

End of Season



Pipers serenade club guest Susan Tomenson April 14 as part of the Founder's Day End of Season celebration at St. Andrews Club. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

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Manalapan

Officials spar over talks to replace town police with sheriff

Officers have been working without a contract for 2 years

By Steve Plunkett

The proposal to switch police services to the county sheriff got Manalapan neighbors talking, but town commissioners fear much of what's being said is wrong.

"We are suffering from a dearth of facts. We are suffocating under a barrage of views and misinformation," Vice Mayor Donald Brennan said at the April 24 commission meeting, a day after a standing-room-only workshop.



Commissioners ordered Town Manager Linda Stumpf and Police Chief Carmen Mattox to report back on where Manalapan is now, what security issues it faces now and going forward, and if there is a gap, how the town can fill it and how much will it cost.

Mayor Basil Diamond summarized the options: Go with the Sheriff's Office, which says it can do the job for \$1.17 million a year, or stick with the Police Department, which has a \$1.4 million budget this year.

Other possibilities Diamond included were increasing the number of Manalapan officers, increasing their compensation and adding a beach and marine patrol. Other issues include whether to hire a consultant, whether to put the proposal up for a vote by residents, or whether to postpone the matter until October.

"There isn't a point in having another workshop just to do what we did yesterday," Diamond said.

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Celebrating Our History

Playhouse set to raise curtain on 60th season

By Ron Hayes

On Dec. 1, 1953, somebody in Lake Worth said, "Let's put on a show!"

Six decades later, the Lake Worth Playhouse is still putting on shows.

That first production was *Springtime For Henry*, and theater-goers had to climb three flights of stairs to the City Hall auditorium to enjoy the 1931 farce in non-air-conditioned discomfort. There wasn't a lot to do here in 1953.

When the curtain opens on the community theater's 60th anniversary season July 5, playgoers will see *Hairspray*, followed by *The King & I*, *The 1940s Radio Hour*, *The Drowsy*

Chaperone, *The Foreigner* and finally, *Barnum*.

In the 60 years between *Henry and Hairspray*, the Playhouse has produced 340 plays and musicals — everything from *A Streetcar Named Desire* to *The Odd Couple*, *Annie Get Your Gun* to *Annie*.

And the audiences have kept coming, so loyal that in 1975 the theater bought the 1924 Oakley Theatre building at 713 Lake Ave. for \$60,000 and renovated it with a \$15,000 Bicentennial grant. The first play in the new home — the oldest building registered by the county's Art Deco Society — was *The Last of Mrs. Lincoln*.

"This is not Mom and Pop putting together a

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Workers install the sign at the Lake Worth Playhouse in 1975. Courtesy of the Lake Worth Playhouse

Hurricane Season

Better forecast tools lead to new evacuation standards

By Tim O'Meilia

The next time a minimal hurricane threatens to slosh ashore in south Palm Beach County, most coastal residents won't be ordered to flee.

In fact, evacuation of the barrier islands from the Palm Beach Inlet to Boca Raton

No more coastal evacuation required in Category 1 storms

won't be considered until a storm puffs itself up to Category 2 strength with the threat of a strong storm surge. Across Palm Beach County,

that means that nearly 138,000 people who in the past would have been encouraged to find other shelter in a Category 1 hurricane can now stay home and ride out the storm.

The exceptions are those who live in mobile homes — that's you, Briny Breezes residents — substandard

housing or in extremely flood-prone areas. They still will be ordered to leave by emergency officials.

"We don't want to unnecessarily evacuate anyone," said county Emergency Manager Bill Johnson. "With evacuation,

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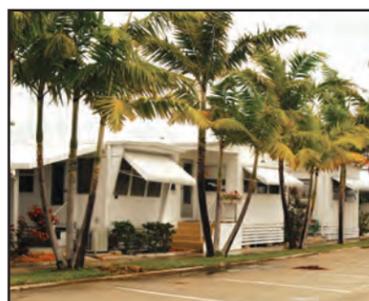
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Barbara D'Errico is retiring after 20 years of supervising the Briny Breezes Memorial Chimes. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Editor's Note

Stay up-to-date over the summer

School is still in session, but the auto transport trucks have been loading up for weeks and the clubs have been busy with their end-of-season gatherings.

Summer must be just around the corner.

You may think those of us who stay here during the summer months will be taking it easy, sipping piña coladas poolside while you're away. Sounds good, but instead many of us will be busily involved as our towns make decisions that ultimately may have an impact on your winter lifestyle.

Preliminary property tax numbers will soon be shared with towns and final numbers will be available by July 1. Budget hearings typically begin soon after, as these numbers tell our towns how much money they can expect to fill their coffers in the coming year. As a result, most municipal planning decisions happen over the summer in the wake of these state-

required budget deadlines.

Manalapan, Ocean Ridge and our neighbors in Boynton Beach have recently requested proposals from the Sheriff's Office that may save our towns money — while also changing our "Mayberry by the Sea" character. Faced with the fiduciary responsibility of their elected positions, our councilmen and women have some tough decisions to make.

It is important to have your voice heard on your town's budget, and to be informed when you do. You can stay up-to-date on budgets and other issues with *The Coastal Star* in either of two easy ways: by mail (our subscription form is on Page 26) or online at www.thecoastalstar.com.

We'll be around all summer. We hope you'll stay in touch — and informed.



— Mary Kate Leming
Editor,
The Coastal Star

Correction

Because of a reporting error, *The Coastal Star* incorrectly reported that Greenacres has a contract with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for police services. The error appeared in the April edition in a story about a Sheriff's Office proposal to Ocean Ridge.

A chimed existence: Briny rings in a new conductor for memorial bells

By Ron Hayes

Ring out the old! Ring in the new!

Barbara D'Errico had just moved to the community in 1992 when she offered to serve on the committee that oversees the Briny Breezes Memorial Chimes. Twenty years later, she's stepping aside to welcome a new belle of the bells. "I'm 80 years old," says D'Errico. "It's time for new blood."

The new blood is Nancy Aceto, 56, a third-generation Brinyite who inherits a memorial fund that has seen residents' donations transform a primitive loudspeaker system into a sophisticated electronic carillon.

Six days a week, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., the park's electronic bells chime the hour.

Sunday mornings they call the faithful to nondenominational church services. And every day at noon and 6 p.m. three familiar melodies echo over the park — maybe Beethoven, maybe the Beatles. Maybe the Notre Dame fight song.

"Most people request *Danny Boy*," says D'Errico. "We have a small group of Irish people here who are very proud of their heritage."

Long before *Danny Boy* rang from the roof of the auditorium, back when Briny Breezes was little more than a seasonal campground, residents were summoned to Sunday services or the office's single telephone over a loudspeaker positioned in the trees.



The Briny Breezes Memorial Chimes ring out from this electronic equipment.

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Aceto

Brinyite who inherits a memorial fund that has seen residents' donations transform a primitive loudspeaker system into a sophisticated electronic carillon.

"Mr. Jones, you have a call!" That system was disconnected in 1971 to eliminate the overhead wiring, and swiftly missed. Sunday wasn't Sunday without the sound of music. One day, Abe VanOosten, a director, and resident Charles Stimets were lamenting the loss.

Beginning in the early 1960s, a memorial fund collected donations in memory of departed loved ones.

Over the years about \$500 had been raised, and none of it spent. They decided to spend some.

Stimets bought a tape recorder and rigged it to play music through a new loudspeaker on the auditorium's roof, the wiring underground.

Stimets was named trustee for life, and held the post until 1997, when he returned permanently to Vermont and D'Errico took his place.

His system endured until November 2011, when residents' generous donations replaced the old analog tape recorder backstage in the auditorium with a brand-new Schulmerich Bells Digital

Auto-Bell Instrument with Digital Signal Processor. Oh, what a difference \$16,272.70 makes!

In addition to the hourly chimes, digital memory cards hold about 2,000 songs, of which D'Errico has programmed about 300 to play in three- or four-day intervals.

Sunday mornings still ring with sacred music, but now Christmas carols echo each December, Irving Berlin's *Easter Parade* each spring, *Stars and Stripes Forever* on the Fourth of July and college fight songs during football season.

"Personally, I love *September Song*," says D'Errico.

Donors to the memorial fund are welcome to make requests, she says, but few do. The family in whose name the gift is made receives a gold-embossed card, the donor a thank-you note.

Now Nancy Aceto, who favors show tunes, will take the donations and sign the cards.

"I'm honored," she says. "But Barbara's promised to be my consultant."

Incidentally, the electronic bells that chime the hour in this tiny mobile home community are a digital recreation of a slightly more famous bell hanging in a clock tower high above London's Houses of Parliament.

Yes, England can take pride in the knowledge that Big Ben plays the same tune as the Briny Breezes chimes.

And don't worry about Barbara D'Errico. The bell has tolled on her trustee years, but she won't be without music. Her cell phone plays the opening bars of Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony*. ★

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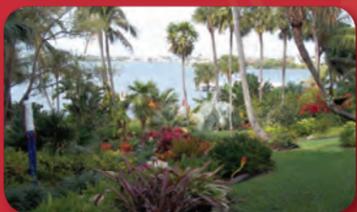
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Local Voices

Business and building owners have big, green opportunity

Residents of Lantana, Ocean Ridge, Haverhill, Lake Worth and Boynton Beach have a right to be very, very proud of their communities. They've sought private-sector partners, found grants and made energy conservation rebates available to their residents — and now their businesses.

We're trying to get something going. Something to create jobs. Something to improve the environment and something that makes a difference in our communities.

Our rebate program is coming to a close. We have returned over \$108,000 to our residents through it. Our contractors helped engage residents, and our residents made smart purchases for air-conditioning units, insulation and programmable thermostats. And, we're just getting started.

In May, Florida Green Energy Works, along with Lantana, the Greater Boynton Beach Chamber and the Central Palm Beach County Chamber,

is hosting workshops in two locations, aimed at helping businesses and property owners save money.

At these Clean Energy Financing workshops, businesses can learn about a new opportunity, called PACE, or Property-Assessed Clean Energy. PACE provides businesses with up-front funding to help pay for energy-efficient tools and renewable energy.

The Clean Energy Financing workshops will be held May 24 in Boynton Beach and May 25 in Lake Worth. All workshops are from 8-9 a.m., are free, and include breakfast. Seating is limited. Pre-registering is the only way to guarantee your seat.

If you own a business or a building in Palm Beach County, register today at www.FloridaGreenEnergyWorks.com/Workshops. For more information, call 855-FL-WORKS (855-359-6757).

David J. Stewart
Mayor, Town of Lantana

Consider donation to Koi Fund

The koi pond at the Ocean Ridge Town Hall requires constant attention to make sure the fish are healthy and happy. This means the lily plants must be maintained to provide the fish shelter from the sun and predators.

Both Claire Doherty and I spend our time maintaining the pond. We rely on donations to defray the expenses associated

with maintenance since the pond is not included in the town budget.

Without the kindness and compassion of our residents, the koi pond will not last. Please consider donating to the Koi Fund by contacting 523-5705 or 731-3335.

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Letters to the Editor

Police force worth extra in taxes

We moved to Ocean Ridge (twice) for several reasons: the unique character of the town compared to other barrier island communities, the small-town atmosphere and, most importantly, the availability of a local police and (in the past) fire/rescue force.

Transferring police protection to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is not what we want to see happen. The PBSO is a fine organization, already tasked with covering the largest geographic area of any county in Florida, and fighting serious crimes throughout the county.

In Ocean Ridge, we have a very low crime rate, almost entirely nonviolent.

We benefit from officers doing mundane things like dark-house checks, traffic patrols, high-visibility patrols

in our limited area and enforcement of solicitation laws that help protect our elderly citizens.

Regardless of commitments made in the PBSO offer, over time the ability to do these will abate as the PBSO is asked by the county to do more with less. Their mission will force them to prioritize more serious crimes over our mundane duties.

We realize no one likes to pay more taxes, but our Town Council was elected to do the right thing for the residents of Ocean Ridge, not just to save money. If the budget doesn't

balance, and there are no areas that can be trimmed, then explain this to the residents and ask for their support in raising taxes.

If the cause is good, we believe the residents will respond positively. This cause is good.

We can't get something for nothing. We should be willing to pay for things we need; and we need to appreciate the services we have. There is no place quite like Ocean Ridge; let's keep it "small" and "local."

Jim & Nancy Dunn
Ocean Ridge

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Along the Avenues

Old School Beerfest a fine debut for local brew

After a year in the making, and many more developing the concept, **Due South Brewing** is ready to begin pouring in earnest. With another weekend of positive reviews at **Delray's Old School Beerfest** on April 21, founder **Mike Halker** has begun production at South County's first commercial craft brewery.

"We'll have our grand opening on May 12," Halker said of his facility on High Ridge Road in Boynton Beach. "We'll be brewing five types to start."

Due South's monthly production of 3,500 gallons is barely a drop compared to voluminous Bud or Corona, but Halker is confident he can win over anyone who likes his beer with a little TLC. A caramel cream ale has been testing well, but Halker said Due South's Category IPA (India Pale Ale) also is going down nicely and hoppier Cat 4 and 5 versions are on the way.

A firm believer in the social benefits of beer and brewing, Halker also will pour samples from other craft brewers at the open house. To handle the demand, the 1,000-square-foot bar area is now stocked with samplers, 12-ounce short pour glasses, and a newly arrived shipment of 1,000 pints. For details on the open house, go to www.duesouthales.com.

Closer to Boynton's center, another surprise: **Cuthill's Backyard**. The mailing address, 511 NE Fourth St., is more like an alley, half a block west of Federal along the railroad tracks. As the website suggests, "Look for the green lite palms."

Formerly home to **Tiki Tavern**, it's pretty much an outdoor bar, with misting fans, a sizeable parking lot, a stage, lots of tables, beach sand and a kitchen in a glistening Airstream trailer.

But before you think greasy bar food, consider that all the food is fresh and locally grown. The Kobe beef sliders (3 for \$13) are certified Kobe. The sesame seared tuna steak (\$15) is brought in daily.

The stage stays busy with music just about daily. Recent acts included Grateful Dead tribute band **Crazy Fingers**, Allman Brothers tribute band **The Marshall Brothers** with special guest **Mike Allman** (Greg's son) and country star **Amber Leigh**.

But the mysterious **R.H. Cuthill** has bigger plans. Out front on Federal in a small storefront, he plans a fine-dining restaurant. To the north of the bar, he plans a wine bar, a Mexican restaurant and a country-western dance hall.

Down on East Ocean Avenue, the old Ruth Jones cottage has survived its six-block move and, if all goes as planned, will open in mid-June as **The Little House** that city officials hope will revive the downtown area. **Chrissy Benoit**, who opened **Havana Hideout** in Lake Worth, signed the lease on April 16. She plans a back-to-basics menu with prices under \$10 and lots of draft beers.

Let's not forget the raucous **Old Key Lime House**, nestled along the Intracoastal's western shore on Lantana's Ocean Avenue. Owner **Wayne Cordero** needs more room and wants to enlarge his parking lot by about 50 spaces on a lot he owns to the immediate west.

But that property, about one-third acre with a house built in the 1920s, is zoned residential. The Lantana Town Council seems inclined to rezone it, as do some of the Old Key Lime House's neighbors, who also are urging the town to make empty lots on North Lake Drive available for parking. To arguments that the house was "historical," Cordero countered that it was "hysterical" and in bad shape. He assured council members that he would not enlarge his building or add seating (now limited to 318).

Tight squeeze for **Benny's on the Beach**. By a 3-2 vote the City Commission extended for 10 more years the lease for the café and bait shop on the Lake Worth pier. Under the previous lease, Benny's paid the city 7.5 percent of its gross revenue, about \$185,000 a year. The new lease gives the city a flat \$240,000 a year. **Suzanne Mulvehill** and **Christopher McVoy** argued that it should be put out to bid but were outvoted.

In Delray, the new **Sandbar Rhum Shack** outdoor bar on the south side of **Boston's on the Beach** opened with SRO on Friday the 13th. Not a blade of grass in sight nor any weeds, for that matter — the entire area is covered with packed sand that, unlike the beach variety across the street, is not supposed to blow away, wash away or stick like glue.

"It's kind of an adult sandbox," GM **Tom Walsh** said with a smile, noting it's only for the 21-and-over crowd. "If people want a big meal, they can eat inside and then come out."

A limited snack menu will be offered, and patrons can build their own mojitos or whet their whistles with 12 draft beers or two dozen bottled varieties.

A small stage will accommodate low-key

Old School Beerfest

Old School Square, Delray Beach



ABOVE: Ocean Ridge and county pocket residents Greg Juisly (left), Chris Dick, Scott Hargash and Jim Connolly sample the brews at Delray's Old School Beerfest on April 21. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

5th Annual American Fine Wine Competition

Boca Raton Resort & Club



Terri Cooper (left) of Delray Beach samples the bouquet of her friend Michael Budd's wine during the Fifth Annual American Fine Wine Competition at the Boca Raton Resort & Club on April 19. **Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star**

entertainers, who, as with the food, will not compete with the action inside Boston's. When necessary, guests can avail themselves of new restrooms, labeled "Inboard" and "Outboard."

The line of students hoping to get a seat in the gym at **Florida Atlantic University** stretched across the main road then snaked back and forth across the lawn next to the student center. Those who finally made it inside to see and hear **President Barack Obama** were mostly enthusiastic, unusually polite for college students and unbelievably patient. Applause greeted anyone with a suit who entered the arena from beneath the giant flag, even the White House staffer who attached the presidential seal to the front of the lectern.

On one wall hung a banner emblazoned with "An America Built To Last," a presidential goal that could have been borrowed from a Ford commercial or possibly from a Grateful Dead album. The crowd didn't applaud it, but they did give FAU President **Mary Jane Saunders** a big hand as she noted that FAU, the most diverse of Florida's universities "looks like America." They clapped for Student

Government President **Ayden Maher** as he led the Pledge of Allegiance and for sophomore **Rebecca Guillaume** after her rousing *Star Spangled Banner*.

No special treatment, by the way, for FAU trustees such as **Tom Workman**, **Anthony Barbar** and **Dave Feder**, who were squeezed into a corner of the bleachers behind the stage. Recently retired football coach **Howard Schnellenberger** also had a bleacher seat, directly behind the president, where he snapped lots of photos on his cellphone.

Obama urged congressional support for increased student assistance and for his proposed "Buffett rule" — no connection with Jimmy. He made one sweep around the gym, hand-to-hand with hundreds leaning over the barriers and then barely an hour later he was gone.

The presidential visit was the first to FAU since **Lyndon Johnson** helped dedicate the school in 1964. (Coincidentally, one person who shook LBJ's hand was 19-year-old University of Miami student **Bill Moss**, the West Palm Beach city commissioner who died March 28.) Yet, surprisingly, no one knows why or how the White House picked FAU.

FAU's University Relations office speculated that it was

convenient, almost on a straight line from his fund-raising stop in Palm Beach Gardens to another at the **Diplomat Resort** in Hollywood and finally at a private home in Golden Beach. But nothing definite.

When the White House was queried, staffer **Joanne Rosholm** sent this reply: "It's not entirely uncommon that we would pick a place like FAU that can hold a large number of people who want to see their President speak. Beyond that, I don't know that there's much more to say!"

So there ...

On the road again ...

Michelle Bernstein, just departed as executive chef at **The Omphoy** in Palm Beach, is headed back to the Palm Beaches from her Miami nest, but only for one night. Bernstein, who hosts **Check, Please!**, the restaurant review show on **WPBT-Channel 2**, has expanded her repertoire to include road trips.

On May 15, 150 guests paying \$125 each, will visit five restaurants in Boca. After appetizers at **Sushi Rock** on Yamato Road, the group will board buses for stops at **Josephine's**, **Bogart's**, **Casa D'Angelo** and **The Tin Muffin Café**. Co-hosting with Bernstein will be poplar

2012 Proper Affair
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Achievement Centers board member Barbara Murphy (right) of Gulf Stream watches the fashion show with Katherine Montana and John Lofquist, both of Delray Beach, during the Proper Affair runway show at the Boca Raton Resort & Club on April 18. *Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star*

radio host and vintner **Paul Castronovo**. Proceeds support production of the show. To sign up, go to wpbt2.org.

Smart cookies. And tough. No better way to describe **Rena Blades** and **Cynthia Allen Gracey**, who received Women In Leadership awards at the **Kravis Center** May 3. Presented by the **Executive Women of the Palm Beaches**, the awards recognize women who have distinguished themselves as professionals, as leaders and as community servants.

As CEO of the **Palm Beach County Cultural Council**, now based in Lake Worth, Blades is well-known throughout the county for overseeing the council's unprecedented growth, securing new funding, expanding services and strengthening cultural organizations.

On the other hand, Gracey, who lived in Delray before moving recently to Palm Beach, has worked in the background for more than three decades to empower women. Despite dealing with CMT, a chronic neuromuscular disorder, she has practiced law, raised two sons, been a caregiver to her parents. Oh, yeah, and to raise consciousness and create a supportive network where women could feel safe, share experiences and grow together, she also helped found Executive Women. A fitting résumé for the group's **Inspirational Leadership Award**.

What a party! Overflow crowd. **Shari Gherman**, president of the **American Fine Wine Competition** had to add two tables — for 20 last-minute oenophiles — in the Grand Ballroom at the **Boca Raton Resort & Club's Mizner Center**. **Alan Kalter**, with a week off from announcing for **David Letterman**, kept the crowd informed. **Saxman Dayve Stewart** and **The Vibe** rocked the 400-plus guests at \$310 each, plus whatever they spent at auction.

Palm Beach International Film Festival
The Lake Pavilion, West Palm Beach



Actress June Lockhart signs an autograph for *Coastal Star* photographer Tim Stepien after the Silver Screen Splash brunch that was held at The Lake Pavilion in West Palm Beach on April 15. Stepien was named after Timmy in the *Lassie* TV series in which Lockhart starred. *Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star*

Bam! **Emeril Lagasse** put on a show as he prepared roasted filet mignon, brown butter gulf blue crabmeat, local mushroom fondue, spring field peas and black truffle butter sauce. Bam!

At auction, **Theodore Bryant** bid \$15,000 for a dream dinner to be prepared at his home by several top area chefs, which helped bring the tally to \$60,000 for **Diabetes Research Institute** and the **Golden Bell Education Foundation**.

Since it is the **American Fine Wine Competition**, there were winners: The **2009 Castello di Amorosa Il Passito Reserve Late Harvest Semillon, North Coast and 2009 La Follette Manchester Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir, Mendocino Ridge**, were judged the best white and red, from more than 600 entries.

Pity the judges. A lot of sipping, spitting and rinsing for the 25 experts who spent two days at a hotel sampling the 600 candidates in 12 categories.

"They lock you up in a room and you try wine for two days, flight after flight," said judge **Stephanie Miskew**, whose **Glamorous Gourmet** blog is found at www.stephaniesavorsthemoment.blogspot.com. "The split us into groups of four judges. We

tried all the wines in our group, made our notes and then got together and tried to come to an agreement.

"You definitely need to pace yourself."

But late into the second day, as the judges drew closer to consensus, the tension began to dissolve. "There definitely was more sipping than spitting," she said.

A day earlier, 350 guests had a **Proper Affair** at the Boca Resort. But instead of tête-à-tête, the night was devoted to prêt à porter, as they bought raffle tickets, vied for silent auction items and bid on high-end fashions from **Boston Proper** that were modeled by spirited volunteers.

The local grass-roots project raised \$160,000 for the **Achievement Centers for Children and Families**, a Delray Beach foundation that supports 700 low-income children.



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Stapled copies of a letter from the mayor, one from police officers and 55 pages of emails from residents were available at the workshop. Attendees included the mayor and two commissioners of Ocean Ridge, which will hear a sheriff's proposal for that town May 8; Ocean Ridge's police chief and lieutenant; three officers from Boynton Beach, which also has requested a bid from the Sheriff's Office; and two representatives of the Police Benevolent Association.

Diamond's letter warned that the emails held "misrepresentations" showing the writers have "a lack of understanding of the proposal or simply want to appeal to emotion rather than engage in a rational thinking process."

Police officers support the switch.

"The town has postponed



Manalapan Police Chief Carmen Mattox addresses the Town Commission during discussions to possibly hire the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

negotiations with the PBA and the officers have been working without a contract for almost two years, meanwhile we continue to slide further down the pay and benefits scale as our surrounding police agencies move ahead of us," the officers' letter said. "The fact is the Sheriff's Office can add additional hours to our patrol time and provide our officers

with a much higher pay rate and benefits package."

Brennan said Manalapan was three different communities when it comes to crime: the homes along State Road A1A, those on Point Manalapan and the commercial properties at Plaza del Mar and the Ritz-Carlton.

"You're going to have a point of view depending on what

your street address is," Brennan said.

A 2011 police log showed the ocean zone had 7,107 events while the point zone had 1,245.

The bulk of the ocean calls were for construction site checks (1,155), traffic stops (2,168) and traffic enforcement (835). But ocean residents also experienced 24 of the town's 27 theft cases last year, all seven of

its vandalism cases and its only fight.

"It has not changed from a security standpoint for the better," Brennan said.

Mattox said Ocean Inlet Park just south of town had been the scene of four recent "gun-involved" incidents as well as an attempted sexual battery the weekend before. To solve the problems, he said, he would need a marine patrol and "more feet on the ground."

Commissioner Louis DeStefano said the county's decision to transfer Marine Patrol operations from Ocean Inlet Park to Peanut Island had not helped the situation.

"The Marine Patrol station closing in my mind sent a message," DeStefano said.

Sheriff's Maj. Dan Smith emphasized that his proposal, first presented in February, was not a takeover.

"We're not actively going out and trying to drum up business," he said. "We're not here because we're trying to take you over. That's not how it is at all. We're here because we feel we can offer you the service."

Smith said "crime in Lake Worth is about cut in half" after the Sheriff's Office put 13 officers on patrol instead of seven.

Resident Peter McLean asked commissioners to put the question up for a vote by residents. Former Mayor Kelly Gottlieb echoed his request.

"I do feel this is a vote that should be taken by the community," Gottlieb said.

But Diamond said the Town Charter put that responsibility on the commission.

"There are a lot of emotional components to it. We want to provide what our residents feel they need, but part of being a commissioner is showing leadership," he said.

The mayor asked Smith to explain the differences between the sheriff's proposals to Manalapan and Ocean Ridge.

The proposal to Ocean Ridge, "price-wise, cost-wise was very similar to what we have here," Diamond said.

"But it provided for 10 officers in Ocean Ridge and we have eight."

The Ocean Ridge plan is \$20,000 less than Manalapan's.

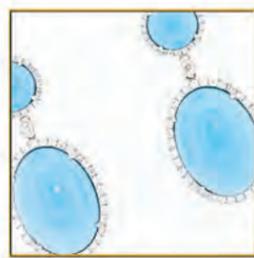
Smith said how many calls for service each town has and what types of calls they are determine how many officers are needed.

"And also the actual comparison of pay for the police officers that are working there," Smith said. "You have higher-end salaries."

In related business, commissioners authorized Stumpf to buy a \$28,000 Dodge Charger police car. The Charger will be the department's first of that brand.

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Gulf Stream

Loss of canopy tree brings residents to meeting

By Steve Plunkett

Forget the day-in, day-out clank-clank-clank of bulldozers leveling the more than six acres of the former Spence estate. And the clouds of dust? Don't even ask.

So when a developer chopped down a towering banyan tree on the land he is turning into a six-home subdivision, residents descended on Town Hall.

The tree's branches spread more than 30 feet from the center in all directions, shading Hidden Harbour Drive, as well as Nancy Touhey's driveway.

Touhey said an "ear-piercing" chainsaw woke her the morning the banyan was felled.

"I have pictures showing what has happened to the canopy," she told Gulf Stream commissioners at their April 13 meeting in a Town Hall packed with residents. "The canopy is ... most areas are gone."

Resident Tom Murphy, a lawyer, shared Touhey's dismay.

"I am familiar personally with how fastidious this town is with something as simple as the color of a door, and yet one of the last, great beautiful parcels of land in this town is a scar right now," Murphy said.

Developer Seaside Builders LLC promised the Spence property's Hidden Harbour neighbors it would maintain the canopy over Hidden Harbour Drive to get them to agree to its subdivision plans. It told the town it would leave a 15-foot buffer along the access road rather than the required 3-foot buffer to shield neighbors from the project.

The banyan was not in that buffer, although its branches shaded a large section of it.

Right after the meeting, Commissioner Fred Devitt III, Town Attorney John "Skip" Randolph and Town Manager William Thrasher went to the site to inspect the tree clearing. That afternoon arborist Dave Bodker counted all the trees in the buffer zone to make sure none had been harmed.

In a report to Mayor William Koch Jr. and commissioners, Thrasher said that at a subsequent meeting with town officials, Seaside developer Tom Laudani proposed to add native canopy trees to the area left open by the banyan's removal once land is leveled in late June. The developer will also pay Gulf Stream for water from a hydrant to keep dust to a minimum. Previously Seaside

was pumping from the Intracoastal Waterway.

The canopy was not the only point of contention at the April 13 meeting. Resident Bill Boardman said there is a perception that Gulf Stream is "overly compliant" with the development process.

"We need a revision of these codes. There's no question about that," Boardman said.

"We have our hands tied with this," Vice Mayor Joan Orthwein said. "They [Seaside] did nothing illegal. We followed everything by the book."

Laudani, through his Harbor View Estates LLC, bought the Spence property for \$5.6 million in October. Koch's real estate firm listed the parcel asking \$6 million. Koch recused himself from the subdivision vote. Orthwein, who has an active real estate license with Koch's firm, also did not vote.

Bob Ganger, chairman of the Architectural Review and Planning Board, said his panel was devising changes to town ordinances on subdivisions, house designs and even "hammerhead" roads. The Seaside project will have a hammerhead road to reduce the number of driveway exits.

"One of the things that we're looking at is the notion of not permitting a large sub-development to change the contour of the land," Ganger said.

Representing the Delray Beach Preservation Trust, architect Dan Sloan suggested a historic preservation board be empowered "with the idea of keeping your historic fabric intact and not losing it to overly intense development."

The home that Seaside razed was built around 1937 by Seward Webb Jr., a grandson of William Vanderbilt, once the richest man in the world. Webb's widow sold the estate to typewriter heiress Gladys Underwood James. It was designed by noted Palm Beach architect John Volk.

Residents also complained that the town could better alert them to meetings with important agendas.

"We have to be more informed," Jim Walton said. "The way that you find out that there's a meeting is you have to walk over here [to Town Hall] and look on the board. That's ridiculous. We all have emails."

"You know what," Orthwein said, "the commission meetings are always the second Friday of the month, 9 o'clock, always, every month." ★



The view of the construction site from one neighbor's driveway used to be blocked by a banyan tree, vines, shrubs and other vegetation. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star



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Briny Breezes

Board steers park away from potential sale

By Tim O'Meilia

Briny Breezes' neighbors can rest easy. The oceanfront town-mobile home park has scotched any thought of high-rise condos and oceanfront hotels and will focus on a more low-key future — at least for now.

The nine-member board of the corporation that owns the

park unanimously decided April 11 not to pursue the proposal by a Long Island developer to buy the park at a price to be named later.

"We did not have enough information on the sales price or the cost that would be incurred for going through all the permitting," said Briny Breezes Inc. President Mike Gut.



Gut

and the park's commercial attorneys, Duane Morris of New York.

Kean had offered to pay the cost of seeking all the governmental zoning and land use changes with the promise that Briny would sell at a price based on appraisals done when the permitting was completed.

But if the shareholders — lot owners hold shares in the corporation — didn't like the price "Briny would be on the hook for those expenses," Gut said.

There was no discussion of the issue after board member Tom Oglesby read a prepared statement saying that Briny was not a distressed seller, the economic climate was not right for negotiations and the park would have no option on the sales price.

Oglesby said the park shouldn't assume the developer's business risk. The vote was applauded by most of the 50 or so residents at the season-ending meeting.

Duane Morris has a March 2013 deadline to bring offers to the shareholders before

its contract with the park expires. The law firm will have to absorb \$500,000 in legal fees unless a sale is completed.

"I think everyone is sick and tired of dealing with it," said resident Tony Dugan. "We're not selling anything. We're not entertaining anyone coming in here [even] if they have \$400 million."

Earlier at the meeting, 19 lot owners submitted a petition urging the board to reject the proposal, saying that plans for repairs of seawalls, roads and other infrastructure are on track.

Pursuing the sale "would have turned the park into chaos," said resident Paul Sullivan, recalling the turmoil of five years ago when shareholders agreed to sell for \$510 million. The deal later fell through. "I think the park in general is very happy with the decision. I think the board acted very responsibly."

John C. Kean made a presentation to park residents last month, saying his firm would not pursue zoning changes without the guarantee that Briny would sell later.

"I thought Mr. Kean was very professional," Gut said. "We appreciated what he presented to us."

The decision pleased longtime sale opponent Tom Byrne. "The interesting thing is, whether you're for or against the sale, the people in Briny are tired of being under the cloud of uncertainty. At this point, we just want to move on," he said.

Moving on means

deciding the park's future. The corporation's strategic planning board is considering the costs of updating the park's seawalls, roads and buildings. The town is rewriting its comprehensive plan with an eye toward allowing more hurricane-resistant buildings such as modular homes.

"Whatever will be done will be done over a period of years. The bulldozers aren't coming in tomorrow," said park strategic planning board member Linc Musto.

With one exception: Shareholders are voting by mail now whether to spend more than \$30,000 for repair of the Flamingo Drive seawall. Beyond that, the committee is trying to develop a long-range maintenance plan, including the eventual replacement of the five Quonset huts.

Musto said the changes probably will not require any special assessments.

The town has an April 2013, deadline to complete its comprehensive plan, which hasn't been substantially altered since 1989.

The major changes being considered include loosening the restriction of only mobile homes in the residential areas to allow modular buildings, which are more insurable, up to two stories high, especially on the larger west side lots.

The planning board also is studying an A1A business corridor that could allow small stories, low-rise condos and residential rentals.

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Briny alderman leaves post

Briny Breezes Alderman Kathleen Bray resigned April 27, saying her husband's out-of-state job prevented her from devoting the time necessary to serve the town. Spending time with

her husband, Larry, in Pennsylvania forced Bray to attend several meetings by conference call in the past year.

"When I'm not here, I don't have a feel for what's going on in the town," she said.

Bray was appointed to the council in August 2008, ironically, after her husband, an alderman, resigned for a certified public accountant position in Pennsylvania. Bray was town clerk, pro tem for three years and helped assemble the town's annual budget.

"I am going to miss it terribly," she said. "Our son is still here and I'll be back checking on things. I hope to retire here."

The council is accepting applications for the vacant position, which it may fill at its May 24 meeting. Resident Sue Thaler has filed a letter of interest.

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PLAYHOUSE

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show on a shoestring budget," says Theresa Loucks, the theater's marketing director.

Indeed, if the words "community theater" make you think of Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney in a barn, think again. "Nonprofit" does not mean inexpensive.

The Lake Worth Playhouse has an annual budget just under \$1 million, but no endowment. The small band of about 20 full- and part-time salaried employees are paid from ticket sales and a few grants.

And Rodgers & Hammerstein don't care that you're a nonprofit, largely amateur playhouse. The rights to put on a popular musical, for example, are sold by the theater's seating capacity, multiplied by the number of scheduled performances.

Fifteen shows at the 300-seat Lake Worth Playhouse total 4,500 seats, whether or not those seats are sold. Simply buying the right to put on a classic musical can cost \$20,000 to \$25,000. And then the musicians have to be paid.

Still, the ticket prices range from \$23 to \$32.

"It's real Broadway theater on a dime," says Loucks.

The heart of the effort is the 250 men, women and children who volunteer every year to act, sing, dance, paint the sets or work the lights. For free.

The woman in charge is Jodie Dixon-Mears, who came to the theater as a high school student in 1980. Now she's its artistic director.

"Basically, I'm the producer," she explains. "I bring in the director and choreographers. I oversee everything that has to do with bringing the show to opening night.

But my biggest challenge," Dixon-Mears says, "is finding people who will volunteer their time without any monetary payoff at the end."

One of them is Michael McKeich, a telecom analyst for Palm Beach State College by day and the theater's treasurer, stage manager, lighting technician and occasional thespian by night.

"You have to commit to eight weeks of rehearsals and three weeks of shows," says McKeich, who drives from his home in Royal Palm Beach. "That's 300 hours from beginning to end."

Starting as a backstage volunteer in 2004, his moment of glory came last year, when the role of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in *Annie* was



An actor auditions for this summer's production of *Hairspray* on the Lake Worth Playhouse stage, which was filled with sets for a production of *The Music Man*. Photo by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



Crowds line Lake Avenue under the new marquee of the Lake Worth Playhouse. Photo courtesy of the Lake Worth Playhouse



The playhouse's building was erected in 1924 as the Moorish-style Oakley Theatre. Photo courtesy of the Lake Worth Playhouse

suddenly, unexpectedly vacant.

"I came on at the last minute," McKeich says, proudly. "They told me, 'Don't

worry about blocking, someone will just push you around in a wheelchair.'"

And he was hooked.



The Lake Worth Playhouse's auditorium still has original details, like these carved cypress corbels and beams. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

"You do it all for free," he says, "and your paycheck is the applause."

The playhouse will mark its "Diamond Year" with a gala celebration at the Palm Beach Zoo next March, but before then, Dixon-Mears has one play and five musicals to put on, starting with *Hairspray*.

"I'm keeping my fingers crossed," she says, "because the cast is half black, half white, so I need actors. And then for *Barnum* I have to find circus performers." She sighs. "Stilt

walkers, fire-eaters, gymnasts, jugglers ... tightrope walkers!"

But the show must go on, and at the Lake Worth Playhouse it always has, for 60 years.

"In the 1950s and '60s and '70s, there was not a lot to do in Palm Beach County," McKeich says. "Now there are a lot of entertainment options. But we're still here." ★

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Delray Beach

Judge hearing sober-house wrangle encourages compromise

By Tim Pallesen

The Caron Foundation can't sue Delray Beach for denying a Seaspray Avenue sober house because the request hasn't been officially denied, an attorney for the city argued in court.

The surprising twist came during an April 16 federal court hearing where the city also argued that Caron can't claim a loss of income because it hasn't placed recovering alcoholics and drug addicts into a second house where the city has given approval to operate.

Federal Judge William Dimitrouleas promised to rule on Caron's request for a preliminary injunction "as soon as I can" after the hearing in Fort Lauderdale.

Caron claims the City Commission violated federal laws on Feb. 21 when it approved three ordinances to make it more difficult for treatment providers to operate and on Feb. 22 when Caron says the city refused its request to open a sober house at 1232 Seaspray Ave.

"We contend that the city had no reason to deny us other than the hostile and organized community reaction to our attempt to locate in an affluent area near the ocean," Caron attorney James Green told the judge.

Green claimed public comments by Mayor Woodie McDuffie and Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Cary Glickstein show the city is intentionally discriminating against recovering alcoholics and addicts.

"We are willing to do all in our power to control the proliferation of these homes," McDuffie said in a Feb. 1 email that Green gave the judge.

Glickstein strongly urged commissioners to oppose sober houses before their Feb. 21 vote. "It is a cancer in this town," he said.

But Matthew Mandel, an attorney representing the city, countered that Delray Beach is only trying to regulate transient housing. "The ordinance is not discriminatory because

it applies to all single-family dwellings," he argued.

Mandel said the city is waiting for Caron to provide medical justification for its request to house seven clients at the Seaspray address. "They haven't gotten a final decision from us," he told the judge.

Caron wants the city to pay \$55,000 per client in monthly damages because it can't open the Seaspray house.

But Mandel countered that Caron has another house at 740 N. Ocean Blvd. to place its clients. "They have to explain how they've had that house available for a year and not put one person in there," he said.

Dimitrouleas questioned the \$55,000 monthly cost for treatment. "What if you can never get seven people who can afford to pay?" he asked.

Green said Caron has "more than enough" wealthy clients.

The judge encouraged the two sides to discuss a settlement, suggesting a compromise that would allow five rather than seven clients in the house.

"It wouldn't crush me if you all got together and came up with some reasonable settlement," Dimitrouleas said.

But such a settlement appears unlikely.

The nonprofit treatment provider didn't get a response when it wrote city officials on April 2 offering three incentives if Delray Beach would allow it to place seven clients at the Seaspray house.

The nonprofit Caron offered to pay property taxes on both its houses for five years, waive its claim for damages and attorney fees, and pay for classes on prevention of bullying, alcohol and drug abuse in six Delray Beach schools.

Green also asked Mandel to discuss a settlement after Monday's hearing, but the city's attorney declined.

If Dimitrouleas doesn't grant a preliminary injunction, Green said, Caron will either appeal that decision or prepare to argue for a permanent injunction at a future hearing. ★

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Gulf Stream

A Leatherback sea turtle returns to the ocean after depositing her eggs at first light on the beach in Gulf Stream on April 6.
Photo by Joan Lorne, Sea Turtle Monitor



Delray Beach

Parking board supports meters for avenue

By Margie Plunkett

The Delray Beach Parking Management Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend to city commissioners a metered parking system on downtown Atlantic Avenue, intended to shift longer-term parking onto secondary streets, lots and garages.

The board adopted a plan based on smart meters to allow patrons of downtown merchants enough time to shop, yet turn over the parking so that spots are available to short-term parkers. The system also was intended to encourage visitors who want to stay longer — say for lunch, parking or a stroll — to park off the main drag.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., motorists could park up to two hours on Atlantic Avenue, with an hour free parking and then \$2 for the remaining hour in the area west of the Intracoastal to Swinton Avenue and from North Second Street to South Second Street, according to the plan.

From 5 p.m. to 2 a.m., the fee would be \$2 an hour, with no time limit.

The price of parking would be reduced as motorists parked away from Atlantic. Secondary street parking would be \$1.50 an hour; lots, \$1 an hour; and the garages would be free or a nominal fee, under the board's

recommendation.

The panel also recommended adjusting the system based on seasonal changes and to provide employee and resident parking programs.

Smart meters would serve multiple parking spaces and make it unnecessary to locate a meter at each parking space. The technology provides several features, including the ability to be adjusted for parking times or prices as needed.

The recommendation, subject to commission review and approval, was tentatively scheduled to be presented at the commission's May 8 workshop meeting.

The wide-ranging discussion touched on possibly tapping merchants for part of the cost of operating a metered system through an assessment district, as well as a plan that would have paid parking in lots collected by an attendant rather than meters.

Chairman Fran Marincola earlier pushed a plan that would cap daytime parking on Atlantic at one hour — but parking would be free, noting he was talking to merchant David Cook of Hand's Office & Art Supply, who was in the meeting audience. "Merchants want to say we have free parking," he said. "You can get your business done in an hour. If I need more time, I have to park on another street or in the garage." ★

Second donation adds to pavilion fund

By Margie Plunkett

The new beach pavilion in Delray Beach is \$23,700 closer to completion.

City Commission received a check in that amount as a community donation to build the replacement pavilion — a contribution that now totals \$59,165 for the structure that will mark the start of beach master plan implementation, according to the Beach Property Owners Association.

The BPOA presented the check to support the pavilion in April, raised from its second fundraiser, Delray's Got Talent: The Encore. The first donation — for \$35,465 — was made by the BPOA about a year earlier.

"Thanks to everyone who helped out — residents and businesses who have helped from the beginning on the beach pavilion and master plan," said Mary Renaud, BPOA president, when presenting a giant check at the April 17 commission meeting.

The thank-you list was long, including architect Bob Currie of Currie, Sowers, who donated the designs for the pavilion. Renaud also noted that an

unnamed builder is willing to contribute part of the work.

The design of the pavilion is much the same as when it was first presented to the BPOA as part of the beach master plan, Currie said. There have been changes, such as the planned canvas roof has been replaced with an aluminum roof to better withstand the elements, he said. Stripes will still grace the roof, he said.

The pavilion is hoped to be completed by the start of the tourist season. "We hope to get started in the next six months," said Linda Karch, Parks and Recreation director. "The goal is to have it done by November."

Before the city can get under way, however, the state has to sign off on the project and Delray Beach will bid it out. The city is awaiting word from the state. While Karch estimated the pavilion at a cost of roughly \$150,000, the BPOA's website lists it as \$240,000 in total.

"The final cost will actually be lower since we have also received offers from local contractors and businesses to contribute landscaping, labor and other materials," the BPOA said. ★

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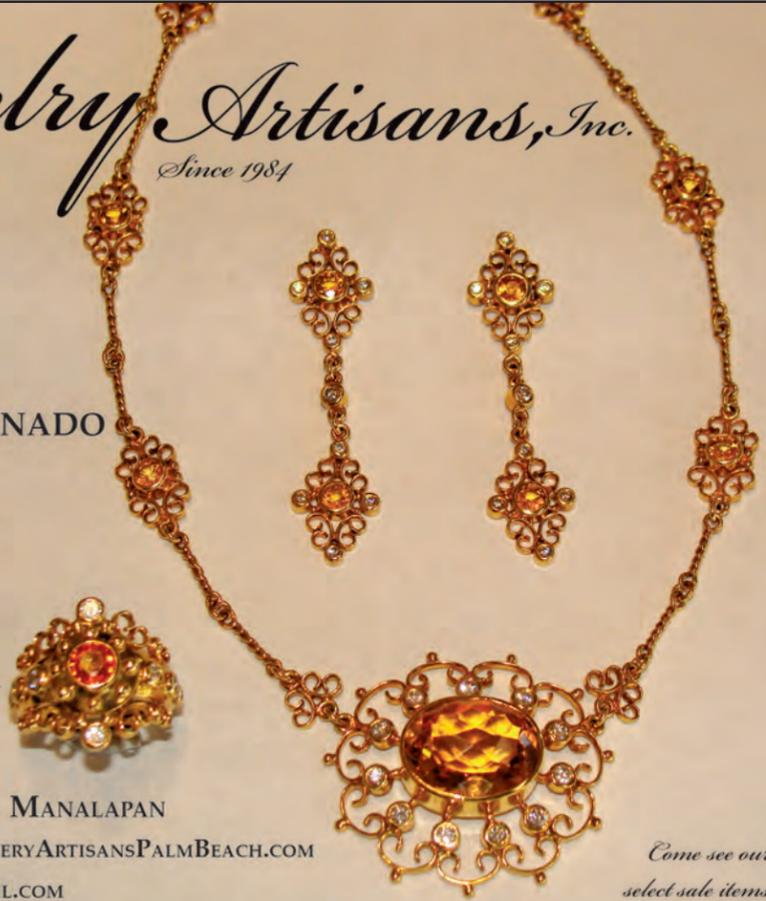



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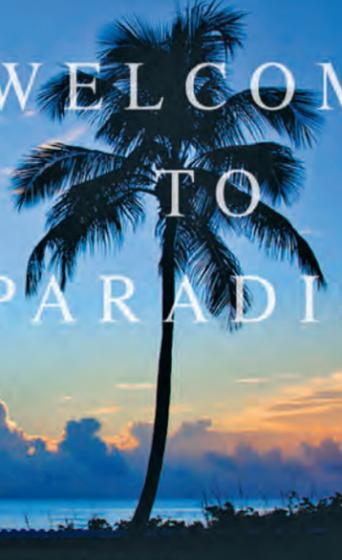
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Delray Beach

Deal would open Hamlet club to Seagate guests, members

By Tim Pallesen

The owner of the Seagate Hotel and Spa has offered \$7 million to buy the struggling Hamlet Golf and Country Club.

"We feel it's a win-win for both sides," said E. Anthony Wilson, chairman of the Seagate Hospitality Group, after making the offer to country club members on April 16.

The purchase already has been approved by the country club's board of directors. Members will vote this month on whether to accept it.

Seagate would get golf and tennis opportunities for both its hotel guests and members of its private Seagate Beach Club at the closest private country club to downtown Delray Beach.

Wilson told club members their 300-acre country club on Atlantic Avenue west of Interstate 95 would be renamed Seagate Golf and Tennis at the Hamlet if the sale is approved.

He envisions corporate business meetings and special events such as weddings at the 38,000-square-foot clubhouse, which has a ballroom capable

of seating 350.

Club members spent \$10 million in 2007 to renovate the clubhouse and make improvements to their 18-hole golf course and eight tennis courts.

Memberships in the country club have been mandatory for owners of single-family homes at the Hamlet since 2003.

Homeowners must pay a \$30,000 initiation fee, plus \$15,300 in annual dues. An additional \$3,500 annual fee was added in 2007 to pay for the \$10 million in renovations.

Hamlet residents still will be able to purchase memberships to play golf and tennis if the sale is approved.

The club has 206 resident members and 65 non-resident members now.

But country club president Bill Redman said Seagate's offer is attractive to Hamlet residents because memberships would no longer be required for homeowners.

"Mandatory memberships made sense years ago particularly for the smaller clubs to get members," Redman said. "But nobody foresaw the economic downturn."

Golf communities built

decades ago have struggled across South Florida since the downturn in the economy and collapse of the housing market that began five years ago.

Residents at the Hamlet and other such communities also have grown older.

"It wasn't considered that people would age and their needs and desires would change," Redman said. "A lot of people now in their 80s are not able to enjoy golf and tennis as they used to."

The weak housing market combined with the mandatory golf memberships made it particularly difficult for homeowners to sell their houses in the Hamlet. The

club offered discounted memberships to homebuyers under age 62, but got little response.

Hamlet homeowners objecting to the mandatory memberships have filed a series of lawsuits against the country club.

"If the country club is sold, the litigation is likely to go away," Redman said. "The sale would open us to everybody who wants to live in our beautiful community."

Under the terms of the sale, existing club members would each be required to pay \$20,000 to retire the club's \$11 million debt to Wells Fargo Bank.

Seagate is offering a number of incentives to encourage country club members to vote in favor of the sale.

"There's no charge to be a social member at our beach club," Wilson said.

The opportunity to dine overlooking the ocean at the British Colonial private club, at 401 S. Ocean Blvd., usually costs a \$5,000 initiation fee plus \$1,500 in annual dues.

Hamlet club members would also get discounted room rates, use of the 6,000-square-foot fitness facility and charging privileges at the 162-room Seagate Hotel and Spa, located at 1000 E. Atlantic Ave. ★

Fire tax support move extinguished

By Margie Plunkett

The fire tax apparently is still too hot to touch in Delray Beach.

The assessment fee made its way back on the City Commission's agenda as an item that would allow the property appraiser's office to include it on tax bills if needed to support the budget next year or later.

But commissioners voted the move down 3-2 after discussing both the fee's sensitivity as well as its possible necessity.

"I don't think we're quite ready to discuss it even in the form of approaching the property appraiser. We need to do that in more of a public discussion," said Commissioner Tom Carney, after pulling the item from the April 17 consent agenda, where items are typically voted through without discussion.

Pulling consent agenda items allows commissioner discussion before a vote.

A fire tax, which had earlier been planned to generate more than \$3 million in revenue for this year's budget, met with strong public opposition when it came up for public hearing and a vote in January.

The fee ultimately was defeated and commissioners embarked on midyear budget cutting to compensate for the

unrealized funding.

But as commissioners enter a new budget-planning cycle, discussion arose at an earlier workshop meeting concerning making preparations in the event the city determines it has to turn to the fire tax this year or next.

"My view is that because this item is so contentious, it warranted a discussion of what we are going to do," Carney said at the later commission meeting. "It may not be the right time to allow any enabling legislation."

Carney was joined by Commissioners Angeleta Gray and Al Jacquet in voting against the move. Both said that enabling the fee would discourage the effort to find cuts in the budget. Gray added: "I am not in favor of any new taxes."

"I'll vote for this to put the mechanism in place," said Mayor Woodie McDuffie, noting that, if need be, by allowing the property appraiser's office to include the tax, it could save the city \$25,000.

As the city prepares for its annual budget exercise, the mayor, who pointed out that commissioners have had to cut from the budget for the last six years, reminded residents they are welcome to participate in meetings and discussions about the budget. ★



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EVACUATION

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there's the problem of traffic congestion and the possibility of getting caught on the road in a storm."

Based on the newest technology, emergency managers have drawn five new evacuation zones, replacing the current two. Although the zones are tied to hurricane strength categories, the rules aren't hard and fast. Evacuation zones are based on storm surge and flood likelihood, rather than wind strength.

That means a storm coming from across the state from the west, like Wilma in 2005, might require fewer evacuations than a hurricane of the same strength from the east, since the storm surge from the western storm would presumably be less.

"The rule is: run from surge, hide from wind," Johnson said.

Topography maps dating to 1982 and based on old-fashioned surveying sticks have been replaced in recent years with laser-guided measurements that have cut the margins of error from 5 feet to 6 inches.

The redrawn maps are then

updated with the National Hurricane Center's latest computerized model runs of individual storms to give managers far more precise information on timing and storm surge on which to base their evacuation decisions.

The result is less "err on the side of caution and evacuate" and more fact-based evaluation.

"From a public safety standpoint, and that's what counts, we have more pinpoint, more accurate information to make decisions down to the neighborhood level," Johnson said.

The result: no one but the exceptions (mobile homes, easily flooded areas) evacuates under Plan A (Category 1). Last year, all of the barrier island residents would have been ordered out.

Evacuations don't kick in until Plan B (Category 2), when barrier island residents and a few others would be asked to leave. Still, 64,000 fewer people countywide would have to find other shelter than under previous plans.

Only in a Plan E evacuation (Category 5) would more people be forced to leave than is required now. It would have the largest effect in Boca Raton,

where nearly all of the part of the city south of Glades Road and east of Interstate 95 would be evacuated.

One of the problems in past storms is that many people refused to leave when ordered, believing they knew their local flooding likelihood better than the emergency managers.

Johnson hopes the more precise and more locally based decisions will result in better response from the public.

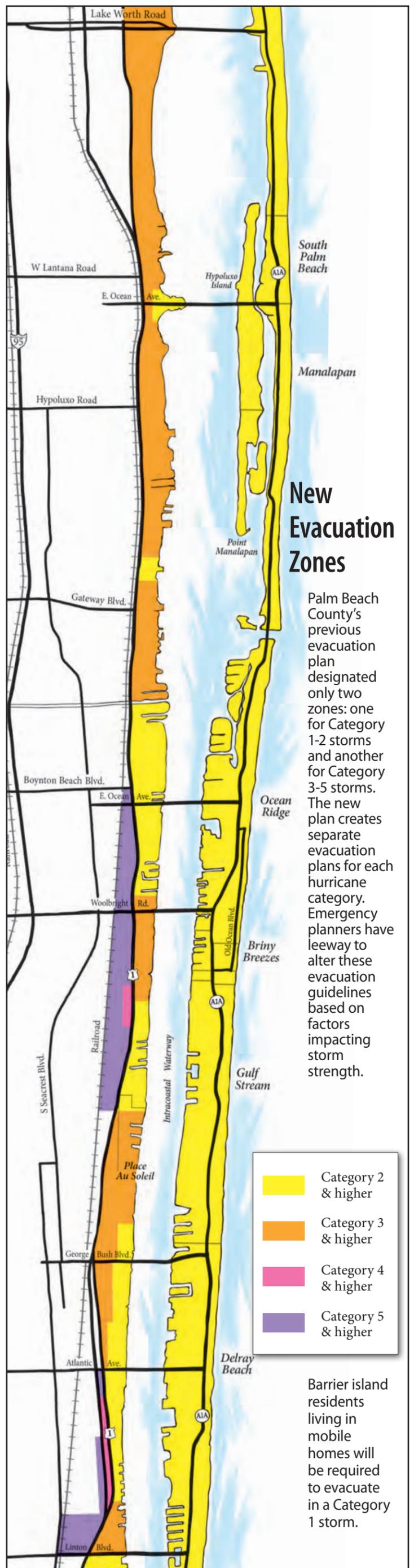
"I think we'll see better compliance which, to me, is the ultimate goal," he said.

The new hurricane evacuation zones won't have any effect on flood insurance premiums, said emergency managers and insurance analysts.

The new maps used by Palm Beach County aren't the same ones used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on which flood insurance premiums are based. For one thing, FEMA's maps are decades old, although many are being updated.

Evacuation maps based on storm surge don't necessarily reflect other flooding possibilities, insurance analysts said. "Evacuation maps have little effect on the actuarial tables derived from FEMA's flood zone maps," said Michael Barry, vice president of the Insurance Information Institute, a nonprofit, industry-based agency.

So, the new evacuation maps may save an Ocean Ridge resident the price of a hotel night in Orlando, but not a reduced flood insurance premium. ★



New Evacuation Zones

Palm Beach County's previous evacuation plan designated only two zones: one for Category 1-2 storms and another for Category 3-5 storms. The new plan creates separate evacuation plans for each hurricane category. Emergency planners have leeway to alter these evacuation guidelines based on factors impacting storm strength.

- Category 2 & higher
- Category 3 & higher
- Category 4 & higher
- Category 5 & higher

Barrier island residents living in mobile homes will be required to evacuate in a Category 1 storm.

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South Palm Beach Town Council member Stella Jordan (left) and Mayor Dr. Donald Clayman chat with residents Sherry and Charles Downey while eating ice cream during the South Palm Beach Ice Cream Social in mid-April at the South Palm Beach Town Hall. Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star

South Palm Beach

County seeks unity in beach restoration efforts

By Tim O'Meilia

The on-again, off-again breakwater plan for South Palm Beach's eroding beach may yet have a faint heartbeat of revival.

Palm Beach County commissioners are set to discuss the future of beach restoration after other local and state officials said they want to consider an inlet-to-inlet approach to solving beach erosion.

"Instead of each town asking for an individual plan, we would develop a plan to establish a regional approach, from the Palm Beach Inlet to the Boynton Inlet," state Rep. Jeff Clemens told the South Palm Beach Town Council on April 24.

The beach protection plan would involve an agreement among the local oceanfront towns between those two inlets, including Palm Beach, Lake Worth, South Palm Beach, Lantana and Manalapan, as well as Palm Beach County.

The idea would be to develop beach profiles along the coastline in the plan so that when state officials consider approvals — and perhaps financial support — for each section, the studies need not be done again.

"It deals with the problem holistically rather than asking each town to come up with their own plan," said Clemens, who added that state Department of Environmental Protection Deputy Secretary Jeff Littlejohn likes the regional approach.

County commissioners shot down plans in February for a series of groins and breakwaters along a 1.3-mile stretch of coastline including South Palm Beach when they killed a Singer Island groin plan.

Commissioners said the Singer Island jetties would not do enough to halt erosion, might disrupt the natural southerly drift of sand and

might interfere with sea turtle nesting. Similar concerns would apply to the south county project, which would cost an estimated \$15 million to \$25 million.

South Palm Beach already had spent \$111,000 as its share of a half-million-dollar environmental impact study when the project was halted.

County environmental officials also said they would end even dune restoration efforts because the sand washed away too quickly.

South Palm officials continued to lobby county commissioners in hope of salvaging the work already done on the environmental study for possible future use.

Town officials were uncertain about the new approach. "We'll see," said Councilwoman Bonnie Fischer about the regional approach.

Town Manager Rex Taylor was concerned that starting over with the wider plan would cause more delay than simply reviving the current effort.

In other business, the council delayed a decision on buying a new police car after Councilwoman Stella Jordan said she wanted more information on the maintenance record and warranty on the 7-year-old Ford Crown Victoria that the town wants to trade in.

"Other towns are keeping their cars longer than we keep ours," Jordan said, referring to North Palm Beach and Lantana, among others. "It's our taxpayers' money, it's not ours. I don't know that we have enough information to make a decision."

The town would get an \$1,800 trade-in on the police cruiser, which has 47,000 miles on it. A new Dodge Charger would cost \$23,654.

Mayor Donald Clayman appointed Vice Mayor Joseph Flagello to research the purchase. The council considered buying a new police car during last fall's budget session but decided against it.

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Along the Coast

East winds, high tides turn beaches into seaweed labyrinth

By Antigone Barton

It can be a puzzling sight: mounds of newly arrived seaweed lying in the tracks of the truck that was just there, weaving across the beach, raking the sand.

But it's been a common sight in recent weeks, as beach cleaners struggled to keep up with unusually dense seaweed, the result of strong easterly winds.

The seaweed comes from a line of vegetation that runs by the Gulf Stream — an underwater grazing site, so to speak, popular with fish, and deep sea anglers — said David Rowland, of The Beach Keeper, one of several services whose trucks tidy area sands. His and other services aim to send seaweed back where it belongs, by raking it into the outgoing tide.



Aidan and Sydney O'Connor and Les Machek look through the seaweed in search of sea beans while on the beach in Ocean Ridge. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Lately that has been a Sisyphean task, however.

"We can rake Lantana beach at 8 a.m., and at 9 a.m. it would look like we had never

been there," Rowland said.

Not quite: On a recent morning a Beach Keeper driver got out of his truck to pick out the plastic bottles,

cups, buckets, pieces of tackle boxes, tangled in the seaweed, until the garbage can tied to his truck was nearly full.

And, in any case while the

seaweed may once again be more abundant than usual, it's not any worse than last year, or the year before, when a hard east wind ushered in what we call spring here.

There was a time, Rowland recalls, a few years ago, when the strips of seaweed that narrow the beach now were more like mountains.

That seaweed surge, caused by an offshore hurricane, created an actual barrier between beach-goer and ocean, according to Tim Greener, of Beach Raker, a Pompano Beach-based beach cleaning company that serves beaches from Miami to Highland Beach. With stretches two feet high and several feet wide, it took two weeks to clear.

And, says Rowland, at levels like that, the seaweed poses dangers to turtle hatchlings, trying to make their way back to the water.

"I've got pictures of turtles that died trying to get across it," Rowland said.

That in itself does not call for removing the seaweed, said Larry Wood, a conservation biologist at the Palm Beach Zoo.

"That's all part of nature," Wood said. He compares those casualties to ones that might come from predators that hatchlings might face.

While heavy machinery was not part of nature's plan, Wood says, rules and guidelines — keeping trucks from sand above the high tide line, and off the beach until volunteers have completed daily nest counts — help.

"As long as there are a couple of rules to be observed," he said. "People want the beach to look a certain way, and if it doesn't they want to change it." ★

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Lantana

Greenacres assistant manager hired to replace Bornstein

By Mary Thurwachter

After a day of interviewing seven candidates on April 13, the Lantana Town Council unanimously chose Deborah Manzo as the town's new manager. Although Manzo, who is Greenacres assistant city manager, won't officially begin until May 7, she was introduced during the April 23 council meeting.

"I look so forward to working with all of you, council, staff and residents," she said. "I've been taking notes tonight."

She will take over for Mike Bornstein, Lantana's manager for 12 years, who took a similar post in Lake Worth last month.

Mayor Dave Stewart said there were many reasons he liked Manzo, including her 27 years of municipal experience with only two cities — Greenacres and Juno Beach.

"She has many qualifications and is well-versed on coastal communities," he said. "She had a willingness to accept the

current contract, which means a decrease in pay for her."

And she was willing to commit to at least 10 years, Stewart said.

Another plus for Stewart was Manzo's experience in working with FEMA and NIMS (the National Incident Management System).

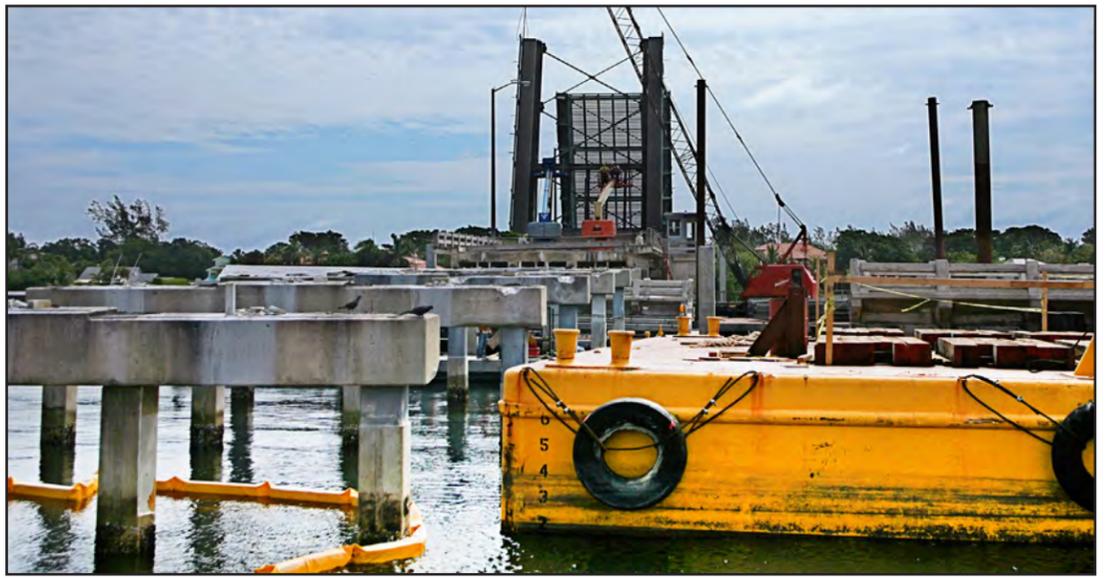
All of the seven finalists (narrowed from 27 applicants) were asked the same questions. "She blew away the competition with her answers," Stewart said.

When asked if she was overqualified or underqualified, Manzo, 50, said "neither," but that she was just the right fit for the job.

Manzo, who lives in Royal Palm Beach, will be paid \$97,476 annually, the same as Bornstein and about \$20,000 less than she makes in Greenacres.

She also will receive a \$450 a month car allowance and 80 additional hours of vacation time.

Other town manager finalists, narrowed from a field of 27 applicants, were Michael Morrow, operations director in Palm Beach Gardens; Vincent Finizio, former manager of



The span on the west side has been removed as demolition continues on Lantana's Ocean Avenue Bridge. Its replacement is expected to open in two years. Photo by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Belle Glade and Pahokee; Cheryl Harrison Lee, former manager of Eatonville (near Orlando); former Manalapan

manager Thomas Heck; former Highland Beach manager Dale Sugeran; and Anna Yeskey, director of the Palm Beach

County Intergovernmental Coordination Program and special projects coordinator in Lake Clarke Shores. ★

18-year department veteran becomes police chief

By Mary Thurwachter

Commander Sean Scheller was officially sworn in as Lantana's police chief on April 23, two weeks after former Chief Jeff Tyson was fired after DUI charges in Boca Raton.

Scheller, who has been with the Lantana Police Department for 18 years, told the Town Council and residents he would "have an open door policy" and

"get this ship going in the right direction."

He will receive an annual salary of \$88,500, the same amount Tyson had received.

Scheller, 42, grew up in Clearwater and has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Florida State University. He is a graduate of the Hillsboro County Police Academy.

He worked his way through the ranks of the 29-officer Lantana Police Department, starting as a road patrol officer in 1995, becoming a detective in 1997, and sergeant of support services in 2007.

Last year, Scheller became division commander of uniform and support services.

Since Tyson's departure April 5, Scheller was acting chief until then-Town Manager

Mike Bornstein named him chief on April 11.

Council members encouraged Bornstein to hire Scheller before Bornstein left to take the city manager's job in Lake Worth. Toward the end of a lengthy meeting on April 9, a council member tried to make a motion directing Bornstein to hire Scheller, but Mayor Dave Stewart wouldn't allow it, saying such a move would be violate the town's charter.

Admittedly angry about the push to get Bornstein to hire a chief before he left, Stewart said his annoyance had nothing to do with Scheller.

"We do not tell him (Bornstein) who to hire," Stewart said.

"I thought he was the right appointee, but it was the town manager's decision and I thought the decision should wait for the new town manager (Deborah Manzo, who will begin May 7).

Tyson, 51, had been police chief since September 2010. He was arrested around 1 p.m. on April 4 by Boca Raton police responding to an accident on Military Trail in which Tyson's Ford Explorer (a town-owned vehicle) rear-ended an unmarked Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office vehicle. Tyson's blood alcohol tests (.229 and .234 percent) were almost three times the legal limit for intoxication. ★



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Boynton Beach

Boynton approves plan for old school redevelopment

By Angie Francalancia

After 20 years of debating the fate of Boynton Beach's Old High School, city leaders now are in a hurry to see it transformed into an events destination.

Boynton Beach City Commissioners voted 5-0 to negotiate over the next 120 days with Lansing Melbourne Group, who propose converting the 1920s-era building into an events destination under the renowned hand of Palm Beach party planner Bruce Sutka.

And members of the audience applauded — not so much in favoring the proposal over the second one before the city, but to celebrate that the city finally was moving forward with a plan.

"We're very, very eager and excited," Commissioner Marlene Ross said as the commission voted. "Let's move forward."

"Finally," one man shouted from the audience.

"This school means everything to my heritage," said resident Emily Little. "It's about time we did something."

Lansing Melbourne is expected to begin working immediately with city leaders to bring its "30,000 feet vision" to reality, with a solid financing plan and an architectural renovation plan that will add space to the old building, but won't jeopardize getting it on the historical register and qualifying for tax credits.

"The modifications to the building could take it out of



ABOVE: The Lansing Melbourne Group proposal shows glass enclosures and an outdoor garden. Drawing provided

the historical category," said Mayor Woodrow Hay, who, along with Commissioner Bill Orlove initially supported the alternate proposal that would have converted the school into the home of the Palm Beach Museum of Natural History.

But Orlove's motion to negotiate with New Urban Communities that proposed the museum, along with 10 buildings of rental apartments, failed on a 2-3 vote. Orlove then moved to have the staff work with Lansing Melbourne to solidify its proposal. They'll report to the commission monthly in anticipation of

having a final deal ready in 120 days.

While Commissioner Steve Holzman said he thought they could execute a deal faster, Lansing Melbourne's Peter Flotz said they'd need the entire 120 days to secure a loan commitment. Part of the hurry is because new federal tax credits, which were part of both projects' proposed financing structure, are expected to be extremely limited and were not renewed for 2013, city officials advised.

Although Lansing Melbourne had obtained what it called a soft commitment of bank financing, a firm financial commitment is what would be needed to ensure a deal, said CRA Director Vivian Brooks.

"I don't know if we'll have a hard commitment in that time frame," Flotz said. "But if, in 120 days you don't like what we've done, kiss us goodbye. You've got somebody else just waiting for us to fail."

Both proposals require the city to give away the building. Both ask that the city forfeit for several years the potential tax revenue the project would generate. And both include commercial or residential components designed to generate dollars that would offset renovating the old school that's been sitting unused for about 20 years. Past studies have estimated the cost of renovating the building, last used as an elementary school in the late 1990s, at more than \$5 million.

"We're trying to skin a very big cat here," CRA Executive Director Vivian Brooks said. "To make money, there has to be an offset."

Lansing's plan is to have restaurants and events generating the dollars and traffic. The group proposes expanding the Old School's area with two "glass cubes" and including a glass ceiling above the second floor auditorium space for a spectacular event venue.

It's similar to a plan the group used recently on a project in Sarasota, architect Juan Contin told the commission. It allows the building to be expanded while maintaining its historical integrity, Flotz said.

"When the Louvre was remodeled, this is exactly what they did," Flotz said. "They put a glass cube entry way." But he added, "We don't have their budget."

The concept would provide an event venue needed in a market where, according to Sutka, other spaces already are booked. The team's proposal also includes space for four "boutique" restaurants, and envisions spaces to accommodate small retail, a green market, and community programs. A private outdoor garden would provide an extension of the event space.

They envision community classes inside the building, as well as major events that turn Ocean Avenue into the city's "entertainment district."

"Bruce Sutka bringing event after event after event is what will make it happen," Flotz said.

The team estimates bringing an average of 150 jobs each year to Boynton Beach.

Lansing's proposal had heavy support from several residents, including Voncile Smith, president of the Boynton Beach Historical Society and Barbara Ready, who said the proposal reflects what every community gathering said Boynton wanted — a place for the community to use.

Supporters of Lansing's proposal also said they believed the second concept would make the city liable for too much money. While Lansing has asked for the tax value of the renovated school for about 10 years — estimated to total about \$750,000, New Urban's proposal would need Boynton Beach to guarantee rent shortfalls estimated to be about \$318,000 annually for about the same period.

The second proposal, a collaboration of New Urban Communities with the Palm Beach Museum of Natural History, would leave the Old School building as it is, converting it into about 9,000 square feet of exhibit space. But it would change much of the city blocks that now house the school, library and City Hall buildings. The plan included building 84 rentals to introduce live/work spaces into downtown. ★

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Lina Roche, an eighth-grader at St. Mark Catholic School, checks the depth of the sea grape tree she planted with classmate Katelyn Guinan at Boynton Beach's Oceanfront Park in Ocean Ridge on April 26. The Arbor Day event memorialized surfer and environmentalist Vola Jeffrey 'Surge' Surgener and lifeguard Phil Remery. Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star



Kristin Alexandre, a seasoned traveler, kayaks on the South Island of New Zealand. Photo provided

Delray Beach

Delray author was there for first Earth Day

By Emily J. Minor

They were different times back then, certainly, what with free love and the women's movement and the Vietnam War. And for local resident and writer Kristin Alexandre, it was, in so many ways, the defining years of her life.

Young and newly married to an older man with social interests and some power, Alexandre hooked up with a group of college students at Columbia University in New York City and helped to organize — get this — the first Earth Day.

There she was, a French major just out of Virginia's Sweet Briar College, working

with the mayor's office, getting Fifth Avenue shut down, reaching out to Barbra Streisand and Ali MacGraw and the Rockefeller family.

"Barbra Streisand came and sang *On A Clear Day*," she says, laughing, still a bit in awe of what they accomplished.

Forty-two years later, this prolific author, traveler, and entrepreneur still worries about the same environmental and conservation issues they worried about then.

"The No. 1 issue then and now is overpopulation," Alexandre said. "After that, I would say it's water."

So, how do you start such a movement? Whom do you call? Where do you meet? How do you get the troops energized?

Alexandre, traveling out of state to discuss a possible cable TV series for her graphic novel

series *Nuncia*, still loves to recall those heady times.

"Really, people who had been part of the anti-war movement were kind of refocusing their energies on the Earth Day movement," she said. "They were segueing. There was just this protest group of people, and we kind of refocused."

It was in the winter of 1969 that this group first went to a Columbia auditorium to hear environmental activist Denis Hayes discuss plans for a possible Earth Day, a day that would pay homage — and bring attention — to Mother Earth. Full of energy after Hayes' speech, someone rented cheap office space to push along the effort. Pretty soon, they were meeting with then-New York City Mayor John Lindsay about logistics and sending out press releases to the network news.

There were Earth Day events all over the country that first year: April 22, 1970. Today, Earth Day is celebrated on the same date, but in 192 countries.

Former U.S. Congressman Gaylord Nelson, a Democrat from Wisconsin, is largely considered Earth Day's true founder, since he held the political power to grease the wheels. But he has been widely quoted as saying the event took off, organically.

"It simply grew on its own," he would say in later years.

Alexandre, who remarried after being with her first husband, William Hubbard, for just a short while, said "everyone was just so active at the time."

And while Alexandre says she is hopeful about the future of the environment — The electronic media do so much to spread awareness, she says — she's also worried about the graying of America's environmental movement, and the movement's shift to more political circles.

Issues like global warming and population "weren't politicized back then," she says.

And today, young adults seem burdened with so many serious challenges, they don't feel much power, she said.

"It's a sad thing today," says Alexandre, who has lived in coastal Delray for about three years. "I have an 18-year-old, and she does not feel she has the power to change anything. The Baby Boomers, we felt like we could change it all." ★



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Gulf Stream

Owners appreciate Asian-style oasis amid subtropics

By Christine Davis

There are a few people in South Florida's tropical paradise who live in literal Shangri-Las.

Take for example, Bruce and Muriel "Mert" Anderson, Charles and Anna Carlino, and most recently, Hillel Presser. No Mediterranean-style homes for them. All residents of Gulf Stream's Place Au Soleil, they prefer architecture with a bit of an Asian flavor (think pagoda-like roofs with upturned edges), following the lead of Bob Reed, who developed the 50 acres in 1960.

"Bob never said why, but he liked that look," Mert said. "From what I understand, he had different developers come in and build here, but he had control of the design of our home (at 960 Indigo Point), which he built for himself, and two others on Avenue Au Soleil."

"Bob told me that those two were the original sales offices," Bruce added. Reed's aerial photograph hangs in their home, and shows the development as empty parcels save for the two Avenue Au Soleil homes.

Coming from a Colonial home in Morristown, N.J., the couple bought their waterfront property 20 years ago, Bruce explained. "Our Realtor told me, 'I want you to see something I just came across. I'll leave the keys and you bring Mert and a bottle of wine at sunset. It will be an easy sale.'"

"The house was owned by Bob Reed and his wife, Bessie, who had already moved over to Harbour's Edge (a senior living community in Delray Beach). It was empty and overgrown, but we made an offer."

At first, Mert said, they were going to give it a more Colonial look — the house façade does have a section made of old brick reclaimed from a Kingston, Jamaica, jail — but they grew to like the Asian style and decided to stick with it. "We were ready for something different," Mert, now a Gulf Stream town commissioner, explained.

Charles and Anna Carlino bought their home at 2745 Avenue Au Soleil from Elden and Catherine Tetzlaff in 2007. "The design was more Japanese when we owned it," Catherine Tetzlaff said. "The architect truly understood building for a tropical climate, and I always appreciated his vision."



The Carlinos, though, love the Polynesian/Balinese style, and the house easily made the transition.

"The open-beamed ceiling in the living room is original," Charles Carlino said. "The whole house in the front had sliding glass doors. We framed them in wood and added the dark shutters — that goes with the Balinese design. We put in Mexican tile floors and added

bamboo shades out on the loggia."

Carlino, a real estate investor and decorator who owns Lorimar Designs, has filled the house with wicker, rattan, leather, Asian antiques and exotic wood furniture. He's added a garage and guesthouse, a shallow meditation pool and pavilion, decks, walkways and lush landscaping.

"I was working on another house in the neighborhood, and I kept going by this property," he said. "It was the roofline I liked. Everyday, I'd look at this house and say, 'someday, I'm going to own it.' I showed it to my wife — she had just received her real estate license and this was her first sale."

Across the street, at 2730 Avenue Au Soleil, Hillel Presser is putting the finishing touches

TOP: Charles and Anna Carlino's Polynesian-style home on Avenue Au Soleil in Gulf Stream.

LEFT: The Carlinos stand near their meditation pool.

BELOW: Hillel Presser's Intracoastal-front home consists of a cluster of buildings with pagoda-style roofs. Photos by Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star

on a cluster of buildings with pagoda-like roofs on the water that he bought in February 2010. "I didn't want to sacrifice the roof or the French Polynesian look, he said. "My whole idea was to keep with the original design, but to give it a modern beachy feel."

Two outbuildings to the north and south are the guesthouse and the garage, which create symmetry and also define the courtyard. The main house features an open floor plan with a large living space and galley kitchen, as well as two bedroom suites.

To the rear of the house is a covered patio that offers views of the kidney-shaped pool, dock and water. "The property takes up an entire end of a short canal," he said. "I get to enjoy looking at the Gulf Stream golf course and the Intracoastal Waterway without the noise or the seawall damage."

"I first saw the house online, drove up, saw the half-acre lot and the view and bought it. I didn't even care about the condition of the buildings."

Presser, a lawyer, often buys investment condos and this is his first house project. Although he may sell down the road, he's feeling attached, already picking out appropriate furnishings, and he and his fiancée, Ashley Martini, plan to move in soon.

"I like the style," he said. "It's a good feeling — Zen." ★



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Obituaries

Mary Elizabeth Sory

By Emily J. Minor

HYPOLUXO ISLAND — Hers was a life full of passion, people and laughter, lots of laughter.

"Anyone who met Lib loved her," remembers Sharon Ehlers, who cared for Mary Elizabeth Sory in the years before Miss Sory's death.



"Actually, she was in better shape than I was," Ehlers said, with a laugh. "Five years

ago she was still climbing the tree and trimming it."

Miss Sory, a longtime Palm Beach County schoolteacher who came here in the 1940s and never left, was 98 when she died April 6 — just a few weeks before her 99th birthday.

Born in the little town of Cedar Hill, Tenn., on April 30, 1913, she was one of six children — three boys and three girls. The daughter of a country doctor

who traveled horseback for house calls, she left home for college, eventually earning two degrees. The first was at Middle Tennessee State College for Teachers, where she graduated in 1935 after studying physical education and art. A few years later, she went to the George Peabody College for Teachers, where in 1943 she received her master's degree in physical education.

That year, she came to Lake Worth High School to teach P.E., and she was hired by John I. Leonard — the superintendent of schools at the time, and the namesake for the high school that opened in Greenacres in 1964 and still carries his name.

When Miss Sory came south, she had family here. All three of her brothers were doctors, practicing in Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach. (All three of the Sory girls were teachers.) During her early teaching days, Miss Sory worked in the Florida sun. In those days, gym class was almost always outdoors.

But when a brother worried that his red-haired, fair-skinned sister might be particularly susceptible to skin cancer, she took a job as a guidance counselor at Lake Worth Junior High School.

When Miss Sory retired from Lake Worth Junior High School in 1974, she had taught in Palm Beach County for 31 years, said her niece, Virginia Sory Brown.

Miss Sory's niece described her aunt as selfless, silly and full of adventure. She loved to travel. She loved the University of Tennessee Lady Vols basketball team, attending the NCAA tournaments until very recently. She loved her nieces and nephews. "She was the matriarch to five generations," her niece said.

And she loved playing cards and board games, particularly backgammon. Indeed, Miss Sory was known for her ruthless tactics at the backgammon board. "She would take incredible risks," Ehlers said, "and she would whup my

butt."

Miss Sory was known for her spirit and feistiness, and she valued those attributes in others. For her 90th birthday, her family and friends reached out to four notable women she admired, and arranged for their birthday wishes to arrive with all the others. Hillary Clinton, Paula Deen, Pat Summitt, the Lady Vols coach who just resigned because of early-onset Alzheimer's disease; and soap opera star Deidre Hall — they all sent photos with a personal note.

Miss Sory is survived by nine nieces and nephews, 18 great-nieces and -nephews, numerous great-greats and one great-great-great niece.

Her long, happy life was celebrated on April 30, which would have been her 99th birthday. Family asks that donations in her memory be made to Lake Worth School Dollars for Scholars Foundation, P.O. Box 1166, Lake Worth, FL 33460.

Thomas Browne

By Ron Hayes

DELRAY BEACH — During his retirement years, Thomas Browne did not play golf or bridge, racquetball, shuffleboard or tennis.



Mr. Browne walked. And walked.

Every morning he rose at 5, had breakfast, left his home in southern Delray Beach, turned north on South Ocean Boulevard and walked the

eight miles to George Bush Boulevard and back.

Walking was his passion, his pastime and his exercise, and it was good exercise. He lived to be 91, and died peacefully on April 8, Easter Sunday.

"He always wore a pith helmet, and everybody knew him because he would say hello to everybody," recalls his widow, Claire. "Some people called him the mayor of A1A. Everywhere he went, he'd want to walk."

After his daily walk, he'd go for a swim, then indulge his

second passion, reading *The New York Times* in depth.

"He'd been reading the *Times* since he was 15, and he'd take the rest of the morning to read it, every day, faithfully."

Thomas F. Browne was born on Aug. 5, 1920, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Third Army 10th Infantry Regiment, participating in the Battle of the Bulge, during which he was wounded on Christmas Day, 1944.

"He served from 1942 to 1945, but he always said his

career in the Army was very short, because he was only involved in combat on the day he was shot," his wife said. "He spent three months recuperating in England."

Mr. Browne was awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for his service, then went on to earn a degree in business from Fordham University.

A resident of Upper Saddle River, N.J., he served as general manager of Institutional Commodity Services for 37 years and retired in 1987.

Mr. and Mrs. Browne, who were married 55 years, moved

to Delray Beach in 1990.

In addition to his widow, Mr. Browne is survived by four children and their spouses: Anthony and Margaret Browne of Ridgewood, N.J.; Bradley and Susan Browne of Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J.; Barbara and Kenneth Wineland of Medford, N.J.; and Kilby and Marizete Browne of Union City, N.J.; a brother, James, of Normandy Beach, N.J.; and seven grandchildren.

The family asks that donations in Mr. Browne's name be made to Autism New Jersey at www.autismnj.com.

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Along the Coast

Theaters rally to help one of their own

By Scott Simmons

The Plaza Theatre has jumped into the ring to help patrons of Boca Raton's beleaguered Caldwell Theatre.

The Manalapan theater, which opened in February, will honor tickets to Caldwell's production of *Our Lady of Allapattah*, which first was postponed, then canceled, as Caldwell struggled amid foreclosure proceedings on its \$10 million Count de Hoehnle Theatre in Boca Raton.

The 37-year-old company has been unable to make payments on its \$5.9 million mortgage. A court-appointed receiver is monitoring the theater's business operations. Options include reorganization, filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection or shutting down.

Alan Jacobson, one of the founders of the Plaza Theatre, said the ticket exchange will help Caldwell and help introduce audiences to his theater, which opened in the former Florida Stage space at Plaza del Mar.

"We've gotten a few calls about the Caldwell tickets," Jacobson said. "We're glad to do it. I've asked the box office to track the calls."

Plaza Theatre will exchange Caldwell tickets for tickets to the shows *I Am Music — The Songs of Barry Manilow* (May 10-27) or *Don't Rain On Our Parade*, a tribute to Barbara Streisand, Bette Midler and Carole King (June 7-17).

Palm Beach Dramaworks also has agreed to honor Caldwell tickets.

Ticketholders may exchange *Our Lady* tickets for tickets to the downtown West Palm Beach company's production of David Auburn's *Proof* (May 25-June 17) or the theater's production of *The Fantasticks* (July 13-Aug. 5).

At the time Dramaworks made its offer, Caldwell artistic director Clive Cholerton issued a statement of gratitude, saying, "As much as we wanted to personally honor our ticket holders, it simply wasn't feasible. We continue to explore all of our options and will make a formal announcement when all of the facts have been addressed."

Subscribers and ticketholders were to have been contacted by Caldwell, the theater said.

Telephones at Caldwell have been disconnected, and Cholerton did not return a call to his personal line for comment on the Plaza Theatre offer.

For information on Plaza Theatre, call 588-1820 or visit www.theplazatheatre.net. ★

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Celebrations

\$100,000 grant awarded to the Parent-Child Center

The women of Impact 100 Palm Beach County championed the “power of giving as one” on April 24, voting to support a program that helps children who are abruptly removed from their homes and placed into foster care.

Impact 100 members came together at their inaugural annual meeting at Lynn University in Boca Raton and awarded their first \$100,000 grant to the Parent-Child Center, a nonprofit organization that promotes the social and emotional well being of children and families.

“Impact 100 PBC is thrilled that our ‘power of giving as one’ is doing exactly what it intended — being part of creating transformational solutions,” stated Cindy Krebsbach, co-founder of Impact 100 PBC. “We are truly excited to support the Parent-Child Center’s trauma team with our first transformational grant.”

Impact 100 was created with the idea that every woman gives \$1,000 annually, their

Impact 100 Palm Beach County Lynn University, Boca Raton



Impact 100 founders Cindy Krebsbach (left), Lisa Mulhall and Tandy Robinson raise a toast during their annual meeting and grant presentation at Lynn University. **Photo provided**

contributions are pooled together and a nonprofit organization is selected to receive a \$100,000 grant.

Sixty-six applicants applied for the grant within five key funding categories: Arts and Culture, Education, Environment, Family, Health and Wellness. Five nonprofits were selected to present to the Impact 100 PBC members at their annual meeting, where an electronic vote was cast

and counted. Runner-up organizations were The Milagro Center, Anti-Defamation League, Florida Fishing Academy and the Urban League of Palm Beach County. They each received a \$12,000 grant.

— Staff report

For more information on Impact 100 Palm Beach County or to become a member, contact 302-4996 or impact100pbc@cfpbmc.org.

St. Paul’s Garden Seasonal Closing St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Delray Beach



Grass River Garden Club member Susan Vicinelli shows Paul’s Place after-school student Tanicha Emilcar (center) an edible flower during the April 10 closing of the St. Paul’s Episcopal Church Community Garden in Delray Beach. Students Jovante Pierre Louis, Ange Cyril and Vanessa Pierre also check out the garden. **Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star**

Boca Delray Music Society Luncheon Delray Beach Club



Frances Curtiss (seated, from left), Regie Moorcroft and Sylvia Hinges; with Cindy Hopkins and Jeanne Strong, enjoy the March 20 Boca Delray Music Society’s musical social, ‘Hats & Harps Luncheon’ at the Delray Beach Club. **Photo provided**



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Celebrations

Celebration of Old Delray

The Colony Cabana Club

Delray Beach Historical Society members and guests enjoy cocktails during the second annual Celebration of Old Delray Cocktails on the Beach fundraiser at The Colony Cabana Club on April 12.

Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star



Wayside House Spring Boutique

The Colony Hotel, Delray Beach



Honorary Chair Jane "Kitchie" Tolleson, Co-Chair Barbara Backer and Spring Boutique Committee Member Laila Young enjoy the three-day shopping extravaganza in downtown Delray Beach March 6-8. Event proceeds benefitted the women and programs of Wayside House, a Delray Beach substance abuse treatment center for women ages 18 and above. **Photo provided**

Sandoway House Nature Center Gala

Oceanfront, Ocean Ridge



Sandoway House Nature Center's Earth Day Gala was held under the stars April 14 at a local beach club. Legendary football coach Howard Schnellenburger served as Honorary Chairman. More than \$20,000 was raised for Delray Beach's only nature center. Pictured above are Carl DeSantis (l) and Fran Marincola. **Photo provided**

Heading to College

Ocean Ridge



Brianna Ritota has recently accepted scholarship offers for both her academic and athletic achievements from Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y. She plans to attend in the fall to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine. Brianna is graduating from Boca Raton Community High School where she has been inducted into the National Honor Society and has received the President's Award for Educational Excellence. An avid athlete, she is graduating with five varsity letters, four in water polo and one in swimming. As captain (for the second year in a row) she helped lead her water polo team to victory over St. Andrew's to claim a first district championship for Boca High. She is the eldest daughter of Dr. Ted and Lisa Ritota of Ocean Ridge. **Photo provided**

Sacred Heart Flowers Afternoon Tea

St. Andrews Club, Delray Beach



Sacred Heart fifth-grader Adrianna Smigiel and her mom, Marcela, of Lake Worth, pick up treats during the April Showers Bring Sacred Heart Flowers Afternoon Tea at St. Andrews Club on April 11. The fundraising event was hosted by The Friends of Sacred Heart School and benefitted the "Educate a Student" fund at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Lake Worth. A similar event is being planned for 2013. **Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star**

Closet Couture Luncheon

Benvenuto's, Boynton Beach



The Lupus Foundation of America's Southeast Florida Chapter hosted its Annual Closet Couture Luncheon at Benvenuto's on April 10. The event raised over \$25,000 to help support the LFA's mission of finding the causes of and cure for lupus and providing support, services and hope to the over 100,000 Floridians living with lupus and their loved ones. ABOVE: (l-r) Mary Walsh, Chris Davies, Elaine Morris and Jay Davies. **Photo provided**

10 Questions

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Bradley Stewart

Beekeeper Bradley Stewart minds his own beeswax, although you'll find him doing that in other people's yards.

Condos just aren't the place to set up beehives, he points out, so thanks to friends and neighbors throughout the county, he farms his 17 hives out for production of his "Backyard Honey," which he often gives away. "When people come back for more, sometimes they insist on paying me, so I call that a donation," he said.

But for him, not only are honeybees a hobby (he has about 60,000 in each hive), they are serious business.

"Bees are so important to our wellbeing," the South Palm Beach resident said. "If you go to Publix and look at the produce, without honeybees, one-third of those shelves would be empty."

Take almonds, for example, he explained. "Sixty percent of the world's almonds come from California and almonds need honeybees for pollination. The acreage in California dedicated to almonds is greater than the entire acreage of the entire state of Massachusetts, and there aren't enough honeybees to do the job."

Stewart became interested in bees when he was about 12 or 13 and had a neighbor who had bees. As a Boy Scout, he pursued a merit badge for beekeeping. He did give up beekeeping (obviously) when he was in the Navy, where as a yeoman he learned to be a very fast typist on the staff of Adm. Chester Nimitz in Hawaii after the United States entered World War II.

But he has worked with bees on and off all through his life. "I've been close to nature," he said.

As a single young man, he traveled, eventually ending up in Florida where he met his wife, Gloria, who died six years ago.

"I hitchhiked to Florida from Kentucky and haven't had enough money to get out of the state yet," is the joke he likes to tell. But here's the real story. He had come occasionally to Florida with his family. "The first time was in 1936," he recalled. Stewart returned to Florida right out of teacher's college and taught in Indiantown at Warfield Elementary.

"Then I went to California and did all kinds of stuff. I had a car wreck and came back to Florida to recuperate and met Gloria. She was a nurse. We were married for 50 years."

He has two children: Bradley III, who lives in Pompano, and Sara Watson, who lives near Washington, D.C.

Stewart says his senior



Bradley Stewart raises Italian bees in the backyards of friends. He says bees travel up to six miles. There are about 60,000 bees in each hive. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



citizen groups refer to members as "active seniors," and he tends to agree. "I am 86, feel like I'm 96 and plan to live to be 103."

— Christine Davis

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

A. I grew up in Bowling Green, Ky., where I attended public school. It was an excellent system with good teachers. Then, I went to Western State College, also in Bowling Green. It was primarily a rural community, where people are closer to nature. I've been close to nature all my life, although I don't consider myself a "green" person.

Q. Have you had other careers (or hobbies); what were the highlights?

A. I worked for Delta Airlines for 30 years in marketing. I've also done all kinds of part-time jobs. I was a bartender in college, worked on a shrimp boat one summer out of Fort Myers, was a teacher for two years right out of school, and I also went out to California and worked in a factory.

I'm a ballroom dancer. In elementary school, we had folk dancing. My wife, Gloria, and I started taking art in the senior citizens center — it was free — and they also had a dance class, and the rest is

tragedy. I've been dancing for four or five years. You can legally hug the girls.

I take lessons on Monday and Friday and I go once a week to the Gold Coast Ballroom in Coconut Creek and there's also the Grand Ballroom in Delray Beach. Jane Mueller teaches locally. She charges five dollars an hour and at the Mid County Senior Citizen's Center in Lake Worth. We need men.

For art lessons at the same center, the teacher is Chief Joseph and he's a superb artist. He teaches for free. We have a little dance/artist community and we go in groups to do things.

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

A. We lived in West Palm Beach, and after retiring from Delta, we moved to South Palm Beach. My wife didn't want to do yard work, so she said she wanted to live in a condo and I found this one for \$85,000, and that was 25 years ago.

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

A. I know people here. It's very convenient living in a condo. Although I don't like condos, this is a great place to live, but I can't keep bees here. I am, though, raising a tomato plant on my porch.

Q. What book are you reading now?

A. I don't read very much and fiction doesn't grab me too much. I do like to keep up with my magazines on the honeybee world.

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

A. I'm not a student of classical music, but I was exposed to it in elementary school, so I do enjoy classical music when I want to relax. For inspiration I listen to my cha-cha, rumba, ballroom samba, merengue and big band music. I feel the beat.

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

A. I tell my kids, "moderation," but I don't practice it.

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

A. I had a regional marketing manager at Delta, Ed Bishop. He had a staff of about six sales reps and he was always on the go and ahead of the pack with all sorts of new ideas, so I tried to pattern after him. He got lots accomplished in short periods. I've always had energy, too, but it was channeling my energy that I had to learn to do, so I'd observe him.

Q. If your life story were made into a movie, who would you want to play you?

A. Johnny Carson. He asked questions and gave people a chance to answer them. He was funny and he

The buzz on bees

Interesting facts about the "bee" part of the birds and bees lecture:

■ During its lifetime, a honeybee will produce a twelfth of a teaspoon of honey, so if you eat a teaspoon of honey, you've just enjoyed the life work of 12 honeybees.

■ Beekeepers buy bees by the pound with a mated queen. To produce worker bees — the females — the queen fertilizes the eggs. Non-fertilized eggs become the drones (males).

■ Stewart can't say how long bees live. "Up North, they hibernate in the winter. In Florida, when there are lots of flowers in an orange grove, the bees will work themselves to death in three or four weeks.

■ "A queen will live for five years, but we replace her every year or two because her productivity to produce may diminish."

■ A hive is made up of three separate groups of bees: the queen, 50,000 to 60,000 female worker bees, and a few hundred male drones.

■ "The hive doesn't need many drones, only enough to impregnate the queen. They can't feed themselves. They are real couch potatoes," he said.

■ A colony is a matriarchal society, he added. "The queen on her maiden flight puts out pheromones and the drones are attracted to that. 18 to 35 drones will catch her at a high altitude, will mate with her and then she kills them. The drones deposit up to two million sperm in her body. She'll lay up to 2,000 eggs a day. After she's mated, the other drones are pushed out of the hive."

■ A beehive looks like a box. The bottom section is called the brood chamber and that's where the new bees are raised. In the top sections, supers, there are a series of frames (looks like drawers) that hold a sheet of imprinted beeswax — the bees build on top of that. You take each frame out, and scratch the honey off, put the frames in a centrifuge, and then drain the honey into a bucket. "We don't strain or heat it — that's what makes it organic."

enjoyed people. He never swore and he poked fun at himself. He didn't sacrifice other people to make himself appear popular.

Q. Who or what makes you laugh?

A. People, particularly politicians. Break it down one more time, Democrats.

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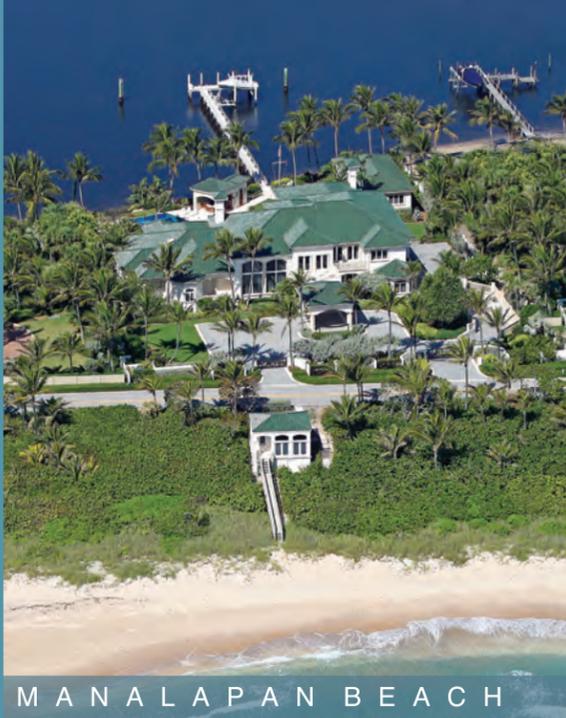


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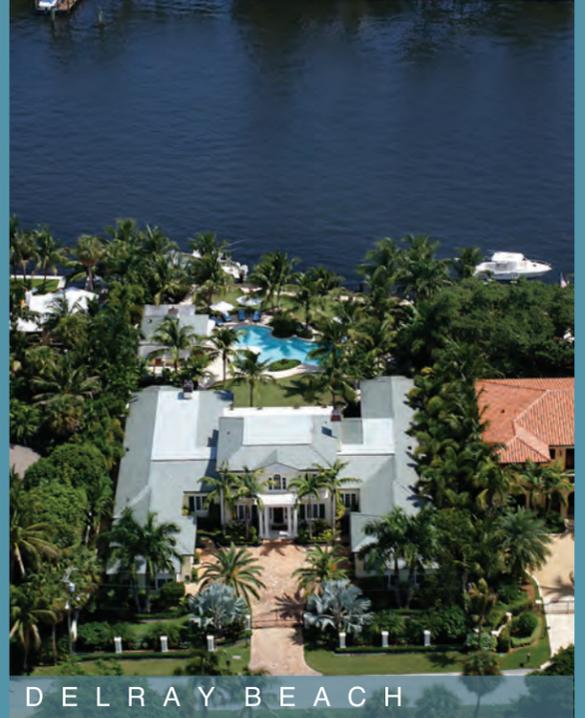
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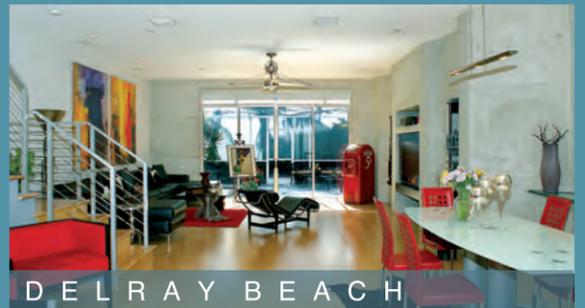
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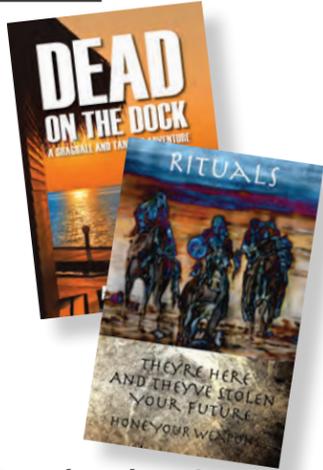
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The art of Tea and Company



Delray Beach residents Tandy Robinson and her daughter Gracie take a moment for a hug during last month's annual Mother and Daughter Garden Tea Party at the Boca Raton Museum of Art. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Brew up a special blend for Mother's Day

By Antigone Barton

There's something about tea: Soothing and restoring, a comfort and a tradition, it provides both a lull and a lift to the day. Let fathers celebrate their day with tee times, Mother's Day tea is an occasion for finger food and flowers.

And tea, of course.

What is it about tea that brings people together?

There's something salubrious about tea, says one local tea specialist, who goes by the name of Barbara the Tea Specialist. It extends beyond the medicinal properties, the list of which, she says, continues to grow daily: Studies credit tea with curbing high blood

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Photo courtesy of Barbara the Tea Specialist The Orchid Tea Room



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TEA

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rheumatism, heart, liver and kidney diseases, and warding off some cancers.

The act of having tea and the ceremonies that have evolved around it have their own benefits, Barbara says.

"You have to pause. It's very meditative, a release from the everyday," she says.



Barbara

asks Maryana Matesic of TeaLicious Tea Room in Delray Beach. "I remember when mine did."

In mid-April, TeaLicious was already taking reservations for Mother's Day tea, a high tea.

Barbara takes her expertise on the road, helping businesses as well as party-planning individuals to gather around tea — Mother's Day teas, wedding shower teas, tea tastings, tea talks — even after-yoga raw-food tea gatherings.

For those planning their own teas, Barbara has this advice: "You don't have to be a traditionalist to have fun with a tea party. You have to be able to be creative and mix it up. Let your imagination soar."

After all, she points out, at least 52 countries where tea is grown have it their way: in Morocco, where she says crushed mint leaves in a glass with tea poured over it create "an explosion of mint;" in Japan, where a tea ceremony can be four hours long; and in England, from where traditional high tea comes, and where "they were practically religious about tea time."

Specialist favors flexibility

A former travel agent who accompanied groups on tours, Barbara developed her philosophy of tea, as well as her knowledge, in her travels. She says the secret to enjoying tea and the treats that go with it is making it your own, and that means including your favorite finger food.

While conceding the cucumber sandwich is nearly indispensable, ("because everyone looks for the cucumber,") and that an herbal cream cheese is nice (she uses herbs from her garden), Barbara has accompanied teas with mini-bagels, flax seed toast, quiche-ettes and substituted

Then there are the memories. "Remember when you were little, and you weren't feeling well, and your mother brought you a cup of tea?"



Gabriella Villazon (center) and her daughter Estefania Fabregat watch tea being poured during the Boca Raton Museum of Art's garden tea party. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



Nicole Castillo samples tea during the Boca Raton Museum of Art garden tea party.

mushroom caps for bread at raw-food teas.

The one constant, she allows, is avoiding knives and forks — and sticking to bite-sized treats.

As far as the tea itself, "the healthiest tea," she says, "is whatever you like to drink, because you will drink the most of it."

That being said, when she says tea, she is talking about white, green, black or oolong. "Anything that's brewed with water is tea to a lot of people," she says. In reality unless it comes from the tea plant — *camellia sinensis* — it is not tea.

Flower and herb infusions,

as well as the South African rooibos, are tisanes. Not that there is anything wrong with that; Barbara sells and is enthusiastic about the benefits of rooibos, in particular, a favored alternative for those who say they can't drink tea.

When people say they can't drink tea, Barbara will ask for clarification, to make sure they are not depriving themselves unnecessarily. While some people can't tolerate caffeine, others may have a problem that is specific to a particular tea.

While not a traditionalist in food, she is not a rebel either — and high tea does call for

a black tea, she says. A white tea, though, goes nicely with dessert.

Tea definitely is like wine in at least one respect — if you pay attention to the flavor, you can pair it with foods, she says. "A custard dessert with a black tea goes very fine. I have a white tea with a pineapple and coconut and that goes beautifully with cake."

Barbara allows that "purists" would consider a white tea to be bending the rules of a traditional high tea, and might also find flavored tea to border on revolutionary.

Flavored tea popular here

Each region that tea comes to sets its own standards, however. In these parts, fruit-flavored and spiced teas seem to be closer to the rule than the exception.

A "berry white," flavored with hibiscus and jasmine as well as berries, is one of the best-selling teas at Boca Raton's Spice and Tea Exchange. That could be because of the scent — the Boca Raton store doesn't serve tea, but encourages customers to judge with their noses.

Another popular tea there is a green tea with pineapple and strawberry flavor. "When you take the lid off you feel energized," Tea and Spice Exchange sales associate Donna Ferguson said.

The most popular tea at TeaLicious is a ginger and peach flavored black tea, with a rich chai coming in second, according to Matesic.

Barbara, who deals in about 100 different teas, says her most popular infusion isn't a tea at all but a rooibos flavored with cranberries. Her second most popular is a macha green tea, and the third is the pineapple coconut white.

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As the rules for tea and its accompanying treats are flexible, so is the order in which it can be consumed, Barbara says. While she teaches etiquette, and says many who consult her for mother-daughter teas cite passing on the etiquette as part of the experience, she also is just as willing to dispense with the etiquette.

"It's under debate — you eat your scones first, then you eat your tea sandwiches, then you eat your desserts," she says. "But I've heard tea aficionados challenge that, and say, no you never eat your scones first — that's why I say, shake it up, relax. Luckily we've gotten away from the rigidity of having to have the etiquette."

"Whatever tea you like to drink, drink it. Whatever food you like to eat, eat it," she says. The more you know, the greater the variety, she adds. ★

How to make a perfect cup of tea

The rule of thumb is one teaspoon of loose tea for each 8 ounces of water. Some mugs are 12 ounces. In that case, you would want to add a heaping teaspoon.

Loose tea can be re-brewed two or three times.

All tea is brewed differently. The amount you use is pretty universal, but the steeping time varies.

Black teas are brewed with boiling

water (boiling is 212 degrees). Wait until it boils, take it off the stove and let it sit for five minutes, and use an instant-read thermometer to tell you the temperature.

White and green teas use lower

temperatures: 160-175 degrees — basically when it just begins to boil. Steep for one to three minutes.

The rooibos and black teas use boiling water and five minutes to steep.

Source: Barbara the Tea Specialist

Local Authors



A.C. Brooks has continued his series with his second book, *Dead on the Dock*, which follows a former TV fishing-show host and his friend. Much of the activity in the book takes place at Lantana's Old Key Lime House. Photo provided

Waterfront duo hopes to hook readers' interest in second outing

By Steve Pike

Shagball and Tangles are back.

Lantana author A.C. Brooks' second book, *Dead on the Dock*, follows the former TV fishing show host and his pint-sized friend (and former Elvis impersonator) through a labyrinth of adventures that includes one sinking boat, a contract killer, the FBI, two dead mobsters and "three freaked-out guys wondering what the hell we got into."

What they, and readers, are into is the second of a series of books Brooks has for the duo and their friends — some of whom are pure fiction and others based on people from the coastal corridor between Lantana and Delray Beach.

"It's not hard to figure out who's who," said Brooks as he sat at a booth inside The Old Key Lime House restaurant in Lantana.

As in Brooks' first book, *Foul Hooked*, The Old Key Lime House is the hub for the characters in *Dead on the Dock*. But unlike the first book, the restaurant is referred to by its real name. In his first book Brooks called it "The Ole House."

Other restaurants, along the Intracoastal Waterway and in West Palm Beach, remain fictionalized in *Dead on the Dock*, although it's not difficult for anyone who has spent even a few weeks along the coastal corridor to figure out the logistics.

The Old Key Lime House also is central to Brooks' marketing. Restaurant owner Wayne Cordero is a big Shagball and Tangles fan, and each book can be found in the Old Key Lime House's gift shop.

"We've sold a lot of books here," Brooks said. "The second book (published in December) has been doing great. It's also helped sell more of the first book. Everybody who read the first book has read the second book. "It's funny. Older women — in their 60s and 70s — seem to love these characters."

As with *Foul Hooked*, Brooks self-published *Dead on the Dock*, through CreateSpace, an Amazon.com company that helps writers without traditional publishers.

Brooks is using author John Locke as a model for self-publishing. Locke, creator of the "Donovan Creed"

series of thrillers, is a sort of godfather of self-publishing. He was the first self-published author to sell one million Kindle ebooks.

"His strategy on selling books is get to get at least three books under your belt before you start trying to promote your work," Brooks said. "People want to buy books from authors with multiple titles. They like to follow characters and stories."

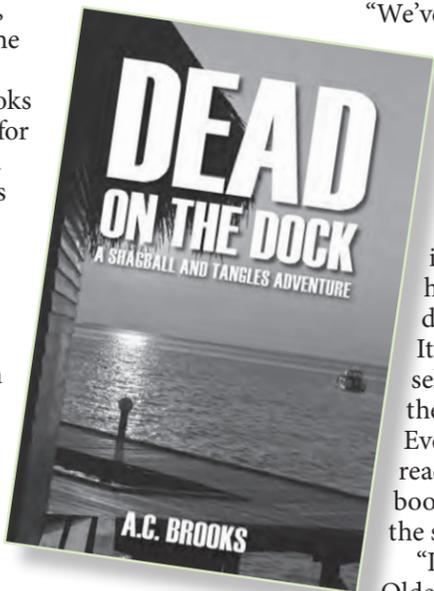
To that end, Brooks already is at work on his third Shagball and Tangles book, *Weed Line*, much of which will take place in the Caribbean.

In that book, Brooks says, Shagball and Tangles will lose their boat, the "Lucky Dog." So to help promote the fourth book, Brooks is planning to have a contest for readers to name the characters' new boat. He's working with a boat manufacturer to supply Shagball and Tangles' next boat. Sort of a literary version of product placement.

Brooks has recently started doing more book promotions on his Facebook page and Twitter account and recently started blogging. He also plans to soon post some chapters of *Dead on the Dock* on his website, acbrooks.net.

"Self-promotion is not really my strong suit," said Brooks, who will have a book-signing May 5 at the Old Key Lime House. "Fortunately, I have some friends who like to promote me."

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Local Authors

Imagined realm not so far from author's Earth

By Steve Pike

Stuart Malin's home is in the county pocket, but he lives much of the time in a world called Atria. It's the world of a young man named Ahmenar Ishtam, whose journey ultimately leads him to confront his enemy and his destiny. Along the way, Ahmenar must uncover secrets, fight for a birthright denied, and make choices between love and loyalty.

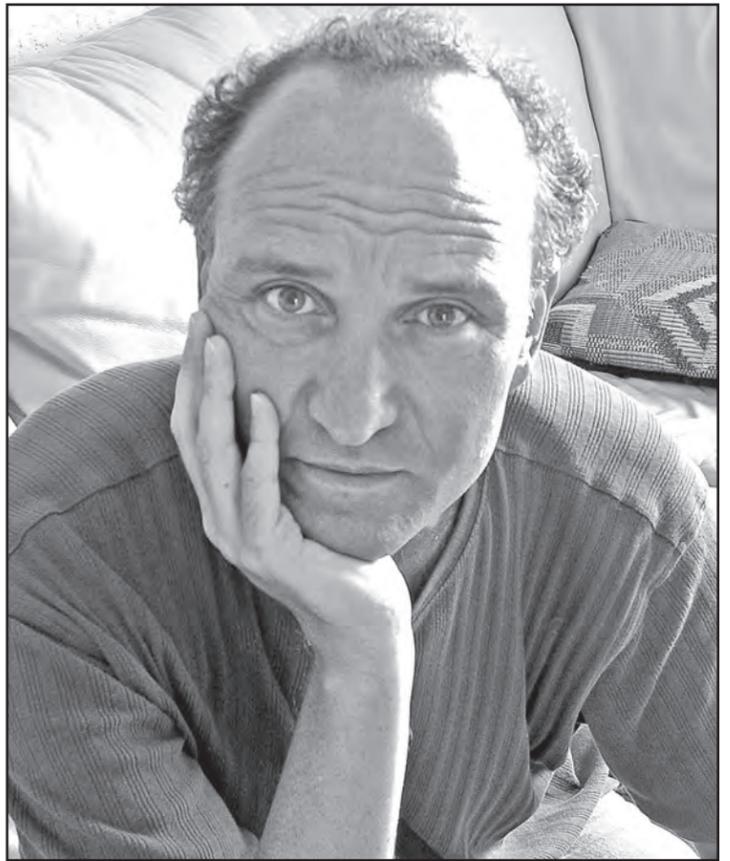
It's the world Malin first envisioned in 2002 and like Ahmenar, he's been on his own personal journey to complete and publish the first in a series of books.

The first book, *Rituals*, will be launched on its own website, www.ossaya.com, and on Facebook. The first 20 chapters are on the website.

"I'm building an engine using latest and greatest technology," said Malin, at one time a software developer for IBM at its old Boca Raton headquarters. "I love new technology. I'm a big Java script developer and I'm using Node.js, which is new technology for building a high-performance website. I'm going to build the website so it integrates with Facebook, so you'll be able to download the first 20 chapters for free."

Malin is publishing *Rituals* and its sequels through his own Zhameesha Publishing LLC in Boynton Beach.

Those first 20 chapters are approximately 120 pages. Malin writes in short, concise chapters in order to keep the reader fresh and motivated to remain immersed in Atria, a Tolkien-esque world inhabited by humans who



Stuart Malin takes readers into another world in his book *Rituals*. He lives in the county pocket. Photo provided

have depleted their natural resources and poisoned their planet's biosphere.

"Their condition could be our near-term future," Malin said. "They fell over the cliff of biosphere degradation and resource depletion. Their population went into massive decline.

"Optimists might think that's not going to happen here on Earth, but I've studied a lot of deep ecology. Every species consumes its own resources and produces its own toxins. I'm fearful of what human beings are headed for unless we learn to manage our actions. Right now I see no signs of self-control. Atria is a warning."

Despite first impressions, *Rituals* and the Atria series aren't science fiction. Malin describes his work as "social fiction." He takes the classic mono-myth (hero's journey) storytelling of Joseph Campbell and the archetypes of Carl Jung and brings them into relevance of our world — if we were to fall off that cliff.

"I always wanted to build a world," said Malin, who holds a master's degree in motion control robotics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. "I have a very creative side. On Dec. 18, 2002, I took out a sheet of white paper and doodled out the social structure of Atria.

"For the next three months I doodled in my notebook. I don't really know what I was doing — it was kind of like a dissociative split. I would call those sessions downloads — of names, people, and history. I had an encyclopedia; I had maps and a back-story. I was learning science I never knew." ★



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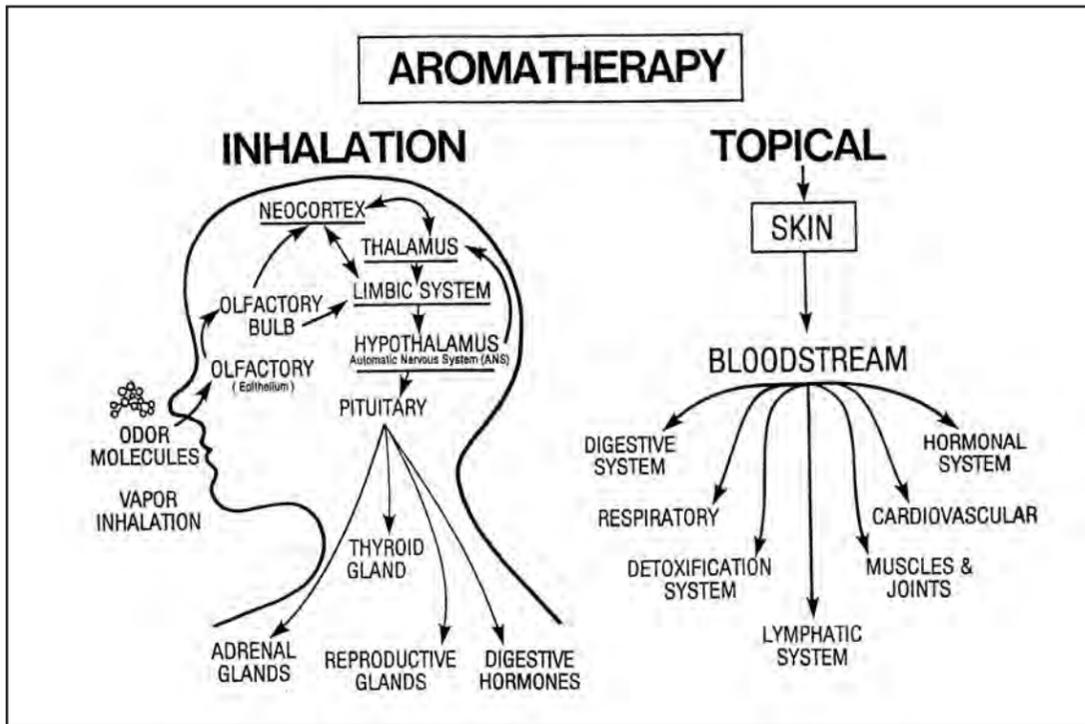


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A look at how therapists believe brain chemistry responds to aromatherapy. Image provided

Aromatherapy: Get a whiff of this

In an era when everything from pet shampoos to plug-in air fresheners are advertised as “aromatherapy,” it’s easy to dismiss the concept as so much marketing hype.

But local aromatherapists hope you don’t turn up your nose at their profession. They emphasize the plant-based science behind aromatherapy, and point to its centuries-old role in healing.

True aromatherapy involves the use of essential oils derived from plants to treat a variety of physical and emotional conditions, explains Gerry Whidden, owner of Nature’s Symphony Inc. of Boca Raton. During her 30 years in the business, she has taught aromatherapy to thousands of students, including doctors and nurses.

Whidden’s retail store just south of Mizner Park has an apothecary-like wall of tiny bottles containing organic essential oils. The oils are distilled from the petals, leaves, seeds, roots and bark of plants, and Whidden is considered an expert at blending these oils into treatments for insomnia, joint pain, chest-rattling coughs — even brain fog.

“Some oils work in two ways,” she says. “For example, lavender essential oil applied to the skin can take down inflammation. And when you inhale lavender, it stimulates serotonin in the brain, which helps relieve pain. So you’re getting a dual effect.”

Here’s the theory behind aromatherapy. When molecules of essential oil are inhaled, they travel, with their chemical messengers, past the olfactory bulb to the limbic system in the brain, which in turn influences both the autonomic nervous system and the endocrine system. As a result, practitioners say, physical, psychological, and even spiritual changes can occur.

Mary Rosi, a professional aromatherapist and owner of Yoga Earth studio in Delray

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Beach, sprays a mixture of essential oils around the room at the start of her yoga classes (sage, bergamot, lemon grass, and other oils) to encourage deep breathing and help



Caster

students center themselves. At the end, when students are in the final, relaxed posture, she rubs spruce oil on her palms and briefly embraces each student’s head

with her hands.

“Spruce oil has anti-inflammatory properties,” Rosi says. “The French use it for arthritis. But I use it to ground my students, to balance them emotionally.”

If that sounds like New Age hoo-ha, consider that aromatherapy dates back to ancient times. In the first century, Greek military physician Dioscorides (40-90 AD), considered the Father of Pharmacology, wrote about using infused aromatic oils for healing. Today, medical doctors in Europe and Asia actually prescribe aromatherapy. But in the United States, it is still considered alternative medicine.

Cary Caster of coastal Delray

Beach hopes to change that. A trained botanist who studied aromatherapy in the U.K. and France, Caster raised three children without using over-the-counter medications, not even aspirin — just essential oils.

Three years ago, she developed “21 Drops,” a line of conveniently portable aromatherapy roll-ons (www.21drops.com). Each of the 21 essential oil blends is designed to treat a particular condition, from headaches to PMS to indigestion.

“It’s all about understanding the active components within the oils that address certain characteristics,” she says. “For example, black pepper is mucolytic, breaking up mucous, so that’s in our decongest blend. German chamomile is an anti-spasmodic, so we put that in our PMS blend to alleviate cramping.”

While the product line is enjoying plenty of mass-media coverage (*Prevention*, *Oprah*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Real Simple*), and gaining traction in the high-end retail market (Sephora, Henri Bendel in New York, and luxury hotel spas), Caster is looking ahead. She’s currently in discussions with Janet Konefal, Ph.D., assistant dean for Complementary and Integrative Medicine at the University of Miami’s Miller School of Medicine, about developing an aromatherapy program for their education series.

“That’s my dream, to bring aromatherapy into more medical programs, just like nutrition has found its way in,” Caster says. “That’s how basic this stuff really is.”



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Paws Up for Pets

'Pet Hero' throws herself into rescue efforts

Meet Amy Restucci, a self-described big-mouth, low-maintenance chick who never complains when she makes the trek down I-95 in bumper-to-bumper traffic from her West Palm Beach home to rural Miami.

She doesn't mind the drive because she possesses an unparalleled drive when it comes to rescuing abandoned, skinny strays roaming the Everglades and rural, impoverished areas in south Miami-Dade County.

Her life took a dramatic turn last September when she agreed to drive down to rural Homestead with a friend to help feed some hungry, homeless dogs. Then she spotted an emaciated pit bull with a rope dangling around her neck. She looked closer and noticed bite marks and wound scars. She then saw giant-sized mosquitoes swarming the dog, unsteady on her feet.

"We fed this dog and she wolfed down the food and was sweet as sugar," recalls Restucci. "Then something just clicked inside me. I remember screaming to my friend, 'We can't leave her! We just can't leave this dog!'"



Amy Restucci tends to puppies saved by volunteers while on a rescue mission in the Everglades. Photo provided



A dog shows its gratitude to rescuer Amy Restucci. Photo provided

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They coaxed this dog into the car and drove straight to a supportive veterinarian in Miami, who provided needed medical care. A call to a rescue group called Big Hearts for Big Dogs resulted in placing the dog in what Restucci describes as "an amazing home."

The connection with this dog she dubbed Debbie was instant and powerful. It

marked the start of Restucci's single-focused quest to rescue and find homes for stray dogs. Since September, she has led a growing group of volunteers on regular rescue missions to Miami. At last count, they have rescued more than 300 dogs. She launched a Facebook page called 100+AbandonedDogs of Everglades Florida that has attracted more than 13,000 fans and raised more than \$100,000 to feed, provide medical care and place many of these strays.

At a recent organized rescue in April, Restucci drove to the meeting place, a shopping mall in south

Miami, expecting to see a few people offering their time and energy.

"More than 100 volunteers showed up! That's unbelievable," she says. "Some of them were veterinarians who provided pro bono care for about five dogs. We were able to distribute more than 2,000 pounds of food."

Restucci's dogged efforts are making headlines. She was the first recipient of the Pet Hero accolade presented by *The National Enquirer*, based in Boca Raton. She has been profiled in daily newspapers and other media outlets.

At 43, she says she has

found her calling: to help the helpless.

"I'm not a religious person, but I believe in God and am very spiritual," she says. "I've never felt such a connection. When I feel like I am at the end of my rope, I ask God to give me a sign and it always comes to me. I feel like I'm surrounded by positive energy and that when I set my mind to something, there is no stopping me."

When she isn't making the long drive down to the southern tip of this state, she shares her modest home with her husband, Ralph, and their four rescued pets: a blind senior Portuguese water dog named Lincoln; a terrier mix named Maggie, blind in her left eye; Red, an affectionate cat plucked from the streets; and Patches, a pudgy cat who was surrendered to a shelter at age 6.

"My husband works four jobs and I'm a low-maintenance chick who never needed expensive jewelry," says Restucci. "Because of my big mouth, our group has been on every big news station and newspaper here and beyond."

"With everything I've seen, our cause should be called 1,000 Plus, not 100 Plus. Dogs on the street starving to death. Dog-fighting rings. Distemper outbreaks. Yes, we can rescue dogs, get them healthy and find them good homes, but the real solution is to offer free spaying and neutering for dogs in this poor area and to educate the uneducated. This is my calling. I'm going to be there for these animals."

Arden Moore, founder of *FourLeggedLife.com*, is an animal behavior consultant, editor, author, professional speaker and certified pet first aid instructor. She happily shares her home with two dogs, two cats and one overworked vacuum cleaner. Tune in to her *Oh Behave!*



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Religion

Church turns over building to new congregation

By Tim Pallesen

One church is a rapidly growing congregation of young people. The other is a dying congregation of older members.

In a display of Christian faith, the 80 members of Grace Community Church have given their \$2.5 million sanctuary in downtown Boynton Beach to the 1,500 members of the Journey Church.

"We wanted to see a happy growing church instead of one that was shrinking," explained Elwood Holley, an elder in the Grace Community congregation.

"Their church is hopping," Holley said. "It's up and coming and they minister to youth. That's what we wanted at our church."

Scott Baugh, the Journey Church's senior pastor, announced the gift to his congregation on April 15.

"Grace Community could have sold this property for millions of dollars and put the money in their pocket," he said. "But they were more concerned about touching people's lives."

Baugh asked his congregation to contribute \$2 million to assume a \$600,000 mortgage and pay for renovations at Grace Community's church building at 715 S. Federal Highway.

"It's going to take a miracle because we don't have \$2 million," Baugh said. "But this is a test that God gives us."

Journey Church now worships at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday at Park Vista High School, where attendance has doubled in the past year.

More than 2,800 attended three Easter services last month.

Plans are to continue the Park Vista services and add a 10:15 a.m. service at the east campus, Baugh said.

Attendance at Grace Community has been dropping this past year after a longtime pastor retired.

"We visited six other churches, not telling them what our situation was," Holley said. The congregation decided to offer their building to either Christ Fellowship, a mega-church that has three other campuses, or to Baugh's lesser-known congregation.

They chose the Journey Church, he said, because it reminded them of their beginning 18 years ago when they bought a former A&P Grocery store and spent \$750,000 to renovate it.

The property includes 6,000 square feet of retail now occupied by a Thai restaurant, a laundromat and a beauty salon in addition to the 20,000-square-foot sanctuary.

Grace Community attempted a youth ministry in a fourth storefront, but the older congregation's effort was unsuccessful.

"We saw the youth at Journey and got excited," Holley said.

About 200 adults volunteer each month to make the Journey Church appealing to children. A bounce house and bubble machines create an atmosphere "where kids drag their parents to church," Baugh said.

"We want children to associate church with having a blast," he said. "We call it organized chaos."

The Journey Church began eight years ago as a Bible study



Pastor Scott Baugh (left) of Journey Church and Elwood Holley of Grace Community in front of the Boynton Beach building that is changing hands. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

group for 17 people in Baugh's home.

Baugh formed his own nondenominational congregation after he became frustrated trying to find a traditional church where his friends felt comfortable.

"Traditional churches are a culture shock to people who have never been to church," he said. "I wanted to build a church that was relevant where they could be everything that God created them to be."

Sunday worship services were held at the Lake Worth Christian School until 18 months ago, when the

congregation moved to the larger gymnasium at Park Vista High School.

"We don't have a lot of traditional church people," Baugh said. "It's what I always dreamed church would be like."

To live their faith, church members volunteer time and contribute money for ambitious outreach efforts both locally and overseas.

The congregation gives \$7,000 each month to provide food, clothing and education for 200 children in Haiti.

More than 100 church members will travel to Mexico in July to build an orphanage

and school at a cost of \$150,000.

The members of Grace Community have joined forces to feed the homeless in Boynton Beach.

The new east campus also will serve recovering alcoholics and drug addicts through a 12-step program called Celebrate Recovery. "We're bringing the church into the heart of the recovery community," Baugh said.

The Journey Church will seek approval from Boynton Beach for its renovation plans this month. The congregation hopes renovation work will be completed by October. ★

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Finding Faith

Greeting the sunrise on Easter Sunday



A woman greets the dawn on Easter Sunday at Oceanfront Park.



ABOVE: Crowds gather for the Easter Sunrise Community Worship Service presented by the Boynton Beach Ministerial Association at Oceanfront Park. LEFT: The Rev. M. Randall Gill leads services. Photos by Charlie Crawford/City of Boynton Beach



ABOVE: Janik Berkley uses a toy butterfly to illustrate the Rev. Joy Levy's 'kids sermon' during the Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association's Easter sunrise service. RIGHT: Laura Simon photographs the sunrise over the ocean in Delray Beach. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star



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Caring Kitchen nourishes stomachs, souls

Feeding the poor is a challenge for people of faith.

Volunteers responded by serving 88,691 hot meals last year at the **Caring Kitchen** in Delray Beach.

That's a 50 percent increase over the 59,034 meals served in 2005, and the need continues to grow.

"Scripture calls us to respond to people in need in our community," said the **Rev. Pam Cahoon**, executive director for the nonprofit **Christians Reaching Out to Society**, which operates the kitchen at 196 NW Eighth Ave. "People won't come unless they're really hungry."

In addition to hot meals, C.R.O.S. Ministries also distributed emergency food last year to 47,055 people from food pantries in Delray Beach and five other cities. That's a 58 percent increase since 2005.

The overall effort requires over 2,000 volunteers each year from more than 100 congregations.

"We work ecumenically, recruiting volunteers from congregations," Cahoon said. "They won't volunteer unless they are good, caring people."

Volunteers at the Caring Kitchen serve breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday plus dinner four days each week.

"I came 12 years ago to pitch in on Christmas Day and I've been here ever since," volunteer **Doug Fischer** said. "I get more out of it than I give. I feel good when I leave here."

"It's become the highlight of my week," **Sheila McLachlan** said. "I have made friends who will last a lifetime. My husband became infected by the enthusiasm and jumped in to give a hand."

Volunteers also deliver hot

meals to shut-ins three days a week. **Cason United Methodist Church** distributes bag lunches on weekends.

"I'm so proud that we never had to close our kitchen or a pantry for a lack of food," Cahoon said. "We've never run out."

But the recession nearly made that impossible. So Cahoon appealed to churches and synagogues to increase their food donations by 20 percent to 50 percent.

"Because the need went up so quick, we called them all and asked them to stretch," she said. "Most of them did."

Calvary United Methodist Church celebrated the 100th anniversary of Lake Worth's first baptism on April 15 by performing more baptisms for descendants of the congregation's charter members.

James and Myrtle Haney were the first to present their children **Fay** and **Everett** for baptism on April 14, 1912. The Haney family and other farmers had moved from the Midwest to raise strawberries in Lake Worth. They built Calvary's church the next winter.

Calvary's centennial begins the celebration of all of Lake Worth's 100 years of history. The architect for the first church, **G. Sherman Childs**, also built an ocean bathhouse in 1912 north of what is now Lake Worth Beach. The city of Lake Worth was incorporated in June 1913.

"We're happy about the joys of our past 100 years and looking forward to the next 100 years," long-time church member **Helen Gilmore** said.

Gilmore's great grandson, **Brett Lamar Howard III**, was one of four who were baptized



Volunteers pack meals at the Caring Kitchen in Delray Beach. The kitchen is run by C.R.O.S. Ministries. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

at the centennial celebration. The child's great-great aunt, **Lulu Forshay**, was a Calvary charter member.

Rabbi Ruvi New promises to reveal Jewish bedroom secrets in his Art of Marriage course that begins this week at the **Chabad of East Boca**.

The provocative six-week course explores marriage from both the spiritual and psychological points of view. Lessons are from both modern and ancient Jewish texts such as the Talmud and Zohar.

Individuals contemplating marriage are invited, along with newlyweds and couples who have been happily married for 25 years or more. Call 417-7797 for details.

The soccer season under

way at **First United Methodist Church** in Boca Raton rewards players for their Christ-like behavior.

"It's a combination of ministry and sports," says **Melissa Wells**, director of children's ministry. "A lot of the players don't go to church, but they want to come because of the sports aspect."

About 200 children ages 4 through sixth grade participate, experiencing Christ through game-day prayer and halftime devotions.

Every child gets equal playing time, unlike in the city's soccer league. Coaches award colored stickers to players for soccer skills, memorizing Bible verses and their behavior toward others.

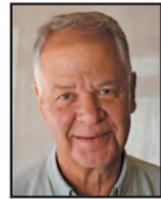
"We have players who normally wouldn't play because

of a disability," Wells said. "If the other players rally around a disabled child to help him make a goal, they're showing an attitude that Christ would."

The Boca Raton soccer league is part of **Upward Sports**, a national Christian organization that oversaw 550,000 children playing soccer, basketball, flag football and cheerleading in 5,000 leagues and sports camps last year.

First United Methodist joins with **Spanish River Church** to sponsor a basketball league each winter.

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Arts

'Much Ado': 'Tis a skirmish of wit not to be missed!

By Rich Pollack

Niki Fridh is a master at multi-tasking.

A theater-arts teacher and a kindergarten assistant at Gulf Stream School, Fridh's world revolves around the stage.

When she's not instilling wonder, creativity and confidence in her young charges, Fridh is performing in the Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival's production of *Arsenic and Old Lace* and rehearsing for her roles in the Take Heed Theater Company's novel approach to Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, debuting at the Old School Square outdoor pavilion later this month.

Oh, and in her spare moments, Fridh is searching for a permanent home in Delray Beach for the Take Heed Theater Company, which she leads along with her husband, Matt Stabile, and good friend David Hyland.

Theater is a 24/7 lifestyle for Fridh, who has been teaching at the Gulf Stream School for five years. "My mom put me in a show when I was 5 and I fell in love with it," she says. "I've been doing it my whole life."

An actress first and foremost, Fridh began teaching at the school part time while still studying at Florida Atlantic University.

After graduation, she moved into a full-time position.

"The job at Gulf Stream just fell into my lap," she said. "It's a great fit and a wonderful school. I can't imagine teaching anywhere else."

Her students, including those who perform in the fourth-grade holiday show extravaganza that she produces and directs, know of her other life outside of the classroom, but few have had a chance to see her perform.

That's changing now,



Niki Fridh relaxes during a fundraiser at Crane's Beach House in Delray Beach. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

however, thanks to the collaboration the nonprofit Take Heed Theater Company has formed with Old School Square.

"All of my kids at school are ecstatic," she says. "They're going to get to see Ms. Fridh performing."

The free performance (donations are appreciated) will be held outdoors as part of Old School Square's Shakespeare at the Pavilion program, with the audience seated on blankets or folding chairs and enjoying a picnic dinner.

As to the production, there are only six actors, each taking on a multitude of roles. Fridh,

for example, plays the female lead Beatrice, the villainous Don John and the watchman.

Actors need to cleverly switch from role to role and from costume to costume in this production, which is fast-paced, fun and perhaps a little irreverent to the bard while still paying respect to the master playwright.

"Shakespeare doesn't have to be boring," Fridh says. "I've really learned to love it."

The production, according to Joe Gillie, Old School Square's president and CEO, is light enough for younger audiences and impressive enough for



Gulf Stream School teacher Niki Fridh (left) is part of the cast of Take Heed Theatre Company's production of *Much Ado About Nothing*, which will be performed in Delray Beach. Photo provided

If You Go

Shakespeare at the Pavilion:

Much Ado About Nothing

Take Heed Theater Company

Old School Square Cultural Arts Center Outdoor Pavilion

Dates:

Friday, May 18, to Sunday, May 20

Friday, May 25, to Sunday, May 27

Time: 8 p.m.

Preview performance Thursday, May 17, during downtown's On The Ave celebration

Cost: Free, although donations are appreciated.

Additional info: The performance is family-friendly, and guests are encouraged to bring a blanket, chairs and a picnic dinner. No pets, please; they just don't appreciate Shakespeare.

audiences of all ages to enjoy, in part because of the unique interpretation.

"This is a great way to study Shakespeare," he said. "The whole family can come, have a picnic and enjoy a fun show."

While Take Heed Theater Company has been performing regularly — at the Stage West Theater at Palm Beach Community College, where Hyland is the chairman of the theater department, and also at the Black Box Theater at the G Star School of the Arts, where Stabile is head of the

acting program — the nonprofit company is hoping to find a permanent space in Delray Beach.

"We're looking for a home," Fridh says.

Fridh says that she and her cohorts at the theater company all enjoy being educators and can look past the long hours and hard work that comes with being teachers and performers simultaneously.

"We do it because it's our passion," she says. "It's a collaborative art, and we all need that creative outlet." ★

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Arts

Plaza Theatre founder has had a long affair with the arts

Alan Jacobson loved acting so much that he left the garment industry in his mid-30s to make the rounds of the off-Broadway theaters and the soap-opera casting calls of New York.

But before too long, he realized he'd rather be producing, and in 1991, he turned his hand to behind-the-scenes work. He's produced dozens of shows throughout South Florida, including *If You Ever Leave Me ... I'm Going With You*, which starred **Joe Bologna** and **Renee Taylor**, and his own *Food Fight*, which premiered at the **Maltz Jupiter Theatre** in 2007 and has since been renamed *Waistwatchers: The Musical*.

Jacobson also ran the Florida Jewish Theatre for five years, and this past December, he took over the old **Florida Stage** space in Manalapan and named it **The Plaza Theatre**.

"When I took the opportunity to take the space, I looked to see what the other theaters in Palm Beach County were doing, and wanted to try to do something different," said Jacobson, 57. "I feel if we can create our own niche, then it'll be good not just for us, but for the other theaters as well."

The 252-seat theater in the **Plaza del Mar** shopping center opened in February with a revue starring Broadway veteran **Donna McKechnie**, and last month, it offered Jacobson's '50s jukebox show *Music! Music! Music!* This month, he'll present a **Kevin Black**-penned revue of songs by **Barry Manilow** called *I Am Music*. It runs May 10-27.

"It's got four fabulous singers, and four fabulous dancers," he said, the hoofers being critical for *Copacabana*.

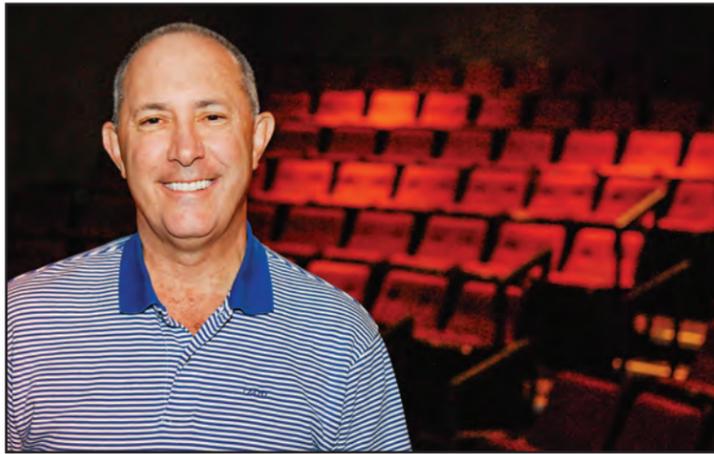
Next month, the theater mounts *Don't Rain on Our Parade*, a tribute to **Barbra Streisand**, **Bette Midler** and **Carole King** (June 6-17), and *The Way We Were*, a tour of popular songs from the 1970s. Other shows on the horizon are *Driving Miss Daisy* (Nov. 2-18) and the 2010 Tony Award-winning musical *Next to Normal* (Jan. 17-Feb. 10).

Jacobson's wife, **Melissa**, performs in the shows and also runs the theater's conservatory.

They're looking for donor support for the Plaza, which he said is crucial for its survival. And despite his current focus on jukebox musicals and revues, if the money was right, he said he'd go edgy.

"I'd do *Angels in America* in a heartbeat," he said, referring to **Tony Kushner's** 1993 epic chronicle of the AIDS crisis. "No one's done it in South Florida."

Tickets for *I Am Music* are \$42. Call the box office at 588-1820 or visit www.theplazatheatre.net.



Alan Jacobson in his new home, The Plaza Theatre in Manalapan. He has opened the theater with a series of revues. **Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star**

The Arts Paper

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Music notes: The Grammy-nominated concert choir **Seraphic Fire** ends its 10th season with a concert of music from Baroque Latin America (7:30 p.m., May 10) at **St. Gregory's Episcopal Church** in Boca Raton. The choir will be returning to St. Gregory's for a second season in October. Call 888-544-FIRE (3473), or visit www.seraphicfire.org.

Baroque music is also on the May calendar for **Keith Paulson-Thorp's** series at **St. Paul's Episcopal** in Delray Beach, when his **Camerata del Re** performs an all-Telemann concert at 4 p.m. May 20. Tickets are \$15-\$20. Earlier in the week, St. Paul's welcomes the choir of **Marywood University**, a Catholic college in Scranton, Pa., which will give a free concert at 7 p.m. May 16. Call 278-6003 or visit www.stpaulsdelray.org.

Not far away at the **Arts Garage**, chamber musicians associated with the **South Florida Symphony** perform chamber music including the *Trout Quintet* of Schubert and the *String Quintet No. 2* of Dvorak, both featuring pianist **Jeffrey Chappell** (7 p.m. May 6), and cellist **Ian Maksin** is joined by vocalist **Susana Behar** for a recital with crossover flavor (7:30 p.m. May 18).

The Gay Men's Chorus of The Palm Beaches performs two shows (7:30 p.m. May 11-12) with widely varied music and an appearance by the **Mandrews Sisters**, and the Garage's jazz series continues all month with percussionist **Sammy Figueroa** (8 p.m. May 5), saxophonist **Troy Roberts** and his **Nu Jive Quartet** (8 p.m.

May 12), pianist **Joe Negroni** and his trio (8 p.m. May 19) and trumpeter **Chris LaBarbera** (8 p.m. May 26). Call 450-6357 or visit www.artsgarage.org.

And if you're looking for something a little more reminiscent of an old-fashioned concert in the park on a holiday, then for Memorial Day it's the **Robert Sharon Chorale** and the **New Gardens Band** in a free patriotic concert at 7 p.m. May 28 at **Mizner Park Amphitheatre**. Call 393-7984.

Art notes: In an unprecedented move, the **Society of the Four Arts** in Palm Beach has extended for a second time its showing of **Bill Koch's** extensive Old West collection, *Recapturing the Real West*.

It's the most successful show the Four Arts has mounted since its founding in 1936, society officials say, with more than 20,000 visitors since it opened Feb. 4.

The show will now run through May 13, and with an admission price of only \$5, it's a unique opportunity to see a vast trove of memorabilia that for the most part has not been seen anywhere else. Call 655-7226 or visit www.fourarts.org.

Meanwhile, the **Boca Raton Museum of Art** ends its exhibit of the works of the 100-year-old American master **Will Barnet** on May 20 (he turns 101 five days later), and on May 30 opens the 61st annual *All Florida Juried Competition and Exhibition*.

Curated this year by **Valerie Oliver** of the **Contemporary Arts Museum** in Houston, the exhibition will feature more than 100 works by Florida artists chosen from about 1,500 entries.

The juried show runs through July 8. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 a.m. Wednesday, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$8, and \$6 for seniors, or you could go see the Barnet exhibit on May 19, which is International Museum Day, when admission is free. Call 392-2500 or visit www.bocamuseum.org.

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Community Calendar

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MAY 5

Saturday - 5/5 - 18th Annual Lantana Fishing Derby

is held with lines in at 7 am. No check-in. From 9 am-noon: Kids' Derby is held at Bicentennial Park; From Noon-3:30 pm: Weigh-in at Old Key Lime House. This is one of Lantana's biggest events benefiting a number of local charities and organizations. Signature event is the Kids' Derby. Fishing rods and tackle boxes are donated to 50 underprivileged children who are taught to bait and cast and treated to lunch. Adult derby awards of \$10,000 in cash or prizes. Award banquet held 11:30 am- 4pm at Old Key Lime House on 5/6. \$225/per boat for up to four anglers. All events open to the public. 585-8664 or www.LantanaChamber.com.

5/5 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 8-10:15 am. Free. Registration: 734-9128.

5/5 - Surf Saturday is held at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Hula Surf School offers surf lessons to ages 6 and up. Learn the basics. All students must know how to swim. 8:30-10 am. \$28/residents, \$35/non-residents. Registration: 742-6565.

5/5 - Drop It, Build It, Fly It, Launch It, Thrill It: 26th Annual Engineering Competition at the South Florida Science Museum, 4801 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach. Students in middle and high school compete for \$4,600 in prize money. 8:30 am-3:30 pm. Free entry & admission for the engineering competition. 832-1988.

5/5 - Quick Start Tennis Clinics at the Tennis Center, 3111 S. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. Three-week session runs Saturdays through 5/19. Age 5-6: 9-9:45 am, \$25/resident, \$32/non-resident; age 7-10: 10-11 am., \$30/resident, \$37/non-resident. 742-6575 or www.boynton-beach.org.

5/5 - Exhibit: Abstract Art & Mixed Media by Raquel Gaudet at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Runs through 6/2. Library hours: M-W 9 am-8 pm; Th-Sat. 9 am-5 pm. Free. 266-9490.

5/5 - Exhibit: Major Nathan Boynton and his Boynton Beach Hotel is presented by the Library's Local History and Archives at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Major Nathan Boynton's famous beachfront hotel images are displayed

with other historic material. Learn about his benevolent society "The Knights of the Maccabees." Exhibit runs through 6/2 during regular library hours: M-Th: 9 am-8:30 pm; Sat.: 9 am-5 pm; closed Fridays and Sundays. 742-6397 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

5/5 - The Writer's Studio is held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 5/12, 19 & 26. 10 am. Free. 736-8044 or www.delraylibrary.org.

5/5 - Clifford the Big Red Dog Live is presented at The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 10 am & 2 pm. \$12-\$20. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

5/5 - Swimming Lessons for Toddlers is held at the John Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 6 months to 3 years old must be accompanied by an adult in the water. 10 am. Session runs through 5/26. \$30/resident, \$38/non-resident. 742-6645.

5/5 - Exhibit: Post-Tsunami Artwork by Japanese Students at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Artwork created by Japanese elementary school students in the aftermath of the deadly March 2011 tsunami. Compiled from six schools in Japan's Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures and feature paintings based on three themes. Paintings are currently on loan from the Consulate-General of Japan in Miami. Runs through 5/31. T-Sat., 10 am-5 pm. Free with paid admission: \$13/adults, \$12/seniors, \$8/children ages 6-17 & students with valid ID, and free children 5 and under. 495-0233 Ext. 237.

5/5 - Art Exhibit: Nature in Photography and Painting at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Photos by Brent Anderson, Art by Patricia Maguire, plus Sculpture by Diane Slotbotkin. Runs through 7/20. M-Th: 10 am-8 pm; F: 10 am-4 pm; Sat.: 9 am-1 pm. Free. 278-5455.

5/5 - Nantucket Baskets Craft Exhibit by Christine Carton at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Exhibit runs through 6/11. M-Th: 10 am-8 pm; F: 10 am-4 pm; Sat.: 9 am-1 pm. Free. 278-5455.

5/5 - Exhibit: Wynn & Edna Bullock at Palm Beach Photographic Centre, 415 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Curated by Ray Merritt, exhibition chronicles the role of children from Queen Victoria to today, featuring more than 200 works of art, both photography and sculpture, from five private collectors. Runs through 6/9 during regular

The Elves and the Shoemaker

St. Joseph's Episcopal School, Boynton Beach



Middle school students at St. Joseph's Episcopal School's Academy of the Arts presented *The Elves & The Shoemaker* to students and the community April 25-27. This is the seventh year the school has performed a public production. Shoes used as props in the play were collected and donated to Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse. Pictured above is Fredericka Evans. Photo provided

hours: M-Th 10 am-6 pm; F-Sat. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 253-2600

5/5 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings are held daily, Tuesday through Sunday, at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Feeding begins at 10:30 am T-Sat. and 1:30 pm Sunday. Free with \$4 admission to the nature center. 274-7263.

5/5 - Group Swim Lessons at the John Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 3 and older must be potty trained. Held Saturdays in four-week sessions through 5/26. Four 45 minute classes per session. Levels I, II and III: 10:30 & 11:15 am. Cost per session is \$28/resident, \$36/non-residents. 742-6645.

5/5 - Family Studio: Mythical, Magical Dragons at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Explore images of Chinese dragons and what they mean, then create your own fantastic dragon mask. Ages 5-12 with parents. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$8 materials fee. 832-5196 ext. 1113 or www.norton.org.

5/5 - Family Fun Workshop: Fish Printing at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Make traditional prints using real fish.

Two sessions: 11:30 am-12:30 pm and 1-2 pm. \$10/one parent and child with paid museum admission; \$5/additional child/parent. Registration: 495-0233 Ext. 237.

5/5 - Prom for Mom at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Formal/semi-formal affair where the moms can put on their best dress and imagine that they were back in their high school years. Prom queen will be crowned. Noon-4 pm. \$10/adult, \$5/youth 5 years and up. 243-7356.

5/5 - Keith Donnelly speaks and signs his new book, *Three Devils Dancing* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 1 pm. Free. 279-7790.

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

5/5 - Cinco de Mayo Fiesta presented by the Hispanic-Latino Cultural Alliance at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Featuring live musical performances, arts & crafts, pinatas, face painting, Chihuahua Races, Jalapeno Eating Contest, Chile Chicks Line Dancers and much more. 2-10 pm. \$10, free/children under 10. 734-4937 or www.oldschool.org.

5/5 - The Irish Theatre of Florida: The Country Boy at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. An intimate portrait of the conflict between country life and city living examines the problem of emigration and the effects it has, not just on those who left the country, but also the ones who were left behind. \$20. 2 pm. 302-7444.

5/5 - Talent Expo Show is presented by the Talented Teen Club at The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Featuring singing, dancing and modeling competition. 4 pm. \$20. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

5/5 - Teen Car Club - Held Saturdays at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Hands on learning on the basics on how to keep up on the maintenance of your vehicle. Workshops include: tire pressure, tire rotation, brakes, oil changes, tune ups, radiator flush, replacing radiator, air filter, and car safety kits. Girls are welcome. For ages 12-20. 4-6 pm. \$5/non-members, free/members. 243-7158.

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. 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 or www.brrh.com.

5/5 - Annual Kentucky Derby Event presented by Quota International of Boca Delray at the Boca Greens Country Club, 19642 Trophy Drive, Boca Raton. Ladies encouraged to wear hats and men to wear colorful ties. Open bar, full dinner with carving station, big screen TVs with live simulcast of the Kentucky Derby. To benefit the Dolores Taylor Scholarship Program, AVDA and Forgotten Soldiers. \$65/person. 4-8 pm. 289-8239.

5/5 - Elaine Viets speaks and signs her new book, *Final Sail* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 6 pm. Free. 279-7790.

5/5-20 - Little Women the Musical at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. F&Sat.: 7 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. \$12/under age 8, \$8/age 8 and up - includes refreshments. 447-8829.

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5/11 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday of the month at the Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Road 9 am. Agenda available in clerk's office.
5/14 - Lantana - Usually second & fourth Mondays of each month at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. 7 pm. Agenda available at www.lantana.org.
5/15 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays of each month at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda available at: www.mydelraybeach.com.
5/22 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday of each month at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S. Ocean Blvd. 9:30 am. Agenda available at www.manalapan.org.
5/22 - South Palm Beach - Fourth Tuesday of each month at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7:15 pm. Agenda available at www.southpalmbeach.com.
5/24 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday of each month at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N. Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda available at www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com.

5/5-6 - 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. Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. \$15, \$10 Friday for students with ID. 347-3948 or www.willowtheatre.org.
5/5-6 - Short Cuts is performed at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Nine short plays by local playwrights: Brian Reeves, Todd Caster, Shep Wolsky, Ellen Greenwald, Jon Frangipane, Bill Shuman, Marj O'Neill-Butler, Jack Friedman and Don Scheer. Sat.: 8 pm; Sun.: 3 pm. Tickets: \$15. 586-6410.

MAY 6-12

Sunday - 5/6 - Sunday Breakfast is held each Sunday at VFW Post 5335, 500 NE 21st St., Boynton Beach. 8-11:30 am. \$2.50-\$5. All are welcome. 732-1989.
5/6 - Yoga with Live Music is held every Sunday at the Colony Hotel, 525 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 9:30-11 am. \$20. 703-1236 or www.colonyyoga.com.
5/6 - Adopt-a-Thon and Doggie Speed Dating is held at the Tri County Humane Society, 21287 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. Plenty of pet related activities with food trucks, pony rides and petting zoo. Free. 482-8110.
5/6 - Sunday Funday is held at Boynton Harbour Marina located at Ocean Avenue and the Intracoastal Waterway in Boynton Beach. An afternoon filled with sun, fun and music. 1-4 pm. Free. 737-3256.
5/6 - Hope for Joran Bowl-a-thon is presented by Faith United Methodist Church at AMF Boynton Beach Lanes, 1190 W. Boynton Beach Blvd., 2-4 pm. \$25/adults, \$10/children 12 and under. 954-651-2636.
5/6 - Reception: The Boynton Beach Camera Club Art Exhibit at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Exhibit runs through 5/30 during regular hours: M-F 8 am-10 pm, Sat. 8 am-5 pm, Sun./Holidays 10 am-5 pm. Opening reception: 2-4 pm. Free. 347-3900.
5/6 - T-Ball for ages 5-7 at the Ezell Hester Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Six-week session runs Mondays & Thursdays through 6/14. 6-7 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. 742-6550.
5/6-7 - Sports Legend Dinner, Auction and Golf Classic is presented by The Bone Marrow Foundation at Addison Reserve Country Club, 7201 Addison Reserve Blvd., Delray Beach. 6 pm. \$800 (includes Golf Classic on 5/7: 7 am registration, 9 am start.) 954-385-0200.
Monday - 5/7 - 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. Learn about 1940's Boca Raton. Exhibit runs through 6/15. M-F, 10 am-4 pm. \$5/adults, \$3/students. 395-6766.
5/7 - Quilting Bee - Twice monthly quilting class presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 5/21. 10 am. Free. 266-0194.
5/7 - Watercolour Painting Workshop at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Class lesson and lecture with emphasis on composition and drawing. Ongoing class held every Monday. For adults. 10 am-1 pm. Per class: \$30/residents, \$35/non-residents. 243-7350.
5/7 - Tai Chi for Beginners of all ages at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Learn natural ways to relieve tension, stress and pains. Certified instruction. Held every Monday. 11 am-noon. Per class: \$15/

residents; \$20/non-residents. 243-7350.
5/7 - Fort Mose: Colonial America's Black Fortress of Freedom at the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Exhibit runs through 7/29. Museum hours: M-F: 11 am-4 pm. \$5. 279-8883.
5/7 - Joint Journey is an educational program for those undergoing total joint replacement at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 4th Floor Conference Room, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn what to expect before, during and after surgery. Held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 737-7733 Ext. 84688.
5/7 - Chugga, Chugga CHOO CHOO! at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Learn how to be safe around railroad crossings and trains. Listen to books being read about trains, sing songs about trains, make a train craft and receive a free coloring book. Ages 5 to Grade 1. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.
5/7 - Got Gaming? is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 5/14 & 21. 5:15-6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490.
5/7 - Read Together Finale is held at the Harriet Himmel Theater at CityPlace, 700 S. Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach. Les Standiford, the author of *Last Train to Paradise* will be interviewed also door prizes, book signing and tour of Flagler train. 5:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 800-273-1030 or info@literacypbc.org.
5/7 - National Geographic Film: Bones of Turkana - Presented at the Society of The Four Arts King Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. John Hemingway, the film's producer, director and writer, will host the event and will be available for a question-and-answer session following the screening. Award-winning documentary filmmaker Katie Carpenter will also attend the Palm Beach debut of the film, which she co-produced. Film follows the story of famed paleoanthropologist Richard Leakey and his wife Maeve, daughter Louise, and their colleagues as they work in the arid northern regions of Kenya's Turkana Basin to unravel the mysteries of human evolution. Doors open 5:30 pm, screening begins 6 pm. Free. Reservations: 655-2766 or www.fourarts.org.
5/7 - T-Ball for Ages 5-7 at the Ezell Hester Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Six-week session runs Mondays & Thursdays through 6/14. 6-7 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. 742-6550.
5/7 - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 54 meets the first Monday of each month at Harvey Oyer Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Boaters and non-boaters welcome. 8 pm. 966-2158.
5/7-8 - Fitness Boot Camp for ages 18 & up at Pompey Park, 1101 N.W. 2nd St., Delray Beach. Class held every M & T. 6-7 pm. Per class: \$5/residents; \$6/non-residents. 243-7356 or www.mydelraybeach.com.
Tuesday - 5/8 - Creative Kids for children 3-4 is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Crafts, stories, songs and creative play. T&Th from 9-11 am through 5/17. \$54/residents, \$68/non-residents. Registration: 742-6221.
5/8 - Family Storytime is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Listen to stories, sing songs and learn fingerplays. Infants-Age 5. Held again 5/15, 22 & 29. 10-10:45 am. Free. 742-6380.
5/8 - Mommy 'n Me Circle Time: Gentle Growers is held at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Instructor Meredith Abrams uses Waldorf Education strategies to create a warm, nurturing

environment for observation and discussion of infant behavior. Recommended for ages 1-2. Held every Tuesday. 10:30-11:30 am. Free with paid museum admission: \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/seniors; \$5/adults. Registration: 742-6780.
5/8 - AHOY MAITZ! Pirates & Treasures is held at Cornell Museum of Art & American Culture, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Exhibition celebrates pirates, myths and legends through the imaginative paintings of celebrated artist Don Maitz. Runs through 10/28. T-Sat.: 10:30 am-4:30 pm, Sun.: 1-4:30 pm. \$10/general, \$6/seniors, \$4/students (13-21), \$2/children (4-12), Free/children ages 3 and under. 243-9722 or www.oldschool.org.
5/8 - A Story 'n More: Interactive Story and Craft - Cheryl Lane brings children's books to life through interactive performance, singing, movement and props at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 11:15 am-noon. Held every Tuesday. Free with paid Museum admission: \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/seniors; \$5/adults. 742-6782.
5/8 - Chess Club at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game is necessary. All levels welcome. Held T & F. Noon-4 pm. Annual fee: \$20/residents, \$30/non-residents. 243-7350.
5/8 - Imagivity Early Learning Studio at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Drop-in and craft at will. For ages 2-5. Held every Tuesday. 12:30-1:30 pm. Free with paid Museum admission: \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/seniors; \$5/adults. Registration: 742-6780.
5/8 - Group Swim Lessons at the John Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. For kids ages 3 and older. Young children must be potty trained. Classes are held T/Th or W/F for four weeks. Sessions - T/Th: 5/8-31; W/F: 5/9-6/1. Level 1 & II: 2:30, 3, 5 & 5:30; Level III & Pre-Competitive Swim: 3:30 pm; Cost per session is \$30/resident, \$38/non-residents. 742-6645.
5/8 - Games @ Your Library is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-4 play favorite video games. Held again 5/22. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6380 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.
5/8 - Battle of the Books Training Camp is presented as part of the Teen Book Discussion Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Teens age 13-17

will be reading three books: *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* by Seth Grahame-Smith, *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho, and *Tales of the Madman Underground* by John Barnes. On Battle Day, team members come together to demonstrate their knowledge and expertise on the books they have read. Held every Tuesday through 5/15, with Battle of the Book Game Day held 5/22. 5-6 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.
5/8 - State of Wonder by Ann Patchett is presented as part of the Evening Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490.
5/8 - Raising Confident, Competent Children - Presented as part of the Triple P: Positive Parenting Program at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Designed for parents of children from birth to age 12. Learn strategies for promoting positive relationships with your children and encouraging desirable behaviors. Each session offered in Haitian Creole and English. Children will participate in activities while parents attend the program. Presented by Children's Services Council. Held again 5/15. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.
5/8 - Crick? Crack! Haitian Stories with Maude Heurtelou is held at Palm Beach County Library, Lantana Road Branch, 4020 Lantana Road, Lake Worth. Delight in the magic of Haitian stories that bring favorite imaginary characters to life. All ages. 6:30 pm. Free. Registration: 304-4500.
5/8 - Jewish Bedroom Secrets is presented as part of a six-week series on the "Art of Marriage" produced by the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute and offered by Rabbi Leibel Stolik at Chabad in Plaza del Mar, 242A S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. This lesson draws upon the wisdom of the Kabbalah and shares practical tools to increase spousal intimacy of heart, mind, body and soul. 7 pm. \$15. Reservations: 889-3499.
5/8 - Eco-Watch: Get on the Environmental Cutting Edge - Presented by James A. Powell, PhD, Executive Director of Sea to Shore Alliance as part of the Lecture Series at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 14 and up. 7-8:30 pm. \$5 suggested donation. Reservations: 338-1542.
5/8-9 - Hammock Trails - Go on a guided walk of a quarter-mile boardwalk at Gumbo Limbo nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Open to all ages, children must

be accompanied by an adult. Held every T (10-11 am) & W (11am-noon). Free. 338-1473.
Wednesday - 5/9 - Yoga for ages 18 and up at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Held every W&F. 9-10:30 am. Per class: \$10/residents; \$15/non-residents. 243-7350.
5/9 - Shuffle Board/Disc Knockout at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. A fun game involving skill and strategy. For all ages, minors accompanied by an adult. Held W, F & Sat. 9-11 am. Annual fee: \$15/residents, \$25/non-residents. 243-7350.
5/9 - Lawn Bowling at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. For ages 18 years and up. Enjoy a sport that takes skill and practice. Everyone welcome. Held W, F & Sat. 9 am-11 am. Annual fee: \$40/residents, \$45/non-resident. 243-7350.
5/9 - Love to Knit meets every Wednesday at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. If you love to knit or want to learn, join the Love to Knit knitters to make premie hats, blankets for pets or other community-based knitting projects. 10 am-noon. Free. 742-6886.
5/9 - Art Activity: Goody Gobs and Squishy Stuff is held at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Recommended for ages 2-4. Come dressed for a mess! Held every Wednesday. 10:30-11:15 am & 11:30 am-12:15 pm. Free with paid Museum admission: \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/seniors; \$5/adults. Registration: 742-6780.
5/9 - Heroes in Medicine is presented by the Palm Beach County Medical Society Services at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Event includes reception, awards ceremony, silent auction and entertainment. Proceeds benefit Project Access, providing health care for low-income residents of Palm Beach County. 11 am. \$90. 433-3940.
5/9 - Socrates Café - Weekly discussion group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 5/16, 23 & 30. 11:30 am. Free. 266-0194.
5/9 - Ready, Set, Read Storytime - Ages 3-5 listen to stories, sing songs, dance and make a simple craft with friends at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held again 5/16, 23 & 30. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. 742-6390.
5/9 - Tea and Roses is presented by the YMCA of Palm Beach County at The Chesterfield Hotel, 363 Coconut Row, Palm

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5/9 - All Aboard The Library Train at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Learn how to be safe around railroad crossings and trains. Listen to train books, make a train craft and receive a free coloring book. Grades 2-4. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.

5/9 - Breastfeeding Prenatal Class is taught at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Expectant parents learn the benefits of breastfeeding, keys to success, supply and demand, positioning, breast pumps, returning to work and weaning. Both parents are encouraged to attend. 7 pm. \$25/couple. Registration: 369-2229.

Thursday - 5/10 - Quilters meet every Thursday at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Share quilting information and perpetuate quilting as a cultural and artistic form. 9-11:30 am. Free. 742-6886.

5/10 - Two By Two Storytime - Ages 24-35 months listen to stories, sing songs, dance and do fingerplays at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held again 5/17, 24 & 31. 10-10:45 am. 742-6390.

5/10 - Knit 'N Purl - Twice monthly class presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 5/24. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490.

5/10 - Sumi-e Ink Painting Floral & Landscape Classes - Students learn Japanese ink painting at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Four-week course begins with a review of basic techniques and then students create paintings of floral subjects or landscapes. Held again 5/17, 24 & 31. Floral/10:30 am-12:30 pm, Landscape/1:30-3:30. \$55/members, \$60/non-members. Registration: 495-0233 Ext. 237 or www.morikami.org.

5/10 - Acrylics at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Basic acrylic painting techniques for beginners to advanced painters. Call for list of supplies needed. Ongoing class held every Thursday. Ages 18 & up. Noon-2 pm. Six-classes: \$55/residents, \$60/non-residents. 243-7350.

5/10 - Movie: Memories of the Greatest Generation is presented by Delray Beach resident Fred Singer at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. The film showcases eight veterans and their spouses discussing their experiences during World War II and when they returned home. 2 pm. Free. 736-8044 or www.delraylibrary.org.

5/10 - From the Oceans to the Stars at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Become immersed in the fascinating dynamics of the oceans, earth and stars. Learn how their powers intertwine and uncover the mysteries that make them three of life's great forces. Taught by expert instructors and inspired by curriculum from Palm Beach State College's Physical Science course, students will have the tools they need to become young scientists themselves and explore the world around them. For grades 1st-4th. Held Thursdays through 5/31. Homeschool: 1-2:30 pm; After school: 3:30-5 pm. Per class: \$7.50/members, \$9.50/non-members. Preregister at 742-6780.

5/10 - Read to Hogan the Dog at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Each reader gets 10 minutes with Hogan. All ages. Held again 5/17 & 31. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6380.

5/10 - Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County Annual Meeting is held at Lands of the President, 2300 Presidential Way, West Palm Beach. CEO David Philips delivers keynote address. 2012 graduation of the Emerging Leadership Project class and awards. 5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 242-6631 or www.jewishpalmbeach.org.

5/10 - Teen Gaming is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12 play video games. Held again 5/17, 24 & 31. 5:30-7 pm. Free. 742-6390.

5/10 - Reception: An Evening of Pirates, Myths & Legends with Artist Don Maitz is held at Cornell Museum of Art & American Culture, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Exhibit runs through 10/28 during regular museum hours. 6-7:30 pm. \$10, free/members. 243-9722.

5/10 - Writers Corner is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Monthly program offers free manuscript critiquing by published authors. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6390.

5/10 - DJ 101 - Held Thursdays at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Class teaches teens how to use the recording studio and operate the equipment. They will learn to make "mix" tapes, email music, download and edit music as well as intern as DJ's for the teen dances. 7 pm. \$5/non-members, free/members. 243-7158.

5/10 - 5th Annual Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction is presented by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at Roxy's, 309 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Features 20 singles and more than 400 guests. Also includes silent auction, raffle and complimentary drinks and appetizers. 7-11 pm. \$30/advance, \$40/door. 686-7701.

5/10 - James E. Buffan Gold Coast Band Concert at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. 7:30 pm. \$7 at the door. 742-6240 or www.boynton-beach.org.

Friday - 5/11 - Art Activity: Paint 'n Play is held at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 2-4. Come dressed for a mess! Held every Friday. Two sessions: 9:45-10:15 & 10:30-11:30 am. Free with paid Museum admission: \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/seniors; \$5/adults. Registration: 742-6780.

5/11 - 26th Annual Chamber Golf Tournament is presented by the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce at Gleneagles Country Club, 7667 Victory Lane, Delray Beach. Games include: putting contests, beat the pro, longest and straightest drives, closest to the pin and hole-in-one. 11:30 am: Lunch and registration; 1 pm: Shotgun start; 5 pm: Cocktails, hor d'oeuvres and awards. \$150/individual, \$600/foursome. 279-0907.

5/11 - Sushi and Stroll Summer Walk is held at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Experience the gardens in all their beauty, enjoy taiko drumming, a cold drink and a breathtaking sunset. Fushu Daiko drumming performances seating begins at 5:30 pm (first-come, first-served) (\$2 with admission). 5:30-8:30 pm. Free/members, \$7/non-member adults, \$5/kids. 495-0233.

5/11 - Zumba at the Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Enjoy high-energy music while certified instructor helps you sculpt your body through resistance training and Latin dances. Ages 16 and up. Held every Friday. 6:45-7:45 pm. \$7/class. 742-6641 or www.boynton-beach.org.

5/11-12 - "Cirque du Synch" is presented as the Annual Coralynes Synchronized Swim Water Show at Aquaquest Pool, 2503 Seacrest, Blvd., Delray Beach. With the Summer Olympics right around the corner, what a great way to see what it takes to learn this incredible, beautiful sport. 7-9 pm. Free. 252-7400.

Saturday - 5/12 - Ride & Remember Trolley Tour at the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave., Delray Beach. 2-hour tour focuses on 5 historic districts. 10 am-noon. \$15. Reservations: 279-8883.

5/12 - Culinary Tours of Historic Lake Worth and Boynton Beach - Conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from the Boynton Beach Mall (south wing near Macy's), 801 N. Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. 3-4 hour tour includes a combination of both bus and walking tour and food sampling. At least two restaurants are included in each tour where sample tastings are provided plus history/narration about that restaurant/site. Held the second Saturday of each month, year-round, rain or shine. \$35/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18 (max 5 children free per family.) Reservations: 243-2662.

5/12 - Broadway Rocks! at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Held again 5/19 & 26. 2 pm. \$14/adults, \$10/children. 394-2626.

5/12 - The Robert Sharon Chorale Annual Spring Concert is held in the DeSantis Chapel at Palm Beach Atlantic University, 300 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Performance will feature the *Chandos Anthem #9* by George Freidrich Handel and selections from the Chamber Choir including a medley of songs from the 50s and 60s. 3 pm. \$15. 687-4245.

5/12 - The Melody Within is presented by the Young Singers of the Palm Beaches at The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$10-\$35. 832-7677 or www.kravis.org.

5/12 - Cruise For The Cure Dinner Dance at the Lakeside Terrace, 7880 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Featuring silent auction, raffle prizes, gourmet buffet dinner with entertainment by song stylist Shelley Keelor with the Maurice Sedacca Jazz Band. 6-10 pm. \$50/advance, \$55/at the door. 561-245-7559 or www.cruise.org.

5/12 - Ghost Hunt is presented as part of the 2012 Supernatural Haunts Series at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Join *Paranormal Crossroads Investigations* as they investigate in one of Palm Beach County's most historic and "active" locations! 10 pm-2 am. \$65/general admission, \$75/VIP. 586-6410 or www.lakeworthplayhouse.org.

5/12-19 - Delray Beach IFF - USTA Boys' and Girls' 18-and-under are held at Delray Swim & Tennis Club, 2350 Jaeger Dr. Over 200 statewide, national and international Boys' & Girls' 18-and-under players in both singles and doubles play. Matches begin daily at 8am. Spectator admission free. Schedules and draw information: 330-6000 or www.yellowtennisball.com.

MAY 13-19

Sunday - Mother's Day Monday - 5/14 - First Snow on Mount Fuji is discussed as part of the Great Books group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Meets the second and fourth Monday of each month. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6886 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

5/14 - Game On: The Power of the Sports Marketing Deal is presented by author T.J. Cesarz at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 736-8044.

Tuesday - 5/15 - Check, Please!: South Florida Tasting Tour - Hosted by chef Michelle Bernstein and departing from Sushi Rock in the Boca Teeca Plaza, 174 NW 51st St., Boca Raton. Co-hosted by Paul Castronovo of the Paul & Young Ron Show, a private bus will transport you to five memorable dining destinations, where you will sample food and beverages while mingling with other local foodies. Tour starts at 5:30 pm. \$125/person. 305-424-4013 or www.checkpleasefl.com.

5/15 - Will My Spouse Ever Change? is presented as part of a six-week series on the "Art of Marriage" produced by the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute and offered by Rabbi Leibel Stolik at Chabad in Plaza del Mar, 242A S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. This lesson examines the ideal of an expectation-free relationship, and how to value your partner for who they are. 7 pm. \$15. Reservations: 889-3499.

5/15 - 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.

Wednesday - 5/16 - Concert: Palm Quartet at the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455.

5/16 - Speed Booking! is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. Learn about exciting new books. Convince the person next to you in three minutes that your favorite book is worth reading! Earn an hour of teen community service for sharing your book. 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.

5/16 - Wine Tasting is held at Old Vines, Wine & Spirits, 900 E. Atlantic Ave. #3, Delray Beach. Held again 5/31. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 276-2076 or www.oldvinesdelraybeach.com.

5/16 - Big Night Out presented by the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County's Business and Professions Division is held at the Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Featured performer is actor, writer and director Jason Alexander from the popular sitcom Seinfeld. 6 pm: VIP meet-and-greet with Alexander (\$3,600 family gift to Jewish Federation Palm Beach County Campaign 2012 or \$5,000 event sponsorship), 6:30 pm: general cocktail reception and raffles, 7:45 pm: program. \$125/per person

Mother's Day Events

5/5 - Special Night with Moms is hosted by The Boynton Beach Recreation and Parks Department to celebrate Mother's Day at the Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. A night of music and dancing just for moms and their sons and daughters. 6-7:30 pm. \$5/person. Registration: 742-6650.

5/10 - Mother's Day Party at the Senior Center, 1021 S. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. 1 pm. Free. 742-6570.

5/12 - The Amazing Mom and Son Challenge - Celebrate Mother's Day at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Mom & Son teams "race" around the city of Delray Beach looking for clues and performing challenges to be the first team to cross the finish line. Age divisions starting at 5 years old. \$45/team of two (one mom/one son); \$65/team of three (one mom/two sons); \$75/team of four (one mom/three sons) - includes team t-shirts and photo, raffle prizes and post-race picnic. Guest lunch tickets \$5, free for participants. Mandatory Captain's Meeting 7 pm, 5/10. Varied start times by age. Late registration 5/5-10 add \$25 to fee. Registration begins at 8:30 am; first race begins at 9:30 am. 243-7277.

5/12-13 - Connoisseur Garden Tour : A Mother's Day Weekend Tradition - Presented by Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Spend Mother's day weekend touring exceptional private gardens. Take one day or two and travel at your own pace. Tickets can be purchased at Mounts office. \$20/members, \$25/non-members includes all gardens on tour. Sat.: 10 am-5 pm; Sun.: 11 am-5 pm. 233-1757 or www.mounts.org.

5/12-13 - Mother's Day Tea at Café des Beaux-Arts at The Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Guests enjoy panoramic views of Lake Worth while dining on the Gilded Age-style lunch of tea sandwiches, scones, and sweets complemented by Whitehall Special Blend tea. Each mother receives admission to the museum, a special corsage, keepsake photo, and a \$10 gift card for the museum store. Sat.: 11:30 am-2:30 pm; Sun.: noon-3 pm. Members: \$50/mother & child, \$20/additional adult; Non-members: \$80/mother & child, \$40/additional adult, \$25/additional children. Reservations: 655-2833.

5/13 - Mother's Day 2012 at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Enjoy a delicious Pan-Asian lunch overlooking the beautiful Morikami gardens, walk through six distinct gardens and a koi feeding area, visit Japan Through the Eyes of a Child (an interactive children's exhibit) and the world-class bonsai display. 10 am-5 pm. Regular admission: \$13/adults, \$12/seniors, \$8/children ages 6-17 & students with valid ID, and free for children 5 and under. 495-0233.

5/13 - An Enchanted Afternoon for Mother's Day is held at Cornell Museum of Art & American Culture, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Treat mom to an afternoon of enchantment, myths and legends and create a special gift. 1-4:30 pm. \$10/general, \$6/seniors, \$4/students, \$2/ages 4-12, Free/moms. 243-7922.

and family gift of \$365 to the 2012 campaign. \$180/minimum gift for first-time donors under age 40. 242-6613.

5/16-26 - Les Miserables at The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Cameron Mackintosh presents a brand new 25th anniversary production of Boublil & Schonberg's legendary musical inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo. M-Sat.: 8 pm; W, Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm; 5/20: 7:30 pm. \$27-\$75. 832-7469.

Thursday - 5/17 - Taste of Boynton is held at Benvenuto Caterer restaurant, 1730 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. An evening of menu items from your favorite restaurants with wine tasting. 6:30-9:30 pm. \$50/over 21 only. 732-9501.

5/17 - Big Top On The Ave is held along Atlantic Avenue and SW 5th Avenue. Rainbow Circus will perform Cirque du Soleil style acts. Open Air Gallery, music and circus atmosphere. 6-10 pm. Free. 279-1380, ex. 17.

5/17 - Flamenco Dance Class: Beginner Level at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 18 & up. Nine-class course runs Thursdays through 7/12. 7-8:30 pm. \$100/resident; \$125/non-resident. 347-3900.

Friday - 5/18 - Alzheimer's Cafe at the Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center, 7091 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. A unique gathering for people affected by Alzheimer's disease and related memory loss, along with their families, friends, caregivers and professionals. Share laughter and each other's good company in a relaxed setting, listen and sing to old time music, dance, make art, play games and munch on snacks. The gatherings also create an opportunity to share feelings and explore constructive solutions for caregivers in interaction with others in similar situations. Held the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. 2-4 pm. Free. RSVP: 558-2100.

5/18 - Free Concert - Presented as part of the Ocean Avenue Concert Series at the Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, between Seacrest Blvd., and NE 1st St. in Boynton Beach. Bring folding chairs or blankets. No pets. 6-9 pm. Free. 742-6246.

5/18 - Party with the Pack is presented by Leeds Endowment, Inc. at Leeds Custom Design Showroom, 435 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach. Food, fun and dancing with guests and service animals from New Horizons Service Dogs. Proceeds benefit training dogs for the disabled and helping disabled adults live the most independent life possible. 7-11 pm. \$100. 659-3134.

5/18-6/3 - Twelve Angry Men by Reginald Rose is performed at The Delray Beach

Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Runs through 6/3. F&Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. 5/22-26: 8 pm; 5/26-27: 2 pm; 5/31-6/2: 8 pm; 6/2-3: 2 pm. \$30. 272-1281, Ext. 4.

Saturday - 5/19 - Boynton Beach Kiwanis 31st Annual Fishing Tournament begins at 7 am with final weigh-in by 3:30 pm and the Palm Beach Yacht Center, 7848 S. Federal Hwy., Hypoluxo. Lunch and beverages available at Yacht Center. Awards and prizes presented at 5 pm. Mandatory Captain's Meeting at the Yacht Center between 5-7 pm on 5/18. Meeting starts at 6 pm. \$225/per boat up to four anglers by 5/14, \$250/boat after: paid at Captain's Meeting. 737-5427 or www.boyntonbeachkiwanis.com.

5/19 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Gulfstream Park, 4489 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream. 8-10:15 am. Free. Registration: 734-9128 or www.SandSifters.us.

5/19 - Keeping God's Garden Green: An Interfaith Environmental Stewardship Fair with Rev. Fletcher Harper of GreenFaith is presented at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. A celebration of faith and our environment. Panel discussions & workshop, children's activities, music & prayer, green demonstration home, green vendors & exhibits, local farmers, farm to table feast. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 276-4541.

5/19 - Childbirth Education Prenatal Class is offered as a refresher course at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Provides an overview of the signs of labor, breathing techniques and more. Bring two pillows and a blanket. Wear comfortable stretchy clothes; no dresses or skirts. 9 am-3 pm. \$75/two people. Registration: 369-2229.

5/19 - Start Smart Basketball at the Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St. Introductory program teaches basic fundamentals of the sport. The four-week program is for ages 3 to 6 and runs Saturdays through 6/9. 10:30-11:30 am. Four-week session: \$20/residents, \$30/non-residents. 243-7194 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

5/19 - Culinary Tours of Historic Delray Beach & Boynton Beach - Conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from the Boynton Beach Mall (south wing near Macy's), 801 N. Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. 3-hour tour includes a combination of both bus and walking tour and food sampling. At least two restaurants are included in each tour where sample tastings are provided plus history/narration about that restaurant/site. Held the third and fourth Saturday of each month, year-round, rain or shine. \$35/adult & senior

citizen, Free/children under 18. Reservations: 243-2662 or www.delraybeachbustours.org.
5/19 - 2012 Hospice by the Sea Regatta is hosted by the Lauderdale Yacht Club, Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club and the Gulfstream Sailing Club. Race is held on a 12-mile course just off-shore Fort Lauderdale Beach. Race begins at 11 am. Post-race awards ceremony and celebration is held at Coral Ridge Yacht Club beginning at 6:30 pm. Live entertainment and casual waterfront dining. \$50/ceremony and celebration. For copy of official Notice of Race contact: 416-5132 or www.hbts.org.

5/19 - The Gumbo Limbo Golf Classic at the Boca Greens Country Club, 19642 Trophy Dr., Boca Raton. Proceeds benefit the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center's Gordon Gilbert Scholarship Fund. Dinner follows tournament. \$500/foursome, \$125/individual, \$75/diner. Both foursome and individual packages include lunch, dinner and on-course beverages. 11:30 am/registration and lunch, 1 pm/tournament shotgun, 5:30 pm/putting contest, 6 pm/dinner & awards ceremony. 632-2331.

5/19 - Demonstrations of Sado, The Way of Tea at the Seishin-an Teahouse, The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Observe Japanese sado, an ever-changing tea ceremony demonstration rich in sensational subtleties. Four sessions, offered at noon, 1 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm. \$5 with paid museum admission. 495-0233 or www.morikami.org.

5/19 - Building Bridges to Success at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Local businesses learn to position themselves for construction and service related contracts in area municipalities. Primary contractors, subcontractors and professional associations network and forge business connections. Presented in partnership with the City of Delray Beach and the Community Redevelopment Agency. 12:30 pm. Free. 243-7161.

5/19 - 1st Haitian American Tree Trust Golf Tournament is held at Cypress Creek Country Club, 9400 S. Military Trail, Boynton Beach. HATT's goal is plant 300,000 fruit trees in Haiti to create food resources, help reforest the country and empower people to help themselves. 1 pm start time/Team Captain's Choice. \$55/player or \$200/foursome. Singles or couples placed into teams. Includes cookout and awards with raffle and mulligans. 855-968-4288 or 968-4288.

5/19 - 24th Annual Pro Bono Recognition Evening is presented by the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 6-11 pm. \$125. 822-9763.

5/19 - Movie in the Park at the Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St. Movies suitable for all ages. 6-9:30 pm. \$2/person. 243-7194.

5/19 - National Kids to Parks Day at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Featuring a variety of recreational games including the sack race, basketball contests, crazy games, karate and more. Snacks and crafts available along with free admission to the pool where the entire family can enjoy water activities. 10 am-1 pm. Free. 243-7277.

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Sunday - 5/20 - Alternative Health Fair is held at The Quantum Empowerment Center, 12 NE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Modalities explored will include quantum psychology, hypnosis, breath-work, regressions, NLP & bioenergetics, formative psychology, meditation & yoga, a course in miracles, Shamanic healing and archetypes. Each class taught by an instructor proficient in that field. 9 am-7 pm. \$30/all-day pass, \$5/per class. Tax-deductible donation provides scholarships for Children's Attention Dynamics Program. Reservations: 272-3733.

5/20 - Downtown Open Market at Monument Piazza, Royal Palm Place, 308 S. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Last event of the season. Features food, art galleries, jewelers and a variety of boutiques. 10 am-4 pm. Free. www.downtownopenmarket.com.

5/20 - Little Wonders at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Introduce children to plants and animals with a hike and stories. For ages 3 & 4, accompanied by an adult. 1-1:45 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members - per child. Reservations: 338-1542.

5/20 - 352 Keys Piano Gala Concert at FAU's Boca Raton campus, University Theatre, 777 Glades, Road. Featuring internationally acclaimed performers from Russia, Macedonia, Hungary and Zambia presenting a variety of arrangements and original works for four pianos. 4-6 pm. \$10 suggested donation. 297-3853 or www.fau.edu/music.

5/20 - Roxie and the Holligans by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor is discussed as part of the Book Gabbers Discussion group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 3-5. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 742-6886.

Monday - 5/21 - Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman is presented as part of the Afternoon Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

5/21 - 13th Annual Culinary Creations Dinner is held at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach benefiting Quantum House and the Palm Beach County Chefs in Distress Endowment Fund. Champagne reception, silent auction, four-course meal served round-robin featuring a dish from each of the 25 award-winning chefs. 100% of proceeds benefit charities. 6:30 pm. \$125/general per person; \$175/VIP per person. 494-0515.

Tuesday - 5/22 - Exhibit: Ghosts, Goblins, and Gods: The Supernatural in Japanese Art at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. An array of paintings, prints, sculptural figures, masks, and other objects depicting other-worldly beings. Runs through 9/16. T-Sun., 10 am-5 pm. Free with paid admission: \$13/adults, \$12/seniors, \$8/children ages 6-17 & students with valid ID, Free/children 5 and under. 495-0233 Ext. 237.

5/22 - Alexander Technique Workshop: Posture & Movement - Presented by Matt Pressman as part of the Healthy Living Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 736-8044.

5/22 - Releasing Shame & Defeating the Stigma of Mental Illness is presented as part of National Mental Health Month at the Lantana Road Branch of the Palm Beach County Library System, 4020 Lantana Road, Lake Worth. Local attorney Dena Foman, author of *Only I Can Define Me: Releasing Shame and Growing into my Adult Self* shares her story about her experiences growing up with mentally-ill parents, and how she helped her son get treatment for and cope with the stigma of being bipolar. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 304-4500.

5/22 - Soul Enchilada by David Macinnis Gill is presented as part of the Teen Book Discussion group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 742-6390.

5/22 - Becoming a Better Half is presented as part of a six-week series on the "Art of Marriage" produced by the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute and offered by Rabbi Leibel Stolik at Chabad in Plaza del Mar, 242A S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. This lesson focuses on the individual character traits that influence marriage. 7 pm. \$15. Reservations: 889-3499.

5/22 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Join other fishermen to discuss hot topics and learn new tricks of the trade. 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5638.

Wednesday - 5/23 - Ballet Butterflies & Kiddy Creative Dance Classes at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Ballet Butterflies exposes the 2-3 year olds to ballet music, positions and movement. Kiddie Creative Dance explores all the possibilities of the body for ages 4-6, while emphasizing the three components of dance: rhythm, shape and space. Held Wednesdays through 6/27. Ballet Butterflies: age 2-3, 10:45-11:15 am; Kiddie Creative Dance: age 4-6, 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$95/residents, \$105/non-residents. Sibling discounts. 243-7350.

5/23 - Virtual Tour of Manhattan is presented by former New York City Guide Steve Schlesinger at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 736-8044 or www.delraylibrary.org.

5/23 - Drop-in Craft Day at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Make a special craft. Materials provided. Grades K-4. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6393.

5/23 - Baby Care Prenatal Class is offered at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Topics include ensuring your newborn's health, safety and well-being as well as car seat safety, childcare, coping skills and more. 6 pm. \$25. Registration: 369-2229.

5/23 - Luminaries in the Library is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. Create and decorate Asian-inspired paper lanterns. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6390.

Thursday - 5/24 - Turtle Walk at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 8 and up. Held again 5/31, every T-W-Th in June, and 7/3 & 7/5. 8:45-11 pm. \$8/members, \$15/non-members. Ticket sales begin 5/12. Advance ticket required: 338-1542.

Friday - 5/25 - Backyard Monsters Exhibit at the South Florida Science Museum, 4801 Dreher Trail N., West Palm Beach. Features giant robotic insects, interactive displays and real live creepy-crawlies. Runs through 9/9. M-F: 10 am-5

pm; Sat.: 10 am-6 pm; and Sun.: noon-6 pm. \$11.95/adults; \$10.45/seniors; \$8.95/children 3-12; free/children under age 3. 832-1988.
5/25 - Friday Night Late-Night Skate - Held Thursdays at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Music, contests, food/snacks. Ages 5 to adult. 9 pm-midnight. \$2/guest pass. 243-7158.
5/25-26 - Royal Room Cabaret Performance: Will and Anthony Nunziata at The Colony, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. Prix Fixe & Ala Carte Dinners offered at 6:30 pm (prices vary). Held again



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Saturday - 5/26 - Safe Boating Classes are offered by Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 54 at Harvey Oyer Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Last Saturday of each month. Class satisfies the Florida Department of Natural Resources Boating Operation Requirements. 8 am. \$36 includes materials. Reservations: 736-8821.

5/26 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup is held at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 8-10:30 am. 369-5501.

5/26 - Beach Walk and Talk presented by Dr. Angela Witmer at the Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Investigate plants on the dunes and animals found on the beach and in the water. For all ages. 9-10 am. \$5/person includes admission to the nature center. 274-7263.

5/26 - From Stage to Screen: Matthew Farmer in Concert: Negroni's Trio at the Arts Garage, 180 NE First St., Delray Beach. \$20-\$165. 8 pm. 243-7129.

5/26-27 - 15th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Craft Festival is held at the Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W. Atlantic Ave. Juried outdoor craft showcase. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 954-472-3755.

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Sunday - 5/27 - Memorial Day Observance at Boynton Beach Memorial Park, 1611 S. Seacrest Blvd. Presented by the Boynton Veteran's Council and the City of Boynton Beach. Remember those currently

Centennial Celebration

Delray Beach Public Library



The Delray Beach Public Library celebrated its 99th birthday April 11 by kicking off a year of centennial activities. More than 785 members of the community including city officials, library board members and volunteers attended. ABOVE: Librarian Kathleen Hensman (left) and volunteer Susan Goodreds. Photo provided

serving in our Armed Forces, and those who have fallen. Refreshments follow. 2 pm. Free. 276-1796 or 499-6277.

5/27 - Divas In Art at the ArtsGarage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Entertainment by female illusionists. \$15-\$20. 7 pm. 243-7129 or www.artsgarage.org.

5/27 - Boca Ballet Theater - Presented by the City of Boca Raton at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. A mixed repertory dance concert. No coolers, pets, umbrellas, strollers, outside food or beverages, or backpacks. 7:30 pm. Free. 393-7827.

Green Markets

Boynton Beach Community Farmer's Market is held in the parking lot at the southeast corner of Boynton Beach Boulevard and Federal Highway. Locally grown artisan food, fresh baked goods, specialty olive oils, handmade jewelry, and more. Held year round every Saturday. 724-2745 or www.communityfarmersmarketsofsouthfl.com.

Delray GreenMarket is held each Saturday in the first block of Southeast Fourth Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Southeast First Street. Outdoor venue offers fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music and children's activities. Last day of season 5/12. 9 am - 2 pm. 276-7511 or www.delraycra.org.

Lake Worth Farmer's Market is held each Saturday at Waterside Park, A1A and Lake Avenue Bridge, northeast corner in Lake Worth. 8 am-1 pm. Last day of season 5/12. Free. 283-5856.

Monday - 5/28 - Memorial Day

5/28 - Memorial Day Ceremony at Boca Raton Cemetery, 449 S.W. 4th Ave., Boca Raton. 9 am. Free. 393-7806 selection 2.

5/28 - The Lottery is discussed as part of the Great Books group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Meets the second and fourth Monday of each month. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6886.

5/28 - 7th Annual Memorial Day Service: A Day To Remember at Palm Beach Memorial Park, 3691 Seacrest Blvd., Lantana. Presented by Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc. Wreath presentations, dove release, performances by The New Young Patriots and Lou "The Golden Voice" Galterio. Complimentary food and beverages follow service. 11:50 am-2 pm. Free. 585-6444.

5/28 - Memorial Day Concert: Indian River Pops and Robert Sharon Chorale

at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Featuring guest vocalist Seth Muse and members of the New Gardens Brass Band. 7 pm. Free. 393-7827.

5/28-30 - Call Me "Mr. Abbott": The Life and Career of George Abbott is performed at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Held again 6/4-6. M-W: 2 & 8 pm. \$30. 272-1281, Ext. 4.

Tuesday - 5/29 - Beach Treasures - Meet for an introductory talk about seashells at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, then caravan over to Red Reef Park to walk the beach in search of ocean treasures. Open to all ages. 3:30-5 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations: 338-1542.

5/29 - Hatha Yoga is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. Join instructor Jessica for an introductory teen class. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers and bring a towel. 5-6 pm. Free. 742-6390.

5/29 - Danger Ahead is presented as part of a six-week series on the "Art of Marriage" produced by the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute and offered by Rabbi Leibel Stolik at Chabad in Plaza del Mar, 242A S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. This lesson shows ways to form and fortify an exclusive and powerful relationship. 7 pm. \$15. Reservations: 889-3499.

Wednesday - 5/30 - 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. Wear clothes that can get wet. No flip-flops or sandals. Ages 10 to adult. 3:30-5 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations: 338-1542.

5/30 - Art Exhibit: Boca Museum Artists' Guild Biennial Exhibition at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Running in conjunction with the 61st Annual All Florida Juried Competition and Exhibition, this exhibition presents works by the professional artists of the Museum Auxiliary Guild. Runs through 7/8. T, Th & F: 10 am-5 pm; W: 10 am-9 pm; Sat. & Sun.: Noon-5 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/senior citizens, \$4/students with ID, free/children 12 and under. 392-2500.

Thursday - 5/31 - Alzheimer's Educational Conference is presented by Alzheimer's Community Care at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 8 am-5 pm. \$30/family caregivers one day pass, \$50/two day pass. \$125/general admission one-day pass, \$195/two day pass. 683-2700.

Friday - 6/1 - Friday Night Live: Walkway to Waterway "Summertime Fest" - Presented in downtown Boca Raton on Palmetto Park Road, between Mizner Boulevard and 5th Street. First Friday of each month showcases live themed entertainment, gourmet food trucks, and more. 6:30 pm, live entertainment begins 7:30 pm. Free. 367-7070.

Saturday - 6/2 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd. in Ocean Ridge. 8-10:15 am. Free. Registration: 734-9128.

6/2 - Punt, Pass & Kick Challenge at The Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 6-12 compete. Trophies awarded to the top two players in each division. 9-11 am. \$10/residents, \$13/non-residents. Registration: 742-6641.

6/2 - Kinder Turtles - Parents and kids learn how sea turtles are similar to us at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. For ages 5-6 with an adult. 10-10:45 am. \$5/members, \$8/non-members, free for accompanying adults. Reservations: 338-1542 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

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The upstairs master suite has his and her closets with built-in maple cabinetry. A private balcony overlooks the pool and the cove. The luxurious ensuite bath has a whirlpool tub and a beautiful glass block shower. Next to the suite is a separate exercise room.

Magnificent custom-designed stainless steel staircase railings in the foyer were featured in *Florida Living* and are just the introduction to the numerous design details that make this home a waterfront masterpiece.

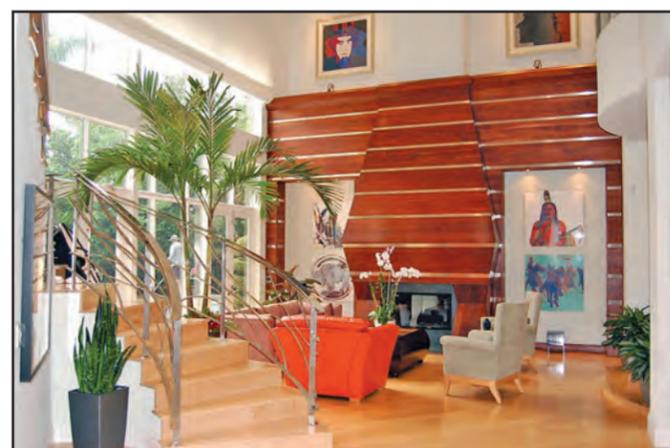
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