

Boca Raton

Park District reacts to bankrolling more beach restoration

By Cheryl Blackerby

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, beach restoration and how to pay for it were at the top of the agenda for commissioners of the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District.

“There’s going to be a big grab for federal money with the issues in the Northeast,” said the district’s attorney, Art Koski, at the Nov. 19 meeting. “The city is looking for FEMA money. But I don’t think we have the strength politically.”

Boca Raton’s engineers estimate the city’s four miles of beaches lost just under a million cubic yards of sand, which would cost about \$5 million to replace, said Jennifer Bistyga, Coastal Program Manager for the City of Boca Raton. This is a guess, she said, because there had been no surveys at press time. Surveys were expected the week of Nov. 26, weather permitting.

But some of the sand lost from Sandy is already returning. “We’re starting to see sand bars forming,”
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In Highland Beach, (l to r) Rosalie DeMartino, Commissioner Dennis Sheridan and Deputy Clerk Valerie Oakes put final touches on the City Hall tree. A Light Up the Holidays event is Dec. 10. See story, Page 6. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Philanthropy

Christine Lynn announces \$25 million pledge

By Tim Pallesen

Boca Raton philanthropist Christine Lynn surprised a Nov. 12 fundraising gala with her largest gift ever: \$25 million for the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis.

A tower to be built in her name will house surgical suites, an in-patient

rehabilitation hospital and research facilities to help in the Miami Project’s efforts to find a cure for paralysis.

Lynn announced her gift during a \$1,000-a-ticket fashion show and dinner to raise money at the Bal Harbour Shops in Miami.

“I knew before that I was going to make the pledge,” Lynn said. “But I kept

it quiet so I could announce it at the event.”

Tom Brokaw hosted the event, attended by 2,000 guests including actor Tommy Lee Jones and other celebrities. Enrique Iglesias sang for the guests.

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Well-wishers gather to watch Ryan Butts release sea turtle Cindy into the Atlantic Ocean. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

LOVING CARE

Injured turtle returns to the sea

By Ron Hayes

Giving the turtle a name was easy. Giving her back to the sea took months.

On July 28, a loggerhead turtle arrived at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center without a name, without a left flipper, without much chance of surviving.

Two fishermen had brought her to the city marina in Pompano Beach that Saturday night. A shark had taken the left front flipper. Her right flipper was nearly severed and, judging by the teeth marks, her head had been in the shark’s mouth.

“Sea turtles are usually only attacked if they’re already sick or injured,” explained Ryan Butts, the center’s turtle rehabilitation coordinator. “They float when they’re sick or

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Editor's Note

'It takes a village'

If ever there were an adage that describes *The Coastal Star*, this is it. It really does take a village.

Those of us on the editorial side of *The Coastal Star* recently received 10 awards from the Florida Press Club for work in the categories of Light Feature Writing, Government News Writing, Sports Feature Photography, Portrait/Personality Photography, Front Page Design, Feature Page Design, Business Writing, Feature Photography and Religion Writing. It's great to have this recognition from our peers.

Individual writers and photographers earned the awards for their outstanding work, but in this business, no man or woman is an island. Behind the scenes were assignment editors, headline writers, photo editors, copy editors and proofreaders who made each of these stories shine. It really does take a village, and I feel proud to work with such a talented group of journalists.

As we enter 2013, I marvel at the number of talented individuals who contribute to our publication each month. From our dedicated calendar editor, to our sales team and the artful ad builders they work with, to the graphic

artists who make sure each of our photographs and advertisements are in the correct format for the printer — we couldn't give you the quality publication we do without each and every one of them.

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Best wishes for a great holiday season and a happy New Year.



— Mary Kate Leming,
Executive Editor

Coastal Star



Eric Zeitlin runs down his Boca Raton street with (from left) neighbor Carmen Araujo, 8, and Zeitlin's daughters Zoe, 10, and Avery, 8. Zeitlin is co-founder of the fundraising event Take Stock In Children's Strides for Education 5K Walk/Run, scheduled for Dec. 8 at Florida Atlantic University.

Tim Stapien/The Coastal Star

Strides for Education run's founder strives to expand opportunities

By Linda Haase

Eric Zeitlin's December calendar is jam-packed with events. But for this coastal Boca Raton resident, the month signals a very significant occasion: the Take Stock In Children's Strides for Education 5K Walk/Run, which raises money for college scholarships for low-income Palm Beach County students.

Zeitlin hopes that the event, scheduled for 10 a.m. Dec. 8 at Florida Atlantic University, will raise \$200,000 (last year's inaugural race brought in about \$90,000).

"Take Stock in Children is breaking the cycle of poverty and decreasing the number of high school dropouts," explains the 42-year-old father of three, who co-founded the event and is chairman of the board of directors of the Palm Beach County chapter of Take Stock In Children.

The statewide nonprofit organization was established in 1995 to "give deserving low-income youth/students, many from minority families, an

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opportunity to escape the cycle of poverty through education." The assistance begins in middle school and includes mentoring, tutoring, career guidance and — if the student maintains at least a 2.5 GPA and remains drug-free and crime-free — a Florida prepaid college scholarship.

The success stories, says Zeitlin, managing director of Provenance Wealth Advisors, are so inspiring that they "tear your heart out."

"This opportunity offers hope and a future for these kids and gives them a chance to be productive in the community and help ensure the economic success of our state," says the University of Florida graduate, who has been volunteering for the group for seven years.

There are 300 students in the program in Palm Beach County. Zeitlin, a Saint

Andrew's School alum, says there's always a need for more volunteers to become mentors as well as for donations toward scholarships.

"One of the challenges for us is that the cost of scholarships has risen. And there are far more kids than we can provide for," explains Zeitlin, who also volunteers as a coach for Boca Hoops and enjoys working out, golfing and spending time with his family.

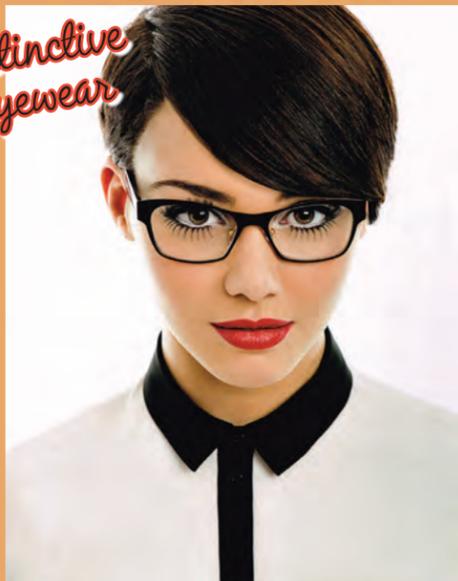
"We also need mentors, people who can be a friend to these kids, to provide advice, to make sure they do their homework and not give in to peer pressure. And be someone they can talk to that can give them guidance."

As for Zeitlin's impact? "Each day that passes and each dollar he raises change so many children's lives for futures to come," says his wife, Melissa. "He finds time to make a difference in so many lives." ★

For more information on the Take Stock In Children's Strides for Education 5K Walk/Run, visit www.StridesforEducation.com.

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CINDY

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injured, and that makes them vulnerable, so it's amazing she got away."

Butts and his team of volunteers named their patient Cindy, and nursed her for the next three months.

Her right flipper was sutured, her blood drawn to monitor glucose levels, her wounds cleansed daily and treated with honey, a natural disinfectant and antibiotic.

And then, on Nov. 15, Cindy went down to the sea again.

"You almost feel like your children are going off to kindergarten for the first time," said Butts. "There's a certain sadness, but that's overshadowed by the happiness and pride you feel."

Can a turtle conquer the ocean waves without a left front flipper?

"They learn to adapt with very little problem at all," he said. "The propulsion comes from their front flippers, with the rear used for steering, so Cindy will use her right rear flipper to compensate."

As he spoke, a camera crew from television's National Geographic Wild channel scurried about, taping the preparations. In town to record a segment about the center's new artificial reef tank, they had happily found themselves able to document Cindy's release as well.

Nearby, a dozen children lined up to sign a Bon Voyage poster.

Enjoy the seas.

Take care.

Good luck.

We will miss you.

Cindy is the man!

Shortly before 4:30 p.m., Butts and three assistants lifted her out of the blue plastic tank that had been her hospital room and placed her on scales.



ABOVE: Nearly 350 well-wishers braved the surf and an impending downpour to watch Cindy return to the ocean. **BELOW:** Ryan Butts (left) and assistants used a kiddie pool on a landscaping cart to transfer Cindy from her blue plastic home en route to the ocean. *Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star*

Cindy had come to the center weighing 115 pounds. She was leaving at 130.

Transferred to a green wading pool atop a cart, they wheeled her out of the rehab center to an ATV, climbed aboard and drove away, followed by other ATVs and the National Geographic crew.

Traveling slowly, the cavalcade rolled into the parking lot and through the gate, crossed North Ocean Boulevard to Red Reef Park, and climbed the dunes.

On the beach below, nearly 350 men, women and children — especially children — awaited her arrival, alerted by the Friends of Gumbo Limbo.

Cindy remained unimpressed by the attention.

"There's a sandbar not far offshore," Butts said, "so we

may have to give her a little nudge."

As he spoke, a black thundercloud sailed in from the west.

Butts and three or four volunteers lifted Cindy from her wading pool and placed her gently into the rising tide as the crowd broke into cheers, hoots and applause.

Butts followed along in the surf as the turtle swam into the waves, then south.

Out on the sandbar, a lone nature photographer named Ben Hicks kept watch.

Moments later, as the first fat raindrops fell, he raised an arm and signaled to Butts.

Cindy had passed the sandbar under her own power. She was gone.

She was home. ★

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Engel wins Beach and Park District position

By Cheryl Blackerby

Steven Engel won the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District's Seat 5, vacated by Commissioner Dirk Smith at the start of the year, in the Nov. 6 election. The term is four years.

A senior advertising consultant to Forum Publishing Group, Engel won 59.9 percent of the votes (24,702). Opponent Tom Thayer, a real-estate broker and retired Delta Airlines pilot, got 40.1 percent (16,537).



Engel

"To do the best job possible, I make it a point to speak to as many people as I can. I've talked to probably hundreds of people since August," Engel said after the election.

His priorities on issues presently before the district include charging no park facility user fees for district residents, which he calls "effectively a double tax for the same service"; a continued pay-as-you-go policy for district budgeting; and barring private development on district public property.

"Public beaches are there for the public. We can't allow private development. You get a short-term fix in rental revenue, but you really don't have any control. We have a responsibility to maintain control," he said.

Beach restoration is another hot topic, particularly after beach damage from Hurricane Sandy. "That's going to be an ongoing issue we need to figure out now that the federal government is no longer involved, and we need to do it properly. One of the possibilities is working out partnerships with adjacent towns."

Other issues include "over-development of Boca Raton, environmental problems, litter and the rise in sea levels — that's not a problem right this moment, but it will have to be addressed."

This was the first run for public office for Engel, 62, a resident of Florida for six years and of Boca Raton for four years. ★

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Boca Raton

Appeals likely in court battle over Archstone project

By Angie Francalancia

Neighbors fighting a proposed downtown apartment complex won what looks to be only round one of a court fight over the Archstone development, as representatives of the city and the project position themselves for an appeal.

But even if the city didn't challenge the ruling handed down in late October by the 15th Circuit Court that would require a referendum, voters might not get the outcome they expect, because it's not a referendum on the project, Boca Raton Mayor Susan Welchel said.

The city was awaiting word on its request for a rehearing

from the judge - a request which is separate from that of the developer. At press time, the request still was pending. A status conference was scheduled for Dec. 11th.

The city can't determine whether to appeal before a decision on the request for a rehearing.

Late last month, the city and the developer were discussing an appeal.

"I believe that both the city and the developer will appeal," said attorney Charles Siemon, who represents Archstone. "I think the court erred when it held that the city's provision was subject to a referendum. I think she read it wrong."

Archstone is a mixed-use project of 378 apartments,

including 25 town homes, and 13,500 square feet of retail planned for about 6 acres on East Palmetto Park, east of Northeast Third Avenue. It is one of several apartment projects Boca Raton has approved within the past year for the downtown area. Neighbors have fought the approval of Archstone, though, alleging that it's the only one adjacent to a single-family neighborhood and that its small units would be marketed as workforce housing.

"The center of downtown Boca near the Intracoastal Bridge is not an area for the workforce community," said Andrea O'Rourke, who opposes the project. She and others have formed a

political action committee called BocaWatchPAC to fight Archstone.

About 200 supporters gathered early last month for a barbecue at Ellenville Garden Center, where the group's website, saveboca.com, was unveiled.

Welchel said she believes the group is opposed to any development on the site and is misrepresenting what residents would win with a referendum.

"It's not a thumbs up or thumbs down on Archstone," she said. "It will be a referendum on the ability for Archstone to design under the interim guidelines," for downtown, she said.

Those guidelines were the result of several years' work

with Urban Design Associates to help redevelop Boca Raton's downtown. They would allow Archstone to build with less setback from the street, but also require that the development be less boxy.

Earlier this year, the city voted to allow Archstone to use the guidelines — although not fully adopted — to develop the project. It's that vote that the residents are challenging.

If the issues goes to referendum, and voters reject allowing Archstone to use the interim guidelines to develop, "they would need to set the building back five more feet," Welchel said, "and they can't put the balconies on because they'd jut into the setback." ★



Yuletide carolers sing holiday favorites at the annual Holiday Lighting Extravaganza at Boca Raton's Mizner Park Amphitheatre on Nov. 23. Attendees were encouraged to sing along. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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and we will survey that, too, to see how much sand will come back," she said.

The sand loss from Sandy was more troubling than past storms, she said, because Boca beaches lost height as well as width, which might add to restoration costs.

Before Sandy damaged the Palm Beach County coastline, Koski already had advised commissioners that federal money for beach restoration had dried up. At a September meeting, he said it had been customary for the government to fund about 70 percent of restoration, which left 30 percent to be paid by state, county and local governments, but now the entire cost is falling on local governments.

This is particularly troubling to the board, which in October approved the reimbursement to the city of Boca Raton of \$2 million, in addition to a partial reimbursement of \$2 million already paid, for a beach restoration project that took place several years ago.

The board didn't anticipate paying for additional beach restoration projects for another five years or longer. Two months later, board members are already looking at substantial payments for more beach erosion.

The board is still waiting for damage assessments reports, Koski said, on district beaches, including Ocean Strand, a 15-acre property, and Red Reef Park, a 67-acre oceanfront park that includes the 20-acre Gumbo Limbo Environmental Education Center, which has lifeguard stations and elevated walkways.

Raising money through taxes was suggested, but Chairman Earl Starkoff expressed concerns about "the issue of fairness as it relates to western constituents paying into a special district fund for restoration" on beaches they may not use as much as those who live on the beach or at least closer.

Starkoff also considered the option of both the city and district working with other coastal communities on a funding solution with a regional view.

No official damage reports are in hand, but the beaches undoubtedly lost sand and width and had some damage to beach structures.

With the district potentially footing the bill for future restorations, attorney Koski expressed hope that the district would now have a say in where and how the money is used instead of simply writing a check to the city, which it has in the past.

"Prior to this, we have never been involved in the design process, other than years ago when there was a question whether a dredging project was going to cover the rocks. That was always left to the city," he said. "But I'm hopeful that this district will now be able to take a more active role so that we can provide some input, some recommendations, and some ideas to the ongoing problems."

Commissioner Dennis Frisch suggested exploring a less expensive and mobile, even disposable, design for lifeguard towers on the beach. "We seem to be doing an awful lot of rebuilding," he said.

Koski said the city has reported back to him that it has "the most functional and practical lifeguard towers that exist." ★

Potential dog beach being studied

By Margie Plunkett

Boca Raton's beaches may be going to the dogs.

Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie asked city staff to look into piloting a dog beach, where pet owners can take their pooches for sun and fun.

"It's another step toward making us more dog friendly," Haynie said at the Nov. 14 council meeting.

The request came about after Haynie spent time with the Riviera Dog Walkers Club and their leader asked if Boca Raton could follow Fort Lauderdale in designating a beach. "They all seem very enthusiastic about it," said the council member.

In Fort Lauderdale, an area

is specified as a dog beach for a limited time. "You have to buy an additional permit to utilize it, which provides [resources] to patrol it and clean up after it," Haynie said.

"It's just another park amenity we don't have," Haynie said.

Mayor Susan Welchel, who noted she was a dog lover, responded: "Whooooo. There's an opportunity for lots of controversy."

"Maybe we could have a trial run to see how many dogs are going to want to be on that beach," Welchel said.

In its online "Doggie Guide to City Parks," Fort Lauderdale lists the beach from Sunrise Boulevard to 100 yards north as the designated area for dogs. The

beach is open to canines Fridays, Saturday and Sundays. Winter hours are 3 to 7 p.m., with summer hours during daylight saving time from 5 to 9 p.m.

An annual permit costs \$30 for residents and \$45 for nonresidents, according to the website. A one-weekend permit is \$7. The permit also allows leashed dogs to be walked on the west side of A1A from Sunrise Boulevard south to Seabreeze Boulevard from 6 to 9 a.m. daily.

Beach rules require dogs to be on a leash. Any excessive barking or other frowned-upon behavior will get them booted off the beach.

Owners must bring their permit, as well as a poop scoop. ★

Boca Raton/Delray Beach

State intervention sought in regulation of sober houses

By Tim Pallesen

Delray Beach is asking the state to regulate sober houses after the city failed in its own effort to prevent the Caron Foundation from opening two such coastal houses for recovering addicts.

Delray and Boca Raton will share the cost for a Tallahassee lobbyist to persuade legislators that the state Department of Families and Children should license and regulate sober houses.

"Let's start this from another angle," Delray Beach Vice Mayor Tom Carney said of the issue for coastal residents in the city's upcoming mayoral

campaign.

Carney faces another coastal resident, Cary Glickstein, in the March 12 election for mayor.

"Tom as a commissioner failed to get any results," Glickstein said. "Now, as a candidate for mayor, this is his priority all of a sudden."

The City Commission at Carney's urging agreed to pay \$15,000 to hire Joe McCann, senior vice president of the Tallahassee lobbying firm Ballard Partners, to be the city lobbyist.

Firm owner Brian Ballard is the brother of former County Commissioner Mary McCarty. McCann will meet with

legislative committee leaders before the April legislative session to gather support for state licensing and regulation of sober houses.

"The real issue is the proliferation of sober houses that don't give you the treatment that they promise," Carney said. "Government's role is to make sure businesses in the community do what they say they're going to do."

The Florida League of Cities, also concerned about sober houses in residential neighborhoods, has proposed less costly legislation because it doubts the legislature will pay for DCF enforcement.

"The law won't be changed

just for Delray and Boca," Glickstein said. "The more economical way is to get other cities on the same page."

Glickstein became a figure in the Caron Foundation's lawsuit against the city when a federal judge said his outspoken comments showed Delray Beach was discriminating against recovering drug addicts and alcoholics. Glickstein, the planning and zoning board chairman at the time, had called sober houses a "cancer" on Delray Beach.

"The key is not to be the loudest, but rather to be the most effective," Carney said, as the mayoral campaign heats

up with sober houses still a concern for coastal residents.

Federal housing laws prevent discrimination against recovering drug addicts and alcoholics.

Both Glickstein and Caron Foundation attorney Jim Green cautioned Delray Beach that federal courts could overturn a state law to regulate sober houses, just as a federal judge blocked Delray Beach's attempt to do so.

"The fact that Delray Beach is attempting to spearhead state legislation with its history of discrimination against people in recovery would be viewed with suspicion by the federal courts," Green said. ★

Boca considers reviving old IBM site with lots of new uses

By Thomas R. Collins

A commercial office district near Interstate 95 and Yamato Road used to be a spot that this city could brag about. An IBM facility was located there, employing 10,000 people at its peak in the late 1980s.

The computer giant's workforce shrank, and it moved most of its jobs to the Research Triangle in North Carolina, and some to Texas, in 1996.

Since then, the 965 acres — called the "northwest area" — has lost its luster: The once humming area sits largely vacant.

To resurrect it, the city is about to allow a slate of new uses never before allowed there: mainly residential apartments, up to 2,500 of them, but also retail and other kinds of development, with people living near workplaces and services so that — the thinking goes — they'll be less likely to use their cars and clog roads.

Residents are in favor of redeveloping the sluggish zone, but are worried it's too much and that little traffic will actually be contained within it.

It's one of five areas of the city that is being considered for this kind of transformation, called "planned mobility," but the details will likely vary for each and the northwest area is the first in line. Boynton Beach employed a similar concept with Renaissance Commons, a cluster of apartments and shops off Congress Avenue.

Boca Deputy City Manager

George Brown, who's been overseeing the plans that have been evolving for months, said it would be a much-needed shot in the arm.

"The idea is to have multiple uses in areas that were formerly single-use or limited to a certain number of uses," he said at a recent discussion at City Hall. "Bring residents closer to the jobs that they have and services of which they avail themselves."

The cap would be 20 units an acre, which is not an uncommon amount for similar South Florida mixed-use developments — Renaissance Commons has the same cap. Buildings could be 85 feet high, or about eight stories, as long as they don't go over the cap on units or surpass the amount of square footage the city deems is appropriate for the size of the lot, which is determined by a formula.

Shared parking would be encouraged, more bike racks would be supplied, walking paths would be required and having everything connected would be the main theme, city officials say.

Charles Siemon, a lawyer who represents the landowners in the northwest area, said it's a long-overdue step. The Research Triangle in North Carolina, considered the hot new spot when IBM moved there from Boca, is already undergoing a master plan change, he noted, while Boca has sat idle ever since IBM moved away.

"It is an area that was

the heart of our economic prosperity," Siemon said. "We're trying to create a new place that will be competitive in the marketplace."

Although happy with the proposed plan, he is arguing for more square footage to be allowed on each lot.

Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie said she wants to resolve the "lack of consensus that we have in the community about how much is too much" and wants to make sure existing residents aren't left "paying the tab" for new services that might be needed.

Indeed, there are some who are not exactly on board with the concept.

Lenore Wachtel, a board member with the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations, said "it's a nice idea" but that "some people think this is a gift to the developers."

"We walk for fun all the time, but if we're going anywhere, even close, we take our car," she said.

Elisabeth Hoffman, a resident who lives next to another area being considered as a planned mobility district (East of I-95 between Spanish River Boulevard and Glades Road), said she's not opposed to it "as a concept," but figures residents there would still "get in their cars to go to the grocery store" no matter how close it is.

"As an ardent environmentalist and futurist, I'm in favor of more public transport use, less vehicular use in terms of less sprawl," she said. "Those are all things that are high on my natural agenda, but because of the development focus of our current City Council, I find myself quite concerned about how some of this will play out."

Council will vote on the northwest area planning ordinance at a public hearing on Dec. 11. ★

—Margie Plunkett contributed to this story.



Abrams chosen as County Board Chairman

In November, for the first time in nearly 50 years, someone from Boca Raton — former Mayor Steven Abrams — became chairman of the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners.

Abrams said he looks forward to a productive year with a focus on public safety, economic prosperity, and sustainability. Another priority will be to heighten the board's visibility by increasing public awareness of the role of the Commission.

Abrams, 54, represents District 4, which includes 12 municipalities from South Palm Beach to Boca Raton. He was appointed to the commission in 2009 by then Gov. Charlie Crist to fill a vacancy left by Mary McCarty. The following year, he was elected without opposition to a four-year term.

He was Boca Raton's mayor from 2001 through 2008.

Before moving to Boca Raton, Abrams was a law clerk in the White House to President Ronald Reagan and Chief Justice John Roberts. He graduated from Harvard University and earned his law degree from The George Washington University.

— Staff report

Highland Beach

Town will once again Light Up the Holidays

By Rich Pollack

A holiday tradition is returning to Highland Beach, back by popular demand.

Started in 2005 by the town's cultural society board, Light Up the Holidays was a celebration that included the lighting of a Christmas tree in front of Town Hall as well as entertainment.

But when the board disbanded in 2011, the Light Up the Holidays celebration was discontinued.

It will be back this year, however, on Dec. 10 after town commissioners fielded calls from disappointed residents.

"We had several requests to bring it back," said Commissioner Dennis Sheridan, who is chairing the event along with Commissioner Lou Stern. "It's an activity that town residents really enjoy."

Town commissioners agreed to allocate up to \$1,500 for the celebration, with money coming from the town's reserves.

This year's festivities, which will take place in front of Town Hall, will include performances by baritone singer Lou Galterio, Cantor Margaret Schmitt and the Lawrence of Florida Four Scissors barbershop quartet. The Rev. Gerald Grace of St. Lucy's Catholic Church will give the invocation.

In addition to the Christmas tree, a menorah and a manger scene will be placed in front of Town Hall during the holiday season.

Cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be provided for those attending the Light Up the Holidays celebration, which begins at 4:30 p.m.

To find out more about Light Up the Holidays, call Town Hall at 278-4548. ★

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Along the Coast



LEFT: A recently installed buoy sits offshore of Spanish River Park and the Sea Ranch Club Condominiums at Spanish River Blvd and A1A. Photo provided

BELOW: A diver uses a jackhammer to install one of 28 new mooring buoys placed at popular boating spots in Palm Beach County. Photo courtesy of Palm Beach County ERM Department

New mooring buoys serve as lifeline for fragile reefs

By Cheryl Blackerby

Twenty-eight new mooring buoys, including 10 just north of the Boca Raton Inlet, were placed at five locations in October to help protect the county's fragile shallow reefs.

The goal is to reduce anchor damage and allow more sponge, sea fan and hard coral coverage that increases the habitat for fish, lobsters, sea turtles and other reef species. The new buoys were installed by Palm Beach County's Department of Environmental Resources Management in partnership with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Wildlife Foundation of Florida.

"Anchors that are dragged across our reefs are a very serious problem," said Janet Phipps, coral reef ecologist for the county's Department of Environmental Resources Management. "We don't have wide, extensive reefs like those south of us and in the Florida Keys. Our reefs are more concentrated close to the shore near The Breakers hotel and east of Boca Raton."

All of the mooring buoys are 1,000 to 1,500 feet offshore in shallow water, at depths of 15 to 25 feet. The new buoys are in addition to six popular mooring buoys installed in 2009 at a reef 1,000 feet due east of The Breakers resort.

Boaters now can tie up at three buoys over an artificial reef at Diamondhead Radnor Park in Jupiter; three buoys in the Singer Island area just north of the Palm Beach Inlet; six at The Breakers hotel, which is the center of a 4-mile-long natural reef; six south of The Breakers due east of Mar-a-Lago; and the 10 buoys near the Boca inlet.

The destruction caused by anchors is killing coral already suffering from pollution. Passengers flying out of Palm Beach International Airport can easily see the dark water of the Intracoastal Waterway laden with pesticides, fertilizers and other pollutants flowing through the inlets and fanning out into the ocean.

"Our reefs are very challenged. The problem is just too many people. Have you ever watched the outgoing water into the ocean? It's pretty nasty. That pollution is



jeopardizing the reefs," Phipps said.

The buoys will help keep the corals and other sea life safe from anchor damage. Set into exposed limestone close to the reefs, the buoys are popular with boaters who have to get to the ones near The Breakers early on Saturday mornings

because they fill up quickly, she says.

"There are a lot more buoys in Broward County, Miami and the Keys, and we've seen how buoys really do protect the reefs," she said. "The biggest expense is long-term maintenance. Boaters can make donations through the Wildlife

Foundation of Florida."

Phipps cautions boaters to properly tie up to the buoys. Careless or inexperienced boaters often loop the buoy pick-up line over a cleat on the boat.

The pick-up lines are too short for that purpose, and the boat ends up damaging the

buoy, which costs about \$350 per system, not including labor, she said. Boaters should tie their bow line to the buoy pick-up line. The buoys are not to be used for overnight stays.

The six buoys at The Breakers have been replaced about once a year because of damage caused from improper tying and from propellers. The cost for installation, monitoring and annual maintenance of the new buoys is about \$97,000 and is paid by a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission boating improvement program grant and private donations.

At a Boca Raton City Council Workshop Nov. 26, Phipps told council members the annual cost of maintenance for Boca's 10 mooring buoys would be about \$9,500 including \$5,500 for labor and in-water work and \$4,000 for replacing buoys.

"We're finding about an 80 percent loss of buoys each year. They just disappear," she said, adding that four buoys in north county were lost to Sandy. She expressed hope that the City of Boca Raton would assist in paying for Boca's buoys. "If we run out of money we will have to remove the buoys," she warned ★

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Around Town

Max's latest endeavour spotlights Mexican flavor

Longtime restaurateur **Dennis Max** (Max's Grill, Max's Harvest) and his partners go south of the border with his new restaurant, **The Mexican**, in Boca Raton's **Royal Palm Place**.

Growing up on the Pacific coast where Mexican street food was common gave Max the basis for the menu at the "cocina and tequila bar" he has long been planning. Through his spokeswoman, he said, "Mexican food is dear to me, having grown up in Southern California during the 1950s and '60s. Border town cuisine is part of California's fabric, much in the way that Italian food is part of New York's culture."

Max's new approach to restaurant fare using sustainable, locally sourced food, is touted on the menu.

Dishes include a *ceviche del dia*, *sopa de tortilla*, a variety of tacos including crispy pork belly, shrimp *al pastor*, *carne asada*, and beef and pork meatballs. Fajitas and enchiladas also are on the menu, along with rotisserie chicken and Rancheras — short ribs. Other small plates, salads and desserts round out the list. A wide tequila selection is on the bar menu.

Indoor and outdoor seating is available at the 4,000-square-foot restaurant, open for lunch and dinner.

The **Sunshine Blues Festival** is taking over Boca's **Mizner Park Amphitheatre** on Jan. 19, with the **Tedeschi Trucks Band** (Derek Trucks and his Grammy-nominated wife, **Susan Tedeschi**) as one of the headliners.

Dr. John, one of New Orleans' star piano players, and slide-guitar legend **Sonny Landreth** also are scheduled.

Others on the bill are **Walter Trout**, formerly with the **Bluesbreakers**, Allman Brothers drummer **Jaimoe** and his **Jaimoe's Jassz Band**, Brit blues strummer **Matt Schofield**, **The Wood Brothers**, **Big Sam's Funky Nation**, **Joe Louis Walker**, **Bobby Lee Rodgers** and **Sean Chambers**.

Tickets are \$49.50; order at livenation.com or call (800) 745-3000.

Everybody's clucking over the haute henhouse in the **Neiman Marcus Holiday Book**. One of the top luxe items listed this year in the retailer's annual holiday catalog is a custom-designed chicken coop.

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The coop will be designed and installed by **Svetlana Simon**, a Boynton Beach farmer who sells fresh eggs, honey, goats' milk and yogurt



Dressed as a Christmas tree, Boca Raton resident Kathy Krepp searches for treasures at The Christmas Emporium at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in Boca Raton. The church's annual holiday sale took place Nov. 9-10. **Photo by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

at the **Delray Beach Green Market** each Saturday. The eggs are plucked from the nests of Cooco Marans and Chilean Araucana hens she keeps at her **Heritage Hen Farm**.

The catalog's fantasy fowl palace is multilevel and includes a "living room" chandelier, a broody room for the pampered hens, and protected bedchambers — er,

nests. It may be the most over-the-top roost anywhere.

Simon also will plant raised beds for herbs or vegetables around the hen manse. And the chickens — three to 10 — will be chosen to thrive in the specific environment.

If you're not into getting up with the chickens, the **Holiday Book** also lists a special edition red McLaren 12C Spider. It'll set you back a cool \$354,000. Not exactly chicken feed.

Get a jump on those sugarplums dancing around in your head at the annual **Bake for the Rescues** at the **Sundy House**, 6-8:30 p.m. on Dec. 3.

Twenty celebrity bakers will bring their best baked goods to compete for the grand prize and help **Dezzy's Second Chance Rescues** in the process.

Along with samples of desserts and pastries, chefs from the Sundy House will provide food stations and hors d'oeuvres. Dog bones will be handed out as well for four-legged friends. A silent auction and raffle, along with giveaways, are part of the activities.

For tickets or info, call (954) 588-7045 or go to www.dezzysecondchance.com.

A box of macaroni and cheese or a can of soup can get you off the hook for library fines in Delray Beach this month. The unique **Food for Fines** program returns to the **Delray Beach Public Library** (100 W. Atlantic Ave.) offering those who've kept *The Da Vinci Code* a few years past the due date to come clean by bringing a nonperishable food donation along with any overdue item.

One-for-one is the deal — one box or can of food for every returned late item, and your slate is wiped clean. Without

food, you must then pay fines on any late returns.

The program is good for Dec. 3 to 23 only.

Food donations are welcome without late books, too — just drop off nonperishables at the circulation desk.

Coming soon to a theater near you: **Frank McKinney** as ... Jesus. The self-described "real estate artist," author and "philanthro-capitalist" was tapped to play "The Man" in the upcoming indie release, *Infidel*.

The faith-based movie is listed as a "psycho-spiritual thriller," with McKinney portraying a modern-day Jesus.

Written and directed by **George Monteiro**, the film was pitched to McKinney as an audition by way of a Facebook message. He writes that he was seconds away from sending his "no" answer when the theme of one of his own motivational books "tapped" him to at least read the script.

The story of a gunman who bursts into a church and challenges a congregation to renounce their faith or die moved him, he says in a blog.

It's been years since he's acted — he had bit parts in *Miami Vice* and a **Chuck Norris** film in his 20s.

On his blog, he tells of being nervous about auditioning against pro actors, yet he "nailed" the role, according to the director.

The short film debuts in 2013 — McKinney's website, frankmckinney.com will have details.

Afraid to party in public on New Year's Eve because of the drive home? The **Boca Raton Resort & Club** is planning a Countdown New Year's Eve Poolside Bash — and for the price of the party — a DJ at the

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Separate parties for kids under 12, and teens (they get dinner and a two-hour catamaran cruise) are planned.

The one-night-only party package is \$499 for two. More info and reservations at www.bocaresort.com.

No Santas are allowed to march in the **Delray Holiday Parade** set for Dec. 8 along east Atlantic Avenue. That's because the Fire Department has the jolly old elf covered — he'll arrive at the end in '80s pop style. Put on your Prince costume and wave them on.

The **Arts Garage** in Delray Beach is planning festive groups this month, focusing on jazz and blues. The **Chassidic Jazz Project** performs Dec. 8 in a Hanukkah celebration. **Susan Behar, Ian Maskin and Jose Luis** present a night of world music, with a touch of classical, flamenco and Latin rhythms. **Mac Arnold**, crony of **B.B. King, James Brown and Otis Redding**, among others, plays the blues guitar Dec. 15. **Antonio Madrugá**, an award-winning 18-year-old jazz pianist, performs Dec. 22. Dec. 29 wraps up the Garage jazz performances with the **Dr. Lonnie Smith** CD Release Party. The keyboardist has been named organ keyboardist of the year five times by the Jazz Journalist Association. His new album, *The Healer*, debuts here. Tickets and information are at www.artsgarage.org.

Political debates are over, but diplomacy isn't at Florida Atlantic University. The **U.S. Women's Soccer Team** will end its Tribute Tour at FAU Stadium Dec. 15, facing off against China's team.

The U.S. women won with a 6-0-0 record at this year's London Olympics, bringing home their third straight gold medal and fourth in the sport.

Expect to watch stars **Abby Wambach** and **Hope Solo** take on China as the teams meet for their 49th playoff. Tickets are available at ticketmaster.com or ussoccer.com.

In other sports news, the 23rd annual **Chris Evert Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic** raised \$600,000 for Evert's charities — all youth- and child-focused. The tournament draws thousands to the **Delray Tennis Center** each October.

Mozart Café, a kosher-dairy Israeli restaurant with three other locations in South Florida, recently opened in the **Fountains Center** in Boca Raton. The 5,000-square-foot restaurant serves no meats, but focuses on healthful Mediterranean dishes such as fish, sushi, salads and pizza. Seating is at the bar and tables indoors, and in the courtyard, decorated with water elements.



Courtney del Filen (No. 120) loses the first of both shoes during the Delray Beach Stiletto Race, held Nov. 16 on Southeast Fourth Avenue. More than 40 contestants participated in the race, presented by Vince Canning Shoes and Achievement Centers for Children & Families. It raised more than \$5,000 to benefit programs of the Achievement Centers. Photo by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

In a unique program, once a month children with special needs will serve as greeters, kitchen workers and servers. Proceeds from the monthly event benefit **Friendship Circle**, an organization that helps families with children who have special needs.

Culinary stars are aligning in Palm Beach for the newly expanded **Palm Beach Food and Wine Festival**, Dec. 7-11.

New this year are daytime events and expanded collaboration with Food Network personalities. Also new is the charity component — **Chefs Dish Back**, which will support the participating chefs' charities of choice. One hundred percent of the net profits will go to the charities.

Events include a golf tournament with a food truck contest at **The Breakers** golf course, a burger bash beachside at the **Four Seasons**, a pig roast at **Pistache** in West Palm Beach, a sustainable seafood dinner at **PB Catch Seafood & Raw Bar**, a wine and champagne food pairing at **Virginia Philips Wine Academy** in West Palm Beach, a collaborative chef's dinner at **Buccan**, and the Grand Tasting with the Chef's Throwdown at **150 Worth**.

The tribute dinner Saturday night at The Breakers honors **Sirio Maccione**, of New York's famed Le Cirque. Chefs cooking include **Daniel Boulud, Jacques Torres, David Burke and Marc Murphy**, working with The Breakers chef **Jeff Simms** and sommelier **Virginia Philip** to prepare the multicourse meal.

Tickets and information are at www.pbfoodwinefest.com.

You can step up to the plates at **Caffe Luna Rosa** with a little lighter step, thanks to new menu items they're cooking up.

A first for one of the oldest Delray restaurants, the healthy additions include vegan, vegetarian and Weight Watchers-inspired dishes, along with low-cal cocktails.

"The older generation is

now eating healthier. I had to lose weight, and after going on Weight Watchers, I realized I couldn't eat in my own restaurant," managing owner **Fran Marincola** said.

His wife is a vegetarian, and her choices also were limited.

The foods used in the restaurant are in many cases organic, but all are free of hormones. Vegan choices include the **Luna Rosa Seven Vegetable Burger** served in a cucumber wrap, or vegetarian pizza and omelets for breakfast.

The restaurant has also refurbished and freshened up cosmetically. A newly painted façade, new bistro chairs, a mahogany ceiling and a new awning dresses up the building's entrance.

Also new is Caffe Luna Rosa's Rewards Program — diners earn a point for every dollar spent before tax and tip, and can redeem them for dining certificates.

The **Delray Beach Garlic Festival** organizers have announced the headliners for the 14th annual "stinkiest" fest, slated for Feb. 8-10, 2013 in downtown Delray Beach.

National acts include **Lifehouse**, performing Feb. 8, and **Pepper**, playing Feb. 9. They'll join local and area bands including the **Killbillies**, the **Fabulous Fleetwoods**, **Andy Childs**, the **Jay Blues Band**, **Captain Reese with Son of Man**, **Turnstiles** and **The Long Run**.

The festival includes a Garlic Chef Stadium, where a garlic cook-off among area chefs is held, craft and food vendors and beer and wine.

For tickets and information, go to the website, dbgarlicfest.com.



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Thom Smith is on assignment working for FEMA in the Northeast in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. He will return to his Around Town column in the coming months.



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51st Annual Boca Raton Regional Hospital Ball

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Jan. 12, 2013: Guests at the 51st Annual Boca Raton Regional Hospital Ball will pay tribute to Elaine Wold and celebrate the transformation of the Emergency Department into the Wold Family Center for Emergency Medicine at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. They also will honor a team of outstanding physicians. The event begins at 7 p.m. at the resort, 501 E. Camino Real. Tickets cost \$400. Call 955-4142 or visit www.brrh.com. **Photo:** Ball committee members include (front row, from left) Charlotte Robinson, Barbara Cohen, Debbie Leising, Joan Wargo, Holli Rockwell, Gail Wasserman, Kris Gregg, (back row, from left) Robin Rubin, Amy Kazma, Barbara Gutin, Jeannette Markus, Jane Ciraulo, Jan Savarick, Patty Soltis, Denese Brito, Kathy Adkins, Jo Ann Procacci, Shelly Himmelrich and Laura Stoltz. **Photo provided**

Philanthropy Calendar

Pay it Forward

Pay it Forward is a calendar designed to celebrate the many philanthropic events in the community from October through April each year. *Events in this listing are current as of 11/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.*

DECEMBER 1

Saturday - 12/1 - Hair Saving Event in Support of Cancer Patients at Lifestyles of Lynne in Royal Palm Place, 284 Esplanade, #52B, Boca Raton. Volunteers will shave their heads to show support for those with cancer. 10 am-1 pm. Donations benefit St. Baldrick's Foundation. 347-2933 or www.royalpalmplace.com.

12/1 - Christmas Designer Showcase House at Cason Cottage Museum, 5 NE First St., Delray Beach. The Delray Beach Historical Society's special preview of the Christmas Designer Showcase House will help support society projects, including education programs for elementary-school students. 6:30 pm. \$75. Following the preview, the house will be open to the public through 1/1. 274-9578 or www.delraybeachhistory.org.

12/1 - "Lady in Red" Gala at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno and Sultans of Swing headline a fundraiser for Leaders in Furthering Education. 6 pm. \$700. 865-0955 or www.life-edu.org.

DECEMBER 2-8

Monday - 12/3 - Bake for the Rescues at Sundry House, 106 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Join 20 celebrity bakers and help raise money for Dezzy's Second Chance Animal Rescue. 6-8:30 pm. \$25-\$30. 954-588-7045 or www.dezzysecondchance.com.

Monday - 12/3 - Holiday Trunk Show Preview Cocktail Reception at The Seagate Hotel & Spa, 1000 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Support the

Iron Chef Competition

Boca Raton Resort & Club



Jan. 18, 2013: Viewers of this heated event will see teams of volunteers in the kitchen with pots, pans, forks and knives competing in cooking contests and table-setting designs to benefit Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum. A four-course dinner will be served with wine pairings. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Tickets cost \$175. Call 395-6766 or visit www.bocahistory.org. **Photo:** Iron Chef Competition Co-Chairwomen Kimberly Rosemurgy (left) and Allison Lane, with Executive Chef Andrew Roenbeck. **Photo provided**

Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club and the more than 300 children it serves by getting a sneak peak of items offered at the Holiday Trunk Show. 6-8 pm. \$85. 683-3287 or www.bgcpcb.org.

Tuesday-Wednesday - 12/4-5 - Holiday Trunk Show at The Seagate Hotel & Spa, 1000 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. More than 30 vendors will offer everything from jewelry and accessories to Christmas ornaments and holiday décor. Funds from sales will benefit Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club. 9 am-5 pm. Free. 683-3287 or www.bgcpcb.org.
12/5 - Mental Health Association Annual Meeting and Silent Auction at Cha Cha's, 150 Worth Ave. #235, Palm Beach. Partake in fresh tapas and fruity sangria to raise money for association programs. 5-7 pm. \$40. 832-3755 or

www.mhapbc.org.
Thursday - 12/6 - Sandler Family Major Gifts Event at St. Andrews Country Club, 17557 W. Claridge Oval, Boca Raton. Listen to presentations by a CBS News correspondent and an Israeli intelligence expert while lauding Harvey and Phyllis Sandler for being the largest donors in the history of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County's Annual Campaign. 6 pm. \$125. 852-3333 or www.jewishboca.org.
Friday - 12/7 - 4th Annual Sea Coast Toast at Rooftop Terrace at the Spanish River Library, 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton. Support Gumbo Limbo Nature Center with an evening under the stars with hors d'oeuvres and drinks, tropical music and auctions. 6-9 pm. \$55. 544-8605.

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Food for the Poor Building Hope Gala Pre-Event
Gregory's Fine Jewelry, Delray Beach



Dec. 6: Join the Food for the Poor Building Hope Gala committee for champagne and hors d'oeuvres from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. A portion of proceeds benefit home-building efforts in Jamaica. Request an invitation by calling (888) 404-4248 or visiting www.foodforthe poor.org. **Photo:** Committee members (from left) Allison Venditti, Rene Mahfood, Michele Greene, Julie Mahfood, Tashia Rahl, Kelly Brauner, Traci Wilson, Ronda Ellis Ged, Becky Carlsson, Ronda Gluck and Patricia Wallace. **Photo provided**

Saturday - 12/8 - River of Grass Gala at The Colony, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. Support the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for the Everglades by attending a "green-tie" affair. 6:30 pm. \$350. 233-9004 or www.artmarshall.org.
12/8 - 12th Annual Caridad Center "Wrapping up Your Holiday Wishes" Gala at Four Seasons Resort, 2800 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. An evening of auctioning, dining and dancing will honor four dentists for their 20 years of volunteer efforts at Caridad Center. 7 pm. \$250. 582-2800 or www.caridad.org.

DECEMBER 9-15

Sunday - 12/9 - Sip & Shop at Evelyn & Arthur, 277 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Guests are invited to the newly redesigned store to peruse winter merchandise, luxurious sweaters, stylish accessories and other couture. Proceeds from sales benefit Palm Beach Habilitation Center. Noon-5 pm. Free. 572-0900 or www.evelynandarthur.com.

Friday - 12/14 - Jingle Bell Ball at The Breakers, 1 South County Road, Palm Beach. Participate in a festive evening of dinner and dancing to benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County. 7 pm. \$600. 683-3287 or www.bgcpbc.org.

DECEMBER 16-22

Thursday - 12/20 - National League of American Pen Women Luncheon and Discussion at Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. John Cutrone, director of the Jaffee Center for the Book at Florida Atlantic University, will serve as guest speaker for the benefit supporting college woman in the arts. Noon. \$25. 865-9756 or www.bocapenwomen.org.

DECEMBER 23-29

Saturday - 12/29 - Red Cross Beach Bash at The Beach Club, 755 North County Road, Palm Beach. The next generation of philanthropic leaders will gather to benefit the American Red Cross. 8 pm-midnight. \$150-200. 650-9133.

JANUARY

Friday - 1/4 - Hospice Evening at The Breakers, 1 South County Road, Palm Beach. Take in a champagne reception and fashion show by Carolina Herrera, followed by a black-tie dinner, to benefit Hospice of Palm Beach County. 7 pm. \$450-\$750. 832-8585 or www.hpbpc.org.

Saturday - 1/5 - Your Medical School Gala at The Royal Palm Yacht Club, 2425 Maya Palm Drive W., Boca Raton. A black-tie-optional reception, auction, dinner and dance will benefit "Compassionate Care Through Education" Medical Scholarship Campaign at Florida Atlantic University's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine. \$295. 6:30 pm. 699-7198. <http://med.fau.edu>.

Wednesday - 1/9 - Bell Society Dinner at The Colony, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. Enjoy a black-tie event to benefit Mental Health

Association of Palm Beach County. 7 pm. \$500. 832-2755 or www.mhapbc.org.

Friday - 1/11 - Caron and Hanley Treatment Centers Gala 2013 at The Breakers, 1 South County Road, Palm Beach. Ring in the beginning of a new year and stay through the night for the Young Friends After Party. 7 pm. gala; 10 p.m. after party. \$500-\$1,000. 841-1048 or www.hanleycenter.org.

Saturday - 1/19 - OPAL Award Gala at Boca Pointe Country Club, 7144 Boca Pointe Dr., Boca Raton. Honor five nominees for their tireless dedication to the Boca Raton community. 6:30 pm. \$250. 477-7180 or www.rotaryclubbocaraton.com.

Monday - 1/21 - Kravis Center Annual Gala at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Experience a performance by Pink Martini with a pre-performance, black-tie reception. 6 pm. \$375-\$750. 832-

7469 or www.kravis.org.

Wednesday - 1/23 - Amerian Red Cross Designers' Show House Preview Party at 123 Santa Lucia Drive, West Palm Beach. Philanthropists, socialites and those with an interest in the design world will gather for an evening celebration. 6-9 pm. \$200. 248-2700.

Thursday - 1/24 - Fine Wines & Hidden Treasures Gala at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. A four-course gourmet dinner with wine pairing and silent auctions benefits Food for the Poor. 7:30 pm. \$450. 888-404-4248 or www.foodforthe poor.org.

Monday - 1/28 - 20th Anniversary Luncheon of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. The celebration will include a keynote speaker, a reception, lunch and a presentation.

11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$125. 995-6773 or www.ushmm.org.

1/28 - Hearing the Ovarian Cancer Whisper "Time is of the Essence" Luncheon at Flagler Museum Pavilion, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Speakers will be Dr. Robert Bast and Dr. Judith Reichman. 11:30 am. \$325. 837-2285 or www.ovariancancerpbc.org.

Thursday - 1/31 - Palm Beach Wine Auction at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Enjoy an elegant evening featuring a five-course wine dinner to benefit Kravis Center. 6 pm. \$1,000. 651-4320 or www.palmbeachwineauction.org



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LYNN

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"People gasped when she made the announcement, then cheered like crazy," said Stephanie Aaguaard, a spokeswoman for the Miami Project.

Lynn hoped her surprise would motivate others at the event to also contribute. Others responded, pledging another \$6 million.

Lynn and her late husband, Eugene, have given many multimillion-dollar gifts in Boca Raton during their years of philanthropy.

Lynn University, Florida Atlantic University and Boca Raton Regional Hospital have been the largest beneficiaries.

But Lynn chose the Miami Project to receive the largest gift after her husband was treated as a patient there for spinal cord irritation. "They were wonderful to him," she recalled.

Miami Project patients struggle to recover from paralysis caused by spinal cord injuries. Lynn got to know other patients when her husband received treatment.

"When you see all the young people in wheelchairs, your heart goes out to them," she said. ★



Christine Lynn hopes her surprise \$25 million gift will motivate others. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

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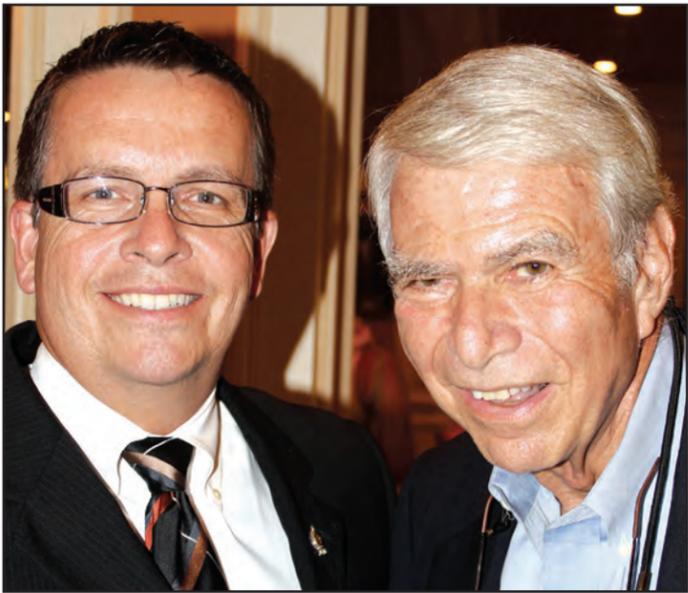
Allegro Society's Musical Luncheon Delray Beach Club – Nov. 9



Liana Branscome (left), who performed during the Allegro Society's third annual Musical Luncheon on Nov. 9 at the Delray Beach Club, won a \$1,500 music scholarship from the organization. Marie Landoli (right) was the music scholarship sponsor. The Allegro Society is Boca Raton Symphonia's support group. **Photo provided**

OPAL Awards

The Meridian, Boca Raton – Oct. 11



Boca Raton Rotary Club Past President Doug Mummaw and Rabbi Merle Singer attend the OPAL (Outstanding People and Leaders) Awards nomination ceremony in advance of the 15th annual OPAL Awards Gala, set for Jan. 19, 2013. The OPAL Awards recognizes the accomplishments of five community leaders dedicated to making Boca Raton a better place to live, work and play. Nominees are Leif Ahnell, Bobby Campbell, Jay DiPietro, Kevin Ross and Rick Zimmer. The event raised awareness of the club's mission: Changing Lives and Building Futures. **Photo provided**

10th Anniversary Celebration

Sklar Furnishings, Boca Raton – Nov. 24



Pat and Rick Howard greet guests for the 10th anniversary celebration of their store, Sklar Furnishings on Federal Highway in Boca Raton. Dozens of invited guests were treated to hors d'oeuvres and live music during the evening event. **Photo provided**

Chris Evert / Raymond James Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic Boca Raton Resort & Club – Oct. 27



Karen Walsh, Rennae Stubbs, Kevin McKidd and Chris Walsh dress their best for the Chris Evert / Raymond James Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic's 23rd annual gala, at which \$145,000 in bids came in during stellar silent and live auctions. In all, the two-day event raised more than \$600,000 for The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida and Drug Abuse Foundation of Palm Beach County. The gala featured red-carpet celebrity arrivals, dinner, dancing and live music. **Photo provided**

Go Pink Luncheon

Boca Raton Resort & Club – Oct. 26



Nearly 1,500 excited attendees welcomed celebrity couple Bill and Giuliana Rancic to Boca Raton Regional Hospital's ninth annual Go Pink Luncheon, 'Go Pink Goes Hollywood.' Giuliana Rancic is a breast cancer survivor, and both she and Bill Rancic are advocates for breast cancer awareness and early-detection programs. The Go Pink Luncheon is the signature fundraising event for the foundation's Go Pink Challenge, which supports the hospital's Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute. The luncheon raised more than \$750,000. **TOP:** Dick and Barbara Schmidt, Michelle Maros, and celebrity couple Giuliana and Bill Rancic. **ABOVE:** Annie Green, Joan Wargo and Debbie Lindstrom. **Photos provided**



Bethesda Hospital Foundation's 13th Annual Women of Grace Ritz Carlton, Manalapan – Nov. 14



The sold out luncheon honored five volunteers for their work and accomplishments. Over \$200,000 was raised in support of Bethesda Hospital's Center for Women & Children.

Photo: (l-r) Todd Crawley of Wells Fargo, the Women of Grace Title Sponsor with Honorees Barbara Whittaker and Rosemary Krieger, Women of Grace Chairman Susan Duane, Bethesda Hospital President Roger Kirk, Honoree Sheila O'Boyle, Emcee Suzanne Boyd and Honorees Laurie Gildan and Mary Pittman. **Photo provided**



Phoebe Wiener and Hinako Fujita sit at the Morikami Museum in Delray Beach. Hinako lived with the Wiener family in Highland Beach while participating in a foreign exchange program. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

10 Questions

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Phoebe Wiener

Most 16-year-olds don't usually sing arias from Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro* as they're on their way to school; but then again Phoebe Wiener is not like most 16-year-olds.

One of the few school-age residents living among the retirees of Highland Beach, Phoebe will tell you that classical singing is one of her passions — but her list is a long one. “My friends know that I'm interested in things a typical teenager isn't,” she says.

A junior in Atlantic Community High School's International Baccalaureate Program, Phoebe is part of her school's debate club and also volunteers as a student attorney in Palm Beach County's Youth Court. In between, she finds time to get her schoolwork done and stays focused on her education.

Amid all that, Phoebe not only was selected to visit Miyazu, Japan, in June as part of the Delray Beach Sister Cities program, but also found time just a few weeks ago to host 17-year-old Hazuki, a Miyazu high school student who spent a week with Phoebe and her family.

The trip to Miyazu, Phoebe says, not only exposed her to another culture, it also provided her with a view of Japanese life that few high school students will get to see.

In addition to seeing all the sights of Miyazu — including spending time

in a Japanese high school — Phoebe spent several days living with a Japanese family and eating a traditional Japanese diet that included raw eel and rice for breakfast.

“The Japanese people are the kindest people you'll ever meet,” she says.

Last month, Phoebe and her parents, Mayde and Jonathan, were weekend hosts for another student from Japan, Hinako Fujita, who was taking a three-week course in Fort Lauderdale.

“The Japanese students are surprised by how wide our roads are,” Phoebe says. “They also are impressed by our schools and how much freedom we have in school.”

— Rich Pollack

Q. What do you like most about high school?

A. The diversity of the students that I have met at Atlantic and the rigorous academics.

Q. What has been your most exciting adventure?

A. Other than Japan, touring Alaska was extremely exciting to see glaciers, animals and historic sites. I love traveling all over the world.

Q. What's your favorite part of living in Highland Beach?

A. The relaxed atmosphere. It's so nice to have the beach easily accessible for

me to enjoy and to live in a place in the middle of two major towns, but have the option of staying in Highland Beach for the quietness.

Q. What was the best part about being a foreign-exchange student?

A. The best part was definitely being immersed in the Japanese culture. From a young age, I have always been fascinated with Japan. It was truly amazing to actually have the opportunity to attend school and live with a host family there, all thanks to the Delray Beach Sister Cities program.

Q. What do you like most about hosting a student from Japan?

A. It is so much fun, for it is so interesting to see what foreign visitors find fascinating about our country! For example, students from Japan have been so amazed at the large width of our streets, which is something Americans never even notice.

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

A. Myself. I actually love to act! I attended Bak Middle School of the Arts in West Palm Beach, where I studied theater. I was also enrolled at a very young age in Dolly Workman's children's theater program at the Delray Beach Playhouse.

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

A. My favorite artist is Regina Spektor. She is a wonderful pianist whose songs are so beautiful and different from most music my generation listens to nowadays. Her songs are about important issues, and she reaches out to all different age groups and people. When I want to relax, I like to listen to classical music and Norah Jones.

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

A. “You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” — Mahatma Gandhi

I think this is a really important motto for life; it's self-explanatory.

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

A. *Woman at Point Zero*, by Nawal El Saadawi. I would recommend it to people who don't mind graphic topics. It definitely was an eye-opener about the treatment of women in different parts of the world.

Q. Who or what makes you laugh?

A. Ellen Degeneres, Stephen Colbert, family and friends, and my dog!



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DECEMBER 1

Saturday - 12/1 - Exhibit: Side by Side by Nadine Saitlin and Elizabeth Reed at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Runs through 1/4. M-Th: 10 am-8 pm; F: 10 am-4 pm; Sat.: 9 am-1 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

12/1 - Boardwalk Tours at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Join a docent for a guided tour of Green Cay's wetlands. For all ages. Held every Wed. 3 pm and Sat. 9 & 11 am. Free. 966-7000 or www.pbcgov.com/parks/nature.

12/1 - Exhibition: Palm Beach Watercolor Society Annual Showcase is held at the Crest Galleries, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Exhibit runs through 1/13. M-F: 9:30 am-4:30 pm, Sat.: 10 am-3 pm. Free. 243-7922 or www.delraycenterforthearts.org.

12/1 - Exhibit: Treasure at South Florida Science Museum, 4801 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach. Exhibit features actual artifacts from shipwrecks and other sites loaded with treasure. Runs through 1/15. M-F: 10 am-5 pm; Sat.: 10 am-6 pm; and Sun.: noon-6 pm. \$11.95/adults; \$10.45/seniors; \$8.95/ages 3-12; free for children under 3 and museum members. 832-1988 or www.sfsm.org.

12/1 - Exhibit: Moneyville at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Moneyville, which is designed for visitors of all ages, uses the fascinating subject of money to build math skills and promote economic literacy in a fun and immersive urban landscape. Colorful backdrops include cartoon-like structures of a bank, a grocery store, a movie theater, an anti-counterfeiting lab, and even a lemonade stand. Exhibit runs through 1/6/2013. M-F: 9 am-6 pm, Weekends/holidays: 10 am-5 pm. \$5. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

12/1 - Artful Expressions for ages 5 and up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held the first Saturday of every month. Register one week in advance for each program. 10 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

12/1 - Drop-In Story time - Music, stories, fun finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at this weekly program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. Held every Saturday. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

12/1 - Boca Symphonia: Meet The Orchestra at the Roberts Theater, Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton. Families can attend a dress rehearsal, and then meet the conductor and musicians at intermission to learn about the instruments and discover how music inspires creativity. The symphonia will provide tickets and transportation to several families from Women in Distress to enable them to participate in the program. Women in Distress is the only nationally accredited, state-certified, full service domestic violence center serving Broward County. Its mission is to stop domestic violence abuse for everyone through intervention, education and advocacy. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Reservations are required. 866-687-4201 or www.bocasymphonia.org.

12/1 - Bookworm Story Time for ages 2 & up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Saturday. 10:30 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

12/1 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings are held daily, Tuesday through Sunday, at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Feeding begins at 10:30 am T-Sat. and 1:30 pm Sunday. Discover what Atlantic Ocean reef fish, nurse sharks, and spiny lobsters eat for breakfast. Free with \$4 admission to the nature center. 274-7263 or www.sandowayhouse.org.

12/1 - Seagate Hotel & Spa World of Golf: The Gary Wiren Collection is

held at Cornell Museum of Art & American Culture, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Experience a one-of-a-kind opportunity to see the Gary Wiren Collection, one of the finest private collections of golf memorabilia in the world. Exhibit runs through 4/21/13. T-Sat.: 10:30 am-4:30 pm, Sun.: 1-4:30 pm. \$10/general, \$6/seniors & students with ID, \$3/children (4-12), Free/ members and children ages 3 and under. 243-9722 or www.oldschool.org.

12/1 - Exhibit: Academy of Golf Art is held at Cornell Museum of Art & American Culture, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. This stunning collection of oils, watercolors and acrylics by America's most recognized golf artists is on loan from the Academy of Golf Art. Exhibit runs through 4/21/13. T-Sat.: 10:30 am-4:30 pm, Sun.: 1-4:30 pm. \$10/general, \$6/seniors & students with ID, \$3/children (4-12), Free/ members and children ages 3 and under. 243-9722 or www.oldschool.org.

12/1 - Science Stories at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Hear your favorite science inspired stories. For ages 5 and up. Held weekly on Saturday. 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

12/1 - Politics Not As Usual: Quilts with Something to Say at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Exhibit runs through 1/13. T-F: 10 am-5 pm; Sat. & Sun.: Noon-5 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/senior citizens, \$4/students with ID, free/museum members and children 12 and under. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

12/1 - Exhibition: Capturing the Cup: Yacht Racing During the Gilded Age at The Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. This exhibit tells the exciting story of yacht racing in America during America's Gilded Age, the period that has also become known as the Golden Age of the sport. Works of art, artifacts, historic films, and elaborate gold and silver trophies made by the most important silversmiths, illuminate the history of the great yachts, races, and personalities of the period, like "the Game Loser in the World of Sports," Sir Thomas Lipton, who won the hearts of Americans in spite of losing five America's Cup challenges. Among the significant object on display is a rare perfect replica of the silver America's Cup, the oldest and most coveted prize in the world of sport. Exhibit runs through 1/6/13. T-Sat. 10 am-5 pm; Sun. noon-5 pm. \$18/adults; \$10/youth 13-18, \$3/children 6-12, free/children under six. 655-2833 or www.flaglermuseum.us.

12/1 - Painting the Beautiful: The Pennsylvania Impressionist Landscape Tradition at the Society of The Four Arts, Esther B. O'Keeffe Art Gallery, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. If you happen to stand in front of something beautiful in Bucks County, Pa., chances are an artist has been there before you, and somewhere you'll find a painting or a drawing that conveys the artist's feelings about the place. Creative people often want to live and work in areas that inspire them, and in Bucks County the main source of inspiration was the region's picturesque pastures, streams, quarries, farmhouses, and colonial villages. Runs through 1/20/13. M-Sat.: 10 am-5 pm; Sun.: 2-5 pm. \$5/adults, free/members and children 14 and under. 655-7226 or www.fourarts.org.

12/1 - Art Exhibit: The Art of Video Games at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Exhibit runs through 1/20/13. T-F: 10 am-5 pm; Sat. & Sun.: Noon-5 pm; first W of the month open 10 am-8 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/senior citizens, \$4/ students with ID, free/museum members and children 12 and under. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

12/1 - Michael Zansky: Dance of the Cuckoos at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Exhibit runs through 1/20/13. T-F: 10 am-5 pm; Sat. & Sun.: Noon-5 pm; first W of the month open 10am-8 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/senior citizens, \$4/students with ID, free for members and children 12 and under. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

12/1 - Animal Encounters: Alligators & Crocodiles at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Meet live Green Tree and Pig Frogs. Learn why frogs are so important to the environment

Municipal Meetings

12/4 - 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.

12/11 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesday (no meeting Dec. 25) at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road. 6 pm. Agenda available at www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

as indicator species, and what we can do to help their wild populations. All ages. 1-1:45 pm. \$3. Reservations required. 629-8760 or www.daggerwing.org.

12/1 - Art-E-Ology: Betye Saar, Assemblage for grades 3-5 is presented at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Once a month, children will learn about a master artist on exhibit at the museum and have the opportunity to create a masterpiece in the style of the selected artist. Reservations required. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/child; free/members. 392-2500 ext. 106 or www.bocamuseum.org.

12/1 - Dances We Dance Fall 2012 at Studio One on the FAU Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road. Features students in dance classes and dance clubs performing dances created by faculty, students and guest choreographers. Sat.: 1 & 7 pm; \$10. 800-564-9539 or www.fauvents.com.

12/1 - Art Exhibit Opening Reception at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Featuring works by Feza Aktan, Robert Grauer, Vera Lilienstern-F. and Yael Morowati. Exhibit continues through 11/27. 1 pm. Free. 347-3900 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

12/1 - Digital Media Arts College Open House at 5400 Broken Sound Blvd. NW, Boca Raton. Digital Media Arts College, a fully accredited college offering bachelor's and master's degrees in graphic design, computer animation, Web design and visual effects, will hold an open house for prospective students. Visitors can view a green screen in action and explore motion capture, meet current instructors and students, and hear about job opportunities. Held again 7 pm 12/6. 1 pm. Free. \$50 application fee will be waived for those who apply at this event. 866-255-3622 or www.dmac.edu/open-house.

12/1 - Wizard of Oz at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Held Saturdays through 1/12/13. 2 pm. \$14/adults, \$10/ children 12 & under. 394-2626 or www.ShowtimeBoca.com.

12/1 - Animal Feedings at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Short talk about the animal and then watch as it's fed. Animal feedings daily W-Sat. W: Alligator; R: Snake; F: Skunk; and Sat.: Alligator. 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760 or www.daggerwing.org.

12/1 - Music! *Music!* *Music!* is presented by the Boca Raton Chapter Brandeis National Committee at Steinway Piano Gallery, 7940 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Classical piano concert by Darren Martin. 4 pm. \$20/members. \$25/non-members. 998-7784.

12/1 - Celebrating Jupiter's 2012 Opposition to the Sun at FAU's Boca Raton Campus, Science & Engineering Building, #43, 4th floor, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Celebrate and observe the planet at opposition, while pondering some of the astronomical mysteries that are connected with it. Featuring presentations about and observations, including the emergence of Jupiter's moon and the famous Great Red Spot. 7 pm-2 am. Free. 297-STAR or http://physics.fau.edu/observatory/observatory.html.

12/1 - WRMF No Snow Ball at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Concert featuring Gavin DeGraw, Tristan Prettyman, Phillip Phillips and Hedley. 7 pm. \$10/advance, \$20/at the door. General admission, standing room only. Chair rental available inside venue. Food and beverages available on site. 393-7984 or www.mizneramphitheater.com.

12/1-2 - Title of Show at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Adult production. Six performances. Held again 12/8-9 & 12/15-16. Sat.: 8 pm; Sun.: 2 pm. \$22/adults, \$18/seniors & students with ID. 394-2626 or www.ShowtimeBoca.com.

12/1-2 - Science Demonstrations at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science inspired stories. For ages 5 and up. Held weekly on Sat. & Sun. 3:30 pm. Free.

347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

DECEMBER 2-8

Sunday - 12/2 - Kabbalah & Coffee: The Secret of Simplicity at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. The best part of waking up is coffee in your cup and Kabbalah in your "kop" (head in Yiddish). Includes weekly Living Torah Video Presentation. The class can be viewed by logging on to http://torahcafe.com/chassidic-heritage-series.pho. Viewers are encouraged to purchase Full Devotion at www.Kehotonline.com. Held every Sunday morning. 10-11:30 am. Free. 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

12/2 - Explorium Make & Take at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Build a fun science project to take home. Choose from binoculars, boomerangs, musical instruments and more. For ages 5 and up. 11:30 am. \$5 per project. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

12/2 - Nostalgia - Presented by the Florida 9th District American Legion Symphonic Band at Willow Theatre, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This 17-piece band delights audiences wherever it appears. Enjoy the toe-tapping sounds of this outstanding musical organization as it performs the jazz/swing band music of the '40s, '50s and '60s. Rated G. 2 pm. \$18. 347-3900 or www.willowtheatre.org.

Monday - 12/3 - Over Boca Raton: Then & Now at the Boca Raton Historical Society, Old Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Hwy. Exhibit showcases 11 enlarged historic aerials of Boca Raton from the 1940s-1970s and the same view show today (22 total views). See how radically the community grew from small town to metropolitan area in a short span of years. Exhibit runs through 1/11/2013. M-F, 10 am-4 pm. \$5/ adults, \$3/students, free/BRHS members. 395-6766 or www.bocahistory.org.

12/3 - Adventures in Storytime at the Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. An old-fashioned story-time experience that will nurture a love of books and reading, as well as music, movement and a simple craft. Children of all ages welcome with adult supervision. Held M, W & R. 11 am. Free with museum admission: \$5/person, infants under 12-months free. 368-6875 or www.cmboca.org.

12/3 - Mah-Jongg at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Intermediate and advanced. Held every Monday. 12:30-1:30 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us.

12/3 - Auditions for Tarzan at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Prepare 16 bars of a contemporary musical theatre song and be prepared to dance and cold read. No appointment needed. 5-8 pm. Free. 394-2626 or www.ShowtimeBoca.com.

12/3 - Beginners Fencing/Epee Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. A fun and exciting introduction to the sport of fencing. Kids will learn fencing skills, forge new friendships and have a blast. Held every M&R. 7-8:15 pm. \$90/residents, \$112.50/non-residents. 347-3950 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

12/3 - Intermediate/Advanced Fencing/Epee Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Held every M, W, R, F, 7-10 pm, and Sat. 6-10 pm. \$125/residents, \$156.50/

non-residents. 347-3950 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

12/3 - Sophisticated Discussions: A Singles Group - Join over-50 peers in a supportive, singles group discussion at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Held Mondays. Refreshments served. 7-8:30 pm. Free. 393-7807 or www.myboca.us.

Tuesday - 12/4 - Citizens Property Insurance Discussion is presented at the meeting of the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations, at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Patricia Commander, chief of the Florida Bureau of Consumer Outreach, will represent CFO Jeff Atwater's office. 8:30 am. Free. 998-7798.

12/4 - Groundbreaking Celebration for the new Literacy Center is presented by the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, 3651 Quantum Blvd., Boynton Beach. 10 am. Free. RSVP: 279-9103 or www.literacyabc.org.

12/4 - Toddler Tales at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Delightful stories, songs and puppets that teach the love of books to children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For ages up to 3 years. Registration required. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

12/4 - Socrates Café at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Philosophical discussions of themes selected by the members themselves. Held every Tuesday. 10:30 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us.

12/4 - Baby Bookworm Story Time for ages 1-3 at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Tuesday. 11 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

12/4 - Ikenobo Ikebana Flower Arrangement - Using fresh flowers, students are taught traditional flower arrangement in this three-week class at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Class meets again 12/11 & 18. Advance registration required. \$45/ members, \$52.50/non-members plus flower fee of \$45 for all three weeks. 1-3 pm. 495-0233 or www.morikami.org.

12/4 - Playdates With Purpose at JARC Kay Auditorium, 21160 95th Ave. South, Boca Raton. Presented by the Young Adults Division of the Jewish Federal of South Palm Beach County. Join a Hanukkah Sing-a-Long with Miss Susan, part of a new enjoyable, educational series designed for parents or caregivers with youngsters ages 2-8. Children will learn about helping others while having fun. 3-5 pm. \$18/ family of two children, \$5/each additional child. 852-6084 or www.bocafed.org.

12/4 - Small Fry Storytime for ages 3 and up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Features songs and a craft project. Held every Tuesday. Register one week in advance for each program. 4 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

12/4 - 21st Century Diplomacy is presented as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute at the Library series held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. This three-session course is part of the fall semester, features a fascinating look at 21st Century Diplomacy with insights from United States diplomats. First of a three-part series. Class continues 12/11 & 18. 6-7:30 pm. \$45/session. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

12/4-5 - Hammock Trails - Go on a guided walk of a quarter-mile boardwalk at Gumbo Limbo nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Open to all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Held every T 10-11 am & W 10 am-noon. Free. 544-8605 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

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12/4-5 - After School Science Series: Incredible Edibles at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Count your way to the top with fun activities that bring math to everyday experiences. Put your skills to the test in the Moneyville market. Tues.: Ages 5-6 (with parent); Wed.: Ages 7-9. Both days 4-5 pm. \$10/residents; \$12.50/non-residents. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

Wednesday - 12/5 - Terrific 3 to 5 Year Olds at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Delightful stories, songs and crafts for children. Child attends independently - parents remain in the YS area. Registration required. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

12/5 - Current events discussion group at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Wednesday. 10:30 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.ci.highlandbeach.fl.us.

12/5 - Socrates Café - Weekly discussion group with rotating facilitators at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 12/12, 19 & 26. 11:30 am. Free. 266-0194 or www.delraylibrary.org.

12/5 - Scrabble at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Wednesday. 1 pm. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

12/5 - Grand Opening of Hasselblad of Boca Raton is held at 1385 W. Palmetto Park Road. Panoramic photographer Peter Lorber will be on hand to answer questions about Hasselblad and various VR drives on the market. 4-7 pm. Free. RSVP: 361-0031.

12/5 - Wednesday Dinner is held each week at VFW Post 5335, 500 NE 21st St., Boynton Beach. 4:30-7 pm. \$8. All are welcome. 732-1989.

12/5 - All The World's A Stage is presented by Mark Perlberg as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute at the Library series held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. This three-session course, part of the fall semester, explores the lives, works and key influences of three of the world's greatest playwrights: Noel Coward, August Strindberg and Tennessee Williams. First of a three-part series. Class continues 12/12 & 19. 6-7:30 pm. \$45/session. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

12/5 - Family and Friends at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Education Center, Classroom B, 800 Meadows Road, Boca Raton. Learn the basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, and child and infant one-person CPR. A completion certification is issued upon successful completion of the course. The course includes a course book and runs 2+ hours. Held again 12/19. 6-8 pm. \$25.

Registration: 955-4468 or www.brrh.com.
12/5 - Kabbalah and Cake at the Palm Beach Jewish Center, 234 Australian Ave., Palm Beach. Meets every Wednesday. Men and women are invited. 7 pm. Free. 659-3884 or www.palmbeachjewish.com.

12/5 - Southern Handcraft Society, Pineapple Grove Chapter meets at the Senior Center at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach on the first Wednesday of each month. Crafty people create paintings, cards, journals and jewelry. New members welcome. 7 pm. Free. 274-4717.

Thursday - 12/6 - Drop-In Story time - Music, stories, fun finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at this weekly program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. Held again 12/13, 20, 27 & 1/3. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

12/6 - Canasta Class at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Learn the basic techniques of playing the skilled game of canasta; how to count points, keep score, and play of the hand. Couples and singles welcomed. Each player is required to purchase four decks of cards, two red, two blue, and a canasta tray and bring with them to the first class. This two-week course held Thursday & Fridays through 12/14. 10 am-noon. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

12/6 - Decorate, Then Sweep: Starting Out on a Positive Note - Presented as part of the Torah Studies Series at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Two times: 11 am-noon; 8-9 pm.

\$25 (book is included). Lunch is available for purchase. 361-3939 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

12/6 - Senior Bridge at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. All experienced players are welcome. Partners are not needed. Ongoing event held every Thursday. For ages 18 and up. 1-4 pm. Annual fee: \$15/residents +\$1/game, \$25/non-residents + \$2/game. 243-7350 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

12/6 - Craft Time for ages 4 and up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. Register one week in advance for each program. 4 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

12/6 - Musical Performance: Music Magic by Ariene and Harry Stein at the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

12/6 - Avengers (PG-13) is presented as part of Teen Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 13-17. 6-8 pm. Free and includes free pizza & soda. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

12/6 - A Taste of Art at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. At this festive cocktail party, guests will be invited to bid on original artwork created by local artists, and be tempted by delicious hors d'oeuvres created by local chefs. On display in the galleries is an exhibition by Tom Otterness. Cocktail attire. Complimentary valet parking. 6-9 pm. \$40/members, \$50/non-members. Reservations required. 472-3342 or www.palmbeachculture.com.

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

12/6 - With Their Voices Raised at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Theatre, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Presented by FAU's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters. This documentary theater performance is based on stories from 51 survivors of the bombings of Pearl Harbor and Hiroshima. The performance seeks to share the human face of war from the perspective of survivors who came from countries that bombed each other during World War II. Museum doors will reopen at 6 pm. Show: 7 pm. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. Advance registration required. 495-0233 Ext. 237 or www.morikami.org.

12/6 - 3rd Annual Collaborative Spotlight: Lisa Leonard and Friends at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall in the de Hoernle International Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$20. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

Friday - 12/7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

12/7 - Tot Time at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 2-5. Children will enjoy crafts, snacks, and indoor play stations. Drop in any time during the program. 10 am-noon. \$5/child. 347-3900 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

12/7 - Great Conversations Three is presented as part of the Great Books Discussion Program at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Meets every Friday through 3/8/13. 10 am. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

12/7 - Mommy, Mother Nature & Me: Insects at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Parents, bring your little ones to experience exciting nature topics. Programs may include activities such as: stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, and crafts. Ages 2-5. 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/child. Reservations required. 629-8760 or www.daggerwing.org.

12/7 - Movie Time at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 1 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

12/7 - The Amazing Story of Delray Beach, Boca Raton & Boynton Beach by Alexander "Sandy" Simon at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Simon traces the earliest settlements

in the area including the Spanish arrival, the Seminole Indians, the legend of the "Barefoot Mailman" and the arrival of the Flagler Railroad in 1894. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

12/7 - The Secret Life of Harry Levy is performed as part of the Studio Theatre series at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St., Delray Beach. Eavesdrop on some private and juicy conversations. Audience members will be able to tell the actors on stage exactly they you think of what they're saying! 2 pm. \$15. 272-1281 or www.delraybeachplayhouse.com.

12/7 - Bedtime Stories at the Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. An old fashion story-time experience that will nurture a love of books and reading, as well as music, movement and a simple craft. Children of all ages welcome with adult supervision. 7 pm. Free with museum admission: \$5/person, infants under 12 months free. 368-6875 or www.cmboca.org.

12/7 - The Marshall Brothers Band: Allman Brothers Tribute - Presented as part of the Free Friday Concerts series at the Old School Square Entertainment Pavilion, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Featuring gourmet food trucks. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. 7:30-10:30 pm. Free admission; cash bar. 243-9722 or www.delraycenterforthearts.org.

12/7 - Joey Dale and The Gigolos at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Featuring "A Taste of New York Buffet" with NY Deli Carving Station, Pasta Station and Asian Station plus more. Held every Friday in December. Dinner: 6:30 pm; Showtime: 8 pm. \$24.95 plus tax/tip. Bar area admission after 8 pm: \$10/includes first house drink. Reservations: 912-0000 or www.paviliongrille.com.

12/7-9 - The Theatre at ArtsGarage: Exit, Pursued by a Bear by Lauren Gunderson at the ArtsGarage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. The Helma and Louise meets the Coen Brothers in this southern fried fingerlickin' new comedy. Runs W-Sun. through 12/30. W-F: 7:30-10:30 pm; Sat.: 2-5 pm; Sun.: 7-10 pm. \$30-\$40. 243-7129 or www.artsgarage.org.

12/7-9 - Auntie Mame by Curtain Call Playhouse at the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Rated PG-13. Held again 12/13, 15-16. R, F & Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun. 2 pm. \$18. 347-3900 or www.willowtheatre.org.

Saturday - 12/8 - Meadows Park Pool 2012 Biathlon at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St., Boca Raton. Featuring a 1000-yard swim and 5K run. All participants receive an event t-shirt, swim cap, water bottle and race pack, and are entered into a raffle to win airline tickets with Spirit Airlines. Awards are presented to the top 3 male and top 3 female finishers. Refreshments will be provided the morning of the race. Check-in at 6:15 am. Race begins 7 am. \$40/adults, \$30/kids (under age 18). 393-7851 or www.myboca.us/rec/pools.

12/8 - 10 and Under Tennis: Junior Development Clinics for children ages 5-10 begins at the Tennis Center, 3111 S. Congress Ave. Six-week session held Saturdays through 1/26 (no class 12/29 & 1/5). Age 5-6: 9-9:45 am; age 7-10: 10-11 am. For ages 5-6, \$50/residents, \$63/non-residents; for ages 7-10, \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6575 or www.boynton-beach.org.

12/8 - 2nd Annual "Strides for Education" 5K Walk/Run is held at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road. Part of a statewide effort to raise college funds for Florida's low-income and at-risk youth. Family-friendly activities, giveaways and more. 10 am. \$25. 603-9780 or www.stridesforeducation.com.

12/8 - Discover Japan at Japan Through the Eyes of a Child at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Visit the Yamato-kan exhibit, Japan Through the Eyes of a Child, purchase a passport (\$1) and learn fun facts about Japan, by yourself or with an instructor. No reservations required. Admission: \$13/adults; \$12/seniors; \$8/children 6-17 and students with ID; free/members and children 5 & under. 11 am-2 pm. 495-0233

Green Markets

Boca Raton GreenMarket is held each Saturday at Royal Palm Place Southwest Parking Lot, intersection of South Federal Highway and South Mizner Boulevard. 299-8684. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 368-6875 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

GreenMarket Pompano Beach opens its 10th season at Flagler Ave. and NE First St., Pompano Beach. 8 am-1 pm. (954) 782-3015 or www.pompanohistory.com/phc/market.

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

Green Market @ FAU at the FAU Stadium Plaza, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Each week throughout the fall semester there will be a variety of local vendors, including FAU alumni-owned businesses, selling items such as fresh produce, prepared foods, artisan crafts and jewelry, organic products and entertainment from students and other local artists. Held Thursdays. 4-8 pm. Free parking. 297-0197 or www.fau.edu/missiongreen.

Delray GreenMarket is held each Saturday at the Old School Square Park, NE Second Avenue, one block north of Atlantic Avenue. Outdoor venue offers fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food, plants, live music and children's activities. 9 am-2 pm. 276-7511 or www.delraycra.org.

or www.morikami.org.

12/8 - Hugo (PG) - Presented as part of Tween Movie Mania at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For age 9-12. Includes free pizza and drinks. Noon-2 pm. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

12/8 - Junior Naturalists - Spend time outside at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. For ages 7-11, adults must sign-in children, but do not have to stay. 1-2:30 pm. \$7/members, \$10/non-members - per child. Reservations and pre-payment required: 544-8615 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

12/8 - Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (2010) at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 2 pm. Free with paid Museum admission: \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, free/children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

12/8 - Haiti Coeur de Femme (Haiti Heart of a Woman) at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. With guest star Emeline Michel and pianist Yayoi Ikawa. Presented by RHA Radio 980am. 7:30 pm. \$40-\$50. 305-1813 or www.mizneramphitheater.com.

12/8-9 - Artists in the Park by the Delray Beach Art League at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Fine art exhibition and sales. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 843-2311 or www.delrayartleague.com/dal.

DECEMBER 9-15

Sunday - 12/9 - Sado Omote Senke Tea Ceremony Class at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. An opportunity to study the traditional art of Sado, The Way of Tea. Attending a Tea Ceremony Workshop is required for those who have never taken a Tea Ceremony Class but wish to start studying Sado. Two lessons per month (12/9 & 16). Advance registration is required. Individual appointments run 10:15 am-5 pm. \$55/non-member, \$50/member. 495-0233 Ext. 210 or www.morikami.org.

12/9 - Family Challenge: Solar Cook Off - Presented as part of the Monthly Family Challenges Series at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Ages 5+ with parent/guardian. Each month the CSE will be hosting a friendly competition where families can put their skills to the test and work as a team to build, create, test and change up their weekend fun. Discover the reasons why these activities are not easy feats as you compete with other families for prizes! 10:30 am-12:30. \$15/adult-child pair, \$5/each additional person. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

12/9 - Tour of Boca - Hosted by the Boca Raton Bicycle Club and the Recreation Services Department, riders meet at Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Tour beautiful Boca Raton with an easy paced, police escorted bicycle ride. Boca Raton Bicycle Club members, acting as marshals, help beginners feel comfortable on the open road and give advice to improve cycling skills. Promote safe cycling while spending a pleasant afternoon with family and friends. Children must be at least 10 years old and accompanied by an adult if under age 14. Headphones are not permitted. Riders are required to wear helmets. Ride is approximately 14-15 miles, with a rest stop at Rutherford Park (mile 9) for beverages and snacks. Registration: 12:30 pm. Ride begins 1 pm. \$2/ride. 391-6109 or www.bocaratonbicycleclub.com.
Monday - 12/10 - Hairball by Margaret

Atwood 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.

12/10 - Adult Dance Class: Hula - The Graceful Dance of Hawaii at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Come learn the basic steps such as Vamps, Arnis (hip circle), and hand movements. This six-week course held Mondays through 12/4 (no class 1/21). 10:30-11:30 am. \$45/residents, \$56/non-residents. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

12/10 - Congressman Ted Deutch - Protecting Democracy: Limiting Money's Influence in Politics at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Event is part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 1-2:45 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member advance, \$35/non-member at the door. 297-3171.

12/10 - Just for 6-8's: Cookie Decorating at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Crafts and reading adventures for kids 6-8 years old. Registration required. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.
12/10 - 73rd Annual Meeting of the Delray Beach Public Library featuring guest speaker Robert W. Ganger, vice chairman of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County and author of *Lila Vanderbilt Webb's Miradero: Window on an Era*, at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Light refreshments will be served. 5:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

Tuesday - 12/11 - The Second Amendment and Gun Rights at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a special lecture presented as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 10 am-noon. \$25/member, \$30/non-member advance, \$35/non-member at the door. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

12/11 - Discovering the Orchestra: Percussion is held at Carmen's Restaurant at the Top of the Bridge, Bridge Hotel, 999 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Afternoon tea and a 30-minute video presentation featuring the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Presented by The Allegro Society of the Boca Raton Symphonia. 3-5 pm. \$25. RSVP: 376-3848.

12/11 - Poetry Workshop at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Led by poet Maureen Ford, participants are asked to bring copies of their works to share with others. Held the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month. 3-5 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

12/11 - Silver Phoenix by Cindy Pon 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. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

12/11 - Cachet Band at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm: \$10/includes first house drink. 912-0000 or www.paviliongrille.com.

Wednesday - 12/12 - Capitalism: An Economic System Under Assault at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 10 am-noon. \$25/member, \$30/non-member advance, \$35/

'The Front Row Seat to Presidential History'
Lynn University, Boca Raton – Runs until January 21, 2013



Lynn University President Kevin Ross and NCCI CEO Steve Klingel unveil 'The Front Row Seat to Presidential History' exhibit of the 2012 campaign at the university's Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn Library. The exhibit features highlights, slogans and memorable moments from the campaign that saw its final presidential debate on the Boca Raton campus. Among the pieces on display are a Palm Beach County electronic-voting machine from 2000, historian John Clark's memorabilia and original illustrations from political cartoonist Chan Lowe. The exhibit is free and will run through Jan. 21, 2013. **Photo provided**

non-member at the door. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

12/12 - The Jewish Role in American Politics at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 1-2:45 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member advance, \$35/non-member at the door. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

12/12 - The Growth of Boca Raton since World War II: A Panel Discussion - Presented as part of the Town Hall Talks Lecture Series at the Boca Raton Historical Society, Old Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Hwy. 7-8:30 pm. \$5/non-members; free/Boca Raton Historical Society members. Reservations required. 395-6766 ext. 100 or www.bocahistory.org.

12/12 - George Gershwin: His Life and Music - A Special Live Performance of Gershwin's Best at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 7:30-9:30 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member advance, \$35/non-member at the door. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

Thursday - 12/13 - Great Decisions Discussion Program - By Carl Wetzstein at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Meets twice monthly on Thursdays through 4/11/13. 10 am. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

12/13 - American Jewry and the "Crisis of Zionism" at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Event presented as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. Held again 1-2:45 pm 12/14. 10 am-noon. \$25/member, \$30/non-member advance, \$35/non-member at the door. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

12/13 - Building the City of Lights: The Making of Modern Paris at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Event presented as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual

membership: \$45. 3:45-5:30 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member advance, \$35/non-member at the door. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

12/13 - Evenings with Dr. Raphael Wald: Differences in Brain Development in Boys and Girls at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Presented as part of a monthly lecture series designed to give young parents and grandparents new information to facilitate the emotional, social, and creative development of their children. 6-7:30 pm. Free with museum admission: \$5/person, infants under 12-months free. 368-6875 or www.cmboca.org.

12/13 - The Soundtrack of Our Lives: Songs That Made History and Shaped Culture at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 7:30-9:30 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member advance, \$35/non-member at the door. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

12/13 - Concert: The John Branzler Big Band at the Spanish River Performing Arts Center, 2400 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Presented by the Swing and Jazz Preservation Society. 7:30-10 pm. \$18/members; \$26/non-members. 499-9976 or www.swingandjazzpreservationsociety.org.

Friday - 2/14 - The World of Downtown Abbey: The Golden Afternoon Gives Way to the Future at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Event presented as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 10 am-noon. \$25/member, \$30/non-member advance, \$35/non-member at the door. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

12/14 - Story and Play with Miss Mij at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 18 mo.-4 yrs. Miss Mij uses stories, fingerplays, poems, songs, props

and puppets. Caregives and children learn and play together, using key components of repetition, rhythm and rhyme to enhance their child's pre-literacy skills and imagination. Ages 18 mo.-2 yrs.: 10-10:45 am; 3-4 yrs.: 11:15 am-noon. \$5/drop in (includes a carousel token per paid child). 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

12/14 - An Unforgettable Night of Tosca - Presented by Maestro Albanese and Guest Host Renowned Soprano Virginia Zeani at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 3:45-5:30 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member advance, \$35/non-member at the door. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

Saturday - 12/15 - Birds & Breakfast at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Have coffee and refreshments before embarking on a one hour birding tour with one of the naturalists. For ages 9 and up. 7:30 am. \$3/person. 966-7000 or www.pbcgov.com/parks/nature.

12/15 - Playground Playdate at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Get info about upcoming programs and enjoy free kid's activities. 11 am. Free. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

12/15 - Sandoway House's Beach Walk is held at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Presented by Dr. Angela Witmer take a guided walk on the beach. Hour-long program. 11 am-noon. All ages. \$5 includes admission to nature center. Registration: 274-7263 or www.sandowayhouse.org.

12/15 - Seashells by the Seashore at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Learn about seashore creatures and the way they make their shells. Walk over to Red Reef Park and go collecting. For ages 7-11, adults must sign-in children, but do not have to stay. 1-2:30 pm. \$7/members, \$10/non-members - per child. Reservations and pre-payment required: 544-8615 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

12/15 - Creation Station at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Creation Station is an exciting new drop-in gallery program designed for families to learn about the visual arts in a relaxed and fun manner. Activities may include crafting a sculpture out of recycled objects, creating a collage, or solving a jigsaw puzzle. 1-4 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, free/children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500 or

www.bocamuseum.org.

12/15 - Laura Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life (2003) - The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 2 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, free/children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

12/15 - Story Hour with Nanny Gingerbread in the Main Gazebo at Mizner Park, 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. A special gift will be raffled off. 3 pm. Free. 362-0606 or www.miznerpark.com/events.

12/15 - U.S. Women's National Soccer Team vs. China at FAU Stadium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. The Palm Beach County Sports Commission is partnering with FAU to host the 2012 Olympic gold medal-winning U.S. Women's National team. This is the 10th and final match of the U.S. Soccer Federation's Fan Tribute Tour. 7 pm. Tickets \$26-\$300. www.ussoccer.com or 800-745-3000.

DECEMBER 16-22

Sunday - 12/16 - Downtown Open Market at Monument Piazza, Royal Palm Place, 308 S. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Held once a month on Sundays through May 2013. Features food, art galleries, jewelers and a variety of boutiques. 10 am-4 pm. Free. www.downtownopenmarket.com.

12/16 - Sunday Movie Madness: Alvin and The Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Rated G. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. Ticket box office: 347-3948 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

12/16 - Art Film: A Century of Quilts (2001) at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Held again 12/19 & 22. 2 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, free/children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

12/16 - Rising Above: A Practical Guide to Emotional Mastery - Presented as part of the Rosh Chodesh Society Course at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Second of a seven-class course, held once a month through 5/12/13. Desserts and refreshments will be served. 7:30 pm. \$15/class. 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

Monday - 12/17 - Cercle Francais - French Conversation group is presented by rotating facilitators at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

Tuesday - 12/18 - FAU Astronomical

Observatory - Public viewing day observations at FAU's Boca Raton Campus, Science & Engineering Building, #43, 4th floor, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Viewings will be held on the 1st Friday and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 7 pm. Free. 297-STAR or http://physics.fau.edu/observatory/observatory.html.

12/18 - Manhattan Harmony Band at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm: \$10/includes first house drink. 912-0000 or www.paviliongrille.com.

Wednesday - 12/19 - Torah Studies: Reconstructing Crossed Lines at the Palm Beach Jewish Center, 234 Australian Ave., Palm Beach. 7-8:15 pm. Textbook: \$10. 659-3884 or www.palmbeachjewish.com.

Thursday - 12/20 - Reconstructing Crossed Lines: An Exploration of the Workings of Teshuvah - Presented as part of the Lunch 'n Learn Series by Chabad of East Boca Raton at Asia Restaurant, 7600 W. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Two times: Lunch 'n Learn: Noon-1 pm; regular class: 8-9 pm. \$25 (book is included). Lunch available for purchase. 361-3939 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

12/20 - Thursday Flicks: Midnight in Paris (PG-13) at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 6:30 pm. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. Ticket box office: 347-3948 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

Friday - 12/21 - New Year's Calendar Making at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Create a simple New Year Calendar featuring the dragon, the zodiac animal of 2013. Reservations are not required, for all ages. Event runs through 1/6/12, T-Sun. 10 am-5 pm. Free with paid admission: \$13/adults; \$12/seniors; \$8/children 6-17 and students with ID; free/members and children 5 & under. 495-0233 Ext. 237 or www.morikami.org.

12/21 - Mommy, Mother Nature & Me: Frogs at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Parents, bring your little ones to experience exciting nature topics. Programs may include activities such as: stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, and crafts. Ages 2-5. 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/child. Reservations required. 629-8760.

12/21 - The Polar Express - Presented Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. All aboard the Polar Express. Come early for a free train ride in the Amphitheater. Come in your pajamas for a chance to win a prize. Bring blankets and chairs for a holiday movie sponsored



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12/21 - Eyes to the Skies with the professional-grade 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at the Children's Science Explorium, Camino Lot, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This informal event is held in the parking lot (weather permitting). Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. Telescope will be out for at least one hour after the scheduled start time. Note: Stars must be visible for the telescope to align. 7 pm. Free. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

Saturday - 12/22 - Piles of Smiles: Sugar Sand's Snow Day at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Get on those gloves, mittens and hats and get ready for a super fun time playing in tons of snow. Activity tickets can be purchased on site. 10 am-4 pm. \$10/advance, \$15/day of event. 347-3900 or www.sugarsandpark.org http://www.willowtheatre.org/Family-Variety_Piles-Smiles

12/22 - Beginning Birding at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. This class will help you learn to identify birds by looking at a few key body parts then use skills on the boardwalk. Bring binoculars. All ages. 1-2 pm. \$3. Reservations required. 629-8760 or www.daggerwing.org.

DECEMBER 23-29

Monday - 12/24 - Kids Day In, Parents Day Out for ages 7-10 at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Parents, drop off your kids and take some time for yourself. Kids will enjoy Explorium activities, pizza and games. Registration required in person by a legal guardian by two days prior. 9:30 am-12:30 pm. \$10/residents; \$12.50/non-residents. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

12/24-28 - Kids in Action Activities Camp at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Make winter break a fun experience in this versatile activities camp for girls and boys taught by Joy Deco Inc. Activities include: sports games, aerobics, team games, hip hop, ZumbAtomic gymnastics, and arts & crafts. All campers must bring drinks, snacks and brown bag lunches. Wear sneakers. Parent/guardian must register in person at Boca Raton Community Center,

Sugar Sand Park Community Center, or James A. Rutherford Community Center. Must have proof of residency at the time of registration. All fees must be paid in full at time of registration. No camp 12/25. M-F, 8 am-4 pm. \$120/residents; \$150/non-residents. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

12/24-28 - Boca Jolly Days Junior Camp for ages 6-16 at The Racquet Center, 21626 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton. Featuring drills, match play, scoring, arts & crafts and a swim break. No class on 12/25. Awards Presentation and Carnival on Friday. Held again 12/31-1/4 (closed 1/1). 9 am-3 pm. Full week rate: \$168/residents, \$210/non-residents; daily rate: \$55/residents, \$68.75/non-residents. 367-7095 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

12/24-28 - Boca Jolly Days Pee Wee Camp for ages 3-6 at The Racquet Center, 21626 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton. Quick Start method geared to the little ones with age appropriate equipment for fast learning. Featuring arts & crafts, swim break and pizza party Friday. No class on 12/25. Held again 12/31-1/4 (closed 1/1). 9 am-noon. Full week rate: \$108/residents, \$135/non-residents; daily rate: \$35/residents, \$43.75/non-residents. 367-7095 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

Tuesday - 12/25 - Christmas Day
Wednesday - 12/26 - Funtacular 2012 Movie: Disney's Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Two times: 11 am & 2 pm. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. Ticket box office: 347-3948 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

12/26 - Dissect an Owl Pellet at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Ever wonder what an owl eats? Dissect your own owl pellet and find out. 11 am - 2 pm. Ages 3 and up. \$4/admission and \$3 per pellet. Held again 1/3. 274-7263 or www.sandowayhouse.org.

12/26-28 - Winter Science Institute for middle and high school students ages 11-17 at FAU's Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road. Presented as part of a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) initiative. The highly engage lessons are designed to be a useful preparation for the Science Olympiad, a national competition in which teams of students participate in events pertaining to various scientific disciplines. Class sizes are small, and students will participate in hands-on research projects and will have exposure to laboratories and expert scientists. The

Institute will be six days long, running W-F 12/26-28 and 1/2-4. 8:30 am-4 pm. \$175/six days, plus \$50 application fee. 297-3700 or www.science.fau.edu/oce.

12/26-28 - Director's Cut Reel Film Winter Break - for ages 6-14 at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Students will write script, scout shot locations, learn multi angle filming techniques, act, edit on the newest Macbooks, and add voices, sound effects, music, and titles. All participants will receive a DVD of their film. Bring a brown bag lunch. Parent/guardian must register in person at Boca Raton Community Center, Sugar Sand Park Community Center, or James A. Rutherford Community Center. Must have proof of residency at the time of registration. All fees must be paid in full at time of registration. 9 am-4 pm. Three day camp: \$150/residents; \$187.50/non-residents. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

Thursday - 12/27 - Deaf to Nuance: The Positive Side to Selective Hearing - Presented as part of the Torah Studies Series at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Two times: 11 am-noon; 8-9 pm. \$25 (book is included). Lunch is available for purchase. 361-3939 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

12/27 - Funtacular 2012: Nuttin' Butta Sandwich, The Musical at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Nuttin' Butta Sandwich, The Musical is an educational, hilarious and interactive show featuring original sing-alongs, dance-alongs, live musical performances, and hysterical skits. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Two times: 11 am & 1 pm. \$4/adults, \$2/children 12 and under. Ticket box office: 347-3948 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

12/27 - Make Your Own Shark Tooth Necklace at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Ages 3 and up. 11 am-2 pm. \$4/admission and \$4 per necklace. Held again 1/3. 274-7263 or www.sandowayhouse.org.

12/27 - Secrets in the Sand at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. It comes from broken shells, protects the mainland from erosion, and is fun to play in. Learn about beach sand and create a sand castle. For ages 7-11, adults must sign-in children, but do not have to stay. 2-3:30 pm. \$10/members, \$15/non-members - per child. Reservations and pre-payment required: 544-8615 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

Friday - 12/28 - Funtacular 2012: Make Your Own Gingerbread House at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail,

Boca Raton. This fun family activity uses graham crackers and lots of chewy, gooey and colorful candy to decorate. An adult must accompany children 8 & under. Registration required in person by parent/legal guardian by two days prior. Ages 4-10. Two times: 11 am & 2 pm. \$10/resident, \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

12/28 - Make Your Own Sea Shell Creature at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Ages 3 and up. Get creative and make your own creature out of shells, glue and wiggly eyes. 11 am - 2 pm. \$4/admission and \$3 per creature. Held again 1/4. 274-7263 or www.sandowayhouse.org.

12/28 - Wetlands & Wildlife - Wakodahatchee is a man-made wetland which has become a favorite for birders and photographers at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Bring your binoculars for this 3/4-mile guided boardwalk tour to learn more about Florida's wetland ecosystems. Ages 7-adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. 3-5 pm. Free. Reservations required: 391-8110 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

12/28 - T.G.I. Shabbat at Chabad of East Boca, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Monthly Friday night Shabbat dinner replete with Challah, gefilte fish, chicken soup, and all the other traditional foods. 6:20 pm. \$25/adults, \$12/children ages 3-12. 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com/tgis.

Saturday - 12/29 - Funtacular 2012: Crafts, Cartoons & Cookies for ages 4-10 at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Assorted craft stations, cartoons and refreshments. No registration required. 10am-noon. \$5/at the door, while supplies last. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

12/29 - Mangrove Paddle - Enjoy a naturalist guided tour from the boardwalk at Rutherford Park, 600 NE 24th St., Boca Raton. Presented by the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Following the tour, paddle through the mangrove trails and back along the shoreline of the Intracoastal. Experience is necessary. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and dirty. Sun protection, water and bug spray are recommended. Prerequisites: Must be proficient at paddling and maneuvering a canoe in open water and confined trails; Must be capable of getting into and out of a canoe from a dock and dry or muddy land on your own or with assistance from a companion; and must have the physical ability to get back into a canoe from the water, in case of tipping. Ages 7-adult, an adult must participate with each child. 10 am-noon. \$15/member, \$22/non-member. Reservations and pre-payment required: 544-8615 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

12/29 - Art Film - Super Mario Bros (1993) at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 2 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, free/children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

12/29-30 - 6th Annual Downtown Delray Beach New Years Weekend Craft Festival is held at 4th Avenue & Atlantic Avenue in downtown Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 954-472-3755 or www.artfestival.com.

DECEMBER 30-JANUARY 5

Monday - 12/31 - Winter Break Blast! for grades 1st-5th at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Join the Explorium team for a fun-filled week of activities, experiments, games and more. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Participants will

be split into groups for grades 1-2 and 3-5. M-F, 9 am-1 pm. Week: \$105/residents; \$131.25/non-residents. One-day: \$25/residents; \$31.25/non-residents. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

Tuesday - 1/1 - New Year's Day
Wednesday - 1/2 - Funtacular 2012: Ceramic Painting at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Children will use color creatively on two plaster projects to paint, decorate and take home. 11 am-1 pm. \$10/residents; \$12.50/non-residents. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

Thursday - 1/3 - Children's Winter Fair at Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Games, arts and crafts, and entertainment. For children ages 2-12. 10 am-3 pm. Free entrance to event, \$15 ride all day bracelet or \$3/ride. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

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

1/3 - Amazing Spiderman (PG-13) is presented as part of Teen Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 13-17. 6-8 pm. Free and includes free pizza & soda. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org

Friday - 1/4 - Playground Playdate at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Get info about upcoming programs. 11 am-1 pm. Free. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

1/4 - Boca Express Train Museum Tour at the FEC Railway Station, Count de Hoernle Pavilion, 747 S. Dixie Hwy. Guided tour of two 1947 Seaboard Air Line streamliners. Both listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the dining and lounge rail cars have been restored to their original splendor and deliver a nostalgic look at the glamorous day of train travel. Held the 1st & 3rd Friday of every month January through April 2013. 1 & 2 pm. \$10/adults, \$5/Boca Raton Historical Society members. 395-6766, Ext. 100, or www.bocahistory.org.

1/4 - Sogetsu Ikebana Flower Arrangement Advanced Class - Using fresh flowers, students are taught contemporary flower arrangement in this four-week class at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. This class is for advanced students. Class meets again 1/11, 18 & 25. 1:30-3:30 pm. Advance registration required. \$60/members, \$70/non-members plus flower fee of \$40 for all four weeks. 495-0233, Ext. 237, or www.morikami.org.

1/4-6 - Palm Beach Pops: Here's to the Ladies performs at the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium at the University Center on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$29-69. 877-311-7469.

1/4-6 - The Interview By Faye Sholiton - Presented by the Boca Raton Theatre Guild at the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Faye Sholiton's powerful memory play about mothers and daughters and the legacy of human suffering. Rated: PG-13. Held again 1/10-13, 17-20. R-Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. \$25. 347-3948 or www.brtg.org.

Saturday - 1/5 - Art Film: The Wizard (1989) - The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 2 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, free/children 12 and under and members. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

1/5 - Jace Vek and Drew Tucker Present The New Standard at the Old School Square Entertainment Pavilion, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. A performance of re-imagined classics and original works by Emmy Award-winning composer Jace Vek and world renowned percussionist Drew Tucker. Featuring music by John Williams, Vivaldi, Marvin Hamlisch, Aaron Copland and U2. 8 pm. \$25. 243-9722 or www.delraycenterforthearts.org.

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Holiday Events

Note: Events are current as of 11/23. Please check with organizers for any changes.

DECEMBER 1

Saturday - 12/1 - Christmas Bazaar at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach continues at the Christmas House, 16 Bronson St. (on the church campus) on Tuesdays and Saturdays through 12/22. 10 am-3 pm. Free. 392-2697.

12/1 - Voices of the Season: Annual Holiday Concert by the Delray Beach Chorale at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St. Featuring Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* and traditional songs of the holiday season. 3 pm. Reception follows. \$20, \$5/ students. 800-984-7272.

12/1 - Boynton Beach Holiday Extravaganza and Annual Holiday Parade is hosted by the Boynton Beach CRA at the Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, East Ocean Avenue between Seacrest Boulevard and Northeast First Street. Events include: 5 pm Parade - North on Federal Highway. Form Southeast Twelfth Street to Ocean Avenue; 6:30 pm Tree Lighting Ceremony on Ocean Avenue between Seacrest Boulevard & Southeast First Street and 7 pm free concert on Ocean Avenue between Seacrest Boulevard & Southeast First Street. Food and beverages available, no pets allowed. Free. 737-3256.

12/1 - Concert: Voices of Pride: Hollydaze at the ArtsGarage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Tickets: \$35-\$45/advance, \$40-\$50/at the door. 8 pm. 243-7129 or www.artsgarage.org.

12/1-2 - Bowfire: Holiday Heart Strings at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach.

An all new sounds-of-the-season extravaganza featuring some of the world's greatest fiddlers and violinists. All-time holiday favorites, with added singing and step dancing. Sat.: 8 pm; Sun.: 2 pm. \$42. 243-7922, Ext. 1.

DECEMBER 2-8

Sunday - 12/2 - Holiday Family Festival at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Enjoy an array of family-friendly performances and activities, while embracing holiday traditions of different cultures. 1-5 pm. \$12/adults, \$5/ages 13-21, free/members and children under 13. 832-5196.

12/2 - Holiday Concert is presented as part of the ARTful Adventure Sunday series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Family program features art workshops and live performances by talented actors, musicians or dancers. 2-3 pm. Free with paid Museum admission: \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, free/children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

12/2 - Special Christmas Lecture: Season's Greetings From the White House by Mary Seeley at the Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. As a collector and historian, Mary Seeley has captured the Christmas traditions of nearly every first family since the start of the Gilded Age. \$10/members, \$28/non-members - includes museum admission and all Christmas Tree Lighting Festivities, which follow at 3 pm. 2-3 pm. 655-2833.

12/2 - Joyful Melodies: Celebrating Hanukkah with Klezmer Company Sextet at FAU's Boca Raton campus, Wimberly Library, 777 Glades Rd. Maestro Aaron Kula and the Klezmer Company Sextet perform a special holiday concert of Klezmer music and Hanukkah melodies. Potato Latkes, apple sauce and sour cream and Hanukkah cookies will be served during a light reception. Sponsored by the Jewish Cultural Society at FAU. 3-4:30 pm. \$20/members, \$30/member couples, \$25/non-members. 297-3921.

12/2 - Christmas Tree Lighting at the Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Holiday music played on Whitehall's original pipe organ and the 1902 Steinway. Choir performances, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus complete the afternoon's activities. The

event culminates at 4:55 pm with lighting the Grand Hall Christmas Tree. 10-minute Music Room organ and Drawing Room piano performances begin at: 3:30, 3:50 and 4:10 pm. 20 minute choral performance in the Courtyard begins at 4:30 pm. Free with admission: \$18/adults, \$10/ages 13-18, \$3/ages 6-12, free for members and children under age 6. 3-5 pm. 655-2833 or www.flaglermuseum.us.

12/2 - Handel's Messiah at FAU's Boca Raton campus, University Theatre, 777 Glades Road. Annual presentation featuring FAU students past and present. 7 pm. \$10. 297-3853 or www.fau.edu/music.

Tuesday - 12/4 - Holiday Runway Show is held in the courtyard of Plaza del Mar, 230 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Showcasing the latest fashions for holiday parties from local shops. Live entertainment. 1 pm. Free. 762-5340.

Wednesday - 12/5 - 42nd Annual Boca Raton Holiday Street Parade along Federal Highway from Southeast Eighth Street North to Mizner Park. 7:30 pm. Free. 393-7806 or www.myboca.us.

Thursday - 12/6-7 - Holiday Happenings at Town Hall presented by the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum at Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. Enjoy refreshments and special holiday hours while you shop for unique gifts and holiday decorations. Th: Noon-7 pm; F: 10 am-4 pm. Gift shop admission is free (Museum admission \$5/adults, \$3/students, free/members). 395-6766, Ext. 100.

Friday - 12/7 - Children's Holiday Make & Take Craft for kids ages 3-12 at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Children 8 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-5 pm. Free. Registration required. 393-7968.

12/7 - Lantana Winterfest at Lantana Recreational Center, 418 S. Dixie Hwy. Features vendors/craft booths, face painting, hayrides, children's activities, pictures with Santa. Food is available for purchase. Christmas Tree lighting ceremony: 6 pm; Santa arrives by fire truck: 6:30-8 pm; Bicycle Drawing (Children ages 13 & under): 8 pm. Presented by the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce, Town of Lantana and Hypoluxo-Lantana Kiwanis Club. 5-9 pm. Free. 585-8664.

12/7 - Boynton & Delray Beach's Annual Boat Parade - The flotilla of brightly-decorated boats line up at the Boynton Beach inlet and travel south along the Intracoastal Waterway to the C-15 canal in Delray Beach. Viewing areas are located at the Boynton Harbor Marina and along the parade route. Bring new, unwrapped toys (no toy guns, please) for Toys for Tots. Pre-party starts at 5:30 pm, featuring live music, pictures with Santa and more, at the Boynton Harbor Marina by Two Georges Waterfront Grille. Parade: 6:30 pm. Information: 742-6246.

12/7 - Friday Night Live: Holiday Sounds - Presented at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Live themed entertainment, gourmet food trucks and more. 6:30 pm, live entertainment begins 7:30 pm. Free. 352-7070.

12/7-8 - Jolly Joyful Jamboree: A Holiday Celebration is presented at the Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Get in the spirit with four of the most talented professional performers in South Florida as they light the season ablaze singing and dancing to all of your favorite holiday hits. F: 8 pm; Sat.: 2 pm. \$15. 586-6410.

Saturday - 12/8 - 22nd Annual Holiday Toy Drive is presented by Delray Citizens for Delray Police/Kids and Cops Program at the Delray Beach Police Department, 300 W. Atlantic Ave. New, unwrapped toys and store gift cards for kids ages 5 to 16 years will be collected at various locations throughout the city through 12/12. Drop off unwrapped gifts at the Police Department from 8 am-1 pm. 243-7841.

12/8 -19th Annual Breakfast with Santa at the Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Featuring real

snow, pancake breakfast, pictures with Santa, train rides, multicultural crafts, sand art and entertainment. 8:30 am-noon. Tickets required: \$10/person, free/infants. 368-6875 or www.cmboca.org.

12/8 - Breakfast with Santa at Brio Tuscan Grille at The Shops of Boca Center, 5050 Town Center Circle, Suite 239, Boca Raton. Have breakfast and visit with Santa, coloring contest, a goodie bag for each child and more. Bring new, unwrapped gift for the Children's Home Society of Florida. 9-10:30 am.

\$11.95/adult, \$5.95/child. 392-3777.

12/8 - Breakfast with Santa at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. A festive breakfast ushers in Christmas magic for young and old alike. Children can sit on Santa's lap and share their wish lists. They can also bring in their letters and each child will receive a personalized letter back from Santa after the event. Every child will leave with a holiday treat. Register early as space is limited. 9-11 am. \$7/person. 742-6221.

12/8 - Swedish Lucia and Christmas Celebration is presented by Swedish Women's Education Association of South Florida at First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Enjoy raffle, entertainment, Swedish Christmas decorations and food. 11 am-5 pm. \$6. 305-205-2800.

12/8 - Santa's Wonderland Workshop & Light up the Night Parade are presented by the Kiwanis Club at the Cultural Plaza in Downtown Lake Worth (Corner of Lake Avenue and "M" street.) Noon: Bike giveaway, 6-8 pm: hometown style parade with high school bands and floats with Santa and Mrs. Claus, cultural entertainment and more. Free. 533-7363.

12/8 - Hanukkah Begins at Sundown 12/8 - Hanukkah Candle Lighting at the Delray Center for the Arts, 51 N. Swinton Ave. 5:15 pm. Free. 243-7190.

12/8 - Delray Beach Holiday Parade presented by Delray Beach Parks and Recreation and the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce. Parade begins on Atlantic Ave. at Venetian Drive and ends at NW Fifth Avenue (at the Fire Department). 6 pm. Free. 243-7277.

12/8 - 36th Annual Boca Raton Holiday Boat Parade - Intracoastal Waterway beginning at the C-15 Canal (Boca Raton/Delray Beach border). Bleacher viewing at Silver Palm Park & Red Reef Park. 6:30 pm. Free. 393-7806.

DECEMBER 9-15

Sunday - 12/9 - Chanukah Family Fun Festival - Presented by the Kabbalah Centre at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Join a celebration of Chanukah: the Festival of Lights! Astrology readings, face painting, rock wall, bounce house, plus vendor booths featuring handbags, jewelry and essential oils. \$10 and \$20 coupon books available. 1-6 pm. \$12/child age 3-12 gives unlimited rides and one meal combo. 488-8826.

12/9 - 10th Annual Gingerbread Holiday Concert by Lynn University Philharmonia Orchestra at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, Great Hall, 501 E. Camino Real. 3 pm. \$35. 237-9000.

12/9 - Celebrate the Season: The Robert Sharon Chorale at The DeSantis Family Chapel, Palm Beach Atlantic University, 901 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. Join in song to start your holidays. 3 pm. \$15/adults, \$5/children 12 and under. 319-0005.

12/9 - Once Upon a Holiday is a musical who-dunnit performed at the Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Holiday fun for the entire family. 5 pm. \$15/adults, \$12/children under 18. Benefits the Children's Theatre Scholarship Fund. 272-1282, ext. 4.

12/9 - 2nd Annual Madrigal Dinner at St. Jude Parish Life Center, 21689 Toledo Road, Boca Raton. Presented in conjunction with the department of music in FAU's Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters. A Renaissance evening full of pageantry, entertainment, succulent

food and extraordinary music. 6 pm. \$100 (includes dinner and a \$70 tax-deductible gift to FAU's Choral and Vocal Studies Program). Reservations: 297-23371.

Monday - 12/10 - Holiday Cooking Fun for ages 5-9 at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Children learn basic cooking from scratch. Instruction includes kitchen safety, measurements, napkin folding, and table setting. Parents are not allowed in the classroom during

class. 3:30-5 pm. \$12/residents, \$15/non-residents. 367-7035.

12/10 - Light Up The Holidays - Presented by the Town of the Highland Beach Library at the Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S. Ocean Blvd. Performances by Baritone Lou Galterio, Barbershop Quartet Lawrence of Florida Four Scissors,

and Cantor Margaret Schmitt. Self parking available at St. Lucy's parking lot. Cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be served. 4:30-6:30 pm. Free. 278-4548.

12/10 - Downtown Boca Chanukah Concert & Menorah Car Parade - Sanborn Square (Federal Hwy. just north of Palmetto Park Road). The Chazak Band performs and upwards of 100 cars with Menorah's atop of their roofs are expected to partake in Chabad of Boca Raton's annual car Menorah Parade. Departing from the Central Boca Chabad on Military Trail at 5:30 p.m., the parade will head across town for the Downtown Boca Chanukah Concert and Menorah Lighting at 6:30 pm, hosted by Chabad of East Boca. The event will feature children's activities and a BBQ dinner at a nominal cost. 417 7797.

12/10 - Paul Green and Klezmer East: A Hanukkah Concert to Light Up The Holiday at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Event is part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 7:30-9:30 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member advance, \$35/non-member at the door. 297-3171.

Thursday - 12/13-16 - The Santaland Diaries by David Sedaris - Presented by Parade Productions at the The Studio at Mizner Park, 201 Plaza Real, 2nd Floor, Boca Raton. Play relates David Sedaris' experiences when he reluctantly worked as an elf in Macy's Santaland display. Not recommended for children. Held again 12/20-23. Th-Sat.: 7:30 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 3 pm. \$35-\$40. 866-811-4111.

Friday - 12/14 - Chanukah Under The Stars at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Special kids activities including bounces houses, a gourmet food truck expo, face painting, crafts and much more. The Chanukah and Shabbat service begins at 7:30 pm with the temple clergy; Cantorial Soloist Lori Shapiro, Rabbi Dan Levin and Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Brockman. Presented by Temple Beth El. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. 5-9 pm. Free. 393-7984.

Saturday - 12/15 - Breakfast with Santa at the Delray Beach Marriott Hotel, 10 N. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Includes gingerbread man decorating. Four seatings available for the \$12/person breakfast: 8, 9, 10 & 11 am. Reservations: 279-1380 ext. 17.

12/15 - Tuba Christmas at Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Help support the tradition of holiday music performed by tubas and euphoniums. Conductor Sean Murray brings this tradition to the Boca Raton community for the third year. Outdoor event, bring chairs or blankets. 5 pm. Free. 297-2595.

DECEMBER 16-22

Sunday-12/16 - Holiday Family Fun Day at the Fountains Center office and retail park, 7600 West Camino Real, Boca

Raton. Features children's activities, live music, food tastings, displays and raffles. Benefits the American Cancer Society - South Palm Beach Unit. 1-4 pm. Suggested donation: \$5/child (over age 2) or \$25/family. 954-482-3740.

Tuesday - 12/18 - Special Holiday Tour of the Boca Raton Resort & Club - Presented by the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum at 501 E. Camino Real. Not recommended for children under 12. This is a walking tour - wear comfortable shoes. 6 pm. \$20/members, \$25/non-members plus \$11 valet fee per car. RSVP: 395-6766 ext. 100.

12/18-23 - Holiday Evening Tours at the Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. See Whitehall by the glow of the original 1902 light fixtures. Every visitor receives a traditional Christmas cracker following the tour. 12/18-19: tours begin at 7:15 and 7:25 pm; 12/20-21: tours begin at 7:05, 7:15 & 7:25 pm; 12/22-23: tours begin at 6:50, 7:05, 7:15 & 7:25 pm. \$25/adults; \$15/children ages 17 and under. Advance purchase required. 655-2833.

Friday - 12/21 - Teen Winter Carnival for ages 12-19 at the Hobbit Skate Park, 505 S.E. 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Carnival type games for teens. Free popcorn, sno-cones and cotton candy. 6-9 pm. \$2/person. 243-7158.

12/21 - Roots Holiday Concert: Christmas Featuring The Brass Evolution - Presented as part of the Free Friday Concerts series at the Old School Square Entertainment Pavilion, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Featuring gourmet food trucks. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets; rental chairs available. 7:30-10:30 pm. Free admission; cash bar. 243-9722.

Saturday - 12/22 - Story Hour with Mrs. Claus in the Main Gazebo at Mizner Park, 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. A special gift will be raffled off. 3 pm. Free. 362-0606.

DECEMBER 23-29

Sunday - 12/23 - A Global Christmas: St. Paul's Choir - Presented as part of Music At St. Paul's series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach.

The annual Festival of Lessons and Carols presents music from cultures around the world. 3 pm. \$20/preferred seating, \$15/requested donation, \$5/ students. 278-6003.

Monday - 12/24 - Christmas Eve Services by Journey Church at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Family event featuring carols, candles and a special Christmas message. Two service times (identical program): 3-4 pm; 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 393-7827.

Tuesday - 12/25 - Christmas Day Friday - 2/28 - Holiday Magic Night At The Museum at the South Florida Science Museum, 4801 Dreher Trail N., West Palm Beach. 6-10 pm. \$11/adults, \$7/children (3-12), free/members & children under 3. 832-1988 or www.sfsm.org.

DEC. 30 - JAN. 5

Monday - 12/31 - First Night 2013 New Year's Eve Celebration is held at various downtown locations in Delray Beach. First Night buttons, which serve as admittance to all activities and venues, can be purchased for \$10 in advance and \$15 on New Year's Eve. Buttons can be purchased in advance at the Famous 100-Foot Christmas Tree and the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce. 4pm-midnight. 279-1380, Ext. 17.

12/31 - It Was Fifty Years Ago Today: A New Year's Celebration of the Broadway Musicals of 1962-63 - Hosted by Randolph DeLago at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Take a nostalgic journey back to Broadway as it was exactly 50 years ago! Each show includes a wine/cheese/Champagne reception. Two shows: reception 1pm, show 2pm, \$40; reception 7pm, show 8pm, \$60. 272-1281, ext. 4.



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Some birds, such as this flock of sandwich and royal terns, are a common sight along the coast during the winter migration season.

Return of the Snowbirds

Arriving by the flock on a wing and a prayer, these winter guests bring life to our skies

By Cheryl Blackerby

“Hopes are shy birds flying at a great distance ...”

So said the great naturalist and artist John James Audubon about our fantastic winter visitors — the magnificent white pelicans with 8-foot wingspans, the pretty little red knot shorebirds, and the mighty peregrine falcons — that leave the far north flying 4,000 miles and more on a wing and a prayer on often perilous journeys from Alaska and Canada to South Florida.

Audubon came to Florida in 1831 to research and paint birds for the third volume of his illustrated masterpiece *Birds of America*. He traveled through South Florida by foot, canoe, skiff and cutter tracking Florida’s spectacular resident birds and glorious winter visitors.

“We observed great flocks of



Bald eagles do not always live up to their patriotic image; this one stole a fish from the osprey. **Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

wading birds flying overhead toward their evening roosts They appeared in such numbers to actually block out the light from the sun for some time,” he wrote.

Audubon would surely be

heartbroken to learn that many of these birds fly in far fewer numbers today because of the draining of wetlands, habitat loss, human disturbance, pollution and pesticides. But there are success

stories such as the elegant trumpeter swan and our national bird, the bald eagle.

We asked Jim Rodgers, avian biologist at Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s Wildlife Research Lab, to tell us his favorite winter visitors. Some of his picks are extremely rare in Florida — such as the tundra and trumpeter swans — but he does see them during his research trips in our area. Others are the common Northern cardinal and American robin, so familiar we may overlook them but shouldn’t.

His top pick? “By far, my favorite is the hooded merganser. It is spectacular.” See pages 2-3 for the lineup.

Meanwhile, don’t miss Audubon’s 113th annual Christmas Bird Count, which will take place Dec. 14 through Jan. 5. Volunteers gather for one day during this time period, depending on the area, to record bird sightings. Data collected in this longest-running wildlife census helps assess the health of bird populations. Go to www.birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count to find a Christmas Bird Count near you.

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Painted Bunting

Size / Color: 5.5 inches. Perhaps North America's most colorful bird. The male has bright red underparts, green back, blue head and red eye ring. The female is bright green all over, paler below.

Diet: Seeds, insects, spiders and snails.

Range: Breeds from Missouri to North Carolina and flies to Gulf Coast states in winter.

Status: In South America it's captured as a caged bird. It is sold in the markets of Mexico. Numbers have severely decreased in past 10 years.

Notes: This bird is also known as a 'nonpareil,' meaning without equal. The female is one of the few bright green birds in North America.



Red Knot

Size / Color: 10.5 inches. One of the prettiest shore bird species. Breeding adults have rich reddish brown face and breast with marbled dark brown backs and pale feather edgings. Dark, straight bill, legs greenish. Fall birds are gray above and whitish below.

Diet: Hard-shell mollusks; arthropods and larvae at breeding grounds.

Range: Migrates from the high Arctic of Canada to Florida and south.

Status: Population declining quite severely.

Notes: Those that winter in South America, passing through Florida, may make a round trip of nearly 20,000 miles each year. During migration, they breed on tidal flats, rocky shores and beaches.



Cedar Waxwing

Size / Color: 6-8 inches. A beautiful, sleek brown bird, bright yellow below, with black mask, yellow tips on tail feathers and hard red waxlike tips on secondary wing feathers.

Diet: Berries, insects.

Range: Migrates from the conifer forests of Canada to Florida and southern U.S.

Status: Healthy populations.

Notes: The social birds have the amusing habit of passing berries or even apple blossoms from one bird to the next down a long row sitting on a branch until one bird eats the food.



White Pelican

Size / Color: 55 to 70 inches, 8-foot wingspan. Florida's largest flying winter visitor. White with black wing tips, long, flat orange/yellow bill. In breeding season, has short yellowish crest on back of head.

Diet: Fish.

Range: Seasonal migrant from British Columbia and Manitoba south to South Florida.

Status: Because of pesticides, human disturbance and draining of wetlands, they are in decline, their numbers dropping sharply.

Notes: You're lucky indeed if you see them in flight — majestic birds in a long line flapping their 8-foot stretches of wings. The birds ride rising air currents to great heights, where they soar slowly and gracefully in circles.

Long-Billed Curlew

Size / Color: 12-16 inches. Our largest shorebird, the curlew's most distinctive feature is the long, sickle-shaped bill. The bird, which is in the sandpiper family, has cinnamon wing linings, no head pattern.

Diet: Small crustaceans and mollusks or berries and seeds, grasshoppers and crickets.

Range: Migrates from southern Canada and the U.S. Northwest south to coastal Florida and Mexico.

Status: With only 20,000 birds left, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan both designate this species "highly imperiled."

Notes: Sometimes called the 'Sicklebill,' the curlew was once a plentiful game bird of the Great Plains and the formerly extensive prairies to the east. Curlews are sociable birds when feeding, roosting and migrating.



Sandhill Crane

Size / Color: 38-48 inches, 6-foot 8-inch wingspan. Very tall with long neck and legs. Largely gray with a distinctive bright red forehead and white cheeks. Immature birds are browner with no red on head.

Diet: They most often eat corn, plants and grains but also eat invertebrates, small mammals, amphibians and reptiles.

Range: These cranes migrate in great flocks from Alaska, Canada and northern states to southern states from Arizona to South Florida and Mexico.

Status: The resident Florida sandhill crane is a less common crane with only 5,000 birds remaining because of habitat destruction. The bird is state-listed as threatened and protected in Florida. The migrating greater sandhill crane has no current conservation concerns.

Notes: The mating dance is spectacular — birds face each other, members of a pair leap into the air with wings extended and feet thrown forward.



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Baltimore Oriole

Size / Color: 7 to 8.5 inches. Male has black head, back, wings and tail; orange breast, rump and shoulder patch. The female is olive-brown with dull yellow-orange underparts and two dull white wing bars.

Diet: Insects, fruit and nectar.

Range: Migrates from Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia south through the Dakotas and winters in Florida and southern coast.

Status: Healthy populations.

Notes: The birds have a flute-like whistle, single or double notes in short, distinct phrases with much individual variation.

Wood Stork

Size / Color: 40-44 inches, 5- to 6-foot wingspan. It is easily distinguished by its large size, upright posture, dark head and neck that looks naked but is actually covered in scaly modified feathers. Its nickname is 'iron head.' It has a heavy bill with a downward curve at the tip. White with black flight feathers and tail. Head and neck dark gray.

Diet: They eat fish by probing the water with their bills.

Range: Lives in colonies in Florida's cypress and mangrove swamps.

Status: The wood stork is on the U.S. Endangered Species List.

Notes: They are expert at soaring, sometimes seen circling high in the air on rising air currents. Unlike herons, storks fly with neck extended.



Peregrine Falcon

Size / Color: 15-21 inches. A large, robust falcon with a black hood and wide black 'mustaches.' Adults are slate-gray on their head, back and wings, and pale gray below with fine black bars and spots.

Diet: On the coast, they prey on ducks and shorebirds. Urban falcons subsist mainly on pigeons.

Range: Breeds from Alaska and the Canadian Arctic down through the mountainous west and south to the Gulf Coast and Florida.

Status: Following an alarming decline during the 1950s and '60s, this spectacular falcon is on the increase now due primarily to the banning of pesticides that caused thinning of eggshells and to an intensive program of rearing birds in captivity and releasing them in the wild.

Notes: Favorite nesting sites nowadays are tall buildings and bridges in cities.



Bald Eagle

Size / Color: 30-31 inches; wingspan, 6-7 feet. Large and blackish with a white head and tail and heavy yellow bill.

Diet: It is primarily a fish eater, although it sometimes eats ducks and other birds.

Range: Migrates from Alaska and Canada south to the U.S. including Florida. But there are year-round residents in Florida, too.

Status: The bald eagle was listed as threatened on the U.S. Endangered Species List in every state except Alaska until June 28, 2007. Its recovering populations allowed it to be removed from the list, and it is one of the major success stories of the Endangered Species Act and the conservation movement.

Notes: The bald eagle's beachcombing habit was its downfall, for it accumulated pesticides from contaminated fish and wildlife. Hunting, poaching and the encroachment of civilization reduced its population drastically. Now that the pesticides have been banned, our national bird is staging a comeback.



Hooded Merganser

Size / Color: 16-19 inches. The smallest of the mergansers, the male has a white, fan-shaped black-bordered crest, blackish body with dull rusty flanks and white breast with two black stripes down the sides. The female is dull gray-brown with warmer brown head and crest.

Diet: Feeds chiefly on small fish, which they pursue in long, rapid underwater dives, but also eats small frogs, newts, tadpoles and aquatic insects.

Range: Migrates from Canada to Florida and the Southern states.

Status: Healthy population.

Notes: When startled, they are among the fastest-flying of our ducks. Males perform a beautiful courtship display and, once mated, swim energetically around the female in further ritual displays.

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Health & Harmony

Dietitian adds health advice to fitness regime

There are two different approaches to running a health club, says David Arm, owner of Lantana Fitness along with his wife, Renee.

“One is, get their money and hope they never show up. That’s the corporate model,” he says. “The other is, have them show up, be successful, and tell their friends about it. That’s our model.”

To help members be successful, Lantana Fitness goes beyond the usual offerings of fitness classes, weight machines, lockers and showers.

It offers the services of a registered dietitian — something Arm says is unique to health clubs in this area — who works in concert with the club’s five personal trainers to help members lose weight, fight heart disease, even reverse diabetes.

The registered dietitian is 37-year-old Andrea Szebeni of Hypoluxo.

“When you first meet with Andrea, she’ll discuss how you like to eat, what you like to eat, what your goals are, ask you what medical conditions you might have — diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol,” Arm says. “Then she uses a special device to measure your basic metabolic rate, and another device to measure your ratio of fat to lean muscle mass.”

Pulling all this data together, Szebeni designs an eating plan tailored to your individual medical profile and lifestyle. Then she becomes your advocate, spiritual adviser and biggest supporter.

“She’ll take you to Publix and show you how to shop,” says Arm. “You can text her



Szebeni



Leroy Hull works out with personal trainer Nicole Catts at Lantana Fitness. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

from a restaurant and ask her, ‘Hey, what should I eat?’ She is passionate about this.”

With a master’s degree in nutrition, Szebeni is more educated on the topic than many physicians.

“I tell clients: I know your No. 1 goal is to lose

weight,” Szebeni says, “but my No. 1 goal is to get you off medications. As a professional, I know if I can do that, then the weight’s going to come off.”

Club member Leroy Hull of West Palm Beach is living proof.

Hull, a 63-year-old retired

Vietnam veteran, weighed 265 pounds when he started working with Szebeni about a year ago. He was recovering from heart bypass surgery and had developed diabetes. His blood sugar level was over 250. In addition to insulin shots, Hull was taking more than 20 pills per day.

“My doctors at the VA told me I’d have diabetes for the rest of my life,” he says.

Szebeni put together an eating plan specifically for him, taking into account how much he likes to eat out.

Meanwhile, certified personal trainer Nicole Catts developed an aerobic and muscle-building workout program just for Hull.

With full accountability to, and encouragement from, his Lantana Fitness team, Hull stuck to both plans. He has lost 40 pounds, shrunk three pant sizes and eliminated most of his medications, including insulin.

“I’m down to six pills a day,” he says, “three heart pills and three vitamins.”

Ann Hackl of Hypoluxo also found the help she needed at Lantana Fitness.

“Being diabetic, I had been turning to the medical community for help with weight loss,” says Hackl, 63. “But my doctor and several other medical professionals I consulted with didn’t know how to help me. So this was like a godsend.”

With Szebeni’s nutritional guidance and Catts’ tailored workouts, Hackl says she has lost a significant amount of weight and gained control of her diabetes with less medication.

“The two of them putting their heads together have really sent me in the right direction,” she says.

Personal training and registered dietitian counseling are paid services separate from the cost of club membership. For more information, see www.lantanafitness.com.



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Health & Harmony Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/23. Please check with organizers for any changes. Please send future event listings to Michele Smith at thecoastalstarcalendar@gmail.com.

DECEMBER 1

Saturday - 12/1 - SPIN® Class at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Classes are held seven days a week on the boardwalk overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Sunrise to 9 am and 4 pm to sunset. Donations accepted. 287-0953.

12/1 - Saturdays @ Sanborn: Yoga Class at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Ongoing classes held every Sat. Registration: 8:45 am; class: 9 am. Free. 393-7703 or www.downtownboca.org.

12/1 - Yoga Class at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton. Ongoing classes held T,R&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.

12/1 - Judo Class - Saturdays at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Classes consist of 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 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

12/1 - Zumba Class at the South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Ongoing classes held every Sat. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703.

12/1 - USA Netball Association at Pompey Park Recreation Center, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Netball is one of the most popular women's sport in the world. Netball is a fast, skillful, team game based on running, jumping, throwing, and catching. For females ages 6 and up. Ongoing activity held Saturdays. 2-5 pm. \$5/person per day. 243-7356.

12/1-2 - Yoga Workout at the Beach - Held every Saturday, Sunday and Monday at Red Reef Park West, 1221 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Build strength and flexibility, improve postural alignment and stabilize the core. Registration can be done at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., or on-site before a class begins. Parking passes can only be obtained through the Community Center. Classes are held on the grass overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. Cash will not be accepted on-site. Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 am; Mon.: 6:30-7:30 pm. \$15/residents, \$19/non-residents per class, or 60 day membership (unlimited classes) for \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807.

DECEMBER 2-8

Sunday - 12/2 - 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 or www.colonyyoga.com.

Monday - 12/3 - Jazzercise/Body Sculpting at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sculpted arms, a strong core, tight glutes and firm legs are the focus of this challenging 50-minute muscle toning workouts that feature a creative combination of weight training and stretching. Held every M, W & F. 8:45-9:35 am. First class is free. 8 classes: \$56/residents, \$70/non-residents. 16 classes: \$96/residents, \$120/non-residents. 347-3950 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

12/3 - Jazzercise at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. All ages and levels are welcome. Class runs M-Sat. 9-10 am. Fees start at \$38/month. 742-6240.

12/3 - Yoga in the Garden with Rassika Sabine Bourgi at the Society of The Four Arts, Pannill Pavilion, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Held every M-W-F (through 5/31/13). 9-10 am. \$15 per session. Reservations appreciated. 805-8562 or www.fourarts.org.

12/3 - Yoga Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Ongoing classes held M-W-F, 9:30-11 am & R, 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.

12/3 - Jazzercise/Light - at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This 50-minute class pairs moderate aerobics with exercises designed to improve strength, balance, and flexibility. Held every M, W & F. 9:40-10:30 am. First class is free. 8 classes: \$56/residents, \$70/non-residents. 16 classes: \$96/residents, \$120/non-residents. 347-3950.

12/3 - Tai Chi for Beginners of all ages at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Tai Chi offers many health benefits for balancing body, mind and spirit. Learn natural ways to relieve tension, stress and pains. Certified instruction. Held every Monday. 11 am-noon. Per class: \$15/residents; \$20/non-residents. 243-7350.

12/3 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This program is designed for people with Parkinson's. Components of this program provide exercises that work to improve one's balance, flexibility and muscle strength. This program is for people of all ages. Held every Monday. First class is free. 8 classes: \$33/residents, \$40/non-residents. 16 classes: \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. 347-3950.

12/3 - Chair Massage at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. John Sampson, Licensed Therapist, offers 10-minute sessions. Held every Monday. 1 pm. \$10/session. 278-5455.

12/3 - Bereavement Support Group meets every Monday at The Center for Group Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. 1-2:30 pm. First session free, \$5 thereafter. 483-5300.

12/3 - Joint Journey is an educational program for those undergoing total joint replacement at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 4th Floor Conference Room, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn what to expect before, during and after surgery. Held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Registration required. 2-3 pm. Free. 737-7733 Ext. 84688.

12/3 - Yoga Sunset at the Beach - Held every Monday at Spanish River Park, 3001 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Build strength and flexibility, improve postural alignment and stabilize the core. Registration can be done at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., or on-site before a class begins. Parking passes can only be obtained through the Community Center. Classes are held next to Lifeguard stand number 18. Cash will not be accepted on-site. 6:30-7:30 pm. \$15/residents, \$19/non-residents per class, or 60 day membership (unlimited classes) for \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

12/3 - Body with Style Aerobics at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Ongoing classes held M&W. 6:30-7:30 pm. \$3/at the door. 742-6550.

12/3 - Meditation Mondays - at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Meditate to enhance overall health and well-being. Held every Monday. 7 pm. Free. 278-5455g.

12/3 - Breastfeeding Prenatal Class is taught by lactation consultants at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. This is an opportunity for expectant parents to learn the benefits of breastfeeding, keys to success, supply and demand, positioning, breast pumps, returning to work and weaning. Both parents are encouraged to attend. 7 pm. \$25/couple. Payment must be made before class date. 369-2229.

12/3-4 - Fitness Boot Camp for ages 18 & up at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Class held every M & T. 6-7 pm. Per class: \$5/residents; \$6/non-residents. 243-7356 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

Tuesday - 12/4 - Fit Mom-To-Be Workout at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Stay active and fit during your pregnancy. A challenging, safe workout to increase muscular strength and cardiovascular endurance. Doctors written release is required at registration. Held every T&R. 8:45-9:25 am. First class is free. 4 classes: \$36/residents, \$45/non-residents; 8 classes: \$66/residents, \$82.50/

non-residents; 16 classes: \$118/residents, \$147.50/non-residents. 347-3950.

12/4 - Get Fit Moms Bootcamp at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Get energized and back in shape. This cardio/strength training bootcamp workout will burn calories. Doctors' written release is required at registration if the baby is less than eight weeks old. 9:30-10:20 am. 4 classes: \$36/residents, \$45/non-residents; 8 classes: \$66/residents, \$82.50/non-residents; 16 classes: \$118/residents, \$147.50/non-residents. 347-3950g.

12/4 - Beginners Yoga at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Enjoyable program helps you stay fit. Participants should bring their own yoga mat. Held every Tuesday & Thursday. 10:15 am. \$10. 278-5455.

12/4 - Adult Folk Dance Class at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Ongoing class held for adults ages 18 years old and up. Learn new dances from around the world for physical fitness, exercise, and fun. Class held every T. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$6/class. 243-7356.

12/4 - Caregivers Support Group meets every Tuesday at The Center for Group

Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 483-5300.

12/4 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Students ages 9 to adults will learn Karate along with a blend of other combat martial arts. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to learn moral values and self control. Class held every T & R. 6-7:30 pm. Per class: \$5/residents; \$6/non-residents; or monthly \$35/residents; \$40/non-residents plus a one-time \$25 for uniforms. 243-7356.

12/4 - Workshop: Waking Up, Tapping Into Our Inner Source of Strength and Wisdom by Barbara Schmidt - Presented as part of the Peaceful Mind/Peaceful Life Series at FAU's Student Union, Senate Chambers, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Held again 9:30am-noon 12/8. 6-8:30 pm. \$15. 297-2337.

12/4 - Women's Issues Support Group meets every Tuesday at The Center for Group Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. 7-8:30 pm. First session free, \$5 thereafter. 483-5300.

Wednesday - 12/5 - Yoga for ages 18 and up at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Held every W&F. 9-10:30 am.

Per class: \$10/residents; \$15/non-residents. 243-7350 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

12/5 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This program is designed for people with Parkinson's. Components of this program provide exercises that work to improve one's balance, flexibility and muscle strength. This program is for people of all ages. Held every Wednesday. First class is free. 8 classes: \$32/residents, \$40/non-residents. 16 classes: \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 2-3 pm. 347-3950.

12/5 - Heart Failure - presented by Yoel Vivas, M.D., FHRS, Electrophysiologist, as part of the Heart Symposium Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

12/5 - Adult Blackout Fitness Boot Camp at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. This group exercise class will combine traditional core and body weight exercises and strength and interval training. This four-week class

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held Wednesdays through 1/2 (no class 12/26). Two sessions: Beginner: 5:30-6:30 pm; Advanced: 6:45-7:45 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. 367-7035.

12/5 - Tai Chi Class at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Davis Therapy Center, 650 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Held every Wednesday. 5:30-6:30 pm. \$10/class or \$48/six consecutive weeks. Registration: 955-5321 or www.brhh.com.

12/5 - Divorced and Separated Support Group meets every Wednesday at The Center for Group Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. 6-7:30 pm. First session free, \$5 thereafter. 483-5300.

12/5 - Tai Chi Class - Wednesdays at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Emphasizes moving meditation for focus, concentration, release of stress and attention skills. Two sessions offered: beginners, 6:10-7:10 pm; intermediate, 7:10-8:10 pm. 8 classes: \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents; 12 classes: \$66/residents, \$82/non-residents. 393-7807.

12/5 - Mind/Body Development with Karate at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Chris teaches common sense self-defense techniques combined with exercises that help improve concentration. This class offers vibrant, yet soothing routines applicable to both young and old. Held every Wednesday. 6:30 pm. \$10. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

12/5 - Judo Class - Wednesdays at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Classes consist of warm-up exercises, instruction, practice and tournament training. Two sessions: Mixed ages & ranks: 6:30-8 pm; Advanced: 8-9 pm; All groups: Saturdays 10am-noon. Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807.

Thursday - 12/6 - Delray Beach Walkers Club at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. The Walking Club is a great opportunity to improve your health, make new friends, and enjoy the beautiful vistas Delray Beach has to offer. Sponsored by Ocean Rescue and Veterans Park Recreation Center. Ongoing class held every Thursday. For ages 18 and up. 8 am. Free. 243-7352.

12/6 - Supreme Science Qigong - Level I Class - at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Qigong is the cultivation and/or practice of energy. Practicing Qigong burns more calories standing still than if you were running. Bring a yoga mat or towel and wear comfortable clothing and athletic shoes. Weekly sessions held Thursdays through 1/24. For ages 16 & up. 7-8 pm. Per session: \$18/resident; \$22.50/non-resident. 347-3900.

12/6 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium is presented by Miguel A. Lopez-Viego, M.D., in the Clayton Conference Center of Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn how laproscopic gastric bypass and Lap-Band surgery can change lives. Held the first Thursday of each month. 6:30 pm. Free. 737-7733 ext. 84688.

Friday -12/7 - Alzheimer's Cafe at the Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center (of Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service), 7091 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. The Alzheimer's Cafe is a unique gathering for people affected by Alzheimer's disease and related memory loss, along with their families, friends,

caregivers and professionals. They will share laughter and each other's good company in a relaxed setting, listen and sing to old time music, dance, make art, play games and munch on snacks. The gatherings also create an opportunity to share feelings and explore constructive solutions for caregivers in interaction with others in similar situations. Held the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. 2-4 pm. Free. RSVP: 866-7086 or www.bocafed.org.
Saturday-12/8 - Zumba Class at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. This four-week session runs Saturdays through 12/29. 8:15-9:15 am. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

DECEMBER 9-15

Tuesday - 12/11 - Breastfeeding Support Group at The Red Tent, 20 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Bring your baby and join a community of mothers and mothers-to-be to discuss breastfeeding questions. For all stages of pregnancy through weaning. Infant scale available. 10 am-11:30 am. Free. 309-4314.

12/11 - Heart Murmurs: What Are The Risks? - Presented by Dr. George Daniel as part of the Healthy Living Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 736-8044.

12/11 - Mindfulness and Stress Reduction During the Holidays with Kimberly LaRue - Presented as part of the Campus On The Lake Lecture Series at the Society of The Four Arts Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. While it can be one of the most beautiful times of the year, the holiday season is filled with extra activities and demanding schedules. Just thinking about the holidays can be stressful!

Kimberly LaRue teaches participants how to enjoy the sacred moments of the holidays by identifying mental, emotional and physical stressors related to the season; working with loss and grief; cultivating gratitude and generosity practices; working with anxiety and expectations; and cultivating awareness and self-care. Mindful holidays can be a catalyst for creativity - the development of new rituals and new possibilities. 2:30 pm. Free. Reservations required. 805-8562.

Wednesday - 12/12 - Live Longer and Healthier!: Essential Tips From the Doctor Who Discovered That Aspirin Prevents Heart Attacks at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 3:45-5:30 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member advance, \$35/non-member at the door. 297-3171.

Thursday - 12/13 - Prediction and Prevention of Memory Loss with Dr. David Nash - Presented as part of the Campus On The Lake Lecture Series at the Society of The Four Arts Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Aging is an impending epidemic. The fastest growing demographic in the United States today is the population over 85 years of age. Dr. David Nash discusses factors that influence the aging population boom, and the effect diet has on aging. Learn about causes of memory decline, and how we may be able to prolong the lifespan. 5:30-7 pm. Free. Reservations required: 805-8562.

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Finding Faith

Holy Spirit hosts Mass in Manalapan while bridge is closed

The closing of the **Lantana Bridge** hasn't kept Catholics who live in Manalapan from attending Mass.

Instead, a priest from **Holy Spirit Catholic Church** in Lantana comes to them, leading worship every Saturday at the Manalapan town library.

The services began after the bridge was closed for construction last March. Island Mass recessed for the summer and then resumed Nov. 3.

Manalapan officials approved the library use after a request by Councilman **Louis DeStefano**, a Holy Spirit parishioner.

"I figured that, if anyone could find us a place, it was him," Holy Spirit's senior priest, Rev. **Kevin Nelson**, said. "He's the one who made it happen."

DeStefano's 97-year-old mother was particularly pleased. The library is across the street from her Point Manalapan home.

"I go there in my wheelchair," **Phyllis DeStefano** said. "I'm very happy about it."

Without the alternative, Catholics who live on the island would be forced to drive north to cross at the **Lake Worth Bridge** and then go south to reach Holy Spirit.

"It's not just for Manalapan," Louis DeStefano said. "It's for the whole east side of the bridge, whoever is stuck with the bridge being out."

As many as 40 parishioners attended Mass when it was said in Manalapan last winter. About 20 attended Nov. 3, and that number is expected to grow as snowbirds return.

"It's a wonderful thing that the church has offered so we can have a place that's so convenient for ocean people," Manalapan resident **Olga Cuyar** said. "We're blessed to have it."

Only the priest is inconvenienced by island Mass. Services are held immediately before and after at Holy Spirit Church in Lantana.

"I'm dashing from here to get there," Nelson said.

Church of the Palms Congregational has joined the city of Delray Beach to collect and ship 500 care packages to the military this holiday.

The Project Holiday project began in 2005 when Church of the Palms member **Eleanor Williams** heard that the city commissioners were supporting city administrative assistant **Delores Rangel's** support group for parents with military children overseas during Christmas.

"I always feel it's such a huge sacrifice to put yourself in danger and be away from family," said Williams, whose father was an Air Force prisoner of war during World War II. "You feel alone and isolated."

Rangel's daughter **Melissa**,



Nearly 20 people participated in Saturday afternoon Mass inside the Manalapan Library. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

who served five tours in Afghanistan and Iraq, encouraged the parents group called **You Are Not Alone** to send the holiday care packages.

The packages include nonperishable food, toiletries and cards of encouragement. The ladies at Church of the Palms knit wool caps for a soldier to wear under his or her helmet to stay warm.

Project Holiday has grown to where Delray Beach placed collection boxes at City Hall, the city library and four other locations in November. Eight businesses in Boca Raton also collected items.

Volunteers gather Dec. 2 to pack boxes for shipment at the **Delray Beach Community Center**. The church, as a nonprofit, accepted \$4,000 in donations to pay for postage.

Temple Beth El celebrates **Hanukkah Under the Stars** at the Mizner Park Amphitheater on Dec. 14.

The free community event includes bounce houses, face painting and crafts for children, opening at 5 p.m. A caravan of food trucks will offer Italian, Mediterranean, American and vegetarian cuisine.

The Hanukkah service at 7:30 p.m. has cantor **Lori Shapiro** joining the congregation's adult and youth choirs in music to celebrate the Jewish holiday.

"We are always looking for engaging ways to make services filled with meaning and entertainment for people of all ages in the community to enjoy," Temple Beth El communications director **Susan Stallone** said.

The **Delray Beach Choral** performs its annual **Voices of the Season** holiday concert on Dec. 1, at **First Presbyterian Church** in Delray Beach.

The community choir will present Puccini's **Messa di Gloria** in addition to traditional holiday songs.

Tickets for the 3 p.m. concert are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students.

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church is helping reopen Catholic parishes that were closed in communist countries.

The Delray Beach congregation chose the **Diocese of Vladivostok** as its overseas mission after hearing how two missionary priests have already reopened 11 parishes in an area twice the size of Texas.

One of the priests, Father **Daniel Maurer**, traveled halfway around the world to appeal for St. Vincent's financial help last month.

Siberia became a communist land in 1917 after the Russian Revolution, and **Stalin** confiscated the Catholic churches.

Other priests have joined the

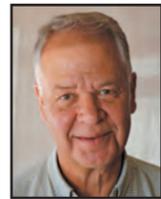
effort to reopen the parishes since the first two priests arrived in 1992. They also operate schools, soup kitchens, women's support centers and a hospital.

The community will have access to a classical outdoor labyrinth to be built at the **United Unitarian Fellowship of Boca Raton**.

Walking a labyrinth is a way of meditation. Such paths are found in ancient and modern religious traditions around the world. They can be carved in stone, cut into turf, drawn on clay or embedded in sanctuary floors. The labyrinth in Boca Raton is designed to give the community "a place to calm

the heart, mind and soul under the beauty of the sky." For some, walking the path deepens spiritual understanding. For others, it brings quiet contemplation, even a way of healing. Members of United Unitarian Fellowship began fundraising for the labyrinth at their Nov. 11 worship service by purchasing virtual bricks for \$10 each.

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Killing in BocaLand a comical tale of 'what if'

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The only stories better than those from William E. Finley's fiction are those from his real life.

From flying 35 missions as a B-17 pilot in World War II (five air medals, three battle stars and two unit commendations) to being one of the nation's foremost urban planners to a founder of West Palm Beach's SunFest, the 89-year-old Ocean Ridge resident's life would make Hemingway jealous.

War and peace and more than 50 years as an urban planner have given Finley a unique and insightful view of life and the ways of the world.

Those views come to the fore in Finley's new book, *Killing in BocaLand (A New Kind of Murder)*. The 345-page self-published book, strong on dialogue, follows the nefarious adventures of sexy Boca Raton title company executive Daisy Hoffman (a former Miss Florida with the scrapbook to prove it), her frustrated engineer-turned-insurance executive boyfriend, a Mexican billionaire, a Saudi prince and a real estate mogul who wants to build a 100-story apartment/hotel tower on the land that was once Briny Breezes.

Toss in a high-end Boca Raton hotel and a doomsday machine similar to Nikola Tesla's fabled earthquake machine (it nearly destroyed the Serbian genius's New York lab in 1898) and you have a terrific read that takes you places you know along A1A and makes you ponder what is possible.

Finley, who along with wife, Anita, publishes the *Boomer Times* magazine, describes *Killing in BocaLand* as a "bloodless murder" and an "adventure in science and fiction."

"Pure fiction," Finley said. "Nobody in the book is real. But a lot of the science in the book is real."

Indeed. Just remember the policemen who found Tesla madly pounding away at his



Bill Finley has published a new book. Photo provided

earthquake machine in an effort to get it to stop shaking his building on Houston Street in New York City.

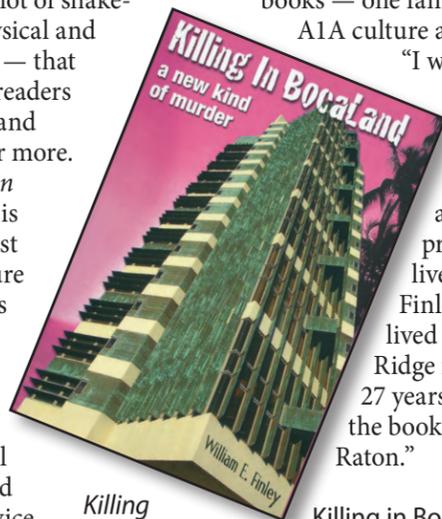
In *Killing in BocaLand*, Finley puts his characters through a lot of shake-ups — physical and emotional — that will leave readers surprised and curious for more.

Killing in BocaLand is Finley's first book of pure fiction. His previous books are *Air Force Cowboy*, a historical novel based on his service in the Army Air Corps, and *Curing Urbanitis*, which outlines

the problems and cures for America's metropolitan areas.

In *Killing in BocaLand*, Finley at the same time aims for a more diverse but local audience than his previous two books — one familiar with the A1A culture and lifestyle.

"I wanted to find the audience first, make sure it's a well-off audience, proud they live there," said Finley, who has lived in Ocean Ridge for the past 27 years. "So I aimed the book at Boca Raton." ★



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Dogs never cease to amaze us with their wide range of abilities. Some dogs are born greeters and love to charm house guests by sitting, shaking paws and rolling over on cue. Some dogs are natural jocks, racing through agility obstacles and never making a wrong turn. I'm blessed with a pair of dogs who live to tame waves while perched on surfboards.

And then there is a pack of former shelter rejects and strays who live for applause as proud members of the Muttville Comix team.

Under the leadership of national acclaimed dog trainer Johnny Peeps, this canine crew will be the headline act at the Palm Beach County Pet Expo, which takes place Dec. 8-9 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West

Palm Beach.

I caught up with Peeps by phone recently as he was preparing to perform a holiday act at a shopping mall in Scranton, Pa. He happily shared how he transformed himself from a circus clown to clowning around with canines for a living.

"My father ran a concession stand for the Ringling Circus when I was a boy, but I would sneak off and hang out with the clowns whenever I could," recalls Peeps. "The clowns taught me how to juggle, do handstands and much more. I even went to clown school. But I also discovered how much I loved teaching tricks to dogs. Today, I have the best of both worlds: I get to make a living doing comedy with dogs."

His tail-wagging troupe totals about 16 dogs, with the



Johnny Peeps and the Muttville Comix, the featured presenter at the upcoming Palm Beach County Pet Expo, Dec. 8-9 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. Photo provided

canine star answering to the name of Winston, an 8-year-old German shorthaired pointer mix that Peeps discovered at an animal shelter in Wisconsin.

"He was about 1 at the time, very playful and very willing to please," says Peeps. "He

does a combination of things throughout the show with the other dogs. He catches little hoops on his head and jumps rope — both tricks that are extremely hard to learn."

Winston also ranks as the biggest dog in the act that includes mutts with the skill to do a canine conga line to music, lining up from big to small. And there is Max, a miniature poodle who wows the crowd by walking on his front legs while hoisting his hind legs in the air, and Chico, a small dog who performs a high dive off a platform into Peeps' waiting arms. Look for Pee Wee, a gutsy young Chihuahua mix that Peeps regards as a rising star. He leaps over hurdles on a spinning table without spilling off.

Peeps calls Bradenton home, but for most of the past 30 years, he has been on the road performing for dog-adoring audiences at malls, pet expos and schools. He also appeared on the David Letterman show, *Circus of the Stars* and *Primetime Live*. His canine crew bested the competition to win first place on Animal Planet's *Pet Star* show in 2003.

The very agile, athletic Peeps will finally tell you his age, but adds these adjectives ahead of the number: "I'm a very, very, very young 60."

And he is also adaptable before live audiences. You have to be when you are working with pooches who can be unpredictable.

"Dogs have a sense of humor, and they are eager to learn when you make training fun," says Peeps. "But sometimes, things happen in a show. For example, if a dog is supposed to

If you go

Fetch your leashed dog and head to the Palm Beach County Pet Expo on Dec. 8-9 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach.

Among the scheduled events are dog obedience demonstrations, pet first aid talks, animal communication presentations, pet costume contests and talent shows. There will also be dozens of exhibitor booths.

Hours are 10 am to 5 pm each day. You must fill out a pet waiver form and keep your pet on a 6-foot or shorter leash to bring him. Tickets are \$8 online or \$10 at the expo for adults. Kids 12 and under are admitted free. To complete the pet waiver form and purchase online tickets, visit www.palmbeachpetexpo.com.

roll up a blanket in a comedy bit and doesn't, then I step in and roll myself up in the blanket."

I hope you get the chance to catch the Muttville Comix act at the Palm Beach County Pet Expo. This two-day event is packed with lots of spectacles and dozens of booths that celebrate our great relationship with our pets. And, yes, you can bring your well-mannered, leashed dog to join you in the fun.

To learn more details and check out the expo's schedule, please visit www.palmbeachpetexpo.com. And be sure to unleash paws and applause for Peeps' pack of talented canines.

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 *PetLifeRadio.com* and learn more by visiting www.fourleggedlife.com.

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Entertaining

Mix up a little holiday spirit with these cocktails

By Jan Norris

Got the holiday spirit yet? Maybe you need a little boost. Put some cheer in your glass this season with tasty cocktails concocted by local mixologists. They're busy pouring favorite flavors — cranberry, chocolate and peppermint.

Mark Spivak, local author of the recently released *Iconic Spirits: an Intoxicating History* (Pequot publishing; www.amazon.com/author/markspivak) says pre-Prohibition cocktails — those made with whiskey or bourbon — are back in vogue. So go retro and stir up a Manhattan or whiskey sour, then make merry.

Dark Chocolate Cherry Martini with Peppermint Foam
(From Max's Harvest, Delray Beach)
1½ ounces Three Olives Cherry-infused vodka
1½ ounces Godiva Dark chocolate liqueur
dash Cherry bitters
dash simple syrup
Stir ingredients with ice in mixing glass with strainer. Add foam (recipe follows) to a chilled cocktail glass. Strain cocktail through foam into glass. Flame sprinkled turbinado sugar over top of the drink.
Makes 1 cocktail.

Peppermint Foam
(enough for several cocktails)
4 egg whites
6 ounces St Germain Elderflower Liqueur



The Cranberry Bog Lemon Martini combines cranberry and Absolut Citron vodka. Photo provided

3 ounces lemon juice
1 ounce crushed peppermint candy
Shake well in mixing glass. Pour into an iSi Whipper fitted with charged CO2 cartridge.

Shake well. Chill 1 hour. Shake well before dispensing, and shake between charges.

Cranberry Bog Lemon Martini Recipe
(From Legal Sea Foods, Boca Raton)
2½ ounces Absolut Citron Vodka
3 ounces (about 1/3 cup) cranberry puree — see note
½ ounce sour mix
Dash of Angostura bitters
3 fresh cranberries for garnish
Combine vodka, cranberry puree, sour mix and bitters in an ice-filled shaker. Shake vigorously six to eight times and strain into a martini glass. Garnish with three cranberries.
Makes 1 martini.

White Chocolate Cake Martini
(From Piñon Grill, Boca Raton)
1½ ounces Cupcake frosting

vanilla vodka
½ ounce Frangelico
½ ounce Crème de cocoa light
1 ounce heavy cream
Shake in cocktail shaker, and poured into a martini glass.
Makes 1 cocktail.

Adult Hot Chocolat
(From Tanzy, Boca Raton)
1 cup water
1 package hot chocolate mix
2 ounces Chocolat Royal liqueur
1 handful mini-marshmallows
Heat water in microwave or boil on stove. Mix hot chocolate in water, add Chocolat Royal and stir; top with marshmallows.
Serve in coffee mug or cappuccino glass.
Makes 1 mug.

All I Want For Christmas is Chocolat
(Tanzy, Boca Raton)
1.75 ounces Chocolat Royal liqueur
1 ounce Sobieski vodka
¾ ounce elderflower liqueur
¾ ounce half-and-half
Stir ingredients with ice in mixing glass. Strain into chilled martini glass.
Makes 1 drink.

Orange Blossom
(Tanzy, Boca Raton)
1½ ounces Marie Brizard Chocolat Royal
1½ ounces Sobieski Orange vodka
Mint leaves for garnish
Stir all ingredients in a mixing glass with ice. Strain into a chilled martini glass. Sprinkle mint leaves on top for added flavor.

Mark Spivak's Manhattan
Several dashes bitters
2 ounces whiskey of your choice (blended Canadian is my preference)
½ ounce sweet vermouth — use high quality
Several dashes bitters
Orange zest (squeeze into drink to release essential oils)
Straight up: Fill a cocktail shaker with ice. Add the bitters and allow them to permeate the ice cubes. Add the whiskey and vermouth, and stir vigorously — do NOT shake. Strain into a cocktail glass, and add the orange zest.
On the rocks: Fill an Old Fashioned glass with ice. Add the bitters and allow them to permeate the ice cubes. Add the whiskey, vermouth and orange zest, and stir vigorously.
Makes 1 cocktail.

Whiskey Sour
(traditional)
1½ ounces whiskey
1½ ounces lemon juice
¾ ounce simple syrup
Maraschino cherry on stem, for garnish
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Makes 1 cocktail. ★



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Secret Gardens

‘Vertical garden’ stands out — and up

On a busy corner of Worth Avenue and South County Road in Palm Beach, there’s a triangular patch of nicely manicured grass. A bench made of curving limestone blocks defines the edge of it.

This is a popular spot, particularly at this time of year when you need to take a break from holiday shopping. In fact, just about everyone who passes stops to have their picture taken here.

“Why?” you ask. After all, it’s just a bit of grass and hard rock seating.

But look up.

At the end of the building that is Saks Fifth Avenue, there’s a vertical garden. It is made up of plants growing perpendicularly out of a 24- by 35-foot frame to create a living piece of abstract art.

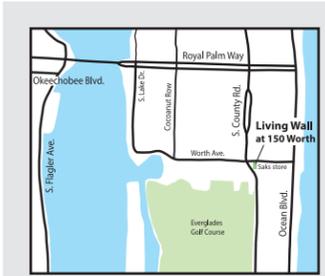
It’s done with “brush strokes” created by using nine different plant varieties. They differ in color and texture as well as the size and shape of their leaves to give life and lift to the “painting.”

The garden actually is made up of 1-foot-square panels secured onto the steel frame. The panels are fibrous envelopes filled with a coco fiber growing medium.

Plants grow out of the 13 holes punched into each of the 840 panels. That adds up to more than 10,000 plants used to create this wall garden.

The idea of placing a living wall here at 150 Worth Ave. was the brainchild of the Garden Club of Palm Beach.

They wanted a wall that would have an abstract design done with all green — not flowering — plants. And they had some recommendations, including wanting to use



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The Living Wall is at 150 Worth Ave., Palm Beach. Free and open to the public daily. For information on GSky Plant Systems, visit www.GSky.com.

natives. So in 2010 they contracted with GSky Plant Systems Inc., to make their wishes come true.

GSky’s plant design manager, Debbie Kotalic, worked closely with a committee of club members to develop the design.

Funny thing, she had just been to the Salvador Dali Museum in St. Petersburg. As a result, she decided to add a subtle hint of a picture to her abstract creation. “Guessing what I had in mind kind of makes the wall interactive,” she says.

Go ahead and search for her concept. Look hard and use your imagination. Some people divine a boat, others a bird, even a slingshot.

“It’s like clouds in the sky — everyone sees something different,” says Kotalic, who works at her company’s newly opened Delray Beach offices on George Bush Boulevard.

Besides adding a touch of whimsy to the wall, she had to take the environment into consideration.

On this noisy corner, she had to contend with wind, salt air and western sun. She



The vertical garden on the wall of Saks Fifth Avenue on Worth Avenue in Palm Beach is a green form of public art. The garden is illuminated by spotlights after dark. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

also needed a large number of plants that would grow perpendicularly instead of toward the light as many do, and ones that would do well considering the frame’s irrigation system.

Originally, the wall included mondo grass that never thrived and silver sawtooth palm that

became dinner for critters. Those had to be replaced, but today she’s perfected the plant mix. You can enjoy this natural piece of free public art at any time. It’s partly shaded from the sun by two trees during the day. And at night, spotlights accent its vibrant but natural colors.

Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley is a certified master gardener who can be reached at debhartz@att.net when she’s not digging in her garden.



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Friday - 12/14 - Stories In The Garden: Trees at Mounts Botanical Garden, Garden Pavilion, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. In partnership with the Palm Beach County Library System this program features storytime, garden activity and craft project. For ages 2-6; children must be accompanied by an adult. Seating is limited, reservations are suggested. 10-11 am. Free. 233-1757 or www.mounts.org.

Wednesday - 1/2 - Garden Club Meeting at the Boca Raton Garden Club Headquarters, 4281 NW 3d Ave. Speaker Jason McCobb (Farmer Jay) will provide a presentation on Sustainable Gardening. Open to the public. Free. 395-9376 or www.bocaratongardenclub.org.

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Wide West Views, 100 Ft Deep Water, existing dock. Needs total renovation. Plans on site for renovation and existing 5BD/5.1BA residence.

\$2,375,000



CURLEW ROAD MANALAPAN

4 En-Suite Bedrooms, 1 HB. Classic Bermuda style Waterfront pool home. Serene water views, private dock.

\$1,825,000*



LANDS END ROAD MANALAPAN

5BD/5.1BA Pool Home w/218 Ft of waterfront, long South views. Private dock. 2-car garage. Over 1/3 Acre.

\$1,775,000*

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CHURCHILL WAY MANALAPAN

Spectacular .75 Acre waterfront parcel. Call for copies of previously permitted building plans. Prime location.

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PELICAN LANE HYPOLUXO ISLAND

4BD/3BA Tropical Treasure includes a Guest House w/heated pool/spa and lush, private yard, 3-car garage.

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N. ATLANTIC DR HYPOLUXO ISLAND

Waterfront Best Buy! Spacious residence. Perfect floor plan, 102 ft of water frontage, East breezes, newer dock.

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S. ATLANTIC DR HYPOLUXO ISLAND

Affordable, charming 3BD/2BA beach area cottage with pool. Great location walking distance to Beach!

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Owners can park their cars in the two-car garage and walk to downtown Delray Beach because this 4,000-square-foot townhome is one block off Atlantic Avenue.



The Delray Beach home offers an outdoor area that overlooks a pool and the Intracoastal Waterway.

Delray townhome offers casual elegance on the Intracoastal

At Harbour House, there are only four very special Mediterranean-styled residences in this private enclave directly on the Intracoastal, close to the heart of downtown Delray Beach. One has recently become available with 3,565 square feet of air-conditioned space and has three bedrooms and four baths.



The light-filled living room opens onto an outdoor dining area.

feeling of this home. It is continued outside with an ample-sized lawn that has lush landscaping surrounding the pool. A private dock and the joys of boating beckon just beyond.

The formal entry and floor plan present unique architectural walls and crown molding throughout the entire first floor. Upstairs, via a custom elevator or winding staircase, the spacious master suite awaits with his and her master baths and closets and the best of details and finishes. A private balcony overlooks the Intracoastal. All other rooms on the second floor have ensuites.

Soft light streams into the townhome through French doors. Volume ceilings add to the open



The gourmet kitchen has custom cabinets, granite countertops and top-of-the-line appliances.

\$2,495,000. John Papera, Agent; Palm Beach Premier Real Estate, (561) 819-2113, cell: (561) 445-5646. For a personal tour, email: info@PalmBeachPremierRealEstate.com or see it on video at <http://bit.ly/DelrayWater825>.

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