

Boca Raton

Exhibit chronicles computer giant's big footprint

By Mary Jane Fine

Earlier this summer, the Boca Raton Historical Society opened an exhibit showcasing IBM's Boca Raton years.

Far earlier than that, Glenn Anderson lived and worked there. Together, the Historical Society and

Anderson tell a pretty thorough, and thoroughly compelling, saga. This is IBM's centennial year, an apt time for Boca Raton to count the ways in which it has felt the company's significance and clout.

"IBM had a very big influence on this community," says exhibit curator Susan

Gillis, approaching a framed front page of the March 16, 1967, *Boca Raton News* with its lead headline: IBM to Hire 400 by Year's End. "In the 1980s, Boca was known as Silicon Beach because [thanks to IBM's presence] it attracted so many high-tech companies."

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IBM announced its plans to open a plant in Boca Raton in 1967. Courtesy of the Boca Raton Historical Society

Along the Coast

Brown pelicans to fly off the threatened species list

By Ron Hayes

On June 8, the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission voted unanimously to remove the brown pelican from its list of threatened species for the first time in nearly 40 years.

The stately, shore-dwelling bird — a real coastal star in these parts — was among 16 species recommended for removal from the list, along with the Florida black bear and snowy egret.

But not so fast. As with all things bureaucratic, the news is good, but not quite that simple.

"No changes will happen right away," says Dr. Elsa Haubold, leader of the commission's Threatened Species Management System. "The pelican, along with the 15 others, will



The brown pelican was listed as a threatened species in 1973. Photo by Jerry Lower

remain on the list until we get a management plan in place to prevent them from having to be listed again."

In other words, the brown pelican is on a list to be taken off the list — as soon as they figure out the best way to keep it from going back on the list.

The fish-eating birds,

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Brandon and Susan Epling have planted flags along A1A since Brandon was 4 (right). Photo by Tim Stepien

Patriotic passion

Some folks plant flowers. Susan Epling and her son Brandon plant flags.

It started when Brandon was 4.

Brandon is now 23, and the Highland Beach duo still plants upward of 1,500 flags each year for Independence Day throughout the town.

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Library to sport historical aesthetic, modern technology

By Margie Plunkett

Designers of Boca Raton's new downtown library are going green.

In fact, they're seeking silver LEED (Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design) certification for the light-filled and spacious downtown

library, whose "Mizneresque" façade was unveiled in June.

A silver rating is the third highest rating of four levels in the LEED green building certification system.

Architect PGAL, which is designing the new \$8.8 million library, presented the exterior of the building during

a public meeting June 21. The plans for the interior were also modified to reflect larger public meeting space and more room for the used-book store made possible by a \$250,000 gift from the Friends of the Library. The library is planned for the former Causeway Lumber site, two blocks from the old

facility.

The exterior uses elements from the city's master plan that represent both urban and suburban and also includes towering, asymmetric features and a roof that appears to be sloped. "It has a

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Pat Thomas practices with dance instructor, Ivan Rivera, 22, at Fred Astaire dance studio in Boca Raton. They will be partners in the Boca Ballroom Battle. Photo by Tim Stepien

Editorial

Good news is always welcome

In this down economy, where cities are doing everything they can to balance budgets—including Boca Raton's putting up parking meters in Mizner Park and at the beach—good news continues to come out of South County.

For starters, there is encouraging news on the real estate front: A 6,900-square-foot penthouse at One Thousand Ocean in Boca Raton sold for \$10.4 million.

That was the highest-priced condo purchase in the county and the first penthouse closing at One Thousand Ocean at the mouth of the Boca Raton Inlet.

Secondly, the George Snow Scholarship Fund gave out a record \$433,000 to 63 Florida students during its annual awards reception at Royal Palm Yacht Club. Besides cash grants, the Snow Scholarship Fund awarded students a backpack loaded with useful tools, not the least of which is a

laptop computer.

Thirdly, Highland Beach will sparkle with red, white and blue for the Fourth of July for the 20th year in a row, thanks to the hard work and generosity of a local Realtor and her son. Susan Epling started her tradition of flag-planting, she said, to teach her son about patriotism and giving back to the community.

You can read more about all three of these stories in this month's *Coastal Star*. After all, we can all use some uplifting news during these trying times.

And we can all honor the good works and generosity of the people who live here, as we celebrate our freedom to... buy stunning homes, send deserving scholars to college and patriotically adorn the town for the Fourth of July.



— Mary Thurwachter, Managing Editor

Correction

A caption beneath a photograph of a yoga class at the Highland Beach Library in the May edition of *The Coastal Star* incorrectly identified the yoga instructor. Her name is Dee Greenberg.

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Loyal volunteer dancing for a good cause

By Mary Thurwachter

As the pros at Fred Astaire Dance Studio assessed contestants for this year's Boca Ballroom Battle, they determined which dance would best suit each contender. For Pat Thomas, they selected the cha-cha, a lively, flirtatious dance full of energy and passion—much like Thomas herself.

Thomas had never taken a lesson before, although she is no stranger to the dance floor.

"I've attended at least 25 hospital balls over the years," Thomas, a tireless hospital volunteer, said.

Contestants have already completed five weeks of group lessons and have been paired with a professional dancer as they continue with 15 individual lessons.

The Boca Ballroom Battle, a *Dancing with the Stars*-type competition benefiting the George Snow scholarship will be held on Aug. 19 at the Boca Raton Resort and Club.

Thomas has nothing but praise for her Fred Astaire partner, Ivan Rivera, who she says is "an excellent teacher who makes learning fun." In fact, it's been so much fun, she may even take more lessons after the competition, regardless of the finish. But make no mistake about it; she is "in it to win it."

Besides being fun, Thomas says dancing is really good exercise.

"I'm very energetic anyway, but this has made me feel like getting out walking more and has improved my stamina," she says.

Boca Ballroom Battle

When: 6 to 10 p.m., Aug. 19

Where: Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton

Benefits: The George Snow Scholarship Fund

Tickets: \$150-\$200

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It didn't take a lot of coaxing to get her to compete, she says, because the event is for a good cause—the George Snow Scholarship Fund. She knew George Snow and one of his daughters, who was an ER nurse.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., Thomas moved to Boca Raton 50 years ago when she was in her early 20s. Boca was a sleepy town back then, she recalls, but then IBM came and everything changed. The town grew up around her.

She cherishes the time she spends with her four children and nine grandchildren, most of whom live nearby. But she always makes time for her other passion—volunteering.

On Tuesday evenings during the season, she volunteers at the emergency room of Boca Raton Regional Hospital. "It's a kind of concierge service," she said. "I go into the waiting room to see if someone needs a warm blanket, for example, and make sure everyone has what they need."

She has been a volunteer with the Debbie-Rand Memorial Services League, auxiliary to the hospital, since 1983 and was the

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organization's president from 1995 to 1997 and again from 2001 to 2005.

Thomas has served on the Hospital Board since 1997 and serves on the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation Board. In 1999, she was chosen Woman Volunteer of the Year.

She helped to found Boca Raton's Promise for Youth and Caring Hearts Auxiliary 10 years ago and was president for four years.

A recent walk-in-the-mall fundraiser she helped organize raised \$150,000 for the Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center at FAU, which offers innovative programs of care to help people with mild and moderate memory loss to maintain their cognitive and social interactive skills.

Thomas is president of the Wellness Center as well as the Friends of the Conservatory at Lynn University.

In 2002 she was chosen as a Woman of Distinction by the Boca Raton Soroptimist Organization, in 2003 the Boca Raton Historical Society inducted her into the Walk of Recognition and in 2008 was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award.

"I have a wonderful circle of friends from my volunteering," Thomas said. "I appreciate everything, everyday." ★

Boca Raton

Construction complete on Palmetto Park Road

By Margie Plunkett

Drivers can lay off the horn on Palmetto Park Road. After nearly a year of construction, the Pedestrian Promenade was completed with a final pressure wash in the last weekend of June.

With the exception of pergolas, the roadway construction was expected to be complete, said Municipal Services Director Bob DiChristopher.

The \$7.2 million Pedestrian Promenade project by Burkhardt Construction Inc. began in September — and had been in planning for years. In an attempt to make downtown more pedestrian

friendly, and competitive with neighboring cities, the project widened sidewalks with pavers and improved lighting and landscaping.

Part of the work had been delayed until the end of tourist season after merchants voiced fears that their business would be heavily impacted by road closings during the busiest time of the year.

Intersection closings resumed in May, however, allowing roadways to be raised and pavers to be installed; the final closing was scheduled at Palmetto Park Drive at Mizner Boulevard and Plaza Real South, according to Burkhardt. ★

\$5 million gift for Boca hospital

Boca Raton Regional Hospital's foundation received a \$5 million donation from Elaine J. Wold and the family of the late Dr. Keith C. Wold to start the Wold Family Center for Emergency Medicine.

The new program will enhance the hospital's emergency department with expedited emergency care

and an emphasis on clinical excellence, efficiency and privacy, according to Jan Savarick, president of Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation.

Keith Wold was a board member at the hospital for many years. Elaine Wold, his widow, served on hospital support committees.

Penthouse sells for \$10.4 million

The sale of a 6,900-square-foot penthouse at One Thousand Ocean in Boca Raton for \$10.4 million is the highest priced condominium purchase in Palm Beach County this year.

It's also the first penthouse closing (June 2) at the condo since its 2006 launch.

Corcoran Realtor Senada Adzem represented the buyers, a young family from Europe.

With two private terraces totaling 4,000 square feet of

outdoor living space, the home comes with 14-foot ceilings, a private cabana, three-car garage and full access to the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

It also comes with "the best view in Boca," says Adzem.

The sale of the penthouse, coming on the heels of \$38 million in sales over three months, means there are only three penthouses available at the condo located at the mouth of the Boca Raton inlet.

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Around Town

Jazz, blues and views at The Bridge

Four decades ago, the builders of **The Bridge Hotel**, just inside Boca Inlet, had ambitious plans that included a casino. Slots, roulette and other games of chance still aren't legal in hotels, so the present owners have put much of the hotel's \$2 million renovation into entertainment.

In addition to the view, **Carmen's** restaurant on the top floor offers a musical supper club for dining and dancing. Wednesdays are set aside for Jazz, Bossa & Blues. For a \$10 cover, South Florida's best singers and musicians perform, while you eat, drink, dance, talk — or listen. Recent acts included the stunning **Nicole Henry** and **Anthony Corrado**.

Latin jazz guitarist **Jorge Garcia** and Grammy-winning violinist **Federico Britos** perform July 8, and a week later, it's two shows for the price of one with sax man **Michael Kennedy** and pianist-vocalist **Hal Roland**.

If anything is harder to find than blues, it's jazz, but all of a sudden, it's popped up in Lake Worth, Delray and Boca, in a garage and a hotel

skybar.

Imagine the legendary **Ira Sullivan** playing in a garage. Well, not actually where the cars park, but in an area with 130 seats — yes, it's air-conditioned — in the parking garage by Old School Square. Sullivan's June 11 show sold out and the sponsoring **Creative City Collaborative** expects vocalist **Dana Paul** (July 9), saxmen **Ed Calle** (July 23) and **Turk Mauro** (Aug. 13) and Brazilian vocalist **Rose Max** (Aug. 27) to do the same. Advance tickets are \$20, reserved tables for six (with priority up-front seating), \$150.

Notice something new at **Mizner Park**? The parking meters have arrived. Put in as away to raise city revenues in the middle of a recession, the meters are getting a less-than-enthusiastic welcome.

"Parking meters are an inconvenience, but there's nothing we can do about it," said **Annie Kim**, owner of **Love Me**.

"It kills business," said **Maria Quezada**, who works at **Bark Avenue Grooming**. "Nobody wants to pay to walk around."

Street parking in Mizner Park will cost \$1 per hour during the day and \$2 an hour between 5 p.m. and midnight. The good news: Parking in the Mizner Park garages is still free.

One Boca Raton restaurant closes and two more take its place, or so it seems. Taking over the old **III Forks** spot on East Palmetto Park Road is **Philippe Chow** — upscale Asian out of New York.

Chow has made quite a name for himself with his Philippe eateries in New York and Miami Beach. No connection, by the way, to **Mr. Chow** in New York, except that Philippe worked there for a quarter-century after moving from Hong Kong and they occasionally skirmish over naming rights.

Philippe's high-profile followers include **Oprah Winfrey** and **Paris Hilton**. One of his South Beach investors, former Miami Heat star **Alonzo Mourning**, also has a stake in the Boca venture.

Another familiar name is that of Philippe Restaurant Group CEO **Stratis Morfogen**, younger brother of



Boca Raton singer Chloe Dolandis joins Ira Sullivan during Sullivan's sold-out June 11 concert at the ArtsGarage in Delray Beach's Pineapple Grove. Photo by Jerry Lower

32 East Executive Chef **Nick Morfogen**. Some wags already are punning "the Morfogen the better."

To the Max ... **Mennan Tekeli** made a name for himself years ago as executive chef at **Dennis Max's** restaurants. Now he's back in Boca Raton on Federal Highway, just a few blocks south of **Max's Grille**, teaming with Brazilian owner **Ferraretto Davila** on **Ovenella**.

With an ultra-traditional wood-fired oven at the hearth, they incorporate modern design and a modern

take on some traditional Italian staples. Entrees range from rigatoni Bolognese tp espresso- and peppercorn-crusted filet mignon, or artisan pizzas heaped with shrimp, scallops and calamari, basil, pesto and tomatoes.

It's a little flashier, but similar in principle to the fare offered at 2-year-old **Pizzeria Oceana** in Lantana by another Max protégé, **Dak Kerprich**. Everything is fresh and, when possible, locally produced.

Max himself has jumped on the local-produce cart

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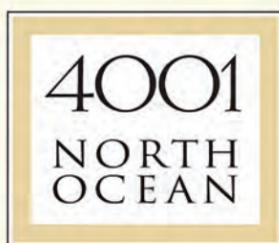
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with **Max's Harvest**, which opened in early June in Delray Beach.

Head Football Coach **Howard Schnellenberger** says construction of **Florida Atlantic University's** football stadium is ahead of schedule and under budget. Paying for it just became a little easier, thanks to a gift of \$2 million from **Richard and Barbara Schmidt** through the **Schmidt Family Foundation**. They'll get an acknowledgement on the scoreboard.

The university will kick off its 50th anniversary celebration with a "50 on the 50" fundraising gala in the stadium on Oct. 29. The \$250 tickets will go to scholarships.

Although FAU didn't enroll students until 1964, the Florida Legislature approved it in 1961, so school officials are tying in that year with the stadium's opening. Alumni are asked to share their experiences at fau.edu/50th.

Speaking of things Schmidt, the board of the **Schmidt Centre for the Arts** at Mizner Park, which presents the annual **Festival of the Arts BOCA** has named **Yvonne S. Boice** as chair. No stranger to big organizations, Boice has served on the boards of the



Boca Raton has installed parking meters at Mizner Park, but not in the parking garages. Photo by Lauren Loricchio

Palm Beach International Film Festival, the South County YMCA, the county Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The festival is planned for March 8-17. Boice owns **The Shoppes at Village Pointe** and **Fugazy International Travel**.

Steve Weagle's annual bike ride for the **Red Cross** is over, but the money's still coming in.

"The last figure I heard was \$50,000," the Channel 5 weather anchor said of his 11th annual trek that starts in Sebastian and wraps in Boca. "A last-minute donation of \$5,000 put it above 50."

Weagle modified his tour this year to stop for the first time in Delray Beach at **Old School Square** and was forced to move his Boca terminus to **The Dubliner** when **ZED451** closed the

week before.

Boosted by favorable winds and temperatures, Weagle and four cycle-mates arrived early enough to refresh with a beer at Bru's Room before making his 5 o'clock telecast.

A special surprise this year was a visit during Weagle's stop at **CityPlace** by **American Idol's Taylor Hicks**, a big Red Cross supporter who had helped with tornado relief in Alabama. And after the ride was over, an anonymous bidder put up \$1,750 for Weagle's bike, donated by Stan Kilbas at **Wheels of Wellington**.



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Along the Coast**A final bow for Florida Stage**

By Scott Simmons

The one-time cultural jewel of Manalapan is gone.

Florida Stage rang down its final curtain in June, nearly two decades after it came to Plaza del Mar and one season after it moved to the Kravis Center.

The theater company was known for its derring-do in developing new works. That's something most companies cannot afford to do.

But Florida Stage did it for 24 years.

For the company's founder, Louis Tyrrell, that 24-year run "was a dream come true. Any one of us who has an aspiration for a career in theater, what we hope for is the opportunity to do the work we want to do when we want to do it.

"And to share it with the community over time, so that the contribution you make to a community can be part of the cultural personality of that place."

And after the last of the applause, for a matinee performance of *The Cha Cha of the Camel Spider*, cultural leaders are bereft.

When he heard about Florida Stage's decision to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, William Hayes shut himself away in his office and wept.

"This was a role model and had been going on for 20-plus years," says Hayes, producing artistic director at Palm Beach Dramaworks, in downtown West Palm Beach. "It was risky. They were gutsy and they took that risk."

"It was very, very shocking. It was entirely unexpected. It was just like a bomb coming out of nowhere really," says Clive Cholerton, artistic director at Boca Raton's Caldwell Theatre.

Cholerton said he had always looked up to the company, and its founder, Louis Tyrrell.

"Oddly enough I was at their very last show. And I shook Lou's hand and told him how much I enjoyed his show."

It's a void that will be felt on a national level, the men say.

Rena Blades, president and CEO of the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, agrees.

"Really, I think, this was a very unusual arts organization. They were not just performing art on stage, but also creating new art," she says. "Creating new art is risky, and glorious and admirable."

Playwrights who were guided by Tyrrell and Florida Stage will vouch for the inspiration they received at Florida Stage.

"The wonderful thing about Florida stage is/was that they would commit to doing a play often with world premiere productions," says Andrew Rosendorf, the company's playwright-in-residence, and

creator of last year's season opener at the Kravis Center, *Cane*. "It doesn't mean there's a finished product, but [it's an opportunity] to put it up and see where they are."

Actor Michael McKeever says Florida Stage helped him develop his career as a playwright.

"There's no question about it. It's a major loss to the theater world," says McKeever, who lives in Davie. "To the national theater scene, Florida Stage was one of the best and most committed regional theaters when it came to new works."

McKeever should know.

Two of his plays, *Running with Scissors* and *The Garden of Hannah List*, received world premieres at Florida Stage. *Running with Scissors* has been produced in Germany, with plans in the works for a European tour, says McKeever, who is readying his latest work, *Stuff*, for a world premiere this month at Caldwell Theatre.

Florida Stage came a long way over its 24-year history.

It began in 1987 as The Theatre Club of the Palm Beaches, presenting plays at the Duncan Theatre Second Stage at what is now Palm Beach State College in Lake Worth.

The Theatre Club became Pope Theatre Company and moved to Manalapan in 1991. After the theater ended its relationship with benefactor Lois Pope in 1997, it changed its name to Florida Stage.

The company moved to the Kravis Center's Rinker Playhouse last year and hoped to develop new audiences there.

But that never happened. Subscriptions dwindled, and the company listed \$1.5 million debt.

The company had sought subscription renewals for next season through its last performance.

Its summer performance, a return of the musical *Ella*, also was canceled, and Kravis Center CEO Judy Mitchell says people who bought tickets to the show through the Kravis Center's box office can choose tickets to a show in the Rinker, Persson Hall or the Gosman Amphitheatre. Blades says Cultural Council members will offer coupons or vouchers to those who renewed subscriptions for next year.

Tyrrell is taking time to reflect on his career, and is looking ahead to what's next.

"I don't think I have an interest in starting another company," he says, citing the ups and downs of the business side of theater.

"Now I have to consider offers from others doing the plays that they choose."

Still he looks back with pride on Florida Stage.

"I've had such a good run at it and feel so damn lucky." ★

Boca Raton**Real grass, not artificial turf, for DeHoernle Park**

By Steve Plunkett

Fields at a park being built in Boca Raton will have natural grass, not artificial turf, despite the stated goal of city officials to install turf to save money and increase playing time.

The Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District decided in June to stick with grass at DeHoernle Park, under construction on Spanish River Boulevard west of Interstate 95. The 3-2 vote followed a report that, rather than saving money, turf would cost an additional \$100,000 over 10 years.

Beach and Park District Attorney Art Koski and Executive Director Bob Langford recomputed city figures that estimated annual savings of \$339,000 to include the \$2.1 million initial cost of turf.

"There is no discernible financial advantage in utilization of artificial surfaces," Koski concluded.

Beach and Park Commissioner Earl Starkoff said he had studied the

natural-vs.-artificial issue for more than 10 years and there were other considerations besides turf's lower operating and maintenance costs.

Particularly troublesome in South Florida, he said, was the manufacturer's statement that reflective heat makes grass fields almost 10 degrees hotter but boosts turf temperatures 20 degrees.

"The irrigation systems will cool down the field for about 15 minutes of play time," Starkoff said. "So I don't find that an acceptable solution."

Commissioner Robert Rollins agreed that temperature was an issue.

"I don't know how many of those folks [at City Council] have gone to Dade County and stepped on one of those fields at noon as I did and found there was just one player out there and he could hardly wait to get off because his feet were burning from the heat," Rollins said.

He said he also worried about children and referees having more ankle injuries on artificial fields.

"When you put your foot down and you turn, your foot stays there," Rollins said.

At their joint meeting in May, Boca Raton Council members emphasized their desire to have artificial turf installed at DeHoernle Park. City parks officials say turf saves water and the fields do not have to be periodically closed for re-sodding.

The city has two soccer fields with artificial turf at Sand Pine Park, at 300 Newcastle St.; Boca Raton High School and Florida Atlantic University also have turf fields.

Brian and Don Clinton, co-founders of the Boca Jets Lacrosse league, had lobbied to have turf put in DeHoernle. Their teams travel to the South County Regional Park west of U.S. 441 to find available fields.

"There is limited opportunity and resources to develop additional ball fields within the community," Don Clinton said. "If the wrong decision is made on Spanish River, we will lose this golden opportunity." ★

Highland Beach

Weiser negotiates \$125,000 a year contract

By Steve Plunkett

Town commissioners approved a contract that enabled their interim town manager to drop "interim" from her title effective June 30, the day before new state rules tightened pension requirements for public employees.

The vote to make Kathleen Dailey Weiser town manager was 4-1, with Mayor Bernard Featherman dissenting. Featherman, who with Town Attorney Tom Sliney negotiated the contract, opposed paying Weiser \$125,000 a year and contributing more than the

6.2 percent the town will pay toward its other employees' pensions.

"It would be reprehensible if I said that I agree with everything in the contract even though I like the woman herself and she's done a good job," Featherman said.

Weiser defended the agreement, saying she told Featherman she would want a \$125,000 salary the first week he was in office. "With the exception of the automobile allowance, all monetary items were negotiated downward from my initial proposal," she said.

Commissioner Dennis Sheridan questioned why the contract was on the June 6 agenda if Featherman was not happy with it. "If it was not agreeable ... why should it be submitted to us at all?" he asked.

Effective July 1, town employees are paying 3 percent of their salaries into the Florida Retirement System and Highland Beach is paying 6.2 percent. In Weiser's case, the town will pay 15 percent and increase its contribution by 1 percent each year for five years.

The state's new rules also limit severance packages to 20

weeks of pay. Weiser negotiated one month of severance pay for each year she works up to a maximum six months.

"Change is never easy, but I hope I have your support as together we continue to make the town of Highland Beach the best it can be," Weiser said.

Commissioners also decided to turn in the Nissan Murano the town had been leasing for suspended Town Manager Dale Sugerman when his contract expired June 30. The town was paying \$500 a month on the lease and \$208 a month on maintenance, fuel and insurance.

Weiser will get \$600 as her monthly automobile allowance.

Sugerman was suspended in January after commissioners learned he planned to put Town Clerk Beverly Brown on a one-month unpaid suspension for forwarding racist emails on the town's computer system. A hearing officer decided in April a written reprimand was enough punishment for Brown.

Sugerman continued to be paid \$12,000 a month during his five-month suspension and kept the leased SUV. Weiser was named interim town manager Feb. 22 and paid \$6,000 a month. ★

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"I don't think Boca knew what hit 'em," says Anderson. "It's an understatement to say IBM made a huge impact on this area. Those first few years, those of us who came in early, it was probably the highlight of our lives: doing challenging work, changing the community.

And change it did. Anderson had been working in the company's development lab in San Jose, Calif., when he was offered a managerial position at the soon-to-be Boca site — and given 24 hours to accept or not. He hurried to a bookstore and bought a Florida map. Boca Raton wasn't on it.

"I had no idea if it was in the Panhandle or near Orlando or what," he says. "I flew into Miami and rented a car, but I-95 ended at Fort Lauderdale. I drove the rest of the way up Federal Highway. The houses were all boarded up then; the beaches were empty. It was like a ghost town."

The "small, sleepy town" he encountered in May 1967 woke up quickly once the new workforce began arriving and building homes, enrolling children in school, bringing a sophisticated appetite for good wines and gourmet restaurants, theater and art.

Soon after his initial visit, he brought his wife, a California native, to Boca to look around.

"When she stopped crying, I took her into Lum's for a sandwich and a beer," he says.



A Boca Raton Historical Society exhibit highlights Boca Raton's role in the creation of the PC.

If you go

What: IBM Boca Raton: A Centennial Celebration

Where: Boca Raton Historical Society (Town Hall)

71 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton

When: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., through July 8

How much: Admission is free

For more information: Call 395-6766 or visit www.bocahistory.org

"On Saturday, we bought a lot. On Sunday, we picked a model. I lined up a mortgage. It was one whirlwind weekend."

An even bigger whirlwind came with IBM's technological advances. The Historical Society exhibit chronicles those in framed photos that line a hallway; original packaging saved by an employee; a roomful of computers that track its progression, each one smarter than its predecessor; memorabilia that includes the



Sue and Glenn Anderson came to Boca Raton when IBM opened its plant in the city in 1967. When the company moved most of its staff out, the couple stayed. **Photos by Jerry Lower**

Charlie Chaplin logo, a nod to his *Modern Times* film.

Boca rode wave of PC's success

The firm introduced its pièce de résistance in 1981: the IBM PC, the first pre-assembled personal computer, one that could be lifted from the package and plugged into the wall. "It's really exciting that it was developed right here in little Boca Raton," says Susan Gillis. "The glamorous era was the 1980s."

It was the massive-growth era, as well: IBM boasted more than 10,000 employees in that decade to keep up with the demand for PCs. "You could hardly bring people in fast enough," Glenn Anderson says.

In 1983, *Time's* Jan. 3 cover ran a "first." It named the

computer "Machine of the Year," the first time an object took the place of the magazine's "Man of the Year."

The accompanying story, however, was a faux-folksy essay by Roger Rosenblatt, rather skeptical in tone: "Ever see one of these before, mister? Yes, you. I'm talking to you, ma'am. Ever work one of these Commodores or Timex Sinclairs or Osborne Is or TRS-80 IIIs? How do you like them Apples? Just a joke, son. Good, clean fun. But you look so skeptical, like you're from Missouri, and I want to sell you one of these beauties, 'cause you need it and 'cause you want it, no matter what you say."

Still, PC sales outweighed PC skepticism. During the IBM PC's initial 18 months, sales were twice the estimated

250,000. "Once, I could never envision having to use a computer," says Gillis, "but now try to live without one."

Down(sized) but not out

Ultimately, IBM's success in Boca led to its downsizing in Boca. In the late 1980s, the company opted to shift its hardware manufacturing to Raleigh, N.C., and its software manufacturing to Austin, Texas. What once was corporate center land now is now to T-Rex, the Boca Corporate Center and Campus just off Yamato Road.

IBM still maintains a four-story building on Congress Avenue — software development and service-and-sales are the main activities there — says Rick Qualman, vice-president of strategy and business development, but the firm won't divulge the number of current employees "for policy reasons." He estimates that some 12,000 IBM retirees still live in Florida.

Many, as they approached retirement age in the late 1980s, were offered buyouts. Anderson, then 59, was one.

"It was a little scary," he says. "I didn't know what I was gonna do with myself." But the severance package was a generous one, and he and his wife decided to remain in Boca. Their daughter and younger son — 4-year-old twins when the family moved to Florida — stayed as well. Their older son, 6 at move time, lives in Colorado. He works for IBM. ★

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lot of elements of the pattern book," said Assistant City Manager Mike Woika, calling the design "Mizneresque."

The building is a very tall, one-story space that takes advantage of glass and natural lighting, PGAL's Ian Nestler said. The designer is looking to incorporate sustainable practices including solar-heated water, low-flush toilets, sensors on faucets, high-impact windows and high efficiency lighting and mechanical

systems. The building also uses a reclaimed water system for irrigation.

"It's going to be quite a magnificent space," Nestler said.

But the new library won't use solar options for all its energy needs.

"Our energy is less expensive, it doesn't pay right now," Nestler said. "It's a 17-year-plus payback. We like to recommend those when you have a five-years-or-less payback."

To install such a system, the city would have to come up

with more money now, "which means the library would have to suffer somewhere," he said.

The exterior includes two book drops, one that allows borrowers to park their car under cover of the entrance and another drive-up location.

Betty Grinnan of the Friends of the Library said that she was happy with how the group's gift was incorporated into the floor plan. "My only concern is, because of budgetary problems, (the city) will not be forward enough thinking in lighting and windows."

The designers will look at



The 42,000-square-foot Boca Raton Library will cost about \$8 million to build. It will be situated two blocks north of the current library. **Rendering provided**

elements at the old library that they might want to incorporate into the new building.

One resident at the public meeting asked whether stained glass windows would be moved to the new building.

Nestler said the designer would consider them.

The project is on budget and schedule as well as on track for LEEDs certification, Nestler said. ★



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which can boast a 6- to 7-foot wingspan, were first placed on the state and federal lists in 1973 over concern that the pesticide DDT could thin the shells of nesting eggs,

making them more likely to be crushed or broken.

The Federal Fish & Wildlife Service removed the brown pelican from its Florida list in 1985, but the state commission has kept it listed, until now.

"We hadn't evaluated its

status since we put it on the Florida list in the 1970s," says Haubold. "Now we will be."

When the new evaluation began in 2007, Haubold's group considered several factors, including the bird's rate of decline, the size of its available habitat and

the chances that it faced a 10 percent probability of extinction in the next century.

Of 62 species evaluated, none of the 16 removed last month met the criteria.

And now you're wondering just how many brown pelicans are left?

"Everybody wants the numbers, but that's a really hard thing to get," Haubold concedes. "We have a study that says in Florida we had an average of about 9,000 pairs of brown pelicans, 18,000 birds, between 1968 and 2001. But it's not just about numbers. It's about population trends, reproduction and how healthy is the population in general. What's most important for people to know is that we have a new system for conserving threatened species, and it's going to make a huge difference for them."

When will the management plan for the brown pelicans be done, and our beloved birds officially removed from the list?

"We haven't set a timetable," says Haubold. "We're working on 62 plans at once."

But the management plan will be comprehensive, she promises, with input from FWC staff, independent scientists, developers and nonprofit stakeholders such as the South Florida Wildlife Care Center in Fort Lauderdale, which saves many of the injured birds rescued along Palm Beach County shores.

"We find it encouraging that the state has determined brown pelicans appear to be rebounding to the extent that they no longer meet the criteria for listing as a threatened species," said Sherry Schlueter, the nonprofit organization's executive director. But, she adds, while the FWC is developing its management plan, the average citizen has an ongoing part to play.

Brown pelicans spy fish

Coming off the threatened list

In addition to the brown pelican, 15 other species are approved for removal from the state's list of threatened birds and animals:

- Alligator snapping turtle
- Florida black bear
- Florida mouse
- Florida tree snail
- Gopher frog
- Lake Eustis pupfish
- Limpkin
- Pine barrens treefrog
- Rivulus
- Snowy egret
- Suwannee cooter
- White ibis
- Peninsula ribbon snake
- Red rat snake
- Striped mud turtle

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while flying over the water, then dive to catch them in their throat pouches — the only pelican that uses this feeding technique.

Sometime they swallow more dangerous fare.

"Floridians can do much to keep this magnificent neighbor safer by acting responsibly about disposal of fishing hooks, monofilament line, plastic trash and other debris," Schlueter says.

Kenny Brown agrees. The founder of Brown's Trapping & Wildlife Rescue estimates he's brought about 300 brown pelicans to the Wildlife Care Center since 2001, when he found one injured at I-95 and Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard.

"It does seem they're coming back," says Brown, "but I don't think they should take anything off the list."

"To me, every animal should be a protected species." ★

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Society Spotlight

Dinner by the Bite Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center



Festival of the Arts BOCA held an encore "Dinner by the Bite" and fundraising concert May 21 at the Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center. Quartetto Gelato provided entertainment.

ABOVE: Jim and Helen Ballerano, Yvonne Boice and Al Zucaro Jr.
RIGHT: Bill and Sharon Shubin and Dick Schmidt

Photos provided



Congratulations

Boca Raton High School Valedictorian

John Doyle, son of John and Andrea Doyle of coastal Boca Raton, has graduated from Boca Raton High School. John was one of the 2011 State Science Olympiad Champions, a Science Pathfinder nominee and a National AP Scholar. He plans to study biomedical engineering at the University of Pennsylvania.



RED Day Volunteering Children's Museum of Boca Raton



The Children's Museum of Boca Raton is expanding with a replica of Boca Raton's first home, the Rickards House, which will become Jason's Music Hall, a musical celebratory destination for children and adults. Volunteers Richard Bass and Julie Perry, both of Keller Williams, and Allan Hechtman of MetLife, are shown at work at the museum. **Photo provided**

Lynn University Friends of the Conservatory of Music Lynn University



Isabelle Paul (left) and Kristen Oliver have joined the board of the Lynn University Friends of the Conservatory of Music. The fundraising auxiliary provides financial support to student-musicians through scholarships. **Photo provided**

Boca Raton

Snow Fund gives out record figure for student advancement

By Skip Sheffield

In troubled economic times, it is tougher than ever to convince people to give to any charity. In its 29th year of operation, the George Snow Scholarship Fund defies the odds.

At an annual awards reception at Royal Palm Yacht Club, the George Snow Scholarship Fund gave out a record \$433,000 to 63 Florida scholars. The beauty of the gala event, attended by more than 300 adults and young people, was that it was produced at no cost to the fund, its scholarship recipients or their guests thanks to underwriters the Steve Bagdan Charitable Foundation, the R.A. Ritter Foundation, BNY Mellon Wealth management and other donors.

It began with a tragedy: a 1980 helicopter crash that took the life of teacher-turned builder and developer George Snow. Tim Snow, George's eldest son, founded the memorial fund in 1982 with brother Jeff and sisters Lisa and Jennifer. George Snow Scholarship Fund is now one of the largest sources of educational grants in Palm Beach County, with 266 four-year scholarship recipients currently attending college. The fund is a broad-based



Tim Snow, president of George Snow Scholarship Fund, stands with 2011 Snow Scholars Sarah Brinkman, Silvana Bastante and Ross Blitz. **Photo provided**

association of individuals, businesses and charitable organizations. Some perpetuate the memory of a deceased person. Others are religious, professional or civic groups. All are dedicated to providing educational opportunities to youth who may not otherwise be able to continue their higher education.

Not only does the George Snow Scholarship Fund give out monetary grants, it provides scholars with a backpack loaded with useful goodies, including an HP laptop computer. In addition, the fund's management and volunteers

provide year-round moral support, guidance and advice to its scholars, many of whom are leaving home for the first time.

The Snow Scholarship Fund, which has only four full-time staff, has become so successful it now administers scholarships for than 50 individuals, organizations and corporations.

One such organization is Propel, which awarded scholarships for the first time this year to three deserving students.

"Tim Snow and his staff have the know-how and experience to expedite the process," said Propel executive director

Tolliver Miller. "Most small non-profit just don't have the staff to do such a good a job. There are additional benefits for our kids, because George Snow Scholarship Fund is a year-round resource for education, funding opportunities and practical advice."

Miller is the sole paid employee of Propel, founded in 2003. Propel serves about 65 disadvantaged or at-risk youth in Palm Beach and Broward Counties. Through George Snow Scholarship Fund, Propel awarded three scholarships to Tyrone Brooks, a junior at Florida A&M University; Kenneth Stephens, a sophomore at Bethel (Minn.) University, and Joselito Rivera, an incoming student at Florida Barber Academy.

Tyrone Brooks is a perfect example of a bright, underprivileged youth who has overcome obstacles to earn an education taken for granted by many. Now 23, Brooks grew up in the Pearl City section of Boca Raton with his single-parent mother. He worked while attending Palm Beach State College and Tallahassee Community College. For the first time he has the advantage of being a full-time student.

"The way the scholarship is set up, it helps me with my rent too," says Brooks. "I feel blessed. The laptop and supplies will

come in real handy too."

Most Snow Scholarship recipients have similar stories, but not all are from disadvantaged or single-parent homes. Some scholarships are set up for specific subjects or interests, such as medicine, banking, law or music. Dreyfoos School of the Arts graduate Carly Gordon received two scholarships this year from musical foundations to offset her considerable expenses at Eastman School of Music in New York.

Ben Carter became the first recipient of a \$10,000 George Snow Graduate School Scholarship to help him complete his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine degree at University of Florida.

"I have been working in veterinary clinics ever since high school," Carter told the audience of more than 300. "I will continue to work while attending the University of Florida graduate school. Work is what I do. I hope to return to Boca Raton when I get my degree and either go to work at a clinic or start one of my own. If it were not for George Snow Scholarships, I wouldn't be where I am now." ★

George Snow Scholarship Fund is at 1860 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton. Call 347-6799 or visit www.scholarship.org.

Travel

Beer, birds & Botswana

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

Even if you can't leave South Florida during these hot and humid summer months, it's a good time to plan a future getaway. South Florida companies offer a variety of niche tours and accommodations in some very different destinations. Here's a toast to beer, birding and Botswana.

Hop on board for a sudsy good time

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A passion for travel and a taste for craft beers have combined to form a second career for Ruth Berman and Mike Arra.

They have created Bon Beer Voyage, a beer-oriented travel company.

"We love what we do," Berman says. "People get crazy when we take them where the best beers in the world are made. It's like bringing them to mecca."

And a visit to their website may give you some Father's Day ideas for that beer-lover in your life.

The husband and wife team, who are chiropractors in Boynton Beach, met when they were going to school in Atlanta. From there, they moved to Florida where they opened their practice 22 years ago.

Over the years, Berman became so interested in travel that she worked with a travel agency to arrange high-end travel packages and went to school to become a certified tour director, leading groups in Washington, D.C., and Miami.

"We love to travel," she says with great enthusiasm.

In 2009, the couple were vacationing in the Dordogne region of southwest France before embarking on a bike/ barge trip. Seeing an outdoor market in the town where they were staying, Berman decided to explore. Here she found a brewer selling his Cross of the Rat beer.

"It was at 8:30 a.m., and I was drinking beer. I wondered who am I and how did I get here?" she laughs.

She bought four big bottles of different beer styles and packed them on the barge trip.

It turned out it was their tour guide's first time leading this itinerary, and as they biked through the countryside between barge stops, he kept getting lost.

"He just didn't have this tour down," says Berman, who as a professional tour guide knows what it means to prepare for a trip.

But it didn't matter. They had a good time sharing their beer with fellow travelers and seeing the French countryside. That's when the couple realized: "We could do this."

So in 2009, they started organizing their own beer-related tours.

Their next trip, beginning in



Mike Arra and Ruth Berman have created Bon Beer Voyage, a beer-oriented travel company. Photo by Susan Mann

Amsterdam, is scheduled Oct. 22-29 for a maximum of 24 people. They'll board the barge Iris for a seven-day cruise to Bruges, Belgium, stopping at 10 breweries along the way. These include La Trappe, the only Trappist brewery in the Netherlands, and Gruut, which is run by a woman who makes a hopless beer following a medieval recipe. They'll be joined by Jason & Todd Alström, editors of *The Beer Advocate* magazine and website.

"It's the beer-geek trip of a lifetime," Berman says. They are also offering a trip to Ireland (Aug. 21-27). A trip to Italy (Oct. 15-21) sold out, but there's a waiting list.

Last year, Bill McFee of Boca Raton, who is a radiologist by profession and a beer brewer by passion, went with his wife, Maria, on a Bon Beer Voyage trip to Belgium.

"They made all the arrangements. It was well-coordinated, and they made the travel easy and enjoyable. We also got into breweries we wouldn't have been able to on our own," he says.

Bon Beer Voyage also offers weekend Beer Safaris: tasting tours in places such as St. Augustine and Tampa. And it hosts local events where craft beer lovers can taste special brews, make new friends and talk about their first love — beer.

"We've gone on private tours by ourselves," says Maria McFee. "But going with Bon Beer Voyage is like a traveling party. They make it so easy because you don't have to think. Just go." ★



Guests stay close to nature — and elephants — at Sanctuary Baines' Camp, near the M... Photos provided

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If destinations such as Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa and the Seychelles beckon, you might want to meet Ann Rene McDonnell. She's owner of African Gems Travel Inc., which she runs out of her condo in east Delray Beach.

Although she specializes in ecologically friendly luxury travel, she says, "We work with all budgets and our clients' wishes."

For example, Sharon Dick who lives near Baltimore wanted to go on night hikes in remote jungle areas to see frogs. McDonnell made it happen.

"She customizes and personalizes," says Dick, who has planned two trips online through AGT.

McDonnell has been in the travel-to-Africa business since 1991. She started her own company in 2006 that books hotels, resorts, camps and lodges.

"Hands down, people go to Africa for the animals," she says. So she also books safaris in Botswana, Kenya and Tanzania. These feature private tours in four-wheel-drive vehicles. At night, you can stay in lodges or in tents. But don't think the Boy Scout variety.

The 10 white tents at Joy's Camp in the Shaba National Reserve of Kenya are decorated with native fabrics and handmade glass. Each sits on a raised platform and includes a bedroom, a bathroom with stone floor, flush toilet and



Sanctuary Baines' Camp offers luxury accommodation



Guests of Sanctuary Baines' Camp tour the countryside including the Moremi Game Reserve.

shower with hot running water. You can step out onto a private veranda to see the surrounding hills.

And the five tented accommodations at Sanctuary Baines' Camp set near the Moremi Game Reserve in Botswana feature four-poster beds covered in mosquito net that can be moved outside so you can sleep under the stars. There also are hair dryers and minibars in the "rooms."

If you want some surf with your safari, there are plenty of choices. The

Seychelles is a 115-island archipelago in the Indian Ocean.

To get up close and personal, sailors may want to charter a bareboat.

McDonnell can arrange one up to 50 feet out of Port Louis in Mauritius or Victoria Harbor in the Seychelles. There are also cabins available on crew trips.

Elsewhere on the continent, oenophiles can enjoy a wine tour of the vineyards outside Cape Town in South Africa.



Moremi Game Reserve in Botswana.

ment in Africa



...s, including hair driers and minibars.

And those who want to experience nature but not give up luxury can stay at Crater Lodge perched on the edge of the Ngoronjoro Crater in Tanzania.

The lodge rooms feature bathtubs with views of the volcanic expanse, leather-backed chairs in front of a fireplace, floor-to-ceiling windows dressed in raw-silk curtains and hand-beaded chandeliers. You even get a butler to run your bath and keep the fire going.

"It's a real contrast," McDonnell says.

Her personal choice? Namibia. She likes its dunes and coastal areas along the Atlantic Ocean.

"It's a less traveled area with fewer crowds," she says.

But McDonnell is about more than just travel to Africa. She donates 10 percent of her profits to Partners in Health, a nonprofit that brings medical care to Rwanda, Malawi and Lesotho.

"Now you know where my heart is," she says. ★

Bird watchers can enjoy the caw of the wild

Caligo Ventures

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If you are big into birding, you'll want to know about Caligo Ventures Tour and Travel, based in Key West. In business since 1983, the company offers packaged trips for those who want to get close to nature.

"We are for birders who want to see stuff they haven't seen or who want to see something again," says co-owner Mark Hedden.

Some past clients who have enjoyed their tours include the Boston Museum of Science, the Louisiana Ornithological Society, the National Audubon Society, the New York Botanical Garden and the Burpee Museum.

Simon Calle of Highland Beach, a birder for 25 years, went to Trinidad, Tobago and Costa Rica with the company. "You can go wherever they go and count on having a good time," he says. "They leave nothing to be desired."

Their most popular destination is the Asa Wright Nature Centre in Trinidad. "It's the kind of place you can sit on the front porch of the lodge with a cup of locally grown coffee and see 40 species of birds before lunch," says

Hedden, who has visited the center a dozen times.

But Caligo also offers trips to Tobago, Panama, Costa Rica, Belize, Peru, Guyana, Ecuador and Mexico. And it teams up with partners in France, Scotland, England, Spain, Iceland, Hungary and Turkey to arrange your visit to those countries.

Hedden, who has bird-watched for 20 years, favors Guyana. "People can hardly find it on the map, but it's the greenest place I've ever been. There are thousands of acres of pristine rainforest that isn't about to be developed," he says.

Trips are organized for groups of up to 14 people or for as small as a single person or a couple. Guests are paired with local guides who are rooted in the community.

"They have the expertise that comes with living in the country they are showing, and they can give you an idea of the local culture," Hedden says. Caligo guides in Trinidad are second and third generations of the same family leading people into the preserve.

Accommodations are comfortable but not luxurious.



Birdwatchers can see about 400 species at the Asa Wright Nature Centre and Lodge in Trinidad including birds like this female green honeycreeper seen below. Photos by Jerry Lower



"Birders don't tend to be as conscious of luxury as some other travelers," says Caligo co-owner Larry Lebowitz. "They are more interested in habitat preservation and access to the birds."

For example, the Asa Wright Nature Centre and Lodge is set at 1,200 feet above sea level on the grounds of a former coffee plantation. The ecologically conscious accommodations include twin-bedded rooms with private baths in the main estate and in nearby cottages on the garden-like grounds.

Meals featuring local foods are included with the tours. At the Asa Wright Lodge, the food reflects the diversity of the local cuisine including West Indian, Creole, Asian, Indian and European dishes. Meals are served family-style, and people

with vegetarian diets are easily accommodated.

"It may not be the Ritz-Carlton," says Lebowitz, but it's perfect for people out to see the more than 400 bird species that live in the preserve. Expect to view squirrel cuckoos, toucans, parrots and tufted coquettes. And that's just from the lodge.

Although birding does require some walking, most Caligo tours are not physically demanding. "Birders tend to move slowly and quietly so they can see nature. We do some walking but not a lot," Hedden says. Most are conducted with the use of wheeled vehicles. And they attract a variety of people from ages 20 through retirement.

"Our tours are for people with a little time and a little money," Lebowitz says. ★

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Summer Arts

Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival marks 20th season of summer sounds

In 1992, the cultural scene in South Florida was on the verge of a new phase of growth.

The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts opened that year, a year after the Broward Center for the Performing Arts opened in Fort Lauderdale. The Florida Philharmonic Orchestra, which had assumed that name only about a year earlier, was making plans for its first recording.

That same summer, three woodwind-playing members of the Palm Beach Opera Orchestra came together to play some chamber music, ostensibly as nothing more than a friendly gathering. But the Duncan Theatre offered the three — flutist Karen Dixon, clarinetist Michael Forte and bassoonist Michael Ellert — a hall for public performance, and a concert series was born.

This month, the Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival will open its 20th season of concerts, and as in years past will offer four different programs, each played three times, in West Palm Beach (Persson Hall at Palm Beach Atlantic University, 8 p.m., Fridays), Palm Beach Gardens (Eissey Campus Theatre, 8 p.m. Saturdays) and Delray Beach (Crest Theatre, 2 p.m. Sundays).

On tap are some of the towering masterworks of the chamber literature, including the Mozart Clarinet Quintet, Arnold Schoenberg's pivotal

string sextet *Verklärte Nacht*, and Igor Stravinsky's *L'Histoire du Soldat*. And while the occasion provided an opportunity to do a "best of," revisiting of pieces that have proven successful in earlier seasons, the musicians for the most part are looking ahead.

"We haven't even actually done that many before," Ellert said of the pieces on this summer's program. Instead, the group is finally getting to some long-cherished selections such as the Schoenberg and the *Gran Partita* (K. 361) of Mozart, which calls for 13 wind players.

The dozen core members will be joined this summer by about 20 guest artists, including three narrators for the Stravinsky and conductor Alexander Jimenez. Many of these musicians have appeared on the festival's six excellent recordings on the Klavier label, based in Boca Raton.

Because it was started by three woodwind players, Palm Beach's chamber fest favors wind repertoire more than it does string quartets, and its programs always contain fresh, underappreciated repertoire. This season's programs will include music by the American composers Eric Ewazen and Robert Muczynski, Frenchmen Philippe Gaubert and Eugène Bozza and the Czech Bohuslav Martinů.

Choosing that kind of repertoire offers something

special to listeners and players alike, Ellert said, and it's been a guiding principle of the festival since that first concert in July 1992.

"It's not fair to the audience, it's not fair to the musical world, to just play Mozart, Brahms and Beethoven. And that would be really easy to do," he said.

The concerts are scheduled for July 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, and 29-31. Tickets for the concerts are \$25 apiece, with a four-week subscription for \$85, a \$15 discount. Call 800-330-6874 or visit www.pbcmf.org.

This also is a milestone year for the Boca Raton Museum of Art, which this month is hosting the 60th edition of its all-Florida juried show. The exhibit, which features 101 artworks by as many Florida artists, opened June 29 and runs through Sept. 11 at the museum in Mizner Park.

The museum's senior curator, Wendy Blazier, said interest in the competition has grown in the past four years, which is when the museum switched its application method to email. This year, 583 artists from across the state submitted 1,840 works, a 30 percent increase over last year, she said.

"It boosts our attendance every summer, and it's always an interesting show with a broad variety of styles and



Flutist Karen Dixon (left), bassoonist Michael Ellert and clarinetist Michael Forte founded the Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival in 1992. Photo provided

approaches," Blazier said of the exhibit. "It's a way that we can provide for the inclusion of area artists in a museum setting, where their work can be reviewed and judged by a professional in the field."

The art was judged this year by Valerie Ann Leeds, an expert in the Ashcan School painter Robert Henri, who is an adjunct curator at the Flint Institute of Arts in Flint, Mich. Blazier said the process of getting the juried show together takes the museum about six months, and was overseen by Assistant Curator Kelli Bodle.

But while other museums have dropped juried shows, Boca's remains a central part of the museum's educational mission, Blazier said.

"Part of that education, we believe, is creating awareness and appreciation for those rare individuals in South Florida who are artists. It's a difficult thing, an extraordinary direction, that an individual takes," she said. "And the museum plays a primary role in providing support. It's very, very important in any community that there be an institution that shows support, and continues that support, for the artistic community."

Tickets for the juried show are \$8, \$6 for seniors 65 and older, and \$4 for students. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and

Sunday, and until 9 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Call 392-2500 or visit www.bocamuseum.org.

Arts notes: Delray Beach's Arts Garage has added a ceramics exhibit to its home at 180 NE First St. The exhibit, viewable by appointment (info@delraybeacharts.org, or call 243-7129). *Clay From Earth* is open through July 30 and features the work of 13 artists including Jeff Leedy, whose credits include ceramics for the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway ... The Museum of Lifestyle and Fashion History in Boynton Beach has announced its Saturday summertime tours of historic Delray Beach. The first one was June 25; the next two are set for July 23 and Aug. 27. The tours board at the Boynton Beach Mall at 11 a.m. and last two hours as the buses travel through Delray's five historic districts (email tour@delraybeachbustours.org, visit www.delraybeachbustours.org, or call 243-2662).



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Susan K. Epling

Highland Beach residents who awaken on the Fourth of July to a sea of red, white and blue flags, have Susan K. Epling to thank. She and her son, Brandon, began the patriotic tribute 20 years ago, and haven't missed a single year since.

Brandon, 23, was just 4 when they began pitching American flags in front of residents' homes.

"I wanted to teach him patriotism and giving back to his community," said Epling, a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate on Ocean Boulevard in Boca Raton.

"Brandon and I have put flags in yards, on the docks and the entire 3½-mile stretch of A1A in Highland Beach," she said. "We planted about 2,500 flags one year, but on the average about 1,500 are put out every year. This is a ritual we both look forward to every year. The residents of Highland Beach call us and send us thank-you notes. They love to see old glory waving proudly!" (If you'd like to thank the Eplings, email Sepling1@aol.com)

The mother-son team's efforts have not gone unnoticed by town officials. There was an offer for the town to help pay for the flags, but Epling said she and Brandon, a student at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale studying video/film production, want to do it on their own, although Brandon's friends sometimes help place the flags.

Residents are welcome to keep the flags, but some are retrieved and recycled, if they're in good enough condition. The town collects those that remain and stores them.

"We're very particular about them," Epling said. "I'll iron them if they need it and if they're tattered they will be replaced" with hundreds of new flags she buys each year.

Born and raised in Akron, Ohio, Epling, a Baby Boomer who enjoys arts and crafts, said she has always been very patriotic.

"My two brothers were both in the Army," she said. "My youngest brother served in the Vietnam War and older brother in secret intelligence. I can remember when they came home on leave. It was



Susan Epling's son Brandon was 4 when the pair first began planting flags throughout Highland Beach to mark the Fourth of July. It's been a patriotic tradition for 20 years now. Photo by Tim Stepien

such a happy occasion, but when they had to return, my heart would go out to all of the men and women who were keeping us safe. I have always felt a strong appreciation for those that serve our country."

One year, she and her son, with the help of some of his friends, put the flags on A1A, too, but this year, like most years, they concentrated on the entrance to the town from Delray Beach and Boca Raton, the Town Hall, and all the side streets.

"This year is the 10th anniversary of all those who lost their lives in 9/11," Epling said. "We honor them, as well."

— Mary Thurwachter

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

A. I was born and raised in Akron, Ohio. I went to Akron University for my real estate and also to Kent State University. Went to Hammel Business College for court stenography.

Q. What are highlights of your professional life?

A. I have met some very interesting people who have become life-long friends through my real estate business. I am a very competitive and compassionate person. I

love the challenge of the accomplishments.

Q. Is the Fourth of July your favorite holiday?

A. The Fourth of July is a special day and time to reflect on what a great country we live in, our freedom and what our Constitution stands for. The decorating of the red, white and blue, the American flags waving and fireworks lift my spirits and make me feel proud to be an American.

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

A. I actually had a client looking to move to Highland Beach. In showing him

property, I thought, this is where I want to live — in this peaceful charming town. That was 33 years ago!

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

A. Highland Beach offers Florida lifestyle at its best. You have the beach, boating, biking, jogging, sunrises, sunsets and you can drive to the busy city life within half an hour north or south. The town only has one piece of commercial property — the Holiday Inn — where I like to meet with friends for a little wine, song and entertainment!

Q. What got you interested in real estate?

A. In growing up, my family owned a Century 21 real estate firm in Ohio, which was very successful. Because I was around it all the time, I was quite intrigued with the interaction with people and the sales aspect. I also worked for a real estate investment trust that gave me great knowledge of the real estate industry.

Q. Have you had famous clients over the years?

A. Yes, several NFL players, Leona Helmsley and Robert De Niro. Baseball legend Carl Yastrzemski used to live on my street.

Q. If someone made a movie of your life, who would you like to play you and why?

A. Julia Roberts, because she is adventurous, daring and gutsy! I have truly had circumstances in my life that are novel/movie material. It would be No. 1 on the charts!

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

A. Inspirational music to make me keep going — *Chariots of Fire* — love the movie and the story.

Relaxing — I have a collection of antique music boxes, love to wind them up and listen to them, string instruments, piano — Kenny G a favorite.

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

A. A risk so small is worth a reward so great!

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Obituaries

Jeanne Bice

By Emily J. Minor

BOCA RATON — Jeanne Bice, who took her love for glitter, paired it with a young widow's instinct to provide for her children and then parlayed all that into QVC fame and fortune, died June 10. Mrs. Bice was 71.



While the family has not come forward with a cause of death, several of Mrs. Bice's followers posted online tributes, mentioning that Mrs. Bice had been suffering from uterine cancer and blood clots in her lungs. Her last QVC appearance was by Skype interactive video

over Memorial Day weekend.

A resident of coastal Boca Raton since 2005, when she bought a home on Spanish River Road, Mrs. Bice started her fashion wear after her husband, Butch, died at 42. A housewife from Wisconsin, Mrs. Bice moved herself and her two children, Tim and Lee, to Florida and began selling her wares at flea markets.

She is survived by both her children, and it appears from property records that her son lives

in Delray Beach. But neither could be reached.

In 1995, Mrs. Bice broke in to the QVC market and was an immediate hit. Callers — and shoppers — loved her can-do attitude, her self-deprecating humor and her jeweled fashions.

After her death, QVC posted a eulogy on its website: "Jeanne chose to love. She loved what she did — creating Quacker Factory clothes, with 'sparkle and shine'. Clothes that made people Happy. She loved QVC. Everything about it. She loved the people: the executives who ran it, and the production people who worked so hard to make every show perfect. She loved the famous stars who appeared there, and had to pinch herself when others considered her one."

The New York Times dubbed her "the undisputed queen of Christmas sweaters." But her fans — called "Quackers," who would often quack like a duck when they called to talk to her, live, on QVC — knew the truth.

Jeanne Bice could sparkle any occasion: Valentine's Day. Mother's Day. Fourth of July. And how she loved to celebrate Halloween, wearing her orange and black sequins.

Mrs. Bice's funeral was June 14 at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Boynton Beach.

James T. Heverin

BOCA RATON — Gumbo Limbo Nature Center was near and dear to James T. Heverin's heart. He spent many hours there as a volunteer.



So when Mr. Heverin died last month, the family asked that donations in his memory go to the nature center.

Mr. Heverin, 70, of Boca Raton, died at Hospice by the Sea on June 3.

Before moving to Boca Raton, Mr. Heverin lived in Bergenfield, N.J., where he was known for his volunteer work. He coached basketball, soccer and Little League, and was a volunteer with the Cub Scouts and the town's ambulance service.

A graduate of St. Francis College in Brooklyn, Mr. Heverin worked at CIT Group in New York,

where he retired as vice president.

A devout Catholic, Mr. Heverin was active with the Knights of Columbus at St. Joan of Arc Church and a member of the men's club at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. He was a volunteer at the Boca Raton Police Department.

Survivors include his wife, Anne; son, Tim, with his wife, Allison, of Chicago; daughter Anne Marie Heverin of Hoboken, N.J.; and grandchildren Patrick, Katy and Nora.

Glick Family Funeral Home, Boca Raton, was in charge of arrangements. A Mass in his honor was held on June 7 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Deerfield Beach.

To donate in Mr. Heverin's memory to Gumbo Limbo, see gumbolimbo.org or call 338-1473.

— Staff Report

Along the Coast

Supporters organize with aim to buy WXEL-TV

By Jenny Staletovich

A group of WXEL-TV supporters, including its president and CEO, its chief fundraiser and area education and media executives, have until Dec. 31 to work out a purchase agreement to buy the station from Barry University before the sale is opened to other bidders.

"We're very optimistic," said WXEL CEO Bernard Henneberg said. "There are people here who want to keep WXEL local. They don't want us to go away."

Henneberg said he first approached the university about a management-led acquisition after the state Board of Education agreed in December to grant a controversial lease transfer of the radio station to Classical South Florida. The Federal Communications Commission approved the transfer of the license — sold for \$3.85 million — in May.

At the time, local supporters objected to the sale, saying it put control of the station in the hands of a media giant and signaled the end of local programming. Classical South Florida is owned by Minnesota-based American Public Media, the nation's largest operator of public radio stations.

Barry and Classical South Florida, however, argued that CSF was the best choice for the community and believed

splitting the licenses gave both the beleaguered radio and television stations the best chance of surviving.

At its June 10 board meeting, Henneberg laid out his plan to trustees and asked for exclusive rights to negotiate and raise \$2.5 million to buy the TV station.

Barry had purchased the station — started 40 years ago to educate local migrant workers — in 1997 when its value had shrunk to \$350,000. Over the years, the university pumped \$5.3 million into both the radio and television stations before Barry's trustees decided it no longer fit the school's mission and started entertaining buyers.

In 2004, New York's WNET-TV teamed up with the Community Broadcast Foundation as its community-based partner to buy it, but the deal fell through when the FCC failed to consider the license application.

Then, Barry spokesman Michael Laderman explained, the university "took a little time off" until Classical South Florida surfaced as a suitor for the radio station.

Potential buyers emerged but never led to a sale.

Henneberg said his group has formed a nonprofit corporation.

They need to raise at least \$2.5 million to purchase the station as well as working capital and money to purchase some equipment. ★

Boca Raton

House party parents escape conviction

By Steve Plunkett

The parents charged with hosting an "open house party"

crashed by hundreds of beer-toting high school students in the gated Sanctuary enclave ended their day in court with

adjudication withheld.

Shlomo and Jeannie Rasabi, who pleaded no contest to the misdemeanor charge, will not have a conviction on their records. Judge Barry M. Cohen assessed court costs of \$253 each but no jail time or fine. "Good luck to you both," Cohen said after sentencing them June 20.

Violations of the state's "open house party" law carry a penalty of up to 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine. But a pre-sentence investigation said at worst, the Rasabis should be given six months probation, ordered to serve on a victim impact panel, work 100 community service hours and lecture on teen alcohol use.

Cohen said he did not want to clog the probation system with NORPs (normal, ordinary responsible persons). He said the Rasabis did not purchase, arrange for or have prior knowledge of alcohol at the Oct. 10 party. The pre-sentence report said the Rasabis had already suffered.

"The economic costs resulting from this incident

to the couple has been great, and the publicity generated by the media has cost them dearly in terms of stress and difficulty with the children's school and parents of children at American Heritage," the report said, referring to the private school where the Rasabis' sons attended.

The report included an example of hate mail the Rasabis received.

After the sentencing Jeannie Rasabi revealed how their sons' classmates marveled at the home in the Sanctuary they were borrowing for the after-homecoming event. They found pictures online and said, "Ooh, we have to go to this party," Rasabi said.

"Obviously we care about teen, underage drinking," Jeannie Rasabi said. "We never suspected they'd be intoxicated in our home."

Shlomo Rasabi, who lives with his family in Plantation, is the property manager of the house and asked its owner for permission to hold the party. About 100 guests were expected to arrive in two

chartered buses, but at least 500 teenagers in four buses arrived. The Rasabis asked security to call the police.

The Rasabis complained that when Boca Raton officers took them to the police station, they left 26 teens at the house with no adult supervision and also left the alcohol there, the report said.

The Rasabis' older son graduated from American Heritage in May, but they could not keep their younger son there "because of the financial burden associated with defending themselves," the pre-sentence report said. Neither boy was found to be drinking at the party.

Paul and Ingrid Paolino, the parents charged the following weekend with hosting a similar though much smaller party on Spanish River Road, also had adjudication withheld and paid \$253 each in court costs.

But their case was resolved by a plea deal in May, just hours before their attorney was prepared to argue that police searched their property without a warrant. ★



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Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 6/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

JULY 2

Saturday - 7/2 - Art Exhibit: Exploration by Edward Rowan and Mosaics by Laurie Beberman at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This exhibition will feature aquatic scenes, activities, and vistas using acrylics. Exhibit continues through 7/5. Hours: M-F 8 am-10 pm, Sat. 8 am-5 pm, Sun./Holidays 10 am-5 pm. Free. 347-3900.

7/2 - Boomtime Boca: Boca Raton in the 1920s - Art Exhibit presented by the Boca Raton Historical Society at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail. In the 1920s, the small farming community of Boca Raton became the center of national attention during the Florida land boom. Exhibit continues through 8/18. Hours: M-F 8 am-10 pm, Sat. 8 am-5 pm, Sun./Holidays 10 am-5 pm. Free. 347-3900.

7/2 - Art Exhibit at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. The Good Earth features materials found in nature and given meaning by the artist Nadine Meyers Saitlin. Through "creative photography," award winning photographer Jim LaRocco aspires to reveal character, irony or symbolism in the seemingly ordinary. Marian Green's journey as an artist is presented in her watercolors, collages, non-objective and acrylic paintings. Exhibit runs through 7/27. M-Th: 10 am-8 pm, F: 10 am-4 pm, Sat.: 9 am-1 pm. Free. 278-5455.

7/2 - Zumba Class - Saturdays at the Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Zumba fuses Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves that create a dynamic workout system. 9:30-10:30 am. Per class: \$15/resident, \$18.75/non-resident; Per 4 weeks: \$50/residents, \$63/non-resident; Per 8 weeks: \$80/resident, \$100/non-resident. For more specific class information contact Nicole Rosen (954) 471-6425 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

7/2 - Little Wonders at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Introduce children to plants and animals around them with a hike for little feet, crafts for tiny fingers, and stories for growing minds. For kids ages 3 & 4, accompanied by an adult. 9:30-10:15 am. \$5/members, \$8/non-members - per child. Reservations required: 391-8110.

7/2 - Exhibit: Brain Teasers 2 at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This exhibit offers 20 challenges for puzzle enthusiasts of all ages, designed to sharpen problem-solving skills with plenty of fun. Visitors must use creative thinking and problem solving strategies such as looking for patterns, thinking ahead, setting aside preconceived ideas and look at problems from different perspectives. Runs through 9/5/11. M-F: 9 am-6 pm, Weekends/holidays: 10 am-5 pm. \$5. 347-3912.

7/2 - Exhibit: Newman Robot Collection at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This exhibit is the brainchild of Richard Newman, who founded High-Tech Productions over 35 years ago. Richard Newman has also amassed the world's largest private collection of authentic flown space artifacts. M-F: 9 am-6 pm, Weekends/holidays: 10 am-5 pm. \$5. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

7/2 - 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 again 7/16, 23, 30 & 8/6. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

7/2 - Judo Class - Saturdays at the Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Classes consist of warm-up exercises, instruction, practice and tournament training. For all ages. 10 am-noon. Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807.

7/2 - Mr. Sand at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. What comes from broken shells, protects the mainland from erosion, and is fun to play in? Come enjoy this program about beach sand and create a sand castle. Dress for a mess! Ages 7-12, adults must sign in children but do not have to stay. 10-

11 am. \$10/members, \$15/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

7/2 - 60th Annual All Florida Juried Competition and Exhibition at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. The state's oldest juried competition has introduced the work of thousands of Florida artists working in all media. Exhibit runs through 9/11. T-F 10 am-5 pm, Sat. & Sun. Noon-5 pm. First Wed. of every month 10 am-9 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, \$4/students with ID, free/children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

7/2 - Exhibition: Time Flies When You're Having Fun- Honoring Arthur Jaffe at FAU's Wimberly Library, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Exhibition is the backdrop for the library's summer-long celebration in honor of Arthur Jaffe, founder and curator of the Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center. Features a timeline of Jaffe's life, photographs, ephemera, and artists' books and broadsides that artists have donated in honor of Jaffe's birthday and retirement. Exhibit runs through 8/10. Library hours: M-R 8 am-midnight; F: 8 am-6 pm; Sat.: Noon-6 pm; Sun.: Noon-midnight. Free. 297-0455.

7/2 - Science Stories at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Hear your favorite science inspired stories. For ages 5 and up. Held weekly on Saturday. 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

7/2-3 - Yoga Workout at the Beach - Held every Saturday and Sunday at Red Reef Park West, 1221 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Registration can be done at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., or on-site before a class begins. Classes are held on the grass overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. Cash will not be accepted on-site. 10-11 am. \$15/residents, \$19/non-residents per class, or 60 day membership for \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807.

7/2-3 - Science Demonstrations at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Hear your favorite science inspired stories. For ages 5 and up. Held weekly on Sat. & Sun. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912.

7/2-4 - The 1940s Radio Hour at the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium on the FAU Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road. Christmas will come in July for the 14th summer season. It will be a very special Christmas, 1942, the date Dec. 21. The place: the radio studio of WOV, a 5000 watt New York City Radio Station. Held again 7/15-17. F, Sat. & Sun.: 7 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 1 pm; M 4 pm. \$20. 800-564-9539 or www.fauvents.com.

JULY 3-9

Sunday - 7/3 - Yoga Wake-up at the Beach - Held every Sunday at Spanish River Park, 3001 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Build strength and flexibility, improve postural alignment and stabilize the core. Registration can be done at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., or on-site before a class begins. 8-9 am. \$15/residents, \$19/non-residents per class, or 60 day membership (unlimited classes) for \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807.

7/3 - Kabbalah & Coffee at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. The best part of waking up is coffee in your cup and Kabbalah in your "kop" (head in Yiddish). Includes weekly Living Torah Video Presentation. The class can be viewed by logging on to <http://torahcafe.com/chassidic-heritage-series.pho>. Every Sunday morning. 10-11:30 am. Free. 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

Monday - 7/4 - Exhibition: Mizner Industries, Mizner Style at the Boca Raton Historical Society, Old Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Hwy. Exhibit showcases Mizner Industries artifacts which represent the Mizner style. Also on display are furniture and artifacts from Mizner's apartment on Worth Avenue. Exhibit runs through 9/20/11. M-F, 10 am-4 pm. Free. 395-6766 Ext. 100 or www.bocahistory.org.

Tuesday - 7/5 - Boca Beachcombing - Meet for an introductory talk about seashells at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, then caravan over to Red Reef Park to walk the beach in search of ocean treasures. Open to all ages, children must be accompanied by



4th of July Events

7/4 - Fabulous 4th - at FAU, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Family activities, games, children's rides, concert and fireworks. 6:30 pm "America, the Beautiful" stage show by ZMC Entertainment, 7:30 pm concert - Wind Symphony of Florida, 9 pm fireworks display. Activities begin at 6 pm. Free. 393-7827 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

7/4 - July Fourth Celebration - A1A and Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach. Sand sculpting contest on the beach (8 am-noon), Surfer Memorial (2 pm), Cars As Art parade (5 pm - \$10 fee per vehicle to participate), Patriotic Bicycle and Scooter Parade (5:45 pm), Beautiful Baby Bathing Suit Contest (6 pm), Hot Dog & Hamburger Eating Contests (7-8:30 pm), live beach concert, food, fireworks. The Downtown Roundabout will offer free shuttle bus running a modified route with service continuing until 11 pm. Free. 279-1380 Ext. 3 or www.downtowndelraybeach.com.

an adult. Held again 7/25. 9:30-11 am. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations: 391-8110 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

7/5 - Tales and Treasures Family Craft Time - Stories and a simple craft for kids ages 2-5 at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required. Held again 7/12, 19 & 26. 10-10:45 am. Free. 393-7968.

7/5 - Yoga at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Enjoyable program focuses on decreasing risk of falls. Held every Tuesday. 10:15 am. \$10/session. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

7/5 - Small Fry Storytime for ages 3 and up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Tuesday. Please register one week in advance for each program. 4 pm. Free. 278-5455.

7/5 - Movie Club: Harry Potter & the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) is presented as part of Teen Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 9-17. Signed parental consent form required for viewers ages 9-12 to participate. 5:30 pm. Free and includes free pizza & soda. 393-7968.

7/5-8 - Experience! Piano Class at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 9-10. 6:30-8:30 pm. \$144/resident, \$180/non-resident. 347-3900.

Wednesday - 7/6 - Seining the Lagoon at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Explore the grasses and flats of the Intracoastal Waterway behind Gumbo Limbo. Hand-held dip nets and large seine nets allow participants to catch and release a variety of fish, shrimp, crabs and marine life. Ages 10 to adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 7/26. 9:30-11 am. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

7/6 - 5th Annual Juried Art Exhibition: Pictures of Paradise at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Exhibit continues through 8/18. Hours: M-F 8 am-10 pm, Sat. 8 am-5 pm, Sun./Holidays 10 am-5 pm. Free. 347-3900.

7/6 - Current Events Discussion Group - Led by David Yarosh at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held

every Wednesday. 10:30 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us. **7/6 - Scrabble** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Wednesday. 12:30-4 pm. 278-5455.

7/6 - Friends and Family at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Education Center Classroom B, 800 Meadows Road. Class is designed for the general public and teaches the basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, and child and infant one person CPR, as well as the use of the Automated External Defibrillator. Held every Wednesday. 6-8:30 pm. \$20. Registration: 955-4468.

7/6 - Judo Class - Wednesdays at the Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. For all ages. Mixed ages and ranks: 6:30-8 pm; Advanced: 8-9 pm. Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

7/6-10 - Stuff at the Caldwell Theatre, Count de Hoernle Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Show runs through 7/31. W-Sat. 8 pm; Wed. & Sun. 2 pm. \$38-\$50; Full time students \$10. 241-7432.

Thursday - 7/7 - Drop-In Story time - Music, stories, fun finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at this weekly program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. Held again 7/14, 21, 28 & 8/4. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

7/7 - Lunch 'N Learn - Presented by Chabad of East Boca at Cuisine by Silvia, Royal Palm Place, 141 Via Naranjas, Suite 45B. Textual study of the weekly Torah portion with dairy lunch. Held every Thursday. Noon-1 pm. 361-3939.

7/7 - Beginners Yoga at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Enjoyable program helps you stay fit. Bring yoga mat. Held every Thursday. 2:30 pm. \$10. 278-5455.

7/7 - Cool 6-8 Year Olds: Guatemalan Worry Dolls at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 N.W. Boca Raton Blvd. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968.

7/7 - Ellenville's Moonlit Farmer's Market is held each Thursday at Ellenville Garden Center, 220 NE 11th St., Boca Raton. Food, wine, kids activities, music, local farmers and artisans, fresh produce and more. 4-8 pm. Free. 245-7347.

7/7 - Craft Time: Can You Solve the

Boca Raton crossing guard Daisy Marshall has served 19 years. Her dedication, and especially a close call with a cell-phone-distracted driver, earned her a Distinguished Service Award from the Traffic Safety Committee of the Palm Beaches during the organization's annual service awards luncheon June 2. Marshall, 57, works near Boca Raton Middle School. She has bonded with hundreds of school children over the years. Other Boca Raton honorees at the 26th annual Distinguished Service Awards included a police DUI-testing inspector and a Boca Raton-based nonprofit devoted to traffic fatality reduction.

Photo by Paula Detwiler

For more on Marshall and other winners, see www.thecoastalstar.com.

Dinosaur Puzzle? - 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.

7/7 - Family Time with Ms. Cathy at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 0-7 years. Take you and your child on a musical journey of discovery and exploration. Held Thursdays through 8/25. 4-4:45 pm. \$128/resident, \$160/non-resident. Sibling discounts available. 347-3900.

7/7 - Movie Club: Harry Potter & the Half Blood Prince (PG) is presented as part of Teen Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 9-17. 5:30 pm. Free and includes free pizza & soda. 393-7968.

Friday - 7/8 - Tot Time at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 2-5. Children will enjoy crafts, snacks, and indoor play stations. Drop in any time during the program. 10 am-noon. \$5/child. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

7/8 - Movie Time at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. A new movie every week. Every Friday. 1 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

7/8 - Seussical, Jr. - Sol Children Theatre Performing Arts Camp presentation at Olympic Heights Fine Arts Theatre, 20101 Lyons Road, Boca Raton. 2 & 7 pm. \$10. 447-8829 or www.solchildren.org.

7/8 - Robert Hermens Magic Show at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-4:15 pm. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

7/8-10 - Hooray for Hollywood! at the University Theater on the FAU Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road. A celebration of the best movie musicals of all time. Held again 7/22-24. F & Sat.: 7 pm, Sat. & Sun.: 1 pm. \$20. 800-564-9539.

Saturday - 7/9 - Chess Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Ages 7 to 17. Held again 7/16, 23, & 30. 10-11:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

7/9 - 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. All ages accompanied by an adult. Held the second Saturday of the month. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

7/9 - How to Train Your Dragon (PG) - Presented as part of Tween Movie Mania at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For age 9-12. Free pizza and drinks. Noon-2 pm. Free. 393-7968.

7/9 - Chuck Close, Portraits is presented as part of the Meet a Master, Create a Masterpiece series at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. For grades 3-5. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/non-members; free/members. Reservations: 392-2500 Ext. 106.

7/9 - Eyes to the Skies with the professional-grade 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 8 pm. Free. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

7/9 - Concert: The Long Run - A Tribute to the Eagles - Presented as part of the Music @ Mizner: A Summer Tribute to the Legends Series at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 8 pm. Free. 393-7703.

JULY 10-16

Sunday - 7/10 - Wire Sculptures is presented as part of the ARTful Adventure Sunday series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Features art workshops or live performances by talented actors, musicians or dancers. 2-4 pm. Free program with paid museum admission. 392-2500.

Monday - 7/11 - Mah-Jongg at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Intermediate and advanced. Held every Monday. 12:30-1:30 pm. Free. 278-5455.

7/11 - Chair Massage at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. John Sampson, licensed therapist, offers 10-minute sessions. Held every Monday. 1 pm. \$10/session. 278-5455.

7/11 - Yoga Sunset at the Beach - Held every Monday at Spanish River Park, 3001 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Registration can be done at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., or on-site before a class begins. 6:30-7:30 pm. \$15/residents, \$19/non-residents per class, or 60 day membership (unlimited classes) for \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

7/11 - Meditation Mondays at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Meditate to enhance health and well-being. Held every Monday. 7 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

7/11-15 - Experience! Piano Class at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 11-12. 6:30-8:30 pm. \$180/resident, \$225/non-resident. 347-3900.

Tuesday - 7/12 - Movie Club: Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows Pt. 1 (PG-13) is presented as part of Teen Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 9-17. 5:30 pm. Free and includes free pizza & soda. 393-7968.

Wednesday - 7/13 - Art Film - The Cameraman (1928 - NR) - The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Eighth annual series celebrating silent film from the early 20th century cinema. Held again 7/16. 2 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

7/13 - Fun With Food for children ages 9-13 at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton. Interactive, innovative cooking classes designed for children. Held Wednesdays through 8/3. 4:30-5:30 pm. Four-week session: \$92/resident, \$115/non-resident, plus \$17 material fee. 393-7807.

7/13 - Concert: Musical Duo Tony Abbot and Dawn Dipaolo - Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455.

Thursday - 7/14 - Poisonous Plants & Animals at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Learn about poisonous plants and animals and what to if you find one. Ages 7-12, adults must sign in children. 2-3:30 pm. \$8/members, \$12/non-members. Reservations: 391-8110.

7/14 - Cool 6-8 Year Olds: African Crafts at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 N.W. Boca Raton Blvd. Registration required. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 393-7968.

7/14 - Movie Club: Harry Potter Party is presented as part of Teen Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 9-17. Come dressed as your favorite Harry Potter character. Have fun with wand-making, trivia contests and more. 5:30 pm. Free and includes free pizza & soda. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

Friday - 7/15 - Palm Leaflet Folding at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Twist and fold palm fronds into animal shapes, such as a fish, grasshopper or deer. For ages 7-14 with an adult. 10am-noon. \$9/members, \$14/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

7/15 - Mr. Brian & the Boppets Puppet Show at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Children under

Municipal Meetings

7/5 & 8/2 - Highland Beach - First Tuesday of each month at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S. Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda available at www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us.

7/26 - 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. Meeting scheduled for 7/12 has been canceled (summer).

8 must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-4:15 pm. Free. 393-7968.

7/15 - 5th Annual Juried Art Exhibition Reception and Award Ceremony: Pictures of Paradise at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 347-3900.

7/15 - Concert: Soul Survivors - Presented as part of the "Summer in the City" Music Series at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Featuring instrumental, dance and a variety of music. 7 pm. Free. 393-7827.

JULY 17-23

Sunday - 7/17-24 - USTA Boys 18 & 16 National Clay Court Championships are hosted at the Delray Tennis Center, 201 W. Atlantic Ave., the Delray Swim & Tennis Club, 2350 Jaeger Dr., Broken Sound Country Club, 2401 Willow Springs Drive, Boca Raton and Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Dr. Daily play begins at 8 am, Finals at 8:45 am. Spectators Free. 330-6000 or www.yellowtennisball.com.

Tuesday - 7/19 - Seashells by the Seashore at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Learn about seashore creatures and the way they make their shells. Ages 7-12, adults must sign in children. 2-3:30 pm. \$8/members, \$12/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

7/19 - FAU Astronomical Observatory - Public viewing night observations at FAU's Boca Raton Campus, Science & Engineering Building, #43, 4th floor, 777 Glades Road. Night viewings will be held on the 1st Friday and 3rd Tuesday of each month, beginning at 8 pm. Free. 297-STAR.

Wednesday - 7/20 - Cooking Fun for children ages 5-9 at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton. Children will learn basic cooking with fresh ingredients. Held Wednesdays through 8/10. 9-10:20 am. Four-week session: \$48/resident, \$60/non-resident, plus \$26 material fee. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

7/20 - Arts and Crafts for children ages 5-9 at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton. Children will be creative and have fun working with beads, clay, origami, glow-art, soap making and more. Held Wednesdays through 8/10. 10:30-11:50 am. Four-week session: \$48/resident, \$60/non-resident, plus \$34 material fee. 393-7807.

7/20 - Art Film - Berlin: Symphony of a Great City (1926 - NR) at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Series celebrates silent film from the early 20th century cinema. Held again 7/23. 2 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

7/20 - Junior Sea Turtle Specialists Class (Session 2) at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. For children ages 8-12 who love sea turtles and marine life. Meets one afternoon a week for four weeks to learn about sea turtles. Meets again 7/27, 8/3 & 10. Ages 8-12, adult must sign-in children. 3-4:30 pm. \$55/members, \$65/non-members. Reservations required: 391-8110.

7/20 - Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake by Aimee Bender - Presented as part of the Evening Book Club at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 6:30 pm. Free. 278-5455.

7/20 - Puppy Kindergarten - For puppies 10 weeks to 5 months held inside at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton. Learn the basics of how to raise a well-behaved dog. Held Wednesdays through 8/24. 6:30-7:30 pm. Six-week session: \$85/resident, \$106/non-resident. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

7/20 - Beginner Dog Class held outside at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton. Teach your dog to sit, down, stay, come and walk on a leash. Held Wednesdays through 8/24. 7:30-8:30 pm. Six-week session: \$85/resident, \$106/non-resident. 393-7807.

traditional art of fisherman documenting their catch by making fish prints at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. For ages 5-14, accompanied by an adult. Supply your own pre-washed shirt, pre-washed canvas bag or pillowcase. Held again 8/4. 2-3:30 pm. \$9/members, \$14 /non-members, \$4 for each additional project. Reservations required: 391-8110.

7/21 - Cool 6-8 Year Olds: Chinese Crafts at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Registration required. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 393-7968.

7/21 - Craft Time: What Do You Do With Gum Wrappers? 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.

7/21 - Craft Crew: Tie Dye T-shirts at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 9-14. Registration required. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

7/21 - Thursday Movie Classics: Woman of the Year 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.

Friday - 7/22 - Bits N Pieces Asian Puppet Show at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. 3:30-4:15 pm. Free. 393-7968.

7/22-24 - Dorothy Meets the Wizard of Oz - Presented by Curtain Call Playhouse at The Willow Theatre, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. F: 7 pm; Sat.: Noon & 2 pm; Sun.: 2 pm. show.2. \$10/adults, \$5/children. 347-3948 or www.willowtheatre.org.

Saturday - 7/23 - Container Gardening at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Learn about growing container gardens indoors or out. Create your own small floral arrangement to take home. All supplies included. For adults only. 1:30-3 pm. \$15/members, \$22 /non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

7/23 - I Praise Your Name at the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium on the FAU Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road. Christmas will come in July for the 14th summer season. 7:30 pm. \$20. 800-564-9539 or www.faevents.com.

7/23 - Middle School Dance at the Sugar Sand Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Features a live DJ and free raffles. Presented by the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District & The City of Boca Raton Recreational Services Department. 7:30-10 pm. Admission \$5. 347-3908 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

7/23-24 - Little Women, The Readers' Theatre Version at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. F-Sat.: 7 pm; Sat.: 2 pm. \$12/includes refreshments. 447-8829.

JULY 24-30

Sunday - 7/24 - Weekend Movie Madness: Toy Story 3 (2010 - G) at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. Ticket box office: 347-3948.

Tuesday - 7/26 - The Invisible Bridge by Julie Orringer - Presented as part of the Book Club discussion by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

Wednesday - 7/27 - Art Film - Exit Smiling (1926 - NR) at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Eighth annual series celebrating silent film from the early 20th century cinema. Held again 7/30. 2 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under. 392-2500.

7/27-29 - All Shook Up at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. W: 1 pm, Th: 10 am, F: 4 pm. \$10. 394-2626.

Thursday - 7/28 - Cool 6-8 Year Olds: Sundae Sundae at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. 3:30-4:30

pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968.

7/28 - Exhibition Opening: Group Youth Summer Camp at The Art School, 801 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. Exhibit runs through 9/30. 5-8 pm. Free 392-2503 or www.bocamuseum.org.

7/28 - Craft Crew: Sand, Shells & Crafts at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Participants will make a seashell photo frame and sand art bottles. For ages 9-14. Registration required. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968.

7/28 - Concert: Selena Gomez & The Scene at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$37.50-\$93.40. 800-745-3000.

Friday - 7/29 - Colors of Nature at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Learn about using natural dyes, flower pressing and other fun crafting techniques. Ages 6 to adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. 2-3:30 pm. \$8/members, \$12 /non-members. Reservations required: 391-8110.

7/29 - Darrell House Storyteller & Musician at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-4:15 pm. Free. 393-7968.

7/29 - Concert: Tribute to Neil Diamond - Presented as part of the "Summer in the City" Music Series at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Free. 393-7827.

Saturday - 7/30 - Infant only CPR Class at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Education Center Classroom B (building to the right of the Emergency Department), 800 Meadows Road, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$40/couple. Pre-registration suggested. 955-4468.

7/30-31 - Boca Ballet Theatre: All American Summer at FAU University Theatre, Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road. Sat.: 8 pm; Sun.: 2 pm. \$35/adults, \$25/seniors & children. 995-0709.

JULY 31 - AUGUST 6

Tuesday - 8/2 - FAU Astronomical Observatory - Public viewing night observations at FAU's Boca Raton Campus, Science & Engineering Building, #43, 4th floor, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Night viewings will be held on the 1st Friday and 3rd Tuesday of each month, beginning at 8 pm. Free. 297-STAR.

Wednesday - 8/3 - Meet Me at the Museum: Bollywood Comes to Boca at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Kick off Boca Festival Days 2011 with a vibrant salute to India's pop-culture, featuring pulsating music and dazzling dancers. 5:30-8 pm. Museum members: \$15/advance, \$20/at the door; Non-members: \$20/advance, \$25/at the door. 392-2500.

Thursday - 8/4 - Craft Time: Make a Mobile Using Clay and Shells - 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.

8/4 - Movie Club: Karate Kid (PG) 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.

Friday - 8/5 - Opening Night Reception - Art Exhibit at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. The Thrill of Challenge of Photography by award winning fine art photographer Alan Feinberg. Exhibit runs through 10/25 during regular library hours. 4:30-7 pm. Free. 278-5455.

8/5 - Here We Go Again - Sol Children Theatre Performing Arts Camp at Olympic Heights Fine Arts Theatre, 20101 Lyons Road, Boca Raton. 2 & 7 pm. \$10. 447-8829.

Saturday - 8/6 - Tiny Turtles - Parents and kids can spend some one-on-one time learning how sea turtles are similar to us at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. For ages 3-4 with an adult. 9:30-10:15 am. \$4/members, \$6/non-members, free for accompanying adults. 391-8110 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

8/6 - Joan Miro, Surreal Prints 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. Reservations required. 392-2500 Ext. 106.

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Paws Up for Pets

Vet a veritable font of advice on dog care

Cars, flat-screen television sets and even irons come with owner's manuals to explain how they operate and how to make them perform at their best. Alas, our pets do not.

But Marty Becker, D.V.M., best known as "America's Veterinarian," is on a mission to change that.

He just completed a six-week national bus tour called "Healthy Pets Visit Pets" that included three stops in Florida. He also just penned his 19th book — one that I regard as his best work — called *Your Dog: The Owner's Manual*. It contains hundreds of tips, surprises and solutions for raising a happy, healthy dog.

During his stop at a Petco store near my home, I surprised my long-time veterinarian friend by showing up not only with my dog, Cleo, but also my very canine-savvy cat, Zeki. My harness-wearing Turkish Van-mix feline eyed the canine crowd, who stopped yapping and sat at attention — and in awe. She commands that type of dog respect.

"Only you, Arden, could pull off bringing a cat to a dog event," he laughed. "Hey, Zeki is just ahead of the game. My next book, *Your Cat: The Owner's Manual*, comes out later this year."

I came to support Becker on his mission to educate the pet-loving public of the need to have the right tools to be responsible health allies for their pets. He has practiced veterinary medicine for more than 30 years and has been the veterinary correspondent to ABC-TV's *Good Morning America* for 10 years and serves as the resident veterinarian on *The Dr. Oz Show* and the pet expert for AARP.

He stays current on advances in veterinary medicine while never turning down a doggy kiss or a friendly head-butt from a contented cat. Every day, he does his best to champion the people-pet bond.

Let me share with you some of his creative tips and strategies designed to bring out the best in dogs all over America:

- Ditch the food bowl — on occasion. Face it, our dogs aren't grabbing our car keys and sneaking out to chow down on super-sized meals at a fast-food restaurant. Far too many dogs have more waddle than wiggle and struggle with being overweight. Becker's solution: Bring out a dog's natural hunting skills by replacing the food bowl a few times a week with food puzzles designed to dole out small amounts of food when the dog makes the puzzle move or open in some way. Becker recommends the Kong

Wobbler, Busy Buddy line and Nina Ottosson's Dog Pyramid.

- Fend off wolfing down food with stones. Some dogs seem to behave like furry vacuums, inhaling their meals so quickly that you wonder if their taste buds had time to engage. Counter this by placing two or three washed, smooth stones in their food dish at meal time. They are forced to slow down in order to eat around these heavy stones.

- Jazz up that game of fetch. For dogs who love to chase after balls, try tossing the ball up or down a hill or in the water for an extra fulfilling workout. For little, active dogs, select a right-sized stuffed animal that you can toss safely in the house without knocking over a lamp. Other fetch game variations: Hide the ball and then let your dog find it. Or play "monkey in the middle" by having family members toss, roll or kick the ball and reward your dog with a treat each time he intercepts it and gives it back.

- Keep yourself dry at doggy bath time. We've all experienced that "big shake" when our saturated dog unleashes a full-body wiggle and sprays us with water. Becker's solution to staying dry: Hold your dog's nose. He can't shake. Towel him dry and then usher him to a "shaking-allowed zone" and your clothes won't be drenched.

- Keep your dog healthy without taking a big bite out of your wallet. To accomplish this, Becker urges you to never skip your dog's wellness exams. The reason? The majority of health problems that can be identified in their early stages are far cheaper

and easier to treat than those that are left to fester and worsen before a veterinarian can intervene and take action. If your dog needs a medication, work with your veterinarian on how to shop around for the best price. Veterinarians can write prescriptions and you may find considerable savings at a pharmacy, especially for generic drugs.

Becker provides hundreds of more canine-care insights in his book, which caters to both the seasoned dog owner as well as those adopting a puppy for the first time.

You can learn more by tuning in to Dr. Becker's guest appearance on my *Oh Behave* show on PetLifeRadio.com and by visiting www.drmarybecker.com.

And, to get your "paws" on an autographed copy of his book, *Your Dog: The Owner's Manual*, be the 10th person to email me at Arden@fourleggedlife.com with the code words: America's Veterinarian. Trust me, your dog will thank you for doing so.

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Members of the Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan performed recently at Abbey Delray North. Photo by C.B. Hanif



Singing teens make musical impression for Israel

The Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan rolled into Abbey Delray North on a June morning, 10 teens showing off great voices while singing of love for their country through a medley of songs in Hebrew, English and Yiddish.

Their energy was amazing, their routines deftly choreographed beneath exquisite harmony and outstanding solos.

Also present, and trying not to look like a proud papa, was Shelly Weil, who for 38 years has been hosting the exemplary cultural program.

“Every year I look forward to getting a new group of scouts because they’re 17-year-old kids, and I don’t see them again unless they come back as a leader,” said Weil, of Delray Beach.

“We have four such caravans that are going to cover the United States, probably about 35 to 40 different states, as ambassadors, and that’s their prime purpose of being here,” said the member of the Israeli Scout International Board.

To pull off the visit of the scouts, or Tzofim, each year, “I make a lot of calls, visit a lot of people, bring them pictures, CDs and so forth, and try to get them to a diverse population rather than just going to synagogues, where obviously people know Israel,” he said.

“For example, we’ll take them to a church on Sunday morning. Sometimes I like to bring them to a Baptist church or an Episcopal church. On Saturday we’re going up to Palm Beach Juvenile Detention Center,

where we were asked to come up and talk to the kids who are incarcerated, for major crimes.”

Said Ori Zeltzer, one of the caravan’s leaders, “Though our main thing is to put on as much of a show as we can for the communities that we pass through, the main issue here is being the best ambassadors Israel can get, and showing people here that sometimes Israel is much more different than what you see in the newspapers, or TV, or the local media. These are the kids of Israel.”

Zeltzer said he too was a scout from age 9, then at 18 went for six years to the Israeli army, from which he was discharged two months ago. Similarly, for these youths, “Next summer they’re going to be recruited to the army,” and, after multiple years of service, “Maybe one of them will become a caravan leader.”

From their Abbey North audience of more than 100 the troupe garnered rave reviews, such as Scott Wang’s: “It was upbeat, nice, pleasant, positive, no political messages. Young people, I think they just want to enjoy life, and have peace.”

If there wasn’t a subtle message in the choice of one of the closing songs, there at least was a hint of future possibilities.

“I learned in Tzofim,” said the youth who introduced the tune, “that there is no such thing as a change that is too hard to make. And the lyrics of the next song say it all. ‘If you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself, and then make a change,’” he said, as the troupe moved into Michael Jackson’s *Man in the Mirror*.

When the teens concluded with the Israeli national anthem, there was a contrast between the mainly gray-haired audience and mainly dark-haired youths, yet solidarity in that most seemed to know the lyrics.

Afterward, the teens accepted donations and sold T-shirts and CDs of their music.

It makes one wonder what ambassadors we’re sending to other countries. And why other countries’ ambassadors aren’t working as hard as Shelly Weil.



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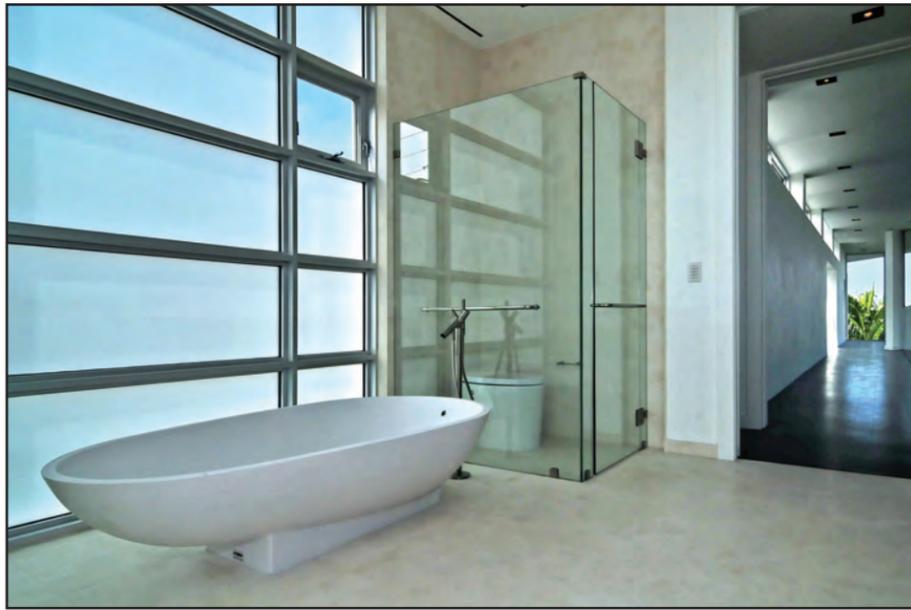
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