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City faces clashing visions of viable downtown

By Tim Pallesen

Boca Raton had no downtown through most of its history.

Now a downtown is growing rapidly — and city officials aren't sure where the new growth will lead.

Boca Raton has given zoning approval for 1,700 apartments to be built.

"We don't have a lot of history with the magnitude of residential that's coming into the downtown right now," John Hixenbaugh, the city

Live Work Play

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planning and zoning director, admits. "Because there have been so many projects approved at one time, we don't know what the cumulative impact is going to be."

City leaders herald the new residential construction as the missing component for the downtown to evolve into an exciting place where young professionals live,

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Derek Vander Ploeg (right), architect for Mizner Park, walks across the plaza. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

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Remembering those who no longer can

Memory center at FAU aids those with dementia

By Mary Jane Fine

Jacobo remembers. He remembers how Frances forgot. She forgot asking about a grandchild's well-being, so she asked again. She forgot where she left a glass, where she left her keys. Forgot how to find her way to or from places she once knew well. She forgot and forgot and forgot until her forgetting couldn't be smiled at any longer or dismissed or hoped away.

That was when Jacobo Goldstein realized that the life he and Frances had lived



Ann and Louis Green provided money to create the memory center that bears their name.

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must change, and soon. It was 2005 when he retired as White House correspondent for CNN's Spanish-language Radio Noticias, when the Goldsteins left their suburban Virginia home and moved to Boca Raton, where their daughter lived and where she'd



Mary Kaplan, Eunice Morres and George Peters, all clients of the Louis and Ann Green Memory and Wellness Center participate in a yoga class. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

heard about a new facility for people with memory impairment. Within a month of arriving in Florida, Frances Goldstein began spending her days at the Louis and Ann Green Memory and Wellness Center on the Boca campus of Florida Atlantic University.

At the center, Frances found happiness in an art class.

Jacobo found happiness in her happiness — and a caregiver's much-needed respite.

"If you're a caretaker, it takes a toll on you," he says. "My wife was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 1997, but for five or six years it was slow-going and we were able to handle it. The center gave me a few hours for myself because I knew she

was in a safe place."

The Memory and Wellness Center, a part of FAU's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, opened in 2001 with a start-up grant from the National Institute of Health, Administration on Aging and a \$1.5 million donation from Louis and Ann Green that

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Along the Coast

Beach restoration starts while cities discuss sharing costs

By Cheryl Blackerby

The clock is ticking for restoration of South County beaches. The Jan. 28 deadline for requesting sand for beaches ravaged by Hurricane Sandy has passed, and likely will not be extended.

Meanwhile, the narrow window for

beach restoration is closing in. Turtle nesting season starts March 1 and dredging needs to be finished by then. And if the damaged beaches aren't repaired, turtles will have a tough time trying to climb steep scarps, as high as 5 feet, carved out by Sandy's waves.

"The waves chewed the beaches

out and took the top layer of sand off. Anything over a couple of feet is a problem for turtles. If they lay their eggs at water level the eggs will get washed out, or the turtles will go somewhere else," said Dan Bates, deputy director of Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management.

Beaches from Manalapan through Delray Beach got the most damage along the South County coast, but Delray and Ocean Ridge lucked out because they had regularly scheduled beach renourishment projects in the

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Boca Raton resident Robert Campbell, who made his fortune in the footwear business, embraced the idea of philanthropy early in his career. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

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Lynn donor likes giving better than getting

By Chris Felker

Robert "Bobby" Campbell has mastered the art of bootstrapping.

He's advanced in the philanthropy arena step by step, just as he lifted himself up by his own bootstraps in the business world.

Boca Raton's Lynn University will be building a home for its Fighting Knights soccer and other sports teams that will bear his name because last spring, he gave \$1.2 million toward the expected \$2.6 million cost to build Bobby Campbell Stadium.

In recognition of that gift — and Campbell's other substantial giving toward Palm Beach County and other charities — he was the recipient of one of five 2013 Outstanding People and Leaders Awards bestowed by the Boca Raton Rotary Club during a gala Jan. 19 at Boca Pointe Country Club.

(See other OPAL winners in Celebrations, Page 12).

Campbell, of coastal Boca Raton, was raised in Pittsburgh by a "very hard-working single mother," he said. "We were very, very poor." When he was 15, the family moved to Detroit, where as he took a job at Kinney Shoes, then a prominent chain.

"First, I worked part-time as a stock boy and then had the chance to also sell, and wound up making \$35 the first week,"

Campbell said. After high school he started full-time with Kinney and, before long, had been promoted several times, up to manager for all Kinney Shoes stores.

"I kept going up, and I was a very lucky guy to go up the ladder, and then I realized that it's better to give back a little bit than to just receive," he said.

He got involved with the Two Ten Footwear Foundation in New York in the late '60s.

"I really saw the great work they did, helping so many people and families that really were going through very tough times, as well as their program that gave scholarships to kids who were smart but couldn't afford college," he said. "I never had an opportunity like that when I was young."

Campbell had been promoted to Kinney's parent company, F.W. Woolworth, but decided to act on an entrepreneurial dream. "After nine years of not enjoying the corporate structure, I left and started my own company, BBC International, in 1975," Campbell said.

Though he started small, he built the company into a worldwide leader in the children's shoe market, and BBC took off when in 1991 he partnered with LA Gear and produced a line of lighted footwear called L.A. Lights.

Campbell, 75, is single and has one daughter, two sons

and three grandchildren. His younger son, Seth, is following in his footsteps and is co-founder and chief brand officer of a company called Isaay.

He moved the company to Boca Raton in 1998 and has given to Boca Raton Regional Hospital (where he was treated for prostate cancer three years ago through chemotherapy), the Boca Raton Historical Society, the Wellness Center in Boca Raton for Parkinson's disease patients and the Arc of Palm Beach County.

He says young people today have much greater opportunities than he did growing up and need to seize them.

"They have to work very very hard on their ambitions — to prove yourself. When you do that, corporations will recognize it. It's work habits: The harder you work, it helps you perform better than what they expect you to perform."

Campbell emphasized his passion for philanthropy. "I think receiving is not as good as giving back. So as I went on and kept getting more successful — I like charity, I love children, and I got very much involved in places like the Arc for children with problems — and so I just made myself a lot of money and thought, 'Why should I keep it all?' I'd rather give back than give it to the government, anyway."

Editor's Note

Families need support in dealing with Alzheimer's theft of life

Loss has been a major player in my sister-in-law's life over the past few years. In just about every case, Alzheimer's was the culprit.

She lost her job as a paralegal. She gave up driving her car. Her ability to read music faded away and she began to struggle with even the most taken-for-granted of skills, like turning on the reading light above her piano or buttoning her blouse.

The list of things she can no longer do goes on and on, a dirge of what was and what no longer is her life.

And my brother, her husband of 40 years, has a growing list of losses, too. The love of his life is slowly, sadly slipping away.

He sounds so crestfallen when we talk on the phone.

After reading Mary Jane Fine's story (see Page 1), I wish there were a place like the Louis and Ann Green Memory and Wellness Center near my brother and sister-in-law's home in Wisconsin.

Alzheimer's is the sixth-leading cause of death in the country, according to the Alzheimer's Association website (www.alz.org), and

the only cause of death among the top 10 in the United States that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed.

Caring for people with the disease is a very expensive proposition.

Last year, the direct costs of caring for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias totaled an estimated \$200 billion, including \$140 billion in costs to Medicare and Medicaid.

We're so fortunate to have a state-designated Memory Disorder Clinic like the Louis and Ann Green Memory and Wellness Center in our midst. And we're blessed to have people like the Greens, who understand how important having a facility like this is and then finding a way to make it a reality.

It is so important for us not to forget the forgetful and those who care for them. After all, there are 5.4 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease — including my sister-in-law and, very likely, someone in you know, as well.

— Mary Thurwachter,
Managing Editor



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Vera Paley, 92, leads clients of the Louis and Ann Green Memory and Wellness Center at Florida Atlantic University in a yoga class. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

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brought matching funds from the state.

In 2005, the center — it houses both a diagnostic clinic and an adult day care center — became a state-designated Memory Disorder Clinic, one of 15 in Florida.

Last month, the center was the first of its kind to be designated a "Specialized Alzheimer's Services Center" by Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration's Division of Health Quality Assurance.

"We just identified a need," Louis Green says of the center that he and his wife first envisioned a decade before it was realized. "Dementia is a terrible affliction. The real victims are the families. The patients, eventually, don't know. Annie and I didn't feel there were adequate facilities to deal with this. Why did we do it? It needed to be done."

The Greens spent 10 years trying to interest someone in opening a center, Louis Green says, "but people don't like to think about [dementia]. Then FAU found it in their hearts to work with us. If it weren't for M.J. Saunders, the president of FAU, and [contractor/architect] Bill Wietsma, who developed the plans — gratis — it wouldn't have happened."

On a recent morning, a day care participant, Fanya, (her family asked to withhold her last name) had just put the last daubs on a pointillist painting. "It's a rainbow," she said, nodding at the small canvas.

"I studied art in college. I graduated in 1952. I graduated from ... oh my gosh ..." Silent, she fanned the air with her hands, as if to clear a fog. "Sometimes, I don't remember the words," she said, and then, triumphantly, "Rockford College! I got my BA and, a week later, I got my Mrs."

Fanya's teacher, Patricia Saidon, who runs the Center's art program, taught Frances Goldstein, too. "Don't forget

your walker," she reminded Fanya, as an aide escorted her to the next activity, chair exercise with 92-year-old yoga instructor Vera Paley.

Lunch would follow and, if she chose to, Fanya could engage in gardening and table games, music and shuffleboard, current events and, as promised in a brochure, "lots of parties."

The center doesn't sideline family members, offering them support groups, help with stress reduction, memory-disorder education and professional counseling. A library room stocks floor-to-ceiling shelves with brochures and books on memory loss, aging, health and associated legal and financial matters.

Specialists conduct initial evaluations to determine the nature and extent of a patient's memory problem and to provide family members with feedback and suggestions for what strategies and/or treatment would be best.

Day care rates at the



Jacobo Goldstein (right) had a poster (left) made from a painting by his late wife, Frances, who was a client of the memory center.

nonprofit center range from \$45 for a half day to \$87 for a full day, with subsidies available for those who qualify; manager Barbara Curtis says that Caring Hearts-sponsored "scholarships" are benefiting 19 of the Center's current 120 participants.

On a tour of the facility, Christine Dardet, media representative for the center, pauses in front of a colorful framed poster titled *Fish*,

which Jacobo Goldstein had made from one of his wife's paintings, after her death in 2009; he sold copies and donated proceeds to the center.

"It's a special place, being a nurse-led center," Dardet says. "It's a soft spot for me, too, because my father-in-law had Alzheimer's. We lived through that as young people. It was hard for my mother-in-law, having him check out but still be there, physically."



In December, Dardet says, the center got an expansion commitment from Louis and Ann Green, who live in the Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club. Construction on the 5,000-square-foot addition is scheduled to begin this spring and be completed by year's end.

Jacobo Goldstein couldn't be more pleased. "It's the best place I've ever seen," he says. "The Greens have done an incredible job."

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Andrea O'Rourke, president of the Golden Triangle Homeowners Association, stands on land where a 378-unit apartment is planned on Palmetto Park Road. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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work and play.

"A pedestrian-friendly downtown is our mantra," Mayor Susan Whelchel said. "We have put millions into making our downtown look inviting, but a pedestrian-friendly downtown does not happen unless we have pedestrians living down there."

Residents who own nearby single-family homes are worried about who their new neighbors will be. Banks are lending money only for developers to build rental housing, according to city leaders and developers.

"This leads to transient residents who are not vested in the community," said Andrea O'Rourke, president of the Golden Triangle Homeowner's Association.

Developers believe the rental market is strong enough to fill all 1,700 downtown apartments. But local economist Ann Witte disputes that, saying a glut of empty apartment towers might become subsidized government housing.

"That certainly would change the tenor of our community," Witte warned.

The uncertainty over Boca Raton's future downtown is partly because Boca, unlike Delray Beach, never had a historical east-west business street like East Atlantic Avenue.

"We're not Delray," Whelchel explained. "Their homegrown downtown was a home run with its road to the beach. Boca

Raton didn't have."

Boca Raton tried to correct that omission with a 1989 downtown master plan that picked East Palmetto Park Road to be that east-west boulevard.

The new city center extends from Mizner Park south to Royal Palm Plaza and from the Intracoastal Waterway west to the FEC railroad tracks.

Mizner Park was the award-winning mix of entertainment, shops, residences and office space that got the new downtown development rolling.

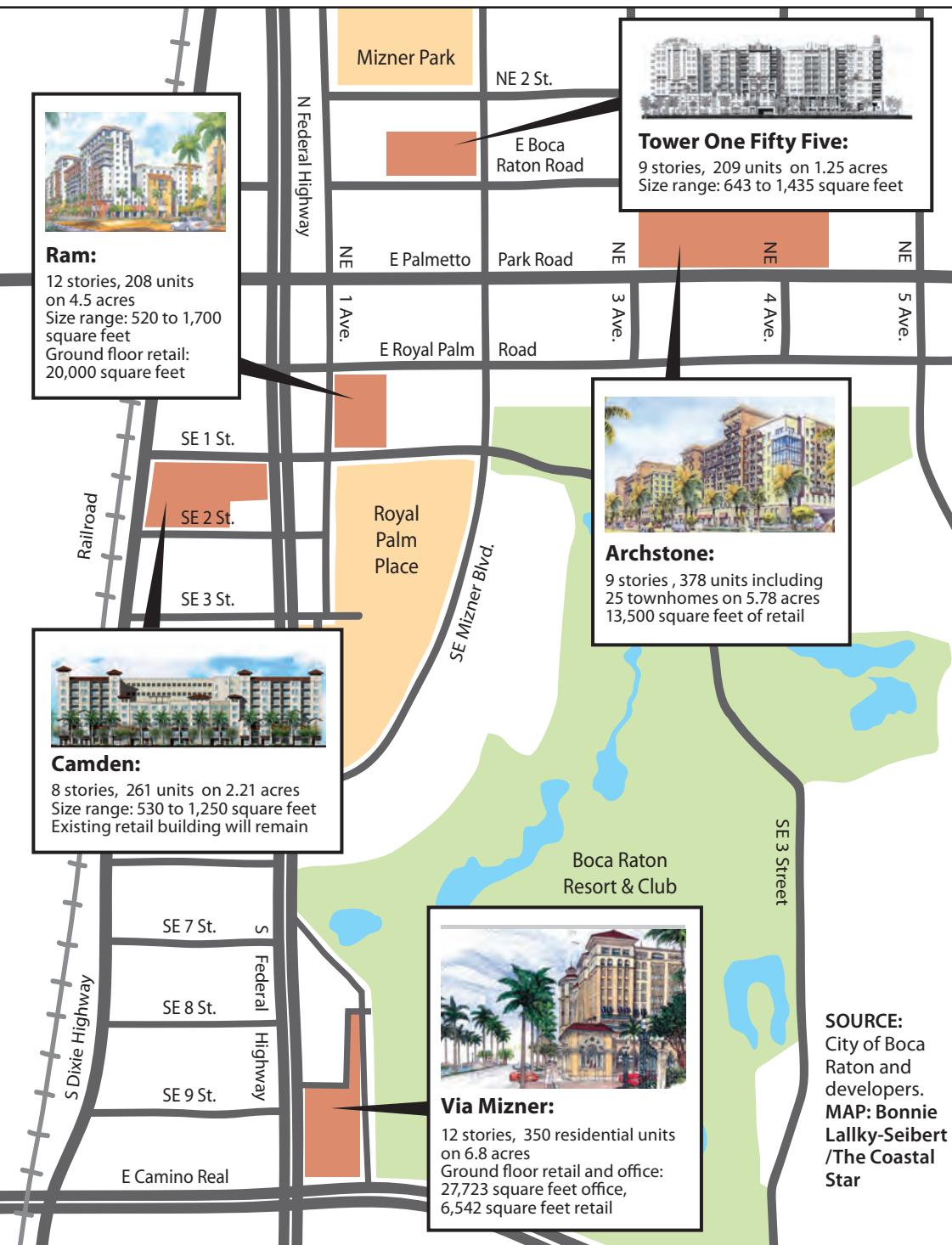
"But Mizner Park was only meant to be the beginning of development as an example of how to do it," recalled Derek Vander Ploeg, the project's local architect. "It has been difficult to do again for various reasons through the years."

To make the downtown attractive to developers, the city spent \$7 million four years ago for underground utilities and landscaping to beautify Palmetto Park Road and nearby streets.

The city also hired Urban Design Associations to tweak the downtown master plan.

"We began to realize that pedestrians who live there are looking for certain things," Whelchel said. "We still have a way to go on retail. The council wanted to see action items to go with the words live, work and play."

Several developers were ready to build downtown condos projects when the construction industry collapsed five years ago.



Now construction is resuming for apartments. Boca Raton has approved more than triple the number of downtown apartments that Delray Beach has. Boca's buildings will be much higher with many more apartments per acre. The maximum building height in Delray Beach is five floors. But the height in Boca Raton is generally nine or 10 floors with 15 floors possible under the city's interim design guidelines.

The extra floors allow Boca Raton to double the density. Developers say apartments will be a larger boost to the city's year-round economy than condos, which often are only winter residences.

"We have lagged behind

in our production of housing that's occupied year-round," developer attorney Charlie Siemon said. "Businesses have had feast or famine. The winter was robust and the summer was slim pickings."

"To sustain the downtown, we have to have people who are here all the time to support the shops and restaurants," Hixenbaugh agreed.

Advocates for downtown development hope to attract 63,000 commuters who drive into Boca Raton to work, according to the Census Bureau. "Living downtown would be a huge savings for them," Vander Ploeg said.

Lord & Taylor's decision to open downtown this year is significant to the downtown's appeal, advocates say.

"The fact Lord & Taylor picked Mizner Park rather than the Town Center mall speaks volumes about the downtown as a place to be," Hixenbaugh said. "I can't imagine why a young professional wouldn't want to live downtown."

But the bandwagon for downtown development hit a bump last year when the City Council approved the 378-unit Archstone rental project, drawing objections from nearby homeowners.

"Our City Council has taken the position that any development is progress," O'Rourke said. "It's obvious that the legacy they want to leave is high-density development at any cost."

The neighbors don't object

to more than triple the density at Tower One Fifty Five the newest downtown project. But O'Rourke says that is because Tower 155 is a condo project. The project won city approval in January.

Whelchel explains to the single-family homeowners that city officials are powerless to tell a developer to build condos rather than rental units. That is a bank's decision.

But the neighbors sued and won a major court victory when they demanded a city referendum for voters to decide whether Archstone should be built. The city has appealed the judge's order.

As tensions increase this year, development advocates appeal to neighbors to support their dream for a dynamic downtown.

"We need to allow people here to make a special place like downtown Delray Beach or Las Olas Boulevard," Vander Ploeg said.

Opponents respond that there isn't enough demand for rental apartments. Witte estimates city growth will only support 400 new rentals. The fear is a glut of empty apartment buildings like South Florida's unsold condo glut.

"At some point, the market will not support all of them," Hixenbaugh agreed. But nobody knows when that will be.

The mayor says not to worry. "We will know before it becomes too much and too late," Whelchel said. ★

Letter to the Editor

Neighbors object to type of businesses allowed

The city of Boca and Investments LTD have allowed a "guns and ammo" business to operate at 2236 to 2260 N. Dixie Highway. It's next to other stores — like a massage parlor, tattoo parlor, spiritual reader — and there is a vacant spot for the adult bookstore. These are not what I view as retail establishments.

If I owned commercial property, I certainly wouldn't be looking for revenue from a business like these unless the neighborhood supported it. I can assure you many residents are upset.

Many neighbors east of Dixie Highway are concerned with the Boca Raton change in "retail establishments." The dynamics of new businesses cropping up on Dixie Highway brings to mind Broward and Sunrise boulevards. It's time to change this in order to curtail crime and maintain property values. I don't think any of these businesses help improve or support our economy.

Living in Boca Woods has been an experience unlike other areas of Boca. The city continues to overlook or close out cases on violations of

properties in this subdivision. Why do such undesirable businesses and properties continue to be allowed?

Mike Krones
Boca Raton

Note: Boca Raton Mayor Susan Whelchel, in an email response to Krones' email blast, said that she "is not putting any of these retail stores in these locations. If I had my way, not a single one of them would be there. There is something in the law called 'property rights,' and that is what we have to deal with."

Along the Coast

Residents use legal help to have objections heard

By Tim Pallesen

Residents alarmed by massive new rental housing projects in Boca Raton and Delray Beach turned to a Cape Coral attorney to be heard.

Ralf Brookes has filed lawsuits to scale down the magnitude of the Archstone project on East Palmetto Park Road and Atlantic Crossing on East Atlantic Avenue.

Archstone and Atlantic Crossing are both significant because they will create the gateways from the Atlantic Ocean to two rapidly growing downtowns.

Brookes is a former city and county attorney now in private practice. He represented Monroe County in land use and development litigation for six years. He also was city attorney in

St. Petersburg Beach and Bradenton Beach for seven years.

"I see myself now as a defender of Old Florida to assure that development is compatible," Brookes said.



Brookes

Boca Raton Mayor Susan Whelchel describes him a bit differently. "Ralf

Brookes is a no-growth lawyer," Whelchel said. "Any chance he gets to promote no growth, he's there."

Residents who live near the new downtown projects hired Brookes because they say city governments didn't listen to their objections.

"It's difficult for citizens to be effective when they only get three minutes to speak at a

public hearing," Brookes said.

"Cities need to scrutinize these projects so they don't just do what's in the applicant's best interests," he said. "That's why I give legal representation to community organizations."

Brookes scored his first court victory locally when Boca Raton residents objected to a 2010 proposal to build a private beach club on a public beach known as Ocean Strand.

The city refused to approve an ordinance to restrict public lands for only public uses. So Brookes sued to win a lawsuit that forced the City Council to approve the ordinance on Jan. 9.

The lawsuit to block the Archstone project could have a far greater impact on Boca Raton development. Brookes sued on behalf of nearby

residents to force a citywide referendum to decide whether Archstone should be built.

A circuit court judge ruled in Brookes' favor last October, citing a previous case in which Brookes had represented the town of Yankeetown to get an exemption from a 2011 state law that prohibits voter referendums on local growth decisions.

Exemptions were allowed for Yankeetown and Boca Raton because both towns had charter language calling for referendums prior to the 2011 state law.

"People want the right in rare cases to repeal government actions if they are not in the best interests of the community," Brookes said.

Boca Raton is appealing the October ruling, fearing it could bring growth to a halt

in the city.

"Can you imagine the impact if we have referendums on every development order?" Whelchel asked.

Delray Beach has no similar provision to allow a referendum to overturn a development project. So the lawsuit that Brookes filed last month to stop Atlantic Crossing has a different strategy to achieve the same goal of allowing residents to be heard.

The Delray Beach lawsuit has given Delray Beach residents leverage to be heard by developers before they request site plan approval this year. Negotiations are under way for a design that both sides can support.

"We hope to have this resolved so the lawsuit can be settled in the near future," Brookes said. ★

County adopts 'mayor' designation



Abrams

Taylor became vice mayor.

The name change, which was Abrams' idea, will help put Palm Beach County on par with Broward County, Miami-Dade County and other Florida

counties with mayors, Abrams said.

It was not about individual prestige, he said.

The title will move around each year to a different commissioner and won't give anyone any extra powers.

While not a strong mayor proposal, the title change "accomplishes some of that

intent for those who would want a more visible leader in the county," Abrams said.

Commissioners who voted yes (Abrams, Paulette Burdick, Taylor and Hal Valeche) suggested the measure would allow the commission to improve quality of life and recruit business to the county.

Opponents (Commissioners

Jess Santamaria, Shelley Vana and Mary Lou Berger) said the title will not bring business to the county.

Vana argued that if the county were going to have a mayor, it should be a ballot issue.

Abrams was mayor of Boca Raton from 2001 to 2008.

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before Sandy. Delray Beach's project starts this month.

Ocean Ridge's sand restoration is next year, but the beaches will benefit from sand dredged out of the Boynton Inlet this month.

In South Palm Beach, Town Council members gave unanimous support for a plan by a citizens' group in Palm Beach that calls for renourishment and new groins south of the Lake Worth pier – a move which might benefit South Palm Beach beaches in the future.

But the council stopped short of committing to spend \$5,000 to \$13,000 a year for a monitoring plan of town beaches that is not guaranteed to lead to restore the shoreline.

Save our Shoreline, a group of residents living in condominiums in southern Palm Beach, urged the council to support the plan developed by a coastal engineer they hired.

"Your last chance to get sand in your system is from (the south end of Palm Beach)," said SOS representative Madeline Greenberg.

Last year, Palm Beach County commissioners halted plans for a project to install breakwaters off-shore and pump sand onto the South Palm Beach shore based on environmental concerns.

Delray Beach received an emergency permit from the state to expand the scope of its beach project to areas north and south of the original plans, where 3- to 5-foot scarps stand where there were dunes and a wide, gently-sloping stretch of sand.

But the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is requiring the extra sand to be hauled from inland mines approved by the DEP, which would cost as much as \$45 per cubic yard, instead of the \$7 it would cost from pumping sand from offshore while the dredge is in place for the planned project.

The reason the DEP likes inland sand is "it's quite nice and it's graded, cleaned and ideal for dunes," Bates said. "If you are doing a small dune restoration project, it makes sense to truck it in from an inland mine because it's not much sand. But bigger projects such as in Delray Beach where they are bringing in a million yards of sand, you should dredge offshore."

The city approved a contract with Coastal Planning & Engineering of Boca Raton to add sand to beach areas critically eroded by Sandy, but not included in the original project plans, according to Richard Spadoni, executive director of CPE. The repair would be allowed for the dune at the northernmost 100 feet of the public beach and 500 feet

north of that.

But commissioners are still hoping to share the same offshore "borrow" area for sand as that project. Acting City Manager Doug Smith said based on the amount of fill DEP would allow, the project "would be a significant reduction to higher cost estimates we were looking at before."

"We have the dredge, we have the sand, and we have the beach that needs it. All we need is for DEP to say OK," said Delray Beach Mayor Tom Carney.

The city and citizens' groups including Save Our Seacoast, Beach Property Owners Association and Florida Coalition for Preservation, sent a letter to the DEP requesting the extra offshore sand for dune and beach rebuilding in time for hurricane season and while the price is right.

"The dredge will soon be in place. Turtle season is looming. The next big storm may be right around the corner, and we need the dunes to protect State Road A1A and structures as far west as the Intracoastal," said Robert Ganger, chairman of Florida Coalition for Preservation. His members want to work with other coastal cities to explore sharing costs of sand, dune vegetation and dredges with other municipalities.

The greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District commissioners also have

expressed interest in working as a region to solve issues related to finding money for beach renourishment to lowering costs of sand and dredging.

Municipalities could at least share dredges, said Steve Laine, vice president of Boca Highland Beach Condo Association, which represents about 10,000 residents in 63 condominiums. It's too late for Boca and Highland Beach to request the use of the dredge that will be in Delray Beach this month, but perhaps they could in the future, he said.

His group spent \$30,000 on sea oat planting on their dunes and lost the plants to Sandy's surge. Sand is returning to his association's beaches, he said, and they didn't lose nearly as much sand as the beaches to the north in Delray Beach. "But the beaches certainly aren't the way they were."

While his association ponders whether to spend more money on sea oats, they are also wondering how they are going to repair beach damage from future storms.

"We're going to have to look at other funding for the future, and look at the benefits of municipalities working together on beach renourishment projects," said Laine.

The Highland Beach Town Commission has agreed to begin negotiations with Coastal Planning & Engineering for

a feasibility study of beach restoration alternatives. The town wants CPE to help it get a handle on what short-term and long-term beach restoration options are available – and what the costs would be. The town expects the cost of the study to be in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

In Manalapan, ocean side residents have united in an effort to repair more than a dozen seawalls that succumbed to Sandy's pounding. Fifteen residents have obtained town and state permits to repair seawalls and three others have state permits. Eleven of the 15 are working together with a single contractor.

According to Bates, significant sand is returning to beaches. "When the storm [Sandy] deflated the beaches, it ended up on sand bars near shore. It's coming back and the beaches are getting wider again but lower. We have seen recovery up and down the coastline."

Margie Plunkett, Rich Pollack and Tim O'Melia contributed to this story. ★

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Highland Beach

Accreditation, changes aimed at improving police department

By Rich Pollack

The Highland Beach Police Department will be moving forward with several initiatives, all aimed at enhancing the level of professional services it provides to residents.

During a presentation to the Town Commission last month, Police Chief Craig Hartmann said the department has begun working toward credentials from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

The department is also exploring way to improve its emergency dispatch process for police and fire rescue calls, and will be changing the look of its patrol cars to signal the improvements taking place, he said. To assist with the

accreditation process, the department recently hired veteran Delray Beach police officer Eric Aronowitz, who will lead the effort and also be responsible for training.

Earning the accreditation, Hartmann said, will help the department confirm that its processes, practices and procedures are all done as professionally as possible. Costs to the town, which include a nominal filing fee, will be minimal, he said.

"The accreditation is the gold seal for a department," he said. "It can help you be more efficient and it ensures that you have everything needed to provide the best level of service to residents."

In order to receive the recognition, the department is

required to be in compliance with mandatory standards set down by the commission and must undergo an onsite review. After that, the department will be required to go through a review every three years.

During his presentation, Hartmann told commissioners that the department is also exploring the possibility of a partnership with the city of Delray Beach to simplify its emergency dispatch system.

Currently, 911 calls for emergency services are fielded by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office central dispatch center. Police calls are dispatched to Highland Beach Police officers, but fire and medical calls — which are handled under a contract with Delray Beach Fire-Rescue

— must then be forwarded to dispatchers in Delray Beach before they are sent out.

Hartmann and Delray Beach Fire-Rescue Chief Danielle Connor told commissioners they are studying the possibility of simplifying the process by having all calls go directly to dispatchers in Delray Beach.

Delray Beach Fire-Rescue, which operates a station within the Highland Beach town limits, handled 736 calls in town during the last fiscal year, Connor said, with 536 of those calls being medical responses.

The average response times for those calls, she said, was below four minutes, well within standards. Still, both Connor and Hartmann believe services to residents could be

improved with a new more direct system.

The department will be changing the look of its blue and white police cars, to black and white and will be adding a Ford Explorer to the fleet.

In other business:

The Beaches and Shores Advisory Board is looking for volunteers to help with a town-wide volunteer Beach Cleaning Day on April 8.

Coordinators are hoping between 25 and 30 volunteers will help with the clean up, which will begin at 9 a.m. and go until about 11:30 p.m.

The town will provide up to \$500 for trash bags, gloves, water and 20 trash grabbers.

To find out more about the event or to volunteer, call town hall at (561) 278-4548. ★

Boca Raton

New ordinance pleases residents who fought development

By Cheryl Blackerby

Chastened by a losing court fight against a grassroots citizens group, Boca Raton City Council members are moving at warp speed to pass a new ordinance that will prohibit private uses of public beaches and waterfront land.

"I think we all will join hands in kumbaya and introduce this ordinance," said Boca Mayor Susan Whelchel as the council unanimously approved the first reading of the new law on Jan. 8.

But not so fast. Arthur Koski, attorney for the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District, says board members aren't giving up their legal options to possibly contest the ordinance in the future. During a Jan. 22 board meeting, Koski said he is drafting a letter to the City Council for February's second reading of the ordinance that says the district's silence shouldn't be misconstrued.

"I don't want the lack of action by the district to suggest that we agree to consent to it," Koski said.

With final approval in February, the city will avoid having to schedule a court-ordered referendum to decide the matter. The council's approval is a victory for Keep Your Boca Beaches Public, a citizens group that sued the city and the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District over plans to allow the development of a private beach club on the public 15-acre Ocean Strand property.

"I'm confident it will pass in February and be unanimous," said Joe Pedalino, chairperson

of Keep Your Boca Beaches Public. "We're not naive enough to believe that some future council couldn't reverse it, but the ordinance would give the citizens time to oppose it."

As far as the district's letter, Pedalino says he "completely expected that" and isn't worried.

"I don't see that as a problem," he said. "Anybody at any time can go to court. Decisions are never absolute, but as far as we're concerned, it's a done deal."

Pedalino said the ordinance will benefit all residents in the city, not just coastal homeowners, because it will protect all public waterfront parks and lands from private development.

"It's quality of life in Boca Raton, and our parks and beaches are an integral part of quality of life," he said. "As it stands now, we're very pleased by the action taken by the city. This is the right thing to do."

The ordinance says that "all public-owned lands owned by the city and the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District located between the Intracoastal Waterway and Atlantic Ocean shall be limited to public uses and public services provided for the general public, and development for private uses (including members-only beach clubs) on these public-owned lands shall be prohibited."

The explicit reference to "members-only beach clubs" put smiles on the faces of the citizen activists.

In September, the Fourth District Court of Appeal unanimously upheld a lower court ruling that required the city to go forward with a citizens' initiative and put the issue on the ballot. The citizens group had collected more than 1,500 signatures calling for the referendum to bar development of public lands in general and stop the Ocean Strand project

in particular.

The Beach and Park District bought the Ocean Strand in 1994 for \$11.9 million, and the prime beachfront property that stretches between the Intracoastal Waterway and ocean had remained undeveloped until 2009 when Penn-Florida Companies proposed the members-only cabana club as part of a \$1 billion downtown redevelopment and hotel project.

After a public outcry, city officials responded by changing the zoning of the Strand from multi-family to public land, which ended the development plans for the property. City and district officials argued that the new zoning eliminated the need for an ordinance and that council members shouldn't pass a law that might restrict the options of future city leaders.

They also criticized the citizens' group for making unreasonable demands and pushing a court fight that was costly for city taxpayers. They said holding the referendum could cost the city as much as \$70,000.

"We were criticized that the city and district were spending money to fight this, like we were the culprits," Pedalino said. "It's our money anyway. It's not coming out of their pockets."

The citizens' group and its lawyers argued that the prohibition of private development needed to be citywide and codified. They said that the issue was much bigger than the Strand and much broader than just the beaches.

Pedalino said that "since there was an attempt to do one beach, they could do others," and passing the ordinance was essential.

"We wanted to have everything clarified," Pedalino said. "We wanted to make sure there was no private development on public lands." ★

Airport study gets backing from city

By Margie Plunkett

A \$181,000 feasibility study of a customs facility for international flights arriving at Boca Raton Airport garnered the backing of City Council in January.

Council passed a resolution to support the study, which would examine the feasibility of a customs facility and the impact on the community, according to a memo for City Manager Leif J. Ahnell.

"Considering the potential positive overall economic

impact for the city, it is appropriate to support the study as a first step in evaluating the concept," the memo said.

The resolution said the study would examine the possible demand for a customs facility as well as its usage, funding, costs, operations and impacts. It further urged the Airport Authority to pay particular attention to economic impacts on Boca Raton and to air traffic, noise and other consequences.

The Airport Authority

advertised a request for proposals for a customs facility consultant in December 2011, receiving one response from Aviation Strategies and Trade Solutions Inc. The company agreed to become a sub-consultant to Ricondo & Associates, which is the Airport Authority's general consultant of record.

In March, the Airport Authority provided for development of a scope of work and budget for the study to be prepared by Ricondo and ASTS. ★

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Boca Raton

Teen speaks up, sees a political future

By Ron Hayes

When Boca Raton Mayor Susan Whelchel invited the public to speak at the Nov. 14 City Council meeting, a 17-year-old boy with a ponytail and a ring in his nose stepped to the microphone.

"Currently in Boca Raton, LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered) employees have no legal recourse to protect themselves," Tyler Morrison told the council. "This is unacceptable."

Morrison was asking his city to amend an ordinance that was passed 29 years before he was born. Dating to 1966, the policy prohibits discrimination based on ethnicity, race, religion and other categories. It hasn't been changed since, and in January 2011, the council voted to opt-out of a more expansive Palm Beach County ordinance, leaving Boca Raton the only municipality that doesn't specifically protect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered employees.

"Let's value our diversity," Morrison said. "Let's include sexual orientation and gender identity and expression in our city's anti-discrimination policy and protect everyone equally. It's simply the right thing to do. Thank you."

The council responded by unanimously voting Morrison to its Community Relations Board, and Morrison wept.

"I cried at that first meeting because they seemed to take me seriously," he explained.

Two months later, the ponytail is gone but the nose ring remains. Seated at a table



At 17, Tyler Morrison is proudly out and doing something to ensure equality for all in Boca Raton, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. He was recently appointed to the city's Community Relations Board. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

outside Starbucks in CityPlace, Morrison apologizes for being a little late to the interview. He was conducting a 13-member chamber ensemble in Richard Strauss's "Serenade in E Flat, Opus 7" at the Dreyfoos School of the Arts, where he's an oboe-playing senior.

"I want to be a symphony conductor," he says, still flushed from school. "There's nothing I like better."

Born in West Boca Hospital, Morrison attended Boca Raton Middle School and lives in the Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club. In person, he shimmers with the sort of idealistic optimism of a very bright young person who's filled with high-minded ambition and not quite ready to acknowledge that priorities must be set.

In addition to conducting, he wants to revive the bankrupt

Florida Philharmonic, attend the University of Illinois next year, and run for the City Council. He's put a run for mayor on hold, for now.

Morrison is also a young gay man for whom the closet is a place to keep clothes. Reflecting on the decade when Boca Raton passed its employment ordinance, his eyes widen with disbelief.

"In the 1960s," he says, "the police were raiding gay bars and arresting people who went there!"

His own coming out, he says, was not terribly traumatic.

"I had a girlfriend in seventh grade," he says, matter-of-factly. "One was enough."

In eighth grade, he came out.

"I would tell my friends, and word got around. There are always going to be people who

aren't very nice, but I didn't hang around with those people. My mom said, 'Be who you are; we're not going to love you any less.'

Last year, he volunteered for President Obama's re-election campaign and went door to door soliciting support.

"I really liked doing it," he recalls, "and so I decided to get involved in local politics."

Reading the *South Florida Gay News*, he found articles about Boca Raton's refusal to include sexual orientation protection in a waste-removal contract with the county, which requires it. A month later, the city acquiesced, the contract was signed, and Morrison had found his local cause.

When Rand Hoch, president of the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council, heard

of Morrison's appointment to the CRB, he congratulated him on Facebook. Recently, he joined the HRC board.

"Tyler is the reason this is going to happen," Hoch predicts. "It always helps when you have a local person step up to the plate, and with his knowledge and enthusiasm, it makes a difference. He's going to keep after them, and Boca Raton will be a better place because of him."

It hasn't happened yet, but after Morrison's comments, the council instructed City Manager Leif Ahnell to gather information on how the issue might be addressed. In addition, the CRB will ask the council to add sexual orientation, gender and gender identity to the areas it considers.

Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie and council member Constance Scott have expressed support for updating the ordinance, but did not respond to a phone message and email requesting comment. Mayor Susan Whelchel declined to comment until she has seen the city manager's report.

Morrison is pressing on, however.

"I just want people to know there are some who will hinder progress and some who encourage it," he said. "I'm just doing what I believe in, and I'm lucky enough to be able to express it. It's not about me, or even gays. Eventually, we shouldn't even have to extend protections to special classifications."



Beach and Park District's search for executive director stalls

By Cheryl Blackerby

The Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District has been without an executive director since mid-August, and the search may not begin anytime soon.

Former executive director Bob Langford told the board in late 2011 that he was going to retire. In March 2012, he gave the board a formal notice that he would leave Sept. 20, 2012, but quit working in mid-August because of illness.

As yet, commissioners have not discussed a job description for the replacement, how and where to advertise the opening, how much the position should pay, or when the search should begin in earnest.

The board's attorney, Arthur Koski, has filled in as executive director since August, with the board voting to give Koski an interim stipend for executive director duties for six months from Aug. 15 to Feb. 17, payable at \$5,000 per month in a lump sum of \$30,000.

Besides handling

responsibilities as the board's legal counsel, Koski has had to take on an eclectic range of other chores — including overseeing budgets, making sure burned-out bulbs were replaced on the Sugar Sand Park carousel, solving softball traffic jams at Spanish River Park, and looking into protective netting around lacrosse fields.

The need to get the ball rolling for a new executive director has occasionally come up at meetings but with little interest in moving forward. At one meeting in the fall, Commissioner Susan Vogelgesang said the board needed to start the search because the interview process could take months.

In December, chairman Earl Starkoff said the board should wait until the new commissioner, Steven Engel, started in the new year. But in January, Koski suggested postponing discussion of an executive director until after negotiations on two inter-local contracts concerning Gumbo

Limbo Nature Center and the city's scheduling of athletic fields.

The taxing district was started in 1974, and had no executive director until 1998 when the position was created and given to Langford, the district's accountant.

Until the mid-1980s, representatives of the city sat in the position, not as director but more as administrator, said Koski. "Those people were usually head of parks and recreation departments and they prepared the agendas and interacted with the commission."

Langford and Koski handled the administration duties until Langford became executive director.

Langford's duties as executive director, said Koski, included directing and supervising the administration of the district; preparing and submitting annual budgets; deciding the salaries of any employees; preparing reports to the commission on finances; and conducting the day-to-day

activities and interaction with the city.

"Because he was the CPA, he was able to handle the establishment of annual budgets and assessment of taxes, and hold public hearings for adoption of budgets and millage rates," said Koski.

Koski wrote a job description in the fall, but commissioners said they didn't know what they were looking for, except that the candidate probably wouldn't be a CPA. The board has discussed hiring a CPA to do work separate from the executive director.

At the Jan. 7 meeting, commissioners agreed with Koski that they should postpone the search until after inter-local agreements are in place.

But Commissioner Robert Rollins emphasized the need for a director. "We've all picked up slack ourselves and we're doing a little more than we would have and it's taken a little bit longer because we didn't have an executive director to cover some of

the areas best done by him." Speaking to Koski, he added, "And let you do your job on contractual issues and giving legal advice."

"Should we all submit qualifications we think would be good?" Vogel asked.

"We have to determine what qualifications are important to us at what salary range," said Commissioner Dennis Frisch in exasperation. "We couldn't put a bid out right now if we had to because we have no idea what we're asking for and what we're willing to pay."

Starkoff had the last word. "When we think we're ready, then we have to do a formal exercise of what qualifications do we think we need for the environment that person is walking into. And until then I think there's no need to go forward with this topic until we get these inter-locals done."

"The wheels of government grind slowly," said Koski. "We should be looking (for a candidate) by early April." ★

Around Town

Surf and FEMA job roll in with Sandy

As Hurricane Sandy blew past, she didn't seem like such a big deal. A little flooding here, a flattened seawall there. New Age musician **Yanni** lost his pool and lots of turtle nests were washed to sea. Mother Nature doesn't play favorites. Compared to past storms, however, damage was minimal.

To **Peter Mendoza** of West Palm Beach, whose life is surfing, Oct. 28 was the "day of days." Mendoza was hardly alone. The swell attracted **Shea Lopez** from Daytona, legendary Cocoa board builder **Matt Kechele** and his prize pupil, **Kelly Slater**, a world champ 11 times, to waves so big, so fast and so powerful that they used jet skis to launch them at **Boynton Inlet** and at **Pump House** in Palm Beach.

Sandy plodded up the coast, and like every other storm, its siren song lured thousands of surfers and beachniks to the shore to marvel at its power. Little did they know just how powerful it would become, although never did it grow larger than Category 2. As I wrapped up my column for *The Coastal Star's* November issue, it came ashore five miles south of Atlantic City with peak winds barely 90 miles an hour. A day later it was a rainy trough soaking Pennsylvania.

Only 90 miles an hour. A few days later, my phone rang. It was **FEMA**, summoning me to my second deployment as a DAE (disaster assistance



A seagull rides the wind as champion surfer Kelly Slater braves the waves generated by Hurricane Sandy near Boynton Inlet. Photo by James Knill

employee). I had two days to pack, put my affairs in order and head to New Jersey. For six weeks, as a writer in the Planning and Products division, I would work on press releases, how-to pamphlets, flood insurance fact sheets, and dozens of other documents that provide information to homeowners, businesses, government officials and FEMA staffers.

Even before the storm made landfall, FEMA was staging personnel and supplies. Within

two weeks, headquarters had been set up in what was once a 350,000-square-foot Bell Labs facility in Lincroft, a hamlet in Monmouth County, only a few miles from the Jersey Shore. In less than a week, trucks laden with desks, tables, chairs, even toilet paper and towels were ready to go. The building was completely rewired for computers and telephones. Satellite receivers were erected in the parking lot. And in a matter of days, more than 2,000 FEMA workers — some

permanent employees, some temps like me — were doing our part to help the people of New Jersey dig out, shore up and get on with their lives.

FEMA maintains a contingent of more than 5,000 on-call employees around the nation who make themselves available for the temporary work. Usually, the work is regional: Californians handle their own mudslides and wildfires; Missourians respond to floods in the heartland. But Sandy's damage was so extensive that DAEs were called in from everywhere.

Initial work week: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week, with the 14th day off. Then it was cut to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., six days a week. Some work a few weeks and rotate out; others remain for months.

The pay is decent, but not great. More important is the opportunity to help.

Funny thing about Sandy: We all know about the roller coaster in the surf and the neighborhood burned out by ruptured gas lines, but in many areas you'd never know a storm blew through. A few trees down here, a damaged roof there. But just as with **Hurricanes Andrew** and **Katrina**, the rebuilding will take years.

It's good to be home, but if the phone rings, I'll be on the next flight out.

What I would have given to take a train into the Big Apple on Dec. 4. **Angelo Elia**, the king of South Florida's Italian cuisine including **D'Angelo Trattoria** in Delray and **Casa D'Angelo** in Boca, cooked a meal at the **James Beard House**. His six-course, country-inspired Italian Christmas featured elk tartar with white alba truffle shavings, pheasant and faro soup, and baby octopus in a San Marzano tomato sauce with appropriate wines, including Jankara, a

vermentino from his own winery in Sardinia.

The menu was developed specifically for the Beard dinner, but occasionally he offers risotto carnaroli with taleggio and seasonal alba white truffle shavings as an "off-menu" special, possibly even at his newest restaurant, expected to open this spring at **Addison Place** in Delray on Jog Road.

Bam! No sooner had Angelo returned to warmer climes than another hot chef hit town. **Emeril Lagasse** was on a taping mission for his new Cooking Channel series *Emeril's Florida*, which will feature a healthy number of Palm Beach County restaurants.

"I think he enjoyed himself," said **Mark DeAtley**, general manager at **50 Ocean** and **Boston's on the Beach** in Delray. **50 Ocean** will be featured Feb. 17. The March 10 show will include **32 East** in Delray, **Buccan** in Palm Beach, **Swank Farms** in Loxahatchee, **Quantum House** in West Palm Beach and **Guanabanas** in Jupiter, and the March 17 show, "Big Night Out," stops at **The Breakers' new HMF bar**.

She's not the little girl we once knew. In 2001, Boca's **Morgan Pressel** created quite a stir when she qualified for the **U.S. Women's Open** as a 12-year-old. On Jan. 19, Pressel, now 24, took another giant step at The Breakers when she married longtime boyfriend **Andy Bush**, a golf tournament manager for **Octagon**, a sports marketing firm. Bush, from Michigan, previously worked for **Jack Nicklaus' Golden Bear International**.

When the **Super Bowl** is over, I can't help but wonder how one football player, known for his passion and intensity on the field and the sidelines, will adjust to retirement in Highland Beach.

Yes, Highland Beach. For those who don't know, **Ray Lewis**, the heart and soul of the **Baltimore Ravens** and former **University of Miami All-America**, owns an oceanfront house in the little beach town.

He bought the 6,788-square-foot estate with six balconied bedrooms in 2004 for \$5.2 million but got no takers when he put it up for sale in 2010 for just under \$11 million. Lewis is retiring after 17 years in the NFL, all with Baltimore, because he wants to watch his son play football at UM.

Ray Lewis III is a running back — weighs less than 190 pounds — but at **Lake Mary Prep** in Central Florida, he gained more than 9,000 yards and scored 89 touchdowns.

Incidentally, other celebs who lived in Highland Beach include **Mariah Carey**, **Oprah Winfrey** and race driver **Jeff Gordon**.

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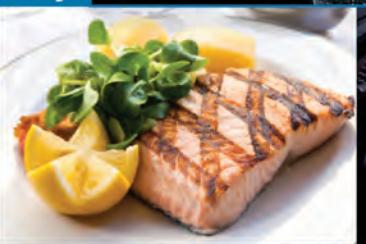
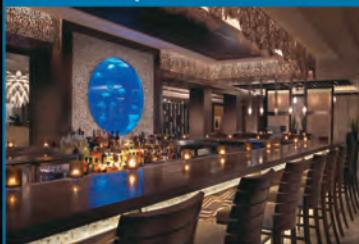
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Palm Beach Watercolor Society members Barbara Pickle and Tammy Seymour (l-r) of Boca Raton, view artwork during the Society's Luncheon & Art Auction.

Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star

No matter who lives there, Highland Beach will never be hot. But the celebrity temperature in Delray and Boca keeps rising. Holiday action offered a little bit for everyone — glamour, celebrity, comedy.

Just after Christmas, Atlantic Avenue was abuzz because "that woman" was in town. That woman being TV bombshell **Sofia Vergara** of *Modern Family*, who was enjoying a break from the show with her main squeeze, Delray's own **Nick Loeb**. Among other delights, they lunched at **Burger Fi** and stopped for dinner at **Buddah Sky Bar**.

Down in Boca, **Adam Sandler**, no stranger to the area, dined at **Max's Grille**. Rock 'n' roll daughter turned fashion designer **Stella McCartney** helped raise \$40,000 for **Florence Fuller Child Development Center** at an invite-only cocktail party to kick off her new boutique at **Saks Fifth Avenue at Town Center**. Don't know if she has Paul's voice, but she definitely has his eyes.

It's not just police departments that have had to adjust to the demise of the **Crown Victoria**, Ford's largest sedan, which went out of production in 2011. Taxicab companies, which have used the Crown Vics as a mainstay of their fleet for decades, are also scrambling to find suitable replacements and in Palm Beach County, one cab company is exchanging the gas-guzzling Ford for a fuel-efficient hybrid.

Last month, Delray Beach-based **Metro Taxi of Palm Beach County** added a **Toyota Prius** to its fleet, a move that the owners say makes Metro the first cab company in the county to use a hybrid taxi. Soon Metro Taxi's fleet of about 30 cabs could include more hybrids, says **Arielle Richardson**, whose father, **Brock Rosayn**, founded the company about 25 years ago.

"We're already on the hunt for a second one," she said.

Across the country, a growing number of taxi companies are switching to hybrids as they replace the

Crown Victoria, in large part due to the fuel-cost savings. Richardson says that the fuel savings, along with the reduced environmental impact, help offset that initial higher cost.

Check 'em out:

Neil Simon's Chapter Two continues through Feb. 10 as the ambitious **Plaza Theatre** continues its second season at **Plaza Del Mar** in Manalapan, followed by a series of revues: **Jodie Langel** offers up *A Tribute to Andrew Lloyd Webber* on the 11th and 18th; **Melissa Jacobson** performs her second *Tribute to Judy Garland* on Feb. 25; and on March 4 and 11, veteran area performer **Missy McArdle** presents *If They Could See Me Now: A Broad's Way With Broadway!*

West of the Intracoastal and a little farther south, enter **Stage Left**, the newest theatrical enterprise in, of all places, Boynton Beach. The newest baby of **Peter Pagliaro**, who ran the **Royal Playhouse** in Royal Palm Beach, will debut Feb. 8 at the **Boynton Beach Madsen Center** at 145SE Second Ave. Such a deal ... for the 18-month lease, Pagliaro puts up \$1 a month for rent, pays utilities and makes interior improvements and will stage at least five productions and conduct after-school workshops and a summer program for kids. First up, another Simon comedy, *I Ought To Be in Pictures*, (www.stagelefttheatre.net).

Michael Cavanaugh, who was **Billy Joel's** pick for the role on Broadway, brings *Movin' Out to the Crest Theatre* at what used to be **Old School Square** before it was renamed **Delray Beach Center for the Arts** to attract patrons who weren't so hip to the old "square" name. Cavanaugh's in town from Feb. 15-17. Versatile **Sam Harris**, who in 1983 won the first *Star Search*, the granddaddy of *American Idol*, opens the month with shows Feb. 4 and 5, and Broadway star **Elaine Paige**, often called "The First Lady of Musical Theater," drops in March 4 and 5.

Half a block away, **Lou Tyrrell's Theatre at Arts Garage** is "going to blow up," predicts playwright **Israel**

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ABOVE: Tommy LaSalle, Anna Grudzinska, Chris LaSalle, Jessica Kornahrens, and Kevin Kornahrens. BELOW LEFT: Linda and Frank Palmer. BELOW RIGHT: Tim and Jeff Snow. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



Horovitz, whose *Gloucester Blue* will wrap its world premiere on Feb. 17. Horovitz who spent much of January watching his new work take shape, sees the garage as a "very, very cool space ... It's going to be a very important thing."

At one time, **Caldwell Theatre Company** was an imposing institution with a strong patron base, strong productions and a beautiful facility on Federal Highway at the north end of Boca. But something went awry: The fans left, but the debt didn't and the county's oldest theater declared bankruptcy. In December, mortgage-holder **Legacy Bank** bought it at auction for \$1,000,100, which was \$100 more than **Florida Rental Specialists** bid. Someday soon it will go up for sale.

Who knows what will replace it, but don't bet on a theater. Once imposing, it is now dwarfed by the multi-

story apartment complex to its immediate south. Parties rumored to be interested include a church, a charter school, a fitness center, a medical facility. R.I.P.

Next up in **Lynn University's Live at Lynn** series is *Cirque D'Amour* (Feb. 16 and 17), a hybrid of European circuses and burlesque. This season Boca's grand dame of theater, **Jan McArt**, the school's director of theatre arts program development, is taking a different tack by offering acts with multiple performers instead of solo artists

Abbacadabra, the **ABBA** cover group, performs March 2 and 3 followed by the 25-member **Miami All Stars** dance troupe of TV's *America's Got Talent* fame April 6 and 7.

Of course, McArt doesn't just produce. A troup at heart, she'll belt out a few numbers in *Champagne and Bosom Buddies: A Tribute to Jerry Herman*, March 18, another

example of Lynn's full season of theater, classical music and student performances. (<http://events.lynn.edu/upcoming-events>)

On a bit more cerebral level, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian **Mark Neely** headlines a two-day symposium on **Abraham Lincoln at Florida Atlantic University**. Neely will deliver the keynote address at the seventh annual **Alan B. Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency**, Feb. 20 at 3:30 p.m. in the **Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium**. The next day he'll join international scholars for a series of panel discussions about Lincoln's presidency and Civil War America.



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March 22-24: Recognized as one of Florida's most prestigious food and wine weekends, Boca Bacchanal will give guests three days to sip, savor and bid during an array of world-class events. The event benefits Boca Raton Historical Society. Times vary. Cost is \$75-\$275. Call 702-7471 or visit www.bocabacchanal.com.

Photo: (front, from left) James Ballerano, Robin Deyo, Chairs Thom and Joyce DeVita, George Petrocelli, Elizabeth Kelley Grace, Brandon McLeod, Carey McKearnan, Betsy Fletcher and Kelli-Ann McLeod, (back, from left) Roxana Garciga, Bob Campbell, Mary Csar, Honorary Chairs Steve and Stephanie Miskew and Steve Owens. **Photo provided**

**Vision Research Symposia**

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Feb. 7-8: Learn about the findings of scientists and physicians from the world's largest vision-research center -- Schepens Eye Research Institute | Massachusetts Eye and Ear -- at a pair of informative public-service events. Time is 10 a.m.-noon both days. Cost is free. Call 866-946-6824 or visit www.masseyeandear.org. **Photo:** Dusty Aronsohn (left), chairwoman of the Boca Raton symposium, with Annabelle Fishman. **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 1/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.*

FEBRUARY 2

Saturday - 2/2 - Bal des Arts at Norton Museum, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Meet at the museum for a pre-event gathering, be transported to Palm Beach to view extraordinary artwork in a private home, and return to the museum for dinner and dancing. 5:30 pm. \$1,000. 832-5196, Ext. 1118, or www.norton.org/baldesarts2013.

2/2 - Building Hope Gala at The Polo Club of Boca Raton, 5400 Champion Blvd. Join in the effort to raise money for residents of third-world countries and their safe and secure shelter during an extravagant night of dining, dancing and live-auction bidding. 6:30 pm. \$250. (888) 404-4248 or www.foodforthe poor.org/boca.

2/2 - One Hot Night on Palm Beach: Gem of an Evening Gala at The Ritz-Carlton, 100 S. Ocean Blvd.,

Manalapan. Turn up the heat to benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. 6:30 pm. \$250. 686-7701 or www.jdrf.org

2/2 - HaNadiv Gala at Woodfield Country Club, 3650 Club Place, Boca Raton. Celebrate the 30th anniversary of Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center during the "Diamonds & Pearls" extravaganza. 7 pm. \$250. 852-3253 or www.levisjcc.org.

FEBRUARY 3-9

Wednesday - 2/6 - Bacchus Beckons at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Savor a festive wine tasting to kick off the 11th annual Boca Bacchanal with a sweets reception, accompanied by wines of featured vintners, to benefit Boca Raton Historical Society and Museum. 6-8 pm. \$50. 395-6766, Ext. 101, or www.bocabacchanal.com.

Thursday - 2/7 - Flavors of Boca: A Culinary Journey at The Shops of Boca Center, 5050 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton. Delight in the decadence of all things indulgent, including chocolate, fine wine, sparkling jewelry and other temptations, to benefit Junior League of Boca Raton. 5:30-9:30 pm. \$40-\$75. 870-9083 or www.jlbr.org.

Friday - 2/8 - Lynn Travis Stender

Art Scholarship's "Venetian Masquerade" at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Take a painting class and enjoy the art creations during lunch while Women in the Visual Arts presents scholarships. 10:30 am-2 pm. \$125. 362-6335 or www.witva.org.

2/8 - International Red Cross Ball at The Breakers, 1 S. County Road, Palm Beach. Black-tie ball furthers the mission of the local American Red Cross, which provides wide-ranging help for disaster victims. 7 pm. \$1,000 and up. 650-9105 or www.pbtcredcross.org.

Saturday - 2/9 - Allianz Championship's "Grapes on the Green Golf & Wine Experience" at Broken Sound Club, 2401 Willow Springs Blvd., Boca Raton. Guests need not wait until the 19th hole to sample reds and whites from the private wine collections of tournament golf professionals, all to benefit Boca Raton Regional Hospital. 4-7 pm. \$85. 241-4653 or www.allianzchampionship.com.

2/9 - Cleveland Clinic Florida's "Dare To Dazzle" at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Don black-tie apparel for an event that will raise money for the nonprofit medical center in West Palm Beach and Weston. 7 pm. \$1,250. 804-0264

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2/9 - Lake Worth Playhouse's 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Join guest of honor Burt Reynolds for an evening of cocktails, dinner, dancing and silent-auction bidding, with the theme "Decades." 7 pm. \$150. 586-6410 or www.lakeworthplayhouse.org.

FEBRUARY 10-16

Sunday - 2/10 - Caritas Dei Bishop's Gala at The Breakers, 1 S. County Road, Palm Beach. Help support Catholic Charities' programs and ministries by attending an elegant black-tie event. 6:30 pm. \$450. 630-2695 or www.diocesepb.org.

Tuesday - 2/12 - Heart of a Woman Luncheon at Broken Sound Club, 2401 Willow Springs Drive, Boca Raton. Come out for a moving speech by Elizabeth Smart, the survivor of one of the most-followed child abduction cases of modern times, in support of Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse. 11 am. \$100. 265-3797 or www.avdaonline.org.

Wednesday - 2/13 - Disco & Diamonds at The Breakers, 1 S. County Road, Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. Boogie with the Miami City Ballet and dress up in your best cocktail couture or disco chic. \$600. 674-9978 or www.miamicityballet.org.

Thursday - 2/14 - 58th Annual Palm Beach Heart Ball at The Breakers, 1 S. County Road, Palm Beach. Bring your valentine to honor the Lawrence J. & Florence A. De George Charitable Trust. 6:30 pm. \$750. 697-6607 or www.heart.org.

Friday - 2/15 - An Evening of Art, Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Support this underwriting event for Boca Ballet Theatre and its upcoming performance of *Romeo & Juliet*. 6:30-8:30 pm. \$50. 995-0709 or www.bocaballet.org.

FEBRUARY 17-23

Friday - 2/22 - Breath of Life Luncheon: Adventures in Wonderland at The Breakers, 1 S. County Road, Palm Beach. Partake in a gourmet lunch, watch an informal fashion show, listen to music and bid in the auction to benefit American Lung Association. 11:30 am. \$250. 932-0886 or www.lungfla.org.

2/22 - Seventh Annual DIAMOND Award Luncheon at Woodfield Country Club, 3650 Club Place, Boca Raton. Honor Jacqueline Reeves at the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce event. Noon-1:30 pm. \$50. 395-4433, Ext. 235, or www.bocaratonchamber.com/diamond.

2/22 - The Fountain of Youth! at The Beach Club, 755 N. County Road, Palm Beach. Come out for an evening of dining, drinking, dancing and debauchery to benefit Young Friends of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County. 7 pm. \$250. 832-4164, Ext. 106, or www.historicalsocietypbc.org.

Saturday - 2/23 - Cunningham Bar's William Holland Scholarship Luncheon at Ritz-Carlton, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Listen to keynote speaker, Washington insider and attorney Judy Smith and help fund scholarships for third-year law students. Noon. \$100. 655-9279 or www.cunninghambar.org.

FEBRUARY 24-28

Sunday - 2/24 - Oscar Experience at Parisian 20 at CityPlace, 700 S. Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach. Celebrate the 85th Academy Awards and feel like you are at the

Oscars in an opulent venue with plush seating and the company of an audience that loves the movies -- all for the benefit of the Palm Beach International Film Festival. 7:30 pm. \$35-\$65. 362-0003 or www.pbfilmfestival.org.

Monday - 2/25 - Symphony Gala Dinner Dance at Flagler Museum, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Partake in a memorable evening of cocktails, dinner, dancing and live music in one of the most famous homes in the county. 7 pm. \$500. 833-3044 or www.palmbeachsophony.org.

MARCH

Saturday - 3/2 - Bethesda Ball: A Royal Celebration at The Breakers, 1 South County Road, Palm Beach. Jam to the music of "Almost Elton John and The Rocket Band" and enter a contest for a trip to London while raising money for Bethesda Hospital Foundation. 6:30 pm. \$375. 737-7733, Ext. 84445, or www.bethesdahospitalfoundation.org.

3/2 - Boca Raton Heart & Stroke Ball at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, 2425 Maya Palm Drive West, Boca Raton. Celebrate 31 years of time-honored tradition and excellence at the "Heart and Soul" benefit for American Heart Association. 6:30-midnight. \$325. 697-6612 or www.bocaratonheartball.org.

Friday - 3/8 - Love of Literacy

Luncheon at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Listen to a presentation by author Ann Patchett to generate proceeds for programs at the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County. 11:30 am. \$125. 921-4663 or www.literacypbc.org.

Monday - 3/11 - Book of Hope

Luncheon at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Take the opportunity to learn more about the work Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America is doing while helping support its programs and services. 10:30 am. \$125. 218-2929 or visit www.ccfa.org.

Wednesday - 3/13 - Circle of Hope Gala

Gala at Delray Dunes Golf and Country Club, 12005 Dunes Road, Boynton Beach. Support Women's Circle, an organization that offers free classes to low-income women in job development, literacy, computers and more. 6:30 pm. \$100. 244-7627 or www.womenscircle.org.

Wednesday - 3/20 - 15th Annual Honor Your Doctor Luncheon

at Broken Sound Club, 2401 Willow Springs Blvd., Boca Raton. Join forces with the Boca Raton Woman's Club and Rotary Club Downtown Boca to honor doctors in the South Florida community. 7-10 pm. \$75. 299-1429 or www.rotarydowntownbocaraton.org.

Thursday - 3/21 - American Red Cross "Honoring the Hero in All of Us" at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, 225 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Enjoy an evening of fun and food, featuring world-class cuisine, to benefit the Palm Beaches-Treasure Coast Region chapter. 7-10 pm. \$150. 650-9105 or www.pbtredcross.org.

Saturday - 3/23 - Delray Beach Home Tour

in coastal Delray Beach. Enjoy a day of touring beach homes along Ocean Boulevard, with trolley service, lunch and an extensive raffle that includes travel packages, fine jewelry, spa services and more. 10 am-4 pm. \$100. 266-0003, Ext. 13, or www.delrayhometour.com.



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Pay it Forward

Junior League broadens charitable horizons by focusing on issues

By Ron Hayes

Promoting. Developing. Improving.

For 41 years, the Junior League of Boca Raton has described its mission with those three words.

Promoting volunteerism. Developing the potential of women.

Improving the community.

Each year, its members tally more than 35,000 volunteer hours. Feed 9,330 meals to needy children. Donate more than \$250,000 to deserving nonprofit organizations.

Now the League, which serves the area from Pompano Beach to Lake Worth, is getting more specific.

Hunger.

Child welfare.

Nonprofit support.

"We thought it would be tremendously helpful to take a look back to help us look forward," says League President Jackie Reeves. "Instead of identifying ourselves by the projects we support, we're focusing on the issues."

For example, Reeves said, the League supports the Florence



The Junior League and Whole Foods Market have partnered to benefit the Boca Raton Community Garden. Whole Foods representatives recently presented the league with a check for more than \$8,000 to support the garden, raised through its 'Five Percent Give-Back' program. **Pictured:** Megan Rask, Jackie Reeves, Katherine Doyle, Abigail Nagorski and Pattie Goldenberg. **Photo provided by Downtown Photo**

Fuller Center's literacy program and the Milagro Center's after-school care, two child welfare initiatives.

The change is designed to help other worthy nonprofits that might consider applying for one of the League's \$2,500 grants.

"Our mission hasn't changed, but it's a matter

of how it's described. We're moving from being project-based to issue-based, but we're in no way saying we're not going to continue to support the projects we're currently working with. There are very big, 30,000-foot issues in our community, and a lot fall within those categories."

Another upcoming change

for the League is its annual fundraising event, scheduled for 5:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 7 in The Shops at Boca Center.

This year, the focus will move from sweet to tasty.

"Chocolate Decadence" is now "Flavors of Boca."

"The event is in its 11th year, and we've been working very closely with The Shops at Boca

Center to figure out if it's still working or should we tweak something," Reeves explained. "The feedback has been, 'I love chocolate.' However, having that experience for three hours may be too much, so we've begun to morph it into a more rounded culinary experience."

This year, attendees will enjoy a sampling of wines and foods from more than 25 local restaurants, in addition to music and a silent auction.

About 800 people are expected in the Boca Center courtyard.

Advance tickets are \$40 each, or \$75 for the VIP lounge, which includes an open bar, better food selections and swag bags.

Proceeds will support the League's C.H.O.W. (Conquering Hunger Our Way) program.

"We've asked the vendors to bring one of their notable dishes they're known for," Reeves said. "Flavors of Boca is a culinary experience that ties in with our hunger initiative."

For information, call 620-2553. To purchase tickets, visit www.Flavors of Boca.com. ★

Celebrations

American Fine Wine Competition JM Lexus VIP Kickoff Reception

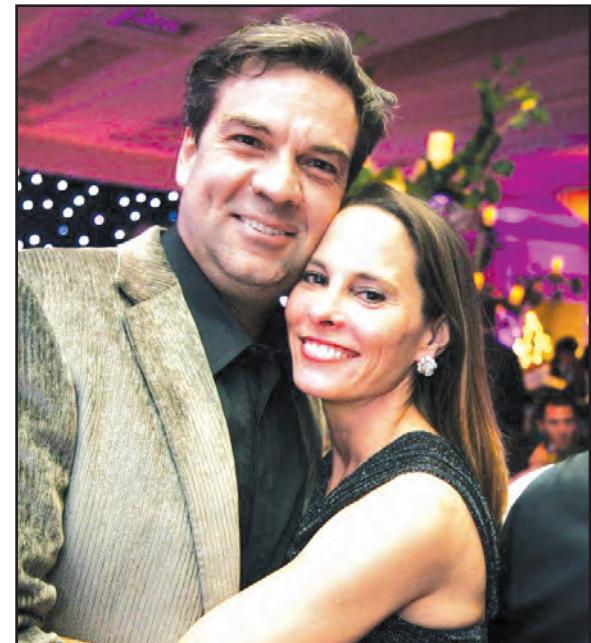
Boca Raton Resort & Club – Jan. 10



The American Fine Wine Competition JM Lexus VIP Kickoff Reception featured a champagne-sabering performance by judges (from left) Patrick Sullivan, Jenny Benzie, Peg San Felippo, Cary Combine and Charlie Arturaola. The sixth-annual event benefited Diabetes Research Institute and 4 Pets Charities and led up to the national wine showdown at Florida International University. **Photo provided**

Wee Dream Ball

Woodfield Country Club – Nov. 30



Florence Fuller Child Development Center's Wee Dream Ball raised a record-breaking \$480,000, which will help ensure the 625 children at the Boca Raton facility have access to early-childhood education, programs and health screenings. **Photo:** Committee members Rob and Tracy Louv. **Editor's note:** Last month, the Louvs were misidentified. The correct image is above. **Photo provided**

Brooks Brothers grand opening

Town Center,
Boca Raton –
Nov. 13

A charity shopping night brought in \$2,500 from more than 150 attendees for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boca Raton. **Photo:** Zak Odhwani, chairman the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boca Raton's unit board, with Stacy Dowdle. **Photo provided**



OPAL Awards

Boca Pointe Country Club – Jan. 19

The winners of Boca Raton Rotary Club's OPAL (Outstanding People and Leaders) Awards are (from left) Rick Zimmer / Rotarian Lifetime Achievement, Robert Campbell / philanthropy, Kevin Ross / education, Leif Ahnell / civic and Jay DiPietro / community service. **Photo provided**

10 Questions

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Marlène Roberts Banet

Marlène Roberts Banet reinvents herself every 10 years.

It is, she quips, not only necessary but also invigorating. The Highland Beach resident has gone through many metamorphoses: orphan, modern dancer, high-powered corporate executive with an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University (she graduated at the top of her class) and Florida Atlantic University professor.

Her ever-changing life has taken her to some exotic locales, including Malaysia, where she lived for 18 months, and Brazil, which she called home for three years.

The mother of three, who has a master's degree in English, is just as passionate about her latest incarnation: a writer who teaches writing workshops at the Highland Beach Library.

The workshops offer tips on writing, marketing and everything in between (another free, eight-session series begins at 5 p.m. Feb. 12).

"I truly believe writing is something that changes people's lives and allows them to leave a legacy," says Banet, whose fiction and memoirs have been published in *The Gettysburg Review*, American Airline's flight magazine, *Hadassah* magazine and *Lilith*.

"Publishing has filled a significant hole in my heart. I reread the first memoirs I published 25 years ago and they still resonate with me. I was able to pay tribute to the people I loved and who loved me. Also, to a world that no longer exists."

Banet, 70, began her writing career at the *Jewish Journal* while in her early 50s, after happily tossing aside the high-profile corporate world and its rigid rules. Although she's passionate about her new career, she's still absorbing the impact of the technological advances.

"The marketing I used in 1980s is out the window, long stories are out ... bookstores are out. For the first time, I am allowing a story of mine to be published on the Internet (jewishfiction.com).

"I am adapting. I have to," says Banet, who was raised by her maternal grandparents after her parents died (her father died two days before she was born; her mother died 14 months later.)

When she's not writing, she enjoys yoga, reading, taking walks and spending time with her husband, George, who survived the Holocaust in France (they are both dual French/American nationals).

—Linda Haase

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

A. Belle Harbor, which has just been washed away by Hurricane Sandy.

It was much like Highland



Marlène Roberts Banet, relaxing on a boardwalk that leads to the Intracoastal Waterway, teaches writing workshops at the Highland Beach Library. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Beach in that it was three blocks wide and had the Atlantic Ocean on one side, Jamaica Bay on the other. Only it was filled with small, one-family homes and everyone knew each other.

Q. What are some highlights of your life?

A. After I divorced, I asked myself, 'What are the least likely things Marlène Roberts would do?' So I went white-water rafting in Colorado, rode a horse (petrified all the time) through the Badlands of Utah, trekked across the Serengeti and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro (really a schlep, not a climb).

Q. Why did you choose to live in Highland Beach?

A. I didn't. I chose George Banet and he came with an apartment in Highland Beach.

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

A. Being able to take a boardwalk path that leads to the Intracoastal. I sit on the dock where I can watch the birds and boats and unexpected wildlife go by.

Q. What's the most

important lesson you teach your students?

A. Samuel Beckett's quote, 'Try again, fail again, fail better.' That they shouldn't always be judging themselves. They should just write honestly and from the heart. Another lesson is that a person has to be willing to be bad, if they want to be good. If you have a good tennis serve and want a better serve, during the transition, things will go downhill for a while.

Q. What's the most important lesson you've learned from your writing students?

A. FAU hired a group of journalists for a new freelance writing program. We all could write, but some, like me, couldn't teach. It's a different skill. When I taught at FAU's Continuing Ed, with adults who wanted to learn and not get a grade, I had great success. Each term, several got jobs on local newspapers and others published. I discovered what I do best is motivate people to learn. For beginners I use techniques that are fun and not threatening to get them started. For writers further along I recommend books or articles to read and then discuss.

Q. What music do you listen

to when you need inspiration? When you want to relax?

A. None. I live in silence. Thanksgiving, when I visited my granddaughters in Chicago, I did bring a DVD of The Funk Brothers, Motown's backup band. They played on more records that sold over a million copies than Elvis, the Stones and the Beatles combined [according to a documentary about these legendary session musicians]. I taught my granddaughters the arm movements the women made and to sing backup. We got quite good on *Heat Wave*.

Q. What do people not know about you as a writer that you wish they did?

A. Three things I can think of: 1. If I can publish, probably any motivated person can. I was really bad when I started. 2. English isn't my first language. 3. I got an MBA to become a high-powered corporate executive and in my early 50s threw it away to become a cub reporter.

Q. Are your writing classes always the same?

A. This year I've changed the time format of the Writers Workshop so more people can attend. The first session began

in January. Another session starts at 5 p.m. Feb. 12. You can take the eight session series or you can sit in on individual classes.

Q. Who were your role models?

A. My maternal grandfather, who raised me. He was a union organizer, writer, a political figure and a staunch socialist. He taught me morality and duty and accepted me for who I was, even when I acted like an American capitalist.

My brother Richard was my other role model. He was incredibly self-sufficient. At a young age he chose what he wanted to achieve and went on to achieve it. He showed me that everyone doesn't have to go the same way.

Although inside we were very much alike, our actions manifested themselves quite differently.

Like we were both in Kenya/Tanzania at the same time. I hiked and slept in a tent, Richard stayed at Treetops and traveled in a jeep that carried martinis. Richard lived on Fifth Avenue overlooking Central Park. I lived in a loft on 29th Street in a renovated factory. ★

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Obituaries

By Jane Smith

HIGHLAND BEACH

— Joseph A. Sarubbi, who cherished his IBM role as part of the self-described “wild ducks,” died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Dec. 29.

He was 84, dying from complications of diabetes, said Linda Campbell, one of his seven children.

“Family meant everything to him,” she said. For 14 recent years, he rented three houses in Myrtle Beach, S.C. That summer week was sacred to all 45 family members, she said.

A native of Yonkers, N.Y., Mr. Sarubbi was one of five children of James V. and Jennie (Cosentino) Sarubbi. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War as a radio repairman in the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

His favorite wartime story was when his ship docked outside of Naples, Italy, and he met his maternal grandparents. “Kids were running through the

Joseph A. Sarubbi

streets, yelling ‘Giuseppe from America is here,’” Campbell said.

“He traveled a lot for IBM, but when he came home on the weekends, he always had goodies for us kids,” she said. That was in the day when airlines actually gave you something when you traveled overseas, she said, adding that he often brought home travel kits for his children.

He also coached Little League baseball for his sons, taught the kids to play hearts, enjoyed his Tuesday night poker games with his buddies and was a season ticket holder to the Miami Dolphins for 27 years. He loved the Dan Marino era, Campbell said.

Most of his career was spent at IBM, starting there in New York in 1952. In 1980, Mr. Sarubbi moved to Boca Raton to be part of the original team that developed the IBM personal computer. When he thought about those days, the highlight of his career, he described the team of 12 as “wild ducks,” flying out of formation with the strict controls of IBM.

His daughter also recalled that when he developed the IBM XT (extended technology) in

1983, the first PC with a built-in hard drive, many analysts criticized him for offering a computer with 10 megabytes, as having too much storage space. But today, emails are often far larger.

But “Mr. IBM” never owned a computer, she said. He worked with them all day at the office and didn’t want to be around them at home.

Mr. Sarubbi retired from IBM in 1986 but went on to work for other information technology companies.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Joan, of nearly 63 years; his children, James Sarubbi, Donna (George) Kopa, Joseph (Colleen) Sarubbi, William (Maggie) Sarubbi, Robert (Lori) Sarubbi, and Joan (Joe) Soltysiak; 19 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and siblings Mary (Samuel) Marotta, Peter (Sabina) Sarubbi and Florence (Steven) Loia.

A funeral Mass was held in Highland Beach, followed by burial at the Boca Raton Cemetery and Mausoleum. Instead of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Mr. Sarubbi’s name to: Diabetes Research Institute (<http://www.diabetesresearch.org>).

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Mary Devlin ‘Devey’ Abbott

By Jane Smith

BOCA RATON — Mary Devlin “Devey” Abbott, a generous and caring woman, passed away on Jan. 5 surrounded by her family. She was 89 and died from natural causes.

Originally from Trenton, N.J., Mrs. Abbott lived in and loved Boca Raton for more than 40 years. In 1971, she married J. Alan Abbott, a recently retired president of Homelite Corp. He had a home in Boca Raton and one in Stamford, Conn.

The Abbotts entertained often and were active in several local charities, including support of the Boca Raton Regional Hospital. They were longtime members of the Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club and of the Delray Beach Club.

Mrs. Abbott also served as volunteer services director for the Children’s Science Explorium at Sugar Sand Park in 1993 and was a member of the Boca Raton Beautification

Committee that planted a native garden in 1991 at the Children’s Museum. Through the years, she maintained her New Jersey ties. She was a member of the Trenton Country Club, where she enjoyed friends and family during summer and holiday visits with her son and granddaughters. She also was a member of the Nassau Club.

In 1943, she became the wartime bride of George Simko, who served in the Army Air Corps in the Pacific. After the war, they had one son, but the marriage ended in divorce.

In 1960, she married Clarence “Chafe” Chafey, a retired New York banker. During the 1960s, Mrs. Abbott reconnected with a childhood friend, Betty Hughes, wife of N.J. Gov. Richard Hughes.

Mrs. Abbott was a campaign volunteer, then social secretary to Betty Hughes. For eight years, she managed the daily social and family affairs in the governor’s residence, then at Morven in Princeton, N.J.

She kept a close eye on the eight Murphy and Hughes children then living at Morven. She loved each one as her own and remained close to the children for the rest of her life.

After the Morven years, she returned to being a wife and mother until March 1970, when her second husband died.

Mrs. Abbott was a daughter of Peter James and Margaret Duffy Devlin. She was a mother-in-law to the late Elaine Simko. She is survived by her son, Michael Simko, and three granddaughters — Kate, Caroline and Julia — and several nieces and nephews.

Her funeral Mass was held in Trenton. Burial in a Trenton cemetery will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Donations in her memory may be made to: Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation, 745 Meadows Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486, or St. Francis Medical Center Foundation, 601 Hamilton Ave., Trenton, NJ 08629.

Margaret Sheffler

By Ron Hayes

DELRAY BEACH — An area resident for more than 30 years, Margaret Sheffler died on Dec. 17 at Harbor’s Edge retirement community after battling Alzheimer’s disease and other ailments. She was 79.

“It was a shock, but she didn’t suffer at all,” said her husband, Richard L. Sheffler.

The couple, who would

have been married 57 years in July, came to the area from Rocky River, Ohio, as seasonal residents in the late 1970s. They lived first at Ocean Pines in Highland Beach, then moved to several other condos before arriving at Seagate Manor in 2000.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Sheffler is survived by three sons, Richard Jr. of Jacksonville; Mark F. of Virginia Beach, Va.,

and David R. of Fort Walton Beach; a brother, Richard Thompson of Cleveland, Ohio; five grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Dec. 20, followed by entombment at Boca Raton Mausoleum. The family asks that donations be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

Boca Raton

Museum ensures 'all aboard' won't be 'all bored' with history

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

"Welcome to the Boca Express Train Museum," says stationmaster Carolyn Kammerer.

You'll find her behind the ticket window at the renovated Boca Raton FEC Railway Depot on Dixie Highway. She's ready to hand you a ticket back to the mid-20th century, when train travel was chic and cutting edge.

"We want history to be a living experience," says education director Laurie-Lynne Jones of the Boca Raton Historical Society. "Instead of offering just a tour of an old train and station, we want our guests to actually experience what it must have been like to be a passenger in the 1930s and '40s." So she's worked with six volunteers to study the train's history and bring it alive by portraying characters onboard.

Station agent Sally Monbleau, dressed in black slacks and vest with crisp white shirt, welcomes travelers to the depot's waiting room with its hand-painted pecky cypress beams and original tiles.

When it's time to "depart," conductor Jo Ann Messuri blows her wooden whistle and urges you "Aboard." Then, with



LEFT: The 1947 streamline rail car harkens back to another era. **RIGHT:** Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum volunteer Jo Ann Messuri leads the Boca Express Train Museum tours on the first and third Fridays of the month. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**



IF YOU GO

What: The Boca Express Train Museum, 747 S. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton, is open for tours starting at 1 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of the month through April.

Reservations are required. **Cost:** Adults, \$10; BRHSM members, \$5. (The tour is not recommended for children under 12.)

Information: call 561-395-6766 Ext. 101 or email tours@bocahistory.org.

gold pocket watch in hand, she ushers you onto the Silver Meteor that's running on time between New York and Miami.

It's time to climb the stairs to enter the first of four sleek Streamliner cars. The Budd Co., using what were then the new techniques of bending and welding stainless steel, built them all.

In the dining car, take a seat at the table set with white linens, china and sparkling silver, as one of the cooks you've caught doing some cleaning chats about eating onboard.

It's Vanessa Carosella, wearing a white chef's jacket, who welcomes you into her cramped stainless steel galley. You can imagine how hot this space must have been when the coal grill and wood stoves were turning out cooked-to-

order steak dinners for \$4.75 each. And instead of just telling visitors that guava jelly was served to passengers after their train crossed into Florida, Carosella lets you actually taste a bit of it dabbed onto a mini corn muffin.

In the lounge car, you can sit on a curved banquette and enjoy a shot glass of lemony sweet Bubble Up or Sioux City Sarsaparilla. Both drinks were available when this train was at its prime, says bartender Dotty McCord from behind a bar carved with tropical birds. Oh, and don't tip the bartender. It's not expected, she tells us.

Move along to an orange upholstered seat in the observation car. Here you can

virtually hear the click clack of the wheels as you imagine the train speeding along at over 100 miles per hour. Just be sure to ask lounge hostess Caroline Nepa why the window in her private area is the only one on the train that opens.

That's just one of the bits of history and surprises you'll experience during your tour.

And that's what makes this train museum so much fun.

"It's a real chance to learn about all the old cars, to experience the past and see how things really used to be," says Donna Estess, a tour participant from Boca Raton. "I'm old-fashioned and I love it."



Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 1/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

FEBRUARY 2

Saturday - 2/2 - Art Exhibit: Pigments of the Imagination by Art Club of Century Village East at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Exhibit continues through 2/25. Hours: M-F 8 am-10 pm, Sat. 8 am-5 pm, Sun./Holidays 10 am-5 pm. Free. 347-3900 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

2/2 - 2nd Annual Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness Walk: celebrating everyBODY: a walk to re(Define) (Real)ity at the Pond Apple Pavilion in South County Regional Park, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. 9 am. \$25/adults, \$15/children 15 years and younger, \$5/pet. 841-0900 or www.allianceforeatingdisorders.com.

2/2 - Exhibit - Colorforms by Jane McIntyre & Roxene Sloate at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Exhibit runs through 2/28 during regular hours: M-Th: 10 am-8 pm; F: 10 am-4 pm; Sat.: 9 am-1 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.hIGHLANDBEACHLIBRARY.ORG.

2/2 - Nature Photography 101: An Eye for Nature: A Photographic Winter on the Coast with Michael J. Kravit, Architect/Photographer at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Participants should have a digital camera (compact or SLR) with a zoom lens. A laptop computer with Adobe Light Room is suggested. A printer and paper will be supplied by the center so that participants can print their images for critiques and discussions. This six-week course held again 2/9, 16, 23, 3/2 & 9. 9 am-noon. \$495/members, \$550/non-members. Space is limited. Reservations required. 274-7263 or www.sandowayhouse.org.

2/2 - Hillsboro Lighthouse Tour - Meet at the Sands Harbor Resort and Marina, North side, 125 N. Riverside Drive, Pompano Beach. Visitors should park in the Pompano Beach City Parking (fee required) across from the Sands Harbor Hotel & Marina. Participants should look for the HPS Lighthouse tour table beginning at 8:45 am. Transportation to and from the Lighthouse is only by tour boat provided by South Florida Diving Headquarters via the Intracoastal Waterway.

The first boat will depart at approximately 9 am. The last boat leaves the Sands Harbor Hotel at 2:30 pm, and the last boat from the Lighthouse will return to the Sands Harbor Hotel at approximately 4 pm.. 9 am-2:30 pm. \$15 transportation fee. 954-942-2102 or www.hillsborolighthouse.org/tours.html.

2/2 - Little Wonders - Introduce children to plants and animals around them with a hike for little feet, crafts for tiny fingers, and stories for growing minds at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. For children ages 3 & 4, accompanied by an adult. 10-10:45 am. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 544-8615 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

2/2 - 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.

2/2 - Chess Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Enjoy the challenge while having fun learning the rules and basic strategies of chess. Sponsored by the Boca Raton Education Advisory Board. For ages 7 to 17. Held every Saturday through 2/23. 10-11:30 am. Free. Registration required. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

2/2 - Bookworm Story Time for ages 1-5 at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Saturday. 10 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.hIGHLANDBEACHLIBRARY.ORG.

2/2 - 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.

2/2 - The World of Downton Abby by Leecy Barnett at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 278-5455 or www.hIGHLANDBEACHLIBRARY.ORG.

2/2 - Exhibit: The Seagate Hotel & Spa World of Golf: The Gary Wiren

Collection 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.delraycenterforthearts.org.

2/2 - The National League of American Pen Women Art, Book and Music Fair at the South Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Showcasing the work of members, as well as other local artists and creatives. There will be 40 vendors, with original books, paintings, photography, crafts and more. 11 am-4 pm. \$2/admission, free/students with ID. 558-3536 or www.bocopenwomen.org.

2/2 - The Music Man - Presented by American Heritage School of Boca/Delray at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Two shows: Noon & 6 pm. \$15. 495-7272 ext. 735 or www.delraycenterforthearts.org.

2/2 - Alligators at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Where can you find alligators? What's the difference between an alligator and a crocodile? Come out and learn the answer to these questions and more. Also, meet and touch one of our education alligators! For all ages. 1 pm. \$3/person, free/age 4 & under. 966-7000 or www.pbcgov.com/parks/nature.

2/2 - Art-E-Ology: Nancy Graves, Repetition for grades 3-5 is 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.

2/2 - 7th Annual All American Tailgate Party - Presented by Delray Beach Chamber Men's Group and the Achievement Centers for Children & Families Foundation at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Get ready for the big game with fellow sports fanatics. Enjoy food from popular Delray Beach restaurants, craft micro-brew beer, live entertainment and a kid zone with bounce houses. Relive last year's Superbowl game as it's featured jumbo-sized with a live

halftime show. Featuring the Miami Dolphin cheerleaders. 2-8 pm. \$25/adults, \$10/ages 13-20, free/children 12 and under. 266-0003 or www.delraytailgate.com.

2/2 - Tarzan at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Teen production. Held again 2/9-10. Sat.: 7 pm; Sun.: 2 pm. \$14/adults, \$10/seniors & students with ID. 394-2626 or www.ShowtimeBoca.com.

2/2 - Lynn University's Philharmonia Orchestra No. 2 -

Featuring works by Berlioz, Saint-Saens and Shostakovich under the direction of guest conductor Guillermo Figueroa at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Tr., Boca Raton. Sat. 7:30 pm; Sun. 4 pm. Tickets \$35-\$50. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

2/2 - Super Bowl Kickoff BBQ at the 505 Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Enjoy some hamburgers and hotdogs on the back patio while socializing with your friends about who will win the Superbowl. For ages 12-19. 4 pm. Free. 243-7158 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

2/2 - 12th Annual Clash on the Clay Tennis Classic - Presented by South Florida Rainbow Tennis Association at the Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W. Atlantic Ave.

Men's and women's singles and doubles; mixed doubles. Matches begin 8 am Sat., 9 am Sun. Free for spectators. 703-2540 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

2/2 - Repertory Dance Theatre Ensemble at FAU's University Theatre, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. The university dance company presents dances by emerging and established artists. Sat.: 7 pm; Sat.&Sun.: 1 pm. \$20. 297-2337 or www.fauevents.com.

2/2 - Ethel Waters: His Eye Is On The Sparrow at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St., Delray Beach. Held again 2/2 & 2/7-9, 8 pm; 2/2-3 & 2/9-10: 2 pm. F-Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2. \$30. 272-1281, Ext. 4.

2/4 & 6 - Palm Beach Pops: The Maestro of the Movies - The Music of John Williams and More 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 or www.fauevents.com.

2/2-3 - 16th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Craft Festival at 230 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 954-472-3755 or www.artfestival.com.

2/2-3 - 44th Sogetsu Ikebana Exhibition & Demonstration - The Order of the Rising Sun Gold and Silver Rays at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Sat. & Sun.: inclusive with museum admission: \$13/adults, \$12/seniors, \$8/children 6-17, free/children 5 & under. 495-0233 Ext. 237.

2/2-3 - The Ash Girl at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. \$12/under age 8, \$8/age 8 and up - includes refreshments. Sat.: 7 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. 447-8829 or www.solchildren.org.

FEBRUARY 3-9

Sunday - 2/3 - Science Make & Take at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Drop in for a make and take every month. Choose from binoculars, boomerangs, musical instruments and more! No registration necessary. 11:30 am. \$5/project. 347-3912 or

www.scienceexplorium.org.

2/3 - World Building: Create a Sizzling Setting for Your Novel by Nancy J. Cohen
- Presented as part of the *Centennial Series* at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Books will be available for purchase and autographing. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

2/3 - Concert: Gareth Johnson, violin, and Tao Lin, piano - Presented as part of Music At St. Paul's series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. A Music at St. Paul's favorite returns for a program of violin fireworks. 3 pm. \$20/preferred seating, \$15/requested donation, \$5/students. 278-6003 or www.st.paulsdelay.org.

2/4 - Exhibition: Native Floridians - Seminole and Miccosukee Art and Culture

at the Boca Raton Historical Society, Old Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Hwy. The exhibit will feature the collections of Ms. Patsy West, director of the Seminole Miccosukee Archives. Established in 1972, the archive contains over 11,000 images as well as artifacts relating to the history of South Florida's Native American people. *Native Floridians* will feature photomurals, clothing, and artifacts from Ms. West's extensive collection. Exhibit runs through 6/28. M-F, 10 am-4 pm. \$5/

adults, \$3/students, free/BRHS members. 395-6766 or www.bocahistory.org.

2/4 - Pediatric Heart Foundation 5K Run/Walk at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Following the walk: Survivors Celebration, Awards Ceremony, and children's activities. Registration: 6 am; 5K run: 7 am, \$30/person; 1 mile family walk: 9 am, free. 393-7827 or www.miznerparkamphitheatre.com.

2/4 - The Empowerment Zone is a service available to library card holders who wish to create their resumes, search for jobs online, teach themselves to type or locate and apply for e-Government services at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 2/7, 11, 14, & 21, 1-4:30 pm. Free. 266-0196 or www.delraylibrary.org.

2/4 - Art Exhibition: POURing Paint in the Digital Age Opening at the FAU Schmidt Center Gallery, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Nine contemporary artists who explore paint's liquidity. Exhibit runs locally 2/5-3/23. Opening includes artist talk by Kris Chatterson at 4 pm. POUR/papercuts, A Family Day is held 1-3 pm on 2/16 and POUR (Paint): A Symposium is held 2-5 pm on 2/23. Free. 297-2661 or www.fau.edu/galleries.

2/4 - 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. 7-8:30 pm. Free. 393-7807 or www.myboca.us.

2/4 - Sam Harris at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. M&T: 8 pm. \$42. 243-7922 ext. 1 or www.delraycenterforthearts.org.

Tuesday - 2/5 - Allianz Championship

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 Avenue and NE First Street, 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 season 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.

368-6875 or www.cmboca.org.

2/5 - Baby Bookworm Story

Time for ages 1-2 at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Tuesday. 11 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.hIGHLANDBEACHLIBRARY.ORG.

2/5 - Memories, Milestones and

Memoirs: A Writing Workshop at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton. Four-week session runs through 2/26. 2-4:30 pm. \$80/residents, \$100/non-residents. 477-8727 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

2/5 - Art Insights: Masterworks,

Methods and Meanings - Presented as part of the Art Insights Lecture Series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Yvette Jayson Sencer, PhD, travels the world speaking and writing about art, architecture and antiquities. Join Dr. Sencer as she discusses relationships of arts and ideas through examples from ancient to modern times. This four-session series held again 2/12, 19 & 26. 2 pm. Full-session: \$20/members, \$40/non-members; Single tickets: \$6/members, \$12/non-members. Ticket price does not include regular museum admission: \$10/adults; \$8/seniors; \$5/students with ID, free/children 12 & under and members. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

2/5 - 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. Held again 2/12 & 19. Registration required. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

2/5 - Socrates Café

- Weekly discussion group under the guidance of Ethel Genes at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 10:30 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.hIGHLANDBEACHLIBRARY.ORG.

2/5 - Story Time Adventures

at the Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. An old fashion story-time, as well as music, movement and a simple craft. For children ages 5 and under. Held R & R. 11 am-noon. Free with museum admission: \$5/person, infants under 12-months free.

2/5 - Small Fry Storytime

for ages 3 and up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Features songs and a craft project. Held every Tuesday. Please register one week in advance for each program. 4 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.hIGHLANDBEACHLIBRARY.ORG.

2/5 - The Business of Sports

- Presented as part of the Industry Icons series at the new Business & Professional Division of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Zinman Hall, 9901 Donna Klein Blvd., Boca Raton. Panelists include Cliff Viner, Florida Panthers General Partner and Chair and Adam Zissman, Miami Dolphins General Counsel, moderated by Joe Girvan, ESPN 760 Sports Anchor. Networking with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres begins at 6 pm, speakers will start at 6:30 pm. \$36; RSVP required. 852-3128 or www.jewishboca.org/icon.

2/5 - Beginners Ballroom Dancing

at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Tuesday. 6:30-8 pm. Free/library members only. 278-5455 or www.hIGHLANDBEACHLIBRARY.ORG.

2/5-6 - 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.

2/5-7 - Polo Presents Tommy

Mitchell at The Colony, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. Singer and piano player Tommy Mitchell may be best known for his distinguished credit as lead singer of the rock group Blood Sweat and Tears. Held T-R weekly. 7:30-10:30 pm. Free. 659-8100 or www.thecolony palmbeach.com.

Wednesday - 2/6 - Allianz

Championship Konica Minolta Business Solutions Pro-Am at The Old Course at Broken Sound, 1401 NW 51st St., Boca Raton. Presented by Boca Raton Champions Golf Charities benefitting Boca Raton Regional Hospital. Foursomes are paired with a PGA Champions Tour pro. Lunch and invitation to VIP draw party as well as premium gift package. Shotgun starts at 7:15 am and 12:45 pm. \$3,500/participant. 241-4653 or www.allianzchampionship.com.

2/6 - Shuffle Board / Disc Knockout

Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. A fun game involving skill and strategy. For all ages, minors accompanied by an adult. Ongoing event held W & F. 9-11 am. Annual fee: \$15/residents, \$25/non-residents. 243-7350 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

2/6 - Lawn Bowling at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. For ages 18 years and up. Enjoy a sport that takes skill and practice. Everyone is welcome. Held W & F. 9 am-11 am. Annual fee: \$40/residents, \$45/non-resident. 243-7350 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

2/6 - Terrific 3 to 5 Year Olds at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 N.W. Boca Raton Blvd. Stories, songs and crafts for children. Child attends independently - parents remain in the YS area. Held again 2/13 & 20. Registration required. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

2/6 - Scrabble at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Wednesday. 1-4 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.hIGHLANDBEACHLIBRARY.ORG.

2/6 - CEO Joel Levine

at the de Hoernle Lecture Hall, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Joel Levine, Ceo, Gibraltar Entertainment, speaks to students about his experiences. 6 pm. Free. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

2/6 - Art is Long; Life is Short: Estate Planning for the Artist and the Collector

at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Nolan Fellow and Sarah M. Johnson present. 5-6 pm. \$15/advance, \$20/doorman. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org/PACevent.

2/6 - Meet Me at the Museum:

Fashion Forward at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Experience the glamour of IMPACT: 50 Years of the Council of Fashion Designers of America, celebrating the ingenuity of sixty iconic US fashion designers. The evening also features Art & Motion, a runway show of non-traditional fashions designed by students from the Museum's Art School. 5:30-8 pm. Admission includes two glasses of wine. \$12/members, \$25/non-members. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

2/6 - Sir Ken Robinson - The Dively

Frontiers in Globalization Lecture

- Presented at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sir Ken Robinson, Ph.D., is an internationally recognized leader in the development of education, creativity and innovation. He speaks to audiences throughout the world on the creative challenges facing business and education in new global economies. 6:30 pm. \$25. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

2/6 - Eco-Watch - Light Pollution

- Presented as part of the Lecture Series at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Presented by Eric Vandenoort. Recommended for ages 14 and up, children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 7-8:30 pm. \$5 suggested donation. Reservations accepted but not required. 544-8615 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

2/6 - Southern Handcraft Society, Pineapple Grove Chapter meets at the Senior Center at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach on the first Wednesday of each month. People create paintings, cards, journals, jewelry and more. New members welcome. 7 pm. Free. 274-4717.

Thursday - 2/7 - Allianz

Championship Executive Pro-Am at The Old Course at Broken Sound, 1401 NW 51st St., Boca Raton. Presented by Boca Raton Champions Golf Charities benefitting Boca Raton Regional Hospital. Foursomes are paired with a PGA Champions Tour pro. Lunch and invitation to VIP draw party as well as a premium gift package. Shotgun starts at 7:15 am and 12:45 pm. \$3,500/participant. 241-4653.

2/7 - Delray Beach Walkers Club

at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Ongoing class held every Thursday. For ages 18 and up. 8 am. Free. 243-7352 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

2/7 - Drop-In Story time

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

2/7 - 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

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2/7 - 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. Class meets again 2/14, 21 & 28. Advance registration required. **Floral class: 10:30 am-12:30 pm; Landscape class: 1:30-3:30. \$55/members, \$60/non-members. 495-0233 ext. 237 or www.morikami.org.**

2/7 - A Separation (2011 - PG-13)

Presented as part of the Cinema as an Art Form series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Winner of 2012 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language film, a couple is faced with a difficult decision - to improve the life of their child by moving to another country or stay in Iran and look after a deteriorating parent who has Alzheimer's disease. 1 pm. \$5/members, \$10/non-members in addition to museum admission: \$10/adults; \$8/seniors; \$5/students with ID. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

2/7 - Music From Many Lands:

Changing The Course of Popular American Music - Presented by David Novek and Harry Shapiro 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 winter/spring semester. First of a three-part series. Class continues 2/14 & 21. 2-3:30 pm. \$45/session. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

2/7 - Snake Feedings at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Gather in the exhibit hall and listen to a short talk about the animal and watch while it is being fed. Held every Thursday. 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760 or www.daggerwing.org.

2/7 - Craft Time for ages 4 and up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. Please register one week in advance for each program. 4 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

2/7 - Yoga Kids Class - Thursdays at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Yoga Kids classes involve "the whole" child through multi-sensory learning. Classes often combine yoga positions with music, storytelling, and art while conveying lessons in positive thinking, self-confidence and environment awareness. Additional elements include: breathing, poses, cooperative games, relaxation techniques and visual imagery. Four week session runs through 2/28. Two sessions offered: age 4-7, 4-4:45 pm; age 8-12, 5-6 pm. \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents; Drop in (per child): \$15/resident, \$19/non-resident. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

2/7 - Sweethearts Concert by Trio Romantica

Romantica at the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

2/7 - Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13) - Presented as part of Teen Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 13-17. 6-8 pm. Free and includes free pizza & soda. 393-7969 or www.bocalibrary.org.

2/7 - Intermediate Ballroom Dancing at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Thursday. 6:30-8 pm. \$10/lesson or \$70/10-week session. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

2/7 - Violin Master Class with Elmar Oliveira at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall in the de Hoernle International Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Free. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

2/7 - Ten Tips & Tricks to Reduce Stress & Improve Your Daily Living with Devora Cohen - Presented at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. This fundraiser to benefit Chabad of East Boca. Learn how to: Set positive intentions for your day; Stop negative thoughts in your tracks; De-stress; Listen to your intuition; Be present; Set goals; Keep a journal; Change a few words in your vocabulary, that will change your world; Use an exercise that will help any situation become clearer; and Law of Mirrors. 7-9 pm. \$12/person; \$36/event sponsors. 417-7797 or www.chababdocabeaches.com.

2/7-9 - Step-Above Rummage Sale at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St., Delray Beach. 9 am-3 pm all three days. Estate items, collectibles, antiques, jewelry, clothing, books, furniture and more. Free. 276-6338 or www.firstdelray.com.

Friday - 2/8 - Great Conversations

Three - 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.

2/8 - Adult Painting Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Classes for beginner and intermediate artists alike. Participants select the preferred project and medium to work in: Oils, acrylics, watercolors or pastels. Work at your own speed with individual attention paid to your specific project. This four-class session runs Fridays through 3/1. 1-3 pm. \$100/residents, \$125/non-residents. Materials are not included. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

2/8 - Movie Time at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Come and enjoy a new movie every week. Held every Friday. 1 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

2/8 - 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. Class meets again 2/15, 22 & 3/1. 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.

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2/8 - Friday Evening Social at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. An evening of good cheer and good friends to kick off 2013. Meet and greet directors, teachers and actors, theatre games, social times, refreshments. 6-8 pm. Free. 447-8829 or www.solchildren.org.

2/8 - Night Explorers - Owls, stars, bugs, things that go bump, and some that glow are seen at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Hike with creatures of the night along the boardwalk, see the tanks under a different light, and peek at the night sky courtesy of the Palm Beach County Astronomical Society. For ages 7-adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please do not bring flashlights; your guide will light your way. 6:30-9 pm. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 338-1542 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

2/8 - Sick Puppies Comedy at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 S.E. Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Sick Puppies Comedy is South Florida's newest improvisational comedy troupe. Each week's 90-minute show is unique. No two are ever the same. For adults. 9:30 pm. \$20/adults, \$15/seniors (65+) and students (with ID). 394-2626 or www.ShowtimeBoca.com.

2/8 - 10 - 14th Annual Delray Beach Garlic Fest at Old School Square Entertainment Pavilion and grounds, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. National act entertainment, Gourmet Alley, Garlic Chef Competition, 150+ vendors, children's area, full liquor bars and more. Fri. 4-11 pm; Sat. 11 am-11 pm; Sun. 11 am-8 pm. Admission: \$15. 279-0907 or www.dbgarlicfest.com.

2/8-10 - Allianz Championship Tournament Play competes for a \$1.8 million purse at the Old Course at Broken Sound, 1401 NW 51st St., Boca Raton. 2/8: First round - Defending champion Corey Pavin and other PGA Champions Tour pros; 2/9: Second Round and Family Day - Golf clinic, putting contests, children's events and more; 2/10: Final round - Check and trophy presentation immediately following the day's play. 9 am-5 pm each day. \$20-175. 241-4653 or www.allianzchampionship.com.

2/8-15 - 24th Annual Delray Beach Senior Games - Presented by the Delray Beach Parks and Recreation Department and held at various locations throughout

2/7 - Ten Tips & Tricks to Reduce Stress & Improve Your Daily Living with Devora Cohen - Presented at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. This fundraiser to benefit Chabad of East Boca. Learn how to: Set positive intentions for your day; Stop negative thoughts in your tracks; De-stress; Listen to your intuition; Be present; Set goals; Keep a journal; Change a few words in your vocabulary, that will change your world; Use an exercise that will help any situation become clearer; and Law of Mirrors. 7-9 pm. \$12/person; \$36/event sponsors. 417-7797 or www.chababdocabeaches.com.

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Saturday - 2/9 - Guest Pianist

Weekend with Ory Shihor: Master Classes at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall in the de Hoernle International Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Experience the expertise of one of America's leading pianists. Two times available: 10 am & 1 pm. Free. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

2/9 - Mirror, Mirror (PG)

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

2/9 - Happiness: Making Your Heartbeats Count by Dan Baker, Ph.D.

- Presented by FAU's Peace Studies Program at Florida Atlantic University, University Theatre, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Dan Baker, author of *What Happy People Know: How the New Science of Happiness Can Change Your Life for the Better*, has been at the grass roots level in a national initiative known as Positive Psychology. The scientific study of human strengths, virtues and character, Positive Psychology investigates what is right with people, their organizations and institutions. 2 pm. \$15. 800-564-9539 or www.fauevents.com.

2/9 - Realistic Drawing/Painting

Instruction Class at the James A.

Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Learn the basic techniques essential to quality, realistic paintings. This four-week course run Saturdays through 3/2. Adult class: 12:30-2:30 pm, \$65/residents, \$81/non-residents; Children class (ages 7-12): 2:30-4:30 pm, \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents, plus materials to be purchased by parents after first class. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

2/9 - Animal Encounters: Turtles

at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Take and up-close look at some of the educational animals at the nature center. All ages. 1 pm. \$3. Reservations required. 629-8760 or www.daggerwing.org.

2/9 - Grapes on the Green: Golf & Wine Experience - Social, Power & Play For Charity

- Presented as part of the 4th Annual Allianz Championship at The Old Course at Broken Sound, 1401 NW 51st St., Boca Raton. Overlooking the 18th green, enjoy samples from the wine collections of PGA pros' own vineyards with gourmet foods from top local restaurants, VIP experience auction, appearances by golf legends and live entertainment. Proceeds benefit Boca Raton Regional Hospital. 4-7 pm. \$85. 241-4653 or www.allianzchampionship.com.

2/9-10, 12 - Auditions for You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Auditions are by appointment only. Looking for high-school aged actors. Rehearsals begin in February for May performances. Held again 2/10 (10am-noon) & 2/12 (7-9 pm). 2-4 pm. To schedule an audition, call 447-8829 or [e-mail solchildtroupe@aol.com](mailto:solchildtroupe@aol.com).

2/9-10 - Artists in the Park

- Presented by the Delray Beach Art League at Veterans

Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Fine art exhibition and sales. Held again 2/23-24. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 843-2311 or www.delrayartleague.com/dal.

2/9-10 - 27th Annual Juried Outdoor Art Festival at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Featuring more than 250 artists in a variety of media. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

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Sunday - 2/10 - 20th Annual British Classic Car Show at Royal Palm Place, 101 Plaza Real South, Boca Raton. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the MGB, Mini Cooper and Spitfire. Registration: 8-10 am; Show: 10 am-2 pm; Awards presentation: 2pm. Show registration: \$30/first car, \$20/additional car, \$15/motorcycles. Spectators: Free 392-8920 or www.goldcoastbritcar.org.

2/10 - Family Challenge: Build a Beast!

- 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. 10:30 am-noon. \$15/adult-child pair, \$5/each additional person. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

2/10 - Weekend Movie Madness: Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG)

at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. Ticket box office: 347-3948 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

2/10 - Tour of Boca

- Hosted by the Boca Raton Bicycle Club and the Recreation Services Department, riders meet at

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2/10 - Sunday Musical Matinee

Series: Rob Russell at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Award-winning and critically acclaimed cabaret vocalist Rob Russell will feature piano and drum accompaniment to round out a delightful afternoon of Broadway, contemporary and American popular music. 2 pm. \$15. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

2/10 - Ory Shihor in Recital: Schubert & Mozart

at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall in the de Hoernle International Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Experience the expertise of one of America's leading pianists. 4 pm. \$20. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

2/10 - The Three Titans: Girls, Dolls and Ladies

- Presented as part of the Live at Lynn American Songbook Series at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. The second generation of great Broadway composers includes Jules Stein (*Funny Girl*), Frank Loesser (*Guys and Dolls*) and Frederick Loewe (*My Fair Lady*). Featuring selections from these great musicals and other songs from these musical greats, performed by Marshall Turkin's Classic Jazz Ensemble. 4 pm. \$25-\$40. 237-9000.

2/10 - When More Makes Merrier - A Holistic Approach to Pursuing Happiness

- Presented as part of the Rosh Chodesh Society Course at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Fourth 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.chababocabeaches.com.

Monday - 2/11 - Cooking Fun Class

for ages 5-9 at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Children will have fun learning basic cooking from scratch. Instruction includes kitchen safety, measurements, napkin folding, and table setting. 3:30-5 pm. \$12/residents, \$15/non-residents plus a supply fee of \$6/class. 367-7035.

2/11 - Proposition 8

at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This play challenges the common understanding of marriage 7:30 pm. Tickets \$10. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

Tuesday - 2/12 - Theatre: Behind the Scenes with Children's Book Author Gloria Rothstein

- Presented as part of the *Afternoons at the Willow* series at Willow Theatre, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Children's books aren't just for the grandchildren! People of all ages are reading them, writing them, and recommending them. Join Gloria Rothstein, author of *Sheep Asleep, From Soup to Nuts, and Curious George* animated cartoons, for an afternoon of storytelling. Let her take you into the world of popular kid's books, memorable characters, and the stories behind the stories. 1 pm. \$7/person. 347-3900 or www.willowtheatre.org.

2/12 - Guided Tour of the Historic

Boca Raton Resort & Club - Explore the world famous resort's history with a 1.5 hour walking tour at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Follow the resort's evolution when it began as the Cloister Inn in the 1920s. Highlights include Addison Mizner's story, his architectural inspirations, and remarkable furnishings. Presented by the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum. Held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month through May. Reservations are required. 2-3:30 pm. \$10/BRHS members, \$15/non-members, \$11 valet fee per car. 395-6766 ext. 100 or www.bocahistory.org.

2/12 - Tahitian Dance Workshop at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. This four-week course held Tuesdays through 3/12. 2:15-3 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. 367-7035 or www.ci.bocaraton.fl.us.

2/12 - Writers Workshop - Presented by instructor Marlene Roberts at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held Tuesdays. 5-7:30 pm. \$250/8 classes. 278-5455 or www.hIGHLANDBEACHLIBRARY.ORG.

2/12 - Where Things Come Back by John Corey Whaley - 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.

2/12-13 - After School Science Series: Simple Machines 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 - 2/13 - Ash Wednesday
2/13 - CEO Rick Berks at the de Hoernle Lecture Hall, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Rick Berks, CEO, Youfit Health Clubs, speaks to students about his experiences. 6 pm. Free. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

2/13 - Kindred Melodies: A Historical Look into the Asian Zither at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, Morikami Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. Journey through the musical history of the zither in China and Japan, its influence in society and culture, and learn about the distinctive sounds and playing style from each country demonstrated by Mrs. Ann Yao on the guzheng and Mrs. Yoshiko Carlton on the koto. The finale of this educational journey will be a duet performed by Mrs. Yao and Mrs. Carlton. Museum doors will reopen at 6 pm. The Cornell Cafe and Gardens will be closed for the evening. 7-8:30 pm. Advance ticket purchase required. Admission: \$7/members, \$10/non-members. 495-0233 or www.morikami.org.

2/13 - The American Constitution and Democracy: The Myths and Misconceptions at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Winter Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 7-8:45 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

2/13 - From Hard Times to Hard Rock: Seminole History, Art and Culture - Presented by Patsy West as part of the Town Hall Talks Lecture Series at the Boca Raton Historical Society, Old Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Hwy. 7 pm. \$5/non-members;

Tuesday - 2/19 - Playground Playdate at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 11 am. Free. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

2/19 - Total Teen / Tween Body & Mind Transformation at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This cool, interactive and fun nutrition education program teaches teens/tweens life skills surrounding food, fitness and emotions. New topics are presented weekly. The program is based on healthy food exchanges, and follows the My Plate.gov and USDA guidelines. This six-class session runs through 4/2. For ages 11-19. 4-6 pm. \$250/resident; \$312.50/non-resident plus a book fee of \$14.95. 347-3900.

2/19 - Evenings with Dr. Raphael Wald: Gender Differences in Learning: How to Promote Intellectual Development and Creativity in Your Young Child at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Free with museum admission: \$5/person, infants under 12-months free. 368-6875.

2/19 - 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>.

2/19 - Recital: "Taking Them To The Top" - Presented by the American Friends of Kronberg Academy as a fundraising even at Steinway Piano Gallery, 7940 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Featuring Alexander Sitkovetsky, violin and Wu Qian, Piano. 6:30 pm: Wine and hors d'oeuvres reception, 7:30 pm: recital. \$125. RSVP by 3/5. 315-7827.

Wednesday - 2/20 - CEO Lynne Wines at the de Hoernle Lecture Hall, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Lynne Wines, CEO, First Southern Bank, speaks to students about her experiences. 6 pm. Free. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

2/20 - Dog Obedience Classes at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton. This six-week session runs through 3/27. Two sessions: puppy Kindergarten: dogs 10 weeks-5 months old, 6:30-7:30 pm; beginner dog class, 7:30-8:30 pm. \$85/residents, \$106/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

2/20 - Eco-Watch - Effects of Climate Change and Ocean Acidification on the Physiology and Life History of the Calcareous Green Algae, Halimeda - Presented as part of the Lecture Series at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Presented by Katherine "Kate" Peach. Recommended for ages 14 and up, children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 7-8:30 pm. \$5 suggested donation. Reservations accepted but not required. 544-8615 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

2/20 - Intermediate / Games Dog Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. This six-week session held Mondays through 3/27. 7-8 pm. \$85/residents, \$106/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

2/20 - Shakespeare: Getting Down 'N Dirty at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. A one-time special lecture presented as part of the Winter Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 7-8:45 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/llds.

2/20 - Where There's Smoke, There's Dinner: Stories of a Seared Childhood starring Regi Carpenter - Presented as part of the True Lies: An Extraordinary Adult Storytelling Series at the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Family: Is it a recipe for disaster, or comfort food? Regi Carpenter is a St. Lawrence River rat who gleans stories from four generations of her eccentric and hilarious family: original, poignant, heartbreaking and side-splitting. Performance includes light dessert refreshments. 7:30 pm. \$15. 347-3948 or www.willowtheatre.org.

2/20-21 - Symposium: Abraham Lincoln and Civil War America - Presented in the Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium at Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Keynote address by Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian, Mark E. Neely. Civil War Exhibition and VIP reception follows book signing. Symposium continues with two sessions (9-11 am & 1-3 pm) on 1/21. 3:30 pm. VIP/\$45, Regular/\$35, FAU faculty, staff and alumni/\$10, FAU students/\$5 with current student ID. 297-3840 or www.fau.edu/larkin.

Thursday - 2/21 - Books - Inside and Out Class at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military



More than 40 pets, mostly dogs, had their photographs and their owners' contact information entered into a database during a Highland Beach Police Department pet registration event held earlier this month. The information and photographs will be kept on file and used by the police department to help get pets back to their owners should they get loose. Those pet owners who were unable to attend the event can still register their pets by contacting the police department at 266-5800. **Libby Volgyes/The Coastal Star**

Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 18+. Series held Thursdays through 3/21. 10-11:45 am. Per week: \$12/resident, \$15/non-resident; Complete 5-week session: \$50/resident, \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

2/21 - Tour of Historic and Contemporary Boca Raton - Presented by the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum. Enjoy a 1.5 hour trolley tour of Boca Raton. A brief introduction to historic Town Hall and Boca Raton's history will be presented prior to boarding the trolley. Held the third Thursday of the month through April 2013. Leaves from Old Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Hwy. at 10 am. \$20/person; \$15/Boca Raton Historical Society members. Reservations required. 395-6766, Ext. 100 or www.bocahistory.org.

2/21 - State of Wonder - Presented as part of the Book Club at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held the third Thursday of each month. 10:15 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.hIGHLANDBEACHLIBRARY.ORG.

2/21 - Pen Women Luncheon and Discussion at Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. Local author Deborah Sharp shares how she takes her protagonist "Mama" on book tours. 11:30 am. \$25. Benefits achievement award for college women in the arts. 865-9756 or www.bocapenwomen.org.

2/21 - Salute to Presidents' Day by Paul Golden at the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.hIGHLANDBEACHLIBRARY.ORG.

2/21 - Concert: Gary Farr and his All-Star Band at the Spanish River Performing Arts Center, 2400 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Presented by the Swing and Jazz Preservation Society. 7:30-9:45 pm. \$18/members; \$26/non-members. 499-9976 or www.swingandjazzpreservationsociety.org.

Friday - 2/22 - Mommy, Mother Nature & Me: Alligators at Daggerwing Nature Center at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. 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.

2/22 - Red Stiletto Stroll at Town Center at Boca Raton, Center Court, 6000 Glades Road. Featuring the famous "Shoe-Shoe Train Fashion Show," cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres, raffle prizes and healthy heart information. Benefiting the Jean & David Blechman Center for Specialty Care and Preventive Cardiology at The Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. 6:30-8:30 pm. General admission: \$30 (standing room only); VIP Tickets: \$50 (includes reserved seating). RSVP at 955-4142 or www.brrh.com.

2/22-24 - Fiddler On The Roof at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. R-Sat.: 8 pm; Sat.&Sun.: 2 pm; Sun.: 7 pm. \$42. 243-7922 ext. 1 or www.delraycenterforthearts.org.

2/22-24 - Disney on Broadway &

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Amphitheater, 12551 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 80's-themed festival with a program that includes entertainment for all ages. Featuring: Eddie Money, Debbie Gibson, Gioia Bruno, Stacey Q, Pretty Poison/Jade Sterling and E Casanova. 6-10 pm. \$32-148. 305-914-4464 or www.the80sfest.com.

2/23-24 - 19th Annual Lake Worth Street Painting Festival - The festival takes place on Lake Avenue in downtown Lake Worth. Free parking is available in the surrounding downtown area. 10 am - 6 pm. Free. 582-4401 or www.streetpaintingfestivalinc.org.

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Sunday - 2/24 - 3rd Annual Stand Among Friends emb(race) at the Disability Center on the Florida Atlantic University Campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Run, walk, roll or stroll in this 5K, 10K and one-mile family walk open to all ages and abilities. All proceeds benefit programs and services that support individuals with disabilities. 6 am/check-in, 7:30 am/10K & 5K, 8:45 am/one mile family walk. \$30/10K, \$20/5K, \$15/Family walk. 297-4400 or www.standamongfriends.org/embrace.

2/24 - Klezmer East - Presented at FAU's University Theatre, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Klezmer East, directed by Paul Green, contributes to the joyous holiday of Purim by performing a variety of traditional and exciting works. 2 pm. \$10. 297-2337 or www.fauevents.com.

2/24 - The Jamie Ousley Jazz Trio

Featuring Vocalist Nanami Morikawa - Presented at Willow Theatre, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Jamie Ousley, voted Best Jazz Musician for 2011 by Boca Life & Gold Coast Magazines, will play a mixture of jazz standards, American classics, and original compositions from Jamie's latest CD "A Sea of Voices." 2 pm. \$18. 347-3900 or www.willowtheatre.org.

2/24 - Soloist Yoonie Han with the Boca Raton Symphony at Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton. Principal Conductor Philippe Entremont featuring works by Mozart, Beethoven and Saint Saens. 4 pm. \$33-\$59. 866-687-4201 or www.bocasymphony.org.

Monday - 2/25 - Adult Dance Class:

Hula - The Graceful Dance of Hawaii at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. This six-week course held Mondays through 4/1. 10:30-11:30 am. \$45/residents, \$56/non-residents. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

2/25 - Seining the Lagoon at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Explore the grasses and flats of the Intracoastal Waterway behind Gumbo Limbo. Hand-held dip nets and large seine nets allow participants to catch and release a variety of fish, shrimp, crabs and marine life. Wear clothes that can get wet. No flip-flops or sandals. Old Sneakers or watershoes only. Ages 10 to adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. 4-5:30 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 338-1542 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

Tuesday - 2/26 - Brooklyn by Colm Toibin

- Presented as part of the Book Club discussion by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Held 4th Tuesday of each month. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

3/2 - 8th Annual Sea Turtle Day: Say No to Sky Glow!

at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Stroll the grounds, visit environmentally friendly exhibitors, see live animal presentations, tank feedings, children's theater, guided tours, sea turtle rehabilitation, kids crafts. Parking is at Spanish River Park, Ocean Blvd. 1.5 miles north of Gumbo Limbo. 10 am-4 pm. \$5 suggested donation. 544-8605 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

3/2 - 5th Annual Kultur Festival

- A Celebration of Jewish Music & Arts at FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road. Showcasing FAU Libraries' Special Collections through the talents of guest artists, distinguished scholars and critically-acclaimed musicians, including the 25-piece Klezmer Company Orchestra (KCO), the library's professional ensemble-in-residence. Sat.: Film: *Mahler on the Couch*, 7 pm, Wimberly Library. \$10. Full schedule available at www.library.fau.edu/news/news.htm. Tickets: 877-311-7469 or www.fauevents.com.

3/2 - Abbacadabra

at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N. Military Trail., Boca Raton. Abbacadabra, the ultimate ABBA (hits from *Mama Mia*) tribute band, puts on such a dazzling show delivered with energy and detail so impressive that fans have sworn the original ABBA members have reunited. Sat. 7:30 pm; Sun. 4 pm. Tickets \$45-\$65. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

members, \$8/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 338-1542 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

2/27 - CEO Alan Schuman at the de Hoernle Lecture Hall, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Alan Schuman, CEO, ECOLABS, Inc., speaks to students about his experiences. 6 pm. Free. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

2/27 - Belly Dance Class at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. All ages and abilities are welcome to learn this ancient form of dance. This six-week course run Wednesdays through 4/3. 6:30-7:30 pm. \$65/residents, \$81/non-residents. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

2/27-28 - Palm Beach Pops: Clint Holmes - The Music of James Taylor, Billy Joel, Elton John, Paul Simon & More 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 or www.fauevents.com.

Thursday - 2/28 - Poetry Reading by Mary Blossom and David Lehman takes place in room 305 of the Administration Building, Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Part of the "Off the Page: Events for Readers and Writers" series. 4 pm. 297-2974 or www.fau.edu/sota.

2/28 - Craft Crew: Duct Tape Craft - Kids ages 9-14 can unleash their creativity at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration required. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

Friday - 3/1 - Special: Dr. Seuss Birthday Craft Celebration at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For all ages, children 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-4:15 pm. Free. Registration required. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

3/1 - Natalie Cole performs at the second annual GENERATIONS, a Nat King Cole Generation Hope Inc. concert benefit to raise funds for music education at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center at Lynn University. 7 pm. General admission is \$75. 237-9000 or natkingcolefoundation.org/concert.

3/1 - Hip Hop Dance Party Class for ages 5-9 at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Six-week session runs Fridays through 4/12. 4:30-5:15 pm. \$75/residents, \$90/non-residents. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

Saturday - 3/2 -- Community Yard Sale at the Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Families, crafters and community members are invited to participate. There will be many unique items for sale, including holiday decorations and lights, antique toys, handmade crafts and collectibles. Participants must provide their own table and spaces are 8 feet long. Registration costs \$25 per space. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. 8 am - noon. Admission: Free. 368-6875 or www.cmboca.org.

3/2 - Trash-to-Treasures and Plant Sale

at the Boca Raton Garden Club, 4281 NW 3rd Ave., Boca Raton. 9 am-2 pm. Free. 395-9376 or www.bocarongardenclub.org.

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Along the Coast

Joint emergency dispatch idea a no-go for Boca, Delray, Boynton

By Thomas R. Collins

Boca Raton, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach have dropped the idea of rolling their police dispatch operations into one after a consultant's report recommended having higher staffing levels at a joint center than the departments have now on their own.

Plus, Boca Raton police officials said, it seemed that the departments were not on the same page on upgrading their existing communications systems, which would have been critical in making a joint center work, especially in terms of cost.

The consultant's report, which cost \$18,000 per city, was the suggestion of the Boca department, which intends to upgrade its communications system in the next two to three years.

The hope was that it would make financial sense, while providing better service, for the departments to join together to handle police and fire calls.

"The numbers really didn't bear that out, although in the long run I think they might have," said Jim Burke, Boca Raton police's director of support services.

He said he thought that if all three departments upgraded their communications systems at the same time, with new features like the ability to send text messages to 911 operators, the project would have made more financial sense. All of the departments use similar systems now, he said.

"It all is timing, but there is a life end to a radio system," he said. "Boynton and Delray at this point, they're not looking to consolidate."

Boynton Police Chief Matt Immel left open the possibility of pursuing joint dispatch later.

"The start-up costs for us make it impractical at this point, although the concept of a regional dispatch center is a good one," he said.

The report, by RCC Consultants, didn't evaluate how much would be saved if all departments upgraded their communications together, as part of a joint center, compared to upgrading separately.

In northern Palm Beach County, Palm Beach Gardens, Jupiter and Juno Beach use a joint dispatch center, but just for police calls.

The report analyzed the number and timing of calls to each city and recommended adding more than a dozen telecommunications operators, which would cost about \$700,000 to \$800,000 more a year, depending on

whether two or three shifts were used in a joint center.

Burke said the suggestion for higher staffing was not an indication that existing staffing levels are too low, saying the report was only an evaluation of a joint center, not an evaluation of the separate centers as they exist now.

"They didn't look at our current staffing levels," he said.

The report also estimated that it would cost \$3.3 million to renovate space for a joint center.

Despite the costs, the report said a joint center would come with advantages.

It would give "improved public safety dispatch services

provided to the citizens. Telecommunications are similarly trained to provide consistent service to the public and public safety response unit personnel," consultants wrote.

It would also eliminate having to transfer calls to other departments and improve multi-agency responses to emergencies requiring them, they said.

Burke said the consultant's report was a worthwhile effort.

"It was in all the cities' best interest to check into whether we could deliver this service more efficiently," he said. "It just made more sense for everybody involved to see if this was a possibility." ★

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DIGITAL DOMAINS

Photography is becoming more popular than ever as the next generation of instant images takes hold



Better backyard photography
Sue Dickes, a guest of The Grass River Garden Club, photographs a bloom in the gardens of the Sundy House during a recent class. For tips on how you can make better photographs, turn to Pages H2-H3
**Jerry Lower/
The Coastal Star**

By Emily J. Minor

Remember the old days, when photography meant buying the film and lugging the camera and finagling with one of those shiny cube flashbulbs, the ones that rotated after each impressive pop? And taking your kid to Sears for the first birthday portrait. Remember that?

Of course you do. It wasn't that long ago.

But today, everyone's a photographer. Using smartphone apps like Instagram, Snapbucket and Hipstamatic — Who thinks of these names? — most of us are out there falling in love with the visuals around us, from a fiery sunset to a shadowy palm frond to a certain someone's toothless grin, brightened with just one careful touch of the fingertip.

And, boy, do we love sharing, instantly, waiting only seconds for the compliments to start rolling in. *Like!*

In the past few months, Instagram — the mobile app that allows us to fiddle with our images, almost as if we're taking the film to the darkroom, sitting it in the soup, then lightening it up or darkening it, just a tad — has hit 100 million users. The



Spectators used smartphones, as well as point-and-shoot, high-end digital SLR and waterproof cameras, to document a recent turtle release at Gumbo Limbo in Boca Raton. **Coastal Star file photo**

company claims its users post 40 million images a day.

And Polaroid estimates we're using digital devices to take 1.5 billion images a day. Old barns and fluffy kittens and fun nights out on the town.

So, what do the professionals think

about all this? Is it good for the industry? Bad for the industry? How are they keeping up?

Well, for starters, Addie Lorber, who is one-half of the husband-wife team that

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owns Boca Raton's Hasselblad photography store, says she loves that photography is so popular, and it doesn't surprise her. After all, she's been married to renowned panoramic photographer Peter Lorber for many, many years.

"I think people have always enjoyed photography," she says. "Today, the smartphones just make it convenient."

And when her husband saw this coming, about 10 years ago, they started changing their business. Today they still help customers turn their images into works of art. But the staff is smaller, the space is smaller — and the work is much more high-tech.

"They email me the image," she says. "We have a 55-inch screen and we pop the images

on that screen and we go over it with people. We spend time, and we listen to what the client wants."

The changes, of course, are industry wide. Polaroid is set to open its first "Fotobar" retail store in late February at 14851 Lyons Road in suburban Delray Beach, where it will help us "easily liberate our favorite images from the confines of (our) digital devices."

How kind.

At the new store, customers will be able to upload images to one of the store's bar-top workstations, and turn those digital moments into everything from a 4-by-6 print to a giant, glossy poster.

The store, say the folks at Polaroid, will be "cool, hip and experiential" — just like that classic, white bleed-off border the company brought us 75 years ago. ★

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Addie and Peter Lorber own Boca Raton's Hasselblad photography store, where they now help people process digital images. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star



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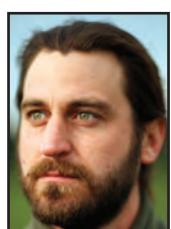
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Along the Coast



Patsy Randolph used the pillars of a gazebo to frame her subject to create a photo that provides nice sense of the gardens. Her subject, **Tina Smith**, looked for an interesting angle and let the diffused backlight illuminate the bloom of this angel's trumpet.



Simple tips to create better backyard photographs



Cody Jones took full advantage of the scene-setting ability of a wide-angle lens to show the scale of the pools, while the shaded foreground leads the eye to the seating in the background.

By Jerry Lower

I have been a photographer and picture editor for most of my career and a teacher for a small part of it. I had the chance recently to bring these skills together in a photography workshop for about 40 members and guests of The Grass River Garden Club. We wanted a location with great photo potential for this class, so we choose the Taru Gardens of the Sundy House in Delray Beach.

The class's photographic skills ranged from beginner to advanced amateur. The equipment ranged from smartphones, simple point-and-shoot cameras, to advanced digital SLRs with interchangeable lenses.

After 35 minutes of viewing some quality photo examples and listening to a few helpful hints on how to create "better backyard photos," members of the group took the next 30 minutes to shoot their assignment.

On this page you'll find the photos the Grass River Garden Club students created in January — published here with only limited image processing to make sure they reproduced well on newsprint.

Most of the basic instruction during the class dealt with camera angle, lens choice and quality of light. You will find these related tips in each photo caption on this page.

When asked, "What's the best camera?" I always respond, "the one you have with you." You can have thousands of dollars of camera equipment, but if you don't take it with you because of weight or bulk, it's no better than that smartphone in your pocket. ★



Two photos, both from less than six inches away: **Christina Benisch** used a macro lens to isolate the lip of the blooms above from the green background, while **Laura Evans** used a wide-angle lens held very close to the bloom of this red ginger plant to show both the bloom and the character of the leaves of the plant and its surroundings.



Jerry Lower is the publisher of The Coastal Star and an award-winning photographer and designer.

Secret Gardens

You have to see Unbelievable Acres to believe it

Driving down the gravel lane in West Palm Beach, you arrive at a chain-link fence covered with bamboo matting. You can't help but note the signs warning you to "beware of dog" and avoid the "very bad dogs."

But don't worry.

Once a month the gate is opened for guided tours of the forest you'll find inside. In fact, this is the only "working" tropical rainforest in the United States, according to Gene Joyner who started planting it in 1970. Today a mile of trails wander through 2½ acres of dense greenery.

"I started this project from scratch," he says. "It was built from the ground up to look exactly like what you'd see in the rainforest."

Joyner's Unbelievable Acres Botanic Garden is home to more than 1,200 kinds of plants from all over the world.

"I figured when I got too old to travel I could step outdoors and enjoy my own rainforest," says Joyner, 66, who grew up on the two-acre property next door. His father had a nursery and Joyner continues to use it for that purpose.

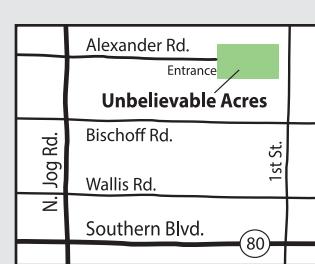
He started planting after getting a degree in botany from the University of Florida. There were only two pine trees on the property. Many of the trees that today loom over 40 feet tall started out as only cuttings or even seeds.

The first thing you'll probably notice in the untamed yard is the sausage tree. Joyner planted its seed 39 years ago and today it rises 65 feet in the air. He hand-pollinates the velvety red flowers to produce the fruit that hangs from strings like sausages in a deli and can weigh up to 30 pounds.

Following the soft and springy mulch paths, you wind your way through the dense underbrush enjoying the dappled light and the aroma of fresh earth. "Sometimes I think you need a machete to keep the paths clear," Joyner says.

He points to palm trees that he started from coconuts 35 years ago. A giant hibiscus has 14 vertical trunks that grow southeast, south, west and then north. Joyner calls this the "traveler tree" because it grows in a circle.

And he takes great pride in his shingle tree that was 6 feet tall in 1972 but today measures



If You Go

Unbelievable Acres, 470 63rd Trail North, West Palm Beach, is open to the public 1 to 5 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. Guided tours are available at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Entry is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and children 6 to 11, and free for children under 6. Reservations required. Call 242-1686. Tours for groups of at least 10 people can be arranged privately.

90 feet. It's been certified as the largest specimen in Florida.

Joyner tells us that in rural parts of India the large, tough leaves are used to shingle roofs.

As the sun filters through the thick canopy, it looks like spotlights illuminating massive leaves camouflaging the trunks of the trees. These vines don't harm the trees, but need to climb in the forest so they can get light. The oversized green leaves of one named Swiss cheese philodendron have holes in them.

On the ground, the leaves of bushes come in many shades. One of our favorites, the party time Joseph's coat, has bright pink, green and cream leaves. And the yellow and green leaves of the pocket plant curl around to form a cup that holds water for insects. Of course, there also are plenty of colorful flowers. Angel wing begonia is named for the shape of its dark green leaves that contrast with its delicate pink flowers. And the dwarf wax ginger has a neon pink, cone-like flower.

Oh, and don't forget the fruit trees. Joyner has more than 150 varieties, including his favorite — mangoes, of which he has 12 varieties.

"Just about any fruit you see at the supermarket I have growing here," he says. And a whole lot more.

Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley is a certified master gardener who can be reached at debhartz@att.net when she's not digging in her yard.



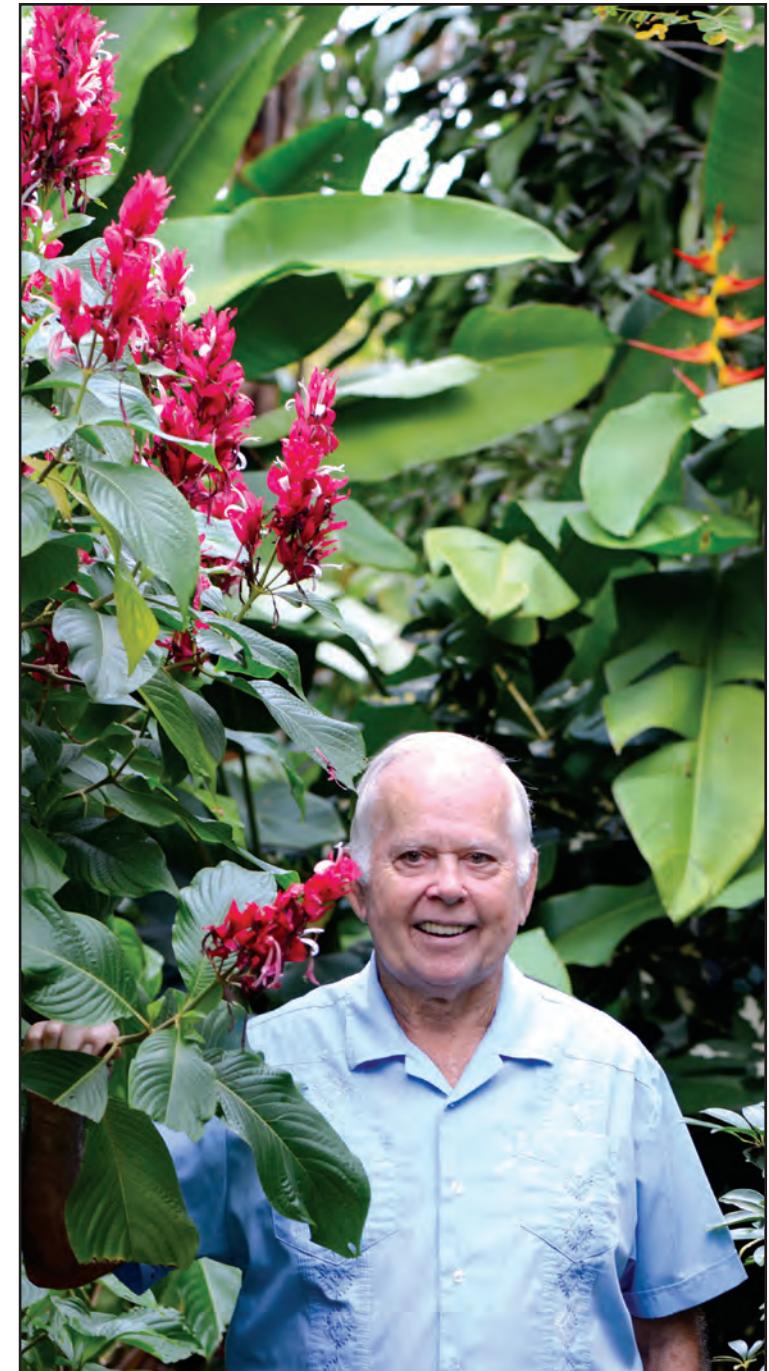
LEFT: Larger than a football, sausage fruit hang at eye level along a path in the garden.

BELLOW RIGHT: The magenta blooms of the Brazilian cloak tower over Gene Joyner, a contrast to the orange and yellow of the helconia behind him. He served as Palm Beach County/University of Florida Extension's urban horticulturist for 35 years. Photos by Jerry Lower /The Coastal Star



ABOVE TOP: This variegated salvia provides a riot of colors in the garden.

ABOVE BOTTOM: Young leaves and fruit begin to form in the crown of a papaya tree.



Gardening Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 1/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

FEBRUARY

Thursday - 2/14 - Annual Orchid Auction presented by the Orchid Society of the Palm Beaches at Mounts Auditorium, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. 6:30 pm. Free. 491-8033.

Saturday - 2/16 - Living with Flowers: You're So Special with John Klingen at the Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Explore your creativity with a seasonal variety of mixed, colorful flowers utilizing strong vertical and horizontal lines. 10:30 am-noon. \$65/materials included. 805-8562 or www.fourarts.org.

2/16 - Family Fun Workshop:

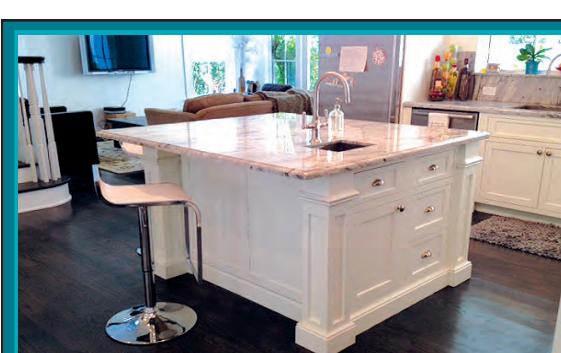
Miniature Garden at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Create a miniature Japanese style garden using real plants and rocks. For ages 7 and up. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$5/with paid museum admission. Registration: 495-0233 ext. 237.

Friday - 2/22 - Weeds: Pesky Plants of Lawns & Gardens at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Dr. George Rogers helps identify common weeds of lawns and gardens and entertains with facts about their biology. Price includes a south Florida weed book. Bring weeds in sealed plastic bags for identification. 1-3:30 pm. \$20/members, \$25/non-members. Reservations: 233-1757.

2/23 - Making a Garden Trough at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Trough containers resemble old stone and are lightweight, durable and perfect for miniature gardens or small plants. Create your own trough. Wear old clothes and bring well-fitting, waterproof gloves. 10 am-noon. For cost, call: 233-1796. Reservations: 233-1757.

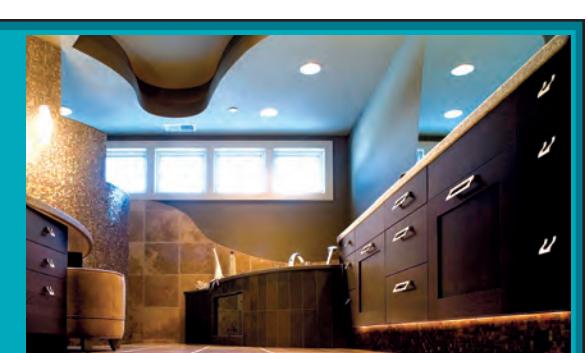
MARCH

3/2 - Designing, Creating & Maintaining a Home Landscape at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Three-session workshop takes participants through all the steps needed to improve a home landscape. Held again 3/9 & 16. 9 am-1pm. \$55/Mounts members, \$60/non-members. Registration: 233-1757.



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Green Markets

Delray, Boynton markets offer global look at the raw and the cooked

By Jan Norris

The green markets are in full swing this winter, with dozens of local offerings, both edible and not. This month we visit Delray Beach and Boynton Beach.

At Delray's Green Market, catch up with the gal who starred in this year's Neiman Marcus catalog.

Svetlana Simon brings fresh eggs and goat milk from her 15-acre Heritage Hen Farm in Boynton to the market.

Chat her up and she'll gladly explain that the color of eggs she sells is determined by the earlobe of the chicken — of which she has at least 30 varieties on the farm. She sells raw goat's milk products — milk, yogurt and butter, and farmer's cheese — all labeled for "pet consumption" because USDA regulations don't allow the sale of raw milk for humans. But it's OK for pets, the agency has said — and for many, OK for the pet owners, who swear by it.

Meet the Minnerly sisters — college students and makers and sellers of Inika Foods. Nicolle and Natasha Minnerly make their foods on Friday, then sell hummus, eggplant dips and other foods that are gluten-free, vegan and dairy-free.

Raw foods — nonbaked crackers, breads, cookies and more, along with dried fruits and vegetables, all gluten-free, are available from the Three Anns. Based in Delray Beach, the women make foods that conform to the raw diet standard with all natural ingredients not cooked, but dried or dehydrated.

Stop by the Fun with Food booth, where Diane Ziegler-Hoffman has gluten-free, sugar-free treats, vegan and other foods available for sale. She gives classes and demos, and teaches kids to cook.

Delray Beach Green Market is at Old School Square Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays through May.

In Boynton Beach, the green market was reopened in June, in partnership with the Community Farmer's Markets of South Florida. The 15 or so vendors have a variety of food, prepared and raw ingredients. Market manager Jerry Kugel says more vendors are signing on.

At A Touch of Spain, husband and wife team Gianni and Cristina Morandi cook up a tortilla de patatas — a Spanish omelet.

Gianni explains the

Spanish fast food — served in all tapas bars and eaten as a quick snack throughout Spain — is made with eggs, potatoes and onions cooked in a special pan over the stove — different from an oven-baked frittata.

"It's tall, that's another difference, and the dexterity of the cook in flipping it onto the plate to keep it high is key," he said.

It's the most popular dish at their booth and can be made with chorizo or ham, sold by the piece or as a whole. Olive oils and olives and more also are available.

Wayne Beiderman sells nine flavored goat cheeses at his Quiet Creek Dairy booth. Cooks favor the herb roll flavored with roasted garlic, dill and chives, but the mission fig and almond flavored one is also a big seller. The cheese is made from goat milk that comes from a co-op dairy that gets its milk from Arcadia and Orlando goat farms. It's processed in Jupiter Farms, where Beiderman gets it and blends it with flavors. Also at his booth is the popular miniature goat milk cheesecakes, which sell for \$3 each or two for \$5. "Everyone loves those," he says. "People ask for them if they don't see them and if we run out, they're really disappointed. We're known for them."

A former hotel pastry chef is behind the Cookielicious booth, where cookies, artisan breads, pastries and more can be found. Jonathan Grotsky is a former pastry chef from the Boca Resort & Club and Seminole Hard Rock Casino.

He started selling his baked goods on his own about four months ago and has a following. His raspberry oatmeal thumbprint cookies are the best seller by far, he says, but the banana and

orange breads, coconut macaroons and savory breads also have fans. He takes special orders and can be contacted via cookieliciouspastryshop.com.

Boynton Beach Green Market is at the southeast corner of Boynton Beach Boulevard and Federal Highway every Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. ★

Coming next month: Boca Raton and Lake Worth



Svetlana Simon brings raw goat milk to the Delray market.



Cookielicious baked goods are available at the Boynton Beach Green Market. Photos by Mary Kate Leming/The Coastal Star

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Finding Faith

New pastor helps Church of the Palms cultivate a resurrection

The Church of the Palms may have had the most beautiful gardens and stained glass windows when it opened on North Swinton Avenue a half-century ago.

But the congregation was dying when the Rev. Charles Mory, 74, innocently appeared for Sunday services last May ready to join a congregation that he knew nothing about.

Church membership had plummeted from 412 to 70 under the previous pastor, who announced that same Sunday that he would be leaving the church.

Those who remain know they can't attract a new pastor quite yet because of their history of strife. So Mory put his retirement on hold to become their interim pastor.

The congregation is crediting this loving old pastor for signs that Church of the

Palms might be growing again. About 20 new members have joined in the past two months.

"He has built up a fire in everybody," church moderator Margo Beck said. "He gets us smiling. We're having a good time. I wish he was going to be here forever."

Mory has delayed his retirement before. Three other United Church of Christ congregations called him to be their troubleshooter as interim pastor in the last 10 years.

"He understands the huge job that an interim pastor has when a church has fallen from the heights to the depths," said the Rev. Linda Harper, associate pastor.

Mory thinks two to three years of hard work will be necessary before Church of the Palms recovers. "We can't form a search committee for a new pastor until we can say we



The Rev. Charles Mory shares a lighthearted moment with parishioners at the Church of the Palms in Delray Beach. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

have the leadership to get this congregation back on its feet," he said.

Mory's presence is giving church members hope that day will come.

"Pastor Charles has brought the miracle of new life to this congregation with joy and hope and his wonderfully positive attitude," Harper said.

"He's bound and determined to get things working," church member Lois Clement said. "I know he's just the interim.

But he can stay as long as he wants."

The musical talent of eight congregations join in concert Feb. 17 to benefit the interfaith nonprofit that provides emergency food and shelter for homeless families with children.

The Sounds of Promise Concert will feature music ranging from spirituals to Hebrew songs, praise bands and traditional choirs.

Family Promise of South Palm Beach County is supported by volunteers in 24 congregations who take turns providing shelter for homeless families in their churches and synagogues.

Congregations sending musicians to the 3 p.m. concert at **First United Methodist Church** in Boca Raton are **First Presbyterian** of Delray, **Temple Beth El**, **St. Gregory's Episcopal**, **Congregation B'nai Torah**, **Congregation B'nai Israel**, **Glades Presbyterian** and **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**.

Tickets for \$20 can be purchased by calling 265-3370, ext. 103, or online at www.familypromisespbc.org.

A coastal Jewish congregation is celebrating the restoration of a 19th-century Torah scroll with a fascinating history.

The Chabad of South Palm

Beach inaugurated the scroll Jan. 21 at Plaza Del Mar in Manalapan.

Experts analyzed the parchment and style of text to determine that the scroll was written in the 1860s was written in the White Russian (Belarusian) region of Smolensk.

The Torah went underground when Communists took power in Russia. After World War II, it was rescued and taken to Brooklyn by a Holocaust survivor who kept it in his home with 60 other rescued scrolls because he couldn't afford restoration. His heirs sold the scrolls for restoration after his death.

Members of the **Chabad of South Palm Beach** became intrigued by this particular scroll when they were searching for a Torah to restore for use in their synagogue.

"Our families experienced the difficulties of life under the czars, the chokehold of the Communist regime on Jewish practice, the horror of Hitler and ultimately resettlement in the United States after the war," Rabbi Leibel Stolik said. "This scroll continues the legacy of the Jewish nation in a way that is very close to home for us."

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Lutheran Church in Boca Raton.

Advent's weekday bustle of activity includes 480 children enrolled in its K-8 school and day care. The campus also has an assisted living facility for seniors.

"We serve from infancy to eternity," the Rev. Andrew Hagen said proudly.

But Advent offered no weekday gathering place for seniors who live off campus. Now Advent has launched a \$400,000 fund-raising campaign called **Space for Grace** to address that need.

The plan is for ACC day care to move out of the fellowship hall into a single-family home that the congregation purchased near its campus.

"We've loved having Alzheimer's Community Care there, but the church was not able to develop a daytime church ministry," Hagen said.

The fellowship hall then will be renovated with the addition of a new daytime café. Seniors can enjoy hobbies such as quilting, study the Bible and learn to operate a computer as they socialize.

"If you feel lonely, just come on over," Hagen said.

The fund-raising drive includes money to buy bleachers in the school gym.

Gay couples can now sanctify their unions with a special blessing at area **Episcopal** churches.

"We are responding to God's call to extend God's love to all children," said the Rev. Andrew Sherman of St.

Gregory Episcopal Church in Boca Raton. "We are proud that our church has opened itself up to acknowledge, bless and honor gay people."

The ceremony, called "The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant," began in December after it was approved by the national Episcopal Church last summer.

Gay rights issues have torn all Protestant denominations in recent years. The Episcopalians approved their first gay bishop in 2003, causing some conservative parishes to break away from the national church.

"Our church has taken a lot of criticism from the larger Christian community," Sherman said. "The changing attitudes have been painful and difficult for some."

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach has a seven-week course to help parishioners understand the church's interpretation of gay relationships.

Global warming is an impending peril for the faith-based community to examine.

It's no surprise that the **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship** of Boca Raton is sponsoring a March 2 community workshop on climate change.

Unitarians draw upon both science and world religions to set their direction. One of their seven guiding principles is respect for interdependent existence. "So this is a logical blend," organizer Jan Booher said.



Members of Chabad of South Palm Beach take part in a procession to welcome an 1860s Torah written in the Belarusian region of Smolensk to their synagogue. At right is Rabbi Stolik of Chabad of South Palm Beach. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

But the Unitarians are not alone in their concern. Consider what the leaders other religious faiths are saying:

"Climate change is not about economic theory or political platforms ... it's about the future of God's creation and the one human family," the **U.S. Catholic Bishops** wrote.

"For Jews, the environmental crisis is a religious challenge," the **Consultation on the Environment and Jewish Life** concluded. "As heirs to

a tradition of stewardship, we cannot accept the escalating destruction of our environment."

"Christians must take action now to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world whose lands, livelihoods and lives are threatened by the global climate crisis," the **United Methodist Church**'s board on church and society agreed.

The public is invited to participate in the workshop, which brings the faith community, scientists,

government leaders and activists to support a regional climate action plan.

The fellowship is located at 2601 St. Andrew's Blvd. Call 482-2001 or register at www.SFLClimateActionPartners.org.

Tim Pallesen writes about people of faith, their congregations, causes and community events. Email him at tcpallesen@aol.com.



Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 1/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

FEBRUARY

Saturday 2/2 - Mingling Melodies & Motors is held at The Chapel of Saint Andrew on the campus of Saint Andrew School, 2707 NW 37th St., Boca Raton. '50s and '60s car show and concert featuring The Fabulous Benefits The Chapel of Saint Andrew, Family Promise, Boca Helping Hands, ECHO and Cross International. 1-4:30 pm. Family fun in a lakeside setting. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. \$10/adults, \$5/Ages 7-14, Free/ages 6 and under. 235-2672 or www.minglingmelodiesandmotors.com.

Sunday - 2/3 - Kabbalah & Coffee: The Secret of Simplicity at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Includes weekly Living Torah Video Presentation. Held every Sunday morning. 10-11:30 am. Free. 417-7797 or www.chababdocabeaches.com.

Sunday - 2/17 - Anthony Polistina plays his original compositions during the 10 am worship service at Church of the Palms, 1960 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. As composer-in-residence for 18 years, he was known as the musical voice of the World Trade Center. He has also headlined in Atlantic City at Trump Plaza. The Chancel Choir will also perform. Free. 276-6347 or www.churchofthepalms.net.

2/17 - Sounds of Promise Concert is hosted by the First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Local congregations, churches and synagogues join together in song to aid local homeless families. 3:30 pm. Refreshments served following concert. \$20/adult, Free/children. 265-3370, Ext. 103 or www.familypromisesbpc.org.

MARCH

Friday - 3/1 - 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. 7 pm. \$25/adults, \$12/children ages 3-12. 417-7797 or www.chababdocabeaches.com/tgis.

Tuesday - 3/12 - YMCA of South Palm Beach County's 11th Annual Prayer Breakfast at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Join the Y for a morning of fellowship, fun and inspiration to benefit its Financial Assistance Program, as Olympic gymnast Shannon Miller serves as guest speaker. 7:30-9:30 am. \$80. 237-0944 or www.ymcaspbc.org.

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Religion

Christ Fellowship gets OK to open at mall as megachurches grow

By Tim Pallesen

Christ Fellowship will open at the former Dillard's store at the Boynton Beach Mall, making it the second regional church to beam Sunday worship services to Boynton Beach by satellite.

The Boynton church will be the fourth satellite site for Christ Fellowship, which has its main campus in Palm Beach Gardens. Other sites that receive the satellite feeds of Pastor Todd Mullins' sermons are in Royal Palm Beach, Stuart and West Palm Beach.

"We felt called and led to minister to the people of Boynton Beach," Christ

Fellowship executive director Dave Lonsberry said. "We quickly identified Dillard's as our location in late 2011."

But Christ Fellowship was delayed trying to acquire the site last year, allowing another regional church to be the first to beam satellite sermons to Boynton Beach.

Calvary Chapel, based in Fort Lauderdale, began satellite feeds to its congregation on Hypoluxo Road last year.

Is this competition between megachurches?

"We welcome all churches proclaiming the good news of Jesus," Lonsberry responded. "The more churches, the better."

The Calvary Chapel pastor in

Boynton Beach agreed.

"We are always in favor of healthy churches launching because there's always a need for people to be reached with the gospel," Pastor Charlie Halleran said.

About 20,000 people watch Calvary Chapel sermons by Pastor Bob Coy each weekend. That includes 600 who attend worship in Boynton and 2,200 who attend at a Calvary Chapel congregation in Boca Raton.

About 18,000 attend Christ Fellowship services. The regional church already has members who live in the South County and worship at its Royal Palm Beach campus.

"The new Boynton location is

a natural extension into an area where we already had people attending Christ Fellowship," Lonsberry said. "We know these people can establish a momentum right away."

About 1,300 now attend Christ Fellowship services at Boynton Beach High School since that temporary site began last December.

The congregation will move into the 127,000-square-foot renovated Dillard's store late this year or in early 2014, Lonsberry said.

Christ Fellowship expects the move to a permanent Boynton Beach location will duplicate the attendance surge that occurred when its Royal Palm

Beach congregation moved from a school into a newly renovated Target store.

Attendance jumped from 1,500 to 6,500 each weekend.

"We have every expectation that our Boynton campus will easily have that kind of reach," Lonsberry said.

Lonsberry said Christ Fellowship, Calvary Chapel and a third megachurch often collaborate on satellite technology to spread the gospel. LifeChurch, based in Oklahoma with 40,000 members, opened a \$6 million satellite church in Wellington last year.

"We are all moving in the same direction and sharing our insights," he said. ★



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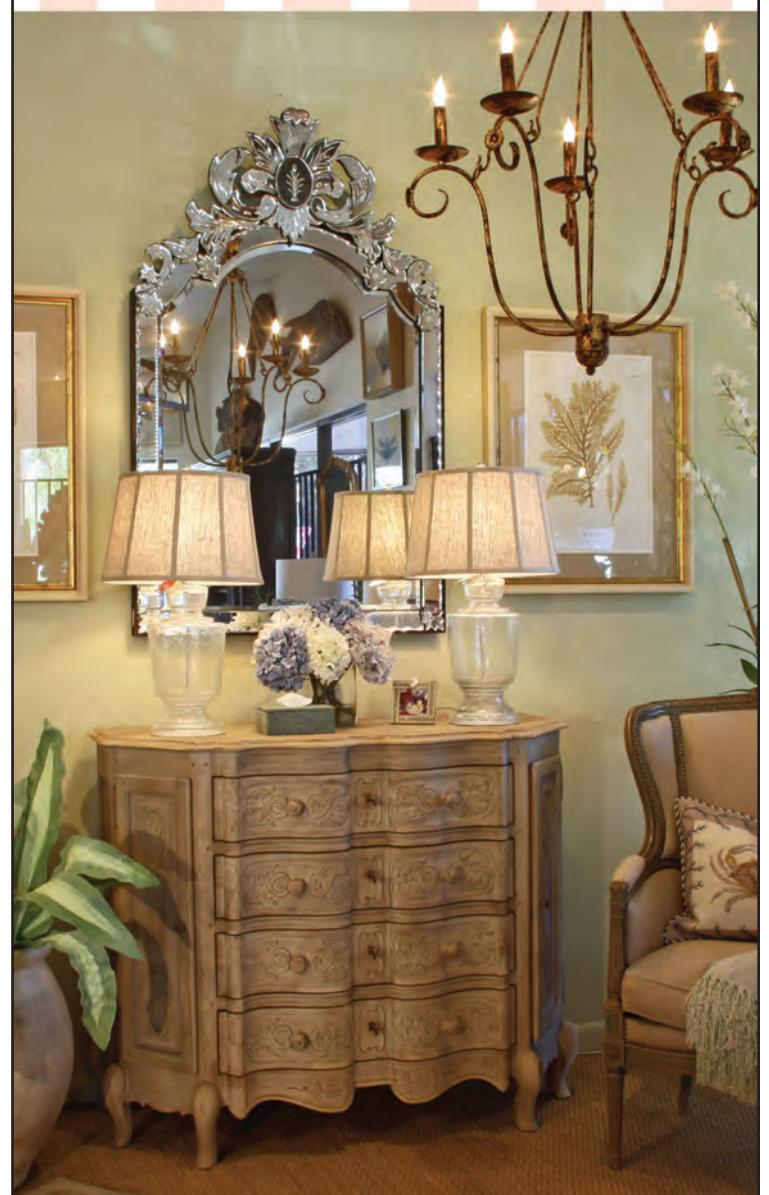
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Most of us consciously remember to take our driver's license when we head out the door. We input emergency contacts on our cell phones. And the navigational systems in our cars or smartphones ensure we never lose our way.

If only we could translate these actions onto our pets. Sure, we fit them with microchips, ID tags that dangle from their collars and may have our phone numbers embroidered on their collars next to their names.

As much as we try to keep them safe and protect them from harm, life happens. It just takes one door to be left ajar and — poof — they can dash out and disappear. Such is the case of Holly, a 4-year-old tortoiseshell cat who has been garnering news headlines from West Palm Beach to the West Coast.

This feline is fussy when it comes to unleashing affection. Her favorite people are her owners, Jake and Bonnie Richter of West Palm Beach. For most everyone else, her first response is to flee or hiss.

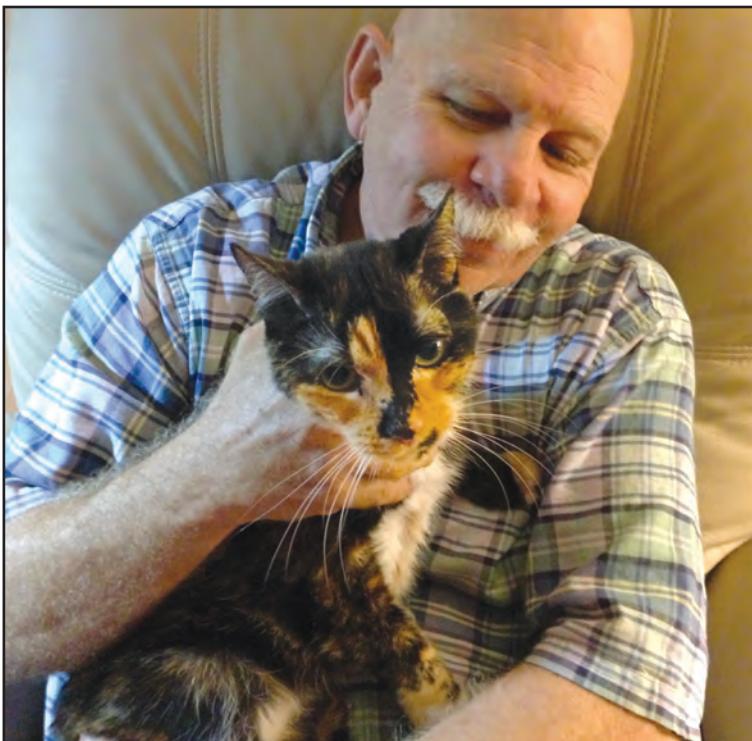
On Nov. 4, her life changed unexpectedly. The Richters traveled 190 miles north on I-95 in their motor home to attend a Good Sams event at the Daytona International Speedway with Holly onboard. All was well until that day when Holly bolted out the motor home door. Despite searching for her, calling her name, posting fliers and reaching out to pet rescue groups, the Richters couldn't find Holly and with great sadness, returned home.

Two months later, Barb Mazzola of Palm Beach Gardens noticed what appeared to be furry rat in her backyard. Upon closer inspection, she realized it was a cat — a skinny, hungry one.

"She was so weak from hunger that she tried to meow, but couldn't," recalls Mazzola, an executive assistant to the Provost at Palm Beach Atlantic University. "I'm highly allergic to cats, so it was ironic that this kitty would choose my yard. But my daughter, Tay, ran inside and got tuna. This poor cat was so hungry."

Over the next five days, the Mazzolas did their best to coax this cat onto their patio and to gain her trust. On day five, Mazzola left her sliding door open and in walked this cat who greeted her.

Despite her allergies, Mazzola adored this cat and decided to keep her and name her Cosette in tribute to the character in *Les Misérables*. She booked a veterinary appointment and that's when it was discovered that this cat had a microchip containing not one, but four ways to



Holly was lost in Daytona and made it home to owner Jake Richter of West Palm Beach two months later. **Photo provided**

contact the Richters.

"I sat down and cried because I was happy to reunite her, but sad because I had fallen in love with her after only a week," says Mazzola.

Now here comes the hard-to-explain part. Mazzola lives about one mile from the Richters.

How did Holly get back home from Daytona? Did she walk the entire 190 miles in

two months? How did she survive despite losing half her body weight? How did she know where home was?

"When Barb delivered Holly to me, she just cuddled with me," says Richter, age 70, a retired crew chief for Northwest Airlines. "I jokingly said she must have a built-in GPS system, and she certainly went through most of her nine lives, but she is finally home again. I have my

kitty back."

I'm delighted to share Holly's tale because it has a happy ending.

To increase the chances of being reunited with your beloved pet, I offer these tips:

Provide triple identification.

As soon as you adopt, bring in your pet for a veterinarian to insert a microchip (about the size of a grain of rice) that contains ways to contact you and the veterinarian. And, register that info with the microchip company. In addition, get an ID tag that contains in easy-to-read font your pet's name and your cell phone number. Do the same with his collar.

Train your dog to heed the "come here" command.

Practice at home and enclosed areas and dole out Grade A-level treats when he complies so that he knows that heeding your call garners a tasty payout. Never call your dog and then verbally scold him for a misdeed. It will only build mistrust.

Make your home more escape-proof.

Regularly inspect your window screens to ensure they are not loose and cause a sun-basking cat to fall out the window. Usher your pets into an enclosed room with pet amenities

when repair personnel are in your home. Post signs in bright colors on the door to alert them that pets are inside.

Go high-tech. Check into a new generation of tracking devices that can be fitted on to your pet's collar that allows you to pinpoint their whereabouts from your smart phone or computer.

Years ago, my cat, Samantha, a gray tabby, disappeared for 57 days. She came back skinny, scared and collar-less. Like the Richters, I was fortunate to be reunited with my cat. Each day we have with our pets should be treasured. Do me a favor: Hug your pets for me and take steps to keep track of them.

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Rob Bernstein of Boca Raton enjoys his recumbent bike on A1A in Delray Beach. Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star

Health & Harmony

Sit back and enjoy the ride: the allure of recumbent biking

You've seen them cruising down A1A — laid back, pumping the pedals, surveying the road ahead.

They seem very relaxed, these recumbent bicyclists. Almost too relaxed. And have you noticed that satisfied look on their faces? It's a look that says, "I'm totally comfortable. My back is supported, my neck isn't straining, my crotch isn't chafing — and I'm getting a

good workout, just like my racing-bike friends."

"Comfort is the No. 1 reason people choose recumbent bikes over traditional bikes," says Joshua Beatty. He owns Atlantic Bicycle in Margate, the only recumbent bicycle dealer and repair shop in South Florida.

Styles vary, but all recumbent bikes have good ergonomics: a wide seat, a backrest (some with lumbar

support), and handlebars mounted at a comfortable height for steering and resting your hands. You can even get handlebars mounted under the seat, so you can steer and brake without having to lift your arms.

But before you conclude that these bikes were designed for the soft and lazy, listen to this.

"Recumbent bikes are the fastest bikes, even

though people don't realize that," Beatty says. "They were outlawed in 1914 for racing because they have an aerodynamic advantage."

And how. About four years ago, Sam Whittingham, a recumbent rider from Canada, set the world speed record for human-powered vehicles: 82 miles an hour.

Regular riders

You're not likely to see Whittingham whizzing down A1A. But you might see Ron Bernstein. He rides his recumbent bike 60 miles every Saturday and Sunday, starting at his home in Boca Raton. Thirty miles up the highway, 30 miles back.

Bernstein's been riding a recumbent bicycle since his early 20s. He's now 53. Was it speed that attracted him? No, it was comfort. And safety.

"When I was a sophomore at the University of Arizona, I was riding down a mountain pass on a regular racing bike," Bernstein says. "I hit a pothole and went right over the handlebars. Well, the next weekend I was limping around at a street fair, and there was a guy there showing recumbent bikes. I said, 'OK, here's an alternative.'"

Retired electronics engineer David Kraker, 78, of Delray Beach, was also looking for an alternative after years of riding his racing bike.

"I began to experience a lot of neck pain, probably due to arthritis," he says. "I thought I was going to have to give up bicycling. But I bought a used recumbent bike and I've been riding it for about seven years now."

His friend Linda Leeds, 65, of West Palm Beach, switched to a reclining-style bike after developing arthritis in her

Where to see recumbent bike racing

What: The 2013 Florida Challenge, sponsored by the Human Powered Race Association.

Spectators can see a variety of recumbent bikes while racers compete for cash prizes.

When: Feb. 23-24

Where: The velodrome at Brian Piccolo Park, 9501 Sheridan St., Pembroke Pines, FL 33024

Admission: Free

For more information: www.recumbents.com/wisil/calendar.asp

Where to buy

Since recumbent bicyclists make up just 3 percent of the bike-riding population, there's not a big market for retailers. Here's the only place in South Florida to test-ride, purchase, or service a two-wheeled recumbent bike:

Atlantic Bicycle
4980 W. Atlantic Blvd.
Margate, FL 33063
(954) 971-9590

For online purchases, try:
www.recumbents.com
www.amazon.com
www.ebay.com

hands.

"Riding my upright bike put too much pressure on my hands and wrists, leaning forward on the handlebars," she says.

Low view, high price

Recumbent riders say they love the open view you get when sitting back instead of hunching over ("You see more scenery going by"). But they warn that a rear-view mirror is a must. And for riding in traffic, a warning flag is recommended; recumbent riders sit lower to the ground and may not be immediately visible to drivers.

With the average price of a recumbent road bike running about \$1,500, careful selection is key, says bike shop owner Beatty.

"What I like to tell people is that the recumbent picks the rider. We're all built differently and there are different bottom-bracket heights, different seat angles, and different ways people sit," he says.

Beatty says if you maintain your recumbent bike, it can last for 20 to 30 years.

That sounds good to Kraker. "I plan to ride as long as I can," he says, "and the engineering of this bike is going to help me do that."



Paula Detwiller is a freelance writer and lifelong fitness junkie. Find her at www.pdwrites.com.

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Note: Events are current as of 1/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

FEBRUARY

Saturday - 2/2 - Making Cancer

History Seminar is presented in the Cohen Pavilion of the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 8:30 am/breakfast buffet, 9 am/Cancer experts from The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center presentations featuring Moon Shots Program. \$20. 866-262-9029.

2/2 - Saturdays @ Sanborn: Yoga

Class at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Held every Sat. Registration: 8:45 am; class: 9 am. Free. 393-7703.

2/2 - Yoga Class at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton. Held T, Th & Sat: 9:30-11 am & T: 6:30-8 pm. 5 classes: \$65/ residents, \$81.25/non-residents; 10 classes: \$110/residents, \$137.50/non-residents; 20 classes: \$200/residents, \$250/non-residents. 477-8727 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

2/2 - Zumba Class at the South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Held every Sat. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703 or www.downtownboca.org.

2/2-3 - Yoga Workout at the Beach - Held every Saturday and Sunday at Red Reef Park West, 1221 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Build strength and flexibility, improve postural alignment and stabilize the core. Classes held on the grass overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. Cash not accepted on-site. Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 am. \$15/residents, \$19/non-residents per class, or 60 day membership (unlimited classes) for \$65/ residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807.

Sunday - 2/3 - 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 - 2/4 - Jazercise/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 workout that features 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.

2/4 - Jazercise at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. All ages and levels welcome. Class runs M-Sat. 9-10 am. Fees start at \$38/month. 742-6240.

2/4 - Yoga Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Held M-W-F, 9:30-11 am & Th, 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.

2/4 - Jazercise/Light at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 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 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

2/4 - Tai Chi for Beginners of all ages at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Learn natural ways to relieve tension, stress and pains. Certified instruction. Held every Monday. 11 am-noon. Per class: \$15/residents; \$20/non-residents. 243-7350.

2/4 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Components of this program provide exercises that work to improve one's balance, flexibility and muscle strength. All ages. Held every Monday. First class is free. 8 classes: \$32/residents, \$40/non-residents. 16 classes: \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. 347-3950.

2/4 - Chair Massage at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Licensed Therapist offers 10-minute sessions. Mondays, 1 pm. \$10/session. 278-5455.

2/4 - 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.

2/4 - Childbirth Education Prenatal Class is offered as a four-week refresher course at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Provides an overview of the signs of labor, breathing techniques and more. Bring two pillows and a blanket. Wear comfortable stretchy clothes. Held again 2/11, 18 & 25. 6:30 pm. \$75. Registration: 369-2229.

2/4 - Yoga Sunset at the Beach - Held every Monday at Spanish River Park, 3001 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Build strength and flexibility, improve postural alignment and stabilize the core. Classes held next to Lifeguard stand number 18. Cash not 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.

2/4 - Body with Style Aerobics at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Ongoing classes held M&W. 6:30-7:30 pm. \$3/at the door. 742-6550 or www.boynton-beach.org.

2/4 - Meditation Mondays at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Meditate to enhance overall health and well-being. Mondays, 7 pm. Free. 278-5455.

2/4 - 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 - 2/5 - Cardio Sculpt at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Circuit-based workout that targets multiple muscle groups to build lean muscle. Modifications are given for pregnant moms as well as beginner to advanced fitness levels. Held every T&Th. 8:45-9:30. 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.

2/5 - Fit Mom's Boot Camp at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This class is perfect for new moms looking to get back in shape as well as moms-to-be looking to stay active and fit during their pregnancy. Modifications are given to accommodate all levels of fitness. Held every T&Th. 9:30-10:20. 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 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

2/5 - 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. 10 am-11:30 am. Held again 2/12. Free. 309-4314.

2/5 - Beginners Yoga at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Participants should bring their own yoga mat. Held every Tuesday & Thursday. 10:15 am. \$10. 278-5455.

2/5 - Chair Yoga at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Class emphasizes breathing & stretching and is applicable to those physically challenged. 11:30 am. \$10. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

2/5 - 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.

2/5 - Yes We Can! Positive Action For A Happy and Healthy Life is presented by Christine L. Williams as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. This three session course, part of the winter/spring semester, will help participants to maximize their inner strength to meet life's

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challenges. First of a three-part series. Class continues 2/12 & 19. 6-7:30 pm. \$45/session. 266-9490.

2/5 - 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 - 2/6 - 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.

2/6 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Components of this program provide exercises that work to improve one's balance, flexibility and muscle strength. For 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.

2/6 - Latest Research Findings to Fight Heart Disease - Presented by Rodolfo Carrillo, M.D., Interventional Cardiologist, 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.

2/6 - 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.

2/6 - Tai Chi Class - Wednesdays at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. 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.

Thursday - 2/7 - Delray Beach

Walkers Club at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. 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. For ages 18 and up. Thursdays, 8 am. Free. 243-7352.

2/7 - Decreasing Emotional Turbulence with Tools for Successful Living is presented by Ellen Tadd at Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County, 909 Fern St., West Palm Beach. Part of Mind Body Wellness Lunch and Learn series. Noon-1:30 pm. \$20. 832-3755.

2/7 - 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 laparoscopic gastric bypass and Lap-Band surgery can change lives. Held the first Thursday of each month. 6:30 pm. Free. 737-7733 ext. 84688.

2/7 - Health Starts Here: Delectable Healthy Appetizers

at Whole Foods Lifestyle Center, 1400 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Learn how to prepare healthy appetizers for your next party. 7-8 pm. \$5. 447-0000.

2/7 - Ten Tips & Tricks to Reduce Stress & Improve Your Daily Living

with Devora Cohen

- Presented at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Learn how to: set positive intentions for your day; stop negative thoughts in your tracks; de-stress; listen to your intuition; be present; set goals; keep a journal; change a few words in your vocabulary, that will change your world; use an exercise that will help any situation become clearer; and Law of Mirrors. 7-9 pm. \$12. 417-7797 or www.chababocabeaches.com.

2/7-8 - Eye and Vision Research Symposium: Age-Related Macular Degeneration

is presented by Schepens Eye Research Institute at The Colony Hotel, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach, (2/7) and the Boca Raton Marriott, 5150 Town Center Circle, (2/8). 9 am-noon: complimentary breakfast followed by program. Program includes overview of latest treatment options for macular degeneration. Free. 866-946-6824.

Saturday - 2/9 - Happiness: Making Your Heartbeats Count by Dan Baker

- Presented as part of the Peaceful Mind/Peaceful Life Series at FAU's University Theatre, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. The author of *What Happy People Know: How the New Science of Happiness Can Change Your Life for the Better*, Dan Baker, Ph.D. has been at the grass-roots level in a national initiative known as Positive Psychology. 2 pm. \$15. 297-2337 or www.fauevents.com.

Tuesday - 2/12 - Healthy Living Series

- Presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 3 pm. Free. 266-9490.

2/12 - Dangers of Sleeping with Obstructive Sleep Apnea

- Presented by Nadir Osman, M.D., Neurologist, as part of the Community Lecture Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

Wednesday - 2/13 - Breastfeeding Prenatal Class

at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 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 encouraged to attend. 6:30 pm. \$25/couple. Registration: 369-2229.

2/13 - Zumba Class at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Popular fitness program inspired by Latin dance. Class held W through 3/20. 7-8 pm. \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident. Registration: 742-6240.

Friday - 2/15 - Alzheimer's Cafe at the Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center (of Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service), 7091 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. A unique gathering for people affected by Alzheimer's disease and related memory loss, along with their families, friends, caregivers and professionals. Gatherings 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 - 2/16 - Child Safety

Prenatal Class at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Parent Education Resource Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn infant CPR for children up to one year old and how you can assist in an emergency. 1 pm. \$25/couple. Registration: 369-2229.

Wednesday - 2/20 - Eating for a Healthier You: Preventing Colon Cancer - Presented by Mariano Faresi, M.D., Colorectal Surgeon, as part of the Community Lecture Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

Thursday - 2/21 - Digestive Cancer Awareness: What You Can Do About It

- Presented by Matthew D'Alessio, M.D., Surgical Oncologist, as part of the Bethesda Memorial Hospital Community Lecture Series at Ross JCC, 8400 Jog Road, Boynton Beach. 10-11 am. Free. 259-3000.

Saturday - 2/23 - 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, as well as the use of the Automated External Defibrillator. 10 am-noon. \$25. Registration: 955-4468.

Sunday - 2/24 - 7th Annual West Palm Beach Yoga Day at the Meyer Amphitheatre, 104 Datura St., West Palm Beach. Enjoy a day of yoga outdoors. Perfect for beginners. Designed to raise awareness about yoga's benefits and create healthy lifestyles. 9 am-5 pm. Free. 400-4600.

Tuesday - 2/26 - Living Present, Carrying Our Inner Peace Throughout the Day by Barbara Schmidt - Presented as part of the Peaceful Mind/Peaceful Life Series at the Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 2nd floor, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Two times: 9:30 am-noon; 6-8:30 pm. \$15. 297-2337.

Thursday - 2/28 - Adult Babalu Dance Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Improve your health, strength and cardiovascular fitness while brushing up on your Latin dance moves.

Runs Thursdays through 4/4. 2-3:30 pm. \$90/residents, \$112.50/non-residents. 393-7807.

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Darren Panks is director of golf at the Seagate Country Club at The Hamlet.

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Meet the Pros

Golf pro settles again in The Hamlet

By Steve Pike

Darren Panks came a long way to come 360 degrees.

Panks, the new director of golf at Seagate Country Club at The Hamlet in Delray Beach, first saw The Hamlet golf community in 1996, shortly after he arrived in the U.S. from his hometown of Worksop, Nottingham, England, on the northern edge of Sherwood Forest.

Like many aspiring young golf professionals, Panks needed a job to help pay (and play) his way on the professional tours.

He had heard about The Hamlet while working at Lindrick Golf Club (site of the 1957 Ryder Cup Matches) as an assistant to professional legend Peter Cowen, whose students included Lee Westwood, now one of the world's top players.

So after a brief try at living in Orlando, Panks headed south to Delray Beach and The Hamlet, where in exchange for giving lessons to members, the club agreed to let him use the course as his base of operations.

Panks bought a townhouse in The Hamlet in 1998 and continued to give lessons and play the professional golf tours, including the Nationwide Tour, until 2008 when the economy

soured and sponsorship money for non-PGA Tour players began to dry up. Panks that year took a job as director of instruction at Polo Trace Golf Club west of Delray Beach and became the director of golf a couple of months later following the resignation of the previous director.

He remained at Polo Trace until this past October, when he took the director's job at The Hamlet, which was transitioning to the new ownership of the Seagate Hotel & Spa in Delray Beach. Seagate's ownership group purchased the club, including its Joe Lee-designed course, for \$11 million with the intent of making it a premium amenity to the hotel and its beach residences.

"I think the club will do well for Seagate as a hotel and a corporation," Panks said. "We have it all now. I don't think anywhere else, except maybe The Breakers and the Boca Raton Resort & Club, have anything like we have here."

"But it's early and we still have to establish ourselves and get our feet in the water. We hope to get a lot of business from the hotel. We're getting three or four groups a week from the hotel, which at this stage is pretty good response."

That response should increase as the Seagate Hotel & Spa is offering a series of "stay and play" packages throughout 2013.

Those packages range from a one-night stay with a round of golf beginning at \$524 per person to a "Grand Golf Getaway" that includes a two-night stay, dinner for two at the hotel's Atlantic Grille, two tickets to the hotel's Gary Wren collection of golf memorabilia at the Delray Beach Center for the Arts and two rounds of golf for \$1,148 per person.

"We've got about 150 members but only about 48 are true active golfers. We've got to make this place a little more unique. Going forward, I think we need to get more family-oriented. I think that's the next generation for us."

To attract the next generation, the club has eliminated its mandatory membership policy for property owners and is charging new members a \$25,000 initiation fee and a \$12,000 annual dues, the latter of which is per couple.

"If we can get the 40- to 60-year-olds in here to here to drive the energy, that will give people from the outside the opportunity to see us as a re-energized place," Panks said. ★



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Real Estate

New owners plan to reside in former Pope estate

By Christine Davis

The former Manalapan home of the late Generoso Pope, founder and publisher of the *National Enquirer*, has sold yet again — this time for \$15,630,000 — down from its high sale of \$27.5 million in 2000.

The new owner of the three-acre, 32,000-square-foot oceanfront estate at 1370 S. Ocean Blvd. is Blue Water EJ LLC, according to the warranty deed filed on Dec. 28, 2012.

That would be Ed and Jené Brown, who plan on doing a complete renovation, said Jack Elkins, a Realtor with Fite Shavell, who represented both the buyer and the seller, MGM Designs, LCC.

"The Browns have already selected Lands End Development," Elkins said. "They are ready to move forward as soon as they go



The 32,000-square-foot Manalapan home once owned by Lois Pope has sold yet again, this time for \$15.63 million. Photo provided

through zoning."

The Browns are "end users," he said. "People are seeing the appeal of Manalapan, which I find refreshing."

Brown is CEO and co-owner of Patron Spirits, a maker of tequila, rum and vodka.

If the Browns go through with their plans, they'll be the first to occupy the estate since

motivational speakers Peter S. and Tamara A. Lowe owned it from 2004 to 2009.

Here's a rundown of the transactions — a total of more than \$123 million — since 1999.

- In 1999, Delray Beach developer Frank McKinney purchased the property from Lois Pope for \$15 million.

- Following an extensive

remodel, McKinney sold it in November 2000 to the Binky Revocable Trust for \$27.5 million, to software entrepreneur Daniel Gittleman.

- July 2004, McKinney's company, Venture Concepts International Inc., took back the property's title for \$19 million.

- Two months later,



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another sale of the property was recorded. This time, McKinney's company sold the estate for \$22.4 million to the Lowes.

- June 2009, there was a recorded sale for \$22,458,456 to Germantown-Seneca Joint Venture; it was an amount almost equal to the existing Bank America liens on the property. According to SEC filings, Germantown-Seneca's general partners were two wholly owned subsidiaries of Bank of America: Ritchie Court M and Harper Farm M., both Maryland-based corporations.

- MGM Designs, LCC, bought the estate on Feb. 25, 2010, for \$12 million.

- And finally, the latest sale to the Browns for \$15,630,000. Elkins had listed the home for \$18.5 in early summer of 2012.

When McKinney bought the estate from Pope, he undertook an 18-month renovation, which included adding a guest house and tennis courts, and reconfiguring the house for a 2,200-square-foot master suite and a large catering kitchen. "Here was a single lady living in a 29,000-square-foot house," McKinney said. "It's one of the best-built homes I've ever seen, but the floor plan was lacking for what we thought buyers wanted at that time.

"Downstairs, there was a basement with a 15-car garage and hair salon. We got rid of that and put in a spa."

The Gittlemans were starting a family at the time, and decided they wanted to live in a more family-oriented community, McKinney said, so he bought it back. "I wasn't looking to buy, but the price was right, and we were going to remake it again. Then the Lowes showed up and wanted it just the way it was."

He was working on putting a deal together to buy it back in 2010, but MGM Designs beat him to it, he said.

"To rebuild that house today, it would cost \$15 [million] to \$18 million, and that doesn't cover the cost of the land. It was a steal. MGM got the house for free, or vice versa.

"The house could be knocked down and two houses built there," he added.

Which was what Ralph Gesualdo of MGM recognized when he and his wife, Mary, bought the property.

"We are happy to stay in our home on the Intracoastal," he said. "1370 S. Ocean is a magnificent piece of property. Those kinds of lots are few and far between. But as we got into it, we realized it would take a considerable investment, and we didn't want to put in the time and effort. It's such a beautiful house and has good bones that we didn't want to tear it down. And we found buyers who will give it tender loving care." *



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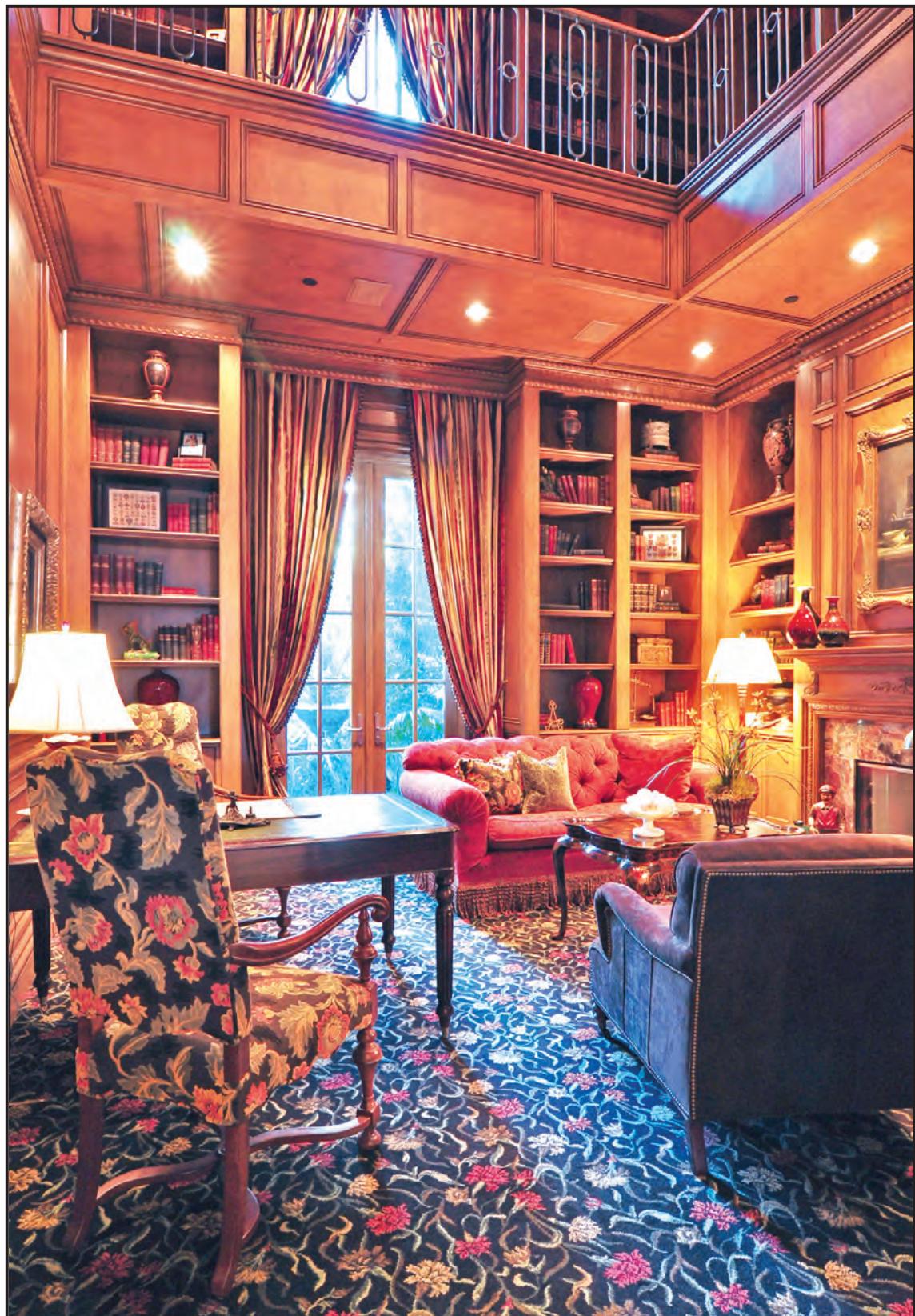
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The den has a coffered ceiling and a bar area that are perfect for entertaining.



ABOVE: The two-story library has custom paneling and cabinetry, along with a gallery that adds drama to the space.



LEFT: The home is surrounded by lush, custom landscaping with a resort open pool and waterfront spa/grotto.

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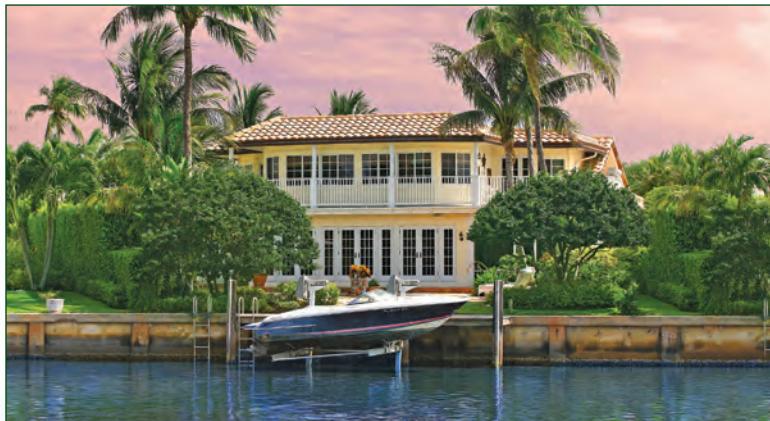
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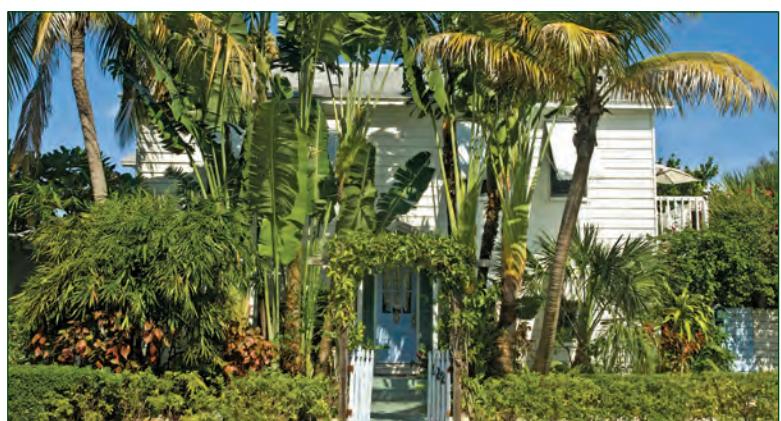
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