

Boca Raton

City Council member says negative ad backfired

Contentious campaign fueled with outside PAC money

By Tim Pallesen

The winner in Boca Raton's city election credits his victory to an unprecedented TV commercial in which his four fellow council members asked voters to support his opponent.

Anthony Majhess believes the commercial backfired and won him the March 13 election with 56 percent of the vote over challenger Frank Chapman.

"A lot of the community was absolutely shocked by it,"

Majhess said. "They didn't want to see a council that always voted 5-0."

Mayor Susan Whelchel, who spoke for the council in the TV ad, said she was motivated to do the commercial after seeing how much money firefighter and police unions from outside the city were contributing to Majhess' campaign.

Whelchel criticized the role that political action committees — or PACs — played in Boca Raton's election.

"I've never seen a municipal campaign before that had so much outside influence," Whelchel said. "Super PACs are known on state and national levels, but they are rarely seen a little municipal election."

"You just don't know where the money is coming from and who is behind it," she said.

Ironically, the TV ad that featured Whelchel and council members Susan Haynie, Constance Scott and Michael

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Three commissioners and the mayor took part in a TV ad supporting challenger Frank Chapman. **YouTube**

Highland Beach

Mayor tugs for support with new council in place

By Steve Plunkett

The struggle to control town politics spilled over into commission chambers last month almost as soon as a new commissioner and new vice mayor were seated.

Ron Brown beat incumbent Miriam Zwick for vice mayor 548-332, and Lou Stern won over George Kelvin 625-255 for the spot vacated by John Pagliaro. Zwick and Kelvin ran as a team, with both names printed on one campaign button.

After Stern and Brown took their places on the dais March 21, Mayor Bernard Featherman made a replacement nomination for the new Charter Review Board. His choice: Carl Feldman, who ran the mayor's campaign a year ago and managed Kelvin's this time around.

No one made a motion to approve the nomination.

"I would choose not to select him for

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Surf show catches a wave at FAU

Visitors check out the exhibition 'Surfing Florida: A Photographic History,' open through May 12 at Florida Atlantic University. The exhibition has received statewide attention. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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Along the Coast

Life's a beach and so much more at the Delray Beach Club

By Mary Thurwachter

Stretching out on a chaise longue with a Kindle in your hands and the Atlantic Ocean as a backdrop is "a heck of a nice way to spend a day," said Ron Nyham, a proud

member of the Delray Beach Club.

Not that Nyham, outgoing president of the 43-year-old club, can spend all that much time lazing around the seashore. He's a busy Florida Atlantic University professor, after all. But when he

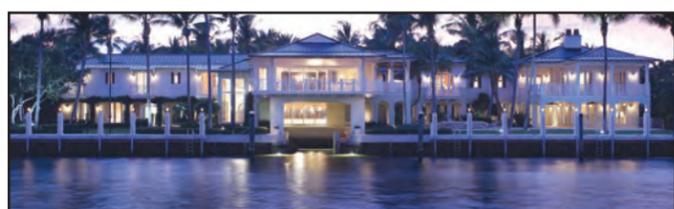
wants to kick back and get away from it all without having to travel farther than across town, he goes to the Delray Beach Club.

Truth be known, Nyham and his

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Yvonne Boice, who owns a travel business and a shopping center in Boca Raton, is chairwoman of the Palm Beach International Film Festival. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Editorial

When it comes to bicycle safety, share the message and the road

If you've driven down A1A lately (and who hasn't?), you have to know what a hotspot the road is for bicyclists. Who can blame them, after all? It's a lovely drive along our postcard-pretty shoreline. But it can be a perilous trek. A year ago, for example, a cyclist was killed when a truck struck him on A1A north of Linton Boulevard.

Motorists say bicyclists block the road. Many complain about packs of bicyclists riding up to four abreast, especially on weekends.

Cyclists maintain that drivers need to recognize that they have as much right to the road as cars do.

Recognizing the commonality of the problem for all coastal communities, Highland Beach police Lt. Eric Lundberg came up with a plan that could help everyone traveling A1A. He's starting a task force with members from Pompano Beach north to Ocean Ridge — towns that all have

problems keeping cyclists, car drivers and pedestrians safe on the seaside highway.

Education will be key as the municipalities put up signs urging everyone to share the road. The signs also advise vehicles that drivers must give a 3-foot leeway to bikers and that cyclists may not ride more than two abreast.

Enforcement will be important, too, Lundberg says, but first motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians must be clear on what the laws are and what responsibilities each has.

As Lundberg says, "It's going to be a repetitive thing," with messages flashing alongside the road for as long as it takes.

It's a commendable proactive step toward making the highway safer for all of us.



- Mary Thurwachter, Managing Editor

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Film-music partnership delights devoted festival chair

By Mary Thurwachter

With the Palm Beach International Film Festival fast approaching, Yvonne Boice looks forward to doing some serious movie-watching. She is particularly interested in seeing *Violins in Wartime*, with the performance of legendary violinist Ida Haendel.

The film — to be shown at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center at 4 p.m. on April 15 — Boice said, "will be a wonderful opportunity to experience the partnership between film and music."

Boice, a Boca Raton philanthropist who owns Fugazy International Travel and the Shoppes at Village Pointe, has been with the PBIFF since its inception 17 years ago, and her position as chairwoman is a labor of love. It's one of many volunteer positions she holds.

She is serving as a board member on the trust of the National Endowment of the Humanities, board of governors member at Northwood University and is a foundation board member at Palm Beach State College.

Recently, she chaired the YMCA's Prayer Breakfast, where more than 500 people attended the inspirational event designed to engage and excite the community while raising funds for the YMCA's financial assistance programs.

Volunteering, she said, was something her family insisted on.

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"We were all required to give back," said Boice. She remembers raising money for the football team when she was a cheerleader in high school in New Jersey.

"I didn't wait for people to come to me (with donations)," she said. "I went and asked them and I was determined to collect more than anyone else — and I did."

Boice has an advanced certificate in interior design and a bachelor of science in marketing from New York University.

Traveling has always been her passion, she said, and geography her favorite subject. After college, she took her first solo trip to London, Paris, Rome and Spain.

"It was in the '60s and a woman traveling alone was a rarity," she said. "I made live-long friends."

Having traveled to all seven continents and 150 countries, Boice will tell you her favorite destination is South Africa, where she has been eight times. Next on her itinerary are St. Kitts and Mozambique.

But she enjoys her time at home, too, with her second husband, World Trade Center Palm Beach founder Al Zucaro. She has one daughter, Lauren, an attorney who lives in Boston

The Palm Beach International Film Festival

When: April 12-19

Where: Screenings will be held at Muvico Parisian 20 at CityPlace in West Palm Beach, Cobb Theatres in Downtown At The Gardens, Lake Worth Playhouse in Lake Worth, Debilzan Gallery in Delray Beach and Mizner Park Cultural Arts Centre in Boca Raton.

Tickets: Platinum passes are available for \$500 and include priority admission to all films, VIP parties and the Silver Screen Splash event; Premiere passes are available for \$200, which provide admission to the opening- and closing-night film and party, as well as all regular festival screenings; Gold passes are available for \$150, which provide admission to all films and seminars. Individual tickets for special events are also available. Individual screening tickets, which are \$10 general admission and \$7 for seniors and students will be available in advance at www.pbifilmfest.org or can be purchased at the respective theater's box office during the festival. See www.pbifilmfest.org/

with her husband, Randall Smith, an astrophysicist.

"Boca is a big, small town where you still have the feeling of a close-knit community," she said.

While she enjoys her work, she has a two wishes few people know.

"I would love to be a stand-up comic and once aspired to be a Rockette at Radio City Music Hall," Boice said. ★

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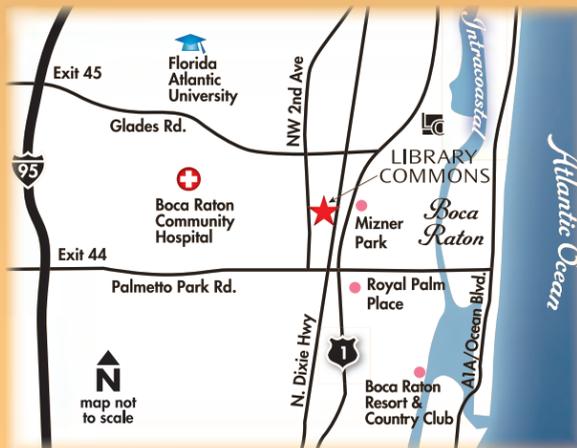
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Vital Flight provides special day for special-needs families

By Rich Pollack

Pilot Juan Plaza checked the instruments on his single-engine Cirrus, gave a thumbs up to the ground crew and got ready for his first flight of the day.

Sitting behind him, Scott Rubin, 20, of Boca Raton adjusted the plane's headphone that connected him to the pilot and looked out the window with a wide smile across his face.

"He loves to ride in anything that goes fast," Scott's father, Bob Rubin, said as they got ready for a short flight from the Boca Raton Airport that gave new meaning to the term "joy ride."

Scott, who is autistic, was one of almost 100 children and young adults with special needs who had an opportunity to go airborne in a private, propeller-driven plane or jet, thanks to Vital Flight, a nonprofit, South Florida-based pilots organization, which coordinates free air transportation for individuals with medical or humanitarian needs.

Since its founding just a few years ago, Vital Flight and its pilots have flown several hundred missions, shuttling



Vital Flight pilot Juan Plaza (right) assists Scott Rubin, 20, of Boca Raton, before his plane ride during the organization's special event at the Boca Raton Airport. Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star

passengers of all ages hundreds of miles without charging a dime.

"Our passion is flying and our mission is helping people," says Jonathon Steiner, Vital Flight's executive secretary and command pilot.

During the organization's Special Kids Day event held the last Saturday in March, the 15- to 20-minute flights were a lot shorter than most missions — and they came with a little less urgency.

But for the 20 pilots who took the young people with special needs and their families up in the air, these missions were no less important and certainly no less satisfying.

"It's a wonderful thing to see a smile on a child's face and to know you helped put it there," says Herb Dusowitz, a Vital Flight pilot who came up with the idea for Special Kids Day after learning about a similar event in California.

Now in its second year,

the day-long event included everything from a bounce house and face painting to visits with pirates and a chance to get to know miniature ponies.

Of course, the highlight of the day for most of the youngsters was the chance to fly.

"Most of these kids have never been in or close to an airplane," Steiner said.

For many, finances can be the big stumbling block.

"We've found that a lot of these families are struggling because of large medical bills," said David Knies, chairman of the board for Vital Flight.

To ensure that the youngsters and their families could enjoy the flight without having to incur any expenses, Vital Flight sought out sponsors who helped cover some costs while the pilots paid for their own fuel for the day.

Critical to the success of the event were the efforts of dozens of volunteers — including many pilots' wives — who helped ensure things ran smoothly.

While one of Vital Flight's goals was to increase awareness of its community involvement, some parents believe the flights also helped increase pilots' and volunteers' exposure to special needs children.

For pilots like Plaza — a Boca Raton resident whose wife works with special needs students — there is something unique about having the opportunity to share his passion for flying with someone who may have never had the experience.

"It's a lot of fun, especially when you're flying with a kid who really enjoys it," he said. ★

Boca Raton

Red light cameras destined for several intersections

City officials are testing red light cameras at several Boca Raton intersections.

During a 30-day period that ends April 14, a warning notice will be issued to the registered owner of vehicles running red lights. There will be no fine for this warning.

Approval for red light cameras at certain intersections won approval from the City Council on Oct. 13, 2010.

Cameras operate 24 hours a day and capture still images and video of every vehicle running a red light at certain intersections.

After April 14, violations will be reviewed and approved by the Boca Raton Police Services Department prior to a citation being issued. The registered owner may review the images online, and has the option to pay the fine or appeal the citation in court. These citations do not result in any points on the driver's record.

The safety cameras are located at:

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- Eastbound Glades Road at St. Andrews Boulevard
- Northbound St. Andrews Boulevard at Glades Road
- North- and southbound Federal Highway at Northeast 20th Street
- North- and southbound Military Trail at Spanish River Boulevard
- North- and southbound Congress Avenue at Clint Moore Road
- East- and westbound Glades Road at Northwest Second Avenue

For more information about the program, including a downloadable informational brochure and answers to FAQs, see Red Light Safety Program page on the Boca Raton Police Services Dept. website: www.BocaPolice.com. ★

BOCA RATON BOATING & BEACH BASH

Spanish River Park, Boca Raton



Alex Laseter, 18, of Boca Raton enjoys a boat ride on the Intracoastal with his dad, Darrell, during the March 24 Boca Raton Boating & Beach Bash for People With Disabilities. The 4th Annual event drew a record-breaking 3,500 children and adults with disabilities, their families and caregivers. Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star

Along the Coast

All aboard for the Book

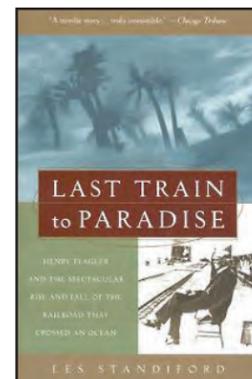
This year, voters in the sixth biennial Read Together campaign sponsored by the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition have chosen *Last Train to Paradise*, by Les Standiford, as the book they hope everyone will read.

The book, available in local libraries and bookstores,

chronicles the birth and death of Henry M. Flagler's Key West Railroad and the changes it brought to the state.

The Read Together campaign, which kicked off March 30, continues through May 1. For more information, visit www.literacypcb.org

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Around Town

Venus Williams has designs on One Thousand Ocean

When her tennis game is on, few players want to be across the net from **Venus Williams**. Just ask last year's Wimbledon champ **Petra Kvitova** after her loss at Key Biscayne on March 23, or **Aleksandra Wozniak**, who had match point two days later and couldn't convert, and then Ana Ivanovic, who took the first set and then could win only four more games.

Not bad for someone who was diagnosed last year with Sjogren's syndrome, an autoimmune disorder similar to lupus that causes fatigue and joint pain. Everyone knows Venus is a fighter.

She took time off from tennis, adopted a vegan diet and began a drug regimen to determine which are effective. She has her sights set on qualifying for the Olympics in London. She'll turn 32 in June and she knows her competitive days are numbered, so Venus is

focusing more and more on her life away from tennis.

Just as she and sister **Serena** demolished barriers on the court, she aims to break artistic barriers with **V Starr**, her design firm in Jupiter. She's done work for pro athletes who live in South Florida; model homes residences in Delray Beach and Palm Beach Gardens; a Miami hotel; the athletic center at Howard University in Washington and even the set for **Tavis Smiley's** PBS show. Nevertheless, it was all been relatively low key, until last month's grand slam introduction at **One Thousand Ocean**, luxury 52-unit condo on **Boca Raton Resort & Club** property on the north side of Boca Inlet.

To push the 12 unsold units, LXR President of Development **Jamie Telchin** threw a twilight party where residents and prospective tenants could mingle in an unfinished penthouse and also check out

Unit 401, Venus' contribution to the seascape: 4,971 interior square feet, another 1,289 on the terrace, four bedrooms, 4½ baths and \$6.45 million with Venus' furnishings, \$5.95 million without.

For Venus, who studied at the **Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale**, design is organic and a matter of trust. "V Starr is me, and nothing happens that isn't my style," she said. "And my style is that you can't do something just because you want to. You have to have reason; it has to be functional; it has to be beautiful."

While she had to start at the bottom, just as she did in tennis, Williams concedes she had some advantages in the design game because of her name. But when it comes to signing contracts, customers want to see something concrete.

"Because of my high profile, people say OK we'll talk to her, but that doesn't mean they'll let me do the job," Williams said.



Serena and Venus Williams contend with the breezes on the patio of Apt. 401, the \$6.5 million condo Venus decorated at One Thousand Ocean in Boca Raton. **Thom Smith/The Coastal Star**

"But once they meet me and my team and really see the picture, they realize this is really serious design, that we can do the job."

The Boca party never stops; it just moves. Head to Monument Piazza at **Royal Palm Place** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on April 18 for the **3rd Annual Fine Wines and Canines**.

Dogs are welcome to compete or to chill and for \$25 their owners can sample wines and the fare from restaurants including **Anatolia, Biergarten, Café Auribeau, Caruso's, Chops, Estia Greek Taverna, The Funky Biscuit, Fusionarie, Jake's Stone Crab, Kin Noodle Bar, Lemongrass, Raffaele, Spicy Ginger, Super Dave's Diner, The Spaniard, Tucci's** and **Yakitori**. Proceeds go to **PROPEL** (People Reaching Out to Provide Education and Leadership), which provides educational and vocational assistance for underprivileged communities.

The party will move back to **Mizner Park** in early June with the opening of a **Yard House** restaurant in the space vacated by the cartoon museum and the **iPic Theatres** just across the alley. A California concept that's already found its way to Palm Beach Gardens, the **Yard House** takes its name from the British-born "yard of beer" glasses, and offers yards of draft taps, a lively American fusion menu and lots of rock 'n' roll on the jukebox, lots of TV screens, crazy artwork and an extensive community support program.

Across the promenade, the space once occupied by **Robb & Stucky** will become **Lord & Taylor**, but not until sometime next year. Out west, just east of **Town Center**, it's **John Belleme's** turn to work a miracle. On the Glades Road site previously occupied by the **Rascal House** and more recently **Copper Canyon**, Belleme will work his kitchen magic with **Stephane's**, a Euro-style brasserie offering, including eight mussel recipes.

Stephane's marks a homecoming of sorts for the peripatetic Belleme, who worked his magic at **Maxaluna** in the late '80s, then moved to **Wilt Chamberlain's, Zemi, Henry's** and, most recently, **Umi Fish Bar and Grill** in Palm Beach Gardens.

Helping in the cellar will be **Virginia Philip**, of **Virginia Philip Wine Shop & Academy** in West Palm Beach, who has been master sommelier at **The Breakers** for a decade and was a semifinalist this year for the **James Beard Award** in the "outstanding wine and spirits professional" category.

Stephane is **Stephane Lang-Willar**, a Frenchman who ran **Leon de Bruxelles**, a chain of restaurants in France and Belgium. So with the mussels — shades of **La Grand-Place** — he'll offer a large menu, with diverse prices and food choices, a raw bar and prix-fixe lunch.

Meanwhile, at the north end of Boca, the party continues at **Caldwell Theatre Company**, even as Artistic

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Director **Clive Cholerton** and his brain trust work on a salvation. The Caldwell owes Legacy Bank nearly \$6 million on two mortgages. The bank filed for foreclosure, and now the theater's finances will be controlled by a court-appointed receiver, Scott Brenner of Fort Lauderdale-based Brenner Real Estate Group. Brenner specializes in turning around troubled businesses, and as long as he remains in charge, Legacy will not close it down. Both sides want it to work, so Caldwell can continue and the bank can recover its investment.

Curiouser and curiouser. Of course, Alice has nothing on **David Manero**, whose restaurant wonderland in Delray Beach has turned into a nightmare. Oh sure, the restaurants he ran — **Vic & Angelo's**, **The Office** and **Burger Fi** — seem to be doing fine, but David is nowhere in sight. The Atlantic Avenue rumor mill has been working overtime with claims that his partners had him banned from the premises and that the FBI wanted him for illegalities — not so, said spokespeople in the West Palm and Miami offices.

Manero did acknowledge an "ugly" split in published reports that said his partner **John Rosatti** was running the restaurants. Nevertheless, he told **Bill Citara** of *Boca Raton* magazine that he's working on

Showcase of Homes Royal Palm Yacht & County Club, Boca Raton



Eileen Callan, Cliff Mays, Valerie Newman and Tom Callan check out one of the dozens of homes presented by Royal Palm Properties during the Showcase of Homes event in Boca Raton in early March. **Kurtis Boggs/Coastal Star**

several new concepts, including a Neapolitan pizzeria.

Boca's in the middle of its food festivals — food for thought, body and soul.

First came the boffo **Festival of the Arts** with Gershwin by **Patti Austin** and **Tony DeSare**, Rachmaninoff by **Valentina Lisitsa**, insight on presidents past, present and future from **Doris Kearns Goodwin**. Then the **Boca Bacchanal** offered three days of wine and food with vintner dinners, the **Bacchus Bash** at the Boca Raton Resort & Club and finally the **Grand Tasting** at Mizner Park, all to benefit the **Boca Raton Historical Society**.

It was a party that would have tickled **Addison Mizner**. Eight chefs and vintners teamed

for the soirees — all sold out at \$300 per — in private homes scattered throughout Boca. Typical of the evening, **Debbie** and **Al Benjamin** welcomed two dozen guests to their oceanside home in Highland Beach, where **Kevin Garcia** of **Cesca** in New York teamed with **Masi** from **Veneto** for some dolce vita. After cocktails beside the infinity pool, guests dined to music from a jazz band at rose-bedecked tables while **Masi's Tony Apolstolakis** told charming stories about each new pour.

Next night, the chefs and vintners assembled for the Bash (\$250) at the Boca Resort to provide tastings, after which the estimated 250 guests dove into silent and live auctions for luxury cruises, trips to Italy,

France and Argentina, wine lots including rare "big bottles" and coveted collector items. Resort Chef **Andrew Roenbeck** and his staff then presented the feast de resistance, followed by dancing into the wee hours.

Those still standing on Sunday mingled under the tent at Mizner Park with hoi polloi, about 1,400 total (\$85), for the Grand Tasting — 26 chefs, 140 different wines, a marketplace, a DJ and lots of smiles.

Even though Boca's **Yvonne Boice** is chairman of the **Palm Beach International Film Festival**, don't look for much action down here. The festival opens April 12 at **Muvico Parisian** in CityPlace with a screening of *Robot & Frank*, a Sundance entry starring **Frank Langella**. It wraps April 19 at **Cobb Theatres in Downtown at the Gardens** with a screening of *Sassy Pants* (**Haley Joel Osment** and **Anna Gunn**).

A lifetime achievement award will be presented to actress **June Lockhart** at **The Lake Pavilion** on the Waterfront in West Palm Beach on April 15. Lockhart, who became a cult figure as Maureen Robinson in *Lost in Space*, is 86 and still acting. She co-stars in the comedy *Zombie Hamlet*, which will premiere at PBIFF.

Short films will be screened at the **Lake Worth Playhouse's Stonzek Theatre** on April 13, 14 and 15, and at Delray's

Debilzan Gallery on April 15. Several documentaries are set for **Mizner Park's Cultural Arts Center**: *Money and Medicine* and *Genius on Hold* (April 13); *Lunch Hour*, *Free China: The Courage To Believe*, *True Gods Have Bones* (*Los Dioses De Verdad Tienen Huesos*), *Crocodile in the Yangtze* and *Happy You're Alive* (April 14); *My Mother's Idea*, a student film showcase, *John Portman: A Life of Building*, *Violins in Wartime*, *Follow Me* and a local film showcase (April 15). Tickets are \$10, \$60 for the opening night party, \$40 for the closer.

At the corner of Linton Boulevard and Federal Highway in southern Delray something new — and fresh — may be on the horizon. According to merchants in the mall now anchored by **Carrabbas**, **Las Vegas Cuban Restaurant**, **Panera Bread** and **SeaView Optical**, a complete revamp is planned with the addition of a 20,000-square-foot **Fresh Market**. Merchants say they've been notified of the plans, but mall management referred our call to the owners in Alabama, and neither would comment or confirm.



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Boca Raton

Gumbo Limbo to receive an additional \$370,000 for rehab, exhibits

By Steve Plunkett

Ailing sea turtles won't have to worry whether they were found the right day of the week to be rehabilitated at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center.

Beach and Park District taxpayers will pony up \$120,000 to fund a full-time rehabilitation coordinator along with \$250,000 to put educational exhibits at the turtle tanks being installed at the nature center.

District commissioners told their staff to draw up the appropriate papers at their March 22 meeting.

"This is not so much to take care of the sick turtles, which it does do, but rather it promotes the educational

objectives of Gumbo Limbo Nature Center," District Chairman Earl Starkoff said. "It's tangible evidence of the interaction of the environment with the life around it."

Commissioner Dennis Frisch worried that if the beach-park district approved the expenses it would be seen as the "deep pockets" for other requests.

He also was concerned that there is no long-range plan for Gumbo Limbo.

"Let's make believe that we approved the tanks and now we approve a supervisor. And then Gumbo Limbo says we want to make this even bigger and they want to bring in another professor. And maybe they can't afford that," Frisch said.

"And then that professor needs a secretary. And then maybe they can't afford that, so they come back [to us]. And now they have a secretary and a supervisor and a professor and they need another building, and they can't afford that."

Robyn Morigerato, vice president of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, said her group raised \$250,000 to stock Gumbo Limbo's tanks with sea creatures.

The second \$250,000 infusion from the beach-park district "would transform our new tanks and habitats into a true learning center," she said.

Money for the rehabilitation coordinator was also needed, she said. "We look to you for additional help,"

Morigerato said.

Gumbo Limbo's seven-bed sea turtle rehab facility opened in late 2010.

The Friends organization envisions both interactive and interpretive exhibits surrounding the nature center's four new tanks.

The first tank was supposed to open in time for this year's Sea Turtle Day in early March but fell victim to construction delays. It now is supposed to open in early May. An exhibit showing a mangrove habitat should be in place about the same time followed by habitats showcasing a tropical coral reef and an artificial reef/shipwreck in the fall. ★

BOCA ELECTION

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Mullaugh was paid for by a Tallahassee-based PAC called Restore Florida. The mayor said she's never heard of it.

Restore Florida isn't mentioned in Chapman's campaign contribution reports. But the PAC itself listed two contributors for the \$55,000 commercial in a separate report required by state law.

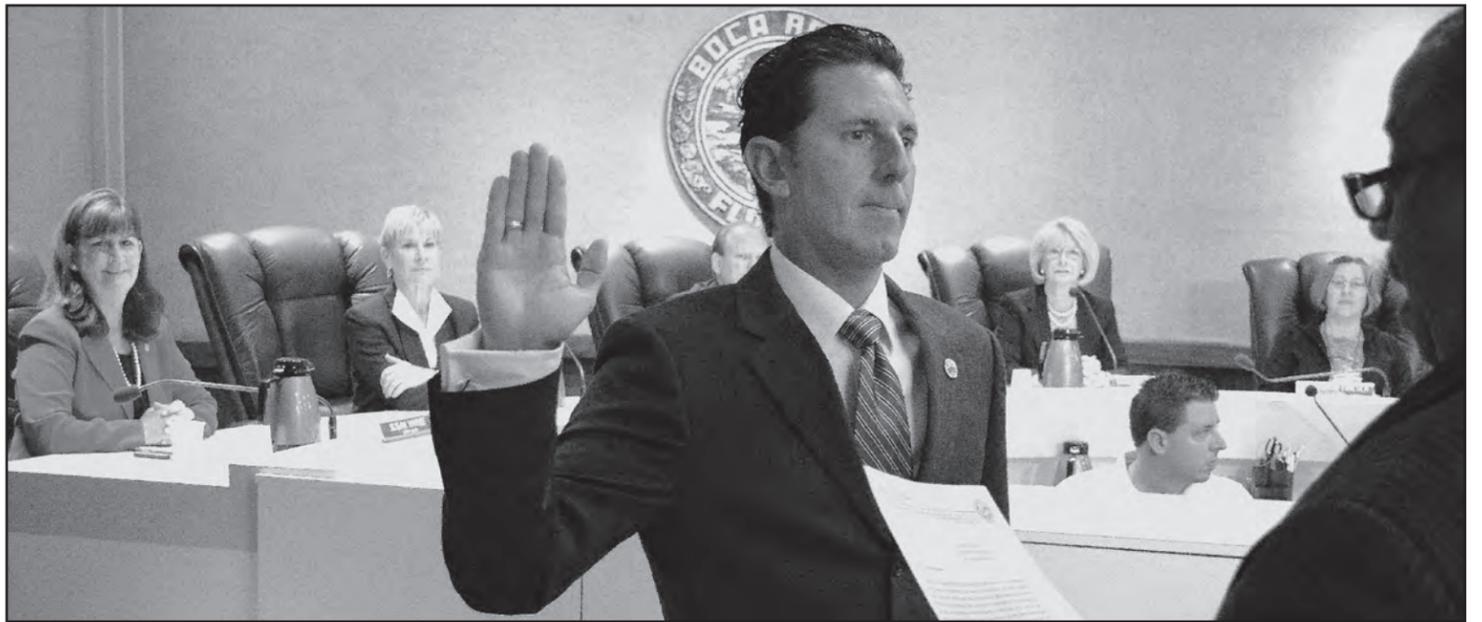
Ken Griffin, a billionaire who heads the Citadel hedge fund, gave \$35,000. The *Chicago Tribune* reported three days before the election that Griffin and his wife have given \$1.5 million to Americans for Prosperity, a super PAC that's become a lightning rod for advocates of campaign finance reform because it doesn't disclose its donors.

Griffin, who grew up in Boca Raton, declined to comment for this story.

Marc Bell, the CEO of a Boca-based company that owns Penthouse magazine, gave another \$20,000 to Restore Florida. He is considering a run for the U.S. Congress in District 22, which covers portions of Broward and Palm Beach counties.

Bell said he was asked to contribute by Boca Raton developer Mark Guzzetta. "He called me up and asked if I would give some money and I said OK," Bell said.

Guzzetta clarified that he contacted Bell only after a Chapman campaign worker



Boca City Council members watch as Anthony Majhess is sworn in by the Rev. Ricki Gardner. Susan Haynie was reappointed deputy mayor. Constance Scott was sworn in, too, and reappointed as chairwoman of the CRA. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

first called him. "I told Marc that maybe I'd do it if you do it," recalled Guzzetta, who then chose not to donate his own money.

Restore Florida wasn't the only Tallahassee-based PAC involved in Boca Raton's election.

Another named Voters Response spent \$28,378 to send mailings, make phone calls and set up a website to criticize Chapman's past business dealings.

Voters Response listed three other PACs — Floridians for Preserving Sight, Save Our Internet Access and Citizens for Housing and Urban Growth — as contributors in its report.

David Ramba, the Tallahassee attorney for all four

PACs, declined to comment.

"A lot of money was dumped into the race on both sides from outside interests that aren't clearly identified," said County Commissioner Steven Abrams, a former Boca Raton mayor. "It's when they start dredging up past histories on both sides that voters get lost."

The \$237,539 spent in the election averaged \$34.70 per voter.

PAC money began flowing into the campaign last December when the county firefighters union contributed \$1,000 to Majhess, a county firefighter and incumbent on the council.

Majhess' contribution reports show he collected more than \$7,000 from police

lodges and firefighter PACs from Miami to Jacksonville. Individual firefighters living outside Boca Raton gave him another \$2,500.

The flow of money raised concern that fire and police unions were trying to influence the election to negotiate more favorable pension benefits during a difficult economy, Whelchel said.

"Firefighters are my friends," Majhess said in defending the contributions. "First responders shouldn't be villainized. They want to be part of the solution."

Chapman, an attorney specializing in personal injury, real estate and bankruptcy, loaned himself \$50,000 to launch his campaign in January. Voters Response, the first

Tallahassee-based PAC, began spending money against him in February. Chapman responded by giving his campaign another \$30,000 in early March.

"I never expected the race to be as contentious as it was, with money coming from outside Boca," Chapman said.

Money for the TV commercial featuring the mayor and three council members wasn't raised until a week before the March 13 election.

"I didn't engage in the election until I realized that Tallahassee was engaged," Whelchel said.

"High-powered PACs aren't the best way to weigh the issues," she said. "They put the voters in muddy waters." ★

HIGHLAND

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the Charter Review Board," Stern said. His statement was echoed by Commissioner Dennis Sheridan, Brown and Commissioner Doris Trinley.

Featherman then asked that the board's inaugural meeting scheduled for the next day be postponed because not all its members were residents of Highland Beach. Trinley asked him to identify the non-resident; the mayor said it was Town Clerk Beverly Brown, who lives in Boynton Beach and was Trinley's nominee.

At the commission workshop six days later, Feldman said a letter Sheridan sent out backing Brown and Stern read in part: "I also feel they

will be of great support to me on this commission."

"I hope what I'm reading into this is not correct—in that you were planning on doing a bloc vote by saying they will be a great support to you on this commission?" Feldman asked during public comments.

"Absolutely not," Sheridan replied.

Featherman read the qualifications of his new charter review choice first—owner and operator of two exercise facilities, member of Braemar Isle condo board of directors, head of committee that revised Braemar Isle employee handbook. His nominee: Deanna Kelvin, George Kelvin's wife.

Commissioners made no comments on the choice or on Trinley's replacement, Board of Adjustment & Appeals member Ruth Samuels. But

at the April 3 meeting Featherman's nominee had the same result.

"Can I have a motion to appoint Deanna Kelvin to the Charter Review Board, and is there a second? Mr. Sheridan?" the mayor asked.

"No comment," Sheridan replied. "I would prefer not to make the motion," Stern said.

"No motion," Brown said.

"I also pass," Trinley said.

Samuels' nomination was approved 4-1 with Featherman dissenting.

Other charter review members are Planning Board member Ronald Clark, Board of Adjustment & Appeals Chairman David Stern and Beaches & Shores Advisory Board Chairman Rosalind Svenstrup.

The commission presented plaques of appreciation to Zwick and Pagliaro

for their years of "dedicated and loyal" service to the town.

Brown, president of the Bel Lido Property Owners Association, said there was no secret to his victory.

"It was just time for a change and I happened to be running," he said. "I'm not sure that I'm the big saving grace."

Lou Stern credited his win to a "gorgeous" brochure, upbeat campaign T-shirts and personal phone calls by him or his team to every voter in Highland Beach.

"Everybody got a phone call or a message left on their machine as opposed to a robot," Stern said. "The other team did it [robot calls] two days in a row.... and it obviously didn't help them."

Pagliaro said he also made phone calls supporting Stern and Brown. ★

Along the Coast

New group aims to educate riders, drivers and walkers on A1A

By Steve Plunkett

A new task force aims to smooth relations between pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists along coastal A1A.

Highland Beach police Lt. Eric Lundberg got the idea after realizing that communities as far south as Pompano Beach and north to Ocean Ridge face similar problems keeping the peace along their main highway.

Besides crosswalks and bicycles, "Every community has their different variation of

motorists as well," Lundberg said. "You can have some elderly motorists; you have people from out of state, out of country."

He has met with colleagues from neighboring Boca Raton and Delray Beach, and Gulf Stream and Ocean Ridge as well as Deerfield Beach, Hillsboro Beach and Pompano Beach from Broward County's coast.

The group's first goal is to plant flashing message boards on A1A in each municipality, so drivers, cyclists and walkers

will see them "no matter where you transit," Lundberg said. Delray Beach already has one, just north of Linton Boulevard, and lent another to Highland Beach in February.

"It's going to be a repetitive thing," Lundberg said.

"It's basically so everybody's on the same sheet of music," Lt. Hal Hutchins of the Ocean Ridge Police Department said.

Highland Beach returned its loaner message board and on March 27 set up a smaller, company-demo version on A1A. "Share the road! Vehicles

must give 3 feet distance to bikers. Bicycles may not ride more than two abreast," it flashes.

Lundberg said education is the task force's main purpose. "There will be elements of enforcement, of course, but what we're targeting is to educate all the different variations of motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians in what the laws are and what each has as far as their responsibilities," he said.

"We're very lucky we don't have collisions between the

different groups," Hutchins said.

The group hasn't picked a formal name, but is leaning toward Broward-Palm Beach Coastal Community Traffic Coalition. They hope to meet at least quarterly and have invited the Florida Department of Transportation, which has jurisdiction over A1A, and the west Boca Raton-based Dori Slosberg Foundation, which promotes traffic safety, to their April meeting. ★

Highland Beach

Survey results in, commissioners discuss what now?

By Steve Plunkett

Residents are mostly pleased with the way their town government works — at least that's the word from 192 people who completed Highland Beach's official survey this winter.

"I think overall, the results that you got from your residents is that the majority are very happy with the service that you're providing," Town Manager Kathleen Weiser told commissioners. "I think you can all pat yourself on the back."

Some of the survey's 14 questions drew lopsided results: 133 feel municipal staff is knowledgeable and responsive while 2 do not; 143 are satisfied with Highland Beach's water while 30 are not; 49 would support a separate tax to clean the beaches while 124 would not. Respondents were split more evenly on whether they had contacted the town for help on an issue (107 yes, 71 no) and whether they had visited Highland Beach's website (96 yes, 88 no).

The wish list for "What can the town do to improve

your quality of life?" included adding lifeguards on the beach, building a children's park, building a fishing pier and expanding the library. One person complained of a whistling noise coming from the town's water tower on windy days.

"We can show that to people now," Mayor Bernard Featherman said of the survey. Featherman first raised the idea of polling residents last summer.

Moments after accepting the numbers, commissioners differed over its usefulness.

Talking about whether to put meetings of the Financial Advisory Board on cable TV and the website, Commissioner Doris Trinley noted that 33 survey respondents said they attend town meetings and 104 did not. Twenty-nine said they review meetings on Channel 95 or online, 72 said they sometimes do and 68 said they do not.

"I think this discussion about how important it is to televise this, I think we're overdoing it," Trinley said.

But after citing those results, Trinley pooh-poohed the

survey.

"We're a town of almost 4,500 now year-round. These are little, little, little numbers," she said.

Featherman agreed the results could not always be trusted, but for a different reason.

"There are a lot of people who didn't respond to that because they didn't want their name on it and it was required that it have a name on it," Featherman said. "So we're also talking about people who didn't respond that are very interested in our community endeavors." ★



Commissioner Louis Stern (left) and Vice Mayor Ron Brown were sworn in to office March 21 in Highland Beach. Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star

Highland Beach hosts first League of Cities meeting

The Palm Beach County League of Cities held its first meeting in Highland Beach on March 28.

"Thank you to the Town of Highland Beach and St. Lucy Catholic Church. Our first visit to the town was memorable," the league said on its website.

The league's board of directors appointed South Palm Beach Councilman Robert Gottlieb to the county's Impact Fee Review Committee.

Monthly league meetings are held in member municipalities. This month's will be in Atlantis. — Steve Plunkett

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Volunteers



Janice Rubin of Highland Beach is one of 85 people who volunteer for Listen to Children. *Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star*

Listen up: Adults give younger students an attentive ear

By Ron Hayes

Every week, about 85 men and women arrive at 53 elementary and middle schools in Palm Beach County.

They stay perhaps 40 minutes each, meeting with students in an empty classroom, a guidance office — someplace quiet and private.

They do not help the students with their math homework. They do not tutor their reading.

They listen.

“And listen and listen and listen,” says Janice Rubin of Highland Beach. “When you think you can say something back that would be helpful, you do so. But sometimes all you really need to do is listen, and let them express themselves.”

For the past two years, Rubin has been one of those 85 volunteers who support Listen to Children, an outreach of the Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County.

Founded in 1989, Listen to Children pairs students who may be having problems at home or school with a friendly, disinterested adult who is not a parent, teacher or guidance counselor.

“They’re not necessarily behavioral problems,” says Val Santiago Stanley, the program’s coordinator, “but perhaps just boisterous, or introverted, or their grades are declining for no apparent reason.”

All volunteers undergo criminal and reference checks before they’re assigned to a school, as well as a two-hour training session, during which they vow to keep their conversations with students confidential, unless the child threatens violence against him or herself or others.

“After that, the kids pretty much run the conversation,” Stanley says. “From academics to family issues to love interests.”

Marilyn Freedman of Boynton Beach has been listening for 12 years. A retired elementary school educator from Fairlawn, N.J., she received the program’s Mentor

of the Year award in 2011.

“I go to Crystal Lakes Elementary School one morning a week and meet with four children,” she says, “and I love it. I’ve learned not to give too much advice, but just to listen carefully.”

Sometimes she brings games, or modeling clay, but her main tools are her ears — and her heart.

“I remember a child who was having difficulties because of a step-parent, and suddenly he realized there were nice things about that step-parent,” she recalls. “Sometimes you get a child who’s very shy and has difficulty making friends. These aren’t all children from troubled homes, by any means. Sometimes it’s the parent who initiates our involvement.”

Every Tuesday, Rubin meets with two children at Poinciana Elementary School in Boynton Beach.

“The most important thing we bring is unconditional acceptance,” she says. “We’re not there to criticize them or disapprove. You may not accept all their behavior, but you have to be able to accept these children unconditionally.”

And soon, another Highland Beach retiree will be getting an earful.

Anne-Grethe Parkin has completed her training and expects to begin meeting with students at Orchard View Elementary in Delray Beach this month.

“I figured if I can help only one or two children, that will be better than nothing,” she says. “I may be a little nervous at first, but I feel good about it.”

Most of the volunteers are retirees, often former teachers, and overwhelmingly female — an imbalance Stanley would like to correct.

“We’re not there to put the blame on where the ball was dropped in the child’s upbringing,” she says. “We’re there to help catch the ball.”

For more information about volunteering, call the Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County at 832-3755.

Volunteers

Network helps match nonprofits and volunteers

By Rich Pollack

Jodi Lane wanted to volunteer and give back to her community — she just wasn't quite sure where to start.

So the 28-year-old Florida Atlantic University student went online and, almost by accident, discovered a one-hour training course offered by the Boca Raton-based Spirit of Giving Network.

The course, offered to the public at no cost, led Lane to the Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center in Boca Raton, where she now volunteers two days a week, often working directly with the center's clients.

"I love it, I really love it," she says. "I'm really happy I found it."

Lane is one of about 70 people who have learned more about volunteering and connected with opportunities to share their time and talents — thanks to the Spirit of Giving Network's new Community Volunteer Training program, which began last fall.

"In seven months, it's really grown," says Natalie Warren, the volunteer program manager for the Spirit of Giving Network, an umbrella organization of 60 nonprofits that come together to share resources and information.

Unique in South Florida, the training, placement and screening program serves as a conduit connecting qualified nonprofit organizations with people who want to donate their time.

"I'm a volunteer matchmaker," Warren says.

What sets the Spirit of Giving Program apart is that it provides names of prospective volunteers to nonprofit organizations, which then can reach out to those individuals who best meet their needs.

"The day after I went



Natalie Warren, volunteer program manager for the Spirit of Giving Network, bills herself as a volunteer matchmaker who pairs people with organizations that need their help. **Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star**

through the training, I started getting emails from nonprofit organizations," Lane said, adding that the Memory and Wellness Center opportunity came the closest to what she was looking for.

Offered twice a week — at 5 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. Thursday — the one-hour training program includes an overview of volunteerism, providing participants with an understanding of the value of volunteering and a general understanding of what will be expected of them in terms of conduct and reliability.

During the session, participants fill out an application, detailing their areas of interest and the type of work they like to do, which could include everything from helping with grant writing and administrative work to mentoring, working directly with an agency's clients or assisting at special events.

The application, which is standardized for use by nonprofit organization, also includes background information about the applicant that can be helpful to agencies looking for volunteers.

"Once we have the information, we compile it and send it in an email to the nonprofits," Warren said. "They go through it and then contact the volunteers that

best fit their needs."

Warren says that nonprofit organizations also contact her when they need volunteers for special events or on a continuing basis.

The program also offers, at a reduced rate, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement background checks required for some volunteer positions.

A long-term volunteer herself, Warren says the volunteer training was born out of a shared need among all of the Spirit of Giving Network member organizations.

"They recognized that they needed one central program to focus on getting the appropriate volunteers to the right nonprofit organization," Warren said.

For volunteers like Lane, the program is simplifying the process of finding a place where they can make a difference.

"I think a lot of people really want to help but they just don't know how," she said. "This program makes it easier for them to get involved." ★

For more information, visit the Spirit of Giving Network website at www.spiritofgivingnetwork.com/volunteer, call 299-1205 or email Warren at natalie@spiritofgivingnetwork.com.



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Artist Chris Burlini (right) works with Bob Green of Boca Raton, who has been a student of his for several months at the Burlini Studio in Boca Raton. Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star

Boca Raton

Students appreciate nudge they get from talented teacher

By Mary Jane Fine

There's an art to teaching art. Sometimes, it begins at the beginning with basic shapes and forms; sometimes, it's a mere nudge toward this color, that technique.

"I'm a better teacher than I am a painter," says Christopher Burlini, who teaches novices and near-professionals and anyone in between at his 2-year-old Burlini Studio on Boca Raton Boulevard.

But no, no, no, look there, insists Marcy Appelbaum, gesturing toward a Burlini surrealist piece — a fish with fat red lips, a woman's leg encased in fishnet stockings, and more, much more — that hangs on a wall of his studio. In this warren of rooms, just before 10 a.m. on a recent Friday morning, painters of varying talent levels are honing their skills.

Appelbaum is a novice who seems a natural. Her delicate portrait of Catherine the Great,

copied from a small likeness taped to her easel, quite equals the original. "I'm trying very hard," she says. "We owe it all to Chris."

To her right, down the row of easels, of painters, Chris Burlini perches on a metal stool, uses his index finger to blend a squiggle of yellow paint, a fanciful cloud on a red-skied landscape. The student whose painting it is hovers at his side, nodding. The brush alone gives one effect, the blending another. Yes, he sees. Yes, he'll try that.

Burlini, a Chicago native who says his father and grandfather were sculptors, leaned toward product design in college — "it came with a nice paycheck," he says, and smiles — but an oil-painting class inspired a more painterly path.

"I never attended class," he recalls, seated now at his computer. "I spent 13, 14 hours a day painting in my parents' basement. My teacher was

failing me. On the last day of class, I brought in my painting. I passed."

He calls up a file, clicks on an image, the college painting, titled *Some Like It Hot*: two digital-style Marilyn Monroes flanking a realist Marilyn in gold gown with plunging neckline.

But Burlini doesn't encourage following his style. Each painter must find his or her own. And, here, no two pieces by this morning's dozen or so students bear any likeness to one another.

Madeline Millman is outlining, in a marine-blue acrylic, two mirror-image vases: a floor cloth for her Polo Club home. She's out of wall space, she says, so concentrates on floor space.

This is her first year with Burlini, and she's most pleased. "What I'm getting from Chris is technique," she says. It was his idea to draw the bowl in charcoal, then mirror-image it, use tracing paper to transfer the images to her canvas.

Arthur ("Archie") Cogan, a snowbird down from Ottawa, a confident and experienced painter, is likewise a Burlini fan. "Chris has real knowledge with regard to form, composition," he says, stepping back from a striking 12-by-40-inch acrylic abstract. "He's got a great eye."

Burlini's great eye led him to approach the Cornell Museum at Old School Square in Delray Beach to request a student art exhibit; some 87 of his pupils each displayed a painting in last month's "A Night at the Museum."

Museum President/CEO Joe Gillie responded with a note: "Your passion and devotion is clearly evident in your students' work and I trust they understand what a rare treasure it is to have you as their teacher."

Burlini, in turn, gives the nod to his students. "If you stick with it," he says, "you get a high moment." ★

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Rick Dupuis with his wife, Gale, and their dog Cappuccino. Rick was born and raised in Ontario, Canada, and moved to Florida more than 40 years ago. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Rick Dupuis

If there's a pattern to Rick Dupuis' life, it's that he always tries to do things a little differently, a little better. Rather than simply following the status quo, he strives to improve upon it.

You see the evidence in Dupuis' business life: He's a financial adviser whose company was named No. 2 in Florida last year in percentage growth of assets per client. You see it in his volunteer life: as president of his homeowner's association at the Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, he's making valuable improvements.

At an age when most people are thinking of retiring, Dupuis is showing no signs of slowing down.

He began his career with Dean Witter in San Francisco. But he found out soon that being a broker didn't suit his personality. The emphasis was always on selling, "and that didn't work so well for me," he says.

"So I very quickly got into being a certified financial planner before most people even knew what it was," Dupuis says. "As a CFP, you're not just selling anymore, you're working with people, consulting with them about their insurance, their estate plan, their future. It's a long-term relationship."

In the early 1990s, Dupuis got the idea to do something "a little different, a little better" by sharing his investment knowledge on television. He developed and starred in a TV talk show called *Inside Money*, which ran on public television from 1991 to 1996. He is the

author of five investment books, including *Money Matters: What Stockbrokers Don't Always Tell You*.

Since opening his own Boca-based company, Royal Capital Management, in 1997, Dupuis has applied his "do it better" mantra in several other ways. He was one of the first in his industry to work on a fee basis rather than a commission basis, which he believes is fairer to the client. In addition, he acts as an independent fiduciary, holding himself to a higher legal standard of putting his clients' interests first.

And, as a gift to visual learners everywhere, Dupuis developed and trademarked a diagram called the Four Component Portfolio Plan. It helps clients understand how and why their investments are diversified.

"It's too easy to do the ordinary thing, the average thing," Dupuis says. "I find that boring. So for me, the key is to always be tweaking things to be a little bit better."

— Paula Detwiller

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

A. On top of Michigan. In Sault Ste. Marie on the Canadian side of the border. (I am now an American citizen as well.) When it came time to go to college, my brother and I pooled our money and bought a red GTO and drove down to the University of Florida. Keep in mind, I-75 was only partially built and I had never been south of Detroit. I still remember the snow flying off the car as we

made our way down.

Q. What are some highlights of your life?

A. [When I was] a very young boy, my sister bought me a camera for Christmas and that started me taking pictures, which led to working for the city newspaper, which opened up so many doors. Other highlights: Meeting my wife, Gale, because she influenced everything afterward; walking in Town Center mall and seeing the book I wrote on finances featured in the window of the bookstore; developing the TV show *Inside Money* to help people with their finances, and seeing it aired on public television for years across the country; and most recently, having my firm ranked in the top 50 fastest-growing registered investment adviser firms in the country.

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

A. It was the late '70s and we were living in south Broward. Real estate was booming and we decided to drive way up to Boca Raton where we heard about a different kind of developer (Arvida) building whole communities with models that had a California look. As soon as we got here, we knew this was the place.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club?

A. That's easy. The people are the best. Everyone is so

friendly and happy. I think they all know what a great place we live in and how lucky we are and appreciate it. There is a real neighborhood feeling. And with everything you want so close by, a tank of gas lasts at least two weeks.

Q. What's your biggest challenge as president of the Royal Palm Improvement Association?

A. I feel like I have been handed a treasure and it has been entrusted to me to take care of it. I want to work to improve on things like security, communications, lighting and so on, but do it in a manner that improves but not changes the wonderful feeling everyone has of living here. On a day-to-day basis, the challenge is making sure everyone — our board members, staff and security officers — stays informed and involved so they can perform at their best.

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

A. Growing up in the '60s, I think just about every male wanted to be James Bond. So I'll pay tribute to my memories and say James Bond, err, that is, Sean Connery. Besides, he really is aging well.

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

A. I love music. I find I can use it to transport myself to almost any mood or any place or time. It's a little like time traveling. But I suppose my

favorite genres are classic rock and smooth jazz like Diana Krall's *Peel Me a Grape*.

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

A. Growing up as the youngest of four children (later a younger brother was born), I seem to have developed the propensity to absorb from everyone around me. I do believe seeing how hard my father and mother always worked to help the family get ahead has rubbed off on me. And one brother in Ottawa has always seemed to have wise things to say when needed.

Q. What's the last book you read and would you recommend it?

A. I mostly read financial/economic material, but I did just recently read *The Precious Present*. I am trying to learn how to live more in the present and not always reflect on the past or project into the next days, weeks or future. Again, my work requires me to always be thinking about what's coming, but my wife keeps telling me away from work I need to be living more in the moment. So I'm trying.

Q. Who or what makes you laugh?

A. I like quick banter back and forth when among friends and family. But I must say, George Carlin was always a favorite. And then at times our little cat, Tiramisu, with our dog, Cappuccino, will just do something so cute or funny. ★

Along the Coast



Artist Paul Aho has blended his two loves of surfing and photography.

Cache a wave: Exhibit recalls Florida's surfing history

By Ron Hayes

Paul Aho started surfing off Ocean Ridge in 1964. His parents owned Henry's Motel, a block from the ocean. He borrowed boards from Ron Heavyside, who went on to found the Nomad Surf Shop in the county pocket. He was 11 that year.

Aho is pushing 60 now. A former adjunct professor of printmaking at Florida Atlantic University, he's currently the head of photography and digital imaging at Kentucky's Paducah School of Art. And, yes, he still surfs.

Now Aho's two great loves have come together in "Surfing Florida: A Photographic History," on display at FAU's University Galleries through May 12.

"Surfing began as a culture for renegade youth," he said recently, taking a break as assistants scurried about. "You used to see bumper stickers that said 'Surf, Suds and Sex.' But now it's transformed itself into a very popular and publicly embraced occupation, both recreationally and professionally."

Working with Galleries director W. Rod Faulds and supported by the Florida Humanities Council, their exhibit documents that transformation.

You'll see wall panels packed with photos and text, media stations showing video clips from classic Hollywood surfing movies such as *Gidget* and vintage 8mm and oral histories constructed by Melbourne Beach documentarian Will Lucas. The panels offer the first comprehensive look at surfing in Florida, from Miami to Cocoa Beach, Daytona to the Panhandle and St. Petersburg south.

And, of course, there are surfboards — about 55 historical boards on display.

"This is a history exhibition," says Faulds, "not an art exhibition. It's an

attempt at telling a story of surfing that's approached with academic credibility."

If all goes well, Aho and Faulds hope to expand their research into a large, coffee-table book that captures the sport's Florida history in detail.

"We have a lot of panels with text, and even some history professors would say there's too much text," Faulds concedes, "but it was a struggle to compress because we're working toward a book."

Surfing is generally considered to have arrived in Florida when the Whitman brothers — Bill, Dudley and Stanley — started surfing on Miami Beach in the early 1930s. But Aho suspects it can be traced to the Panhandle after a 1908 article in *Collier's* magazine featured Hawaiian surfers.

"There's something inherently exotic about surfing," he says. "You're riding an energy form. Some surfers look at it as almost a religious practice, a whole sense of freedom, a free-form, almost artistic practice."

"I hope people come away with a broader recognition of the contribution Florida has made to shape the surfing lifestyle, and how surfing has shaped Florida."

As Aho spoke, a student employee majoring in graphic



ABOVE: 'Surfing Florida: A Photographic History' incorporates images and boards at FAU's University Galleries. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



More than 500 years of surfing experience is represented in this group of surfing pioneers attending the opening reception. From left: Bill Yerkes, Tom Warnke, George Miller, Cecil Lear, Juan Rodriguez, David Reese, Steve Pezman, Rene Whitman, Dick Catri and Joe Twombly.

design bustled nearby, helping to put the finishing touches on the exhibit.

Andrew Santoro is 22, a native of Boynton Beach who started skateboarding in 2001. He was 11 that year.

"Working on this project, I've learned that there's a lot more to surfing than just the stereotype of the slacker

who doesn't do anything," Santoro said. "It's not as easy as it looks, and it's got a rich tradition. And surfing is looked on as universally cool. People who walk by the gallery look in and stare, and then they get a big grin on their face." ★

"Surfing Florida: A Photographic History" will remain on display at the University Galleries in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters at Florida Atlantic University through May 12. The galleries are open 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 1-5 p.m. Saturday. For more info. call 297-2966.



Ryan Heavyside (left) and his dad, Ron Heavyside, run Nomad Surf & Sport on A1A near Briny Breezes.

Kelly Polling (left) and Jeanne Coppers of Ocean Ridge attend the opening of the surf exhibition at Florida Atlantic University.

Boca Raton

New library moves through city bureaucracy

By Margie Plunkett

Despite a thumbs down from the Community Appearance Board, the new Boca Raton Downtown Library plan progressed a few pages in March, as City Council introduced land use ordinances that are set to be heard April 10.

Also expected at the meeting is the council's determination of what the next step in the process will be for review of the library, which has a design prepared with public input and endorsed by City Council, but that the CAB has not embraced, according to Boca Raton Assistant City Manager Michael Woika.

The CAB, an advisory board that considers whether project exteriors meet the city's aesthetic standards, reviewed the library in pre-design

and recommended several modifications, including a more urban appearance, Woika said.

The plan that emerged from community meetings, however, had a more suburban look, and while the city had the architect add urban elements to create a cross of the two styles, the result still did not alleviate CAB's concerns, according to the assistant city manager.

The \$8.7 million library is planned to be a 42,000-square-foot building at the old Causeway Lumber with an open design that features natural lighting, 25-foot ceilings and LEED Silver certification.

At the CAB's March 6 meeting, the panel prepared for a postponement after learning it was reviewing a plan of only the library's building shell rather than a complete plan

with landscaping components, among other things. The plan was expected to return to CAB for site plan and landscape review after Planning and Zoning and Council approval, staff member Carrie Seltzer explained to the board. The Planning and Zoning Board later approved the library site plan at a March 22 meeting.

CAB members said at their March 6 meeting that they shouldn't review the project without the complete site plan and expressed concern that the city would give the panel that direction, according to meeting minutes.

Both the library designers and community proponents pushed the CAB to vote rather than delay the project, which was presented to CAB by architect Ian Nestler and Ann Fils of PGAL.

During public comment, Judith Teller Kaye, the Friends of the Library liaison to the City Council, said the public has participated in the design and the architect has incorporated the public's recommendations. She said the library meets the needs of the community and asked CAB to either approve it — or vote it down so it could be appealed to the council.

The CAB unanimously voted down the plan. The CAB has the desire and skills to participate in the design process, said board member Krsto Stamatovski prior to the vote, but the concerns it offered months ago were not addressed by the architect.

Board member Greg Miklos said CAB's goal was to ensure the best project — not to cause delays. And most of the

board members said the city and library designers weren't interested in CAB's input; their intention was to have CAB vote the design down and bring the appeal to the council.

Later, on March 27, City Council introduced ordinances that would change the land use plan and rezone the library's property, at 400 NW Second Ave., from light industrial to public land. That followed Planning and Zoning Board approval on March 22, when the Planning and Zoning Board also approved a site plan for the library that allowed a reduction in the number of parking spaces from 210 to 171 and included driveway modifications. ★



Delray Acura/Hyundai President Jim O'Neill and his guest, retired FAU football coach Howard Schnellenberger, lead more than 40 golf carts through Mizner Park Plaza during the St. Patrick's Day Golf Cart Parade. Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star

Downtown business help considered

By Steve Plunkett

Five members of the Downtown Boca Raton Advisory Board will guide efforts to create a Business Improvement District to further revitalize the area.

City Council members will choose who is on the steering panel following their adoption March 27 of an enabling resolution. Advisory board members will apply for the steering spots.

"It's a good idea just to do anything like this," City Council member Michael Mullaugh, sitting as a Community Redevelopment Agency commissioner, said at the March 26 CRA meeting.

Ruby Childers, the city's downtown manager, said the steering committee will spend up to \$25,000 of CRA money on a consultant to analyze how to set up the improvement district.

Glenn Gromann, vice chairman of the Downtown Advisory Board, said the panel will just steer development of an improvement district and reach out for additional expertise.

"One of the models that we used was the BID that was done successfully in

Coral Gables, where there were business people and outside business leaders that were also included on the BID," Gromann said.

The steering committee will hold meetings to gather public input and build support among landlords, property owners and businesses for the improvement district. It will also propose boundaries for the district and rank possible improvements, including promotion and marketing, parking options and a shuttle or trolley system.

In addition, the committee will recommend how to fund the district and develop an action plan for the City Council to consider.

The council called for a funding strategy for downtown at its 2011 goal-setting session.

Coral Gables' 15-year-old business improvement district expects to collect \$815,000 in tax assessments this year from more than 200 retailers and 70 restaurants. That district's latest marketing effort, "Tuesdays for Neighbors," offers discounts to residents and employees. ★

Along the Coast

Vote for favorite sites in architecture contest

By Mary Thurwachter

The most popular Florida building may be in South Palm Beach County.

Results of an online poll of the state's top 100 architectural buildings in the "Florida Architecture: 100 Years, 100 Places" competition will be revealed in mid-April, says Deborah L. Nichols, chapter director for the Palm Beach Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and coordinator of the contest in this region.

The competition identifies 100 buildings (actually 109, narrowed down from 250 entries) and places across the state that represent the best in architectural

achievement. They range from the Wentworth Museum in Pensacola to the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami.

The list includes four buildings in *Coastal Star* territory — Boca Raton Town Hall, Gulf Stream Golf Club in Gulf Stream, the Colony Hotel and Virginia Courteney's house both in Delray Beach. It's all is part of AIA Florida's 100th anniversary celebration.

"We're hoping to open a dialogue on the architecture in our community," said Nichols, a West Palm Beach architect.

Anyone can vote at www.aiafltop100.org through April 6. People can vote for as many

buildings as they choose and as often as they like.

AIA Florida will develop a mobile tour of the top 100 buildings for Florida residents and visitors to download. This will be an additional opportunity to garner interest for these historic structures.

The top 100 list also includes six buildings in Palm Beach — The Breakers, the Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Concha Marina, the Mar-a-Lago Club, Palm Beach House/Mack Residence and St. Edward Catholic Church.

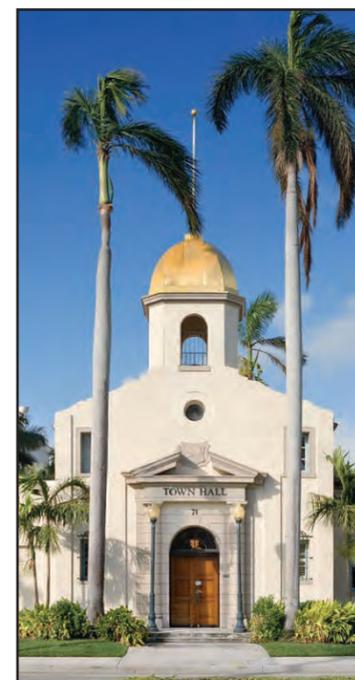
Other buildings in the county on the list include Grace Episcopal Church, Payne Chapel A.M.E. and Temple Beth El, all in West

Palm Beach.

Nichols said voting, which began on March 5, had really taken off, especially locally. That may be due to a "get out the vote" effort by supporters of some of the buildings, such as the Old Town Hall in Boca Raton.

"We are very excited," said Mary Csar, executive director at Boca Raton Historical Society.

"We are encouraging everyone to vote often and to vote multiple times — which is OK. We want Town Hall to have a good showing. We are sending email blasts to our members and we have contacted the Chamber [of Commerce] to send out the info." ★



Boca Raton's Old Town Hall is among the contest candidates. Photo provided



At Great Stuff Previously Enjoyed, on George Bush Boulevard in Delray Beach, Susie McTighe sells antiques and high-end decorative items for a 50/50 split. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Selling your stuff

Shop the options before parting with possessions

By Paula Detwiller

Got stuff? Sure you do. Stuff your kids left behind. Stuff your parents left behind. Stuff you bought but don't use anymore.

Whether we're downsizing, settling an estate, or just cleaning out the garage, we've got stuff we need to get rid of. The natural question arises: Can I sell any of this?

Well — maybe. If your stuff has market value, you're in luck: There's an entire service industry here in South Palm Beach County built around selling used goods. We visited coastal-area consignment stores, auction houses, and one busy eBay selling assistant to give you a taste of your options.

Consignment: No two shops are alike

A 4-foot-tall silver Buddha stands prayerfully in the front window of Great Stuff Previously Enjoyed, a high-end consignment store just west of the Intracoastal in Delray Beach. Like all of the pre-owned treasures inside — the pink satin loveseat, the Pang Jen paintings, the mounted African antelope head — Buddha is living here temporarily until a buyer comes along.

Owner Susie McTighe has been running this shop for the past 15 years. She splits the proceeds of her sales 50/50 with her sellers, as do most consignors. But if you brought McTighe something valued at more than \$5,000, she'd gladly reduce her cut rather than have you sell it elsewhere.

Prices are based on research into the value of the item, and then negotiated with the seller.

"My pricing model is kind of opposite the auction houses. The auctioneers start low and let the bidding move the price up. I start the



Melissa Adams shows purses to Claire and Tony Parasiliti at Dzines Consignment in Boca Raton.

price up here," she gestures, "and I'll work down if I have to."

With six rooms to display her eclectic mix of consigned items, McTighe doesn't have a hard-and-fast time limit for how long things can stay. "I've sold things that have been here for a year," she says.

At Off the Wall Consignments in downtown Lake Worth, the merchandise is just as eclectic, but tends to be more affordable.

"We sell a lot of smaller-scale items, beachy-looking things, for people who may be outfitting their rental or seasonal condo," says owner Liz Lipman. On this day, two white midcentury modern leather chairs sit in the middle of the store next to tables, lamps, and décor from various vintages.

Sellers agree to a three-month consignment period here. If their stuff

doesn't sell, they must pick it up or arrange to have a charity do it.

At Way Too Cute boutique down the block, the consignment period is 60 days, and the merchandise is distinctly different. Shabby chic, French cottage, and Florida-coastal furnishings rule the day. Owner Marcia Sheehan has a painter friend who transforms consigned furniture into MacKenzie-Childs look-alikes.

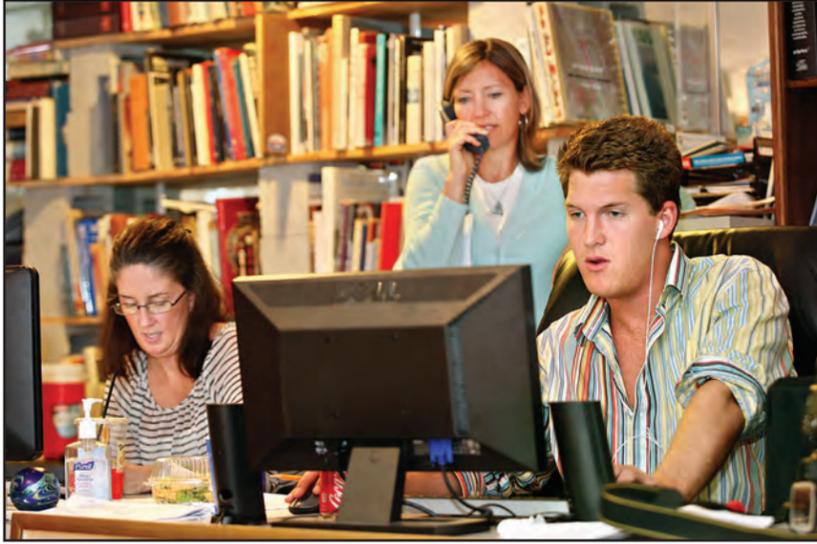
"I'm very picky," says Sheehan. "I take top-of-the-line, unusual, unique things. And I rearrange the store frequently to keep it interesting."

When it comes to selling used clothing, shoes and handbags on consignment, opportunities are plentiful in our coastal area.

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RIGHT: Nathan Mayell accepts bids from online customers during an auction at Bill Hood Auctions in Delray Beach.

BELOW: Bill Hood II accepts live bids during an auction at his family's gallery in Delray Beach.



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In Boca Raton, a favorite store is Dzines Consignment Boutique on Federal Highway near Spanish River Boulevard. Owners Paula Adams and her daughter Melissa sell everything from ball gowns to blue jeans. You'll even find consigned Lilly Pulitzer items hanging from a rack labeled "Lilly's Pad."

Paula Adams says sellers need to understand consignment-store principles of supply and demand.

"For instance, we have

plenty of size 8 pants right now," she says. "Even if you brought me wonderful size 8 pants, I couldn't take them."

Adams and her daughter price items at 30 percent of estimated retail cost. "If the clothes have brand-name tags, or are the hot color of the season, we'll move up the price," she says.

Under their 60-day contract, if an item doesn't sell by Day 30, the price is cut 30 percent; at Day 45, they may mark it down 50 percent. If it doesn't sell, you must pick it up within three days or else it's donated to Boca's Hospice

by the Sea Chest thrift store. You'll get a receipt for the tax deduction.

Auction houses: Going once, going twice ...

There's a public auction once a month at Bill Hood & Sons Art & Antique Auctions in Delray Beach. Over at Bruce Kodner Galleries Inc. in Lake Worth, they hold three or four auctions a month on the premises. But here's the best part for sellers: Both auction houses list their items on websites that enable bidders around the world to participate as if they were present.

"The three most important words are exposure, exposure, exposure," says Bill Hood Sr. "You have a lovely item, and the more people who are exposed to it via Internet live auction, the more people we have bidding."

At a recent auction, an Internet bidder somewhere in the world jumped the bid hundreds of dollars ahead, beating out all competitors for a flawless Art Deco Rosenthal figurine.

"If you're a buyer, you hate that," says auctioneer Bill Hood II. "But if you're the seller — wow!"

Local auction houses charge sellers a commission of between 30 and 40 percent of the final bid price. Both Hood and Kodner emphasize they are willing to negotiate that downward, depending on the value and amount of the items you have to sell. And both have secondary options for items that get no action: The Hoods have quarterly tag sales, and the Kodners run an antique mall next door staffed with vendors who may buy or consign your stuff.

Assisted eBay sales: Skip the learning curve

You could spend a lot of time and energy trying to sell your own stuff on eBay. Or you could have Gus Enos do it, from his humble "e Drop N Sell" shop on the corner of Federal Highway and George Bush Boulevard in Delray Beach. It's one of the few outlets of its kind still in business.

If Enos believes your item

will fetch at least \$100, he'll do extensive pricing research, take the photos, write the description, and set up an eBay auction or a fixed-price listing, whichever is better for you.

He asks for a 30 percent commission on the final sale price of the item. You must also pay eBay 15 percent. But oh, the convenience.

"I answer all the questions, handle payment processing, and take care of shipping. You simply get a check," he says.

Among his biggest sales: the mint-condition Hermes handbag he sold for \$9,000, and the grand piano he sold for \$12,000. He is proud of his eBay status as a Top Rated Seller with 100% positive feedback. But be forewarned: He turns away about half of the items people bring in.

"They come in with Beanie Babies and Barbies, and most of the time there's just no market for it," he sighs.

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Delray Beach

Farming to charming: Flowers gave way to paintings of flowers

By Mary Jane Fine

To say that the Delray Affair grew from the ground up but has flowered over the decades would be to tell the story via pun. But it would be entirely true, as well.

Just flip the calendar back to the post-World War II era — 1947, if you will — and picture the Delray Gladioli Festival as it was then, a melding of frivolity and flowers, culture and commerce.

That first-ever fest gathered beaucoup bouquets of gladioli from farms that spanned from Congress Avenue west to U.S. Highway 441. It allowed farmers to display (and sell) armloads of flowers. And sell they did. As surely as crocuses announce springtime, Delray's gladioli festival said, "February." It said it all through the 1940s, continued saying it into the '50s.

"It was an exposition that attracted flower buyers from all over the country," Roy Simon said in a recent news release. A native of Delray Beach, Simon was a gladioli festival volunteer who helped nurse the event into the Delray Affair.

This year's Delray Affair — the 50th — will line Atlantic Avenue from April 13th through the 15th, the weekend after Easter.

Artist and gallery owner Ora Sorensen is a long-time Delray Affair booster and, this year, a first-time



Sorensen

commemorative-poster artist for the event. Her poster gives a proud nod to the past with a stalk of mauve gladioli in the foreground and the Colony Hotel just behind.

"I love the Colony," Sorensen says on a recent afternoon, in her Atlantic Avenue gallery. "And they make the best martini in town. It gets so crazy here; I



Delray Affair 2012

like to go there around 5 p.m. and sit at the lobby bar. It's like going back in time."

Going back in time can explain how the Affair evolved from what it was to what it now is: an arts-and-crafts extravaganza that attracts 700 exhibitors (up from 24, back in 1962), draws an attendance of close to 300,000 and, over the years, has generated some \$21 million in revenue for the city of Delray Beach, according to event organizer Nancy Stewart-Franczak, executive director of Delray Beach Arts Inc.

Development in the city's western reaches, combined with a shift in farming from flowers to vegetables, turned the Gladioli Festival into a small Agricultural Expo. It was Roy Simon who suggested expanding on that, taking inspiration from the Winter Park Art Festival. In 1962, community leaders organized a committee and, with then-chair John Bordeman, chose "The Delray Affair" as the name of the bigger, better arts-and-crafts-and-agriculture event.

The committee was money-minded, too. By scheduling the festival later in the year, they could effectively extend the tourist season by tempting snowbirds to postpone their homeward migration until after Easter, and extend the tradition of frivolity and flowers, culture and



Ora Sorensen created this year's Delray Affair poster (above) and drew inspiration from the festival's origins as South Florida's Gladioli Festival and Fair.

commerce.

Ora Sorensen expresses delight at her role in it all. "I've been 20 years in this location and, this year, they picked me, and I think I cried," she says, "because I feel that Delray is my town. I love Delray."

This year, she submitted sketches that combined landmark and flowers, and it proved a winner — with one requested change.

"I submitted a drawing with hibiscus in the foreground."

The committee, of course, wanted gladioli, and Sorensen was happy to comply.

And happy to be a part of the city's signature event.

"It's really just huge," she says, "and it's fun." ★

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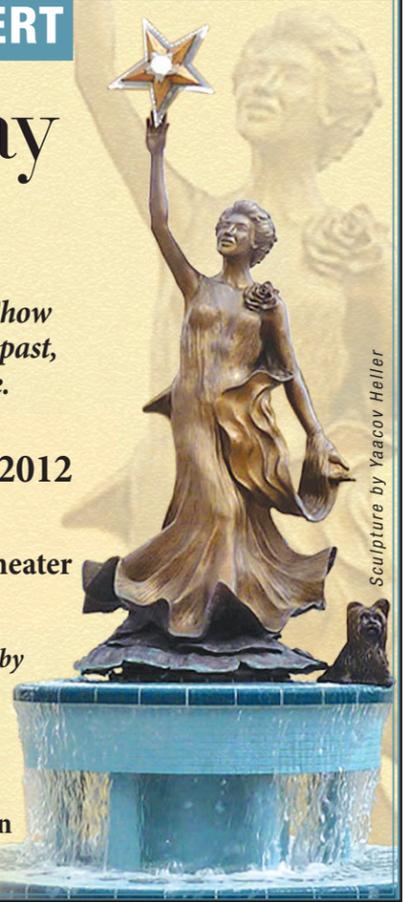
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Health & Harmony

Stem-cell treatment has fans among recreational athletes

What's the hot topic on senior-league tennis courts these days?

Two words: stem cells.

More and more aging recreational athletes with painful, worn-out knees are saying "no" to knee replacement surgery and "yes" to outpatient treatment in which their own stem cells are used to regenerate (theoretically, anyway) the knee joint. Many are getting positive results, and they're spreading the word.

"I've heard from a couple of people that it's like a miracle," said one 78-year-old coastal resident who plays tennis frequently at local clubs.

Listen closely to the courtside buzz, and you're likely to hear two other words:



Purita

"Dr. Purita." That would be Joseph R. Purita, M.D., of Manalapan, director of the Institute of Regenerative and Molecular Orthopaedics in Boca

Raton. The institute is an offshoot of Purita's longtime surgical practice at Boca Raton Orthopaedic Group.

Purita is considered an expert in the use of adult stem cells for orthopedic repair. He's lectured around the world, and taught his technique free of charge to doctors from as far away as Australia. He has treated 4,000 patients ranging in age from 40 to 70, including many high-profile professional athletes, and he claims an 85 percent success rate for the knees.

Here's how it works: The doctor harvests mesenchymal stem cells (the type that repair and regrow muscle, bone, cartilage and tendons) from a patient's fat and/or bone marrow. Fat samples are taken via mini-liposuction of the patient's midsection; bone marrow is extracted from the back of the pelvis. While the patient waits, the samples are spun in a centrifuge to isolate the stem cells, which are then injected into the patient's joint the same day. Four to six weeks later, platelet-rich plasma (PRP) spun from the patient's own blood also is injected into the joint.

"Think of the platelets as fertilizer for the stem cells," Purita explains. "They release growth factors that give the stem cells signals to start working to repair things."

PRP injections alone can help some patients, Purita says, by releasing growth factors and signaling proteins that may summon stem cells from elsewhere in the body to repair the joint. In these cases, a bit of the patient's fat is injected to serve as scaffolding for the incoming stem cells.

Purita's technique fits within FDA guidelines for stem cell therapy, but is not covered by insurance. He charges \$600 for PRP only, and \$4,800 for the complete treatment (stem cell injections from fat and bone marrow, scaffolding-fat injections, and three subsequent PRP injections).

One of Purita's satisfied customers is Mary Ellen Cook, whose family owns Hand's Stationers in Delray Beach. Now in her 70s, Cook says stem cell therapy has enabled her



Injections of her own stem cells helped Mary Ellen Cook of Delray Beach (right) avoid knee-replacement surgery. Cook plays tennis twice a week with other senior players like Joyce Joyner of Delray Beach, who have also found pain relief through stem-cell therapy. Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star

to stay active and keep up her tennis game. Her tennis buddy, Joyce Joyner, 60, also sought Purita's treatment to quell the pain in both of her arthritic, bone-on-bone knee joints.

"It worked great for me," says Joyner. "I'm putting off knee replacement as long as possible."

To date, however, there is little hard science proving the stem cell treatment really works. Some physicians, like Freddie H. Fu, M.D., chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, remain skeptical.

"Basically, there's no evidence to show one way or the other that it makes any difference," Fu says. "Why don't we test it more vigorously before we shoot it into everybody?"

Purita emphasizes that not everyone is a candidate for stem cell therapy, and about 15 percent of the time, it just doesn't work. But he feels strongly that "it's not going away."

"The arthroscope

revolutionized sports medicine and orthopedics," Purita says. "Stem cells are the next big revolution. Some day we're going to look back at knee and hip replacement surgery and say, how could we have done such barbaric operations?"



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wife really don't indulge in much loafing when they go to the club.

"We're more athletically orientated," he said. "We like exercise, sea kayaking and tennis."

They can do that at the club, too, and have dinner with that same stunning ocean view.

Members have different reasons for coming to the private member-owned club, which sits on 3.5 acres of postcard-pretty ocean front property at 2001 S. Ocean Blvd.

"We have a slogan 'Something for everyone. Something for you,'" said club manager Shane Peachey. Some come to splash in the pool, paddle-board, kayak, play tennis, swim in the ocean, play bridge, participate in the book club. Some come to dine formally in the dining room, or more casually in the Grille Room.

Some come for musical performances, children's programs, to work out in the gym or have a massage. And they come for the parties, which are very popular.

Amazingly, Peachey said, the club's 490 members (and another 140 or so as summer members) divide up pretty evenly for the various activities. "You can always get a dinner reservation."

Marlis Hadeed, who lives nearby in Highland Beach, says she joined for the tennis program.

"I can't play anymore because I'm facing foot surgery," Hadeed said. She plays bridge at the club twice a week and, as former president of FAU's University Club, has hosted several luncheons there, as well.

Financial adviser Louise Glover, a Delray Beach native, started off with a summer membership after her son, Slane, was born six years ago.

"They have such good



Joy Banton of Delray Beach (left) and Sherry Wolfgang of Highland Beach celebrate after coming from behind in a doubles tournament at the Delray Beach Club. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

children's activities and kids camps," she said. "They have a little playground. Slane has friends there." She and her husband, John, have hosted birthday parties at the club and insists the club "is a destination for the holidays," with first-rate entertainment.

Founders got traction early

Phyllis Spinner, a Delray Beach resident since 1955 and one of the club's first members, can relate. The club was a godsend when she was raising her three children in the early days of the Delray Beach Club, she says. Many hours were spent poolside.

"In those days Atlantic Avenue had the Arcade Tap Room and Patio Delray, not all the many restaurants it has now," she said. "During those early years, club members spent countless hours in the club's original Grille Room, a smaller more intimate version of the its current incarnation.

It was, she said, a "cozy, informal room open late at night" and members enjoyed countless hours socializing as a piano player entertained.

Spinner's late husband, John W. Spinner (everyone called him "Jack"), was instrumental in founding the club in 1969. He practiced law on Atlantic Avenue for 43 years and was the son of a prominent Delray Beach developer, Fred Spinner, who at one time owned a large portion of beachfront property.

Jack Spinner and close friend Bill Plum worked together to start the club. Many of the 10 investors came from Pine Tree Golf Club, where Spinner was a member.

Plum, a pharmacist who had sold his two apothecary shops and medical supply stores and had experience in the banking business, and Spinner, an avid golfer who

persuaded many of his Pine Tree friends to invest in the beach club, flew to Baltimore to talk to contractor and land owner Charles A. Mullen about building a beach club on land he owned.

In an effort to gauge interest in starting the club, the men put out one advertisement, Plum, who is now in the real estate business, said. "We got over 150 \$200 checks (toward a \$500 initiation fee) from people who were interested in joining." This was before a site had even been finalized.

"By the time the club opened, we had 300 memberships," Plum said. "It was phenomenal."

"It took a lot of nerve, time and hard work," Plum said, "and we had it. The three of us were a good mix."

Mullen bought and developed the club which was designed by architect Samuel Ogren Jr. Plum was the first

manager. The first gala dinner dance was held on Feb. 16, 1970, after construction on the 23,000-square-foot, two-story clubhouse was complete.

Kenyon Investment Group of Greensboro, N.C., purchased the club in 1978, and in 1980, the club became member-owned.

Members find it friendly

Before the club's \$5 million renovation in 2006, summer members Ron Nyham and his wife decided to become full-time members.

"We wanted to participate in voting for and supporting it," Nyham says. The club, he says, is making changes needed to propel it into the future. "The demographics are changing," he said. "I've seen a sea of change with more younger members. It's a much more kid-friendly place."

"We have an unofficial slogan here that 'the Delray Beach Club will change your life.' It's a social club. It's a place to go for friendships."

Charles "Buck" Atherton, the new club president, takes it a step further.

"The Delray Beach Club saved my life," he says. "I went into cardiac arrest on the tennis courts seven years ago and wouldn't be here today if there weren't a defibrillator 20 feet away and a waitress trained to use it."

The life-saving device was purchased by five members in honor of a woman who lost her husband in a similar incident. Paramedics told her at the time her husband might have been saved had there been a defibrillator available. The five members wanted to make sure a device was at the club the next time something like that happened — and they didn't want to wait.

"Turns out, the next time was me," Atherton said. "I'd do anything for this club after what they did for me. I've never seen such friendly people in all my life."



Boca Raton

Last chance to see Boca history by train, trolley or just hoofing it

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

You don't need to reserve a seat or pack a suitcase to board the Boca Express. Just bring your love of history and your imagination.

At the Boca Express Train Museum, you start your 30-minute tour in the original station built for the Florida East Coast Railroad. It was built in the Mediterranean Revival style during the 1930s.

"This building is a real survivor," says Susan Gillis, curator of the Boca Raton Historical Society, who oversees the museum.

Follow the docent

and you'll discover two refurbished Seaboard Air Line Railroad cars. These streamlined beauties built by Budd Co. went into service in 1946. They were part of the Silver Meteor that whisked travelers over almost 1,400 miles from New York to Miami in 25 hours.

Of course, today you'll never leave the station. But you can still journey through history with this and other tours made available through the BRHS. Here are some options:

■ Boca Express Train Museum

Where: FEC Railway Station, Count de Hoernle

Pavilion, 747 S. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

When: 1 to 4 p.m. April 20
Admission: \$5 adults; \$2 students; free for children under 6 years and BRHS members

■ The Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum

Where: Boca Raton Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday
Admission: \$5 adults, \$2 students, under 5 and BRHS members free

What: The current exhibits include "Sentimental Journey: Boca Raton During WW II" and "Mizner Industries/

Mizner Style."

■ Trolley Tour of Historic and Contemporary Boca Raton

Where: The tour leaves from Boca Raton Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Highway.

When: 10 a.m. April 12
Admission: \$20 per person; \$15 for BRHS members

Reservations required

What: This 90-minute tour on a little red trolley begins with a short video on Boca Raton's history and a tour of the BRHS current exhibit. Docents share information on both historic and contemporary Boca Raton.

■ History Tour of the Boca Raton Resort & Club

Where: 501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton

When: 2 p.m. April 17
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What: Learn about Addison Mizner's Cloister Inn, Boca Raton's most historic building and the original portion of the Boca Raton Resort & Club. This 90-minute walking tour takes you through the resort's past. Not recommended for children under 12. For information about or reservations to any event, call 396-6766, Ext. 100. ★

Paws Up for Pets

Pets share people's susceptibility to skin cancer

Ah, April. The month typically signifies the departure of snowbirds and the arrival of persistent hot weather, where temperatures registering in the mid-80s and up are not uncommon in Palm Beach County.

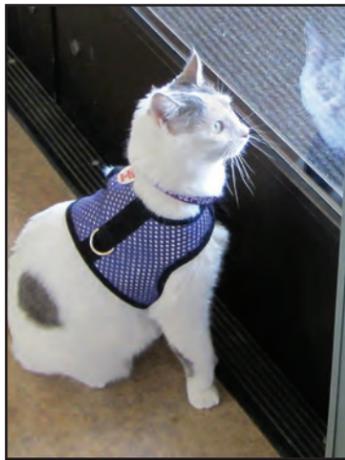
OK, so that statement is not worthy of making front page headlines, but this one is: One-third of all dogs and cats will be affected by cancer in their lifetimes. In fact, cancer ranks as the leading cause of death in dogs 2 and older.

Now for the real jarring news: Sunlight's ultraviolet rays are causing solar-induced cancer in indoor cats and light-colored dogs.

"People are often surprised

to learn that sunlight is a common cause of cancer in dogs and cats," says Brenda Phillips, DVM, a veterinary oncologist at Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego and a professional support of the Canine Cancer Campaign sponsored by the Morris Animal Foundation. "Indoor cats are not safe from UV rays, especially if they love to sunbathe on window perches. Pink-bellied dogs are also at risk, even indoors."

UV rays can cause skin cancer, typically on a pet's belly, inner limbs, nose, lips, ears and eyelids. White cats and dogs sporting pink noses and bellies as well as hairless breeds are at greatest risk due to this light pigmentation.



Tinted windows help protect cats like Zeki who are at a higher risk of skin cancer from overexposure to the sun.

Dark-nosed pets with brown or black coats, however, are not risk-free from developing skin cancer.

Certain breeds, including bichons, boxers, bulldogs, Dobermans, poodles, schnauzers and weimaraners are predisposed to developing skin tumors. So are active dogs who join their people on boats and on hikes.

"Fortunately, solar-induced cancer can be cured if caught early," says Phillips. "Unfortunately, as an oncologist, I see these pets after the cancer has developed. Veterinarians in small animal practices need to have conversations with families with pets at risk for skin cancer."

Here are some tips to protect our pets from the harmful UVA and UVB rays:

- Establish what's normal for your pet's coat. Work with your veterinarian to learn how to do a thorough nose-to-tail examination of your pet's skin. Report any new bumps, lumps or suspicious lesions to your veterinarian right away. Also, inform your vet if any skin growths have increased



Brenda Phillips, DVM, a veterinary oncologist at Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego, seen with her dog Leo, offers tips to protect pets against skin cancer. **Photos by Arden Moore**

in size from the past month.

- Do not shave down your pet's coat. A buzz cut will only increase his exposure to UV rays and lead to sunburn or, worse, skin cancer.

- Dab on the sunscreen. Apply veterinarian-approved sunscreen products on your pet's vulnerable areas, especially the nose, inner ears and belly. Epi-Pet Sun Protector, for example, is endorsed by the American Animal Hospital Association and is effective as a sunscreen for dogs, but is not to be used on cats. It is waterproof, quick drying and non-greasy, providing the equivalent of a 40 SPF found in human sunscreens. Consult your veterinarian for sunscreen products safe for use on your cat.

- Tint your windows. Various commercial

companies make glare-reducing, insulating or privacy films that can be applied on windows to offer up to UV filtering protection while still maintaining a nice view. Look for companies serving Palm Beach County that have earned Better Business Bureau high rankings.

- Install solar shades or honeycomb shades. In particular, install these shades for all interior east- and west-facing windows to block UV rays. Select shade materials offering protection levels of at least 90 percent. Both types of shades come in top-down or bottom-up options for opening and closing.

My sun-seeking cat, Zeki sports a white-and-grey coat, pink nose, pink foot pads and pink inner ears. After learning more about skin cancer from Phillips, I am now taking protective measures to ensure Zeki can enjoy the sunshine without risking her health.

I encourage you to be your pet's best health ally and protect him from the Florida sun. You can learn more about advances in combating cancer by visiting the Morris Animal Foundation at www.morrisanimalfoundation.org.

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An egg hunt and butterfly release are on tap for April 7 at the Chapel of St. Andrew in Boca Raton. Photo provided

Finding Faith

Egg hunts and kosher dining mark Easter and Passover season

Two of the most creative ways to celebrate the secular side of Easter for the past decade are the Easter Bonnet Pet Parade in Delray Beach and the Butterfly Release in Boca Raton, both set for Saturday, April 7.

A trumpet player will join Delray Mayor Woodie McDuffie to lead the pet parade down Atlantic Avenue at 10 a.m.

"It's a ton of fun," organizer Lori Nolan of the Delray GreenMarket said. "People go all out."

Registration is at 9 a.m. on the front lawn of Old School Square. The parade goes four blocks east to a red carpet at the GreenMarket for judging of the Easter bonnets.

Prizes will be awarded in categories that include most original, funniest, tropical, tiniest tea cup and frou-frou.

Children also are invited to the butterfly release at 4 p.m. at the Chapel of St. Andrew, 2707 NW 37th St., Boca Raton.

"The butterfly is the symbol of new life and resurrection for Christians," the Rev. Andrew Sherman of St. Gregory's Episcopal Church explained.

Every child who attends will be given their own butterfly to release. An egg hunt, games, crafts and supper also are planned by the two Episcopal congregations.

The area's largest annual Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the Delray Beach Parks and Recreation Department, starts at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Seacrest Soccer Complex, 2505 N. Seacrest Blvd.

Volunteers have stuffed more than 10,000 eggs with candy and prizes for children ages 1 to 8.

The public is also invited to the Mizner Park Amphitheatre at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 8, for the 10th annual Easter in the Park celebration by the First Methodist Church of Boca Raton.

More than 700 people have reservations at the Boca Raton Resort and Club to celebrate a kosher Passover in style.

"Passover is an eating fest and we pride ourselves on offering a high-quality cuisine," says Leisure Time Tours director Robert Frucher, who is organizing the elaborate April

PASSOVER & EASTER

Friday - 4/6

Community Seder - Presented by Chabad of East Boca, 120 N.E. 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Experience the Exodus of Egypt as Rabbi Ruvli New shares insights into our Passover traditions. 8 pm. \$45/adults, \$36/students, \$15/children 3-12. 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

Saturday - 4/7

Passover Dinner - At Josef's Table Restaurant, 5030 Champion Blvd., Boca Raton. Couples and singles are welcome to this casual, non-religious dinner. 5 pm-closing. \$39.95/person. RSVP 637-4441 or www.josefstable.com.

The Great Vigil of Easter - Presented at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. This ancient service moves the participants from the darkness of Lent to the light of Easter morning in a dramatic series of scriptural lessons and musical responses. This event will be a joint service with combined choirs from both St. Matthew's and St. Paul's Episcopal Churches. 4 pm. Doors open 30 minutes before concert time. 7:30 pm. Free. 276-4541 or www.st.paulsdelray.org.

Sunday - 4/8

St. Jude Easter Sunrise Service - At South Boca Inlet, 1298 S. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Each year Father Michael Driscoll celebrates an Easter Sunrise Mass on the beach. People of all faiths and parishes gather for this event. 6:30 am. 392-8172 or www.stjudeboca.org.

Easter Sunrise Service - Held at the Beach Pavilion located at Atlantic Avenue and A1A, Delray Beach. Presented by the Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association. Rev. Linda Mobley from Cason United Methodist Church with music by the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Jazz Ensemble. All are welcome. 6:30 am. 276-4541.

Easter Sunday Services and Annual Easter Egg Hunt - At Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. The Rev. Nancy Norman will conduct the Easter services. Special music and singing for the season with Zack Coblens playing the piano and organ. Services 9:25 & 11 am. Easter Egg Hunt will follow 9:25 am Sunday School. All ages are welcome to watch the merriment, with the highlight being the arrival of the Easter Bunny. Free will offering. 276-5796 or www.unityofdelraybeach.org.

10th Annual Easter in the Park Worship Celebration - At Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Family Easter event featuring music, an uplifting Easter message and a live butterfly release for children. Free parking at both First United Methodist Church lots on Mizner Blvd. across from the Amphitheater, as well as in parking lots and garages in Mizner Park. 9 am. Free. 395-1244. www.fumcocaraton.org.

6-14 stay.

A rabbi will work with the hotel chefs to make certain the food is strictly kosher.

Both food and entertainment are included in the price of lodging, much like on a cruise ship.

Comedian Michael Winslow

and circus performers similar to Cirque du Soleil will provide the entertainment.

The Church of the Palms was strictly white and traditional when the Rev. Roger Richardson became its pastor nine years ago.

Now, as Richardson prepares to retire, it's a different place.

"We've become open to everybody since he's been here," church trustee Frank Nikischer said. "He's very missionary minded and he has us more open to cultures, creeds and race."

Richardson, 63, says he appreciates how the Delray Beach congregation has responded.

"We wanted to make sure that everyone knows they are welcome because God views us all as precious in his sight," he said. "The church has encouraged and supported me."

Church of the Palms has added a multicultural praise service on Saturday nights and a Creole service on Sunday mornings. A worship service in Portuguese is its newest effort in diversity.

Women in the congregation sew comfort dolls that Delray police officers carry in patrol cars and Richardson distributes around the world.

The congregation has opened three churches in Haiti named Church of the Palms. With support from home, Richardson also has traveled to Kenya, South Africa, Brazil and Appalachia to spread the gospel.

"Church of the Palms has opened up to new ideas with a strong interest in mission both locally and in the world," he said.

How can the pastor of a large congregation have the time to listen to everyone in need?

Representatives from six congregations met March 10 at First Presbyterian Church in Delray Beach to learn how lay people can assist their pastors by becoming caregivers, too.

The Stephen Ministry, based in St. Louis, has trained lay people in 11,000 congregations to minister to those in need.

"The idea is just to listen," said First Presbyterian associate pastor Rev. Jo Garnett, who organized the workshop. "They

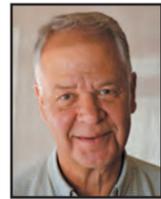
are Christian friends who walk with a person who is hurting during a difficult time."

First Presbyterian currently has 20 Stephen ministers who each received 50 hours of training to become caregivers for an hour each week.

One is Jim Whitiker, a Stephen minister for four years. "If I can help one person, it's

worth all the time in the world to me," Whitiker said.

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Along the Coast

Report highlights storm threats to coastal communities

By Antigone Barton

If the rewards of life by the sea are immeasurable, a report released last month showed the risks, at least, are calculable.

Global warming, rising sea levels and storms all add up to odds of flooding that will redraw the map of Florida from the bottom up, according to the report, which shows Boca Raton as the city likely to be most affected by storm surges in Palm Beach County during the coming decades.

Interactive maps released with the Surging Seas report by Climate Central, a nonprofit environmental research and education group, predict 1,212 Boca Raton homes would be vulnerable to flooding from a 3-foot storm surge that has a 1-in-6 chance of occurring by 2030. The area faces 1-in-2 odds of such a surge by 2050.

The interactive maps at <http://sealevel.climatecentral.org/> show the estimated effects of rising sea levels to more than 3,000 coastal towns, cities, counties and states in the contiguous United States

during the next century, with storms bringing flooding from 1 to 10 feet above mean high tide level.

More than half of the population in the line of floodwaters live in Florida. Miami Dade is most at risk for flooding, with Broward County right behind it. The next neighbor up, Palm Beach County, however, is not even among the top 10 most flood-prone counties.

"A small amount of elevation makes a big difference when it's so flat," Ben Strauss, Climate Center director on the Surging Seas project.

That is just one factor determining the numbers of people and homes that would be affected — with population density, building height and nearness to the shoreline adding to, or ameliorating, risks.

A climb up the interactive map illustrates the risks, with 525 homes in Highland Beach — or 15 percent of its housing — threatened with flooding in a 3-foot surge. Delray would have the second highest number of homes facing flooding, with 1,081 homes 3 feet or less above the mean high tide line. Low-density Gulf Stream would have 73 homes in the line of flood waters, while the more crowded neighboring town of Briny Breezes would see flooding to 294 homes, or 37 percent of its housing.

While 150, or 10 percent,

of Ocean Ridge homes would be affected by a 3-foot surge, life on the mainland has its own risks, the maps show, with 649 homes in the way of waters rising from canals and the Intracoastal in Boynton Beach within the next two decades. Maps for Lantana and Manalapan show Hypoluxo Island vulnerable on all sides. In Lantana, 290 homes are less than 3 feet above mean high tide, and in Manalapan 21 homes would be affected, according to the maps.

And while sea walls, such as those that line the entire oceanfront side of South Palm Beach, may offer protection, they present a problem as well, Strauss said.

"It's impossible to build a sea wall that will work in the long term." And, he added, "New Orleans and Katrina showed us, once that is breached, it is harder to move water out."

Surging Seas data predict 113 South Palm Beach homes, or 8 percent of the town's housing, would be affected by a 3-foot storm surge.

"In the long term, the map of Florida is going to be redrawn," Strauss said. "In the near term, we're going to see more and more floods go higher and higher."

The response, he said, "It's a question of what our tolerance for risk is."

Homeowners can respond by literally raising their properties with higher foundations, an



A new study released by Climate Central, an environmental research group, identifies this as a high-risk area for flooding in this century. Map reflects a 3-foot sea level rise.

expensive but not impossible proposition. They also can consider moving their valuables elsewhere, and keeping a pump handy.

Communities can consider the report's findings and other data, when planning, he said.

In principle, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council already does, said Michael Busha, the council's executive director, discouraging further development of barrier islands, investments in new infrastructure that encourages

development in barrier islands, and encouraging public beach access.

On a larger scale, the report may cause individuals and communities to take an active interest in environmental policies that may slow climate change, and sea level rise, Strauss said.

"But a lot of increase is already baked in the cake," he added. "We won't be able to avoid it." ★

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Highland Beach

Yom Hashoah commemoration planned in Highland Beach

The film *La France Divisée* will be the center of Highland Beach Library's Yom Hashoah commemoration.

Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, is marked on the Hebrew calendar's 27th day of Nissan, corresponding this year to April 19. On that day, the 6 million Jews who were murdered during the Holocaust are remembered as well as the experiences of those who survived.

The film explores the two sides of France during WWII: the side that collaborated with the Germans and the side that resisted. Included are interviews with Janine Banet



Highland Beach resident George Banet (left) with historian Serge Klarsfeld in the film *La France Divisée*. Photo provided

Godkine, a "hidden child," Lucie Aubrac, a member of the French Resistance, Serge Klarsfeld, historian and Nazi hunter, and Gérard Bollon, a historian on the Protestant Resistance specifically in Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, each giving France's history from a different viewpoint.

Interspersed among the stories is archival footage from WWII. A Highland Beach resident, George Flaum Banet, is shown as a 12-year-old in a studio portrait with his mother,

both wearing the yellow Star of David.

Another photo is the wedding portrait of George's parents, Charles and Thérèse Flaum. A third is of his grandmother, Chaya Hertzberg, and her two children, one of them his mother. But there is no interview with George Flaum Banet. He cannot speak about what happened to him or his family. What he has allowed is his wife, a journalist and literary writer, to travel into the

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past with him and document his life.

Banet's wife, Marlene Roberts, will introduce the film and offer commentary when the film addresses Banet's history.

Co-produced by George's cousin, Barbara Barnett, and videotaped by George's daughter, Toni Banet, the film ends with two powerful statements. The first is an apology by French President Jacques Chirac, given on July 16, 1995, for the actions taken by the French government against the Jews living in France during WWII. The second is an apology by the Bishop of Saint Denis on Sept. 30, 1997, for actions not taken by the Catholic Church during WWII.

The Yom Hashoah commemoration will begin at 5 p.m. April 19.

The library is at 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. in Highland Beach. For information, call (561) 278-5455.

— Staff report

Obituary

Lillian Rose Palladino Mericantante

By Ron Hayes

BOCA RATON — When Father John Mericantante, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pahokee, was told that the \$1 million he'd raised was not enough to start construction on a new church, his mother stepped in.



"My mom got on the phone, and her friends sent me another million," Father John recalled. "She had good friends." And so a new St. Mary's is under construction and scheduled to open in June. A statue titled *Prayer*, also donated by his mother, will

grace the entrance to the mission-style church.

Mrs. Mericantante died Feb. 29. She was 93 and had lived at La Fontana condominium for 22 years.

"She was a very elegant lady, and very sincere and very frank," recalled her son. "She would tell you exactly what she thought and you had to deal with it."

Lillian Rose Palladino Mericantante was born in Boston on Sept. 14, 1918, the first daughter of Joseph and Mary Palladino, who owned the city's famed Latin Quarter nightclub.

In fourth grade, she met John Mericantante Jr., who would become the love of her life and her husband of 48 years.

In Winchester, Mass., where Mr. Mericantante was an executive with the Ford Motor Co., Mrs. Mericantante played tennis and bocce at the Medford Boat Club.

The couple retired to Florida in 1980 and, after 10 years in Fort Lauderdale, moved to Boca Raton.

In addition to her son, she is survived by three daughters, Diana LaMarca, of Boca Raton; Dr. Debra Anzalone, of Lighthouse Point; and Lillian Simeone; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1200 E. Main St., Pahokee, FL 33476.



Jazz band Four80East will play the Funky Biscuit on April 21.

Intimate setting appeals to jazz artists and fans

By Steve Pike

Jazz and baseball typically aren't thought of in the same sentence — except that one could argue each is an acquired taste — but here's an analogy: In his classic book *Shoeless Joe*, author W.P. Kinsella penned the famous line "If you build it, he will come."

A disgraced baseball legend and an Iowa cornfield were the farthest things from Jacqui Wyatt's mind when she conceived of the Royal Palm Place Jazz Series in Boca Raton, but nevertheless, the analogy holds true.

"When I first came up with the idea in early spring of 2010, there weren't many places for people to go to hear jazz," Wyatt said. "Look at the demographic of South Florida and Boca Raton in particular. It's not a hip-hop demographic, not a rap demographic and certainly not a South Beach club demographic. I thought it would be good to have a classy place where people could go and listen to good jazz music in a nice atmosphere."

As director of operations and marketing for Boca Raton-based Investments Limited, Wyatt knew of the perfect atmosphere: the company's Royal Palm Place dining and shopping complex in downtown Boca Raton.

"I thought, at least, if we bring it and see who comes. If nobody comes, then we tried," she said. "If they do come, then let's try and build on it as much as we can."

Wyatt's instincts were correct. That is, she has built the Royal Palm Place Jazz Series and people certainly have come. The festival is in its second season, having already had two concerts this season, with the next on April 21 featuring the electro-

jazz band Four80East. All of the concerts are held at the Funky Biscuit in Royal Palm Place, a popular venue for a variety of acts from jazz to country to rock to big bands.

The previous jazz series concert — Matt Marshak and Marcus Anderson this past January — attracted 120 people. That number might sound small, Wyatt said, don't let it fool you.

"It's an intimate venue," said Wyatt, a lifelong jazz fan. "When we started the series, the first two concerts (November and December 2010) were outside on the piazza. The weather wasn't very cooperative. It was cold and windy. So we decided to move it indoors."

"Jazz by nature is genre of music that really lends itself to a more intimate atmosphere. If you think back to the old clubs, people like being up close to the stage. I've seen Dave Koz and his Christmas concert at the Broward Center. It was great, but it was on a big stage. At the Funky Biscuit the performers come down off the stage and interact with the audience. It's just a much more welcoming atmosphere."

Welcoming for each side. The audience likes the coziness of the Funky Biscuit, Wyatt said, and the musicians like the opportunity to perform at one of the few venues for jazz in South Florida.

"The musicians themselves are so intense about their love of the music," Wyatt said. "I had a limited budget and some of these performers command huge amounts of money. Once they understood what we were trying to accomplish, they really stepped up to the plate. It's just sort of snowballed from there." ★

J. Ernest Brophy

By Ron Hayes

BOCA RATON — J. Ernest Brophy, a winter resident of Boca Raton for 35 years, died March 19. He was 87 and had battled lung cancer and heart disease.

Mr. Brophy died peacefully at his Coconut Road home, surrounded by family and friends, including his wife of 60 years.



"And we were very happy all that time," Betty Brophy recalled recently. "My only grandson used to say, 'Don't you guys ever fight?' and we both said no. We always agreed. I know it sounds like we were making that up, but it's true. We had the same values, but anything I felt really strongly

about, he was willing to see I got."

Mr. Brophy was born Aug. 24, 1924, in Shortsville, N.Y. After serving as a radio operator in the U.S. Army during World War II, for which he was decorated, he was graduated from Niagara University, summa cum laude, and earned a law degree from Fordham Law School. Mr. and Mrs. Brophy were married in 1952 and raised four children.

"When we were bringing up the children, he always deferred to me," she said. "He respected my authority there."

Mr. Brophy was also a certified public accountant who opened his own firm in Rochester, N.Y., specializing in estate and tax planning. He loved to tackle complex accounting dilemmas, and prided himself on finding solutions to almost any

problem.

"He was absolutely brilliant," his wife said. "People from all over called him for advice."

After his retirement, the couple enjoyed playing contract bridge in both Boca Raton and Pompano Beach.

"I don't think any husband could have been any better than he was," Mrs. Brophy said. "It's hard now, but the memories are wonderful."

In addition to his widow, Mr. Brophy is survived by a daughter, Linda Sorg of Boca Raton; two sons, Joe, of Jupiter, and Brian of Canandaigua, N.Y.; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Dennis.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Ontario ARC Development Dept., 3071 County Complex Drive, Canandaigua, NY 14424, in honor of his son.

Nancy Bayzar Toumayan

By Emily Minor

BOCA RATON — Nancy Bayzar Toumayan, who moved to Florida in 1998 and spent many years as a home health-care nurse, caring and cooking for the lonely and ailing elderly, died March 21 of complications from pulmonary fibrosis.

"She had a zeal for life, and she wanted to be happy," said her daughter, Sylvia Toumayan. "She didn't have a bad bone in her body."

Born in Istanbul, Turkey, Mrs. Toumayan, who was 74, came to the United States with her parents when she was about 18, her daughter said, and dreamed of being an interior decorator.

Instead, she met Peter Toumayan, and started a family. The professional dreams were put aside so that she could be a

full-time mother and wife. (The couple eventually parted and he preceded her in death.)

Mrs. Toumayan did work for many years selling Singer sewing machines, her daughter said. Through the years, she was able to put her interior design eye to the test, overseeing the building, furnishing and design of two family homes in Lexington, Ky.

In 1998, she moved to Boca Raton where she immersed herself in the church and social-service community.

Besides her children, she is survived by her longtime life partner, Mike Dasho.

An active and devoted member of the Armenian church, Mrs. Toumayan was the former chairperson of St. James Women's Guild, past member of the Daughters of Vartan and St. David's Women's Guild of Boca Raton. She was buried in

Lexington, Ky.

Besides Sylvia Toumayan, three more children survive her: Shirley Toumayan Miler, Marianne Fullam and Samuel Toumayan. All three of her daughters live in the Boston area; Samuel Toumayan lives in California.

Four grandchildren also survive her — and they all loved her bright personality, undying love and her spectacular cooking. For years, her home health-care clients would beg for her specialty dishes.

"She was an incredible cook," said her daughter Sylvia. "She cooked with love, and it was very evident."

The family asks that any donations in her memory be made to the Armenian church, or the American Diabetes Association, 10 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.



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Society Spotlight

Art Show Opening Night of Women in the Visual Arts Highland Beach Library



Ann Schwartz, (from left) exhibitions committee chair, Phyllis Annunziato, president of WITVA, and Connie Lefkowitz at the art show opening on March 9 at the Highland Beach Library. Photo provided

5th Annual Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance Boca Raton Airport



Patti Max (co-owner of Max's Grille) of Boca Raton dropped into the 5th Annual Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance event Feb. 25 to oversee her table and chef who assisted with sponsoring the event. Photo provided

National Society of Arts and Letters Afternoon Tea

Jay & Marilyn Nelson's home in Royal Palm



Isabelle Paul and Alyce Erickson. Photo provided

School of the Arts Foundation Gala

Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts



Kimberly Sciarretta and Lisa Marie Browne visit in a tent after watching a production that combined the music of The Moody Blues with Shakespeare's classic play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Photo provided



Festival of the Arts Boca Mizner Park

Allie Miller of West Boca Raton High School shows off the winning cake at Festival of the Arts Boca's performance of *Casablanca*. Photo provided

Boca Bacchanal Grand Tasting Mizner Park



Boca resident Ann Marie Dufresne and her daughter Lindsay discuss the differences of the available wines with Darcie Kent's on-site wine rep.



Oliver and Morgan Green, Melissa and Jay Whelchel, Kelli Bloechinger and Brandon McCleod. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 3/30. Please check with organizers for any changes.

APRIL 7

Saturday - 4/7 - The Boca Raton Museum of Art: The Artist's Guild at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Exhibit continues through 4/30. Hours: M-F 8 am-10 pm, Sat. 8 am-5 pm, Sun./Holidays 10 am-5 pm. Free. 347-3900.

4/7 - 11th Annual Easter Bonnet Pet Parade is hosted by the Delray GreenMarket. Registration held on front lawn of Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 9 am/ registration, 10 am/parade to GreenMarket for judging and prizes. Categories include: traditional, funniest, original, tropical, frou-frou, tiniest tea-cup and owner doggie look-alike. \$2/entry fee. Free/watch. 276-7511.

4/7 - Art Exhibit: Artistic Adventures at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Multi-media juried art exhibit featuring the work of WITVA (Women In the Visual Arts). Exhibit runs through 4/27. M-R: 10 am-8 pm; F: 10 am-4 pm; Sat.: 9 am-1 pm. Free. 278-5455.

4/7 - Yoga Class - at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton. Ongoing classes held T&Sat: 9:30-11 am & T: 6:30-8 pm. 5 classes: \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents; 10 classes: \$110/residents, \$137.50/non-residents; 20 classes: \$200/residents, \$250/non-residents. 477-8727 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

4/7 - Japanese Garden Design Workshop at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Master designer Hoichi Kurisu, the builder of The Morikami's Roji-en, will provide instructions for beginners who are interested in the basics of Japanese garden design. Participants will learn fundamental differences in thinking between the Japanese and Western cultures. Using sketches, Mr. Kurisu will discuss the Japanese concept of space tree, and rock formation in Japanese gardens and culture. Students will practice basic garden design by sketching. Mr. Kurisu will provide individual consultation to assist the students with designing their yard. This is an all-day workshop: 10 am-noon (part 1), noon-1:30 pm (break, 1:30-3:30 pm (part 2)). \$150. Advance registration required. 495-0233 Ext. 237 or www.morikami.org.

4/7 - 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.

4/7 - Traveling Exhibit: Blue Man Group Making Waves at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Blue Man Group Making Waves is an interactive exhibit that features a playful and accessible approach to the science of sound. It encourages learning through sensory engagement and interactive entertainment. Exhibit runs through 4/29. M-F: 9 am-6 pm, Weekends/holidays: 10 am-5 pm. \$5 suggested donation. 347-3912.

4/7 - 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 accompanied by an adult. Held every Saturday. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

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4/7 - Bookworm Story Time for ages 2 & up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Saturday. 10:30 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

4/7 - Tweens & Teens - Programs for ages

12-16 at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held most Saturdays. 11 am. Free. Register one week in advance. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

4/7 - 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.

4/7 - 18th Annual Spring Fling Family Fun Day at Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd., and Memorial Park, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Featuring walkabout entertainment, rides, contests, sweet treats, face painting, unique egg hunt, World's largest bunny. Noon-3 pm. Free. 393-7827.

4/7 - Animal Encounters: Snakes 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. 1-1:45 pm. \$3. Reservations required. 629-8760 or www.daggerwing.org.

4/7 - You're A Good Man Charlie Brown at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 S.E. Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Held Saturdays through 5/5. 2 pm. \$14/adults, \$10/children. 394-2626.

4/7 - 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. For all ages. Held every W & Sat. 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760.

4/7-8 - 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.

4/7-8 - 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.

APRIL 8-14

Sunday - 4/8 - Easter Sunday

4/8 - Kabbalah & Coffee at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. The best part of waking up is coffee in your cup and Kabbalah in your "kop" (head in Yiddish). Includes weekly Living Torah Video Presentation. The class can be viewed by logging on to <http://torahcafe.com/chassidic-heritage-series.pho>. Viewers are encouraged to purchase Full Devotion at www.kehotonline.com. Held every Sunday morning. 10-11:30 am. Free. 417-7797.

4/8 - Explorium Make & Take at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Build a fun science project to take home. Choose from binoculars, boomerangs, musical instruments and more. For ages 5 and up. 11:30 am. \$5 per project. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

4/8 - Easter Dinner at Josef's Table Restaurant, 5030 Champion Blvd., Boca Raton. Traditional Easter Dinner specials and regular menu available. 3-7 pm. 353-2700.

4/8-13 - USTA Boy's & Girls' 12s National Spring Championships are held at various south county locations. Girls early rounds: Delray Swim & Tennis Club, 2350 Jaeger Drive, Broken Sound Country Club, 2401 Willow

Municipal Meetings

4/3 & 5/1 - 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.

4/10 & 4/24 - 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.

Springs Drive, Boca Raton, Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, and Boca Swim and Racquet Center, 21626 St. Andrews Blvd. Semifinals and finals matches for both the Boys' and Girls' Divisions are held at the Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center, 201 W. Atlantic Ave. Free. Schedules and draw information: 330-6000 or www.yellowtennisball.com.

Monday - 4/9 - Jazzercise/Body Sculpting - at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sculpted arms, a strong core, tight glutes, and firm legs are the focus of this challenging 50-minute muscle toning workouts that feature a creative combination of weight training and stretching. Held every M, W & F. First class is free. 8 classes: \$56/residents, \$70/non-residents. 16 classes: \$96/residents, \$120/non-residents. 8:45-9:35 am. 347-3950.

4/9 - Jazzercise/Light - at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This 50-minute class pairs moderate aerobics with exercises designed to improve strength, balance, and flexibility. Held every M, W & F. First class is free. 8 classes: \$56/residents, \$70/non-residents. 16 classes: \$96/residents, \$120/non-residents. 9:40-10:30 am. 347-3950.

4/9 - Sentimental Journey: Boca Raton During World War II is presented at the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum at Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. In 1942, Boca Raton hosted the Army Air Corps' only war time radar training base. Until 1947, thousands of men and women were stationed in Boca Raton, then a town of about 700 residents. Learn about the base and 1940's Boca Raton. Exhibit runs through 6/15/12. M-F, 10 am-4 pm. \$5/adults, \$3/students, free/members. 395-6766 or www.bocahistory.org.

4/9 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Held every Monday. First class is free. 8 classes: \$33/residents, \$40/non-residents. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. 347-3950.

4/9 - 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.

4/9 - 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.

4/9 - 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.

4/9 - 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. Free. 393-7807 or www.myboca.us.

4/9 - Meditation Mondays at the Highland

Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Meditate to enhance overall health and well-being. 7 pm. Free. 278-5455.

4/9-11 - Too Marvelous for Words: The Songs of Johnny Mercer is performed at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St., Delray Beach. Held again 4/9-11. M-W: 2 & 8 pm. \$30. 272-1281, Ext. 4.

Tuesday - 4/10 - 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 again 4/17, 24 & 5/1. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

4/10 - 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 & Thursday. 10:15 am. \$10. 278-5455.

4/10 - 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.

4/10 - Baby Bookworm Story Time for ages 1-3 at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Tuesday. 11 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

4/10 - The Amazing Story of Delray Beach, Boca Raton & Boynton Beach is presented by Alexander "Sandy" Simon as part of the Author's Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 736-8044 or www.delraylibrary.org.

4/10 - 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.

4/10 - Trash by Andy Mulligan 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.

4/10-11 - Hammock Trails - 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.

4/10-12 - After School Science Series: Cool To Conserve - at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Earth is an amazing planet, huh? We'll explore how we can help keep it clean and healthy. Now that's really cool! 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.

Wednesday - 4/11 - Kindermusik with Ms. Cathy at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail,

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4/11 - 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 YS area. Registration required. Held again 4/18, 25 & 5/2. 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration required. 393-7968.

4/11 - 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.

4/11 - 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.

4/11 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Held every Wednesday. First class is free. 8 classes: \$32/residents, \$40/non-residents. 16 classes: \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 2-3 pm. 347-3950.

4/11 - Creating Mosaics Class at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 7-15. This six-class course runs Wednesdays through 5/16. Materials fee: \$20. 3-5 pm. \$95/resident; \$118.75/non-resident. 347-3900.

4/11 - Tai Chi Classes - Wednesdays at the Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Learn to enhance your 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.

4/11 - Mind/Body Development with Karate at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Chris teaches 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.

4/11 - Dog Obedience Classes at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton. This six-week session runs through 5/16. Two sessions: puppy Kindergarten: dogs 10 weeks-5 months old, 6:30-7:30 pm; beginner dog class, 7:30-8:30 pm. \$85/residents, \$106/non-residents.

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

4/11 - Judo Class - Wednesdays at the Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Two sessions: Mixed ages & ranks: 6:30-8 pm; Advanced: 8-9 pm. Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807.

4/12 - Kindermusik with Ms. Cathy at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 4 yrs. and under. Through interactive classes, children explore rhythm, melody and other musical building blocks. Children learn by singing, playing instruments, and dancing. Twelve-week session runs Thursdays through 6/28 (no class 3/21). Ages up to 16 months: 9:30-10:15 am; 15 mos.-2.5 yrs.: 10:30-11:15 am; 16 mos.-4 yrs.: 11:30-12:15 pm. \$192/resident, \$240/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

4/12 - 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 4/19, 26, 5/3. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

4/12 - Lunch 'N Learn - Presented by Chabad of East Boca Raton at Fran's Chicken Haven, 1925 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Textual study of the weekly Torah portion with delicious dairy lunch. Held every Thursday. Noon-1 pm. Free. 361-3939 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

4/12 - Kids' Class: Family Time at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 0-7. This 12-class course runs Thursdays through 6/28. 4-4:45 pm. \$192/resident; \$240/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

4/12 - Craft Time for ages 4 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.

4/12 - 2nd Annual Celebration of 'Old Delray' Cocktails on the Beach is presented by The Delray Beach Historical Society at Colony Cabana Club, 1801 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. 6-8 pm. \$45. RSVP: 274-9578

4/12 - The Sixty-eight Rooms by Marianne Malone - 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.

4/12 - Thursday Movie Classics: The Adjustment Bureau 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.

4/12 - Palm Beach Watercolor Society General Meeting at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month, October thru May. 6:30 pm. \$2/suggested donation. 416-9600.

4/12 - FAU Symphony Band at FAU's Boca Raton campus, University Theatre, 777 Glades Road. Bold and brassy band blockbusters conducted by the Director of the Marching Owls, along with chamber music from FAU's graduate students. 7 pm. \$10 suggested donation. 297-3853 or www.fau.edu/music.

4/12 - Hot Jazz At the Grille: Blues Therapy and Jazz-Doctors of Rhythm and Blues at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. 7:30-10:30 pm. \$10/including one house drink. 912-0000 or www.paviliongrille.com.

4/12-14 - Biscuit Fest 2012 at The Funky Biscuit at Royal Palm Place, 303 SE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Featuring Roomful of Blues, The Lee Boys and Jimmy Thackery & The Drivers. 8 pm nightly. 3-day general admission: \$35; daily: \$15/advance; \$18/at the door. 395-2929.

4/12-15 - Sweet Charity is performed by Spanish River High School, 5100 Jog Road, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm: 4/12, 7 pm: 4/13&14, 2 pm: 4/15. \$15/general and \$10/student. 241-2020.

Friday - 4/13 - Movie Time at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Come and enjoy a new movie every week. Held every Friday. 1 pm. Free. 278-5455.

4/13 - 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. 3-5 pm. Free. Reservations required: 338-1542 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

4/13 - Executive Forum Lecture Series: Manuel Medina at FAU's Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, Room 101, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Guest speaker Manuel Medina, FAU alumnus and chairman and chief executive officer of Medina Capital Partners. 5:30-7 pm. Free. RSVP online at www.business.fau.edu/executiveforum or 297-0927.

4/13 - Friday Evening Social at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Meet and greet the directors, teachers and actors. Theatre games, social time, and summer camp orientation information. Includes refreshments. 6-8 pm. Free. 447-8829.

4/13 - Concert: Jazz Band at FAU's Boca Raton campus, University Theatre, 777 Glades Road. Playing jazz standards and new works for big band, the popular FAU Jazz Band will once again bring the house down with exciting music, gifted soloists, and a passion for America's music. 7 pm. \$10 suggested donation. 297-3853 or www.fau.edu/music.

4/13-14 - Rent! at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Held again 4/20-22 only Sunday performance is 4/22.ms. F & Sat.: 7 pm; Sun.: 2

Green Markets

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

GreenMarket Pompano Beach at Flagler Avenue and NE First Street, Pompano Beach. 8 am-1 pm. Opening day ceremonies will take place at 10:30 am and will feature the traditional "pepper ribbon" cutting. (954) 782-3015 or www.pompanohistory.com/phc/market.

Boca Raton GreenMarket is held each Wednesday at Glades Plaza, Glades Road at 19th Street. 4-7 pm. Free. 368-6875 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

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

pm. \$22/adults, \$18/seniors & students. 394-2626 or www.ShowtimeBoca.com.

4/13-15 - 50th Annual Delray Affair at Old School Square grounds and along Atlantic Ave. from NW 1st Ave. to Veteran's Park at the Intracoastal bridge. One of Florida's largest art and craft festivals with over 600 fine art, craft, business, food and beverage booths. Presented by the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce. F & Sat.: 10 am-6 pm; Sun.: 10 am-5 pm. Free. 278-0424 or www.delrayaffair.com.

4/13-15 - Dangerous Liaisons by Christopher Hampton is presented by Florida Atlantic University's department of theater at Studio One on the FAU Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road. Held again 4/20-22. F & Sat.: 7 pm; Sun.: 1 pm; 4/21-22: 1 pm. \$20/general admission, \$16/faculty and staff, \$12/FAU students. 800-564-9539.

Saturday - 4/14 - Children's Nature Series: Bees at Daggerring Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Parents, bring your little ones to experience exciting nature topics. Stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks and crafts. Ages 3-6. 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/child. Reservations required. 629-8760.

4/14 - Rio (G) - Presented as part of Tween Movie Mania at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 N.W. Boca Raton Blvd. For age 9-12. Includes free pizza and drinks. Noon-2 pm. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org

4/14 - Art-E-Ology: Will Barnet, Printmaking 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.

4/14 - Concert: A Wild Spring Journey is performed by the Florida Atlantic University Symphony Orchestra at the University Theatre, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Music by Aaron Copland, Bedrich Smetana, Jean Sibilious and FAU's own Stuart Glazer and Irish composer Michael McGlynn. 7 pm. \$10/suggested donation. 297-3853.

4/14 - 17th Annual Sunshine State Classic Step Show at the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium at the University Center on FAU's Boca Raton camps, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Mature content - age 16+. 8 pm. \$10. 877-311-7469 or www.fauvents.com.

4/14 - Daughtry - Presented by AEG Live at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$40-\$70. 393-7703.

APRIL 15-21

Sunday - 4/15 - Auditions for Summer Theatre Festival 2012 at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Auditions are by appointment only. Looking for actors aged 10 and older for a minimum cast of 10. All roles are available. Performances begin in July. Held again 4/22. 9 am-noon. To schedule an audition, call 447-8829 or e-mail solchildtroupe@aol.com.

4/14 - Art Film - Will Barnet: Tracing the Soul of the Work (2010) at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Held again 4/18 & 21. 2 pm. Free with paid Museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

4/15 - Play it Again, Sam starring Kelly Dow and Julie Davis at the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Featuring music of the Hollywood Golden Age by Davis and Dow. 2 pm. \$17. 347-3900.

4/15 - FAU Combos: Jazz at Coyote Jack's at Coyote Jack's in the Florida Atlantic University Student Union, 777 Glades Road. 5 pm. Free. 297-3853 or www.fau.edu/music

4/15 - The Music and Times of Louis Armstrong and Kurt Weill - Presented as part of the Live at Lynn Jazz Series at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Although they were born just a few months apart, Louis Armstrong and Kurt Weill were oceans apart in geography and in culture. Fortunately their lives and destinies

met in mid-century when Weill and his wife, Lotti Lenya, immigrated to this country and became fans of Armstrong, who in turn became enamored of Weill's "Mack The Knife." 4 pm. \$25-\$40. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

Monday - 4/16 - Early Afternoon Explorers: Botany Bonanza 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.

4/16 - Just for 6-8's: Reading Adventure 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.

4/16 - Beginner Dog Obedience Class at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton. This six-week session runs through 5/21. 6-7 pm. \$85/residents, \$106/non-residents. 393-7807.

4/16 - Intermediate /Games II Dog Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Six-week session runs through 5/21. Classes are held outside on the basketball court behind the Community Center. 7-8 pm. \$85/residents, \$106/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

Tuesday - 4/17 - History Tour of the Boca Raton Resort & Club is presented by the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Enjoy learning about Boca Raton's most historic building, Addison Mizner's Cloister Inn, which is the original portion of the famous Boca Raton Resort & Club. This 1.5 walking tour takes you on a historical journey through the Resort's past. Not recommended for children under age 12. 2 pm. \$15/person; \$12/Boca Raton Historical Society members; \$10/valet fee. Reservations required. 395-6766 Ext. 100.

4/17 - Tahitian Dance Workshop at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Tahitian dance is a strenuous-hypnotic dance, good for the figure and a great deal of fun. Movements are from the waist down, while the waist remains stationary. This four-week course run Tuesdays through 5/8. 2:15-3 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. 367-7035.

4/17 - Seining the Lagoon at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Explore the grasses and flats of the Intracoastal Waterway behind Gumbo Limbo. Ages 10 to adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-5 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 338-1542 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

4/17 - 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.

4/17 - Concert: The Johnny Varro Swing 7 at the Spanish River Performing Arts Center, 2400 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Presented by the Swing and Jazz Preservation Society. 7:30-10 pm. \$18/members; \$26/non-members. 499-9976.

Wednesday - 4/18 - Beach Treasures - Meet for an introductory talk about seashells and the animals that make them at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, then caravan over to Red Reef Park, 1400 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton, to walk the beach in search of ocean treasures. Open to all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-5 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 338-1542 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

4/18 - Defamation: 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.

4/18 - 3rd Annual Fine Wines and Canines at the Royal Palm Place Monument Piazza, 308 S. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. A social tasting to benefit PROPEL - People Reaching Out to Provide Education and Leadership - with a variety of wineries and appetizers from area

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The Junior League of Boca Raton's 40th Anniversary Celebration is April 13 at the Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club in Boca Raton. Enjoy dinner and open bar, dance to live entertainment and take a trip down memory lane as tribute is paid to the past four decades of Junior League history and community impact. The event is open to all JLBR members — past and present — and to the community. The evening starts at 7 p.m. and tickets are available for \$125 per person at JLBR.org or by calling 620-2553. Above: 40th Anniversary Task Force members Kristin Calder, Kathy Adkins and Nicole Mugavero. Photo provided

restaurants. This event is Dog Friendly - feel free to bring your favorite dot to participate in the event at no additional charge. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$25/advance, \$35/at the door. 955-8553.

4/18 - Belly Dance Class with Maja at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. This six-week course run Wednesdays through 5/23. Two sessions available: Beginners: 5:30-6:30 pm; Intermediate: 6:45-7:45 pm. \$65/residents, \$81/non-residents. 367-7035.

4/18 - 4th Annual Proper Affair is held at Boca Raton Resort and Club, 501 East Camino Real, to benefit Achievement Centers for Children & Families. Enjoy gourmet food, Boston Proper runway show and silent auction at 'cocktail party'-style event. 6:30-9 pm. \$150. 266-0003.

4/18 - Eco-Watch: Get on the Environmental Cutting Edge - Presented as part of the Lecture Series at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Presented by James A. Powell, PhD, Executive Director of Sea to Shore Alliance. Recommended for ages 14 and up, children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 7-8:30 pm. \$5 suggested donation. Reservations not required. 338-1542 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

4/18 - Boca Raton's Jewish Community: A Brief History - Presented by Devon Gladstone at the Boca Raton Historical Society, Old Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Hwy. 7-8:30 pm. \$5/non-members; free/Boca Raton Historical Society members. Reservations required. 395-6766 ext. 101 or www.bocahistory.org.

4/18 - Eco-Watch: Mermaids & Manatees in Florida - Presented as part of the Lecture Series at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Presented by James A. Powell, PhD, Executive Director, Sea to Shore Alliance. Recommended for ages 14 and up, children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 7-8:30 pm. \$5 suggested donation. Reservations accepted but not required. 338-1542 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

Thursday - 4/19 - Yom HaShoah Commemoration at the Highland Beach Library, 3450 S. Ocean Blvd. Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, remembers the 6 million Jews who were murdered during the Holocaust as well as the experiences of those who survived. The film, "La France Divisée," will be shown. In it survivors, rescuers, resistance members and historians are interviewed. Discussion to follow. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

4/19 - Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony is hosted by Hospice of Palm Beach County at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Keynote speaker is Hospice physician, Karen Klapper, whose parents were concentration camp survivors. Refreshments served following memorial ceremony. 2 pm. Free. 848-5200 or www.hpbcc.com.

4/19 - Realistic Drawing & Painting Class at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This four-class session runs through 5/10. For ages 18 & up. 2-4:30 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 347-3900.

4/19 - Executive Forum Lecture Series: Laurie Silvers at FAU's Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, Room 101, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Guest speaker Laurie Silvers, president of Hollywood Media Corporation. Presented by FAU's College of Business. Each week, the speakers will provide a brief overview of their individual businesses, as well as other professional experience, followed by a

discussion of key issues facing their industries, businesses or the business climate in general. 5:30-7 pm. Free. RSVP online at www.business.fau.edu/executiveforum or 297-0927.

4/19 - American Fine Wine Competition Gala Dinner at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Event features a Sparklin Reception, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, live entertainment and guest appearance by Emeril Lagasse, Late Night with David Letterman announcer Alan Kalter and entertainment by Dayve Stewart and the Vibe. Some proceeds will be donated to the Diabetes Research Institute and The Golden Bell Education Foundation. 6-11 pm. \$300. 504-8463.

4/19 - Craft Crew: Cupcake Wars - Kids ages 9-14 can unleash their creativity at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Show off your cupcake decorating techniques. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration required. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

4/19 - Hot Jazz At the Grille: Joe Donato Quartet with Drummer Danny Berger at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. 7:30-10:30 pm. \$10/includes one house drink. 912-0000 or www.paviliongrille.com.

4/19-23 - The Nature of St. Augustine - Spring trip presented by Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. This trip to Florida's northeastern coast features the nature treasures that welcomed earlier visitors. \$470-\$495/double occupancy, \$680-\$705/single room occupancy. The cost covers all tours and guides, applicable fees and tips, 4 nights lodging, daily breakfast, two lunches, and two dinners. The cost does not include transportation nor does it cover other meals not stipulated in the itinerary. For adults only. Pre-trip informational meeting at Gumbo Limbo 3 pm 4/15. For reservations and information, contact Nancy Leeds at 338-0890 or Judy Wells at 392-6438, or www.gumbolimbo.org.

Friday - 4/20 - 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.

4/20 - Boca Express Train Museum Tour at the FEC Railway Station, Count de Hoernle Pavilion, 747 S. Dixie Hwy. Enjoy a guided tour of two 1947 Seaboard Air Line streamliners. Both listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the dining and lounge rail cars have been restored to their original splendor and deliver a nostalgic look at the glamorous day of train travel. Held the first Friday of every month through 4/21. 1-4 pm. \$5/adults, \$2/children 6-12 years, Free/children under 6 years and Boca Raton Historical Society members. 395-6766 Ext. 100 or www.bocahistory.org.

4/20 - Commercial Music Ensemble/World Music Ensemble at FAU's Boca Raton campus, University Theatre, 777 Glades Road, The World Music Ensemble and Commercial Music Ensemble present an eclectic combination of works that represent the very latest in music trends. 7-9 pm. \$10 suggested donation. 297-3853 or www.fau.edu/music.

Saturday - 4/21 - The Great American Clean-up - Meet at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. 8 am. Free. 243-7277 or www.sandowayhouse.org.

4/21 - Workshop: Cultivating Patience in our Busy Lives: Removing Personal Obstacles - Presented as part of the Peaceful Mind/Peaceful World Series at FAU Senate Chambers, Student Union, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. In this workshop we will share

how Daily Spiritual Practices help us cultivate the patience it takes to look at our lives and to understand the personal obstacles that prevent us from being the person we are meant to be. Held again 6-8:30 pm 4/24. 9:30 am-12:30 pm. \$15. 297-2337 or www.fauf.org/peaceful.

4/21 - Mangrove Paddle - Enjoy a naturalist guided tour from the boardwalk at Rutherford Park, 600 NE 24th St., Boca Raton. Presented by the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Following the tour, paddle through the mangrove trails and back along the shoreline of the Intracoastal. Experience is necessary. Ages 7-adult, an adult must participate with each child. 10 am-noon. \$15/member, \$22/non-member. Reservations and pre-payment required: 338-1542.

4/21 - 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.

4/21 - RRR - Play a recycling game and see how much you can reuse at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Create a beautiful bag that will be used over and over again. For ages 7-11, adults must sign-in children, but do not have to stay. 1-2:30 pm. \$9/members, \$14/non-members - per child. Reservations and pre-payment required: 338-1542 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

4/21 - Gator Tales at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Go on adventures through stories, both fiction and non-fiction, about animals and nature. Ages 2-5 (older siblings welcome). 3:30-4 pm. \$2/child. 629-8760 or www.daggerwing.org.

4/21 - FAU Choral Ensembles at FAU's Boca Raton campus, University Theatre, 777 Glades, Rd. A showcase of exciting music presented by Cantemos, The Chamber Singers, and Women's Chorus. 7 pm. \$10 suggested donation. 297-3853 or www.fau.edu/music.

4/21 - A Brooklyn Reunion: Emil Stucchio & The Classics with The Mystics at the Top of the Bridge, 999 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Two shows: 7 pm & 10 pm. \$22-\$77. Advance purchase recommended. 800-385-8205.

4/21 - Jazz Concert Featuring Four 80 East at The Funky Biscuit, Royal Palm Place, 303 SE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Doors open 7pm; concert at 8 pm. \$12/advance ticket. 392-8920.

4/21 - Royal Flush: Music, For, By and About Royalty featuring the Master Chorale of South Florida with the Boca Raton Symphonia at Lynn University, Wold Center for the Performing Arts, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$35 adults; \$10/ students with ID. 954-418-6232.

APRIL 22-28

Sunday - 4/22 - 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.

4/22 - 4th Annual Pathway to the Stars at Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. A 2-hour variety show conceived and

produced by long time South Florida benefactor Flossy Keesley. 7 pm. 750-1668.

4/22 - Clean It Up Challenge - Presented as part of the Monthly Family Challenges Series at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Ages 5+ with parent/guardian. Each month the CSE will be hosting a friendly competition where families can put their skills to the test and work as a team to build, create, test and change up their weekend fun. Celebrate Earth Day by experimenting with water quality control. Oil spills and suspended particles never sounded so fun! 10:30 am-12:30. \$15/adult-child pair, \$5/each additional person. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

4/22 - Weekend Movie Madness: The Ant Bully 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.

4/22 - Amernet String Quartet at the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Amernet has garnered worldwide praise and recognition as one of today's exceptional string quartets. The ensemble has been in-residence at Florida International University since 2004. 2 pm. \$17. 347-3900.

4/22 - Mother and Daughter Garden Tea Party at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, Sculpture Garden, 501 Plaza Real. Join hosts Catherine, Hannah, Brinton and Grace Coombs as we celebrate Earth Day with a traditional garden tea party followed by a tour of Misako Inaoka's whimsical environments featuring a delicate union of nature and technology. 2:30-4:30 pm. \$40/adults, \$15/children under 12. Advance reservation and payment required.

392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

4/22 - FAU Wind Ensemble: Into The Future at FAU's Boca Raton campus, University Theatre, 777 Glades, Road. Featuring FAU's trumpet professor Brian Stanley and the music of FAU Professor of Composition Stuart Glazer, the last performance of the season includes guest composer Steven Bryant's new Anthem and Ecstatic Waters, a new work for wind band and computer generated sounds. 3 pm. \$10 suggested donation. 297-3853.

4/23 - Better Than Damn Good by Stuart Meltzer - A premier reading presented by Parade Productions at The Studio at Mizner Park, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$12. 291-9678 or www.paradeproductions.org.

Tuesday - 4/24 - Cultivating Patience in our Busy Lives: Removing Personal Obstacles is presented as part of the Peaceful Mind/Peaceful World series of Florida Atlantic University's Peace Studies Program held in the Senate Chambers of the Student Union on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road. 9:30 am-12:30 pm. \$25/includes lunch. Limited seating. Registration: 297-2337.

4/24 - Stroller Tours at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Lively gallery tours of the museum's collections and exhibitions are offered to new parents/grandparents/caregivers with their young ones (19 months and younger) on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Reservations recommended. 10-11 am. Free with paid museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

4/24 - Book Club: Sister Carrie by Theodore Dreiser is presented by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd.

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4/24 - 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 six-week course run Tuesdays through 5/29. 1-2 pm. \$36/residents, \$45/non-residents. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

4/24 - Cartooning and Drawing Class at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Learn basic cartooning techniques and simple line drawing and shading. This six-class session runs through 5/29. For ages 7-15. 4-5:30 pm. \$52/resident; \$65/non-resident. 347-3900.

Wednesday - 4/25 - Senses of Cinema Presents Film for Thought Class at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 18+. This five-session series held Wednesdays through 5/23. 10 am-12:45 pm. Individual classes: Per week: \$12/resident, \$15/non-resident; 5-week series: \$50/resident, \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3900.

4/25 - Beginners Line Dancing with Norma at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. This six-week course run Wednesdays through 5/30. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$36/residents, \$45/non-residents. 367-7035.

Thursday - 4/26 - 11th Annual Men With Caring Hearts Awards Luncheon at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Luncheon gives non-profit organizations an opportunity to provide community-wide recognition and thank (male) volunteers who have given time, talent, energy, and resources to make life better for others

in Palm Beach County. 11:30 am. \$100/ticket. 391-7274 Ext. 128 or www.ffdc.org.

4/26 - Will Barnet: Curator's Highlight Tour at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Senior Curator Wendy Blazier presents an informative gallery tour focusing on the current exhibition. 2:30-4 pm. Free with paid Museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free/children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

4/26 - 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. No registration necessary. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

4/26 - Hot Jazz At the Grille: Steve Leeds Quartet at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. 7:30-10:30 pm. \$10/including one house drink. 912-0000.

Friday - 4/27 - Memories, Milestones and Memoirs is taught by Emily Rosen as part of The Writing Workshop at the Center for Group Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. Held three Fridays from 10 am-12:30 pm: 4/27, 5/4 & 5/11. Must use computer. \$60. 483-5300.

4/27 - Special: Dia de los niños / Dia de los libros - Bi-lingual children's day/book day at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For all ages, children 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-4:15 pm. Free. Registration required. 393-7968.

4/27 - 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. All children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. 8 pm. Free. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

4/27 - T.G.I. Shabbat at Chabad of East Boca, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Features singing, a Chassidic tale and the chance to meet some wonderful new people. 8 pm. \$25/adults, \$12/children ages 3-12. 417-7797.

4/27-28 - Dances We Dance Spring Showcase at FAU's University Theatre, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Features students in dance classes and dance clubs performing dances created by faculty, students, and guest choreographers. F&Sat.: 7 pm; Sat.: 1 pm. \$10. 877-311-7469 or www.fauvents.com.

4/27-29 - Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill at The Willow Theatre, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. A mock performance of Billie Holiday's last show at a famous Philadelphia night club. Rated R. F&Sat.: 8 pm; Sat.& Sun.: 2pm. \$15, \$10 Friday for students with ID. 347-3948 or www.willowtheatre.org.

Saturday - 4/28 - The Great American Beach Cleanup - An annual beach cleanup, as part of a national effort to beautify the nation. Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc. is coordinating local efforts, and will provide gloves, trash bags and other supplies. 8- 11 am. All ages. An adult must sign-up and participate with children. Adults MUST participate with children under the age of 18. You will NOT be meeting at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Pre-registration required, at which time you will be given additional information. Space limited. Free. 561-338-1542. Email Susan Elliott at selliot@myboca.us to register.

4/28 - Undergraduate Open House for perspective day undergraduate students at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall in the de Hoernle International Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Talk to current

students, deans and program chairs. 10 am-2 pm. Free. 237-7900.

4/28 - Slow Art Day at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Slow Art Day reveals the secret that most in the art community already know: In order to truly uncover the meaning behind a work of art, you need to pay slow and careful attention. Noon-5 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free/children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

4/28 - Realistic Drawing/Painting Instruction Class at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. This four-week course run Saturdays through 5/19. 12:30-2:30 pm. \$65/residents, \$81/non-residents. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

4/28 - Middle School Dance Party at the Sugar Sand Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Features a live DJ and free raffles. Presented by the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District & The City of Boca Raton Recreational Services Department. Once students have entered, they must stay in the building until the dance is over. School ID, report card, or other proof of attending a middle school is required. 7:30-10 pm. Admission \$5. 347-3908 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

4/28 - Lynn Philharmonia: A Tribute to Symphony & Jazz at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Featuring guest conductor Jon Robertson. Bring blankets, chairs and picnic baskets and enjoy an evening of spectacular music. 7:30-9:30 pm. Free. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

4/28 - Annual Earth Day Celebration at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access

Road, Boca Raton. Parents, bring your little ones to experience exciting nature topics. Programs may include activities such as: stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, and crafts. 10 am-3 pm. Free. 629-8760.

APRIL 29-MAY 5

Sunday - 4/29 - Barefoot By The Sea at Sandway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Presented by the Historical Society of Palm Beach County and the Delray Beach Historical Society. Featuring Michael Bornstein as the Barefoot Mailman, arts and crafts, a treasure hunt on the beach, live reggae music by Delray local Adam Barnes, a Historic Barefoot Mailman walk and more. 11 am-2 pm. \$10, free/children 3 & under. 832-4164 ext. 103.

4/29 - Passport to the Past - Join an exploration into Palm Beach County's rich cultural past at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Presented by Gumbo Limbo Nature Center and the Florida Public Archaeology Network. Featuring presentations, kids' activities, and interactive exhibits. For all ages. Noon-4 pm. Free. No reservations required. 338-1542.

4/29 - Neil Zirconia: The Ultimate Faux Diamond at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Featuring "A Taste of New York Buffet" with NY Deli Carving Station, Pasta Station and Chinatown Station. Dinner: 6-8 pm; Showtime: 7-10 pm. \$35.95 plus tax/tip. Reservations: 912-0000.

Monday - 4/30 - Jon Spelman: Shakespeare, Lincoln, Frankenstein and Me - 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.

5/2 - Eco-Watch: Sea turtle Research and Conservation in Boca Raton - Presented as part of the Lecture Series at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Presented by Kirt Rusenko, PhD, Marine Conservationist, City of Boca Raton/Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 7-8:30 pm. \$5 suggested donation. 338-1542.

Thursday - 5/3 - Art Tales at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Tots and caregivers are encouraged to come and enjoy story time with a Museum twist. Reservations recommended. 10:30-11:30 am. Free with paid Museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

5/3 - Sumi-e Ink Painting Floral & Landscape Classes - Students learn this form of Japanese ink painting at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. These four-week courses begin with a review of basic techniques and then students are guided as they create paintings of floral subjects or landscapes. Advance registration required. Class held again 5/10, 17 & 24. Floral/10:30 am-12:30 pm, Landscape/1:30-3:30. \$55/members, \$60/non-members. 495-0233 Ext. 237.

5/3 - Soul Surfer (PG) is presented as part of Teen Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 13-17. 6-8 pm. Free and includes free pizza & soda. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

5/4 - Friday Night Live: Sock Hop/Boca Bop - Presented at Sanborn Square, 75 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. On the first Friday of every month, the Friday Night Live series will fill parts of Downtown Boca, showcasing live themed entertainment, gourmet food trucks and more. 6:30 pm, live entertainment begins 7:30 pm. Free. 367-7070 or www.downtownboca.org.

Saturday - 5/5 - Art-E-Ology: Red Grooms, 3-D Rooms 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.

5/5 - The Kentucky Derby Goes Pink - Presented by the Ellman Foundation at Bogart's Bar & Grill, 3200 Airport Road, Boca Raton. Benefiting the Go Pink Challenge, which supports the Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. Enjoy dinner by the bite, cocktails, gaming, derby wagers and a chinese raffle while watching the 138th Run for the Roses on the big screen. 4-7:30 pm. \$100. 955-4142.

5/5 - Class of 2012 in Concert - Presented by The Conservatory of Music at Lynn University at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, de Hoernle International Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. A salute to the graduating class as they captivate us one last time with a final serenade to the patrons who have supported them in their pursuit of musical mastery. 7:30 pm. \$10. 237-9000.

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Mahogany floors and fine millwork carry through the entire residence.



Dockage for multiple yachts and 222 feet of serene Intracoastal frontage make this haven a yachtsman's paradise.

West Indies style on the Intracoastal in Boca Raton

One of Boca Raton's sensational Intracoastal properties is to be found in the coveted Northeast Fifth Avenue estate area. Built on 1.62 acres, the property is accessed via a gated entrance leading through a meandering, shellstone-embedded drive complete with a specimen tree-canopied landscape.



The main living level is accessed by a dramatic staircase. There also is an elevator.

Ultimately, you come to the grand, yet inviting, tropically-inspired residence fronting on 222 feet of "no wake zone" deep water, just minutes from the Boca Inlet.

The property's overall design was conceived by Affiniti Architects, AIA (Boca Raton) who planned the entire plot, including an integration of a vintage boathouse on the site, originally built to house construction vessels for the U.S. Coast Guard. The extensive renovation and transformation of the former one-story CBS home was completed by Bloomfield Construction (Boca Raton) in 2009, into the two-story luxury resort compound it is today.

The casual elegance of this 18,707-square-foot home has top-of-the-line detailing and amenities. Seven bedrooms, eight full and three half baths, four-bay garage with additional three-bay covered parking spots, along with a separate guest house and covered boat slip complete this incredible historic reinterpretation of an old Florida landmark.

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ABOVE: A free-form grotto pool with waterfalls and spa is surrounded by coquina-clad waterfront patios.



LEFT: The chef's kitchen features furniture-quality cabinetry, granite counters and butcher-block island.

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