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## Along the Coast

RIGHT: Ryan Butts, the turtle rehabilitation coordinator at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton, works with volunteers Sue Comoglio (from left), Lloyd Wiener and Connie Thomas-Mazur on Cindy, who was injured and lost her left flipper in a shark attack.

BELOW: Butts shows off Lily to a delighted group of visiting children.

Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star



Gumbo Limbo resumes sea turtle rescue, thanks to new tanks, recertification

By Ron Hayes

On Saturday, July 28, Ryan Butts and his wife, Kristen, were looking forward to a quiet evening at Big City Tavern on Las Olas Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale.

He ordered the seared sea scallops. She had the rigatoni with chicken, Roma and sun-dried tomatoes.

Just a relaxing night out with friends ...

And then, shortly before 8:30, Ryan's cell phone rang.



A shark attack off Pompano Beach.

The female victim, a teenager, had been rescued by a passing fisherman and brought ashore at the city marina in serious, very serious, condition.

An hour later, Butts was rushing toward Boca Raton with his patient clinging to life in the back of a Mazda

SUV.

The patient, a 115-pound loggerhead turtle, about 15 years old, had lost her left front flipper to the shark. The right flipper was nearly severed. Judging by the teeth marks, her head had been in

See GUMBO LIMBO on page 14

## Philanthropy



Henrietta de Hoernle

## de Hoernle celebrates a century of living and a lifetime of good works

Drive around Palm Beach County, especially Boca Raton, and it'll be hard not to see a building bearing the name of Count Adolph and Countess Henrietta de Hoernle. The Red Cross, YMCA, Museum of Art and The Railway Station are all examples of the de Hoernles' generosity.

Since 1981 when the couple — German immigrants who, as the patriotic countess says, became "Americans by choice" — arrived in Boca Raton, they have made substantial gifts to many organizations.

After her husband died in 1998, the countess continued her charitable work, donating more than \$40 million to charities and serving on the boards of 16 organizations.

de Hoernle, who turns 100 on Sept. 24, is still inundated with stacks of requests for monetary help and does her best to help when she can. But this month it is Boca Raton's turn to lavish some love on the countess. Her birthday wish is to raise money for Boca Raton-area nonprofits. That wish will be

granted via a formal benefit gala at Boca West Country Club on her birthday.

Other events include a communitywide "Red, White & Boca-Blue Countess Appreciation Day," and the presentation of a giant birthday card with thousands of signatures from people whose lives have been touched by the de Hoernles' kindness.

In honor of her birthday, she agreed to a Q&A with *The Coastal Star*.

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## The COASTAL STAR

### Coastal Star



Taffy Brower of Ocean Ridge has played golf for about 50 years and has won more than 50 tournaments. Tim Stepien/  
The Coastal Star

### Editor's Note

## Storm a gentle reminder of danger in nature

**O**n the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Andrew's shredding of Homestead and the Miami area, and seven years since Katrina's flood waters devastated New Orleans, Tropical Storm Isaac breezed through our area with a reminder of just what hurricane season can bring.

Broken tree limbs, street flooding and roof leaks appear to be the worst things to affect coastal residents in this storm. Thankfully, it seems that FPL's hardening of the power grid along the coast has paid off—with very few outages. Let's hope this trend holds.

Of bigger concern may be Citizens' decision to drop policies on coastal homes insured for over \$1 million. This may have a bigger impact on our area than a tropical storm (or worse). Tim Pallesen reports his findings on this trend on Page 1.

And if you live in a condominium, you may want to read Tim O'Melia's

story on Page 20 about an upcoming workshop to help condo managers, board members and owners understand insurance issues and better plan for repairs following a storm.

Even though damage to property was minimal, Isaac's storm-stirred ocean washed away about one-half of this season's remaining sea turtle nests along our beaches.

Luckily, we have the good folks at Gumbo Limbo to keep track of these events and help to assist any turtle hatchlings or injured adults discovered in distress. See Ron Hayes' story on Page 1.

No word yet on how the spiraling whitefly fared. See our Coastal Life cover story, Page 25.

Hurricane season doesn't end until November 30. So until then, please plan ahead and stay safe.

— Mary Kate Leming, Editor



### Correction

An August edition article about a Delray Beach legal settlement with the Caron Foundation incorrectly stated the number of times that Caron can rent a bedroom at its two sober houses. The settlement allows Caron six rentals per bed per year.

### Omission

Liz Lamont Images provided the photograph of Like Honey in the August Finding Faith column.

## Winning is par for her career as golfer

By Craig Dolch

Taffy Brower has played golf for a half-century. Not just golf, but competitive golf, which as Bobby Jones famously pointed out, is an altogether different animal from a friendly foursome on the links.

Playing competitively for 50 years doesn't make the 67-year-old Ocean Ridge resident an anomaly. What sets her apart is she has won more than 50 tournaments—or about one a year since she started playing the game at 7 while shagging balls for her mom, Roz Simmons, in Rochester, N.Y.

"To be honest, I absolutely hated it when I had to shag balls for my mom," Brower said. "It was so boring. But when I got a chance to play the game, I fell in love with it."

The half-century affair continues. Thanks to her very understanding husband, Buzz, Brower has been able to follow her dream for most of her adult life, save for a 10-year stretch from 1970 to 1980 when she put away her clubs to raise their children and help Buzz with his business.

Her first title came in the Rochester Women's District Junior Championships in the mid-1950s, and her most recent came when she teamed with 13-year-old Alexa Hammer of Boynton Beach to win the 65th annual Women's International Four-Ball Championship earlier this year in Hollywood, Fla.

It was no big surprise when she was asked to name her top accomplishment; Brower needed a few seconds to think. There are, after all, so many options.

"It would probably have to be," Brower said, "when I held the Southern Amateur and the Southern Senior Amateur titles in the same year."

That was in 2004, when she was named Player of the Year by the Florida Women's State Golf Association. It's surprising she didn't get that honor more than once, considering she won the Florida State Women's Match Play Championship four times (she was runner-up

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When Brower was asked about how much it would mean to get inducted into the local hall of fame, she became emotional. It took her more than 30 seconds to respond.

"It would mean more to my kids than it would to me," she said. "They are so proud of me. Buzz and I have five children between us: 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They all know Nana plays golf."

"It would mean a lot to me. Are you kidding? I have thought about it, I have wondered. It would be the culmination of all the work a golfer puts into his or her game. We all work hard. Some just have more trophies than others."

Brower worked at the Gulf Stream Golf Club as a merchandise purchaser for more than 20 years before retiring in 2006. Her "retirement" lasted two years before she went to work for Charlie Bowie in the pro shop at Quail Ridge Country Club in suburban Boynton Beach. Having been a member at nearby Delray Dunes, Brower was familiar with the quality of golfers at Quail Ridge.

"I am in awe of the caliber of golfers here at Quail Ridge," Brower said. "They have such a great place to play. This is a perfect place if you love golf."

And most savvy golf folks are in awe of Brower's career. "She has accomplished so much, yet she remains so humble," Bowie said. "We love having her around."

Looking back, Brower laughs at her initial reluctance to be around the game that has since shaped so much of her life. And it still does.

"What draws me to the game is the people," she said. "The people who play golf are different than people who play other sports. They are honest, they are kind, they are considerate."

"And I love the challenge of the game, no matter what your age is. The ball doesn't go in the hole as fast as it used to, but every once in a while I can still pull off the shot."

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## Boca Raton

# City, unions discuss pensions' role in budget increases

By Tim Pallesen

Boca Raton has begun talks with fire and police unions about the possibility of reducing the rising cost of pension benefits.

"This will be one of our top priorities for the next fiscal year," City Manager Leif Ahnell told council members at an Aug. 27 budget workshop. "We have begun to have conversations."

Discussions about the proposed Lake Wyman restoration also have resumed as the council this month finalizes its operating budget and property tax rate.

Pension talks could lead to significant savings for taxpayers in years ahead.

Cities and counties across Florida are renegotiating the pension benefits that they promised firefighters and police officers before the economic downturn, which caused a dramatic drop in property values and tax revenue.

### Boca Raton

**Current tax rate:** \$3.51\* per \$1,000 of taxable property

**Proposed tax rate:** \$3.83\*

**Public hearings:** 6 p.m. Sept. 12 and 27

\*Residents pay a proposed \$85 fire assessment and are also taxed by the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District. That proposed rate for this upcoming year would drop from \$1.01 to \$1. The discussion of this rate will happen at 5:15 p.m. on Sept. 10 at Sugar Sand Park.

Palm Beach, the first town in Palm Beach County to act, saved \$6.6 million this year. The savings increases to \$10.2 million in 2020.

Boca Raton's cost for firefighter pensions will increase by \$1.6 million this year. The cost for police pensions is up \$1 million. The two costs are the largest increases in the proposed city budget.

"I don't want to see our city ending up bankrupt," resident Charles Helton told council members at the Aug. 27 workshop.

A taxpayers group,

Boca Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, is urging the city manager to develop a plan within 90 days to reduce firefighter pensions. The group also wants to reduce the number of firefighters to save money.

Pension contracts couldn't be renegotiated with fire and police unions quickly enough to prevent a projected 10.5 percent increase in Boca Raton taxes this year.

Ahnell is proposing that property owners pay \$3.66 per \$1,000 of taxable property, up 4.3 percent from this year's \$3.51 rate.

His proposed budget includes \$250,000 for security at the presidential debate at Lynn University in October and \$140,000 to increase hours at Spanish River Park.

To raise revenue, Ahnell also proposes a \$5 increase in the fire fee to \$85 per year for a residential property owner. The sanitation fee would increase from \$16 to \$16.50 per month.

But the council has tentatively raised the proposed tax rate to \$3.83 per \$1,000 of taxable property to possibly pay for more projects. It will set the final rate after 6 p.m. public hearings on Sept. 12 and Sept. 27.

Still uncertain is whether the city will include \$250,000 in the budget as its share of the \$2.6 million Lake Wyman restoration project.

The Florida Inland Navigation District would pay \$2.1 million for the project and the Boca Raton Beach and Park District agreed in June to contribute another

\$225,000.

But the City Council balked at joining the partnership after FIND set a September deadline to make a decision. Council members say they have questions such as who will pay for an environmental study.

Mayor Susan Whelchel said FIND now has pushed back the September deadline because Boca Raton has resumed talks with county environmental managers over whether to contribute its \$250,000.

"We have a little more time to solve that problem than we thought we had," Whelchel said. "It's in play again."

The project would reopen Rutherford Park's silted-in canoe trail to increase mangrove flushing and make the trail passable at low tide.

An observation tower would be built and a boardwalk would be extended to picnic and beach areas. ★



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## CITIZENS

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"It's unfair to single out one group," Manalapan Mayor Basil Diamond said.

"But Citizens is looking for ways to go out of business. The coverage limit is one baby step," Diamond said. "All this will eventually even out if Tallahassee reaches its goal to fully eliminate Citizens."

Citizens chose to slash coverage in affluent oceanfront towns because of public opinion, according to Jeff Grady, the president and CEO of the Florida Association of Insurance Agents.

"The argument was that Citizens was subsidizing millionaires to insure what was often their second home," Grady said. "That was the emotion behind this."

The purge of expensive homes began last year when Citizens set \$2 million as the maximum coverage, sending

Citizens says it's dropping more than 600 Multiperil and Wind Only policies in the coastal area

ZIP Code	Policies Affected	Total Policies
33431	42	820
33432	217	973
33435	49	1,650
33462	50	775
33483	159	1,428
33487	96	613

the first wave of cancellation notices.

Delray Beach City Commissioner Tom Carney was among those who got cancelled. "Anything east of the Intracoastal Waterway lost it," Carney said.

Coastal homes are hardest hit again by this year's \$1 million coverage limit.

Palm Beach County has the second highest number of cancellations with 1,542 policies valued at \$3.7 billion, which equals 22 percent of the state dollar amount.

South county coastal communities with ZIP codes

33431, 33432, 33435, 33462, 33483 and 33487 received 613 cancellations, Citizens said.

The mayor of Palm Beach, which got 299 cancellations, is organizing Palm Beach County coastal mayors to protest the coverage limit.

"The legislation making homes valued at more than \$1 million or more not eligible for coverage by Citizens is arbitrary, capricious and discriminatory," Mayor Gail Coniglio wrote Gov. Scott after Palm Beach residents began getting their notices.

Diamond said Manalapan residents may not know about the cancellations yet. "It's important for Tallahassee to be aware if there's a lot of pushback on this," he said.

The state Office of Insurance Regulation approved Citizens' request for the \$1 million maximum coverage on Jan. 13. Citizens stopped writing new policies for the more expensive homes and began sending out cancellation notices for existing policies in May.

Grady and local insurance agencies say residents who have been cancelled by Citizens now must find alternative carriers such as Lloyd's of London that aren't regulated by the state.

"It's the wild, wild west as far as rates and what is covered," Grady said.

"We can obtain coverage for everybody for a price," Gracey-Backer Insurance co-owner Barbara Backer said. "But all affected homeowners will see hefty premium increases."

Backer estimated increases will range from 100 to 200 percent, depending on construction, location and wind protection. One of her Delray Beach clients now must pay a \$17,718 premium to an alternative insurance carrier after paying only a \$6,417 to Citizens, she said.

Another south county agent, Plastridge Insurance, predicts alternative coverage will skyrocket to be three or four times the Citizens cost. "This has really hit those homeowners hard," Plastridge co-owner Brendan Lynch said.

Alternative insurance carriers also are raising deductibles, Lynch and Backer said.

Backer predicted some owners of expensive homes will be forced to sell because they can't afford the added insurance cost.

"At some point, it becomes unaffordable to buy these high-priced homes," Backer said. "I suspect this insurance cost will affect the real estate market."

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## Boca Raton

# Oceanfront golf course deficit a budget issue

By Tim Pallesen

The thrill in having a public golf course on the ocean isn't measured by just dollars and cents. But the deficit to operate the Red Reef Golf Course in Boca Raton has been increasing in recent years.

So much so, in fact, that the city of Boca Raton's early estimate that the Boca Raton Beach and Park District might have to pay a \$297,200 deficit this year sparked concern that the nine-hole oceanfront golf course might close.

The projected amount was a 64 percent increase over the deficit that district taxpayers were forced to pay five years ago.

The Beach and Park District was ready early August to pay for a study into how to reduce the red ink in Red Reef's operating budget. The city owns the golf course but the district pays for its operation.

Now city officials are scrambling to reduce costs and increase revenue. The Beach and Park District will postpone its study until Boca Raton can determine the exact amount of this year's deficit, district chairman Earl Starkoff said.

"The pressure on needing a study is off the table until we hear what the city's plans are," Starkoff said.

Starkoff denied a news report that members of the district commission might consider closing the golf course because of the increasing deficit.

"I'm not thrilled about deficits," he said. "But we provide the golf course as a place for the community to gather just like parks. None of us is interested in closing the golf course."

Starkoff said an annual deficit of \$150,000 to \$180,000 might receive the commission's support.

Assistant City Manager Mike Woika said that amount

might be possible.

"It will be a couple of months until we know exactly what the numbers are going to be," Woika said on Aug. 21. "But it looks now that we will have a \$167,500 deficit."

"We have been doing some cost cutting at all our golf courses and we expect a little more revenue," he said.

Savings in personnel might mean the grass isn't cut as often. The city is exploring whether a private company could maintain the golf course for less money than city employees, Woika said.

Stackoff said Beach and Park District commissioners also want to hear the city's marketing plans to increase the use of Red Reef Golf Course to generate more revenue.

"We market all our golf courses," Woika responded. "Because Red Reef is an executive course, you don't get as many rounds of golf as on a regular-distance course."



## Voyeurism arrest at Red Reef leads to firing

Boca Raton Police have charged a city parks employee with voyeurism after learning that he had video recorded a woman and her 10-year-old daughter as they changed clothing in the bathroom at Red Reef Park.

A day after his Aug. 21 arrest, Boca Raton fired 27-year-old Douglas Hughes. Hughes had worked since March 9, 2009, in the city's parks department, first as a part-time employee, and then as a full-time groundskeeper since November 2011. He was not assigned to Red Reef Park, and he was not working when the incident happened, said

Mark Buckingham, director of human resources.

Officers met with the victim and her daughter Aug. 18. As they were changing in the women's bathroom, her daughter saw a hand holding a white iPhone between the window slats, facing into the bathroom.

The mother ran outside and saw a red Toyota back out of a nearby parking lot and drive away. She gave the tag number to officers.

Hughes admitted recording the woman and her child, police said. He also said that he secretly recorded people on numerous occasions in Red

Reef Park and Patch Reef Park, according to a police report.

Hughes' most recent assignment was as part of a ball field maintenance crew. But when he was a groundskeeper, he would have traveled in a golf cart, primarily at Sugar Sand Park and Patch Reef Park, Buckingham said.

City officials have no knowledge of incidents happening while Hughes was working, but the police still are investigating. Anyone with information about the current case or other incidents is asked to call Detective Ron Mello at (561) 620-6186.

— Angie Francalancia

## Ocean Ridge

# Town manager takes over PBSO study

By Margie Plunkett

Former Mayor Ken Kaleel's study of Ocean Ridge's possible switch to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for police services was cut short after the town's attorney raised the issue of potential Sunshine Law violations.

"The question is whether he's doing this on behalf of the commission," Attorney Ken Spillias said. Sunshine laws require lawmakers to do their work in public view.

"If you are expecting a recommendation or removing some options or suggesting some options — there are Sunshine Law implications," he told commissioners at their August meeting. "In reading

the minutes, you were asking for him to gather information, but it also used the word 'recommendation.'

Kaleel said he was acting as a citizen when he offered to help, adding, "I was going to give you the pros and cons and let you decide." He said he didn't want a part of being subject to having to conduct special meetings in a formal capacity.

"Because it's a big decision, and in some ways an emotional decision, you all will be under more scrutiny," Spillias told commissioners. "I think it's important to not even approach the line."

Commissioners backed off Kaleel's participation and directed Town Manager Ken

Schenck to conduct the analysis after his current work on the budget has been completed. Commissioners will vote on the budget in September.

Kaleel had been analyzing what services the town would seek from the Sheriff's Office and alternatives. He had collected information in discussions with several other people and had anticipated reporting back to commissioners in August or this month.

Commissioners selected Kaleel to conduct the study after Zoanne Hennigan questioned whether Schenck or Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi could collect information comprehensively and without bias.



## Highland Beach

# Town delays renovation plans, looks at charter changes

By Steve Plunkett

Renovations to Town Hall will wait at least a year following Police Chief Craig Hartmann's decision to pull the \$825,000 project from the proposed 2013 budget.

By then, however, voters may not have the power to approve or deny the expense.

"Though this [renovation] is still an important priority for us, it is more important for the fiscal health of the town to address the ongoing deficit to the town operating budget," Hartmann wrote in an Aug. 13 memo to Town Manager Kathleen Weiser.

"Hopefully in future budget years funding will be available to complete this needed project."

At a workshop the week before, Commissioner Louis Stern asked for budget changes to avoid using the town's reserves. Weiser's original proposal balanced operating expenses with property taxes while taking \$1 million in reserves for the Town Hall

### Highland Beach

**Current tax rate:** \$3.40 per \$1,000 of taxable property

**Proposed tax rate:** \$3.95

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work, repairs to the town's walk path and increased code enforcement.

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

The Financial Advisory Board urged commissioners to set a tax rate that would not use savings for day-to-day expenses.

"I know that there's no way we cannot raise taxes somewhat, but I think we have to take into account that we would like to not use any, if possible, of our funds from the surplus funds," Stern said.

During the Aug. 21 budget workshop, the commission agreed on a tax rate of \$3.95 per \$1,000 in taxable property for 2012-'13 (up from this year's \$3.40.) No money will need to come from reserves and no services or personnel will need to be cut.

Commissioners discussed

money-saving proposals, including cutting back hours at the library, post office and town hall, as well as reducing personnel, but none of the suggestions won support.

The commission room was filled with residents who spoke in support of the library.

"We have an outstanding facility stocked with the latest books, CDs and movies," said resident Mike Stein. "We have an active Friends of the Library and run outstanding programs. Our residents use our facilities as a community room for cards, exercise, teaching and conversation. It is an invaluable asset that enhances our reputation, improves our property values and serves as the center of our community for intellectual and social pursuits."

Stein, and others who sung the library's praises, were met with applause.

"What I got from you today is 'don't touch the library, don't touch services and don't touch personnel,'" said Vice Mayor Ron Brown. "We don't want our town going down a road that's worse and worse."

At an earlier meeting, commissioners approved on first reading ordinances to drop the need for voter approval of big-ticket items and to drop Highland Beach's requirement that property taxes be no more than \$5 per \$1,000 of taxable value. Florida law limits local taxes to \$10 per \$1,000.

Both ordinances, which will come up for final approval Sept. 4, are changes to the town charter.

"This is the only community around here who has any language regarding spending at referendum whatsoever. You go up and down this coast, this language does not exist," Ron Clark, who chaired the Charter Review Board, had told commissioners.

Currently any project costing \$350,000 or more needs voter approval in a referendum.

The charter committee recommended raising the trigger to 10 percent of the operating budget, this year roughly \$1 million, with a commission majority needed for projects up to 7 percent and a supermajority, 4-1 vote, required for projects between 7 percent and 10 percent.

In 2010 voters rejected spending \$810,000 for a new fire truck to replace the current hook-and-ladder.

Stern proposed dropping the spending limits entirely: He was joined by Brown and Commissioner Dennis Sheridan in a 3-2 vote.

The vote to drop limits on the town's tax rate was 4-1 with Mayor Bernard Featherman dissenting.

Weiser said she and Delray Beach Fire-Rescue Chief Danielle Connors expect to ask the town to buy a fire truck in two years. The cost has increased to \$850,000, she said. Highland Beach could buy the fire truck outright or pay \$130,000 for seven years to finance it.

## Along the Coast



A surfer spins back to the ocean after riding a wave churned up by Tropical Storm Isaac near Briny Breezes. Aside from a few power outages and downed tree limbs, most of coastal Palm Beach County was spared damage by this storm.

Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

## Wrangle between librarian, town manager goes public

By Steve Plunkett

The Highland Beach librarian says the town manager is "non-communicative" and has spurned invitations to meet with her or attend library staff meetings in her 18-month tenure.

The town manager, librarian Mari Suarez says, also called her incompetent and pulled her town credit cards for making an unauthorized purchase.

The dispute bubbled into the public eye when Suarez sent town commissioners a letter appealing for them to resolve her issues with Town Manager Kathleen Weiser.

The request fell on deaf ears.

"I hope I have the support of this commission to ask Mrs. Weiser to handle this situation without involving any of us on the Town Commission," Commissioner Louis Stern said, joined quickly by Commissioner Dennis Sheridan.

Suarez's letter detailed how her relationship with Weiser had soured.

Last September, Suarez wrote, Weiser asked her to complete a self-evaluation for a salary increase "because Ms. Weiser said she did not yet know me well enough."



Weiser

Suarez

In May, however, Weiser gave a written evaluation that said Suarez was spending too much time with the Friends of the Library organization.

"I believe that her criticism shows a lack of understanding of the Friends' important role in supporting and funding library projects," Suarez wrote, noting that the group provides \$20,000 a year for programs and enhancements.

The flashpoint was when Suarez ordered a \$500 "drop-in" shower for library worker Bertrand Desir, who also empties the town's 25 trashcans three times a week.

Desir "becomes rather soiled in performing his duties" especially when it rains and when animals get inside the black trash bags, Suarez wrote.

Suarez is permitted to make purchases under \$500 without higher authorization, she said, but she was contacted while on vacation and told the shower needed Weiser's and Finance Director Cale Curtis' signatures because a plumber

would have to be paid to install the apparatus.

Suarez said she ordered the shower returned but had a message from Weiser when she returned from vacation for a "discussion of unauthorized purchase."

"It is the continued lack of communication that has caused this issue to be handled by Ms. Weiser in the manner that she did, which is basically to fire off a reprimand without so much as even calling when I submitted the receipt," Suarez wrote. "This could have been avoided."

Dorothy Kellington, vice president of the Friends and a library volunteer, said the nonprofit group has "a wonderful relationship" with Suarez and depends on her to advise them of the library's needs.

"It's not like we work in a vacuum," Kellington said. "If you don't speak to people or spend any time, how can you work with them?"

Weiser did not want to comment on personnel matters in the media, but said the reprimand is a public record that will stay in Suarez's file.

Suarez said besides regular staff meetings, "she hasn't contacted me," since commissioners told them to work out their issues.



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LEFT: Peter Baronoff did his best 'Mrs Doubtfire' imitation and set a record for fundraising. CENTER: YMCA President Dick Pollack was picked for best male dancer. RIGHT: Beth Osborne was honored for best female fundraiser and dancer for her 'Austin Powers'-like moves. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

## Around Town

# Boca Ballroom battle raises record for scholarship funding

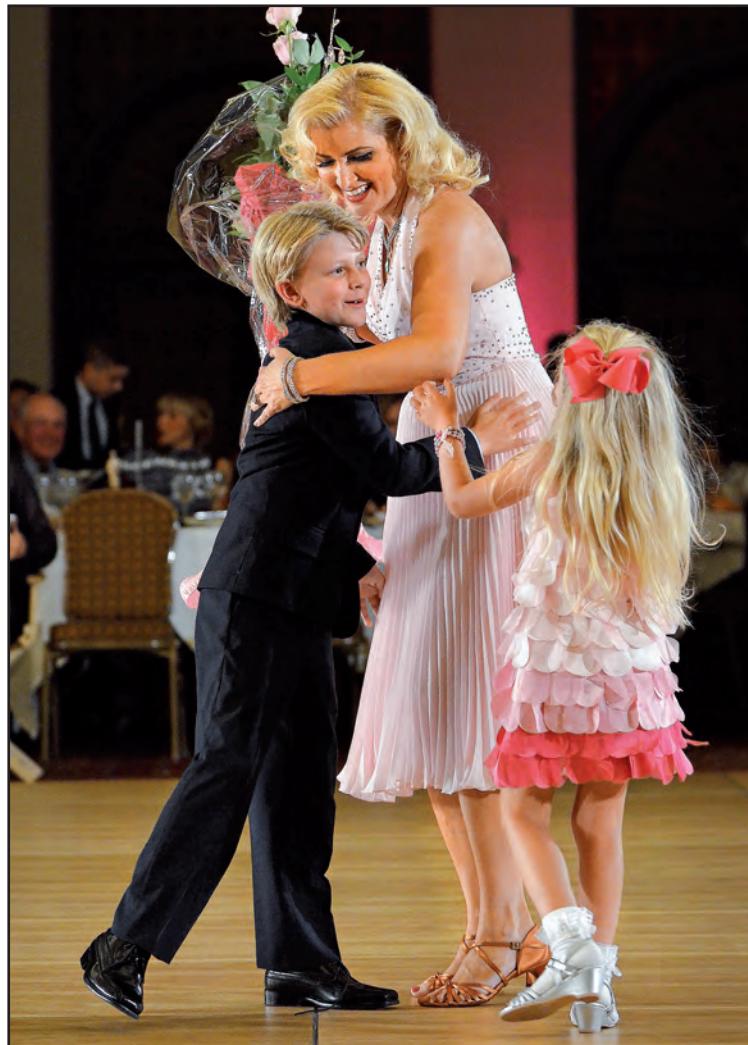
**G**len Calder was in on the act, but he just wasn't sure how. Wife Kristin was competing in the annual Boca Ballroom Battle, so in support of the cause — the George Snow Scholarship Fund — he agreed to play a role in her dance number.

The theme was movies, and each of the eight dancers assumed the identity of a film star or character for an opening intro and then an actual dance number. A former Boca Raton deputy mayor and health care executive, **Peter Baronoff**, for example, assumed the role of Mrs. Doubtfire. Boca YMCA boss **Dick Pollock** recreated the dance scene from *Pulp Fiction*. Local activist **Beth Osborne** pulled an Austin Powers.

For the Calders' act, Glen knew only that he was to sit on a chair on the dance floor. The music started and Kristin, head of public relations for the Bethesda Hospital Foundation and mother of three, strutted out in a fur coat, which she removed to reveal a swirling dress, straight out of *The Seven-Year Itch*. Then doing her best **Marilyn Monroe**, she sang "Happy Birthday, Mr. President," to her stunned but grinning husband.

Calder and her partner, **Fred Astaire Studio** dance director **Jay Molter**, then segued into their "real" dance to *Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend*.

"When I see the photos I can't believe it's me out there," Calder said. "When they asked me to participate, I was



Kristin Calder was greeted with flowers by her children, Harrison and Caroline, after channeling Marilyn Monroe.

pregnant and thought this would be a good way to get back in shape. But to learn the choreography and pretending to be Marilyn Monroe was as mentally challenging as it was physical. It's a very emotional experience as well. Most of us wouldn't get out there if it wasn't for a cause."

Calder didn't win. The

mirrored ball trophies for best dance went to Pollock and Osborne, who also took the top fundraising prize with Baronoff. But no regrets, as the event raised \$290,000 for college scholarships.

"It gets better every year, the talent of the dancers and what people put into it," she said. "When I look at the pictures

and see all the people smiling and having such a great time, it was worth it. And for a few minutes, I was Marilyn Monroe. That was great. I'm sure it will be a part of my life for some time to come."

Imagine how the world would have been if MM had done the samba. The essence of Brazil will transform Boca on Sept. 7 as **Friday Night Live!** celebrates **Brazilian Independence Day** with a full schedule of events at **Sanborn Square**. Entertainment by singer **Rose Max** and **Batuque Samba Funk**, art, fashion and Brazilian food from **Gourmet Truck Expo**. The carnival begins at 6 p.m.

Aside from the music, a large part of the appeal of playing in a local band is its spontaneity and unpredictability. **Brian Bolen** has seen a lot of both during his career, most recently with **Uproot Hootenanny**, a string band. It plays most of its gigs at bars and clubs in the coastal towns, although it recently has added an annual hop to the Emerald Isle for a fortnight of performances.

"We played 10 gigs in 15 days this year," said Bolen, who plays guitar and bass and sings. "Next year we'll have some more gigs lined up. I think they'll let us back in."

Perhaps the guys also made an impression on **Khris Royal**, who stopped by the **Wishing Well** in mid-August after a concert at **Pompano Beach**

**Amphitheater.** Royal is a sax player, born and raised in the jazzy-funk of New Orleans, who was accepted at Boston's prestigious **Berklee School of Music** at age 16. He's played with the **Marsalises** and **Bobby Brown** and recorded with the likes of **Mary J. Blige**, **Ashanti** and **Erykah Badu**. Now in one of those surprise, unexpected musical moves, he's added his sax to **Rebelution**, a fast-rising band from California that plays, of all things, reggae.

After the Pompano concert, Royal met some of the locals who invited him to go clubbing ... and he accepted ... and when they arrived as the Wishing Well and the surprised Bolen invited him to jam ... he accepted.

"He jumped up and played. He was fun to jam with," Bolen said of the resulting fusion of Irish, rock, reggae and jazz. "I mean, we're a full-on string band, but it worked."

Royal and Rebelution have moved on with their national tour, but Uproot Hootenanny is busy at home in Boca, with dates Sept. 7 at **The Funky Biscuit**, Sept. 14 at **The Wishing Well** and Sept. 29 at **Biergarten**.

Hold it! This can't be right. A new building and business opening ahead of schedule? Well, it's happened. **Hyatt Place Pineapple Grove** opened Aug. 8. Its 134 rooms, none on the ground floor, feature 42-inch flat-screen TVs, cozy corners and sofa lounges and expansive

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views of downtown Delray. It's certified "green" (energy efficient) and includes a rooftop pool, a hot tub, workout room, full service bar, 24-hour food service, conference rooms and a ground floor gallery. During September, rooms start at \$109 and are expected to range from \$170 in summer to \$300 during the season. A grand opening is planned for October.

On the subject of dining and entertainment, Boynton Beach for years has taken a back seat to its more vocal neighbors north and south. Not any more.

With a big boost from the city's **Community Redevelopment Agency**, young, energetic and innovative restaurateurs intend to turn what has been a town that people passed through on their way to Lake Worth or Delray and Boca into a dining destination.

To make its point, the CRA recently offered media members a trolley tour of five spots that typify the town's potential.

Everything at **The Backyard** — half a block west of Federal — is outdoors, except the cooking; that's done in an Airstream trailer. Live music, cold drinks and fresh, locally supplied food keep the place packed seven days a week.

**Chrissy Benoit**, who once worked for **Wolfgang Puck** and moved to Lake Worth after a hurricane blew her out of Orlando, is working wonders with the just opened **Little House**, the renovated cottage on East Ocean, a block west of Federal. Again, it's all fresh. Warning: The Pop Rock petite citrus sour cream pie (\$6) is deadly.

Across the street, seafood plays a big role at **Hurricane Alley**, although landlubbers can have their fill, too! But you can fish all day on the **Sea Mist III** drift boat and they'll cook your catch for you. They also offer up a jalapeño margarita, an Asian calamari salad and a décor to delight the most debauched nautical wheeler.

Farther south at Federal and Woolbright, on the ground floor of **Las Ventanas, Sweetwater** bills itself as a cocktail bar, rustling up some of the wildest libations known to man, as well as barrels of craft beers and a cellarful of wine. Food, too! It opened a year and a half ago, and with nearly 500 rental units above, they expected most patrons to be walk-ins. To the contrary, folks from Boca to Jupiter have found out.

The only waterfront site on



the tour, **Prime Catch**, actually has the New England feel of old brick and stained wood, cod and live Maine lobster. But the Therian family, which also owns the **Banana Boat** up the road and the **Fifth Avenue Grill** in Deerfield Beach, loves to fish and their catches — mahi, swordfish — make up a large part of the menu.

Most important — the town has a new can-do attitude. It's worth a stop.

Down in Boca, almost as quickly as **Philippe** opened, it closed. Reportedly, Philippe Chow's success with his Asian fusion restaurant didn't travel well to East Palmetto Park Road. Local diners weren't willing to pay the price, so he pulled the plug after only a year.

Similarly, **Assaggio del Forno** in Boca's **Regency Shops** at Jog and Yamato has closed barely six months after opening. Dennis Max's foray



Max

into modern small-plate Italian cuisine didn't catch on with the locals who wanted "old-style Italian."

"I decided to let my partner (John Williams) do what he wanted," Max said. "I think he'll reopen in October."

The severed partnership also spelled the demise of **Frank and Dino's** in Deerfield Beach, but don't expect Max to slow down.

Though business couldn't be better at **Max's Grille** in **Mizner Park**, on Aug. 27 Max closed it for a month to give it a major makeover, including a new display kitchen. Until it reopens Sept. 26, Max urges diners to give **Max's Harvest** in Delray a shot.

Max's next project is **The Mexican**, a sit-down restaurant with a large indoor-outdoor bar in **Royal Palm Place**. Max says it's similar to **Carlos and Pepe's**, a concept he developed with **Burt Rapoport** more than 30 years ago in Fort Lauderdale.

Look for a late-October, early-November opening, which will be followed around Thanksgiving by **Burt and Max's** in the still-under-construction **Delray Marketplace** out west at Lyons and Atlantic. After more

Visitors to the Seagate Hotel and Spa visit the hotel's new shark tank (above), which has three small sharks (left). Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

than a decade apart, Max and Rapoport are again teaming up. This venture, Max said, will be an evolution of **Max's Grille**.

"It's a lot safer than it was three years ago," Max said of the restaurant business. "A lot of young people are doing restaurants that are approachable, affordable, with excellent food that's international. People want to go out and have a good time, and restaurants fill that need — now more than ever."

Also coming to the Marketplace will be **Famiglia** pizzeria, **Shula Burger**, **Cabo Flats**, a casual Mexican restaurant already opened in Palm Beach Gardens, and a 10-screen, 16-lane theater-bowling alley combo.

Back in **Mizner Park**, around the first of the year, you should be able to go from a concert in the amphitheater at the north end to a jam session in the south end. The space formerly occupied by **ZED451** is scheduled to become **JAZZIZ Nightlife**, a spinoff of Michael Fagien's **JAZZIZ** magazine.

Fagien, a radiologist by day, plans to spend \$6 million on the concept that will offer good food, good service and good shows — day and night — but previous attempts at jazz venues in South Florida, much less Boca, haven't done well. However, with the emergence of the Arts Garage in Delray, and with Fagien's ties to performers through his magazine, the odds may be improving.

Meanwhile, **Train** is booked at the amphitheater Sept. 5 and **Bonnie Raitt** on Oct. 21, while **Funky Biscuit** has **The Lee Boys** on Oct. 19, and **Maria Muldaur** on Oct. 27. **Rusted Root** will play the **Biergarten** on Nov. 7.

Up in Lake Worth, Sauceboss **Bill Wharton** and Damon Fowler headline **Blues, Brews and BBQ**, Oct. 20-21 at **Bryant Park**; the **Bamboo Room** has **New Riders of the Purple Sage** booked for Nov. 2-3 and **Steve Forbert** on Nov. 8.



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**A** There have been two recent studies that looked at this question.

The first study took place in Wisconsin and focused on about 1,500 government workers. It was determined that those with the most severe forms of sleep apnea were five times more likely to die from cancer than those without the disorder. The second study in which thousands of sleep patients were followed, took place in Spain. Those with the most severe cases of sleep apnea had a 65% greater risk of developing cancer. In both investigations, no specific type of cancer was studied; just diagnoses and outcomes.

Aside from the apparent cancer connection, sleep apnea causes health problems for many sufferers. "A sleep apnea patient stops breathing for 10 seconds or longer many times throughout the night, so deep REM sleep is never fully achieved because the body is constantly gasping for oxygen. This can make a person not only sleepy, but irritable and forgetful."

"Sleep disorders can increase the risk of hypertension, heart disease and strokes. It can also lead to serious illness and major accidents because sleep apnea sufferers are over 300% more likely to be involved in a fatal car crash."

The AASM also states that OSA can occur in men and women of any age, but it's most common in obese, middle-aged men with a neck size of more than 17 inches. The neck gets thicker as a person gains weight, increasing the level of fat in the back of the throat and narrowing the airway. More fat in the throat means the airway is more likely to be blocked. ? "Sleep apnea diagnosis and treatment have become a dentists' domain of late because many dental problems can be seen as a result of airway problems and mouth-breathing.

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## Two candidates in Beach & Park District runoff

By Steve Plunkett

Advertising consultant Steven Engel and real estate broker Tom Thayer will reappear on the Nov. 6 ballot in their quest to become a Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District commissioner.

To reach the runoff, Engel received 4,266 votes (47.6

percent) to Thayer's 3,425 votes (38.2 percent), according to unofficial results at the county Supervisor of Elections Office. Real estate agent Felipe Martinez had 1,281 votes (14.3 percent).

Engel and Thayer were evenly matched, 2,446 to 2,363, among voters who went to the polls Aug. 14, the elections office said. But Engel built up leads from early voters, 488 to 300, and absentee voters, 1,327 to 759.

And 1,631 voters made no choice in the race, which appeared at the end of the primary ballot, the elections office said.

The seat, which is open only to Beach and Park District residents who live outside the city, became open when Commissioner Dirk Smith resigned at the start of the year.

Thayer, a 34-year resident, moved from his home on the Intracoastal Waterway to a condo he owns in Boca West to be eligible to run. Engel, who has lived in the district 3½ years, rents a townhouse in Boca Del Mar. ★

## Delray Beach

# City to use reserves rather than raise taxes

By Tim Pallesen

Delray Beach commissioners have dipped into reserves to prevent an increase in the city property tax rate.

The decision prevents job cuts or a fire fee to make up for a \$4 million shortfall in the city's \$97 million proposed operating budget.

Commissioners will finalize the budget and set a property tax rate this month.

"A significant amount was taken out of our surplus funds," Mayor Woodie McDuffie said Aug. 28 after three difficult budget workshops.

Delray tries to keep an amount equal to 25 percent of its budget in reserves in case of a hurricane or other emergencies.

City staff had cautioned at an Aug. 16 workshop not to take too much of that money, recounting how much Homestead's taxable property value dropped after Hurricane Andrew.

"What are you going to

### Delray Beach

**Current tax rate:** \$7.19 per \$1,000 of taxable property

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**Public hearings:** 7 p.m. Sept. 4 and 20

do if a Category 4 hurricane goes down Atlantic Avenue?" McDuffie asked other commissioners at that workshop.

But commissioners agreed to cut reserves to 19 percent after assurances from Commissioner Tom Carney, a tax attorney and former banker who studied the city's reserve accounts.

"This is the year to do this," Carney said. "We can afford to do this."

Commissioners hope to keep the city's current property tax rate of \$7.19 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which equals \$7,190 for the owner of a home valued at \$1 million after exemptions.

They were still \$200,000 short of balancing the budget after their Aug. 28 workshop.

"I say let the staff work on it. We can probably close that

gap," City Manager David Harden said. "We're very close," McDuffie said. Public hearings will be held on the budget and tax rate at 7 p.m. on Sept. 4 and Sept. 20.

Commissioners dipped into reserves after they couldn't agree on ways to cut expenses and increase revenue to close the \$4 million shortfall.

McDuffie and Commissioner Adam Frankel were unable to get a third vote to impose an \$85 annual fire fee that would have raised \$4.6 million.

Proposals to sell the Delray Beach Tennis Center and eliminate many special events were rejected.

Commissioner Angeleta Gray's suggestion to cut jobs received no support from other commissioners. "I can't look someone in the face and get rid of them," Frankel said. ★



Bill Slavin, Civil War Union re-enactor, fires off a round to the enjoyment of the crowd at the American Legion Post 65 in Delray Beach. Post 65 held the Civil War re-enactment the weekend of Aug. 11 to raise money and awareness about the nation's history. **Tim Stepien/Coastal Star**

## Trash contract renewed, but not without dissension

By Margie Plunkett

Waste Management retained its contract with Delray Beach in a 3-2 commission vote that allows renewal for the trash disposal company, rather than putting the contract out to bid.

Commissioners made their choice at an August meeting in which they also decided not to allow further public comment beyond that already collected at meetings, online and via email over the last few months.

Out-voted commissioners wanted the garbage contract molded by forces of competition, contending that a pool of bidders would ensure the best possible value for what was called "arguably the largest contract in Delray Beach."

"Let it go to bid.

Competition will bring out the best in us," Commissioner Al Jacquet said. "Our country was founded on this." He and Commissioner Tom Carney both praised Waste Management's service even while supporting bidding out the contract.

The victors justified renewing the Waste Management contract based on its many years of outstanding service, corporate partnership with the community and giving Delray Beach "some of the lowest prices in the county."

"I can't ignore a company that has put their shoulder to the wheel and done what they said they were going to do — and have been the wonderful corporate citizen that we never asked them to be," Mayor Woodie McDuffie said. "I can't take a contract away from someone who's done this job."

Waste Management representative Butch Carter

reminded commissioners that the company had proposed to give the city \$750,000 worth of solar-powered compactors in exchange for the renewal of its franchise, which expires in September 2013.

Commissioner Angeleta Gray asked Delray Beach staff to look into whether there are other ways that the money being spent on compactors could better assist the city.

Carter added that Waste Management's community involvement was exemplary — and not required — including sponsorships of events such as the Garlic Festival and Fourth of July festivities. Waste Management has chosen to support the community because it's a good corporate partner, he said.

Waste Management also charges Delray a competitive price, Carter said, explaining that if Waste Management used the rate structure in Delray Beach that it or its competitors have in surrounding cities, "Waste Management would make a lot more money than it does today."

A comparison shows Waste Management revenue from Delray Beach at \$6.4 million annually, the lowest of the eight cities in the survey, calculated by volume. Waste Management services 19,363 residential units in Delray Beach, 14,463 multifamily and 40,000 yards per month of commercial, according to the document.

Delray Beach was not required to bid out the trash disposal contract, according to City Attorney Brian Schutte. And Carter pointed out that four other cities, including Palm Beach Gardens and Juno Beach, have recently extended

their contracts without calling for bids.

McDuffie said the decision caused great "concern and consternation." He said the commission had been vilified because of a view that it was reluctant to bid the contract out. Others claimed McDuffie was in collusion with Waste

Management's Carter, he said.

Resident Ken MacNamee's previous complaints led to an extensive review of billing and practices related to the Waste Management contract in 2010.

In a recent email to the Office of the Inspector General of Palm Beach County, dated the day after the commission

vote, MacNamee asks what the office can do and when they can do it. The office replied that it doesn't have the authority to prohibit the contract, but it can monitor it. It also told MacNamee he could work to have the state law that covers municipal bidding changed. ★

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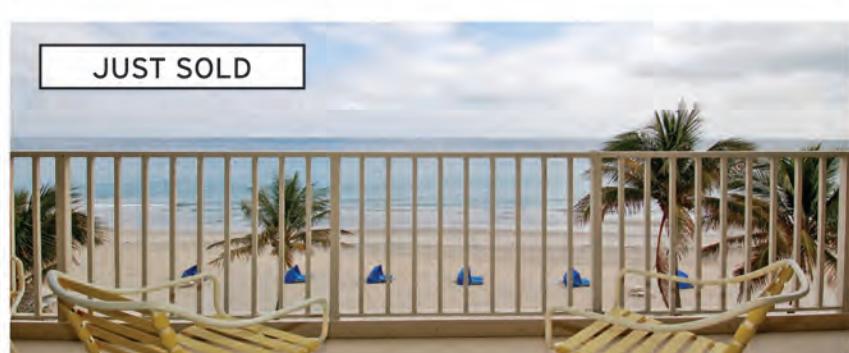
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## GUMBO LIMBO

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the shark's mouth.

By early August, that injured loggerhead had a name.

She's Cindy. The nearly severed flipper has been sutured, and she's receiving daily care in a large blue tank at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center off North Ocean Boulevard.

For the first time in more than a year, injured turtles are being treated once more at Gumbo Limbo. In August 2011, the center let its rehab certification expire while a new, \$2.5 million sea tank pavilion was being built only yards away. Too much noise. The pavilion opened on June 22 — four tanks displaying four distinct South Florida marine habitats — and now the turtle rehab pavilion is back in business, too. A permanent certification has been issued by the state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the grand reopening to the public is planned for later this month.

"Sea turtles are usually only attacked if they're already sick or injured," says Butts, 39, the center's new turtle rehabilitation coordinator. "They float when they're sick or injured, and that makes them vulnerable, so it's amazing Cindy got away. Her injuries were a few days old when she came to us, so I don't know how. I'd say the shark possibly went after her thinking the turtle was almost dead and Cindy had more life than he thought and was able to put up enough of a fight to get away."

Not far from Cindy, in another tank, a green turtle named Uno is recuperating from a boat strike off Hobe Sound. Look closely. See? A V-shaped slice out of her beak.

And here's Shannon, another green, found by a fisherman in Cocoa Beach. She ate a fishing filament and suffers from fibropapilloma tumors.

Lily, also a green, was caught by a fishhook, ate the line and passed the hook, which snagged in her tail.

At Gumbo Limbo, every patient gets a "private room" — 10 tanks, 10 turtles — and Butts to oversee their care.

"To me, it's like working with dinosaurs," he says, grinning with enthusiasm. "Turtles have been around unchanged for 50 million years. I can come to work and care for a dinosaur every day!"

It's not the sort of life you'd predict for a man who grew up in Grand Rapids, Mich., catching box turtles with friends, housing them in a bucket all summer, setting them free when school began.

"I was a bartender in college," he recalls. "Loving life. Having a great time. Then I went to the Keys on vacation and fell in love with it."

One day, he stumbled across the Turtle Hospital on Marathon and was instantly entranced. "I was like an 11-year-old kid," he remembers, "trying to peek through the fence."



**LEFT:** Ryan Butts and Connie Thomas-Mazur work on the turtle Lily, whose flipper was infected by a fishhook.  
**Photos by** Jerry Lower/  
**The Coastal Star**

TANK	NAME	PROBLEM
2	UNO	BOAT STRIKE (HEAD & SHOULDER) FP, IMPACTION
3	CINDY	SHARK ATTACK
8	LILY	FISH HOOK INTERACTION
1	SHANNON	FP, MONOFILAMENT INGESTION
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**LEFT:** The turtles' progress is tracked on a dry-erase board.  
**ABOVE:** Uno's beak was injured by a motorboat.  
**BELLOW:** Cindy rests in a drained tank after being treated.



While pursuing a degree in biology at Aquinas College back in Grand Rapids, he worked summer jobs at the Turtle Hospital and was hired full-time in 2006. A year ago, he came to Gumbo Limbo.

"Each one is unique," Butts says. "They have their own personalities. Some prefer certain foods over others. Some prefer certain people over others. I've had some that will eat out of my hand, and some like to have their back scrubbed. They're graceful, gentle creatures. A turtle never hurt anybody."

Since Uno arrived on June 15, the center has taken in nine injured turtles and lost three.

"I hate to say you see so many injuries you get used to it," Butts says. "Some are devastating, and some are just the cycle of life. What's tragic is that so much of it is preventable. We had one loggerhead who died, and when we did a necropsy we found 150 cigarette butts in its stomach."

Turtles mistake them for shrimp.

A plastic grocery bag looks like a jellyfish underwater. Boat propellers carve their flippers

and beaks. Filament line takes 500 years to break down.

In other words, some human beings can be sharks, too, and other human beings are saviors.

Butts doesn't save turtles alone. On a recent Thursday morning, he watched as Connie Thomas-Mazur pulled on latex gloves and climbed into the tank to cleanse Cindy's wounds.

Along with volunteers Sue Comoglio, Robyn Morigerato and Lloyd Wiener, she is fully trained to perform medical duties and give the turtles medication.

All four also are members of

the center's board.

"This board is very hands-on," she laughs, crouching to swab Cindy's healing flipper.

They draw blood, monitor glucose levels, insert vitamin drips and cleanse and treat the wounds with honey, a natural disinfectant and antibiotic.

"Right now, our main concern is infection," Butts says. "If we can save her right flipper, she can swim."

While Thomas-Mazur cared for Cindy, Butts carried Lily over to a table and started to rinse the wound in her left flipper.

As he worked, a gaggle of children from a local summer camp spotted him and rushed to the fence. Fingers gripping the chain-link, they pulled themselves up, straining to see, eyes wide, mouths agape — just like that enchanted 11-year-old boy Butts became when he first found the Turtle Hospital.

What happened?!

"She got an infection when a fishhook was removed from her left flipper," he explained, holding Lily high so the children could see.

The turtle's flippers flapped madly, as if she were trying to fly, and a great cry of delight rose from the children.

"She'll be ready to go home pretty soon," Butts assured them.



## Boca Raton



Hospice of Palm Beach County held its second annual So You Think You Can Sing? Karaoke Contest at Dubliner Irish Pub to benefit Hospice of Palm Beach County's Music Therapy Program. LEFT: Women sing Girls Just Wanna Have Fun. ABOVE: Music therapists Trent Barrick and Bree Gordon perform. Photos by Tim Stepien / The Coastal Star

## Along the Coast

### Renewed inlet patrols seem to be working

By Tim O'Melia

A 45-day-old effort to step up patrols by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office in the two county parks in Ocean Ridge has been a success, Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi said.

The Sheriff's Office added up to 400 patrols each in Ocean Inlet and Ocean Ridge Hammock parks in Ocean Ridge and Gulfstream Park in Gulf Stream since Yannuzzi formally requested more attention on the areas in June.

Crime has risen in the two county parks in Ocean Ridge since budget cuts prompted the Sheriff's Office to discontinue a permanent park ranger station at Ocean Inlet Park last year. Calls to the inlet park included two armed robberies and two sexual assaults.

The Sheriff's Office began an "extra patrol" protocol in each park in which a computer-generated dispatch periodically sends a Sheriff's car to the parks as if it were a normally dispatch call for service.

"We're very happy they've stepped up their patrols. There's been a very positive response and a clear sense of cooperation among all the entities involved," Yannuzzi said, referring to the Sheriff's Office, Manalapan, Ocean Ridge and others.

Crime statistics from July 1 to Aug. 15 period were not available from the Sheriff's Office, but Yannuzzi said there were no violent crimes.

Civilian volunteers, community service aides and

other marked police cars also are used on the patrols.

Concern over crime at the inlet park prompted Ocean Ridge commissioners to ask the county to close the county parks in Ocean Ridge at night until the Sheriff's Office can resume full patrols.

The Sheriff's Office has agreed to provide increased attention at the inlet park during the Labor Day weekend.

*Margie Plunkett contributed to this report.*

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Boca Raton Historical Society
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LEFT: Count Adolph and Countess Henrietta de Hoernle announce plans to restore the FEC Railway Station. RIGHT: The couple in their younger years.

## THE COUNTESS AT 100 A birthday Q&A

**Q.** What's your secret to a long and happy life?

**A.** Vitamins. I take about 20 every day. I drink socially. I like chocolate and I play bridge about four times a week.

**Q.** What early memory in your life made a deep impression on you?

**A.** While volunteering at a hospital as a young woman, I marveled at buildings that carried the names of people who gave money for people they didn't know. I wanted to do the same one day. I felt it was my obligation.

**Q.** Do you still get many requests for donations and how do you handle them?

**A.** I've been at this for 25 years and served on 16 boards. There are always requests and it's hard to keep up. I say "yes" only when there is no other way.

**Q.** Is there something you haven't done, somewhere you'd like to go, that you haven't been able to do yet?

**A.** I've been on over 100 cruises and traveled around the world, but I've never been on a river cruise. I would like to do that. I would also like to go to China again. But I don't travel anymore.

**Q.** What kinds of books do you like to read?

**A.** Mostly romance books, especially if they are set in England or have a connection to Christmas.

**Q.** Who was the great love of your life?

**A.** I never liked German men. They were too domineering. It so happened I married three of them. My second husband was my big love. He loved me so much, maybe too much. But the last one [Count Adolph de Hoernle, who made his fortune manufacturing stamped metal



At her 99th birthday celebration, de Hoernle was surrounded by children at the YMCA.



Countess de Hoernle receives an honorary degree from Lynn University in Boca Raton. **Photos provided**



Countess de Hoernle attends an event to build the Caldwell Theatre's auditorium, which later was named for her husband.

Count de Hoernle Pavilion) as a present for his birthday.



Adolph and Henrietta de Hoernle share a lighthearted moment in earlier times.

products] was the best of all. We were together for 48 years. He let me do what I wanted to do.

**Q.** Did he always agree with your philanthropic choices?

**A.** When I wanted to help

restore the (1930 Florida East Coast) Railway Station, he didn't like the idea. He said he could build a new one for less money, which he could, of course. But it wasn't about that. It was about preservation. So I did it and gave it (The

**Q.** What event have you attended that stands out most in your memory?

**A.** Princess Diana's wedding. It was a highlight of my life.

**Q.** What's your favorite TV show?

**A.** *The Good Wife*. Other than that, I watch a lot of news.

### Countess birthday events

#### Through Sept. 7:

Community birthday card initiative. In preparation for the gala event, the community is invited and encouraged to sign birthday card panels that will be on display at locations throughout the city. The panels will be assembled as one card for its debut at the gala event celebration on Sept. 24.

#### Sept. 22:

VIP Reception (by invitation only). Gala benefactors are invited to a VIP reception hosted by Countess de Hoernle at Boca West Country Club.

#### Sept. 24:

A Red, White & Boca Blue day-long celebration. The community is encouraged to pay visual tribute to the Countess for her patriotism for the United States, her 'country by choice,' by wearing red, white, and blue and wrapping trees with red, white, and blue ribbons.

#### Sept. 24:

Benefit Gala. The "Our Legend, Her Legacy"-themed benefit gala begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. at Boca West Country Club. More than 700 dignitaries and community, business, and nonprofit leaders will don black or white tie, military or Scottish equivalent, tiaras, regalia, and decorations. Dinner, music, multimedia tributes, reminiscing, a video retrospective, and presentation of a gigantic birthday card are planned as a benefit to fulfill the Countess's 100th birthday wish: to raise significant funds to benefit Boca Raton area nonprofits. Individual seats are \$375. See [www.countess100.org](http://www.countess100.org).

**Q.** What does someone give a countess for her birthday? What do you like? Birthday cake?

**A.** I'm not really fond of cake, but I like shortcake and I love Hoffman's chocolate-covered ginger and chocolate-covered coconut. I like Kahlua, too.

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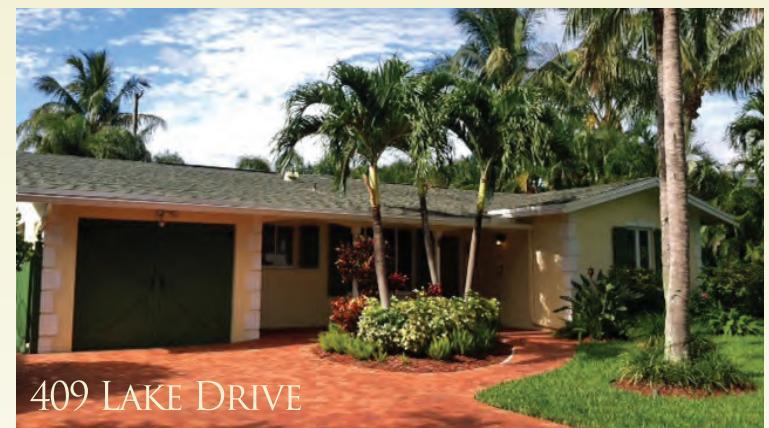
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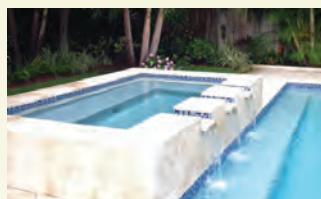
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## Obituaries

# Dr. Pierre Andre Armand Vignau

Dr. Pierre Vignau was born in Caen, France, and was a beloved and unique educator.

Teaching was his passion. His patience and humor helped thousands of students master *la belle langue*, French. Dr. Vignau died Aug. 15, at the age of 87.

Dr. Vignau believed in full immersion as the best (and most fun) way to learn a language. He took hundreds of



students to French-speaking countries; with a particular affection for Haiti. He also taught Spanish and Latin.

For those privileged to have been taught by him in his 60-plus years of teaching, he instilled honor, kindness and an unquenchable thirst for knowledge in his students. He shared his massive intellect without condescension. He treated everyone the same; with respect. All this was done with a twinkle in his eye as his mischievous side was ever present.

Dr. Vignau spoke several languages and earned a doctorate in history from the University of Buenos Aires.

He taught at Saint Andrew's School in Boca Raton for most of his career, and it honored his expertise by designating him "master teacher" in 1998. Dr. Vignau was the first recipient of the Founders Day Award, recognized as one of Saint Andrew's first teachers. He was instrumental in developing the fledgling school into the intellectual powerhouse it is today.

Dr. Vignau was also a master bridge player and world traveler. His lust for learning never dissipated.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia, of Boynton Beach; son, Dan Vignau, of Stuart; daughter, Teresa (Frank Gallucci II) Vignau, of Boynton Beach; daughter, Kathy (Tom) Hynds Vignau of Soddu Point, N.Y.; stepdaughter, Michelle (Jeff) Dove of Ormond Beach; grandchildren, Luke, Chelsea, Hilary and Anthony (Amanda); nephew, Grant; niece, Marilyn and thousands of former

students. He was preceded in death by his wives, Elizabeth and Maxine, and grandson Frank Gallucci III.

A celebration of life will be held at the Chapel of Saint Andrew's at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton, FL 33434 in memory of Pierre Vignau.

Lorne & Sons Funeral Home, Delray Beach, is in charge of arrangements.

— Submitted by the family

**By Cheryl Blackerby**

BOCA RATON — The Shope Hope Bell hangs in the radiation oncology department at Lynn Cancer Institute at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. When patients have completed cancer treatments, they can celebrate their accomplishment, and life



itself, by ringing the bell.

The bell was a gift of Dr. J. Clinton Shope, a radiation oncologist at the institute, who knew how it felt to travel the difficult road of cancer recovery. At the age of 20, he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic or immune system.

"I thought it was important to have a symbolic bell in radiation oncology because it's such a tough part of a cancer patient's treatment," said Dr.

Shope when he presented the bell.

Dr. Shope died Aug. 8 with his family by his side after battling cancer for a second time. He was 55.

"He was one of the finest physicians to grace the halls of Boca Raton Regional Hospital," said Dr. Tim Williams, medical director of Radiation Oncology, who worked with Dr. Shope for 29 years. "He got along with everybody, and was the best at 'doctoring.' He would open his wallet and give cash to patients for drugs. He would give them extra time. He basically gave his medical advice and warmth and love in a way few people were able to."

He had enormous empathy for his patients, Dr. Williams said. "He had gone through toxic therapy for Hodgkin's disease, a full dose of radiation, and beat the odds. It was tough stuff back then, a long and arduous course of therapy. He had an unshakeable faith in God and his place on Earth, and he was able to draw on that faith. And he was ridiculously intelligent."

When diagnosed, Dr. Shope was a pre-med student at the University of Alabama. After undergoing extensive, and brutal, radiation treatments in 1978, Dr. Shope took summer classes in order to graduate on

time with a bachelor of science degree, summa cum laude in microbiology. He then attended the University of Alabama School of Medicine, receiving his doctor of medicine in 1983.

"I kept an open mind when trying to choose a specialty in medicine, but after doing a rotation in radiation oncology with the physician who treated me, I was hooked," he said.

Dr. Shope, who was born in 1957 in Cherry Hill, N.C., did his residency at the University of Florida, Department of Radiation Oncology, from 1983 to 1987. He worked three years at Naples Community Hospital, Naples, before moving to Lynn Cancer Institute in 1990.

He met his wife, Elana Hutchinson, a nurse, while he was in the hospital in Naples after falling off a ladder at his house. He woke up in the hospital with a concussion and two broken arms. His nurse, he wrote later, "had the most fantastic smile, was kind and thoughtful." She was "heaven sent," and, he noted, she was the only person he had ever met from Iowa.

On his final day in the hospital, he asked her if she would like to go out for some Chinese food when he could handle chopsticks again. She told him her phone number, but he couldn't write it down.

Luckily, it was the Naples prefix and his birthday. They were married in 1991 and had three children, Hannah, Luke and Nella.

Dr. Shope is survived by his wife, Elana; children, Hannah, Luke and Nella of Boca Raton; his mother, Nancy, of Naples; brother David (wife, Priscilla) of Naples; sister, Susannah Standal (husband, Mike) of Durango, Colo.; and niece and nephews, Kristina, J.D., Jake and Zak.

The hospital staff remembers Dr. Shope every time his bell rings.

"Dr. Shope recognized how important it was for cancer patients to feel a sense of accomplishment at the end of their treatments," says Leticia Toledo, director of radiation oncology.

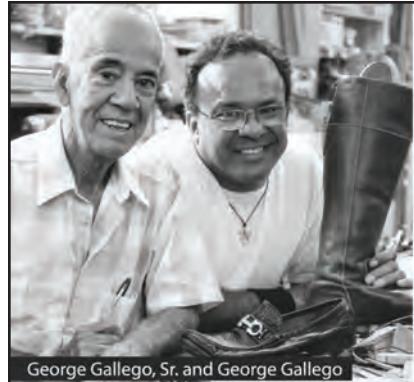
The bell's ringing can be heard throughout the department, she says, and those who hear it "often are moved to tears in witnessing this demonstration of hope."

A celebration of life service was held Aug. 14 at Calvary Chapel Boca in Boca Raton. Donations in Dr. Shope's memory can be sent to Shope's Hope Fund, c/o National Christian Foundation, 5110 N. Federal Highway, 2nd Floor, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308.

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**By Ron Hayes**

COUNTY POCKET — Sandra and Reese Cropper bought a winter condo in Ocean Ridge

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They found the county pocket.

"My wife loved the pocket," her husband recalled recently. "The neighborhood, and all the typical old Florida homes that never change. We call it Margaritaville."

Sandra Lois Cropper died

In addition to her husband,

## Sandra Cropper

on the morning of Aug. 22 at Hospice by the Sea in Boca Raton after battling ovarian cancer for more than year. She was 72.

Mrs. Cropper was born in Midland City, Ala., and lived much of the year in Ocean City, Md., where she was a co-founder, with her previous husband, Karl, of Offenbacher Pool & Patio. She served on the board of Meyers Siding Condo there, and was a member of the Dunes Club of Ocean City.

"She just had a great personality that made her an instant friend to everyone she met," her husband said. "She was just so special, and we're all better to have had her in our lives."

Sandra Lois Cropper died

she is survived by two sons, Lawrence Jeffery Nyce of North Potomac, Md., and Robert Todd Offenbacher of South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; two grandchildren, Lawrence Todd Nyce and Olive Dakota Offenbacher; two step granddaughters, Taylor Clark and Jordan Clark; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be announced later.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Hospice by the Sea, 1531 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

## Gladys Forrestal

By Ron Hayes

SOUTH PALM BEACH — Walking with her husband in Costco or Publix, strolling the streets, eating in restaurants, Gladys Forrestal was often approached by women smiling warmly.

"Gladys," they asked, "is that you?"

They knew her from the Institute for Women's

Health & Body in Boynton Beach, an ob/gyn office where she worked as a medical assistant.

"Those women were former patients she had helped through a difficult pregnancy, eager to tell her about their kid," remembers her husband, Zachary.

By Ron Hayes

SOUTH PALM BEACH — Thirty-five years ago, Joseph Rosso started a small paving and drainage company in Lake Worth.

At the time of his death

on Aug. 1, Rosso Paving & Draining Inc. was doing about \$6 million in business each year, including road reconstruction along Avenue A in Lake Worth and a taxiway at Palm Beach International Airport.

Mr. Rosso was 82 and had lived in South Palm Beach since 2002.

By Ron Hayes

BRINY BREEZES — For a time in the 1990s, Lowen Poock, a certified public accountant from Des Moines, Iowa, stayed at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in Manalapan while he worked on a special project for Meissner Electric in Delray Beach.

Every day, Mr. Poock drove along state road A1A, passing through Briny Breezes on his way to and from work. "I wonder what this place is about," he thought, stopped in and bought a home.

Two years ago, he retired permanently to his Briny Breezes home and immediately put his expertise to work by volunteering as a town alderman.

Mr. Poock served as chairman of the town's audit committee from September

Mrs. Forrestal died July 29 after a seven-month battle with cancer. She was 49 and had lived in Palm Beach County since 2001 and South Palm Beach for the past three years.

Mrs. Forrestal was born in Peru and moved to this country when she was 3 and to Miami at 11.

After high school, where she excelled at tennis, she returned to Peru for a year, then returned to Miami to marry and raise three children.

She taught Bible study, coached Little League and practiced cheers. After her first marriage ended, she moved to Palm Beach County and sought a new career. She found a new life helping other women.

"I was going through her things the other day," her husband recalled, "and I found some cards she had put in a

file. They were thank-you cards from patients. She just touched so many people's lives that way. She was just so thoughtful with everyone she met. She was one of the kindest souls you'd ever come across."

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Jake Morris of Kansas City; Zack Morris of Greenacres; and Randee Morris of South Palm Beach; three grandchildren, Charlie, Wesley and Hailey; her mother, Carmen Pereira; a brother, Carlos Insua; and five nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Aug. 3 at Dorsey-E. Earl Smith Funeral Home in Lake Worth.

In lieu of flowers, her family asks that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

## Joseph Rosso

"Dad was from the old school," recalls his daughter, Nancy, who now runs the business with her brother, Joseph. "He taught us how to conduct business, and how to be fair and always do a great job. He was trustworthy. He taught us how to treat people."

Joseph A. Rosso was born in Bronx, N.Y., on Jan. 10, 1930, and served with the U.S. Army in Korea from 1951-53.

"He was very proud to have honored his country through his service," his daughter said. "He was proud to be an American."

Mr. Rosso was married for 53 years to his wife, Irja, whom he met in Somers, N.Y., where the couple raised their family. She preceded him in death, as

did a daughter, Wendy.

Moving to Lake Worth in 1969, Mr. Rosso worked in the construction field until 1977, when he founded the company, which he ran until his retirement in 1994.

"My brother and I purchased it from him and moved the business to West Palm Beach," Nancy Rosso said, "but he was still always helping us out."

A Rotarian and an avid golfer, Mr. Rosso was a member of Palm Beach National Golf Club in Lake Worth.

He is survived by his daughter Nancy and son, Joseph II; a daughter-in-law, Janet; nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## Lowen Poock

2010 until Aug. 9, when he suffered a heart attack and died. He was 70.

Lowen Karl Poock was born on Aug. 12, 1941, in Waterloo, Iowa, and grew up in nearby Readlyn. At 17, he joined the U.S. Navy and served honorably from 1959 to 1962.

After his military service, Mr. Poock attended Drake University and the American Institute of Business, both in Des Moines, and embarked on his career as a certified public accountant. He was an avid cyclist who rode in the Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, an annual seven-day event; a snow skier who enjoyed winter trips to Colorado; and a traveler who cherished his visits to Germany, Austria and Russia.

Above all, though, Mr. Poock loved baseball.

"We met when he was walking by my place and I teased him about his New York Yankees cap," remembers Kevin Dwyer, a neighbor and friend. "He was just a super-nice,

bright, smiley, happy person who loved everybody. You'd have to do something very wrong for him not to like you."

His home in Briny will now be visited by his sister, Doris Studer.

"He was just a wonderful brother," she said. "I got to come use his place every winter, and I'll still do that. I love all the activities in Briny — the pool, the beach, the exercise groups. He'll be missed by both his family and friends."

In addition to his sister, of Waterloo, Iowa, Mr. Poock is survived by two sons, Martin, of Chicago, Ill., and Alan, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

A funeral service was held Aug. 15 at Dunn's Funeral Home in Des Moines, followed by burial at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Briny Breezes Charity Fund or Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1615 Lake Ave., Lake Worth, FL 33460.



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## Along the Coast

# Law firm offers storm tips for insured condominiums

By Tim O'Melia

When Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne blustered into South Florida in 2004 and Wilma made a backdoor entrance in 2005, condominium associations — and their owners — learned hard lessons.

Count 'em: how to reach absent owners to gain entrance to their condos, where to get emergency repairs, which contractors to trust and how to deal with insurance companies, just to name a few.

For a condo board member — almost all of whom are volunteers — the storm's aftermath could be worse than the hurricane itself.

As a result, the Fort Lauderdale-based law firm of Becker & Poliakoff, which specializes in condominium and community association law, is offering a free, two-hour seminar on "Disaster Preparedness: Are You Ready to Weather the Storm?" at 10 a.m. Sept. 8 at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Drive, Highland Beach.

The seminar is directed at association board members and condo managers, but residents also are welcome.

"One of the big problems we learned from the storms of 2004 and 2005 is that people didn't understand which insurance covers what. What does homeowner's insurance cover and what does the association's insurance cover?"

said community association attorney Lisa Magill.

Another problem is maintaining communication with unit owners. Lacking the ability to enter a water-soaked apartment, for example, can result in more damage.

Attorney William Strop, an insurance expert, recommends appointing an information coordinator ahead of time to funnel information through and squelch rumors.

"I live in a condo and whenever there's no clear flow of information, conspiracy theories abound," Strop said. "People are sure that so-and-so is getting preferential treatment. Whenever there is no information, people figure something bad is happening."

Another problem uncovered after previous storms was that associations had not planned for repairs after a catastrophe.

"The board members were so overwhelmed and so anxious to get started with repairs that they signed contracts that put their associations at risk financially later," Magill said.

Common mistakes included signing open-ended contracts for work beyond emergency repairs that left the association with the bill if insurance didn't cover it all. Some boards panicked and signed with out-of-area contractors, leaving them little recourse later if the work was faulty.

Strop and Magill suggest making arrangements ahead of

time with local contractors for emergency work only.

"Do not start significant work until the insurance company has a chance to send an adjustor to appraise the situation first," Strop said.

That doesn't preclude halting water or other on-going damage and boarding up areas where more damage could result. Taking before and after photos of buildings, common areas and landscaping can help avoid insurance hassles later.

"Often overlooked is having maintenance and repair records," Magill said. "Without them, insurance companies could say some damage was the result of lack of maintenance or the damage was pre-existing."

Both urge that condo associations and unit owners have copies of their records stored somewhere off-site that will survive a storm. More and more associations are digitizing their records so they can be stored in cyberspace.

Blueprints and as-built construction records are critical to avoid more expense during reconstruction. Contractors won't have to be hammering through walls looking for utility lines or pipes.

"We're all crossing our fingers hoping we don't have to deal with any of that this year," Magill said, "but you have to be prepared."

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## Local Paralympic athlete to take court in London

By Emily J. Minor

Noah Yablon, the 23-year-old Paralympic athlete whose parents live in Ocean Ridge, is scheduled to compete in both singles and doubles tennis at the international games that run through Sept. 9.

Yablon, who has been competing in wheelchair tennis since he was in middle school, will be paired with doubles teammate Steve Baldwin. That is, when he's not playing singles.

Yablon has mostly required a wheelchair since he developed a degenerative and debilitating hip disease when he was 10 years old.

But that sure hasn't stopped him.

His mother, Nan Yablon, said she and her husband, Jeffrey, and their daughter, Leah, will make the trip. It will be the first time the family has been there to watch Noah participate in a world event.

An estimated 4,200 athletes from 22 countries are scheduled to compete in the London competition, and Nan Yablon said they are expecting



Noah Yablon is competing in the singles and tennis doubles competitions at the Paralympic Games in London. His parents, who live in Ocean Ridge, will be there to cheer him on, as will his sister Leah.

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the states can watch the tennis matches.

Nan Yablon suggests followers check on Facebook — just go to Noah Yablon's Facebook page and click on "Journey to the 2012 Paralympic Games" — which is where they will post details of the matches and the results.

"I also think there is going to be some television, probably on the Tennis Channel," she said.





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## Boynton Beach

# Woman's Club takes catering partner to help oversee building

By Ron Hayes

The historic Boynton Woman's Club made history again recently.

In July, the club's members officially turned over daily management of their 86-year-old building to longtime local caterer Jim Guilbeault.

Under the agreement, the club will retain ownership of the Mediterranean Revival building, with Guilbeault overseeing its rental and catering contracts for weddings, birthdays and other social events.

Guilbeault said he will return 10 percent of his rental and catering fees to the club.

The landmark at 1010 S. Federal Highway was designed in 1924 by famed architect Addison Mizner, who agreed to donate his services as long as the building was worth at least \$50,000.

Construction began with money provided by the family of Maj. Nathan Smith Boynton, donated as a memorial to the city's founder.

The building was completed in 1926, and a cornerstone laid in 1932. Also home to the town's library until 1963, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

But a building that old demands more maintenance, which has prompted the new partnership.

"As a club, our main focus is charitable interests and

promoting education," said club president Kay Baker. "But we were finding it very hard to give money to charities as we had to spend more to maintain a building that is 86 years old and needs constant maintenance. We were having to pull ourselves in two directions."

In 2011, the building's market value was assessed at \$462,501—down from \$549,393 the year before—at the same time the club was struggling to cope with rising operating costs, which Baker estimated at \$80,000 this year.

In the past, members had offered to sell the building to the city, and when that was deemed impractical, there was some discussion that a simple deed transfer might be feasible. But that too never moved forward.

Guilbeault, whose company, Catering Solutions, manages the food concessions at the city library and Ocean Inlet Park, said he had discussed a similar management plan in 2003, but while the club's executive council approved, the membership rejected the deal.

This time, the club's 68 members agreed.

"There's always dissension," Baker said, "but the vote was overwhelmingly in favor."

Both Baker and Guilbeault say the new contract will serve the club, the caterer and the public at large.

To manage the new operation, Guilbeault has

formed a separate company, Boynton Beach Catering Inc., with his partner, Chris Francois.

A representative will be at the club Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., he said, and also available by appointment.

"We used to be open only during the mornings, and only two or three days a week during the summer," Baker noted. "I would get phone calls from people who said, 'Can I come by now?' And I'd have to say yes, but not this afternoon."

A grand opening will be held Sept. 21, Guilbeault said, with special events such as dinner and fashion shows, a wedding showcase and dinner shows planned.

"We're just going to be as civic-minded as we can," he added. "It's a gorgeous building, and we want to bring it back to its fully operational state."

Baker emphasized that any existing contracts will be honored as written, and building is still very much the club's.

"Boynton Beach Catering is not taking over our building," she added, "or taking us over, or anything like that. If he wants to clean, he can clean. But if he wants to paint, he has to check with us."

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The Mark Gerretson Memorial Fishing Tournament, held Aug. 10-11, drew 40 registered boats. Total payout was \$8,100. **ABOVE:** The largest overall fish, a 58-pound wahoo, was caught by the crew of Snowcones Revenge; it paid \$3,000. Pictured: Ryan Grotto, T.J. Andrews, Naveen Maraj and Travis Ralph. **RIGHT:** PicMark's Trifecta Bonus, the 71.8-pound combined weight of a kingfish, wahoo and dolphin caught by the crew of the Good Angel, brought \$3,000. Pictured: Serenity Schneider, Teresa Schneider and Frank Langdon. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



### Beach Volleyball and Dining Out for a Cause Delray Beach Public Library fundraisers



Top-ranked volleyball pro Steve Grotowski, returning from competing in the London Summer Olympics, was on hand for demonstrations and clinics to support the Beach, Barbeque & Books fundraiser held Aug. 18 at the Delray Beach Club. Pictured: Jan Kucera, Tandy Robinson, Grotowski and Louise Glover. Photo provided

Delray Beach Public Library's Dine Out for a Cause summer fundraisers are held at various Delray Beach restaurants. This summer, diners celebrated the library's 100th birthday. The July 26 event was held at Sundy House with celebrity chef Michael Malone greeting and eating with the crowd. Pictured: Susie and Harvey Greenberg with Leon and Fran Sachs. Photo provided



### Recognition from MIT Unity School, Delray Beach



Unity School second-grader Gemma Ward of Ocean Ridge poses with Director of Educational Technology Dana Fritzinger. On the screen is a page from Gemma's Scratch project that won the attention of the media lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the developers of the Scratch program. The program makes it easy to create and share interactive stories, games, animations, music and art. Fritzinger was selected as one of 40 educators nationwide to participate in MIT's summer educator's workshop. Photo by Janet Goldman

### Paw-ty Time Shoppes at Village Pointe, Boca Raton



Paw-ty Time, a Boca Festival Days event, raised money and awareness for the Tri-County Humane Society on Aug. 12 at The Shoppes at Village Pointe in Boca Raton. Attendees checked out animals for adoption, showed off their own pets in the Happy Dog contest and enjoyed a day of entertainment and art. Pictured are Yvonne Boice, Suzi Goldsmith with Benjamin Franklin, and Al Zucaro. Photo provided

### Makover for the thrift shop Florence Fuller Thrift Shop, Boca Raton



On July 16, the Florence Fuller Child Development Center's Thrift Shop received a special makeover by Neiman Marcus' Boca Raton employees and a host of dedicated volunteers. Pictured: Neiman Marcus volunteers Jarrod Gac and Marissa Vinograd. Photo provided



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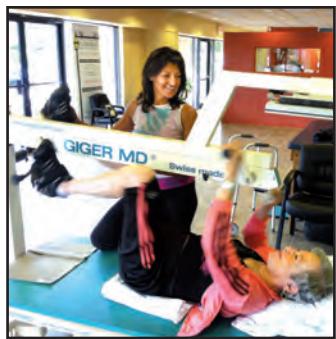


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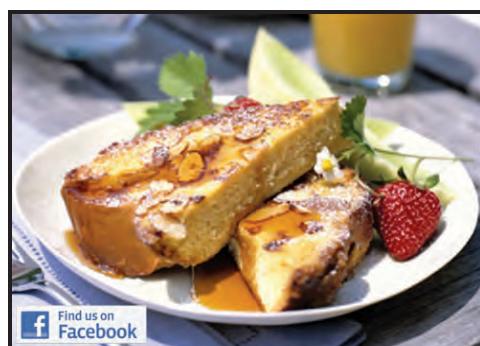
It's all from a 'new' whitefly

By Tim O'Melia

Last winter was so warm that even one of South Florida's most unwelcome visitors — the Rugose spiraling whitefly — decided to stay for the summer and bring his relatives.

Now some coastal landscapes look as if they've been decorated for Christmas in August. The leaves of native Florida gumbo limbo trees, the fronds of adonidia palms and dozens of other tree species are strung in white.

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## WHITEFLY

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The undersides of the leaves resemble a holiday decoration but there's no cause for celebration. They're whitefly eggs ready to develop and feed on the succulent leaves.

"They make the most beautiful patterns — perfect little round white circles like a crocheted tablecloth," said Ocean Ridge resident Barbara Cook, who discovered the invaders on her gumbo limbo, strangler fig, kumquat and powderpuff trees a month ago.

"My phone hasn't stopped ringing," said Laura Sanagorski, an environmental horticulturist with the University of Florida Palm Beach County Extension Service. "Two of every three calls are about Rugose spiraling whitefly."

An infestation of spiraling whitefly can cause leaves to wilt, yellow and fall; but University of Florida scientists think healthy, mature plants will survive the attacks. But younger, weather-stressed plants may be more vulnerable.

The whiteflies coat the leaves with a waxy white substance called flocculent and excrete a sticky substance called honeydew that falls on anything beneath the trees, including cars, patios and pools.

The honeydew becomes the host for a sooty mold that further covers and stains.

"In general, we see this whitefly as more of a nuisance than a threat," Sanagorski said.



Christopher Trent Ward, owner of A. AArón's Environmental Services Inc., treats palms for whitefly infestation at a condominium complex in South Palm Beach. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

"We're not seeing decline in the plants like we do with the ficus whitefly."

Unlike the ficus whitefly, its more lethal cousin, the larger spiraling whitefly is the unpicky eater you wish your 3-year-old would become.

"At first, we thought it was specific to the gumbo limbo but it has branched out," Sanagorski said. The spiraling whitefly now has more than 90 species on its menu, including coconut palms.

"It's prevalent everywhere now," said Christopher Trent

Ward, owner of Aaron's Environmental Services, who now spends several days a week dealing with the whitefly menace.

Ward treated Cook's trees with a systemic pesticide spread around the trunk for the trees to absorb and with a spray on the leaves. "I haven't had any defoliation, so I think we caught it in time," said Cook, who is a certified master gardener. The treatments will continue every few months.

Although there are more than 57 species of whitefly in

Florida, the spiraling whitefly first arrived in 2009, in Miami-Dade County, probably from Central America. It has made its way up the coast with an explosion of growth beginning last winter, likely because of the warm temperatures.

Based on anecdotal reports, the spiraling whitefly tends to move up the coastline before heading inland. "They seem to do a lot better near water — near the coast or close to the Intracoastal [Waterway]," said Kris Wilson, pest control manager for O'Hara Pest Control in West Palm Beach.

"When we have a new pest, the first couple of years we see an explosion of growth. The new pest has few natural enemies and it takes some time for them to develop," Sanagorski said. "It's pretty happy here now."

The University of Florida is studying some ladybug-like beetles and several parasitic wasps that hold some promise in containing the whitefly, but nothing is on the commercial market yet.

Both Aaron and O'Hara use systemic insecticides absorbed through the roots so other beneficial insects won't be harmed but sprays

are used if necessary. Neither uses injections directly into the trunks of trees because they say it's not recommended by the University of Florida horticulturists.

However, several pest control firms do use the injection method. The town of Palm Beach recently spent more than \$24,000 injecting and spraying vulnerable town-owned ornamentals.

"Palm Beach is being very active and definitely wanting to do it the right way," Sanagorski said.

The town of Ocean Ridge recently followed Palm Beach's example and approved an ordinance requiring residents to remove dead or dying foliage due to spiraling and ficus whitefly and other pests. Residents have two months to try to treat their plants before removing them.

Palm Beach residents face a \$250-a-day fine, but Ocean Ridge leaves the punishment up to its code enforcement board.

"It's been a problem," Ocean Ridge Town Manager Ken Schenck said of the whitefly, the ficus species in particular. "What we didn't want was for residents to jeopardize their neighbors."

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### Rugose spiraling whitefly

(Aleurodicus rugiopercolatus)

**Range:** likely of Central American origin, found in Miami-Dade County in 2009 and has spread north since.

**Host plants:** Gumbo limbo, black olive, coco plum, live oak, mango and many other trees; coconut, adonidia, areca and other palms.

**Damage:** Sucks nutrients from leaves, causing them to yellow, wilt and fall. Leaves become covered with a white, waxy substance. A sticky substance called honeydew is excreted and becomes the host for sooty mold.

**Effects:** Uncertain; but mature, healthy plants likely will survive. Young or stressed plants may suffer defoliation. Long-term effects are unknown.

**Treatment:** The University of Florida recommends washing the leaves with horticultural oil or insecticidal soap using several applications seven to 10 days apart. For heavily infested or larger trees, apply a systemic insecticide specifically for whitefly, drenching the soil or sprinkling with granules or tablets. Insecticide sprays may be used but plants must be drenched and the contract sprays will also affect beneficial insects.

Source: University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Services

## 10 Questions

# MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Scott Porten

**W**hen Scott Porten assumed leadership of the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce's governmental affairs committee two years ago, he made a change that proved to be popular. Committee meetings had always revolved around discussion of current government issues; Porten made the meetings livelier by bringing in government representatives to lead discussions. "We've changed the focus of the meetings to be speaker-oriented," he says.

Delray Beach's city manager, most of the city commissioners, various county representatives, and the local fire chief have been among the invited speakers.

"It's a very loose, open forum in which members can ask questions and get answers on the spot," says Porten, 49, whose family-owned residential real estate development firm, The Porten Companies, has been operating in South Florida for three decades.

On Sept. 22, Porten himself will be in the spotlight, accepting the Director of the Year award from the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce at its annual Luminary Gala.

The Chamber role is just one of several ways Porten, who lives in coastal Delray Beach, is serving his community. He also chairs the Old School Square board of directors. He's vice chairman of the city's Site Plan Review and Appearance Board, vice chairman of the Delray Economic Leaders Political Action Committee and recently completed service on Delray's Charter Revision Committee.

All of this prompts the question: Does he plan to run for political office one day?

"No, I really don't," he says. "I'm motivated by two things. Since I'm going to spend the rest of my life in Delray Beach, I'd like to have some impact on the environment ... and if I'm going to be involved, I'd just as soon lead."

"The second thing is, getting involved like this was totally out of my comfort zone. And I think by definition, that's how you grow."

A self-confessed "gym rat," Porten enjoys playing basketball and spending time with his wife, Melissa, and their two children, Ava, 8, and Grayson, 5.

"I'll be a soccer dad eventually. There's lots of peer pressure to do that," he says with a smile.

— Paula Detwiller

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

**A.** I was born and raised in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. I graduated from Bethesda Chevy Chase High School and then attended Emory University in Atlanta for a business degree. Growing up in the D.C. area



Scott and Melissa Porten sit with their children, Ava, 8, and Grayson, 5, at their Delray Beach home. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

exposed me to a diverse culture that can only be experienced in a major metropolitan area. Going on family outings to world-class museums and galleries was something that I took for granted.

Now that I am raising my children in Delray Beach, I realize the important role that the arts played in my development. This observation has been my focus in recent years and is the reason behind my involvement at Old School Square Cultural Arts Center.

**Q.** What professions have you worked in? What professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

**A.** I have worked in real estate for my entire professional career. With my sister and brother, we started Porten Companies nearly 25 years ago. We are real estate developers in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area as well as South Florida. One of my most satisfying professional accomplishments was here in Delray Beach with the development of The Estuary. Several developers before me failed in getting through the entitlement process. I was told the site was not feasible due to the significant environmental issues associated with onsite wetlands.

Through dogged pursuit we ultimately prevailed by completing one of the largest preservation/mitigation projects in the county's history. This set the stage for me to acquire and develop properties not meant for less agile developers, thus creating a niche in a very competitive industry. In truth, when I have ventured outside of the area of my core expertise, the results

were often disappointing.

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

**A.** Before selecting your career, make sure it can support your definition of success. For many, success is not about money, but for everyone it should be about happiness. I never really focused on making money. I found that if you do a good job, the money will follow.

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

**A.** I married my wife, Melissa, 13 years ago and needed a new home. My home at the time in Boca Raton was too much of a bachelor pad. So we moved to The Estuary out of convenience. Even though we had a project here, I knew very little about Delray Beach. As it turned out, we loved the Delray lifestyle and strong sense of community. We ultimately moved to the barrier island. It is my expectation that I will live here the rest of my life.

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

**A.** I don't know of any other city in South Florida that has a vibrant downtown on the ocean with a strong sense of community. I also appreciate that we have become an understated alternative to some of our surrounding communities.

**Q.** What book are you reading now?

**A.** I am reading the Steve Jobs biography by Walter Isaacson. The fact that I am reading it on my iPad is a constant reminder of how significant his contribution

was to all of mankind. He was truly one of the greatest minds in modern history. Isaacson has done a phenomenal job of conveying the complexity of Jobs in an easily understood manner.

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

**A.** "What would you attempt to do if you knew you would not fail?" (Robert Schuller)

For many, the fear of failure is an insurmountable obstacle. It is an intangible that does not fit into any business plan.

Today I am willing to attempt things that were incomprehensible to me in my youth, when I had an overwhelming fear of failure. Don't get me wrong; I believe that to be successful, one must be able to accurately quantify risk and balance it with an acceptable potential for reward.

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

**A.** My father is certainly my main mentor. Not only was he a successful real estate developer, but he possesses a sense of calm that I have grown to appreciate. He taught me that it is better to hit a bunch of singles than trying to hit it out of the park every time.

I have had many mentors in my life. Most of my dealings in business have been through partnerships in some fashion. In the better partnerships, my partner possessed qualities that I did not.

When I find qualities in people that I respect, I try to incorporate those qualities into my being.

To that end, everyone I meet is a potential mentor.

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

**A.** The movie would only have two tickets sold, to my mother and myself. But since you are asking, I suppose I would pick George Clooney. He is smart and good-looking. He can be serious as well as funny. And he appears to be aging gracefully.

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

**A.** *Family Guy* and *Big Bang Theory* make me laugh. I still prefer situation comedies over reality TV.

However, the world is a funny place, and Delray Beach is no exception. It is natural to gravitate toward people who make us feel good and, with a few exceptions, nothing feels better than laughing. ★

### Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce

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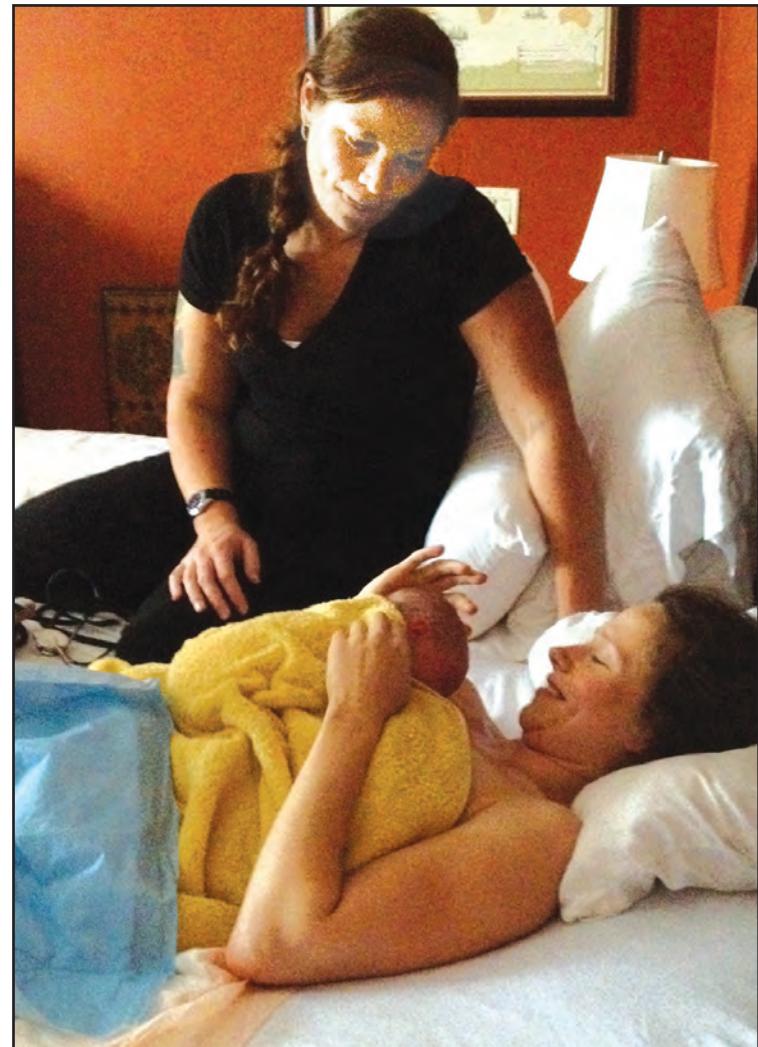
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## Health & Harmony



Scott and Christel Koedel hold their daughters, Kaia, born Aug. 3, and Katniss, age 18 months. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



Midwife student Allison Lynum sits with Christel Koedel after assisting her in the home birth of her 6 pound, 3 ounce daughter Kaia in Ocean Ridge. Photo provided

## Home birth a popular delivery option along the coast

By Paula Detwiller

On the afternoon of Friday, Aug. 3, while her Ocean Ridge neighbors tended their gardens, ran errands, and sunbathed around their pools, 34-year-old Christel Koedel was inside her house having a baby.

It was just where she wanted to be.

Koedel already had one baby at home — Katniss, born 18 months ago — and now a little sister was on the way.

With assistance and support from a licensed midwife and two student midwives, Koedel labored all morning and into the afternoon until finally pushing out her second daughter, Kaia, at 2:28 p.m.

To say it was "all in a day's

work" would be to sell short the miracle of birth. But clearly, Koedel has this home-birth thing down.

"With Katniss, I basically leaned over a kitchen chair and yelled with every contraction. I stood up the entire time," she says. "This time I reclined in a warm tub, and it was a more gentle labor. This birth was very calm and quiet."

Husband Scott Koedel, who was present for both births, is in awe of his wife's abilities. "She is tougher than me and anyone I know," he says.

The Koedels represent a growing number of middle- and upper-income couples (he rescues failing businesses, she's a former international trade specialist) opting not

to have their babies delivered in a hospital. Instead, they are choosing home birth or delivery at a birth center, using a midwife for medical assistance and, in some cases, a doula for emotional and physical support.

In Palm Beach County, many of those couples are tapping into the services of The Palms Birth House in Delray Beach.

Open for about a year now, the birth center offers midwives and doulas for hire, natural childbirth classes, prenatal care, in-house lab tests, ultrasound exams, massage — even an upscale mother-and-baby boutique. Two tastefully appointed birthing rooms await those who choose to deliver there.

Business has been so brisk, say birth center owners Miriam Pearson-Martinez and Lorie McCoy, they've had to start a waiting list.

"Stereotypically, people envision the kind of woman who would choose a midwife-assisted natural birth to be a little hippie-dippie, a little lower income — but that's not the reality," says McCoy, a certified doula. "Our clients are local business professionals, doctors, attorneys. They've got time and money on their side, and they spend time researching this option and then come to us because they don't want the same old same old."

"Usually it's the second-time moms who say 'I never want to do that again' after

giving birth in a hospital," says Pearson-Martinez, a licensed midwife who says she has helped deliver more than 600 babies, including Katniss Koedel. "But now we're seeing a huge increase in first-time moms choosing this."

Obviously, pregnant women at high risk for complications are encouraged to deliver in a hospital. But studies show that for a normal, healthy pregnancy, little medical intervention is necessary and home birth is safe.

It's also cost-effective. McCoy says countries in which low-tech, midwife-assisted births are common spend far less money on maternal health care and have lower infant and maternal mortality rates.

Koedel, who did a mountain of research before deciding on home birth, says the out-of-pocket cost of having Kaia at home was roughly the same as an insurance-covered hospital birth would have been after paying the deductible: about \$5,000.

But cost was never a deciding factor, she says.

"I didn't want to be hooked up to a fetal heart monitor, which confines you to bed. I wanted to have control over my environment — wear what I wanted, be allowed to eat and drink throughout labor, and be less likely to end up with a C-section or some other intervention."

After two home births, Scott Koedel still thinks the whole experience is a little surreal.

"You wake up in the same bed you were in the night before, just the two of you — and here you are a few hours later, laying there with this new little life," he says. ★

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## Health & Harmony

# Motion device helps patients push physical limits

**C**harlie Lorenzo was a star basketball player for Seton Hall University in the 1950s. When he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease about 12 years ago, he wasn't ready for the physical limitations it would impose.

"All my life I was very athletic, and thought there was nothing I couldn't do," says Lorenzo, 78, who lives along the Intracoastal Waterway in Boca Raton.

Rabbi Merle Singer, who is retired from a long career with Boca's Temple Beth El, also grapples with Parkinson's these days.

"Every day is a new set of challenges," says Singer, now 73. "It's like a thief in the night that steals away your mobility."

Both men have found an ally in a new medical device that resembles an upside-down bicycle. Named after its inventor, Adrian Giger of Switzerland, the Giger MD helps people with movement disorders regain strength and coordination through "full body locomotion therapy."

Here's how it works. Patients lie face-up on the padded bench, placing their feet on the foot pedals and grabbing the rotating handles.

As they pedal their arms and legs simultaneously, they can watch a TV show, movie or DVD on an overhead computer screen. That same screen displays biofeedback — how much energy is being expended, how smooth and consistent the ride is — which helps them monitor and improve their performance.

What's the science behind it? Repeated sessions on the Giger MD help to reprogram the brain, says Boca Raton occupational therapist Ed Gray.

"It looks like upside-down crawling, doesn't it?" Gray asks, watching a patient work the pedals. "OK, so what's the first



Physical therapy aid Alicia Phillips helps patient Suzanne Volin relieve Parkinson's symptoms at the Giger MD Movement Therapy Center in Boca Raton. Paula Detwiller/The Coastal Star

thing we learn to do? Crawl, before we walk. So when we have somebody with a type of movement disorder, whether it's Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, stroke or something else that's disrupting the central nervous system's programming, this machine helps them relearn natural movement."

For Gray's patients Singer and Lorenzo, it's been a ray of hope.

"The first thing it did was get me to stand up straighter," says Singer. "There's a tendency to get into a Parkinson's stoop. But every time I got off the machine, I found myself standing and walking more erect without even thinking about it."

Singer says sessions on the machine give him more energy

and make his stiffened muscles more loose and flexible. "It's almost magical," he says.

Lorenzo, who relies on a wheelchair, used the Giger MD for three weeks before leaving for his summer home in New Jersey. He says his coordination improved and he was able to walk with a walker for short periods of time.

Therapy on the Giger MD,

which is covered by insurance, cannot stop the advance of Parkinson's and other progressive diseases, says Gray, but it can slow them down, making patients feel stronger, more optimistic, and less likely to suffer debilitating falls.

Even better, he says, is that "with stroke patients and those with cerebral palsy or spinal cord injury, we're seeing lasting

and permanent improvement in function. The brain appears to be rewiring circuits that were damaged."

He mentions a female patient who was hit in a head-on collision in the Keys and is now quadriplegic.

"We had her on the device three times a week. She was able to sit with her head up after the treatment — with no assistance — and while on the device, she started to initiate a little arm movement," he says.

Gray has invested in five of these devices, placing one at his Boynton Beach physical therapy facility and four at his Movement Therapy Center in Boca Raton ([www.gigermdtherapy.com](http://www.gigermdtherapy.com)). And he's busy collecting patient data to be included in a study at the University of Bern, Switzerland, on the effectiveness of the device in treating Parkinson's disease.

Parkinson's patient Suzanne Volin of suburban Boca Raton says she's pleased with the strength and balance she's regained using the machine. While pedaling, she watches a DVD about Switzerland.

"I love the view," she says. "We spent 2½ months in Zurich and I know this scenery."

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## Finding Faith

# Muslim, Jewish populations thrive in South County

**A** new \$3 million mosque that opened last month is evidence of the rapidly growing Muslim population in southern Palm Beach County.

The 30,000-square-foot **Islamic Center of Boca Raton** will serve as a house of prayer, education center and community gathering place.

The complex at 3500 NW Fifth Ave. was designed with blue-green domes and a minaret as its landmark next to **Florida Atlantic University**.

The mosque will house classrooms, administrative offices and a courtyard for prayer as the first phase of a \$4.5 million expansion beside the **Garden of Sahaba Academy**, a Sunni school.

The new complex includes eight apartments expected to house FAU students.

The mosque was necessary after hundreds of Muslims were forced to pray outdoors when they couldn't fit in the main hall at the school.

The Muslim community in Boca Raton may be growing by 20 percent a year, according to estimates.

Many young families are attracted to FAU for study. The university is convenient across the street from the mosque, school and community center.

[www.holyguardianangelslantana.org](http://www.holyguardianangelslantana.org)



The Islamic Center of Boca Raton

The Jewish community has flourished in Boca Raton, too.

So much so that a new committee says it is large enough to have its own community bus so young adults can connect with their Jewish heritage in Israel.

The committee's first fundraiser at **Flywheel-A-Thon** on Aug. 12 raised \$7,500 toward the \$60,000 cost to send 40 young adults to tour Israel on a "Boca bus."

The popular **Birthright Israel** trips have taken south county residents to Israel before through their university Hillels or other organizations. But travelers share those buses with young people from other

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Spinning participants ride at the Flywheel Boca Raton indoor cycling studio to help raise money to support the first Birthright Israel community bus. Jon Sahn, co-chair of the event, is the cyclist in the hat. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Jewish communities.

A 2006 survey showed Palm Beach County has the fourth-largest Jewish population in the U.S., with 255,000 Jews.

Local boosters say the Jewish community here now can support its own contingent to Israel with enough young people to fill its own bus.

"By traveling together, our young adults will share this experience of a lifetime with their friends and neighbors, as their families connect in a very special way," said **Suzi Garfinkle**, a Birthright parent who co-chaired the event.

Birthright development officer **Michelle Waranch Ben-Aviv** said young people who experience the special journey of Jewish self-discovery together will become the future Jewish leaders in Boca Raton.

"While embracing the

land and people of Israel, participants develop a passion for Jewish culture that many had not previously been exposed to," Ben-Aviv said.

"They return home inspired by this extraordinary experience and ready to be part of their local Jewish community."

Organizers say no fundraising will occur during the Jewish High Holy Days that begin with **Rosh Hashanah** at sunset on Sept. 16 and continue through Oct. 9. **Yom Kippur**, the Day of Atonement, is on Sept. 25.

The Holy Days are a time spent with families for reflection, and the "Boca bus" initiative will continue after Oct. 9, a spokeswoman said.

The sisters of late disco queen **Donna Summer** will perform at **Old School Square** in a free Sept. 29 outdoor

concert to celebrate the second anniversary of **The Avenue Church** in Delray Beach.

**Donna, Mary and Dara** were raised devout Christians as the daughters of a Boston butcher and schoolteacher. Donna's debut performance came at church at age 10.

Mary and Dara Gaines Bernard became Donna's backup singers in 1975 when her hit single *Love to Love You Baby* was released. Their music was the driving beat of the disco era in the late 1970s. The three sisters toured together through 1987.

Donna died at age 63 on May 15. Mary, Dara and two other sisters sang *We've Come This Far By Faith* at her funeral in Nashville.

Mary, who lives in Coral Springs, sings in the music ministry at **Calvary Chapel** in Fort Lauderdale. Dara lives in Atlanta.

The free **Night of Wonder** event, 7-9 p.m. Sept. 29, is open to the public. The sale of snacks and beverages will benefit the orphan care ministry at **The Avenue Church**.

The 25 congregations working together as **Family Promise** have already shown they have heart. Now they might show they can play golf!

The South County churches and synagogues take turns to give emergency food, shelter and counseling to families.

Proceeds from the **Family Promise Golf Tournament** on Oct. 28 at the **Boca Greens Country Club** will benefit the interfaith mission.

Teams pay \$600 if they enter by Sept. 15. Individuals pay \$160. Call tournament chairman **Ken Tolchin** at 212-8029 for information.

"Family Promise has 25 participating congregations," Tolchin calculated. "If everybody steps up with a team, we would have 100 golfers right there."

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**9/16 - Rosh Hashanah Traditional Dinner** presented by Chabad of South Palm Beach at the Carlisle Palm Beach, 450 E. Ocean Ave., Lantana. 7 pm. \$20 couvert. RSVP: 351-1633.

**9/16 - Rosh Hashanah Evening Service** presented by the Palm Beach Jewish Center at The Chesterfield Hotel, 363 Cocoanut Row, Palm Beach. Services followed by community holiday dinner. 7 pm. \$36/adults, \$15/children. Reservations required. 659-3884 or [www.palmbeachjewish.com](http://www.palmbeachjewish.com).

**9/16 - Rosh Hashanah Eve Service** presented by Chabad of East Boca Raton at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 Camino Real, Boca Raton. Candle lighting and services: 7:05 pm; Dinner: 7:50 pm. \$45/adults, \$20/children under 12. Reserved High Holiday Seating: Adults: \$75/day; Children: \$18/day (special children's program). 417-7797 or [www.chabadbocabeaches.com](http://www.chabadbocabeaches.com).

**Monday - 9/17 - Rosh Hashanah Service** presented by the Palm Beach Jewish Center at The Chesterfield Hotel, 363 Cocoanut Row, Palm Beach. Evening services followed by community holiday dinner. 7:30 pm. \$36/adults, \$15/children. Reservations required. 659-3884 or [www.palmbeachjewish.com](http://www.palmbeachjewish.com).

**9/17-18 - Rosh Hashanah Services** presented by Chabad of East Boca Raton at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 Camino Real. Services: 9 am; C Kids program: 10:30 am; Shofar: 11:30 am; Mincha/Tashlich (9/17): 6:15 pm; Mincha (9/18): 7:05 pm; Light Candles after 7:56 pm, followed by Maariv (9/17); Yom Tov Ends: 7:55 pm. Reserved seating: Adults: \$75/day; Children: \$18/day (special children's program). 417-7797 or [www.chabadbocabeaches.com](http://www.chabadbocabeaches.com).

**Wednesday - 9/26 - Yom Kippur High Holiday Services** presented by Chabad of South Palm Beach at the Carlisle Palm Beach, 450 E. Ocean Ave., Lantana. 9:30 am/Morning Services, 11:30 am/Yizkor, 5:30 pm/Ne'ilah followed by break-fast. Free. RSVP: 889-3499.

**9/26 - Yom Kippur Services** presented by the Palm Beach Jewish Center at The Chesterfield Hotel, 363 Cocoanut Row, Palm Beach. 9:30 am, morning services; Noon, Yizkor Memorial service; 5:45 pm, Mincha & Neila/Concluding Service followed by break-the-fast meal. Free. Reservations required. 659-3884.

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### YOM KIPPUR

**Tuesday - 9/25 - Yom Kippur Kol Nidrei** presented by Chabad of South Palm Beach at the Carlisle Palm Beach, 450 E. Ocean Ave., Lantana. 6:50 pm. Free. RSVP: 889-3499.

**9/25 - Yom Kippur Kol Nidrei Evening Service** presented by the Palm Beach Jewish Center at The Chesterfield Hotel, 363 Cocoanut Row, Palm Beach. Services followed by holiday dinner. 7 pm. Free. Reservations required. 659-3884 or [www.palmbeachjewish.com](http://www.palmbeachjewish.com).

**9/25-26 - Yom Kippur Services** presented by Chabad of East Boca Raton at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 Camino Real. 9/25: Pre-Fast Dinner: 5:45 pm (\$35/person, \$18/child under 12); Light Candles: 6:55 pm; Kol Nidrei: 7 pm; 9/26: Services: 9 am; Mincha: 5:30 pm; Neilah: 6:30 pm; Fast Ends: 7:46 pm, followed by Break-Fast Dinner (\$25/adult, \$10/child under 12). Reserved seating: Adults: \$75/day; Children: \$18/day (special children's program). 417-7797 or [www.chabadbocabeaches.com](http://www.chabadbocabeaches.com).

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## Paws Up for Pets

# Foster pet parents fill short-term need with full-time love

**E**d Buchanan embodies one of my favorite pet qualities: He is living proof that real men love cats. He estimates that he has cared for 74 kittens at his Greenacres home so far this year.

You read right: 74. Before you gasp at the notion of 74 fun-seeking, curtain-climbing kittens inside this man's three-bedroom villa, I am happy to report that Buchanan is an ardent volunteer for the Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control, based in West Palm Beach. He and his wife, Barbara, serve as foster pet parents, caring for up to five kittens at any one time. They prefer two to three at a time. Currently, their temporary guests are feline siblings answering to the names Kami and Keeli.

"I've retired three times and each time, I got bored sick of playing golf, tennis and swimming," says Buchanan, a retired executive chef. "But I didn't want to go back to work. I've loved cats since I was a kid, so I decided to volunteer at the shelter and found out that I love fostering kittens."

Challis Thompson of Lantana agreed to a friend's request to care for Sammy, a 4-year-old Bichon Frisé while his owner was traveling to Jerusalem. That was back in January, and Thompson has recently learned that Sammy's owner may not return for another eight months to a year.

That's fine with her and her husband, Peter Bloom. This is their first time caring for a dog and they've found out how much they enjoy fostering.

"I'm 59 years old and Sammy keeps me young," declares Thompson. "Sammy has the sweetest personality."

Do you have what it takes to succeed as a foster pet parent? Animal shelters and people taking extended leaves from home for business or for serving in the military are in need of people possessing the special ability to nurture and bring out the healthy best in cats, dogs and other companion animals — all with the knowledge that their stay is only temporary until the animal lands a loving, forever home.

Tammy Roberts leads the foster pet parent orientation program at ACC. The most

### Contest winner

In the August issue, we staged a contest to see which one of our loyal *Coastal Star* readers would get their paws on an autographed copy of my latest book, *What Dogs Want*. Dozens of you vied, but the lucky 24th person to email me was Challis Thompson of Lantana. Congrats!



Barbara and Ed Buchanan hold foster cats Keeli and Kami outside their Greenacres home. The couple are foster volunteers for the Palm Beach County Animal Control Center. Keeli and Kami are the 73rd and 74th kittens the Buchanans have fostered. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

recent event attracted about 20 people, ranging from high school students to senior citizens, being welcomed into the fostering ranks.

"We look for people with a genuine love of animals," says Roberts, who personally has fostered more than 100 dogs and cats in the past nine years. "We also do background checks to make sure they have never had any animal cruelty or human abuse charges. And, if they rent, we get verification

from the landlord that it is OK for them to bring in shelter animals to foster."

Her message to all potential foster parents: "You are giving these animals the best chance to get permanent, loving homes. Your job is to care for them and to love them until they are ready for adoption."

Buchanan and Thompson offered some insights on how to success as a foster pet parent:

■ Pet-proof your home before the shelter critter arrives.

That means ensuring electrical cords are out of access of curious pets or fitted inside protective, chew-proof casings. It also means storing chocolate, sugar-free gum (containing xylitol) and other household ingredients poisonous to pets.

■ Make sure your own pets are current on their vaccines. Often, shelter animals sent to foster homes are very young or recovering from an injury or illness and need added attention. They may have still-developing or weakened immune systems. Work with your veterinarian to ensure your own pets are at their healthy best so that they will not be at risk for any contagious disease transmitted by these furry visitors.

■ Provide safe play toys — and remember to play. Forgo strings and or toy mice that contain small items that a kitten may swallow and choke. Opt for feather wands and balls that they can stalk and chase. Schedule regular play sessions each day and you will find yourself feeling happier and healthier, too.

■ Serve up healthy chow. Adhere to the foster pet's dietary needs to minimize any chance for gastrointestinal issues.

■ Be willing to learn new

pet skills. Buchanan has mastered the art of bottle-feeding kittens and Thompson enrolled in a dog obedience class with Sammy to re-enforce his "sit, stay, watch me, leave it" cues and to bolster their friendship bond.

As for the rewards one receives by fostering? It can't be equated in terms of dollars.

"Barbara and I tell our friends that we are giving these kittens the best possible start they can have," says Buchanan. "Saying goodbye to them is never easy, but we remind ourselves that they are ready to enjoy being in forever homes."

And, by that statement, Buchanan furthers my belief that real men do love cats.



**Arden Moore**, founder of FourLeggedLife.com, is an animal behavior consultant, editor, author,

professional speaker and certified pet first aid instructor. She happily shares her home with two dogs, two cats and one overworked vacuum cleaner. Tune in to her Oh Behave! show on Pet Life Radio.com and learn more by visiting [www.fourleggedlife.com](http://www.fourleggedlife.com).



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## Summer Arts

# Shiver me timbers, Delray has artwork worthy of a king's ransom

**C**all them a peg-leg meritocracy.

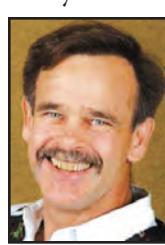
Or perhaps they were a band of freethinkers, governmental naysayers who rejected the repressive society of the day in favor of their own democracy of brawn, bravery — and larceny — on the high seas.

You know: pirates.

Running through Oct. 28, the Cornell Museum of Art and American Culture at the newly renamed Delray Beach Center for the Arts has been showing "Ahoy Maitz! Pirates and Treasures," an exhibit of freebooter art by **Don Maitz**, a Sarasota-based illustrator who's best-known for his iconic logo for the **Captain Morgan** rum line.

"Someone can look at one of my paintings and it would be like they were looking at a window into the past, through my eyes," Maitz said. "I may be romanticizing it, but the idea is, you've got a porthole into an age where adventure lived."

Maitz, 59, who moved to Sarasota in 1990 from his home state of Connecticut, is a much-honored artist in the tradition of N.C. Wyeth, Howard Pyle and Norman Rockwell. Much of his most celebrated work has been in the realm of fantasy



Maitz

## The ArtsPaper

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and science fiction, with illustrations for books by Ray Bradbury, Isaac Asimov and other luminaries, Hugo awards for best artist, and steady work with major New York publishers.

His interest in the world of the pirates began during his work in the 1980s on the Captain Morgan campaign for Seagrams. The rum is named after the legendary Welsh privateer Henry Morgan, who worked in the Caribbean during the second half of the 17th century.

"In doing the research, I discovered that pirates were a society unto themselves ... Some people embraced piracy, some people were dragged into it, and some people, because of the time period, they didn't have any choice," Maitz said. To make an effective portrayal of that world, which was in its heyday from roughly 1680 to 1725, he drew inspiration



Maitz's painting titled *Forty Thieves* is on display at the Cornell Museum. **Image provided**

from the nostalgic art of the American West.

"The cowboy became an iconic character. And this is what I'm trying to portray with the pirates," he said.

The show extends to the walls and two galleries of the Cornell, and includes a small section devoted to the Captain Morgan art. But the rest of it ranges widely, from works for a children's card game, portraits, and even a small, almost-Impressionist piece, *Lookout in the Bell Tower*, in which a group of pirates is seen indistinctly at the top of the structure, spoiling for battle.

The exhibit, curated by **Gloria Rejune Adams** and the staff of the Cornell, also is laid out with young families in mind, with displays of unfortunate skeletons clutching jugs of rum with a treasure chest nearby, and that sort of thing. There also is a small cabinet devoted to relics — including an arquebus and several Philip III pieces of eight — from the 1622 wreck of *Nuestra Señor de Atocha*,

discovered by the Key West salvor **Mel Fisher** in 1985.

The second floor includes some of Maitz's fantasy paintings as well as a room devoted to a charming children's book, *How I Became a Pirate*, by **Melinda Long** and **David Shannon**, in which the pages are blown up to display size and the text is given in English, Spanish and Creole. An X-marks-the-spot drawing is under some of the paintings, which is for children to look carefully at the designated artwork to find the playful place where Maitz has signed it.

Maitz credits his thorough training at the **Paier College of Art** in Hamden, Conn., for helping give him a secure technique, which can be clearly seen in every piece of the exhibit. He is a strong believer in the importance of being a good draftsman, and of the artistic tradition of "imaginative realism" to which he belongs.

"I'm really glad to see this exhibit going on at the Cornell, because it's an opportunity to show people that there's still solid drawing and painting being done, even though it's been out of favor for so many years," he said.

Maitz is a member of the **American Society of Marine Artists**, whose first national exhibit debuted at the Cornell last October and is now traveling the country. His work also is being featured in current exhibits of pirate art at Wisconsin's **Door County Maritime Museum**, and of fantasy art at the **Allentown Art Museum** in Pennsylvania. He also has an exhibit through Labor Day at the huge **DragonCon** sci-fi gathering in Atlanta.

Admission to the exhibit is \$10; it's \$6 for seniors, \$4 for students, \$2 for ages 4 to 12, and free for ages 3 and under. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

**International Talk Like a Pirate Day** is scheduled for Sept. 19, which will feature a video of random people approached on the street to do their best Blackbeard impressions, culminating with a pirate "Happy Arrr!" Call 243-7922.

The winter arts season gets going this month in South

Florida, with some interesting local performances leading off the action:

**Music at St. Paul's:** The series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach begins its 25th year on Sept. 23 with the **Trillium Piano Trio** of Jupiter. Pianist **Yoko Sata Kothari**, violinist **Ruby Berland** and cellist **Benjamin Salsbury** will perform the lone **Piano Trio of Gabriel Fauré**, the second **Piano Trio** of **Felix Mendelssohn**, and a rarity, the **Piano Trio** (on Irish popular melodies) of the Swiss composer **Frank Martin**.

The Trillium opened St. Paul's last season with fine readings of trios by Saint-Saëns and Smetana, and the threesome usually draws an appreciative, serious crowd. The concert begins at 4 p.m.; tickets are \$15-\$20, depending on seating. Call 278-6003 or visit [www.stpaulsdelray.org](http://www.stpaulsdelray.org) for more information.

**Boca Raton Theatre Guild:** The theater group presents **A.R. Gurney's Sylvia** beginning Sept. 28 and running through Oct. 14 at the **Willow Theatre** in **Sugar Sand Park**. The 1995 play by Gurney, a chronicler of the domestic life of the Northeastern upper-middle class, concerns a businessman in a midlife crisis who finds a stray female dog in the park that worships him and which he adopts, causing much chaos in his marriage.

It stars **Keith Garsson**, **Patti Gardner** and **Jacqueline Laggy** as Sylvia, the Labrador-poodle mix. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$25. Call 347-3948 or visit [www.brtg.org](http://www.brtg.org).

**Arts Garage:** Now into its second year of jazz and blues concerts, September's offerings at the Delray Beach music-and-theater hotspot at 180 NE First St. include flutist **Bobby Ramirez** (Sept. 8), singer **Paulette Dozier** (Sept. 15), percussionist **Sammy Figueroa** (Sept. 22) and singer **Alice Day** (Sept. 29). It opens Sept. 1 with **Olivia de la Garza**, lead singer of the **Miami Dolphins** cheerleader's Voices group, in a program called *Songs of Love and Lust*.

All shows begin at 8 p.m., and tickets range from \$15 to \$30 in advance, and \$5 more at the door. Call 450-6357 for more information, or visit [www.artsgarage.org](http://www.artsgarage.org).

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## Arts/Recreation



Artist Erika Nelson of Lucas, Kan., designed *The World's Smallest Version of the World's Largest Miniature Golf Course*.

## Mini-golf can be major fun — or frustration

By Mary Jane Fine

Step right up, ladies and gentlemen. This way, kids. Pick up a putter. Grab a golf ball. This is no hands-off, stand-back-and-admire-the-art exhibit. This is pure hands-on and come-out-swingin', courtesy of the Boca Raton Museum of Art and its mid-summer show, *Big Art: Miniature Golf*.

The show teed off on July 17 and plays through Oct. 7. So there's plenty of time left to put on your game face.

Let's start with Hole No. 1. It's called "Tiger Woods." See how the ball rolls across the artificial turf, up the ramp and plops — with luck? with skill? — in to the wide-open mouth of the tiger? See how the backdrop is made of wood slats? A tiger. And wood. Good one. Now, mark your score card and move along to the next challenge.

See, here's the idea: Artists from across the United States competed to design playable miniature golf holes. The 11 winners, culled from among 250 entries, are on display and open for business — "a unique exhibition that explores the fusion between art, design and play" in museum-speak.

Miami-based artist Sri Prabha thinks he played mini-golf, at least once, as a child. "Probably in Orlando," he says. "I don't remember it." But when friend and fellow artist Charles Falarara told him about the design competition, Prabha was instantly gung-ho. The result: an artistic partnership and mini-golf Hole No. 4, "Golf in the Swamp with John Muir," a nod to the 19th-century naturalist's book about his trek from Indiana to Florida, *A Thousand Mile Walk to the Gulf*.

"I literally wanted to bring nature back into the building," Prabha says of the Florida-map "fairway" complete with recessed Lake Okeechobee and alligator-mouth hole. Listen carefully and you can hear birds twittering, thanks to an audio component. Prabha and Falarara share an interest in ecology and find artistic



A detail of Erika Nelson's *The World's Smallest Version of the World's Largest Miniature Golf Course*.

inspiration in the ocean. They initially submitted a design sketch; a more detailed work-up followed once the field was winnowed down for round two. "It took about three months to make this thing and three days to install it."

"It was about us being able to collaborate ... and a desire to get into a museum," Falarara says candidly.

### Game goes way back

The desire to break into the museum world is nothing new. Nor is the desire to sink a small, round, dimpled, white ball into a 4 1/4-inch-diameter hole. The earliest, and most elementary, game of golf is generally attributed to the Scots, circa 15th century (though even that game may have been borrowed from stick-and-ball games played in France and Germany in the Middle Ages).

Miniature golf is newer but hardly new, dating back to the 1800s and the Ladies Putting Club at Scotland's St. Andrews course. Mini-golf came to the U.S. early in the 20th century, where its popularity has waxed and waned over the years, gaining great numbers of enthusiasts during the Great Depression when mini-golf was cheaper than the movies.

The 1950s saw another uptick in popularity and then, after years of ho-hum interest, mini-golf enjoyed another revival in the '90s.

August 2010 welcomed the arrival, in Delray Beach, of Putt'n Around, two 18-hole mini-courses ("The Everglades" and "The Ocean") that feature food-and-beverage delivery to every hole, spray-misters to help combat the heat-and-humidity factor and a clubhouse that boasts ice cream



### If you go

**Big Art: Miniature Golf** — Through Oct. 7 at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real, Mizner Park, Boca Raton. Phone: 392-2500. On the web: [bocamuseum.org](http://bocamuseum.org)

**Putt'n Around** — 350 NE Fifth Ave. (Federal Highway), Delray Beach. Phone: 450-6162. On the web: [puttnaround.net](http://puttnaround.net)

**Boomers! Boca Raton** — 3100 Airport Road, Boca Raton. Phone: 347-1888. On the web: [boomersevents.com/site/boca](http://boomersevents.com/site/boca)

and snacks, wine and beer, a/c and apparel.

"It's meant to be a garden where you play miniature golf," says owner Elise Johnson — and the response, she says, "has been amazing. Our biggest difficulty is people not knowing we're here. Once somebody comes, they come back."

That translates to between 50 and 500 mini-golfers a day, depending on the weather and whatever other events are competing for attention.

The impetus to open Putt'n Around grew out of Delray's First Night, back in 2005, when Johnson and her husband and their two children — then ninth- and 11th-graders — were in town visiting. "We saw all the people lined up to play the portable mini-golf, and we decided that Delray needed a mini-golf course. There was nothing for our kids to do after dinner, other than galleries or bars, and that just wasn't appropriate."

A little more than eight miles south of Putt'n Around is Boomers! Boca Raton, a family-fun venue that offers

**ABOVE:** Chrissy Loffredo brought her four children from Wellington to golf at Putt'n Around in Delray Beach.

**LEFT:** The Boca Raton Museum show *Big Art: Miniature Golf* includes such works as *Trapped in Paradise*, by artist Robert Reed of Honolulu. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Then there's one that sticks an obstacle immediately in front of the hole, which may lead visitors to wonder if the artist is making a statement about competition or frustration or happenstance or unfairness or golf handicap or, maybe, if they simply didn't know or care about getting the @#\$%! ball into the @#\$%! hole.

Hole No. 10 — "The Life Hole" — is straightforwardly sly, with floor-level screens (think Magic 8 Ball) that offer think-lines: "What's beyond par?" and "Do you live for a better hole?" and "You have a nice putt."

There are others with varying degrees of playability from pretty easy to not bad to utterly impossible. But then, that probably sums up the game of golf. To a tee. ★

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## Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 8/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### SEPTEMBER 1

#### Saturday - 9/1 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

**Cleanup** is held at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 8-10:15 am. Free. 734-9128.

**9/1 - Paddle Away** teaches kayaking and water safety tips at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Explore the Lantana Preserve and the Ocean Ridge natural areas. Ages 15 to adult. Held again 9/15 & 10/6 8 am-11 am. \$50/residents, \$63/non-residents. 742-6221 or [www.boynton-beach.org](http://www.boynton-beach.org).

**9/1 - Yoga Class** at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Ongoing classes held Saturdays. Registration: 8:45 am; class: 9 am. Free. 393-7703 or [www.downtownboca.org](http://www.downtownboca.org).

**9/1 - YOUTH LEADERSHIP Program** at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Students attend weekly meetings featuring food, games, leadership activities, guest speakers and workshops and participate in monthly community service projects.

Saturdays through 12/22. First meeting is mandatory for teens and parents. 9-10:30 am. \$50/residents, \$62/non-residents. 742-6247.

**9/1 - Shuffle Board/Disc Knockout and Lawn Bowling at Veterans Park**, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Shuffleboard: all ages, minors accompanied by an adult. Annual fee: \$15/residents, \$25/non-residents. Lawn Bowling: ages 18 years and up. Annual fee: \$40/residents, \$45/non-resident. Ongoing event held W, F & Sat. 9-11 am. 243-7350.

**9/1 - Boynton Beach Community Farmer's Market** is held at the southeast corner of Boynton Beach Boulevard and Federal Highway. Locally grown artisan food, fresh baked goods, handmade jewelry, and more. Held year round every Saturday. 9 am-2 pm. 724-2745.

#### 9/1 - Director's Cut Shriek Week Film

**Festival Workshop** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 6-17 (varies by class date). Participants should have experience behind the camera and with post-production. Saturdays through 9/15. 9 am-4 pm. \$75. 347-3900.

**9/1 - Yoga Class** at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton. 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.

**9/1 - Drop-In Story time** - Music, stories, fun finger plays and action songs at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. All ages accompanied by an adult. Saturdays, 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or [www.bocalibrary.org](http://www.bocalibrary.org).

**9/1 - Judo Class** - Saturdays 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.

**9/1 - Zumba Class** at the South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Saturdays, 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703.

**9/1 - The Unseen World Around Us** - Exhibition by Efram Goldberg at FAU's Wimberly Library, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Color photographs give an intimate look into the

savage and beautiful lives of insects and spiders that are found throughout South Florida. Runs through 10/1. Library hours. Free. 297-0455.

#### 9/1 - Glass Act: The Contemporary Art Glass Movement Turns 50

At the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Studio Glass Movement in America. Exhibit runs through 10/7. 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.

#### 9/1 - Quilted Books: Gold Coast Quilters Guild Artists Book Competition 2012

at FAU's Wimberly Library, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Miniature exhibition compiled of works by members of the Gold Coast Quilters Guild for the Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts' biennial artists' book competition in the quilted fabric medium. Runs through 9/28. Library hours. Free. R.S.V.P.: 203-554-2791.

#### 9/1 - Exhibition: River of Grass

at FAU's Wimberly Library, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Book portfolio pays homage to environmentalist Marjory Stoneman Douglas and her book, *The Everglades: River of Grass*. Runs through 9/28. Library hours. Free. 297-0455.

#### 9/1 - Meet the Artist Reception

at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Photography by Marsha Gandy and paintings by Gail Lue Qui Gillet and Michael Munson. Exhibit runs through 9/25. 2 pm. Free. 243-3900.

#### 9/1 - Teen Car Club

is held Saturdays at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Hands on learning on the basics on how to keep up on the maintenance of your vehicle. Girls welcome. Ages 12-20. 4-6 pm. \$5/non-members, free/members. 243-7158.

#### 9/1-2 - 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 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.

#### 9/1-2 - Irving Berlin Salutes America

is presented at The Plaza Theatre, 262 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Runs Th-M through 9/9. Th-Sat.: 7:30 pm; Sat.&Sun.: 2 pm. \$32. 588-1820.

#### 9/1-3 - USTA Regional "Summer Smash" Tennis Tournament

at the Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W. Atlantic Ave. One of the largest participatory USTA events in the country with more than 500 players in the Boys & Girls 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s divisions. Check website for match sites. Matches begin daily at 8am. Spectator admission free. 330-6003 or [www.yellowtennisball.com](http://www.yellowtennisball.com).

### SEPTEMBER 2-8

**Sunday - 9/2 - 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.

**9/2 - 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.

**9/2 - Kabbalah & Coffee: The Secret of Simplicity** at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. Includes weekly Living Torah Video

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Presentation. Held every Sunday. 10-11:30 am. Free. 417-7797.

**9/2 - Explorium Make & Take** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Build a fun science project to take home. Ages 5 and up. 11:30 am. \$5 per project. 347-3912.

#### Monday - 9/3 - Labor Day

**9/3 - Labor Day Tennis Tourney** is held at the Boynton Beach Tennis Center, 3111 S. Congress Ave. Six teams in each flight, 18 total teams. Players play all opponents. Prizes presented during pizza party following play. 9 am-noon. Registration: 742-6575.

#### 9/3 - Boca Ballet Theatre Family Picnic

at the Grande Orchid Estates Clubhouse & Pool, Jog Road between Linton Boulevard and Clint Moore Road, Boca Raton. Food, games and swimming. Bring a side dish to share. 3 pm. Free. R.S.V.P.: 203-554-2791.

#### Tuesday - 9/4 - SPIN® Class

at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Held seven days a week on the boardwalk overlooking the ocean. Sunrise to 9 am and 4 pm to sunset. Donations accepted. 287-0953.

#### 9/4 - Studio Painting Lessons

are taught by Vincent J. Cacace at Cacace Fine Art at Artists Alley, Delray Beach. Class held 9/4, 11, 18 & 25. 9 am-5 pm. \$300/lessons only, \$400/with equipment and materials supplied. 276-1177.

#### 9/4 - Senior Club

at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Field trips, breakfasts, games and events, health activities and social gatherings. Tuesdays, 10 am-1 pm. \$10-\$20 annually. 243-7356.

#### 9/4 - Beginners Yoga

at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Bring yoga mat. Held every T-Th. 10:15 am. \$10. 278-5455.

#### 9/4 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings

are held daily, T-Sun., at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Feeding begins at 10:30 am T-Sat. and 1:30 pm Sunday. Free with \$4 nature center admission. 274-7263.

#### 9/4 - Adult Folk Dance Class

at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Adults ages 18 and up learn new dances from around the world. Tuesdays, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$6/class. 243-7356 or [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com).

#### 9/4 - Chess Club

at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game is necessary. Ongoing event held T & F. Noon-4 pm. Annual fee: \$20/residents, \$30/non-residents. 243-7350.

#### 9/4 - Tai Chi Class

at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 701 NW 13th St. Tuesdays, 1-2 pm. \$10/class or \$48/six consecutive weeks. Registration: 955-5321.

#### 9/4 - Kid Fit

for ages 5-11 at the Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Indoor and outdoor games designed to get kids moving. Tuesdays through 9/25. 3-4 pm. \$15/residents, \$19/non-residents. 742-6641.

#### 9/4 - Karate

is offered for kids 5-17 at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Learn self-control, respect and confidence. 3:45-4:30 pm. Tuesdays through 9/11. \$75/residents, \$94/non-residents. Registration: 968-4011.

#### 9/4 - Small Fry Storytime

for ages 3 and up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Songs and a craft project. Held every Tuesday. 4 pm. Free. Registration: 278-5455.

#### 9/4 - Kid Swim Fit

for ages 4-17 at the John Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Swim team workout without having to compete in meets. Must be able to swim 25 yards freestyle and 25 yards backstroke. Runs through

5/31. T-F. 4-4:30 pm. Cost per month: \$45/resident, \$57/non-residents. 742-6645.

#### 9/4 - 10 and Under Tennis: Junior Development Clinics

for ages 4-12 begin at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Age 4: 4:30-5pm; age 5-6: 5:30 pm; age 7-8: 5:30-6:15pm; age 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. Four-week session held Tuesdays through 9/25. Next session held 10/2-10/30. The five week session for ages 4-6: \$25/residents, \$32/non-residents; ages 7-12: \$38/residents, \$48/non-residents. Registration: 742-6550 or [www.boynton-beach.org](http://www.boynton-beach.org).

#### 9/4 - Games @ Your Library

is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-4 play favorite video games.

4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6380.

#### 9/4 - Downtown Boca Raton Summer Wine Series at Chops Lobster Bar

Royal Palm Place, 101 Plaza Real South, Suite M. 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. Call restaurant to reserve seating. Restaurant paid directly on the day of the event. 395-2675.

#### 9/4 - Kickball League

for ages 8-12 at the Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Team game gives children the opportunity to meet and play with other kickball players. Session runs T/F through 10/11. Age 8-9: 6-7 pm; age 10-12: 7-8 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. 742-6641.

#### 9/4 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes

at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Ages 9 to adults learn Karate along with a blend of other combat martial arts. Class held T & Th. 6:30 pm. Per class: \$5/residents; \$6/non-residents; or monthly \$35/residents; \$40/non-residents plus a one-time \$25 for uniforms. 243-7356.

#### 9/4 - After School Science Series: Can You Dig It?

at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Search for fossils from the dig site to examine back in the "lab." Tues.: Ages 5-6 (with parent); Wed.: Ages 7-9. Both days 4-5 pm. \$10/residents; \$12.50/non-residents. 347-3912.

#### 9/4 - Hammock Trails

- Tour the 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. Tuesdays, 10-11 am & Wednesdays, 10 am-noon. Free. 338-1473.

#### Wednesday - 9/5 - Love to Knit

meets every Wednesday at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Make preemie hats, blankets for pets or other community-based knitting projects. 9 am-noon. Free. 742-6886.

#### 9/5 - Yoga

for ages 18 and up at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Held every W/F. 9:10-10:30 am. Per class: \$10/residents; \$15/non-residents. 243-7350.

#### 9/5 - Tots 'n Tales Storytime

- Ages 3-23 months listen to board books, sing songs, and dance at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held again 9/12. 9:45-10:30 am. Free. 742-6390 or [www.boyntonlibrary.org](http://www.boyntonlibrary.org).

#### 9/5 - Super Tales for 3-5's

**9/5 - Concert: TRAIN** - Presented at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$62.50. 393-7827 or [www.myboca.us](http://www.myboca.us).

#### Thursday - 9/6 - A Beautiful Mind ...

**The Art of Women's Self Defense** is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Learn realistic self defense techniques and tactics to increase both your mental and physical capacity to protect yourself using maneuvers that anyone can use. Thursdays through 10/11. 9-9:45 am. \$49/residents, \$62/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

**9/6 - 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.

**9/6 - Two By Two Storytime** - Ages 24-35 months listen to stories, sing songs, dance and do fingerplays at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held again 9/13. 10-10:45 am. 742-6390.

#### 9/6 - Here's to Your Financial Health

**Workshops** are presented by Rosemary Nixon at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Held Thursdays through 9/27. 10 am-noon or 7-9 pm. Free love offering. 276-5796.

**9/6 - Lunch 'N Learn** - Presented by Chabad of East Boca Raton at Fran's Chicken Haven, 1925 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Textual study of the weekly Torah portion with delicious dairy lunch. Thursdays, noon-1 pm. \$5. 361-3939.

**9/6 - Bulk Basics: Grains** at Whole Foods, 1400 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Learn all the ins and outs of three highlighted grains. 1-2 pm. \$5. 447-0000 or [www.wholefoods.com](http://www.wholefoods.com).

**9/6 - Realistic Drawing & Painting Class** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Four-class session runs through 9/27. For ages 18 & up. 2-4:30 pm. \$90/resident; \$112.50/non-resident. 347-3900.

**9/6 - Start Smart Football** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Ages 4-5 learn the basic motor skills necessary to play organized football while they work one-on-one and spend quality time with their parents. Thursdays through 10/25. 3:30-4:15 pm. \$80/resident, \$100/non-resident. 347-3916.

**9/6 - Craft Time** for ages 4 and up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. 4 pm. Free. Registration: 278-5455.

**9/6 - Bricks 4 Kidz: Intermediate/Advanced Robotics** for ages 7 & up at the James A.

## Municipal Meetings

**9/4 & 9/20 - Delray Beach** - Usually first & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda available at: [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com).

**9/4 & 10/2 - 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](http://www.ci.hIGHLAND-BEACH.fl.us).

**9/5 & 9/25 - Manalapan** - Usually fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. 9/5: 9:30 am; 9/25: 3-5 pm. Agenda available at [www.manalapan.org](http://www.manalapan.org).

**9/10 - Ocean Ridge** - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda available at [www.oceanridgeflorida.com/cq\\_ms](http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com/cq_ms)

**9/10 & 9/24 - Lantana** - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. 7 pm. Agenda available at [www.lantana.org](http://www.lantana.org).

**9/14 - Gulf Stream** - Second Friday at the Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Road 9 am. Agenda available in clerk's office.

**9/25 - Boca Raton** - Usually second & fourth Tuesday at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road. 10 am. Agenda available at [www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us](http://www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us).

**9/25 - South Palm Beach** - Fourth Tuesday at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7:15 pm. Agenda available at [www.southpalmbeach.com](http://www.southpalmbeach.com).

**9/27 - Briny Breezes** - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N. Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda available at [www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com](http://www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com).

Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Road., Boca Raton. Learn to incorporate lights, remotes, and programming software into creations made of LEGO bricks. Mondays through 9/27. 4-5 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. 367-7035.

**9/6 - Green Market @ FAU** at the FAU Stadium Plaza, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Local vendors, including FAU alumni-owned businesses. Fresh produce, prepared foods, artisan crafts and jewelry, organic products and entertainment from students and other local artists. Thursdays, 4-8 pm. Free parking. 297-0197 or [www.fau.edu/missiongreen](http://www.fau.edu/missiongreen).

#### 9/6 - Executive Forum Lecture Series:

**Vince Pierce** at FAU's Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, Room 101, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Pierce is senior vice president for business transformation for Office Depot. Presented by FAU's College of Business. Each week, the speakers provide an overview of themselves followed by a discussion of key issues facing their industries, businesses or the business climate in general. 5:30-7 pm. Free. RSVP online at [business.fau.edu/executiveforum](http://business.fau.edu/executiveforum) or 297-0927.

**9/6 - E-Book Launch Party and Pucci & Catana Red Carpet Style Fashion Show** is presented by Jo Jo Harder featuring America's Top Dog Models. Book launch party with cake and champagne at Koisk, 150 Worth Ave., Palm Beach. 4-5:30 pm. Fashion Show outside Chanel & Tiffany as part of Fashion Night Out Worth

Avenue, 6-8 pm. Free. RSVP for book launch: 650-1105, Fashion Show info: 833-1001 or [www.americastopdogmodel.com](http://www.americastopdogmodel.com).

**9/6 - Read to Hogan the Dog** at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Each reader gets 10 minutes with Hogan. All ages. Held again 9/13 & 27. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6380.

**9/6 - Wine Tasting** is held at Old Vines, Wine & Spirits, 900 E. Atlantic Ave. #3, Delray Beach. Held again 9/20. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 276-2076.

**9/6 - Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol (PG-13)** - Presented as part of Teen Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 13-17. 6-8 pm. Free. Includes pizza & soda. 393-7968.

**9/6 - Yoga Class** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. 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.

**9/6 - Supreme Science Qigong-Level Class** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Bring a yoga mat or towel and wear comfortable clothing and athletic shoes. Thursdays through 9/20. Ages 16 & up. 7-8 pm. Per session: \$18/resident; \$22.50/non-resident. 347-3900 or [www.sugarsandpark.org](http://www.sugarsandpark.org).

**9/6 - Sketch Writing Class** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Seven-class session runs through 10/18. Ages 19 & up. 7-9:30 pm. \$175/resident; \$218.75/non-resident. 347-3900.

**Friday - 9/7 - Kindermusik** for newborn through age 4 at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Road., Boca Raton. Explore dance movements, instruments and cultures from all over the world. Fridays through 12/14. Age 12-24 months: 9:30-10:15 am; age 16-30 months: 10:30-11:15 am; age 0-14 months: 11:30 am-12:15 pm; age 2 1/2-4: 12:30-1:15 pm. \$192/residents, \$240/non-residents. 367-7035.

**9/7 - Tot Time** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Ages 2-5 enjoy crafts, snacks, and indoor play stations. 10 am-noon. \$5. 347-3900.

**9/7 - Bob Roberts Society Orchestra** performs at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Big band plays a variety of tunes to entertain lovers of music and dance in a social setting. Fridays, 1:30-3:30 pm. \$4. 742-6240 or [www.boynton-beach.org](http://www.boynton-beach.org).

**9/7 - Alzheimer's Cafe** at the Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center (of Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service), 7091 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Share laughter in a relaxed setting, listen and sing to old time music, dance, make art, play games and munch on snacks. Held the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. 2-4 pm. Free. RSVP: 866-7086.

**9/7 - Artists, Labor Day and Union Songs** is held at Clay Glass Metal Stone Cooperative Gallery, 605 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Art, food, music and "soap box" open to all. 6-9 pm. Free. 588-8344.

**9/7 - Evenings on the Avenues** is presented by the DCA at the Cultural Plaza, corner of Lake and "M" Street, Lake Worth. Held every 1st & 3rd Friday. 6-10 pm. Free. 533-5272.

**9/7 - Friday Night Live: The Brazilian Beat** - Presented at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Live entertainment, gourmet food trucks, and more. 6-11 pm. Entertainment begins at 7:30 pm.. Free. 367-7070.

**9/7 - Zumba** at the Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Resistance training and Latin dances. Ages 16 and up. Fridays through 10/12. 6:45-7:45 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. 742-6641.

**9/7 - FAU Astronomical Observatory** - Public viewing day observations at FAU's Boca Raton Campus, Science & Engineering Building, #43, 4th floor, 777 Glades Road. Held again 9/18. Viewings held on the 1st Friday (8 pm) and 3rd Tuesday (11 am-1 pm) of each month. Free. 297-STAR.

**Saturday - 9/8 - Gymnastics** for ages 4-16 begins at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Develop strength, flexibility and coordination on the vault, bars, beams and floor. Saturdays through 10/13. Age 4-7: 10-11 am; age 8-16: 11 am-noon. \$57/residents, \$71/non-residents. Registration: 742-6550.

**9/8 - Ride & Remember Trolley Tour** departs from the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave., Delray Beach. 2-hour tour focuses on 5 historic districts. Held the second Saturday of each month. 10 am-noon. \$15. Reservations: 279-8883 or [www.spadymuseum.com](http://www.spadymuseum.com).

**9/8 - The Writer's Studio** is held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 9/15, 22, 29 & 10/6. 10 am. Free. 638-7251 or [www.delraylibrary.org](http://www.delraylibrary.org).

**9/8 - Chess Club** at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Learn the rules and basic strategies of chess. Ages 7 to 17. Held again 9/15, 22, 29 & 10/6. 10-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968.

**9/8 - Disaster Preparedness: Are You Ready to Weather the Storm?** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. An overview of what condominium leaders can do before, during and after a storm to protect residents, minimize property damage and work effectively with insurance carriers and contractors. Open to all. 10 am-noon. Free. Reservations: 954-987-7550.

**9/8 - Social Networking for Writers (and Others)** is presented at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-noon. \$25. Registration: 279-7790.

**9/8 - Art 101 Classes** for ages 8-14 are taught at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Basic introduction of line, shape, value and composition. Saturdays through 10/13. 10:30 am-11:45 am. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 742-6650.

**9/8 - Spaghetti Challenge** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Ages 5+ with parent/guardian. Families work as a team to create, test and change up their weekend fun. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$15/adult-child pair, \$5/each additional person. 347-3912.

**9/8 - 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,



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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 second Saturday of each month. Check website for available dates. \$35/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18. Reservations: 243-2662.

**9/8 - Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG)** - Presented as part of Tween Movie Mania at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Ages 9-12. Includes pizza and drinks. Noon-2 pm. Free. 393-7968.

**9/8 - Sketch-A-Pet Classes** for ages 8-14 are taught at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Learn to sketch a favorite animal or pet. Saturdays through 10/13. 12:15-1:30 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 742-6650.

**9/8 - Realistic Drawing/Painting Class** at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd., Boca Raton. Learn basic techniques essential to realistic painting. Saturdays through 9/29. 12:30-2:30 pm. \$65/residents, \$81/non-residents. 367-7035.

**9/8 - Art-E-Ology: Theresa Bernstein, Narrative Paintings** for grades 3-5 is presented at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Children learn about a master artist and have the opportunity to create a masterpiece in the style of that artist. 1-2:30 pm. \$5. Reservations: 392-2500 Ext. 106.

**9/8 - Realistic Drawing/Painting for Children Class** for ages 7-12 at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Road., Boca Raton. Focus is on the theory of light & shade, perspective, composition & proportion. Saturdays through 9/29. 2:30-4:30 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents.

Additional materials will need to be purchased after the first class. 367-7035.  
**9/8-9 - Battle of the Bands** at the Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Featuring eight bands with 20 minute sets each. 2-6 pm. \$15/one show, \$25/both shows, \$25/VIP after party. 586-6410 or [www.lakeworthplayhouse.org](http://www.lakeworthplayhouse.org).

#### SEPTEMBER 9-15

**Sunday - 9/9 - Yo-Ho-Ho and Bottle of FUN!** is held at the Cornell Museum of Art & American Culture, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach.

Family fun day with activities fit for pirates and princesses. Treasure hunt, stories and crafts. 1-4 pm. \$8/adults, Free/kids with adult paid admission. 243-7922 or [www.oldschool.org](http://www.oldschool.org).

**9/9 - International March of the Living Informational Meeting** at the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, 9901 Donna Klein Blvd., Boca Raton. Students in the 11th & 12th grades and their parents meet group leaders and learn about the 2013 March of the Living Holocaust educational program. The March takes students through a program culminating in travel to Poland and Israel in April 2013. 1 pm. Free. RSVP: 852-6045.

**9/9 - Illusionary Shapes with Acrylics** is presented as part of the ARTful Adventure Sunday series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Creative family fun for all ages. 2-3 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, free/children 12 and under. 392-2500.

**9/9 - Klezmer Company Orchestra: An American Jewish New Year** at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Enjoy the Klezmer Company Orchestra, known for its pulsating fusion of multicultural rhythms and traditional melodies. \$26-\$36. 3 & 7 pm.

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243-7922 ext. 1 or [www.oldschool.org](http://www.oldschool.org).

**9/9 - Sharon Potts** speaks and signs her new book, *The Devil's Madonna at Murder on the Beach* Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 279-7790.

**9/9 - Kavana Mindfulness: An Evening with Rabbi Dr. Laibl Wolf** at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. Expand the capacity of your brain to train wisdom for success & happiness. 7:30 pm. \$15. 417-7797.

**Monday - 9/10 - Quilting Bee** - Twice monthly quilting class presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 9/24. 10 am. Free. 266-0194 or [www.delraylibrary.org](http://www.delraylibrary.org).

**9/10 - A Rose for Emily** is discussed as part of the Great Books group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6390.

**9/10 - Arise, O Phoenix** is presented by author Lisa Drucker at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Books available for purchase and autographs. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

**9/10 - Just for 6-8's: Reading Adventure** at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Crafts and reading adventures for kids 6-8 years old. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968.

**9/10 - Bricks 4 Kidz** for grades K-5 at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd., Boca Raton. Hands on experience designing and building machines, catapults, pyramids, derby cars, buildings and other constructions out of LEGO bricks. Mondays through 10/15. 4-5 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. 367-7035.

**9/10 - Summer Organic Wine Series** continues at Max's Harvest, 169 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Appetizers paired with several different sustainably farmed, small production pinot noirs. 6-7 pm. \$25. RSVP: 381-9970

**9/10 - Dine for Promise** at Union, 8 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Benefits Family Promise of South Palm Beach County. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 330-4236.

**9/10 - The While We Still Can Reunion: A Gathering of South Florida Musicians from the 1960s-'70s** at The Funky Biscuit, Royal Palm Place, 303 SE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. 6 pm. Free. 395-2929.

**9/10 - Randy Wayne White** speaks and signs his new book, *Gone at Murder on the Beach* Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790.

**Tuesday - 9/11 - Coaching the Mature Driver** is presented by Safety Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. at Temple Emeth, 5780 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Drivers 55 and over get an insurance discount when they take this course. 9 am-4 pm. \$10. Held again 8/20 at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. 845-8233.

**9/11 - Politics Not As Usual: Quilts with Something to Say** at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Exhibit runs through 1/20. T-F: 10 am-5 pm; Sat. & Sun.: Noon-5 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, \$4/students with ID, free/children 12 and under. 392-2500.

**9/11 - Poetry Workshop** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Participants asked to bring copies of their works to share. Held the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. 3-5 pm. Free. 278-5455.

**9/11 - Death in the Andes by Mario Vargas Llosa** is presented as part of the Evening Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490.

**9/11 - Downtown Boca Raton Summer Wine Series at Yakitori Sake House**, Royal Palm Place, 271 SE Mizner Blvd. Includes a sampling of three different wines paired with three delectable bites. Held weekly through 10/2. 6-7 pm. \$25. Call restaurant to reserve seating. Restaurant paid directly on day of the event. 544-0087 or [www.downtownboca.org](http://www.downtownboca.org).

**9/11 - Divergent by Veronica Roth** is presented as part of Teen Book Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 13-17. 6:30-8 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968 or [www.bocalibrary.org](http://www.bocalibrary.org).

**9/11 - Successful Storytelling: A Performance Workshop Class** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Four-class session runs through 10/9. Ages 18 & up. 7-9 pm. \$125/resident; \$156.25/non-resident. 347-3900 or [www.sugarsandpark.org](http://www.sugarsandpark.org).

**Wednesday - 9/12 - Adult Oil & Acrylic Painting** is held at the Oyer Park Building, 2010 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Enhance creativity and reduce stress. Wednesdays through 10/17. 9-11:30 am. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6247.

**9/12 - Kindermusik with Ms. Cathy** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. A variety of musical styles provides a fun experience for parents and children. Wednesdays through 12/19. Ages 0-16 mos.: 9:30-10:15 am; 15 mos.-2.5 yrs.: 10:30-11:15 am; 16 mos.-4 yrs.: 11:30-12:15 pm. \$208/resident, \$260/non-resident. 347-3900.

**9/12 - YE! (Young Entrepreneurs Academy)** begins at FAU Adams Center for

Entrepreneurship, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented by Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. For grades 7-12, must be creative, energetic and interested in entrepreneurship. Can apply on a rolling basis. Competitive selection process. Held Wednesdays, 4:30-7:30 pm. Apply online at: [www.bocaratonchamber.com/yea](http://www.bocaratonchamber.com/yea) or 395-4433, Ext. 236.

**9/12 - 5th Annual Blue Mass for Police & Fire** at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd., Delray Beach. Mass honors the present and past men and women of local police and fire rescue departments as well as those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. Dessert reception follows. 7 pm. Free. RSVP: 276-6892.

**9/12 - Happily Ever After: The Magic of Writing Children's Books** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Learn about the children's book market and stories that sell. Ages 19+. Wednesdays through 10/17. 7-9 pm. \$115/resident, \$143.75/non-resident. 347-3900.

**Thursday - 9/13 - Kindermusik with Ms. Cathy** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. A variety of musical styles provide a fun experience for parents and children.

Thursdays through 12/20. Ages 0-16 mos.: 9:30-10:15 am; 15 mos.-2.5 yrs.: 10:30-11:15 am; 16 mos.-4 yrs.: 11:30-12:15 pm. \$208/resident, \$260/non-resident. 347-3900.

**9/13 - Safety Fair** at FAU in the Breezeway, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. More than 60 tables of displays and demonstrations by a variety of vendors and organizations focusing on pedestrian safety. 10 am-2 pm. Free. 297-3516.

**9/13 - Infant Massage Class** at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 2:30 pm. \$15/family. Registration: 369-2229.

**9/13 - The Concert Company** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. An evening of opera, operetta and Broadway. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455.

**9/13 - Writers Corner** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Monthly program offers manuscript critiquing by published authors. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6390.

**9/13 - Tween Book Club** is presented at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Ages 9-12 talk about their favorite summer reads. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968.

**Friday - 9/14 - Story and Play with Miss Mij** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Caregivers and children use rhythm and rhyme to enhance pre-literacy skills and imagination. Ages 18 mo.-2 yrs.: 10-10:45 am; 3-4 yrs.: 11:15 am-noon. \$5. 347-3900.

**9/14 - Young Artwork Class** for ages 2-5 at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Bilingual art program where colors, shapes, textures, line and form are explored. Fridays through 10/19. 3-3:45 pm. \$95/residents; \$106/non-residents. 243-7350.

**9/14 - Ronald McDonald's Reading Challenge** for kids of all ages at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. McMagic, McMusic & Ronald McDonald. Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-4:15 pm. Free. 393-7968.

**9/14 - Sushi and Stroll Summer Walk** is held at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Experience the gardens, taiko drumming, a cold drink and the sunset. Performance seating begins at 5:30 pm (\$2 with admission.) 5:30-8:30 pm. \$7/adults, \$5/kids, Free/children 3 and under. 495-0233.

**9/14-16 - 2nd Annual Weekend of Service: Love ... in Action!** - Presented by First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Remember the first responders of 9/11. Events take place at the church and in the community. In addition to community volunteer projects, there will be a dinner and celebration service at Patch Reef Park on Sunday. Dinner: 4:30 pm; Celebration Service: 5:15 pm. 395-1244 ext. 123.

**Saturday - 9/15 - 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. Check website for available dates. Held again 9/22. \$35/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18. Registration: 243-2662 or [www.tastehistoryculinarytours.org](http://www.tastehistoryculinarytours.org).

**9/15 - Child Safety Fair** is held at Boynton Commons Shopping Center, 339-399 N. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. Safety information and classes, bounce house, activities, fire trucks and free child ID kit. Noon-4 pm. 775-250-7908.

**9/15 - Creation Station** at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Craft a sculpture out of recycled objects, create a collage, or solve a jigsaw puzzle. 1-4 pm. Free with paid museum admission. 392-2500.

**9/15 - Food Truck/Food Drive** is held by United Way of Palm Beach County at 2600 Quantum Blvd., Boynton Beach. Family-friendly, foodie event. 4-8 pm. Free with suggested donation of two non-perishable food items. 375-6600.

**9/15 - Black & White Masquerade Gala** to benefit Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County is held at Marriott Hotel Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton. Celebrating 20 years of building hope, lives and dreams. 6:30 pm/cocktails and silent auction, 8 pm/dinner and dancing. Attire: Black and white cocktail. \$150. 819-6070 or [www.hfhboca.org](http://www.hfhboca.org).

**9/15-16 - Everything Orchids: A Shady Affair Plant Sale** is presented at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Top orchid and shade plant growers, artists and craftspeople share their knowledge and passion for orchids and plants. 10 am-4 pm. \$30. 233-1757.

#### SEPTEMBER 16-22

**Sunday - 9/16 - Weekend Movie Madness: The Secret World of Arrietty (G)** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. 347-3948.

**9/16 - Music of the Night: Songs of Broadway** are performed by Daniel Cochran and Zach Coblenz at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 4 pm. Free will offering. 276-5796.

**Monday - 9/17 - Free Haircuts and Manicures** are offered at the Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S. Federal Hwy. Held every 3rd Monday. Hair Design Institute volunteers services. 10 am-1 pm. Free. 742-6570.

**9/17 - Boynton Beach Postmaster Richard Monahan (1962-1963)** speaks at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Monahan discusses the history of the post office, home delivery in Boynton Beach and the growth of Boynton Beach since the 1960s. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6397.

**Tuesday - 9/18 - Karate for Beginners** is offered for kids 5-17 at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Learn self-control, respect and confidence. Class runs T&Th through 10/25. 3:45-4:30 pm. \$115/residents, \$144/non-residents. Registration: 703-3081.

**9/18 - Skill Drill Basketball** for ages 6-13 at the Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St., Delray Beach. Drills and progression tests in dribbling, shooting, passing, offense and defense. Wednesdays through 10/9. 5-6 pm. \$20/residents, \$30/non-residents. 243-7194.

**9/18 - Downtown Boca Raton Summer Wine Series at Saquella Caffe**, Royal Palm Place, 410 Via DePalmas, Boca Raton. Part of a 12 week series includes a sampling of three different wines paired with three delectable bites. Held weekly through 10/2. 6-7 pm. \$25. Call restaurant to reserve seating. Restaurant paid directly on the day of the event. 338-8840.

**9/18-19 - Tast**

**9/21 - Boca Raton Historical Society Fundraiser: Toasts, Tastes & Trolleys**

begins at the Boca Raton Beach Club, 900 S. Ocean Blvd. with champagne and hors d'ouevres, followed by a trolley ride to local restaurants for dinner by the bite and specialty drinks. Evening concludes back at the Beach Club, with dessert, dancing and cash bar. 6-11 pm. \$125, \$100/ Young Friends member. 395-6766 ext. 101.

**9/21 - Gerrie Ferris Finger** speaks and signs her new book, *The Last Temptation at Murder on the Beach Bookstore*, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790.

**9/21-23 - Treasure Island: A Musical Comedy** at Sol Children's Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. F&Sat.: 7 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. \$15/Includes refreshments. 447-8829.

**Saturday - 9/22 - International Coastal Cleanup** at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy and Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc. All ages. 8-11 am. Free. Registration: 338-1542.

**9/22 - EVP (Extreme Volleyball Professional) National Championships** on the beach near the Seagate Beach Club, 1000 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 8 am-7 pm. Free. 279-1380 ext. 17.

**9/22 - Start Smart Soccer** for ages 3-5 at the Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St., Delray Beach. Introductory program teaches fundamentals. Saturdays through 10/13. 10:30-11:30 am. \$20/residents, \$30/non-residents. 243-7194.

**9/22 - Signs of Fall** - Enjoy a fall hike at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 7-11. 11 am-12:30 pm. \$10/members, \$15/non-members. Reservations: 338-1542.

**9/22 - International Peace Day** is presented by Pablo del Real at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

**9/22 - Piano Faculty Concert** is held at Florida Atlantic University's University Theatre, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Piano faculty present their favorite works. 7 pm. \$10/ suggested donation. 297-3853.

**9/22 - 22nd Annual Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce Luminary Gala Awards Celebration** at the Delray Beach Marriott, 10 N. Ocean Blvd. Fine dining, a silent auction, dancing and entertainment. 7-11 pm. Tickets start at \$150. 279-0907.

**9/22 - Eyes to the Skies** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Telescope will be out for at least one hour after the scheduled start time. Stars must be visible for the telescope to align. 7:30 pm. Free. 347-3912.

**SEPTEMBER 23-29**

**Sunday - 9/23 - Downtown Open Market** at Monument Piazza, Royal Palm Place, 308 S. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Food, art, jewelers and boutiques. Held monthly, 10 am-4 pm. Free. www.downtownopenmarket.com.

**9/23 - Stuart Woods** speaks and signs his new book, *Severe Clear* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 5 pm. Free. 279-7790.

**Monday - 9/24 - Good Country People** is discussed as part of the Great Books group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6390.

**9/24 - The Maid: A Novel of Joan of Arc by Kimberly Cutter** 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.

**9/24 - Hispanic Heritage Celebration** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Celebrate the richness of the Hispanic culture with folktales, a make-and-take craft and light refreshments. All ages. 6:45-8 pm. Free. 742-6390.

**Tuesday - 9/25 - Stroller Tours** at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Gallery tours 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. Free with paid museum admission. Reservations: 392-2500.

**9/25 - Downtown Boca Raton Summer Wine Series at La Stella's**, 159 E. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. Part of a 12 week series, includes a sampling of three different wines paired with three delectable bites. Held weekly through 10/2. 6-7 pm. \$25. Call restaurant to reserve seating. Restaurant paid directly on day of the event. 544-2081.

**9/25 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club** meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Fishermen discuss hot topics and learn tricks of the trade. 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5638.

**Wednesday - 9/26 - Ballet Butterflies & Kids Jazz Bop Dance Classes** at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Ballet Butterflies is a pre-ballet class for 2-3 year olds. Kids Jazz Bop Dance is an upbeat class emphasizing rhythm for ages 4-6. Wednesdays through 10/31. Ballet Butterflies: 10:45-11:15

**Indulgence for a Cause**  
Hyatt Place, Delray Beach

As a benefit for the Achievement Centers for Children and Families, an event catering to "the woman within" will be held at 6 pm, Oct. 4 at Hyatt Place, 104 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. For \$50, women enjoy hors d'oeuvres and wine, live music, complimentary personal services and shopping. For information contact 866-9068 or www.delrayindulgence.com. Above: (l-r) Stacey Beaulieu, Lindsey Johnson, Gini Dollard, Christine King, Stacey Hallberg, Theresa Melocco and Mercy Carney.

am; Kids Jazz Bop Dance: 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$78/residents, \$83/non-residents. 243-7350.

**Thursday - 9/27 - Executive Forum Lecture Series: Marv Russell**

at FAU's Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, Room 101, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Russell is CEO of Marv Russell & Partners. Presented by FAU's College of Business. Each week, the speakers will provide a brief overview of themselves, followed by a discussion of key issues facing their industries, businesses or the business climate in general. 5:30-7 pm. Free. RSVP online at business.fau.edu/executiveforum or 297-0927.

**9/27 - Boynton Beach Art District Art Walk** at 422 W. Industrial Ave., Boynton Beach. Open studios and galleries, food truck and entertainment. Held the fourth Thursday of each month. 5:30-9 pm. Free. 786-521-1199.

**Friday - 9/28 - Art Exhibit: Gary Greenberg and Andrea Hellena Lambrakis** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Continues through 10/29. Hours: M-F 8 am-10 pm, Sat. 8 am-5 pm, Sun./Holidays 10 am-5 pm. Free. 347-3900 or

**9/28 - Exhibit: Moneyville** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Hands-on interactive games that teach kids and adults about money and economics. Runs through 1/6. M-F: 9 am-6 pm, Weekends/holidays: 10 am-5 pm. \$5. 347-3912.

**9/28 - Kindermusik Classes** are held at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Fridays through 11/2. Ages 12-18 months: 9:30-10:15 am; 18-36 months: 10:30-11:15 am; 2.5 - 4 years: 11:30 am-12:15 pm; 1-12 months: 12:30-1:15 pm. \$96/residents, \$120/non-residents. 742-6221.

**9/28 - Friday Night Late-Night Skate** at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Music, contests and snacks. Held the last Friday of the month. Ages 5 to adult. 9 pm-midnight. \$2. 243-7158.

**9/28-30 - Therese Raquin by Emile Zola** at Studio One on the FAU Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road. Story of an unhappily married young woman who enters into a tragic affair with a friend of her selfish and overbearing aunt. Held again 10/5-7. F & Sat.: 7 pm; Sun. & 10/6: 1 pm; \$20. 800-564-9539.

**9/28-30 - Sylvia by A.R. Gurney** at the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. A comedy about a dog, the couple who adopts her, and the drama that results.

Rated PG. Held again 10/4-7 & 10/11-14. Th, F & Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun. 2 pm. \$25. 347-3900.

**Saturday - 9/29 - SeaAngels Beach Cleanup/International Coastal Cleanup & National Public Lands Day** at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Held the last Saturday of each month. 8-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 846-1351.

**9/29 - Piano Classes** are held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Learn the basics of keyboard and piano without the high cost of private lessons while still enjoying individualized attention. Ages 6-12. Saturdays through 11/10. 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.

**9/29 - Teen Model Fashion Show Auditions** at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Audition for showcase of fall & winter fashions of local designers to be held 10/27. All ages. 3 pm. Free. 243-7158.

**9/29 - Night of Wonder** is presented by The Avenue Church at Old School Square Cultural Arts Center, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Celebrate the church's 2nd anniversary with an evening of music featuring the sisters of disco-legend Donna Summer. 7-9 pm. Public welcome, bring own chairs and blankets. Free. 901-1302 or www.theavenuechurchdelray.com.

**9/29 - South Floriday Symphony's Blue Door String Quartet: Revolution** at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Works

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Ave. Ages 3-4 learn shapes, colors, numbers and the A-B-C's through creative art. Session runs M/W/F through 11/9. 9-11:30 am. \$71/residents, \$89/non-residents. 742-6221.

**10/1 - All Star Cheerleading** at the Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Competitive sport requires ability to do stunts, jump, tumble and transition in movement to a 2.5 minute routine. Session runs M/T/W through 4/1/13. 5:30-7 pm. \$200/residents, \$250/non-residents. 742-6642.

**10/1 - Spotlight 1: Young Composers** - Presented as part of Lynn University's 7th Annual New Music Festival at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Opening night features the works of composition majors performed by the composers themselves and their peers. Program also features winning work of the 2013 Florida State Music Teachers Association high school composition competition. 7:30 pm. Free. 237-9000.

**Tuesday - 10/2 - Creative Kids** for ages 3-4 is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Crafts, stories, songs and creative play. Held T&Th through 11/8. 9-11 am. \$54/residents, \$68/non-residents. Registration: 742-6221 or www.boynton-beach.org.

**10/2 - Downtown Boca Raton Summer Wine Series at 4th Generation Market**, 75 SE 3rd St. Part of a 12 week series, event is held at a different locations and includes a sampling of three different wines paired with three delectable bites. Held through 10/2. 6-7 pm. \$25. Call restaurant to reserve seating. Restaurant paid directly on day of the event. 338-9920 or www.downtownboca.org.

**10/2 - Spanish for Beginners Classes** are held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Build a foundation of useful vocabulary and grammar, using numbers, days, months and more. Practice speaking, listening, conversing and writing. For adults. Tuesdays through 11/6. 6-7 pm. \$50/residents, \$63/non-residents. Registration: 742-6240.

**Wednesday - 10/3 - Little Hands Class** at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Caregiver and child enjoy creative play. Ages 12-24 months. Wednesdays through 11/7. 9-10 am. \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. 742-6221.

**10/3 - Young Explorers** for ages 24-36 months at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Improve eye-hand coordination through creative movement and music. Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am through 11/7. \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650 or www.boynton-beach.org.

**10/3 - Have a Heart: Now is the Time to See Your Cardiologist** - Presented by Jonathan Vafal, M.D., Cardiologist, as part of the Heart Symposium Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach.

4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

**10/3 - Meet Me at the Museum: Livin' La Vida Boca** at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a tour of iconic Hispanic artists from the Museum's collection. Registration includes light appetizers, two glasses of wine and live music. 5:30-8 pm. Members: \$8/advance, \$12/at the door; Non-members: \$15/advance, \$20/at the door. 392-2500 Ext. 208.

**10/3 - The Flower Hour** for adults is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Basic floral arranging is just the beginning in this exciting new class. Wednesdays through 11/7. 6:30-8:30 pm. \$49/residents, \$62/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

**10/3 - Adult Oil & Acrylic Painting** is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Enhance creativity and reduce stress. Wednesdays through 11/7. 6:30-9 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650 or www.boynton-beach.org.

**10/3 - 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. Wednesdays through 11/7. 6:30-9 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

**10/3 - Contemporary Music Forum** - Presented as part of Lynn University's 7th Annual New Music Festival at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, de Hoerne International Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. A highlight of past festivals, this performance lecture/forum features modern and avant-garde works performed by Conservatory students. A panel will discuss various artistic and practical components of the music in addition to general philosophical issues of contemporary music. 7:30 pm. Free. 237-9000.

**Thursday - 10/4 - Meet the Artist Reception: Gary Greenberg and Andrea Hellena Lambrakis** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Tr., Boca Raton. Exhibit continues through 10/29. 5:30 pm. Free. 347-3900.

**10/4 - Executive Forum Lecture Series: Greg Hanlon** at FAU's Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, Room 101, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Hanlon is vice president and general manager of FPL Energy Services. Presented by FAU's College of Business. Each week, the speakers will provide a brief overview of themselves, followed by a discussion of key issues facing their industries, businesses or the business climate in general. 5:30-7 pm. Free. RSVP online at business.fau.edu/executiveforum or 297-0927.

**10/4 - Yoga** is held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Increase flexibility, improve health and reduce stress. All levels.

**SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 6****Sunday - 9/30 - Lake Worth Tropical Triathlon 2012**

at Lake Worth Beach, 10 Ocean Blvd. Participants will have a 1/4 mile ocean swim off Lake Worth beach, 11-mile bike course along Federal Highway and a 3.1-mile run through Bryant Park and parallel to the Lake Worth Lagoon. 7 am. Registration: \$80-99, depending on category. Register at www.active.com (early registration prior to 9/1). 790-6200 or www.cpbchamber.com.

**9/30 - Ruth Hartman Berge** speaks and signs her new illustrated children's book, *Betty Tales: The True Story of a Brave Bobblehead Cat* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 1 pm. Free. 279-7790.

**9/30 - FAU Jazz Rats Big Band** present an afternoon of jazz with special guest vocalist Chloe Dolan and sax master Larry McKenna at FAU's University Theatre, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 3 pm. \$10/suggested donation. 297-3583 or www.fau.edu/music.

**Monday - 10/1 - Imagination Station** is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd

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**10/4 - A Warrior's Heart (PG)** is presented as part of Teen Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Ages 13-17. 6-8 pm. Free. Includes pizza and soda. 393-7968 or [www.bocalibrary.org](http://www.bocalibrary.org).

**10/4 - Spotlight 2: Donald Waxman** - Presented as part of Lynn University's 7th Annual New Music Festival at the Louis and Anne Green Center for the Expressive Arts, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Tr., Boca Raton. Featuring the world premiere of the 2013 commissioned work, this program showcases the works of Donald Waxman, who has written for almost every genre throughout his 75-year career. 7:30 pm. Free. 237-9000.

**10/4-21 - The King And I** is performed at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Preview Night: 10/4, 8 pm; Opening Night: 10/5, 8 pm; Evening Performances: 10/6, 11-13 & 18-20, 8 pm; Matinee Performances: 10/6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 2 pm; Dinner & Show Night: 10/4, 6 pm pre-show dinner at Paradiso Italian Restaurant prior to 8 pm show. Tickets: \$26-\$30 for individual and regular performances, \$23-\$27 preview performance and \$35 opening night gala. \$50-\$65 for dinner and show. 586-6410.

**Friday - 10/5 - Water Media Class for Adults** begins at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Learn proper brush and stroke techniques. Fridays through 11/9. 9:30 am-noon. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 742-6221.

**10/5 - Delray Beach Bus Loop** - Check in at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Venues include: Boheme Bistro, Ohio's, Paddy McGee's, Boston's, Sundy House, Bull Bar, Kevro's Art Bar, Pepe's Hideaway, Hurricane Lounge, Dada's. Proceeds benefit The Delray Beach Public Library, The Spirit of Giving, and the Milagro Center. Receive a free drink at each venue. You may check in anytime between 5:30-9:30 pm. Bus Loop card valid from 6-11 pm. \$20/advance, \$25/at the door (free admission for designated drivers). 954-574-6000.

**10/5 - Friday Night Live: Community & Culture** - Presented at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Held the first Friday of every month throughout Downtown Boca showcasing live themed entertainment, gourmet food trucks, and more. 6:30 pm, live entertainment begins 7:30 pm. Free. 367-7070 or [www.downtownboca.org](http://www.downtownboca.org).

**10/5 - South Florida's Finest Couples Gala** is held to support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at the Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle. The area's top couples are honored for leadership in the community, success in business, and support of charitable causes. Live and silent auctions, cocktail reception, dinner and dancing. 6:30 pm/ cocktails, 7:30 pm/dinner and awards. \$160/person, \$300/couple. 954-739-5006.

**10/5-7 - A Talent For Murder** is performed at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St., Delray Beach. Runs through 10/21. (10/9-14, 10/18-21) T-Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. \$30. 272-1281, Ext. 4.

**Saturday - 10/6 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup** at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd. in Ocean Ridge. 8-10:15 am. Free. Registration: 734-9128 or [www.SandSifters.us](http://www.SandSifters.us).

**10/6 - Claying Around** for ages 8-14 at The Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Learn basic techniques of pottery including wedging and centering clay. Saturdays through 11/10. 9-11 am. \$49/residents, \$62/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

**10/6 - Mini Monets** for ages 5-12 at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Learn to achieve a variety of effects in pencil, watercolor, charcoal and paint. Saturdays through 11/10. 9-11 am. \$49/residents, \$62/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

**10/6 - Pick Up the Pieces Class** for ages 5-12 at The Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Learn the basics of designing and creating original mosaic art pieces from tile and shells. Saturdays through 11/10. 9-11 am. \$49/residents, \$62/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650 or [www.boynton-beach.org](http://www.boynton-beach.org).

**10/6 - Guitar Classes** for kids 8-18 are held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Learn chords, riffs, tuning and tunes. Students must have their own guitar. Saturdays through 11/10. Noon-1 pm. \$66/residents, \$83/non-residents. Registration: 742-6240.

**10/6 - FAU Symphony Orchestra: Romantic Masterworks** is presented at FAU's University Theatre, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Features pianist Heather Colman. 7 pm. \$10/suggested donation. 297-3853 or [www.fau.edu/music](http://www.fau.edu/music).

**10/6-7 - 18th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Craft Festival** from Howard Alan is held along NW & SW 4th Avenues. Over 100 craft booths. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 954-472-3755.

**10/6-7 - Tribute to Ethel Merman** is presented at The Plaza Theatre, 262 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Sat.: 7:30 pm; Sun.: 2 pm. \$30. 588-1820 or [www.theplazatheatre.net](http://www.theplazatheatre.net).

## 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.



Euro-designed gourmet kitchen has Irpinia cabinetry, granite counters, cook island and stainless appliances.



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**Clockwise from above:** The entertainment area's custom awning is wind resistant up to 150 mph, and offers an inviting space that is convenient to both indoor and outdoor areas. Private stairs offer easy access to the den/study/office. The home has a newer (2009) concrete roof and two-car garage on a beautiful corner lot.





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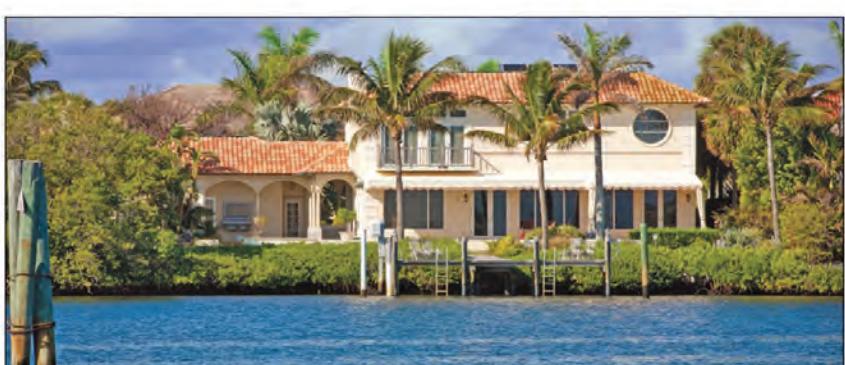
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