

Delray Beach

'Village' or 'Drug Rehab Capital' by the sea?

Coastal residents rally against recovery business

By Margie Plunkett and Tim Pallesen

Beach area residents rallied in December in protest of planned luxury beach-side sober houses, filling commission chambers at two meetings and spurring city leaders to scour law in search of changes that will

protect residential neighborhoods. Neighbors protested laws that allow houses in residential neighborhoods to be rented in such a way that dozens of unrelated people can reside there during the course of a year.

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A still frame of the promotional video for the property bought by Caron Treatment Centers.

Neighbors criticize secretive purchase of home for rehab

By Tim Pallesen

Neighbors weren't aware last January when Caron Treatment Centers applied to operate a top-tier sober house steps from the ocean.

They weren't aware a few weeks later when the city gave the Pennsylvania-based Caron approval to operate a five-bed facility without even knowing the facility's address.

They weren't aware last April when Caron paid \$1,595,000 through a local attorney to buy a house at

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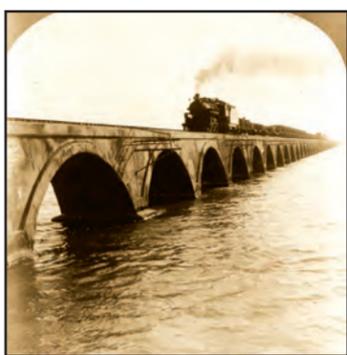
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The current Ocean Avenue Bridge was built in 2001 in Boynton Beach. The first span was built in 1911. Photo by Tim Stepien



Looking east across the old Ocean Avenue bridge in 1977. Photo courtesy of The Palm Beach Post

A century of tragedy, progress and controversy

By Tim O'Meilia

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Perhaps it was the drowning of a 19-year-old girl in 1909 as she tried to ferry across what was called the Inland Canal that spurred the construction of the first Ocean

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Delray Beach

First parish surviving, thriving at 70

By Tim Pallesen

Catholics were few in number when the Delray Beach Catholic Women's Club started the first parish.

St. Vincent Ferrer Church celebrated its first Mass at the old Delray Theatre in 1941.

Today, the region from Boynton Beach to Boca Raton has nine Catholic parishes.

But St. Vincent's remains strong in its 70th anniversary year because of a focus on families, a growing school and its own special charm.

"The first families were very strong in

their faith," said Judy Palivoda, whose parents were among the founders.

"We had mostly farmland and dairy then," she said. "The theater was the place to use because there wasn't any place else."

Baptists outnumbered Catholics by a wide margin at the time. No Catholic parish existed between Lake Worth and Fort Lauderdale when the 10 ladies of the Catholic Women's Club started St. Vincent's with help with a Lake Worth priest while their husbands were busy in the fields.

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Monsignor Thomas J. Skindeleski offers the host during services at St. Vincent Ferrer in Delray Beach. Photo by Jerry Lower

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Editorial

Get out in front of coastal-life changes

Because things are the way they are, things will not stay the way they are.

— Bertolt Brecht

Construction cranes on the horizon. Traffic backups on A1A as property is cleared for new construction and roof trusses, swimming pool tiles and landscaping are delivered at new home sites. These are some of the unmistakable signs of change that began in 2011 along our coast.

What's ahead for 2012? I don't have a crystal ball, but here are some changes I know we can watch for:

In both Manalapan and Ocean Ridge, elected officials are discussing allowing larger homes to be built.

Ocean Ridge will likely revisit its ban on commercial properties as Manalapan continues to discuss the size of beach houses and the current and future zoning of the more-than-four-acre Benjamin property on The Point.

In Gulf Stream, we'll be watching as new six-story oceanfront condos are occupied and the first subdivision in recent memory makes it way through the approval process.

In Delray Beach, small houses will continue to be replaced by larger homes and any remaining empty lots will be built on. And how those homes will be used (and by whom) will continue to be a hot topic — one that could have repercussions in neighboring coastal towns.

In South Palm Beach, one strong nor'easter (or hurricane) will send oceanfront condos scrambling again to reinforce their seawalls against pounding waves and disappearing dunes.

In Lantana, the closing of the bridge will force Hypoluxo Island residents to spend a couple of years driving through South Palm Beach and Ocean Ridge to reach the

mainland.

And in Briny Breezes, the now-annual fear brokering about the park's future infrastructure needs has begun and is steaming toward what could become an irreversible discussion with a new prospective buyer for the 48-acre waterfront location.

To add to the uncertainty of these changes is a March election. Several commission seats are up for grabs and rumors of long-serving mayors not seeking re-election are sounding more and more likely.

With shifting governmental leadership — and an increasing number of lawyers at commission meetings — it's hard to miss the incoming tide of change in our little towns.

If the change that's made is the change you want, it will require turning off the incessant television fixation with the national elections and paying attention to what's being discussed in the planning and zoning meetings at the local level. We have dedicated residents who volunteer to serve on these boards, but they need to hear from residents as to what is and isn't acceptable zoning and development for our area. This is normally the first place that proposals surface.

If there were ever a time for our coastal towns to join forces in the development of an area master plan, the time is now.

Will we agree on every issue that arises in 2012? Not likely. But if we can locate the low-hanging fruit and plant seeds illustrating our unified commitment to the coastal lifestyle we want to preserve, we can lay the groundwork for our future.

To paraphrase Jack Welch: Let's change before we have to.



— Mary Kate Leming
Editor, *The Coastal Star*



Carrie Delafield is one of four coastal women coordinating fundraising for Impact 100 — an organization whose mission is to make a gift of \$100,000 to one local non-profit organization each year. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

Coastal Stars

Women hope to make an impact by the thousands

By Allen Whittemore

Carrie Delafield knows a good charity when she sees one; after all, she has been volunteering her time for many years with many organizations around the country.

However, when the wife and mother of three girls aged 7, 8 and 9 became a full-time working woman (she owns Periwinkle on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach), she found that she was too busy to commit much time anywhere else.

Then she was asked to become part of Impact 100 in Palm Beach County.

Impact 100 is gaining momentum around the country as a pre-eminent women's organization whose mission is to make a gift of \$100,000 to one charity each year.

"We can completely change a charity in one day," says Delafield.

Delafield was instantly taken with the organization and its makeup.

"It is exactly what a charity should be: women working together for completely local causes." Further, it fits her busy schedule. "Impact 100 allows you to give as much or as little time as possible."

Delafield has spent her time recruiting women, who each

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donate \$1,000, plus a small membership fee, to participate.

Says chapter founder Tandy Robinson, "Carrie has overwhelming energy, and she has done an incredible job in bringing in new members and spreading the word. Her enthusiasm is contagious."

Both women are energized by the multigenerational nature of the 87 women who are enrolled in this, the inaugural year in Palm Beach. They are optimistic about finding the 13 recruits needed to reach the 100-member plateau.

That would mean the group would have \$100,000 to donate at its first award ceremony in May.

At that amount, the "grant is transformational to the recipient," says Robinson.

Any southern Palm Beach County nonprofit [501(c)(3)] organization is welcome to submit an application, and from these the Impact 100 subcommittee will divide them into five categories: arts and culture; education; environment; family; health and wellness. Five finalists will be chosen.

A representative from each of the finalists will give a presentation at the May meeting before the entire membership votes. The winner will receive a check that night.

The money is given without restriction. "This provides endless possibilities with \$100,000," says Delafield. "And exponential opportunities for those involved."

The Palm Beach County Chapter was organized using the blueprints of the other 14 Impact 100 groups around the country, but "we will have the flexibility to tailor it to our local needs," says Robinson, who lives in coastal Delray Beach.

She has had considerable help putting all of this together from Delafield, and also Lisa Mulhall of Delray Beach and Cindy Krebsbach of Boca Raton, who hope that Palm Beach County can match the incredible growth rate of the Vero Beach chapter. That group has more than 300 members and is able to present three awards each year.

"The spirit of community giving is truly awe inspiring," says Delafield. ★

For more information, go to www.yourcommunityfoundation.org/Impact-100-PalmBeachCounty.

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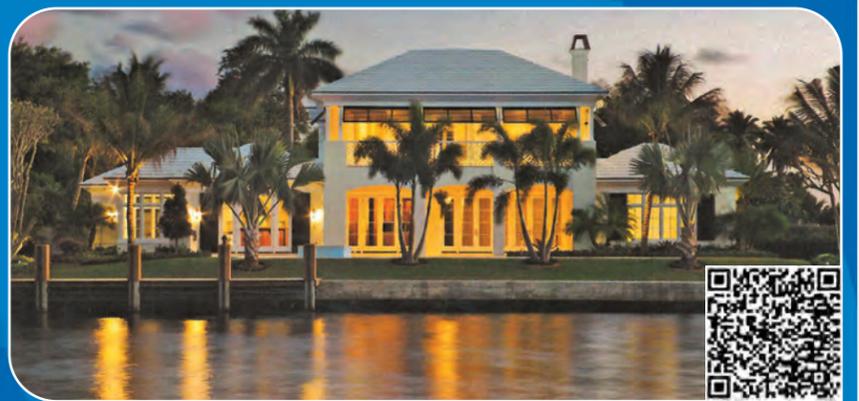


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Residents argued that the safety and security of their neighborhoods were compromised by allowing sober houses — which they claimed are big business that's contrary to residential use.

"We're asking for support for preserving single family neighborhoods," said Mary Renaud, president of the Beach Property Owners Association.

The city showed its support at its Jan. 3 meeting when commissioners agreed to hire the South Florida law firm, Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske as well as the powerful Washington D.C. legal and lobbying firm, Patton, Boggs and Blow to assess the city's sober housing ordinances and regulations. A maximum expenditure of \$125,000 was approved.

The outcry was sparked when word leaked out that an addiction treatment center had purchased a house at 740 N. Ocean Blvd. for \$1.6 million and had been approved to house up to seven people while they went through treatment at another location.

Residents pored through a stack of city records and determined that the Pennsylvania-based treatment center, Caron Foundation, sought and had been granted permission for the sober house.

They also learned Caron had made a second "reasonable accommodation" request for another beach side house.

While the application from West Palm Beach attorney James Green did not divulge the intended address, citing confidentiality protections, it did note that the house contained 7,481 square feet of living space.

Through other records, they learned that a six-bedroom, five-bath house at 1232 Seaspray Ave. was on the market for \$2.995 million.

It has 7,481 square feet of living space. As of early this month, the house was still on the market.

Andrew Rothermel a spokesman for Caron, a non-profit drug and alcohol abuse treatment agency with a center in Boca Raton, declined to comment on whether Caron had purchased the house at 740 N. Ocean Blvd.

Asked if there were any other houses Caron was interested in, he said, "There may be one more."

Rothermel added: "We've been good neighbors in Delray for 20 years," noting Caron owns a 46-unit apartment building off Lawson Boulevard for patients who need more support.

"We have every intention of maintaining the character of the neighborhood and being good neighbors."

Change sought requiring fewer annual tenants

Within a week of the initial Dec. 13 Commission meeting where the BPOA and other

neighbors first protested, the Planning and Zoning board recommended commissioners lower the number of times a home in a single-family residential neighborhood can be rented to twice a year. That was stricter than both the three-times-a-year policy commissioners had asked the board to consider at its Dec. 19 meeting and current law, which allows for six rentals a year.

The number of rentals, however, is only the beginning of review of the complex issue, City Attorney Brian Shutt said, adding there's much research to do.

Planning and Zoning Chairman Cary Glickstein acknowledged: "We're not going to accomplish everything tonight. This is a step. We want to draw a line in the sand and build from that."

Members of the BPOA plus others grew noticeably perturbed at the Dec. 13 meeting when told that an ocean-side sober house had already been approved — but that the location of the property was protected by law and could not be revealed.

Another outcry went up when Mayor Woodie McDuffie said that if sober house properties are kept up, they won't affect neighbors' property values. The mayor cut the public hearings short when the crowd's emotions heated further.

Warned at both meetings against making remarks that could be discriminatory when directed at "sober" or "halfway" houses, residents said they are against "transient" housing in all uses in residential districts, not just those that may be protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act or the Fair Housing Amendment.

Treatment centers have successfully argued in federal court that cities cannot discriminate against people with alcohol or drug addictions. In addition, they have maintained that they do not have to disclose locations of sober houses because the addresses of people in treatment are part of their medical records, and thus, confidential.

Complex ordinance requires careful review

During the commission meeting, former Commissioner Gary Eliopoulos said that in July 2009 he and other city lawmakers had changed regulations, addressing the number of rentals as well as limiting the number of unrelated adults living in a house to three.

Eliopoulos said there are instances in which the law has been interpreted to mean that each bed or room in a house can be rented six times a year.

"I'm urging this commission to go back and look at that ordinance," he said. "If we got it wrong, I would urge you to get outside counsel and get it right."

McDuffie later in the meeting discussed "not rushing it" in reviewing the complex ordinances. He also noted that

it could cost the city to boost enforcement to make sure transient housing is following code.

"This is going to send a clear signal that transient housing is going to be scrutinized," he said.

Heeding those words, the city has hired recently retired Police Lt. Marc Woods to inspect and monitor transient houses throughout the city as well as educate the owners to city regulations.

McDuffie later sent a letter to the local legislative delegation, urging the state to step in to license and regulate the substance-abuse treatment industry.

"We need your help on this issue more than anything else I have confronted since taking office," McDuffie wrote.

"Our Village by the Sea receives rave reviews for the beach, Atlantic Avenue, our events and how well it is run, but we have another name that is not so complimentary: The Drug Rehab Capital of the United States."

During the Planning and Zoning board meeting, Director Paul Dorling said that sober house owners come before his office to seek "reasonable accommodation" to allow more residents than the law permits. He did not recall denying any of the dozens of requests for sober houses throughout the city.

Concern about 'strangers' and litigation

Resident Bill McCauley said he had been good friends with the owner of the home at 740 N. Ocean Blvd. that apparently was purchased by local attorney Michael Weiner for the Caron Foundation.

"Rick was a great neighbor," McCauley said, noting he died last year of cancer. Caron plans 48 or more different tenants each year, McCauley said. "How can I have a neighborhood relationship with 48 different strangers?"

The possibility of a lawsuit blanketed discussion at both government meetings, from note of previous Boca Raton litigation that has guided Delray Beach policy over concerns of potential suits from neighbors or sober home operators.

In that vein, attorney Weiner had a court reporter and videographer at the Dec. 19 Planning and Zoning meeting.

Residents urged officials not to be swayed by the threat of a lawsuit.

"There are going to be lawsuits no matter what," said resident and lawyer Scott Richman, explaining that the board's actions shouldn't be formulated merely to avoid a suit. "First thing: You need to protect the citizens."

Warned Caron's Rothermel: other cities have lost lawsuits when they opposed similar requests for sober houses in residential neighborhoods.

"They suffered in court and spent a tremendous amount of money fighting it." ★

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740 N. Ocean Blvd.

And by the time neighbors learned early last month about the planned rehab retreat for wealthy executives, movie stars and pro athletes with addictions, it might have been too late to do anything about it.

But they soon were fighting back.

Mindy Farber, a civil rights attorney who owns a house in coastal Delray Beach, was contacted by angered coastal property owners seeking legal advice to oppose Caron.

Farber said Caron's application was "inadequate and required much more information and scrutiny."

She also believed the city would be on sound legal footing if it tightened its regulations regarding the number of people allowed to live in a sober house and limited the turnover.

Word of the proposed seaside enclave for well-to-do rehabbing people trickled out last month after neighbors heard rumors and checked out Caron's website. They noticed a familiar house.

The website describe the house's "away from it all" setting as perfect for paddle boarding, kayaking and walks on the beach just steps from "Delray Beach's small town, urban chic charm."

"This is outrageous," said Bill McCauley, one of the Ocean Boulevard neighbors urging Delray Beach officials to tighten laws to prevent transient housing in single-family residential neighborhoods. "This is not welcome in our quiet beach community."

Sober houses for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts aren't new in Delray Beach. But no houses were known to exist east of the Intracoastal Waterway.

Until now.

Caron says it is marketing its "Ocean Drive" residence to a wealthy clientele that demands all the amenities. A lesser address won't do.

"These are people of influence and affluence who are running your brokerage firm or might be your banker," Caron executive vice president Andrew Rothermel said. "They are high performing but they have a chemical dependency."

"They don't do well in a facility that has fewer amenities," Rothermel said. Among the amenities planned for Ocean Drive, set to open this year: 24-hour staffing, and around-the-clock nutritionists and chefs, according to Caron's website.

About two weeks after residents began complaining about the Ocean Drive proposal, Caron removed from its website a video and brochure touting the facility.

City records reviewed by *The Coastal Star* show that on Jan. 14, 2011, West Palm

Beach attorney James Green applied for "reasonable accommodations" for a residence to house recovering addicts that would be operated by Caron. He cited federal housing and anti-discrimination laws for not having to divulge the address of the house.

Attorney Farber's response: Green's request was a "misapplication of the law."

She added, "Since it does not appear that they are getting treatment in Delray, we see no reason for the confidentiality of the address and we see no basis for the residents being considered disabled."

Property records show Delray Beach attorney Michael Weiner acted as a trustee for an undisclosed entity when he purchased the 6,120-square-foot house last April.

Weiner declined comment. Rothermel said that Weiner "has represented us from time to time on a number of issues."

Cary Glickstein, the

chairman of the city's planning and zoning board, blasted the transaction at a Dec. 19 zoning hearing.

"This is a commercial enterprise using attorneys to take title so the corporation can remain anonymous as long as possible," Glickstein said. "It just plain stinks."

Glickstein also criticized Paul Dorling, the city planning and zoning director, for approving Caron's request to operate without asking for an address.

Dorling said, considering legal rulings that protect the privacy of recovering patients, that the address was "irrelevant."

"It seems absurd that the city is granting approval without an address," Glickstein responded. "It's crazy."

City officials have said that federal housing and disability-rights laws classify recovering addicts as disabled and entitled to "reasonable accommodations" for their

recovery.

Those laws, city officials say, also prohibit them from asking for addresses of treatment houses because patients' addresses are part of their medical records, and thus, confidential.

Dorling said Caron has city approval to house seven unrelated adults in the five-bedroom house. He has, he said, approved dozens of such "reasonable accommodation" requests allowing treatment centers to exceed the city law that restricts to three the number of unrelated people living together. Many of those had no address for the proposed facility.

Meanwhile, work crews in late December were busy reroofing and renovating the interior of the yellow Bermuda-style house at 740 N. Ocean Blvd.

Across the street, two oceanfront mansions are each on the market for \$7.5 million.

Realtor Wendy Overton

said she notified the owners of one of the houses about the new neighbors after the zoning hearing. "They're not happy," she said.

Neighbors who live on Southways Street, which borders the 740 N. Ocean house to the south, also are concerned.

"It's scary. I can't think of anything I'd rather not have," neighbor Lois Bromley said. "I certainly don't believe it's good to have these kinds of people close to children."

Heidi Sargeant said she is a next door neighbor, has three children and is vehemently opposed to transient housing. She said it has the potential to be unsafe, adding, "Where are we going to put the eight cars?"

The house will have a chef and a masseuse, she said, adding, "Where are these people parking? I'm concerned about the value of our homes. Do you want that next to you? I don't think so." ★

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Along the Avenues

Lou Tyrell looks ahead to theater at Arts Garage

For three decades, Lou Tyrell has generated hard-hitting drama in Palm Beach County, first with the **Theatre Club of the Palm Beaches**, then with the **Pope Theatre** and with **The Florida Stage**, until last June, when the curtain fell with a thud. The move to the **Kravis Center** from **Plaza del Mar** in Manalapan had looked promising ... until the economy fell into the pit. Tyrell had no choice but to close.

But once a trouper, always a trouper. "I was trying to figure out what would be the next model," Tyrell said. "It was obvious that our crowd wasn't going to follow us up to the Kravis. In the new model, people would have a place to come where the show was part of a larger experience."

Meanwhile, in Delray Beach, **Alyona Ushe**, with help from the Community Redevelopment Agency, was turning the ground floor of the new parking garage at Old School Square into a hub for the arts — musicians, actors, filmmakers, painters, sculptors, writers and art educators. Voila! **The Arts Garage**.

To enhance the city's image as a thriving arts community, the CRA also bought a 15,000-square-foot warehouse with 28-foot ceiling a couple of blocks away in Pineapple Grove. Envisioned as an "arts incubator," it could provide

space for galleries, studios, education and — here's where Tyrell fits in — a multi-discipline black-box theater.

"They asked me to sit on advisory committee of the warehouse," Tyrell said. "Meanwhile Alyona asked me to do some theater at the garage. This was the new model I was looking for."

Tyrell went right to work. A Master Playwright Series opens Feb. 7 with **Israel Horowitz** doing a reading of *Line*, which has been playing in New York for 39 years. On Valentine's Day, **John Pielmeier** will read *Agnes of God*, followed by **Bill Mastrosimone** (Feb. 21) and **John Guare** (Feb. 28). A reading festival of six new plays will follow in the first week of March and on March 16, **Woody Sez** will open for a three-week run. A musical with a bite, it celebrates the centennial of folk hero **Woody Guthrie**.

"What Woody was writing about during the Great Depression is just as pertinent today. The echo is clear and consistent," Tyrell said. "We feel it's a great way to launch a theater program."

In conjunction with the Guthrie production, Tyrell will revive a Florida Stage program of education outreach. Students from five schools and two children's centers will write monologues and songs based on their experiences during the downturn. The best will be performed.

If *Woody Sez* is successful, he'll develop a full performance season for next year.



Employees of the Palm Beach County Cultural Council carry personal things into the new facility in Lake Worth. Photo by Jerry Lower

"Here we go again! I was in my 30s when I did this the last time," Tyrell laughed. "To come full circle is a real gift to me and allows me to contribute to the community where I've lived for 30 years. If there's a nook or cranny, we'll try to turn it into a theater. We can't help ourselves."

The theater at the former Florida Stage in Manalapan has been empty for a year and a half now.

But Palm Beach Gardens producer and performer **Alan Jacobson** plans to change that.

Jacobson said he plans to bring a mixed bill of music, musical revues and theatrical works to the 252-seat space, which will be called **The Plaza Theatre**.

He promises "a hybrid between a regional theater and a performing arts space."

Stephanie Young, marketing director for **Plaza del Mar**, confirmed the deal.

There will be a sneak preview of the theater during a grand opening for the plaza on Jan. 20. A soft opening, with the Dreyfoos School of Art troupe **Dreyfoos to Go!**, is set for Feb. 14. The first big act will be **Donna McKechnie**, who

starred on Broadway as Cassie in *A Chorus Line*. Her show, *My Musical Comedy Life*, will consist of a performance and a master class. It is scheduled for Feb. 17-18, and a **Neil Sedaka** revue, *Breaking Up is Hard to Do*, is set for March 1-18. For tickets, call 385-2683.

Moving to a new home: More often than not, it's dreadful. Things break or disappear. Maybe a caster falls off a chair ... a file cabinet topples ... the coffee urn shorts out.

But this is one of those blue moons reserved for joy, and one look into **Rena Blades'** eyes confirms that she's tickled pink with her new digs. As executive director of the **Palm Beach County Cultural Council** she knows some things aren't right ... yet ... but she can see the big picture — a new home, a showcase for her organization and the artists it supports.

"So many people have no idea we even exist," Blades said a day after beginning the move into the building at 601 Lake Ave. in Lake Worth. "Now they'll really know who we are and what we do."

Since it was founded in 1978, the Cultural Council has served

as the spine for the county's arts community. But its offices were hidden in a high-rise on Palm

Beach Lakes Boulevard. Modern conveniences, but no style. The new headquarters on the main street in one of

the county's most artistically active cities will give it a face and certainly more personality.

The space is boiling over with credentials. The Art Deco **Lake Theater** opened in February 1940. As a college student in the late '60s, I saw **Joseph Strick's** film version of **James Joyce's Ulysses** there. As times changed, it served as a disco and a restaurant theater.

In 1980, **Patrick Lannan** bought the building. He lived in Palm Beach and New York, was a director of **ITT**, a member of the executive committee of **Macmillan Publishing** and chairman of the board of **Poetry** magazine. He also collected art, lots of it, and he could use the renovated theater to spotlight promising artists.

Three years later he was

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dead. In 1986, the **Lannan Foundation** decided to move most of the 5,000 works in his collection to Los Angeles, and in 1989 it donated the building and more than 1,100 works of art to **Palm Beach State College** (then Palm Beach Community College). It was renamed the **PBCC Museum of Contemporary Art**, but according to news reports, the college was not a good steward. Works were damaged. More than 100 disappeared.

In 1999, Palm Beach attorney, arts patron and museum trustee **Bob Montgomery** and his wife, **Mary**, bought it and its contents for \$500,000 and renamed it the **Palm Beach Institute of Contemporary Art**. New energy brought new exhibits and cutting-edge shows, but it couldn't attract a sufficient endowment.

In March 2005 it again went into hibernation, but soon after the Cultural Council began to envision it as its showcase, the face on the body. In 2008, Bob Montgomery died. Negotiations soon began with his family and with Lake Worth city officials. In January 2010, the deal was announced: The family would donate the building and its contents to the council, and the city would put up \$700,000 in cultural improvement money for renovations.

"When we got it, it was essentially just a big box," Blades said. "It took some work, but for the first time, this building has offices," Blades said, pointing to new glass-tiled walls overlooking the main gallery. We still have 2,500 square feet of exhibition space, which will be more than enough. But the main thing is that for the first time in our history, we'll be an active presence in the community."

Now the waiting is almost over. Blades expects to finish the move this month. The old ticket booth will serve as a welcome area. A ramp from the original theater leads from the lobby to the display area. Overhead in the lobby is the only vestige of Lannan: the whimsical, somewhat bawdy figures in **Tom Otterness's** frieze, **Battle of the Sexes**, which he commissioned for the original museum, remain saucily vigilant. Not surprisingly, they survived.

If you want art and culture, Palm Beach and West Palm Beach aren't quite up to snuff. Judging from the **2012 Muse Awards**, recently announced by the **Palm Beach County Cultural Council**, southern Palm Beach County is the place to be. The year's top art or cultural program was the **Morikami's Bon Festival**. The **Boca Raton Museum of Art** was named the top arts and cultural organization with a budget more than \$500,000, and the **Palm Beach Poetry Festival** at Delray's Old School



Howard and Beverlee Schnellenberger enjoy a laugh at the final coaches' breakfast prior to the final game of the FAU football season. Howard said he expects to spend time in his retirement walking with Beverlee on the beach in Ocean Ridge. **Photo by Thom Smith**

Square (coming Jan. 16-21) was the best under \$500,000.

Artist and educator **Steve Backhus**, outreach program manager for the **Milagro Center** in Delray Beach, whose "unique and tailored programs teach young people how to discover their individual creativity and reach their highest potential," was named the outstanding arts educator, while FAU art professor **Carol Prusa** was honored with the **Herbert Ubertalli Award for Visual Arts**. So there!

For tickets (\$300) to the Muse Awards gala dinner and show Feb. 9 at the Kravis Center, call 472-3340.

Five stars for the **Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach** and **The Four Seasons Resort**, the only hotels in Florida to max out in **Forbes Travel Guide** (formerly Mobil). So what if the Ritz is in Manalapan and the Four Seasons is only a few yards north of Lake Worth beach.

The only central Palm Beach resort to draw attention was **The Breakers**, with four twinkles, still not bad when none in **Lauderdale**, **Miami** or **Miami Beach** — including **The Four Seasons**, **Loews**, the **Mandarin Oriental** or **Trump International** — could score better than four stars.

On the restaurant side, **Café Boulud** and **The Restaurant** (at The Breakers) managed four stars.

Of course, diners don't hold back when assessing restaurants. Whether they're visiting their favorite hole-in-the-wall pasta joint, chowing down at a Chinese buffet or making the annual outing for the candles-and-piano anniversary treatment, they want it done well. Americans, according to the annual **Zagat** rankings, dine out 3.1 times a week and 66 percent of them say service is their No. 1 concern.

South Floridians, however, eat out more — 3.4 times a week — and 72 percent have problems with service. Of course, with the average meal price at \$40.70 (New Yorkers pay \$43.36 and Las Veggies a whopping \$47.53), they have a right to complain.

Not many problems in the new 2012 Zagat guide, however, with **Café L'Europe**, which scored 27 (out of 30) in service as well as food and décor. **Chez Jean Pierre** in Palm

Beach and **Marcello's La Sirena** in West Palm Beach were tops in food, 28, and scored 26 in service. Drawing mention in Boca was **Chops Lobster Bar** — 26 for service along with The Breakers' **Flagler Steakhouse** and **Café Boulud**. Delray's **Sundy House** scored 27 for service, trailed at 26 by **Piñon Grill** in Boca, **Michelle Bernstein's** at **The Omphoy** and **Café Boulud**.

Wonder what Zagat diners will think of **Iggy Lena's** pizza. Recently opened in Delray's Pineapple Grove, the one-time paramedic's aptly named **Pazzo Italiano** ("crazy Italian") offers — along with pasta, subs, salads and desserts — a 30-inch pizza. Price is \$29.99, but before you scream, consider that it's almost four times the size of a 16-incher that typically goes for \$10 or more.

Lena's a big believer in marketing. He's owned restaurants before and also sells real estate. At one former

venture called **Heart Stoppers**, waitresses dressed as nurses served 3-pound, 13-inch-high burgers. Lena continues to think big: He says he's working on a 48-inch pie. Hello, U-Haul!

On a slightly more somber note, **Breathe** brings Mediterranean cuisine to Atlantic Avenue, but daring to go where none have ventured, before. The restaurant-lounge-nightclub is west of Swinton Avenue at 401 W. Atlantic. General Manager **Sylvie Benloulou** promises "a funky new twist on Mediterranean region fare" from Executive Chef **Marcel Ivan** in a chic, stylish and intimate atmosphere that includes a couple of DJs and, on the patio, hookahs (tobacco only).

Another time and place ... for **Callaro's Prime Steak and Seafood**. Seven months ago it closed a decade-plus run at Plaza del Mar in Manalapan. On Dec. 28, co-owner **Danny Callaro** reopened in his hometown at the corner of Lake and J Street with his husband and wife partners **Keith** (he's the chef) and **Beth** (she manages the front of the house) **Scragg**. It's in the spot formerly occupied by **L'Anjou**.

"I am so excited to bring Callaro's to my hometown," Danny said. "My family and I have lived here for many years and I always wanted to be downtown. We have had such a wonderful experience working with our neighbors and the city of Lake Worth. The climate is right for a steakhouse on the avenue."

Here and there.

Sources say he travels light, with a backpack slung over his shoulder and a baseball cap to mask his identity, but they still know it's country music star **Kenny Chesney** when he checks into the Delray Beach Marriott or makes a non-singing visit to **Boston's** down the street, as he did during the holidays. Has something to do with a girlfriend who lives here. . .

Another girlfriend-boyfriend deal — this time the hometown boy was lunching at **Boheme Bistro** with his squeeze while checking our real estate brochures: Could **Nick Loeb** and **Sofia Vergara** be looking for new digs in Delray? Nick, who's been living in L.A., wants to sublet his New York apartment, and says he'll be spending more time in Florida.

... Fresh from her recent smash interview with ex-boxing champ **Oscar de la Hoya**, Univision journalist **Teresa Rodriguez** was spied near the beach in Delray with a friend from Miami ... and travel guru **Johnny Jet** (aka **John Di Scala**) checked in at the Delray Marriott. He has family in Gulf Stream.



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Briny Breezes

New clerk works on contract basis

By Tim O'Meilia

Briny Breezes has a new deputy town clerk — again.

Cindy Lou Corum, the assistant town clerk in Loxahatchee Groves for the past two years, was hired Dec. 20 by the Town Council as the town's only employee. Well, not exactly employee. The town's only independent



Corum

“Very personal, a homey atmosphere.”

Officially, Corum is the deputy. Officially, Alderman Nancy Boczon is the town clerk pro tem.

But, make no mistake, Corum will do the work, including the town's bookkeeping. Her first major chore will be managing

the town's March council elections in which four seats will be on the ballot.

The job is part-time, 20 hours a week. Corum will earn about \$26,000 a year, although the council can adjust that by assigning her additional tasks.

Corum, 55, worked full-time as the assistant clerk in Loxahatchee Groves, Palm Beach County's newest municipality, until the council there decided this summer to replace the management team and hire a new firm to handle the fledgling town's affairs.

She replaces Shari Canada, who is leaving Jan. 6 to take a full-time deputy clerk's position with the town of Lake Park. Canada worked for Briny Breezes for seven months and council members said they were sad to see her leave.

Corum is familiar with small-town affairs. Before Loxahatchee Groves was incorporated, she served on the citizens' incorporation committee.

Before becoming deputy

clerk, she also served on the town's finance committee and on an advisory committee.

She is pursuing municipal clerk certification.

“I like the casual atmosphere, very low-key. People show up for meetings in shorts and flip-flops. Right up my alley,” she said with a laugh.

Her second task may be more daunting even than running an election. She'll finish Canada's job of converting Briny Breezes' documents-in-a-brown-box style of record-keeping to government in cyberspace.

In other business, the Town Council:

- Gave final approval to an ordinance allowing owners of property in Briny Breezes, not just residents, to serve on the town's planning and zoning board.

- Approved rules for public comment at town meetings, including a three-minute limit for speakers on one subject.

The rules also ban personal attacks and applause or booing from the audience. ★

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Ocean Ridge

Bonus policy passed, two officers get retirement cash

By Margie Plunkett

Retirement, holiday and emergency-duty bonuses are now official policy for Ocean Ridge, formalized after years of tradition — and considerable current discussion.

Two recently retired police officers became the first awarded bonuses under the policy.

Commissioners approved the policy and granted officers Doc Darville and Dan Tinfina retirement bonuses at their Dec. 5 meeting — but not before an extended discussion on cash vs. token gifts, bonus criteria and employee evaluations, among other issues.

“I think we should have a policy in place,” Commissioner Lynn Allison said. “It’s unthinkable that someone like Doc work here for 20 years” and not be recognized with a bonus.

All employees are eligible for the bonuses, but that doesn’t mean all receive it, said Town Attorney Ken Spillias.

The bonuses are not an entitlement: They are always at the discretion of the commission, he added, explaining that for whatever reason — including the town’s ability to pay, the lawmakers have the leeway to choose not to give bonuses.

While the bonus does not require a performance evaluation, the supervisor must prepare an analysis to determine if the criteria have been met, he said. The commission has the option to agree or disagree.

For the retirement bonuses, the employee must have been with the town for at least 20 years. Darville and Tinfina, who both met the minimum, were awarded the customary \$100 per year of service.

Ocean Ridge’s police officers are involved with their first collective bargaining. Spillias offered commissioners the guidance that the bargaining unit members should also be eligible for bonuses because they can’t be treated differently in a way that could be perceived as either favoring or penalizing them.

The bonus for emergency duty would require performance well above the call of duty in a hurricane or other emergency.

Commissioner Zoanne Hennigan, a former human resources executive at Intel, wanted criteria detailed for bonuses, a consistent employee evaluation system and a gift instead of a cash bonus.

“This is the policy, not the implementation,” Spillias pointed out.

Mayor Ken Kaleel said he could understand Hennigan’s concern about the implementation, “but that’s the next step.”

Hennigan also said, “I have a problem with the retirement

bonus.” She explained that every year, the town contributes \$10,000 to \$12,000 per officer to the Florida retirement system. “I don’t mean to be unsympathetic, but we’ve been giving them a heck of a lot of money and don’t think we should give them a bonus.”

While fellow commissioners told her the town manager would be responsible for developing a detailed implementation plan after policy was set, Hennigan stuck with her lone “no” vote.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Bob Ganger of Gulf Stream detailed benefits of a community holiday fund.

In Gulf Stream, the fund is set up through the civic association as a way for the community to thank employees by contributing money anonymously.



Ocean Ridge Police officials and Boynton Beach paramedics recently tried parking a fire truck and an EMS rescue vehicle in the garage behind town hall to confirm that the equipment would fit. Since the garage was built when Ocean Ridge still provided its own fire protection, the vehicles fit with no problems. Photo by Jerry Lower

The fund is split among the town employees as a bonus. “The gift is very material. For the lesser[-paid] people they say this is how we make our holidays happen,” Ganger said.

“It’s a classic example of how to say thank you without getting yourself in hot water.” The community gift “has its own set of issues,” Kaleel later said. “I saw the ugly side

of what they’re talking about [when Ocean Ridge residents discussed starting a civic association]. Right now I don’t have a warm and fuzzy feeling about it.” ★

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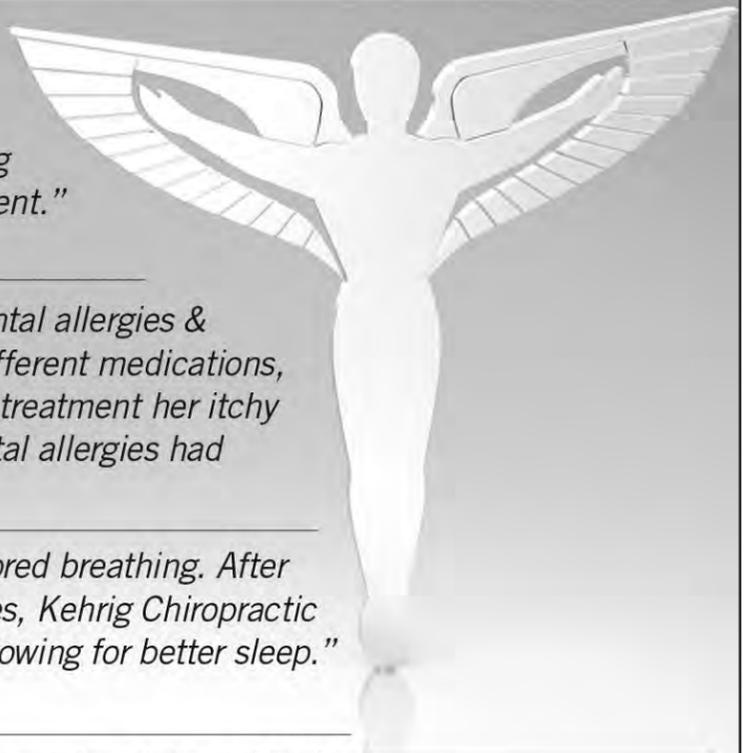
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Delray's on-site compactors gobble unsightly trash

By Rich Pollack

The city of Delray Beach now has a new high-tech weapon in its battle against trash-can overflow.

For months, representatives from the Beach Property Owners' Association have voiced concerns about trash spilling out of cans along State Road A1A on weekends, despite regularly scheduled pickups on Saturday afternoons

and Sunday mornings and afternoons.

To help put the kibosh on the garbage problem and save money and the environment at the same time, the city installed two solar-powered trash compactors along the beach in late November, one near the pavilion at State Road A1A and Atlantic Avenue and another at the south end of the public beach, near Anchor Park.

In all, the city has installed

13 of the high-tech compactors, which along with running on solar-powered batteries also come equipped with technology that notifies city crews when they're about 80 percent full.

"They're quite good looking," says Mary Renaud, president of the Beach Property Owners' Association. "They're a lot better than what we have now."

Along with the two compactors on the beach, the city recently installed a compactor downtown in the 400 block of East Atlantic Avenue, in another area where trash overflow was an issue.

There are an additional nine compactors located in city parks.

The first city in Palm Beach County to install the compactors and one of the first in the state, Delray Beach is already realizing benefits since the first one was installed early last year.

"We're seeing significant costs savings, we're reducing



our greenhouse-gas emissions and we now have cleaner facilities," says Rich Reade, the city's sustainability officer who first discovered the compactors while at a conference.

Reade says most of the savings are the result of the trash receptacles not having to be emptied as frequently as regular cans.

"You end up being able to hold more and pick up less often," says Assistant City Manager Bob Barcinski.

In Veterans Park, where all five of the outdoor cans have been replaced with solar-powered machines, compactors are being emptied only about once every 10 to 14 days as opposed to once every day, according to Parks Maintenance Superintendent Tim Simmons.

The compactors on State Road A1A, Simmons says, are being emptied once every seven to 10 days, as is the compactor downtown. All are emptied with more frequency when there are special events.

Reade estimates the reduction of staff time and fuel costs could result in an annual savings of at least \$15,000.

While the compactors run about \$4,000-\$4,500 each, when all is said and done, the city was able to get most of them with minimal cost to taxpayers, according to Butch Carter, government affairs manager for Waste Management, which serves as the distributor for the manufacturer, Big Belly Solar.

Waste Management donated the first 10 compactors under an existing contract with the city.

The two on A1A and the one downtown were purchased using money returned to the city from recycling.

From an aesthetic point of view, Carter says, the new compactors are helping to reduce the accumulation of trash around the cans and also minimize the odor, since the cans are fully enclosed, with a door users have to pull down in order to deposit trash.

"These help keep the area around them from being unsightly," Carter says. ★

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Delray fire-rescue veteran named chief

Delray Beach Fire-Rescue veteran Danielle Connor was named chief in December, following the resignation of David James effective Nov. 12 after extensive absences due to health issues.

Connor has been with the Delray Beach Fire-Rescue since 1993 and has been serving as chief during James's absence, including when he returned to work part-time.



Connor

appointment.

James, who hired on with Delray Beach in 2007, wrote

She is a second generation firefighter who had progressed through the ranks to assistant chief prior to the most recent

in his resignation letter, "My recovery from a catastrophic injury has progressed far beyond medical professionals' expectations. Though I continue to improve, it has become apparent to me that at this time I cannot fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the position at the highest level that I expect of myself and the city of Delray Beach deserves."
— Margie Plunkett

Gulf Stream

Town rebuffed by county in tax-funds request

By Steve Plunkett

Gulf Stream town leaders have abandoned hope of recovering any property taxes that residents of the annexed pocket are paying Palm Beach County for services they no longer receive.

At the town's urging, County Commissioner Steven Abrams met with the county administrator, budget director and fire chief to get back some of the roughly \$240,000 that pocket property owners paid for fire protection in fiscal 2011.

"Unfortunately, county administration maintains its position that Fire Rescue planned its operations based

on a full year's payment by the unincorporated area, and it was solely the town's choice to change its provider prior to the end of the year," Abrams wrote Mayor William Koch Jr.

"We just got taken," Koch said as commissioners discussed the county's response at their Dec. 10 meeting.

Gulf Stream absorbed the pocket, bordered by Sea Road, County Road, the St. Andrews Club and the ocean, almost midway through the fiscal year, and sought \$19,469 to offset the extra amount Delray Beach billed the town following the March 15 annexation. Gulf Stream pays Delray Beach for fire-rescue protection.

Commissioners decided suing the county would cost more than the sum they were seeking and that an in-person appeal by Koch would not sway the full County Commission.

Gulf Stream also wanted \$21,728 back from the Sheriff's Office covering March 15 to Sept. 30. The county levied nearly \$176,000 on the pocket to fund the sheriff.

Property taxes that were just collected again went to the county; the annexed pocket will not come onto Gulf Stream's tax roll until fiscal 2013.

Abrams said county officials worried that a reimbursement could have financial repercussions in the future.

"I am told that when other municipalities have annexed land under similar circumstances there were no requests for reimbursements, and this would set an unacceptable precedent," he wrote.

Property in the annexed area will add roughly \$69 million to the town's tax base. ★



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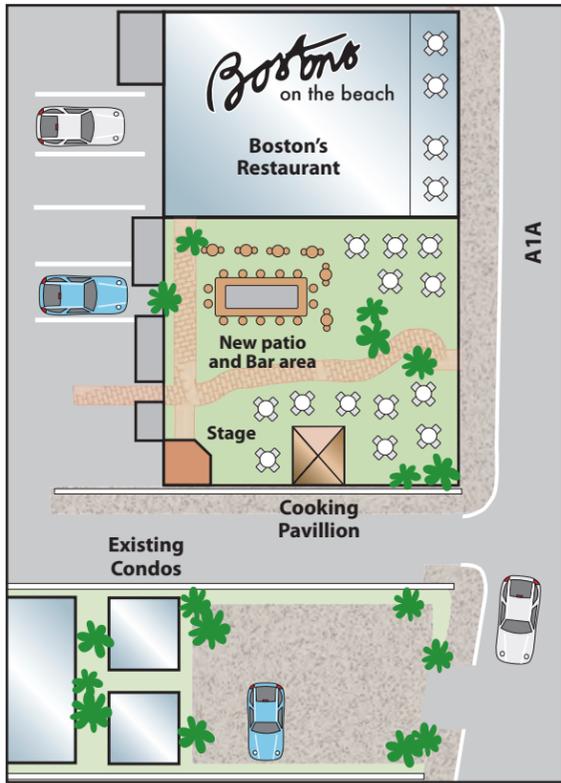
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Boston's new patio and bar area plans include an outdoor cooking area and a stage for live music.

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Lobster cooker nixed; city limits outdoor music at Boston's

By Margie Plunkett

Boston's continuing restaurant renovation withstood a neighbor's appeal before the City Commission, but not before the establishment gave up a planned outdoor lobster cooker.

Commissioners later required an additional conditional use approval be required before live music can be allowed.

"A change in this space from a small motel to an outdoor restaurant, bar and parking lot will certainly have a major adverse impact on our property," neighbors George and Patricia Brannen, whose condo is just south of Boston's, wrote in a letter.

The second phase of Boston's renovation included demolishing the Bermuda Inn, which was north of the Brannens' low-rise condos, and building an outdoor dining area including a bar, seating, the lobster cooker and a platform for live music.

The Brannens contended that noise from outdoor music as well as odors from the lobster cooker would be a problem at their condo, 30 feet from the restaurant that overlooks A1A and the ocean.

The couple also objected to potential traffic, noise and pollution and claimed they had not been adequately notified of city meetings to consider the plans, their lawyer, Zorian Sperkacz, said at a Dec. 13 commission meeting. The Brannens did not attend.

"Live entertainment is totally inconsistent for the neighborhood 30 feet away," Sperkacz said, as is the proposed midnight closing time of the outdoor area. The neighbor wants a 9 p.m. closing.

"Put it inside, close the doors and it won't be a problem," Sperkacz said of the live music.

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Sperkacz also said, smells from the lobster cooker will waft right into the Brannens' condo.

Boston's lawyer, Alan Ciklin, said the lobster cooker was no longer planned and a summer grill was in its stead.

The grill has an exhaust and smells aren't anticipated invading the Bahama House, he said. "I don't think the winds go that way," he said and was immediately met with laughter from the audience.

Boston's architect, Bob Currie, lives in the Bahama House as well, but in the farthest unit from the noise and odors, the Brannens said. Neither Currie nor the city apprised them of the Nov. 9 meeting where Boston's work was approved until after the fact, they said.

"I'm prejudiced about this," Currie said. "I believe very much in this project. I think it will be a great asset. Everyone else in our condo approved it and is happy to have (Boston's) there."

Currie said the previous hotel was in disrepair and the swimming pool was noisy. The owner put in a 10-foot wall and landscaping to mitigate noise. It's got to be a lot better."

The architect said the Brannens' property has a solid masonry wall protecting it, while his is more open.

"We're going to hear more noise than anyone else — and we're in favor of this project," Currie said.

Citing their concern about setting precedent, commissioners voted to require additional conditional use requirements for live music at their Jan. 3 meeting. Those include limitations on sound levels, frequency and hours.

Boston's had appealed the Planning and Zoning Board's determination that a conditional use was necessary.



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BRIDGE

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Avenue bridge linking what it now Ocean Ridge and Boynton Beach.

More likely it was tourism — ignited by Henry Flagler's railroad and Maj. Nathan S. Boynton's oceanfront hotel — that prompted the building of a wooden swing bridge in 1911 so Midwest visitors could more easily reach the beach from the train station.

That one-lane wooden bridge, barely wide enough for a horse and carriage, lasted 25 years until a more modern, Depression-era concrete two-lane drawbridge was finished in late 1936 at the cost of \$75,000.

The political dispute over where a third and final version of the bridge would be built rattled on for nearly a quarter century before a higher span was completed in 2001 at the Ocean Avenue site of the original ferry.

But those early years are the most fascinating. Histories compiled by the Boynton Beach Historical Society, Ocean Ridge historian Gail Adams Aaskov and Boynton Beach Library archivist Janet DeVries tell the story of the early days of Ocean Ridge and Boynton Beach.

The Ocean Avenue bridge was a key piece of that story. Boynton, a Michigan soldier, politician and businessman, bought land in the mid-1890s. Taking a cue from Flagler, he built a seaside hotel in 1897, just south of where the bridge is today.



Decorative grillwork with a nautical theme decorates the pedestrian walkways across the Ocean Avenue bridge in Boynton Beach. Photo by Tim Stepien

A year earlier, Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway reached the area. Boynton's five-story hotel had 45 rooms, a wraparound porch and several cottages to attract the area's first snowbirds from the Midwest.

The only way from the train station to the hotel was a small flat-bottomed dredge called a lighter. Ladies wearing long dresses and holding parasols and gentlemen in their vested suits stood on it and pulled themselves across by a chain that stretched across the narrow East Coast Canal.

An Oct. 25, 1909, story in *The Palm Beach Post* tells the tragic tale of two Indiana sisters and their German shepherd jumping onto the lighter.

"All went well until the dog started towards the end of the barge where the unfortunate young woman was busy pulling across. As the dog neared her, the barge listed, and suddenly, the three were thrown into the canal," the article said.

One sister swam to safety but 19-year-old Sofrona Austin drowned. The fate of the dog went untold.

The swing bridge was completed in 1911 and served as more than just a more convenient way to reach the hotel. It became a money-maker for the Florida Coast Line Canal Co., which collected a toll from vessels navigating up and down the canal.

Bridge tenders collected the tolls, lowered a chain across

the canal and opened the span by walking in a circle while pushing a wrench-like crank around the foundation set in the middle of the canal. Tenders lived in a small house where the Banana Boat sits today.

As the federal government started to connect the lagoons and canals along the coast to form the Intracoastal Waterway, the dismantling of the swing bridge was ordered in the early 1930s. But local residents demanded a new bridge in its place.

The second Ocean Avenue bridge — a bascule bridge — was the first of a series of Palm Beach County projects built by the federal Public Works Administration during the

Depression, according to a 1937 story in *The Palm Beach Post-Times*. The county contributed \$33,750 toward the two-year project. The bridge opened in the winter of 1936.

In 1976, state road engineers labeled the bridge "functionally obsolete" and so began three decades of bickering over where a new, higher, wider bridge should be built.

Boynton Beach officials wanted the new span built one block north at Boynton Beach Boulevard, hoping to rejuvenate a flagging downtown. Ocean Ridge residents objected to losing homeowners' property and preferred a smaller bridge. An Ocean Ridge doctor sued to keep the bridge out of his backyard.

By 1990, all sides agreed that the boulevard would be the spot. But environmentalists waded into the fray, literally, claiming protected mangroves would be destroyed. State environmental officials agreed, refusing to issue a permit in 1994.

Back the plans went to Ocean Avenue. This time Ocean Ridge wanted to declare the 1936 version a historic landmark to prevent its demolition. Coastal Towers residents didn't want to lose their view. Banana Boat owners didn't want to lose their entrances.

Never mind that repeated mechanical breakdowns forced its frequent closing, backing traffic up on the Woolbright Road bridge. As the bridge deteriorated, firetrucks and ambulances were banned and heavy trucks were forbidden to use the bridge.

A \$24.5 million plan for an 11-foot taller, 45-foot wider Ocean Avenue bridge was approved finally in 1996 but construction did not begin until late 1998.

Some called it neoclassical, with its decorative arches, rounded piers, open railings and four towers. Others labeled it "Disney-esque" for its turquoise handrails, street lighting and decorative ironwork of leaping fish.

It opened in March 2001 — seven months late.

Said one observer: "It's like a fairyland." ★

Boca Raton/ Delray Beach

Disappearance of escrow money being investigated

Delray Beach police are investigating the reported disappearance of more than \$1 million held in escrow accounts for Mizner Grande Realty clients, police said.

Mizner Grande owner Ari Albinder said he was called by a client whose escrow money,

held by a Boca Raton attorney, had been disbursed without proper authority.

"I was shocked," Albinder said. "He said the escrow money was disbursed a long time before." Albinder said he filed a report with Delray Beach police.

Albinder said Jon Rashotsky, a former agent with his firm, requested the release of the escrow funds.

Albinder said he fired Rashotsky last month Rashotsky could not be reached for comment.

Albinder said his firm is

suing Rashotsky for return of the money.

His firm has hired a private attorney, Thomas Graner of Graner Law Group of Boca Raton, to monitor all the escrow accounts of its clients.

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Ocean Ridge/Boynton Beach

When time won't allow a visit to old favorites, try new services to the south

Once Lantana's Ocean Avenue Bridge closes in March, island dwellers will be looking to other businesses and restaurants for some of the same services and foods. Some favorite Lantana spots will be worth the drive (of course) and many favorite restaurants and essential services can be found in Plaza del Mar in Manalapan, but for some foods and services residents will need to venture across either the Ocean Avenue bridge between Ocean Ridge and Boynton Beach, or the Lake Worth bridge.

Here's a guide to some of those across the Ocean Avenue bridge that may be a substitute while the Lantana bridge is out of commission.

Eats

If you like **Sushi Bon**, give the intimate **Sushi Jo** (640 E. Ocean Ave.) — a local chain — a try. Also worth noting is **Sushi Simon** (1614 S. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach). Their fresh hand rolls and sashimi also have a fan base.

There are no bakeries near Boynton's bridge to replace **Palm Beach Bakery and Café**, but you can get espresso at **Café Frankie's** (640 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach), and maybe a sweet bite. Frankie's also might become your go-to spot for pizza, though their traditional pies aren't quite the same as Lantana's **Pizzeria Oceano**.

Another traditional-style pizza to try might be the one at **Josie's Restaurante and Pizzeria** (1602 S. Federal Highway) a little farther away near the Woolbright Bridge.

For a waterfront dining experience starring seafood like the **Old Key Lime House**, give **Prime Catch** (700 E. Woolbright Road) a try. Every seat in the house has a water view, and it's open for lunch and early dinners. You can also arrive by boat. Prime Catch has lobster dinners, too, so if you can't get to the famed **Station House**, check out the crustaceans.

More casual fare, like that at the tiki hut on the deck at the **Old Key Lime House** can be found at **Two Georges Waterfront Grille**, or the **Banana Boat** — both are on the water at the northwest side of Boynton's Ocean Avenue Bridge. Or tuck into the raw bar offerings at **Hurricane Alley** (529 E. Ocean Ave.).

Jamaican fare and some Caribbean flavors are found along with American favorites at the **Secret Garden Café** in the **Boynton Greenmarket** (410 E. Boynton Beach Blvd.). Open Thursday to Saturday for breakfast lunch and dinner,

through Sunday (brunch only), it's a hidden find — thus its name.

Sports

For fishing, diving and boat charters like those at the **Old Key Lime House Marina**, head to **Two Georges Marina** (728 Casa Loma Blvd.), where a number of boat captains and dive masters are available for hire.

You can drift on the **Sea Mist III**, or hire **Geno IV Charters**, **Miller Time Fishing Charters** and **Florida Fishing Academy**. **Underwater Explorers**, **Splashdown Divers** and **Starfish Enterprise** handle SCUBA trips. You'll find a small marina store (**Waypoint Marine**) and boat ramps here, too.

For your rods and reels as well as bait, head to Boynton's **Fisherman's Supply** (618 N. Federal Highway).

Maybe you're a spectator and just want to catch a game on the tube with your buds.

Meet up at the **Sweetwater Bar and Grill**, a bit further down the road (1507 S. Federal Highway). Craft beer and cocktails are the specialty and the diverse menu will please the non-sports fan in your group.

Services

You'll need to gas up, and maybe a tune up to do all that driving around the bridge; **Boynton Chevron** is at 217 N. Federal Highway. It has bait and tackle (free ice for bait) and quick foods.

For that tune-up, try **Pioneer Auto Care** (401 N. Railroad Ave.) or **Boynton Auto Clinic**

(409 N. Railroad Ave.).

Get your car washed and waxed at **Main Street Car Wash** (201 E. Boynton Beach Blvd.) and **Sunshine Car Wash** (1310 N. Federal Highway).

If you don't want to leave the island, just head farther south to **Gulfstream Texaco** near Briny Breezes at 5002 N. Ocean Blvd. They also do repairs.

Miss the **Lantana Post Office**? The **Boynton Beach Post Office** is at 217 N. Seacrest Blvd.

There also is the **Boynton Beach Postal and Gift Center** (562 E. Woolbright Road) where you can pick up coastal-inspired gifts and mail them out here.

For a pharmacy, there's **CVS** (301 N. Federal Highway) and a little farther south, **Gulfstream Pharmacy** near Briny Breezes at 4998 N. Ocean Blvd.

Several florists in east Boynton provide bouquets or wired gifts of blooms. **Blossom Shoppe Florist** (402 E. Ocean Ave.), **Maddie's Flowers by the Sea** (112 S. Federal Highway), **Flowers by Biana** (625 S. Federal Highway), **Florist Design by Rele** (312 E. Boynton Beach Blvd.), the **Boynton Flower Pot** (402 E. Ocean Ave.) and **Boynton Beach Florist** (640 E. Ocean Ave.) are all near the Ocean Avenue bridge.

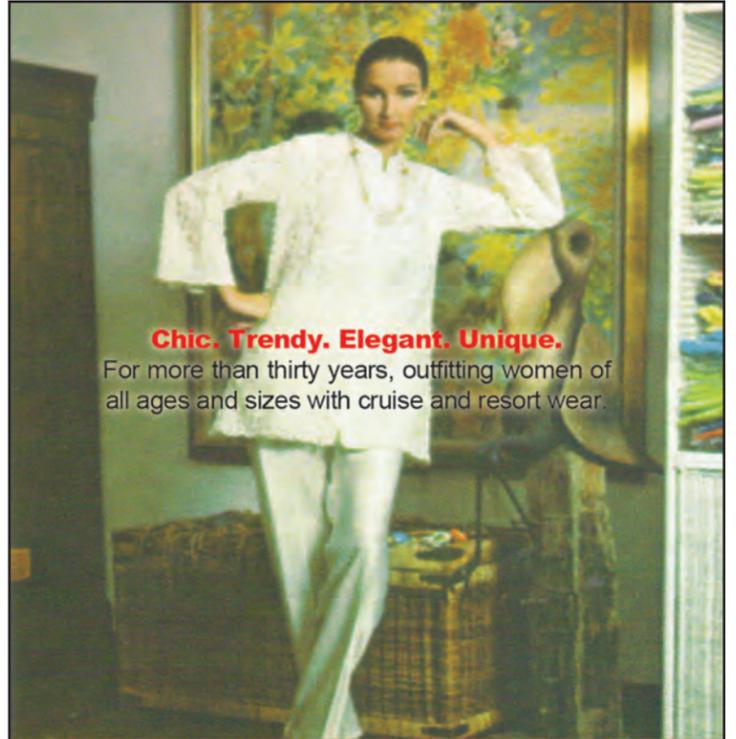
Looking for a bottle of wine or your favorite vodka? **A1A Discount Beverage** (109 E. Boynton Beach Blvd.) would have the vodka, but try **Crown Wine & Spirits** (532 E. Woolbright Road) for the vino.

For dry cleaning and alterations, there's **Fran's Sew and Sew** (640 E. Ocean Ave.), or the **Boynton Beach Laundry** (417 E. Boynton Beach Blvd.). **One Price Dry Cleaners** (407 S. Federal Highway) is a chain of discount dry cleaners.

— Compiled by Jan Norris



A similar guide to the Lake Worth Bridge is planned for our February edition.



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Lantana

Expect minimal information from bridge work signs

By Tim O'Meilie

Out-of-towners traveling I-95 and headed for the Ritz-Carlton Resort in Manalapan or Grandma and Grandpa's condo in South Palm Beach better have an updated GPS system.

When the Ocean Avenue bridge is closed in March for replacement, visitors won't learn that until they reach the U.S. 1 and Lantana Road intersection.

Even locals driving up or down U.S. 1 won't know the bridge is out until they reach another sign at U.S. 1 and Ocean Avenue.

Those little blue signs put up by the state road department that tell drivers that individual businesses on Ocean Avenue are still open are nowhere in Palm Beach County's traffic plan.

"We had never seen the signage plan (until Dec. 6) and what we saw, at first blush, seems less detailed than what we would have liked," said Lantana Town Manager Michael Bornstein.

After meeting with county officials and the construction firm in early December, Bornstein and officials from other coastal towns that will be affected by the two-year replacement project asked county engineers to consider more signs.

South Palm Beach Police Chief Roger Crane sympathized.

"It's really an injustice to businesses not to have the signage. Either the county or someone needs to put signs up. Let's help them out as best we can."

The detour signs will send drivers north to the Lake Worth bridge then south down State Road A1A, but the signs simply say to follow the detour signs. Bornstein wants them to say drivers are being sent over the Lake Worth bridge.

But, open-for-business signs are critical at the west end of Ocean Avenue. "We need permanent notice that our downtown is still open for business," Bornstein said.

GLF Construction's \$33.2 million contract to replace the 61-year-old bridge officially began Dec. 20, but the bridge won't be closed for demolition until March 19. The first three months will be spent moving materials and equipment onto the staging areas at Bicentennial and Sportsman's parks at the west end. The new bridge will be 11 feet taller at the center and remain two lanes, but the lanes will be slightly wider and include shoulders/bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides. A fishing pier will run beneath the Lantana side. The new bridge is scheduled to re-open in October 2013.

Other bridge-related topics:

Lantana, South Palm Beach and Manalapan police are still mapping out police coverage on Hypoluxo Island. Lantana may stage a patrol car on the island for several hours a day. In times when no patrol car is close, South Palm Beach likely will be the first to respond to 911 or other calls.

"There's not only police but garbage, trash, utilities, water and sewer to deal with. A lot of logistics, but we're good at it and will handle it," said Lantana's Bornstein.

"We've all worked well over the years so it should not be a problem," said former Manalapan Police Chief Clay Walker. "We'll be meeting more as things get closer."

With the bridge closed, officials speculate that there will be less traffic into the residential neighborhoods. The island, like Manalapan, has cameras that snap license plate photos of each entering and exiting vehicle.

County traffic engineers estimate that 25 percent of the detoured traffic will travel south and reach the barrier island by the Ocean Avenue Bridge between Ocean Ridge and Boynton Beach. That could increase traffic on the bridge by 62 percent.

County project engineer Kristine Frazell-Smith assured Ocean Ridge Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi that timing of the traffic lights on both ends of the Boynton bridge will be adjusted if traffic warrants it.

For their historical value, Lantana will salvage the roof of the bridge tender's house, the gearbox that raises the spans, a light on the span, plaques on the bridge and other items. ★



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Lantana

Town votes to acquire Intracoastal land with dock

By Margie Plunkett

Despite years of budget scrimping, Lantana Council went on a spending spree in December, approving a \$1.2 million waterfront land purchase and \$38,735 in beach pavilion renovations.

The bank-owned Intracoastal property to be acquired at 106-122 North Lake Drive was foreclosed on in 2008, but last traded hands in 2006 for \$5.3 million.

"In an effort to provide the long-term benefits of protecting the public's access to the waterfront, acquiring appropriate properties is necessary," according to a Lantana staff memo on the purchase.

"With the bridge being closed and the opportunity to purchase a property at 15 to 20 percent of what it sold for five years ago, I think it's a good move to purchase it at this time," said Mayor David Stewart.

Council doesn't know what it will do with the property, which is described as vacant with a dock on the west bank of the Intracoastal, north of Ocean Avenue and the Old Village Point.

Mayor Stewart, however, compared the opportunity to the historic \$4,000 Lion's Club purchase in the 1940s that ultimately provided Lantana with a beach.

Whether the acquisition, funded from budget reserves, is foresight or folly was a matter of perspective at the Dec. 12 council meeting.

"You need to spend your money wisely," said resident Jane Hand. "You would be wise to spend your money on the waterfront. It's wise to look ahead."

On the other hand, deep budget cuts forced by economic contraction slowed maintenance on town structures, halted employee raises and even meant the elimination of July Fourth fireworks in recent years, resident Joe Farrell reminded



Buying two parcels on Lake Drive will give Lantana the opportunity to provide its residents more access to the water. **Map by Bonnie Lallky-Seibert**

council, urging it to rethink the move.

"Why do we have long-range plans to buy property for the future? What are we going to do with it? What are we going to do when we take it off the tax roll," he asked.

The total 2011 tax bill for the two properties is \$32,986, according to town documents.

The money could be better spent, he said, perhaps even toward buying the \$10 million Cenacle property for public use — as council had earlier attempted a few years ago before a potential deal disintegrated.

Council member Tom Deringer pointed to home prices that have drastically and persistently dropped over the last several years. While the price might seem attractive compared with \$5 million, maybe next year the property could be had for \$500,000, he said.

"I disagree. I don't think it's the time to spend taxpayers' money, take it out of reserve," said Deringer, who along with council member Philip Aridas voted against the purchase. "We're still in a recession. We've been nickeling and diming everything to death."

The asking price of the

property was \$1.9 million, but an appraisal ahead of the deal rated it at \$1.5 million, according to Lantana documents. In addition, the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser listed the total 2011 market value of the two lots at a combined \$1.5 million.

Before finalizing the deal, the town will investigate to make sure no environmental issues exist, according to the staff memo.

Separately, council approved spending \$38,735 on beach pavilion renovations, including work on the beach pavilion Lantana reacquired as part of the Dune Deck Café lease. The project would be funded with money left over from the second phase of construction on the new seawall.

About \$18,000 would be used on the beach pavilion and would include demolition of walls, a new sink that meets the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, hurricane shutters and an aluminum safety rail, among other things.

The balance of the funds would be spent on other beach projects, for sidewalk repair and relocation and adding picnic structures, according to a staff memo. ★



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A group of sixth graders from Gulf Stream School, led by Philipp Reutter (far right), came up with a novel idea to celebrate the holidays while also benefitting kids at the Achievement Centers for Children & Families in Delray Beach. Each guest brought a present to a spaghetti dinner at Philipp's home in coastal Delray Beach. Food was served by the students, including Julia Sperduto (above). The diners contributed almost 60 gifts and donations.
Photos by Jerry Lower



Dinner for gifts



South Palm Beach

Judge to determine future for embattled Inn

By Tim O'Meiliea

The future of the Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn — which pitted neighbor against neighbor and roiled South Palm Beach politics for four years — is now in the hands of a foreclosure judge.

The owners of the two-story, 58-unit motel, restaurant and bar have been battling foreclosure since February

when PNC Bank filed suit in Palm Beach County Circuit Court to collect on a \$3.4 million loan.

That didn't prevent the owners, the Paloka family, from suing the town of South Palm Beach in April after the motel's second attempt to build a high-rise hotel-condominium was denied by the Town Council in 2009. The suit also named five current or former Town Council members, three planning board members and the town manager.

In that lawsuit, the inn's attorney withdrew his firm from the suit since it had represented the family of Pat Festino, one of the town officials named in the suit, in an unrelated case.

The owners claimed the town officials violated their federal civil rights, conspired against them, refused to release public records, denied use of their waterfront rights, illegally appointed planning board members and enacted charter amendments in violation of state law, among other things.

Shortly after the town successfully moved the suit to federal court, the Palokas withdrew the suit in May.

"We've always got a lot of stuff on our plate. Not having this hanging over our heads is helpful," said Town Manager Rex Taylor, who added that he was confident the town handled the motel's applications properly.

The motel has been a landmark since it opened as the Palm Beach Hawaiian Inn in 1964. The inn is the only commercial property in town.

The Palokas, under the name Kosova Realty, obtained the loan from Fidelity Federal Trust in 2004 when they bought the property. Fidelity Federal was later taken over by National

City Bank, which, in turn, was absorbed by PNC.

In 2006, the inn applied to build the \$250 million Palm Beach Picasso — 150 units in a 14-story building with two underground parking levels. The family later reduced the scale of the project by two stories and 51 units, but the Town Council unanimously denied the application in 2007.

The Palokas returned in October 2009 with a 10-story design but that, too, was defeated by a 3-2 vote. In early 2010, town voters took the right to change zoning out of the Town Council's hands and made changes subject to a town-wide referendum, making it more difficult for the inn to get approval for its plans.

In its foreclosure suit, PNC Bank claimed the inn failed to pay its property taxes in 2008, 2009 and 2010, prompting the bank to seek full repayment on the note. The property taxes have since been paid, according to court records.

In October, Circuit Judge Lucy Brown ordered the motel into receivership after finding that deterioration of the property, including its need of a new roof, required a third-party manager. Hotel revenues would be put in escrow.

The Paloka family appealed Brown's ruling to the 4th District Court of Appeal in November.

Meanwhile, the court-appointed receiver, Wayne Ginter, withdrew after meeting with Paloka family in early December and after questions arose about whether he could post the required \$850,000 bond.

PNC has asked that a second receiver be appointed. The Palokas, through their third law firm, are challenging that request. ★

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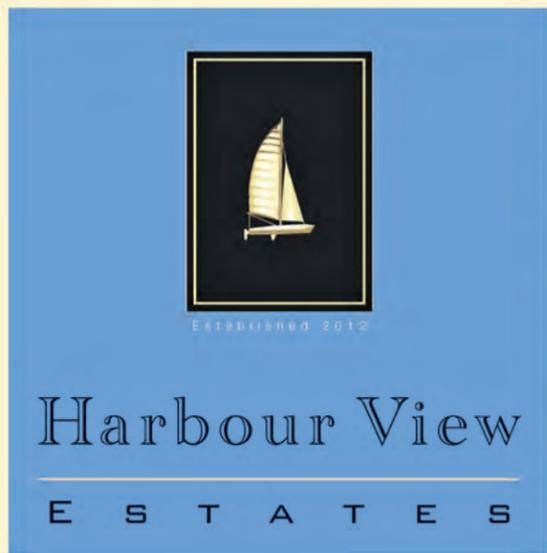
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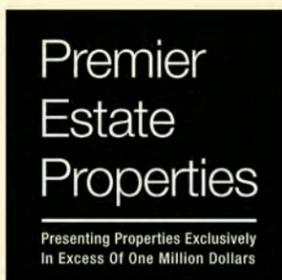
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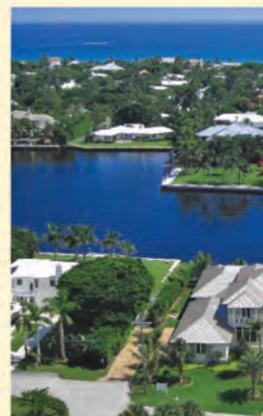
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Monsignor Thomas J. Skindeleski baptised five children on a recent Sunday, including Matthew Bergquist, son of Mark and Kristi of Boca Raton, seen here with his godparents John Anderson and Kristin Sullivan. Photos by Jerry Lower

ST. VINCENT

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Palivoda's mother, Maurieta Nichols, wrote as church historian that Catholics here were "elated and grateful" when Irish priests and nuns then embraced St. Vincent's as their mission.

The Rev. John Kellaghan arrived from Ireland in 1944 as the perfect personality to promote the new congregation.

"He was full of life and out in the community doing community things," Palivoda said. "That had a lot to do with the early popularity of the church and school."



Kellaghan

The Irish priest even became the first charter member of the Delray Beach Elks Club to spread word around town that the Catholics had arrived.

"People knew Father Kellaghan, whether they were Catholic or not."

Kellaghan negotiated the purchase of seven acres on what's now George Bush Boulevard and began raising money to build St. Vincent's first church.

Masses at the Delray Theatre ended in 1949 when St. Vincent's dedicated its church with a capacity for 500 people.

The 100-by-51-foot concrete structure often had pigeons in the rafters that required special attention before worship services could begin. "We had to make sure the seats were clean before Mass," Palivoda laughed.

The opening of St. Vincent's school in 1955 would prove to be important for the congregation's long-term success.

"Father Kellaghan wanted to help families," the school's current principal, Vikki Delgado, said. "What better way to carry out the mission of the parish than by building a school?"

Children who lived in the south county had risen before dawn to ride a bus to attend Sacred Heart Catholic School in Lake Worth. "But that was quite a trek in those



Few Catholic churches the size of St. Vincent's have nuns to help serve their congregations. Polish-born sisters Maria Gruszka, Lucy Ptak and Maria Liber, all members of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, take part in daily prayer in the chapel of their convent.

days. It made for a long day," Palivoda said.

The opening of the south county's first Catholic school brought more families into the parish.

"People from surrounding towns came to St. Vincent's," she said. "We needed more church services to accommodate all the people."

First nuns arrive

Four Sisters of Mercy nuns arrived from Ireland that year to educate the Catholic children. Both parents and students at St. Vincent's were delighted.

"The nuns were strict but a lot of fun," said Palivoda, who enrolled in the school's first graduating class.

"They had quite a brogue," she recalled. "Sometimes we didn't quite catch what they were telling us."

Sister Mary Clare was Ana McNamara's favorite teacher.

"She radiated like a gentle spirit. She never raised her voice in the classroom. I loved going to her

classroom," said McNamara, who was so inspired by Sister Mary Clare that she is now a teacher at St. Vincent's herself.

"The nuns believe that faith formation is first and foremost in education," McNamara said.

A convent was built next to the school in 1961 for the increasing number of Sisters of Mercy nuns. The Rev. John Skehan replaced Kellaghan in 1963. A new church with seating for 1,100 opened in 1970.

Crime takes wind out

The momentum at St. Vincent's suffered a blow when Skehan and his successor, the Rev. Francis Guinan, were convicted of misusing church funds in 2009. Police originally said \$8.6 million in church money was missing, though that number has been disputed.

St. Vincent's parish lost 500 families as a result of the scandal.

But now the parish is growing again. Membership is up to 2,900

families after 100 new families joined the congregation this past year.

Monsignor Thomas J. Skindeleski, the first American-born priest at St. Vincent's, replaced Guinan in 2005. He credits the renewed popularity of the school for making the turnaround happen.

"The school is our big feature once again," Skindeleski said. "Parents are moving into the parish because they want to get our quality education."

Delgado was hired as its new school principal in 2008. Class sizes were reduced while the school was able to keep tuition costs low to increase enrollment.

Fest, nuns distinguish school

St. Vincent's annual festival — the largest by any parish in the diocese — raises more than \$100,000 each February to support the school. The festival began as a one-day St. Patrick's Day event to honor the parish's Irish



School Principal Vikki Delgado and eighth-grader Laura McKinney recite the pledge of allegiance as Rulon Manrique holds the flag.

tradition. Now it's a three-day multicultural celebration that reflects the many ethnic backgrounds at St. Vincent's.

Delgado sent schoolchildren out into the community to feed the poor after the scandal.

"The worst thing we could have done afterward would have been to hide," Delgado said. "We needed to let the community know that St. Vincent's is still here and vibrant."

Most Catholic parishes in South Florida no longer have nuns. The Sisters of Mercy at St. Vincent's have retired one-by-one and returned to Ireland.

But Skindeleski invited other nuns in 2008 to give children the same spiritual guidance. The three Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception who answered his call are easy to distinguish in their full-length habits.

"Nuns make a real difference by their presence in modern-day parishes, as much as their predecessors did in the old days," Skindeleski said.

"The sisters are back to develop that spiritual component to education that parents see as important," said McNamara, who gives tours to new students and parents.

"With all the chaos in today's world, St. Vincent's is still the solid ground for families to stand on." ★

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RECENT NOTABLE SALES





Gulf Stream School seventh grade students beneath the cypress trees at Clyde Butcher's studio. Photos by teachers Bryan Cook and Megan Bogert

A journey into nature

The Great Outdoors turned out to be a great classroom for 25 seventh grade Gulf Stream School students who accompanied their teachers on a three day Everglades adventure. The outdoor classroom provided lessons in many subjects and inspired poems and essays.

Airboat ride

When the driver moved the boat, he glided over lily pads like he was flying. The noise when he went full speed was amazing; he moved the boat so swiftly, and it made a deep, loud hum.

— Ingrid Marinak
Delray Beach

*So much for the eyes to see
Smells of dirty water
surround the air
The chilly nights and cool
breeze
Made us so cold that we went
stiff
Frozen with excitement
and the wonders
Of all there is in the living
Everglades.*

— Quinn Fender
Village of Golf



TOP: Airboat rides were part of the fun at Billie Swamp Safari. ABOVE: Students photographed a basking alligator.



RIGHT: Kate O'Brien of Gulf Stream and Kyle Sipp of Ocean Ridge.

Everglades

*This place
smiles at you
with a brown, transparent
smile
and white, misshapen eyes.
This place
is accepting
of others;
it helps you forget
all the bad times,
and gives you new,
better memories.
This place
is more than
just a habitat.
It's a wake-up call
for what we could be losing.*

— Maddy Uible
Jupiter



Ingred Marinak of Delray Beach jumps for joy above the mud flats.

Everglades poem

Sole crunching white oyster shells
 We walk toward the murky water
 The cool day revives our burning muscles and aching bones
 The kayak is our home for hours and time slips away into
 The tender green colors on the trees and the almost lack brackish
 water from the mangrove leaves.
 There is a salty smell to the air
 Not knowing what is beneath us, creepy feeling washes over me
 Until I listen to the peaceful noise of my oar lightly stroking the water
 White majestic birds fly above us.
 Like giant squawking parrots in our kayaks we slice through the
 tranquility of the Everglades.

— Kaitlyn Hart
 Delray Beach



Students kayaked into the mangroves, where they found interesting wildlife, like the small crab held by Jack Young of Gulf Stream, at right.



Kayak Trip

We paddled those waterways for hours,
 We got wet from the splashes of our
 mates,
 We felt the sun on our faces,
 We felt mosquitoes on our arms and legs.
 It felt so real.
 — Kyle Sipp
 Ocean Ridge

Sweatshirts are wet from splashing,
 My cold feet are numb,
 Soothing orange sunset blanketing,
 The cold December night.
 — Isabel Pearce
 Gulf Stream

The water is like a thin sheet of
 shimmering glass
 And underwater is a whole different
 World of wildlife with
 Predator and prey.
 — Connor Hopkins
 Delray Beach

The mangroves seem to walk out into the
 water.
 The saw grass sways in the blowing wind.
 The water is still as glass,
 The wind flows through the air.
 As night comes the crickets chirp,
 Then sunset happens.
 — Garrett Sargeant
 Gulf Stream

The sky's blue, turning grey, taking cover
 Water murky, muddy footprints left
 behind.
 Trees wholesome, whines our trespass.
 — Roman Pugliese
 The sun was departing and night was
 approaching
 We were wet and cold, our shoulders
 aching from paddling
 But we were having fun
 It was an adventure
 We have never done something like this
 before
 And will never forget it
 — Ingrid Marinak
 Delray Beach

The Everglades

Everything is better on a
 kayak,
 Especially watching the sun
 setting
 In the Everglades.
 It was a great experience to
 see this
 Beautiful once in a life time
 opportunity.
 Surrounded by people we've
 known forever,
 We all had a great time
 paddling and seeing this
 beautiful scene.
 — Kiara Warren
 Boca Raton

Billy Swamp Safari

There were so many different bugs and birds
 flying around me with all different colors mixed
 into them. I was so jittery but happy to be in such
 a wonderful place.

— Kaleb Fernandez
 Gulf Stream

Gopher turtles amble along slow as molasses
 While a lone cougar paces back and forth,
 Looking ready to pounce.
 Intruders intimidating the parrots,
 By trying to make them speak,
 While baby gators bask in the sun.
 — Kiara Warren
 Boca Raton

Trip to Clyde Butcher's studio

These glades hold frightening possibilities of a threatening
 alligator. This threat is soothed by the pleasant sounds, smells
 and lights of nature.

— Ryan de Haseth
 Ocean Ridge

Day Two

It was only about 9:15 [p.m.],
 but it felt so late. I fell asleep
 during the movie. Sullivan had
 to wake me up and I walked
 barefoot back to my room.

— Helen Huisinga
 Gulf Stream



Wildlife

As this beautiful summer day
 slips away with the sun beating
 down on me.

I soon catch another large,
 brightly colored fish and that is
 enough for me.

I go up on the bank and call
 it a day.

It can't get any better for me,
 Cause I am the alligator.

— Kaleb Fernandez
 Gulf Stream

Final Thoughts

If my parents ever ask me
 where we should go for a trip,
 I am going to say let's go to the
 Everglades.

— Kaleb Fernandez
 Gulf Stream

The Everglades,
 For it will not last forever.
 If you listen you can hear
 Glades smoldering, pleading,
 Dying breath, begging us to
 reflect.

— Roman Pugliese
 Gulf Stream

As the day fades and night approaches,
 the sky shifts into an amazing watercolor portrait.
 With rippling shades of vibrant oranges and hot pinks,
 the sky electrifies.
 The clouds dance like an assembly of graceful ballerinas,
 escorting the sun down to rest for the night.
 In this moment of awe,
 the true complexity of the sky is revealed.
 As if a new dimension has been formed, the sky unweaves,
 displaying the beauty that is hidden throughout the day.
 And before you can comprehend the sheer power of the sight,
 the sun has set.
 The sky once again returns to its usual state,
 and all you can see for miles is an empty, star-filled sea of black.

— Isabel Long
 Lantana



Coasting Along

They're in the mood for a melody, and Reggie's got 'em feelin' alright

By Tim Norris

From a black case, Reggie Asberry pulls out his backup band.

Combos, trios, quintets, they've mostly given way to electronics, he says, as he's setting up his Yamaha PSR 3000 against windows in the corner of the bar at the Highland Beach Holiday Inn.

"Hiiii!" a woman calls, from a door connecting to the inn's restaurant. "We haven't seen you in so long!"

"I've been in jail," Asberry says. He hasn't, but the joke seems to invite a laugh, give a simple answer to a complex question and relax anyone who might wonder about the black singer in the corner.

He's performed with some big names. Nowadays, still at the microphone after 30 years, he's a single act.

Around him, a soundscape spreads. Two men clack light beers in bottles on the bar. A waiter clatters a dish cart past. From the outside, the Atlantic throws roar-and-hiss breakers at the beach.

From such a daily wash and chop of sound, Asberry wants to pull customers into a smooth current, familiar light jazz and soft rock or any request, and bring them pleasantly adrift, with feeling and memory. He taps the brim of his black hat and opens his mouth, and *You're Gonna Miss My Lovin'* comes out, in low, easy tones.

He's booked here Wednesdays through Saturdays, starting at 7:30 p.m. On this Friday, customers are slow to show. Into a large, clear-glass snifter, he has dropped a \$20 bill. It looks lonely. "Tough times," Asberry says.

The men at the bar play with the barmaid. "Miami is NOT in a bowl game!" one of them tells her. "They opted out. And you call yourself a Miami fan?"



ABOVE: Piano man Reggie Asberry is pretty much the 'house band' at the Highland Beach Holiday Inn and also performs at the Delray Beach Marriott.

LEFT: Kathy Norem-Staples dances with her husband, Bill.

Photos by Tim Stepien

She laughs. A tanned man in a tropical shirt settles on the bar's eastern flank, asks for a whisky-and-soda. He seems to know the piano man, like a lot of others do. In a moment, a little off-key, he is singing along.

Asberry sets his own scene, snapping a few buttons on the Yamaha's console, key, rhythm, tempo, intro, instruments, imitating an orchestra on a keyboard. His next tune builds from chosen rhythms and from the sounds of trumpets and saxophone, played by his fingers on the keyboard, "Kansas City, here I come!" It's something he can control.

There's an awful lot, he says,

that a man can't do anything about, including people who just keep talking loudly and a tone-deaf customer caterwauling along. Including getting older, living a life. Including what can happen with health. People write songs about some of those things, and some of those songs, he sings.

The Things You Do, Dock of the Bay, Just My Imagination, Under the Boardwalk, Moon River, always another, usually from his head.

He rarely mimics, maybe a phrase sung in a gravelly Louis Armstrong or a hint of Lou Rawls or Otis Redding, but his range reaches from a basso Barry White into a falsetto

Prince or Roy Orbison.

No throat spray; he sips lemonade. "I don't drink or smoke," he says.

There is no song, though, about kidneys, nothing he could intone about his own, about the diagnosis of kidney failure two years ago, the transplant he needs and the waiting list, about the dialysis, about their hope to do a benefit to raise the money he needs.

Everybody has problems, he says. This is a place where they come to set them aside.

People wave, approach, hug. Play me a song, you're the piano man. Isn't that it?

"I never took piano," he says. "I learned that later. I wanted to

be a singer."

Born and raised in West Palm Beach, Asberry showed what he calls a God-given voice, sang in choruses through the public schools. He wanted to be a band director, took up tuba in high school, won a scholarship to Florida A&M, embarked on several careers, musician, teacher, choir director, that touched a lot of people.

He never found fame; he won the local part of an audition for *Star Search*, years ago, and somehow the money wasn't there for the trip to California for the finals. But he found other rewards. "Laaaydeeee," he is singing, just now, "I'm your knight in shining armor, and I love you."

After playing tuba in the A&M marching band and other ensembles, Asberry took his degree in voice at Daytona's Bethune-Cookman College, where he also met Hattie Rolle, a gifted singer and also Miss Black Florida of 1978, and then he headed out to the University of Indiana's vaunted music school for graduate work.

Two weeks later, he returned to West Palm Beach. "I needed to be with her," he says. They became partners, parents of a daughter, Jasmyne. They have been married 30 years.

Two hours in at the Inn, a few more people appear and applaud, and the \$20 bill finally gets some company. Kathy Norem comes through the door with her husband, Bill Staples, and in moments they are dancing to Reggie's music.

"I remember sitting at the piano bar in the '90s at Cypress Manor, listening to Reggie," she says. "My mother, Ginger, now deceased, and my father, Bill Larkin, loved to dance to him. He would play *Stardust* for them, their wedding song. I hired him to play for my 60th birthday four years ago. Reggie always greets everyone with a smile, and he remembers us."

A week later, he has set his console at the restaurant inside the lobby of the Marriott Hotel in Delray Beach. He performs there Wednesdays through Fridays, 4:30 to 6:30. Asberry sports a new fedora his wife had given him for his 56th birthday, is playing and singing almost in shadow, but his music brightens the place, like lights on a holiday tree.

Asberry has been invited to the employee holiday party in a nearby room, and he will leave the backup band locked in its case. He is grateful to Michael and Tom Walsh, who head the company, Ocean Properties, that owns Highland Beach's Holiday Inn and Delray's Marriott, he says, for giving him work.

Celebrating Christmas and a new year, just as himself, feels good. Maybe, he says, they can all sing some carols together. ★

In Coasting Along, our writers occasionally stop to reflect on life along the shore.

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Obituaries

Eleanor and Heath Larry stand beside their Bentley at the Ballentrae condominium in the late 1970s.

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R. Heath Larry

By Ron Hayes

GULF STREAM — Heath and Eleanor Larry were married for 73 years. She died on Nov. 20, at 95. He died on Dec. 18, exactly four weeks later, at 97.

"He always wanted to live to be 100," his son, Dennis Larry, recalled recently. "He'd say to me, 'I'm 100, aren't I?' So I decided to tell him he was 100. Why not? He died thinking he was 100."

R. Heath Larry was born Feb. 24, 1914, in Huntington, Penn. In 1934, he graduated with honors from Grove City College, where he met his wife.

After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh Law School, again with honors, Mr. Larry went to work for U.S. Steel, where he remained for 40 years, retiring in 1977.

Mr. Larry then served

four years as president of the National Association of Manufacturers in Washington, D.C., before retiring to Delray Beach.

"He was a fighter," his son said, "and in his earlier years he had some tough negotiations with the steel and coal industry unions, but he had a heart of gold."

In 1972, the couple moved into the Penthouse Towers in Highland Beach, where they spent the winters until 1980, when they became one of the early residents of the Ballentrae condo in Gulf Stream, where Mr. Larry served as both a president and a member of the board.

Tom Hill, the condominium's manager, arrived at the same time.

"Mr. Larry was very quiet and unassuming," Hill recalled, "but when he was involved

he was very engaging and knowledgeable and helpful.

He was always pleasant to the employees and an asset to the community."

Locally, he was also active in the First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, where he was an elder and also served terms on the denomination's session, its national governing body.

He served on the board of Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Boynton Beach, where two private suites bear his name.

In addition to his son, Dennis, Mr. Larry is survived by two other sons, David and Dick; four grandchildren, Demian, Christa, Kate and Keith; and by two great-grandchildren, Emma and Grant.

A small family service will be held in the garden of the First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach at a later date.

Robert Ford Schumann

By Ron Hayes

GULF STREAM — On the wall of his New York study, the celebrated journalist Bill Moyers keeps signed photographs of the great men he has known — John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson.

He also keeps a photograph of Robert Ford Schumann, a seasonal resident of both Ocean Ridge and Gulf Stream for more than 30 years.

Mr. Schumann died on Dec. 8 at his winter home in Madison, Conn. He was 90.

A friend and colleague since 1991, Moyers is the president of The Schumann Center for Media and Democracy and spoke at Mr. Schumann's memorial service Dec. 16.

"Bob believed in public parks, public libraries, public broadcasting and the public square," he told those gathered in Madison's First Congregational Church. "The last big effort of his life was to enlist in the fight to protect the land of the old airport here in Madison from development — to save it for the public."

But the Schumann Center was only a small part of the Schumann family's generosity.

Locally, Mr. Schumann helped underwrite the cost of adding a library to the campus of the Achievement Centers for Children and Families in Delray Beach.

"We have lost a dear friend," said Nancy K. Hurd, the center's chief executive officer. "Mr. Schumann was a kind and thoughtful man who cared enough to share his resources with hundreds of children whose lives are better because of his generosity. I always looked forward to his visits, and feel a great loss at his passing."

An avid golfer, he had been a member of the Gulf Stream Club, the Little Club, the County Club of Florida, and maintained his membership in the St. Andrew's Club until his death.

"He was a modest man of wealthy means whose basic philosophy was giving something back," recalled Ed Bates of Ocean Ridge, a friend of 20 years. "He was a humanitarian and philanthropist."

Eileen Augustyn met Mr. Schumann when both moved into the Ballentrae condominium in 1980.

"He was affable, philanthropic, a wonderful friend, fun, with a great sense of humor, and he cared about people."

Robert Ford Schumann was born July 25, 1921, in Montclair,

N.J., and graduated from Wesleyan University in 1944.

In 1949, he opened the Schumann Buick dealership in Binghamton, N.Y., where his philanthropic endeavors flourished for the next 50 years.

Mr. Schumann was a devoted birder, an avocation to which he'd been introduced in childhood and maintained throughout his life.

He served for many years on the board of both the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. A chair in ornithology has been established in his name at his alma mater.

"He was a good, quiet person who was very generous, very fair and very honest," recalled his son, Robert Ford Schumann. "He was a wonderful model for all of us."

In addition to his son, Ford, Mr. Schumann is survived by his wife, Marilyn Hotchkiss Schumann; their sons, David Dickinson Schumann and Edgar James Hotchkiss; daughters Mary James Schumann Hurley, Lola Ford Schumann, Carol Hotchkiss Potts, Linda Hotchkiss and Barbara Hotchkiss; seven grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and a brother, Ward Ford Schumann.

The family asks that donations be made to a charity of choice.



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Along the Coast



Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway began service to Key West in January 1912.

100 years of the 'railroad that went to sea'

Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway changed life in Southeast Florida. A century ago, it made its way over the waters of the Keys.

By Nancy Klingener

As early as the 1830s — within the first decade of Key West's settlement — town boosters were suggesting that the island should be connected to the Florida mainland by rail. The first survey of a route was finished in 1866. The first franchise was obtained in 1883.

But it took the money, political power, experience and determination of Henry Flagler, the oil tycoon turned magnate, to undertake and complete the unlikely, difficult, expensive and life-altering enterprise that was the Florida East Coast Railway Key West Extension.

The "Overseas Railroad" was completed in January 1912 and this month Key West and the entire Florida Keys are celebrating its centennial.

It's a bittersweet anniversary in many ways; the Keys are still connected to the mainland but the railroad is gone, undone by the Labor Day Hurricane

of 1935, a Category 5 storm that swept across Islamorada, killed more than 400 people and washed out the tracks in numerous places.

In the midst of the Depression, the FEC did not rebuild; many of the railroad bridges were repurposed for the Overseas Highway.

Still, the reminders of the railroad remain throughout the Keys, from the original bridges to the restored camp on Pigeon Key, the island in the bend of the old Seven Mile Bridge.

According to John Blades, executive director of the Flagler Museum at Whitehall in Palm Beach, Flagler had been thinking about extending his Florida East Coast Railway to Key West "for at least 15 years before he officially announced his plans in 1905." Flagler was 75 years old.

"His grand vision for developing this part of the world had long included the Bahamas and Cuba,"



Henry Flagler (center, in boater) reviews a children's chorus during ceremonies to mark the opening of his Florida East Coast Railway's Overseas Railroad in 1912. Images courtesy of the Monroe County Library

Blades said. "So, his primary motivation seems to have been about realizing that vision rather than living to profit from its completion. In fact, one could argue that all the evidence points to the fact that Henry Flagler's motivation for

all his development was about realizing a grand vision rather than making money, since simply reinvesting his earnings from Standard Oil in more Standard Oil stock would have made him many times more money than his development in Florida was ever likely to."

Flagler had already changed Florida's eastern mainland coast by bringing his railroad — and building luxury hotels along the way — south from St. Augustine, through Palm Beach to Miami.

The tiny community of Linton went from being a few widespread settlers to the prosperous farming community of Delray Beach.

"The idea of making a good living in agriculture is probably why most settlers came," said Dottie Patterson, archivist at the Delray Beach Historical Society. "Flagler's company invested in a pineapple canning plant and helped the townspeople in several other

ways. The railway was essential to the economy and was the most important impetus to settlement and a growing, improving town."

Key West had already seen prosperity, from the shipwreck salvaging and cigar manufacturing industries but the Over-Sea Railway led to the first real development along the rest of the Keys.

And it provided a shipping connection to the Caribbean and, more importantly, to the Panama Canal, which was under construction at the same time.

Flagler's crews endured the challenging conditions of building a railroad across muck, marl, mangroves and, in some places, open water — while also coping with heat, humidity, mosquitos and disease.

And then there were the hurricanes — catastrophic storms in 1906 and 1909 killed 132 men and altered the

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building plans when it became clear that the fill for the railroad bed would wash out and longer bridges were needed in some areas.

The statistics are astonishing. When completed, the Over-Sea Railway included 22 miles of filled causeway and 18 miles of bridges. Almost 18 million cubic yards of material was moved.

Fleets of boats were built, for everything from dredging to housing workers to ferrying dignitaries along the project.

An estimated 200,000 piles were driven into Florida Bay. Key West itself grew by 400 acres to create the railroad yard, the area now known as Trumbo Point that serves as the island's Coast Guard base.

One of Key West's most prominent citizens, Jefferson B. Browne, wrote a history of the island on the occasion of the railroad's reaching Key West and one of the last chapters extols the achievement, citing "the magnificent genius and Roman courage of Henry M. Flagler, who in building this road has made use of a construction rivaling that of the aqueducts of ancient Rome, which will last long after the accretions of centuries shall have filled the space between the islands, and in the aeons to come, the archeologist will marvel as he uncovers these remains of a vanished and forgotten civilization." ★



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Key West Museum of Art & History, which is hosting an exhibit, "Flagler's Speedway to Sunshine": www.kwahs.com/

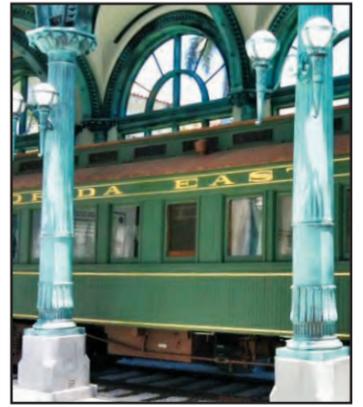
Flagler Museum at Whitehall, which has an exhibit called "First Train to Paradise" through Jan. 8: www.flaglermuseum.us

Read Together Palm Beach County, which has Les Standiford's book *Last Train to Paradise* on its selection list: <http://readtogether.palmbeachpost.com/>

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The Monroe County Public Library in Key West, which will also be reading Standiford's book for its One Island One Book program, including an online readalong: www.oneislandonebook.blogspot.com

The Monroe County Public Library's online collection of 700 images of the railroad: www.flickr.com/photos/keyslibraries/sets/72157624587492499/



ABOVE: Henry Flagler's private railcar, called The Rambler, is housed in a pavilion at his estate, Whitehall, in Palm Beach. Courtesy of the Flagler Museum

LEFT: This map, which dates from the early 20th century, shows the routes of Flagler's railroad.

If you go

What: Author Les Standiford presents his book *First Train to Paradise: The Building of the Over-Sea Railroad* as part of the 27th Annual Whitehall Lecture Series.

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Manalapan

Walker retires, appreciating experience as chief



Photo by Jerry Lower

Chief Clay Walker

Age: 56
 Served as police chief since 1999
Life before Manalapan: 21 years with North Palm Beach Police Department
Biggest accomplishments: Improving Manalapan Police's use of technology, including automated record-keeping, license plate cameras, and finger print readers in police cars.
Looking ahead: Possibly a new civilian career

Acting Chief Lt. Carmen Mattox

Age: 48
Biggest challenges: Hiring the best officers, soliciting support from town businesses, persuading elected officials to provide the best possible training to the force.

By Steve Plunkett

Manalapan Police Chief Clay Walker has added the word "former" to his job title.

It was Walker's second retirement, the first being when he left the North Palm Beach Public Safety Department as a lieutenant after 21 years to become Manalapan's chief in 1999. It likely won't be his last, he said.

"I'm too young to not be doing something," said Walker, 56, adding that he was exploring private-sector opportunities. He was given a \$10,000 retirement gift and three months' health insurance. As chief he earned \$86,000 a year.

"Mayor Basil Diamond praised Walker at the Dec. 20 Town Commission meeting for keeping Manalapan's crime rate low.

"He has brought our department from a department that was functioning but was not what it needed to be, and over the course of 12 years he brought us into the 21st century ahead of most of the other communities of our size," Diamond said.

Walker supervised a lieutenant, eight police officers, and four full-time and four part-time dispatchers. The department's \$1.35 million budget makes up 42 percent of the town's total expenses.

Walker said early in his police

career he hoped to become a chief.

"Manalapan gave me that opportunity. I will always be forever thankful," he said.

When he took over the department, he said, colleagues asked if he viewed the small-town job as a stepping-stone.

"There's nothing more enjoyable than working with a community that you can reach out and touch the individual residents and be successful," Walker said. "We do so many small things, so many nuances that you can't afford to do at a larger agency sometimes.

"It's been a great ride."

Walker's last presentation involved his successor, Lt. and now acting Police Chief Carmen Mattox. Both men also worked together in North Palm Beach.

"I'd like to give him his chief's badge that he will begin wearing probably about 5 o'clock on Jan. 2," when Walker's retirement was to take effect, Walker said.

The former chief emailed town residents Dec. 2 giving them a month's notice that he was retiring.

Walker spent his rookie year with the Clewiston Police Department, where he grew up, after getting a bachelor's degree in criminology from Florida State University.

His last year was not without friction from Manalapan's leaders.

Commissioner Donald Brennan asked for a cost comparison that showed town residents pay \$5,720 per-capita for police services while those in South Palm Beach pay \$614.

Commissioner Robert Evans studied the department and asked Walker to devise a schedule that would have seven officers instead of eight.

Commissioner Howard Roder at one meeting urged that Walker be fired, saying he lacked administrative, organizational and people skills, then at a later meeting suggested trimming the lieutenant position instead of an officer position.

Commissioner David Cheifetz and residents Peter Isaac and John Murphy examined police hiring practices after Isaac complained he was treated poorly by a younger officer during a code enforcement action. Walker later changed his application package to note that five years' experience was preferred.

Commissioners also sought bids for contracting out the police dispatch system.

They took no action after getting only one bid, from Ocean Ridge for roughly eight times what South Palm Beach pays Lantana for dispatching.

The towns have since met four times to fine-tune the dispatch proposal. ★

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Manalapan's police history

1931 — Town of Manalapan created by Commodore Harold Vanderbilt

1935 — Manalapan creates its Police Department and names Robert D. Wertz police officer and town clerk.

1938 — After being hired as a seasonal police officer, M. Dewey Morris becomes police officer and treasurer after resignation of Wertz.

1955 — Circuit Judge Curtis Chillingworth and his wife are killed in their Manalapan home in one of the town's most notorious cases.

1958 — Morris totals his town police car and requests a retirement pension. He's awarded \$50 per month for life.

1959 — Police Officer Carl Bretz is promoted to chief of police with a salary of \$370 per month.

1962 — Ralph Cummins is named chief.

1964 — Cummins is killed in a car accident on Osborne Road in Lantana. He was 37. At the time, Manalapan had 65 residents. Then Sgt. James Casey is appointed acting chief.

1968 — Sgt. Lawton W. Sauls is promoted to chief after the "untimely death" of Chief Casey.

1973 — John Wesley Schomberg is appointed chief of police at a salary of \$138.50 per week. Dispatch was handled through Lake Worth. Officers carried a two-channel walkie-talkie that connected them to Ocean Ridge and Lake Worth.

1973 — The body of Palm Beach Junior College coed Pamela Curry is found buried in an old beach cabana near her aunt's Manalapan estate. A gardener at a nearby estate is tried for her stabbing death.

1974 — Ralph M. Meadows is named chief, a position he'll hold until his retirement in 1993. At the beginning of Meadows' term, the department shared one gun that duty officers rotated. By 1976 the department had five men on duty.

1976 — Ralph M. Meadows II goes to work as an officer, serving under his father. At the time the old gatehouse serves as police dispatch center. Town Hall and Police headquarters is a single-wide trailer positioned between two sets of tennis courts on the La Coquille Club property.

1990 — Meadows is investigated for alleged ethics violations. Investigation discovers Meadows used the town's tax-exempt status to buy tires for his grandson, took money from residents for extra services and possibly sold property forfeited in police cases, pocketing the money. It could not be proven whether he misappropriated property because he had destroyed all the police department's records prior to 1988.

1994 — Wes Smith III hired as police chief

1999 — Smith resigns, saying he's had issues with the town. Clay Walker hired from North Palm Beach Police Department.

2004 — Walker takes heat from civil libertarians for installing cameras that capture license plate photos of cars driving through town.

2009 — Manalapan Police Department votes to unionize.

2011 — Walker retires.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Sonny Van Arnem

If there's one character trait that runs through Harold "Sonny" Van Arnem's life, it's determination.

As a teenager, he was determined to make the football team even though he'd never played the game. He achieved his goal, playing alongside future football great Roger Staubach and catching the eye of Ohio State coach Woody Hayes.

Then — crash. The summer before his senior year, Van Arnem severely injured both arms and hands when he was accidentally hurled through a glass door. They told him to forget about playing football. But after at least a dozen surgeries, his gritty determination put him back on the gridiron. He would go on to win a college football scholarship.

Van Arnem says those early challenges shaped him for an entrepreneurial career that had plenty of ups and downs. A pioneer in remote interactive computing and computer leasing, he engineered high-stakes business deals with lucrative payoffs. He developed various businesses and sometimes got burned by his partners. It's all chronicled in his autobiography (working title: *Sonny Side Up*), which he plans to publish electronically.

Today, at age 70, he's busy running Van Arnem Properties Inc. of Delray Beach. His real estate investments include the Town Square office building, Santa Fe Suites and miscellaneous commercial properties in the city's central business district.

But his true passion is communications technology, a field he knows intimately.

While serving on the Delray Beach Education Board, Van Arnem helped advance the "Digital Divide" project, a city/county/school district initiative to supply needy families with refurbished computers, free Internet access, and training. "I learned that thousands of families in southwest Delray Beach were surviving on food stamps. The kids had no computers. How could they succeed in school?" Van Arnem said.

He and others worked to get funding commitments to pay for PC refurbishing and wireless routers; the first 10 Delray Beach families have been served under the program as officials continue to seek funding.

Looking back, Van Arnem says his determination may be a genetic trait; he had a strong Irish mother and a hard-working Dutch father. Or, it may have been a gift from the Almighty.

"I think the most important thing is the connection you have with God," he says.

— Paula Detwiller



Sonny Van Arnem, his wife, Bridgette, and son Sean enjoy the beach. Photo by Jerry Lower

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

A. I grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, and attended Catholic schools from first grade through high school. I got a football scholarship to Xavier University, stayed one year, and transferred to the University of Cincinnati to join their team. I graduated with a degree in economics. My first job was with General Electric. I was recruited for GE's business training course, which was, and still is, the best training of its kind. That training set the stage for everything I've accomplished in business.

Q. Tell us about your career. What were the highlights?

A. I helped launch GE's computer division in Phoenix, back in the days of mainframe computers, when IBM dominated the industry.

In 1966, GE moved me to Detroit and in 1968 I started my first company called Applied Computer

Time Share, which marketed access to GE mainframes via remote terminals. We processed transactions for more than 20 banks in Michigan electronically, long before that was commonplace, and at one point we had more than 100 manufacturing companies outsourcing their data processing to us.

During those years, I helped establish a doctoral program in computer engineering at the University of Detroit.

Later I got involved in cable TV network ownership. That exposed me to the entertainment world, and I produced a number of motion pictures, including *Love at First Bite* with actor George Hamilton.

I was one of the founders of the North American Soccer League, the first professional soccer league in the U.S., and I owned a team called the Detroit Express, which played at the Silverdome. I also started and ran a number of communications technology

companies over the years, including Cybergate, the very first Internet Service Provider in the southeast U.S.

Q. How did you get into the commercial real estate business?

A. When the "dot-com" industry imploded, I was living and working in Europe. I decided to return to the U.S., regroup, and invest in land for development. Big mistake! Who could have predicted what happened to real estate? Anyway, I have my commercial real estate business in Delray Beach, and I am waiting to find a technology company to acquire or start.

Q. What advice do you have for young entrepreneurs starting out in business today?

A. Make a plan, work your plan, and be committed to it. Find people who buy into the plan and can execute it according to your vision. Be patient. Continue to reinvent your business. Don't quit.

Q. Tell us about your family.

A. My wife, Bridgette, and I have been married for 25 years. We have three sons together: Sean, who's a freshman at Atlantic Community High School; Maxwell, a student and semi-pro skateboarder; and Adam, a music student, artist and writer living in Colorado.

I also had four children during my first marriage. Harold Louis IV is a web developer and the founder of Money.net. Heather, the family anchor, is married and living in Beirut, Lebanon. And my oldest daughter, Aleise, works for Prudential Securities in the Midwest.

My second-oldest daughter, Heidi, became a quadriplegic at age 16 after a horrible accident.

She rose above it and became a crusader for people with disabilities. She won numerous honors for her work, including an award from President Clinton. It broke our hearts when Heidi died in her mid-30s.

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

A. My high school football coach, Jim McCarthy, inspired me by example. In four years of playing for him, he never spoke to me personally. After the final game of my senior year, he calls me down to his office and says, "You know, we've never talked, but I want to tell you how much I enjoy you as a person and a player, and I want to see you succeed in life." The truth was, he was full of love and caring.

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

A. "Never complain, never explain." [Benjamin Disraeli]

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

A. In 1990 we relocated our company, Finalco Inc., from Virginia to Boca Raton. Finalco was one of the largest computer and telecom leasing companies in the world, and we took over the 100,000-square-foot building that formerly housed IBM.

My wife and I had always dreamed of living on the ocean, so we bought property in coastal Delray and built on it.

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

A. The sunrises, the ocean, and the weather.

Q. Who or what makes you laugh?

A. The scary excitement of things makes me laugh — like the first time I ever flew on the Concorde supersonic jet. We were going so fast, the plane started to shake, and it felt like the wings were going to fall off. I burst out laughing because of the exhilaration of it.



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Celebrations



Marisa Vinas was recently accepted into the University of Miami Chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society. Marisa serves as Vice President of Membership Communications on Golden Key's Executive Board. Members are in the top 15 percent of their class and have an interest in service and leadership development. Marisa, a junior, is studying neuroscience psychobiology with plans to follow in her father's footsteps as a plastic surgeon after she completes her education. She is the daughter of Dr. Luis and Theresa Vinas of Ocean Ridge. **Photo provided**



Gulf Stream's Mayor Bill Koch (center right) and Town Manager Bill Thrasher (right) recently joined Homeowners Association President Julio Martinez (center left) and the board's project manager, Ned McDonald (left) to mark the official opening of the new front entrance to Gulf Stream's Place Au Soleil. **Photo by Jerry Lower**



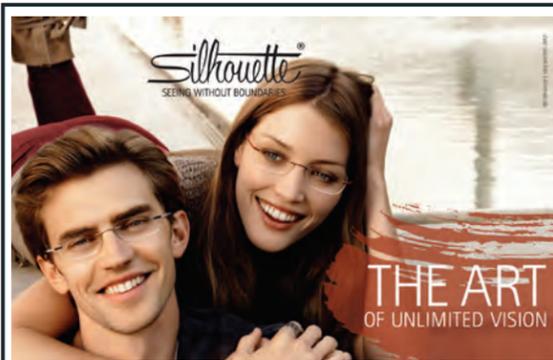
Members of the Literacy Center Committee gather at the site of the future home of the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County at 3651 Quantum Blvd. in Boynton Beach. The 12,204-square-foot Literacy Center for Education, Training and Outreach will serve as the hub for literacy services provided throughout Palm Beach County. The anticipated project cost is \$3.5 million, and the capital campaign has raised \$2.27 million from more than 300 donors. Groundbreaking is anticipated as soon as all pledges are in place to fund the construction in its entirety. From left: Board President Maggie Dickenson, board member Kristin Calder, Past Board President Laurie Gildan, board member Audrey McGlothlin, Literacy Coalition CEO Darlene Kostrub, Board Vice President Lisa Koza, Literacy Coalition Founding President and Capital Campaign Chair Gale Howden, and board members Bettina Young and Bryan DeFrances. **Photo provided**



Dr. Ra'anán Gissin, senior adviser to former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, spoke on behalf of Jewish National Fund in early December at the Manalapan home of Joan and Bill Bernstein. Gissin is one of Israel's leading spokesmen on security, strategic issues and the peace process. ABOVE: Gissin (left) joins hosts Joan and Bill Bernstein. Bill Bernstein is a member of the JNF Palm Beach Board of Directors. **Photo provided**



Bill Finley (left), board chair of Community Partnership Group and its member agency Parent-Child Center, is moved by receiving the William F. Finley Founder's Award recognizing courageous and visionary leadership for community change. Patrick McNamara, CEO, presented the award at the recent Chairman's Club cocktail fundraiser held at Finley's Ocean Ridge home. Members of the Chairman's Club support the Parent-Child Center and its programs, Palm Beach County's largest provider of services to children and their families dealing with issues related to abuse, neglect and critical illness. **Photo provided**



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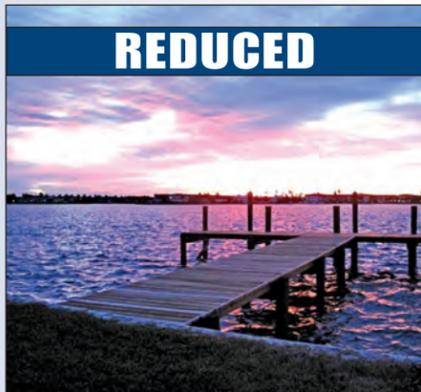
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BIGGEST LOSERS

BY PAULA DETWILLER

The holidays are over. It's a new year, full of promise and possibility. Is 2012 the year you improve your personal health and harmony by shedding excess pounds?

If the answer is yes, you've come to the right place for inspiration. We rounded up five area residents to share their impressive weight loss stories. Our "biggest losers" reinforce the fact that, no matter how old you are, the key to losing weight — and keeping it off — is to go slowly, eat healthy food, and exercise regularly. So long, fad diets.



How others became winners at losing weight. Pages 38-39



JANE HEBERT
Retired nurse,
Briny Breezes

Jane's stats
Age: 77

Original weight: 260
Current weight: 155
Words of wisdom:
Get the support you need, so you learn to discipline yourself.

LOST 105 POUNDS

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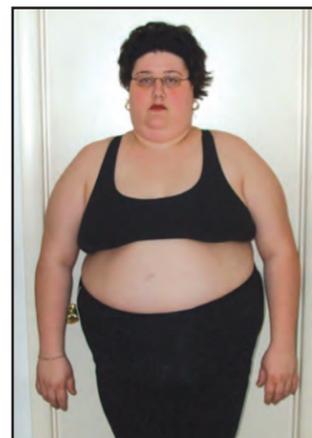


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VANESSA LOVVORN
Maintenance worker,
Delray Beach

Vanessa's stats
Age: 32

Original weight: 345
Current weight: 241
Words of wisdom:
If you think you can, you can. If you think you can't, you're right!

LOST 104 POUNDS

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Family marks 40 years at Boynton Beach hardware store. **Page 48**

Health & Harmony

BIGGEST LOSERS

Jane Hebert, Briny Breezes

Two years ago, Jane Hebert made a New Year's resolution to lose 100-plus pounds.

"I couldn't walk from here to the pool across the street without stopping," she says. "My doctor told me, take off weight or you won't live much longer."

So Hebert, then 75, went back to Weight Watchers — and this time, she made a pledge to attend weekly. "I had joined Weight Watchers a few years earlier and lost weight. I said, OK, I can do this by myself now. But no, I gained it all back and then some. I realized I need that support — and it has really paid off."

Over a two-year period, Hebert lost 120 pounds, slimming down from 260 to 134. "By weighing in each week and hearing the stories of others, you are giving and getting moral support. It keeps you on the ball," she says.

After she lost the first 25 pounds, Hebert began a daily walking routine. She walks four miles a day around her neighborhood with the help of her New Balance walking poles. She no longer needs high blood pressure medication, sleeps very well, and has shrunk from a size 26 to a size 12.

Her husband and doctor couldn't be happier.

Vanessa Lovvorn, Delray Beach

When her father was diagnosed with lung cancer, Vanessa Lovvorn wisely stopped smoking. But over the next year, as her dad slowly died from the disease, she gained 100 pounds. Her weight hovered in the mid-300-pound range over the next 12 years.

Desperate, Lovvorn consulted a psychiatrist. He talked her out of lap-band surgery and gave her a series of homework assignments: eliminate your addiction to soda (she was drinking two 2-liter bottles a day); stop biting your fingernails; and begin following a weight-loss plan.

Check, check, and check. By mid-2011, Lovvorn's weight went from 345 to about 300. She began working with a fitness trainer and a nutritional counselor at Level 5 Fitness and Conditioning in Delray Beach. She has lost 104 pounds over a 17-month period, and plans to lose at least 60 more.

"I'm never going back to the person I used to be," she says. "I'm happy now. I can actually look in the mirror and



ZACH ROGERS
Internet engineer,
Boca Raton

Zach's stats

Age: 22
Original weight: 192
Current weight: 149
Words of wisdom: It's all about what you put into your body.

say I love who I am. That's the difference."

Lovvorn credits her "army" of supporters, including her family and trainers, for keeping her motivated. A diet of small, frequent meals emphasizing protein and complex carbohydrates has helped Lovvorn tame her sweet tooth. "If I do crave something sweet, I'll have 2 tablespoons of sugar-free, fat-free chocolate syrup in a glass of milk," she says. "But I don't get those urges very often. I work so hard in here, I don't want to self-sabotage."

Zach Rogers, Boca Raton

When Zach Rogers decides to cheat a little on his dietary plan, he'll have a couple of reduced-fat Oreos and some almond milk. Reality check: other guys his age are wolfing down Big Macs and Mountain Dew.

At 22, Rogers has committed himself to "clean eating" — lean protein, complex carbohydrates, healthy fats — and building his body at Fitness Now gym in Boca Raton.

"I lift weights five to six days a week. And if I'm not lifting weights, I've got a date with the Stairmaster," he says.

Rogers was a skinny kid who ballooned up in high school, according to his mother, Bonnie, a personal trainer. He weighed 192 upon graduation, but he didn't like what he saw and shrank himself to 124 pounds within a year. Mom worried he was becoming anorexic, and pointed him toward the gym.

"After I lost the fat, I wanted to build up the muscle," Rogers says. He's now a buffed 149 pounds with a mere 11 percent body fat. He eats eight small meals throughout the day to fuel his workouts and keep burning calories continuously. He is philosophical about his motivation.

"Looking better is one thing, but the feeling you get

from accomplishing something like this, knowing that you're on the right track, every day that you wake up, every healthy meal that you put in, it's priceless."

Dan Castrillon, Delray Beach

"I like to call it a consumption awareness program," says 42-year-old Dan Castrillon, regional manager of the Scirocco Group insurance company in Delray Beach.

He's talking about the healthy food choices he learned to make as a participant in last year's "Your Best Fit" weight loss challenge. He lost 31 pounds during the competition and subsequently took off another 19 pounds by applying what he learned.

"I basically stopped eating for sport," Castrillon says. "If we had pizza for dinner as a family, I would sit down and eat a pizza — you know, a large pizza all by myself. And I would have three or four beers with it. So it got to a point where I said, that's just ridiculous. Now I'll have maybe three slices of pizza, and I stopped drinking beer entirely. I switched my drink of choice to vodka and soda."

Before his weight loss, Castrillon had achy knees, got winded climbing a flight of stairs, experienced fitful sleep, wore 44-inch waist pants, and worried about keeping up with his 4-year-old son. Today he runs two or three times a week, has more energy, wears a 38-inch waist, and his knees no longer hurt.

"Set a goal," he advises. "You've got to know where you're going in order to get there."

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DAN CASTRILLON
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and stop eating for sport.



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TARYN SHEA LOUGHRAN
Fitness trainer,
South Palm Beach

Taryn's stats
Age: 27
Original weight: 165
Current weight: 115
Words of wisdom: Throw out
your bathroom scale. It can
really mess with you.

Taryn Shea Loughran, South Palm Beach

When Taryn Shea Loughran received a photo of herself from a friend a few years back, it just didn't register.

"I'm thinking, why is this woman wearing a bikini? It's way too small for her," Loughran said. "Then it struck me: that was me. I couldn't believe how much I had let myself go."

A former high school athlete, Loughran decided then and there to lose weight and shape up. She gradually left her diet of Kraft macaroni and cheese, hot dogs and cinnamon buns behind to construct her own "clean eating" program of whole grains, lean chicken and fish, along with superfoods such as asparagus, grapefruit and blueberries.

She joined the YMCA and began working out. In four years' she lost 50 pounds, sculpting her body in the process to become a fitness competitor and model. Now 27, her muscular physique appears in the same magazines she used for inspiration when her weight loss journey began.

Loughran stresses the slow, steady approach. After all, she didn't go from a size 14 to a size 2 overnight. As a fitness coach herself at The Gym in Manalapan, Loughran enjoys motivating others.

"If you watch what you eat, do cardio workouts and resistance training, that's the triple threat," she says. "That's going to get you into your dream body."

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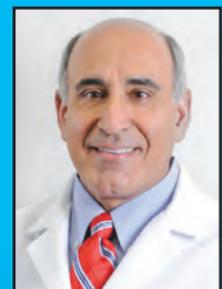
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Golf

From blue blazer to unstuffy fun in 25 years

By Steve Pike

You might say Tony Chateauvert owes his job to two things: A navy blue blazer and a box of crayons. The blazer goes back more than 25 years and the crayons go back less than one year.

An explanation: As an aspiring golf professional, Chateauvert, PGA professional and manager of the Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course on Palm Beach, endeared himself to the head professional at fabled Garden City Golf Club on Long Island by showing up for an assistants tournament in the blazer. Garden City Golf Club, understand, is one of those “old world” golf clubs where etiquette (and jackets) are still required.

“I had done my research and knew you needed a sports jacket,” Chateauvert said. “Of all 120 guys playing, I was the only one with a sports jacket. I ended up having lunch with the head professional (Gil McNally). A couple of months later he



Meet the Pros:
Palm Beach Par 3
an occasional series

offered me the job. We’re still close friends.”

The crayons? As part of the interview for the Palm Beach Par 3 manager’s job, Chateauvert was asked to draw his résumé.

“I started out at the bottom with stick figures of my caddying days; I had a lot of circles with smiling faces (that represented networking) and then me on top at a desk with two kids and wife,” Chateauvert said. “It was terribly drawn. But I was told I was the first person who went from the bottom up. Everybody else started at the top. I told them I don’t want to go down, I want to go up.”

That’s certainly the direction Chateauvert has taken the Palm Beach Par 3 since he started this past Feb. 22. During his first six months, Chateauvert said, rounds played increased 40



Tony Chateauvert says he loves how the Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course provides easy access to oceanfront golfing without the need for club membership. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

percent and revenue increased 32 percent.

“It’s not that I’m a genius,” said Chateauvert as he looked out over the Atlantic Ocean from behind the wheel of a golf cart. “My background is in private clubs — I like

tradition — but you go to a lot of them and no one is smiling. That’s not the way it is here. You can come here and play and no one is looking down their nose. You can play golf and shoot as many balls on the range as you want.

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Paws Up for Pets

Tech advances spread through pet-safety field

Our dogs may not be yapping about smartphone apps and our cats might not be purring about identification tags fitted with computer chips, but keeping tabs on their whereabouts and having their medical records available at your fingertips is possible thanks to the arrival of some high-tech pet products.

As we usher in 2012, let's be best friend to our pets by embracing technology that keeps them safe and healthy. My role as a journalist takes me all over North America to cover veterinary conferences and major pet trade shows. At the recent SuperZoo, a three-day pet trade show in Las Vegas, I spent most of my time investigating high-tech devices in the new pet products section.

Here are a few that merit your attention:

Pet Tech PetSaver App.

With the push of a button and the swipe of your finger, you can obtain instant access to your pet's medical records, locate the nearest emergency veterinary hospital and even receive audio step-by-step instructions on how to treat arterial bleeding on your dog if you are miles away from a veterinary clinic. All of this and more is available on the Pet Tech PetSaver App for \$4.99, about the price of a small caramel latte.

This app can be downloaded using an iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Windows 7 and Android phones. It is divided into six main menus for dogs and cats: caring for your pet, CPR and first aid, snout-to-tail assessment, poisonous items, essentials and dental care. You can easily input your pet's health records, make a lost cat wanted poster, download photos of your pet, create a file that reminds you of the medications and the doses your pet needs, and scroll through an alphabetical list of poisonous plants with photos for easy identification.

Not sure what to include in a pet first aid kit or disaster kit? No problem — this app provides that and so much more. Learn more by visiting www.pettech.net.

Tagg — The Pet Tracker. One of our biggest fears is

seeing our dog or cat dart out the door and disappearing from sight. According to the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy, only about 20 percent of lost dogs are returned to their owners. Hoping to better those percentages is Snaptracs, the maker of Tagg pet tracker. Using Global Positioning System and wireless technology, TAGG is a lightweight device that looks like a wristwatch and attaches securely to a dog's collar so you can keep tabs on where your dog is 24/7.

TAGG works on all smartphones, iPods, iPads and Mac and PC Windows-based computers, providing alerts as to your pet's location. I fitted the TAGG onto a special two-piece clip on Cleo, my 12-pound terrier-poodle mix. TAGG kept tabs on Cleo's whereabouts, including walks we took in several locations. This device shows your dog's route, so you can also verify that the dog walker you hired did take your dog on a scheduled walk.

TAGG fits pets that weigh at least 10 pounds and costs \$99.95, which includes all hardware and one month of service. Each additional month is \$7.95 and there are discounts

for additional pets. Learn more by visiting www.tagg.com.

Pet QR Tag. Move over, cheap metal ID tags from pet supply stores that barely have space to fit a pet's name and your phone number. A new generation of pet ID tag looks like modern-day hieroglyphics. The Pet QR Tag is billed as a smart, 24/7 pet identification tag that can be updated with your dog's information anytime and anywhere. What's a QR tag, you ask? QR is the abbreviation for Quick Response code.

It is a type of matrix bar code designed to be read by smartphones and consists of black or colored modules arranged in a square pattern on a white background.

To activate, go online and type in the special URL. When prompted, enter your activation code. From there, you can include your contact info, photos of your pet, details such as his breed, gender, age and whether he is home or on the road with you. You also can include information about dietary needs, veterinary clinic, temperament and other details.

If a person finds your pet, all he has to do is scan the QR tag using a QR app on a smartphone and up pops up a



The Pet QR Tag offers pet information via a matrix bar code designed to be read by smart phones. Photo by Arden Moore

photo of your pet and whatever information you wish to share.

I tested this product on Zeki, my travel cat, and the info instantly popped up.

The Pet QR Tag comes in two sizes, costs \$14.95 and permits you to update anytime. Learn more by visiting petqrtag.com.

While I welcome this new generation of smartphone apps and high-tech pet IDs, I encourage you to still have your pet microchipped by your veterinarian. Make sure your dog is well-schooled in obedience, especially heeding the "come" and "wait" cues and fit your cat with a harness and leash while providing

supervised exploration outdoors. Play it safe — for your pet's sake.

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Delray Beach

Historical Society putting a little something away — for 25 years

By Ron Hayes

Would you spend a little time to give the past a future?

In 1986, the Delray Beach Historical Society created a time capsule to mark the city's Diamond Jubilee.

Among other items, the capsule held a cassette tape from C. Spencer Pompey, a local civil rights activist and teacher; letters from former Police Chief Charles Kilgore, photos of area residents and a letter from Ruth Ann Kuehn to her infant nephew, Jared Charles Malke.

To mark the city's centennial this year, that capsule was opened on Oct. 9 and the items put on display at the society's Ethel Sterling Williams Learning Center, 111 N. Swinton Ave.

Now the capsule is empty again — and waiting for you to help fill it.

"We'll be accepting items through Jan. 31," says the society's archivist, Dottie Patterson. "It's \$10 per item, with the money going to the Delray Beach Historical Society."

Only nonperishable items, please. They have to survive until Oct. 9, 2036, when the city turns 125 and the capsule is opened once more.

"At first we were thinking of 50 years," Patterson says, "but I asked them to change it to 25 because in 50 years most of the connections and people who would be interested will probably be gone."

As time capsules go, this one is a bit eccentric.

"It's a bright blue metal box," Patterson says. "About 20 inches by 20 inches. It'll be screwed down and hermetically sealed."

But not buried.

"The publicity for the 1986 capsule said it was going to Old School Square, but it actually came to the historical society and was sent to a storage unit at Merritt Transport & Storage," Patterson says.

Items are already arriving.

Michael Zaidman, senior archivist at the Jim Moran Foundation in Deerfield Beach, is donating his first-place medal from the 2010 Pineapple Grove Bed Race.

McCall Credle-Rosenthal has donated a copy of her book, *Images of America, Delray Beach*, and Sharon Kosoff has donated an article about local artists.

Local real estate agent Kathie Karp has included a photograph of the ocean.

"She thought the beach might change," Patterson said.

Patterson is especially eager to have people include letters they've written to yet-to-be born family member, or a grandchild who's still quite young.

"Somebody asked me about putting in a pair of stylish shoes," she added "That might be kind of fun."

For more information, call the Delray Beach Historical Society at (561) 274-9578. ★



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Finding Faith

Faith-based charity offers promise to the homeless

The ambitious charity that transforms South County churches and synagogues into emergency shelters for homeless families with children was timed perfectly for the recession.

Family Promise launched just as unemployment shot up and the housing market collapsed.

The interfaith response to a community crisis has been impressive in Family Promise's first three years.

Twelve churches and synagogues take turns giving families food and shelter until the parents can find jobs and rental housing. Each congregation needs 50 to 70 volunteers to host four homeless families for a week. A typical family gets three months of help.

But now Family Promise's board of directors is appealing for the public's help because they say the South County's lack of affordable housing is making it difficult for families to get back on their feet.

"Anyone who has rental units, we're looking to speak with you," board member the

Rev. Andrew Sherman said. "We need good Samaritans who want to be our financial partners."

Sherman helped organize Family Promise when, as the new pastor at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in 2005, he realized that the county has no coordinated response or shelter for the homeless. More than 70 people came from several congregations for the first meeting.

After two years of planning, Family Promise began its mission in September 2008.

The 12 congregations that banded together to feed, counsel and temporarily house families are Advent Lutheran, B'nai Torah, Cason United Methodist, B'nai Israel, First United Methodist, Grace Community, St. Gregory's Episcopal, St. Paul Lutheran, St. Paul's Episcopal, Temple Beth El, the Chapel of St. Andrew and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

"The recession hit right as we opened," said board president the Rev. Kathleen Gannon. "It was a confirmation that we had stepped out in faith with the right response."

Sherman first thought finding jobs would be the charity's most difficult task.

"But finding safe and appropriate housing is our bigger challenge," he said. "We need a dependable source of transitional housing that people can move into after they have stabilized in our program."



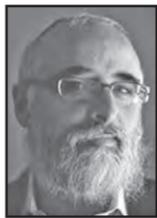
The vocal ensemble Seraphic Fire has been nominated for two Grammy Awards. The group performs its anniversary concert Jan. 12 at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church. Photo by Tim Stepien

So Family Promise directors will ask owners of rental properties this year to form charitable partnerships in which they give reduced rents to Family Promise families.

A Nov. 9 invitation-only fundraiser at the Seagate Beach Club in Delray Beach was the board's first attempt to also raise money to buy existing rental units and build new ones.

"We're looking to host several small gatherings this coming year where we identify those with a heart for this ministry and the capacity to be generous," Sherman said.

Rabbi Ruvy New sings at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 7 during Moonlight Serenade at the Chabad of East Boca Raton.



The synagogue's new monthly Moonlight Serenade services observe God's role in the universe.

The Jewish people are likened to the moon, which waxes and wanes as they have through their history. Blessing the moon on its reappearance each month is a way of renewing the trust that the light of God's presence will soon fill all the Earth.

The outdoor blessing is followed by the rabbi's singing and refreshments in the synagogue at 120 NE First Ave.

The popular Miami-based choral group that performs at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in Boca Raton has been nominated for two Grammy awards.

Seraphic Fire celebrates its 10th anniversary concert at the church at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 12, by reuniting its audiences' favorite singers from past years. The Firebird Chamber Orchestra performs with the singers.

A month later, the Grammys will be awarded. Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem is nominated for best choral performance while A Seraphic

Fire Christmas is a nominee for best small ensemble performance.

Seraphic Fire began with churches in Coral Gables, Miami Beach, Key Biscayne and Fort Lauderdale as its concert venues. St. Gregory's was added last year when director Patrick Quigley sought to expand into Palm Beach County.

"St. Gregory's believes that part of our role is to nurture the arts in our community," the Rev. Andrew Sherman said.

"The classical music concerts are an opportunity for people to come into a sacred space to experience the goodness of God. That's wonderful, too."

Fonda Huizenga will urge Delray Beach business leaders and clergy to "Step It Up" to help the needy when she addresses the Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on Jan. 10.



Huizenga founded a faith-based charity in Broward County that provides emergency foster care before adoptions. She and her husband, Wayne Huizenga Jr., recently moved back to Delray Beach.

"She has a very powerful message for the community to step up to help people in need instead of relying on government and welfare to help," prayer breakfast organizer Nancy Stewart said.

The annual breakfast began 11 years ago as a way for business leaders and clergy to start the new year with a fresh message, Stewart said.

Tickets for the 7 a.m. Chamber of Commerce event at Pompey Park are \$25. Call (561) 279-0907 for details.

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Along the Coast

Readers choose from 5 nominated books

By Ron Hayes

All together now. Read! But what to read? In 2002, the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County introduced "Read Together Palm Beach County," hoping to persuade as many as 20,000 residents to read the same book at the same time.

The book that first year was *Fahrenheit 451*, a book about burning books. People read it, and Read Together caught fire.

The coalition has sponsored a Read Together drive every other year since, and the challenge is always the same.

"The problem is finding a book that's less than 400 pages," says Darlene Kostrub, the coalition's executive director, "without too much violence or sexual content, yet has three or four really good themes that are worth discussing."

To find that book, a committee of eight or 10 men and women reviews dozens of titles, reads about 30, then winnows those down to five for the public to vote on.

And this year's nominees are:

• *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter*, by Tom Franklin. A literary mystery set in small-town Mississippi, where a missing girl, a white suspect and a black constable confront the state's racist past.

• *Digging to America*, by Anne Tyler. A gently humorous novel in which two families become

intertwined when both adopt baby girls from Korea.

• *Last Train to Paradise*, by Les Standiford. A history of Henry M. Flagler's "folly," a railroad that once reached all the way to Key West.

• *Picking Cotton*, by Jennifer Thompson-Cannino, Ronald Cotton & Erin Torneo. The struggles, and triumph, of an innocent man convicted of rape who befriends his accuser after he's exonerated.

• *Zeitoun*, by Dave Eggers. The story of Abdulrahman Zeitoun, Hurricane Katrina and the collision of civil rights and national security.

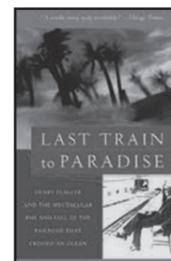
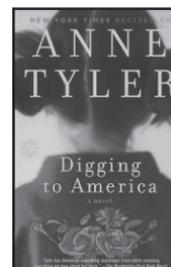
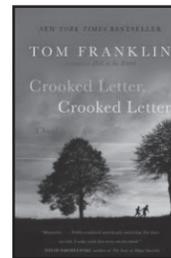
"We have only two fiction titles this year, which is very unusual," Kostrub notes, "but our nonfiction titles are really narrative nonfiction. They read like novels."

Readers can vote beginning Jan. 17, when ballot boxes are placed in libraries and bookstores throughout the county.

The Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd., will have a box, as well as both branches of the Boca Raton Public Library, at 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. and 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd., and Barnes & Noble stores.

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Boca Raton/Delray Beach

BELOW: Boca Raton's Jeanne Bice believed in the power of giving. **RIGHT:** Bice's daughter-in-law Karin Bice with her sister Leslie Streit (l) got into the holiday spirit by donating enough Christmas decorations to fill half a gymnasium. **BOTTOM:** Families in need were able to leave with free holiday cheer. **Photos courtesy of the family and by Jerry Lower**



Mom's beautiful bounty cheers families facing hard times

By Emily J. Minor

This is the time of year so many of us dread — packing up all the Christmas gear, and stowing it away until next — but at Valerie Miller's house in Delray Beach, they're probably doing it with happy hearts.

Christmas, you see, came to them this year courtesy of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, a husband-wife team with great generosity, and an amazing lady named Jeanne Bice — perhaps best-known for slapping glitter on just about everything, including a bad mood.

Confused?

Hang in there, because this is a nice one.

Jeanne Bice was the Quacker Lady on QVC, the funny single mother-turned-mogul who created the line of Quacker Factory apparel and loved anything sparkly — including holidays, family and kids. When the Boca Raton entrepreneur died in June, her family wasn't just left with a broken heart.

After all, Bice was only 71 when she died.

They also were left with all her Christmas decorations — boxes and boxes and boxes of them. Enough to fill her very large attic.

Eventually, Bice's Christmas tidings — everything from gift bags and ribbon to delicate tree ornaments and life-sized Santas — made it to the Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club in Delray Beach, where several hundred families got to shop — for free.

Jeanne Bice's daughter-in-law, Karin, and Bice's son, Tim, gave away all of Bice's decorations just before Christmas so the Boys & Girls Club kids would have a family tree with decorations and lights and ornaments.

They gave it away so the kids



could have Christmas.

"We haven't had a Christmas tree in three years," admitted Miller back in December, packing up one of Bice's 8-foot trees along with bags of lights and baubles. "We've been going through some pretty hard times."

Her daughter, Andriana, 9, was downright giddy in the parking lot.

"I can't believe we're going to have a tree!" she said, twirling.

The idea, say both Karin and Tim, evolved from a very simple truth: This woman who loved the holidays so much that she'd put up a tree for everything from Fourth of July to Halloween would have wanted these families to have her things.

"A lot of these families don't have money to get the kids a little something for Christmas, let alone decorate the house," said Tim Bice, who lost his sister, Lee, just a few weeks after his mom died.

"It's just been unbelievably emotional to deal with all this, so it's nice that something nice

is coming out of it."

Dolly W. Steinman, who's chairman of the Delray board, said the idea came to them when she and her husband were out to dinner with Karin and Tim Bice. Steinman said nearly 200 families were able take home a generous sampling of Jeanne Bice's cheer.

"She's up there loving this," said Steinman, who said Jeanne Bice "would walk into a room and light it up."

Most of the kids at the December event probably didn't know who Jeanne Bice was. They didn't know about her personal struggles or her perseverance or her devoted family that misses her so.

But people like Tedra Hall and her four kids now know this: Someone very special put some sparkle in their Christmas this year.

"We didn't have any decorations until we came here," Hall said.

"I'm so excited," said her 11-year-old daughter Teandra — beaming from ear to ear. ★

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Preservation

Cute is more work than you might think

By Christine Davis

Candy and Mason Heydt have put the finishing touches on their super-cute cottage at 705 SE Atlantic Drive, Hypoluxo Island, the one that they've been renovating for the last six months. And they are very happy to put their toolkits away.

That totally redone kitchen was a real bear, they say.

"We wanted to keep the kitchen," Candy said. "It had great personality. Some brick. Real Mexican tile floors and hand-painted tile in the countertops."

"And because we wanted to save it, it was the biggest challenge we faced in this cottage," said her husband, Mason, with screwdriver and an unhinged cabinet door in

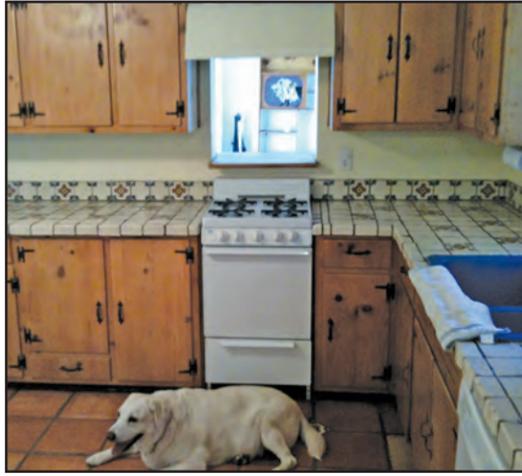
hand.

"I have 80 hours into this," Mason added, gesturing. "I took the cabinets all apart, stripped and sanded them, added new hardwood where needed, then reinstalled and repainted them."

If you've ever done any stripping and sanding, you'll know exactly what he's talking about. Renovating a kitchen can surely unhinge a homeowner/handyman who has taken on the project.

"One day, I came in and asked Mason, 'What can I do to help you?' He handed me a mask, safety glasses and sander, and said, 'Here. Do the inside of the cabinets,'" Candy said. "That wasn't the kind of help I was talking about."

The tile floors were acid-



BEFORE:

The wood cabinets and tiny stove in the kitchen were original. The front entrance was dominated by an awning. Photos provided

washed and resealed and the refrigerator, which used to be freestanding, has a new home, recessed nicely into a space taken from an adjoining closet.

Also, the Heydts knocked out a portion of the kitchen wall going to the living area to change the traffic pattern and they added doors to the outside and the new laundry, a space they stole from the garage.

"The laundry room is now directly accessible to the kitchen and a complete room unto itself," Mason said. "It's a very nice space and even has backyard views."

Concerning the rest of the house, the old jalousies have been replaced with hurricane-rated windows, which brought in much more light, Candy said.

"It's made a world of

difference, changing the whole look and feel of the house."

Now, hardwood floors go all through the house, are on the same level and have been refinished. In the living room, the fake fireplace is gone.

Plumbing has been redone. Old wallpaper has been stripped off — that was quite a job, since some was double thick. And two new central air-conditioning units have been put in place.

In the bathrooms, tubs have been repainted, ugly hanging ceilings have been taken out, but not the interesting tile and fixtures.

"We tried to keep some of the old features because we wanted it to feel like a cottage. We'd like people to say, 'Wow this is like Old Florida, but it's all clean and new looking,'" Candy said.

Maintaining the character of the house is what it's all about, Mason added. "So much of it was already in place, like the corner windows in the master bedroom."

Outside, new awnings are in place, new garage doors have been installed, and the pool is sparkling, set in a 950-square-foot, tumbled-marble deck and pretty landscaping.

Speaking of landscaping, removing all the old junk took two dump trucks four days and \$5,000.

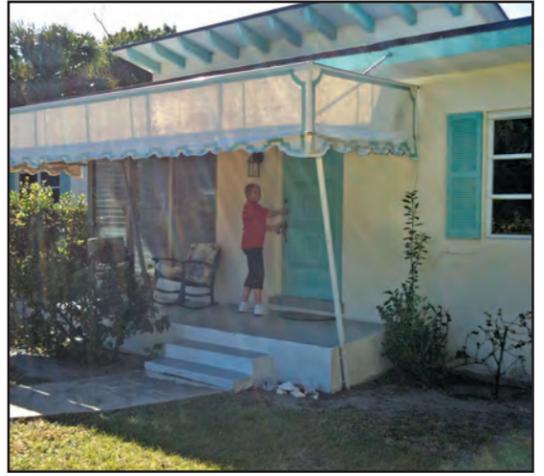
"That was a big effort," Mason said. "Then the land had to be filled, leveled, graded and sodded, with new sprinklers."

Cleaning out the backyard made it huge, Candy said. "And we deliberately landscaped around the border for a big lawn."

"To take a total disastrous backyard — one of the worse I've ever seen — and turn it into a lovely spot with a pool, patio and lawn for the kids to play sports, that was gratifying," Mason said.

The Heydts, who live in a cute cottage they've redone on North Atlantic, have listed the house with Diana Reed of Illustrated Properties for \$749,000.

The Heydts have really captured the look and feel of classic Old Florida cottages, Reed said. "It's got lots of charm: the pretty backyard, new pool, the original hardwood floors, the new roof. It's really cute." ★



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AFTER:

LEFT: Hardwood and tile floors have been refinished throughout.
BELOW: In the kitchen, the original cabinets were painted and hardware reused. A doorway was cut in the location of the old stove to give access to the living room.



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TOP: impact windows and garage doors make the cottage more storm worthy. LEFT: Landscaping using a variety of textures (including a native thatch palm) border the yard. ABOVE: A new pool and tumbled marble decking provide additional space for entertaining. Photos by Jerry Lower



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Dale and Edris Hatch, with daughter Valerie Hatch Pleasanton, opened their store, now an Ace Hardware store, nearly 40 years ago in Boynton Beach. Photo by Tim Stepien

Boynton Beach

Hatches' Ace is the place with the helpful hardware clan

By Ron Hayes

How many families does it take to sell a light bulb?

In Boynton Beach, just one.

But they have to sell it for 40 years.

This year, Dale and Edris Hatch, their children, their grandchildren and their great-grandchildren will celebrate four decades as the owners of the city's oldest, and no doubt friendliest, hardware store.

In a world where giant corporations try to pass themselves off as folksy family businesses, the Hatch gang are the real thing.

On May 1, 1972, Dale and Edris Hatch, transplants from Ogdensburg, N.Y., opened a Western Auto store in the old Winn-Dixie shopping plaza on Federal Highway.

Two years later, they moved down the block to 510 E. Boynton Beach Blvd.

In 1978, they dropped Western Auto and became Boynton Ace Hardware.

And they've been here ever since.

That's four decades of light bulbs and housewares, door knobs and toilet plungers, bicycles and Christmas trees, not to mention countless hours

of neighborly conversation.

"We bought out the old Austin Supply store, which began in 1908," says Dale Hatch, "so actually, the business has only been owned by two families in all that time."

He laughs at the memory of that first, 2,000-square-foot store. "When we started, it was just myself and a little retired lady in her 80s. We had cross-cut saws, ice tongs and horse collars, and we used to have stuff piled up halfway to the ceiling."

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"We like to hire old people for their knowledge and young people for their muscles," says Valerie Hatch Pleasanton, the couple's daughter.

When her parents bought the business, Valerie was a teenager. Now she's the president and CEO of the company, and the mother of Megan Pleasanton, who also works in the store.

Her sister and brother, Darlene and Larry, make up the Val-Da-Lar of the corporate name. And her husband, Loran, whom she first met in first grade at Forest Park Elementary School, is a partner of the business, too.

In those early days, before Home Depot and Wal-Mart, the Hatches ran a small department store. They sold furniture, appliances and toys along with the light bulbs.

"Now we're more service oriented," Valerie says. "We have a specialty lighting department for hard-to-find bulbs, and we make screens and do knife and scissors sharpening."

They don't sell guns anymore.

"Things change," Dale Hatch says, "and I figured somebody might buy one and shoot me."

And even the sexual

revolution has caught up with the hardware business.

"I remember one man wanted a stem for a faucet," Megan Pleasanton recalls. "I got it, and he said he wanted to speak to a man to make sure it was the right one. Now we're in the do-it-yourself era, so we have a lot of women taking charge of their own home improvement projects."

In the old days, Ace was the place for Christmas toys.

"We had a Christmas layaway plan," Dale recalls. "On Christmas Eve, we always wound up with 100 to 125 bikes here, waiting for people to pick them up. And then on Christmas day, we'd see all the kids out riding our bikes around town."

But while Wal-Mart and Kmart rode off with some of their bike business, the little family-owned hardware store is still riding high.

"People who are building a house go to Home Depot," says Loran Pleasanton. "People who are fixing something come to us."

Home Depot can sell you an entire kitchen, but Boynton Ace has shuffleboard equipment.

"We created our own niche," Valerie boasts.

After all, how many hardware stores grow their own Christmas trees?

Every year, families up and down the coast get their trees from the Hatches. The Gulf Stream Bath & Tennis Club, the

Little Club, the Ocean Club.

And where do the Hatches get the trees?

From a little farm Loran and Valerie own outside Asheville, N.C.

"This year, we'll sell about 600 Fraser firs," Loran says.

And this year, once again, they'll get people asking for a double-male plug.

"Every year, people put up their Christmas tree lights backwards, so they wind up with two female plugs. We have to tell them to turn the string around," Valerie says with a laugh.

But it's a patient laugh. Not long ago, she spent about 20 minutes on the phone, helping a customer figure out how to install an air conditioner filter.

Her family has been providing that kind of service for 40 years.

Dale is 82 now, and Edris is 85.

"I'm cutting back," he says. "I want to spend some more time fishing, and I have a friend who wants to teach me how to play golf."

Don't worry, though. Ace will remain the place.

Dale's great-granddaughter, Allianna, who is 8, draws little bookmarks, sets up a table in front of the store, and sells them for a dime apiece.

"I came in one Sunday," Edris says, "and she had an Ace apron on down to here and a spray bottle, cleaning the windows." ★



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Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 12/30. Please check with organizers for any changes.

JANUARY 7

Saturday - 1/7 - 5th Annual Run for the Animals and Family Fun Day is held at Okeehetee Park, West Palm Beach. 7 am: Registration, 8 am: 5K run and 5K walk, 9 am/one-mile family/dog walk, 1 pm: Dog contest. Activities include animal first aid demonstrations, dog agility and blessing of the animals. Food, pet vendors and PBSO Mounted Unit and bloodhounds will. \$30/5K run, \$25/5K walk and \$20/family dog walk. Free. 688-3981.

1/7 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot. Held again 2/4. 8-10:15 am. Free. 734-9128.

1/7 - Boardwalk Tours at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd., Boynton Beach. Held 9 & 11 am every Sat. and 3pm every Wednesday. Join a docent for a guided tour of Green Cay's wetlands. All ages. 9 & 11 am. Free. 966-7000 or www.pbcgov.com/parks/nature.

1/7 - Delray Beach Fitness Day is held in partnership with Ground Zero Fitness at Old School Square Park, 95 NE 1st Ave. Screenings, samples, demonstrations and more. 9 am-noon. Free. 886-8124.

1/7 - 2012 Diaper Bank Project at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Project collects packages of diapers to give to deserving non-profits whose families need them. The library has donation boxes where patrons can deposit diapers. Library hours: M-W: 9 am-8 pm; Th-Sat.: 9am-5 pm; Sun.: 1-5 pm. 266-0197.

1/7 - Fiber Art Exhibit is presented at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Exhibit runs through 5/12 during regular library hours: M-Th: 9 am-8:30 pm; Sat.: 9 am-5 pm; closed Fridays and Sundays. 742-6390.

1/7 - Quilt Sale at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Continues through January during library hours. M-R: 9 am-8:30 pm, Sat.: 9 am-5 pm. Free. 742-6390.

1/7 - Quick Start Tennis Clinics at the Tennis Center, 3111 S. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. Three-week session runs Saturdays through 1/21. Held again 2/4-18. Age 5-6: 9-9:45 am, \$25/resident, \$32/non-resident; age 7-10: 10-11 am., \$30/resident, \$37/non-resident. 742-6575 .

1/7 - Kick Start Your Novel is presented as part of the Authors Academy Series at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-noon. \$25/session. Registration: 279-7790.

1/7 - Ice Age Florida Exhibit at the Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Exhibit features hundreds of genuine Florida fossils. Runs through 1/15. T-Sat. 10 am-4 pm, Sun. Noon-4 pm. \$4/ages 3 and up. 274-7263.

1/7 - Gymnastics for children ages 4-16 begins at the Ezell Hester Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Introductory skill development on the vault, bars, beams and floor. Runs Saturdays through 2/11. Age 4-7: 10-11 am; age 8-16: 11 am-noon. \$57/residents, \$71/non-residents. Registration: 742-6550.

1/7 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings are held daily, Tuesday through Sunday, at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Feeding begins at 10:30 am T-Sat. and 1:30 pm Sunday. Discover what reef fish, nurse sharks, and spiny lobsters eat. Free with \$4 admission to the nature center. 274-7263.

1/7 - Morikami Gardens Photography Workshop - Roji-en, The Gardens of the Drops of Dew, is the setting for this three-week workshop at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Class meets again 1/14 (8-11 am) & 21 (10:30 am-1:30 pm). \$80 for all three weeks. Class begins again 2/4. 10:30 am-1:30 pm. Registration: 495-0233.

1/7 - Musical Luncheon is presented by School of the Arts Foundation Guild at Club Colette, 215 Peruvian Ave., Palm Beach. Features performances by music students from Dreyfoos School of the Arts. 11:30 am. \$100/members, \$125/guests. 805-6298.

1/7 - A Gilded Age Style Lunch in Café des Beaux-Arts at the Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Lunch features an array of delicacies and refreshments reminiscent of the Gilded Age. Runs through 4/7. T-Sat.: 11:30 am-2:30 pm; Sun.: Noon-3 pm. \$22/ Museum members (includes tax/gratuity); \$40/ non-members, includes Museum admission, tax and gratuity. Advance purchase recommended. 655-2833.

1/7 - Conceptual Narrative: Mixed Media from the Chodorkoff Collection at FAU's Wimberly Library, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Exhibition of contemporary fine art and crafts from such established artists as Dale Chihuly, Ed Rossbach, William Morris and Clifford Rainey. Exhibit runs through 1/31. Library hours: M-Th: 8 am-midnight; F: 8 am-6 pm; Sat.: noon-6 pm; Sun.: noon-midnight. Free. 297-0455.

1/7 - Alligator Feedings at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Listen to a short talk about the baby alligator while he is being fed. Held every W & Sat. 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760.

1/7 - Lecture & Book Signing: Into the Heart of Life by Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo - Presented as part of the Peaceful Mind/Peaceful World Series at FAU's University Theatre, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo is one of only a handful of western women to be ordained as a Tibetan Buddhist Nun. In one of her rare visits to the United States, Tenzin Palmo offers practical advice on cultivating a peaceful mind amidst the chaos

and stress of everyday life. 4 pm. \$15. 800-564-9539.

1/7 - Chinese New Year Festival - Presented by the Chinese Association of Science Education and Culture at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Folk music, food, crafts, kung fu demonstrations and the Lion and Dragon Dance. 5-10 pm. Free. 393-7827.

1/7 - From Translating Words to Shaping Beliefs is hosted by St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 100 North Palmway, Lake Worth. Dr. Ben Lowe, Professor of History at FAU, lectures in observance of the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible. First in series

of four lectures. 6 pm/evening prayer, 6:30 pm/ community potluck dinner, 7 pm/lecture. Public invited. Free. 582-6609.

1/7 - Happy Birthday Elvis Tribute Show starring Scott Ringersen with the White Stone Band at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Special appearance by R.J. Franzese with the sounds of Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin and more. 8 pm. \$30-\$40. 243-7922, Ext. 1.

1/7 - The Bronx Wanderers at the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium at the University Center on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$35-\$55.

877-311-7469 or www.fauvents.com.

1/7 - Urban Underground featuring Reggae Musician Adam Teacha Barnes performs at the ArtsGarage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. BYOW. \$15/advance, \$20/door. 9 pm. 243-7129 or www.delraybeacharts.org.

1/7-8 - Lake Worth Art League Outdoor Show - View and purchase works by local artists at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. 9:30 am-4 pm. Free. 586-8666.

JANUARY 8-14

Sunday - 1/8 - Sunday Breakfast is held each Sunday at VFW Post 5335, 500 NE 21st St.,

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1/8 - Ocean Mile Swim at Anchor Park, 340 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Proceeds benefit the Delray Beach Ocean Rescue Lifeguard Competition Team. Registration begins 8:15 am, race starts 9:30 am. \$25. 243-7352.

1/8 - Yoga with Live Music is held every Sunday at the Colony Hotel, 525 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 9:30-11 am. \$20. 703-1236.

1/8 - Torah Studies Course at Chabad of Delray Beach, 7495 W. Atlantic Ave. Course explores Judaism's relevance in modern life. Session runs 12 weeks through 3/25. 9:30-11 am. \$40/full session includes textbook or \$7/class. 496-6228 or www.chabaddelray.com.

1/8 - Oshogatsu - A New Year's Celebration: Celebrating the Year of the Dragon at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Activities include Japan's customary rice-pounding, making mochi rice cakes and a sado tea ceremony (\$5) as well as kakizome, hands-on calligraphy and fortune telling. Special appearances by the lion dancer. 10 am - 5 pm. \$10/adults, \$5/children, Free/children 3 and under. 495-0233.

1/8 - Demonstrations of Sado, The Way of Tea at the Seishin-an Teahouse, The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Observe Japanese sado, an ever-changing tea ceremony demonstration rich in sensational subtleties. Four sessions, offered at noon, 1 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm. \$5 with paid museum admission. 495-0233 Ext. 237.

1/8 - Sunday Funday is held at Boynton Harbour Marina located at Ocean Avenue and the Intracoastal Waterway in Boynton Beach. An afternoon filled with sun, fun and music. 1-4 pm. Free. 737-3256.

1/8 - Art Show at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd., South Palm Beach. 2-4 pm. Free. 588-8889 or www.southpalmbeach.com.

1/8 - 13th Annual Author's Showcase at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Featuring twelve local authors who will speak briefly about their books and meet the public. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/8 - Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival at Bethesda-By-The-Sea, 141 S. County Road, Palm Beach. A perennial favorite of the Christmas season returns. \$15 donation. 2:30 & 4:30 pm. 655-4554 or www.bbts.org.

1/8 - Concert: An Evening with the Palm Beach Opera - Presented as part of the Classical Explosion Series at the ArtsGarage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. BYOW. \$15/advance, \$20/door. 7 pm. 243-7129.

Monday - 1/9 - A Starburst of Great Anglo Playwrights with Barrie Ingham is presented as part of the Campus on the Lake workshops at The Four Arts Donnell Seminar Room, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. This six-session workshop covers works by George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Wilde and Noel Coward. Held again 1/16, 23, 30, 2/6 & 13. 10-11:30 am. \$150. Reservations: 805-8562.

1/9 - Life of Nicias is discussed as part of the Great Books group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Meets the second and fourth Monday of each month. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6886.

1/9 - Quilting Bee - Twice monthly quilting class presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 1/23. 10 am. Free. 266-0194 or www.delraylibrary.org.

1/9 - Scenes from Africa: Photographs by Sam Spear, Jr. at the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Exhibit runs through 2/29. Held the second Saturday of each month. Museum hours: M-F: 11 am-4 pm. \$5. Reservations: 279-8883.

1/9 - Caffeine for the Soul - Presented by the Palm Beach Jewish Center at Starbucks, 150 Worth Ave., Palm Beach. Join other women every Monday for learning and inspiration in an hour of Torah study and discussion. 10:15-11:15 am. Free. 659-3884.

1/9 - The Value of a CPA by Donald K. Porges is presented as part of the Brown Bag Series, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Noon-1 pm. Free. 742-6390 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

1/9 - The Truth Behind the Battle at the Little Bighorn by Stephen Singer - Presented as part of the Authors Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/9 - Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) is presented as part of the Movie Day @ Your Library series at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. All ages. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.

1/9 - Cheer & Tumble Classes are held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave on Wednesdays. Programs focuses on developing teamwork and a positive attitude with an emphasis on safety. Level 2&3: Ages 5-10. Class held Mondays through 3/5 (no class 1/16 &

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2/20). 4-5 pm. \$105/residents, \$131/non-residents. Registration: 901-0637.

1/9 - Alex: A Conversation with Alexander W. Dreyfoos at Café Boulud, Brazilian Court Hotel, 301 Australian Ave., Palm Beach. Judy Mitchell, CEO of the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts will interview the entrepreneur and cultural philanthropist. Presented as part of the Palm Beach Cultural Council's Seventh Season of "Culture & Cocktails." 5-7 pm. \$35. RSVP: 472-3330.

1/9 - Got Gaming? is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 1/16, 23 & 30. 5:15-6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

1/9 - The Tiger's Wife by Tea Obreht is presented as part of the Evening Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/9 - The Cuisine of the Sun: French Cooking Classes with Roberta Sabban is presented as part of the Campus on the Lake workshops at The Four Arts Rovinsky Kitchen, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Held again 1/16. 6 pm. \$300/four classes. 805-8562.

1/9 - Jam Session at Clay Glass Metal Stone Gallery, 605 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. The public is welcome to play and sing along with local acoustic musicians. Held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. 7-9 pm. Free. 588-8344.

1/9-11 - Palm Beach Pops: An Evening with Clint Holmes at the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium at the University Center on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 8 pm nightly. \$29-69. 877-311-7469 or www.fauvents.com.

1/10 - Tuesday - Creative Kids for ages 3-4 is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Crafts, stories, songs and creative play. T&Th from 9-11 am through 2/16. \$54/residents, \$68/non-residents. Registration: 742-6221 or www.boynton-beach.org.

1/10 - Colorful Creations is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Ages 4-5 exercise their imaginations while learning letters and numbers through creative activities such as cooking, science, crafts, stories and songs. Six-week session runs M-F through 2/17 (no class 1/16). 9 am-noon. \$145/residents, \$181/non-residents. 742-6221.

1/10 - Small World class for ages 3-4 begins at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Children enjoy structured play and educational activities in a safe and entertaining environment. Sessions for three or five days per week through 1/31. Held again 2/1-2/19. 9 am-noon. M-F: \$95/residents, \$119/non-residents; M/W/F: \$64/residents; \$80/non-residents. 742-6650.

1/10 - Family JAM: Music & Movement for tots ages 2-5 pm at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Tuesdays through 2/14. 9:15-10:15 am \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

1/10 - The Power of Drawing: Developing a "Seeing Hand" with Nancy Tart is presented as part of the Campus on the Lake workshops at The Four Arts Donnell Seminar Room, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. In this eight-session workshop students will learn the drawing basics. Held again 1/17, 24, 31, 2/7, 14, 21 & 28. 9:30 am-12:30 pm. \$200. Reservations: 805-8562 or www.fourarts.org.

1/10 - Family Storytime is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Listen to stories, sing songs and learn fingerplays. Infants-Age 5. Held again 1/17, 24 & 31. 10-10:45 am. Free. 742-6380.

1/10 - Haiku Workshop at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Learn to write your own original Haiku. Workshop is provided in collaboration with the 5th Annual Palm Beach Poetry Festival. Free with paid museum admission: \$13/adults; \$12/seniors; \$8/children 6-17 and students with ID; free/members and children 5 & under. 10:30 am-noon. 495-0233 ext. 237 7.

1/10 - Young Explorers for ages 24-36 months is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Improve eye-hand coordination through creative movement and music. Class held T: 10:30-11:30 am through 2/14. \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650 or www.boynton-beach.org.

1/10 - A Story 'n More: Interactive Story and Craft - Cheryl Lane brings children's books

to life through interactive performance, singing, movement and props at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 11:15 am-noon. Held every Tuesday. Free with paid Museum admission: \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/seniors; \$5/adults. 742-6782.

1/10 - DIY Afternoon Workshops are held Tuesdays & Thursdays at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Drop-in, stop by and craft at will. For ages 2-5 with a different theme every week. 12:30-1:30 pm. Free with paid Museum admission: \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/seniors; \$5/adults. Registration: 742-6780.

1/10 - Ikenobo Ikebana Flower Arrangement - Using fresh flowers, students are taught traditional flower arrangement in this four-week class at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Class meets again 1/17, 24 & 31. \$60/members, \$70/non-members plus flower fee of \$60 for all four weeks. 1-3 pm. Registration: 495-0233 ext. 2377.

1/10 - Healthy Living Series: Heart Health - Presented by Delray Medical Center at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 736-8044.

1/10 - Disc Jockeys of the Rock 'N Roll Era by Dr. Robert Weber - Presented as part of the Music for Everyone Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. An all-encompassing panorama of rock 'n roll, its significance and impact on our cultural landscape from its origins with Afro-American gospel music, thorough rhythm & blues, jazz, to the special sound of the 1950's. Video and musical recordings enliven presentation. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/10 - Pajama Storytime is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Ages 3-6 (plus siblings) listen to stories, sing, dance and make a special craft while in their pajamas. 7-8 pm. Free. 742-6380.

1/10 - 50th Anniversary Campaign Opening 2012 is celebrated by the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County at the Palm

Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Features Marlee Matlin and Henry Winkler discussing how their inspirational and enduring friendship began. 7 pm. \$50/including admission and dessert reception. Business attire. 242-6613.

1/10-11 - Hammock Trails - A guided walk of the boardwalk at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Open to all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Held every T & W. 10-11 am. Free. 338-1473.

Wednesday - 1/11 - Little Hands Class at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Caregiver and child enjoy creative play together. Ages 12-24 months. Class held Wednesdays through 2/15. 9-10 am. \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. 742-6221.

1/11 - Imagination Station is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Ages 3-4 exercise their imaginations while learning shapes, colors, numbers and the A-B-C's through creative art. Session runs M/W/F

through 2/17. 9-11:30 am. \$71/residents, \$89/non-residents. 742-6221.

1/11 - Tots 'n Tales Storytime - Ages 3-23 months listen to board books, sing songs and dance at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held again 1/18 & 25. 9:45-10:30 am. Free. 742-6390.

1/11 - I Love Art Classes are taught at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Children create art with recycled items. For ages 4-10. Wednesdays through 2/1. 10:30 am-noon. \$36/residents, \$45/non-residents. 742-6221.

1/11 - Mommy 'n Me Circle Time: Gentle Growers is held at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Instructor Meredith Abrams uses Waldorf Education strategies to create a nurturing environment for observation and discussion of infant behavior. Recommended for ages 1-2. Held every Wednesday. 10:30-11:30 am. Free with paid Museum admission: \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/seniors; \$5/adults. Registration: 742-6780.

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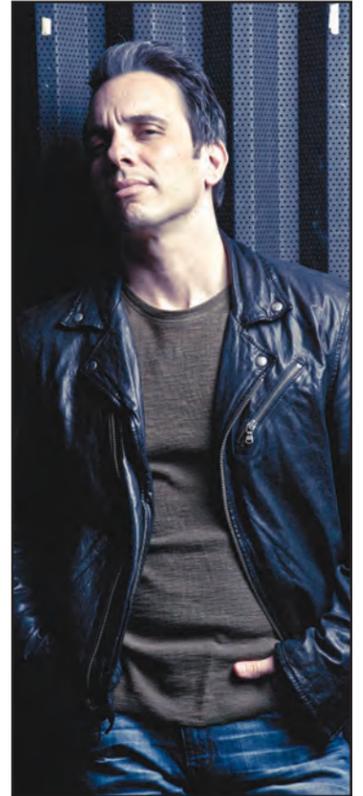
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(l-r) Event Co-Chair Heidi Sargeant; anchor WPEC, CBS 12 Suzanne Boyd; library director Alan Kornblau; and Event Co-Chair Becky Walsh.



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1/11 - Ready, Set, Read Storytime - Ages 3-5 years listen to stories, sing songs, dance and make a simple craft at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held again 1/18 & 25. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. 742-6390.

1/11 - Believe in Tomorrow Benefit Luncheon is presented by the National Children's Foundation at Club Colette, 215 Peruvian Ave., Palm Beach. Features pediatric oncologist Dr. Robert Arcenci of the Johns Hopkins Children's Center. 11:30 am. \$200. 800-933-5470.

1/11 - Socrates Café - Weekly discussion group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 1/18 & 25. 11:30 am. Free. 266-0194 or www.delraylibrary.org.

1/11 - Palm Beach County Property Appraiser Gary Nikolitis at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Nikolitis will discuss how taxes are determined and by whom; current market conditions; why taxes can increase even though the market value decreased and more. 1:30-2:30 pm. Free. 742-6390 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

1/11 - Healthy Living Series: All You Need to Know About Skin Cancer & Prevention - Presented by Dr. Ronnit Stein at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 736-8044.

1/11 - Edwina Sandys Art - Presented as part of the Campus On The Lake Lecture Series at the Society of The Four Arts King Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Book signing follows. 2:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 655-7227.

1/11 - Cardiac Involvement in Rheumatic Disease - Presented by Andres Ruiz-Arango, M.D., Interventional Cardiologist, as part of the Heart Symposium Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

1/11 - VFW Post 5335 Weekly Dinner is held at 500 NE 21st St., Boynton Beach each Wednesday. Diverse menu. 4:30-7 pm. \$8. All welcome. 732-1989.

1/11 - Teen Gaming is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12 play video games. Held again 1/18. 5:30-7 pm. Free. 742-6390.

1/11 - Adult Pottery is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Learn to use a slab roller, coil maker and an electric wheel while creating pottery. Session runs Wednesdays through 2/15. 6:30-9 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650 or www.boynton-beach.org.

1/11 - Oil & Acrylic Painting is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Adults enhance their creativity and reduce stress. Session runs Wednesdays through 2/15. 6:30-9 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

1/11 - Clothing and the Making of Jewish Comedy - Ted Merwin at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the Wonderful Wednesdays Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$35. 7-8:45 pm. Members: \$20/advance, \$25/advance non-member; Door/non-member: \$35. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lfs.

1/11 - Zumba classes are held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Popular fitness program inspired by Latin dance. Class held Wednesdays through 2/15. 7:30-8:30 pm. \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident. Registration: 742-6240 or www.boynton-beach.org.

1/11-12 - National Security In A Changing Global Context is presented by FAU professor Dr. Jeffrey Morton at South Palm Beach Town Hall as part of the 16th Annual Cultural Series. Morton is an author, Professor of International Law and Politics in the Department of Political Science at FAU, Director of FAU Jack Miller Forum for Civics Education and Life Long Learning Society Distinguished Professor of Current Affairs. 7:30 pm. Single event tickets are \$25. Tickets and information: 588-8889.

Thursday - 1/12 - Quilters meet every Thursday at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Share quilting information and perpetuate quilting as a cultural and artistic form. 9-11:30 am. Free. 742-6886.

1/12 - Seize the Day by Saul Bellow is presented as part of the Nobility Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Meets second Thursday of the month through 4/12. 10 am. Free. 266-9490.

1/12 - Two By Two Storytime - Ages 24-35 months listen to stories, sing songs, dance and do fingerplays at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held again 1/19 & 26. 10-10:45 am. 742-6390.

1/12 - Knit 'N Purl - Twice monthly class at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 1/26. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490.

1/12 - Ross JCC Book Luncheon is held by the JCC of the Palm Beaches at Delaire Country Club, 4645 White Cedar Lane, Delray Beach. Headliners are *NY Times* bestselling authors and primetime political analysts, Cokie and Steve Roberts. 10:30 am. \$45-55. 740-9000.

1/12 - Exhibition - Diana Nicosia: A Retrospective is held at Cornell Museum of Art & American Culture, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Nicosia's work is in the permanent collections of major museums around the world. She maintains studios in Boston and Gulf Stream. Runs through 4/15. T-Sat.: 10:30 am-4:30 pm, Sun.: 1-4:30 pm. \$10/general, \$6/seniors, \$4/students (13-21), \$2/children (4-12), Free/members and children ages 3 and under. 243-9722.

1/12 - Mangrove Paddle - Enjoy a naturalist guided tour from the boardwalk at Rutherford Park, 600 NE 24th St., Boca Raton. Presented by the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Following the tour, paddle through the mangrove trails and back along the shoreline of the Intracoastal. Experience is necessary. Ages 7-adult. Held again 12:30-2:30 pm 1/28. 11 am-1 pm. \$15/member, \$22/non-member. Reservations: 338-1542.

1/12 - Lecture: Jenna Bush Hager at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Hager is a contributing correspondent for NBC's *Today Show*. She is also chair of UNICEF's Next Generation, an initiative designed to reduce the number of preventable childhood deaths globally. \$40. 2 pm. 243-7922 ext. 1.

1/12 - Green (read Sustainable) Gardening - Presented by Carol Whitaker at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

1/12 - Read to Hogan the Reading Dog at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Each reader gets 10 minutes with Hogan. All ages. Held again 1/19 & 26. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6380 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

1/12 - Humorist Carol Cott Gross at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455.

1/12 - Harvey E. Oyer, III speaks at the J. Turner Moore Memorial Library, 1330 Lands End

Road, Manalapan. Oyer, an attorney, archaeologist and children's author will discuss his latest book, *The American Jungle*, with a storyline around his family home on Hypoluxo Island. Lecture and book will appeal to all ages. 6 pm. \$10. 588-7577.

1/12 - Arts/Crafts Fair is held on Thursday evenings at Two Georges Restaurant at the Boynton Harbor Marina, 735 Casa Loma Blvd. Unique items, jewelry, pottery, photography and more. 6-9 pm. Free. 736-5783.

1/12 - Writers Corner is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Monthly program offers free manuscript critiquing by published authors. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6390.

1/12 - An Evening with Rabbi Shmuley Boteach is held as part of the Community-wide Education Series by the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County at Broken Sound Country Club, 2401 Broken Willow Springs Dr., Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$36. 852-6059.

1/12 - James Grippando will speak and sign his new book, *Need You Now* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790.

Friday - 1/13 - Water Media Class for adults begins at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Learn proper brush and stroke techniques. Runs Fridays through 2/17. 9:30 am-noon. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 742-6221.

1/13 - Stories in the Garden is held at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Story time, garden exploration and crafts for ages 2-5. Rain or shine. 10-11:30 am. Free. Reservations: 233-1757.

1/13 - Great Conversations Two is presented as part of the Great Books Discussion Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Meets every Friday through 2/24. 10-11:30 am. Free. 266-9490.

1/13 - Art Activity: Goopy Gobs and Squishy Stuff is held at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Recommended for ages 2-4. Come dressed for a mess! Held every Friday. 10:30-11:15 am & 11:30 am-12:15 pm. Free with paid Museum admission: \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/seniors; \$5/adults. Registration: 742-6780.

1/13 - Building A Marketing Plan is presented as part of the Empowerment Zone service at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1-5 pm. Free. 266-0196.

1/13 - Bob Roberts Society Orchestra performs at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Full 16-piece big band plays a variety of tunes to entertain lovers of music and dance in a social setting. Dances are held every Friday. 1:30-3:30 pm. \$4. 742-6240.

1/13 - Monthly International Shabbat Dinner is held at Chabad of South Palm Beach in Plaza del Mar, 242 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Enjoy the flavors of Cuba and the history and lore of the Cuban Jewish community with Cuban natives Richard and Chana Brener and family. 5:30 pm. \$18/suggested donation. RSVP: 351-1633.

1/13 - Exhibit Opening: Burlini Studio of the Arts Group Exhibition is held at Cornell Museum of Art & American Culture, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 60 paintings by area artists currently studying at Burlini Studio of the Arts in Boca Raton. Exhibit runs through 2/8. 6-9 pm. Reception: \$10. 243-9722.

1/13 - Zumba at the Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Sculpt your body through resistance training and Latin dances. For ages 16 and up. Held every Friday. 6:45-7:45 pm. \$7/class. 742-6641.

1/13 - 30th Anniversary Hospice Evening honoring Helen Messic is presented by Palm Beach Membership of Hospice Foundation of Palm Beach County at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. 7 pm/champagne reception, 8 pm/Oscar de la Renta 2012 fashion presentation, 8:30 pm/dinner and dancing. Black tie. \$750. \$450/Under 40 Junior Tickets. 832-8585.

1/13 - Chris Kuzneski will speak and sign his new book, *The Secret Crown* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790.

1/13 - Showcase the Writing is presented by The Writer's Academy at the Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. New writers are introduced to the public by professional actors who breathe life into the written word. 7 pm. \$10. 832-7469.

1/13-15 - Jay Johnson: The Two and Only - Presented as part of the Main Stage Series at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. This 2007 Tony Award Winner stars Jay Johnson (best known for the TV show *Soap*), and a wild cast of puppet characters. \$42. F & Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun: 2 pm. 243-7922 ext. 1.

Saturday - 1/14 - Remembering Haiti Walkathon is presented by The Haitian American Tree Trust in memory of the 300,000 who died in the 2010 Haitian earthquake. Walk begins at Lake Worth City Hall, 7 N. Dixie Hwy., to the beach. Funds raised provide clean water and enable the planting of 300,000 fruit trees

Green Markets

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

Lake Worth Farmer's Market is held each Saturday. Waterside Park, A1A and Lake Avenue Bridge, northeast corner in Lake Worth. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 283-5856.

CCC's Green Market is held Saturdays at the Green Market Cafe, 410 E. Boynton Beach Blvd. 8 am-3 pm. Emerging artists are offered free vendor space to display their art. 752-8598.

Delray GreenMarket is held each Saturday in the first block of SE 4th Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and SE 1st Street. Outdoor venue offers fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music and children's activities. 9 am - 2 pm. 276-7511 or www.delraycra.org.

Boca Raton Wednesday GreenMarket is held each Wednesday at Glades Plaza, Glades Road at 19th Street. 4-7 pm. Free. 368-6875 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

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.

throughout Haiti as part of a reforestation effort. 7 am/registration (824 Lake Ave.) \$10. 598-3864.

1/14 - Mini Monets for ages 5-12 is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Kids achieve a variety of effects in pencil, watercolor, charcoal and paint. Saturdays from 9-11 am through 2/18. \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

1/14 - Farm Your Backyard Vegetable Garden Workshop - Presented at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Program focus is on establishing and managing small vegetable projects, with helpful tips on site preparation, seedling establishment, planting, maintenance and harvesting. 9 am-1 pm. \$30/Mounts members, \$40/non-members. Registration: 233-1757.

1/14 - Claying Around for ages 8-14 is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Kids learn the basic techniques of pottery including wedging and centering clay. Session runs Saturdays through 2/18. 9-11 am. \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650 or www.boynton-beach.org.

1/14 - Irresistible Women! Workshop is held at Quantum Healing Center, 12 NE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Bonnie Harrison and Tali Israel lead a fun day on creating more powerful, passionate and positive relationships. 9 am-5 pm. \$75. 272-3733.

1/14 - The Building Blocks of Fiction: Goal Motivation and Conflict is presented as part of the Authors Academy Series at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-noon. \$25/session. Registration: 279-7790 or www.flauthorsacademy.com.

1/14 - The Writer's Studio is held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 1/21 & 28. 10 am. Free. 736-8044 or www.delraylibrary.org.

1/14 - Ride & Remember Trolley Tour is sponsored by the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW Fifth Ave., Delray Beach. 2-hour tour focuses on 5 historic districts. Departs from museum. Held the second Saturday of each month. 10 am-noon. \$15. Reservations: 279-8883.

1/14 - I Love Art Classes are taught at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Children create art utilizing recycled items. 10:30 am-noon/Ages 4-8; 12:15-1:45 pm/Ages 6-10. Session runs Sat. through 2/4. \$36/residents, \$45/non-residents. 742-6650 or www.boynton-beach.org.

1/14 - JARC Golf Tournament is presented by Jewish Association for Residential Care at Delaire Country Club, 4645 White Cedar Lane, Delray Beach. Activities for non-golfers, gourmet brunch, cocktail reception and awards ceremony. 10:30 am. \$250/golfers, \$100/non-golfers. 558-2550.

1/14 - Glorious Winter Whites: Living with Flowers with John Klingel AAF, AIFD, PFCI is presented at the Society of The Four Arts Donnell Seminar Room, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Express your unique style with a selection of white flowers artfully arranged in a clear glass vase. 10:30 am-noon. \$60/includes materials. Reservations: 805-8562.

1/14 - Scherer & Ouporov: The Revival of Egg Tempera Painting & Twenty Years of Collaboration - Presented as part of the Campus On The Lake Lecture Series at the Society of The Four Arts King Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 11 am. \$20. Reservations: 805-8562 or www.fourarts.org.

1/14 - Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats perform at the Duncan Theatre, Palm Beach State College, 4200 Congress Ave., Lake Worth. A show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty enralls audiences of all ages. 11 am & 1 pm. \$14. 868-3309.

1/14 - Tea Ceremony Workshop - Participants learn the basics of Tea Ceremony at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. 1-3 pm. \$35. Registration: 495-0233.

1/14 - Boston Brass perform at the Duncan Theatre at Palm Beach State College, 4200 W. Congress Ave., Lake Worth. Classical

arrangements, jazz standards, best of Broadway and original brass quintet repertoire. 8 pm. \$25. 868-3317.

1/14-15 - Artists in the Park presented by the Delray Beach Art League at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St. Fine art exhibition and sales. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 843-2311.

JANUARY 15-21

Sunday - 1/15 - The Art of Bonsai (Beginners) at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, Oki Education Center Deck, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Become familiarized with horticultural aspects of growing bonsai including styling, care and maintenance in this five-week class. Class held again 1/22, 29, 2/5 & 19. 9 am-noon. \$91/non-member, \$81/member, plus material fee of \$35 for all five weeks. Registration: 495-0233.

1/15 - Japanese Nihongo Language I Class - Course covers effective conversational Japanese as well as reading and writing skills in this eight-week class at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Class meets again 1/22, 29, 2/5, 12, 19, 26 & 3/4. 10:30-11:30 am. \$80/members, \$90/non-members for all eight weeks. Registration: 495-0233.

1/15 - Speaking and Singing with an Italian Heart is presented by Il Circolo, the Italian Cultural Society of the Palm Beaches at the Helen Persson Auditorium, 326 Acacia Road, Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm Beach. 2 pm. Donations. 736-6780.

1/15 - Sunday Musical Matinee Series featuring Davis & Dow at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Julie Davis is both a scat-singer and a balladeer and Kelly Dow is a world-class guitarist. 2 pm. \$15 or \$45/for all four series performances. 266-9490.

1/15 - American Chamber Players - Presented as part of the Sunday Concert Series at the Society of The Four Arts, Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 3 pm. \$15. 655-7226.

1/15 - Ice Cream Social at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd., South Palm Beach. 2-4 pm. Free. 588-8889.

1/15 - Core Ensemble performs chamber music theatre work, *Of Ebony Embers: Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance* at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1320 N. Palmway, Lake Worth. Marriage of theatrical narrative to chamber performance is offered in celebration of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. 3 pm. Free. 582-6609.

1/15 - Concert: Schumann Piano and String Quintet - Presented as part of the Classical Explosion Series at the ArtsGarage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. BYOW. \$15/advance, \$20/door. 6 pm. 243-7129.

1/15 - Inaugural Caritas Del Bishops Gala is presented by Catholic Charities at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. 6:30 pm/cocktails and silent auction with dinner and dancing following. \$350. 775-9560.

1/15 - Boca's Big Band Extravaganza with Gary Farr & His All Star Big Band is held at The Funky Biscuit at Royal Palm Place, 303 SE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. 16-piece, tux-clad big band showcase. Held again 1/29. 6 pm/doors open for dinner and drinks, 7:30 pm/performance. Call for price. 391-1983.

1/15 - Florida Sunshine Pops: The Best of Copeland Davis and Tribute to Louis Armstrong at the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium at the University Center on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Featuring internationally known trumpeter Byron Stripling. 8 pm. \$35-55. 877-311-7469 or www.fauvents.com.

Monday - 1/16 - Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
1/16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast presented by the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum and Old School Square Cultural Arts Center at the Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. Features student winners of the Palm Beach Poetry Festival's MLK poetry contest, special music by the Pasco Baker Choir, and a display of Delray Beach's Centennial Celebration. Includes breakfast buffet. 8 am.

\$20/person. RSVP by 1/9 at 279-8883.

1/16 - Exhibit: Full Of Grace: A Journey through the History of Childhood at Palm Beach Photographic Centre, 415 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Exhibition chronicles the role of children from Queen Victoria to today, featuring more than 200 works of art from five private collectors. Run through 3/17 during regular hours: M-Th 10 am-6 pm; F-Sat. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 253-2600.

1/16 - Bethesda 3rd Annual Pro-Am Golf Tournament is presented by the Bethesda Hospital Foundation at Pine Tree Golf and Country Club, 10600 Pine Tree Terrace, Boynton Beach. 10:30 am. Join LPGA Greats and tournament hosts Beth Daniel and Meg Mallon along with other great golf pros. \$1,500 to play. 737-7733.

1/16 - Lunch & Learn: The Duchess of Windsor is presented by lecturer Richard Rene Silvin and interviewed by Steven Caras in the Weiner Banquet Center in the Cohen Pavilion of the Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Lecture accompanied by video presentation. 11:30 am. \$75/includes lunch. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

1/16 - Joint Journey is an educational program for those undergoing total joint replacement at

Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn what to expect before, during and after surgery. Held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 737-7733 Ext. 84688.

1/16 - Delray Beach Bus Loop is presented by Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America from the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 5:30-11 pm. \$20/online prepay, \$25/event. 574-6000.

1/16 - 9th Annual Taste of Compassion gourmet event to benefit Quantum House is held at the Harriet Himmel Theater, 600 S. Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach. Features an array of epicurean offerings and a selection of over 65 wines. Silent auction and live entertainment. 6 pm: VIP reception, 7 pm: Tasting. \$125/VIP, \$75/other. 494-0515.

1/16 - The Quarrel at Temple Torah, 8600 Jog Road, Boynton Beach. Featuring the original cast of this off-Broadway production. Proceeds benefit the Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program as well as other programs of the Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service. 7 pm. \$18-\$54. 713-1818 or www.jfconline.com.

1/16-21 - 8th Annual Palm Beach Poetry Festival is held at the Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach.

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Tuesday - 1/17 - Great Decisions Discussion Group is presented by Carl Wetzstein at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 1/31. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490.

1/17 - Cocktail Culture on Film with Scott Eymann: *The Thin Man* (1934) at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. 1-4 pm. \$30/members, \$45/non-members. 832-5196 ext. 1132.

1/17 - Lester Holt speaks at the Forum Club luncheon held at the Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Weekend anchor of *NBC Nightly News*, co-anchor of the weekend edition of *Today* and principal anchor of *Dateline NBC*, he will talk about the emerging role of the media. Noon. \$30/members, \$40/guests of members and applicants. 304-05470.

1/17 - Wills & Probate: What You Need to Know - Presented by Michelle Hofkin & Charles Schwartz at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/17 - I Found a Breast Lump: What Do I Do? - Presented by Sonali Pandya, M.D., Breast Surgeon, as part of the Community Lecture Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

1/17 - Games @ Your Library is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-4 play favorite video games. Held again 1/31. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6380.

1/17 - David Brooks is keynote speaker at the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County's

Municipal Meetings

1/9 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday of the each month at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda available at www.oceanridgeflorida.com.

1/9 & 1/23 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays of each month at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. 7 pm. Agenda available at www.lantana.org.

1/13 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday of the month at the Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Road. 9 am. Agenda available in clerk's office.

1/17 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays of each month at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda available at www.mydelraybeach.com.

1/24 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday of each month at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. 9:30 am. Agenda available at www.manalapan.org.

1/24 - South Palm Beach - Fourth Tuesday of each month in the South Palm Beach Town Hall Council Chambers, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7:15 pm. Agenda available at www.southpalmbeach.com.

1/26 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday of each month at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N. Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda available at www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com.

Premier Event at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. Brooks, author, commentator and opinion writer for the *New York Times* is a keen observer of the American way of life and a savvy analyst of present-day politics and foreign affairs. 6 pm. \$10,000 minimum gift to the Jewish Federation's Campaign 2012 in addition to the event covert. 242-6650.

1/17 - Kosher Cop: Lecture and Book Signing is held at Chabad of South Palm Beach in Plaza del Mar, 242 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Mordechai Dzikansky became a New York City cop in 1983 and was among the few observant Jews ever to service with the NYPD. His book *Terrorist Cop: The NYPD Jewish Cop Who Traveled the World to Stop Terrorists* will be available for purchase. Refreshments. 7 pm. \$18. 351-1633.

1/17 - FAU Astronomical Observatory - Public viewing day observations at FAU's Boca

Raton Campus, Science & Engineering Building, #43, 4th floor, 777 Glades Road. Viewings held on the 1st Friday and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 7 pm. Free. 297-STAR.

Wednesday - 1/18 - Tot Tumbling for Kids begins at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Children learn age appropriate gymnastic skills through the use of tot-sized equipment. Held Wednesdays through 2/22. Ages 1 1/2-3: 10:30-11:10 am, ages 3-5: 11:15-11:55 am. \$57/resident, \$71/non-resident. Registration: 742-6240.

1/18 - Crown of Judah Luncheon at Hamlet Country Club, 3600 Hamlet Dr., Delray Beach. Presented by the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County Women's Philanthropy group. An elegant afternoon for very generous Lions of Judah whose contribute to the Federation's annual campaign at \$10,000+. Speaker is Elliot Abrams, Middle East White House adviser and foreign policy expert. 11 am-1:30 pm. \$125. 852-3142.

1/18 - Adventures in Gardening and Butterfly Sanctuary Tour at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. The Boynton Beach Garden Club discusses Florida friendly plants and explains how the Library became a butterfly sanctuary. Tour follows. 1:30-2:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.

1/18 - International Volunteering as Your New Vacation Idea - Presented by author Joyce Major as part of the Armchair Travel Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/18 - Glamour Icons: Perfume Bottle Design by Marc Rosen - Presented as part of the Campus On The Lake Lecture Series at the Society of The Four Arts Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Book signing to follow. 2:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 805-8562 or www.fourarts.org.

1/18 - Amernet String Quartet performs at the Duncan Theatre, Palm Beach State College, 4200 Congress Ave., Lake Worth. Ensemble-in-Residence at Florida International University is back by popular demand. 3 pm. \$27. 868-3309.

1/18 - Manalapan Book Club meets to discuss *Color of Water* by James McBride at the J. Turner Moore Memorial Library, 1330 Lands End Road, Manalapan. 3 pm. Free. 588-7577.

1/18 - Women's "40s, 50s & Fabulous" Wellness Competition and Reception is presented by The League for Education and Awareness of Human Rights at The Bridge Hotel, 999 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Reception includes hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and soft drinks. 6 pm. \$25. 869-3100.

1/18 - 36th American Red Cross Designers' Show House Preview Party is presented by the American Red Cross Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter at "The Mansion", 3001 Spruce Ave., West Palm Beach. Mingle with designers while enjoying cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and catering. 6-8 pm. \$200. 650-9133.

1/18 - People of the Book: The Sacred Texts of Judaism and Islam by Murray H. Lichtenstein at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is presented as part of the Wonderful Wednesdays Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$35. 7-8:45 pm. Members: \$20/advance, \$25/advance non-member; Door/non-member: \$35. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lis.

1/18 - Childbirth Education Prenatal Class is offered as a four-week refresher course at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Provides an overview of the signs of labor, breathing techniques and more. Wear comfortable clothes. Held again 1/25, 2/1 & 8. 7 pm. \$75/two people. Registration: 369-2229.

1/18 - Lecture: Boca Raton's Yamato Colonists During World War II by Ana Soto at the Boca Raton Historical Society, Old Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Hwy. Soto discusses her investigations into the fate of the Yamato colonists, Japanese immigrants who first settled in what is now the northern section of Boca Raton in the early 20th century. She will compare the surviving families' fate with that of Japanese citizens on the west coast of the U.S. as well as the treatment of white and African American citizens displaced by the Boca Raton

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1/18 - Suzi Cruz: A Musical Comedy Act - Presented as part of the Cy Schonberg Memorial Concert Series, under the artistic direction of Dr. Robert Sharon at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7 pm/doors open, 7:30 pm/performance. Single event tickets are \$25. 588-8889.

Thursday - 1/19 - MorseLife Literary Society meets at The Colony Pavilion, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. 8:45 am. \$400. 209-6103.

1/19 - A Woman's Journey: Johns Hopkins Premier Women's Health Conference is held at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Annual conference provides new and compelling information on important issues affecting women's health. 9 am-2 pm. \$150. 410-955-8660.

1/19 - Madness Under the Royal Palms Luncheon is held by Jewish and Foster Care Options (JAFCO) at St. Andrews Country Club, 17557 Claridge Oval West, Boca Raton. 10 am. \$90. 372-0103.

1/19 - 36th American Red Cross Designers' Show House opens at "The Mansion", 3001 Spruce Avenue, West Palm Beach. Tour more than 15 redecorated interior and exterior spaces of the house. Runs through 2/18. M-Sat.: 10 am-5 pm, Sunday: Noon-4 pm. \$30. 650-9133.

1/19 - Pilot Fatigue by Allen Morris - Presented as part of the Author's Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/19 - Changing Shoes: One Woman's Search for the Meaning of Life at the Bottom of her Closet by Tina Sloan - Presented as part of the Campus On The Lake Lecture Series at the Society of The Four Arts Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Book signing follows. 2:30 pm. \$20. Reservations: 805-8562 or www.fourarts.org.

1/19-20 - Mindful Body in Healing and the Arts: Explorations in Somaesthetics is held in the Arts and Humanities Building on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road. Conference examines the various ways that mindful body consciousness can contribute to health, healing and aesthetic experience. Keynote speaker is Anne Harrington, author of *The Cure Within* at 6 pm on 1/19 in the Performing Arts Building. Reception follows. Registration: 297-3020.

1/19-22 - 30th Annual Boca Raton Greek Festival: Passport to Greece at St. Mark Greek Orthodox Church, 2100 NW 51st St. (Yamato Rd), Boca Raton. Features Greek music and dancing, traditional Greek meals and pastries, a take-out food booth, kiddie rides and amusements, church tours, raffle prizes and vendors from around the world. Th: 4-9 pm; F & Sat.: 11 am-11 pm; Sun.: noon-7 pm. \$5/person, free/children under 12. 994-4822.

1/19-22 - Godspell - Presented by Entr'Acte Theatrical at the Flagler Campus of the Palm Beach Day Academy, 1957 S. Flagler Dr., West Palm Beach. R, F & Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm; Sun.: 7 pm. \$20/adults, \$15/students & children. 800-965-9324.

Friday - 1/20 - Kindermusik at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. For ages 1 month-4 years, with four different age groups. Session runs Fridays through 2/24. Start times for each 45-minute class are on the hour from 9:30 am-12:30 pm.

\$96/resident; \$120/non-resident. 742-6221.

1/20 - Lucky 7th Boomer Expo is presented by BoomerTimes & SeniorLife Magazine at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood. Prizes, exhibits on health and fitness, travel, finance, technology, home care, retirement and lifestyle products and services. Free. Information: 736-8000, Bus: 800-509-8864.

1/20 - A Look at Egg Tempera Painting & Gilding demonstration with Suzanne Sherer and Pavel Ouporov is presented by the Society of the Four Arts at The Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Ave., West Palm Beach. 1:30 pm. \$20. Reservations: 805-8562 or www.fourarts.org.

1/20 - Wetlands & Wildlife - Wakodahatchee is a man-made wetland which has become a favorite for birders and photographers at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Bring your binoculars for this 3/4 mile guided boardwalk tour to learn more about Florida's wetland ecosystems. Ages 7-adult. Held again 2/3. 3-5 pm. Free. Reservations: 338-1542.

1/20 - Golden Jubilee: Palm Beach Opera 50th Anniversary Gala and Concert is held at the Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. A fundraising gala evening featuring red carpet arrival, pre-performance cocktails, VIP tickets to the Anniversary Concert, and an elegant post-performance dinner dance with the artists at the Cohen Pavilion. 6 pm. \$1,000. 833-7888.

1/20 - Vernissage: Maxine Schreiber is held at the J. Turner Moore Memorial Library, 1330 Lands End Road, Manalapan. Artist's watercolor landscapes are shown along with her father's pastels until 2/13. 6 pm. Free. 588-7577 or www.schreiberstudio.com.

1/20 - Free Concert - Presented as part of the Ocean Avenue Concert Series at the Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, between Seacrest Boulevard and NE 1st Street in Boynton Beach. Dance to the beat of Solstice Reign, a classic rock band. Gourmet food trucks on site. Bring folding chairs or blankets. No pets. 6-9 pm. Free. 742-6246.

1/20 - Tae Kwon Do is offered for beginners and intermediates at The Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 5-adult learn the mental and physical skills of self-defense. Session held Fridays through 2/24. 6-6:45 pm/beginners; 6:45-7:30 pm/intermediates. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 742-6641.

1/20 - Open House at the ArtsGarage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Learn about upcoming programs and different ways you can get involved. Features wine, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment. RSVP to enter drawing for two tickets to a performance of your choice. Free. 6:30-8 pm. 450-6357.

1/20 - Born to be Wild is presented by Palm Beach Zoo at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$750, \$500/junior tickets (age 40-and-under.) 533-0887.

1/20 & 22 - Gala Concert: The Best of 50 Years - Presented by Palm Beach Opera at The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. F: 7 pm; Sun.: 2 pm. \$20-120. 833-7888.

1/20-22 - 3rd Annual Boca Raton Fine Art & Craft Show at Royal Palm Place, 308 S. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Juried fine art & craft event brings world-renowned & top notch local artists to sell their paintings, clay, glass, sculpture, wood, fiber, jewelry, photography and more.

F: 5-8 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 10 am-5 pm. Free. 392-8920.

Saturday - 1/21 - Surf Saturday is held at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Hula Surf School offers basic surf lessons to ages 6 and up. All students must know how to swim. 8:30-10 am. Held again 2/4. \$28/residents, \$35/non-residents. Registration: 742-6565.

1/21 - 6th Annual West Palm Beach YogaDay is held at the Meyer Amphitheatre, 201 Evernia St., West Palm Beach. Day is designed to raise awareness about yoga's benefits and create healthy lifestyles. Perfect for beginners. 8:30 am-5 pm. Free. 281-5895.

1/21 - King Library Book Sale at The Society of the Four Arts King Library, 3 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Refreshments, gift drawings and gently used fiction and nonfiction books as well as DVDs and CDs. 9 am-3 pm. Free. 655-2766.

1/21 - The Magic of Memoir is presented as part of the Authors Academy Series at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Taught by author Brenda Serotte. 10 am-noon. \$25/session. Registration: 279-7790.

1/21 - Presentation: Long-Term Care at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Presentation gives a unique perspective on long-term care and how it can affect your family, legacy and retirement plan. 11 am. Free. 278-5455.

1/21 - Culinary Tours of Historic Delray Beach & Boynton Beach - Conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from MLFH inside Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave, Ste. 483, Boynton Beach. 3 hour tour includes a combination of bus, walking tour and food sampling. Sample tastings are provided at at least two restaurants plus history/narration about that location. Held the third Saturday of each month. \$20/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18. Reservations: 243-2662.

1/21 - Grand Opening of Congress Avenue Barrier Free Park is held 311 S. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. Ribbon cutting 11 am- 12:30 pm. Following ceremony children are welcomed with treats, kite flying and games. At noon a special wheelchair tennis match will be held on Court 21 at the Tennis Center featuring world-class and recreational level players from our area. Free. 742-6255.

1/21 - 2nd Annual Craft & Treasure Sale Featuring the Great American Bake Off at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Enter your best cake or pie; \$100 prize for best of show in each category. Entry fee for bake off \$5. Featuring craft vendors and free samples. 11 am-4 pm. Free. 742-6240.

1/21 - Cirque du Palm Beach: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society 2012 Annual Gala is held at Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. 6:30 pm. \$600, \$375/junior ticket. 775-9954.

1/21 - A Golden Gala Celebrating 50 Years: 50th Annual Boca Raton Regional Hospital Ball at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 900 Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Evening pays tribute to Gloria Drummond, the founder and First Lady of Boca Raton Regional Hospital. All proceeds benefit the hospital and its patient services. 7 pm-midnight. Black-Tie. \$400. 955-3249 or 955-4142 or www.brrh.com.

1/21 - Outstanding Business Leader Awards Gala is presented by Northwood University at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$375. 478-5539.

1/21 - Concert: The Jace Vek Experience performs at the ArtsGarage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. BYOW. \$15/advance, \$20/door. 8 pm. 243-7129 or www.delraybeacharts.org.

1/21 - Poetry Coffee House and Party is held at the Old School Square Vintage Gymnasium, 51 S. Swinton, Delray Beach. Performance poetry by Vanessa Hiday and Jamaal May. 9 pm-midnight. \$12/adults; \$10/seniors; \$8/students. 243-7922, Ext. 1.

1/21-22 - Lake Worth Art League Outdoor Show - View and purchase works by local artists at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. 9:30 am-4 pm. Free. 586-8666 or www.lwartleague.org.

1/21-22 - 23rd Annual Downtown Delray Beach Festival of the Arts is held at 1111 E. Atlantic Ave. Local and national artists line Atlantic Avenue all the way to A1A. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 954-472-3755 or www.artfestival.com.

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Sunday - 1/22 - Downtown Open Market at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Family activities featuring arts, crafts, music, food and fun. Outdoor vendors including a mini Gourmet Truck Expo featuring 8-10 food trucks. Sponsored by the Boynton Beach CRA. 11 am-4 pm. Free. 737-3256.

1/22 - For the Love of Trees: Florida Arbor Day in Palm Beach County - Presented at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Activities include Storytime in the Garden, ceremonial tree planting of a Paradise Tree and guided tours of the Mounts tree collection. Attendees receive a complimentary seedling. Noon-4 pm. \$5 donation/non-members, free/members. 233-1757 or www.mounts.org.

1/22 - Art Exhibition Opening is held in the Chabad Gallery of Chabad of South Palm Beach in Plaza del Mar, 242 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Artwork of Nava Lundy is featured. Wine and refreshments. 2-5 pm. Free and open to public. 351-1633.

1/22 - Old Time Rock 'n' Roll Concert: The Movie is shown at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Following the film, there will be a pasta dinner by Chef Anne Lynch. Dinner reservations due 1/17. Movie: 3:30 pm, Dinner: 6 pm, \$12. 276-5796.

Monday - 1/23 - To Perpetual Peace: Philosophical Sketch is discussed as part of the Great Books group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Meets the second and fourth Monday of each month. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6886.

1/23 - Annual Gala Luncheon and Fashion Show is presented by Pap Corps: Boca Raton Chapter at the Polo Club, 5400 Champion Blvd., Boca Raton. 11 am. \$125. 997-8265,

1/23 - Comfort Dolls Workshop & Luncheon is held at Church of the Palms, 1960 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Soft, huggable Comfort Dolls are made, dressed and given to deprived children. Materials provided. Noon. \$3/lunch donation. All are welcome. Reservations desired by 1/19. 276-6347.

1/23 - Now You See Her by author Joyce Fielding - Presented as part of the Brown Bag Series, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Noon-1 pm. Free. 742-6390 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

1/23 - Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks is presented as part of the Afternoon Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/23 - Healthy Living Series: Preserving the Power of Your Brain as You Age - Presented by Dr. John Conde at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 736-8044 or www.delraylibrary.org.

1/23 - Mysteries of the Dragon at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. In celebration of the Chinese New Year, unlock the mysteries of the mythological dragon, listen to stories and make a dragon craft. Grades K-4. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6393.

1/23 - Theatre Guild Dinner Event is presented by Palm Beach Dramaworks at Cabana Nuevo Latino, 533 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$75 (includes membership.) 626-2499.

1/23 - French Wine Tasting, The Passionate Kitchen with Roberta Sabban is presented as part of the Campus on the Lake workshops at The Four Arts Rovensky Kitchen, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 6 pm. \$75. Reservations required. 805-8562 or www.fourarts.org.

1/23 - Elvis Lives: The Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Event is held at the Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall at the Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.

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Tuesday - 1/24 - Cocktail Culture on Film with Scott Eyman: My Man Godfrey (1936) at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Ocean Ave., West Palm Beach. 1-4 pm. \$30/members, \$45/non-members. 832-5196 ext. 1132.

1/24 - Annual Mar-a-Lago Club Luncheon to benefit KidSanctuary Campus is held at Mar-a-

Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. 10:30 am-2 pm. \$300. 653-8274.

1/24 - Healthy Living Series: Using Optimum Nutrition to Strengthen Your Immune System - Presented by R. Mark Stowe, Nutrition Cottage, at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 736-8044 or www.delraylibrary.org.

1/24 - Centurion Cocktail Reception to benefit Palm Beach Habilitation Center is held at

Atlantis Golf Club, 301 Orange Tree Dr., Atlantis. 5-7 pm. \$100. 965-8500.

1/24 - Money Matters: Jewish Business Ethics is presented as six-week multimedia course at the Chabad of South Palm Beach in Plaza del Mar, 242 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. An ethical, Talmudic and legal debate on the economic issues of our time. Held Tuesdays. 7 pm. \$85/for all 6 sessions. 889-3499.

1/24 - Larry King: Standing Up is held at the

Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall at the Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Hilarious stage show from the late-night interviewer. 8 pm. \$25. 832-7469.

1/24-25 - Michelangelo & the Pope's Ceiling by Ross King is presented as part of The Talk of Kings Book Discussion Group at The Four Arts King Library, 3 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Author Ross King offers an analysis of the complex historical background that led to the magnificence that is the Sistine Chapel ceiling. T: 5:30 pm; W: 11 am. Free. 655-2766.

1/24-28 - 17th Annual FOTOfusion at the Palm Beach Photographic Centre, 415 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Five-day event offers more than 100 workshops, lectures, panel discussions, multimedia presentations, portfolio reviews, computer classes and photo shoots taught by a faculty of industry leaders. Registration open 8 am-5 pm T-F and 8 am-2 pm Sat. Single-ticket event prices start at \$90, or purchase Silver or Gold Passport tickets for multiple events - prices start at \$595. 253-2600.

Wednesday - 1/25 - The Rogue Aviator by Alan Morris at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Take a ride on the wild side with this tell-all memoir of a pilot's adventures. 1:30-2:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.

1/25 - Stephen Foster: Renaissance Musician by Marshall Frank - Presented as part of the Authors Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

1/25 - The Photography of Martin Schoeller and Patricia Zelano: Curator's Highlight Tour at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. A gallery tour exploring the work of two contemporary photographers with different styles to investigate how photographs fuse together subject matter, technique, and creative energy to convey feelings and ideas. 2:30 pm. Free with paid Museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free/children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

1/25 - Drop-in Craft Day at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Make a special craft with a winter theme. Materials provided. Grades K-4. 4-5 pm. 742-6393.

1/25 - Shoulder Injuries and Treatments - Presented by Eric T. Shapiro, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgeon, as part of the Community Lecture Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

1/25 - Palm Beach Wine Auction Dinner and Live Auction is presented by the Kravis Center at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. Benefits education programs at the Kravis. 6:30 pm. Cocktail attire (jacket required). \$750. 651-4320.

1/25 - Cinema Censorship: Sex, Violence and the Hays Code by Larry Strickler at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Part of the Wonderful Wednesdays Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$35. 7-8:45 pm. Members: \$20/advance, \$25/advance non-member; Door/non-member: \$35. 297-3171.

1/25 - Concert Band of the United States Air Force Reserve - Presented at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. The 43-piece concert band is the largest and most versatile unit of the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve, with a varied repertoire that ranges from classical overtures through Sousa marches to Broadway show tunes, popular music, movie themes and patriotic music. Blackets and chairs permitted. Chairs also available to rent. Food and beverages sold on site. No coolers or pets. 7-9 pm. Free. 393-7827.

1/25 - "The Outer Woman": Portrait of a Woman study course is presented by The Rosh Chodesh Society at Chabad of South Palm Beach in Plaza del Mar, 242 S. Ocean Ave., Manalapan. Part of a seven session course exploring the unique paradigm of femininity in Jewish tradition. Wine and cheese. 7 pm. \$18 suggested donation. RSVP: 351-1633.

1/25 - A Night of Jazz with Paulette Dozier at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 8 pm. \$26-\$30. 586-6410.

1/25 - Concert: Salzburg Chamber Soloists with Austrian Soprano Karine Polverelli - Presented as part of the Evening Concerts Series at the Society of The Four Arts, Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 8 pm. \$40-\$45. 655-7226.

1/25-26 - Huac/Hollywood & McCarthyism is presented by Dr. Kurt Stone at South Palm Beach Town Hall as part of the 16th Annual Cultural Series. Dr. Stone is a best-selling author, university lecturer, occasional actor and self-described "Hollywood Brat." 7:30 pm. Single event tickets are \$25. Tickets and information: 588-8889.

Thursday - 1/26 - Healthy Living Series: Hear Better - Live Better - Presented by Dr. Valeria Rossetti at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 736-8044 or www.delraylibrary.org.

1/26 - The Gardens of the Vatican with Linda Kooluris Dobbs - Presented as part of the Splendors of Italy Series at the Society of The Four Arts Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium,

2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2:30 pm. \$20. Reservations: 805-8562 or www.fourarts.org.

1/26 - Concert: Flamenco Guitarist Howard Greenblatt at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455.

1/26 - Gallery Open House is held at ActivistArtistAGallery and The Neighborhood Art Gallery along West Industrial Avenue (West of I-95) in Boynton Beach. Walk the district and visit with the artists. "Stroke of Genius: The Exhibit" opening reception at 5:30 pm. Come early at 5 pm (or stay late until 9 pm) to see the ActivistArtistA Bay Gates Project. 789-521-1199 or www.activistartista.blogspot.com.

1/26 - Philip Neal speaks at the J. Turner Moore Memorial Library, 1330 Lands End Road, Manalapan. Retired soloist and principal dancer at the New York City Ballet, he now represents Miami City Ballet in Palm Beach. 6 pm. \$10. 588-7577.

1/26 - Art Exhibit & Opening Reception at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. Meet artists Betty Wilson, Durga Garcia and Lisa Kraemer. 6-8 pm. Free. Art sale proceeds benefit public art in Ocean Ridge. 732-2635.

1/26 - Exhibit Opening Reception - Full of Grace: A Journey through the History of Childhood at Palm Beach Photographic Centre, 415 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Exhibition chronicles the role of children from Queen Victoria to today, featuring more than 200 works of art from five private collectors. M-Th: 10 am-7 pm; F-Sat.: 10 am-5 pm through 3/17. Opening reception: 6-7:30 pm. Free. 253-2600.

1/26 - On the Ave is held along Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach. Open air art gallery, music, plus restaurant and merchant discounts. 6:30-10:30 pm. Free. 279-1380.

1/26 - Night of Philanthropy is presented by Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties at Club Colette, 215 Peruvian Ave., Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$500. 659-6800.

Friday - 1/27 - Concert: The Lycr Chamber Orchestra at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 3510 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. 7:30 pm. \$15 donation at the door. 733-3245.

1/27-28 - From Linton with Love - Presented by the Rotary Club of Delray Beach at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Written by lifetime Delray Beach resident Ernie Simon, this one-hour, one-act musical chronicles city pioneers, boom times and the recent renaissance. The cast of nearly 30 includes descendants of pioneer families and actors from the Delray Beach Playhouse. The play is part of the Delray Beach Centennial celebration. Admission includes pre-show wine & cheese reception at 7 pm. F & Sat.: 8 pm. \$20-\$40. 243-7922, Ext. 1.

1/27-2/12 - Plaza Suite: A Comedy by Neil Simon is performed at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th Street. Runs through 2/12. F & Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. 1/31-2/4: 8 pm; 2/4-5: 2 pm; 2/9-11: 8 pm; 2/11-12: 2 pm. \$30. 272-1281, Ext. 4.

Saturday - 1/28 - 21th Annual Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure - A 5K Run/Walk to benefit Breast Cancer Research, education, screening and treatment programs begins at the Meyer Amphitheater, 101 N. Flagler Dr., West Palm Beach. Registration opens 5:30 am, race begins at 7 am, followed by an awards & survivors recognition ceremony at 10 am. \$10/Tots for the Cure (ages 5 and under), \$45/Sleep In for the Cure. 888-470-6374 or www.komensouthflorida.org.

1/28 - SeaAngels Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Held the last Saturday of each month. 8-10:30 am. Free. 846-1351 or www.seaangels.org.

1/28 - Create Convincing Characters is presented as part of the Authors Academy Series at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Taught by author Pearl Wolf. 10 am-noon. \$25/session. Registration: 279-7790.

1/28 - Ross JCC Book Luncheon is presented by JCC of the Palm Beaches at Delaire Country Club, 4645 White Cedar Lane, Delray Beach. 10:30 am. \$45-55. 740-9000.

1/28 - Memory: Human and Animal Research with Dr. David Nash - Presented as part of the Campus On The Lake Lecture Series at the Society of The Four Arts King Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Book signing follows. 11 am. Free. Reservations: 805-8562.

1/28 - 19th Annual Caribbean Cowboy Ball at Red Reef Park, 1401 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Featuring open bar, wide variety of food, live band, dance performances by Fred Astaire Dance Studio, the best darn auction in Boca, and fireworks. 6-11 pm. \$150. 347-6799.

1/28 - 2012 Palm Beach Scopus Award Gala is presented by American Friends of the Hebrew University at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. Cocktail reception, dinner, entertainment and awards. 7 pm. \$1,000. 750-8585.

1/28 - HaNadiv Gala is presented by Adolph and Rose Levis Jewish Community Center at St. Andrews Country Club, 17557 Claridge Oval West, Boca Raton. Red carpet fashion event for men and women. 7 pm. \$250. 852-3253.

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1/28 - 55th Annual International Red Cross Ball is held at Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. A white-tie and tiara event continuing the almost 100-year tradition of the local Red Cross. 7 pm-midnight. \$1,000 and up. 650-9105.

1/28-29 - Artists in the Park presented by the Delray Beach Art League at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Fine art exhibition and sales. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 843-2311 or www.delrayartleague.com/dal.

1/28-30 - Sogetsu Ikebana Exhibit & Demonstration at the Morikami Theater, The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Sat. & Sun., 10 am-5 pm: includes museum admission. A special demonstration of Ikebana Flower Arrangement, 1 pm Monday. Demonstration & Exhibition: \$25/advance; \$30/at the door; Optional Luncheon: \$20/advance; \$25/at the door. Museum admission: \$13/adults; \$12/seniors; \$8/children 6-17 and students with ID; free/members and children 5 & under. Registration: 278-3614.

JAN. 29-FEB. 4

Sunday - 1/29 - Fashion Show for Kidney Patients is presented by Kidney Association of South Florida at Courtyard by Marriott, 1601 N. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. 11:30 am. \$28. 471-2588.

1/29 - Cars as Art car exhibition is held at Old School Square lawn, 51 N. Swinton Blvd., Delray Beach. Monthly program brings together classic cars and Veteran Soldiers. Noon-3 pm. Free. 561-797-6770 or www.carsasart.org.

1/29 - Fire And Ice: South Florida Symphony Orchestra featuring Soloist Chee-Yun (Violin) at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. In their Palm Beach County debut, the 60-piece South Florida Symphony partners with the Crest Theatre for three performances (12/4, 1/29 & 3/11). 2 pm. \$55. 243-7922, Ext. 1.

1/29 - American Friends of Magen David Adom Annual Gala is held at Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Special guest, Ted Koppel, speaks on the current climate in the Middle East. 6:30 pm/cocktails, 7:30 pm/dinner. \$650. 835-0510.

1/29 - Fine Wines and Hidden Treasures Gala is presented by Food for the Poor at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. Wine tasting and culinary event honoring the late Robert G. Gordon. 6:30 pm. \$450. 888-404-4248.

1/29 - An Evening of Night and Day: 7th Annual Bipolar Dinner Dance is presented by the Ryan Licht Sang Bipolar Foundation at Club Colette, 215 Peruvian Ave., Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$500. 888-944-4408.

1/29 - Divas In Art at the ArtsGarage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. An evening of passion, art, performance with entertainment by female illusionists. \$15/door. 7 pm. 243-7129.

Monday - 1/30 - Breakfast with Brandeis is presented by the Boca Raton Chapter Brandeis National Committee at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. 9:30 am. Free. 367-1492.

1/30 - Controversial Issues is presented as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 10:30 am-noon. First of a three-part series. Class continues 2/6 & 13. Premier memberships available for \$15. \$45/members and requires purchasing a \$15 membership to enroll in this class. 266-9490.

1/30 - Lymphoma Research Foundation's 6th Annual South Florida Luncheon is held at St. Andrews Country Club, 17557 Claridge Oval West, Boca Raton. 10:30 am. \$125. 646-465-9103.

1/30 - Time is of the Essence: Hearing the Ovarian Cancer Whisper Luncheon is held at The Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Speakers are Andie MacDowell and Dr. Karen Lu. 11:30 am. \$325. 837-2285.

1/30 - A Learning Laboratory by W. Faulds, FAU Galleries - Presented as part of the Brown Bag Series at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Noon-1 pm. Free. 742-6390.

1/30 - Cerclé Français - French Conversation group is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

1/30 - The Play's The Thing is presented by Ruth Ann Kalish, Ph.D., as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. First of a three-part series. Class continues 2/6 & 13. 2-3:30 pm. Premier memberships available for \$15. \$45/members and requires purchasing a \$15 membership to enroll in this class. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

1/30 - The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary by Candace Fleming is discussed as part of the Book Gabbers Book Discussion group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 3-5. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 742-6886.

Tuesday - 1/31 - Cocktail Culture on Film with Scott Eyman: Laura (1944) at the

Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Ocean Ave., West Palm Beach. 1-4 pm. \$30/members, \$45/non-members. 832-5196 ext. 1132.

1/31 - Exhibition: A New Light on Tiffany: Clara Driscoll and the Tiffany Girls at The Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Exhibit runs through 4/22. T-Sat. 10 am-5 pm; Sun. noon-5 pm. \$18/adults; \$10/youth 13-18, \$3/children 6-12, free/children under six. 655-2833 or www.flaglermuseum.us.

1/31 - Stroll for Well-Being: Garden Walks at The Morikami - Participants visit for quiet contemplation as often as they wish over a 3-month period at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. An explanation about the program is provided during the first meeting. Class meets again 2/28 & 3/27. 10:30 am-noon. \$95 (includes one year individual membership)/non-members, \$40/members. Registration: 495-0233.

1/31 - The Ins and Outs of Online Dating: How to Meet Mr. or Mrs. Right by Dr. Dale Koppel - Presented as part of the Authors Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

1/31 - The Maze Runner by James Dashner is presented as part of the Teen Book Discussion group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Grades 6-12. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 742-6390.

1/31 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Join other fishermen to discuss hot topics and learn new tricks of the trade. 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5638.

1/31 - Carrère and Hastings: The Master Works - Special evening lecture at the Henry M. Flagler Museum, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Dr. Laurie Ossman and Heather P. Ewing, co-authors, discuss the legendary partnership of architects John Carrère and Thomas Hastings, who designed Beaux-Arts masterpieces such as Whitehall, the New York Public Library, the Ponce de Leon Hotel in St. Augustine, and the Henry Clay Frick home in New York. 7:30 pm. \$10/non-members. 655-2833.

Wednesday - 2/1 - Tax Assistance at the Senior Center, 1021 S. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Held M-W through 3/28. 9 am-noon. Free. 742-6570 or www.boynton-beach.org.

2/1 - 13th Annual SunSational Luncheon and Fashion Show is presented by the Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. Silent auction precedes luncheon and fashion show. 10 am. \$195. 655-9655.

2/1 - Dollars for Scholars Annual Luncheon is presented by NAAMAT USA Palm Beach Council at Benvenuto Caterestaurant, 1730 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. 11:30 am. \$45. 638-0967.

2/1 - Memory Matters is presented by Barbara Klau as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. First of a four-part series. Class continues 2/8, 15 & 22. 2-3:30 pm. Premier memberships available for \$15. \$45/members and requires purchasing a \$15 membership to enroll in this class. 266-9490.

2/1 - From Giotto's Bell Tower to Brunelleschi's Dome: Florience and the Origins of the Renaissance with Giuliana Castellani Koch - Presented as part of the Splendors of Italy Series at the Society of The Four Arts King Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2:30 pm. \$20. Reservations: 805-8562.

2/1 - Cheerleading Classes are held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Programs focuses on developing teamwork and a positive attitude with an emphasis on safety. Held Wednesdays through 3/28. Level I (Recreational): Ages 3-9; 4-4:50 pm; \$100-125. Level II (Competitive): Ages 4-9; 4-5:45 pm; \$155-194. Tumbling & Stunts (all levels): Ages 4-9; 6-6:30 pm; \$54-68. Registration: 901-0637.

2/1 - What to Do with My Flopping Heart: Cardiac Electrophysiology for the Public - Presented by Daniel Goldman, M.D., Cardiologist, as part of the Heart Symposium Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

2/1 - Nova Southeastern University Museum Art Series is presented as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. First of a three-part series. Class continues 2/8 & 15. 6-7:30 pm. Premier memberships available for \$15. \$45/members and requires purchasing a \$15 membership to enroll in this class. 266-9490.

2/1 - Managing the Media Minefield in the Age of Cable, Blogs and Tweets with Shelly Strickler at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the Wonderful Wednesdays Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$35. 7-8:45 pm. Members: \$20/advance, \$25/advance non-member; Door/non-member: \$35. 297-3171.

2/1 - Concert: Pianist Arnaldo Cohen - Presented as part of the Evening Concerts Series at the Society of The Four Arts, Walter S.

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2/1 - Piano Recital: Dr. Robert Sharon - Presented as part of the Cy Schonberg Memorial Concert Series, at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7 pm/doors open, 7:30 pm/performance. \$25. 588-8889.

Thursday - 2/2 - Sumi-e Ink Painting Floral & Landscape Classes - Students learn Japanese ink painting at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road., Delray Beach. Four-week course begins with review of basic techniques. Classes held 2/9, 16 & 23. Floral/10:30 am-12:30 pm, Landscape/1:30-3:30. \$55/members, \$60/non-members. Registration: 495-0233 ext. 237.

2/2 - AVDA's 5th Annual Heart of a Woman Luncheon at Broken Sound Club, 2401 Willow Springs Dr., Boca Raton. Featuring Liz Quirantes as MC and guest speaker Beth Holloway. 11 am. Tickets start at \$100. 265-3797.

2/2 - Lecture: Robert "Skip" Orr at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Orr is the former President of Boeing Japan and former Vice President of Motorola's European Affairs Division. \$25. 2 pm. 243-7922 ext. 1.

2/2 - Artists Guild of the Palm Beaches Reception at Northwood University, Jeanette Hare Art Gallery, 2600 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. 2-3 pm. Free. 478-5532.

2/2 - Great Decisions Discussion Group is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Meets every other Thursday through 3/22. 2-4 pm. Free. 266-9490.

2/2 - In The Vanguard of Haute Jewels: A Conversation Between Artist James Taffin de Givenchy and Decorative Arts Historian John Francisco Andreu - Presented as part of the Campus On The Lake Lecture Series at the Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Book signing follows. 2:30 pm. \$20. Reservations: 805-8562 or www.fourarts.org.

2/2 - Genealogy: Tracing Your Family Roots is presented as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute at the Library series held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. First of a four-part series. Class continues 2/9, 16 & 23. 6-7:30 pm. Premier memberships available for \$15. \$45/members and requires purchasing a \$15 membership to enroll in this class. 266-9490.

2/2 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium is presented by Miguel A. Lopez-Viego, M.C. in the Clayton Conference Center of Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn how laproscopic gastric bypass and Lap-Band surgery can change lives. Held the first Thursday of each month. 6:30 pm. Free. 737-7733 ext. 84688.

2/2 - James E. Buffan Gold Coast Band Concert at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. 7:30 pm. \$7 at the door. 742-6240.

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2/2 - Chris Brubeck's Triple Play at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Acoustic blues/jazz folk trio, with vocals that include guitarist Joel Brown and harmonica virtuoso Peter Madcat Ruth. \$32. 8 pm. 243-7922 ext. 1.

Friday - 2/3 - Sogetsu Ikebana Flower Arrangement Introductory Class - Using fresh flowers, students are taught contemporary flower arrangement in this four-week class at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Class meets again 2/10, 17 & 24. 10:30am-12:30 pm. \$60/members, \$70/non-members plus flower fee of \$40 for all four weeks. Registration: 495-0233 Ext. 237.

2/3 - The 54th Annual Black and White Ball is presented by the American Cancer Society at Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Wine, food and entertainment. 7 pm. \$750. 655-3449.

2/3 - Free Outdoor Movie Series at the Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, between Seacrest Boulevard and NE First Street in Boynton Beach. Bring folding chairs or blankets. No pets. 7 pm. 742-6246 or www.boyntonbeachcra.com.

2/3 - Cinema Under The Stars: Moneyball (PG-13) - Presented at Mizner Park

Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Bring blankets and chairs. No coolers or pets. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. 7-9:30 pm. Free. 393-7827.

2/3-4 - Luna Negra Dance Theater performs at the Duncan Theatre at Palm Beach State College, 4200 W. Congress Ave., Lake Worth. Luna Negra celebrates the richness and diversity of Latino culture through the creation of works by contemporary Latino choreographers. 8 pm. \$37. 868-3309.

Saturday - 2/4 - The Big Sit at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd., Boynton Beach. The Friends of Green Cay host the first ever, a one-of-a-kind birdwatching event. Binoculars and scopes will be set up for counting birds on the back deck of the nature center. A daily running tally will be posted. All ages. 7 am-5 pm. Free. 966-7000.

2/4 - Pediatric Heart Foundation 5K Run/Walk at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Following the walk: Survivors Celebration, Awards Ceremony, and children's activities. Registration: 6 am; 5K run: 7 am, \$30/person; 1 mile family walk: 9 am, free. 393-7827 or www.miznerparkamphitheatre.com.

2/4 - Write Dialogue That Snaps is presented as part of the Authors Academy Series at Murder



Carnivale of Caring: The Circle of Hope Gala to benefit the Women's Circle will be held Feb. 20 at The Hamlet Country Club, 3600 Hamlet Drive, Delray Beach. Cocktails and silent auction at 6 pm, and invocation, dinner and dancing with special guest retired WPTV NewsChannel 5 anchor Jim Sackett and music by Will Bridges at 7:30 pm. Business/cocktail attire. \$90. RSVP by 2/10. 244-7627, Ext. 105, or www.womenscircle.org. Honorary Chairs Janet and Jerry Soderberg (above) and chairwomen (l-r) Eileen Augustyn, Peggy Martin and Helen Babione. Photos provided

on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Taught by author Deborah Sharp. 10 am-noon. \$25/session. Registration: 279-7790.

2/4 - Beginning Soccer for ages 6-10 at The Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Session is held Sat. through 2/25. 10-11 am. \$25/residents, \$32/non-residents. 742-6641.

2/4 - 17th Annual CARP Spring Luncheon is held at the Ritz-Carlton, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Features Christopher Kennedy Lawford who is working to raise awareness globally about addiction and hepatitis. Proceeds benefit Comprehensive Alcoholism Rehabilitation Center. 11 am. \$150. 844-6400, Ext. 228.

2/4 - Demonstrations of Koto, The Way of Koto at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Koto is a traditional stringed instrument learn its fascinating history and listen to its captivating and tranquil sounds demonstrated by koto teacher Mrs. Yoshiko Carlton. Two one-hour sessions, offered at 11 am and 2 pm. \$5 with paid museum admission. 495-0233 Ext. 235 or www.morikami.org.

2/4 - Landscapes of the Mind: Neuroabstractions with Elizabeth Horowitz - Presented as part of the Campus On The Lake Lecture Series at the Society of The Four Arts King Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Book signing follows. 11 am. Free. Reservations: 805-8562 or www.fourarts.org.

2/4 - Casino Royale Night - The Greater Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce annual celebration is held at Quail Ridge Country Club, 3715 Golf Rd., Boynton Beach. Fine dining,

musical entertainment and casino games with prizes. 6 pm: cocktails, 7 pm: Dinner, 8:15 pm: Casino opens. Black tie optional. \$100. Reservations: 732-9501.

2/4 - Annual Daddy and Daughter Dance is held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. A special night of music and dancing for daddies and daughters. Appetizers, soft drinks and cake. 6-7:30 pm. \$5. 742-6224.

2/4 - Building Hope Gala is presented by Food for the Poor at The Polo Club, 5400 Champion Blvd., Boca Raton. A special evening celebrating 30 years with silent auction, reception, dinner, dancing, entertainment and a live house rally. 6:30 pm. Black tie optional. \$225. 888-404-4248.

2/4 - Gem of an Evening Gala: One Hot Night on Palm Beach is presented by Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) at Four Seasons Resort, 2800 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. 6:30 pm. \$450/couple. 686-7701.

2/4 - Bal des Arts 2012: Treasures of the Norton is held at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Annual gala benefits the Museum Collection. 7 pm-midnight. \$1,000. 832-5196.

2/4 - Alice Tan Ridley and the Cab Calloway Orchestra at the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium at the University Center on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Featuring 2010 America's Got Talent finalist. 8 pm. \$35-55. 877-311-7469.

2/4-5 - Lake Worth Art League Outdoor Show - View and purchase works by local artists at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. 9:30 am-4 pm. Free. 586-8666.

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House of the Month



A paver-clad drive offers access to the estate, which has a barrel tile roof and sits on a cul-de-sac overlooking the Intracoastal.

Private waterfront location offers spectacular sunsets over the Intracoastal

This custom-built two-story Mediterranean estate home is on the south end of Hypoluxo Island. It boasts 6,100 square feet, with four bedrooms, four full baths and one half-bath in the main house and an attached 500-square-foot guest house with separate entry plus one bedroom and one bath. There also is an oversized two-car garage.

There are 97 feet of unobstructed wide west Intracoastal views from all living areas as well as from the master suite, guest suite and guest house. The large master suite on the second level has a substantial 21- by 5-foot walk-in closet and bamboo wood flooring. There is a sweeping (47- by 12-foot) covered balcony accessible from the master suite (as well as the guest suite) from which to watch the sunsets each evening. All other three bedrooms have ensuite baths, as well.

On the lower level, the spacious living area (32 by 24 feet) has marble flooring and opens to a tumbled marble, full-length, covered lanai with large heated pool and spa areas, which are designed for entertaining. The outdoor areas face west to the wide Intracoastal Waterway.



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TOP: The pool and spa area offers a panoramic view of the waterway.

ABOVE LEFT: Each bedroom has specialty details such as crown molding, wood flooring, ensuite bath and plenty of closet space.

ABOVE RIGHT: The ensuite master bath has durable bamboo wood flooring and a raised spa tub that offers views of the Intracoastal from the bay window.

LEFT: An attached guest house sits at the south end of the estate. It has a separate entrance and is a perfect home away from home for visitors — or a home office.



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