

Boca Raton

Council proposes 10.5 percent tax increase

By Steve Plunkett

The recent years of low or no tax increases appear to be over in Boca Raton.

City Manager Leif Ahnell proposed that property owners pay \$3.66 per \$1,000 of taxable value for the coming budget year, up 4.3 percent from this year's \$3.51 rate.

"Remember, this is the maximum. You can always lower it in September but you can't increase it beyond this," Ahnell said, adding that his rate would provide \$250,000 for security at the presidential debate in October as well as money to reopen Spanish River Park on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and to operate a new, larger library downtown.

But council member Michael Mullaugh persuaded the council to add 17 cents to Ahnell's proposal.

"It gives us some room if we were to decide to fund something more than what the city manager comes up with in a budget," he said. "We need to have some flexibility to look at things."

The council July 10 voted 5-0 to adopt Mullaugh's \$3.83 rate.

Mullaugh said he hoped the final budget would require even

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Along the Coast

Keeping an eye out for the president

Security atop the Ritz-Carlton in Manalapan keeps a lookout (above) as crowds wait for President Obama to pass (below). Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



A political buzz and a (mostly) profitable swarm

By Tim O'Meilia

Four things learned from last month's visit of President Obama and Vice President Biden:

1. Waiting onlookers and reporters like pizza, ice cream and cinnamon-nut French toast.
2. Roped-off parking lots mean no parking meter revenue and no beachfront breakfast crowd.
3. No school buses parked nose-to-tail were harmed during the presidential and vice-presidential visits.

4. You can get from Manalapan to the Palm Beach International Airport in 17 minutes even if the bridge is out — if you've got a Secret Service escort.

President Barack Obama's motorcade didn't buzz up to the Ritz-Carlton's back door until after 9:30 p.m. July 19, giving well-wishers and television news crews hours of milling-around time in the Plaza del Mar shopping center at the corner of Ocean Avenue and State Road A1A.

"It was the best night we've had since we opened," beamed Dean

Ismajli, who opened his second Lantana II Pizza two months ago in the Plaza courtyard. The restaurant wrote 227 order tickets that night.

Ismajli suspected the Secret Service had been reconnoitering the plaza for several weeks.

"Well-dressed, clean-cut, big," he said, flexing his shoulders and arms. "They won't tell you (who they were) but you could pretty much tell."

Around the corner, the Ice Cream Club didn't have a Rocky Road to

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Summer Arts

Artist sees flourishing gallery off the beaten path

By Mary Jane Fine

DELRAY BEACH —Vincent Cacace envisions the future of Artists Alley as if it were a canvas awaiting his brush. The colors. The shapes. The blocking.

This is how it can be: "I see that as a gallery, at the end," he says, pointing down the alleyway to a vacant building. "And there's a guy who wants to open a café down there, and he'd hang the artists' paintings on his walls."

Cacace foresees bamboo plantings — the purple variety, 70 feet tall — and a butterfly garden where, now, there are only grass and shrubs. And a mural, a stylized wave, on the side of that concrete structure,



Vincent Cacace shows off artwork to Anne Walsh. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

the one festooned with mildew drippings. That little red-and-grey-brick pocket-park, across the way, the one the city built? That'll be a sculpture park.

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Trolley takes enthusiasts on art-oriented tour

By Ron Hayes

BOYNTON BEACH —Shortly after 5 p.m. on July 19, a Molly's Trolley carrying about 35 enthusiastic men and women left Cuthill's Backyard restaurant on Northeast Fourth Street and went in search of art.

They found it where you'd expect to find art — colorful galleries in a shopping plaza, tiny strip malls along Federal Highway.

And then they found it where you'd least expect art — an industrial district off Boynton Beach Boulevard, just west of I-95, just north of Lloyd's

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To prepare for the competition, Bob Gittlin practices his dance moves with partner Mariya-Khristina Shurupova at Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Boca Raton. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Editor's Note

Community and peer support inspiring

Sometimes in the depths of summer it's difficult to leave the chilled cocoon of the house and drag myself into the office. But as we began to put together this August edition, I was re-energized by the dedicated, ongoing support of our readers, advertisers and peers.

As you read this month's issue, please take a moment to notice the 65 or so local businesses that support our publishing efforts over the summer months.

Many of these are your neighbors and friends and they know we don't all head north during hurricane season (even though we might wish we did!). So, please make a point of frequenting their establishments this summer. They know we're all in this together.

They also know they are supporting an excellent group of local journalists who work hard to bring you the news of your community. How good are they? Just ask the judges of the Florida Press Association.

At their July 7 convention in Destin, they granted 11 awards to Coastal Star writers, editors, photographers and designers.

For the first time, we entered this contest in the over 15,000-circulation category and were thrilled to accept a first place for Community History. Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley's fine story telling on the 85th anniversary of the Boca Raton Resort & Club was noted by the judges, as was the package's design by Scott Simmons. Congratulations to them both and to the 10 other Coastal Star winners who placed in seven other categories.

Our summer subscribers have also shown that they care about our local journalism. As our calendar editor spent time cleaning up our outdated subscribers list, she mailed out close to 75 renewal notices. In just three weeks, more than 50 re-upped for another year. Impressive.

We work hard all year to earn the loyalty of our readers and advertisers. Please accept this sincere "thank you" — especially during these long, hot days of summer.



— Mary Kate Leming, Editor

Two left feet and one big heart

By Paula Detwiller

Bob Gittlin believes so strongly in helping kids go to college, he will do practically anything to support the cause — and that includes ballroom dancing lessons, six days a week.

Gittlin has been training to compete in a *Dancing with the Stars* spinoff event called Boca's Ballroom Battle that raises thousands of dollars annually for the Boca Raton-based George Snow Scholarship Fund. The fund provides educational grants to young scholars throughout the area, a mission that transforms lives, Gittlin says. So he agreed to try to transform himself into a dancer for the big event on Aug. 17.

"My hips don't move, I have two left feet, I don't have great posture. All the things you would want to have as a dancer, I don't have," says Gittlin, 64, of coastal Delray Beach. "But it was something I wanted to do to help the Snow Foundation. You can really see the difference they make in the world."

A huge believer in "paying it forward," Gittlin has been recognized by many charitable organizations for his service over the years. He is currently on the board of directors of the Golden Bell Education Foundation, which brings much-needed funding to Boca Raton schools. For a decade now, he's played Santa Claus for nonprofit organizations during the holiday season. He also actively supports "Golden Retrievals," a South Florida golden retriever rescue organization.

A theme of charitable giving runs through his work life, too. As president of JKG Group in Boca Raton since 1994, Gittlin has grown the company from a small printing and graphics firm into a multifaceted

Fifth annual Boca's Ballroom Battle

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marketing and corporate communications provider with national and international clients and a track record of pro bono work for the nonprofit community. The Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce named Gittlin its 2001 Business Leader of the Year, and the JKG Group was awarded the Chamber's Company of the Year title in 2008.

One of JKG's most visible local clients is the Office Depot Foundation. In 2001 Gittlin and his staff helped the foundation launch its National Backpack Program, which supplies free backpacks to underprivileged children at the start of each school year.

"We design the backpacks, source them, distribute them, and create the entire PR campaign around them," Gittlin says. "This year we will celebrate the foundation

giving away their 2.9 millionth backpack to at-risk children, both domestically and globally."

When it comes to personal achievements, Gittlin is proudest of his efforts, as a single dad, to raise his son, Grant Gittlin. "I used to take him with me everywhere, to all my business meetings, from the time he was about 8 years old. And even then he could hold his own," Gittlin says.

Today Grant is 27 and "right-hand man" to the chairman and CEO of MediaLink in New York City and Los Angeles.

Perhaps Grant inherited his dad's tenacity. It's the trait that keeps Gittlin striving to improve his health and fitness with daily 6:30 a.m. personal training sessions at The Facility, a Boca gym that caters to older adults.

"My trainer told me one day that I'm the most tenacious [guy] he's ever trained," Gittlin says. "So when the program coordinator for Boca's Ballroom Battle said we need a stage name for you, and it can't be Twinkle Toes, I said, OK, it'll be Tenacious Toes."

Mariya-Khristina Shurupova, his dance teacher and partner at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Boca Raton, where all eight of the event's contestants are training, has choreographed a routine for him to the soundtrack of *The Pink Panther*. Tenacious Toes won't reveal many details, but he does acknowledge that his costume is pink, and a little outrageous.

"I have three goals," he says. "To raise as much money as I can for kids' scholarships; to give people kind enough to attend the best performance I can give them; and to inspire someone sitting in the audience to volunteer to dance next year."



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Manalapan

Police and the beach occupy staff and commissioners' time

By Tim O'Meilia

Imagine unmanned drones patrolling the Manalapan shoreline or helium-filled balloons surveilling the beach or infra-red cameras spying north and south after dark along the oceanfront. However fantastic and unlikely — except perhaps the cameras — those are some of the solutions town commissioners learned could be used to combat beach-going trespassers.

Town commissioners will consider those and more mundane and practical solutions, such as weekend marine and beach patrols, during an Aug. 27 budget workshop.

Commissioners all but vetoed the idea of contracting police services with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office during a July 18 workshop.

Although they didn't take an official vote, five of six commissioners said they would rather stick with their own police force even if it means spending more to protect against beach-going trespassers.

Mayor Basil Diamond said

the issue should be reconsidered periodically and noted the town made an unsuccessful effort at joint cooperation on policing with other coastal towns.

The sheriff's office has offered a two-year contract at \$1.17 million, compared with the town police force cost next year of \$1.3 million.

Police Chief Carmen Mattox and Town Manager Linda Stumpf have proposed hiring two part-time police officers for a Friday-Sunday daytime beach patrol and contracting with Lantana or the sheriff's office for Saturday and Sunday marine patrol.

In addition, they would restore a police support services position to help with administrative duties and increase police liability insurance to \$5 million. The police budget would increase to \$1.52 million.

Adding similar marine and beach patrol duties to the sheriff's contract would raise it to \$1.28 million, making the difference about \$240,000 annually.

"It's got to be demonstrated to me there is significant

difference in cost," said Commissioner David Cheifetz. "We're not going to save much money and we're not going to get any more coverage. I'm at the point that the PBO should be taken off the table."

All but Commissioner Donald Brennan agreed. "The (cost) gap is significant. To manage outsourced vendors and patch it together and fill up the gaps is the wrong way to go," he said. "We ought to continue to pursue a full-service operation."

Commissioners refused to slam the door on talks with the sheriff's office, defeating Commissioner John Murphy's motion to end any negotiations by a 4-3 vote with Diamond casting the deciding ballot.

"The quotes in the sheriff's office offer aren't worth the paper it's written on," Murphy said.

With the sheriff's offer all but dead, commissioners said they would resume contract negotiations with the police union.

Commissioners spent several minutes examining a photograph of weekend beachgoers north of the

sand transfer plant, trying to determine where the mean high water mark fell (which delineates public and private property) and which beachgoers would have to move their blankets.

"The amount of illicit sex — mostly homosexual — taking place in heavy sea grapes is unacceptable," Brennan said of his encounters with beach lovers who he said dug foxhole-like love nests on his seaside property.

Commissioner Louis DeStefano, a 22-year oceanfront owner, said the solution is not confronting beachgoers. "I don't say a word to anyone and no one bothers me," he said.

Mattox said a series of steps has been taken to discourage beachgoers from treading on the property of Manalapan homeowners.

A beach access sign at the Boynton Inlet will be removed

and the gate closed after 8 p.m. The roped pathway to the beach will direct beachgoers to the inlet beach and green signs emphasizing Manalapan's ordinances will be erected.

In other business:

Commissioners set a tentative tax rate for next year at \$3.35 per \$1,000 of taxable property value although all indicated the rate would be reduced before the September budget hearings. The current rate is \$2.78. Commissioners said they wanted flexibility to deal with the possibility of increased costs for upgrading the police force. DeStefano opposed the rate.

Commissioners also agreed to place a term limit question on the March 2013 ballot. If approved, commissioner and the mayor would be limited to three consecutive two-year terms in each office or four terms in combination. ★

Letters to the Editor

Delray budget priorities not well thought out

I have repeatedly asked the mayor and city commissioners in public forums to describe how they distinguish between essential and non-essential services, and I can't get an answer. When money is tight, taxpayers deserve to know which budget items are more important than others. Commissioner Adam Frankel is the only one of the five elected officials who has engaged in a dialogue with me when I ask these questions.

The mayor bragged at a June City Commission meeting about the hard work he and his fellow commissioners put into "priority-based budgeting." The document based on this

work assigns over 200 spending items to four "quartiles" — or priorities — of relative importance.

Referencing this document at a recent City Commission meeting, I noted how spending for special events downtown, the Teen Center, and free kids' out-of-school activities are in the higher Priority 1 and Priority 2 categories, and that some spending requests from the police chief and the fire chief were at the bottom, in Priority 4.

When I asked why did the mayor and commissioners think these specific Priority 1 and 2 items were more important than what the police

and fire chief wanted, guess what they said? Nothing.

I believe that public safety is more important to Delray Beach residents than over \$200,000 for the Teen Center and over \$300,000 for out-of-school activities.

When I made a public records request for any documents at City Hall that identify essential and non-essential services, or used other words to that effect, both the city manager and city attorney said that there are none. What are your views on all this, Mayor McDuffie?

Kevin Warner
Delray Beach

Delray trash contract warrants transparency

Cities around the country are experiencing budgetary crunches that show no signs of easing. Delray Beach is no exception, but has an opportunity to save its residents money and increase transparency. Unfortunately, city management and elected officials seem intent on ignoring the benefits to both.

Delray Beach has not competitively bid its solid waste contract since 2001, a contract whose cost is equal to roughly 10 percent of the city's general fund budget. Despite the fact that cities in Florida have achieved significant price reductions in newly bid solid waste contracts, the city manager and City Commission seem poised to

approve a "no-bid" multiyear contract extension with Waste Management.

Responding to resident complaints and the city's own Financial Review Board conclusion that the city has been deficient in control and oversight of the current contract, the Palm Beach County Inspector General investigated the intended "no-bid" contract and concluded the city should bid the contract, recognizing that not bidding would disregard competitive procurement mandated by state law and the city's procurement ordinances. The IG's office further concluded the manager's explanation to the IG's investigation was both flawed and nonresponsive.

Yet, here we are with a multiyear "no-bid" extension looming on the commission's agenda that may not allow public comment.

Saving taxpayer money must be prioritized in these challenging economic times, and fair and honest dealing in government contracts is critical. If City Hall continues down the path of what is perceived by many citizens as back-room dealing, it won't be just the trash that stinks.

Cary Glickstein
Delray Beach

Cary Glickstein is chairman of Delray Beach's Planning and Zoning Board. He recently announced his candidacy for mayor.

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Delray Beach

Harden retiring as city manager

Delray Beach City Manager David Harden reflected on Boca Raton when he announced his retirement after 22 years.

"I encountered a lot of Boca envy when I came in 1990," Harden told city commissioners at a July 17 meeting. "People were ashamed to admit that they had a Delray address," said Harden, the longest-serving city manager in



Harden

Palm Beach County.

Delray won the prestigious All-America City award twice during Harden's tenure. He said the envy between Boca Raton and Delray Beach has switched.

"To see that totally reversed is of great satisfaction to me," Harden told commissioners. "Now Boca wants to be like Delray."

Harden, who turns 70 in November, listed construction of the tennis center and relocation of Atlantic High School as his two most challenging projects. The

city also eliminated flooding problems, built or rebuilt four of its fire stations, expanded parks and landscaped medians under his direction.

Harden said he inherited a sense of hopelessness on the city's west side in 1990. "While many challenges remain in race relations, I find that residents in those neighborhoods are hopeful for a better future," he said.

Harden will leave his job in January.

— Tim Pallesen

Glickstein announces plan to run for mayor



Glickstein

Mayor Woodie McDuffie plans to vacate early to campaign for

Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Cary Glickstein announced his candidacy for mayor in July, seeking a seat that current

county Supervisor of Elections.

"There has been a gaping leadership void in the city for far too long on many levels," Glickstein said in making his announcement.

"We need proactive and independent thinking, not more elected puppets, complacency, band-aid solutions, or more missed

opportunities to accelerate a sustained economic recovery for our town.

"Like other cities, there are tough choices ahead for our town, but I am ready to step up and lead," said Glickstein, president of Ironwood Properties. Delray Beach's next election is set for March 13.

— Margie Plunkett

City wrestles with revenue shortfall; fire service fee discussed

By Tim Pallesen

Delray Beach commissioners must cut \$4 million from a \$97 million budget proposal to avoid raising the city's current property tax rate.

City Manager David Harden presented his proposal to the city commission July 17, recommending that \$1.6 million be taken from the city's reserves to cover a portion of the revenue shortfall.

The city's current tax rate of \$7.19 per \$1,000 of assessed value equals a \$7,190 city tax bill for the owner of a home valued at \$1 million after exemptions.

Commissioners have workshops in August to decide whether to cut

services, raise fees or take more money from reserves to avoid a tax rate increase.

An attempt to cover the \$4 million shortfall by approving a new fire service fee failed by a 2-2 vote at a July 31 budget workshop.

Mayor Woodie McDuffie and Commissioner Adam Frankel supported an annual \$85 fire fee for every homeowner in the city, but commissioners Al Jacquet and Angeleta Gray opposed it. Commissioner Tom Carney was absent.

The added revenue from the fire fee would raise \$4.6 million and allow the city to lower its current tax rate to \$7.09 per \$1,000 of taxable property.

McDuffie, Frankel and Harden encouraged Jacquet and Gray to say where they

think the budget can be cut to avoid a tax increase.

Jacquet suggested cutting some of the city's costs for special events. Gray asked Harden to explore incentives to encourage some city employees to retire early.

But neither savings is expected to have a significant impact.

The city's tax rate would have to be raised to \$7.69 per \$1,000 of taxable property if commissioners don't make the \$4 million in cuts.

Commissioners were scheduled to decide on a preliminary tax rate at an Aug. 3 meeting.

A first public hearing on the city budget will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 4. Commissioners will set next year's final tax rate after a second public hearing at 7 p.m. Sept. 20. ★

Preservation board allows house plan to proceed

The construction of a one-story residence on the Fontaine Fox House property was conditionally granted a certificate of appropriateness

by Delray Beach's Historic Preservation Board in July.

The residence at 605 Andrews Ave., which is west of the Fontaine Fox House, was

required to have further review of placement of mechanical equipment pads and landscape screening and to provide additional details of a planned wall.

Neighbors questioned the placement of the residence's generator, but were told that it will be subject to a separate review that is routinely required.

The Fontaine Fox House was owned by the famous cartoonist of the same name and designed by his friend, renowned architect John Volk.

— Margie Plunkett

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Gulf Stream

Commission faces second open seat this summer

By Steve Plunkett

A second unscheduled opening on the Gulf Stream Town Commission may allow the remaining members to add youth as well as experience to the dais.

Fred Devitt III sold his North Ocean Boulevard home and resigned his seat July 18, just five days after being selected as vice mayor.

On July 13 commissioners split 2-2 over how to fill the vacancy created by longtime Mayor William Koch Jr.'s recent death. Devitt and Garrett Dering supported Bob Ganger, chairman of the Architectural Review and Planning Board for three-plus years. Muriel "Mert"



Ganger



Stanley

Anderson and acting Mayor Joan Orthwein wanted 35-year-old Tom Stanley, a lawyer who joined the architectural board as an alternate last fall.

The Town Hall received 10 letters of support for Stanley and four for Ganger. Stanley supporters included Joel Strawn, who is both Stanley's cousin and the late mayor's lawyer and friend.

"This town has gotten much younger," Orthwein said. "The

young people have made their statement in these letters, and I'm trying to listen."

"On reading the letters from people who are younger, it really became clear to me that this is one part the commission is lacking," Anderson said.

Devitt and Dering thought otherwise.

"I do feel that it's important for this commission to respect the time and the effort that people have put in on committees below this level such as the architectural review commission," Devitt said.

"I think experience makes a lot of difference," Dering said.

While the letters backed Stanley, people in the audience were mostly behind Ganger.

"I am not speaking here as a member of the aging community or the old guard, but ... I think at this juncture in our history it would be appropriate to give the nod to Bob," resident Tom Murphy said.

"Bob is unbelievably involved in what goes on in this town, and he's got the pulse of the people," said Danny Brannon, consulting engineer for Gulf Stream's underground utilities project. "I don't think you could do better than Bob."

Commissioners voted 3-1 with Devitt dissenting to defer the selection to their Aug. 10 meeting and asked that a letter be sent to residents notifying them of the open seat. Then

they named Orthwein mayor and Devitt vice mayor.

Orthwein, Anderson and Devitt favored Dering over Ganger for an empty seat last October, saying Dering, who lives in a Ballantrae condominium, would better represent the newly annexed area.

Ganger also is a nine-term president of the Gulf Stream Civic Association and president of the Florida Coalition for Preservation. Devitt was a town commissioner for 15 years. His departure follows former Commissioner Chris Wheeler's, who sold his house in Hidden Harbour in October. Anderson has her Place Au Soleil home listed for sale. ★

Tax rate proposed to help rebuild reserves, expand Town Hall

By Steve Plunkett

Gulf Stream town commissioners may decide to raise property taxes up to 7.1 percent for the coming budget year, mostly to rebuild reserves used last year for the underground utilities project.

Commissioners set a maximum rate of \$3.10 per \$1,000 of taxable value, a rate that can be lowered but not raised in subsequent meetings. A home assessed at \$1 million after exemptions last year paid \$2,927 in town property taxes. If that home's value rose the average 1.1 percent of all property in Gulf Stream, it would owe \$3,134, or \$207 more, this year.

Town Manager William Thrasher first suggested a rate of \$3.01 per \$1,000, which he said was enough to pay for design work to expand Town Hall and to buy Ford Explorer SUVs to replace aging police cars.

With upswing in property values, "I do not believe we need to be fearful of our costs," Thrasher said.

"Don't we want to make

that a little higher than what this is?" Commissioner Garrett Dering asked, urging his colleagues to propose the \$3.10 rate. Thrasher said the higher figure would give commissioners about \$60,000 extra.

Thrasher's proposed budget also calls for a 2 percent raise for town employees and new software for police to track cases. Any money left over from the \$50,000 earmarked for designing a larger Town Hall would go into reserves, he said.

Thrasher said Town Hall would be expanded on the west side of the building to provide more room. "There's no place for storage, there's no place for records. If you walk into any office ... you'll see that there are plans everywhere," he said.

Thrasher also budgeted \$428,197 to pay for fire and rescue services from Delray Beach, which includes payment since March for serving the unincorporated pocket annexed that month.

"This is a combination of catch-up and then also our regular contract including the annexed area," Thrasher said.

The annexed area will mean about \$208,000 in additional tax revenue if the maximum rate is adopted.

Gulf Stream's tax rate was \$3.10 for the 2007 budget year but was held under \$3 for the next five budgets, according to Thrasher's proposal. It hit \$4.09 in 1998.

The proposed 2013 budget includes \$14,000 for a study of how Gulf Stream and other coastal towns might share the cost of providing their own fire-rescue service. A consultant would not be hired unless the other towns pitch in. Commissioners will consider the budget again at their Aug. 10 regular meeting, then hold public hearings on the budget at 5:01 p.m. Sept. 14 and 25. ★

Former Mayor Koch remembered fondly at commission meeting

By Steve Plunkett

Fond recollections and a stirring tribute to the late Mayor William Koch Jr. marked the Gulf Stream Town Commission's first meeting in the post-Koch era.

Town Attorney John "Skip" Randolph remembered being a "wet behind the ears" lawyer in 1971 and meeting the "somewhat intimidating" mayor.

"It took me a while, but I ultimately learned that Bill Koch's gruff exterior was just a facade and that his bark was much worse than his bite," Randolph said. "In truth he was a pussycat."

Randolph said he had many reasons to enjoy being Gulf Stream's town attorney but that the primary reason was Koch.

"I will miss the way that Bill Koch could always bring harmony to the town in those rare instances in which there was disagreement," Randolph continued. "I will miss watching him trim the budget at budget time in an effort to keep the millage rate one of the lowest in Palm Beach County, and I will miss watching the managers squirm as he hacked away at their budget."

Randolph said he was surprised to hear how sick Koch had been in his final months, how Town Clerk Rita Taylor would take documents to his bedside for him to sign and how the mayor would still preside over commission meetings.

"I remarked to him recently how good he looked and how amazed I was that he was able to come to these commission meetings. His response to me was characteristic. He said, 'I'm a tough guy.'"

"Yes, Mayor Koch, you were a tough guy, or so you would have had us believe," Randolph said. "But I learned in knowing you for 41 years, whether you

would admit it or not, you were a kind and gentle man who had a heart of gold.

"So here's to you, Mr. Tough Guy. We miss you. And let all who are listening hear this: Your little town of Gulf Stream will never be the same without you."

Taylor read letters of condolence from Boynton Beach Mayor Woodrow Hay, former League of Cities executive director Jamie Titcomb and current league director Richard Radcliffe.

"We can only pray to have a legacy that comes close to that of Mayor Koch," Hay wrote.

"We are certain that he will be missed for his talents, his contributions to the community at large and his wry sense of humor," Titcomb said.

Commissioner Garrett Dering was so moved by Randolph's remarks that he asked for a copy of the tribute to be hung in the lobby of

Town Hall and mailed to every household.

"You're not going to charge us anything for it, are you?" he asked Randolph, invoking one of Koch's familiar barbs.

In the audience were Koch's daughter, Claudia Burns, and her husband, Scott, who left after the tributes.

"I know Mayor Koch would want you to get on with the meeting," Scott Burns said.

In a public hearing over whether to permit Paul Lyons Jr. to add 324 square feet to his residence on Polo Drive, architect Roy Simon began by saying he, too, missed Koch.

"Mayor Koch?" Taylor asked one more time, seeking a yea or nay in the resulting roll call vote. She quickly corrected herself to say, "Mayor Orthwein?"

After so many years it will be a hard habit to break, Taylor said. ★

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Around Town

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These are the times that try men's souls ... especially in real estate. **Blackstone Group**, which owns the **Boca Raton Resort & Club**, **Hilton Hotels** and a few other big-ticket properties, is buying **Motel 6** for \$1.9 billion. (Don't look for the Boca Resort to be converted.) And across Lake Boca Raton, at the inlet, is the spanking new **One Thousand Ocean**, the luxury condo marketed by Blackstone subsidiary LXR. Forty-four of the 52 units have been sold — the most recent in July closed for \$5.15 million, all cash. You can bet they'll leave the light on for the remaining units.

A mile up the beach on Palmetto Park Road, more big players have come to town. On July 26, the **Capponi Group**, a Miami-based construction and development company, and **Douglas Elliman**, the largest residential real estate operation in New York, held a joint ribbon-cutting at their new Boca Raton offices. Handling the scissors were **Michael Capponi** and Elliman's Florida boss, **Vanessa Grout**.

Down south, Capponi is a household name. For two decades he was the king of South Beach nightclub and social scene. Forget the A-list. His was A-plus until the late '90s, when a wealth of problems provided a large dose of maturity. Capponi still enjoys

the good life, but now he shares his good fortune — **American Red Cross**, **Feed the Children**, Kosovo war relief, Caribbean hurricane relief. On the business side, in 2010 he signed on some of the best in the business, such as Boca's **Ken Gross**, and founded **Capponi Construction**. Boca is his next frontier.



Grout

While Capponi was going wild in South Beach, Grout was cheerleading at **The Benjamin School** in North Palm Beach. She, too, had goals that included a law degree at the **University of Miami** and an MBA at NYU. Along the way, she clerked for lawyer **Roy Black**, who defended **William Kennedy Smith**, and did legal work for a Miami real estate company before signing on with the **Vector Group**, the New York-based parent of Elliman.

"From there I worked up the ladder," Grout said.

To say the least. Now 33, Grout went from new hire to president and CEO of Elliman's Florida operation in four years. Most of the credit, she says, goes to those who work with her. The company's dominance in New York had helped to ease the move into South Florida, and international

interest — "not just from South America" — hasn't hurt either. "We're already making \$30-, \$40-million deals in Miami," she said.

"The company's growth and vision are so strong," she said. "I strongly believe Elliman will be the strongest real estate firm in South Florida. To that end we're always looking for talented individuals who share our goals."

Grout's not all work and no play, although finding talent to top hers will not be easy. In her spare time, she plays classical piano, speaks fluent French and runs. Last November, she finished the New York City Marathon in 4:37:52, not bad for a first-timer.

"It was my first and maybe my last," she said. "It may take me a few years to get over it."

And this month, the old cheerleading memories will come back as she heads for her 15-year class reunion at The Benjamin School.

Thanks to a concerted effort by residents, businesses and city officials, **Delray Beach** beat out five challengers to be named "Most Fun Small Town in America" in the second annual **Best of the Road Competition** sponsored by **Rand McNally** and **USA Today**. In contention were Corning, N.Y., Santa Claus, Ind., Denton, Texas, Buena Park, Calif., and



ABOVE: Boca resident Elaine Jahnsen has a burger with her friend Danny Catalano at Boca Burger Battle.



LEFT: The Rebel House's Tuscan burger won first place. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Geneva-on-the-lake, Ohio, but after diving on the 100-year-old shipwreck just offshore, visiting **Old School Square** for a performance by homegrown country star **Amber Leigh** and cruising **Atlantic Avenue** in a '57 Chevy convertible, the judges were convinced.

"We're so happy for you guys," judge **Anna Haas** said in a note to the **Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative** after the winners were announced. "It was such a hard decision, but we just kept feeling our hearts pulled towards Delray. At the end of the day, it's not just the activities, it's the people. You guys deserved the title."

It's a pity the judges couldn't enjoy one of the best deals of the year, the annual **Tastemakers of Delray Beach**.

For a \$30 passport bought at any of the 24 participating restaurants, participants enjoy food and beverage pairings Aug. 9 and 10, plus special **Tastemakers** promotions at the restaurants through Sept. 30. Take your pick, from **Sundy House** and **32 East** at the west end to **Deck 84** and **Boheme** to the east to **Max's Harvest**, **Solita** and **Off The Ave** on side streets, this party delights the senses. For details, check out <http://bocamag.com/blog/tastemakers-of-delray-beach>.

Beach, Barbeque & Books is a crucial fundraiser every year for the **Delray Beach Public Library**, and especially this year with its centennial only months away. Set for Aug. 18 at the **Delray Beach Club**, this party for the entire family will be highlighted by a beach volleyball clinic and demonstration featuring **Steve Grotowski**, fresh from competing in the London **Summer Olympics**, plus several players affiliated with **Incite Brands** and other top-ranked East Coast professionals. Tickets — including one clinic, all the barbecue you can eat, nonalcoholic beverages, entertainment and swimming — are \$50 for adults, \$25 for 14 and under, and free for 3 and under. (www.delraylibrary.org or 266-0775)

It's time for **Boca Festival Days**, a monthlong program organized by the **Chamber of Commerce** that pairs businesses and nonprofits to raise a little money for them and to bring a little zing to hot August nights. For a list of events, go to bocaratonchamber.com.

One of the earliest bashes is **Wine and All That Jazz**, returning to the **Boca Raton**

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It's always one of the hottest events of the Festival Days — pun intended — and this year's **Boca Ballroom Battle**, set for Aug. 17 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, will be no exception ... even with not one **Whelchel** on the dance floor. Boca Mayor **Susan Whelchel** won the second battle and son **Jay** prevailed two years ago. But while the family is blessed with gifted athletes, the others are less terpsichorean.

Asked if her husband, **John**, might consider giving it a shot, the mayor laughed, "only if it has something to do with golf."

The competition nonetheless will be fierce. In the spirit of *Dancing With the Stars*, the eight contestants have been practicing since May at **Fred Astaire Studios**, including **Kristin Calder**, who had delivered her third child only two months prior.

Calder, who runs public relations for the Bethesda Hospital Foundation, will compete against **Darci McNally** from **Lynn Cancer Institute**, community volunteer **Beth Osborne** and philanthropist **Lisa Pechter**. Male challengers include **Peter Baronoff** of **Promise Healthcare**, **JKG Group** President **Bob Gittlin**, **South Palm Beach County YMCA** CEO **Richard Pollock** and **HSBC Bank's** **Fernando X. Rodriguez**.

The Battle benefits the **George Snow Scholarship Fund**, which this year awarded \$500,000 to 73 recipients. For tickets — \$150 for members, \$225 for non-members — call 347-6799.

Since we have our dancing shoes on, we'll head across the Camino bridge on Aug. 25 to **Carmen's** at the **Top of The Bridge Hotel** for "Dancing in the Sky IV," a benefit organized by **Shopping for Soldiers** to help injured and ill soldiers, homeless veterans and their families in Palm Beach County.

In addition to the dancing, guests can enjoy hors d'oeuvres, a complimentary drink, chef's tables, dessert and coffee. Tickets start at \$40 (\$45 after Aug. 20) and reserved tables are available. (860-3173)

When it comes to home cooking, it looks like Boca is the place ... for burgers, anyway. In the first **Boca Burger Battle**, held July 14 in **Sanborn Square**, 20 restaurants from **Pembroke Pines** to **Palm Beach Gardens** competed. But when the smoke cleared, the 10 judges awarded Boca restaurants first and third in the traditional division and first and second in the alternative group.

The chefs offered a



Bartender Mark Neumann speaks with customers at The Little House in Boynton Beach. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

kitchenful of ingredients including knockwurst, turkey sausage, fried eggs, cucumber salad, roasted pear, grilled eggplant, pickled onions, pickled tomatoes, stouts and ales and some potent spirits (**Jack Daniels** was a sponsor).

Setting a high bar in the traditional category was the entry from one of Boca's newest and totally untraditional restaurants, **The Rebel House** — a Tuscan-style burger with Charm City Sauce, pickled tomatoes and crispy onions on a toasted sesame bun. Taking a close second was **Gimme a Burger**, a popular Deerfield Beach joint, with prime Angus stacked with applewood-smoked bacon, pepper jack cheese and fried egg, set on a challah bun; followed by Boca's **Big Joe's Burgers & Wings** with his Big Joe burger — a thick patty with house-made tangy blue cheese and bacon.

Winning the alternative division was **The English Tap & Beer Garden's** ahi tuna slider with wasabi mayo and seaweed salad on a mini baguette.

Taking second was Boca's **4th Generation Market** with an American cheeseburger made with and served alongside an English beer, while **Irie Spice**, a Fort Lauderdale bistro offered a turkey burger with a cilantro-lime sauce, tropical slaw and mango dressing.

Rebel House also took the **People's Choice** vote, followed by **Super Dave's Diner** and **Red's Backwoods BBQ**. Organizers were thrilled with the turnout and promise a second burger battle next summer.

Not all news in burger-land is good. After six decades on County Road, Palm Beach's legendary **Hamburger Heaven** has closed. Landlord troubles, claimed owner **Cynthia Rosa**, who promises to reopen somewhere else, possibly Palm Beach Gardens.

Back to the subject of wine, **L'Escalier** at **The Breakers** once again has received *Wine Spectator's* Grand Award for its superb wine service, one of only 75 restaurants worldwide to be so honored. Of 17 South Florida restaurants earning the magazine's second-tier Best of Award of Excellence, five are in Palm Beach County: **Arturo's** in Boca Raton, noted for its California, Italy and Bordeaux

selections; **Café Boulud**, Palm Beach (France, California); **Café l'Europe**, Palm Beach (California, Bordeaux, Burgundy); **Fifth Avenue Grill**, Delray Beach (California, Bordeaux); and **Marcello's La Sirena**, West Palm Beach (Italy, California, France).

Constantly rated among the top restaurateurs for food and wine in South Florida is **Angelo Elia**. His **Casa D'Angelo** in Fort Lauderdale, with a cellar boasting 20,000 bottles, is on *Wine Spectator's* second-tier list for the 12th year. Its Boca Raton sibling, also called **Casa D'Angelo**, again earned the magazine's Award of Excellence.

His newest baby, **D'Angelo Trattoria** in Delray, is not yet 2, but Elia is giving it a fatherly nudge with its first premiere wine dinner on Aug. 7. Chef **Rickie Piper** will present four courses, highlighted by braised lamb shank and paired with appropriate Italian wines for a mere \$50. Obviously, reservations (330-1237) are a must.

At 823 square feet, **The Little House** isn't the biggest restaurant on the planet, but it's a big deal in Boynton Beach. Its grand opening is still a couple of weeks away, but in mid-July **Chrissy Benoit** opened softly to make sure the breakfast burritos, Benedict Benoit, mac and cheese and Indian butter chicken cook up just right and the 20 craft beers flow from their taps at the right temperature.

It's a far cry from the 1940s and '50s, when it was a small frame cottage a few blocks away and **Ruth Jones** was raising a carload of kids in it. The city's **Community Redevelopment Agency** bought the cottage and moved it six blocks to Ocean and Fourth hoping it will give the downtown area new life. The Jones kids are grown and Ruth is still around, so when Benoit opened the doors for business, she was there and spent several hours greeting customers and regaling them with stories about the old days.

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ABOVE: Mary Lea Moffat (left) and Trudy McConnell waited hours with an American flag at Plaza del Mar to catch a glimpse of the president's limo. **TOP RIGHT:** A sign in the window of Scott Gordon Realty tries to catch the president's attention by offering a 'great' deal on a condo. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Both the president's and vice president's motorcades tied up parking at Lantana Beach. **Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

PRESIDENT

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the White House cone on the menu, but they did have a "Welcome, President Obama" sign.

Not that the president could see the sign from behind the row of protective school buses lining the plaza parking lot along A1A. Some of the crowd wondered if schoolchildren had been bused in to greet the president.

"We didn't get the president over here, but we got a lot of other people. It was a fun and exciting event," said store co-owner Rich Draper.

Wendy Yarbrough of John G's in the plaza was expecting a presidential customer for breakfast. "The Secret Service were all over the place," she said.

The staff and locals were ready for their close-up with the POTUS. But world events intervened overnight.

"It's unfortunate about the horrible tragedy in Colorado," Yarbrough said, "and we are praying for the victims, but yes, we were disappointed that he couldn't make it."

Locals lined up outside the restaurant at 7 a.m. when Yarbrough opened the doors. "But they wouldn't come inside — they all just hung out on the sidewalk to see him."

While Vice President Joe Biden spent barely 45 minutes at the hotel, the president's overnight entourage occupied two floors of the resort and required metal detectors at every elevator.

The visits didn't ring the cash register for everyone.

With the Lantana beach parking lot next to the Ritz roped off for security concerns, the beachfront Dune Deck did little Friday morning business until the president left at about 9:15 a.m.

"The police came in and bought, so it wasn't so bad," said co-owner Costa Panais.

With no parking lot and a downpour Monday morning when Biden arrived, Panais decided not to open. "We had



TOP: Residents of the Imperial House in South Palm Beach wave as the president heads north on A1A. **LOWER RIGHT:** Shelby Cavanaugh worked the parking lot of Plaza Del Mar, trying to recruit a special guest for John G's Resturant. **ABOVE:** President Obama was on the phone with the mayor of Aurora, Colo., after he left the Ritz. **White House photo by Pete Souza**

to do what we had to do. You've got to protect the president," he said. "It was out of my hands."

The town of Lantana is taking a different tack. With their metered parking blocked off for a day and a half, town officials calculated a loss of \$4,275 in parking meter income. The Town Council decided to ask the feds for a reimbursement.

The town can't afford to lose the money, said Mayor Dave Stewart, since the council faces a \$140,000 deficit unless taxes are raised. "That's money

we would have brought in, anticipated revenue," he said, suggesting the town needs a new \$5,000 ATV for beach patrol.

"We can ask for it. I really don't expect to get it," the mayor said. "Maybe we'll get a nice letter back saying sorry for the inconvenience."

The two visits forced Manalapan and South Palm Beach to call in extra officers, but the overtime was minimal, both police chiefs said. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office bore the brunt of

providing security.

One South Palm Beach onlooker counted 93 motorcycles, trucks and limousines in the president's motorcade and 63 in Biden's. The Sheriff's Office did not respond by press time to a request for the cost.

"It was a very smooth operation," said Manalapan Police Chief Carmen Mattox. "All the businesses in the plaza cooperated and the Ritz-Carlton cooperated."

South Palm Beach Police Chief Roger Crane said several

hundred people lined A1A for a glimpse of the president's motorcade and all followed instructions to stay on the sidewalk. "No one jumped out in the road to take a picture," he said.

The Ice Cream Club's Draper is eager for more campaign visits before the November election. "Whatever brings in the television coverage and gets the plaza and the Ritz talked about," he said, ever the businessman. ★

Jan Norris contributed to this story.

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8/9 - Cocktails for a Cause: Blue Martini, 6000 Glades Road. 6-8 pm. \$12 benefits JARC Florida and the programs they offer to developmentally disabled adults.

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8/23 - Eat to Beat Cancer - A Diamond Jubilee: Royal Palm Place, 215 N Federal Highway. Eight restaurants will give a portion of sales to the charity. Concert, cake cutting to celebrate 60 years of The Pap Corps and the Boca Chamber. 5-8 pm.

8/24 - Celebrity Shake-Up: Blue Martini, 6000 Glades Road. Dueling bartenders raise money to support foster youth served by Best Foot Forward. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$25.

8/25 - Singing and Swinging in the Pines: Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd., 6-9 pm. \$35.

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8/31 - Boca Center's Message in a Bottle Luncheon: Uncle Tai's, 5250 Town Center Circle. Commemorates the Time Capsule Burial in the renovated Courtyard. Noon-2 pm. \$15.

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Highland Beach

Town aims for tax rate that won't have its 'hands being tied'

By Steve Plunkett

With little discussion, Highland Beach commissioners proposed a 13.9 percent tax increase to finance renovations to Town Hall, repairs to the town's walk path and provide increased code enforcement.

A residence valued at \$500,000 after exemptions this year paid \$2,170 in Highland Beach taxes. Assuming its value increased the same as the town's average 1.4 percent, its owner would pay \$2,471 in taxes for the coming year, or \$301 more, under the proposal.

"In the future we can come down to whatever millage rate we want, but by law, should we set one lower than what we wind up approving on the budget, we would have to go out to each individual voter and tell them that we needed to raise that millage rate," said Vice Mayor Ron Brown, who recommended setting the rate at \$4.87 per \$1,000 of taxable value.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us," Commissioner Louis Stern said. "Without our hands being tied we can always come

down, and I like that feeling that we're not strapped."

Town Manager Kathleen Weiser had asked for a tax rate of at least \$4.70 per \$1,000 of taxable value to allow her to balance operating expenses with tax revenue and use \$1 million in reserves for capital projects.

The town used \$710,000 from its reserves this year to pay mostly for operating expenses.

The proposed budget for the coming year calls for the Police Department to retire one patrol car without replacing it and cuts money for books at the library by 20 percent, to \$60,000.

Commissioners set a budget workshop for 4:30 p.m. Aug. 7 and a second workshop, if needed, at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 21. Public hearings will be at 5:01 p.m. Sept. 7 and Sept. 20. ★

Commissioners disagree on charter debate

Call it Showdown at the Charter Change Corral.

Mayor Bernard Featherman and Commissioner Doris Trinley split sharply with Vice Mayor Ron Brown and Commissioners Dennis Sheridan and Louis Stern on how big an expense has to be to trigger a town referendum.

The Highland Beach Charter requires voter approval on any project costing more than \$350,000. The Charter Review Board recommends making the limit 7 percent of the town's general fund budget, or about

\$777,000 in the coming year.

Featherman noted at the July 31 workshop the charter proposal comes while commissioners are also considering a \$750,000 renovation of Town Hall. "This is a bad, bad time to be putting money out," he said.

Brown said the renovation project and the charter change are separate issues. "It has nothing to do with this building," he said.

Commissioners scheduled a vote Aug. 7 on the proposed change. — Steve Plunkett

Beach and Park District election draws three candidates

By Steve Plunkett

Three men are running in the Aug. 14 election to replace Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District Commissioner Dirk Smith, who resigned his seat at the start of the year.

The candidates are Steven Engel, Felipe Martinez and Tom Thayer.

Chairman Earl Starkoff and Commissioner Dennis Frisch were reelected without opposition.

This is a first run for office for Engel, 62, a senior advertising consultant to Forum Publishing Group and precinct leader for the Palm Beach County Democratic Party. Engel, who rents a townhouse on Pacific Boulevard, has a bachelor's in marketing from Baruch College and is married with two children and one grandson.

"Our beaches and parks are as much a part of our infrastructure as our roads and our schools," said Engel, who ran a residential real estate appraisal firm in New York before he moved to Florida.

Martinez, a real estate agent with RE/MAX Services in Boca Raton, lives on Golf Vista Way west of the city.

Thayer moved from his home on the Intracoastal Waterway to a condo he owns in Boca West to be eligible to run. The commission Seat 5 is open only to district residents who live outside the city.

The move forced Thayer to resign from the city's Marine Advisory Board, which is only open to Boca Raton residents.

Thayer, a former pilot for the Navy and Delta Air Lines, is treasurer of the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowners Association and a past president of the Boca Raton Kiwanis Club and Florida Kiwanis Foundation.

"We live in a great community and we need to keep it great," Thayer said. "That goes for the beaches and parks and all the other amenities we enjoy."

Early voting is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 4 through Aug. 11 at the Spanish River Library, 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd., and 11 other sites across the county. ★

23rd annual Frank Stark Bicycle Ride Along A1A from Boca Raton to Palm Beach



About 850 riders took part in the 23rd annual Frank Stark Bicycle Ride on July 15. Frank Stark was an airline pilot who was forced to retire after quadruple bypass surgery and two heart attacks. Starke, who died in 1999 at the age of 70, took up cycling as rehab and worked up to the point that he would 'ride his age' every year on his birthday. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

City approves condo's oceanfront deck restoration

The oceanfront Chalfonte Condominiums had to get Boca Raton City Council approval to renovate its swimming pool deck because most of the structure is now seaward of the state's Coastal Construction Control Line.

The waterproofing system under the deck had failed over time, said Luis Piedra, the high-rise's representative. To replace the waterproofing, the deck will be stripped to its structural base, he said.

Improvements to be added during the project include new

planters, a new "social/dune terrace," a new shade structure, new spa and new aluminum fence. New sea oats will also be planted to restore the existing dune, Piedra said.

"Nothing is encroaching or affecting the native dune system or the coastal environmental area," he said.

The condominium, at 500 S. Ocean Blvd., relied on the "historically disturbed nature" of the area and the fact that the state moved its Coastal Construction Control Line west in 2007. — Steve Plunkett

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Boca Raton

City looking at hurdles to Lake Wyman Park restoration

By Steve Plunkett

Boca Raton will keep trying to get someone else to pay for an environmental study of the proposed Lake Wyman restoration.

"We'd like to ... be able to fully support this project. We can't do it unless we address each person's concern," Mayor Susan Whelchel said, asking her City Council colleagues July 10 to list their objections. Hers was the lack of the independent study, she said.

Laura Castanza, chairwoman of the city's Green Living Advisory Board, asked the council to schedule a discussion with the county's environmental resource managers, who drew up the Lake Wyman plan, and with the Florida Inland Navigation District, which would provide the lion's share of the money.

"Anything worth doing takes effort to achieve," Castanza said. "Although there was a 'no' vote at the last meeting, members of council have publicly voiced hope for the project, therefore keeping it alive."

Steve Reiss and Mark

Ericsson, whose homes are just across the 14th Street canal from the proposed restoration, thanked council members for withdrawing funding from the project in late June.

"I think it's really important that FIND consider not just the seagrass credits, and it seems to me that that is a very, very powerful motivating factor. That's why this thing just never seems to go away. They keep pushing for the seagrass credits. Hold them accountable, please," Ericsson said.

Council members asked City Manager Leif Ahnell to press FIND to pay for the study.

Other issues included whether a proposed buffer from the neighbors is ever less than 50 feet, whether bathrooms should be included close to a six-slip boat dock and whether FIND would pay to dredge the 14th Street canal.

"We're all in agreement that we want these problems resolved but somebody else is going to pay for them," Whelchel said.

Council Member Anthony

Majhess suggested the city swap submerged land it owns so a large spoil island, now proposed to become a seagrass bed, could be saved to expand the park.

"Wouldn't it be nice if we can give them 10 or 15 acres of already submerged land and we wind up with 5 acres of upland?" Majhess said.

Whelchel also asked Ahnell to put \$250,000 in the coming budget in case the council ultimately approves the project.

"I think that we would be a bit disingenuous if we've just been told by the city manager that the proposed tax rate that he has offered, which is a maximum tax rate, does not include any funding for Lake Wyman," she said.

The restoration includes dredging a canoe trail at neighboring Rutherford Park to increase mangrove flushing and make the trail passable at low tide. Eleven acres of Australian pines and Brazilian pepper would be removed from the spoil island and two smaller islands. The restored park would also get a longer boardwalk, picnic and beach areas and an observation platform. ★

BOCA TAX

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lower taxes than the rate Ahnell proposed.

A home assessed at \$1 million after exemptions last year paid \$3,510 in city property taxes. If that home's assessment grew the same as the city's average 1.2 percent and Mullaugh's rate is adopted, it would owe \$3,878 this year, an increase of \$368 or 10.5 percent.

Mayor Susan Whelchel said the extra taxes could be used for a possible Lake Wyman restoration and to start feeding \$1 million a year to an incentive

fund to attract businesses.

Ahnell also recommended adding \$5 to the \$80 fire fee each residence is assessed. Fee increases for businesses would also go up, he said.

Boca Raton will have its first public hearing on the budget at 6 p.m. Sept. 13 at City Hall. The council is on its summer schedule and will not meet again until Aug. 27-28.

Most of a property owner's tax bill goes to the school district and the county. Boca Raton property owners also are taxed by the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District and other taxing authorities. ★

Beach and Parks commissioners keep tax revenue level

The Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District decided it could provide the same services as this year plus finance a new park by collecting the same amount of tax revenue.

Commissioners decided at their July 23 meeting to adopt no more than a rollback rate of just under \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable property value for the coming budget year.

The decision means the owner of a property valued at \$1 million after exemptions who paid \$1,008 this year in beach and park taxes, would pay the same amount for the coming budget year. The district can

lower the proposed rate but not raise it.

Property values for the district, which includes Boca Raton and some properties west of the city, rose only 0.9 percent, according to the county property appraiser. Properties within the city limits rose 1.2 percent.

The Beach and Park District's budget will include money to operate the Spanish River Athletic Complex on Spanish River Boulevard west of Interstate 95 and also reserve \$200,000 for beach restoration on the barrier island.

— Steve Plunkett



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Artists paint a new cultural landscape in two cities

DELRAY BEACH

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Dream it and they will come: the art aficionados, the collectors, the buyers. Since April's initial third-Thursday Open Gallery and Studio night, there's already been modest success: 100 or so people who found their way to this admittedly hidden enclave along the railroad tracks, on the edge of Delray's Pineapple Grove District. The "street sign" is hand-painted; the studio/galleries occupy space in featureless rows of former garages.

Cacace flips open a page in a ring-binder of photos. This one shows him standing on an oil-stained concrete floor, the ceiling high above, the walls bare. That once-barren garage space is now his gallery-and-studio, its walls hung with paintings of banana trees and shorelines and poinciana-shaded houses. Nearby are the Vladimir Prodanovich Studio and Jeff Whyman Studio and Ian Levinson's Cloud House Pottery and the Linda White Gallery, where Rebecca Kline hangs her paintings. (Levinson is fashioning the pineapple-



topped ceramic totems that will mark the entry to Artists Alley; Kline's stylized-wave mural will wash over the mildew-covered box-building across the way.)

So far, nine galleries participate in the monthly Champagne-and-hors d'oeuvres open-studio evenings.

Another garage bay, 20-by-80 feet, rents for \$1,600 a month — "the last possible spot in this downtown that's affordable," says Cacace, who used to rent

space on Atlantic Avenue until, as he says, "The rents went up, and the area got younger. It's more boisterous now, the pace has quickened. It's less art-hip."

Certainly, there's still work to be done here on Artists Alley, and, sometimes, getting permits for one thing or another makes for slow-going.

"We got permission to put a mural on that building," Cacace says, gesturing toward the future wave-mural site. "We need permits for sign boards.



FAR LEFT: Artist Rebecca Kline, artist Harry McCormick, and gallery owner Linda White visit at Linda White Gallery in Delray Beach.

LEFT: A handpainted sign directs visitors to Delray Beach's Artists Alley.

Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

This is an arts area and they (city officials) need to treat us differently. Art needs to be a little free."

As Cacace and Levinson and Kline and their fellow artists see it, their burgeoning art colony is more than a venture whose time has come; it's long overdue.

The Pineapple District as an arts destination has been, in Cacace's words, "sputtering along for 15 years." He views Artists Alley as "the right thing at the right time. We have a very cohesive group of people who just happened to come together."

No one has to sell Chris Lano on the concept. He's

hooked. "I think it's a great idea," says Lano, who lives on Hypoluxo Island and is a longtime fan of Cacace's work. "I think it's something Delray needs, and if the city gets behind it, they could create a walking area . . . it's another destination for people to come and do things." Lano and girlfriend Anne Walsh, who lives in Ocean Ridge, try to attend every Open Studio.

They're just the kinds of visitors Artists Alley seeks to attract.

"We don't want everyone here," Cacace says. "We want people who are interested in art here." ★

BOYNTON BEACH

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Auto and Wendy's burgers.

In row after row of concrete bays built to house heavy equipment and light construction, painters, sculptors and graffiti artists are constructing a creative community. The bays are filled with paintings and macramé, metal sculptures and stone carvings, some in progress, some for sale.

You can't miss the artists' bays. The once-gray metal doors are now bright murals, bursts of color in a formerly dangerous neighborhood.

"This is fantastic," marveled Kim Weiss as she strolled from bay to bay, "I've lived by the beach for about four years, and all I knew is the more local galleries. But here, I could be in Miami or New York and I wouldn't know the difference. It's very high-end art. It feels very urban here."

It feels like a secret the trolley tours hope to expose.

Dubbed "Breezing Through The Arts," tours are slated the third Thursday of each month beginning in October. For \$20, travelers visit local galleries, enjoy a bit of wine and cheese, and meet the artists. The city's Community Redevelopment Agency and the Creative Business Alliance, a new consortium of local artists and gallery owners, sponsor the program.

"It's coming from artists who are vested here with their own galleries," said Lori Durante, the executive director of the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History, who led the first tour. "This



TOP: Painters at Artful Dreamers Studio during the tour. **LEFT:** Sporting a custom-painted hat, Lori Durante provides information during the tour. **RIGHT:** Participants ride the trolley from one arts venue to the next. **Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

is a seed they've planted, and they're nurturing their field for an artful harvest."

Among the galleries highlighted on the inaugural tour were Art-Sea Living, Beachcomber Art, Artful Dreamer's Studio, ActivistArtistA Gallery and Tortoise Treasures.

At Beachcomber Art at

112 S. Federal Highway, a singer, balloon sculptor and psychic entertained as visitors perused owner Debbie Brookes' amazing selection of chandeliers, mirrors and stuffed fish, all covered with seashells.

"This is my play therapy," Brookes explained. "I'm an embellisher in many ways."

She began by embellishing boxes with shells and selling them to friends in the Ocean Ridge Garden Club, which led her to place them in boutiques. When she saw the markup, Brookes opened her own shop, where a sailfish covered with shells (\$5,200) hangs from the ceiling, not far from a shark (\$5,500).

Lamps, busts, obelisks and vases, Brookes embellishes them all. She even has a cocktail table covered with oyster shells (\$3,200), some with pearls.

"You need the whimsy," she explained.

The undisputed highlight of the tour, however, was the burgeoning arts district on West Industrial Avenue, where Rolando Chang Barrero is leading the renaissance.

The area's artistic beginnings came in 1986, when metal sculptor Rick Beaulieu moved into what was then a crime-ridden neighborhood. Three years later, the city pronounced the stretch a "Neighborhood Arts District."

A Miami native who came to Boynton Beach a year ago, Chang Barrero opened his Activist-ArtistA Gallery in one of the bays, then sought other artists willing to pay about \$450 a month to move

in. Now nine artists are working there, and three have galleries.

"People are surprised to find that there's even an arts district in Boynton Beach," says Chang Barrero. "It's always been on the down-low, but now, with the upswing and marketing, we're trying to put Boynton Beach on the map." ★

For information about the next Breezing Through The Arts trolley tour on Oct. 18, call 737-2600 or visit www.creativebusinessalliance.com.



Chang Barrero

South Palm Beach

Confrontation complaint being investigated by PBSO

By Tim O'Meilia

Former South Palm Beach Mayor Martin Millar filed a complaint last month with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, claiming that South Palm Beach Police Chief Roger Crane threatened him in the Plaza del Mar parking lot.

A Sheriff's Office detective has interviewed Millar, Crane and Manalapan Police Chief Carmen Mattox, who witnessed the July 11 incident. A Sheriff's Office spokesman confirmed that an investigation is ongoing but would not comment further.

Millar said he was leaving a jewelry store in the shopping center when he saw Crane and Mattox. He said he asked Crane for the return of property his ex-wife left at the South Palm Beach Police Department. He said that

police previously had refused to return his property, which he said included a registered handgun, when he went to the police station.

"He called me a punk. He came towards me. I had to retreat," the former mayor said. Millar said Crane should be arrested for assault.

Crane said he told Millar that he was unaware of Millar's attempt to retrieve his property until after the incident. He said Millar harangued him over the property and also complained about his photograph being removed from an array of former mayors in the Town Hall. "I might have taken a step toward him but there was no threat," Crane said. He admitted he called Millar a punk.

Crane said Millar needed the receipt his ex-wife was

given when she left the property at the police station to retrieve the gun and other property.

Receipt in hand, Millar picked up his goods several days later, Crane said.

Millar later tried to file a complaint with Manalapan police, since the incident occurred at the shopping center in Manalapan. Mattox said that because he was a witness, he advised Millar to file his complaint with the Sheriff's Office. Mattox would not comment further on the incident.

Millar was a councilman for four years and mayor for almost two. He resigned in December 2010 after the state ethics commission fined him \$3,000 for trying to influence West Palm Beach officers after he was tossed out of a strip club. ★

Lantana Bridge



Workers from GLF Construction Corp. use a crane to hoist materials while demolishing and rebuilding the Ocean Avenue Bridge in Lantana. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Small tax rate increase proposed amid declining values

By Tim O'Meilia

The South Palm Beach Town Council set a tentative tax rate of \$4.39 per \$1,000 of taxable property value for next year, but promised to try to trim that figure during budget workshops and hearings this month and in September.

The new rate would be a 1.6 percent increase over the current \$4.32 rate if it remains unchanged.

The rate would bring in roughly the same amount of property tax as this year. The town's property values continued to decline, falling by 1.7 percent — \$4.5 million.

"I'm very disappointed we have the rollback rate," said Councilwoman Stella Jordan. "It may not be a tax increase to the state, but it is to residents because the tax rate increases."

The council set a budget workshop for 8:30 a.m. Aug. 7 and budget hearings for 7 p.m. Sept. 4 and Sept. 19. The council also moved its Sept. 25 council meeting to Sept. 19.

The budget proposed by Town Manager Rex Taylor anticipates no salary increases for town employees.

It includes \$38,000 for new video and audio equipment and new audience chairs for

the council chambers, \$20,000 for building improvements and \$15,000 for replacement office equipment.

In other business, Taylor said the town and the police bargaining unit

expect a magistrate's ruling by September following a July hearing. The town and the Police Benevolent Association are at an impasse on the town's first collective bargaining agreement, prompting the hearing. ★

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Along the Coast

Area removed from inlet-to-inlet plan as environmental study revived

By Tim O'Meilia

It's the old "good news/bad news" cliché.

The good news is that the elusive environmental impact study for the perhaps illusory plan to save South Palm Beach's eroding beach and maintain Lantana's seawall is being revived.

The bad news is that the project has been removed from the list of beach projects to be included in the new inlet-to-inlet beach management plan being written by state, county and municipal officials to guide future work.

The not-so-bad-after-all news is that the project likely will be placed back on the list once engineers and biologists decide the newest approach to save South Palm Beach condos from

falling into the sea.

"We're going ahead with the environmental impact study with the idea that there will be no structures," meaning breakwaters or groins, said Dan Bates, deputy director of Palm Beach County's Department of Environmental Resource Management.

The original 1.3-mile project from southern Palm Beach to Manalapan included a series of off-shore concrete breakwaters and several groins, but the plan stalled after county commissioners rejected a similar plan for Singer Island. Commissioners were concerned about the effects on sea turtle nesting and sea grasses.

South Palm Beach Town Manager Rex Taylor was pleased that the environmental study had been revived, although he

blamed county commissioners for the delay.

In June, county commissioners made clear that the environmental study should emphasize solutions that do not include hard structures. The difficulty is that extensive hardbottom off the South Palm Beach shoreline makes a simple sand restoration project nearly impossible to be permitted.

Scientists concluded that sand renourishment would result in the hardbottom being covered, destroying the habitat of near-shore marine life. Bates said a scaled-back sand restoration project may be possible, depending on the results of the environmental study.

However, the county already has indicated the area would not be eligible for any more sand dune restoration because the sand is too quickly washed away in the next storm.

The study is being combined with a similar study of Reach 8 in Palm Beach, from the Lake Worth beach to the northern boundary of South Palm Beach. A restoration project there had been previously denied because of similar environmental concerns.

The regional plan would allow a regional approach to beach management resulting in more effective projects and quicker state approvals for individual projects. The proposed plan includes seven projects that have been approved or will be renewed between the Lake Worth and Boynton inlets.

"We can't include a project that the Corps of Engineers may not approve," said Danielle Fondren, director of the state Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems, referring to the South Palm Beach and Reach 8 projects.

A first draft of the regional plan will be considered at a Sept. 18 meeting in Palm Beach. State organizers hope five municipalities — including Lantana, South Palm Beach and Manalapan — will sign on, as well as Palm Beach County, the primary source of money.

Included is an annual inlet-to-inlet shoreline monitoring program that would be paid for by all five towns, even if they have no projects imminent. Each would be assessed based on its amount of shoreline: a half mile (3.2 percent) for South Palm Beach, 0.2 miles (1.3 percent) for Lantana and 2.7 miles (17.2 percent) for Manalapan.

The town of Palm Beach would pay more than 75 percent of the cost. The annual cost has not been determined.

Lantana Town Manager Deborah Manzo said that signing the agreement will be the council's decision. She urged that the agreement have an endpoint, such as five years, so partners could decide whether to continue. ★

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Election

Aug. 14 primary has races for all to decide

By Tim Pallesen

Every registered voter in Palm Beach is eligible to vote in nine races on the Aug. 14 primary ballot. That's a change from the days when primary elections were strictly closed elections for Republicans and Democrats to select their candidates for a November general election.

Democrats and Republicans still have closed primary elections on the Aug. 14 ballot. But August elections in Palm Beach County have evolved to also include important elections for all registered voters.

The countywide races for four constitutional officers will be decided Aug. 14 without the need for a November election.

Four incumbents — Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Supervisor

of Elections Susan Bucher, Property Appraiser Gary Nikolits and Clerk of the Circuit Court Sharon Bock — are seeking re-election.

Voters changed the county charter in 2004 so future candidates for sheriff, elections supervisor and property appraiser would be nonpartisan.

Those candidates no longer campaign as Republicans or Democrats.

A Democratic primary in the clerk's race was opened to all voters when no Republican or write-in candidate filed for that race.

Tax Collector Anne Gannon will be reelected if she wins a Democratic primary because no Republican filed in that race.

Five judgeships also will be on the ballot for all Palm

Beach voters to study and vote upon. Those races also are nonpartisan with no need for a Nov. 6 General Election.

U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson is the highest-ranking incumbent in a closed party primary. Nelson has a Democratic opponent and four Republicans want his seat, so both political parties have Senate primaries.

Former West Palm Beach mayor Lois Frankel faces Broward County Commissioner Kristin Jacobs in a Democratic primary for U.S. House.

State Sen. Ellyn Bogdanoff has a Republican primary before she can face Sen. Maria Sachs, a Democrat, in the general election.

A Senate district that includes Manalapan and South Palm Beach has a Democratic primary between Mack Bernard and Jeff Clemens. ★

Goodman drops out of State House race

Gulf Stream resident Pamela Goodman has dropped out of the State House race for coastal South County because of her husband's health.

"It's a pretty serious illness. I can't stay on the campaign trail," Goodman said after notifying Democratic Party officials. "Family comes first."

Goodman was set to oppose Rep. Bill Hager, the Republican incumbent for District 89 in the Nov. 4 general election.

Goodman became a candidate after pushing for

legislative redistricting as vice president of the Florida League of Women Voters.

District boundaries have been redrawn for fall elections with near equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans.

"The campaign had been going great," she said. "Support was just tremendous."

County Democrats will name a candidate to replace Goodman on the Nov. 4 ballot.

She said she has interviewed potential candidates at the request of County Democratic

Committee Chairman Mark Alan Siegel and promised help in the new party nominee's campaign.

Tom Gustafson, former speaker of the Florida House, was expected to be named by Democrats on July 31 as the replacement for Goodman in the race, said Siegel.

Gustafson, a former Broward County legislator who now lives in Wellington, will move into District 89, Siegel said.

— Tim Pallesen

Boca Raton

Brown honored for Home Rule advocacy

By Steve Plunkett

Deputy Boca Raton Manager George Brown is a "Home Rule Hero" to cities across the county and across the state for helping derail a proposed Florida law on sober houses.

Richard Radcliffe, executive director of the county League of Cities, gave Brown a plaque on behalf of the state league at the City Council's July 10 meeting.

He said he learned how hard Brown works during this year's legislative session.

"I would call him and he says, 'Oh, I'm at a health

fair,' and I would call him somewhere else and he would say, 'Oh, I'm at the library working on this.' ... He just seemed to do every job in the world," Radcliffe said.

The plaque cites Brown's "outstanding legislative advocacy in 2012 in the fight for municipal home rule."

"As most of you know, it [home rule] is a passion of mine," Brown said. "Each city is different. Each city has its own unique character that derives from its home rule actions."

The exercise of home rule powers "has made Boca Raton a beautiful, successful city, and it sustains us as a premier community," Brown said.

Mayor Susan Whelchel

said everyone on the dais considered every day a George Brown Day. "We're thrilled to be here with you while you receive this award," she said.

A bill that would have "exempted certain licensed facilities in a way that negated the required adherence to local occupancy standards" died in committee last spring, the state league notes in its legislative final report.

Delray Beach also opposed the sober house bill.

Radcliffe said the state league and even the county league had not taken a stand on the bill until Brown became involved. "I saw it firsthand," Radcliffe said. "The man worked some wonders." ★

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Obituaries

Ed Morse

By Mary Thurwachter

BOCA RATON — Ed Morse, who built one of the most respected automobile dealer groups in the country, died of natural causes on June 29.

Mr. Morse, 91, began his automotive career in 1946. At the time of his death, Morse's company had 15 locations in Florida. He and his son, Ted, served as co-chairmen.



Mr. Morse was born in 1921 and served as a navigator on a B-25 during World War II. When a pilot was wounded and co-pilot killed in a mission in the South Pacific, Mr.

Morse helped fly the plane back to the base in New Guinea. That effort earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross, one of the country's highest military honors and one of several military honors he received.

Back from war, Mr. Morse worked as a doorman at a Miami Beach hotel. Along with his father, Alex, he founded Morse Motors, a 20-car fleet rental company, in 1946. After the fleet grew to 20,000 cars, the company merged with National Car Rental and Mr. Morse became chief executive officer.

In 1961, he bought his first dealership, Morse Holland Ford in Miami. By 1968, he had built a solid relationship with General Motors and started Ed Morse Chevrolet in Lauderhill and Ed Morse Bayview Cadillac in Fort Lauderdale.

In the 1980s, eight more dealerships were added, followed by 20 more in the 1990s.

Mark Jones of Fort Lauderdale began working with Mr. Morse's company as an apprentice in 1981.

"I had many opportunities to meet Mr. Morse," Jones said. "His great business sense and motto to promote from within has left the organization with many dedicated, long-term employees."

The Ed Morse Automotive Group has received numerous recognitions over the years, including being recognized as the World's Largest Automotive Dealer by *Automotive Age* magazine and Largest Volume Chevrolet, Cadillac and Mazda Dealer by *Automotive News*.

He supported many charities, including the Muscular Dystrophy Association, for which his company has raised more than \$1.3 million through the Ed Morse annual MDA golf tournament.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; son Ted (Patti) and daughter, Betty Anne Beaver (Dick); grandchildren Teddy Morse (Erica), Catherine Morse Martinez (Chris), Richard Danahy (Laura), and Brian Danahy (Jolie); five great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Nancy Stringer (Jack) and Pricilla Ropp.

Services for were held on July 6 at the FAU Auditorium. The family asks that donations in Mr. Morse's name be sent to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Lupus Foundation of America.

Joseph Altier

By Ron Hayes

BOCA RATON — Try to imagine Boca Raton without any jewelry stores.

First, you would have to imagine Boca Raton without Joseph Altier.



Today, the city is home to at least 12 prominent jewelers, but when Altier Jewelers opened in 1960, it was the

first.

Mr. Altier died on July 15 with Marjorie, his wife of 58 years, by his side. He was 88.

"My grandfather was the kindest person I've ever known," recalls his grandson, Cutler Altier. "He was known for giving away bottles of wine. He would just carry all this wine around in his car, and if he got into a conversation with anyone, he'd say, 'Here, I've got something for you,' and hand them a bottle. He would carry shoes in his car and give them to the homeless. Clothes. Money. He was a one-of-a-kind guy."

Was Mr. Altier a wine connoisseur?

"No, he just liked to give it away," his grandson laughed. "He liked his beer. Beer and a handful of peanuts."

Joseph R. Altier was born on Dec. 16, 1923, in Scranton, Pa., the youngest of 13 children, and educated in its public schools.

A tank driver with the U.S. Army during World War II, he served in both North Africa and Europe.

After the war, a vocational guidance counselor suggested he would be a good watchmaker. Mr. Altier opened a small watch shop, which he developed into Altier Jewelers in Scranton, where it is still owned and operated by nieces and nephews.

The Altiers vacationed in Fort Lauderdale, where friends told him, "There's a little town just north of us with no jewelry store," his grandson said.

Altier Jewelers has been a fixture in Boca Raton ever since.

In later years, it was operated by Mr. Altier's son, William, who died in 1993. His grandson now runs the business at 701 S. Federal Highway.

In addition to his wife and grandson, Mr. Altier is survived by two sons, Joseph Jr. of Delray Beach, and Alex of Coral Springs; seven other grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held July 20 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, followed by interment at Boca Raton Mausoleum.

Donations in Mr. Altier's memory may be made to the George Snow Scholarship Fund, 1860 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton, FL 33432, or to the Louis and Anne Green Memory & Wellness Center at Florida Atlantic University.

John Frederick Peart

By Price Patton

DELRAY BEACH — John Frederick Peart, a soft-spoken and humble Canadian native who moved to Delray Beach in the late 1960s and became a champion and protector of Florida's fragile shoreline, dunes and the turtles that nested there, died July 1. He was 75.



Mr. Peart founded Universal Beach Services in 1973. He won contracts to clean beaches from the Panhandle to the Florida Keys, as well as contracting with many

Palm Beach County cities and private beachfront homeowners.

A man of few words, he became animated whenever the topic around the table turned to beach preservation and dune restoration.

During his nearly 40 years in business, he moved hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of sand to restore dune lines and protect property on the shore, yet always mindful of the endangered turtles that nested there each season.

He reconstructed a beach in the Florida Keys that had been decimated by a hurricane, using only the resources available at the site.

Mr. Peart, a sun-bronzed man with strong, calloused hands, was an entrepreneur and a tireless worker. He designed and built all of his own equipment.

His son, Clayton Peart, who manages the business, has been involved in the operations for the last 10 years.

"I've learned a lot from him and one of the things I learned was that he didn't get complacent but always looked for new ideas and approaches."

In 1977, Mr. Peart became Delray Beach's first turtle monitor.

On the eve of a massive beach renourishment program, Mr. Peart

carefully dug up and transferred thousands of leathery, ping-pong-ball-sized turtle eggs to new homes so they would not get crushed under the tons of sand that were going to be pumped onshore.

Newspaper articles at the time dubbed him the "midwife" of the endangered sea turtles.

As a young man, Mr. Peart studied aerospace engineering at Georgia Tech in Atlanta for two years before moving to the Bahamas, where he bartended and worked for engineering companies so he could spend time free diving, which was what he loved most.

After several years, he returned to Canada to get his bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Saskatchewan. He eventually came back to South Florida and settled in Delray Beach.

One of his Canadian childhood friends, Ken Willoughby, remarked that it was fitting he died on Canada Day, July 1, the date in 1867 when Canada became a self-governing dominion of England. As much as Mr. Peart loved Florida, the Bahamas, the ocean and the beaches here, his Canadian heritage was always close to his heart.

He is survived by wife, JoAnn Kern Peart; sons Curtis (Joanne) Peart of Atlanta; Clayton Peart of Delray Beach; daughter Ann Margo Peart of Delray Beach; daughter-in-law Esther Peart of Miami; brother Tom (Margaret) Peart of Penticton, British Columbia; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by son Sean Peart, father John William Peart, mother Ruth Brown Peart, and sister Olive Peart Beveridge.

A memorial service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Delray Beach on July 7. The family asks that in his memory, donations may be made to the Sandoway House Nature Center, the Delray Beach Preservation Trust and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Gene M. Ehlers

By Liz Best

BOCA RATON — Gene Ehlers will be remembered not only for his professional accomplishments, but also for the way he lived day-to-day: with elegance, dignity, generosity and an ever-present twinkle in his eye.

"I hope everyone will live the way he did," his stepdaughter, Jackie Westerfield, said. "The world



would be a better place. And that twinkle in his eye — it seemed like he knew something the rest of us don't know."

Mr. Ehlers, 83, died at his Boca Raton home on July 18.

A native of Reinbeck, Iowa, Mr. Ehlers served in the United States Army before launching a successful business career. He worked in both sales and management positions before purchasing General Leaseways Inc. in 1971. Mr. Ehlers grew General Leaseways from a small local car and truck-leasing company to the second largest family owned truck rental and leasing firm in the nation. Renamed General Car and Truck Leasing System Inc., the operation owned more than 5,000 trucks in 13 states. He also began General Logistics, a specialized trucking company, in 1987.

After moving to Florida in

1988, he and his wife, Carolyn, founded Grandview Preparatory School of Boca Raton in 1997. Mr. Ehlers also served on the board of trustees for Lynn University and was a longtime member of the Congregational Church of Boca Raton.

"It was always a pleasure to see Gene and his family entering our church for worship nearly every Sunday morning, all with smiling hellos," said the church's lay leader, Sarah Hugus.

In the eulogy she delivered at his memorial service, his stepdaughter credited the man she called "Dad" for shaping her world.

"The world I know was made possible by this hardworking, brilliant, witty, often stubborn, always generous, man from Iowa," she wrote. "In my entire life I never (witnessed him) curse, keep his hat on indoors, or do anything the easy way. From the smallest to the largest of things, he stood taller and walked further than what was expected."

In addition to his wife and stepdaughter, Mr. Ehlers is survived by two sons, Michael Ehlers and David Ehlers; a daughter, Jamie Ehlers; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service was held July 25 at the Congregational Church of Boca Raton. The family asks that memorial donations be made to the church, the Grandview Foundation, or Hospice By The Sea.

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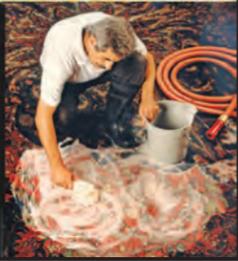
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Boynton Beach

City backs off request to change marina deal

By Angie Francalancia

After three tries to get Palm Beach County to allow Boynton Beach to remove an old building at the city's marina, the Community Redevelopment Agency has pulled its request.

But that doesn't mean the building will remain in use, nor does it mean its former tenant, Splashdown Divers, will be back in the old spot.

The city can move forward with renovation plans, including erecting a new, code-compliant building, ignoring the old building for now, City Attorney Jim Cherof said.

County commissioners agreed, though, after the issue no longer was before them, that they wanted to work with Boynton's CRA, and Commissioner Steven Abrams has scheduled a meeting with city and CRA officials Aug. 2.

The meetings before the County Commission had hinged on helping the building's former tenant, Lynn Simmons' Splashdown Divers — a nonissue, according to CRA Executive Director Vivian Brooks.

Simmons had sued the CRA, alleging she had been promised a permanent spot once renovations to the marina were complete. The CRA's proposed new marina building could not be made large enough to accommodate a dive shop, though. Simmons signed a settlement agreement to the 2-year-old suit last fall that gave her a long-term rental guarantee on her dive boat slip and almost \$19,000 credit on the slip rent.

But Simmons continued to fight the CRA's efforts, rallying friends to tell the County Commission the CRA had run her out of the marina.

The CRA thought it had complied with everyone's wishes earlier in the month because, at the county's request, it had helped Simmons find another location within the marina. But when Boynton leaders returned to the County Commission on July 10, commissioners and Simmons again weren't satisfied.

"We've bent over backwards in trying to resolve this," Mayor Woodrow Hay told commissioners at the meeting.

"Whatever we do, it's not good enough."

At the CRA's own meeting that night, the members agreed to pull their request.

"Going back there is only going back to get slapped around a little," Cherof said.

The CRA had sought an amendment to the agreement it signed that prevents material changes to the marina.

As Boynton goes through its budget process, it will decide what steps to take next, said Brooks, including the possibility of erecting its new proposed building on marina property north of the existing building.

Some Boynton officials pushed to have the old building razed immediately, believing the agreement didn't specifically require Boynton to keep a space for the dive shop.

"I think it's time to move forward, just tear down the building and move forward with our plans," Commissioner Bill Orlove said at the CRA meeting, one of his last before he resigned to take a new job. ★

Briny Breezes

Town keeps maximum tax rate

By Tim O'Meilia

For the fourth consecutive year Briny Breezes homeowners likely will pay the maximum tax rate allowed by law — \$10 for every \$1,000 of taxable property value.

The tentative rate set by town aldermen after two budget workshops and a council meeting in July also means homeowners will pay the same amount of town taxes as this year if their property value remains the same.

Alderman Sue Thaler opposed the maximum rate. "In a town this small, it creates too much of discrepancy in the taxes paid by those with homestead exemptions and those without," she said. Alderman Lowen Poock was absent.

Mayor Roger Bennett said the maximum rate was

necessary because of the possibility that Briny Breezes Inc., which owns the mobile home park, could withhold money as it did last year over water and sewer legal fees.

"The threat of the board withholding money still exists and we have no other way to make that up," Bennett said at the July 11 workshop. "If nothing else, it's for our protection although I don't think the corporation would do that again."

The corporation pays 30 percent of the \$305,000 cost of fire-rescue and of the \$185,000 police contract. "We're in a fortunate position to have the corporation as our backstop because our property taxes don't pay all our bills," he said.

Property values fell 4.1 percent this year in Briny Breezes despite a slight increase last year, according to the Palm Beach County Property

Appraiser, resulting in a loss of \$14,000 in property taxes for the town. The town figures a \$15,000 increase in its share of local sales tax.

The council set a tentative budget for next year of three percent less than the current budget — \$599,455 — despite a four percent hike in the cost of fire-rescue service and an anticipated 5 percent increase in water and utility service, all provided through contracts with the city of Boynton Beach.

The council estimated that the cost would be made up by about a \$1 per share annual increase to corporation shareholders, who are the homeowners. Shares are based on lot sizes. A typical owner has about 26 shares.

Both the tax rate and the budget must be approved at public hearings set for 5:01 p.m. Sept. 13 and 27. ★



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\$749,000 R3230940
5 BR/ 3 1/2 BA/ 3 CG
3,204 living sq. ft.



TROPIC ISLE
\$829,000 R3268029
3 BR/ 3 BA/ 2 CG
2,504 living sq. ft.



Casa La Brisa
\$1,049,000 R3235264
3 BR/ 2 BA/ 2 CG
2,204 living sq. ft.



Valencia Palms
\$565,000 R3238025
5 BR/ 3 1/2 BA/ 3 CG
3,067 living sq. ft.



South Hampton
\$475,000 R3239724
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808 living sq. ft.



Delray Dunes
\$485,000 R3294055
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Village of Golf
\$1,795,000 R3245411
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4,367 living sq. ft.



Valencia Shores
\$399,000 R3245526
4 BR/ 2 1/2 BA/ 2 CG
2,769 living sq. ft.



Delray Dunes
\$510,000 R3293224
3 BR/ 3 BA/ 2 1/2 CG
2,900 living sq.ft.



Estuary
\$779,000 R3291421
3 BR/ 3 1/2 BA/ 2 CG
2,884 living sq.ft.



Delray Dunes
\$475,000 R3261410
4 BR/ 2 1/2 BA/ 2 CG
2,430 living sq. ft.



Delray Dunes
\$449,000 R3252049
3 BR/ 3 BA/ 2 CG
2,817 living sq. ft.



Delray Dunes
\$249,000 R3253893
2 BR/ 2 1/2 BA/ 1 CG
2,210 living sq. ft.



Estuary
\$849,000 R3254048
4 BR/ 3 1/2 BA/ 2 CG
3,201 living sq. ft.



Casa Bella
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Realtors' sales recognized; most trending upward

By Christine Davis

Nine South County Realtors were named on the sixth annual "Top 250" lists of U.S. agents in *The Wall Street Journal*/REAL Trends Thousand report. Compiled as part of a special advertising section co-sponsored by *The Wall Street Journal* and Real Trends, the ranking was based on either the total dollar amount of their 2011 "closed transaction volume" or on the number of closed transactions for both Realtors and Realtor teams.

Three area Realtors ranked

in the category of Top 250 sales professionals by closed transaction volume. David W. Roberts of Royal Palm Properties in Boca Raton was ranked No. 16 on the list, with a reported transaction volume of \$148,960,275. Pascal Liguori of Premier Estate Properties in Delray Beach was ranked No. 49, with a volume of \$85,850,000 followed by Scot Karp, of Premier Estate Properties in Boca Raton, who ranked No. 132 with a volume of \$51,584,500.

Each was also on the 2011 list. Last year, Roberts ranked

No. 36 with \$88,542,000; Liguori ranked No. 50 with \$72,465,000 and Karp placed No. 234 with \$36,992,500.

Roberts, Royal Palm Properties broker/owner, said he's lived and worked in the Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club for more than 25 years. "I'm established in that community. When it was time to re-price the market, people listened to me because of my longevity.

"Interestingly, last year, a lot of my clients came from within the community. People bought additional or adjoining properties, so that

helped the market."

In 2009, Robert was No. 7 on the list with a volume of \$123,938,332.

"In 2010, I was No. 36. When the banking crisis came to the forefront, people were immobilized and didn't take action. It took them to 2011 to feel confident again."

Concerning this year's volume, Roberts says he's having a good year and is on track again.

Broker associate Pascal Liguori of Premier Estate Properties in Delray Beach said he's proud to have maintained his ranking on the list, and has done so for the past four years, consecutively.

"Agents from New York and California tend to dominate the list because their price-per-property is much higher, but the market shows significant improvement from two years ago. The number of closed transactions for single-family residences is up in my area, which includes Delray Beach, Gulf Stream, Ocean Ridge and Manalapan," he said.

"Also, sale prices are rebounding, days on the market is down and inventory of active listings for sale has gone down from a year ago. June is a benchmark, and I see I'm on track to rank on the list again in 2013."

Scot Karp, director of the ultra-luxury division of Premier Properties in Boca Raton, attributes his higher placement on the list to be the result of the timing of his transactions coming together.

"I don't see the market as getting stronger, but it's starting to stabilize," he said.

"We did make more transactions in 2011, and so far, I'm on track for similar production this year. We are seeing that the ease of lifestyle of these condominiums has drawn people."

One individual Realtor and two Realtor-teams also

placed in two of the three additional categories. In Top 250 sales professionals by closed transaction sides, Diane Keane of Coldwell Banker Palm Beach/NRT in Delray Beach, ranked 244 with 125.25 transactions.

In the Top 250 Teams by Closed Transaction Volume category, the Carmen D'Angelo/Joseph Liguori/Gerard Liguori team of Premier Estate Properties in Boca Raton, ranked No. 63 with a reported transaction volume of \$90,512,500, followed by the Mark Nestler/John Poletto team of Nestler Poletto Sotheby's International Realty in Boca Raton, who ranked No. 124 with a reported transaction volume of \$65,385,550.

While Real Trends requests surveys from a wide variety of sources, sales professionals who meet Real Trends' minimum threshold of business may also request an application. A \$25 application fee per person is required upon submission. Data must be verified by an independent source and staff at Real Trends reviews submissions for accuracy.

According to the July 19, 2012, report from the Realtors' Association of the Palm Beaches, closed single-family home sales increased 65.2 percent, up from 824 in February 2012 to 1,361 in June 2012. The median single-family home in Palm Beach County increased 18.4 percent, up from \$190,000 in February to \$225,000 in June. The median price of townhomes and condos increased 17.3 percent, up from \$75,050 in February to \$88,000 in June, and closed sales increased 37.6 percent up from 913 in February to 1,256 in June.

In Delray Beach, June's year-to-date closed sales were 2.6 percent lower than in June year-to-date 2011. New listings were up 12 percent. Properties were on the market for 142 days and the percentage of the original price received was 86.2 percent, representing a 2 percent increase. The median price is up 34.8 percent, to \$120,000. In Boca Raton, closed sales were down 9.8 percent. Properties were on the market for 160 days and the percentage of the original price was 86.4 percent. The median price was up 14.5 percent, to \$229,000. ★

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Celebrations

7th Annual Garage/Estate Sale to Benefit Animal Rescue Seagate Neighborhood, Delray Beach



The 'volunteer pack' of people who organized the seventh annual garage, estate and bake sale to benefit Dezzys Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc. said they brought in more than \$6,000 at this year's event. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Jellyfish Drift Project Oceanfront Park, Ocean Ridge



Artist Paul 'Paulo' Slater displays art elements during the 'pre-release' of the Jellyfish Drift Project at Oceanfront Park in Ocean Ridge. The 'Jellyfish Drift Project' is a community-sponsored project by 'PAULO,' to boost beach cleanup efforts. Slater was unable to release the Jelly Fish Drift artwork in the Gulf Stream as planned. Efforts to find a boat to launch the artwork are still being made. At right is a detail of one of the art pieces. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**



Boca Burger Battle Mizner Park, Boca Raton



Chefs and others meet at the Spice & Tea Exchange in Mizner Park to prepare rubs/spices for Boca's Burger Battle. Pictured are (l-r) Felicia Steinberg, whiskey ambassador for Brown-Forman; Mary Lou Smith, manager of the Spice & Tea Exchange; Chef Christopher Grieco of Boca di Beppo; Chef Lee Blakley, executive chef of the Boca Burger Battle; and Donna Ferguson of the Spice & Tea Exchange. **Mary Thurwachter/The Coastal Star**

Historic Preservation Proclamation Delray Beach City Hall



The city of Delray Beach honored longtime historic preservationist Carolyn Patton with a proclamation on July 5. Mayor Nelson S. 'Woodie' McDuffie cited her work preserving Cason Cottage and the Franklin House, with special notice of her longtime involvement to preserve the Sandoway House Nature Center on South Ocean Boulevard. Pictured are Patton (center), her husband, Price, and son Price Jr. **Photo provided**

Scholarship Award Ocean Ridge



Malena Ohl, a 2012 graduate of The Benjamin School and a resident of Ocean Ridge, has received a \$2,000 scholarship from the Financial Service Centers of America, the national trade association representing the financial industry. Criteria for the scholarship include commitment to community service; perseverance in the face of significant obstacles; display of leadership skills in school; academic achievement; and an original essay written specifically for the competition. Malena will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall. Her parents are Lorna and George Ohl of Ocean Ridge. **Photo provided**

Juneteenth Crane's Beach House, Delray Beach



Mark and Susan Reingold were among the more than 100 supporters of the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum who attended the event that raised more than \$6,100 to support the museum. **Photo provided**

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SUMMER LET'S MAKE A DEAL

Area restaurants, hotels offer off-season bargains

By Jan Norris

Locals staying through summer are rewarded at area restaurants with no waits, meal deals, drink and wine specials and in some cases, new spots to try. Here are a sampling:

Raffaele Ristorante in Boca Raton's



Bailey's Cream soufflé and chocolate chips from The Breakers' Echo

Royal Palm Place has a three-course prix fixe for \$28.50, Sunday through Thursday. Entree choices

include a 12-ounce strip steak or housemade ravioli with lobster.

A new happy hour menu, served from



The scallops at the Atlantic Grille

5 to 7 p.m. weekdays, features a number of appetizers and half or full portions of entrees all

specially priced. (www.raffaelerestaurant.com)

Dine with the new general manager, Bruce Siegel, and new executive chef, Denise Girard, at the **Sundy House** in Delray Beach during their summer special "3 for \$33" event. Dinner is served at the tables in the tropical Taru gardens overlooking the pool, or in the dining rooms in the historic old house.

Pizza from Ovenella

Favorite specialties from the previous menu such as crab cakes are still available, but new dishes, like lemon pepper seared mahi with a duo of mashed potatoes and seafood



The Boulud Sud pop-up at Café Boulud offers a \$35 four-course menu.



Deck 84 in Delray Beach offers half-off bottles of wine Monday through Thursday.



La Stella's in Boca Raton is participating in a summer wine series. Photos provided

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linguine have been added. (www.sundyhouse.com)

Another three-course special is offered at **Rosario's** in Royal Palm Place. Italian comfort dishes like eggplant rollatini, chicken saltimbocca and baked clams oreganato are available as entrees on the menu served Sunday through Friday for \$24.95. (www.rosariosristorante.com)

Buy one, get two courses free at the summer deal at **Ovenella** in Boca Raton. Through Nov. 30, from 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, diners can order from 16 entrees, priced from \$17 to \$26 — salad and dessert are complimentary. Entrees include steak, veal, seafood or pasta. (www.ovenella.com)

A downtown Boca summer wine series, from 6 to 7 p.m. each Tuesday, moves among different restaurants. Diners taste three wines paired with three small plates from each menu for \$25. Restaurants are **Anatolia's**, Aug. 7; **Ovenella**, Aug. 14; **The Spaniard**, Aug. 21; **Raffaele's**, Aug. 28; **Chops Lobster Bar**, Sept. 4; **Yakitori Sake House**, Sept. 11; **Saquella Café**, Sept. 18; **La Stella's**, Sept. 25; and **4th Generation**, Oct. 2. Diners can reserve a spot by calling the individual restaurants. (www.downtownboca.org)

Deck 84 in Delray Beach takes half off all bottles of wine Monday through Thursday during the summer and valet



Callaro's is offering a \$19.13 three-course menu that includes steaks, crab cake and double-cut pork chop. Photo provided



Algerian grilled lamb loin at Cafe Boulud's Boulud Sud pop-up. Scott Simmons/The Coastal Star

is complimentary on those days for lunch and dinner. An extended Happy Hour is from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday.

They sing, "When it rains, we pour!" — and happy hour prices apply at both bars anytime it's raining. (www.deck84.com)

Diners can learn to cook on Friday nights in August at **32 East** in Delray Beach. Chef **Nick Morfogen** teaches students how to create a different dish each week in a small-class format upstairs

in the restaurant, followed by a three-course dinner that includes the lesson dish. Classes are \$55 (tax and tip not included) and limited to 20 diners; reservations are required in advance. (www.32east.com)

A three-course dinner for two is \$55 at **Prime** in Delray Beach if you dine from 4 to 7 p.m. Some of the restaurant's signature steak dishes are included on the menu. Signature drinks — including the popular cucumber martini or Arnold Palmer martini — and select glasses of wine are \$8 during happy hour, 4-7 p.m. (www.primedelray.com)

A "Culinary Tour of the Mediterranean" is the summer promotion at **La Cigale** in Delray, where diners can choose from several dishes representing the week's regional cuisine in a four-course dinner. The meal includes tapas of chef's choice, appetizer, main course and dessert — plus a glass of wine — for \$30. The culinary tour prix fixe is served Monday through Friday, along with the regular a la carte

menu. (www.lacigale.com)

At the **Atlantic Grille** in the Seagate Hotel, a three-course dinner for two is \$60 and includes a bottle of wine. It's served Sunday through Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, a three course meal is \$35 with wine extra. The menu changes monthly throughout the summer. Past entrees have included pan-seared corvina with a roasted tomato sauce; deconstructed Mediterranean pita plate with ground lamb, pork and beef; and barbecue chicken with a house-made sauce.

In Palm Beach, Café Boulud has created **Boulud Sud** — a pop-up restaurant within the modern French space in the **Brazilian Court Hotel**. At Boulud Sud, a prix-fixe four-course dinner is served for \$35. Appetizers such as a plate of falafel, pea hummus, babaganoush and lavosh or an artichoke, fennel, frisee and celery salad are paired with spicy lamb Merguez sausage or a chicken tagine or Algerian grilled lamb loin. Classics from Boulud's traditional menu also are available as a la carte items. For an extra fee, wines can be paired to each course as a sampling menu. (www.cafeboulud.com)

Buccan, also in Palm Beach, offers a Sunday Summer Series of family-style menus, at \$26. Past menus have included a New England style clambake, a Southern fried chicken dinner and a wood-roasted paella meal. The menu changes each week. (www.buccanpalmbeach.com)

The Ritz-Carlton's **Temple Orange** Sunday Brunch features a fresh-squeezed-juice cart and for an additional fee, bottomless bloody Marys, mimosas and Champagne, along with traditional breakfast and brunch items. Cost is \$38 for adults; \$19 for kids ages 6-12.

From 4-10 p.m. Saturdays, wood-fired flatbreads are featured at the **Stir Lobby Lounge** for \$14. (www.ritzcarlton.com)

The Four Seasons Palm Beach dishes up a summertime Beachfront BBQ menu on the

weekends. From 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, the **Atlantic Bar & Grill** menu changes weekly to include grilled swordfish with tropical fruit salad or a barbecued half-chicken with sweet plantain potato salad or barbecued ribs with home-style potato salad, with other fixings. Cost is \$20 and craft beers are sold for \$5 extra. (www.fourseasons.com/palmbeach/)

Summer specials abound at **The Breakers** properties. At the **Flagler Steakhouse**, a two-course lunch menu is \$20; a three-course dinner starts at \$49.50. Sunday brunch at the Flagler Steakhouse Terrace is \$35 for three courses — including the signature stuffed pecan French toast.

Three-course summer special menus are \$39.50 at both the Asian-cuisine **Echo** and **The Breakers Seafood Bar**.

The Italian Restaurant in The Breakers features a three-course, \$35 dinner that's family friendly — kids can dine separately in the Family Entertainment Center.

At the **Top of the Point** at Phillip's Point in West Palm Beach, the chef repeats the popular Summer Road Trip special — a culinary visit through U.S. regions. It's Chicago in August, the Pacific Northwest in September and the Gulf Coast in October. The three-course meal is \$39.50. (www.thebreakers.com)

It's 1913 at **Callaro's** in Lake Worth. The former Manalapan restaurant is offering a three-course menu for \$19.13, with 11 entrees to choose from including an 8-ounce strip steak, crab cake and a double-cut pork chop. The menu is available for both lunch and dinner. (www.callarossteakhouse.com)

For \$19.95, diners can choose the Summer Menu offered Sunday through Thursday at **Couco Pazzo** in Lake Worth. Six entree choices include chicken Marsala, fettucine Bolognese, veal Milanese and a fresh fish of the day. (www.coucopazzo.com) ★

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New eateries, new blood liven up local scene

A smorgasbord of news on the local restaurant front:

Chrissy Benoit of Lake Worth's Havana Hideout opened **The Little House** on Ocean Avenue in downtown Boynton Beach, serving an eclectic American menu. The historic cottage was moved



and renovated with the help of the CRA. Longtime Boca Raton chef **John Belleme**, formerly of Zemi and Henry's, is executive chef at the new luxe restaurant and lounge, **Stephane's** in Boca

Raton. A mix of modern French and American cuisine at moderate prices can be ordered off the iPads provided to diners as a pairing guide.

The focus is on sustainable and natural meats and seafoods, matched to wines chosen by master sommelier **Virginia Philip**. The lounge features a contemporary cocktail list and music mixed by the owner, **Stephane Lang-Willar**. (Stephane's is at 2006 NW Executive Center Circle; 893-8838, www.stephanesrestaurant.com)

Also new: Boca's **Chops Lobster Bar**, in Royal Palm Plaza, sports a new cocktail lounge that opened Aug. 1. ★

Summer Deals

Take a close-to-home getaway at bargain rates

By Mary Thurwachter

Ahhhh, summer.

The crowds have thinned. The traffic has eased. And many fine resorts, hotels and small inns are luring locals with special packages offering substantial savings.

It's the ideal time to lap up some of the same Florida fun and pampering that tourists relish during the busy season.

Here are some specials to consider:

Boca Raton Resort & Club, a Waldorf Astoria Resort, Boca Raton

The deal: The Boca Bonus Program, offered at the main resort and the Boca Beach Club, is good through Oct. 8, gives guests a chance to add a layer of savings when booking an available package. Any leisure reservation, regardless of rates and/or promotions, qualifies for the Boca Bonus extras that include a complimentary upgrade valued at up to \$125, complimentary breakfast for kids 12 and under at Palm Court or Sea Grille, complimentary golf greens fees (cart fees apply), use of the tennis facilities, and cocktails for two.

For information, reservations: To see available packages, go to www.bocaresort.com/Packages.

The Breakers, Palm Beach

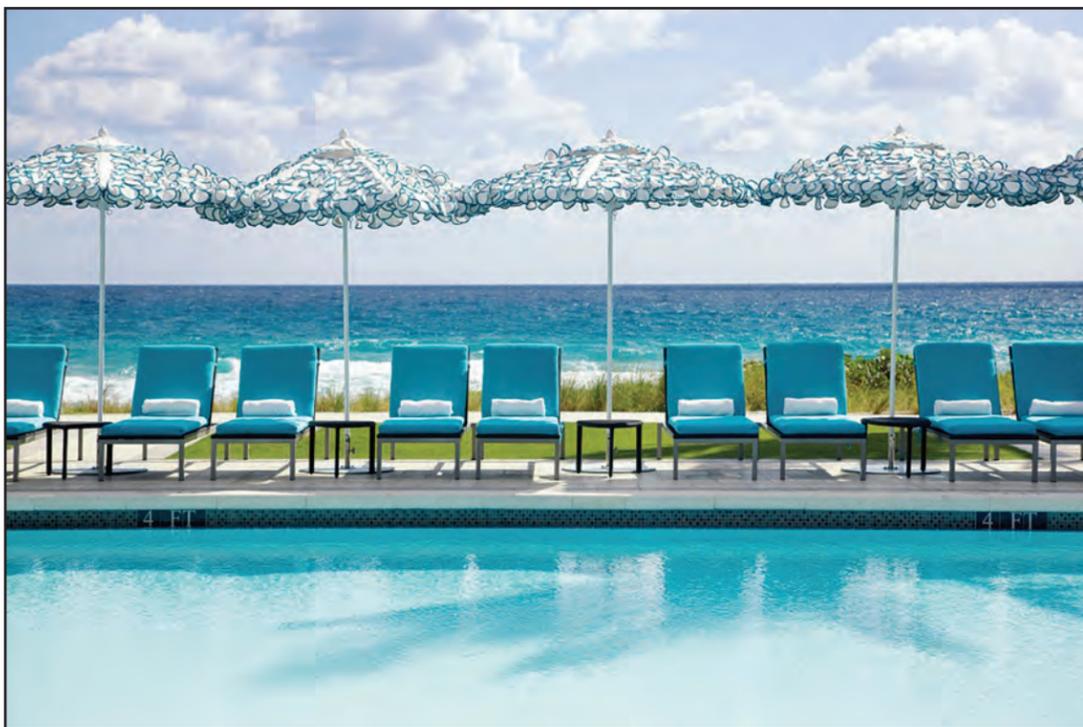
The deal: As part of the resort's Endless Summer promotion, available through Sept. 30, weekday rates start at \$289 per night and represent a 45 percent savings over the winter season. A variety of amenities are either free or at significant savings from complimentary incentives such as continental breakfast, kids' meals, kids' camp, unlimited tennis and fitness classes; to savings on golf, dining, spa services, bungalow rentals, on-site shopping and overnight valet parking.

For information, reservations: Call 1-888-BREAKERS (273-2537) or see www.thebreakers.com.

The Ritz-Carlton/Palm Beach, Manalapan

The deal: The Comfort You package, available through Dec. 20, starts at \$279 a night and includes overnight accommodations in a guestroom with a private balcony, breakfast for two with an ocean view at Temple Orange restaurant, and a \$100 resort credit per night.

For information, reservations: Call 533-6000 or see www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/PalmBeach.



The Beach Club at the Boca Raton Resort & Club offers deals and upgrades through Oct. 8. Photos provided



Pay for two nights at the Sundry House in Delray Beach, and receive complimentary breakfast — and a free night.



Stay two nights and get the third night free at the Historic Hartman House in Delray Beach. Guests often dine by the pool.

The Chesterfield, Palm Beach

The deal: The Summer Sizzler, good through Sept. 30, is a two-day, one-night stay special that includes English breakfast for two and a drink in the Leopard Lounge for \$145 plus tax.

For information, reservations: Call (800) 243-7871 or see www.chesterfieldpb.com.

The Delray Beach Marriott, Delray Beach

The deal: Florida resident rates start at \$127 through September. A spa package, with rooms starting at \$309, includes daily breakfast for two, a \$25 spa credit, and a room with a partial ocean view.

For information, reservations: Call (877) 389-0169 or see www.marriottdelraybeach.com.

The Colony Hotel & Cabana Club, Delray Beach

The deal: A summer special available online offers queen rooms at \$99 per night through November, although this special is not available over Thanksgiving. Guests have access to the Cabana Club and saltwater pool on the beach.

For information, reservations: Call 278-4123 or see www.thecolonyhotel.com/florida.

The Historic Hartman House, Delray Beach

The deal: Stay two nights

and get the third night free at Historic Hartman House Bed and Breakfast. The offer is good through Oct. 31. The B&B, which has its own lap pool, offers a 10 percent discount for Florida residents (although that rate isn't available with the third night free special).

For information, reservations: Call 278-2302 or see www.delraybeachbedandbreakfast.com.

Four Seasons Resort, Palm Beach

The deal: Summer rates start at \$189 per night for Florida residents and include complimentary access to spa relaxation areas, daily fitness classes, kids club and valet parking for reservations through Sept. 30.

For information, reservations: Call 582-2800 or see www.fourseasons.com/palmbeach.

The Holiday Inn, Highland Beach

The deal: Florida residents rate start at \$129 for a poolside room or \$159 for an oceanfront room. Both include breakfast for two. The offer continues through Sept. 30. The See Florida Like a Native package, good on bookings made by Oct. 1, starts at \$129 per night and includes a 25 percent discount for a Loxahatchee Everglades boat tour, breakfast for two, and an upgrade to a poolside room with a private balcony.

For information, reservations: Call 278-6241 or see www.highlandbeachholidayinn.com.

The Brazilian Court Hotel & Beach Club, Palm Beach

The deal: Florida residents can get up to \$30 off the daily rate at The Brazilian Court Hotel & Beach Club and

complimentary valet parking through Sept. 30. Rates start at \$189 a night. A package deal popular with families, 1000 Words, includes a two-night stay starting at \$938, a private session with a photographer, a hardbound photo album, a beach picnic by Café Boulud and bike rentals.

For information, reservations: Call 655-7740 or see www.thebraziliancourt.com.

The Omphoy Resort, Palm Beach

The deal: The Omphoy is offering a 20 percent discount off guest rooms and suites and complimentary parking to Florida residents booking a stay by Dec. 31.

For information, reservations: Call 540-6440 or see www.omphoy.com.

Sabal Palm House Bed and Breakfast, Lake Worth

The deal: In honor of Lake Worth's 100th birthday next year, this B&B will give guests a fourth night for \$19.13 when they pay for three consecutive nights. Standard rates begin at \$99. The offer is good through Nov. 15.

For information, reservations: Call (888) 722-2572 and mention the 100 Centennial Deals or 1913 or see www.sabalpalmhouse.com.

Sundry House, Delray Beach

The deal: You can get a free "Sundry" night when you pay for two. Stay in a one or two-bedroom suite or a romantic cottage set in a tropical garden. Standard rates begin at \$179. Continental breakfast is included each day.

For information, reservations: Call 272-5678 or see www.sundryhouse.com.

Seagate Hotel, Delray Beach

The deal: Summer rates at the Seagate start at \$159 for courtyard accommodations. Teachers can get a 20 percent reduction off room rates and spa treatments.

For information, reservations: Call (888) 334-5184 or see www.theseagatehotel.com.

The Breakers on the Ocean, Delray Beach

The deal: The Breakers on the Ocean of Delray Beach is offering Florida residents a 15 percent discount on their \$126 basic summer rate when booking before Oct. 31.

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Ryan Pristo (left) and Chase Navellier took first place in the Florida Scholastic Rowing Association Sculling Championships and received two gold medals in the USRowing Club National Championships. Photo provided

Plunge into rowing pays off with awards

By Rich Pollack

When Chase Navellier first began rowing during his freshman year in high school, his knowledge of the sports was fairly limited.

"I didn't know if you rowed [facing] forwards or backwards," says Chase, 15, of Manalapan.

Although he now rows backward — facing the stern of the boat like the rest of his teammates — Chase's reputation as a high-school rowing powerhouse is moving forward, and quickly.

With less than two years of rowing experience, the

incoming junior at Pine Crest High School in Fort Lauderdale already has a collection of medals that would make many athletes proud.

He and his rowing partner, Ryan Pristo of Fort Lauderdale, also have a few titles — and some bragging rights — to their names.

In April, rowing for their school team, the two took first place in the Florida Scholastic Rowing Association Sculling Championships in Sarasota, rowing in the doubles category for high school juniors and younger.

And last month, they each collected two gold medals in

the USRowing Club National Championships in Camden, N.J., — one medal as part of a four-man crew and one medal as part of an eight-man crew.

While Chase's 6-foot and 160-pound frame, and his smarts — he has a 4.5 grade point average in a school packed with overachievers — have helped in his quest for medals, his work ethic and his love of competition are what set him apart.

"Chase is really driven and really committed to being the best at the sport," says his coach, Steven Casey, also the director of Pine Crest's rowing program. "He has the makings

to be able to do whatever he wants with rowing. He has the drive and the mental capacity."

Teamed up by Casey while in a summer rowing program, Chase and Ryan are similar in build and personality but a little different in attitude.

"Chase is like a pit bull and Ryan is like a Labrador retriever," Casey says.

That combination, Ryan says, works well for the two rowing partners.

"He pushes me to be more aggressive and I push him to take it down a notch," Ryan says. "We really know how to work well together and we both like to win."

To understand just how competitive Chase is, all you have to do is listen to him talk about the joy he gets from leading other boats through a 1,500-meter course.

"I love the feeling of being able to see the other teams behind you as you cross the finish line," he says.

In addition to his strong

fundamentals and technique, Chase's dedication and determination help him stand out from the rowing crowd.

"Both Chase and Ryan are willing to do what it takes to excel and they're both easy to coach," Casey said.

To get in as much time on the water as they need to learn and develop, both Chase and Ryan make it a point to be at the boathouse when Casey arrives at 6 a.m. For Chase, that means getting up long before the sun rises and being on the road by 5:15 a.m.

That's not a problem for the young man who has discovered a sport where his potential is unlimited.

"When you get into rowing as much as I have, it becomes a part of your life," he says.

Both Chase and Ryan see themselves rowing in college; and who knows what the future holds — there may even be a few more medals for the taking at the 2016 summer Olympic games in Rio de Janeiro. ★



Chase Navellier works out on his 'erg' rowing machine at his Manalapan home. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

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Health & Harmony

Bethesda Memorial Hospital captures the magic of a newborn's touch

It's called the "magic hour": the period just after a child's birth when it experiences sight, touch, smell and taste for the first time. Ideally, this brand-spanking-new baby will be placed skin-to-skin on its mother's chest while everyone, except the father, leaves the room.

The bonding begins. Dad gets his chance to bare-skin-snuggle his progeny. Often, happy tears flow. Baby quickly recognizes its parents' voices and smells, and — according to medical studies — lives are transformed.

The "magic hour" is an important part of Bethesda Memorial Hospital's new family-centered maternity care program. Instead of whisking the newborn off to the hospital's nursery after delivery, mother and baby are kept together from the moment of birth. They spend the next 48 hours (72 hours in the case of a Cesarean birth) in a private room, cared for exclusively by a specially trained registered nurse. Fathers are welcome to sleep overnight in the foldout bed, and participate, along with mom, in caring for the baby.

"We've taken the warmers out of the nursery and put them at bedside," says Jane McCarthy, RN, director of Bethesda's Women and Children Services, who took charge in implementing the new protocol. "Mom can watch her baby get a bath, she can receive breastfeeding help if needed, she gets to be present for the doctor's examination of the baby, and has lots of opportunities to ask questions."

All of that was comfort and joy to first-time parents Brooke and Matthew Slinger of Palm Beach Gardens, whose daughter, Harper Rose, was born at Bethesda at 10:23 p.m. on July 16.

"We got here Sunday night



Matthew and Brooke Slinger's daughter, Harper Rose, was born using Bethesda Memorial Hospital's family-centered maternity care program. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

to be induced, and it was very overwhelming," says Brooke. "But everybody here has been so great, and the baby has not left us — I think that's the best part, because I would have been so anxious if they had taken her away."

Both parents enjoyed the "magic hour."

"Labor was longer than we anticipated," Matthew says. "It was 13 hours, and pretty hectic with so many hospital personnel checking in on us. But after the birth, it was like the seas parted and everybody went away for about an hour. It was definitely a magic hour ... and I'll never forget it."

"It had been such a long process, it was nice to just relax with Matthew and the baby," Brooke says. "I knew that was going to be the moment when

it became real — you know, 'Wow, that's my baby.' And it was really, really incredible."

Bethesda's new model of care for mothers and babies is based on the pioneering work of Celeste R. Phillips, RN, a highly respected national advocate of family-centered maternity care based in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Phillips' philosophy is that the childbearing experience belongs to the family, not the

caregivers. Since January, she has worked with Bethesda's nursing staff to help them transition to this new service.

Geralyn Lunsford, RN, Bethesda Memorial's vice president of patient services, helped make Phillips' intervention possible. She says family-centric care is an idea whose time has come.

"When I was born, my father was in the waiting room

and my mother was knocked out. That's where we were as a society," Lunsford says. "But today, mothers and fathers and significant others are much more engaged, and this new model of care really supports that."

"I'm proud to be doing this work," says McCarthy, who has helped implement the Phillips method in two northeast hospitals and one in Miami. She says babies who bond with their parents in the first hours of life are calmer, healthier, easier to breastfeed and have a higher pain threshold. And there's another benefit that continually encourages McCarthy and the other mother-baby nurses.

"There's lots of statistical data showing that if you put a child to a father's chest when it's first born, that father will remain in the child's life for a lot longer than he would otherwise," McCarthy says. She tells how a tough-acting, tattooed young man dissolved into sobs when the newborn he fathered was placed on his bare chest.

"In my career, I look to change society one family at a time," she says.



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Finding Faith

Delray church launches fitness ministry

Bikers and runners on Ocean Boulevard generate the most activity early on a Saturday morning.

Now a Delray Beach church has launched a physical fitness ministry to be part of the action.

About 35 members of the **Avenue Church** walked from Veterans Park to the beach on July 14 to kick off Get Fit, a ministry to take care of their bodies.

"We believe in the mind, body, spirit approach," senior pastor **Casey Cleveland** explained. "It's important to take care of our bodies and honor God in all that we do."

The weekly workouts include swimming, biking, running, walking and cross-fit training to build stronger bodies, stimulate alertness of mind and enhance spiritual values.

Church member **Melissa Serafica** brought her sons **Gavin**, 11, and **Westyn**, 2, to understand the relationship between fitness and religion.

"Our bodies are our temples," Serafica said. "We want us to be healthy as God intended us to be."

The Avenue Church worships on Sunday at the Delray Beach Community Center and Old School Square.

Cleveland has described his congregation as the young people who stroll Atlantic Avenue on a Friday or Saturday night. Most are in the age range of 21 to 40.

That was the age group on July 14 when fitness pastor **John O'Brien** led the prayer to begin the new oceanfront ministry.

O'Brien said he feared not measuring up to the "fit and attractive people" on Atlantic Avenue before he found Christ.

"God wants to set us free from that fear," O'Brien told the congregation as the hardbody workouts began.

Foster parents deserve a night away from the kids on Atlantic Avenue, too.

The orphan-care ministry at the Avenue Church sponsored its first Foster Parent Night Out

on July 20.

Church members entertained and fed both foster and adoptive children at the **Delray Beach Community Center** so the adults could enjoy dinner without them.

The event organizer, **Lisa Wanamaker**, said the church has recognized that support for foster and adoptive parents in Palm Beach County is a much-needed Christian service.

"Some of the parents said they hadn't had a date night in three years," Wanaker said. Foster parents cannot leave their foster children with a babysitter who doesn't have proper background clearance.

"We have a small army of committed volunteers from the church," she said. "Our goal for the evening is to love the kids and give the kids and give the parents a much needed break."

The congregation also donates diapers, clothing and toiletries to the families.

"This is just one small way of saying thank you to the families who are caring for children who have been removed from their birth families because of abuse, abandonment or neglect," Wanamaker said.

The former director of a sexual assault and domestic violence clinical services and child advocacy center has joined **St. Paul's Episcopal Church** in Delray Beach as a volunteer deacon.

The ministry of a deacon is to be a servant to those in need, particularly the poor, weak, sick and lonely.

Clelia Pinza-Garrity was ordained in Nevada, where she directed the **No-to-Abuse Child Advocacy Center** in Las Vegas for four years. She previously was a social worker and chaplain for **Hospice of Palm Beach County**.

The Rev. William "Chip" Stokes, senior pastor at St. Paul's, served as Pinza-Garrity's spiritual director during her training to become a deacon.

"It was a privilege to walk with her through her journey," Stokes said. "She will provide



Members of the Avenue Church bow in prayer to kick off their fitness ministry, which began July 14. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**



Alex Sliwin Collins (left) and **Joan Sliwin Glasser** of **Like Honey** perform during a rock 'n' roll service at **Unity of Delray**. **Photo provided**

us with much-needed support and energy."

The Episcopalian church doesn't pay deacons a salary. But St. Paul's will allow Pinza-Garrity to supplement her income by operating a private therapy and counseling service from her church office.

Churches often invite classical musicians to perform in their church sanctuaries. It's a pleasant way to invite strangers to visit your church.

Unity of Delray Beach Church kicked up the tempo with its free Old Time Rock 'n'

Roll Concert on July 15.

More than 400 people rocked as 12 local performing groups sang hits from the 1960s through the 1980s.

"I love old time rock 'n' roll," said Unity publicist **Brenda Robinson**, who persuaded the pastor to switch from more traditional church music. "The music has to do with love, and love is what Unity is all about."

The music dates back to when Robinson was growing up near Detroit where her friends, **Joan and Alex Sliwin**, achieved fame as a sister act.

The singing sisters appeared on the **Ed Sullivan Show** and toured with **Bob Hope** to Vietnam in 1968.

The sisters — now singing again under the stage name **Like Honey** — reunited with Robinson to perform the first rock 'n' roll concert at Unity in Delray three years ago.

The number of performers and the size of the audience has been growing each year since then.

But most rock 'n' roll musicians hesitate at first when they hear they will perform in a church.

"I tell them to come on down because Unity is a nondenominational church and everyone is welcome," **Alex Sliwin Collins** said.

The **Islamic Center of Boca Raton** will use Ramadan this year to unveil its new 20,000-square-foot mosque, a light green building with a tower and green dome at 3100 NW Fifth Ave.

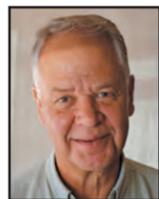
Muslims have invited Christians and believers of all faiths to celebrate with them over dinner there at 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 15-16.

The holy month of Ramadan includes daytime fasting and nighttime prayers. Muslims break their fast at sundown.

Spreading word about the free interfaith meal called an Iftar should not be difficult.

The Islamic Center is actively involved with the **Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association**, whose membership also belongs to Jewish, Bahai, Buddhist and Hindu groups.

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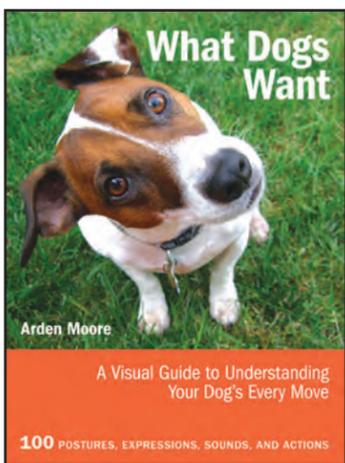
Even though I'm the one with a bachelor's degree in communication, the stellar communicators in my family are a pair of rescued mutts who answer to the names of Chipper and Cleo. Their "talk" is always clear and consistent — whether they are communicating with me, each other, their canine pals or even their feline housemates, Zeki and Murphy.

Often, Chipper and Cleo can convey their message without uttering a single sound.

Their messages are delivered by their postures, tail positions, tail movements, eyes, expressions, actions and much more.

For example, when Chipper turns her head and air snaps, then plops down with her rear end hoisted in the air, I know that she is ready for a friendly game of tug-of-war. When Cleo starts to pant and jumps in my lap, I know that she needs to relieve her bladder outside — and pronto.

As a pet behavior consultant, I travel all over North America to help people better understand why their dogs — and cats — do what they do in order to restore harmony in households. I've learned to speak dog and yes, even cat.



Arden Moore's 24th book, *What Dogs Want*, offers insights in communicating with your pets.

For the past dozen years, I've studied and interpreted communication from dogs of all ages, sizes, breeds and attitudes.

It brought me to creating my latest — and 24th — pet book, aptly called, *What Dogs Want: A Visual Guide to Understanding Your Dog's Every Move*.

The book is being distributed worldwide and will be released in the United States in September, but I wanted to give South Floridians a sneak peek into its pages and to award an autographed copy to the 24th person who emails me (Arden@

fourleggedlife.com) with the code words "What Dogs Want."

The book offers a visual guide that decodes 100 postures, expressions, sounds and actions exhibited by dogs. It also identifies some possible underlying medical reasons and provides the best ways to respond.

A sampling:

Why dogs expose their bellies: Most often, dogs strike this pose to garner love, attention and maybe a little help to scratch a hard-to-reach itch.

But check the whole canine package first before bending down to offer a belly rub. Beware of dogs who make direct, hard stares and have tense bodies. They are not relaxed dogs waiting for TLC; they are purposely exposing their bellies to lure you closer and to demonstrate dominance by growling or snapping.

For these dogs, I recommend re-schooling them in the basic cues of "sit" and "watch me" to demote their status below you and your family members.

Why some dogs tilt their heads: Dogs tend to reserve head tilts for the person who is right in front of them, especially if that person says

the magic word, treat. But some dogs also tilt their heads to attempt to tune into a strange sound or are suffering from medical issues such as ear infections or infestation of ear mites.

For dogs that cock their head to garner attention, add this action in your dog's repertoire of tricks to delight your friends. But persistent tilting and pawing of the ear may signal an infection that needs veterinary care.

Why some dogs gut stuffed toys: Despite being pampered in homes, dogs have never lost their hunting instinct. Lacking access to real prey, dogs stalk and "kill" pretend prey — plush toys.

Terrier, sporting and hunting breeds lead the pack when it comes to gutting stuffed toys. But in a dog's haste to gut a toy, he may swallow the squeaker or stuffing, which can cause stomach or small intestinal blockages and require surgery. Take your dog to a vet if he seems to have abdominal pain, drools, acts lethargic or is vomiting. You can make this plush toy last longer by wrapping it in an old T-shirt and tying the ends off. Or introduce your dog to more durable toys, such as hollow,

hard rubber ones that you can fill with kibble or smear with peanut butter.

My quest is to help bridge the communication gap between you and your dog. Paw through the pages of *What Dogs Want*, and you will not only learn why your dog is acting or vocalizing in a specific manner, but you will also discover what you can do in response to bring out his best behavior and health.

Chipper and Cleo never earned a college degree in communication. They didn't need one. They are born communicators who have joyfully helped me hone my communication skills to share with you.

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



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Summer Arts

Norton explores Gorey details; Symphony of the Americas performs

The very first piece of art **Tim Wride** tried to buy was a drawing by **Edward Gorey**, which he saw at the old **Gotham Book Mart** while he was a college student in New York.

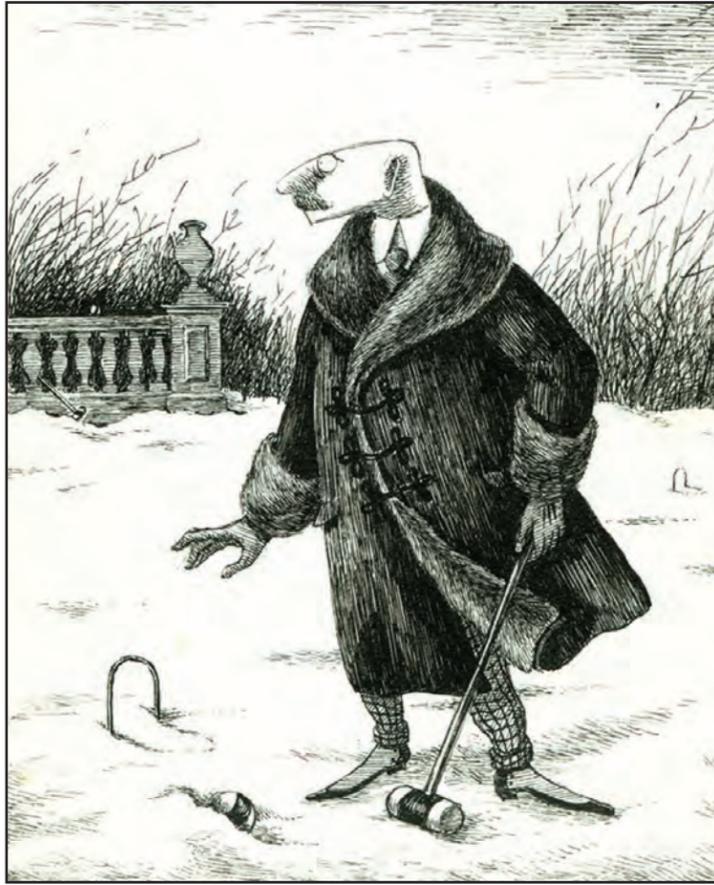
Although he ended up not being able to afford the drawing, Wride has had ample time to examine plenty of Gorey's work as curator of the **Norton Museum of Art's** current exhibit, "Elegant Enigmas: The Art of Edward Gorey," on display through the rest of this month at the West Palm Beach museum.

"His legacy is this really lovely singularity," Wride said, which was that of a culturally omnivorous bookmaker who preferred that medium to the world of the galleries. "He impacted a huge number of artists and non-artists because of the vehicles of dissemination of his work that he chose."

Gorey (1925-2000), Chicago-born and Harvard-educated, created a huge body of illustrative work, much of it gently macabre (like his drawings for the PBS series *Mystery!*) and evocative of the late Victorian and Edwardian eras. It includes hilarious — or bizarre, depending on your point of view — works such as *The Gashlycrumb Tinies* (1963), an alphabet in which children meet horrible, outrageous deaths ("B is for Basil, assaulted by bears").

And while his angular, quirky, detailed pen-and-ink drawings make up much of the world we know as Gorey's, Wride said the artist considered himself a writer first, perhaps not surprising for someone who was the poet **Frank O'Hara's** roommate at Harvard in the late 1940s.

"When he was doing his own books, it was about the words first, and the images after," said Wride, 57, who is the Norton's



recently appointed photography curator. "Even when he was doing other people's work, he had to have the whole story first before he could begin to conceive where he was going to go with it."

The exhibit includes more than 170 artworks by Gorey, including book illustrations, sketches and unpublished drawings, as well as a stage set in which patrons can have their pictures taken and be part of a Gorey drawing. Wride said he ranks with three other legendary American masters of line drawing who had a significant impact on the culture: **Maurice Sendak**, **Shel Silverstein** and **Charles Addams**.

"He really is this idiosyncratic, singular voice. I don't think he even acknowledged anybody outside his own inner drive," Wride said. "To me, that's one of the

beauties of who he is."

"Elegant Enigmas" is on display through Sept. 2 at the Norton. Admission is \$12, \$5 for students; Palm Beach County residents get in free on the first Saturday of each month. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, except for Thursday, when the museum is open until 9 p.m. Call 832-5196 or visit www.norton.org for more information.

In addition to the just-ended **Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival**, there is another group busy during the summer with small, chamber-style concerts.

The **Symphony of the Americas**, which has been performing in one incarnation or another for 25 years, is in the middle of its annual **Summerfest** series. The Fort Lauderdale-based orchestra brings its summer show to Palm Beach County on Aug. 4, with a



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LEFT: A drawing from *The Unstrung Harp* (1953), by Edward Gorey, in which the novelist C(lavius) F(rederick) Earbrass examines a croquet game that had been left unfinished on his lawn at Hobbies Odd, near Collapsed Pudding in Mortshire.

ABOVE: Conductor James Brooks-Bruzzese. Images provided

concert at the **Crest Theatre** in Delray Beach.

It will be a string orchestra concert that also features guest flutist **Marilyn Maingart**, and it will feature members of the **Mission Chamber Orchestra** of Rome. The Italian ensemble's director, **Lorenzo Turchi-Floris**, has contributed a new piece to the effort called *Tarantango*, for piano and strings, a work that marries the Italian tarantella with the Argentinian tango.

"He's a wonderful composer and a wonderful performer, and the work's phenomenal," said the symphony's founder and director, **James Brooks-Bruzzese**.

The festival, which is in its 21st year, has taken its participants to every country in Central America, to four South American countries, and six countries in Europe, Brooks-Bruzzese said. In Florida, it's

appeared from Vero Beach south to Key West on the east side, and Tarpon Springs down to Naples on the west, and played at the **State Department** in Washington, D.C., as well as at the **Kennedy Center**.

"So it's become quite a national and international festival now. It's quite large, and we're very proud of it," he said. Late last month it played eight days in Panama, familiar to Brooks-Bruzzese, who grew up in the Canal Zone.

In addition to Turchi-Floris' piece, the concert will include a Maingart arrangement for flute and strings of the *Introduction* and *Rondo Capriccioso* of Saint-Saëns, a staple of the virtuoso violin repertory. The Baroque era will be represented by a *concerto grosso* (Op. 6, No. 5) of Corelli, and the transitional period of Baroque to Classical by one of the marvelous short symphonies (*No. 2 in B-flat*, Wq 182/2) of C.P.E. Bach.

"It's really striking," he said of the work by the second of Bach's composer sons. "It has a major-key beginning and then moves and shifts from darkness to sunshine, back and forth. And it's also really exciting."

The second half of the program contains, in addition to *Tarantango*, three movements from the *English Suite* of Hubert Parry, an arrangement of the second movement of Borodin's *Second String Quartet* (which was copped for the 1950s pop hit *And This Is My Beloved*), and one of the early string symphonies of Felix Mendelssohn (*No. 10 in B minor*), written when the precocious composer was 14.

The Delray Beach concert begins at 7 p.m. Aug. 4 at the **Crest Theatre** in **Old School Square**. Tickets are \$25 to \$45 (the higher price includes a post-concert reception at **D'Angelo Trattoria**, at 9 SE Seventh Ave.). Call the box office at 243-7922.

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On your mark ... Get set ... Make a movie!
At exactly 10 p.m. on May 18, the rules appeared on Justin Hearn's laptop.

His mission, should he choose to accept it, was to create a video in less than 24 hours.

The video could last no longer than four minutes. It had to be based on the theme of "One." It had to feature a character listening to music. It had to include the number 1. And it had to be uploaded by 10 p.m. on May 19.

In cities all over the world, more than 750 video teams were receiving the same instructions for the "24HourFilmRace," sponsored by HTC One, the Taiwanese smartphone manufacturer.

On June 27, when the winners were announced from the stage of Miami's Colony Theater, Hearn's submission, *One Year*, was named second runner-up in that city's division, chosen from 25 titles that qualified for screening.

It wasn't the Academy Award for Best Picture, but of those 750 entries, it was the only one shot in Highland Beach. "I shot it at my parents' house, and on the beach there," says Hearn,

30, of Delray Beach. And he didn't need 24 hours.

When the instructions appeared on his iPad, Hearn was waiting at the Barnes & Noble booksellers on Glades Road, along with his crew and actors Marc Castellano, Carolina Chang and Adam Goldberg. They tossed around ideas, got a sense of what they might do — and went home.

At 9 the next morning, they gathered at his parents' house.

"We finished by noon," he recalls, "and I edited from 1 to 4 p.m. I couldn't find the right sound effect for a fist punch, but for a 24-hour piece, I'm pretty satisfied with it."

One Year (<http://hearnstudios.tumblr.com>) is a vaguely surreal, beautifully eerie episode that begins when a young man is awakened by a phone call that seems to imply he has only one year to live. What it lacks in linear narrative it more than makes up for in dreamlike cinematography. The colors are thin, not quite black and white, but not full color, either.

"I used a process called bleach-bypass," Hearn explains. "It's a software for color grading."

Clearly, this is not a novice filmmaker's first effort.

Hearn grew up in Boca Raton, earned a degree in



Justin Hearn used a DSLR camera to shoot his short film *One Year*. It was produced in less than a day, as part of a contest called 24HourFilmRace. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

computer animation at Florida Atlantic University, attended film school at New York University and has taught film and television production at Atlantic High School in Delray Beach.

He's the staff videographer at Lynn University, responsible for producing short films for the school's website, YouTube and other marketing purposes.

"I have pretty much total freedom at Lynn," he says. "I was able to create a video for our memorial to the students

who were lost in the Haiti earthquake, and my next project is to do one on the October presidential debate we're hosting.

He's also done freelance work for *Maxim* and *Men's Health* magazines, as well as the Billboard Latin Music Awards in Miami. "But my dream is to be a director of photography for independent films," he says. "I love *The Sopranos*, *The Wire*, *Mad Men* ... I love stories about morally gray characters."

In the meantime, though,

he's now added three minutes, 30 seconds of fiction to his documentary experience.

"It was just a fun thing to do," he says. "It didn't feel like work, but making a documentary is a lot easier than making an interesting narrative film."

And there's been one reward beyond his second runner-up finish:

"I got asked to do my first wedding." ★

To see Justin's video, visit: hearnstudios.tumblr.com

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10 Questions

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Larry Rosensweig

If you've heard the name Larry Rosensweig, it's probably because of his longtime association with the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens in Delray Beach. He was, after all, the founding director of the museum and remained at the helm for 28 years. He has traveled to Japan many times, speaks Japanese fluently, and was decorated with the "Order of the Rising Sun" by the emperor of Japan.

But it makes you wonder: how did a Jewish guy from rural Pennsylvania become interested in Japanese culture in the first place?

"When I was in eighth grade, we had a Japanese exchange student at my school," Rosensweig says. "That was unusual in my town in the early 1960s. I became curious about Japan and decided I wanted to be an exchange student, too."

He got his wish at age 18 after graduating from high school. He spent one year living in Sendai, Japan, with three different families as part of Rotary International's Youth Exchange program. That experience inspired him, upon returning to the U.S., to pursue a college degree in East Asian languages and civilizations.

After college, Rosensweig went back to Japan for more cultural immersion, this time living with a family in Hiroshima and working for a company that transported Mazda automobiles. He grew to love Japanese home cooking, especially the dishes prepared by his host mother, Mrs. Toda: vegetables with bits of fish, lotus root tempura and a savory custard-like dish called "chawan mushi."

A year later, Rosensweig was back home and off to college again, earning a master's degree in Japanese studies. What happened next was a perfect example of preparation-meets-opportunity: A Japanese museum was opening in Delray Beach, and it needed a director. Twenty-five-year-old Rosensweig landed the job.

After his long tenure at the Morikami, Rosensweig had a five-year stint as director of advancement for the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach, and then launched his own business as a consultant for nonprofit arts-related organizations.

Now 61, he is focusing on science rather than art these days. In May he became a regional executive director at the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science. From his office in West Palm Beach, he raises money for scholarships and laboratory equipment for the institute, a renowned international center for scientific inquiry based in Israel.

Rosensweig's wife, Nora, recently retired from a 40-year career with the Palm Beach



Larry and Nora Rosensweig in their coastal Delray Beach home. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

County School District. With their two sons grown and out of the house, the couple is enjoying spending more time together. Lately, they've been catching up on past seasons of TV shows such as *Mad Men* and *Breaking Bad*.

Rosensweig says he and Nora will get back to Japan one of these days. They are particularly interested in seeing how things have changed on the island since last year's massive earthquake and tsunami. But for now, he's expanding his knowledge of Israel in connection with his current job.

"At this point in life, it's exciting to be learning new things," he says.

— Paula Detwiller

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

A. I grew up in Kingston, Pa., near Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, and went to public school. Mine was the first graduating class from a newly consolidated district comprised of nine small communities. It was largely a working class area with what I thought of at the time as a very diverse

population: Poles, Italians, Irish, Jews, etc. Although there were no African-Americans, Asian-Americans, or Latinos, there were significant cultural and religious differences among the mostly second- and third-generation Americans. I learned to appreciate other cultures and to get along with people from different backgrounds than my own.

Q. How is your current job alike or different from positions you have held previously at the Morikami Museum and the Norton Museum of Art?

A. In short, I've gone from art and Japan to science and Israel in my current position with the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science. It has been exciting and invigorating to focus my attention on learning new subjects at this point in life while putting to new use many of the skills I learned over the previous 35 years in the museum world.

Q. In the late 1970s, how did you come to establish a center for Japanese culture in South Florida?

A. It was a classic case of being in the right place at the right time. I had recently completed my M.A. in Japanese studies at the University of Michigan after living in Japan for two years and majoring as a Harvard undergrad in East Asian languages and civilizations.

I was 25, single and "underemployed" in Cambridge, Mass., when I got wind of what would become the Morikami. How bad could a couple of years in Florida be? The Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation Department hired me to put together the museum in August 1976, and the following June we managed to open. I had the pleasure of attending the 35th anniversary celebration this past June.

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

A. About the time the Morikami Museum opened, I put \$3,000 down on a new house in Rainberry Woods in Delray Beach. I've pretty much been here ever since. My wife, Nora, and I moved to our home in the Seagard neighborhood

in 1985. Back then we were the young kids; now we're getting to be the old folks in the neighborhood.

We love living within walking distance of the beach and Atlantic Avenue.

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

A. Delray Beach is a community that for a long time has understood what "community" means and requires. It has a sense of itself from a historical perspective and an evolving feeling for where it wants to go in the future. I have enjoyed being part of this community through the Morikami, Sister Cities activities, and now as a member of the board of the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum.

Q. What advice do you have for a young person pursuing a career today?

A. Be confident in your abilities but humble in understanding that you have to keep learning and adding new skills as the workplace constantly changes. Most important, do something for which you have real passion.

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

A. For inspiration, I listen to the blues or blues-based rock; to relax, jazz or maybe the Grateful Dead.

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

A. My wife, Nora, whom I met when she volunteered the first summer the Morikami was open, has been my best and most consistent mentor. She has helped me greatly with planning and organization, as well as with supervisory skills.

My maternal grandfather has always been my role model: a successful businessman, family man, and a true philanthropist.

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

A. I'd probably say Humphrey Bogart because he would make me seem both cool and tough. My sons would probably want Paul Rudd to play me because he would make me seem goofy and inept. In the Japanese version, I'd like it to be Toshiro Mifune, the quintessential samurai, but it might more appropriately be Takashi Shimada, the stolid everyman of many Kurosawa films.

Q. Who or what makes you laugh?

A. I love to laugh and I've always surrounded myself with funny people. Nora and my sons, Clark and Drew, make me laugh more than anyone. Fortunately, the boys inherited their mother's sense of humor.

Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 7/27. Please check with organizers for any changes.

AUGUST 4

Saturday - 8/4 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup and Turtle Talk at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., in Ocean Ridge. 8-10:15 am. Free. Registration: 734-9128.

8/4 - Yoga Class at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Held every Saturday. 9 am. Free. Registration: 393-7703.

8/4 - Shuffle Board/Disc Knockout and Lawn Bowling at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Ongoing events held W, F & Sat. 9-11 am. Shuffle Board: all ages, Lawn Bowling: 18 years and up. Annual fees: Shuffleboard \$15/residents, \$25/non-residents; Lawn Bowling \$40/residents, \$45/non-resident. 243-7350.

8/4 - An Eye for Nature: A Photographic Summer on the Coast with Michael J. Kravit at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Series of six workshops covers the technical and artistic side of nature photography. Bring digital camera (compact or SLR) with a zoom lens. 9 am-noon. Continues 8/11, 18, 25, 9/8 & 15. \$495/members, \$550/non-members. Registration: 274-7263.

8/4 - Contemporary Quilting: An Exploration of Pattern and Color at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Exhibit runs through 10/25. M-Th: 10 am-8 pm; F: 10 am-4 pm; Sat.: 9 am-1 pm. Free. 278-5455.

8/4 - 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, handmade jewelry, and more. Held every Saturday. 9 am-2 pm. Free. 714-2745.

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

8/4 - Drop-In Story time - Music, stories, finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Children of all ages accompanied by an adult. Held every Saturday. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

8/4 - Judo Class - Wednesdays at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Warm-up exercises, instruction, practice and tournament training. Two sessions: Mixed ages & ranks. 10 am-noon. Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807.

8/4 - 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. \$4. 274-7263.

8/4 - Saturday Zumba is held at the South Beach Pavilion, 400 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. 10:30 am. Held every Saturday. Free. 393-7703.

8/4 - Art Activity: Goody Gobs and Squishy Stuff 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 again 8/11. 10:30-11 am. \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/seniors; \$5/adults. Registration: 742-6780.

8/4 - Fit For the Ave is presented by Blackout Fitness and the Nutrition Cottage, 407 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach each Saturday. Bootcamp, smoothie and a donation to the Achievement Centers for Children and Families. 11 am. \$20. 756-3519.

8/4 - Glass Act: The Contemporary Art Glass Movement Turns 50 at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Exhibit runs through 10/14. T-F: 10 am-5 pm; Sat. & Sun.: Noon-5 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/senior citizens, \$4/students with ID, free/children 12 and under. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

8/4 - Exhibition: The Unseen World Around Us - Photography by Efram Goldberg at FAU's Wimberly Library, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. An intimate look into the savage and beautiful lives of insects and spiders that are found in county and state parks throughout South Florida. Runs through 10/1. Library hours. Free. 297-0455.

8/4 - BIG ART: Miniature Golf at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Visitors see - and play on - a diverse selection of artist-created miniature golf holes. Exhibit runs through 10/14. T-F: 10 am-5 pm; Sat. & Sun.: Noon-5 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/senior citizens, \$4/students with ID, free/children 12 and under. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

8/4 - Art-E-Ology: Louis Nevelson, 3-D Art for grades 3-5 is presented at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Once a month, children learn about a master artist on exhibit

at the museum and have the opportunity to create a masterpiece in that style. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/child. Reservations: 392-2500 Ext. 106.

8/4 - Fame, Jr. is performed at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 2 pm. Tickets: \$11/adults, \$8/kids. 586-5610.

8/4 - Teen Car Club - Held Saturdays at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Learn the basics on how to keep up on the maintenance of your vehicle. For ages 12-20. Girls welcome. 4-6 pm. \$5. 243-7158.

8/4-5 - 35th Annual ROOTS Adult Basketball Tournament at Pompey Park Gymnasium, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Sat. 9am-11 pm, Sun.: 10 am-7 pm. Team fee: \$500/team of up to 15 players. Spectators: one day pass \$10/adults & children over 5 years, \$5/seniors; two-day pass, \$15/adults & children over 5 years, \$10/seniors; kids under 5 free. 243-7356 or www.delrayrootsfestival.org.

8/4-5 - Yoga Workout at the Beach - Held every Saturday and Sunday at Red Reef Park West, 1221 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Build strength and flexibility, improve postural alignment and stabilize the core. Classes held on the grass overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. Cash not be accepted on-site. 10-11 am. \$15/residents, \$19/non-residents per class, or 60 day membership (unlimited classes) for \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807.

8/4-5 - Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead is presented by Alpha Psi Omega (AEB Chapter) at FAU's Boca Raton campus, Studio One, 777 Glades, Road. Sat.: 7 pm; Sun.: 1 pm. \$5. 800-564-9539.

8/4-5 - Coppélia - Presented by the Boca Ballet Theatre at FAU's University Theater, 777 Glades

Road, Boca Raton. A farcical comedy about a boy, a girl, another girl who's not really a girl but a doll, and an eccentric doll-maker who attempts to bring his beautiful doll Coppélia to life. F: 7 pm; Sat.: 8 pm; Sun.: 2 pm. \$35/adults, \$25/seniors & children. 995-0709.

8/4-5 - The Big Bad Musical is performed at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Sat.: 4 & 7 pm; Sun.: 1 & 4 pm. \$15/adults, \$12/children under 18. 272-1281, Ext. 4.

8/4-5 - The Sounds of Rodgers & Hart is presented as part of the Sizzling Summer Cabaret series at The Plaza Theatre, 262 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Sat.: 7:30 pm; Sun.: 2 pm. \$25. 588-1820.

AUGUST 5-11

Sunday - 8/5 - Sunday Breakfast is held each week at VFW Post 5335, 500 NE 21st St., Boynton Beach. 8-11:30 am. \$2.50-\$5. All are welcome. 732-1989.

8/5 - 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.

8/5 - Basket Weaving is presented as part of the ARTful Adventure Sunday series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Family program features art workshops or live performances by talented actors, musicians or dancers. 2-3 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, free/children 12 and under. 392-2500.

8/5 - South African Wine, Cuisine, Dancing & Drumming is presented at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, northeast corner of North Palmway and Lucerne Avenue in downtown Lake Worth. *Out of Africa* is a celebratory exploration of South African wines and cuisine

What's happening at the Morikami

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Because of last year's large crowd (almost 9,000 people), the museum has decided to limit admission to this year's festival.

Tickets are only available online, in advance.

When: 4-9 p.m. Aug. 18

Admission: adults \$15, children \$6.

Note: Morikami members get in free and do not need to reserve their tickets. Limited admission for non-members.

Online advance ticket sales only: www.morikami.org

Ghosts, Goblins, and Gods:

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When: on exhibit through Sept. 16

Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Closed Monday.

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Monday - 8/6 - Watercolour Painting Workshop at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Lesson and lecture with emphasis on composition and drawing, plus a painting demo. Ongoing class held every Monday. For adults. 10 am-1 pm. Per class: \$30/residents, \$35/non-residents. 243-7350.

8/6 - Senior Bingo at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Adults ages 60 years young and up. Held every M&W. 11 am-noon. Free. 243-7356.

8/6 - Tai Chi for Beginners of all ages at Veterans Park, 802 NE First 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.

8/6 - Mah-Jongg at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Intermediate and advanced. Held every Monday. 12:30-1:30 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us.

8/6 - Exhibition: African Artifacts at the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Runs through September. Museum hours. \$5. 279-8883.

8/6 - Chair Massage at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Licensed Therapist, offers 10-minute sessions. Held every Monday. 1 pm. \$10/session. 278-5455.

8/6 - Joint Journey is an educational program for those undergoing total joint replacement at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn what to expect before, during and after surgery. Held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 737-7733 Ext. 84688.

8/6 - 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, children must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 3:30-5 pm 8/28. 10-11:30 am. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations: 338-1542.

8/6 - Yoga Sunset at the Beach - Held every Monday at Spanish River Park, 3001 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Build strength and flexibility, improve postural alignment and stabilize the core. Classes are held next to Lifeguard stand number 18. Cash will not be accepted on-site. 6:30-7:30 pm. \$15/residents, \$19/non-residents per class, or 60 day membership (unlimited classes) for \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807.

8/6 - Body with Style Aerobics at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Ongoing classes held M&W. 6:30-7:30 pm. \$3/at the door. 742-6550.

8/6 - Sophisticated Discussions: A Singles Group - Join over-50 peers in a supportive, singles group discussion at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Held Mondays. Refreshments. 7-8:30 pm. Free. 393-7807 or www.myboca.us.

8/6 - Meditation Mondays at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Meditate to enhance overall health and well-being. 7 pm. Free. 278-5455.

8/6 - 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.

8/6-7 - Fitness Boot Camp for ages 18 & up at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Class held every M & T. 6-7 pm. Per class: \$5/residents; \$6/non-residents. 243-7356.

Tuesday - 8/7 - SPIN® Class at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Held seven days a week on the boardwalk. Sunrise to 9 am and 4 pm to sunset. Donations accepted. 287-0953.

8/7 - Senior Club at Pompey Park, 1101 N.W. 2nd St., Delray Beach. Field trips, breakfasts, games and events, fitness and health activities and social gatherings. Meets every Tuesday. 10 am-1 pm. \$10-\$20 annually. 243-7356.

8/7 - Making Preserves Class is taught by Sherry Johnson at Secret Garden Cafe Culinary Incubator, 410 E. Boynton Beach Blvd., Boynton Beach. 10 am-4 pm. Free/class, \$25/bring jars and can your own. Limited space. Held again 8/9. RSVP: 364-9501, Ext. 25.

8/7 - Beginners Yoga at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Enjoyable program

Junior League of Boca Raton
Boca Raton Resort and Club, Boca Raton



The Junior League of Boca Raton, Inc. recently announced the Board of Directors for 2012-2013. Leading the board is President Jackie Reeves, a JLBR member since 2001. **ABOVE:** Bottom L-R: Elizabeth Kelley Grace, Jennifer Barner, Cyrstal McMillin, Jackie Reeves, Kristine Kuntz and Kellie Mejia. Top L-R: Kirsten Stephenson, Jackie Shatz, Kirsten Stanley, Debbie Abrams, Carolyn North, Melissa Whelchel, Andrea Garcia, Alicia Laufer, Dorothy MacDiarmid and Fabiola Hooker. The League also held its 2012 Woman Volunteer of the Year luncheon kickoff announcing Neiman Marcus as its Fashion Show Sponsor. In its 25th year, the annual WVOY Luncheon will be held Oct. 18 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. **LEFT:** Holly Meehan (chair) and Kelly Martin. **Photos by Downtown Photo**

helps you stay fit. Bring yoga mat. Held every T & Th. 10:15 am. \$10. 278-5455.

8/7 - Adult Folk Dance Class at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach for adults ages 18 years and up. Learn new dances from around the world. Held every Thursday. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$6/class. 243-7356.

8/7 - 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. \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/seniors; \$5/adults. 742-6782.

8/7 - Chess Club at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game is necessary. All levels welcome. Ongoing event held T & F. Noon-4 pm. Annual fee: \$20/residents, \$30/non-residents. 243-7350.

8/7 - Tai Chi Class at Boca Raton Regional Hospital 701 NW 13th St. Held every Tuesday. 1-2 pm. \$10/class or \$48/six consecutive weeks. Registration: 955-5321 or www.brrh.com.

8/7 - Karate is offered for kids 5-17 at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Learn self-control, respect and confidence. T: 3:45-4:30 pm. Class runs through 9/11. \$75/residents, \$94/non-residents. Registration: 968-4011 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/7 - Small Fry Storytime for ages 3 and up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Features songs and a craft project. Held every Tuesday. 4 pm. Free. Registration: 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

8/7 - 10 and Under Tennis - Junior Development Clinics for children ages 4-12 begin at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Age 4: 4:30-5 pm; age 5-6: 5-5:30 pm; ages 7-8: 5:30-6:15 pm; ages 9-12: 6:15-7:15 pm. For ages 4-6, \$20/residents, \$25/non-residents; for ages 7-12, \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. Held Tuesdays through 8/28. Registration: 742-6550.

8/7 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes at Pompey Park, 1101 N.W. 2nd St., Delray Beach. Ages 9 to adults learn Karate along with a blend of other combat martial arts. Held every T & Th. 6-7:30 pm. Per class: \$5/residents; \$6/non-residents; or monthly \$35/residents; \$40/non-residents plus a one-time \$25 for uniforms. 243-7356.

8/7 - Soul Line Dancing at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Ongoing classes held Tuesdays. 7-8:30 pm. \$5/at the door. 742-6550.

8/7-8 - 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 10 am-noon. Free. 338-1473.

Wednesday - 8/8 - Love to Knit meets every Wednesday at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Join knitters to make community-based knitting projects. 9 am-noon. Free. 742-6886.

8/8 - Yoga for ages 18 and up at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Held every W&F. 9-10:30 am. Per class: \$10/residents; \$15/non-residents. 243-7350.

8/8 - Seining the Lagoon at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Explore the grasses and flats of the Intracoastal Waterway. Wear clothes that can get wet. No flip-flops or sandals. Ages 10 to adult. Held again 8/29. 10-11:30 am. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations: 338-1542 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

8/8 - Water Play: Splishin' & Splashin' is held at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 2-4. Held on the front lawn. 10:30-11 am & 11:30 am-noon. \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/seniors; \$5/adults. Registration: 742-6780.

8/8 - Socrates Café - Weekly discussion group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 8/15, 22 & 29. 11:30 am. Free. 266-0194 or www.delraylibrary.org.

8/8 - Scrabble at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Wednesday. 12:30-4 pm. 278-5455.

8/8 - Materials Exploration: Tub Time is held at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 2-4 explore tubs of sensory material then use an array of tools to dig in. 2:30-3:30 pm. \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/seniors; \$5/adults. Registration: 742-6780.

8/8 - Wednesday Dinner is held each week at VFW Post 5335, 500 NE 21st St., Boynton Beach. 4:30-7 pm. \$8. All are welcome. 732-1989.

8/8 - Tai Chi Class at Boca Raton Regional Hospital 650 Glades Road. Held every Wednesday. 5:30-6:30 pm. \$10/class or \$48/six consecutive weeks. Registration: 955-5321.

8/8 - Tai Chi Class - Wednesdays at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Emphasizes moving meditation for focus, concentration, release of stress and attention skills. Two sessions offered: beginners, 6:10-7:10 pm; intermediate, 7:10-8:10 pm. 8 classes: \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents; 12 classes: \$66/residents, \$82/non-residents. 393-7807.

8/8 - Mind/Body Development with Karate at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Self-defense techniques combined with exercises that help improve concentration. Held every Wednesday. 6:30 pm. \$10. 278-5455.

8/8 - Judo Class - Wednesdays at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd.,

Boca Raton. Warm-up exercises, instruction, practice and tournament training. Two sessions: Mixed ages & ranks: 6:30-8 pm; Advanced: 8-9 pm. Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807.

Thursday - 8/9 - 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.

8/9 - Drop-In Story time - Music, stories, finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For children of all ages. Held every Thursday. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

8/9 - Acrylics at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Local instructor teaches basic acrylic painting techniques to beginners and is available for instruction to advanced painters. Ongoing class held every Thursday. For ages 18 & up. Noon-2 pm. Fee for six- classes: \$55/residents, \$60/non-residents. 243-7350.

8/9 - Lunch 'N Learn - Presented by Chabad of East Boca Raton at Fran's Chicken Haven, 1925 N. Federal Hwy. Textual study of the weekly Torah portion with delicious dairy lunch. Held every Thursday. Noon-1 pm. \$5. 361-3939.

8/9 - Solomon and Gaenor (1999 - Wales) is presented as part of the Cinema as an Art Form series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Moderator offers background material on each film and conducts discussions relevant to themes and cinema technique. 1 pm. \$5/members, \$10/non-members in addition to museum admission: \$8/adults; \$6/seniors; \$4/students with ID. 392-2500.

8/9 - Five Wishes Workshop - Presented by Adrea Guaglione, LCSW, ACHP-SW, Field Educator for Hospice of Palm Beach County, at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Program lets your family and doctors know your personal, spiritual and medical wishes. Five Wishes is a trademark of Aging with Dignity. Hosted by the Bethesda Prime Time Club, a free club for people 50 and over. 1-2 pm. Free. 737-7733 Ext. 84195.

8/9 - Build It! at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Kids learn to launch rockets, build bridges, fly planes and even send a 'crash car' down the 'ramp of doom.' Held again 8/16 & 23 (4 pm only). 2:30 & 4 pm. Per class: \$4.50/members, \$5.50/non-members. 742-6780.

8/9 - Ellenville's Moonlit Farmer's Market is held each Thursday at Ellenville Garden Center, 220 NE 11th St., Boca Raton. Food, wine, kids activities, music, artisans, fresh produce and more. 4-8 pm. Free. 245-7347.

8/9 - Concert: Ted Knight's Hot Summer Cool Music - Great American Songbook at

the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455.

8/9 - Wine Tasting at Old Vines, Wine & Spirits, 900 E. Atlantic Ave. #3, Delray Beach. Held again 8/23. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 276-2076.

8/9 - Yoga Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Ongoing classes held Thursdays. 6:30-8 pm. 5 classes: \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents; 10 classes: \$110/residents, \$137.50/non-residents; 20 classes: \$200/residents, \$250/non-residents. 477-8727.

8/9 - DJ 101 - Held Thursdays at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Learn how to make "mix" tapes, email music, download and edit music. 7 pm. \$5/non-members. 243-7158.

8/9-10 - Delray Beach Tastemakers 2012 - Two nights of food, wine, cocktails & entertainment at the restaurants in downtown Delray Beach on Atlantic Ave. & Pineapple Grove areas. Complete list of participating restaurants available online. 5-10 pm. Passport tickets \$30 cash only. Portion of sales benefit the Delray Beach Library Centennial. 243-1077 or www.downtowndelraybeach.com.

8/9-10 - All Shook Up is presented at The Plaza Theatre, 262 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. 7:30 pm. \$20/adults, \$15/children. 588-1820.

Friday - 8/10 - Kindermusik Classes are held at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Six-week session is held on Fridays (through 9/14) according to age group. 9:30-10:15 am: Ages 12-18 months; 10:30-11:15 am: 18-36 months; 11:30 am-12:15 pm: 2.5 - 4 years; 12:30-1:15 pm: 1-12 months. \$96/residents, \$120/non-residents. 742-6221.

8/10 - Art Activity: Paint and Play is held at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 2-4 experience drawing, painting, sculpture, clay and crafting in innovative ways. Held again 8/17. 10:30-11 am. \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/seniors; \$5/adults. Registration: 742-6780.

8/10 - Friday Fun Days: Bob the Balloon Guy's Zany Magical Balloon Show at the Boca Raton Children's Museum, Rickards House, 498 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. 1 pm. \$5/person includes admission to the show and Museum visit. 368-6875 or www.cmboca.org.

8/10 - Yoga for Kids with Jyoti Yoga is held at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 5 & up become familiar with the movements of animals while connecting with their bodies and learning coordination. Dress comfortably and bring a towel or yoga mat. 2:30 pm. Per class: \$4.50/members, \$5.50/non-members. 742-6780.

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8/10 - Young Artwork Classes for Children ages 2-5 at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Children learn about drawing, painting, printing and sculpture. Two-week session runs through 8/17. 3-3:45 pm. \$95/residents, \$106/non-residents. 243-7350.

8/10 - Friday Evening Social at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. Meet the directors, teachers and actors. Refreshments. 6-8 pm. Free. 447-8829.

8/10 - Zumba at the Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Certified Zumba instructor helps you sculpt your body through resistance training and Latin dances. For ages 16 and up. Held every Friday. 6:45-7:45 pm. \$7/class. 742-6641.

8/10 - Sweetest Thing VIP Dinner is held at The Omphoy Ocean Resort, 2842 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Join the Palm Beach International Film Festival for an exclusive VIP Dessert Party and Dinner. 6:30-7 pm: Cocktails & Check-in; 7 pm: VIP Dinner; 8 pm: Dessert Party. \$65/VIP Dinner (includes tax, gratuity, glass of wine and dessert bar), \$25 Dessert Party (includes tax and gratuity). Reservations: 637-4441.

8/10 - FAU Astronomical Observatory - Public viewing day observations at FAU's Boca Raton Campus, Science & Engineering Building, #43, 4th floor, 777 Glades Road. Viewings held on the 1st Friday (8 pm) and 3rd Tuesday (11 am-1 pm) of each month. Free. 297-STAR.

8/10 - Concert: The 50s Featuring The Fabulons - Presented at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Bring a blanket or chair. Food and beverage vendors on site - no coolers, pets, or outside alcoholic beverages. Held rain or shine. 8 pm. Free. 393-7827 or www.myboca.us.

Saturday - 8/11 - Mark Gerretson Memorial 18th Annual Fishing Tournament - Event benefits Delray Citizens for Delray Beach Police Holiday Toy Drive, Kids & Cops Program and other local charities. Boaters depart at 6:30 am from Boynton Beach or Boca Raton inlets. Fish weigh-in at Veteran's Park, 802 NE 1st St., 10 am-4pm. Raffle drawings, barbecue and awards ceremony. \$30,000 in prizes and raffles. Entry fees from \$175-\$200 for four anglers, \$50/each additional angler; final entry registration date 8/10. 251-1945.

8/11 - Back to School, Brown Bag Special Clothing Drive is held by All People's Day at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Families struggling in this tough economy will fill large shopping bags full of clothes and supplies for a donation of \$5/bag. 9 am-1 pm. To volunteer or donate kids clothing or school supplies: 495-9818.

8/11 - Kinder Turtles - Parents and kids spend time learning how sea turtles are similar to us at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 5-6 with an adult. 10-10:45 am. \$5/members, \$8/non-members, free for accompanying adults. Reservations: 338-1542.

8/11 - Start Smart Tennis at the Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St., Delray Beach. Introductory program which teaches basic fundamentals. Four-week program is for ages 3 to 5 and runs Saturdays through 9/1. 10:30-11:30 am. Four-week session: \$20/residents, \$30/non-residents. 243-7194.

8/11 - Piano classes are held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave on Wednesdays. Learn the basics of keyboard and piano without the high cost of private lessons while still enjoying individualized attention. For ages 6-12. Class held Saturdays through 9/22. Beginner: 10:30-11:30 am; Intermediate: 11:30am-12:30 pm; Advanced: 12:30-1:30 pm. \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents. Registration: 742-6240.

8/11 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Lake Worth and Lantana - Conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from Macy's (outside East Entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave, Ste. 483, Boynton Beach. Four hour tour includes a combination of both bus and walking tour and food sampling, along with visits to historical and cultural sites. Held the second Saturday of each month, rain or shine. \$35/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18. Reservations required: 243-2662.

8/11 - Smurphs (PG) - Presented as part of Tween Movie Mania at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 N. Boca Raton Blvd. For age 9-12. Includes pizza and drinks. Noon-2 pm. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org

8/11 - Guided Tour of the Historic Boca Raton Resort & Club - Explore the world famous resort's history with a 1.5 hour walking tour at, 501 E. Camino Real. Held again 8/18. 2 pm. \$10/BRHS members, \$15/non-members, \$11 valet fee per car. Reservations: 395-6766 Ext. 100.

8/11 - 35th Annual ROOTS Cultural Festival on West Atlantic Ave. (vacant CRA lot on SW 9th Ave.), Delray Beach. A celebration of family, community and culture featuring entertainment, Gospel competition, BBQ contest, baking contest and vendors. 4-10 pm. Free. 860-2289.

Municipal Meetings

8/6 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda available at www.oceanridgeflorida.com.

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

8/7 & 8/21 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda available at www.mydelraybeach.com.

8/10 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at the Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Road 9 am. Agenda available in clerk's office.

8/13 & 8/27 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. 7 pm. Agenda available at www.lantana.org.

8/23 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N. Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda available at www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com.

8/28 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S. Ocean Blvd. 9:30 am. Agenda available at www.manalapan.org.

8/28 - Boca Raton - Fourth Tuesday (summer schedule) at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road. 6 pm. Agenda available at www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

8/28 - South Palm Beach - Fourth Tuesday at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7:15 pm. Agenda available at www.southpalmbeach.com.

8/11 - Wine Country Safari to benefit Twin Palms Center for the Disabled is presented by Glick Family Funeral Home at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Wine, hors d'oeuvres, raffles and silent auction. Tommy Bahama Casual. 7-9 pm. \$25/person or \$45/couple. 391-4874.

8/11-12 - Civil War Re-enactment held at American Legion Post 65, 263 NE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Re-enactors set up tents and campsites to provide a historical perspective on what life was like in the civil war camps during 1865. Both Union and Confederate soldiers are represented. Food available for purchase. 8/11: 9 am-7 pm; 8/12: 9 am-4 pm. Free. 330-6905.

AUGUST 12-18

Monday - 8/13 - Quilting Bee - Twice monthly quilting class presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 8/27. 10 am. Free. 266-0194.

8/13 - Swann's Way 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.

8/13 - Comfort Doll Workshop and Luncheon is presented by the Women's Fellowship of the UCC Church of the Palms, 1960 Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Lunch begins at noon with workshop following. Dolls are distributed to underprivileged children. \$3/lunch, Free/workshop. Reservations: 276-6347.

8/13 - The Borrowers by Mary Norton is discussed as part of the Book Gabbers Book Discussion group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 3-5. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 742-6886.

8/13 - Dog Obedience Classes at the the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Six-week session runs through 9/24. Classes held outside on the basketball court behind the community center. Two sessions: Beginner, 6-7 pm; Intermediate, 7-8 pm. \$85/residents, \$106/non-residents. 393-7807.

8/13-17 - Fab Five Days of Summer are held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. "Pay by the day" program offers field trips, arts and crafts, movies, sports and more. 7:30 am-5:30 pm. Per day: \$20/residents, \$25/non-resident. Pack snack and lunch. 742-6221.

Tuesday - 8/14 - Yummy: The Last Days of Southside Shorty by G. Neri is presented as part of the Teen Book Discussion group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Grades 6-12. Refreshments. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 742-6390.

8/14 - Oscar and Lucinda by Peter Carey is presented as part of the Evening Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490.

8/14 - Downtown Boca Raton Summer Wine Series at Ovenella, 499 S. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Event is held at a different location each week and includes a sampling of three different wines paired with three delectable bites. Held weekly through 10/2. 6-7 pm. \$25/person/event. Reservations: 395-1455.

8/14 - Teen Book Club is presented at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Ages 13-17 discuss favorite summer books. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 393-7968.

Wednesday - 8/15 - Teen Gaming is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12 play video games. Held again 8/29. 3:30-5 pm. Free. 742-6390.

8/15 - Family and Friends at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Road. Learn the basics of infant, child and adult CPR and relief of choking. Held first and third Wednesday of each month. 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468.

8/15 - Arts Bash is held at Arts Garage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Visual and performing artists are invited for an evening of camaraderie with complementary food, drink and entertainment. Presented by Creative City Collaborative and Microgiving. 6-8:30 pm. Free. RSVP: info@artsgarage.org.

Thursday - 8/16 - Zelary (2003 - Czech Republic) is presented as part of the Cinema as

an Art Form series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Moderator offers background material and conducts discussions relevant to themes and cinema technique. 1 pm. \$5/members, \$10/non-members in addition to museum admission: \$8/adults; \$6/seniors; \$4/students with ID. 392-2500.

8/16 - Grandparents Raising Grandchildren - Educational Program Series presented by the Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service at Lantana Public Library, 4020 Lantana Road. Learn about legal issues, guiding behaviors and discipline, computers, resources, support, managing stress and much more. Held the 3rd Thursday of each month. 1-3 pm. Free. 233-1742.

8/16 - Dissect-A-Log at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Examine strange, and maybe even gooey, things that live inside and under a log. Ages 7-11. 2-3:30 pm. \$9/members, \$14/non-members. Reservations: 338-1542.

8/16 - Open Studios & Galleries at Artists Alley, between NE 3rd & 4th Streets, east of 3rd Avenue & west of the railroad tracks, Delray Beach. Held the third Thursday of each month. 6-9 pm. Free. 276-1177 or www.cacaceart.com.

8/16 - On The Ave is held along Atlantic Avenue and SW 5th Avenue. Live music and open house for restaurants, art galleries and shops. 6:30-10:30 pm. Free. 279-1380, ex. 3.

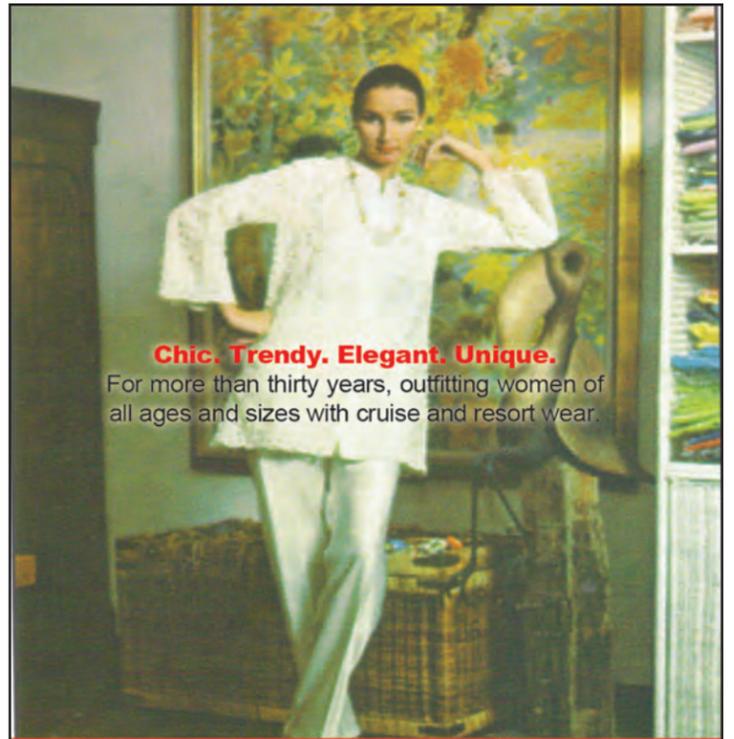
8/16-19 - Irving Berlin Salutes America is presented at The Plaza Theatre, 262 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Runs Th-M through 9/9. R-Sun.: 7:30 pm; Sat., Sun. & M: 2 pm. \$32. 588-1820 or www.theplazatheatre.net.

Friday - 8/17 - Family Splash Night at Pompey Park Pool, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Floats are welcome and drinks and food will be available to buy. 6-8 pm. \$3/adults, \$2/seniors (55+) and children 6-17, free/children under age 6. 243-7358.

8/17 - Back to School Teen Jam at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Live performances, food, drinks and dancing, plus raffle prizes. For ages 13-19. 9 pm-midnight. \$5. 243-7158 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

8/17-19 - The Compleat Works of Wilm Shkspr (abridged) (rated PG) at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Strong language - may be unsuitable for very young children. F&Sat.: 7 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. \$15/including refreshments. 447-8829.

Saturday - 8/18 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Gulfstream Park, 4489 N. Ocean



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8/18 - Paddle Away teaches kayaking and water safety trips at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Explore the Lantana Preserve and the Ocean Ridge natural areas. For ages 15 to adult. Offered on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. 8 am-11 am. \$50/residents, \$63/nonresidents. 742-6221.

8/18 - Childbirth Education Prenatal Class is being 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. 9 am-3 pm. \$75/couple. Registration: 369-2229.

8/18 - Kindermusik Back to School Party at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. For ages 1-6 years. 11 am-noon. \$5/resident; \$8/non-resident. 742-6221 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/18 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Delray Beach & Boynton Beach - Conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from Macy's (outside East Entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave, Ste. 483. Four hour tour includes a combination of both bus and walking tour and food sampling, along with visits to historical and cultural sites. Held the third and fourth Saturday of each month, year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required - check website for available dates. \$35/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18. 243-2662 or www.tastehistoryculinarytours.org.

8/18 - Habitat Hunt at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Learn about different habitats, and make a nature journal with your findings. For ages 7-11. 11 am-12:30 pm. \$9/members, \$14/non-members. Reservations: 338-1542.

8/18 - Creation Station at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. A drop-in gallery program designed for families to learn more about the visual arts in a relaxed and fun manner. 1-4 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, free/children 12 and under. 392-2500.

8/18 - Beach, Barbeque & Books at the Delray Beach Club, 2001 S. Ocean Blvd. Family fundraising event benefits the Delray Beach Public Library. Volleyball clinic for adults and children and exhibition games by Shore Thing's sponsored professionals. Tickets include one clinic, all you can eat barbeque, non-alcoholic beverages, entertainment and swimming. 4-8 pm. \$50/adults, \$25/children age 4-14, free/children age 3 and under. 266-0775.

8/18 - 5th Annual Back to School Bash at Catherine Strong Splash Park, 1500 SW 6th St., Delray Beach. Free giveaways, food, music. 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7194.

AUGUST 19-25

Sunday - 8/19 - Open House & Instructor's Art Sale at the Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W. Palmetto Park Road. Visit the school, buy art and meet the teachers. 12:30-3:30 pm. Free. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

8/19 - Art Film: Dorothy Gillespie: Creating Magic With Color (2010) at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Held again 8/22 & 25. 2 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, free/children under 12. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

8/19 - Concert: Camerata del Ré - The Czech Concert - Presented as part of Music at St. Paul's, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 4 pm. Doors open 30 minutes before concert time. \$20/preferred seating, \$15/requested donation, \$5/students. 276-4541.

Monday - 8/20 - Dance Trends Youth Dance Program is held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Children learn discipline and art of dance in a fun atmosphere. Runs through 10/8. Class times and prices vary by age/style. 742-6240.

8/20 - Imagination Station is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Ages 3-4 exercise their imaginations while learning shapes, colors, numbers and the A-B-C's through creative art. Runs M/W/F through 9/28. 9-11:30 am. \$71/residents, \$89/non-residents. 742-6221 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/20 - Colorful Creations is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Ages 4-5 learn letters and numbers through activities such as cooking, science, crafts, stories and songs. Six-week session runs M-F through 9/28. 9 am-noon. \$135/residents, \$169/non-residents. 742-6221.

8/20 - Free Hair Cuts and Manicures are offered at the Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S. Federal Hwy. The Hair Design Institute volunteers services. 10 am-1 pm. Free. 742-6570.

8/20 - 2nd Annual So You Think You Can Sing? Karaoke Contest - Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation is looking for participants to compete in this contest at Dubliner Irish Pub, 435 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Proceeds benefit Hospice of Palm Beach County's music therapy programs. Winner

receives a \$250 cash prize and bragging rights. 6-9 pm. Spectators: \$20/including complimentary drink and buffet; Contestants: \$30. 988-2742 or www.hpbccf.org.

8/20 - Adult Tap Dance is held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Learn to tap or improve your skills. All levels welcome. Session runs Mondays through 10/8. 7-8 pm. \$88/residents, \$110/non-residents. Registration: 742-6240.

Tuesday - 8/21 - Creative Kids for Children 3-4 is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Crafts, stories, songs and creative play. Held T&Th through 9/27. 9-11 am. \$54/residents, \$68/non-residents. Registration: 742-6221 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/21 - Grandparents Raising Grandchildren - Educational Program Series by the Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 40 NW 4th Ave., Delray Beach. Learn about legal issues, guiding behaviors and discipline, computers, resources, support, managing stress and more. Held the third Tuesday of every month. 10 am-noon. Free. 289-8578 or www.pbcgov.com/coextension.

8/21 - Young Explorers for ages 24-36 months is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Improve eye-hand coordination through creative movement and music. Class held Tuesdays 10:30-11:30 am through 9/25. \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

8/21 - Downtown Boca Raton Summer Wine Series at The Spaniard Tapas Bar & Cafe, Palmetto Place, 99 SE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Event is held at a different location each week and includes a sampling of three different wines paired with three delectable bites. Held weekly through 10/2. 6-7 pm. \$25. Reservations: 347-7000.

8/21 - Spanish for Beginners Classes are held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Spanish language learner builds a foundation of useful vocabulary and grammar, using numbers, days, months and more. For adults. Class held Tuesdays through 9/25. 6-7 pm. \$50/residents, \$63/non-residents. Registration: 742-6240.

Wednesday - 8/22 - Barre Fitness Classes are held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Class uses elements of ballet, Pilates and yoga to stretch, tighten and tone entire body. Held Wednesdays through 10/10. 9-10 am. \$88/resident, \$110/non-resident. Registration: 742-6240.

8/22 - Little Hands Class at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Caregiver and child enjoy creative play. Ages 12-24 months. Class held Wednesday through 9/26. 9-10 am. \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. 742-6221.

8/22 - Party to the Max at Max's Grille, 404 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Proceeds benefit Hospice by the Sea's programs and services. 6-8 pm. \$25/person includes 2 free drinks & hors d'oeuvres. 416-5007 or www.hbts.org.

8/22 - Adult Pottery is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Learn to use a slab roller, coil maker and an electric wheel. Runs Wednesdays through 9/26. 6:30-9 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/22 - Adult Oil & Acrylic Painting is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Enhance creativity and reduce stress. Session runs Wednesdays through 9/26. 6:30-9 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

Thursday - 8/23 - Boynton Beach Art District Art Walk at 422 W. Industrial Ave. Open studios and galleries, plus food truck and entertainment. Held the fourth Thursday of each month. 5:30-9 pm. Free. 786-521-1199.

8/23 - Centennial Dine Out for a Cause features celebrity chefs The Dockerty Family at 75 Main, 270 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Percentage of meal benefits the Delray Beach Public Library. 6-9 pm. Reservations: 243-7975, Information: 266-0775.

8/23 - Yoga is held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Increase flexibility, improve health and reduce stress. All levels. Session runs Thursdays through 9/27. 6-7 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6240 or www.boynton-beach.org.

Friday - 8/24 - Water Media Class for Adults begins at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Learn proper brush and stroke techniques. Class runs Fridays through 9/28. 9:30 am-noon. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 742-6221.

8/24 - Back to School BBQ at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs while the Youth Council introduces the organization and recruits new members. For ages 13-19. 4 pm. Free. 243-7158 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

8/24 - Concert: The Fresh Beat Band - Presented at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 6:30 pm. \$52.00. 393-7827 or www.myboca.us.

Saturday - 8/25 - Safe Boating Class is offered by Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 54

at Harvey Oyer Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Instructions to boaters of all levels include: navigation, trailering, anchoring, safety, seamanship, line handling, laws and docking. 8 am. \$36/including materials. Reservations: 736-8821.

8/25 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup and School Supply Drive is held at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Held every last Saturday of the month. 8-10:30 am. 369-5501 or www.seaangels.org.

8/25 - Mini Monets for ages 5-12 is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Kids learn to achieve a variety of effects in pencil, watercolor, charcoal and paint. Saturdays through 9/29. 9-11 am. \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

8/25 - Claying Around is held at The Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Ages 8-14 learn basic techniques of pottery. Six-week sessions held on Saturdays through 9/29. 9-11 am. \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

8/25 - Infant only CPR Class at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Road. Parents of newborns learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation and relief of choking. Couples encouraged to attend and may bring their infant. 10-11:30 am. \$20/person. 955-4468.

8/25 - Singing & Swinging in the Pines at The Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Featuring jazz diva Joan Crawford and her trio, Saxophonist Sid Parker and his Swing Band Quartet, guest artists "jazz singing youth" from Young Singers of the Palm Beaches, Swing Dance demonstrations, dancing and contest. Proceeds benefit the museum. 6-9 pm. \$35/advance, \$50/at the door. Reservations: 368-6875.

AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 1

Monday - 8/27 - Conquistadora by Esmeralda Santiago 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.

Tuesday - 8/28 - Toddler Tales at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Stories, songs and puppets teach the love of books to ages up to 3 years. Held again 8/30. 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968.

8/28 - Stroller Tours at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Gallery tours of the museum's collections and exhibitions are offered to new parents/grandparents/caregivers with their young ones (19 months and younger) on the fourth Tuesday of the month. 10-11 am. \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, free/children 12 and under. Reservations: 392-2500.

8/28 - Book Club: How It All Began by Penelope Lively is presented by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Held 4th Tuesday of each month. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

8/28 - Gulfstream Goodwill "Clean Out Your Closet" Luncheon at the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, 64 SE 5th Ave. Gulfstream Goodwill Industries is underwriting the lunch, so a donation of items includes a free lunch. \$8 to attend luncheon without donating. Receipts will be provided. 11:45 am-1 pm. RSVP by 8/23: 848-7200.

8/28 - Downtown Boca Raton Summer Wine Series at Raffaele Ristorante, Royal Palm Place, 508 Via De Palmas, Boca Raton. Event is held at a different location each week and includes a sampling of three different wines paired with three delectable bites. Held weekly through 10/2. 6-7 pm. \$25/person/event. Call the restaurant to reserve seating. 392-1110.

8/28 - 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 learn new tricks of the trade. 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5638.

Wednesday - 8/29 - Super Tales for 3-5's at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Stories, songs and crafts. 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968.

8/29 - Child Safety Prenatal Class is offered at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn infant CPR and how you can assist in an emergency. 6 pm. \$25/couple. Registration: 369-2229.

Thursday - 8/30 - Rock Out for a Cause features Dr. Robert Watson and his band Preservation at Union, 8 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Fundraiser benefits the Delray Beach Public Library. 7-10 pm. \$10/advance, \$15/door. Reservations: 330-4236. Information: 266-9490.

Friday - 8/31 - Friday Night Late-Night Skate at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Music, contests, food/snacks. Held the last Friday of the month. Ages 5 to adult. 9 pm-midnight. \$2/guest pass. 243-7158.

Saturday - 9/1 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 8-10:15 am. Free. Registration: 734-9128.

House of the Month

Each month, The Coastal Star features a home for sale in our community. The House of the Month is presented as a service to our advertisers and provides readers with a peek inside one of our very special homes.



This residence at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club in Boca Raton sits on 104 feet of waterfront property.



The living room features coffered ceilings, a fireplace and glass doors to the terrace.

Old World charm, with state-of-the-art luxury

This elegant residence at Boca Raton's Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club has six bedrooms and seven full and two half-baths in 10,228 square feet.

The Tuscan-style home, situated on 104 feet of Royal Palm's deepwater frontage, offers marble and Venetian plaster finishes. An ornate cast stone double-sided fireplace opens to a waterfront club/billiards room with Brazilian cherry floors, built-in wet bar, office area and full cabana bath.

There is an oversized family room adjacent to the gourmet kitchen — which features custom wood cabinetry, granite counters, a Sub-Zero refrigerator and freezer, Bosch dishwasher, Thermador gas cook-top with tumbled marble backsplash and Thermador double ovens.

Outside, cast stone elements carry throughout the architectural design, from the formal entrance and garden courtyard with a fountain, to the resort-style patio by the waterfront pool and elevated spa.

Centered on a massive columned fireplace, the loggia serves as an outdoor living/dining room complete with an open-air kitchen.

Air-conditioned garages can house up to four cars, plus a golf cart.

Special features include extensive



The house is entered through 13-foot-high arched doors, and the two-story gallery foyer is highlighted by barrel-vaulted ceilings, Venetian plaster walls, and marble-and-granite inlaid flooring.

custom moldings, impact glass windows and French doors, elevator, high-tech security system, central vacuum system, and prewiring for audio/visual systems and category-5 high-speed data lines.

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ABOVE: The game and billiards room has a fireplace that opens onto the living room. LEFT: The master bedroom suite has a morning bar and a sitting area that opens onto a waterside balcony.





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1695 LANDS END ROAD

Fantastic views from stunning 9,700 SF waterfront 6BR/6.5BA estate with dock. Gourmet kitchen, impact windows & doors, pool with spa. Web ID 993 **\$4.49M**



25 SPOONBILL ROAD

Renovated 4BR/3.5BA home with Old World finishes. Direct water views with quick Ocean access. Beach Club membership included. Web ID 1228 **\$2.495M**



11 SABAL ISLAND DRIVE

Elegant 4BR/5.5BA Mediterranean estate overlooks wide stretch of Intracoastal. Dock with 35,000 lb lift. Just minutes to Ocean access. Web ID 994 **\$2.395M**



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Designer renovated single story villa with 2BR/2BA and fine finishes. Rarely do these come on the market. Beach Club membership incl. Web ID 1097 **\$775K**



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1370 SOUTH OCEAN BOULEVARD

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1555 SOUTH OCEAN BOULEVARD

Intracoastal to Ocean 5BR/6BA Mediterranean estate. 11,800 SF with incredible views, dramatic master suite, media room & deep water dock. Web ID 1110 **\$10.5M**



1675 LANDS END ROAD

Just completed 5BR/5.2BA home on 150' of wide Intracoastal. Marble & wood floors, elevator, pool, outdoor kitchen plus 30' boat dock. Web ID 1112 **\$5.695M**



1690 LANDS END ROAD

Mediterranean style 5BR/4.5BA waterfront home with 110' on the Intracoastal. High wood-beamed ceilings, library with fireplace and dock. Web ID 1113 **\$2.95M**



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