brown and Haynes a long time. "It's unfortunate."

This is not the first time Brown has hired an employment attorney. She sued Redington Beach in 2006 challenging that town's extension of her six-month probationary status, the *St. Petersburg Times* reported. She was placed on paid leave, returned to work but resigned two months later, the *Times* said.

Before that she was town clerk in nearby Seminole for three years and in Shelton, Conn., for 30 years. Highland Beach hired her in 2007.

Brown has appealed the proposed suspension. The town must select an impartial hearing officer to review her case.

At the commission's Feb. 1 meeting Vice Mayor Miriam Zwick said she had felt pressured to order Sugerman to rescind Brown's suspension.

"This vote unfortunately allowed certain individuals to rush to judgment and use it as a wedge to unseat the manager, who had chosen to remain with his original proposal as being the correct, democratic process," she said.

Commissioners voted 3-2 with Zwick and Commissioner John Pagliaro dissenting, to put Sugerman on paid suspension for five months. They also agreed to hold a special meeting to interview candidates for interim town manager.

Sugerman's contract ends in June. He became town manager in 2005.



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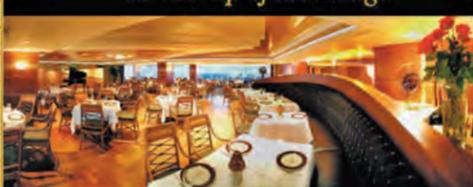
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## Accident sparks discussion on crosswalk safety

By Steve Plunkett

A 20-year-old man crossing A1A at the Highland Beach Club crosswalk was struck by a car on New Year's Eve and hospitalized.

Casuarina snowbird Alan Zuniss, 71, told the Florida Highway Patrol his sandal got caught on the car's brake pedal and he couldn't stop in time.

The FHP report said Zuniss was headed south in his 2004 Saab convertible and Tyler Wilson, age not given, Jess Itzikowitz and Drake Laurie, both 20, were crossing the highway from the west to the east at 5:50 p.m. The three said northbound cars had stopped for them and no southbound vehicles were approaching.

Wilson had made it to the northbound lane, Itzikowitz was more than halfway across the southbound lane and Laurie was in the middle of the southbound lane. The left front of the Saab collided with Laurie, propelling him onto the hood, his head striking the windshield. He was carried about 50 feet.

Saab's left front tire collided

with Itzikowitz's left calf, and Itzikowitz fell forward onto his knees. Zuniss stopped his car about 153 feet south of the point of impact, the report said.

Zuniss was cited for failing to yield right-of-way to a pedestrian in a crosswalk and operating a motor vehicle with an expired June 2008 tag.

The accident and one without severe injuries just south of the Boca Highlands crosswalk in Boca Raton prompted a spirited discussion on whether residents are cautious around crosswalks.

"I hope our residents are setting the example," Police Chief Craig Hartmann said.

"My past experience: They're not," Commissioner John Sorrelli said. "They're the ones who are crossing when they're not supposed to be crossing. They don't even press the button anymore. And then they blame somebody when somebody hits them."

"The other day when these two kids were hit, New Year's Eve, that was terrible. [It was a] Highland Beach resident," Sorrelli said.



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city manager to begin changing Ocean Strand's land-use designation from residential to recreational, rather than wait for the Beach and Park District to request it. That process will take six to eight months.

• The Beach and Park District heard presentations from the short-listed firms, then chose Curtis + Rogers Design Studio Inc., the company that developed the master plan for Sugar Sand Park.

"When we look at Ocean Strand park, we have a very strong indication that it likely will be a passive park," landscape architect Aida Curtis of Curtis + Rogers told district commissioners.

Her company said Ocean Strand naturally divides into three zones — the oceanfront, a central meadow and the Intracoastal — and that each area could support different uses. A beach club, a spa or space for yoga could go on the beach portion; lawn games, a garden center or outdoor concerts on the meadow; and rowing, sailing or a bicycle club on the Intracoastal, she said.

Curtis said her firm would schedule both large forums and meetings with smaller groups to gauge different interests. A complicated Miami Beach park required 180 meetings, she said.

Comment cards are passed out to balance whatever is said by more vocal members of the community, Curtis added.

"It's a matter of getting everyone heard, understood, and then bringing back the groups together," she said.

If the ideas presented at the homeowner federation are a guide, building consensus may take time.

"I want it to be available for everyone to go there, so we're going to need parking spaces for people to get to the beach," one man said, adding boat docks, picnic tables and a restaurant to his list. "I would hate to see this \$30 million piece of property turn into a place for the residents of Boca Towers to walk the dog."

Items on other wish lists included a kayaking concession, disabled-friendly amenities, a covered area for weddings, a walking path, a fishing area for children, a tot playground, wind-surfing, a boat launch, a maritime hammock, camping facilities for Boy Scouts and "green" restrooms.

"It's time for people to come and see what the beach looks like," another man said. "It is in perfect, pristine condition. And I think one of the options that should be considered is doing nothing at all."

Smith said anyone with ideas can e-mail him at dsmith@mybocaparks.org

At the Beach and Park District's first meeting in January, Ocean Strand neighbors repeated their request that commissioners ask Boca Raton to change the parcel's zoning before developing a master plan, prompting

an angry response from Commissioner Dennis Frisch.

"What it says is that you all don't trust us. We've done nothing but tell you that we're going to put a park on that. And over and over you've come in and asked us to do something that we've told you, we're not going to change the process," said Frisch, who later was selected chairman of the district.

"We've never done anything to earn your mistrust. Trust us to do the right thing. It's what we were elected for," Frisch

continued.

"It's not that we don't trust you," Boca Towers resident Sharon Picker said. "I think we're just scared that the powers that be — they're pretty mighty powers, they're politically powerful and financially powerful — might swoop down while you're doing your planning and take the land, and lease it out from under you."

Commissioners assured Picker that could not happen.

The following night Boca Raton City Council member Anthony Majhess also reached

the limits of his patience and moved to begin rezoning procedures.

"It's been very frustrating for me as an elected official to watch the ball be kicked back and forth across the line," he said. "We've all agreed it's going to be a park. I think anybody who would even think to do anything otherwise — some of the conspiracy theories that are out there of what might happen — I think even if somebody had that as an intent, they've been pretty well painted into a political corner."

His proposal passed 5-0.

The Beach and Park District bought the Ocean Strand property in 1994 for \$11.9 million but hasn't made it a park yet. In late 2009, Penn-Florida Companies proposed a private cabana club there to complement a luxury hotel in Via Mizner, a \$1 billion redevelopment project planned for downtown Boca Raton. Neighbors were surprised to discover the city's comprehensive plan labels the parcel residential instead of recreational. ★

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## Along the Coast

### Voter registration deadline is near

By C.B. Hanif

Books close at 5 p.m. Feb. 7 for those needing 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 pbcelections.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 2012 General Election," said Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher.

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

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Along the Coast

# Municipal government seats up for grabs

By C.B. Hanif

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 Boca Raton, Briny Breezes, Delray Beach, Gulf Stream, Highland Beach, 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: **BOCA RATON**

Mayor Susan Whelchel, Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie and Councilman Michael Mullaugh filed during the pre-qualifying period to

seek re-election. If no other qualifier seeks a seat during the candidate filing period, which ends Feb. 10, the incumbent automatically would be elected March 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 extends to noon Feb. 8.

**HIGHLAND BEACH**

Mayor Jim Newill has filed for re-election to his seat, for which Bernard Featherman is challenging. Commissioner John Sorrelli is retiring from the seat for which Dennis Sheridan is running. The qualifying period ends at 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:

Incumbents 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 filing ends 3 pm on Feb. 11.



## Know your candidate forums set

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, two have been scheduled in south county municipalities.

With any luck, the candidates will wear name tags.

The non-partisan League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County is sponsoring two forums.

**HIGHLAND BEACH:** – Feb. 10 (two days after candidate qualifying closes), Town Hall commission chambers, 3614 S. Ocean Blvd., 7 p.m.

**BOCA RATON:** – If any of the three seats are contested, a forum is tentatively scheduled for March 1 at 7 p.m. at a government site yet to be determined. Qualifying ends Feb. 10.

Election Day for all county municipalities is March 8.

Along the Coast

# Classes aim to reduce 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 not to be taken lightly.

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 sustain 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.

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Boca Raton

# Mizner Park Cinema closed, but not for long

By Thom Smith

If you had hoped to catch a pre-Oscar screening of *Black Swan* or *The Social Network* at the Sunrise Cinemas 8 in Mizner Park, change your

plans. The multiplex closed down in mid-January amid a wealth of rumors and misinformation.

This much is true: The cinema is closed. Furnishings and signage are gone, but it is

expected to reopen in several months. The new tenant will be the original tenant, AMC.

Claims of broken leases and failure to pay rent by previous operator Frank Theatres are unfounded, Frank President Bruce Frank said.

"We were just a management company in there for a few months," he said.

Sunrise Cinemas had held the lease for 10 or 12 years. Then last July, Frank Theatres acquired some, but not all, of Sunrise's assets, including Deerfield Mall, The Gateway in Fort Lauderdale, Plantation Crossroads and Sunrise 11. Mizner was not included, but Frank agreed to run Mizner and some others for Sunrise.

After a falling out between Sunrise and Mizner Park management, the two parties reached an agreement last June, Frank said, that included

forgiveness of back rent and a termination of the lease this January.

"All Frank Theatres did was provide interim operation between Sunrise and the landlord to keep it going through Christmas," Frank said.

"That said, the landlord has told us they have a lease structure to convert the facility to a theater with food service. That is what is expected to go there and the theater operator is expected to make a serious investment to do that."

The new operator, AMC, will follow the trend long in effect at six premiere screens at Cinemark's Palace 20 by the Boca Airport, and recently added a few blocks away at Florida Atlantic University's four-screen boutique Living Room Theaters.

Frank, which operates

cinemas in eight states, will pursue an even more ambitious concept at its new Marketplace of Delray project, west of the Turnpike on Atlantic Avenue. Construction is expected to begin this spring with an opening anticipated in late summer or early fall of 2012.

"We'll have 12 screens, premiere seating and a 16-lane bowling alley," Frank said, while admitting he has doubts about full-service theaters.

"You can take in a cocktail, you can take in sushi," he said. "But I'm not sure I'm comfortable with having a waitress coming down the aisle."

"I go to movies for the silence, for the comfort, for what is in front of me, not what is beside me. If you're having lasagna while I'm having popcorn, I'm not sure if I would want to go. But we'll see." ★

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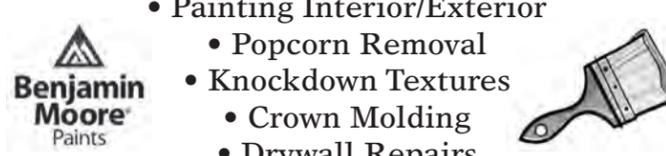
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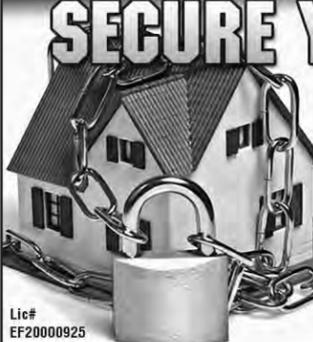
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## Makeover in store for Red Reef's boardwalk

Red Reef Park's splintery boardwalk is getting a 21st-century makeover. "They've been out there 30 years, and it's time," said Bob Langford, executive director of the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District. Low bidder for the Red Reef project was Hollywood-based Enco LLC, at \$928,859. The firm will rebuild the coastal dune boardwalk, pavilions and four dune crossovers.

Enco also will reconstruct a pavilion at James A. Rutherford

Park on the west side of the Intracoastal for \$59,361.

Construction on the beach must be completed before March 1, when sea turtles begin nesting.

Boca Raton operates and maintains Red Reef Park; the Beach and Park District reimburses the city.

Langford said Red Reef's boardwalk and parking lots were the first improvements made in the beach park.

— Steve Plunkett



The Beach and Park District is spending \$928,859 to replace Red Reef Park's 30-year-old boardwalk. Photo by Mary Thurwachter

## City may assume ownership to get meters on Palmetto

By Steve Plunkett

The city, which last summer installed parking meters on Palmetto Park Road east of the Intracoastal Waterway, might now assume ownership of the road.

Palm Beach County, which owns the highway, told city officials it will not permit meters there, City Manager Leif Ahnell told City Council members in January. The alternative, Ahnell said, was

for Boca Raton to take over the road, which would require repaving every 15 to 20 years.

"We could ask the county to please repave it before they turn it over to us," council member Susan Haynie said.

She and other council members agreed that having the road under city jurisdiction would allow Boca Raton to more easily redevelop the area.

The city is installing paver bricks at Palmetto Park

Road intersections west of the Intracoastal as part of a streetscape improvement project.

Palmetto Park Road has 59 metered parking spaces between the Intracoastal and State Road A1A.

Meters were also installed along Red Reef Park West and East Spanish River Boulevard and in Mizner Park. ★

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## Around Town

# Symphonia honors conductor Schuller

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Schuller



Lee

of sharing his extraordinary talents with residents of the Sunshine State. However, Sunday at St. Andrew's School, the audience was thrilled that Schuller was finally getting his due in Florida. He conducted a program of Mozart, Haydn,

Prokofiev, Ibert and Schuller, with guest performance by cellist **Sujin Lee**, a protégé of Itzhak Perlman.

Two nights before, Schuller and Lee were able to relax at a reception at the Intracoastal waterfront home of **Patti Carpenter**. Joining Carpenter in welcoming a few select guests including, **Jim and Marta Batmasian** and Office Depot exec **Steve Schmidt** were Symphony President **Steve Pomeranz** and Boca Raton Mayor **Susan Whelchel**.

The 17-year-old cellist Lee keeps a busy schedule, working in concerts when she can. In addition to studying music at Juilliard, she's majoring in English and psychology at Columbia.

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The Boca Raton Symphonia quartet offers some classical fare for partiers at the home of Patti Carpenter. From left: Mei Mei Luo (violin), Rob Prester (piano), Christopher Glansdorp (Cello), Jeff Kaye (trumper). Photo by Thom Smith

20 restaurants, vendors and private clubs in the Boca area, including **Cucina Mio**, **Lola**, **Seasons 52**, **The Melting Pot**, **City Fish**, **Rocco's Tacos** and **Wild Olives**. Tickets are \$35 in

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The party starts at 6:30, but amateur chocolateurs who believe they have the end-all chocolate recipe can prepare it and bring it to Boca Center at 4:30 p.m. for the Mix and Melt contest. Entry fee is \$25 (a donation to the Junior League) and the winner gets a free VIP ticket. ([www.bocachocolate.com](http://www.bocachocolate.com) or 620-4778, Ext. 1)

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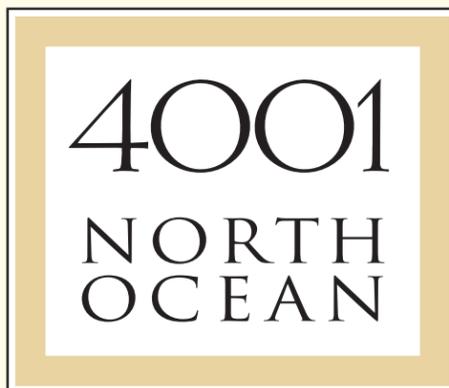
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film about Ellsberg. No charge.

She was an understudy in the original Broadway production of *Hair*; she starred in films by **Woody Allen** and **Brian De Palma**; she's stayed busy in TV for four decades; she's made award-winning children's recordings; and she's



**Harper**

a crabby cook. So much so, that **Jessica Harper** (*My Favorite Year*, *Stardust Memories*, *Pennies From Heaven*) wrote a

cookbook titled *The Crabby Cook*, recounting her adventures in preparing meals for her husband, who said he would eat anything (except onions, garlic, peppers, scallions, eggplant, squash, shellfish, most meat, spices, all non-chocolate desserts) and kids who "ate only white food."

Out of this came a realization that she could cook simply but effectively and on Feb. 5, she'll recount her adventures at the Publix Apron's Cooking School at the **Polo Shoppes Publix** on Military Trail just north of Clint Moore Road. ([www.publix.com/aprons](http://www.publix.com/aprons) or 994-4883).

The menu includes Parmesan crisps; spicy nuts; slammin' yam soup; My Favorite Chicken (chicken with apples); hot slaw; Tom's Brownies. Cost is \$45, and guests just might learn how to save a little time in the kitchen and have a little more to watch a Harper movie on DVD.

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 on Feb. 18. No charge.

Last seen in these parts as chef-de-nom at **The Office** in Delray, **Mark Militello** parted company with owner **David Manero** last spring, and popped up at **Trina** on Lauderdale beach. Time's up.

Trina's concept changed, Militello said, so he's trudging a few miles up the beach to create **Cabo Blue**, a grill and tequila bar in the new Wyndham Deerfield Beach Resort. Ocean view. Authentic Mexican fare. Maybe even a taco cart on the street next to the pier ... And eventually, he wants to open a Mark's of some sort in Delray.

'Tis the peak of the season, thus 'tis the time to tour. Especially things historical, such as the **Boca Raton Resort & Club** and the old **Seaboard railway station**. In the Roaring '20s, northern visitors stepped off the train at the station and were shuttled a half-mile east to the resort. Neither the rail cars nor the resort were air-conditioned then, but in the winter, most visitors had no trouble choosing between the snow of Boston and balm of Boca. Compared to the hurry-up-and-wait of modern air travel, a train trip was pure heaven.

The old station has been restored, and it's air-conditioned now, as are the gleaming post-World War II streamline dining and club cars. Any chill in the caboose and vintage locomotive is aftermarket.

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residents.

**The Dream City**

Here's an account of those times from an early settler Harley Gates, who built a house in Boca Raton in 1914:

"Farming was the principal means of making a living during my early years at Boca Raton. Most of the farms were small and usually from five to 20 acres. The main crops grown were green beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant and peppers."

Even in 1923, if you arrived on the Miami-bound train, you might think you were in the middle of nowhere, according to papers in the archives of the



Warren

BRHS.

And that's what Addison Mizner confronted when he was commissioned by the Town Council to plan a world-class resort community on the banks of Lake Boca Raton.

In 1925, he acquired three-quarters of a mile of beachfront property and set about building what he claimed would be "The Dream City of the Western World" offering a mixture of "snob appeal and greed appeal."

By January 1926, nearly 3,500 men were working in Boca Raton to build Mizner's dream. The payroll was in excess of \$1 million a month. And that year, his Cloister Inn opened its doors. That building still forms the eastern wing of the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

"It must have been amazing to see this beautiful, swanky place grow from the ground up. In those days, there was hardly anything here so it must have seemed very impressive," Gillis says.

**From boom to bust**

Mizner's plans for the young community ended when the land boom went bust in 1926. But Mizner still accomplished much by opening his original 100-room hotel.

That was the beginning of today's resort, which has grown and changed over the years.

"Each of its owners has



The exterior of the spa at the famed club. Photos provided by the Boca Raton Resort &amp; Club



The club's lobby, with its vaulted ceilings.

repurposed the hotel for their times," Gillis says.

In the 1920s when it was built, the inn was where people stayed while they looked to buy a piece of Boca Raton.

Clarence Geist, a Philadelphia utilities magnate, bought the property in 1927 and turned it into an exclusive club. "His impact on the community either directly or indirectly was of paramount importance," Gillis says.

During his tenure, he added 400 rooms to the club. He also gave land for a train station that could handle his private rail car, and he created a waterworks that served the city until 1956. Boca Raton had the finest water plant in the state, Gillis says.

He also helped the town weather the Great Depression. "Everyone, black and white, had at least a part-time job at the hotel," Gillis says.

**Foxholes on the golf course?**

In 1942, during World War II, the hotel was taken over by the Army Air Corps until the Boca Raton Army Airfield could be built where FAU now stands. Here they established the only wartime radar training school.

"During that time, there wasn't enough water pressure at the hotel so things got kind of yucky with all those men quartered here," Gillis says. There were even rumors they built foxholes on the golf course.

But the hotel survived and, in 1944, it was bought by J. Myer Schine, who owned a number of hotels across the country. He not only painted the hotel a dusty shade of pink, but also, in 1945, opened the club as a year-round resort and welcomed the public.

This was a boon to the town

that now had employment opportunities for more than just three months a year.

It also meant the hotel could become more involved with the community. Here's an account written by his wife Hildegard:

"Before we bought the hotel it was a private club. As we moved in, the townspeople came to us saying the hotel was the only major industry in Boca, and many townspeople worked there. But no Boca Raton-ites had ever set foot in the front door. I thought that was awful because there were many lovely people here. So I gave a party and invited everyone in town."

**A community with history**

Arthur Vining Davis took over the resort in 1956. He created Arvida, an acronym for his name, and it was a "big force" in Boca Raton until the 1990s. In addition to the hotel, his developments included five high-rise condos and the Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club.

He put his mark on Boca Raton by "creating modern gated communities from farmland," Gillis says. That's the Boca Raton we know today.

Docent Warren has memories of that time. Her mother sold real estate for Arvida, and she would go along when her mother showed prospects properties. "I remember her telling them, 'When you buy here, you don't

just buy a house, you buy into a community with a history,'" Warren says.

Davis put his mark on the hotel by adding a 27-story tower of rooms and the Great Hall that contained meeting space.

That meant this vacation hotel could tap into the convention business. "That was Mr. Davis' real gift to Boca Raton," Gillis says.

Another famous owner was H. Wayne Huizenga, who took over the property in 1997 and saw the opening of the Mizner Center, a large convention facility, in 1998.

Currently, the resort is owned by an affiliate of The Blackstone Group, a private investment banking firm.

It includes the original Cloister, the Yacht Club, the Tower, Boca Beach Club, the Bungalows, the Boca Country Club, conference facilities, two 18-hole championship golf courses, 30 tennis courts, Spa Palazzo, a golf clubhouse, seven pools, a 32-slip marina and a half-mile of private beach.

"Eighty five years after its illustrious opening, the Boca Raton Resort & Club maintains its legacy of style and elegance," says Stephen Ast, president of the Boca Raton Resort & Club. "And, as one of the largest employers in Palm Beach County, the resort is committed ... to the community, providing services, partnership and support." ★

**Five things you maybe didn't know about Addison Mizner**

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

Five things you might not know about Addison Mizner:

**1. The Boca connection:** Although Mizner is virtually synonymous with Boca Raton, he spent no more than a year in the city and never really lived here. But his small inn — the Cloister Inn, on Lake Boca Raton — and his dreams for turning the area's farmland into a destination resort city have forever linked him to the area.

**2. That Mizner Style:** Mizner was known for his Spanish Colonial and

Mediterranean Revival styles. He came to appreciate Spanish Colonial architecture while living in Central America. His father, an attorney and politician, campaigned for Benjamin Harrison during his run for the presidency in 1888. After winning, Harrison appointed Mizner's father as minister to Central America. That's when Addison was exposed to the style of architecture that would dominate his professional life.

**3. A man's castle:** Mizner planned to build himself a home on a man-made island in Lake Boca Raton. His plans included a master bedroom in a tower with a projecting balcony bathroom. The main floor included

a great hall, a 36-by-52-foot drawing room and a dining room with a kitchen and butler's pantry. The lower level had a "boat grotto" for a 45-foot yacht, a wine cellar and servants' rooms. An elevator connected the floors and a drawbridge helped secure the home. The house was slated to cost \$1 million but was never built.

**4. Mosquito madness:** Mizner's grand plan for Boca Raton was undone by heat, humidity and mosquitoes. Over the summer of 1925, many people from the North came to Florida for vacation. Already real estate salesmen and construction workers were occupying precious rooms. The invading tourists found

few restaurants open in the off-season, markets with little that was fresh. Milk and, of course, ice were at a premium. That, along with the climate and summer mosquito invasion, caused tourists returning home to bad-mouth Florida. These factors all contributed to an uncertain real estate climate and the end of the land boom.

**5. Think pink:** Although we think pink when we think of Mizner, it wasn't part of his color palette. In fact, the Cloister Inn was beige until its third owner, the Schines, painted it pink after they took over in 1944. ★

Source: Boca Raton Historical Society and The Boca Raton Resort & Club, by Donald Curl and the BRHS.



## Anniversary Events

**Boca Raton Resort & Club Tour:** The Boca Raton Historical Society offers walking tours of the Boca Raton Resort & Club on the first and third Tuesdays of each month through May. The tours run 2 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 plus \$10 hotel valet fee. Reservations required (561) 395-6766, Ext. 100.

**Boca Raton Resort & Club Package:** Feb. 11 through 13, the resort will offer a package that includes a second night for \$85 in the historic Cloister building. For information, call (888) 543-1277. The hotel is at 501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton.

**Mizner Industries:** The exhibition at the BRHS in Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton, is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. It includes products made by Mizner Industries and items from Addison Mizner's Palm Beach apartment.

**Boca Raton Army Airfield:** "Secrets Revealed" is a lecture by Sally Ling, author of a history of the Army Air Corps radar-training base during World War II and the long-term impact it had on Boca Raton. From 2 to 3:45 p.m. March 9, The event costs \$25 and is sponsored by FAU's Lifelong Learning Society. Freiberg Auditorium, FAU Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Information: 297-3171 or 297-3185 or [www.fau.edu/lls](http://www.fau.edu/lls) and link to "LLS Boca Raton Home."

— Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley



A 27-floor tower with 257 rooms was built in 1967.

## Resort timeline

**1925:** Palm Beach architect Addison Mizner arrives in Boca Raton. He and his Development Corp. hope to build Mediterranean-style structures for commercial and residential use on a 1,600-acre tract of land. Their plans include a never-built Ritz-Carlton on the beach.

**1926:** In a hurry to bring customers for his development to Boca Raton, Mizner opens a smaller hotel, the Cloister Inn. It's under Ritz-Carlton management on the shore of Lake Boca Raton. The opening sparks a promotional buildup that ultimately changes Boca Raton from a sleepy village into a resort community.

The inn has Spanish-Mediterranean, Moorish and Gothic influences. It is characterized by hidden gardens, barrel-tile roofs, archways, ornate columns, finials, intricate mosaics, fountains and beamed ceilings of ornate pecky cypress. The per room building cost was \$10,000.

**1927:** The land boom ends in Florida leaving Mizner's Development Corp. in financial difficulty. Philadelphia utilities magnate Clarence Geist buys the Cloister Inn for \$71,000, assuming \$7 million of the Mizner Development Corp.'s debt.

**1928-1930:** Geist enlarges the Cloister Inn and creates the private Boca Raton Club, a golf club. He builds the Cabana Club, south of the inlet, offering 200 private beach cabanas, informal dining rooms and card lounges. Famed architects Schultze & Weaver, who also designed the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables and The Breakers in Palm Beach, were the architects for the project that opened in January 1930.

**1942:** The U.S. enters WWII. Boca Raton's airport and coastal locale make it ideal for an Army airbase. The U.S. government acquires 5,860 acres from more than 100 property owners to construct it.

Meanwhile, the Army takes over the Boca Raton Club for offices, classrooms and officers' barracks while it builds the air station, the country's only radar training school.

**1944:** J. Myer Schine buys the Boca Raton Club and the Spanish River Land Co. from Geist's estate. The hotel costs \$3 million.

**1945:** The property reopens as the Boca Raton Hotel & Club.

**About 1950:** The hotel is painted pink for the first time. In Mizner's time, the club appears to have been white and cream-colored. It apparently was Schine's wife, Hildegard, who liked the deep dusty rose color. The current color is much pinker than the 1950s color.

**1956:** Arthur Vining Davis, founder of the Aluminum Co. of America, purchases the Boca Raton Hotel & Club. He creates Arvida Development Corp., an acronym of his name.

**1967:** Arvida tears down the southeastern wing of the original Cloister Inn to build the 27-floor tower that holds 257 rooms and a restaurant on top. When built, it is the tallest structure between Tallahassee and Miami.

**1968:** Arvida opens the Great Hall, a convention center, which incorporates the structure of the Schultze & Weaver-designed outdoor swimming pool with its four corner towers.

**1980:** The Boca Beach Club on the beach replaces the old Cabana Club, which is demolished. The new club costs \$20 million and features a half-mile of private beach, two swimming pools, 214 rooms (including eight suites) and two restaurants.

**1983:** The Boca Raton Hotel & Club is sold to Boca Raton Hotel and Club Limited Partnership with VMS Realty Corp., a Chicago-based real estate developer, installed as the general partner for the limited partnership.

**1986:** The property becomes known as the Boca Raton Resort & Club, and acquires the Boca Country Club about seven miles away.

**1991:** The Boca Raton Resort & Club undergoes an \$11 million renovation.

**1993:** The Boca Raton Management Co. replaces VMS Realty Corp. as general partner for the Boca Raton Resort & Club Limited Partnership. In October, BRMC successfully completes the refinancing of \$150 million of indebtedness.

**1996:** The Boca Raton Resort & Club completes a \$165 million recapitalization. The resort renovates guest rooms and suites in the Cloister and Tower. Construction begins on the Mizner Center, a \$40 million meeting and catering facility.

**1997:** The Boca Raton Resort & Club is purchased

by H. Wayne Huizenga and Florida Panthers Holdings, Inc. (now Boca Resorts Inc., or BRI) for \$325 million. The Resort & Club completes a \$6.5 million redesign of the resort golf course done by Gene Bates. The \$10 million tennis and fitness center opens.

**1998:** The Boca Raton Resort & Club opens the Mizner Center, a meeting and conference facility designed to resemble the original Mizner design.

**2001:** The Boca Raton Resort & Club celebrates its 75th anniversary and unveils Spa Palazzo, modeled on the Alhambra Palace, a two-story golf clubhouse and the Grand Piazza, including the Tuscan restaurant Lucca (run by Drew Nieporent of New York's Nobu and Tribeca Grill), Bar Luna, the renovated Malone's Magic Bar and more.

**2004:** An affiliate of the Blackstone Group, a private investment banking firm, purchases BRI in December for \$1.25 billion.

**2005:** The name of BRI is changed to LXR Luxury Resorts.

**2005-2006:** Refurbishment of the resort begins, including renovation of the main lobby, redesign of guest rooms and the addition of the Old Homestead Steak House (well known to New Yorkers). The new décor includes a light beige and white ceiling in the lobby, slate and stone floors and white leather furniture.

**2007-2008:** The opening of Cielo Restaurant at the top of the Tower, the debut of the Palm Court, the addition of Morimoto's Sushi Bar by chef Masaharu Morimoto of *Iron Chef* fame, Serendipity Restaurant and the redesign of the Family Room.

**2009:** The 212-room Boca Beach Club reopens following a \$120 million renovation that coincides with the completion of a total of more than \$220 million in renovations at the Resort & Club.

**2011:** The Boca Raton Resort & Club celebrates its 85th anniversary.

Sources: the Boca Raton Resort & Club website; The Boca Raton Resort & Club — Mizner's Inn, (*The History Press*, 2008) by Donald Curl; Boca Raton Historical Society curator Susan Gillis; BRHS docent Natalie Warren.

— Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

## Valentine's Day

## Love &amp; 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.

At the restaurant 501 East in the Boca Raton Resort and Club, 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 the Four Seasons Palm Beach, pastry chef Jason Morale is making a chocolate torta with a sabayon mousse. Everyone dining leaves with a Valentine's treat from the chef. Also at the



Bartenders at Boca Raton's ZED451 will prepare the Chocolate Kiss for Valentine's. Photo provided

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 raspberry tart, lollipops.

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



Chocolate S'mores Cake from the Boca Raton Resort & Club has two layers of chocolate fudge between layers of chocolate cake, with a graham cracker crust and marshmallow topping. It sits in a pool of chocolate sauce. Photo by Tim Stepien



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

Pheterson has concocted a fudgy rich traditional Devil's Food Cake. Its layers of dark chocolate devil's food cake with a cocoa reduction and hazelnut croquand and served with fresh 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



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. Photo provided

Sweet Boutique in Delray Beach, Pam Joyner and her staff will bake up fancy cupcakes decorated for Valentine's Day. Also here are dark chocolate whoopie pies — with decorative colored centers — pick a hot pick 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 decor-

## Putting sweet touches on 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 secretary would slip out of the office and into a nearby 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 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 experience, soup to nuts," Reiss says. She's been wrapping gifts complete with free gift card enclosures, since opening her store in 2002.

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

## Natural Wrap

The Petite Connection is located at 1000 east Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach.

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



Between layers of chocolate cake, a stepien



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

### The chocolate connection

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Bridge Hotel, chef Dudley Rich will Torte set on a bed of dark chocolate fresh berries. Photo provided

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 any of the shops, get in early or you may be disappointed in selections. For cakes and specialty baked goods, order by Feb. 7 to be sure of getting it by Valentine's Day. ★



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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

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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

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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 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."

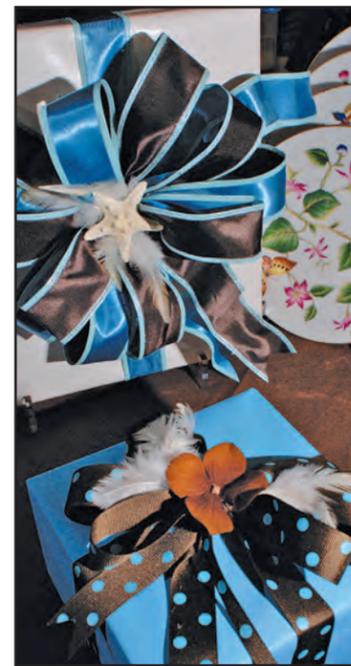
Remo wraps every gift differently, depending on its size and the "sticks and stones" she has on hand. "Men tend to like it, and I'm not quite sure why," Remo says with a laugh. "But I always ask the customer first: Do you want it wrapped with traditional paper and ribbon, or my way?"

**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.



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

"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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## 10 Questions



Jack Fox has piloted his own planes, including this Beechcraft Baron, for more than 50 years. He keeps this plane at Boca Raton Airport. Photos by Tim Stepien

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Jack Fox

How do you know Jack Fox?

Coastal residents may know him as president of the Beach Condominium Association of Boca Raton/Highland Beach.

But for some people, he is an angel.

Fox, whose résumé includes piloting a Beechcraft Baron twin-engine plane, flies people who cannot afford air fare to treatment centers around the state.

“Angel Flights has a mission that no one should be denied medical treatment because they do not have the money to get there,” said Fox, who pilots Angel Flights from Boca Raton and from his second home, in Virginia Beach. “We donate the time, the aircraft and the fuel.”

Fox, who has flown small aircraft for 51 years, moved to Boca Raton with his wife, Beverly, about 23 years ago.

The Foxes have been married 55 years and have three children and five grandchildren. They have a townhouse at Boca Raton’s Yacht & Racquet Club, where Beverly Fox raises orchids and Jack Fox navigates the local waterways in their 50-foot motor yacht, the Sea Fox.

“We live in a unique place,” he says. “It’s different from most condos. We call it a residential resort community.” Fox says the Yacht & Racquet Club “has a very, very active social program” and is a place with an island feel.

Educated to be an industrial engineer, Fox went on to own a major commercial bakery — his wife ran the bakery’s outlet store — then branched out into



Fox is an Angel Flight volunteer who flies people to medical treatments across the state.

other businesses.

“The greatness of this country is small entrepreneurs,” Fox says. “It’s the greatest country on Earth for opportunities.”

And with the Beach Condominium Association, he sees an opportunity to make a difference. Fox says he has been involved with the association about six or seven years now. The group, which originally was composed of 10 or 15 condos a quarter-century ago, now represents 63 developments, most of them along A1A. They meet the third Thursday of each month. A different condo hosts each month.

“It’s an exchange of ideas,” he says of the meetings. “Our overriding concern is managing condos — policies on pets and the disciplinary procedures the associations have.”

Top among Fox’s concerns is the unfettered growth of sea grapes along A1A, which blocks views of the beach.

“They’ve been unkempt and

overgrown for years,” he says. “Here we have one of the most beautiful cities in southeast Florida with one of the ugliest beaches in southeast Florida.”

Advocates for sea turtles say the trees prevent lights from condos from distracting turtle hatchlings. But Fox says he would like to see the city replant the beaches in an environmentally sensitive way.

“Look at Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale. They have clear beaches,” he says.

Another of Fox’s passions: The Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education at Florida Atlantic University.

“The program explores how groups can prejudice,” Fox says. “They teach the teachers how to teach the subject at school. And that’s a very important thing to do throughout the school system.”

— Scott Simmons

**Q.** Where did you grow up and go to school?

**A.** I was born and raised in Baltimore. Went to college at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, where I earned a degree in industrial engineering.

**Q.** What are some highlights of your professional life beyond the Beach Condominium Association of Boca Raton/Highland Beach?

**A.** I worked for a big company till I was 41 and thought the great opportunities in this country were in small business.

I was in baby foods manufacturing. Then I gave this

guy a bunch of IOUs, bought a bakery and moved to Emporia, Va. By age 51, I had built the business to 400 employees at three plants.

I sold out and became an investor, and was involved in automobile auctions.

**Q.** How did you choose to make your home in Boca Raton?

**A.** Two reasons. First, my mother and father moved to Palmdale, near Pompano Beach. And Boca had one of the most progressive governments. It’s a beautiful city, except for the sea grapes, and the water is among the best in the state. Boca also has a fabulous recreation system.

**Q.** What is your favorite part about living in Boca Raton?

**A.** The fundamental geography. We’re 40 minutes from great culture — museums, symphonies, fine restaurants.

**Q.** What are some of your interests beyond the association?

**A.** I’ve been a pilot for 51 years, and keep a plane at Boca Raton airport. I have a hangar there. It’s extremely well managed.

I fly out here and in Virginia Beach, and donate the time, aircraft and fuel ... I have flown cancer patients. The only requirement is that they can’t afford to or physically can’t go on a commercial flight. That’s a rewarding group.

I’m a member of the Boca Raton Pilots Association. We go on fly-outs — we recently flew

up to lunch in Stuart.

I also am commodore of the condo yacht club, and have a 50-foot motor yacht, the Sea Fox. We go on trips. We go to the New River Jazz Brunch, along the New River in Fort Lauderdale.

**Q.** What book are you reading now?

**A.** I read nonfiction. The last book I read was the history of Boca Raton Airfield. Early work on radar was done right here in Boca Raton. The Berlin Airlift was dependent on work done in Boca Raton.

**Q.** What music do you listen to when you need inspiration? When you want to relax?

**A.** I like jazz and classical music. Saw the Dave Koz holiday show. We go to the Broward Center for classical and for international symphony orchestras. I’m an Entourage member of the Broward Center.

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

**A.** The definition of luck: “When preparation meets opportunity.”

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

**A.** My dad, who passed away about 10 years ago. He was a very patriotic man with a love of country. During World War II, he was an air raid warden in Baltimore.

**Q.** Who or what makes you laugh?

**A.** My grandchildren.

Golf

# Tools for improving your game



**TaylorMade R11 Driver**  
**For:** Low- and medium-handicap players.  
**Suggested Retail Price:** \$499  
**Details:** TaylorMade-Adidas Golf takes moveable weight technology a step farther with what it calls "adjustable sole plate" technology in the R11 driver. Combined with TMAg's flight control technology and moveable weight technology, the R11 gives a golfer 48 ways to set up the club head. The R11 includes two weight cartridges weighing 10 grams and one gram. To create a neutral bias, a player must install the heavy (10-gram) weight in the toe; for a draw bias, put the heavy weight in the heel. If a more neutral setting is desired, 4- and 6-gram weights are available separately.

**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.

moving it deeper in the club head helps a player (at least in theory) create more swing speed and better accuracy. The latter is particularly import 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.

the Tour B330-RX a better 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



**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 weight out of the crown and

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## Golf

## 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. ★

## Coasting Along

## As they pause to smell the flora, golfers find variety rules

By Tim Norris

On the first tee box at Red Reef Park executive golf course one early winter day, looking to adventure ahead, a parade of humanity shows off its theme and variations.

On an unusually cool day, the parade has slowed. From behind the clubhouse counter, Jay Fischer of the city of Boca Raton Recreation Services saw only a few of a usually hardy weekly woman's group. Still, he can watch and learn.

Tee pushed into ground, ball set on it in balance, club brandished from the bag, the enterprise and the effort reveal them. Thwack! Sculled. Thwack! Topped. Thw ... missed. (Oh, the humanity). Mostly, thwick, thwock, tink, tonk, clean and airborne, looking to the wide uplift of green and the deep-throated rattle of dimpled ball finding bottom of cup.

Tempo, rhythm, bobbin and pendulum, arc and downswing, herk and jerk, on the first tee a game of almost infinite variety greets players of almost infinite variety. Encountering the course, the players meet the methods. Meet the gadgets. Meet the drills. Meet the sales pitches. In concept, golf is a game of numbers, of yardages, relation to par, handicaps, net scores, trajectories and angles.

In a player's hands, though, Fischer acknowledges, it eludes prediction.

## Variety rules

Light changes, wind changes, temperature and



Lucille Ritacco tries to keep warm while watching her golf partner, Frank Garito, tee off at The Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course Saturday afternoon. The temperatures were in the 50s at the time with strong winds out of the north. Photo by Tim Stepien

humidity play tricks; grass can be thin or thick, wet or dry. Do they look skyward to a particular deity or down and around to the gods of golf? Do they celebrate a solid shot registered in the bones and sinew, Decry a hook or slice and examine a misshapen divot? Pound a club to ground? Shrug or swagger? Quietly regain the cart or shoulder the bag and glide or soldier on?

Golf can seem like an exercise in paint (or putt)-by-numbers. It isn't. Even among the greats, variety is the rule: the classic balance of Ben Hogan, the Barcalounger ease of Sam Snead, the lash-and-twist of Arnold

Palmer, the leaning and head-bending after-look of Chi Chi Rodriguez, the forward hike of Jack Nicklaus, the explosive downswing of Tiger Woods, the strong grip of Patty Berg, the long-limbed torque of Michelle Wie.

That variety is part of the game's mystery, harking to the alphabets once posted above grade-school blackboards. Nearly everyone learned to write by copying them, yet no two signatures are alike. Nearly everyone can read Hogan's Five Lessons or Harvey Pennick's Little Red Book, but no one will perfectly follow their blueprints.

If they did, a veteran of the

game might say, wouldn't that be dull?

## Reaction is relative

In mid-morning, walking past people in coats and sweatshirts, a husband and wife show up for 18 holes in summer wear. The man steps to the first tee in shorts and shirtsleeves. Temperatures may seem absolute; reaction is relative. The couple is, Fischer learns, from Norway. The course set-up may be ironclad; golfers are clad, within the rules, in whatever suits them. Cold? Try a round on the Folgefonna Glacier!

As the day warms into afternoon, more players venture

out.

Can they find the green 132 yards out, flirt with the flag? Can they avoid the sand traps? Can they get the ball in the air? Will they shank one into the long line of hedge skirting the tee box or bend a shot way off to the right and splash down across the Intracoastal canal near that yacht with "Sexy" amidships in shiny silver letters?

Regardless, they will parade their own stuff, and form does not always follow function. One gentleman shows a back-swing about two feet long and smacks the ball straight down the middle, just short of the green and its shimmer of seashore paspalum grass.

## Satisfaction in sameness

In pausing to smell the flora, to take in the scene, they might find a worthier goal than chasing a number: finding satisfaction in sameness, like the distant view of an old-time assembly line swarmed with workers in matching coveralls, or of uniformed troops massed into rectangles. Taking comfort in difference. Achievers achieving or falling short. Relaxers relaxing just enough or too much.

New hybrids or old persimmons, the exact yardages of a GPS, iced tea or beer for a chaser, focus locus or focus pocus.

Every day, the guys in the Red Reef golf shop say, is a good day for a game. ★

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# Society Spotlight

## Boca Raton Regional Hospital Ball At the Boca Raton Resort & Club

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This year's ball honorees were the members of the Medical Staff Executive Committee.

Proceeds benefit the Patient Caring Fund, which supports the programs, services and technology that make it possible for the hospital to continue its level of care.



Dr. Terry and Deborah Cohen



Mark and Ronda Gensheimer, John and Mayor Susan Whelchel, Richard Schmidt, Michelle Maros, Barbara Schmidt. Photos provided



Bernard and Eva Friedel and Debbie and Michael Leising



ABOVE: Joan and Don Wargo  
LEFT: Jeanette Markus, Dr. Douglas De Orchis and Jan Savarick

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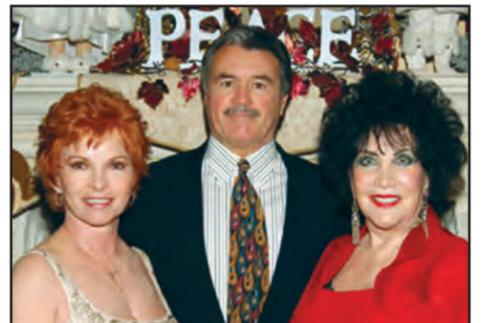


Ed and Marilyn Kaplan with Stephen Winin, event chair Joel Reinstein and AABGU Executive Vice President Doron Krakow. Photo provided

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## Community Calendar

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

### FEBRUARY 5

**2/5 - Boca Raton GreenMarket** is held each Saturday, through 5/7, Royal Palm Place Southwest Parking Lot, intersection of South Federal Highway and South Mizner Boulevard. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 368-6875 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**2/5 - Art Exhibit: Blue Man Group by Students of Old School Square** - Art Exhibit at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This exhibition will feature photographs that reflect the words blue, man, and group as interpreted by each photographer. Exhibit continues through 2/26. Hours: M-F 8 am-10 pm, Sat. 8 am-5 pm, Sun./Holidays 10 am-5 pm. Free. 347-3900.

**2/5 - Auditions for WLRN-sponsored TriCounty Young Adults' Summer Theatre Festival** - at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Auditions are by appointment only for actors aged 10 years and older. If new to Sol Children Theatre please bring a brief bio and a head shot. Festival lineup and rehearsal schedules for Summer Theatre Festival can be found on the Sol website. 9 am-1 pm. To schedule an audition, call 447-8829.

**2/5 - Eyes On Earth** - This is an interactive science exhibition, focusing on NASA's Earth Observing System, at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Visitors learn what a satellite is, discover the different types of orbits, and explore technology similar to that used by EOS scientists. Exhibits and workstations include: Design a Satellite; Mission Kiosk; Image Gallery; What Goes Around; Hot or Not; Ozone Zone; Earth Today and more. Exhibit runs through April. M-F 9 am-6 pm, Weekends/holidays 10 am-5 pm. \$5. 347-3912.

**2/5 - Saturday Stories & Spanish Bilingual Storytime** - Music, stories, fun finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at this weekly program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Children all ages accompanied by an adult. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

**2/5 - Guided Hammock Walk** - Kids, who must be with an adult, 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. 338-1473.

**2/5 - Chess Club** - at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Sponsored by the Boca Raton Education Advisory Board. For ages 7 to 17. 10-11:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

**2/5 - I'm Drawing with Pascal** - at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. International artist Pascal Lecocq, The Painter of Blue, will be working with children on their own creations. Children ages 5-10 may enter an art contest by adding colors and other designs to an outline of one of Pascal's paintings. The winners will be announced at Sea Turtle Day, March 12. Pascal will be working with the children from 10 am-noon and 1-4pm. All ages, an adult must accompany children. 10 am-4 pm. Free. 391-8110.

**2/5 - Bookworm Story Time** - for ages 1-5 at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Saturdays. 10 am. Free. 278-5455.

**2/5 - Tweens & Teens** - programs for ages 12-16 at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held most Saturdays. 11 am. Free. 278-5455.

**2/5 - Alternative Home Remedies** - at Whole Foods, 1400 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Ellen Kamhi, Ph.D., R.N., teaches how to treat common colds and conditions without a visit to the doctor or pharmacy. 1-2 pm. Free. Pre-register at 447-0000.

**2/5 - Roland Dorcelly, Painting** - is presented as part of the Meet a Master, Create a Masterpiece series at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Students have an opportunity to create a masterpiece in the style of the featured artist. For grades 3-5. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/non-members; free/members. 392-2500, Ext. 106.

**2/5 - SouthEast Contemporary Southeastern Art Show** at the Schmidt and Ritter Galleries at FAU. 13 artists featured. Tues.-Fri. 1 pm-5 pm, Sat. 1 pm-6 pm. Runs through 3/5. Free. 297-2966.

**2/5 - Hercules** - at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Held again 2/12, 19 & 26. 2 pm. \$14/adults, \$10/children 12 & under. 394-2626 or www.ShowtimeBoca.com.

**2/5 - Always, Patsy Cline - A Musical Memoir by Ted Swindley** - at the Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Show runs through 2/13. T-Sat. evenings: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun. matinee: 2 pm. \$30/adults; \$15/students 21 years and under. 272-1281, Ext. 4.

**2/5 - Diamond Anniversary Gala Celebration** - at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Celebrating the Boca Raton Museum of Art's 60th anniversary, including live music, a silent auction, raffle, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and a superb dinner prepared by the master chefs at the Resort. Black tie event. 7-11 pm. \$350. 392-2500, Ext. 208.

**2/5 - Gary Goodman's Magic of the Mind** - at The Willow Theatre, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Gary Goodman as he performs his mind reading and telekinesis show. 8 pm. \$12/before 2/5, \$15 day of show. 347-3948.

**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 - Acoustically Yours: an Acoustic Concert** - at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. Sol Children's award-winning vocalists return with two acts of acoustic favorites. Act one the audience will sit in on a folk and folk-rock retrospective with Daniel Ashton providing accompaniment for many of the vocalists. Act two the performers will take you into a cabaret with Juilliard pianist Connie Hudson. 7 pm both nights. \$12/adults, \$8/juniors (age 11 and younger). 447-8829.

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

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

**2/5-6 - Renee Taylor & Joe Bologna in: Lovers and Other Strangers** - presented as part of the Libby Dodson Live at Lynn Theatre Series at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sat. 7:30 pm; Sun. 4 pm. \$45-\$65. 237-9000.

### FEBRUARY 6-12

**2/6 - 23rd Annual Art Deco Society Bus Trip** celebrating Art, Antiques & Architecture - This one-day bus trip to South Beach's Art Deco District leaves from the Delray Beach Public Library, rear parking lot, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 9 am departure, 6 pm return. RSVP only. \$89/person. 276-9925.

**2/6 - Kabbalah & Coffee** - at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Includes weekly Living Torah Video Presentation. The class can be viewed by logging on to torahcafe.com/chassidic-heritage-series.pho. Viewers are encouraged to purchase Full Devotion at www.kehotonline.com. Held every Sunday morning. 10-11:30 am. Free. 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

**2/6 - Royal Palm Place Arts & Crafts Festival** - at Monument Piazza, 302 Federal Highway, Boca Raton. Featuring unique items. 11 am-5 pm. Free. 392-8920, Ext. 361.

**2/7 - Advanced Mah-Jongg** - at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. Led by Gerry Pagliaro. Every Monday. 12:30-1:30 pm. Free. 278-5455.

**2/7 - Boca Raton Veterans Council** - at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. All Veterans, any branch, are invited. 7 pm. Free. 361-9091.

**2/7 - Meditation** - at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Meditate to enhance overall health and well-being. Held every Monday. 7 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**2/7-13 - Allianz Championship Golf Tournament** - at The Old Course at Broken Sound, 1401 N.W. 51st St., Boca Raton. Fundraising "Birdies Fore Charity" event allows organizations to solicit pledges from supporters based on the number of birdies made by PGA Champions Tour players during the three-day championship play 2/11-13. Organizations will keep the pledges collected on their behalf. M: Broken Sound Pro-Am, 12:30 pm; T: Women's Pro-Am, 1 pm; W: Knoica Minolta Pro-Am Shotgun Start, 7:15 am & 12:45 pm; R: Championship Pro-Am Shotgun Start, 7:15 am & 12:45 pm; F: First Round of Championship Play: 9 am, 2nd Annual Gold & Wine Experience: 5:30 pm, \$125; Sat.: Fairway 5K, 7:15 am, \$30-\$75/participants; Second Round of Championship Play, 9 am; Family Day all day; Sun.: Final Round of Championship Play, 9 am. Free for spectators. 241-4653 or www.allianzchampionship.com.

**2/8 - Yoga** - at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Program focuses on decreasing risk of falls. Held every Tuesday.



Norma Guiseppe of Boca Raton enjoys herself on the dance floor during the Caribbean Cowboy Ball held at Red Reef Park to benefit the George Snow Scholarship Fund. Hundreds of attendees dressed in an eclectic mix of tropical and country clothing danced and dined while honoring community service contributions by Peggy Henry, The Boca Raton Resort & Club and Margaret Mary and John Shuff. Photo by Jerry Lower

10:15 am. \$10/session. 278-5455.

**2/8 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings** are held daily, Tuesday through Sunday, at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Feeding begins at 10:30 am T-Sat. and 1:30 pm Sunday. Discover what Atlantic Ocean reef fish, nurse sharks, and spiny lobsters eat for breakfast. Free with \$4 admission to the nature center. 274-7263.

**2/8 - Socrates Café** - at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. Under the guidance of former university professor and journalist, Ethel Genes, the Socrates Café is devoted to supporting philosophical inquiries of all ages and walks of life. Held again 2/15, 22 & 3/1. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 278-5455.

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

**2/8 - Chair Yoga** - at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Program geared to those not able to follow the regular Yoga routines. Held every Tuesday. 11:30 am. \$10. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**2/8 - 1960s & 1970s Crime Drama Film Series - Charley Varrick (1973)** starring Walter Matthau - commentary by Assistant Director Mykal Banta at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

**2/8 - Chair Massage** - at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 10-minute sessions focus mainly on neck, shoulders and back. Every Tuesday. 1 pm. \$10. 278-5455.

**2/8 - Small Fry Story Time** - for ages 3-6 at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Children listen to a story, sing and son, do a craft and make new friends. Every Tuesday. 4-4:30 pm. Free. 278-5455.

**2/8 - Beginners Ballroom Dancing** - at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. Held 2/15 & 22. Free. Partners not required. 6:30 pm. 278-5455.

**2/8 - Holistic Moms Meet-Up** - at Whole Foods, 1400 Glades Road, Boca Raton. The Holistic Moms Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to an interest in natural health and mind-full parenting. 7-8 pm. Free. RSVP required: 860-1404.

**2/9 - Friends Palm Beach Bus Trip** - sponsored by the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. A trip to the Norton Museum for a docent-led tour of *The Qianlong Emperor and Exchanges of Buddhist Gifts*, followed by a viewing of *Fabulous Fakes: The Jewelry of Kenneth Jay Lang*. After lunching in Palm Beach, participants will visit the American International Fine Art Fair at the Palm Beach Convention Center. 10 am-4 pm. \$70/Friends Members; \$80/guests. 278-4555.

**2/9 - Current Events Discussion** - at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Discussion group on news-worthy events. Every Wednesday. 10:30 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**2/9 - The Joy of Watercolor Class** - at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 16+. This four-class course

runs through 3/2. 1-4 pm. \$100/resident; \$125/non-resident. 347-3900.

**2/9 - Art Film - The Duchess (2008 - PG-13)** - at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Chronicles the life of 18th century aristocrat Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, reviled for her extravagant personal life. Held again 2/12. 2 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

**2/9 - History's Noblest & Wisest Quotations** - presented by Rabbi Bernard Baskin at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Discussion of intellectually challenging topics. 2 pm. Free. 278-5455.

**2/9 - African Film Festival** - is presented as part of Black History Month at Spady Museum, 170 N.W. 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Featuring "Warrior Queen" and "The Good Mother of Ambogah." 6-7 pm. Free. 279-8883 or www.spadymuseum.com.

**2/9 - Mind/Body Development with Karate** - at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. John Mirrione, internationally recognized instructor, uses moving meditation to help improve concentration and teaches self-defense. Held every Wednesday. 6:30 pm. \$10. 278-5455.

**2/9 - Tim Dorsey** will speak and sign his new book, *Electric Barracuda* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790.

**2/10 - Tour of Historic and Contemporary Boca Raton** is presented by the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum. Held the 2nd Thursday of the month through May. Departs from Old Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Hwy. at 10 am. \$20. Reservations required. Not recommended for under age 12. 395-6766, Ext. 100 or www.bocahistory.org.

**2/10 - Drop-in Story Time** - Music, stories, fun finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at this weekly program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. Held every Thursday. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**2/10 - Pilates for Your Mind** - at the Highland Beach Municipal Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. Stretch and tone mental muscles with entertaining cognitive exercises. 11 am-noon. Free. 278-5455 or www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us.

**2/10 - The Empowerment Zone** - a service available to library card holders who wish to create their resumes, search for jobs online, teach themselves to type or locate and apply for e-Government services at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 2/17. 1-4 pm. Free. 266-0196.

**2/10 - Yoga** - at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Enjoyable program helps you stay fit. Participants should bring their own yoga mat. Every Thursday. 2:30 pm. \$10. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**2/10 - Curator's Highlight Tour: California Impressionism** - The Appeal of the West - at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Museum Senior Curator Wendy Blazier leads gallery tours focusing on the current exhibitions. An examination of the work of leading California Impressionists. 2:30 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

**2/10 - Wetlands Walk** - Wakodahatchee is

a man-made wetland which has become a favorite for birders and photographers at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Bring binoculars for this 3/4 mile guided boardwalk tour to learn more about Florida's wetland ecosystems. Ages 7-adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. 3-5 pm. Held again 2/24 (3-5 pm). Free. Reservations required: 391-8110.

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

**2/10 - Lecture - Larry Feldman** - presented as part of the Executive Forum Lecture Series at FAU's Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, 777 Glades Road. Lecture held every Thursday through 4/21. Guest speaker Larry Feldman, Chief Executive Officer of Subway Development Corporation of Washington. 5:30-7 pm. Free. RSVP online at www.fauadamscenter.org beginning the Monday prior to each lecture. 297-2980.

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

**2/10 - Pre-20th Anniversary Gala Event and Underwriting Party** - at Lilly's Restaurant, 451 E. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. Celebrate two Boca Raton Landmarks turning 20 - Boca Ballet Theatre and Lilly's Restaurant. Cocktails, appetizers and buffet. 6-8 pm. Free. 995-0709.

**2/10 - Intermediate Ballroom Dancing** - at the Highland Beach Municipal Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. Learn a new rhythm each week. Held again 2/17 & 24. Partners not required. 6:30 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us.

**2/10 - Heartbeat by Sharon Creech** is presented as part of Tween Book Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 9-12. (Registration begins 1/13). Receive a free copy of the book at the time of required registration. 6:30-7:30 pm. 393-7968.

**2/10 - My Los Angeles in Black and (Almost) White** is discussed by author Andrew Furman and FAU professor Becka McKay as part of the 2011 Literary Authors Series presented by Florida Atlantic University's department of English. Held in the Majestic Palm Room of the Student Union of the FAU Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road. 7 pm. Free. 297-3831.

**2/11 - Free Eye and Vision Research Symposium** - presented by Schepens Eye Research Institute at the Boca Raton Marriott, 5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton. Scientists from Schepens Eye Research Institute, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, will speak on macular degeneration and other blinding eye diseases. 9 am-noon. Free. Advance registration is required. 866-336-0733.

**2/11 - Great Conversations One** 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 - Sogetsu Ikebana Flower Arrangement Class** - Using fresh flowers, students are taught contemporary flower arrangement in this three-week class at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Class meets again 2/18 & 25. Advance registration required. Two times available: 10:30 am-12:30 pm and 1:30-3:30 pm. \$45/members, \$52.50/non-members plus flower fee of \$24 for all three weeks. 495-0233, Ext. 237 or www.morikami.org.

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

**2/11 - Celebrity twin brothers Leigh and Leslie Keno** will make a special appearance at the Robb & Stucky showroom in Boca Raton, Mizner Park, 200 Plaza Real. The twins are appraisers on the PBS show, *Antiques Roadshow*, and are considered among the country's foremost experts on antiques. Robb & Stucky will be carrying the Keno Bros.™ Collection, a new line of hand-crafted, classically modern furniture by Theodore Alexander. 2 pm. Free. 347-1717.

**2/11 - Dan Christopher** - Magic and Puppet Show - at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For all ages, children 8 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 2/18. 3:30-4:15 pm. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**2/11 - Eyes to the Skies** with the professional-grade 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Tr., Boca Raton. This informal event is held

in the parking lot (weather permitting). Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. Telescope will be out for at least one hour after the scheduled start time. 6:30 pm. Free. 347-3912 or [www.scienceexplorium.org](http://www.scienceexplorium.org).

**2/11 - Love American Style** - variety show by ZMC Entertainment presented as part of the "Music In The Park" series at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Free. 393-7827 or [www.myboca.us](http://www.myboca.us).

**2/11 - Night Explorers** - Owls, stars, bugs, things that go bump, and some that glow are seen at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Hike with creatures of the night along the boardwalk, and peek at the night sky courtesy of the Palm Beach County Astronomical Society. For ages 7-adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. 7-9 pm. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110 or [www.gumbolimbo.org](http://www.gumbolimbo.org).

**2/11-12 - Tim Cotterill**, "The Frogman" makes a personal appearance at Pavo Real Gallery at Town Center Mall, 6000 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Raffle proceeds benefit R.O.C.K. camp for kids with cancer. 2/11: 5-9 pm, 2/12: 1-4 pm. Free. 392-5521.

**2/11-12 & 14 - An Evening of Rodgers & Hart** with The John Pizzarelli Quartet is held at the Kaye Auditorium at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road. With Bob Lappin and The Palm Beach Pops. 8 pm. \$29-\$69. 800-564-9539.

**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.

**2/12 - 17th Annual Smart Heart Day 2011** - at the Boca Raton Fire Rescue Auditorium, 6500 Congress Ave., Boca Raton. Sponsored by Boca Raton Regional Hospital and Boca Raton Fire Rescue Services. Mini health fair and full lipid profile, glucose and blood pressure screenings. 8 am-noon. 955-4468.

**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 - an adult must sign-up and participate with children. 10 am-noon. \$15/members, \$22/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

**2/12 - Demonstration of Koto, The Way of Koto** - at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, Morikami Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Learn the fascinating history of this exquisite instrument and listen to its captivating and tranquil sounds demonstrated by Koto teacher Mrs. Yoshiko Carlton. Two sessions, offered at 11 am and 2 pm. \$5 with paid museum admission. 495-0233, Ext. 237.

**2/12 - The Spy Next Door** (PG) - presented as part of Movie Mania at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 N.W. Boca Raton Blvd. For age 9-12. Includes free pizza and drinks. Noon-2 pm. Free. 393-7968.

**2/12 - Crawfish Tales:** A Celebration of Cajun Storytelling with D. Pete Richardson - at Willow Theatre, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Meet "the Cajun Lady," as portrayed by true-life Cajun Pete Richardson. Lunch at 12:30 pm; performance at 2 pm. \$25. 347-3948 or [www.willowtheatre.org](http://www.willowtheatre.org).

**2/12 - 9th Annual Book Talk** - 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.

**2/12-13 - Boca Raton Orchid Society Show & Sale** - at the Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton. Featuring orchid displays and sales, AOS Judging, free educational lectures and more. 10 am-5 pm both days. \$5 admission. 703-0278 or [www.brosoline.org](http://www.brosoline.org).

**2/12-13 - Discover Everglades National Park** - This two-day exploration of the Park is presented by Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Will include an evening pre-trip meeting and a two-day exploration of the park. A slide presentation at the pre-trip meeting will show how the wading birds of the Everglades depend on the seasonal flooding and drying of the wetlands. Cost is \$99/member, double occupancy/ \$124/non-member and covers lodging (Holiday Inn Express in Florida City) but does not cover meals nor the park entrance fee. Admission fee for the park is \$10/vehicle and is good for seven days. Car-pooling is suggested once all participants meet at the Visitors Center. Adults only. Reservations and pre-payment required: 394-4428 or [www.gumbolimbo.org](http://www.gumbolimbo.org).

## Municipal meetings

**2/8 & 2/23 - Boca Raton** - second & fourth Tuesday of each month at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road. 6 pm. Agenda available at [www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us](http://www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us). Meeting moved due to holiday/city hall closed 2/21.

**3/1 - Highland Beach** - first Tuesday of each month at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S. Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: [www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us](http://www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us).

## FEBRUARY 13-19

**2/13 - Weekend Movie Madness:** The Princess and the Frog - at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Rated G. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. Ticket box office: 347-3948.

**2/13 - African Initiation Mask-Making** - is presented as part of the ARTful Adventure Sunday series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Program features art workshops or live performances by actors, musicians or dancers. 2 pm. Free admission for performance only. 392-2500.

**2/14 - Boca Beachcombing** - Meet for an introductory talk about seashells and the animals at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, then caravan to Red Reef Park, 1400 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton, to walk the beach in search of ocean treasures. Open to all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-5 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

**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.

**2/15 - Audubon Society of the Everglades: South County Meeting** - at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Larry Wood will be speaking about his research on the hawksbill turtles found in the waters off of Palm Beach County. Sponsored by Gumbo Limbo Nature Center and is open to the public. All ages, an adult must accompany children. Reservations are not required. 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 screening. 3:30 pm. 800-564-9539 or [www.fau.edu/larkin](http://www.fau.edu/larkin).

**2/15 - FAU Astronomical Observatory Star Gazing** - at FAU's Science and Engineering building, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Eric Vandernoot, FAU's astronomy and physics lab coordinator, will show video presentations that match some of the night's targeted celestial objects. He will also study nebulae, the moon, planets, stars, galaxies, comets and asteroids. Held the first Friday and third Tuesday of each month. 7 pm. Free. 297-7827.

**2/16 - Art Film - Goya's Ghosts** (2006 - R) - at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Spanish artist, Francisco Goya, faces a scandal involving his muse, who is labeled a heretic by a monk. Held again 2/19. 2 pm. Free with paid Museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

**2/16 - The Humor of Molly Goldberg** - presented by Marjorie Gottlieb Wolfe at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Humorous and informative program about the beloved matriarch of *The Goldbergs*, the successful radio and TV serial. 2 pm. Free. 278-5455 or [www.highlandbeachlibrary.org](http://www.highlandbeachlibrary.org).

**2/16 - The Pentagon Papers 40 Years Later** - Daniel Ellsberg speaks on the topic and will sign 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 - Eco-Watch - Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency** - Presented as part of the Lecture Series at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Presented by Bert Lichen, South Florida Solar Energy Network. Recommended for adults and teens; teens under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 7-8:30 pm. \$5 suggested donation. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

**2/17 - Ice Age Florida Exhibit** - See more than 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 for members. 274-7263.

**2/17 - Lion of Judah Luncheon** - The Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County will celebrate the power, fuel the passion, and honor a pioneer of Women's Philanthropy at the Polo Club of Boca Raton. Nancy Lublin, founder of Dress for Success, is

the speaker. 10:30-1:30 pm. \$65. 852-6069.

**2/17 - Hip and Knee Pain Lecture** - presented by Madelyn Lliteras, RN, Director of Orthopedics Ray John, MPT, Manager Inpatient Rehabilitation Services at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Dawson Theater, 800 Meadows Road, Boca Raton. A physician will answer questions. Refreshments. 2-3 pm. Free. 955-3276 or [www.brhh.com](http://www.brhh.com).

**2/17 - Craft Time** - for ages 4-9 at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. 4 pm. Free. 278-5455.

**2/17 - Lecture - Michael Gordon** - presented as part of the Executive Forum Lecture Series at FAU's Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, 777 Glades Road. Lecture series held every Thursday through 4/21. Guest speaker Michael Gordon, co-founder of Pizza Fusion. 5:30-7 pm. Free. RSVP online at [www.fauadamscenter.org](http://www.fauadamscenter.org) beginning the Monday prior to each lecture. 297-2980.

**2/17 - Mosaic Ceramic Tile Creation** - is presented as part of the Craft Crew at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Design your own mosaic ceramic tile creation. For ages 9-14. Registration begins 2/7. 6:30-7:30 pm. 393-7968.

**2/17 - Childlike Acceptance as a Path to Inner Peace** - Part of FAU's Peaceful Mind/Peaceful World Series, this lecture will be presented by James Finley, Ph.D. at 7 p.m. at FAU's University Theatre, 777 Glades Road. \$25. (800) 564-9539 or [www.fauvents.com](http://www.fauvents.com).

**2/17 - If Wishes Were Horses** - Robert Barclay discusses his book *If Wishes Were Horses* at St. Gregory's Harris Hall, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. The lecture is part of the Exploring Spirituality series. 7 pm. Free. 395-8285.

**2/17 - Town Hall Talks** - at the Boca Raton Historical Society, Old Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Hwy. William B. Stronge, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Economics at FAU and author of *The Sunshine Economy: An Economic History of Florida Since the Civil War* will discuss the transformation of Florida's economy. 7-8:30 pm. \$5/non-members, free/BRHS members. 395-6766, Ext. 100.

**2/17 - Concert: Fedora Horowitz and Jeanne Tarrant** - at the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. Features pianist Fedora Horowitz and flutist Jeanne Tarrant. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455.

**2/17 - Thursday Movie Classics: Prizzi's Honor** - at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. Ticket box office: 347-3948.

**2/18 - Palm Leaflet Folding** - A class in weaving palm fronds 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 and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

**2/18 - Tennis on the Ave featuring John McEnroe and Mats Wilander** - on Atlantic Ave. from NE 1st Avenue to NE 2nd Avenue, Delray Beach. These two Grand Slam champions and former No. 1 players in the world 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. Festivities begin with the ITC VolleyGirls warming up the crowd, ticket and merchandise giveaways and KOOL 105.5 morning show personalities Mo and Sally playing hosts to your favorite songs. Presented by the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency. 5:30 pm. Free. 276-8640 or [www.delraycra.org](http://www.delraycra.org).

**2/18-27 - 2011 Delray Beach International Tennis Championships** - ATP Champions Tour at the Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center, 201 W. Atlantic Ave. Event begins 2/18 at 7 pm with Todd Martin meeting Jimmy Arias, followed by Mark Philippoussis vs. Pat Cash at 9 pm. John McEnroe, the runner-up in the event a year ago, opens against Jimmy Arias at 9 pm Saturday (2/19). The event is played in a round robin format, with the final and 3rd and 4th playoff matches contested on 2/22.

**2/19 - The Great Backyard Bird Count** - at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Search for birds and count them for this event. Bring binoculars and field guides. Open to beginners and experts. Space is limited. All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. 9-11 am.

Free. Reservations required: 338-1473.

**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 NASBLA 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 our shoreline and its critters at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Pickup will be at Red Reef Park, 1400 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Ages 7-12, adults must sign-in children, but do not have to stay. 10-11:30 am. \$9/members, \$14/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110 or [www.gumbolimbo.org](http://www.gumbolimbo.org).

**2/19 - Canoeing The Mangroves** - A naturalist guided tour from the boardwalk at Rutherford Park, 600 NE 24th St., Boca Raton. Presented by the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Following the tour, paddle through the mangrove trails and back along the shoreline of the Intracoastal. Experience is necessary. Ages 7-adult, an adult must participate with each child. 10 am-noon. \$15/member, \$22/non-member. Held again 1/22 (11 am-1 pm) and 2/3 (9:45-11:45 am). Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110 or [www.gumbolimbo.org](http://www.gumbolimbo.org).

**2/19 - Meet the Artist: Blue Man Group by Students of Old School Square** - Art Exhibit at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Feature photographs that reflect the words blue, man, and group as interpreted by each photographer. Exhibit continues through 2/26. 11 am. Free. 347-3900.

**2/19 - Rock'n The Hard Place** - Charity event hosted by Clarence Clemons and Temple of Soul at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Featuring concert by ambrosia, Arthur P. Stout and his All Star band and Don't Speak plus surprise performers. 5-11 pm. Free. 393-7810.

**2/19 - 3rd Annual CROSS Dinner and Auction** - at St. Gregory's Harris Hall, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Featuring cocktails, dinner, silent and live auction. Proceeds support CROSS Outreach Projects. Complimentary children's program and dinner. 6 pm. \$35/donor, \$75/patron. 395-8285 or [www.stgregorysepisopal.org](http://www.stgregorysepisopal.org).

**2/19 - South Palm Beach American Cancer Society's Amoré Gala** - at the Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, 2425 Maya Palm Drive West, Boca Raton. An evening of entertainment, dancing, fine dining and silent and live auctions, along with an opportunity to support R.O.C.K. programs (Reaching Out to Cancer Kids), R.O.C.K. Camp, R.O.C.K. Family Weekend and R.O.C.K. Scholarships. Donations will go to work locally and in cancer research centers across the country. 6:30 pm. \$250/person; \$3,000/table of 10. 394-7751.

**2/19-20 - Claritas Filgueiras** - Flamenco: A Touch of Red - at The Willow Theatre, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Musicians and dancers paint a visual canvas in movement with the pulsating sounds of footwork, song, castanets, hand clapping and guitar. F 8-9:30 pm; Sat. 2-3:30 pm. \$16. 347-3948.

**2/19-21 - Artists in the Park** is presented by Delray Art League at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Fine art exhibition and sales. Also 2/26-27. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 843-2311 or [www.delrayartleague.org](http://www.delrayartleague.org).

## FEBRUARY 20-26

**2/20 - 18th Annual British Classic Car Show** - at Royal Palm Place, Southwest corner of the intersection of South Federal Highway and South Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. 11 am-4 pm. Free. 392-8920.

**2/20 - Soloist Daniela Mack with the Boca Raton Symphonia: Music from Spain** - at The Roberts Theater at Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton. Mezzo Soprano Soloist Daniela Mack will perform under the direction of Principal Conductor Philippe Entremont. Featuring works by Montsalvatge, Granados, Albeniz and Falla. Prior to every concert, Martin Bookspan will holding an open discussion with concert conductors, including questions from the audience. Pre-concert Q&A: 1:45 pm. Concert: 3 pm. Tickets: \$30-\$53. 376-3848 or [www.bocasymphonia.org](http://www.bocasymphonia.org).

**2/20 - Art Film - Hip Hop Project (2009 - PG13)** - Celebrating Black History Month at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Held again 2/12. 2 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

**2/20 - 4th Annual Party at the Playhouse featuring Always, Patsy Cline** - 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.

**2/22 - Little Bee by Chris Cleave** - Book Club discussion presented by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 N.W. Boca Raton Blvd. Held 4th Tuesday of each month. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

**2/22-24 - After School Science Series: GPS Science** - at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Navigate through the technology of GPS. Tues.: Grades K-1st (with parent); Wed.: Grades 2nd & 3rd; Thurs.: Grades 4th-5th. 4-5 pm. \$7.50/residents; \$9.40/non-residents. 347-3912 or [www.scienceexplorium.org](http://www.scienceexplorium.org).

**2/23 - Senses of Cinema Presents Film for Thought Class** - at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 18+. This six-class course runs through 4/6. No classes 3/16. 10 am-noon. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 347-3900.

**2/23 - Art Film - Miss Potter (2006 - PG)** - at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. The story of children's author, Beatrix Potter, and her struggle for love and success. 2 pm. Free with paid Museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

**2/24 - Lecture - Jeff Sharfstein** - presented as part of the Executive Forum Lecture Series at FAU's Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, 777 Glades Road. Held every Thursday through 4/21. Guest speaker Jeff Sharfstein, chief executive officer of The Strive Group. 5:30-7 pm. Free. RSVP online at [www.fauadamscenter.org](http://www.fauadamscenter.org) beginning the Monday prior to each lecture. 297-2980.

**2/25 - Gumbo Limbo Day Trip: Botanical Garden and County History** - Meet at the Carousel in Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sponsored by Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, participants will travel to Mounts Botanical Garden and then to the Historical Society of Palm Beach County for a tour of the museum. A stop for lunch at midday. Cost covers entrance fees and donations, transportation and snacks. For adults only. 9:30 am-4 pm. \$20/members, \$30/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

**2/25-27 - 5th Annual Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance** is held at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Celebrating the heritage of the automobile. 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.

**2/25-27 - Cabaret** - at The Willow Theatre, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Set in Berlin in 1931, Sally Bowles and the emcee sing *The Money Song*, *Cabaret*, and more at the Kit Kat Klub. It's the story of Sally's affair with an American, and the touching tale of Herr Schultz and Frau Schneider. 8 pm shows 2/25, 26, 3/3-5 & 3/10-12; 2 pm shows 2/26, 27, 3/5-6 & 12-13. \$18. 347-3948.

**2/25-27 - Next Generation** - Youth Arts Weekend Festival at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Bring a blanket or chair (chair rentals are \$2 donation), and enjoy entertainment under the stars. Fri.: New Dawn Singers; Sat.: Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County; Sun.: Up With People. F & Sat.: 7-9 pm; Sun.: 4-6 pm. Free. 393-7827 or [www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us](http://www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us).

**2/26 - Collectible Treasures Sale** - presented by the Friends Auxiliary at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real in the Museum's auditorium. 9 am-2 pm. Free. 483-9100 or [www.bocamuseum.org](http://www.bocamuseum.org).

**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 can enjoy games, arts and crafts including USTA Florida Quickstart activities, Rita's Italian Ices and a bounce house. All kids with a paid adult get free grandstand seats or discount seats for reserved seats for the day session. 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 is a 1 hour and 45 minute tour of 10 historic sites departs at 11 am from MLFH inside Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave, Ste. 483, Boynton Beach. \$15/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18 (max 5 children free per family.) 243-2662 or [www.delraybeachbustours.org](http://www.delraybeachbustours.org).

**2/26 - Basics of Sushi Workshop** - at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Oki Education Studio, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Led by Mitsutoshi Sekita, a sushi chef from a Japanese restaurant in Plantation, Florida, participants will learn the basics of sushi making, cultural information and will enjoy their creations. Advance registration required. 1-3 pm. \$65. Advance registration required. 495-0233.

**2/26-27 - 14th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Craft Festival** - at 330 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Features some of the nation's top crafters, offering something for every taste and budget. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 954-472-3755 or [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com).

**2/26-27 - Tommy Tune Steps in Time** - is presented as part of the Live at Lynn Theatre Series at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Nine-time Tony Award-winner Tommy Tune teams with The Manhattan Rhythm Kings. Sat.: 7:30 pm; Sun.: 4 pm. Tickets \$45-\$65. 237-9000 or [www.lynn.edu/tickets](http://www.lynn.edu/tickets).

## FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 5

**2/27 - The Way of Taiko: The Heartbeat of Japan** - at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Top performers from South Florida's Fushu Daiko will conduct this workshop. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Advance registration required. Two times offered: 11 am-1 pm & 2-4 pm. \$50 each session. 495-0233, Ext. 235.

**2/27 - Art Film - Against the Odds: The Artists of the Harlem Renaissance (1994 - NR)** - Celebrating Black History Month at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Featuring 130 rarely seen artworks by African-American artists, this documentary tells how they triumphed. 2 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

**2/27 - Oscar Night** presented by The Palm Beach International Film Festival (and sanctioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences) is held at Bash of Boca, 6018 SW 18th St., Boca Raton. Evening includes telecast of the 83rd Academy Awards, silent auction/raffle and contests as well as appetizers and cocktails. 7 pm. \$50. 362-0003 or [www.pbifilmfest.org](http://www.pbifilmfest.org).

**2/28 - Bobby Norfolk: Africa/American; Planet Story: Tales and Tellers from Around the World** - African/American Storyteller at the Caldwell Theatre, Count de Hoernle Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. 2 pm & 7 pm. \$20-25; full-time students \$10 with ID. 241-7432

**2/28 - Stenciling Sea Creatures** - at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Bring a pre-washed T-shirt, canvas bag or other cotton fabric to paint. For ages 5 to adult; an adult is required to assist each child. Fee includes one project. 3-4 pm. \$9/members, \$14/non-members plus a \$4 fee for each additional project. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110 or [www.gumbolimbo.org](http://www.gumbolimbo.org).

**3/1 - Spring Celebration of High School Art: Women in the Visual Arts** - at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Exhibition features art work by Palm Beach County High School students. Exhibit runs through 4/2. Hours: M-F: 8 am-10 pm; Sat.: 8 am-5 pm; Sun./holidays: 10 am-5 pm. Free. 347-3900 or [www.SugarSandPark.org](http://www.SugarSandPark.org).

**3/1 - Ikenobo Ikebana Flower Arrangement** - Using fresh flowers, students are taught traditional flower arrangement in this four-week class at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Class meets again 3/8, 15 & 22. Advance registration required. 1-3 pm. \$60/members, \$70/non-members plus flower fee of \$60 for all four weeks. 495-0233, Ext. 237.

**3/1 - Boca Raton Resort & Club Tour** is offered by the Boca Raton Historical Society at the resort. Walking tour is held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month through May. 2-3:30 pm. \$15, plus \$10 hotel valet fee. Reservations: 395-6766, Ext. 100.

**3/1 - Curator's Highlight Tour: Dressed to Impress** - at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Join Museum Senior Curator Wendy Blazier for gallery tours focusing on the current exhibitions. An investigation of historical costumes and contemporary designs. 2:30 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

**3/1 - Cartooning, Drawing and Coloring Class** - at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This six-class session runs through 4/5. For ages 7-15. 4-5:30 pm. \$52/resident; \$65/non-resident. 347-3900.

**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 Community Institute at the Library series held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. This four course is part of the spring semester. Class held again 3/8, 15 & 22. 6-7:30 pm. First of a four-part series. Premier memberships available for \$15. \$35/members and requires



Singer Michelet Innocent, who once performed for French President Jacques Mitterand's wife, also serenaded this little girl at the 2nd Annual Boca Raton Fine Art Show in Royal Palm Place in Boca Raton Jan. 22-23. Photo by Mary Thurwachter

purchasing a \$15 membership to enroll. 266-9490

**3/2 - After School Science Series: Young Einstein** - at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Classes engage children in hands-on experiments to explore a variety of science topics. Ages 7-9: 1 pm; ages 10-12: 2 pm. \$3/residents; \$3.75/non-residents. 347-3912.

**3/2 - Reimagining Nature: The Everglades as a Peopled Landscape** is presented by Rebecca Garvoille as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute at the Library series held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Class dates: 3/9 & 16. 2-3:30 pm. First of a three-part series. Premier memberships available for \$15. \$35/members and requires purchasing a \$15 membership to enroll in this class. 266-9490 or [www.delraylibrary.org](http://www.delraylibrary.org).

**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 Community Institute at the Library series held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Class dates: 3/9, 16 & 23. 6-7:30 pm. First of a four-part series. 266-9490 or [www.delraylibrary.org](http://www.delraylibrary.org).

**3/2 - From The Artist's Perspective: Jane Levy, Jewelry** - at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Art School instructor Jane Levy focuses on metal clays, bronze and fine silver, with the addition of some ceramics in her jewelry. 6:30 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500 or [www.bocamuseum.org](http://www.bocamuseum.org).

**3/2 - Michael Palmer and Daniel Palmer** will speak and sign their new books, A Heartbeat Away and Delirious at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790 or [www.murderonthebeach.com](http://www.murderonthebeach.com).

**3/2 - Eco-Watch** - Sea Turtles do not own iPhones: How Juvenile Green Turtles Find Their Way - Presented as part of the Lecture Series at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Presented by Cody Mott, Marine Turtle Specialist, Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. This presentation will focus on south Florida's population of juvenile green sea turtles and the important role they played in learning how sea turtles find their way through the world's vast oceans. Recommended for adults and teens, teens under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 7-8:30 pm. \$5 suggested donation. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110 or [www.gumbolimbo.org](http://www.gumbolimbo.org).

**3/2 - A Book With A Hook Class: The Magic of Writing Children's Books** - at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 19+. This five-class course runs through 4/6. 7-9 pm. \$115/resident; \$143.75/non-resident. 347-3900 or [www.SugarSandPark.org](http://www.SugarSandPark.org).

**3/3 - Lunch with Liz** @ the Library brown-bag lunchtime 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 or [www.delraylibrary.org](http://www.delraylibrary.org).

**3/3 - Sumi-e Ink Painting Landscape Classes** - Students learn this form of Japanese ink painting at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. This four-week courses begin with basic techniques and then students are guided as they create paintings of floral subjects. Materials available in the Museum Store. Advance registration required. 1:30-3:30 pm. \$55/members, \$60/non-members. Class meeting again 3/10, 17 & 24. 495-0233, Ext. 237.

**3/3 - Lecture - Mark Chudacoff** - presented as part of the Executive Forum Lecture Series at FAU's Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, 777 Glades Road. Lecture series held every Thursday through 4/21. Guest speaker Mark Chudacoff, president of Midwest Truck and Auto Parts. 5:30-7 pm. Free. RSVP online at [www.fauadamscenter.org](http://www.fauadamscenter.org) beginning the Monday prior to each lecture. 297-2980.

**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 Sue Mathys. 5:45 pm: VIP Champagne Reception with City Commissioner Fred Fetzer; 6:30 pm silent auction with wine and dinner hor d'oeuvres; 7:30 pm live auction followed by Sue Mathys performance. VIP ticket \$100; General admission \$75. 233-9009 Ext. 106.

**3/3 - Movie Club: Prince of Persia, The Sands of Time** (PG-13) is presented as part of Teen Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 13-17. 6-8 pm. Free and includes free pizza & soda. 393-7968 or [www.bocalibrary.org](http://www.bocalibrary.org)

**3/3 - Art & Design Walk** - at Royal Palm Place, 302 Federal Hgy., Boca Raton. In this monthly event organized by several of the Galleries and Design Studios in Royal Palm Place, participants can view the newest pieces that have been installed on the Royal

Palm Place grounds, which include 'Batsheva' (a 14 foot tall bronze sculpture by artist Itzik Asher) and the spectacular Adam and Eve Sculpture Garden, which is the work of renowned sculptor Yaacov Heller and located adjacent to his Gallery 22. 6-9 pm. Free. 392-8920, Ext. 361 or [www.royalpalmpplace.com](http://www.royalpalmpplace.com).

**3/4 - Sogetsu Ikebana Flower Arrangement Class** - Using fresh flowers, students are taught contemporary flower arrangement in this four-week class at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Class meets again 3/11, 18 & 25. Advance registration required. Two times available: 10:30 am-12:30 pm and 1:30-3:30 pm. \$60/members, \$70/non-members plus flower fee of \$32 for all four weeks. 495-0233 Ext. 237.

**3/4 - Boca Express Train Museum Tour** - at the FEC Railway Station, Count de Hoernle Pavilion, 747 S. Dixie Hwy. Enjoy a guided tour of two 1947 Seaboard Air Line streamliners. Held the first Friday of every month through 5/2011. 1-4 pm. \$5/adults, \$2/children 6-12 years, Free/children under 6 years and members. 395-6766, Ext. 100.

**3/4 - Dr. Seuss Day - Birthday Party Celebration** - at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. All ages, children 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30 pm. Free. 393-7968.

**3/4 - 8th Annual Future Stars Performing Arts Competition** - presented by the Rotary Club of Boca Raton at the Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. More than 30 performances of Palm Beach and Broward county middle and high school vocal and dance performance artists. 7 pm. \$20-\$35. 866-571-2787.

**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. 1 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** - at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd., Delray Beach. Featuring live entertainment, carnival rides, raffles. All proceeds benefit the St. Vincent Ferrer School. Fish fry Friday night and an 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. Advance tickets \$50/3-day ride bracelet; \$25/one-day ride bracelet. On grounds price: \$60/3-day ride bracelet; \$30/one-day ride bracelet. 276-6892.

**3/4-12 - 5th Annual Festival of the Arts Boca** - at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, and the Cultural

Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Sat.: Kate Walbert: "On Writing", Cultural Arts Center, 4 pm, \$25-\$40; Canadian Brass, Mizner Park Amphitheater, 7:30 pm, \$25-\$95. Sun.: Kevin Bleyer: "When News Breaks, We Should Fix It", Cultural Arts Center, 4 pm, \$25-\$40; Miloš Karadaglić, guitar, Mizner Park Amphitheater, 7:30 pm, \$20 & \$85. Full schedule online. 866-571-2787 or [www.festivaloftheartsboca.org](http://www.festivaloftheartsboca.org).

**3/5 - Morikami Gardens Photography workshop** - Roji-en, The Gardens of the Drops of Dew, is the setting for this three-week workshop with professional photographer Richard Reddig at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Class meets again 3/12 (8-11 am) & 26 (10:30 am-1:30 pm). Advance registration required. \$80 for all three weeks. 10:30 am-1:30 pm. 495-0233.

**3/5 - Dorothy Gillespie, Swirling Mobiles** - is presented as part of the Meet a Master, Create a Masterpiece series at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. This monthly children's program investigates a master artist on exhibit at the Museum. Students have an opportunity to create a masterpiece in the style of the featured artist. For grades 3-5. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/non-members; free/members. 392-2500 Ext. 106 or [www.bocamuseum.org](http://www.bocamuseum.org).

**3/5 - Peter Pan** - at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Held again 3/12, 19, 26, 4/2, 9, 16 & 23. 2 pm. \$14/adults, \$10/children 12 & under. 394-2626.

**3/5 - You've Gotta Have Heart Art Exhibit and Musical Extravaganza** - at the Keith C. & Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. A specially created work of art will be unveiled to benefit the nationally ranked Christine E. Lynn Heart & Vascular Institute at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. 6:30 pm cocktails and dinner; 8:30 pm curtain; anniversary celebration and dessert following performance. \$250/person. Cocktail attire. 955-4142.

**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 listening or dancing to the 15-piece big band sounds of Fusion Machine playing '40s and '50s era music. Benefit the scholarship program for young musicians ages 13-24. Black tie optional. 6:30 pm. \$75/person. Reservations by 2/7: 734-6159.

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## Obituaries

## John R. DeMarco

By Emily J. Minor

HIGHLAND BEACH — John R. DeMarco, who left his beloved Long Island in 1989 to retire to Highland Beach, died Jan. 12 surrounded by his family. He was 85.



Mr. DeMarco's daughter, Judy Maresca, called her father "the salt of the earth who would

give anyone the shirt of his back."

"He was gentle and he was caring," she said. "Family was the most important thing in the world to him."

Born and raised in the Navy Yard section of Brooklyn, Mr. DeMarco was one of five children.

At 17, he joined the U.S. Army and was part of the war team that came ashore on Normandy Beach. "He was right there in the thick of it," his daughter said.

After the war, he met his wife, Inez, through mutual friends at a New Year's Eve party. At the time, Mr. DeMarco was studying accounting at St. John's University in Brooklyn. The couple married in February 1950 and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last year.

During his professional years, Mr. DeMarco took the Long Island Rail Road into the Manhattan, where he worked for several different accounting firms, eventually retiring in 1986. The following year the couple bought their home in Highland Beach and moved to Florida in 1989.

"He never wanted to come to Florida, but there was no taking him out of the state once he got a taste of it," said his daughter.

During his years in Highland Beach, Mr. DeMarco served on the board at the Coronado condominiums. He also gave his time and expertise to the town, serving on the Highland Beach finance

committee.

Mr. DeMarco had been in failing health in recent years, suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, said his daughter, who said her father was hospitalized shortly before his death.

A man of devout Catholic faith, Mr. DeMarco was an everyday fixture at St. Lucy Catholic Church in Highland Beach until his recent hospitalization, attending Mass and helping set up services nearly every morning.

"He was just a gem of a friend and a father," his daughter said. "He was warm and caring and was everyone's inspiration."

Mr. DeMarco was buried with military honors at Our Lady Queen of Peace Mausoleum in Royal Palm Beach.

Besides his wife and daughter, survivors include three sons, John, James and Jeffrey. He also is survived by seven grandchildren.

## John J. Chluski

By Ron Hayes

BOCA RATON — As a top executive with ITT, John J. Chluski lived what many would consider a dream job.

As a teenager during World War II, he lived what all would call a nightmare.



Mr. Chluski, who died Jan. 3 at 87 after a long illness, was only 16 when the Nazis invaded Poland. He fled his native Warsaw with a relative and headed east, determined to fight the advancing Soviet army. And he was captured.

"My father spent his 17th birthday in a prison camp," said his son, John W. Chluski.

Released near Kiev, Ukraine, after several months, Mr. Chluski traveled by train and bicycle across Europe and on to Algiers, in North Africa, where he stayed until the Allies arrived in 1942.

And then his true courage came forth.

"He didn't speak extensively about World War II," his son said, "but over the years I got a rather complete picture."

Still only 19, Mr. Chluski went to work for the Office of Strategic Services — forerunner of the CIA — making parachute drops into occupied France and Belgium.

"It was probably not even official," his son said, "because he wasn't an American citizen, but they used a lot of foreigners who could speak languages for reconnaissance missions."

Mr. Chluski made six drops behind enemy lines, always with a single partner whom he did not know, and both with false names. "He was reluctant to describe it, but he had numerous shrapnel wounds," his son said. "He

told me once that he had dropped with a Czech partner with whom he was supposed to meet a contact in a brothel, and when they got there, the Czech saw his sister working in the brothel, which blew their cover."

After the war, Mr. Chluski earned a degree in economics at the City of London Polytechnic and began his career as a shipping clerk. By 1968, he had become CEO of Massey Ferguson's North American operations in Des Moines, and in 1972 joined ITT. He retired as a senior vice president in 1986, but continued as an adviser to the chairman and CEO until 1994.

Mr. Chluski, who first came to Boca Raton in the early 1970s, had been a permanent resident since 1985.

"He was an incredibly organized person," his son recalled, "and that was his strength — keeping people and things in motion. He didn't play golf, and he didn't play tennis, but he traveled extensively."

In 1938, Mr. Chluski's father had built a new home in Warsaw, but lost it almost immediately to the German invaders. The home was later returned, his son said, and a cousin lives there today. But Mr. Chluski — the extensive traveler — did not return to his native land until 1994.

"I know why," his son said. "He was vehemently anti-Communist. He wouldn't return until after the Berlin Wall fell."

In addition to his son, Mr. Chluski is survived by his wife, Dorene; his daughter-in-law, Melissa; and a granddaughter, Chloe, all of Boca Raton.

A memorial service was held Jan. 13 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, where he was a long-time parishioner.

## Anne Iffland Ryan

By Mary Thurwachter

HIGHLAND BEACH — Friends say Anne Iffland Ryan was a loyal friend, a quick-witted conversationalist, a competitive bridge player and an avid golfer.

Known as "Nancy," Mrs. Ryan died on Jan. 14 at the age of 90.

The only child of William and Anna Brennan Iffland, Mrs. Ryan attended schools in Stamford, Conn., and Delray Beach. She graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Stamford and the College of New Rochelle in New York.

She was a teacher in the

Stamford Public Schools for many years and also worked in her family's business, the Brennan Employment Agency.

Her husband, William A. Ryan Jr., who lived in Stamford most of his life, died in 1995.

After the Ryans moved to Florida, the couple lived in Delray Beach for years before moving to Highland Beach.

Mrs. Ryan was a member of St. Lucy Catholic Church in Highland Beach and a former member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church in Stamford. Those who knew her remember Mrs. Ryan as a loving wife, a dear sister-in-law and a wonderful aunt.

She is survived by her two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Rosemary Magner of Boca Raton, and Mrs. Alice Devine of Norwalk.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her two brothers-in-law, Vincent A. Ryan and John D. Ryan, and her best friend and sister-in-law, Rita (Ryan) Iacovo, all formerly of Stamford, and Delray Beach.

A funeral Mass was held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Stamford on Jan. 22.

Donations in her honor may be made to St. Lucy Catholic Church, 3510 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach.



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Palm Beach County Commissioner Steven Abrams, who announces a new beach camera was installed early in January, says he is already hearing from residents who are happy the camera is up and running again. "Safety is key and the Boca Inlet is an extremely busy waterway so this camera is important to residents," Abrams says.

The camera is at South Inlet Park at 1298 S. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton.

—Staff report

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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 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 dons 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](http://chabadofsouthpalmbeach.org) or 561-889-3499.

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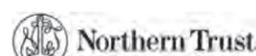


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## Paws Up for Pets

# Keep your pet's choppers in tiptop shape

Foul odors coming from your ready-to-kiss-you dog should not be quickly dismissed simply as "dog breath." And when is the last time you did a "down in the mouth" inspection of your cat's teeth and gums?

As astonishing as it may sound, most cats and dogs show signs of dental disease by age

4, according to the American Veterinary Dental Society. Many oral diseases can be avoided if we get in the same daily habit with our pets that we do for ourselves: Brush their teeth.

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 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 explains. 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

### 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

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."

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



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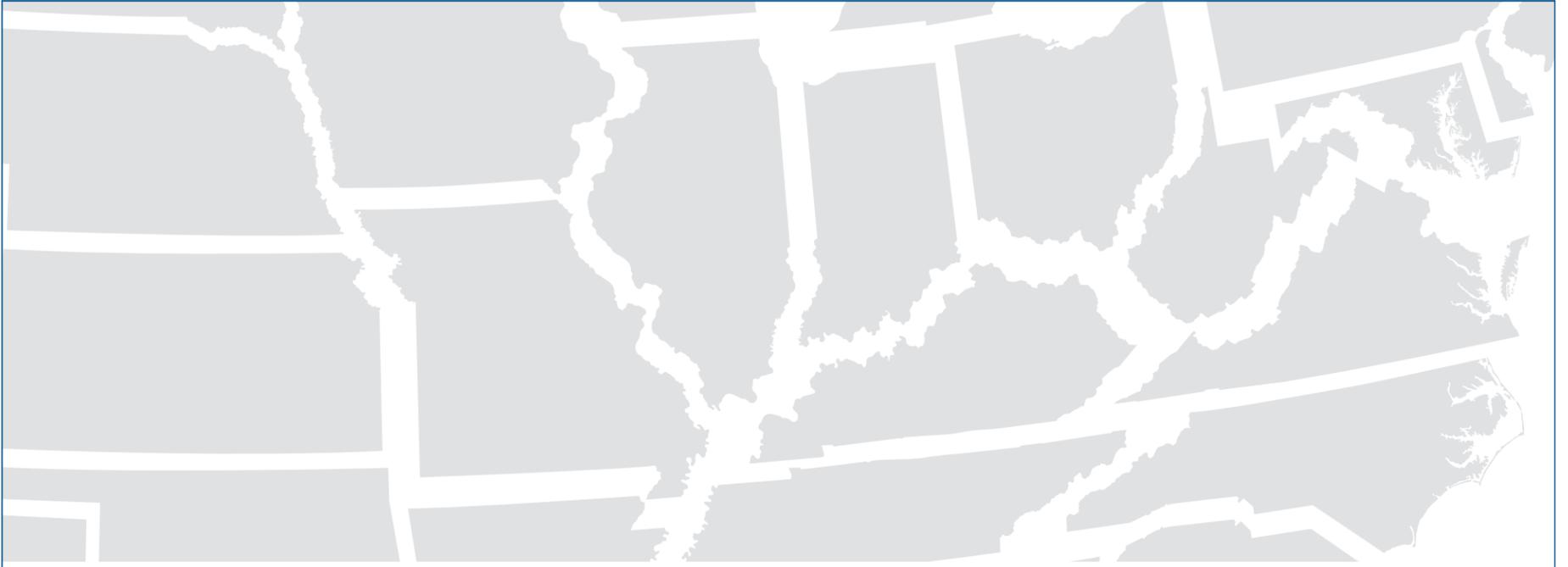


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