



Peter Leonard and Jacqui Wyatt

## Boca Raton

Why all ears perk up when Peter and Jacqui chat it up

By Ron Hayes

The talk of the town is “The Talk of The Town.”

But don’t expect it to be all happy talk.

On July 17, 2010, Jacqui Wyatt and Peter Leonard welcomed listeners of radio station WBZT-1230 AM to a new show — from Boca Raton, about Boca Raton, hosted by residents of Boca Raton.

She was the director of marketing for Investments Limited, owner of Royal Palm Place, where the show originates. He was a longtime radio personality, as edgy as she is smooth.

From 1-3 p.m. each Saturday, they would talk to the town about food and wine, entertainment, the arts, sports and all things Bocan.

“The concept was to make the show feel like you were sitting in somebody’s living room,” says Wyatt, “just having a conversation with friends.”

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Plans to replace the 1939 Camino Real Bridge were thwarted after engineers discovered the structure is protected as a historic treasure. Photo by Tim Stepien

## 73-year-old bridge is Boca’s Camino reality

Historic designation puts damper on bridge replacement

By Tim Pallesen

Plans to replace the Camino Real Bridge have been canceled after county engineers discovered the bridge is protected as a historic treasure.

State inspections have repeatedly rated the drawbridge built in 1939 as structurally deficient. County engineers were ready to tear it down and build a new \$43.8 million bridge.

“A new bridge was the preferred

alternative but then this historical issue popped up,” said Omelio Fernandez, the county’s director of roadway production.

County engineers didn’t know that county commissioners in 1997 had established the Camino Real Road and Bridge Historic District, protecting the bridge they wanted to tear down.

“The problem at this point is that we cannot justify replacement because of the bridge’s historical status,” Fernandez said. “We would not be permitted to do it.”

Camino Real from the east side of the bridge to Dixie Highway is eligible to be listed on the National Registry of Historic Places because of the county’s historic designation.

The wide street designed by Addison Mizner in 1925 is significant to understanding Boca Raton’s history.

Unlike most communities with humble beginnings, Boca Raton was born from Mizner’s grand conceptual plan for “the world’s most architecturally beautiful playground.”

“This was a very radical idea in the 1920s,” county preservation officer Chris Carpenter said. “Mizner’s grand vision for Boca Raton was our county’s first planned community.”

Winter guests would arrive at Henry Flagler’s railroad depot and be escorted down Camino Real (the royal highway) to

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## Along the Coast

### Delray Beach: ‘Village’ or ‘Drug Rehab Capital’ by the Sea?

By Margie Plunkett and Tim Pallesen

Island residents rally against recovery business in neighborhood

Delray Beach coastal 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

single-family residential neighborhoods.

The controversy is a familiar one in Boca Raton, which, following an outcry from residents, passed ordinances in 2002 restricting sober houses to areas of the city zoned for hospitals or motels. The city

was sued by the owners of the sober houses and in 2007 a federal judge struck down the ordinances, saying they were discriminatory.

In Delray Beach last month, 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.

Residents argued that the safety and security of their neighborhoods were compromised by allowing sober houses, which they claimed

is a big business 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 outcry in Delray Beach was sparked when word leaked out that Caron Foundation, a

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## Coastal Stars



The Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League Board of Trustees includes front row, from left: Debbie Leising, Diana Rivellino, Marci Nowak. Back row: Mildred Schwartz, Barbara Gideon, Eileen Carlins, Diana Bubb, Marty Lambert, Lois McGinn, Deyse Norwitz and Dave Reynolds. Photo provided

## Editorial

### They left legacies of love and inspire others to do the same

Some of us didn't make it through 2011 to celebrate the New Year, but we continue to celebrate their lives.

Gloria Drummond, for one, was a shining example of what one person can do to make the world better place. This remarkable woman took a tragedy and turned it into something that could help so many others facing potential tragedies of their own.

She left behind a hospital, as Boca Raton City Councilwoman Constance Scott said at Mrs. Drummond's well-attended funeral at St. Paul's Lutheran Church last month.

As you will read elsewhere in this paper, Mrs. Drummond began raising money for the Boca Raton Regional Hospital after two of her children died after drinking poisoned milk. Her son and daughter might have survived if the nearest hospital had been closer than Boynton Beach.

With her husband, Robert, who died in 1989, Mrs. Drummond rallied the community to have the hospital built. She also started the Debbie-Rand Service League and was its first president.

Mrs. Drummond will, as St. Paul's senior pastor J. R.

Jones said at her funeral, keep touching the world with her love. That, he said, was the way to live a meaningful life.

Another man who lived a meaningful life and left us this year was Dr. Seymour Strauss of Highland Beach. The retired dentist and World War II veteran was a passionate promoter of and fundraiser for the Lyric Chamber Orchestra, a group that will honor him during its opening performance at St. Lucy's Church on Jan. 27. His wife, Dorothy, a violinist with the Lyric until she was 90, was one of the Lyric's founding members.

Dr. Strauss, who received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star in Gen. George Patton's Third Army, also left his mark at the Highland Beach Library, where several of his bronze and stone sculptures remain in the sunlit reading room for all to enjoy.

We all can make a difference in some way. Here at *The Coastal Star*, we're pleased to be able to share stories of difference makers all year long. Who knows? Maybe one day we'll be writing about you!



— Mary Thurwachter, Managing Editor

## Debbie-Rand League to be honored at ball

By Linda Haase

In 1962, 18 resolute women banded together, fiercely determined to raise money to build a hospital in Boca Raton. The action was spurred by the tragic deaths of Debra and Randall Drummond, two children who were poisoned and died as they reached the nearest hospital about 15 miles away in Boynton Beach. The women — along with the children's mother, Gloria Drummond, who founded the group — raised the seed money for the "Miracle on Meadows Road," now known as Boca Raton Regional Hospital.

Today, the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League has more than 1,000 members and has raised more than \$28.8 million for the hospital, which opened in 1967. Using everything from bake sales to establishing a thrift shop (which has more than 90 volunteers and nets about \$350,000 a year), they have funded many projects, including a pavilion at the hospital.

But the league, named in memory of the Drummond children, has also given its heart and soul: 2 million volunteer hours have been donated over the years. The men, women and teen volunteers help out in 60 areas of the not-for-profit hospital campus, including serving as hospital ambassadors to patients, employees and visitors; assisting patients and staff on a nursing unit; raising money for equipment and services; serving on event planning committees; organizing children's tours; helping with the pet therapy program and delivering flowers. Members of the league will

### 50th annual Boca Raton Regional Hospital Ball "A Golden Gala — Celebrating 50 Years"

**Chairmen:** Honorary Chairs Orrine and Warren S. Orlando and Patricia Thomas

**Honorees:** The late Gloria Drummond, a founder of Boca Raton Regional Hospital; Dick Schmidt, chairman of the Board of Trustees and life-long supporter of the hospital; members of the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League; and physician honorees who were selected by their peers as exemplifying the best in quality, compassionate care: Stephen Babic, M.D.; Nicolas Breuer, M.D.; Stephen Grabelsky, M.D.; Michael Lewis, M.D.; Stewart Newman, M.D.; Mark Rubenstein, M.D.; Alan Saitowitz, M.D.; Mark Saltzman, M.D.; David Scott, M.D.; and Jose Yeguez, M.D.

**When:** 7 p.m.-midnight, Jan. 21

**Where:** Boca Raton Resort & Club

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be honored during 50th annual Boca Raton Regional Hospital Ball, "A Golden Gala — Celebrating 50 Years," on Jan. 21 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

"It's been quite the journey," says League President Debbie Leising, who began volunteering for the league in 1977. "What we do here is so important, so incredible. The volunteers are so dedicated and passionate. There are no words to express what the volunteers do on any given day."

And Leising adds, others have said that the hospital couldn't operate without the league's help.

As the steadfast group mourns the Dec. 10 death of founder Gloria Drummond, it takes solace in the work it will continue to accomplish on her behalf.

The tireless group, which Leising calls the "backbone" of the hospital, hopes to provide a

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chapel on campus. "It will be a place for respite and a place for people to pray for their loved ones," she explains. The group also hopes to have a presence in the gift shop in the Christine E. Lynn Women's Health and Wellness Institute when it opens.

However, this year's annual ball will be bittersweet for league members, who planned to honor Drummond there.

But it will be "a last hurrah to show her and the community how proud we are," says Leising.

"Gloria Drummond's passion to see something good come out of devastating personal tragedy is one of the most compelling stories our community has ever witnessed. Not only was she the driving force behind the creation of our hospital, she also established and nurtured the development of one of the largest and most effective volunteer service and fundraising organizations in health care today."

And one that will be around for years to come, predicts Leising. ★

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**Boca Raton**

**Enthusiasts try to build support for islands plan**

By Steve Plunkett

County officials have put an accountant's touch on the local match needed for grants to convert Lake Wyman spoil islands into thriving mangrove canoe trails and a manatee stopover.

"Sharpening the pencil, we can move \$36,000 from local share into county share. That leaves county at \$455,457 and local at \$383,177," Rob Robbins, deputy director of the county's Environmental Resources Management Department, emailed County Commissioner Steven Abrams.

Abrams forwarded the information to City Council members and the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District in December.

"City advisory boards and many of our constituents agree that this is a worthwhile project that will enhance water quality, wildlife habitat, recreation and public access to an important waterway in our city," Abrams wrote, asking that the city and the beach-park district take "formal steps" to participate. "I hope we can work together to move it forward."

The original proposal called for \$419,000 in matching money from the county and \$419,000 from the city or the beach-park district or both. The county secured \$2.1 million for the project from the Florida Inland Navigation District, the taxing body that maintains the Intracoastal Waterway and owns the largest spoil island, provided it obtains matching funds.

"The clock is ticking," Abrams wrote.

Abrams said residents want Lake Wyman Park and neighboring Rutherford Park on the west side of the Intracoastal cleaned up.

The project would remove 11 acres of Australian pine and Brazilian pepper from FIND's island and two smaller spoil islands created as the Intracoastal Waterway was dredged in the 1930s. About 72,000 cubic yards of spoil material would be excavated to create mangrove and seagrass habitat and maritime hammock.

The excavated earth would be spread over Lake Wyman Park to elevate ball fields and reduce flooding.

FIND's island would be scooped out to create a 3.3-acre basin where manatees could munch on seagrass. Day boaters would have a dock with six slips. Upland areas would have picnic tables and a crushed-rock road for emergency and maintenance vehicles.

About 1 mile of canoe trails would be restored to increase tidal flushing around mangroves and make the trails passable at low tide. The boardwalk would be extended to reach the picnic areas, two beach areas and an observation platform near the shore opposite Gumbo Limbo Nature Center.

"I think this is a very special place and we need to have special places for all the tourists that are coming in," resident Lenore Wachtel said Dec. 12, imploring City Council members at a workshop to find the matching money.

City Manager Leif Ahnell said he would report back at a future council meeting. ★

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## Around Town

### Howard sticking around for the Battle of Florida

"You gon' retire?" former University of Kentucky quarterback **Bob Hardy** asked his old teammate **Howard Schnellenberger**.

"Just changing jobs," the old tight end answered.

After more than half a century in the game, with Super Bowl titles as a Miami Dolphins assistant and a national title at University of Miami, he retires from his job as the first head football coach at Florida Atlantic University with the knowledge that his was always a class act. That will continue as he and wife, **Beverlee**, assume new duties as FAU's ambassadors at large.

Yet for Schnellenberger, 2011 had to be a year of mixed emotions. His football team won only one game. But the school did build a grand football stadium (Let's call it "Howard's House"). His counsel was not sought during Athletic Director Craig Angelos' search for his successor — former Nebraska



Howard and Beverlee Schnellenberger will serve as ambassadors at large for Florida Atlantic University. Photo by Thom Smith

defensive coordinator **Carl Pelini**.

If Howard was hurt, he masked it at the final coaches' breakfast in the stadium the day before the final game. The crowd was the largest ever for a breakfast, but some who had been involved in the initial effort to bring Howard to Boca were angry that they, too, were ignored.

FAU President **Mary Jane Saunders** only met Pelini a week before the appointment was announced. She did say an advisory group vetted the final decision. "There was an awful lot positive and no negatives,"

she said.

Scuttlebutt back in Lincoln, Neb., however, is mixed. Social media is rife with Carl lovers and Carl haters. Time will tell, but the new coach obviously has done his homework — "I want this university; I wanted this job" — to the extent that he even correctly pronounced Boca Ra-TONE.

Schnellenberger met briefly with Pelini as he moved boxes from his old office: "I told him very directly I was not going to help him in coaching, that I would not second guess him in any way ... that my loyalty is to the university and to him

and don't ever come to me for advice, because I refuse to give advice to head coaches. As ambassador-at-large, I intend to support his football program and him personally."

At the end of the breakfast, Schnellenberger thanked fans, friends, administrators, players and, finally, Beverlee. He expects to spend more time walking with her on the beach in front of their Ocean Ridge home.

"I guess I'll have to get rid of my old football shoes," he said, "... and get some beach shoes."

But Howard can keep his

coaching shoes at least until Jan. 21 when he leads the south team into FAU's stadium for the first **Battle of Florida**, the first collegiate all-star game featuring players only from Florida. His opposite? None other than ex-FSU Coach **Bobby Bowden**. The weeklong festival is sponsored by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission and includes a beach tug-of-war with NFL cheerleaders, a bowling tournament, and a Gin Blossoms concert at Mizner Park Amphitheatre. Game

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Boca Raton

New luxury theater designed to put Mizner Park on the map again

By Steve Plunkett

Coming soon to a shopping mall near you — a decidedly 21st century movie theater with “premium-plus” leather recliners, pillows and blankets, and someone to take your food and cocktail order at the start of the show.

That’s the vision former Muvico executive Hamid Hashemi has for the vacant AMC theater at Mizner Park.

“Mizner Park needs to become that destination that it used to be,” Hashemi, now chief executive of iPic Theaters, told the city’s Planning and Zoning Board on Dec. 8.

The theaters iPic builds are typically eight auditoriums instead of 24-screen megaplexes with 40 to 60 seats instead of 300, Hashemi said. The Boca Raton site would be its ninth location.

“The concept is we’re building lesser theaters but very, very comfortable theaters,” he said.

His cinema in Scottsdale, Ariz., won awards this year for restaurant design, club design and retail space.

“It has all the look and feel of a



An artist’s rendering of the proposed iPic Theaters at Mizner Park.

luxury hotel,” said Hashemi, who also built the Palace 20 by the Boca Raton Airport in 2000.

The reclining seats at iPic are electric. “You push a button, the back reclines,

footrest comes up; push a button and service comes to you,” Hashemi said. “When you enter the auditorium you’re handed a pillow and a blanket.”

The company will move an interior

stairway to the back of the building to open up the front.

Its restaurant will offer outdoor dining along Federal Highway and Northeast Third Street.

“This corner, which is probably the most important corner of Mizner Park, is nothing but walls,” Hashemi said. “There is no place when you drive by, outside of that little cinema sign, you won’t know there is a theater over there. So our goal was to make this really stand out.”

The theater, which originally had 1,900 seats, will have only 465 when iPic opens in May. That means fewer movie patrons will be looking for parking spaces, Hashemi said.

The new theater, he added, will “put Mizner Park back on the map.”

“It’s beautiful. You’ve brought an innovative design, and I applaud you,” Planning and Zoning Board member Richard Coffin said.

The Community Appearance Board already had approved the project. It now goes to the Community Redevelopment Agency. ★

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tickets range from \$15-\$60. (www.thebattleofflorida.com)

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 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.

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graying **Robert De Niro**, the beautifully craggy **Judi Dench**, the globular **Magic Johnson**, the baggy **Henry Kissinger**.

The show runs Jan. 18 to March 18 in tandem with a collection by Italian photographer **Patrizia Zelano**. Its title: *Natura Morta (Still Life)*.

On Jan. 28, the tried and true **George Snow Scholarship Fund** will kick off its 30th anniversary with its **19th Caribbean Cowboy Ball** at Red Reef Park on Boca Raton beach. Party starts at 6 p.m. It is *not* black tie. Tickets (\$150) help provide the more than \$4 million in scholarships awarded since the fund was established. In 2010, the fund supported 74 students with more than \$400,000 in aid. 347-6799.

At the **Delray Beach Public Library**, things aren’t always quiet. It has made noise; it has no choice. The library, founded



**Sebastian** in 1913 by a women’s club, is not supported by taxes. Its mission is supported by donations, grants and an active fundraising program, one of which is coming up Feb. 3 and can be quite loud. That’s because *Laugh with the Library, Chapter 6*, at the **Delray Beach Marriott**, is a night of comedy, cocktails and supper by the bite. Last year’s event raised more than \$40,000 for programs and materials for children.

Headlining this year is **Sebastian**; WPEC Channel 12 news anchor **Suzanne Boyd** will emcee. For tickets (\$150), call 266-0775.

On the horizon:

Jazz, Bossa & Blues is/are back on Wednesday nights at **The Bridge Hotel** beginning Jan. 11 with the **Beatriz Malnic Quartet**. Of special note: **Tito Puente Jr.** on Feb. 29.

**Copeland Davis** returns to his collegiate roots at FAU with **Byron Stripling** on Jan. 15 to headline the Florida Sunshine Pops show.

Speaking at FAU’s Alan B. Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency: former Secretary of State and U.N. **Ambassador Madeleine Albright**, at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium. \$35. (800-564-9539).

Like the Energizer Bunny, **Henrietta de Hoernle** just keeps going ... and going ... and going ...

The Countess, as she is best known, may have turned 99 in September, but she’s hardly slowing down.

Just about any building in Boca that doesn’t have Mizner in its name bears a de Hoernle tag. Scads of charities, schools and community organizations have been affected by the philanthropy of Henrietta and her late husband since they arrived in 1981.

The latest gift was to **HomeSafe**, a countywide program that provides shelter and assistance to victims of child abuse and domestic violence.

De Hoernle’s \$100,000 grant will provide support for two fill-time residential cottages for abused and abandoned young boys at HomeSafe’s Boca campus.



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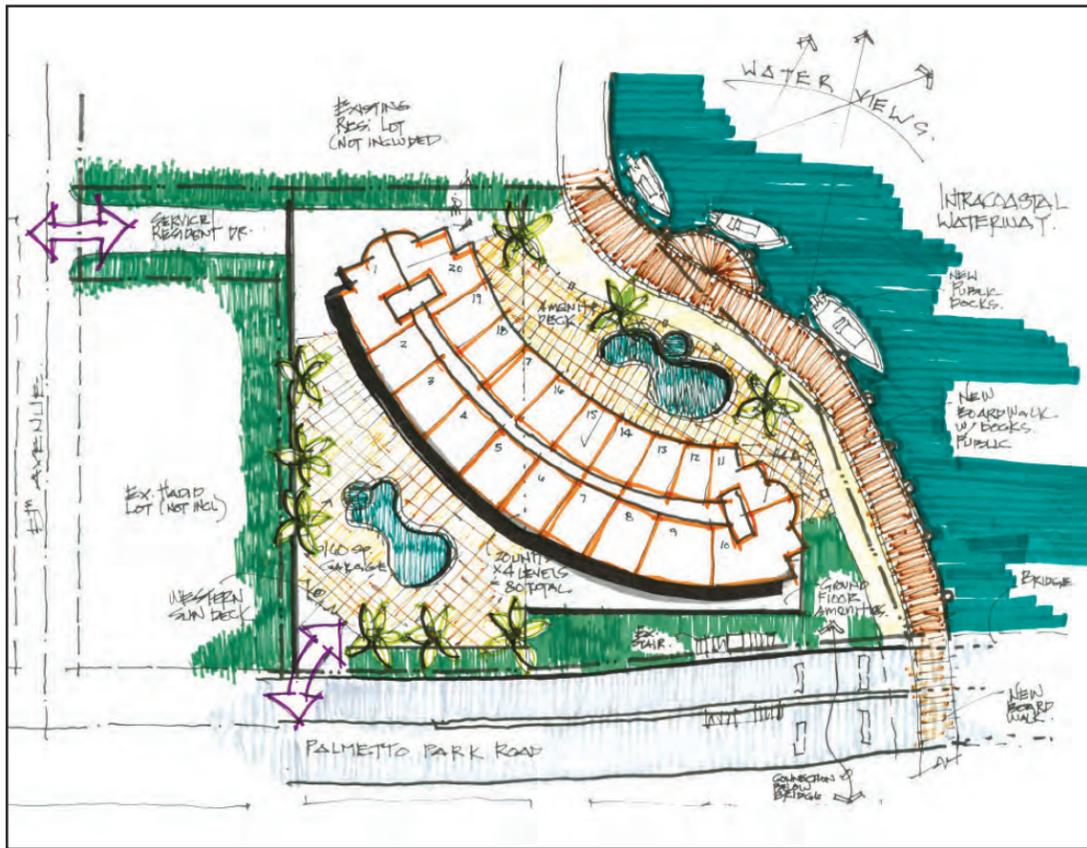
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# Boca Raton



An artist's rendering shows the proposed apartment building and new boat dock space that could be built where the Wildflower Restaurant once stood at the base of the Palmetto Park Bridge. **Rendering provided**

## Apartments with retail and boardwalk proposed for former Wildflower site

By Steve Plunkett

The city has plenty of restaurants but can never have too many rental apartments, developer James Batmasian told City Council members while presenting an unsolicited idea on what to do at the former Wildflower nightspot.

"If you put a restaurant in, the public loses both ways," Batmasian said. "If the restaurant is successful the 100, 200 other restaurants in the area are going to suffer. ... If the restaurant is a failure that you put in here, then we're going to have another Maxwell's Steakhouse or La Vieille Maison or the Wildflower that already failed there."

Batmasian and architect Doug Mummaw showed drawings of a five-story rental apartment house with below-

grade parking and maybe a café and other retail on the ground floor. A boardwalk would sweep along the Intracoastal and provide a public area and dock space for boats. Batmasian said such a building could generate \$300,000 a year for the city in lease payments.

The City Council held a special workshop in October and heard informal proposals from three stand-alone restaurants, two multi-story complexes, a recreation-oriented business and one resident who just earned an architecture degree. It has not asked for formal bids yet.

Lenore Wachtel, who lives on a canal off the Intracoastal, said her own unofficial survey showed 60 percent of the public wants a park of some sort at the Wildflower site, while 30 percent wants the city to sell

the property "at a profit, of course."

"Only about 10 percent really want a restaurant there," she said.

But Mayor Susan Whelchel said not everyone in Boca Raton lives on the Intracoastal.

"People like to go to the water and to a restaurant that is on the water," Whelchel said.

The city bought the property for \$7.5 million in 2009 after deciding the site on the northwest side of the Palmetto Park bridge has strategic importance to the downtown.

Council members want the property and the waterway area open to the public with amenities to attract the public to the site and a connection between the parcel and Silver Palm Park, on the south side of the bridge. They also asked that proposals include an attractive pedestrian orientation. ★

## Ocean Strand could be dubbed public

By Steve Plunkett

The Boca Raton City Council may act as soon as this month to designate the controversial Ocean Strand property public land instead of zoned for residential use.

With little discussion, the city's Planning and Zoning Board endorsed the change for the 14.9 oceanfront acres on Dec. 8.

City Planning and Zoning Manager Jim Bell said the new designation would allow structures totaling roughly 51,000 square feet to be built as long as they were park-related.

"I guess you could potentially have some commercial, but it would have to be park-related," Bell said, mentioning bathrooms, a café or snack shop as possible buildings. "51,000 is rather limiting."

The Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District, which owns the property, did not oppose the land-use change.

"At the current time the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District will defer to the desires of the City Council," the beach and park district wrote Mayor Susan Whelchel.

The district's letter noted

its deferral should not be seen as validating any claims by a grass-roots group that is suing to ban cabana clubs and other private uses at Ocean Strand.

Bell said the Planning and Zoning recommendation could be on the City Council's agenda Jan. 10.

The city and the beach and park district are waiting for the 4th District Court of Appeal to set a date for oral arguments in the grass-roots group's lawsuit. The appellate judges should hand down a decision a month or two after the hearing, said Arthur Koski, the district's attorney. ★

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## 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?" She



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

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

Photos by Tim Stepien

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 Jackson in the jar 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. ★

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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 (left) got into the Christmas spirit by donating enough holiday decorations to fill half the gymnasium. **BOTTOM:** Families in need were able to leave with free holiday cheer. **Photos courtesy of the family and by Jerry Lower**



## Quacker Lady'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 were also 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.

Bice's daughter-in-law, Karin, and Bice's son, Tim, gave away all of Jeanne 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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## SOBER

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Pennsylvania-based drug and alcohol 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.

Andrew Rothermel, a spokesman for Caron, a nonprofit treatment agency with a center in Boca Raton, declined to comment on whether Caron had purchased the house at 740 N. Ocean Blvd.

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

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

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.

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."

BPOA members 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 name and location were protected by law and would not be revealed.

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.

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. There's no reason we have to tolerate this."

Delray Beach Mayor Woodie McDuffie later sent a letter to local state lawmakers, 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."

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."

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

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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Highland Beach

Torcivia to replace retired Sliney as town attorney

By Steve Plunkett

Glen Torcivia, who represents Sewall's Point in coastal Martin County as well as Palm Springs and Belle Glade, is the town's new attorney.



**Torcivia**  
He replaced Tom Sliney, who had been Highland Beach's attorney since 1973.

"I felt a good connection with all the commissioners. They believe in public service; we believe in public service," Torcivia said after a morning round of one-on-one interviews followed by the special Town Commission meeting that selected him.

Torcivia, 57, said serving the public was a fundamental concern of his law firm.

"You've got to make a living, but you don't have to put your values aside," he said.

Also competing for the job were Tom Baird, town attorney for Jupiter; Brad Biggs, town attorney for South Palm Beach, Golf and Royal Palm Beach; and Ken Spillias, town attorney for Ocean Ridge.

"I truly feel that all are competent, and unfortunately we can only select one," said Commissioner Dennis Sheridan, whose review of Sliney's contract led to the search for someone else.

Mayor Bernard Featherman said the four

competitors were "sterling" law firms. "It's a very difficult decision to reach," Featherman said.

Commissioners cast "secret" ballots that became public record afterward. In the first round, Vice Mayor Miriam Zwick chose Baird, Sheridan and Commissioner John Pagliaro picked Spillias, while Featherman and Commissioner Doris Trinley selected Torcivia.

Biggs was eliminated for receiving no votes. Commissioners kept the same choices in the second round, which eliminated lowest vote-getter Baird. Zwick cast her third ballot for Torcivia.

"I know they'll do a great job for us," Trinley said.

The town will pay Torcivia

\$195 an hour to attend meetings of the commission, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and Appeals and Code Enforcement Board, and for general legal services. Sliney was given a monthly retainer of \$9,000.

Torcivia earned his law degree from Union University in Albany, N.Y., in 1979 and started a law firm after a five-year stint as an assistant Palm Beach County State attorney. He also was the Palm Beach County Health Care District's first attorney.

Sliney ended his 38 years as Highland Beach's attorney giving opinions at the Dec. 6 commission meeting on who's responsible for trimming royal palms ("It depends on where the trees are actually

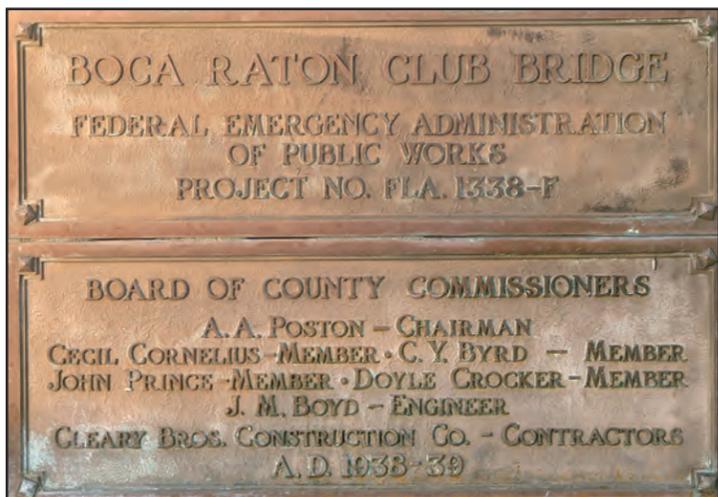
located") and what to do about bicyclists riding four abreast on A1A ("It's a state highway").

Featherman presented him with a plaque: "In Grateful Appreciation for your many years of Dedicated and Loyal Service to the Town of Highland Beach."

"This is very nice," Sliney said. "Representing the town all these years has been one of the real highlights of my legal career. I've got a lot of memories."

Former Mayor Arlen Voress recalled how Sliney had negotiated a \$36 million judgment against Highland Beach down to \$5 million.

"I think the town owes him a lot of respect," Voress said. ★



The Camino Real Bridge, built in 1939, was the first permanent bridge built over the Intracoastal Waterway in that spot. Photo by Tim Stepien

BRIDGE

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what today is the Boca Raton Resort and Club.

"This is our historical corridor," Boca Raton Historical Society executive director Mary Csar said. "If you want to know how Boca Raton came to be, you go down this corridor to figure it out."

Mizner envisioned a grand canal down the center of the 160-foot-wide Camino Real. So hotel guests could get to the ocean, he also designed an elaborate Venetian drawbridge with a tower apartment for the bridgekeeper.

But neither the canal nor the bridge was built before Mizner went bankrupt in 1927.

Boca Raton's next developer, Clarence Geist, put a temporary swing bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway in 1929.

The permanent drawbridge constructed by the Public Works Administration in 1939 was nothing fancy.

County commissioners voted to replace it with a raised four-lane bridge in 1974, but backed off when Boca Raton argued that the new bridge would create more traffic.

The county hired a consultant in 2006 to investigate the

bridge's condition when it began to repeatedly fail state inspections.

"The existing bridge barrier and railing are substandard and do not comply with current standards for crash testing," the consultant wrote. "The curb is high and considered dangerous because it has the potential to launch vehicles over the barrier."

The consultant said a new drawbridge would cost \$43.8 million compared to \$17.3 million to build a high-level fixed bridge, and that a tunnel would cost \$384 million.

Bridge experts say the maximum life span for any bridge is 75 years.

But now, because of the 73-year-old Camino Real Bridge's historical status, the only way to replace it would be to prove that is unsafe.

"It's not in such bad shape that we could justify replacing it for safety reasons," Fernandez said.

The U.S. Coast Guard notified county engineers when it discovered the historical status while routinely reviewing the county's proposal to build a new bridge, Fernandez said.

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## 10 Questions

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Mari Suarez

Mari Suarez has a corner office with a lovely view of the Intracoastal Waterway, an assortment of new books, a bulletin board speckled with artwork created by her grandchildren and even a stationary bicycle so she can get a little exercise when the spirit moves her. From her desk, she can keep track of all the library's many activities, from yoga classes to lectures to art exhibits and children's programs, via TV monitors.

No wonder it's the library director's favorite place in the Highland Beach Library, a 11,000-square-foot building opened in 2006.

The library has about 35,000 books, a small army of computers, and a large collection of movies, too. Sunlight streams through the windows into a reading room flanked by screened terraces overlooking the water. There are comfy chairs to read in — so comfortable, in fact, that it wouldn't be difficult to drift into a pleasant afternoon nap.

"It's a very pleasant, calm place," she said.

With all the activities provided, it has become a community center, not just a place to get books.

Suarez, 66, says she got her job by being in the right place at the right time and has been an employee of the town for 13 years. She admits she almost did not apply for the job because she didn't have a library degree. A friend convinced her that her degree in public administration from FAU would serve her well. It has.

"I was originally hired to automate the library, which was still using a card catalog," she said.

"After this was achieved, we realized a new library was needed and set our minds on this new goal. I applied for a half-million-dollar grant for the building." Previously, the town library was housed in 1,200-square-foot quarters in town hall.

Someday, Suarez, who has five grown daughters and 10 grandchildren (eight girls and two boys), would like the building to expand to the north and add a young adult room and a separate room for computers.



Mari Suarez, a book and art collector, surrounds her office with photos and sketches from grandchildren. Photo by Jerry Lower

She spends a lot of time reading book reviews so she can determine what books to order for the library. Each week, she orders 15 to 20 books.

"The library collection reflects my taste in books," she says, adding that her taste is esoteric, with books ranging from cooking to genealogy to travel.

In her spare time she listens to classical music, collects art and enjoys her 2,400-book home library.

"Half of them are signed by the author," Suarez says of her collection.

— Mary Thurwachter

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

**A.** I grew up in Puerto Rico and came to the U.S. [mainland] in 1986.

**Q.** What are some highlights of your life?

**A.** Growing up in a close-

knit family, being able to be a home mom and be with my children while they grew up. Being involved in creating what the Highland Beach Library is today (a sixth child).

**Q.** What are your biggest challenges as director of the library?

**A.** Among them, keeping up with technology, obviously, and our patron needs. Also as demographics change the library changes.

We are not just where you come for books; people come here to fulfill social needs. Our concert programs are certainly challenging, they are a credit to the Friends [of the Library], who present 18 programs a year.

**Q.** How has the library grown since you arrived here and where do you see it going?

**A.** After automating the library, we knew a new library

building was needed.

I knew what was important to the residents (other than reading) and from the start requested that we have areas where concerts, movies, discussions, lectures, and a whole new amalgam of activities could be available to the residents.

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

**A.** We moved here when my ex-husband got a job here.

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

**A.** My favorite part about working here is the positive attitude of the residents regarding the library and its growth.

Between the Friends of the Library, our 30 volunteers, and our patrons the library has reached a stage where we

maintain and then keep raising the bar of our services. It tests our creativity, which I most enjoy.

**Q.** What do people not know about you that you wish they would?

**A.** That my degree is in public administration, not in library science. I am the director of the library, not the head librarian — although I am that, too.

**Q.** What's the last book you read?

**A.** I just read a book for teenagers called *21: The story of Roberto Clemente*, by Wilfred Santiago. Clemente was a Puerto Rican baseball player inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame in 1973.

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

**A.** My brother, Henry. He's a banker in Miami who used to be a newspaperman. He has a fantastic sense of humor mixed with irony. He is very creative.

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

**A.** The music I listen to is not often based on my feelings, but on the weather. When we have a hurricane warning I will listen to Wagner. I mostly listen to classical music. I don't listen for inspiration.

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Health & Harmony

# 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.



**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**



**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.

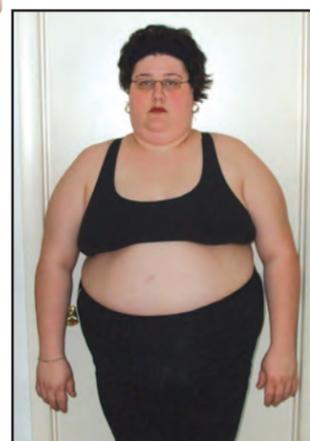
"I'm never going back to the person I used to be," she says. "I'm happy now. I can actually look in the mirror and say I love who I am. That's the difference."

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



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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**

**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."



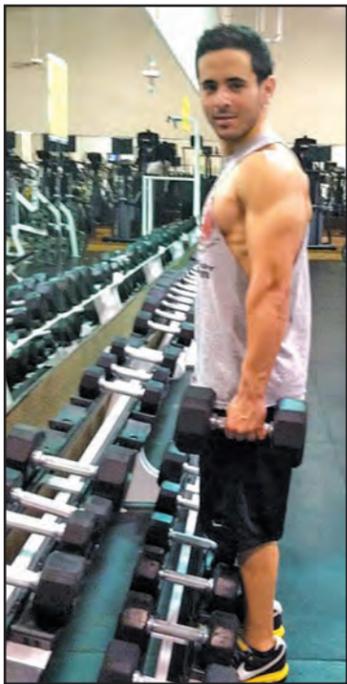
Photo by Tim Stepien



**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.



**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

**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.

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."

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## Society Spotlight

### National Society of Arts and Letters Season Opener

Dorinda and Bob Spahr home, Highland Beach



A festive dinner party with musical entertainment opened the social season for members and friends of the National Society of Arts and Letters (NSAL) Boca Raton South Florida Chapter. The Nov. 5 affair was hosted by Dorinda and Bob Spahr with daughter Jessica Paton in Highland Beach. (l-r) Judi Asselta, President NSAL, Dr. Raylene Phillips, Drs. Jon and Florence Robertson, and Alyce Erickson, NSAL advisor.

### Wee Dream Ball

Woodfield Country Club, Boca Raton



Themed "The Ultimate '70s Birthday Party" in honor of the Florence Fuller Child Development Centers' 40th anniversary, the Wee Dream Ball on Dec. 9 capped off an entire year of community-focused anniversary celebrations. (l-r) Neil and Karen Meany, Sharon and Jay DiPietro. **Photos provided**

### Boca Raton Regional Hospital's Ball

Boca Raton Resort & Club



Preparations are under way for the 50th Annual Boca Raton Regional Hospital Ball to take place on Jan. 21 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. Committee members for the ball include: Standing (l-r): Deanna Rosemurgy, Jan Savarick, Holli Rockwell, Jeannette Markus, Linda Ferguson, Joan Wargo, Debbie Leising, Marleen Forkas, Terry Fedele, Laura Stoltz, Barbara D. Cohen, Lynn Holcomb, Sarah Pollak. Seated (l-r): Jeanette Himes, Barbara Schmidt, Patricia Thomas, Mary Ann Perper, Helen Babione.

### 19th Annual St. Jude's Ball

Marriott Hotel, Delray Beach



St. Jude Catholic Church of Boca Raton honored a group of outstanding individuals who positively impact the lives of others in the parish and in the community at the 19th Annual Gala on Nov. 19. Among the honorees was The Very Rev. Michael T. Driscoll, right. With Rev. Driscoll are (l-r) Michael and Janna Chiappetta and Susan Lawton.

### Kravis Center Dress Circle members honored

Kravis Center, West Palm Beach



Kravis Center Dress Circle members Stuart and Sharyn Frankel, of Boca Raton, received a New York State of Mind honor at the Dec. 5 event.

## Highland Beach

# Lyric Chamber's opener a tribute to Seymour Strauss

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

Dr. Seymour R. Strauss, a staunch supporter of the Lyric Chamber Orchestra at Highland Beach, is being honored at the first concert of its 10th year on Jan. 27.

Strauss died July 7 at age 94. "Seymour helped me from the onset with fundraising," says Ruth Stevens, a professional violist who, in 2001, had an "epiphany" to start an orchestra. Today she is chairman of the board and the principal violist.

Strauss got involved in the orchestra through his wife, Dorothy, a violinist who played with the LCOHB until she was 90 years old.

Stevens had known Dorothy Strauss since 1975 when, for three years, they played together in the Lyric String Quartet in New York. But they hadn't seen each other for 20 years. During that time they'd each bought homes in Florida.

They became reacquainted when they both happened to take a music class at the Harid Conservatory of Music in Boca Raton.

After that, Dorothy joined Stevens in organizing the orchestra, which met at the Mae Volen Senior Center. And she got her husband involved.

"The center was noisy and not really a good place for classical music. We needed a better place to rehearse,"



Seymour Strauss spent years in the military before becoming a dentist.



Dorothy says in a telephone interview from her son's home in Ocean Side, N.Y.

And her husband had a better idea.

Although Strauss was Jewish, he had gone to school at Loyola University and had a "special relationship" with the Catholic Church and Father Gerald Grace of St. Lucy's in Highland Beach.

As a result, Strauss was instrumental in the orchestra's move into the church from the senior center. Today the 23-member orchestra performs "in the round" at the church hall.

"My husband felt it was important to have music as part of the community," Dorothy says.

The musical program in Dr. Strauss's honor will be a combination of light classical and pop music. "Seymour liked the lighter stuff," says Stevens, who remembers Strauss fondly.

"When you've known someone for so long, it's difficult to accept they are gone. I see him in my mind, hear him in my ear. He was a joy to work with," she says.

He even bought the chairs that the affiliated string quartet uses when they play at the Highland Beach Library. And each year he sent out letters requesting contributions for the all-volunteer orchestra made up of retired professional musicians.

Sheila Golden of Boynton Beach, who does public relations for the orchestra, remembers Strauss as the man who would "stand at the door of the church and greet you as you took your seat for a performance."

You also may have seen him outside Town Hall wearing a T-shirt touting the orchestra as he distributed fliers announcing an upcoming performance. And he always wore his signature black or white beret with pins attached.

His daughter Barbara Strauss Neuman of Glencoe, Ill., says her father wore a beret

since he was 14 years old. "He wore it to his bar mitzvah," she says. The attached pins were a reminder that this man had received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star in Gen. George Patton's Third Army.

A candidate for Highland Beach mayor at the time, Bernard Featherman met Strauss in March of this year at the town polling place. Strauss was circulating a petition to have the city help fund the orchestra.

"He came up to me and wished me luck in my run for mayor," says Featherman, who won that election.

It was the beginning of a relationship that would allow the mayor to interact with Strauss at commission meetings.

"He was a straight-up person who said what was on his mind. He had a mission to help the orchestra, and he was very committed to it. I thought that was outstanding. He did a lot of wonderful things," Featherman says.

The Highland Beach Library has been the beneficiary of some of his largesse. Over a five-year period, he gave the library five sculptures that he created from stone and bronze at his workshop in the Boca Highlands condominium.

"I knew right where to put his works. I have a good eye," says Library Director Mari Suarez.

*Fatiguee* (1999), a bronze of a resting ballet dancer, graces the library's front desk. The other sculptures are displayed in a sunny and airy reading room overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway.

Suarez remembers Strauss' regular visits to the library when he'd drop by her office.

"He was full of ideas. I miss his presence," she says.

### If you go

On Jan. 27, the Lyric Chamber Orchestra at Highland Beach will celebrate its 10th year and honor Dr. Seymour R. Strauss with a concert featuring flutist Marilyn Maingart.

On March 30, the orchestra will perform with soloists soprano Josephine Dolce and baritone Paul Golden.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. at St. Lucy's Catholic Church, 3510 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach, with light refreshments to follow.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door. To reserve a seat, email [info@lcohb.org](mailto:info@lcohb.org). For information about the orchestra, go to <http://lcohb.org/index.html>.

On March 14, the string quartet that is affiliated with the LCOHB will give a free concert at 5:30 p.m. at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Beach Blvd.

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### Bethesda Ball Fashion Show

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Golf

# Camaraderie is key to this golf pro's love of the game

By Steve Pike

Mike Trinley is one of those guys average golfers shake their fists at. Sure, Trinley is personable and accommodating, but consider the first time he played nine holes of golf: He shot 45. And that wasn't until he was a sophomore at Florida State University.

If there is any consolation, "It went south after that — 55 and 65," said Trinley, the head golf professional at the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

That was sort of Trinley's mantra throughout high school as an all-around athlete, who despite growing up in Boca Raton (although he was born near Pittsburgh), never gave golf a second thought until he met his two college roommates at FSU.

"They always encouraged me to play, so we played at Hilaman Golf Course in Tallahassee on a sunny fall afternoon," said Trinley, now 44. "I knew golf had rules, but I didn't know what they were. I told them if I did something wrong to tell me."

"After that I played every chance I got. I dived in headfirst when I knew this was something I wanted to do as career. I read everything I could and talked to everybody I could."

The 45 indicates that Trinley didn't do much wrong. But it was more than just battling Old Man Par that attracted him to golf.

"I really liked the camaraderie," said Trinley, who has been the resort's head



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professional for nearly six years. "There's a lot to talk about the game, but it also affords you a chance to talk about other things. Playing basketball, for example, you're concentrating only on the game. Playing golf lets you talk about golf or politics or something else."

Golf, however, is still among Trinley's favorite subjects — golf instruction, in particular.

Trinley, along with Boca Raton Resort & Club Director of Instruction Chris Kaufman, are regarded as two of the top swing teachers in South Florida. In fact, Trinley still make an almost weekly visit to the practice range to have Kauffman watch him hit balls.

"Just to have somebody look at my swing," Trinley said.

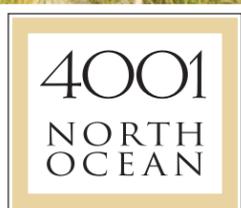
And Trinley does the same for the 450 golf members and guests who play the resort's two courses.

"I like to teach," said Trinley, who began his career at the resort in 1993. "Different students learn differently, of course, but I especially like to work with people who are feel players — kind of visual learners. I'm a visual learner, so I think I get the best results out of folks who are visual."

Such as trying to visualize a score of 45 the first time you ever played nine holes. ★



Mike Trinley, head golf pro at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. Photo provided



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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."

So Family Promise directors will ask owners of rental properties this year to form



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**

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.

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."

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



**New**

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.

**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



**Huizenga**

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-Francis** 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, she said.

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

*Tim Pallesen writes about people*



*of faith, their congregations, causes and community events. Email him at tcpallesen@aol.com.*

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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](http://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



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

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](http://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 can also include information about his dietary needs, veterinary clinic, his 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 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](http://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.

Arden Moore, founder of [FourLeggedLife.com](http://FourLeggedLife.com), is an animal behavior consultant, editor, author, professional speaker and certified pet first aid instructor. She happily shares her home with two dogs, two cats and one overworked vacuum cleaner. Tune in to her Oh Behave! show on [PetLifeRadio.com](http://PetLifeRadio.com) and learn more by visiting [www.fourleggedlife.com](http://www.fourleggedlife.com).



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Obituary

# Gloria Lawson Drummond

By Emily J. Minor

Nearly 400 people came to Gloria Lawson Drummond's funeral in mid-December to remember the amazing housewife who turned into a major health care activist after she lost two young children back in 1962 because the one local hospital was too far away to do her dying children any good.

Mrs. Drummond, the founder of Boca Raton Regional Hospital who went on to raise millions of dollars in her children's names, died Dec. 10 after a lengthy illness. She was 81.

"Gloria Drummond's passion to see something good come out of devastating personal tragedy is one of the most compelling stories in our community," said Debbie Leising, president of the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League, named after Drummond's children, Debra and Randall.

"Not only was she the driving force behind the creation of our hospital, she also established and nurtured the development of one of the largest and most effective volunteer service and fundraising organizations in

health care today."

The Debbie-Rand league has raised nearly \$30 million and contributed 2 million volunteer hours since Mrs. Drummond dried her tears in August of 1962 and set out to bring health care closer to those who need it.

As the story goes, Mrs. Drummond and her former husband moved from Michigan in 1959, a move she once said was predicated because the family dog had killed one too many cats back home. The couple were raising their children in Florida — dog, King, in tow — when two of their children became ghastly ill on April 12, 1962.

After Debra, 10, and (James) Randall, 3, drank milk that had been laced with poison by a neighborhood teenager, the couple raced the kids to the closest hospital, which was in Boynton Beach and 30

minutes away. But a big car accident snagged their travel time, and also complicated treatment once they arrived. The drive took an hour, she always said during her many public presentations, and her children's care was delayed because of all the accident victims.

By the time the doctors saw her children, it was too late.

Mrs. Drummond always said she was briefly incapacitated by her grief, but quickly realized she had to do something to ward off any future tragedies. She and a handful of other local women started with a luncheon at her house. Their goal? To raise money and awareness for a new hospital.

Five years later, Boca's first hospital opened with 104 beds — mostly due to the efforts of this burgeoning group of women. The Debbie-



Gloria Drummond was motivated to help found Boca Raton Regional Hospital after two of her children were poisoned in 1962 and they died en route to the hospital. Photo provided

Rand league later picked up the fundraising efforts that, through the years, brought services and space to the hospital.

Mrs. Drummond, funny and diminutive, was constantly receiving community awards for her devotion to her cause.

Mrs. Drummond's ex-husband, Robert, died in 1989, and four of her children preceded her in death: Debra and Randall in 1962; Robert in 1989; and Robyn in 2001. Two other children survive her, Douglas and Susan.

Before her death, Mrs. Drummond asked that any memorial donations be made to the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League, 800 Meadows Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486.

Jerry Fedele, president and CEO of Boca Regional — which was named Boca Community when it first opened back in the '60s — said Mrs. Drummond's legacy lives on every day.

All you have to do, he says, is drive by the hospital "to see the dream, determination and dedication that was Gloria Drummond."

## 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 in November. 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.

— Angie Francalancia

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## Along the Coast

### Readers choose from 5 nominated books

By Ron Hayes

All together now. Read!

But what to read?

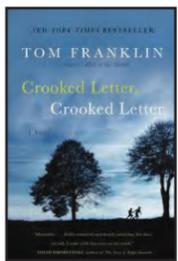
In 2002, the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County introduced "Read Together Palm Beach County," hoping to persuade as many as 20,000 residents to read the same book at the same time.

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.

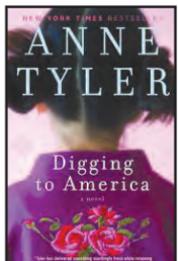
"The problem is finding a book that's less than 400 pages," says Darlene Kostrub, the coalition's executive director, "without too much violence or sexual content, yet has three or four really good themes that are worth discussing."

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.

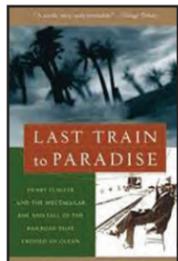


And this year's nominees are:

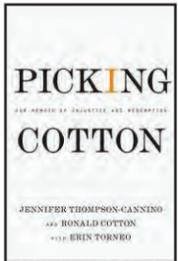
- *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter*, by Tom Franklin. A literary mystery set in small-town Mississippi, where a missing girl, a white suspect and a black constable confront the state's racist past.



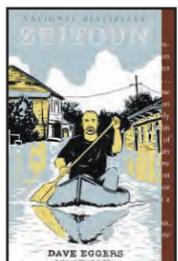
- *Digging to America*, by Anne Tyler. A gently humorous novel in which two families become intertwined when both adopt baby girls from Korea.



- *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.

Voting ends Feb. 24, with the Read Together title announced on March 12. The event runs March 30 through May 7.

For more information, call the Literacy Coalition at 279-9103 or visit [www.literacyabc.org](http://www.literacyabc.org).

## Obituaries

### Robert 'Bob' Yamartino

By Angie Francalancia

BOCA RATON — Robert "Bob" Yamartino, who had spent nearly 30 winters at the Yacht & Racquet Club of Boca Raton, died peacefully there on Nov. 24. He was 94.

He loved his ocean view and dinners at the poolside Chickee Bar at the club.

"Any time you'd look up, you'd wave at Bob," said a long-time neighbor and friend, Ellie Pomerantz. "He loved to sit on the balcony."

Bob and wife, Ann, frequented the Chickee Bar, a hub of activity at the Yacht & Racquet Club, Pomerantz said.

"You see everybody. And Ann and Bob did like to go down there. On Tuesday nights we'd have dinner with them," she said. "We're going

to miss him. We're glad he's at peace and we're glad he got to spend his last months of his life down here because this is where he truly wanted to be."

"The Chickee Bar will never be the same for us," another friend added on his obituary guest book.

Mr. Yamartino of Framington, Mass., was born Nov. 5, 1917. A 1935 graduate of Waltham High School and the Waltham Watch Horological School, he was a master watchmaker and long-time owner of Shawmut Jewelry Co. of Boston.

Mr. Yamartino loved music, and played bass in several bands over four decades. He was an active leader on the Waltham Auxiliary Police force.

In addition to a love for the ocean, Mr. Yamartino enjoyed

golfing as a member of the Framingham Country Club.

In addition to his wife of 31 years, Mr. Yamartino, is survived by his children, Janet M. and Paul Upham of Pawling, New York, Robert J. Yamartino Jr., Maxine Sclar of Portland, Maine, Paul D. and Kathryn Yamartino of Acton; and stepchildren Cyndi L. Boucher-Lahhoud of Framingham, and Scott C. and Brenda Crossman of Mendon.

He also is survived by two younger brothers, Ernest, of Wakefield, Mass., and Raymond, of Wayland, Mass., 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Dec. 10 at St. Bridget's Church in Framingham.

### Howard McCall

By Steve Plunkett

BOCA RATON — Architect, preservationist and longtime city resident Howard McCall, whose designs included the Royal Palm Shopping Center and many of the original homes in the Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club, died Dec. 8, a year after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He was 88.

Born July 20, 1923, in Missouri, Mr. McCall enlisted



in the Navy the day after his high school graduation to serve during World War II. He met and married Peggy,

his wife of 68 years, while stationed in Vero Beach, where they started their family.

After seven years, Mr. McCall enrolled at the University of Miami and the University of Illinois and earned his architecture degree. In 1957 the family returned to Florida and Mr. McCall opened what would become McCall and Lynch, Architects and Planners in Boca Raton. Besides the Royal

Palm designs, Mr. McCall's work included homes in Camino Gardens, the Fifth Avenue Shopping Center, the elementary school at St. Andrews and St. Gregory's Episcopal Church.

Mr. McCall joined the American Institute of Architects in 1958 and was president of its Spanish River chapter as well as president of the Boca Raton Rotary. He also served many years on the city's Planning and Zoning Board and its Historic Preservation Board.

"Mr. McCall was known for many, many contributions to this city, one of which of course was St. Gregory's itself. He was really instrumental completely in the development of St. Gregory's, and that was his beloved church," said Mayor Susan Whelchel, who noted his passing at three city meetings the week after he died.

After retiring from architecture in 1998 Mr. McCall spent hundreds of hours overseeing the installation of a stained-glass window at the entrance of the church.

The Very Rev. Andrew Sherman, rector of St. Gregory's, said clergy often

refer to stalwarts in their flocks as pillars.

"In Howard's case it's not just a metaphor. He truly was a pillar of the church," Sherman said.

Mr. McCall also focused his architect's talents on building remote-control model planes.

"He wasn't particularly good at flying them but he was really good at building them," said his son Howard "Buz" Jr. of Boca Raton.

And being an ex-Navy sailor, "he loved the water and he loved sailing. That was always a big passion of his," his son said.

Besides his wife and son, Mr. McCall is survived by daughter Carol McNally of Orlando and son Russell of Littleton, Colo., nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, a sister and four nieces and nephews.

Services were Dec. 29 at St. Gregory's. The family asked that remembrances in Mr. McCall's name be made to the Memorial Fund of St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33432 or the Boca Raton Historical Society General Fund, 71 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton, FL 33432.

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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 - Mostly Music Class** at Pine Crest School, 2700 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton. This class is offered to children (18 months to 4 years) and their parents on Saturdays through 5/26. Children will experience different sounds, instruments, dances, and art forms. Two sessions: Ages 18 months-2 1/2 years, 9-9:50 am; ages 2 1/2-4 years, 10-10:50 am. \$345. 883-6892 or www.pinecrest.edu.

**1/7 - Adult Woodturning Class** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Learn the fundamentals for woodturning in eight three-hour sessions. Use a lathe to make a candlestick, tool handle, a box and a bowl. Lathes, tools and materials will be provided. This eight-week session runs through 3/3 (no class 2/4). 9:30 am-12:30 pm. \$175/residents, \$219/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/7 - The Top 20 Secrets of Great Singers: Their Mindset & Methods** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Class teaches aspiring singers the coveted professional standards and musical/non-musical techniques of unforgettable performances. This 10-week session runs through 3/17 (no class 3/10). \$25 materials fee due to instructor for textbook. 9:30 am-12:30 pm. \$200/residents, \$250/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**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. Taught by Delray Beach author Prudy Taylor Board. Pre-registration recommended. 10 am-noon. \$25/session. 279-7790 or www.flauthorsacademy.com.

**1/7 - Ice Age Florida Exhibit** at the Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Go back in time to see some of Florida's prehistoric inhabitants. This exhibit features hundreds of genuine Florida fossils, representing animals like mammoths, mastodons, saber cats, dire wolves and sloths, plus replica skulls of a Giant Beaver and Giant Armadillo. Exhibit runs through 1/15. T-Sat. 10 am-4 pm, Sun. Noon-4 pm. \$4/ages 3 and up. 274-7263 or www.sandowayhouse.org.

**1/7 - Drop-In Story time** - Music, stories, fun finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at this weekly program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. Held again 1/14, 21, 28 & 2/4. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**1/7 - Judo Class** - Saturdays at the Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Classes consist of warm-up exercises, instruction, practice and tournament training. For all ages. 10 am-noon. Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/7 - Morikami Gardens Photography workshop** - Roji-en, The Gardens of the Drops of Dew, is the setting for this three-week workshop with professional photographer Richard Reddig at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Class meets again 1/14 (8-11 am) & 21 (10:30 am-1:30 pm). Advance registration required. \$80 for all three weeks. 10:30 am-1:30 pm. 495-0233 or www.morikami.org.

**1/7 - Tweens & Teens** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Events/activities for children ages 12 and up. Held most Saturdays. 11 am. Free. Register one week in advance for each program. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**1/7 - Science Stories** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Hear your favorite science inspired stories. For ages 5 and up. Held weekly on Saturday. 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

**1/7 - A Gilded Age Style Lunch in Café des Beaux-Arts** at the Flagler Museum, Kenan Pavilion, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Each afternoon the Flagler Museum offers a Gilded Age style lunch that features an array of delicacies and refreshments reminiscent of the elegance of entertaining during the Gilded Age. Runs through 4/7/12. 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 or www.flaglermuseum.us.

**1/7 - Wellness Fair** at Whole Foods, 1400 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 12-3 pm. Free. 447-0000 or www.wholefoods.com.

**1/7 - Exhibition: Conceptual Narrative: Mixed Media from the Chodorkoff Collection** at FAU's Wimberly Library, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. The exhibition of contemporary fine art and crafts is curated

from the Wimberly Library's Drs. J. Rosmarin Chodorkoff and B. Chodorkoff Collection, and is an eclectic mix of glass, fiber, ceramics, painting, sculptures and prints from such established artists as Dale Chilhuly, Ed Rossbach, William Morris and Clifford Rainey. Exhibit runs through 1/31. Library hours: M-R: 8 am-midnight; F: 8 am-6 pm; Sat.: Noon-6 pm; Sun.: Noon-midnight. Free. 297-0455 or www.jaffecollection.org.

**1/7 - Realistic Drawing/Painting Instruction Class** at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Learn the basic techniques essential to quality, realistic paintings. This four-week course run Saturdays through 1/28. 12:30-2:30 pm. \$65/residents, \$81/non-residents. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/7 - Meet the Artist Reception: Palm Beach Watercolor Society** - Art Exhibit at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Exhibit continues through 1/25. 1-3 pm. Free. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

**1/7 - Art-E-Ology: Hudson River School - Landscape Painting** for grades 3-5 is presented at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Once a month, children will learn about a master artist on exhibit at the museum and have the opportunity to create a masterpiece in the style of the selected artist. Reservations required. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/child; free/members. 392-2500 Ext. 106 or www.bocamuseum.org.

**1/7 - The Prince of Egypt** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Held again 1/14. 2 pm. \$14/adults, \$10/children. 394-2626 or www.ShowtimeBoca.com.

**1/7 - Alligator Feedings** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Gather around the alligator tank in the exhibit hall and listen to a short talk about the baby alligator while he is being fed. Held every W & Sat. 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760 or www.daggerwing.org.

**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 a handful of western women to be ordained as a Tibetan Buddhist Nun. She is recognized as a powerful proponent of the universal need of individuals to find their voices so that all human beings can "realize their full potential." In one of her rare visits to the United States, Tenzin Palmo offers down to earth, practical advice on cultivating a peaceful mind amidst the chaos and stress of everyday life. 4 pm. \$15. 800-564-9539 or www.fauf.org/peaceful.

**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 and crafts, kung fu demonstrations and the Lion and Dragon Dance. 5-10 pm. Free. 393-7827 or www.miznerparkamphitheatre.com.

**1/7 - Workshop - Communication: Did You Hear What I Think I Said?** presented by Dr. Michael Ryce at The Heart Painter, 310 Esplanade, Ste. 50A, Royal Palm Place, Boca

## Municipal Meetings

**1/3 & 2/7 - Highland Beach** - First Tuesday of each month at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S. Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda available at www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us.

**1/10 & 1/24 - Boca Raton** - Second & fourth Tuesday of each month at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road. 6 pm. Agenda available at www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

Raton. 7-9:30 pm. Free. (954)-551-0402 or www.theheartpainter.com.

**1/7 - Moonlight Serenade** at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Once a month on a Saturday night, gather to recite a special blessing called Kiddush Levanah, praising the Creator for astronomy. Featuring live music, hot food and cold drinks. Held again 2/4. 7:30 pm. Free. 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

**1/7 - The Bronx Wanderers** at the Carole & 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 - Concert: Urban Underground** featuring Reggae Musician Adam Teacha Barnes performs at the ArtsGarage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. BYOW (Bring Your Own Whatever!). \$15/advance, \$20/door. 9 pm. 243-7129 or www.delraybeacharts.org.

**1/7-8 - Yoga Workout at the Beach** - Held every Saturday and Sunday at Red Reef Park West, 1221 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Build strength and flexibility, improve postural alignment and stabilize the core. Registration can be done at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., or on-site before a class begins. Parking passes can only be obtained through the Community Center. Classes are held on the grass overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. Cash will not be accepted on-site. 10-11 am. \$15/residents, \$19/non-residents per class, or 60 day membership (unlimited classes) for \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/7-8 - The Commedia Aladdin** at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. \$12/under age 8, \$8/age 8 and up - includes refreshments. Sat.: 2 & 7 pm.; Sun.: 2 pm. 447-8829 or www.solchildren.org.

**1/7-8 - Explorium: Make & Take** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Stop by to hear some of our favorite science inspired stories. Held every Sat. & Sun., 11:30 am & 3 pm. \$3/cash only. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

**1/7-8 - Science Demonstrations** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Hear your favorite science inspired stories. For ages 5 and up. Held weekly on Sat. & Sun. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

## JANUARY 8-14

**Sunday - 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. Now in its 34th years at the Morikami, Oshogatsu - the traditional New Year celebratory festival - is celebrated with games and entertainment throughout the museum

and its gardens. The day's activities will include Japan's customary rice-pounding, making mochi rice cakes and a sado tea ceremony (\$5) as well as kakizome, hands-on calligraphy and omikuji, fortune telling. Special appearances by Shishimai, the lion dancer are sure to bring in good luck for the New Year. 10 am - 5 pm. Advance tickets (until 1/6) are \$8/adults, \$4/children; At the gate: \$10/adults, \$5/children (free for Museum members and children 3 and under). 495-0233 or www.morikami.org.

**1/8 - Kabbalah & Coffee** at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Includes weekly Living Torah Video Presentation. The class can be viewed by logging on to http://torahcafe.com/chassidic-heritage-series.pho. Viewers are encouraged to purchase Full Devotion at www.kehonline.com. Held every Sunday morning. 10-11:30 am. Free. 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

**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 by the Omote Senke tea group, 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 or www.morikami.org.

**1/8 - Concert: Salsa Big Band Style** - Presented at the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Orquesta Nostalgia presents a tribute to New York Latin music roots featuring a 16 piece orchestra. 2 pm. \$17. 347-3900 or www.willowtheatre.org.

**1/8 - The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity** at the Caldwell Theatre, Count de Hoernle Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. Show runs through 2/12. Selected T at 8pm. W-Sat. 8 pm; W, Sat. & Sun. 2 pm. Tickets \$27-\$50, depending upon seating and date of performance; Full time students \$10. 241-7432 or www.caldwelltheatre.com.

**1/8 - Mixin' It Up: Paint, Crayons & Magazines** is presented as part of the ARTful Adventure Sunday series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. This family program features art workshops or live performances by talented actors, musicians or dancers. The program focuses on creative family fun and includes an interactive opportunity for all ages to learn, create and enjoy the arts. 2 pm. Free program with paid museum admission. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

**1/8 - American Brass Quintet** at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Celebrating its 51st anniversary this season, the American Brass Quintet has been internationally recognized as an icon in the brass world. 4 pm. \$20-\$35. 237-9000 or

www.lynn.edu/tickets.

**Monday - 1/9 - Mah-Jongg** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Intermediate and advanced. Held every Monday. 12:30-1:30 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us.

**1/9 - Chair Massage** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. John Sampson, licensed therapist, offers 10-minute sessions. Held every Monday. 1 pm. \$10/session. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org

**1/9 - Broadway Superstars Class** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Children ages 4-6 will be singing, acting and dancing to popular Broadway songs. Group numbers will include *Beauty & the Beast*, *Sound of Music*, *Mary Poppins* and more favorites. Class will use props such as ribbons and kites. This six-week session runs Mondays through 2/27 (no class 1/16 & 2/20). 4:30-5:15 pm. \$72/residents, \$90/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/9 - Acting and Musical Theater Class** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Children ages 6-10 will focus on creative skills, vocal exercises, and improvisation and individual monologues. Scenes and routines will be from *Beauty & the Beast* plus other popular shows. This call will work on team building and help in gaining self-esteem, overcoming shyness, improve public speaking skill and enjoying the art of acting. This six-week session runs Mondays through 2/27 (no class 1/16 & 2/20). 5:15-6 pm. \$72/residents, \$90/non-residents. 971-9917 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/9 - Bieber Fever** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Children ages 5-9 will sing, act, and dance to their favorite songs from Justin Bieber. Learn choreographed warm-ups, dances, and put on play performances using fake microphones, guitars and tambourines. This six-week session runs Mondays through 2/27 (no class 1/16 & 2/20). 6-6:45 pm. \$72/residents, \$90/non-residents. 971-9917 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/9 - Yoga Sunset at the Beach** - Held every Monday at Spanish River Park, 3001 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Build strength and flexibility, improve postural alignment and stabilize the core. Registration can be done at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., or on-site before a class begins. Parking passes can only be obtained through the Community Center. Classes are held next to lifeguard stand number 18. Cash will not be accepted on-site. 6:30-7:30 pm. \$15/residents, \$19/non-residents per class, or 60 day membership (unlimited classes) for \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/9 - Intermediate / Games I Dog Class** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. This six-week session runs through 2/27 (no class 1/16 & 2/20). Classes are held outside on the basketball court behind the Community Center and are cancelled in inclement weather. 7-8 pm. \$85/residents, \$106/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/9 - Sophisticated Discussions: A Singles Group** - Join over-50 peers in a supportive, singles group discussion at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Held Mondays. Refreshments served. 7-8:30 pm.

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**1/9 - Meditation Mondays** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 7 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**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.

**Tuesday - 1/10 - Studio Time** at the Boca Raton Community Center, Silver Palm Room, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Paint or draw in this open studio format. Held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. 9:30 am-12:30 pm. \$5/non-members, free/members. RSVP requested. 362-5506 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/10 - Beginners Yoga** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Enjoyable program helps you stay fit. Participants should bring their own yoga mat. Held every Tuesday. 10:15 am. \$10. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**1/10 - Socrates Café** - Weekly discussion group under the guidance of Ethel Genes at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Devoted to supporting philosophical inquiries of all ages and walks of life. 10:30 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us.

**1/10 - Haiku Workshop** at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Join Professor Scott Cunningham in this hands-on workshop and learn to write your own original Haiku. This workshop is provided in collaboration with the 5th Annual Palm Beach Poetry Festiva. 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 7or www.morikami.org.

**1/10 - Baby Fry Storytime** for ages 1-3 at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Tuesday. Please register one week in advance for each program. 11 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**1/10 - Intermediate/Advanced Line Dancing with Norma** at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Learn the newest line dancing routines. This five-week course run Tuesdays through 2/14 (no class 1/31). 1-2 pm. \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/10 - Ikenobo Ikebana Flower Arrangement** - Using fresh flowers, students are taught traditional flower arrangement in

## Holiday Boat Parade Intracoastal Waterway, Boca Raton



Patriotic pride was evident on many boats in the Boca Raton Holiday Boat Parade last month. The parade included the U.S. Marines' Toys for Tots drive with dockside donation pickups to benefit needy children. Photo by Tim Stepien

this four-week class at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Class meets again 1/17, 24 & 31. Advance registration required. \$60/members, \$70/non-members plus flower fee of \$60 for all four weeks. 1-3 pm. 495-0233 ext. 237 7or www.morikami.org.

**1/10 - Memories, Milestones and Memoirs: A Writing Workshop** at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton. This four-week session runs through 1/31. 2-4:30 pm. \$72/residents, \$90/non-residents. 477-8727 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/10 - Explorium: Helping Hands** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Does your child need extra support with science or math homework? The CSE offers after school tutoring in small groups for grades 1-8. Pre-registration is required at least one day in advance. Held M-F through 5/30. 3:30-4:30 pm & 4:30-5:30 pm. \$15/

resident/session, \$18.75/non-resident/session. Free. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

**1/10 - Small Fry Storytime** for ages 3 and up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Features songs and a craft project. Held every Tuesday. Please register one week in advance for each program. 4 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**1/10 - Cartooning and Drawing Class** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This six-class session runs through 2/21. No class on 1/31. For ages 7-15. 4-5:30 pm. \$52/resident; \$65/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

**1/10 - Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi** is presented as part of Teen Book Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 13-17. Receive a free copy of the book at the time of required registration. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**1/10-11 - Hammock Trails** - Go on a guided walk of a quarter-mile 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 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

**Wednesday - 1/11 - Kindermusik with Ms. Cathy** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 0 mo.-4 yrs. Through interactive classes, children explore rhythm, melody, and other musical building blocks. Children learn by singing, playing instruments, and dancing. Classes feature a variety of musical styles for a positive experience. Materials fee paid to the instructor. Eleven-week session runs Thursdays through 3/28 (no class 3/21). Ages 0-16 mos.: 9:30-10:15 am; 15 mos-2.5 yrs.: 10:30-11:15 am; 16 mos.-4 yrs.: 11:30-12:15 pm. \$176/resident, \$220/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

**1/11 - Senses of Cinema Presents Film for Thought Class** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 18+. This five-class course runs through 2/8. 10 am-12:45 pm. Complete 5-week series or individual classes: Per week: \$12/resident, \$15/non-resident. Per 5-week: \$50/resident, \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

**1/11 - Current events discussion group** - Led by David Yarosh at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Wednesday. 10:30 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us.

**1/11 - Beginners Line Dancing with Norma** at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Learn the newest line dancing routines. This six-week course run Wednesdays through 2/15. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$36/residents, \$45/non-residents. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/11 - Socrates Café** - Weekly discussion group with rotating facilitators 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 - Scrabble** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Organized by Ruth Flynn & Pat Schrade. Held every Wednesday. 12:30-4 pm. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**1/11 - Creating Mosaics Class** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For

ages 7-15. This six-class course runs through 2/15. Materials fee: \$20. 3-5 pm. \$95/resident; \$118.75/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

**1/11 - Unsettled - The Jewish Film Club** at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. 4 pm. Free admission, includes popcorn and soda. 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

**1/11 - Beginners Violin Class with United by Music Inc.** at the Boca Raton Community Center Annex, 260 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. This class is a fun and easy going group environment for your child to learn how to play violin, basic music theory and note reading. Class instruments are provided to students. This 10-week session runs Wednesdays through 3/14. 4:30-5:30 pm. \$150/residents, \$187.50/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/11 - Belly Dance Class with Maja** at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. All ages and shapes. This six-week course run Wednesdays through 2/15. Two sessions available: Beginners: 5:30-6:30 pm; Intermediate: 6:45-7:45 pm. \$65/residents, \$81/non-residents. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/11 - Tai Chi Classes** - Wednesdays at the Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Learn to enhance performance through effectively learning athletic movements and self-defense techniques. Beginner classes: 6:10-7:10 pm. Intermediate classes: 7:10-8:10 pm. Sessions available as 8 or 12 classes. 8 classes: \$48/resident, \$60/non-resident; 12 classes: \$66/resident, \$82/non-resident. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/11 - Soup for the Soul** at Boca Helping Hands, 1500 NW 1st Court, Boca Raton. If you like to cook, this is the group for you. Presented by the First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton. The group will prepare soup to be served at BHH at mealtime or frozen to be delivered to the homebound. 6:30 pm. Free. 395-1244 or www.fumcbocaraton.org.

**1/11 - Mind/Body Development with Karate** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Common sense self-defense techniques combined with exercises that help improve concentration. This class offers vibrant, yet soothing routines applicable to both young and old. Held every Wednesday. 6:30 pm. \$10. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**1/11 - Judo Class** - Wednesdays at the Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Classes consist of warm-up exercises, instruction, practice and tournament training. For all ages. Mixed ages and ranks: 6:30-8 pm; Advanced: 8-9 pm. Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/11 - Clothing and the Making of Jewish Comedy: Ted Merwin** 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/lfs.

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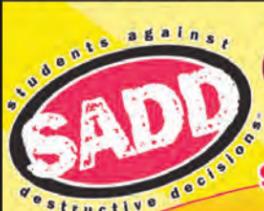
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**1/12 - Beginners Yoga** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Enjoyable program helps you stay fit. Participants should bring their own yoga mat. Held every Thursday. 10:15 am. \$10. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**1/12 - 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 with nationally recognized visionary artist Christopher J. Burlini. Subjects range from landscapes and portraits to contemporary pieces. Burlini Studio of the Arts is a premier painting studio located in Boca Raton. Exhibit runs through 2/8. 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 or www.oldschool.org.

**1/12 - Mangrove Paddle** - 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. Must be proficient at paddling and maneuvering a canoe in open water and confined trails; Must be capable of getting into and out of a canoe from a dock and dry or muddy land on your own or with assistance from a companion; and must have the physical agility to get back into a canoe from the water, in case of tipping. Ages 7-adult, an adult must participate with each child. Held again 12:30-2:30 pm 1/28. 11 am-1 pm. \$15/ member, \$22/non-member. Reservations and pre-payment required: 338-1542 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

**1/12 - Lunch 'N Learn** - Presented by Chabad of East Boca Raton at Cuisine by Silvia, Royal Palm Place, 141 Via Naranjas, Suite 45B, Boca Raton. Textual study of the weekly Torah portion with delicious dairy lunch. Held every Thursday. Noon-1 pm. 361-3939 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

**1/12 - Lecture - Jenna Bush Hager** at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Jenna Bush Hager is currently a contributing correspondent for NBC's Today Show, where she focuses on telling the inspirational stories of people doing great things across America. She is also the 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 or www.oldschool.org.

**1/12 - YogaKids Class** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. YogaKids classes involve "the whole" child through multi-sensory learning. Classes often combine yoga positions with music, storytelling, and art while conveying lessons in positive thinking, self confidence and environment awareness. This four-week session runs Thursdays through 2/9 (no class 2/2). Age 4-7: 4-4:45 pm; age 8-12: 5-6 pm. \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/12 - Kids' Class: Family Time** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages up to 7. This 11-class course runs Thursdays through 3/29 (no class 3/22). 4-4:45 pm. \$176/ resident; \$220/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

**1/12 - Youth Archery Class** for ages 8-14 at the Meadows Park Tennis Court, 1300 NW Eighth St., Boca Raton. This program will introduce the sport of archery through skill development and paper target practice. This seven-week session runs through 2/23. 4:45-5:45 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents.

393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/12 - Humorist Carol Cott Gross** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**1/12 - Citizens Police Academy Class** at the Boca Raton Police Department Training Facility, 6500 Congress Ave. and the Police Station, 100 NW 2nd Ave., Boca Raton. Participants will learn about the latest technology, training and what officers do on a daily basis. Each student will be allowed one four-hour ride along with a road patrol officer. Classes held Thursdays through 2/23. 6:30-9 pm. Free. 338-1346 or www.bocapolice.com.

**1/12 - The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick** - Presented as part of the Tween Book Discussion at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 9-12. Held the 2nd Thursday of each month. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**1/12 - Flamenco Dance Class** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 18 & up. This eight-class course runs Thursdays through 3/8 (no class 1/26). 7-8:30 pm. \$100/ resident; \$125/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

**1/12 - An Evening with Rabbi Shmuley Boteach** 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 - Anthony Corrado** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. 7:30-10:30 pm. \$10 cover includes one drink. 912-0000 or www.paviliongrille.com.

**Friday - 1/13 - Tot Time** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 2-5. Children will enjoy crafts, snacks, and indoor play stations. Drop in any time during the program. 10 am-noon. \$5/child. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

**1/13 - Movie Time** - The Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Come and enjoy a new movie every week. Every Friday. 1 pm. . 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**1/13 - Opening Reception: From My Scriptorium by Hanne Niederhausen** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 4:30-6:30 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**1/13 - Talent Show Social** - at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Show off your talent and possibly win a prize! Includes refreshments. 6-8 pm. Free. 447-8829 or www.solchildren.org.

**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 with nationally recognized visionary artist Christopher J. Burlini. Subject range from landscapes and portraits to contemporary pieces. Burlini Studio of the Arts is a premier painting studio in Boca Raton. Exhibit runs through 2/8. 6-9 pm. Reception admission \$10. 243-9722 or www.oldschool.org.

**1/13 - T.G.I. Shabbat** at Chabad of East Boca, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Monthly Friday night Shabbat dinner replete with Challah, gefilte fish, chicken soup, and all the other traditional foods. Features singing, a Chassidic tale and the chance to meet some wonderful new people. 6:30 pm. \$25/adults, \$12/children ages 3-12. 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com/tgis.

**1/13 - Eyes to the Skies** with the professional-grade 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This informal event is held in the parking lot (weather permitting). All children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. Stars must be visible for the telescope to align. 6:30 pm. Free. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

**1/13 - Cinema Under The Stars: Poltergeist (PG)** - 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 or www.miznerparkamphitheatre.com.

**1/13-15, 19-22 - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum** at The Willow Theatre, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Neil Simon's acclaimed autobiographical play set in the 1940's Brooklyn. Two brothers try to break into show business as professional comedy writers while coping with their parents' marital strife. 8 pm shows 1/13-14, 19-21; 2 pm shows 1/14-15 & 21-22. \$18. 347-3948 or www.willowtheatre.org.

**Saturday - 1/14 - Nature Photography Workshop with Sol Levine** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Workshop includes class time, outdoor photoshoot and critique session. For beginners and intermediate level photographers (and budding photographers from 15 yrs. and up),

## Area Greenmarkets

**Boca Raton GreenMarket** is held each Saturday, through 5/12/12, 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.

**Delray GreenMarket** is held each Saturday through 5/14 in the first block of SE 4th Ave. between Atlantic Ave. and SE 1st St. Outdoor venue offers fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music and children's activities. 9 am - 2 pm. 276-7511 or www.delraycra.org.

**GreenMarket Pompano Beach** at Flagler Ave. and NE First St., Pompano Beach. 8 am-1 pm. Runs through 4/28. (954) 782-3015 or www.pompanohistory.com/phc/market.

**Boca Raton GreenMarket** is held each Wednesday at Glades Plaza, Glades Road at 19th St. 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.

and can help you become more comfortable with your camera and take better photos. 9:30 am-4:30 pm. \$70/Friends of Daggerwing members, \$100/non-members (includes 1-yr. individual membership to FOD). 629-8760 or www.daggerwing.org. pbcgov.com/parks/nature. 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. Taught by author Cynthia Thomason. Pre-registration recommended. 10 am-noon. \$25/session. 279-7790 or www.flauthorsacademy.com.

**1/14 - Yogi Bear (PG)** - Presented as part of Tween Movie Mania at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For age 9-12. Includes free pizza and drinks. Noon-2 pm. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**1/14 - 15th Annual OPAL Awards Gala** at Boca Pointe Country Club, 7144 Boca Pointe Dr. Honoring Outstanding People And Leaders who have contributed through volunteerism to make our community a better place in which to live, work and play. Proceeds benefit local youth scholarship programs. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres reception begins 6:30 pm; three-course dinner at 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$250. 477-7180 or www.rotaryclubbocaraton.com.

**1/14 - Lynn University Wind Ensemble: 2012 Tasty Suites** at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. The program includes works by Percy Grainger, Gustav Holst and Richard Strauss. 7:30 pm. \$10-\$25. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

**1/14 - Boca Raton Symphonia: Saturday Night Mini-Concert Series** at The Roberts Theater at Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton. Featuring guest conductor Arthur Fagen and piano soloist Alex Kobrin. Program includes works by Turkin, Beethoven and Mendelssohn. 8 pm. Tickets: \$30-\$50. 376-3848 or www.bocasymphonia.org.

**1/14 - Winter Jewish Music Festival** at Temple Israel of Greater Miami, Bertha Abess Sanctuary, 137 NE 19th St., Miami. Guest host Martin Bookspan. Features cantorial music, Ladino, pop, classical, Yiddish, jazz and rap. 8 pm. \$18. 800-838-3006 or www.winterjewishmusicconcert.org.

**1/14-15 - 25th Annual Boca Fest** is held at The Shops at Boca Center, 5250 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton. 10 am-5 pm. Over \$15 million in artwork displayed by an eclectic mix of national, regional and local artists. Free. 954-472-3755 or www.artfestival.com.

### JANUARY 15-21

**Sunday - 1/15 - Downtown Open Market** at Monument Piazza, Royal Palm Place, 308 S. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Held once a month on Sundays through May 2011. Features food, art galleries, jewelers and a variety of boutiques. 10 am-4 pm. Free. www.downtownopenmarket.com.

**1/15 - Concert: Boca Raton Symphonia** at The Roberts Theater at Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton. Featuring guest conductor Arthur Fagen and piano soloist Alex Kobrin. Program includes works by Turkin, Beethoven and Mendelssohn. 3 pm. Five-concert Connoisseur Series Subscriptions \$150-\$250. Single ticket prices \$35-\$62. 376-3848 or www.bocasymphonia.org. 1/15 - Jon Kimura Parker Recital: Postcards from Russia - Presented by the Conservatory of Music at Lynn University Piano Series at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 4 pm. \$20-\$35. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

**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. COST? 391-1983 or www.garyfarrbigband.com.

**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 camps, 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. Commemorative March and Celebration** - Meet at MLK Memorial (adjacent to Ebenezer Baptist Church, 200 Ruby St., Boca Raton) and march to Hughes Park, 200 NE 14th St. Celebration program featuring Boca Community High School March band, speakers, special music, kiddie activities, free picnic. Meet at 10 am, march begins 11 am. Hughes Park event 11 am-3 pm. Free. 393-7827 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**Tuesday - 1/17 - Musical Theater Class** at Pine Crest School, 2700 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton. This class is offered to students in grades 2-8 on Tuesdays through 3/31 (no class 2/21). Students will participate in a live production of Jack and Bella, From Beanstalk to Broadway 1 pm 3/31. 4:30-5:30 pm. \$265. 883-6852 or www.pinecrest.edu.

**1/17 - Advanced Modern and Jazz Dance Class** at Pine Crest School, 2700 St. Andrews

Bldv., Boca Raton. This class is offered to high school students on Tuesdays through 4/24 (no class 2/21, 3/13 & 27). Students will participate in a dance showcase 7 pm 3/29. All dancers must have prior dance experience. All new students must take one preliminary class for placement. 5:45-7 pm. \$285. 852-2829 or www.pinecrest.edu. 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, Boca Raton. Viewings will be held on the 1st Friday and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 7 pm. Free. 297-STAR or http://physics.fau.edu/observatory/observatory.html.

**1/17 - Concert: Allan Vache Sextet** at the Spanish River Performing Arts Center, 2400 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Superb musicians led by Allan on clarinet will play some of Benny Goodman's hits of the '40s era. Presented by the Swing and Jazz Preservation Society. 7:30-10 pm. \$18/members; \$26/non-members. 499-9976 or www.swingandjazzpreservationsociety.org. **1/17-19 - After School Science Series: Crazy Kitchen Chemistry** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Discover the reactions that go into making your favorite foods. Tues.: ages 5-6 (with parent); Wed.: ages 7-9; Thurs.: ages 10-12. 4-5 pm. \$10/ residents; \$12.50/non-residents. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

**Wednesday - 1/18 - Bridge Class** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Learn the fundamentals of bridge. This eight-week session runs through 3/7. \$10 materials fee due to instructor on first day of class. Two sessions available: Beginner Bridge: 10 am-noon; Intermediate Bridge: 2-4 pm. \$90/ residents, \$112.50/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/18 - Piano Explorers I Class** at Pine Crest School, 2700 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton. This class is offered to students from pre-kindergarten to grade 1 on Wednesdays through 4/4 (no class 2/22). This class is

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designed to be a positive first experience at the piano. 4:30-5:30 pm. \$265. 883-6892 or www.pinecrest.edu.

**1/18 - Slideshow and lecture: Photographing Birds in Motion by Michael Rosenbaum** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 5-6 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**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 East Camino Real, Boca Raton. Reception includes hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and soft drinks. 6 pm. \$25. 869-3100.

**1/18 - People of the Book: The Sacred Texts of Judaism and Islam - 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/lls.

**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 will discuss 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, during World War II. 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 Army Air Field. Reservations required. 7-8:30 pm. \$5/non-members; free/members. 395-6766 Ext. 101 or www.bocahistory.org.

**1/18 - Concert: Glenn Miller Orchestra** at Olympic Heights Community High School Auditorium, 20101 Lyons Road, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$28-\$35. 800-595-4849 or www.lbproductions.tix.com.

**Thursday - 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 - Bridge Class** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Play and discuss ways to win. This eight-week session runs through 3/8. \$10 materials fee due to instructor on first day of class. Two sessions available: Play of the Hand: 10 am-noon; Modern Bridge Conventions: 2-4 pm. \$90/residents, \$112.50/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**1/19 - Craft Time** for ages 3 and up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. Please register one week in advance for each program. 4 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**1/19 - Advanced Ballet, Jazz and Contemporary Dance Class** at Pine Crest School, 2700 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton. This class is offered to high school students on Thursdays through 4/26 (no class 2/23, 3/15, 3/29 & 4/5). Students will participate in a dance showcase 7 pm 3/29. All dancers must have prior dance experience. All new students must take one preliminary class for placement. 5:45-7

pm. \$265. 852-2829 or www.pinecrest.edu.

**1/19 - Thursday Movie Classics: The Blind Side** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 6:30 pm. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. Ticket box office: 347-3948 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

**1/19 - Craft Crew: Decoupage Vision Board** - Kids ages 9-14 can unleash their creativity at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Decoupage pictures, quotes & words on a canvas panel to inspire you to reach your goals. 6:30-8 pm. Free. Registration required. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**1/19 - Joe Donato** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. 7:30-10:30 pm. \$10 cover includes one drink. Reservations: 912-0000 or www.paviliongrille.com.

**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. To register or for more information on the conference call 297-3020 or visit: www.fau.edu/bodymindculture/Conferences.php or email bodymindculture@fau.edu.

**1/19-22 - 30th Annual Boca Raton Greek Festival: Passport to Greece** at St. Mark Greek Orthodox Church, 2100 NW 51st St. (Yamato Road), 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. The popular lunch and dinner menu features lamb shanks, pastichio, mousaka, chicken oreganato, plaki, souvlaki, gyros, spanakopita and tiropita, Greek salads, and pastries. R. 4-9 pm; F & Sat.: 11 am-11 pm; Sun.: noon-7 pm. \$5/person, free/children under 12. 994-4822 or www.saintmarkboca.net.

**Friday - 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 - 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, children must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 2/3. 3-5 pm. Free. Reservations required: 338-1542 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

**1/20 - Monologue and Audition Preparation Class** at Pine Crest School, 2700 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton. This class is offered to students in grades 6-12 on Fridays through 3/30 (no class 2/24). This course is designed to prepare students for their next audition experience. 4:30-5:30 pm. \$245. 883-6852 or www.pinecrest.edu. enter drawing for two tickets to a performance of your

## St. Vincent Ferrer turns 70 Delray Beach



**St. Vincent Ferrer celebrates milestone:** 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. St. Vincent Ferrer's February Festival is set for Feb. 24-26 at the church, 840 George Bush Blvd., Delray Beach. The event will include live music, a visit from the Miami Dolphins cheerleaders, carnival rides, a flea market, pancake breakfast and fish fry. Call 276-6892. Photo by Jerry Lower

choice. Free. 6:30-8 pm. 450-6357 or www.delraybeacharts.org.

**1/20-22 - Narnia** at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Runs F-Sun. through 2/5. \$12/under age 8, \$8/age 8 and up - includes refreshments. F & Sat.: 7 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. 447-8829 or www.solchildren.org.

**1/20-22 - 3rd Annual Boca Raton Fine Art & Craft Show** at Royal Palm Place, 308 S. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Juried by art professionals, this high quality 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 admission and parking. 392-8920 or www.hotworks.org.

**Saturday - 1/21 - Presentation: Long-Term Care** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. This presentation will give a unique perspective on what long-time care and how it can affect your family, legacy and best thought out retirement plan. 11 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**1/21 - Creation Station** at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Creation Station is an exciting new drop-in gallery program designed for families to learn more about the visual arts in a relaxed and fun manner. Activities may include crafting a sculpture out of recycled objects, creating a collage, or solving a jigsaw puzzle. 1-4 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

**1/21 - Snow White** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 S.E. Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Held Saturdays through 3/10. 2 pm.

\$14/adults, \$10/children. 394-2626 or www.ShowtimeBoca.com.

**1/21 - Art Film - Jack Levine: Feast of Pure Reason (1989)** at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Held again 1/22 & 25. 2 pm. Free with paid Museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

**1/21-22 - Concert: Bravo Amici** at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sat. 7:30 pm; Sun. 4 pm. Tickets \$45-\$65. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

### JANUARY 22-28

**Sunday - 1/22 - Weekend Movie Madness: The Great Muppet Caper** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Rated G. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. Ticket box office: 347-3948 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

**Monday - 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 - Early Afternoon Explorers: Physics Fun** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Ages 6-9: 1-2 pm; ages 10-12: 2-3 pm. \$10/residents; \$12.50/non-residents. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

**1/23 - Milbre Burch: The World Is the Storyteller's Village** - Presented as part of the Storytelling Series Speakeasy: The spirit

of storytelling at the Caldwell Theatre, Count de Hoernle Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. 2 & 7 pm. Tickets \$25. 241-7432 or www.caldwelltheatre.com.

**1/23 - Just for 6-8's: Chinese New Year Craft** at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Great crafts and reading adventures for kids 6-8 years old. Registration required. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration required. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**1/23 - Piano Explorers II Class** at Pine Crest School, 2700 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton. This class is offered to students from in grade 2-5 on Mondays through 4/2 (no class 2/20). This class is designed to be a positive first experience at the piano. 4:30-5:30 pm. \$245. 883-6892 or www.pinecrest.edu.

**Tuesday - 1/24 - Toddler Tales** at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Delightful stories, songs and puppets that teach the love of books to children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For ages up to 3 years. Registration required. Held every Tuesday. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**1/24 - Book Club** is presented by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Held 4th Tuesday of each month. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org. pm. \$100. 965-8500.

**Wednesday - 1/25 - Super Tales for 3-5's** at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Delightful stories, songs and crafts for children 3-5 years old. Child attends independently - parents remain in the area. Registration required. Held again 2/1. 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration required. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**1/25 - Afternoons at the Willow: Cameo Quartet** at the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Be prepared to sing along to some of your favorite tunes while the Cameo Quartet entertains you by singing in Barbershop Harmony style. 1 pm. Admission: \$7. 347-3900 or www.willowtheatre.org.

**1/25 - The Photography of Martin Schoeller and Patrizia Zelano** - Curator's Highlight Tour - at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Senior Curator Wendy Blazier presents an informative gallery tour, exploring the work of two contemporary photographers with their very 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 or www.bocamuseum.org.

**1/25 - Cinema Censorship: Sex, Violence and the Hays Code** - Larry Strickler 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/lls. **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

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**1/25 - The A to ZZZZs of Writing Children's Books** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 19+. This five-class course runs through 2/19. No class 2/15. 7-9 pm. \$115/resident; \$143.75/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

**1/25 - Community Cabaret** - Calling all singers, dancers, musicians and stand-up comedians to the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Performers must register in advance. Box office hours: T-F, 10 am-1 pm & 5-8 pm; Sat. 1-5 pm and 1 hour prior to shows. 7:30 pm. Admission: \$5. 347-3900 or www.willowtheatre.org.

**1/25 - Opera International - La Boheme: An Opera in 4 Acts by Giacomo Puccini** 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. \$40-45. 877-311-7469 or www.fauvents.com. Brat." 7:30 pm. Single event tickets are \$25. For complete series tickets or for more information, call 588-8889 or www.southpalmbeach.com.

**Thursday - 1/26 - Playground Playdate** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Get info about upcoming programs and enjoy free kid's activities. 1 pm. Free. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

**1/26 - Realistic Drawing & Painting Class** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Trail, Boca Raton. This four-class session runs through 2/16. For ages 18 & up. 2-4:30 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

**1/26 - Concert: Flenenco Guitarist Howard Greenblatt** at the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

**1/26 - Teen Advisory Group** at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 13-17. Looking for creative, innovative teens to join. Earn volunteer hours as you help in the Library's Teen section. No registration necessary. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**1/26-29 - Brooklyn Boy presented by Parade Productions** at The Studio at Mizner Park, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Runs through 2/12. R-Sat.: 7:30 pm; Sun.: 2 pm. \$30. 291-9678 or www.paradeproductions.org.

**Friday - 1/27 - Page Turner Adventures** at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Join us for Page Turner Adventures: The Great Pizza Contest! This is an interactive variety show for children. Adult must accompany kids 8 years and younger. Registration required. Held every Wednesday. 3:30-4:15 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**1/27 - Concert: The Lyric Chamber Orchestra** at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 3510 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. 7:30 pm. \$15 donation. 733-3245 or www.lcobh.org.

**Saturday - 1/28 - Chess Club** at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Enjoy the challenge while having fun learning the rules and basic strategies of chess. Sponsored by the Boca Raton Education Advisory Board. For ages 7 to 17. Held again 2/4. 10-11:30 am. Free. Registration required. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**1/28 - Family Challenge: Can You Find It?** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Trail, Boca Raton. Test your skills with the whole family while exploring Sugar Sand Park. For ages 5 and up with parent/guardian. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$15 adult/child pair, \$5 each additional person. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

**1/28 - Art Exhibit Opening: Faith Copeland, Mary De Monte & Helen Regenstreif** - Art Exhibit at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Continues through 2/21. Hours: M-F 8 am-10 pm, Sat. 8 am-5 pm, Sun./Holidays 10 am-5 pm. Opening reception: 2-4 pm. Free. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

**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.

**1/28-29 - 26th Annual Juried Outdoor Art Festival** at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Featuring more than 250 artists in a variety of media. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

**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,

## Caribbean Cowboy Ball Red Reef Park, Boca Raton



Saddle up, pardner, the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Cowboy Ball is right around the corner starting at 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28. The ball is the signature event of the George Snow Scholarship Fund and organizers expect more than 500 cowpokes to gather at Red Reef Park for a knee slappin' good time. The event will raise money for higher education scholarships and programs designed to help worthy students. Cocktails, dinner, square dancing, a silent auction and a special surprise are all part of the deal. Wear your favorite cowboy hat, Hawaiian lei, or both, because this casual dance promises to be a hoot. Tickets are \$150. For reservations or information, call 347-6799 or see www.scholarship.org

The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens and Sogetsu Florida branch present An Exhibition of Ikebana Flower Arrangement, Sat. & Sun., 10 am-5 pm, inclusive with museum admission. Enjoy a special demonstration of Ikebana Flower Arrangement by Soei Chieko Mihori, Director of Sogetsu Florida Branch and Coordinator of Sogetsu North America East Coast, 1 pm Monday. Demonstration & Exhibition: \$25/advance; \$30/at the door; Optional Luncheon: \$20/advance; \$25/at the door. Registration suggested. Museum admission: \$13/adults; \$12/seniors; \$8/children 6-17 and students with ID; free/members and children 5 & under. For more information call Chieko Mihori 278-3614 or e-mail robert@robertfilkins.com.

**1/28-29 - Lynn University's Philharmonia Orchestra No. 4** - Featuring works by Adams, Mozart and Corigliano under the direction of Albert-George Schram at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sat. 7:30 pm; Sun. 4 pm. Tickets \$35-\$50. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

### JAN. 29-FEB. 4

**Sunday - 1/29 - 9th Annual Puppet Fest - The Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit** - Presented by the Bits N' Pieces Giant Puppet Theatre at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This original production is filled with singing, dancing and 9 foot tall giant puppets. Celebrate the art of puppetry in an outdoor whimsical atmosphere. The festival includes puppet shows, music, games and prizes, make and takes, and a Chalk Art Show. Show times: 11 am, 1 pm & 3 pm. Event runs 11 am-4 pm. \$8/adults; \$6/children 12 & under. Park admission is free. 347-3900 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

**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 or www.delraybeacharts.org.

**Monday - 1/30 - Lymphoma Research Foundation's 6th Annual South Florida Luncheon** is held at St. Andrews Country Club, 17557 Claridge Oval W, Boca Raton. 10:30 am. \$125. 646-465-9103.

**1/30 - Auditions for You're A Good Man Charlie Brown** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Please prepare 16 bars of a contemporary musical theatre song and be prepared to dance and cold read. No appointment needed. 5-8 pm. Free. 394-2626 or www.ShowtimeBoca.com. 742-6886 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

**1/30 - A Person of Interest by Don Webster** - Presented as part of the Play Reading Series at the Schmidt Family Studio in the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N Military Trail, Boca Raton. Produced and directed by Jan McArt. 7:30 pm. \$10. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

**Tuesday - 1/31 - Workshop: Stroll for Well-Being - Garden Walks at The Morikami** - Participants will 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. A specially developed journal, designed to enhance the experience, will be used as a guide and a means to record personal thoughts through the 12 themed garden strolls. There will be three meetings with the Journal's author, Associated Professor at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, FAU. An explanation about the program will be provided at the first meeting. Class meets again 2/28 & 3/27. Advance registration required. 10:30 am-noon. \$95 (includes one year individual membership)/non-members, \$40/members. 495-0233 or www.morikami.org.

**1/31 - Say Cheese Workshop** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Trail, Boca Raton. There's a new kid in town & he has a digital camera, the latest in Apple digital technology and the imagination to make the world's next top selling storybook. This six-class session runs through 3/6. For ages 9-12. 4:30-5:30 pm. \$132/resident; \$165/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

**Wednesday - 2/1 - The Russians Are Coming: The Jewish Film Club** at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. 4 pm. Free admission, includes popcorn and soda. 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

**2/1 - Managing the Media Minefield in the Age of Cable, Blogs and Tweets: Shelly Strickler** 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/lls.

**Thursday - 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 or www.avdaonline.org.

**2/2 - Every Little Step (2008 - PG-13)** is presented as part of the Cinema as an Art Form series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Award-winning films illustrate the collaborative process involving narrative, direction, acting, cinematography, music and sound to achieve creative excellence. Moderated by Myrna Loman, providing background material and commentary. Subtitles are provided for foreign films. 1 pm. \$5/members, \$10/non-members in addition to museum admission: \$8/adults; \$6/seniors; \$4/students with ID. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

**2/2 - Beastly (PG-13)** is presented as part of Teen Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 13-17. 6-8 pm. Free and includes free pizza & soda. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**Friday - 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 or www.miznerparkamphitheatre.com.

**Saturday - 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 - 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 first introduced to Japan from China. Learn the history of this exquisite instrument and listen to its captivating and tranquil sounds demonstrated by koto teacher Mrs. Yoshiko Carlton. Be introduced to the basics of how this instrument is played and receive a koto music sheet of the most famous Japanese song Sakura, Cherry Blossom. 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 - Animal Encounters: Turtles** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Take and up-close look at some of the educational animals at the nature center. All ages. 1 pm. \$3. Reservations required. 629-8760 or www.daggerwing.org.

**2/4 - Art-E-Ology: Martin Schoeller - Portrait Photography** for grades 3-5 is presented at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Once a month, children will learn about a master artist on exhibit at the museum and have the opportunity to create a masterpiece in the style of the selected artist. Reservations required. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/child; free/members. 392-2500 Ext. 106 or www.bocamuseum.org.

**2/4 - Snow White** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Held Saturdays through 3/10. 2 pm.

\$14/adults, \$10/children. 394-2626 or www.ShowtimeBoca.com.

**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 - Elmar Oliveira Recital** at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Join Lynn's distinguished Artist-in-Residence, violinist Elmar Oliveira, and his esteemed faculty colleague, Tao Lin, for an exciting evening of diverse music. 7:30 pm. \$20-\$35. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

**2/4 - Moonlight Serenade** at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Once a month on a Saturday night, gather to recite a special blessing called Kiddush Levanah, praising the Creator for astronomy. Featuring live music, hot food and cold drinks. Held again 3/3. 7:30 pm. Free. 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

**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 or www.fauvents.com.

**2/4 - Boca Raton Symphonia: Saturday Night Mini-Concert Series** at The Roberts Theater at Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton. Featuring guest conductor Duilio Dobrin and violin soloist Areta Zhulla. Program includes works by Haydn, Barber and Beethoven. 8 pm. Tickets: \$30-\$50. 376-3848.



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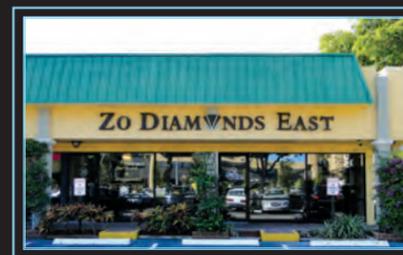


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**LEFT:** Villa Costa is a nine-story, Intracoastal frontage condominium in Highland Beach with garden-like, manicured grounds.



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## Villa Costa with dramatic wraparound terrace

Overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway in Highland Beach. This is a stunning model, and with 3,066 square feet of living area, it is undoubtedly the largest unit in this highly desirable boutique condominium of only 36 residences. The building's amenities include a doorman, two garage assigned parking spaces, two extra large storage units, deeded beach access with chair storage, temperature controlled wine storage and a community room with kitchen facilities.

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**BOTTOM LEFT:** Floors throughout the condo are 24" neutral ceramic tile for easy Florida living—shown: Living/Dining rooms.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** The spacious master bedroom (22'x18') is lushly carpeted and has abundant, walk-in closet space.



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## TALK

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Some of those friends have included saxophonist Will Donato, sculptor Yaacov Heller, model Oleda Baker, photographer David Pearlman and fashion designer Patrizia Rondelli.

Apparently, the conversation is catching.

In its annual "Boca 100" issue last year, *Boca Raton* magazine placed "The Talk of The Town" in the No. 1 spot.

Locally, the show can be heard from Jupiter west to Lake Okeechobee and down into Broward County, but Wyatt boasts that they also have online listeners in South America, Europe and Guam.

"We're huge in Guam," Leonard says. And therein lies the show's charm.

Watch Wyatt and Leonard live, and you can't help smiling at the creative tension.

On air, Wyatt is the marketing pro, unfailingly perky and polite.

Leonard arrives at the clubhouse studio high atop Royal Palm Place in a T-shirt adorned with microphones and the slogan "Speak Your Mind."

He does.

After the strains of "Downtown" have faded, Wyatt kicks them off with predictable pep.

"It's always gorgeous in Boca!" she gushes. "It's like



From 1-3 p.m. each Saturday Peter Leonard and Jacquie Wyatt chat about local affairs on their radio program 'Talk of the Town,' which is broadcast from Royal Palm Place in downtown Boca Raton. Photo by Tim Stepien

a Mediterranean version of Greenwich Village!"

A bit more chit-chat and they segue into the "Adoptable Pet of the Week" segment, steering viewers to orphaned cats and dogs at Tri-County Humane Society.

Rufus, the chihuahua lab mix, has almost completed his heartworm treatment. Shannon, the classic tabby, likes people but not other pets.

Hansel and Gretel, Wyatt assures, "are just precious."

"He likes long walks on the beach and enjoys poetry," adds Leonard.

What?!

Wyatt shoots him a look. It will not be the last.

Later, Wyatt drops in a plug for the FroYo frozen yogurt shop in Royal Palm Plaza, and

Leonard speaks up again.

"Stop in and tell them you heard about it on this show and they'll charge you just the same," he says, without a hint of irony.

Wyatt shoots him a slightly sterner look.

They wrap up the segment with a reminder that cat adoptions are available for just \$15 during the holiday season.

"So you mental patients who are still smoking out there, give up two packs of cigarettes and you can have yourself a beautiful cat," Leonard says. "It's five Starbucks."

Wyatt looks like she can see all the smokers out there angrily changing the channel.

"Jacqui doesn't know what to make of some of the stuff I say," Leonard confides during

a commercial break. "She gets mad at me sometimes."

He's Groucho, she's Margaret Dumont, and that's what makes the show such fun.

Next up is Skip Sheffield, just back from Las Vegas to host his "Inside Scoop" segment, a roundup of the week's cultural offerings.

"It's disorienting going through three time zones," Sheffield says. "I don't feel like I'm still all here."

"Well," says Leonard, "I've felt that since I met you."

And then, just when you think "The Talk of The Town" is all happy talk with a dash of Tabasco, their guest of the week arrives.

Jim Gavrilos, executive director of Boca Helping Hands, brings a bit of a storm

cloud to all that sunny "Boca lifestyle" chat.

Boca Raton also is home to Pearl City, he reminds everyone, and the Sandalfoot neighborhood out by SR 441 is "a second pocket of poverty."

Leonard stops with the wisecracks. Now he and Wyatt still look concerned.

In 2010, Gavrilos reports, Boca Helping Hands was delivering 2,700 hot meals a month. This year they hit 4,000.

In 2010, they distributed 710 pantry bags. This year, 2,685.

On Thanksgiving, they served 670 meals in one day.

Leonard hands him a check, and Gavrilos starts talking about an anonymous donor who has offered to match gifts.

He recalls a client, a family on the pantry bag list, who brought in \$6. His voice is steady, but his eyes fill with tears.

"That \$6 meant more to me than a \$50,000 check from a corporation," he says.

In the final 10 minutes, the happy talk returns, but the town they've been talking is much more than good food and wine.

"Boca's really a hidden gem," Wyatt says, "but this show isn't just about money and affluence."

And that's what makes "The Talk of The Town" worth talking about. ★

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