

Boca Raton



The Rev. Craig Burlington and the Rev. Nancy McCarthy baptize Deven Martin Nayak at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church. It was the last baptism the retiring McCarthy performed there. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Tradition and service

St. Gregory's holds fast to its interfaith roots as it marks 60 years

By Tim Pallesen

The idea for St. Gregory's came one Sunday morning in 1953 when the mayor of Boca Raton and his wife were driving to their Episcopal church in Delray Beach.

Harold and Rubie Turner wondered whether Boca Raton had enough Episcopalians to form their own church.

"We had no money, no property and no building, but a lot of faith," Mrs. Turner wrote.

Six decades later, St. Gregory's Episcopal Church has 1,200 members. The spirited church near



The large sanctuary with stained glass windows was built in 1966.

downtown Boca is known for its vibrant outreach missions and traditional worship services.

Other religious faiths helped St.

Gregory's get started. That spirit of interfaith cooperation continues as

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Highland Beach

Residents critical of Weiser's management of library director

By Rich Pollack

Hoping to protect the town's library from what they say is overzealous oversight, dozens of residents packed a Town Commission workshop meeting on Feb. 26 asking commissioners to rein in Town Manager Kathleen Weiser.

"Our town manager's management approach continues to have a negative impact on our treasured library," resident Mike Stein wrote in a letter that he read during the meeting.

Stein said the library staff is demoralized and also told commissioners that many residents suspect Weiser's actions are designed to force out the library's longtime director Mari Suarez, who has been in her position for 14 years.

Weiser did not speak about the issue during the meeting but afterward disputed those contentions, saying that her goal is to ensure the library operates under the same rules and financial guidelines as other departments.

"The library director has to follow the same rules, regulations and policies as all other department directors," Weiser said.

After listening to about a half-dozen residents, town commissioners agreed to put the issue on the agenda of its March 25 workshop meeting.

Suarez was not at the meeting and could not be reached for comment before deadline.

The recent uproar is the latest skirmish in what appears to be a continuing battle centered on Weiser's oversight of the library. In August, Suarez expressed concerns about Weiser's management style in a letter to the commission, after the town manager reprimanded Suarez for ordering a \$500 "drop-in shower" for use by a library custodian without proper authorization. Suarez later ordered the shower be returned.

In their comments to commissioners at the meeting, residents raised questions about the

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Boynton Beach

Stability missing ingredient in improving downtown

By Tim Pallesen

Developers are busy in the downtowns of Delray Beach and Boca Raton.

New residential projects are getting city approvals. The vision for downtowns where young professionals live, work and play is within reach.

But major developers are reluctant to invest in Boynton Beach's downtown.

"A lot of developers are scared away from Boynton Beach because of that city's lack of unity," said Bill Morris, a developer in the other two cities.

Boynton Beach has been a city in turmoil. The mayor got arrested and city commissioners

resigned. Property values fell sharply in the recession, and crime is perceived as a problem.

But interim Mayor Woodrow Hay says recent events show Boynton Beach is getting its act together.

The City Commission filled two vacancies and gave a permanent job to Lori LaVerriere, who had

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Coastal Star

Volunteer adds verve to day of fun

By Chris Felker

Wendy Friswell, director of the Twin Palms Center for the Disabled in Boca Raton, is very clear about why she steps outside her occupational role every year to volunteer for the Boca Boating and Beach Bash. Her mission is to help inject some fun into the lives of her clients and differently-abled people like them.

She does it because “the need is huge,” she said.

The Boca Boating and Beach Bash, marking its fifth anniversary March 16 at Spanish River Park, gets a major boost every year from her energy, says its founder, Jay Van Vechten.

Friswell's daughter, a junior at Florida Atlantic University, turned 21 but, Van Vechten said, “you'd swear Wendy (who is 52) was in her 20s.”

Participants last year might have seen her at the “Kids Fun Zone” wearing a blue shirt and a big grin.

Friswell said she loves working with the children and also puts time into recruiting supporters, donors and volunteers for the Bash, which has doubled in size each year from about 350 participants in 2009 to almost 4,500 last year.

She got involved by joining Boca Raton's advisory board for people with disabilities, though the city has ceased sponsoring the event.

“So we as private citizens are doing this, and I felt the need to help in every way I can.”

Friswell, who lives with her husband, David, and children in Loggers Run, knows through more than just her job the challenges that those with disabled family members face. They're personal for her, as well, because her 17-year-old-son Ryan and daughter Michelle have special needs.

“A lot of people assume that because you have a child with a deficit, then you get involved as a result of that; but for me it was the other way around. You get involved with things because of your work and your belief and your willingness to give back.



Wendy Friswell is director of the Twin Palms Center for the Disabled in Boca Raton. She also volunteers for the Boca Boating and Beach Bash. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Fifth Annual Boca Boating and Beach Bash

Sponsored by corporate donations and community volunteers, this is a free ‘fun day’ for people with physical and/or intellectual challenges, their families and caregivers, and Purple Heart recipients.

When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 16

Where: Spanish River Park, 3939 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton

Cost: Free admission, open to public

Information: Call 715-2622 or see www.boatingbeachbash.com

I think the universe lighted up — that they know you can handle it, and you're strong enough, so therefore here it is. But I never allow my kids to live up to what a diagnosis said,” Friswell said.

Her motivation runs deep. “The beautiful thing is, I love to talk up their abilities, because I feel I'm blessed with two amazing kids, no matter what their deficits are. Their abilities are almost like a template of what possibilities can be if you do it right. If you put everything in — the tutoring, the time, the parenting, the support system, the encouragement, the ‘Yes you can’ — I know 100 percent you can get the return. And I feel like I'm the poster parent for that.”

Born in Trinidad, she immigrated to the United States at 15, graduated from a

Philadelphia high school and attended Temple University as an undergrad, then did master's studies at Florida International University, worked in Miami-Dade for 10 years and then moved to Boca Raton in 1995.

“I've always been involved in the community wherever I've lived because I always felt I need to give back to my community,” she said.

Friswell said Twin Palms is “a humble little center, very nurturing, loving and small, which allows students to make friends, be social, get recreation and education. And it's from 8 to 4, so it gave the caregivers an opportunity to have a life, and work.”

It was founded in 1968 by the Soroptomists Society International's Boca Raton chapter and parents whose special-needs children had aged out of the school system.

The Boating and Beach Bash benefits the Wounded Warriors In Action Foundation and welcomes all differently-abled people, those who live with any disabilities, Purple Heart recipients and the families and caregivers of all of them.

As for the yacht owners, mainly from the Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, who take many Boca Boating and Beach Bash participants sailing out on the Intracoastal, Friswell said: “It's truly magical in my eyes to see why they get involved and the purpose behind it. It's not necessarily that they have a relative; they get involved because they have a caring heart.” ★

Editor's Note

We're 'old school' and proud of it

“Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not.”

— Oprah Winfrey

Who knows if Oprah really said this, or if one her writers provided these sage words, but in any case, I believe it's true.

And it's what we practice behind the scenes at *The Coastal Star*. I'm sure readers aren't aware of the decisions we make this time of year regarding election coverage, our regular refusal of unsolicited content (often aimed at self-promotion) and our foundational decision to not pursue pay-to-play advertising (where advertisers get editorial coverage in exchange for their ad business).

We know we are “old school” in some of our decisions and we realize our revenue is occasionally challenged by publications that play by a different set of rules. But that's OK.

We live here. We care about our island communities. We want our publication to thrive financially so that we can keep photographing and writing about our towns in a way that illustrates the good and the beautiful. But we take seriously our responsibility to

expose the bad and the ugly, so that it can be addressed by the community. You can't do that by being beholden to advertisers or candidates.

Most of your local elected officials understand this and play by similar standards. While we do not endorse candidates, we encourage you to read our coverage and go to the polls if your city has a March 12 ballot.

We thank the many readers (and our peers) who have heaped praise on our journalistic efforts and will endeavor to keep earning it.

We also recognize and thank the loyal advertisers you see on our pages each month. They, too, are a part of this community and I ask that you support them by “shopping the shore.”

They understand that even though we may be “old school” in our publishing approach, we all share one primary, underlying (and often behind the scenes)

principle:
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Corrections

A story in the February edition about the Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton contained a misspelling of Mrs. Green's first name. Her name is Anne Green.

The fee for writing workshops taught by Marlene Roberts at the Highland Beach Library is \$250 for eight sessions. A Meet Your Neighbor story in the February edition incorrectly said the workshops were free. For information on the Saturday morning workshops, call 278-5455.

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Along the Coast

Storm surge to get higher profile in NHC forecasts

By Cheryl Blackerby

In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration set a target of 2015 to start giving storm surge watches and warnings along with hurricane tracks.

Forecasts by the National Weather Service now emphasize storm track, wind intensity, rainfall and, to a lesser extent, storm surge. But surges following hurricanes have caused loss of life and tremendous material damage. Surge warnings would help people make better decisions to safeguard themselves and their property.

Multiple NOAA studies have shown significant confusion on the part of the public regarding their storm surge risk, and underlined the need for improved communication of the potential danger.

Hurricane Sandy illustrated the need for surge warnings and prompted the National Hurricane Center to call on its parent agency, NOAA, "to implement explicit storm surge watches and warnings."

A downgraded Hurricane Sandy did largely what the Weather Service predicted, but sent a catastrophic storm surge into the New Jersey and New York coastlines. And it was the surge hazard that caused numerous fatalities and most of the damage with the storm, as well as the extensive evacuations necessary to prevent an even larger loss of life.

The hurricane skirted the east coast of Florida, but caused millions of dollars in beach and property damage from waves and storm surge.

Tropical cyclones have

killed more than 25,000 people in the continental United States, with a majority of those deaths attributable to storm surge, according to NOAA statistics. Except for the 1940s, storm surge claimed hundreds or even thousands of lives in at least one storm in each decade from the 1870s through the 1960s.

More than a thousand lives were lost in the decade just concluded, with most of these attributable to Hurricane Katrina's storm surge.

The proposal to start new NWS watches and warnings for the storm surge hazard has been in the works for several years.

With the implementation of a storm surge warning, the NWS will warn explicitly "for the phenomenon that presents the greatest weather-related threat for a massive loss of life in a single day," according to a NOAA report.

Another post-Sandy NOAA proposal would give the National Hurricane Center the option to continue issuing formal advisories on post-tropical cyclones as long as those systems pose a significant threat to life and property. It would give the NWS the option to keep hurricane and tropical storm watches and warnings in place for those systems.

Under present protocol, the National Hurricane Center transfers forecast responsibility to local National Weather Service offices after a hurricane warning is cancelled. NHC advisories cease, perhaps giving a false sense of security. The NOAA report said this could cause "widespread confusion, potentially impeding preparations and evacuations." ★

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necessity of that reprimand and also about Weiser's decision to rescind Suarez's authorization for spending on items under \$500. They also questioned Weiser's decision to take back town credit cards available to library staff.

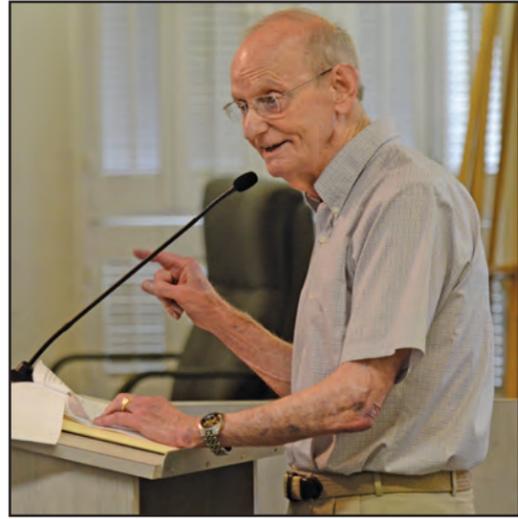
In her comments after the meeting, Weiser, however, said that library staff can use the credit cards but must first obtain them from the finance department.

"I am a fiscal conservative and I expect that from all of my department heads," she said.

Residents expressed concerns about Weiser's performance review of Suarez last May in which the library director received good or satisfactory rating as opposed to the excellent ratings she had received under previous town managers.

Weiser pointed out that prior to the most recent review the town had changed its performance evaluation process to a continuum system without grades.

In the review, Weiser also wrote that Suarez was spending too much time with the Friends of the Library organization, which supports the library in several ways, including raising money for items not included in the library's budget.



Mike Stein read a letter to the commission in praise of the leadership of library director Mari Suarez. **Jerry Lower/ The Coastal Star**

"We find the town manager's order to spend less time with Friends of the Library the most misguided and counterproductive of all," Stein wrote in the letter he submitted to the commission. "Friends fundraise on behalf of the library and spend over \$20,000 annually for library enhancements."

Weiser said that her comment was designed to encourage more autonomy for the Friends of the Library and was in no way a reflection on the group's value.

"They are a wonderful organization that has done so much for our library," she said.

Stein asked the commission to authorize removal of the letter of reprimand from Suarez's personnel file, reinstate the \$500 spending authority,

and return town credit cards to library staff. He also requested that the commission require Weiser to write a letter of apology to the Friends of the Library.

Another resident, Ethel Genes, requested that commissioners consider having Suarez report to a town official other than Weiser.

Stern told commissioners that their actions could have a long-term impact on the library's future.

"The actions of our new town manager demean our library director and show total disrespect for a department head and a seasoned professional," Stein said. "They put the future of our library at risk and are a poor reflection on the commission and the residents of Highland Beach."

Highland Beach

Two candidates vie for one seat

One commissioner will be elected for a three-year term March 12 to replace Commissioner Doris Trinley, who could not run because of term limits.



Ronald Clark

Personal: 62, married, three children, bachelor's and master's degrees.

Professional: Condo general manager, 30 years as human resources manager.

Political background: No elective office. Past Charter Review Board chairman and Planning Board member.

Position on issues: Town needs money in reserve for long-term capital improvements. Walking path must be maintained for safety and improved where feasible and cost effective. Special police watch when bicycle traffic is heavy. Encourage private maintenance of dunes to assure health of beaches. Seek grants to work with Boca Raton police to patrol Intracoastal Waterway.

Quote: "It is important to have a commission that will work for decision. Not division."



Carl Feldman

Personal: 73, married, two children, bachelor's degree

Professional: Manufacturing engineer, owned four companies with world distribution.

Political background: No elective office. Planning Board member. Villa Costa condo president.

Position on issues: Opposes raising the amount of money that commissioners are allowed to spend without a referendum from \$350,000 to \$1 million. Opposes commissioners cutting back on the funds to operate the library. Against commissioners not fixing the town walkway while residents trip and fall because of the poor condition of the walkway.

Quote: "I will be a voice for the people."

Charter changes will be on ballot

Highland Beach voters will be asked whether to make seven minor revisions to the town charter when they go to the polls on March 12.

The most significant change would make private beaches subject to the town law that prohibits littering. Public beaches and all other properties are subject to the law now.

Another change would clarify that the Town

Commission has authority to fire the police chief and town clerk. The charter already gives the commission authority to hire the employees, but doesn't say who has authority to fire them.

Voters will be asked to clarify but not change term limits. An elected official can currently serve a maximum of two, three-year terms as mayor, vice mayor and commissioner.

Another clarification would

remove charter language that gives commissioners the ability to work for the town. City Clerk Beverly Brown said that provision has been in the charter since before the town hired employees and commissioners were required to divide up the work to do themselves.

In Boca Raton, no commissioners' terms are up, so there will be no election.

— Tim Pallesen

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the church celebrates its 60th anniversary.

A Catholic carpenter donated a portable altar for the first worship services that were held at the Lion's Club in 1953.

But the Lion's Club hosted Saturday night dances, leaving the Episcopalians with stale smoke and beer cans to clean up on Sunday mornings before church. A member of the Bible Conference Church then donated temporary space at an apartment building that he owned.

"A Jewish man gave us property for our first church," said the Rev. Andrew Sherman, the senior priest who delights in telling the interfaith story.

A.S. Weisman promised Harold Turner that he would give the Episcopalians two prime downtown lots if they were able to build a church in two years. St. Gregory's answered the challenge.

"We haven't forgotten that we exist through the gifts of other religious traditions,"



Holding the shovel during the 1956 groundbreaking for St. Gregory's are (from left) Boca Raton Mayor Harold Turner, Bishop Louttit and the Rev. Earle Closson, church vicar. To the far right in back is A.S. Weisman, who donated the land. **Photo provided**

Sherman said. "What motivated them to be so generous?"

"They recognized that having spiritual faith in a downtown location was good for the community," he said.

The original church building on Mizner Boulevard a block north of Palmetto

Park Road was a single room with an altar on one end and a kitchen on the other. The larger sanctuary with glorious stained glass windows that replaced it was built in 1966.

"A lot of people thought it cost too much money. We didn't have a large congregation at the time,"

recalled Peggy McCall, 89, the church member with the most time in the congregation. "But we really began to grow once they built the new building."

The congregation spent \$500,000 for an Austin pipe organ in 1994. A parish hall and classrooms were added in 1998.

St. Gregory's today is unique in several ways.

While most Protestant churches offer the alternative of a contemporary worship service, services at St. Gregory's are strictly traditional. Five retired priests join the congregation's two full-time priests to lead the worship that's rich in liturgy.

"We're really the only Protestant mainline church that's committed to vibrant traditional services," Sherman said. "It's still part of our basic DNA as a congregation."

St. Gregory's built a school for 275 children in Haiti. But its leadership role in helping the less fortunate in Boca Raton is equally ambitious.

"I love all that we have so many outreach programs," said the Rev. Nancy McCarthy, who joined the

congregation in 1964 and later became a priest. "We are seen as a church that responds to community needs."

In addition to feeding the poor, St. Gregory's houses homeless families with children in a house on its campus. Two other Protestant congregations and two Jewish congregations also take turns helping families there through the interfaith Family Promise ministry.

Sherman and a Jewish rabbi formed the Boca Raton Interfaith Clergy Association.

St. Gregory's became the location for interfaith dialogue on such topics as Middle Eastern affairs and the environment. The lecture series rivals the church's concert series for popularity in the community.

"I'd like to think St. Gregory's now sees itself as a leader in the community," Sherman said.

"We're aware that we are positioned in the heart of downtown," he said. "With that geographic position comes a calling and a responsibility." ★

Boca Raton

Park district, city come to terms, upgrade two employees

By Cheryl Blackerby

At the Feb. 4 Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District meeting, Michele Kurucz Peel, president of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, asked the board to do something about the city of Boca Raton's decision to reduce the weekly hours (from as much as 39 to about 25) of two part-time employees at the center.

The two employees — Anthony Ceparano, the aquarist

in charge of the center's new tanks, and Melanie Stadler, marine turtle specialist II — are especially skilled employees who are needed at the center, she said.

Peel said the center risks losing these valuable employees who were now looking for work elsewhere. The reduction in hours was also taking a toll on full-time employees, she said, who have to pick up the slack.

District commissioner, Earl Starkoff and the district's

attorney Arthur Koski in particular, were sympathetic to Peel and strongly suggested they would be able to solve her problems at the next meeting.

The problem with the two employees turned into a larger question of who has authority over Gumbo Limbo Nature Center — the district, which pays the center's bills, or the city? Arthur Koski researched the interlocal agreement between Gumbo Limbo and the city to see which side has

ultimate authority.

"We are the 100 percent funder of that facility," Starkoff said.

"I'm hopeful we will be the 100 percent decision-maker," Koski then said.

By the Feb. 25 district meeting, Koski had researched his answer and announced it to the commission: The district does have authority over the center. The commission unanimously decided to make the Ceparano and Stadler full-

time with health benefits, which they didn't have before the city's reduction of their hours.

Friends of Gumbo Limbo secretary Connie Thoms-Mazur and Friends vice president Robyn Morigerato spoke before the commission about the need for these two employees.

The board also approved the city's plan to spend \$30,000 to hire an engineering consultant to come up with a proposal to redesign and upgrade the pump lines at the center. ★

Along the Coast

Renourishment starting on Boca and Delray beaches

By Cheryl Blackerby

In March, Boca Raton will be trucking in sand to repair damaged dunes on the north beach. The 5,000 tons — 3,600 cubic yards — of sand from an inland mine will cost about \$170,000.

"It's a small dune project. It's 2,000 feet in length. It starts at the northern end of Red Reef Park and runs south," said Jennifer Bistyga, coastal program manager for the city of Boca Raton.

Sand is expected to be delivered in the first part of March. "It shouldn't take long, at most 10 days," she said.

The city is trying to speed up beach repair for the north and central beaches. Getting permits for beach repair is not easy, she said.

"We're planning to fast-track permits — it's going to take a lot of permits — from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers.

That usually takes about two years, but we're hoping for September and October this year," she said.

In the past, the cost for restoration of the north and central beaches has been paid by the Boca Raton Beach and Park District, and the cost for the south beach is paid by the city with state and county reimbursement, she said, and additional federal funding for the north beach project.

Some sand will shift back to the beach, so the need for sand may not be as great as it appears now. On the other hand, if Boca Raton's beaches get hit by another storm, the city will already have the permits in place, she said.

The city has not applied for permits yet. "We're developing documents to apply for permits," she said.

Boca's beaches are broken into three areas and are on different renourishment schedules: The north beach is on a 10-year cycle, the central

beach is on an eight- to 10-year cycle, and the south beach is between six and eight years.

And, of course, storms may accelerate those schedules, like Hurricane Sandy did for the north and central beaches, which are still recovering from erosion from Sandy.

"But we're seeing sandbars offshore, and some of that sand will be coming back. And we look a lot better than beaches in other areas such as Fort Lauderdale," she said.

At least part of the reason Boca's beaches fared so well was the dunes. "We have such a great dune system, and that took a beating but that's the dunes' purpose," she said.

Many residents are worried about how beach restoration will affect turtle nesting season, which starts March 1 and lasts through Nov. 1.

"In Boca, they won't be doing any work at night and so that will have no impact. If they have a dredge in Delray, they will be pumping 24 hours a day,

and generally for a project that size they will allow nests to be relocated," said Kirt Rusenko, marine conservationist at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton.

The first turtles to arrive on beaches are leatherbacks, but those are very few. Rusenko counted 33 leatherback nests last year from March to June, and 994 loggerhead nests from May 1 to Oct. 31. Rusenko said the permit from the Department of Environmental Protection allows him to move turtle nests if necessary.

Sandy's surge left escarpments as high as 4 and 5 feet on Boca and Delray beaches. If turtle nests are found at the foot of cliffs and are in danger of being washed out, those nests will be moved, Rusenko said. And turtles will likely move along the shore until they can get onto the beach and find a place to nest.

Turtles will often avoid sand dredged offshore for the first year after it is placed on

beaches.

"It's something about the sand taken off the floor of the ocean, perhaps the saltiness of the sand. We do know that turtles know where the high tide line is. And they nest in sand that has been washed out by rain," said Rusenko.

And turtles do come back the second year after offshore sand is placed on beaches.

In Delray Beach, a convoy of trucks lined up on A1A Feb. 19 to deliver 2,500 cubic yards of emergency sand to the beach and dunes north of Delray Municipal Beach.

The north beach, badly damaged by Hurricane Sandy's storm surge, is outside the routine 10-year renourishment plan that will start in March. That project, costing \$9.2 million, will include beaches that run from just north of Atlantic Avenue south to 700 feet south of Linton Boulevard. More than 1 million cubic yards of sand will come from offshore dredging. ★

Boca Raton

Tech upgrades approved by parks board

By Cheryl Blackerby

Connecting with the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District figures to get a lot easier soon because of significant investments in new technology.

At their Feb. 4 meeting, commissioners gave unanimous approval to a \$40,000 plan to upgrade the audio-visual system at the board's meeting rooms at Sugar Sand Park.

The improvements include high-definition monitors, an upgraded sound system and a mobile audio-visual cart that will allow meetings to move into larger spaces when public interest requires it.

Commissioners also

approved buying seven iPad computer tablets, one for each of the five commissioners, the board's attorney and the open executive director's position.

The seven iPads, which will cost about \$6,000, are to be devoted exclusively to commission business — a restriction that is intended to reduce the likelihood of potential Sunshine Law violations.

"These devices will be dedicated devices," board attorney Art Koski, the interim executive director, told commissioners. "They are not there for your personal business."

In the past, commissioners have used personal computers for business emailing, a

practice that could raise compliance issues with the state's public record laws. Upgrading the boardroom's audio-visual system also ensures compliance with those laws and responds to complaints about the poor quality of recordings of public meetings.

"Following this recommendation gets us into the 21st century," Commissioner Earl Starkoff said.

The technical ability to move into a larger space, such as the Willow Theatre, ensures that the board can accommodate larger turnouts.

"You've got to have mobile (technology) because you never know how many people

will show up at a given time," Starkoff said.

Down the road, the commission wants to expand Wi-Fi service at district parks.

Commissioners gave the go-ahead to Experis Technology Group consultants, who are overseeing the other improvements, to come up with a proposal for expanding wireless Internet service.

The Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, the Swim & Racquet Center and the Sugar Sand Park field house already have the service. The proposed expansion would bring Wi-Fi to Patch Reef Park, Red Reef Park and all of Sugar Sand Park.

Koski has argued that,

besides being a popular amenity, Internet access also would enhance safety for families and children using the facilities.

In other business, Koski reported that the board has five respondents to an advertised request for a financial services contractor. Bob Langford, who retired in August after two decades of service, had doubled as the board's executive director and accountant.

The plan now is to outsource the accounting and hire a new director who focuses exclusively on administration and day-to-day operations. ★

Archstone looks poised to move ahead

By Tim Pallesen

The controversial nine-story Archstone apartment complex is expected to get final approval this month so construction in downtown Boca Raton can begin.

A procedural move allows the developer to avoid a citizens protest that stalled the project after Archstone was first approved by the City Council last year.

"All this effort by the citizens is for naught," Golden Triangle Homeowners Association president Andrea O'Rourke said after the city's Planning and Zoning Board unanimously recommended approval on Feb. 7.

"The very developer-friendly leadership in this city is hell-bent to approve this," said O'Rourke, who expects that the City Council sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency will grant final approval on March 11.

The mixed-use project has 378 apartments and shops. "It will be great for Palmetto Park Road, which needs an infusion of life," developer attorney Charles Siemon told the advisory board.

But opponents say Archstone has too many small one-bedroom apartments and not enough retail. They also fear it will create traffic congestion on Palmetto Park Road.

Fred Bogart, who lives east of the Intracoastal Waterway in Chalfonte, told the advisory board that traffic already backs up to Ocean Boulevard when the bridge goes up. "How are people ever going to get over that bridge?" he asked.

Opponents were able to

block the project last year by filing a lawsuit to overturn an ordinance that the City Council drafted specifically for Archstone. A circuit court judge granted their request

in October for a voter referendum on whether Archstone should be built. The city and developer have appealed that ruling.

The developer returned this year with a second application under the city's regular regulations for development.

The second proposed project is almost identical to the first. "The reality is that the project hasn't really changed," Siemon told the advisory board.

Architects added a few balconies and terraces to the design. The square footage decreased slightly and some open space has been added. Siemon described the changes as modest.

"I was shocked that the Planning and Zoning Board never addressed any of our concerns," O'Rourke said after the hearing.

The city, meanwhile, is working with state lawmakers to strike language in the city charter that allows voter referendums to overturn city development approvals.

The Florida Legislature prohibited such referendums in 2011. But Palm Beach Circuit Judge Lucy Chernow Brown exempted Boca Raton last year because the city had allowed referendums before the state law was passed.

"We're trying to close that loophole," said state Sen. Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, the bill's sponsor. ★

Festival given free use of amphitheater

By Margie Plunkett

The Festival of the Arts will get the use of the Mizner Park amphitheater for free this year — although it will still pay for utilities, the first time Boca Raton hasn't charged a rental fee since it took over amphitheater operations.

Mayor Susan Whelchel asked council members to consider a fee reduction in January, but council member Michael Mullaugh followed with a proposal to eliminate it. "We don't want to be in charge of setting up something like this. Let us give them the amphitheater to use."

The same organization that started the festival raised the money to build the amphitheater, Whelchel said. "It was built by this organization and these people — we did not start it." When "they fell on hard years," the city took it over, she said.

The seventh annual Festival of the Arts, run by the Schmidt Family Center for the Arts, will be held from March

7 to 16 this year, and includes lectures and performances by the New World Symphony, Peking Acrobats and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, to name a few. Tickets for the event range from \$15 to \$100.

The organization pays more than \$300,000 to bring in the performers, according to Whelchel.

It's a "really magnificent period of time in March where every single night and/or day there is something out of New York — out of the best production you could ever have," Whelchel said, in asking for the fee reduction.

City Manager Leif Ahnell said the fee had been reduced to \$4,000 this year from a full price of \$27,000, adding he believed the reduction had already been made this year. The city supplies the police and fire protection.

"We're contributing in many ways," council member Susan Haynie said. "They also have the added expense of the roof structure."

The festival pays a third

of the roof structure for the event.

While this is the first time Boca Raton hasn't charged the fee for rental of the amphitheater, it doesn't charge itself when using the facility for city-produced or co-produced events, Assistant City Manager Mike Woika wrote in an emailed comment.

Woika didn't fear the move would set precedent for other free amphitheater uses.

"Other non-profits may ask City Council for a waiver in the future, but I think it would be a difficult sell," he said.

"The festival offers a unique opportunity for the city and CRA — multiple events over a 10-day or so period featuring the high caliber of cultural artists and authors.

"City Council members recognize the benefit to the community that the festival brings," Woika said, "and I think it would be hard to duplicate that benefit with a one- or two-day event by another non-profit." ★

Highland Beach

Pursued pair given friendly welcome

By Rich Pollack

Highland Beach is a neighborly town — so neighborly in fact, that sometimes the welcome is even extended to people being chased by police.

When two of 11 suspected illegal immigrants tried to escape after bailing out of a van on A1A in Highland Beach on Feb. 21, they received a warm welcome from an unsuspecting resident of the Trafalgar Condominium. The resident invited them in for a glass of water and a few minutes of friendly conversation.

The brief impromptu visit ended when a police officer

knocked on the door of the upstairs apartment — during a floor-by-floor search — and took the elusive couple into custody.

The resident, whom police aren't identifying, was unharmed. In fact, his interaction with the man and woman who apparently arrived by boat through the Boca Raton Inlet was anything but hostile.

"The resident complimented them on how nice they were," said Highland Beach Police Detective Dwayne Fernandes.

Fernandes said the couple, after jumping into a waiting van near the inlet, ran a few buildings south of the

Trafalgar while police were in pursuit. A half a dozen or so others in the van were apprehended quickly, but the couple managed to get away and break into an unoccupied apartment at the Trafalgar.

From there, they made it to the lobby of the building and to an elevator where they found their eventual host, who invited the parched pair into his home for a cool drink.

"He's a very nice man," Fernandes said of the resident.

The man and woman were turned over to immigration authorities. The man is also facing burglary charges related to the break-in at the Trafalgar. ★

Major renovation OK'd for Bridge Hotel

By Cheryl Blackerby

Almost 40 years after its Camino Real groundbreaking on the waterfront, the Boca Raton Bridge Hotel has gotten the go-ahead for a major renovation that developers say will take full advantage of its prime location.

The Boca Raton City Council voted unanimous approval on Feb. 12 for owner AWH Partners' plans to transform the 1970s design into a contemporary boutique hotel by the end of the year.

"It's a beautiful property," said Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie, "and this is really a beautiful improvement to it."

The plans call for a redesigned entrance, a new valet parking system, updated guest room furnishings, an expanded fitness center and a new ground-level public restaurant on the Intracoastal waterfront. The 11th-floor restaurant and lounge will be casualties of the renovation, replaced by banquet and meeting rooms.

AWH Partners, a New York-based real estate group, bought the property for \$20.2 million in September after it had languished in bankruptcy for about eight months. The company owns 15 hotels around the country, including the 490-room Sheraton Lake Buena Vista resort in Orlando.

The new owners of the Bridge Hotel have hired Lane Hospitality, a Northbrook, Ill., hotel management company, to run the 121-room property. The renovation is expected to be completed by the fall.

Mayor Susan Whelchel said the project will give the public access to waterfront space, something that is in short supply in the city.

Russ Flicker, a principal with AWH Partners, had worked with the city before, overseeing the condo project at the Boca Raton Resort & Club for The Blackstone Group.

"Our past experience in Boca Raton was extremely positive," Flicker said. "We are passionate about the market and its assets."

Instead of a parking tunnel lined with utility pipes to get to the hotel's front doors, a driveway lined with palm trees will take guests to a redesigned, welcoming lobby.

The hotel has had parking issues virtually since its inception. Based on today's codes, the property has only about half the 487 spaces it would need to qualify as compliant and has been classified as "legally nonconforming" for years. But the developers say the new valet system will help improve parking and get the most out of the limited space. The city's Planning and Zoning Board agreed and passed the plans 6-0 in January. ★

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Around Town

Saunders has take-no-prisoners policy for improving FAU's sports programs

A year ago this month, Florida Atlantic University President **Mary Jane Saunders** decided the school's athletics department needed a kick in the pants. She started at the top, firing Athletic Director **Craig Angelos**. Granted, the new stadium had been built on his watch, but fund-raising and marketing weren't where she thought they should be. The athletics budget of nearly \$16 million realized only \$1.35 million from donations.

When **Howard Schnellenberger** coached his last game, on Dec. 3, 2011, a crowd of 15,000 was announced. In reality, fewer than 5,000 turned out. No way to treat a legend.

Say hello to **Patrick Chun**, 38, from Ohio State, where he was responsible for development, building the endowment, strategic planning and management of a program with a \$126 million budget.

Saunders and Chun are wasting no time.

Last fall Chun negotiated FAU's move from the Sun Belt Conference to Conference USA. It's not the Southeastern Conference, but it's a big step forward. About the same time, the school negotiated a new agreement with the city of Boca Raton that allows a maximum of 26 events at the stadium, up from 15. In addition to football, that means special events such as the Dec. 16 soccer exhibition between the U.S. Women's National Team and China.

Schnellenberger's replacement, **Carl Pelini**, had a rough go in his first year — winning three and losing nine — but he's optimistic about his first recruiting class of 25

prospects. Men's basketball is just on the short side, but Coach **Mike Jarvis** has a new three-year contract. Baseball, perennially the school's strongest sport, has a Sun Belt title to defend, but other sports are under review.

Chun's first hire will be to replace 14-year women's soccer coach **Brian Dooley**, who left to become associate head coach at Missouri. Despite an overall record of 139-113 at FAU and Atlantic Sun Conference titles in 2002, 2003 and 2005 and a national tournament appearance in 2005, the program never reached the contender level. The men's soccer team has fared far worse, winning only two games last fall under Coach **Kos Donev**, who has been at FAU longer than any coach — 25 years.

On March 4, the only thing on the line at the FAU Arena will be fun: The **Harlem Globetrotters** will be in the house.

Owlcatraz? On Feb. 19, FAU announced that the **GEO Group**, through its charitable foundation, will donate \$6 million over the next 12 years for naming rights to the stadium. GEO runs 101 prisons, jails and treatment centers in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia and South Africa. The tie to FAU is genuine: GEO is based in Boca. Chairman **George Zoley** is an FAU alumnus and chaired the school's board of trustees.

But not so fast. After 40 unhappy students staged a sit-in outside Saunders' office, she agreed to a public meeting to discuss the matter. The students demanded the agreement be rescinded after accusing the GEO Group of human rights

violations at its facilities. This could take some time.

Finally, something both Republicans and Democrats affected positively. According to a study by **Lynn University**, the immediate economic impact on Palm Beach County from the Oct. 22 presidential debate was \$13.1 million. Bed tax revenue for October was up 22 percent over the previous year, to \$1.79 million. Hotel occupancy in Boca on the night of Oct. 22 was a whopping 89 percent.

But was it worth it? Lynn spent slightly more than \$4.5 million in preparation, \$3 million from its funds and \$1.5 million from donations. Of that, \$2.2 million was used to develop the technology needed to host the debate, much of which will be used in university programs. Next fall, all incoming freshmen will receive iPads containing the core curriculum.

The study revealed that media mentions of Lynn and Boca Raton reached more than 500 million individuals worldwide. With an estimated 59.2 million viewers, the debate ranked only behind the Super Bowl and the Olympics. A nationwide telephone survey revealed that after watching the debate and associated telecasts, 4.7 million adults want to visit the area. Down the road, the debate's publicity value could total \$63 million for Lynn University and the city.

Boca also enjoyed publicity and financial boosts from the **Allianz Championship**. A worldwide TV audience of 150 million in at least 174 countries certainly helps. So does \$1,000 from Allianz for each of the 17 birdies by its touring pro **Tom Lehman** — \$8,500 each to Junior Achievement and the Alzheimer's Association. Thanks to **Corey Paven**, another \$17,000 went to Boca Raton Regional Hospital's **Toppel Family Place Neonatal Intensive Care Unit**, courtesy of the Moabery Family Foundation. Its new "Champion's Challenge" pledges \$1,000 for birdies and \$5,000 for eagles scored by the defending champion.

Not much waste, either. Putting on a "green" event, tournament organizers strive to leave the area cleaner than they found it and to reduce waste. To that end, two and a half pallets of unused food were donated to **Boca Helping Hands** to feed local individuals and families.

Boca's **Junior League** has no regrets about replacing Chocolate Decadence with its new, more broad-based **Flavors of Boca**. Participating vendors still offered up sweets in the courtyard at Boca Center, but


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Flavors of Boca

The Shops at Boca Center — Feb. 7



Chefs from the Boca Raton Resort & Club accept top honors in several categories Feb. 7 at The Junior League of Boca Raton's Flavors of Boca event. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

they also showed off other dishes, highlighted by the **Boca Raton Resort & Club's** zippy paella, which won the judge's nod for best "flavor of Boca." The resort also won for best beverage and savory dish. **Cupcake Couture** offered the best presentation, and the tiramisu from **Nick's New Haven Style Pizzeria & Bar** took dessert honors.

"We were very pleased," Junior League President **Jackie Reeves** said. "Our attendance was similar to prior years and the new format for the center allowed for a much improved traffic flow."

The disappointment of **Parker**, the locally filmed thriller starring **Jason Statham** and **Jennifer Lopez** and directed by **Taylor Hackford** proves that talent doesn't guarantee success, especially in the Palm Beaches.

Jim Belushi would agree. The star of *According to Jim* who headlined the University of Miami's Department of Neurology gala at **The Breakers** on Feb. 2 has been here before.

In 1991, Belushi starred in a sexy crime thriller, originally titled *Beyond Suspicion*, with **Lorraine Bracco** and **Tony Goldwyn**. (Goldwyn now stars as philandering President Fitzgerald Grant on *Scandal*). To learn how cops operated, Belushi joined sheriff's deputies on patrol. When one suspect tried to break free, Belushi tried to give chase until a deputy reminded him of the studio's investment. Later, when cops noticed a foul smell, he did help move a stove, behind which they found a rat, a dirty rat.

Universally trashed by critics, it claims a lowly 4.8 rating (scale of 10) on the Internet Movie Database. The producing Samuel Goldwyn Co. (Tony's family) canceled premieres in New York and L.A., opting for a low-key event at the **Royal Poinciana Playhouse** in Palm Beach to benefit American Red Cross Hurricane Andrew relief.

In January 1993, Belushi returned for a benefit at the

Kravis Center for Good Samaritan Hospital's **Comprehensive Cancer Center**, but some folks obviously hadn't seen *Traces of Red*. While taking photos, society photographer **Mort Kaye** pulled out his notebook and obviously asked Belushi: "How do you spell the last name?"

Movies are still around, thank heaven, but theater owners are trying all sorts of new ideas. Witness **iPic's** luxurious multiplex in Boca's **Mizner Park**, highlighted by **Tanzy** restaurant. On Atlantic Avenue at Lyons Road out west, what once was farmland is now **Delray Marketplace** with **Frank Theatres CineBowl and Grille**. It features 12 screens, one showing Imax films ... and a restaurant ... and two bars ... and a video arcade ... and, yes, a 16-lane bowling alley.

Siblings **Bruce and Debbie Frank** are serious movie lovers. Their grandfather opened his first movie house in 1906 in Philadelphia. But they're open to anything that pulls people away from their iPads and big-screen TVs.

A big high five to restaurateur **Burt Rapoport** (Rapoport's Restaurant Group which runs **Henry's, Bogart's, Deck 84, E & J's Sandwich Shop** and **Burt & Max's**), one of seven regional finalists from 100 entries nationwide for the 2013 U.S. Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award. Winners will be announced April 30.

Ryan Artim, who built quite a reputation as executive sous chef at **The Ritz-Carlton** in Manalapan, has left the kitchen ... and the resort business. But he hasn't strayed far. Artim has signed on as assistant general manager at **The Polo Club** of Boca Raton.



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Mizner Park Amphitheater, Boca Raton

March 3: Don black-tie attire and step into a tented 'kaleidoscope of the arts,' with gourmet food and wine, a silent auction and ballroom dancing, to benefit Boca Raton Philharmonic Symphonia. Time is 5:30-10 pm. Cost is \$115. Call 866-687-4201 or visit www.bocasymphonia.org/musicanddance.
Photo (from left): Jeff Kaye, Sung Knowles, Steve Pomeranz, Luz Aristizabel and Edith and Martin Stein. **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 2/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.*

MARCH 2

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.

MARCH 3-9

Sunday - 3/3 - Music & Dance Under the Stars with the Boca Raton Symphonia is held at the Count De Hoernle Amphitheatre in Mizner Park, 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Enjoy gourmet hors d'oeuvres and wines, silent auction, musical entertainment, dance, art and cash bar. Black tie or Cocktail attire. 5:30-10 pm. Boca Raton Symphonia performs at 7 pm. \$115/person. 702-6484 or www.bocasymphonia.org/musicanddance.
Wednesday - 3/6 - Granting Wishes and Great Dishes at Boca Rio Golf Club, 22041 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton is presented by Jewish Women's Foundation of South Palm Beach County. Chef and restaurateur Michelle Bernstein is featured speaker. 5 pm. \$75. 852-3173 or www.jewishboca.org.
Thursday - 3/7 - 15th Annual Old Bags Luncheon at The Breakers, 1 S. County Road, Palm Beach. Features

a silent auction of over 300 designer handbags and jewelry to benefit Center for Family Services. Actress and author Carrie Fisher is guest speaker. 10:30 am. \$350. 616-1257 or www.ctrfam.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.literacypcb.org.
Saturday - 3/9 - Masques Among the Masters at Wally Findlay Galleries, 165 Worth Ave., Palm Beach. Celebrity masques sold to benefit Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation. Masques available for bid during silent auction and cocktail reception, followed by a private dinner on the terrace. 6:30-10:30 pm. \$450 or \$150/silent auction and reception only. 494-6888.
3/9 - SHUZZ | ART | FASHION Show at Signature Flight Support, 3300 Airport Road, Boca Raton. Escape to the Caribbean for a taste of the tropics, an all-new fashion show, entertainment and more, and help provide shoes for children in poverty. 7-11 pm. \$75-\$250. 561-301-0122 or www.shuzz.org.

MARCH 10-16

Sunday - 3/10 - An Evening with Society's Legends at the Colony Hotel's Royal Room, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. Vic Damone receives the Legend's Award presented by Society for the Preservation of the great American Songbook. Cocktail attire. 6:30 pm. \$500-750. 800-723-4698.
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.ccf.org.
Thursday - 3/14 - Delray Beach Home Tour in coastal Delray Beach. Enjoy a day of touring beach-area

Alzheimer's Association Fundraiser
Boca Country Club, Boca Raton



March 14: Join Julia and friends for a fundraiser featuring shopping, hors d'oeuvres, wine, entertainment and door prizes. Time is 4:30-8:30 pm. Cost is \$75. Call 243-1922 or visit www.alz.org/seflorida. **Photo:** (front, from left) Agnes Nicolosi, Julia Vassalluzzo, Kim Vassalluzzo, Yahaira Sanchez, (back, from left) Judy Hartman, Laurie Bulman, Lori D'Angelo and Angela Panna. **Photo provided**

homes, 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 delrayhometour.com.

MARCH 17-23

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 - Portrait of a Woman Spring Luncheon at Sailfish Club, 1338 N. Lake Way, Palm Beach. A special portrait is painted of each honoree during Women's History Month. Proceeds benefit Quantum House. 11:30 am-2 pm. \$135. 588-9984 or www.quantumhouse.org.
3/21 - Blue and White Auction at Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail Sound, Boca Raton. Celebrate the Fighting Knights and support school athletic programs at a silent and live auction that will include food and festivities. 7:30 pm. \$40. 237-9000 or

www.lynn.edu.
Friday - 3/22 - Palm Beach Dramaworks 13th Annual Gala at The Four Season Resort, 2800 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Theme is Luck be a Lady. 6:30 pm. \$500. 514-4042 or www.palmbeachdramaworks.org.

MARCH 24-30

Sunday - 3/24 - Doggie Ball at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca W Drive, Boca Raton. Help support Tri County Humane Society in your blue jeans, boots and western wear. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by sit-down buffet dinner, dancing and auctions. 5:30-11 pm. \$225. 482-8110. 482-8110 or www.tricountyhumane.org.
Thursday - 3/28 - Palm Beach Rhapsody: Symphony Gala Concert at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. See pianist Lola Astanova and hear tenor Thiago Arancam as they perform under conductor Jahja Ling. 7:30 p.m. \$500. 833-3044 or www.palmbeachsymphony.org.

MARCH 31-APRIL 6

Thursday - 4/4 - Boys and Girls Club Dinner at Marriott Hotel, 10

N. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Dinner honors Forrest and Frances Lattner and benefits Boys and Girls Club. Children provide entertainment. 6 pm. \$150. 221-9574.
4/4 - Red Rose Dinner Gala at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, 2425 Maya Palm Drive West, Boca Raton. Join the Florida East Coast Chapter of the National Society of Arts and Letters in honoring Palm Beach Opera General Director Daniel Biaggi. 6 pm. \$225. 391-6380 or www.nsalbocaraton.org.
Friday - 4/5 - South Florida Science Museum Annual Gala at The Breaker's, 1 South County Road, Palm Beach. An elegant evening featuring a presentation by former astronauts. 6:30 pm/Cocktails, 7:30 pm/dinner and presentation. \$600. 832-1988.
Saturday - 4/6 - 7th Annual Monopoly Event & Casino Game Night at Via Mizner Golf and Country Club, 6200 Boca Del Mar Drive, Boca Raton. Silent and live auction plus casino gaming benefits Boca Helping Hands. 6 pm. \$1,500/monopoly, \$125/casino: includes cocktails and dinner for one. 417-0913, Ext. 202 or www.bocahelpinghands.org.

Pay it Forward

Red Cross auction and education combine to help the helpers

By Christine Davis

Heroes, take your pick: a chance to drive a race car in Las Vegas, the opportunity to have a horse race named after you at Churchill Downs, or to serve as a fighter pilot for a day at Homestead Air Reserve Base.

"We have some fabulous live auction items that we've never had before," said Pam Begelman, co-chair of the Red Cross Palm Beaches-Treasure Coast Region's third annual Honoring the Hero in All of Us event.

Set for March 21 at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Boca Raton, the Red Cross fundraiser promises to be exciting, rewarding, inspiring and delicious.

The event is named in honor of its corporate and individual donors, says co-chair Sally Painter. "We consider them to be heroes. They are helping others in their community who are in a desperate time."

In addition to giving

recognition and raising funds, the event also aims to educate about the organization.

"The Red Cross doesn't get money from the government, and all the money it raises is earmarked to stay here to run our programs," Begelman says.

"I had thought that the Red Cross helps with disasters like hurricanes and tsunamis, but it does so much more.

"Whenever there's a fire, volunteers from the Red Cross come to help to get the victims back on their feet."

Most people aren't aware that volunteers who've opted to be Disaster Action Team members are on the scene of a fire right behind the fire truck, offering food, clothing and temporary housing, notes Delray resident Phil Renaud, board member and chairman of volunteer management.

"We also arrange for counseling if that's what's needed.

"As a member of that team, the very first disaster I was sent



ABOVE: Board member Phil Renaud and his wife, Mary. LEFT: (from left) Mark and Pam Begelman, and Sally and Bob Painter are chairing this year's event. Photos provided

to was an aircraft collision in Boca Raton. Mostly, we kept the first responders hydrated. Some of the wreckage hit a bit of a condo, and we called in a psychology group for the people affected, including two children who were supposed to fly home the next day."

It's also important to know that 91 cents of every dollar

raised goes to those who need it, he added.

Once a hero, always a hero and worthy of recognition. People attending the event, which costs \$150 per person, gain the status and some give repeatedly.

Co-chairs Pam and Mark Begelman with Sally and Bob Painter aim for the event to

attract 200 people and raise \$150,000. From 7 to 10 p.m., event goers will enjoy Ruth's Chris cuisine, a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions and entertainment. Ruth's Chris Steakhouse is at 225 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Call Jennifer Durrant at 650-9150. ★

MORE APRIL

Sunday - 4/7 - Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Benefit at 3630 Flagler Dr., West Palm Beach. Enjoy an enchanting evening with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction at this West Palm Beach estate, which has a one-of-a-kind garden filled with succulents and sculptures. 5:30-8 pm. \$150. 233-1757 or www.mounts.org.

Thursday - 4/11 - Closet Couture Luncheon at Benvenuto Restaurant, 1730 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Security expert Laura Clark is guest speaker. Benefits The Lupus Foundation of America, Southeast Florida Chapter. 11 am-2 pm. \$85. 279-8606 or www.lupusfl.org.

Friday - 4/19 - Sandoway House Nature Center Gala at Benvenuto Restaurant, 1730 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Event marks the center's 16th anniversary with a Sweet 16 Party including gourmet food, dancing under the stars and auction. 7-11 pm. \$150. 274-SAND (7263) or www.sandowayhouse.org.

Saturday - 4/20 - Reach for the Stars at Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Ballroom dance competition with gourmet food and fine wines. 6 pm. \$125/premium seating, \$75/general admission, \$60/young friends. 651-4320 or www.kravis.org.

Monday - 4/22 - 3rd Annual Real Men Bake at Sundy House, 106 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Sweet and savory baked goods prepared by men who bake for a good cause. Proceeds benefit organizations supported by the Woman's Club of Delray Beach. 6-8 pm. \$20/advance, \$25/door. 843-6821 or www.gfwc-delray.org.

Along the Coast

Hobbyists make a little of this, a little of that

By Jane Smith

Most women would toss out the top of an empty lipstick tube.

Not Pam O'Brien. She can imagine it as an umbrella stand or other item for her dollhouse miniatures.

As president of Les Petits Collecteurs of South Florida, she talks passionately about building miniature scenes, even electrifying and landscaping them. Her work and that of other members will be on display March 9 at the Boca Raton Community Center.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and younger.

The show will include a dealer room where miniature scenes, dollhouse kits and anything miniature will be sold. In addition, there will be make-and-take-it tables where show-goers will be able to learn a miniature technique for free and be able to take that item home with them.

Raffle tickets will be sold for a Petit Bistro or a Baby Girl's Nursery scenes, with all proceeds going to Kids in Distress or The Haven charities.

The Friday before the show opens will have two- and four-hour workshops, including how to make a cold cut platter, for \$35, or build a wrought iron planter with geraniums, for \$15.



Pam O'Brien with some of her miniature creations. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

"Foods are very popular right now," O'Brien says. She thinks the deli sandwich one will be well-attended. For cakes, she explains, "You can make them out of clay. But a new technique uses a (small) sponge that has the texture of cake."

Les Petits belongs to the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts, which has a weeklong convention. This year's location is Tucson, Ariz.

Miniature enthusiasts use regular-size tools, including X-ACTO knives, tweezers and Q-tips. Magnifying glasses in various sizes can be helpful, O'Brien says.

She always wanted a dollhouse as young girl, but the

family budget didn't have room for such purchases because she wasn't the only daughter.

Her mom fulfilled that desire on O'Brien's 32nd birthday with a trip to the now-closed Dollhouse Corner in Delray Beach. She picked out a kit for a Queen Anne farmhouse, a nine-room, two-story farmhouse with a wraparound porch.

That was 16 years ago, and she now has website (www.MyMiniatureCreations.com) that features her miniature collection. The Italian piazza scene, featuring running water made out of resin, is her favorite.

She uses the popular 1-inch scale, which means 1 inch in the miniature world equals 1

If you go

What: Dollhouse Miniature Show and Sale
When: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. March 9.
 Workshops scheduled on March 8.
Cost: \$5 for adults, \$2 for children under 12
Where: Boca Raton Community Center, 150 NW Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton
Info: Les Petits club website, sites.google.com/site/lespetitsclub/home/show-and-sale. Or email Mfreed@aol.com.
Benefit: Kids in Distress in Delray Beach or The Haven in Boca Raton

foot in reality.

But fellow member Anne Strank, who lives in a mobile home in Briny Breezes, uses a smaller scale: the quarter-inch. Plus, she says, she doesn't use magnifying glasses because she found them too cumbersome.

"It's a hobby that turned into a disease," Strank says. She got hooked at age 6 when she received dollhouse furniture as a gift. She used an egg crate as her display case. Now 75, still a crafter at heart, she loves the miniature world. ★



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Celebrations

Ribbon-cutting ceremony

Boca Raton Regional Hospital – Jan. 23



Major donors, administration and staff members, local dignitaries and emergency-services personnel gathered for the debut of the new Wold Family Center for Emergency Medicine, which has state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment, Bluetooth cellular-phone transmission of heart functions, all-private patient treatment rooms and a large waiting area. **Photo:** (from left) Jan Savarick, hospital foundation president; Jack and Marilyn Pechter; Jerry Fedele, hospital president; Clint Wold; Troy McLellan; Elaine Wold; Christine Lynn, hospital board of trustees chairwoman; Richard Schuller, hospital foundation board of trustees chairman; Harold and Mary Ann Perper; Myrna Skurnick; and Boca Raton Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie. **Photo provided**

Bernays Awards

NCCI Holdings, Boca Raton – Jan. 18



The Gold Coast PR Council celebrated the winners of this year's Bernays Awards honoring local excellence in public relations and marketing, with Lynn University picking up three awards for the high-profile presidential debate, and Kaye Communications taking home two of the 12 trophies. Photo: Jay Van Vechten accepts an award for the Boating & Beach Bash for People with Disabilities from Karen Clarke as Nick Van Vechten looks on. **Photo by Barbara McCormick**

Food for the Poor's 18th annual Building Hope Gala

The Polo Club of Boca Raton – Feb. 2



A sold-out crowd of more than 400 attended Food for the Poor's 18th annual Building Hope Gala on Feb. 2 at The Polo Club of Boca Raton. Enough money was raised to build homes for 65 destitute families in Canaan Heights in May Pen, Jamaica. Construction on the homes is scheduled to begin this month. **Photo:** 2013 Building Hope Gala committee members include (l-r) Ronda Gluck, Becky Carlsson, Rene Mahfood, Renee Stetler, Allison Venditti, LaMae Klos, Julie Mahfood, Ronda Ellis Ged, Cathy Moabry, Traci Wilson, Robin Ranzal Knowles, Jill Perea, Pamela Matsil, Laurie Braden, Melissa Davimos, Kara Seelye and Kelly Brauner. **Photo provided**

Impact Gala: Celebrating the Art of American Fashion

Boca Museum of Art, Boca Raton – Jan. 26

Fine art and high fashion mingled for a glamorous evening of dancing, dinner and celebration benefiting the museum's outreach programs, including field trips for area schoolchildren and art classes for low-income families.

The event raised \$375,000. Among the more than 400 guests who attended were (in photo) Jordan and Denise Zimmerman.

Photo provided



Scopus Award Gala

The Breakers, Palm Beach – Jan. 20



American Friends of The Hebrew University bestowed the national Scopus Award, the organization's highest honor, on Barbara and Richard Rothschild at a gala featuring Broadway and TV star Megan Hilty. Proceeds – \$1.2 million – will help support the university's training and scholarship programs. **Photo:** Co-chairs included Joan and Myron Kaufman. **Photo provided**

Along the Coast

Boca condo complexes recognized for turtle-friendly lighting

By Cheryl Blackerby

Have you ever driven by a sports complex at night and noticed the lights burning bright, though no one was playing or working on the fields?

Or seen empty downtown buildings lit up after working hours, or streetlights and outdoor globe lights that blast more light into the sky than on the ground?

That's the kind of wasteful lighting the nonprofit International Dark-Sky Association wants to pull the plug on.

In Florida, excessive lighting is a particular problem on the coasts and in the Everglades, where it disrupts the biological cycles of wildlife.

"Light pollution" can chase fish away from the shoreline, and studies have shown that the glow from sports stadiums can interfere with the mating habits of frogs.

It can be devastating for sea turtles nesting on Palm Beach County's coast. 100 years ago, turtle hatchlings relied on the brightest horizon at night to find the water. That was easy, since the moon and stars lit the sky and reflected off the ocean.

"We're now lighting up beaches, hotels and homes, and it's creating disorientation for hatchlings. They come out of sandy nests and go to the brightest horizon, which means they can walk across A1A toward artificial lights. I've seen that and it's not pleasant. During turtle nesting season you see them crushed in the road," said Bryan Bodie, president of the Palm Beach County Chapter of IDA.



In Palm Beach County, there is another phenomenon with harmful light — the light glow from cities on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway. It is causing problems for turtles on the beach even when beach condos are turning off lights.

"Cities on the other side of the Intracoastal are sending so much light up into the sky, the beachfront condos are creating shadow boxes on the beach with light coming through between the condo buildings," said Bodie. "The mother turtles go to the darker sections of beach to lay their eggs, and we are finding unnatural concentrations of nests in these shadows. They are not dispersed along the beach like they should be."

The Council of Science and Public Health reports studies that show nighttime artificial lighting adversely affects humans, too. It disrupts circadian biological rhythms that can increase cancer risks and some chronic diseases, and even contribute to obesity.

"The rhythms of day and

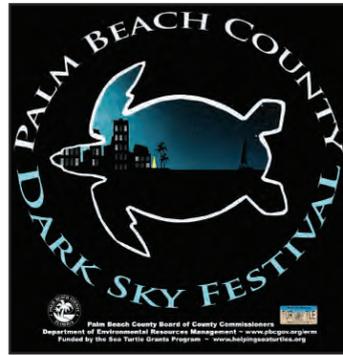


night are embedded in all life," said Bodie.

The Palm Beach Chapter of the International Dark-Sky Association was founded in July 2012 to educate South Florida about the benefits of dark skies for people and the natural world, to offer guidance for responsible outdoor lighting practices, and to restore access to the starry nights.

The chapter was founded by Bodie and chapter vice president Eric Vandernoot, astronomer and instructor at Florida Atlantic University.

The chapter recently gave the Yacht and Racquet Club of Boca Raton, 2711 North Ocean Blvd., the 2012 IDA Lighting Design Award for quality of lighting. Lawrence Demme, general manager, accepted the award given Feb. 19 at the Beach Condominium Association meeting. Kirt Rusenko, marine conservationist at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, also got an award for his work improving the lighting at the Yacht and Racquet Club of Boca Raton.



LED Lights at Boca Mar (left) and top shielded lights at The Yacht and Racquet Club focus the light on the ground rather than into the sky.

The Yacht and Racquet Club is in the process of changing all of their "lollipop lights," globes on a pole that blast 60 percent of their light into the sky, to top- and side-shielded fixtures that illuminate the ground. They also changed bulbs in ceiling-mounted canisters on balconies to LED amber light, which has much less glare and is much easier on the eyes.

Boca Mar Condominiums, 310 South Ocean Blvd., also will be given a 2012 IDA Lighting Design Award on March 2 at the Sea Turtle Day Festival at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Boca Mar also changed the light bulbs on their balconies to an LED amber light, and used top- and side-shielded amber light around the pool and deck.

The International Dark-Sky Association was founded by two astronomers — a professional, David Crawford, and an amateur, physician Dr. Tim Hunter — in Tucson, Ariz., in frustration during 1988 after having nights of star-gazing ruined by light pollution.

Crawford and Hunter

wanted to get people to think about the negative effects of manmade lighting on the environment and also the economy. If people cut down on the amount of light used at night, more stars would be visible for astronomers, less money would be wasted by governments, businesses and homeowners, and more nocturnal animals would be able to live their lives as nature intended. The group estimates that Americans waste \$2.2 billion a year on unnecessary lighting.

IDA's enemy has always been sky glow, the light that looks like an orange smog polluting the heavens. The comparison to a smog is more appropriate than many realize. Consider that the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles is frequently useless to astronomers because of fossil fuels' smog during the day and sky glow smog during the night.

The growth of IDA has itself been meteoric.

The movement has spread across the United States and around the world. The organization now has offices in Australia and Belgium, more than 5,000 members in 70 countries, and a long list of corporate partners and supporters at all levels of government, including the National Park Service. ★

The IDA's general meetings are the first Friday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the FAU Observatory. The group will be represented at the Sea Turtle Day Festival at Gumbo Limbo starting at 10 a.m. March 2. For more information, visit www.idapalmbeach.org.

State could allow more local control of smoking

By Betty Wells

Proposals to allow local governments to ban smoking on beaches — one from a Boca Raton state representative — are making their way through the Florida Legislature.

State Rep. Bill Hager introduced a bill in the Florida House on Jan. 22. A committee on Feb. 21 unanimously passed a Senate version of the measure.

Hager was encouraged by the vote of the Regulated Industries committee on SB 258, by state Sen. Rob Bradley of Orange Park.

Hager's HB 439 would give cities the authority to regulate smoking in parks, playgrounds, beaches and other outdoor spaces. For the past decade the state has had control of smoking, barring people from lighting up in restaurants and public buildings.

The proposal to turn authority over to cities has gained support from anti-smoking groups and environmentalists who clean up beaches, and criticism from the

tobacco industry and restaurant associations.

Kelly Wiseman lives in Delray Beach and several times a week jogs on the beach, taking in the beauty of the natural outdoors — the sound of the surf, smells and special sand surface. "When smokers throw down their cigarette butts, that destroys nature," Wiseman said. "And they pollute the air so they're denaturalizing the beach all together."

General manager and a trainer at Get In Shape for Women in Palm Beach Gardens, Wiseman has been teaching fitness for nearly 30 years so admits no tolerance toward smokers. "I support any legislation that would keep smokers from polluting more public space."

Jim Bennington, owner of Bennington Tobacconist of Boca Raton said his concern is how far cities will go toward controlling smoking, should the power be handed to them.

"What's next after outdoor spaces?" Bennington asked. "Space outside an

Clearing the air

Regulating smoking in outdoor public places is gaining momentum in communities across the country. Some that are working on state or local legislation are:

- Fort Collins, Colo.
- Montgomery County, Md.
- The District of Columbia
- Marshall County, W. Va.
- Austin, Texas
- The state of Oklahoma

individual's retail store? Inside an individual's space?" The legislation, Bennington said, could ultimately diminish the rights of the individual.

Hager, has faith that city and municipalities won't overstep.

"I trust and embrace our local government to make decisions that impact their own communities at a local level," Hager said. "This bill creates a healthier Florida for all of us."

The bill is supported by the American Cancer Society, the

American Lung Association, the Florida League of Cities and the Florida League of Counties.

"The big opponent is Big Tobacco," Hager said. "I have heard the opposition say there is no verifiable proof that secondhand smoke is dangerous. That is undeniably false. The verdict is in on secondhand smoke and the verdict is that it kills."

Sarasota County, home to Siesta Key, named the No. 1 beach in the U.S. in 2011, passed the regulation for its parks and beaches. A Sarasota County judge threw it out in December, saying it was unenforceable, ruling that regulating smoking was a task left to the Legislature.

Two Delray Beach city commissioners said during a Feb. 12 workshop they support the legislation. There was concern, though, about enforcement of designated smoking areas. If enforcement were to fall on Ocean Rescue staff, that could pose a problem, commissioners said.

Commissioner Adam

Frankel said, "It seems to me it's another example of Tallahassee telling us what's right for our beach. I also recognize the city needs to go about things legally in that regard. I would like us to support Rep. Hager and get some help in the Senate."

Commissioner Angeleta Gray agreed with designating a smoking area, but was a concerned that enforcement by Ocean Rescue would distract lifeguards.

Mayor Tom Carney said he concurred with Frankel and others that Delray Beach needs to work with legislators to get the bill passed. "We should go on the record to say we want smoke-free beaches," Carney said, adding that it's not the job of lifeguards to "chase down smokers."

Hager's bill has been assigned to three House committees for consideration; the first hearing will be in the House health quality subcommittee. ★

Margie Plunkett contributed to this story.

BOYNTON

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been interim city manager for 18 months, on Dec. 18.

"We now have a full City Commission and a full-time city manager," Hay said. "So the stability is here. That problem has been resolved.

"Now we're working our tails off to get people to take a second look at Boynton," he said.

City officials joined the Chamber of Commerce and the Community Redevelopment Agency on a Jan. 17 bus tour to show commercial real estate agents their downtown vision.

"They saw three agencies working together," Chamber Chairman Jonathon Porges said. "The word is out that Boynton is open for business. The train is pulling away from the station and we are all on board."

Boynton, like Boca Raton, doesn't have a historical downtown similar to Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach.

"We're starting from scratch," CRA director Vivian Brooks said. "Ocean Avenue goes right to the beach, so we're trying to capitalize on that."

So far, Boynton's downtown has two pieces in place.

The city has spent \$6 million to make Boynton Harbor Marina a destination. Boynton

is the only downtown that has charter boats for deep-sea fishing. Two Georges and Banana Boat are popular nightspots.

Young professionals rent apartments that overlook the marina. Although most commute to jobs outside the city, at least they enjoy a place to live and play.

The other existing piece is the towering Promenade condo project that opened on Federal Highway north of Ocean Avenue when the housing market was collapsing four years ago. The condos didn't sell and the project went into foreclosure.

The Related Group took control of the Promenade last December, when only 72 of the 395 condos in the 14-floor twin towers had been sold. A company spokesman says Boynton is "the only frontier left for growth near the water."

Now some city leaders are focusing on two more key pieces — an old high school and a proposed train station — to bring people into the downtown and stimulate new residential development.

The abandoned high school would become Ocean Avenue's western anchor to create a downtown that extends west of Federal Highway.

The vision is for the rebuilt school as a destination similar

to Old School Square in Delray Beach with restaurants, retail and a banquet hall. The city has signed a contract with an architect who is trying to get financing for the project.

LaVerriere describes the commuter train station proposed between Ocean Avenue and Boynton Beach Boulevard on Fourth Street as a "transforming moment" for the downtown, if it is built.

Another key property if Boynton's downtown is to come alive is the site of the former Bank of America building on the northeast corner of Ocean Avenue and Federal Highway. A major project there would be a centerpiece for redevelopment much like Atlantic Crossing in Delray and Archstone in Boca Raton.

Boynton just needs to persuade developers to take a chance.

"I understand that some developers have shied away because of the political climate," said Nancy Byrne, the city development services director. "But if they can weather the political winds, their projects will go through smoothly."

Boynton Beach might need to get past its March 12 city election before developers believe Boynton leaders are unified in their downtown vision.

Commissioner Steven

Holzman opposes Commissioner Jerry Taylor in the mayor's race.

Holzman says Taylor, a former mayor with 10 years on the commission, contributed to downtown problems.

"We have very big problems to overcome because people like my opponent had no vision," Holzman said. "Boynton has allowed other cities to leapfrog over us because of missed opportunities, terrible decisions and no planning."

Taylor disputes that: "He's wrong when he says I held them back. He doesn't realize that I put together the master plan."

The owner of the former Bank of America site has told Brooks that he doesn't want to develop his property. "But I'm working with him," Taylor said. "He's supporting me big-time in my campaign."

Holzman has led the push to make the old high school a downtown attraction.

"The success of that project is so vital to create life in an area that has none. We should do everything in our power to make it a rousing success," he said.

But Taylor wants a City Hall on the site. "I will build a new City Hall with the façade of the old high school, if that's what everyone wants," Taylor joked before commissioners split 3-2 on whether to go ahead with the

high school project on Feb. 5.

Taylor sees the train station as a stimulus, but Holzman says the proposal for Florida East Coast commuter trains is uncertain.

"They've been talking about that for 10 years," he said. "We can't plan around and pray for something that may or may not happen."

So disagreement continues and developers shy away at least until after the election.

"Political stability is important for investors. If you want to build a \$100 million building, you want to know everything is going to be stable from beginning to end," Brooks said.

Boynton leaders look south to Delray Beach to see what they can only wish that their downtown could be.

"Delray has been able to achieve continuity of vision," Brooks said. "We haven't had that here."

Holzman said developers will only invest if they know what the city envisions will be built around their projects.

"I would love to see our downtown as a place to live, work and play — but we have to be realistic," Holzman said. "Maybe we could be a smaller version of Delray."

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Obituary

Virginia Tishman Meyerson

By Jane Smith

BOCA RATON — Arts lover and avid reader of British literature, Virginia Tishman Meyerson died Jan. 26 at her home.

She was 89 and died from complications of cancer, her passing eased by hospice care, her daughter, Deane Stepansky, said.



Mrs. Meyerson was a longtime resident of Boca Raton, moving here in 1977 with her late husband, George.

She was always interested in the arts, Stepansky said. Mrs. Meyerson contacted the Boca Raton Museum of Art and became a docent. Her wanting to help others led her to the Boca Raton Community Hospital, where she volunteered and served as an officer in the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League.

She also was a president of the Florida chapter of the Crone's and Colitis Foundation of America. Her late son, David Rand Jr., had

contracted colitis at age 11 and ended up dying from its complications, Stepansky said.

At the foundation, Mrs. Meyerson was remembered for her positive attitude, commitment to the organization and inclusiveness in her 20 years of volunteering, said Ellen Shapiro, also a past-president. The Meyersons were humanitarian honorees, a foundation designation for those who give of their time and finances to the group.

Mrs. Meyerson, known as Grammy to Stepansky's sons, had a "beatific smile" when she would come and spend time with them in the Northeast.

She had the ability to make children feel special. Stepansky recalled when she was in the second grade in New York City and her mom was the class mother. "She organized monthly birthday parties for the kids with birthdays in that month," Stepansky said.

Mrs. Meyerson loved "reading about the kings and queens of England," and that's how she met her second husband. He ran a local bookstore in New York City, Stepansky said.

Mrs. Meyerson was

the granddaughter of Julius Tishman, founder of the Tishman Construction Company in 1898; daughter of David and Ann Tishman; and sister of Robert Tishman and Alan Tishman.

Born in New York City, Ginny, as she was known, studied at Horace Mann School and received her bachelor of arts in architecture and urban planning from Bennington College in 1946.

She was the beloved mother of her son, the late David Rand Jr., and daughters, Deane Stepansky (Paul) and Alison Rand, and cherished grandmother of Michael Stepansky (Jane Kohuth) and Jonathan Stepansky.

Survivors also include stepsons Richard Meyerson (Linda) and Bruce Meyerson (Francine), stepdaughter Lynn Funk (Laird), and four step-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Susan G. Komen for the Cure (ww5.komen.org) or Hospice by the Sea, 1531 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486.

Along the Coast

Condo financing there, but with tight strings

By Jane Smith

In the last 18 months, more than 100 condo projects were announced and approved in South Florida, but few have found construction financing, Jack McCabe, a real estate consultant, said recently.

Lenders now want potential condo buyers to put between 40 and 80 percent down, McCabe of Deerfield Beach explained. During the real estate boom between 2003 and 2006, those condo buyers needed to put only 10 percent down at signing and another 10 percent before construction started.

"Developers now need an equity stake, skin in the game, of about 30 percent," he said.

That's because lenders — regional and national banks and institutional investors — got burned when the commercial real estate market crashed in late 2000s, said Ken Thomas, an independent bank consultant and economist, based in Miami. They were left holding the bag when developers defaulted on construction loans and didn't have any personal equity in the projects.

"Banks are flush with cash right now from low-cost deposits, but they are more cautious about lending," Thomas said. Tougher regulations and regulators and the changing sentiment in Washington, D.C., combined to

make lenders leery of extending loans to most commercial real estate projects.

"Appraisals are meaningless right now," he added. "Lenders want to see cash-flow in the form of rent rolls."

McCabe agreed that cash is king right now. "Investors, hedge funds and foreigners bought the new condo units, then turned and rented them out," he said. That is not the same, he said, as an owner who actually lives in the unit.

Mortgage rates are at their lowest in 50 years, but banks tightened their lending criteria for those home loans, he said. "Most (buyers) can't qualify for the strict criteria."

A healthy real estate market has a home-buyer to renter ratio of 66-35, McCabe said. "Our ratio in South Florida was 71-29 in 2007," he added, "dropped to 63-37 in 2012."

He thinks the real estate market will stabilize this year, but won't be on the upswing until another two to three years.

Large banks and institutional investors want to finance apartment projects right now, but still using the stricter lending criteria, McCabe and Thomas said.

Even so, South Florida remains a desirable location to people in other parts of the country, McCabe said. "We will have Baby Boomers retiring for the next 20 years." ★



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Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 2/22. Please check with organizers for any changes.

MARCH 2

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.

3/2 - Trash-to-Treasures and Plant Sale at the Boca Raton Garden Club, 4281 NW 3rd Ave., Boca Raton. Plant sale, plus collectibles, housewares, clothes, jewelry, books and more. Proceeds benefit scholarships, student gardening programs, FAU's Memory and Wellness Center Garden Therapy, Boy Scouts and Camp Wekiva. 9 am-2 pm. Free. 395-9376.

3/2 - Getting Traction on Climate Policy Initiatives is a partnering workshop to coordinate citizen support for funding and implementing the Regional Climate Action Plan held at The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton, 2601 St. Andrews Blvd. 9 am-5 pm. All day event featuring guest speakers, workshops and special youth programs. \$10-20. www.slflclimateactionpartners.org.

3/2 - 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.

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. north of Gumbo Limbo. 10 am-4 pm. \$5 suggested donation. 544-8605 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

3/2 - 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.

3/2 - 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.

3/2 - Tarzan at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Held Saturdays through 3/9. 2 pm. \$14/adults, \$10/children 12 & under. 394-2626.

3/2 - Alligator Feedings at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Gather around the alligator tank in the exhibit hall and listen to a short talk about the baby alligator while he is being fed. Held every W & Sat. 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760.

3/2-3 - Science Demonstrations at the Children's Science Explorator, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Hear your favorite science inspired stories. For ages 5 and up. Held weekly on Sat. & Sun. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912.

3/2-3 - Abbadadabra at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Abbadadabra, 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.

3/2-9 - 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.fauvents.com.

3/2-17 - Chicago - Presented by the Boca Raton Theatre Guild at the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Tr., Boca Raton. Populated with flamboyant flappers, crooked lawyers, and merry murderesses, Chicago is a musical tale of "murder, greed, corruption, violence, exploitation, adultery, and treachery - all those things we hold near and dear to our hearts." T-Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. \$35. 347-3948 or www.brtg.org.

MARCH 3-9

Sunday - 3/3 - Cruisin America Car Show & Shop For Charity at Town Center at Boca Raton, 6000 Glades Road, Boca Raton. More than 100 car collectors will be showcasing their "pride and joys" and sharing their car stories as retailers and restaurants at Town Center at Boca Raton serve up tastings, informal modeling and same-day shopping discounts, all to benefit two children's charities: Nat King Cole Generation Hope and Simon Youth Foundation. Featuring award-winning 2008 Mosler MP900, classic 1939 Lincoln Zephyr and antique 1941 Willys. Live performances, gourmet food trucks, an exhibitors row, chances to win merchandise and dining certificates, a car collectors' award ceremony and more. Noon-6 pm. Free. 800-506-7290 or www.cruisin-america.com.

3/3 - 2nd Avenue Jazz'n Jive: Klezmer Company Orchestra at the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium at FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 3 pm. \$18-\$43. 800-564-9539.

3/3 - In the Spotlight: Featuring Pianist Jose Menor is presented at the Steinway Piano Gallery, 7940 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Doors open 3:30 pm; Concert: 4 pm. \$20/members, \$25/non-members. 982-8887.

3/3 - Music & Dance Under the Stars with the Boca Raton Symphonia is held at the Count De Hoernle Amphitheatre in Mizner Park, 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Enjoy gourmet hors d'oeuvres and wines, silent auction, musical entertainment, dance, art and cash bar. Black tie or Cocktail attire. 5:30-10 pm. Boca Raton Symphonia performs at 7 pm. \$115/person. 702-6484 or www.bocasymphonia.org/musicanddance.

Monday - 3/4 - 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. 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.

3/4 - The Nixon Pardon at FAU Levine-Weinberger Jewish Life Center Golden Pavilion, 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. 10-11:45 am. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/4 - Mah-Jongg at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Intermediate and advanced. Held every Monday. 12:30-1:30 pm. Free. 278-5455.

3/4 - The Lost Jews of St. Maarten: Modern Forensics and Research Rediscover One Jewish-Caribbean Community at FAU Levine-Weinberger Jewish Life Center Golden Pavilion, 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. 1-2:45 am. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

3/4 - The Best of Sammy Weber (Violinist) at FAU Levine-Weinberger Jewish Life Center Golden Pavilion, 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. 3:30-5:15 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

3/4 - Bricks 4 Kidz for Grades K-5th at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Hands on experience designing and building machines, catapults, pyramids, derby cars, buildings and other constructions out of LEGO bricks. This four-week course run Mondays through 3/25. 4-5 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. 367-7035.

3/4 - Intermediate/Advanced Fencing/Epee Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. A fun and exciting introduction to the sport of fencing, kids will learn fencing skills, forge new friendships and have a blast. Held every M, W, R, & Sat., 7-10 pm. \$125/residents, \$156.50/non-residents. 347-3950.

3/4 - 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. Refreshments served. 7-8:30 pm. Free. 393-7807 or www.myboca.us.

Tuesday - 3/5 - Economic Austerity: The Path To Prosperity ... Or Not? 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. 10-11:45 am. \$20/member,

\$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/5 - Socrates Café - Weekly discussion group under the guidance of Ethel Genes at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Devoted to supporting philosophical inquiries of all ages and walks of life. 10:30 am. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

3/5 - 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.

3/5 - An In-Person Conversation With My Fair Lady: One-On-One With Sally Ann Howes at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Lecture is presented as part of the Winter Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 1-2:45 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/5 - Memories, Milestones and Memoirs: A Writing Workshop at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton. Session runs through 3/26. 2-4:30 pm. \$80/residents, \$100/non-residents. 477-8727.

3/5 - Gangsters, Rumrunners, Femme Fatales and The Law: South Florida During Prohibition 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. 3:30-5:15 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/5 - 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. Register one week in advance for each program. 4 pm. Free. 278-5455.

3/5 - 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.

3/5 - French Fete: Duo Turgeon Presents French Masterworks for Two Pianos 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.

3/5-6 - 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.

Wednesday - 3/6 - Current Events Discussion Group at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Wednesday. 10:30 am. Free. 278-5455.

3/6 - Ashkenazi Jewish Genetic Diseases 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. 1-2:45 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/6 - Weapons of Mass Seduction: The Two Oldest Professions 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. 3:30-5:15 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/6 - Group Swim Lessons at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St., Boca Raton. Session are W & F through 3/29. Held again 4/3-4/26. Level 1, II & III classes: 4-4:45 & 5-5:45 pm. Cost per session is \$60/resident, \$75/non-residents. 393-7851.

3/6 - The United States and Israeli Policies: Contemporary Middle East Crisis is presented by Colonel Alfred Biegel, US Army (Ret.), as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute at the Library series held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. This three session course, part of the winter/spring semester, will examine developments, their impact and implications for United States and Israeli policies. First of a three-part series. Class continues 3/13 & 20. 6-7:30 pm. \$45/session. 266-9490.

3/6 - Eco-Watch: Determination of Innate Immune Function in the Loggerhead and Green Sea Turtles by Fluorescent Microscopy - Presented as part of the Lecture Series at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Presented by Patricia "Trish" Sposato. 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.

3/6 - A Special Jazz Evening with Joe Scott Piano Trio and Guest Saxophonist Joe Mal 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. 7-8:55 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

Thursday - 3/7 - Delray Beach Walkers Club at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Sponsored by Ocean Rescue and Veterans Park Recreation Center. Ongoing class held every Thursday. For ages 18 and up. 8 am. Free. 243-7352 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

3/7 - 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. This two-week course held Thursday & Fridays through 3/15. 10 am-noon. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. 367-7035.

3/7 - 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.

3/7 - Miss Sara's Dance Class for ages 2-5 at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. This class introduces preschoolers to the basics of ballet, tap, gymnastics, fitness, and creative movement. Adults wait outside the classroom. This six-week course runs Thursdays through 4/18. Age 2: 10:15-10:45 am, \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents; age 3-5: 11 am-noon, \$84/residents, \$105/non-residents. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

3/7 - Our Revolutionary Fathers And The Documents That Shaped Them 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. 1-2:45 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/7 - Eco Explorers: Be An Animal Caretaker For A Day! at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Come and get hands-on with live animal ambassadors - snakes, turtles and a skunk! Learn how to be a responsible pet owner and how to interact with wild animals. For ages 8-12. 2-3 pm. \$4/child. Reservations required. 629-8760 or www.daggerwing.org.

3/7 - 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.

3/7 - Cole Porter - A True Wit of American Music: His Life and Music 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. 3:30-5:15 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/7 - 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



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music, storytelling, and art while conveying lessons in positive thinking, self confidence and environment awareness. Four week session runs through 4/4 (no class 3/28). 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.

3/7 - Hunger Games (PG-13) is presented as part of Teen Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 13-17. 6-8 pm. Free, includes free pizza & soda. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

3/7 - God Bless America - An American Anthem By a Jewish Composer: Irving Berlin - His Life and Music 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.

3/7 - Classical Cellists: Liakhovetski Brothers at the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 5-6 pm. Free. 278-5455.

3/7-16 - 7th Annual Festival of the Arts Boca at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, and the Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Full schedule and pricing is available at the event website. 368-8445 or www.festivaloftheartsboca.org.

Friday - 3/8 - Tot Time at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 2-5. Children will enjoy crafts, snacks, and indoor play stations. Drop in any time during the program. 10 am-noon. \$5/child. 347-3900.

3/8 - China's String Of Pearls: Speaking Softly and Carrying A Big Stick 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. 10-11:45 am. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/8 - 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.

3/8 - Wetlands & Wildlife - Wakodahatchee is a man-made wetland which has become a favorite for birders and photographers at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Bring your binoculars. Ages 7-adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. 3-5 pm. Free. Reservations required: 544-8615.

3/8 - Skunk 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 Friday. 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760 or www.daggerwing.org.

3/8 - Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction: 'Words ... Alive!' Dramatizes Jeannette Walls' Glass Castle and Half Broke Horses 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. 3:30-5:15 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/8 - Opening Reception: Exhibit - Beyond Oceans by Sally Cooper & Paul Slater at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Exhibit runs through 4/25. Hours: M-W: Noon-6:30 pm; F&Sat.: 10 am-1 pm. Reception: 4:30 pm. Free. 278-5455.

3/8 - Pop, Rock & Doo Wopp Live! at the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium at the University Center on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Join radio legend Cousin Bruce for an unforgettable evening with the legends of 50's and 60's rock & roll, as seen on PBS. Every group contains original recording members. Featuring Sonny Turner (the Platters), Charlie Thomas' Drifters, The Chiffons, Danny & The Juniors featuring Joe Terry, The passions featuring Jimmy Gallagher, The Cascades with John Gummoe plus a surprise guest artist. 8 pm. \$39-\$75. 877-311-7469.

3/8 - Sick Puppies Comedy at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE 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.

check back closer to date, see if sold out.ms. \$20/adults, \$15/seniors (65+) and students (with ID). 394-2626.

3/8-9 - Dollhouse Miniature Show & Sale at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 NW Crawford Blvd. Presented by Les Petits Collecteurs of South Florida. 9 am-3:30 pm. 3/8: workshops, 3/9: show and sale. \$5/adults, \$2/ages 12 and under. Proceeds benefit The Haven and Kids in Distress. 737-5416.

3/8-10 - Tap, The Show at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. F&Sat.: 8 pm; Sat.&Sun.: 2 pm. \$42. 243-7922 ext. 1.

3/8-10 - 46th Annual St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Festival at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd., Delray Beach. Featuring live entertainment, carnival rides, flea market, antique car show, and raffles. All proceeds benefit the St. Vincent Ferrer School. F: 5-11 pm; Sat.: 11 am-11 pm; Sun.: 11 am-7 pm. Free admission but carnival rides require tickets. Advance tickets \$50/3-day ride bracelet; \$25/one-day ride bracelet. On grounds price: \$60/3-day ride bracelet; \$30/one-day ride bracelet. 276-6892.

Saturday - 3/9 - 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 HLPS 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. \$25 transportation fee. 954-942-2102.

3/9 - 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. Held again 4/6. 10-10:45 am. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 544-8615 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

3/9 - The Mujahidin In Syria: The New Al-Qaeda? 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. 10-11:45 am. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

3/9 - Ride & Remember Trolley Tour departs from the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave., Delray Beach. 2-hour tour focuses on 5 historic districts. Held the second Saturday of each month. In celebration of Women's History Month, tour will include a look inside the historic home of local artist Lois Brezinski. 10 am-noon. \$20. Reservations: 279-8883.

3/9 - Family Challenge: Skyscraper Engineering - 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.

3/9 - Pirates: Band of Misfits (PG) - Presented as part of Tween Movie Mania at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For age 9-12. Includes free pizza and drinks. Noon-2 pm. Free. 393-7968.

3/9 - Think Pink Basketball Fundraiser at Specialty Automotive Treatments, 700 W. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. Guests can join Mario Chalmers for a fabulous cocktail party featuring music, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a live auction. Event benefits the Mario V. Chalmers Foundation and the Dorothy Mangurian Comprehensive Women's Center. 7-9 pm. \$100/person. 954-765-1329 or email patricia@kiphuntermarketing.com.

MARCH 10-16

Sunday - 3/10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

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.

Green Market 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.

3/10 - Tour of Boca - Hosted by the Boca Raton Bicycle Club and the Recreation Services Department, riders meet at Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Tour beautiful Boca Raton with an easy paced, police escorted bicycle ride. Boca Raton Bicycle Club members, acting as marshals, help beginners feel comfortable on the open road and give advice to improve cycling skills. Promote safe cycling while spending a pleasant afternoon with family and friends. Children must be at least 10 years old and accompanied by an adult if under age 14. Headphones are not permitted. All riders are required to wear helmets. Ride is approximately 14-15 miles, with a rest stop at Rutherford Park (mile 9) for beverages and snacks. Registration: 12:30 pm. Ride begins 1 pm. \$2/ rider. 391-6109.

3/10 - Boynton Woman's Club Open House at 1010 S. Federal Hwy. History buffs, Addison Mizner fans, great architect lovers - or the just plain curious - will get the chance to have a first-hand look at this beautiful building. BWC members will be on hand to give tours, talk about the club's history and describe the charities the members support. In addition, visitors will get to see examples of these talented women's work as well as sample the great "finger food" that members bring to their monthly luncheons. This event recognizes the club's 104-year commitment to the community. 2-5 pm. Free. 369-2300.

3/10 - Concert: Karl Jenkins, The Peacemakers - Presented as part of Music At St. Paul's series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. St. Paul's Choir and Sinfonia del Re is joined by the choirs of All Saints Church, Fort Lauderdale, and Pine Crest School, in the South Florida premiere of a major new work on texts by Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Anne Frank, Mother Theresa & Nelson Mandela. 3 pm. \$20/preferred seating, \$15/requested donation, \$5/students. 278-6003 or www.st.paulsdelray.org.

3/10 - The Three Swingers - 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. Vernan Duke's April in Paris, Vincent Youmans' Tea for Two and Jimmy McHugh's On the Sunny Side of the Street are included among the great classic melodies these composers wrote during this swinging era. Hear those songs and more performed by Marshall Turkin's Classic Jazz Ensemble. 4 pm. Tickets \$25-\$40. 237-9000.

Monday - 3/11 - Mizner's Inn: Boca Raton Resort & Club - Meet at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Registration for this special event is open to LLS members only and includes transportation to/from the hotel. Annual membership: \$45. Meet at 9:30 am, leaving promptly at 9:45 am. Advance registration required. \$25/member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

3/11 - Mangrove Paddle - Enjoy a naturalist guided tour from the boardwalk at James A. Rutherford Park, 600 NE 24th St., Boca Raton. Presented by the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Following the tour, paddle through the mangrove trails and back along the shoreline of the Intracoastal. Held again 12:30-2:30 pm/3:30. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$15/member, \$22/non-member. Reservations and pre-payment

required: 544-8615 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

3/11 - The Lost Jews of St. Maarten: Modern Forensics and Research Redicover One Jewish-Caribbean Community at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 1-2:45 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/11 - Have a Glass of Tea With Sholem Aleichem: A One-Man Performance at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 3:15-5 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/11 - Hip Hop Superstars Dance Class for ages 5-9 at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Students will learn choreographed warm-ups and dances to their favorite songs. This class uses across the floor combinations for coordination and gross motor agility and will help improve self esteem and self confidence. Parents will be asked to wait outside the classroom during class, however some time at the end of each session will be given for observance. This five-week session held Mondays through 4/15 (no class 3/25). 4:45-5:30 pm. \$60/resident, \$75/non-resident. 989-0920 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

3/11 - Musical Theater & Drama Class for ages 6-11 at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Students will be singing, acting and dancing to popular Broadway songs and scripts. This five-week session held Mondays through 4/15 (no class 3/25). 5:30-6:15 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 393-7807.

3/11 - Beginner Dog Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Challenge and fine-tune what you have learned from basic. This six-week session held Mondays through 4/15. Classes are held outside on the basketball court behind the Community Center and are cancelled in inclement weather. 6-7 pm. \$85/residents, \$106/non-residents. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

3/11 - Ocean Renewable Energy: Harnessing The Power of the Sea at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 7-8:45 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

Tuesday - 3/12 - The Lady and the Generals: Aung San Suu Kyi and the Struggle for Democracy in Myanmar (Burma) at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 10-11:45 am. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

3/12 - Seinfeld: A New York Jewish Icon at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 1-2:45 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/12 - Student Recitals at Lynn University Conservatory, Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 3:30 pm:

Takuya Yamamoto, violin; 5:30 pm: Dragana Simonovska, french horn; 7:30 pm: Greg Stead, oboe. Free. 237-9000 or www.events.lynn.edu.

3/12 - Eco-Watch - The Scent of Scandal: Inside the Wild World of Orchid Smuggling - Presented as part of the Lecture Series at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Presented by Craig Pittman. 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.

3/12 - Empathically Speaking: A Jewish Approach to Effective Communication - Presented as part of the Rosh Chodesh Society Course at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Fifth 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.

Wednesday - 3/13 - India's Questionable Future at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 10-11:45 am. \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/13 - CEO Sam Goldstein at the de Hoernle Lecture Hall, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sam Goldstein, CEO, Regent Court Management, speaks to students about his experiences. 6 pm. Free. 237-9000.

3/13 - Seminole Voices - Presented by Dr. Harry Kerey 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; free/Boca Raton Historical Society members. Reservations required. 395-6766 ext. 101.

Thursday - 3/14 - Field Trip: Miami Cruise - Meet at Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Miami has been home to many rich, famous and infamous people. Come join us for an up close and personal look at past and present homes of celebrities like Elizabeth Taylor, Frank Sinatra, Shaquille O'Neal, Jackie Chan, and many more. Relax and enjoy the refreshing sea breeze while listening to an informative tour of Biscayne Bay and its islands. Checking by 8:30 am. 9 am-2:45 pm. \$31. 367-7035.

3/14 - 12th Annual Delray Beach Home Tour is held to benefit the Achievement Centers for Children & Families. Tour distinctive homes in the Beach area of Delray. Admission includes access to beautiful beach area homes in Delray, parking, trolley services between homes and a catered luncheon. 10 am-4 pm. Reservations required. \$100. 266-0003.

3/14 - Pen Women Luncheon and Discussion with Missy McArdle at Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. Sponsored by the Boca Raton Branch, National League of American Pen Women. McArdle entertains and talks about local theater. 11:30 am. \$25. 865-9756 or www.bocapenwomen.org.

3/14 - Palm Beach Watercolor Society General Meeting at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month, October thru May. 6:30 pm. \$2/ suggested donation. 416-9600 or www.pbwatercolor.org.

3/14 - The Strange Case of Origami Yoga by Tom Angleberger is presented as part of the Tween Book Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 9-12. Registration required. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

3/14 - Reading: Nick Flynn in the Majestic Palm Room of the Student Union at Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Flynn is the 2013 Lawrence A. Sanders Writer-in-Residence. 7 pm. Free. 297-2974.

3/14 - James E. Buffan Gold Coast Band Concert at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. 7:30 pm. \$7 at the door. 742-6240.

3/14 - Ballet Performance: Snow White at Pine Crest School, 2700 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton. Performance by students in grades 4-8. R: 7 pm; F: 9 am; Sat.: 2 pm. Free. 852-2800 ext. 2851.

Friday - 3/15 - Mommy, Mother Nature & Me: Everything Green! at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Parents, bring your little ones to experience exciting nature topics. Programs may include activities such as: stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, and crafts. Ages 2-5. 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/child. Reservations required. 629-8760 or www.daggerwing.org.

3/15 - Boca Express Train Museum Tour at the FEC Railway Station, Count de Hoernle Pavilion, 747 S. Dixie Hwy. Guided tour of two 1947 Seaboard Air Line streamliners. Both listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the dining and lounge rail cars have been restored to their original splendor and deliver a nostalgic look at the glamorous day of train travel. Held the 1st & 3rd Friday of every month January through April 2013. 1

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3/15 - 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 4/5. 1-3 pm. \$100/residents, \$125/non-residents. Materials are not included. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

3/15 - Eyes to the Skies with the professional-grade 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at the Children's Science Explorium, Camino Lot, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This informal event is held in the parking lot (weather permitting). All children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. Telescope will be out for at least one hour after the scheduled start time. Note: Stars must be visible for the telescope to align. 8 pm. Free. 347-3912.

3/15-17 - Lungs by Duncan Macmillan at The Theatre at Arts Garage, 180 NE First St., Delray Beach. ance door. Sex, murder and mayhem in a sleepy New England seaside village; now, that's pure Chamber of Commerce! The renovation of an old Gloucester, MA harbor house is the setting for master playwright Israel Horowitz' dark comedy, the latest in his series of "Gloucester plays." Runs W-Sat. through 4/14. W-F: 7:30-10:30 pm; Sat.: 2-5 pm; Sun.: 7-10 pm. \$30-\$40/advance. 450-6357.

Saturday - 3/16 - Design Your Destiny: Changes through Choices is held at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Daylong retreat features speakers, yoga, meditation, discussion, labyrinth and more. 9 am-3:15 pm. Free/love offering. Register by 3/13. 276-5796.

3/16 - 5th Annual Boating & Beach Bash for People with Disabilities is held at Spanish River Park on A1A in Boca Raton. A great day of fun with a free boat ride on the Intracoastal Waterway. Featuring live music, exhibits, fun zone, therapy animals and a free BBQ lunch. Event partner is Wounded Warriors in Action Foundation. Open to people with physical and/or intellectual disabilities, their families, and caregivers. Donations, volunteers and attendees welcome. 10 am-3 pm. Free. 715-2622 or www.boatingbeachbash.com.

3/16 - 45th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade is held along Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach. Beer, food, vendors with pre and post-party held at the Delray Beach Center for the Arts. Parade: 2-4:30 pm; Live music by The Nouveaux Honkies: 3:30 pm. 11 am-7 pm. 279-0907 or www.festivalmanagementgroup.com.

3/16 - Recycled Crafts at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Come take part in fun nature-based crafts! Local artist Sylvia Riquezes will teach participants how to make a flower garden out of recycled materials. Then put your creation on display at Daggerwing Nature Center for everyone to enjoy and to teach others about recycling and conservation. Ages 5-10. 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/child. Reservations required. 629-8760 or www.daggerwing.org.

3/16 - Playground Playdate at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Get info about upcoming programs and enjoy free kid's activities. 11 am. Free. 347-3900.

3/16 - 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 six-week course run Saturdays through 4/20. Adult class: 12:30-2:30 pm, \$98/residents, \$123/non-residents; Children class (ages 7-12): 2:30-4:30 pm, \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents, plus additional materials to be purchased by parents after first class. 367-7035.

3/16 - Creation Station at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Creation Station is an exciting new drop-in gallery program designed for families to learn more about the visual arts in a relaxed and fun manner. Activities may include crafting a sculpture out of recycled objects, creating a collage, or solving a jigsaw puzzle. 1-4 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$10/adults, \$8/seniors, \$4/students, free/children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

3/16 - Mulan at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Held Saturdays through 4/27. 2 pm. \$14/adults, \$10/children 12 & under. 394-2626.

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Sunday - 3/17 - Weekend Movie Madness: Brave (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.

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Michel Piranesi unveiled his latest jewelry collection during a private champagne and Black River caviar reception Feb. 11 at Mary Mahoney on Worth Avenue in Palm Beach. Ten percent of proceeds from all sales during the four-day trunk show benefited the International Red Cross. The trunk show now moves to Neiman Marcus, Boca Raton, March 11-14, benefiting Florence Fuller Child Development Centers. **Photo: Tara Vecellio and Mary Mahoney. Photo provided**

Halvorsen, Liszt and Glazunov. 4 pm. \$35 at the door. 213-4138.

Monday - 3/18 - Early Afternoon Explorers: Clues From The Past at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Ages 6-9: 1-2 pm; ages 10-12: 2-3 pm. \$10/residents; \$12.50/non-residents. 347-3912.

3/18 - Fun for 6-8's at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Reading adventure for kids 6-8 years old. Held again 4/1. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration required. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

3/18 - A Time to Celebrate: Live Concert at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Celebrate Bar Mitzvah of the Chabad of East Boca - celebrating 13 years of community service. Featuring the King of Jewish Music Mordechai Ben David and child prodigy Ethan Bortnick. Hot food and beverages available for sale. 7 pm. \$18-\$75. 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

3/18 - Champagne and Bosom Buddies: A Tribute to Jerry Herman at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This new musical revue offers audiences the masterful songs of Jerry Herman, composer of Hello Holly, Milk and Honey, Mame, La Cage aux Folles, Grand Tour and Mack and Mabel. Herman is the only composer ever to have three shows running simultaneously on Broadway. Enjoy his joyful songs on this magical and celebratory occasion. The fun is brought to you by singing actors who have had the pleasure of doing his shows on Broadway and throughout America, including Jay Stuart, Wanda Richert and Jan McArt. 7:30 pm. Tickets \$10. 237-9000.

Tuesday - 3/19 - 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 every Tuesday through 4/30.

Registration required. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

3/19 - Kangaroo Kids Programs for ages 2 to 5 at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Kangaroo Kids (ages 2-3): In this educationally developmental class, participants will hop from one activity to the next while preparing children for preschool with age appropriate art projects, songs, dramatics and story time. Kangaroo Kids II (ages 3-5): Share some fun time together with your child by creating art projects, singing and participating in imaginative play. This six-week session is held Tuesdays through 5/7 (no class 3/26 & 4/9). Age 2-3 years: 10-10:45 am; age 3-5 years: 11-11:45 am. \$75/residents, \$90/non-residents plus \$10 materials fee per session. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

3/19 - Dance Class - Recital Session 2 (Tap & Ballet) for ages 3-10 at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Students must be enrolled in recital session 1 to participate in recital, taking place in June. This 12-week session held Tuesdays through 6/11 (no class 3/26). Ages 3-4: 2:15-3pm; age 6-7: 3-3:40 pm; age 8-10: 3:45-4:25. \$144/resident, \$180/non-resident. 989-0920 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

3/19 - Cinder by Marris Meyer is presented as part of Teen Book Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 13-17. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 393-7968.

3/19 - 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.

Wednesday - 3/20 - Business & Professional Division Industry Icon Event - Industry Icon Series: Bob Diener - Presented as part of the Industry Icons series at the new Business & Professional Division

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of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Zinman Hall, 9901 Donna Klein Blvd., Boca Raton. Speaker is Larry Feldman, CEO of Subway Development Corp. Networking begins at 8 a.m., speaker at 8:30 a.m. Tickets are \$36. Space is limited; RSVP required by March 18. 852-3128 or www.jewishboca.org/icon.

3/20 - Terrific 3 to 5 Year Olds at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Held every Wednesday through 5/1. Registration required. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

3/20 - Fifty Shades of Grey: Examining the Roots of its Success at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 10-11:45 am. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/20 - 15th Annual Honor Your Doctor Luncheon - Hosted by GFWC Boca Raton Woman's Club and Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive. Proceeds benefit the Helen M. Babione Medical Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to students enrolled in the medical field at Florida Atlantic University, Lynn University, and Palm Beach State College. Special guests are local doctors who are honored for their service to our community. 11:30 am. \$75. RSVP by 3/1. 767-6825 or 299-1429 or www.gfwc-boca.org.

3/20 - Jews In France: Sad and Glorious Moments From the Fifth to 20th-Century at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 1-2:45 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

3/20 - Dance Class - Recital Session 2 for ages 3 and up at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. This class will develop children's confidence,

creativity, rhythm, coordination, strength and expression. Learn the basic groundwork for the recital routines taught in the recital sessions. Students must be enrolled in recital session 1 to participate in recital, taking place in June. This twelve-week session held Wednesdays through 6/12 (no class 3/27). Tap & Ballet: Ages 3-4: 2:15-3pm; age 6-7: 3-3:40 pm; Tap & Jazz: age 7-9: 3:45-4:25 pm; Tap: ages 10 & up: 4:35-5:15 pm; Jazz: ages 12 & up: 5:20-6 pm. \$144/resident, \$180/non-resident. 989-0920.

3/20 - The U.S. Bill of Rights: An Enduring Legacy at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 3:15-5 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

3/20 - CEO Barbara Allan at the de Hoernle Lecture Hall, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Barbara Allan, CEO, SRA Research Group, speaks to students about her experiences. 6 pm. Free. 237-9000.

3/20 - Broadway and Beyond at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 7-8:45 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/20 - Eco-Watch - The Effects of Prey Availability on Breeding Wading Bird Physiology in a Managed Lake Ecosystem - Presented as part of the Lecture Series at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Presented by Jennifer Chastant. 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.

3/20 - Community Cabaret - Calling all singers, dancers, musicians and stand-up comedians to the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton.

Municipal Meetings

3/5 & 4/2 - Highland Beach - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S. Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda available at www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us.

3/12 & 3/28 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesday at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road. 6 pm. Agenda available at www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

Performers must register in advance. Box office hours: T-F, 10 am-1 pm & 5-8 pm; Sat. 1-5 pm and 1 hour prior to shows. 7:30 pm. Admission: \$5. 347-3900 or www.willowtheatre.org.

Thursday - 3/21 - Boca Raton During the 1940s-1960s: Its Bustling Historic Downtown - meet at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Registration for this special event is open to LLS members only and includes transportation to/from the Boca Raton Historical Society. Annual membership: \$45. Meet at 9:30 am, leaving promptly at 9:45 am. Advance registration required. \$25/member. 297-3171.

3/21 - Trialogue and Terror: Religion and Its Response to 9/11 at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 10-11:45 am. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/21 - Tour of Historic and Contemporary Boca Raton is 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.

3/21 - Tap & Ballet Class - Recital Session 3 for ages 3-8 at the James A. Rutherford

Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. This class will develop children's confidence, creativity, rhythm, coordination, strength and expression. Learn the basic groundwork for the recital routines taught in the recital sessions. Students must be enrolled in recital session 1 to participate in recital, taking place in June. This 11-week session held Thursdays through 6/6 (no class 3/28). Ages 3-4: 10:15-10:55 am; age 4 1/2-5: 3:30-4:10 pm; age 6-8: 4:15-4:55 pm. \$144/resident, \$180/non-resident. 989-0920 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

3/21 - Tikun Olam: How One Person Can Change and Repair the World at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is a one-time special lecture presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 3:15-5 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

3/21 - Bricks 4 Kidz: Intermediate/Advanced Robotics for ages 7 & up at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. This class takes learning to the next level. Incorporating lights, remotes, and programming software, creations made of LEGO bricks come to life! A great class for older children and experienced builders. This four-week course run Thursdays through 4/11. 4-5 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

3/21 - Exhibition: Ballroom Dancing at the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455.

3/21 - Student Recitals at Lynn University Conservatory, Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 5:30 pm: Aneliya Novikova, Piano/PPC; 7:30 pm: Darren Matias, Piano/PPC. Free. 237-9000.

3/21 - Thursday Movie Classics: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13) at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 6:30 pm. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. Ticket box office: 347-3948 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

3/21 - Raising Confident, Competent Children is presented at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Parenting and family support program designed for parents of children newborn to age 12. Learn strategies for promoting positive relationships with your children and encourage desirable behaviors. Presented in both Haitian Creole and English. Children will participate in fun activities while parents attend the program. Presented by the Children's Services Council. 6:45-8:15 pm. Free. 742-6886.

3/21 - Concert: Today's Four Aces 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.

Friday - 3/22 - Story and Play with Miss Mij at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 18 mo.-4 yrs. Miss Mij uses

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

3/22 - 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. 7-9:30 pm. \$7/members, \$10/ non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 338-1542 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

3/22-24/2013 - 11th Annual Boca Bacchanal - 3/22 - Boca Bacchanal - The Bacchus Bash - Presented by the Boca Raton Historical Society at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. A delectable reception and silent auction, a multi-course feast with wine pairings, and a live auction. 6:30 pm. \$225/including valet parking. 395-6766 ext. 101 or www.bocabacchanal.com.

3/23 - Vintner Dinners - Presented by the Boca Raton Historical Society, celebrated chefs pair with prized vintners at six private homes. Boca Bacchanal is the biggest fundraiser of the Boca Raton Historical Society and it benefits its Heritage Education and Preservation Programs. 7 pm. \$325. 395-6766 ext. 101 or email info@bocahistory.org.

3/24 - Boca Bacchanal - The Grand Tasting - Presented by the Boca Raton Historical Society at Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Sip, savor and stroll your way through this alfresco luncheon revelry on the tented green. Features by-the-bite specialties from 30 top local restaurants, a presentation of 140 featured wines, a new Beer Garden and experience the herbs, produce, specialty oils and foods in "The Marketplace." Noon-3 pm. \$75/pre-event; \$90/at the gate. 395-6766 ext. 101 or www.bocabacchanal.com.

Saturday - 3/23 - Boca Symphonia Meet The Orchestra at the Roberts Theater, Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton. Families can attend a dress rehearsal, and then meet the Conductor and musicians at intermission to learn about the instruments and discover how music inspires creativity. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Reservations: 866-687-4201 or www.bocasymphonia.org.

3/23-24 - 34th Annual Hatsume Fair returns to Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Celebrating the first bud of spring, Hatsume, the Morikami's largest annual event, transforms the normally tranquil Morikami Park into a unique Japanese spring festival. Taiko and live Japanese music, contests, workshops, panels, demonstrations, kids activities, food and beverages. 11 am-6 pm. \$12/adults and \$6/kids before 3/22, \$15/adult and \$10/kids at gate, free/children under 3. 495-0233, Ext. 200 or www.morikami.org.

MARCH 24-30

Sunday - 3/24 - Downtown Open Market at Monument Piazza, Royal Palm Place, 308 S. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Held once a month on Sundays through May 2013. Features food, art galleries, jewelers and a variety of boutiques. 10 am-4 pm. Free. www.downtownopenmarket.com.

3/24 - Soloist Jennifer Grim with the Boca Raton Symphonia at Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton. Principal Conductor Philippe Entremont featuring works by Respighi, Mozart and Shchedrin. 4 pm. \$33-\$59. 866-687-4201.

Tuesday - 3/26 - Spring Children's Fair for children ages 2-12 at Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road. Games, arts & crafts, exhibits, food and community service groups. Rain date 3/27. 10 am-3 pm. Free entrance to event, \$15/ ride all day bracelet or \$3/ride. 367-7035.

3/26 - Book Club is presented by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Held 4th Tuesday of each month. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

3/26 - Student Recitals at Lynn University Conservatory, Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 3:30 pm: Brian Garcia, trumpet; 5:30 pm: Kelly Barnett; flute; 7:30 pm: Victoria Hauk, flute. Free. 237-9000 or www.events.lynn.edu.

Wednesday - 3/27 - Beach Treasures at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Limpets and topsnails are a few of the shells that can be found on Florida's beaches. Meet at the center to learn about seashells and the animals that make them. Caravan to Red Reef Park, 1400 N. State Road A1A, and search for ocean treasures. For all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. 4-5:30 pm. \$5/members, \$8/

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3/27 - CEO Dan Hodgeman at the de Hoernle Lecture Hall, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Dan Hodgeman, CEO, voispot, Inc., speaks to students about his experiences. 6 pm. Free. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

3/28 - Eco-Egg Hunt for ages 5-9 at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Look at the many egg shapes and sizes and learn about the animals that lay them. Then go to the butterfly garden to hunt and collect your own eggs. Adults must sign-in children, but do not have to stay. In case of rain, postponed to 3/29. Offered at two times: 11am-12:30 pm or 1-2:30 1:30-2:30 pm. \$9/ members, \$14/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 338-1542.

3/28 - Craft Crew: Game Night - 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.

3/28-29 - Palm Beach Pops: Sensational Broadway 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.fauvents.com..

Friday - 3/29 - Spring Egg Dive at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St., Boca Raton. Children ages 5-13 search for pennies on the bottom of the pool and turn them in for plastic eggs filled with toys. If they find a specially-marked penny, they receive a special prize. All children receive an egg for participating. Featuring free popcorn and raffles throughout the event. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7851.

Saturday - 3/30 - 12th Annual Easter Bonnet Pet Parade is hosted by the Delray GreenMarket. Registration held on front lawn of Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 9 am/registration, 10 am/parade to GreenMarket for judging and prizes. Categories include: traditional, funniest, original, tropical, frou-frou, tiniest tea-cup and owner doggie look-a-like. \$2/entry fee. Free/watch. 276-7511.

MARCH 31- APRIL 6

Sunday - 3/31 - Easter Sunday : For Easter Sunrise Services, see Home, Health & Harmony, Page 7.

Monday - 4/1 - Yoga for Children with Autism & Special Needs at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Classes designed especially for children with special needs. Weekly sessions held Mondays through 5/6. Ages 5-7: 2:30-3:15 pm; ages 8-12: 3:30-4:15 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

Tuesday - 4/2 - 4/2 - Artistic Designs is the featured presentation at the Boca Raton Garden Club General Meeting at the BRGC clubhouse, 4281 NW 3rd Ave. 1 pm. Free. 395-9376 or www.bocaratongardenclub.org.

4/2 - Memories, Milestones and Memoirs: A Writing Workshop at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton. This four-week session runs through 4/23. 2-4:30 pm. \$80/ residents, \$100/non-residents. 477-8727.

4/2 - 10 and Under Tennis: Junior Development Clinics for children ages 4-12 begins at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Five-week session held Tuesdays through 4/30. Age 4: 4:30-5pm; age 5-6: 5-5:30 pm; age 7-8: 5:30-6:15pm; age 9-12: 6:15-7:15 pm. For ages 4-6, \$25/residents, \$32/non-residents; for ages 7-12, \$38/residents, \$48/non-residents. Registration: 742-6550.

4/2 - Bright & Smart Robotics Workshop at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 7-12. Teaches basic engineering skills and facilitates the development of higher cognitive skills through computer programming, robot assembly and teamwork. Session runs through 5/21. 4:30-6 pm. \$195/residents, \$243.75/non-residents plus \$25 instructor materials fee. 347-3900.

4/3 - Kindermusik with Ms. Cathy at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 0 mo.-4 yrs. Through interactive classes, children explore rhythm, melody, and other musical building blocks. Children learn by singing, playing instruments, and dancing. Classes feature a variety of musical styles for a fun and positive experience for both parents and children. Materials fee paid to the instructor. Eleven-week session runs Wednesdays through 6/19. Ages 0-16 mos.: 9:30-10:15 am; 15 mos-2.5 yrs.: 10:30-11:15 am; 16 mos.-4 yrs.: 11:30-12:15 pm. \$192/resident, \$240/non-resident. 347-3900.

4/3 - Senses of Cinema Presents Film for Thought Class at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 18+. This five-week series is held Wednesdays through 5/1. 10 am-12:45 pm. Individual classes: Per week: \$12/resident, \$15/non-resident; Complete 5-week session: \$50/resident, \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3900.

4/3 - Playball Class for ages 3-5 at the

Spring Break Camps

3/25-29 - Spring Break Blast Camp at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Investigate topics from the tiniest organisms to the ever-expanding galaxy. All activities and experiments are hands-on and interactive. Sign up for individual days or the entire week. Grades 1-5. M-F, 9 am-1 pm. \$25/resident, \$31.25/non-resident per day; \$105/resident, \$131.25/non-resident per week. Advance purchase required. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

3/25-29 - Professional Performing Arts Spring Break Camp: Rock of Ages at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste., 73, Boca Raton. Students earn songs, scenes and choreography from *The Little Mermaid*, *Tarzan*, *Mary Poppins* and *Aida*. Performance on 3/23. Core program M-F 9 am-3 pm; extended hours 8-9 am and 3-6 pm. \$250; \$5/hour for extended hours and \$7/day for hot lunch buffet. 394-2626 or www.showtimeboca.com.

3/25-29 - Spring Break Junior Camp at The Racquet Center, 21626 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 6-16 at all levels. Featuring drills, match play, swim break, arts & crafts & Carnival Friday. Full day: 9 am-3 pm; week: \$210/resident, \$262.50/non-resident; daily: \$55/resident, \$68.75/non-resident. 367-7095.

3/25-29 - Pee Wee Quick Start Spring Break Camp at The Racquet Center, 21626 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 3-6. Quick Start method geared to the little ones with age appropriate equipment. Featuring swim break, arts & crafts and Pizza Party Friday. 9 am-noon. Week: \$130/resident, \$162.50/non-resident; Daily: \$35/resident, \$43.75/non-resident. 367-7095 or www.theracquetcenter.org.

3/25-28 - The Director's Cut Reel Film Experience Spring Break for ages 6-14 at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Students write scripts, scout shot locations, learn multi-angle filming techniques, act, edit and add voices, sound effects, music, and titles. Bring a brown bag lunch. Parent/guardian must register in person at Boca Raton Community Center, Sugar Sand Park Community Center, or James A. Rutherford Community Center. Must have proof of residency at the time of registration. All fees must be paid in full at time of registration. M-Th. 9 am-4 pm. \$200/residents; \$250/non-residents. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

3/25-29, 4/1-5 - Ocean Adventure Sea Program for ages 6-15 at Red Reef Park, 1400 N.State Road A1A, and Silver Palm Park, 600 E. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. Camp devoted to excitement, fun and adventure through education and exploration of Florida's waters. Experience watersports like snorkeling, boogie boarding, skim boarding, paddle boarding, sailing and more. Beach days are M-Th at Red Reef Park, and sail/snorkel day is Friday at Silver Palm Park. M-F, 9 am-3 pm. \$375/residents, \$469/non-resident. 367-7081 or www.underbluewater.com.

3/25-28, 4/1-5 - Boca Surf School for ages 6-14 at Red Reef Park, 1400 N.State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Instructors provide fun, safe, and educational instruction to the sport of surfing. Additional activities include snorkeling and trips to Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. 9 am-3 pm. M-Th: 4 day week (3/25-28): \$280/resident, \$322/non-resident. M-F, 5 day week: \$350/resident, \$403/non-resident; Daily rate: \$79/resident, \$91/non-resident. Must register at Boca Raton Community Center before child can be dropped off. 367-7081 or www.bocasurfschool.com.

3/25, 27-29 - Spring Break Ed-Venture Week Camp at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Explore our galaxy in an inflatable planetarium or hunt for beautiful gems in an outdoor stream table. All activities and experiments are hands-on and interactive. Ages 6-12. Starlab: M&Th; Gem Mining: W&F. 2-3 pm. \$10/resident, \$12.50/non-resident. Advance purchase required. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

3/25-29 - Spring Break Camp at the Patch Reef Park Tennis Center, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Featuring tennis, games and prizes. Full-day: Ages 7-16, 9 am-3:30 pm, \$210/resident, includes lunch. Half-day: ages 7-16, 9-noon, \$120/resident; ages 3-6, 9 am-noon, \$130/residents. 367-7090 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

3/25-29 - Spring Break Junior Camp at the Boca Raton Tennis Center, 271 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Ages 5-17 at all levels. Featuring 10 & Under Tennis for kids 5-17 years, tennis, pizza party, games and prizes. 9 am-1:30 pm. Week: \$135/resident, \$168.75/non-resident; Daily: \$35/resident, \$43.75/non-resident. 393-7978 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us .

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4/3 - CEO Steve Schoenberg at the de Hoernle Lecture Hall, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Steve Schoenberg, CEO, Steve's Frozen Chillers, speaks to students about his experiences. 6 pm. Free. 237-9000.

4/3 - Eco-Watch: Artificial Reefs in Palm Beach County - Presented by Carmen Vare as part of the Lecture Series at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. 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.

4/3-5 - Cabaret at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Students will put together their song stylings in a lively cabaret setting that will be produced in the Wold Center's Schmidt Studio. In collaboration with the conservatory, the Lynn Drama Program always looks forward to letting students express themselves in song and dance. It is an evening that always produces some wonderful moments of musical expression, enriched with humor and a few surprises. 7:30 pm. Free. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

Thursday - 4/4 - Law, Order and Justice: Film As Legal Text at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is the first of six lectures presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. Held Thursdays through 5/26 (no lecture 5/2). 10-11:45 am. \$51/member, \$81/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

4/4 - The Clash of Civilizations And The New Middle East at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca

member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

4/4 - Concert: Tony Abbott and Julia Langley at the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455.

4/4 - 6th Annual American Fine Wine Competition Gala at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. The event features the finest wines produced in the United States. During the event, over 600 wines will be poured table side to guests by 50 wine angels. Throughout the night you will be able to bid on hundreds of wine baskets at the silent auction signed by winemakers and meet visiting winemakers in their recreated winery tasting room where they will pour for you - just like in wine country. 6-10 pm. \$300. 504-8463.

Friday - 4/5 - America's Game: A History of Baseball in Six Acts at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is the first of six lectures presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. Held Fridays through 5/24 (no lecture 4/19 & 5/3). 10-11:45 am. \$51/member, \$81/non-member. 297-3171.

4/5 - The Verdi Bi-Centennial Celebration Part Two: Three "Grand" Operas at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is the first of six lectures presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. Held Fridays through 5/17 (no lecture 5/3). 1-2:45 pm. \$51/member, \$81/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

4/5 - Exceptional Lives in Inspiring Places at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This is the first of four lectures presented as part of the Spring Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. Held Fridays through 4/26. 3:15-5 pm. \$34/member, \$54/non-member. 297-3171.

4/5 - Adult Ballroom Dance Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Dancers of all levels benefit from instructor Lee Fox's experience and detailed instruction. Singles and couples

welcome. This five-class session runs Fridays through 5/3. Beginner Dance: W Coast Swing, 6:30-7:30 pm; Intermediate Dance: Int Waltz, 7:45-8:45 pm. \$50/residents, \$63/non-residents. 393-7807.

4/5-7 - 51st Annual Delray Affair at Old School Square grounds and along Atlantic Ave. from NW 1st Ave. to Veteran's Park at the Intracoastal bridge. One of Florida's largest art and craft festivals with over 600 fine art, craft, business, food and beverage booths. Presented by the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce. F & Sat.: 10 am-6 pm; Sun.: 10 am-5 pm. Free. 278-0424 or www.delrayaffair.com.

Saturday - 4/6 - C.U.R.E. Symposium at the Marriott Boca Raton at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton. Keynote speaker W. Dalton Dietrich III, Ph.D., Scientific Director of The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. C.U.R.E. (Cutting-Edge Understanding of Research and Education) Symposium to feature 36 specialists covering topics including cancer breakthroughs, orthopedics, psychiatry, neurology, pain management, dentistry, plastic surgery, men's and women's health and more. 8 am-3 pm. General admission: \$10; VIP admission including lunch and keynote address \$50. 736-8925 or email srlife@gate.net.

4/6 - Annual Family Spring Fest at Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd., and Memorial Park, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Featuring Inferno's Challenge with Ricky Charles, including an obstacle course, slam dunk, low wire, juggling and more. All venues are kid safe and are protected by buffer wall and mats. 10 am-2 pm. \$10/person, free/ infants. 393-7827 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

4/6-7 - Miami All Stars at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Latin flare from the Miami All Stars. This dance group hails from a mix of cultures, from Italy, Puerto Rico, Argentina, Haiti, Colombia, Cuba and more, setting their unique style apart from other groups. Sat.: 7:30 pm; Sun.: 4 pm. Tickets \$45-\$65. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.



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The bar in Kathryn and Robert Stewart's home came from E.R. Bradley's original casino in Palm Beach.



Water views, Florida hues



Intracoastal, ocean frontage unite homes on 2013 Delray tour

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach has such a homey feel that even newcomers are eager to help share that traditional sense of community.

That's how it is with Kathryn and Robert Stewart, who bought their Basin Drive home in October 2010. The Stewarts are eager to show off their renovations on the Delray Beach Home Tour, set for March 14.

Each year the home tour, benefiting the Achievement Centers for Children & Families in Delray Beach, picks a different area of the city, says Emma-Jane Ramsey, event and marketing manager for the nonprofit. Last year's focused on the Lake Ida neighborhood.

The group's selection committee picks homes that are new or recently renovated, have

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ABOVE: Designer Virginia Courtenay's Scottish terrier, MacDuff, rests on a chaise in front of a group of paintings at her home on Seabreeze Avenue.

LEFT: Sandra Hoesley's new home sports bright blue shutters against white clapboard walls.
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10 Questions

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Michael Todorovich

Michael Todorovich can tell you the exact moment he got hooked on competitive croquet.

A big man — 6 feet, 5 inches tall — Todorovich had always been an athlete, playing high school and college basketball and football. He even held the shot put record for his St. Louis high school.

Later came competitive golf, with Todorovich traveling the country to play in amateur tournaments. Earning a 2 handicap, Todorovich played on some of the top courses in the world and had the chance to play with some of golf's greats, including Jack Nicklaus.

But time took its toll; bad knees and a bad back transformed the once-competitive golfer into an occasional social golfer.

Then, in 2007, after he had moved to Key Largo, a friend invited Todorovich to play croquet at the courts down the street.

"I didn't expect much," he says. "It was slow, but I had a good time."

Later the friend invited him to play in a tournament.

Todorovich made it to the finals of the second flight and had a make-it-or-break-it shot that eventually would turn his view of croquet upside down.

"In order to have a chance at winning, I had to hit the ball 25 feet," he said. "At that moment I felt the exact same emotions I used to feel playing competitive golf."

With the pressure on, Todorovich made the shot and won the championship for the second flight — all in his first tournament.

Recognizing that he could reignite his competitiveness in a sport his body could handle, Todorovich immersed himself in croquet.

"I went to 14 tournaments in the next year," he said.

A Highland Beach resident for about a year and a half, the now 67-year-old Todorovich went on to become the U.S. Croquet Association's 2007 Rookie of the Year.

These days he's playing in about a tournament a month



Highland Beach resident Michael Todorovich, at the National Croquet Center in West Palm Beach, has become a championship player. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

and is a formidable opponent on the court.

In January, Todorovich ended up winning the Championship Flight singles in the prestigious Beach Club Invitational in Palm Beach, which drew some of the top players from around the country. In that same tournament, he went on to take the top spot in the championship doubles, beating out players with handicaps lower than his 1.5.

While golf is more physically demanding, he says, there are aspects of croquet that make it equally challenging.

"There's infinitely more nuance and strategy," he says. "In croquet, strategy is everything."

That's not to say that skill isn't important. Hitting the ball just a fraction of an inch off target can make the difference between a good shot and a poor one.

"In croquet, the physical movements are simplistic but they require absolute precision to be successful," he said.

A freight broker with an office in Boca Raton, Todorovich says he continues

to look forward to the challenges that come with playing competitive croquet.

"It keeps me from being bored," he said. "I think being bored is the worst thing in the world."

— Rich Pollack

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

A. I was born and raised in St. Louis and went to John Burroughs High School. I then went to Duke University, then Washington University Law School in St. Louis.

Q. What are some highlights of your life?

A. Aside from raising two wonderful children, who are now productive and quality adults, my greatest highlights are that I owned and managed nine companies, of which eight were very successful, giving jobs to hundreds of people and contributing to the economic well-being of our society. I also was an enthusiastic amateur athlete, contributing to football, basketball, baseball, track and field, rugby, golf and now croquet. I was honored to be selected as Rookie of the Year by the United States

Croquet Association in 2007.

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

A. I found Highland Beach when I moved here to manage a company I have owned in Boca Raton for five years. My company is an agent for GlobalTranz, a third-party logistics provider based in Phoenix that created an online freight management system and is booming. Highland Beach was nearby, quiet and beautiful, and perfect for me.

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

A. My favorite part of Highland Beach, is of course, the ocean, which comes to shore about 50 feet from my kitchen and living room and which I view fully from the pillow on my bed. Highland Beach is also eerily and wonderfully quiet as well as neat, tidy, clean and very pretty.

Q. What's the biggest misconception people have about playing croquet?

A. That it is the same game they played in the backyard as children where you simply hit a ball through a wicket. Today's game is more about the subtle nuances of strategy combined with the skill of making the seven basic shots of croquet. The complexity of the strategy coupled with the decision of which shot option to take makes it an intriguing and fascinating contest. Priorities, risk vs. reward, patience, forethought, self-evaluation and judging your opponent all come into play in every game.

Q. If you could change anything in your life, what would it be?

A. My very late ability to separate the pretty lie from the

ugly truth. I was naive. In my 40s I finally realized that there is a significant portion of all societies that deal exclusively with the pretty lie and that we must be vigilant for them. They create most of the problems of the world out of their self interests and have no regard for the well-being of others or the natural rights everyone on this planet has to live their life in the manner they wish. If rational people spent more time dealing with the ugly truth and finding ways to manage its complexities, the world would be a better place.

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

A. I would like Sean Connery to play the movie version of me because he has accurately portrayed bold men, righting wrongs, handling adversity well while being a gentleman to all and making a significant contribution to his cause.

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

A. My musical inspiration comes from the '60s and '70s Beatles, Three Dog Night, Jimi Hendrix, Rolling Stones, Janice Joplin and the Righteous Brothers. Relaxing music for me is Barbra Streisand, Burt Bacharach, Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett.

Q. What do people not know about you that you wish they would?

A. I have a small piece of paper in my wallet that has the five most important things in my life written on it, my five most important goals. Six people know I have this in my wallet. It is there to remind me what I want to do with my actions every day to achieve those goals. I forget frequently so I must refer to it a couple of times a week. I even change it a couple of times a year. No one has ever seen this little piece of paper because if I let them see it, they will have an opinion, and I do not want to hear their opinion. I make all my decisions based upon these five goals. If my actions lead to them, I do it. If my actions lead me away from them, I do not.

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

A. The most compelling mentor I have had was the writer Ayn Rand, author of *The Fountainhead* and *Atlas Shrugged*. The message I heard from these powerful books, and all her other writings, is that we all must strive to become the best person we can within the path we have chosen. It is our job, our responsibility, to make ourselves better in every way, every day for our entire life.

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Time stands still on a large clock face in the pool area of this home on Basin Drive.

TOUR

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interesting architecture or have some historical value. All of the homes on the 2013 tour have waterfront views, Ramsey says, either of the Intracoastal or the ocean.

She wouldn't reveal the addresses of the seven or eight on the home tour, but said homes on the following streets would be featured: Basin Drive, Beach Drive, Ocean Boulevard, Seabreeze Drive and Southways Street.

The Stewarts' home is perfectly situated on the Intracoastal with a boat dock, pool and screened wrap-around porch. The Stewarts added a wall of French doors, giving the feeling of having "the outdoors inside the house," says Tula Kithas, Kathryn Stewart's mom.

The pale pink Bermuda-style home has two stories with five bedrooms and bathrooms in its 6,000 square feet. Most of the living area has oak floors, while the kitchen has green-and-white marble tile in a checkerboard pattern. The master bedroom features a balcony with a pergola over it.

The TV room on the first floor has original cedar paneling; next to it is a family room with a coffered ceiling and beadboard in between the coffers. Deep moldings are another interesting architectural detail throughout the house.

Sam Ogren Sr., known as the father of Delray Beach architecture, designed it, says Tricia Irish, who will be in charge of volunteers for the Stewart house on home tour day.

In addition to numerous homes of that era, Ogren also designed what is now known as Old School Square, formerly

If You Go

12th annual Delray Beach Home Tour

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Delray Beach High School, Irish says.

"Many significant Delray families have resided in this home (on Basin Drive) over the years," Irish says. "From 1971-1995, Frances and Robert Bourque lived in the lovely home and renovated it significantly. Frances Bourque was instrumental in the creation of Old School Square Cultural Arts Center."

Another eager homeowner on the tour is Sandra Hoesley of Beach Drive. "A neighbor knocked on my door and asked me to open up my home for the tour," Hoesley says. "I love Delray and wanted to give back to the community."

Her new 6,000-square-foot, two-story home was designed by architect Roger Cope of Delray Beach in the Key West style. It has a metal roof with the exterior painted in jute with ballet white accents and shutters in whipple blue — all Benjamin Moore colors.

The home, built by Gary Miller of GLM Builders in Delray Beach, replaced a 1955 ranch house that Hoesley lived in for 12 years. "It was a hard decision, I loved that house,"



Iron rails and coral stone steps trim out Georganne Goldblum and Rick Edick's oceanfront home in Delray Beach. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star



Large images of carp adorn the bathroom walls at the home of Robert Hush and Lauren Alberti on Southways Street.

she says. But it needed new electric and plumbing.

Her just-finished home has four bedrooms, 5.5 baths with hardwood and limestone floors. It also has a lap pool and a boat dock.

Just 100 years ago, that

coastal section of Delray Beach wasn't popular, says Robert Ganger, chairman of the Florida Coalition for Preservation. "It was not a desirable area for farming or living," says Ganger, former president of the Delray Beach



The bar sink at the home of Chrissy and Don Hubiak on Seabreeze Drive.

Historical Society.

At that time, there was no easy way to cross the Intracoastal Waterway. People and animals crossed on separate lighters (unpowered barges), he explains. The first oceanfront house, really a fish shack, on one acre of land was offered for \$45, but it didn't sell.

That oceanfront area also had a cemetery. "No one knows its location, but bodies are still there," Ganger says.

It took a long time for that area to be developed. Once it had the infrastructure in the form of bridges across the Intracoastal and electricity, added in the 1920s, the area began to blossom. ★

Secret Gardens

Art nests in this exotic, extensive garden

Find yourself a parking space on Barcelona Road in West Palm Beach. Now walk past the beautifully restored 1920s homes that make up this El Cid neighborhood as you amble toward Lake Worth.

When you come to the seven towering royal palms situated in the swale, you've arrived at No. 253. Don't be put off by the unassuming two-story house with wrought iron balustrade.

This is the entrance to the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens and the well-preserved studio of sculptor Ann Weaver Norton. This 2½-acre property offers visitors a chance to see her oversized works of art or "gateways" set against a backdrop only nature can provide.

No wonder its front coquina walk is guarded on either side by two *Dioon mejiae*, which are ancient cycads standing erect as soldiers.

Now make your way through the home that was re-designed in 1934 by Palm Beach architect Marion Sims Wyeth. Although it retains some of his signature touches including the pecky cypress ceilings, it is now used as an art gallery.

You enter the garden through French doors that swing out onto an expanse of lawn with lake views. This is your introduction not only to the garden but also to Norton's massive artwork. Immediately visible is one of brick set in a pool surrounded by grass and lots of greenery.

The garden was designed to let the artwork speak. That's why you'll find few exotic blooms to detract from the sculptures.

However, the garden does showcase 300 different species of palms from around the world. It's believed to be the most extensive collection in



If You Go

Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Road, West Palm Beach; 561-382-5328; ansg.org. The garden is open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$5 for students; free for children under 5. Street parking is available. Pick up a laminated map of the artwork in the garden at the front desk, and then enjoy a self-guided tour among well-labeled trees.

South Florida outside of the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Miami, says landscape designer Jeff Blakely, who is on the garden's board of directors.

While some of these palms are natives, others come from as far away as Afghanistan and New Guinea.

You'll find varieties such as the Teddy Bear Palm from Madagascar that has a fuzzy reddish brown crown shaft resembling a bear cub clinging to the top of the trunk.

Blakely particularly likes the Florida Thatch Palm, a native of the Keys that is salt tolerant. It has even been found growing on the rocks by the ocean, he says. It's the perfect choice for this garden that can get salty gales blowing from the north off the ocean.

The silvery fans of the *Copernicia hospita* are offset by the dangerous looking teeth on its trunk. "I think it's one of the most beautiful palms around," Blakely says.



A grouping of sculptures by Ann Norton stands sentinel in the sculpture gardens. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star



A pair of *Dioon mejiae* guards the front entrance to the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens.



Seed pods of a cycad from Africa offer a pop of color.



ABOVE: A native green anole skitters along the leaves. LEFT: Native thatch palms and coontie grow side by side.

And the ruffled fan palm has fronds that look to me like they were carefully pleated by a child folding a "paper" fan.

You'll also find more cycads as well as crotons and bromeliads that add unobtrusive touches of color to the greenery. The black prince croton has leaves that turn almost black when grown in the shade yet, given light, they turn green and red.

As you make your way through the dense vegetation, you virtually stumble upon

Norton's figurative sculpture that was inspired by a trip to Utah's Bryce Canyon. Monumental in size, the sculpture is made up of seven representational figures cut into 20 feet of Norwegian granite.

Norton wanted her locally produced works to be showcased by native plants. That's why you'll discover plenty of coontie and coco plum as well as gumbo limbo trees and dahoon holly.

As you continue on the twisting path, it's a surprise and delight to happen upon one of Norton's brick artworks whether surrounded by water or

gently nestled among the ever-changing backdrop of trees and shrubs. "This garden is a quiet space in the city," says Dara Lepore of Montreal, who is visiting with her sister, Norma Lepore, a snowbird living in Hypoluxo. "It's like being far from everywhere."

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.



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3/2 - Designing, Creating & Maintaining a Home Landscape - Presented 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/members, \$60/non-members. Registration: 233-1757 or www.mounts.org.

MARCH 3-9

Tuesday - 3/5 - Growing Orchids is the featured presentation at the Boca Raton Garden Club General Meeting at the BRGC clubhouse, 4281 NW 3rd Ave. 1 pm. Free. 395-9376 or www.bocaratongardenclub.org.

Thursday - 3/7 - The London Square: Gardens in the Midst of Town and Gardens fit for a Queen: Kensington Palace Diamond Jubilee Garden by Todd Longstaffe-Gowan - Presented as part of the Campus On The Lake Best of Britain series at the Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2:30 pm. \$25. Reservations: 805-8562.

Saturday - 3/9 - Edible Well-Being from the Garden at Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Join the Evening Herb Society for a morning of demonstrations, tastings, and

talks on the versatility of herbs. Stock up on herb plants, herbal items and essential oils at the herb sale. 9 am-1 pm. \$35/members, \$45/non-members. 233-1757.

3/9 - Living with Flowers: Organic Elements with John Klingel - Presented at the Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Class features the combined textures and colors of vegetables and flowers in a wholesome, yet beautiful and unique composition. Held again 4/6. 10:30 am-noon. \$65/materials included. 805-8562.

MARCH 17-23

Saturday - 3/23 - Tree Pruning for Homeowners is held at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Workshop begins indoors with a presentation on pruning concepts. Out in the garden, watch a demonstration and later practice new-found skills. Bring pruners and a hand saw, or buy them at the Garden Shop. 9 am-1 pm. \$25/members, \$30/non-members. 233-1757 or www.mounts.org.

MARCH 24-APRIL 6

Tuesday - 4/2 - Artistic Designs is the featured presentation at the Boca Raton Garden Club General Meeting at the BRGC clubhouse, 4281 NW 3rd Ave. 1 pm. Free. 395-9376 or www.bocaratongardenclub.org.

Wednesday - 4/3 - What's Bugging Your Garden is held at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Identify common garden pests and learn the most effective, least toxic method of control. Bring samples in sealed plastic bags for identification. 9 am-1 pm. \$10/members, \$15/non-members. 233-1757.



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Congregations honor chaplains who gave lives during WWII

The story of the four chaplains who gave their life jackets to others on a sinking military ship during World War II is retold each year in a Boynton Beach church or synagogue.

A Catholic priest, a Jewish rabbi and two Protestant ministers were aboard the USS *Dorchester* with 600 other men when the ship was torpedoed by an enemy submarine off the coast of Greenland on Feb. 3, 1943.

"The guys were rushing on deck with no life jackets," **Tom Kaiser**, chairman of the **Boynton Veterans Council**, said in telling the story.

The chaplains gave their life jackets so others could live.

"It became an automatic death sentence for them," Kaiser said. "Four chaplains

of different faiths went down with the ship to honor their buddies. They were last seen linked in prayer and singing."

Boynton veterans alternate sites for their annual interfaith ceremony to honor the four chaplains.

The ceremony was held the past two years at **Temple Beth Kodesh**, a Jewish synagogue. Before that, **St. Mark Catholic Church** hosted the anniversary of the *Dorchester* tragedy.

The ceremony with color guards was held this year at **Ascension Lutheran Church**. The scripture was John 15:13: "Greater love hath no man than this — that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The **Rev. William "Chip" Stokes**, rector of **St. Paul's Episcopal Church** in Delray



Retired Navy Stanley Gavlick, front, of Delray Beach, and others, salute the flag during The Immortal Four Chaplains Memorial Service put on by The Boynton Veterans' Council at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Boynton Beach on Feb. 3. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Beach, is one of six nominees to become bishop of New Jersey.

Stokes, who has been at St. Paul's for 14 years, told his congregation that he and his wife, Susan, have mixed

feelings about the possibility of leaving.



Stokes

"We love St. Paul's and living in Delray Beach. I love being a parish priest," Stokes wrote. "The idea of leaving is

difficult for us."

Church members at St. Paul's will hold their breath until Episcopalians in New Jersey elect their new bishop from the six nominees on May 4.

"I hope it is clear that it is not a given that I will be elected bishop or that I am leaving St. Paul's," Stokes wrote, noting that he was nominated but not elected Newark bishop in 2006.

"If I am not elected, I will understand this as God's call to continue to serve you and our incredible church," he said. "In either circumstance, I will be both happy and content feeling confident that I am responding to God's call and will for me."

The 2-year-olds are back on

campus after **Trinity Lutheran Church and School** opened its new \$1.7 million **Early Learning Center** on Feb. 20.

Cason United Methodist had been leasing classroom space for the youngest of Trinity's preschool students the past three years.

Meanwhile, the waiting list for 3- and 4-year-olds to enroll in Trinity's weekday program had been growing.

"The obvious choice was for us to build something larger," early childhood director **RaQuel Marten** said.

The new 10,000-square-foot building has nine classrooms, offices and a 5,000-square-foot playground. It shares a 7-acre campus with Trinity's church and a K-8 school for 360 students.

"Cason has been a great help to us along the way," said assistant principal **Jamie Wagner**, who led the building effort. "But the new building allows us to bring our kids back on our own campus."

A preschool for 2-year-olds at another church required a separate license and director to operate. "These are our youngest students, and we felt

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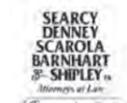
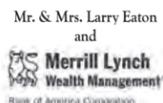
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they were disconnected from the Trinity family," Marten said.

The Early Childhood Center allows the popular preschool program to expand from 95 to 150 students. "This allows us to open our preschool and pre-kindergarten levels to the public," Marten said.

She said many parents are seeking more than just day care for their children.

"They want a curriculum so their child can build a foundation with Jesus as their savior while they are young," Marten said.

Mordechai Ben David, known as the **King of Jewish Music** among Orthodox Jews, performs for the first time in Boca Raton on March 18.

Child prodigy **Ethan Bortnick** also performs in the concert hosted by the **Chabad of East Boca**.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. concert at the Mizner Park Amphitheater start at \$18. Go to www.ticketmaster.com or call 417-7797 for information.

The writings of **Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Anne Frank, Mother Theresa** and **Nelson Mandela** will be sung by students from **Pine Crest School** and the choir at **St. Paul's Episcopal Church** on March 10.

The 3 p.m. concert is the South Florida premiere of the new work by popular composer **Karl Jenkins**. A 15-piece orchestra joins in to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the **Music at St. Paul's**

concert series.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Nobody will be turned away if they are unable to pay.

The **Methodists** couldn't wait 100 years ago when **Lake Worth's** original developer was promising that each of the major denominations would receive land to build a church.

The development company, **Bryant & Greenwood**, was advertising Lake Worth as the "Wonder City" to attract new residents from up North, offering strawberries in January to anyone who wanted to move there.

A Methodist pastor came to town in April 1912 — the same day that the Titanic sank — to perform the first baptism.

Worship services began at a home in January 1913 as the official beginning of **Calvary Methodist Church**. Church women sold quilts and jams and painted faces on coconuts to raise money to build a church.

The developer said each denomination would get land for a church in two years. But the Methodists wanted a little church before then.

So a deal was reached in which a Methodist minister in Iowa gave land and building materials for the Methodists in Lake Worth to build **Dudley Chapel**. The chapel became the Iowa minister's retirement home two years later, when Calvary Methodist received its land from the developer at its present location.

The Methodists moved into



Teacher Christy French teaches the alphabet to students in the early start program at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Delray Beach. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

their chapel in April 1913, making them the first to claim a church building in Lake Worth.

"It was an unspoken competition. We were ahead of everyone else," church historian **Todd Velez** said.

Calvary Methodist grew to 1,400 members in the 1960s. A large sanctuary with a 47-foot stained glass window opened in 1968.

But the congregation fell into hard times because of Lake Worth's changing demographics. To pay the bills, they lease space now to four Hispanic and Haitian congregations and six drug and alcohol recovery groups.

Only 75 Methodists attend Sunday worship services.

"The question is whether we're going to survive," Pastor **Chris Dillon** said. "It's a challenge for us to prove we need to be here."

As the congregation celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, the **Florida Methodist Conference** has scheduled a March 9 viability study to determine if Calvary Methodist can continue.

The hungry now can receive frozen foods — not just canned goods and nonperishable food — from 10 food banks in the county.

Art Works 4 Food, a nonprofit that auctions art for charity, donated 10 small chest freezers to the **Palm Beach County Food Bank**, which

delivered them last month to the agencies that distribute food to the hungry.

South County food pantries offering frozen food now are **Pathways to Prosperity at St. John Missionary Baptist Church** in Boynton Beach, **Our Support for Children** in Delray Beach and the **Jacobson Family Food Pantry** at the **Jewish Federation of Boca Raton**.

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



Easter Sunrise Services

3/31 - Briny Breezes Easter Sunrise Service is held starting at 6:30 am at the Beach Clubhouse, Old Ocean Ave., Briny Breezes. Briny Breezes Community Church hosts this event for residents, but public is welcome. 276-7405.

3/31 - Easter Sunrise Community Worship Service - Presented by the Boynton Beach Ministerial Association at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Boulevard, Ocean Ridge. 6:30 am. Bring a folding chair. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Boynton Beach Community Caring Center. Open to the public. A pancake breakfast on a donation basis will be served after the sunrise service at 7:30-10 am at First Presbyterian Church of Boynton Beach, 235 S.W. 6th Ave., followed by a 10 am Easter egg hunt and a 11 am Easter worship service. Free parking. 732-3774.

3/31 - Easter Sunrise Service is held at the Beach Pavilion at Atlantic Avenue and A1A, Delray Beach. Presented by the Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association. Rev. Linda Mobley from Cason United Methodist Church with music by the St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Jazz Ensemble. All are welcome. 6:30 am. 276-4541.

3/31 - Easter Sunrise Service and Easter Egg Hunt at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, 701 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. Sunrise service: 6:30 am; Free pancake & sausage breakfast at the fellowship hall: 9:15-10:15 am; Easter egg hunt (Joshua's Corner): 9:30-10 am. Resurrection celebration services: 8 & 10:30 am. 395-0433.

3/31 - St. Jude Easter Sunrise Service at South Boca Inlet, 1298 S. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Each year Father Michael Driscoll celebrates an Easter sunrise Mass on the beach. People of all faiths and parishes gather for this event. 6:30 am. 392-8172.

3/31 - Our Savior Lutheran Easter Sunrise Service is held at 7:15 am at R.G. Kruesler Park at the Lake Worth Beach, 10 S. Ocean Blvd. All are welcome. Following sunrise service, public is invited to the traditional Easter breakfast at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1615 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. 8:15 am. Free will offering. Easter worship service at the church at 9:30 am. 582-4430.

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'Step Above' rummage sale
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The Rev. Jo Garnett shows a set of earrings to Ron Price of Delray Beach at the Annual 'Step-Above' Rummage sale. **Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star**

Religion Calendar

MARCH 3-9

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

MARCH 10-16

Sunday - 3/10 - Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St., Delray Beach. Help the Youth Group raise money for their mission trips. Dine in or take out a homemade meal. 5-7 pm. \$5/advance; \$6/ door. 276-6338.

Tuesday - 3/12 - 11th Annual Prayer Breakfast for the YMCA of South Palm Beach County at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. 7:30-9:30 am. Keynote speaker is gymnast Shannon Miller. \$80. 237-0944 or www.ymcaspbc.org.

MARCH 17-23

3/18 - A Time to Celebrate: Live Concert at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Celebrate Bar Mitzvah of the Chabad of East Boca - celebrating 13 years of community service. Featuring Mordechai Ben David and Ethan Bortnick. Hot food and beverages available for sale. 7 pm. \$18-\$75. 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

MARCH 24-30

Sunday - 3/24 - Palm Sunday Children's Pageant at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St., Delray Beach. In song, dance, and dialogue, the children from the Sunday Church School tell the story of the first Palm Sunday, culminating in the waving of palm branches. 9 am & 11 am. Free. 276-6338.

Monday - 3/25 - Passover Begins at sundown.
3/25 - Annual Communal Passover Seder sponsored by Chabad of Delray Beach on the first night of Passover at 7495 W. Atlantic Ave. A catered beef dinner with a

variety of imported wines and handmade, 'Shmurah' Matzah from Israel. 8 pm. \$54/adults, \$25/students & children under 12. 496-6228 or www.chabaddelray.com.
3/25-26 - Community Seder - Presented by the Palm Beach Jewish Center at The Chesterfield Hotel, 363 Coconut Row. Featuring traditional Passover dinner and Passover insights with Rabbi Zalman. All are welcome. 8 pm. \$75/adults, \$40/children age 2-12. RSPV: 659-3884.
Thursday - 3/28 - Maundy Thursday at First Presbyterian Church of Boynton Beach, 235 S.W. 6th Ave. Potluck dinner 6 pm, followed by Communion Service at 7 pm. Free. 732-3774 or www.fpcboynton.com.
Friday - 3/29 - Good Friday Prayer Vigil and Tenebrae Service at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Noon-3 pm: Prayer Vigil; 7 pm: Tenebrae Service. Free will offering. 276-5796.
Friday - 3/29 - Good Friday Community Service at First Presbyterian Church of Boynton Beach, 235 S.W. 6th Ave. Noon-1 pm. Free. 732-3774.

MARCH 31-APRIL 6

Sunday - 3/31 - Easter Sunday: See list of Sunrise Services on Page 7.
3/31 - 11th Annual Easter in the Park Worship Celebration at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Family Easter event featuring music and a live butterfly release. Free parking. 9 am. Free. 395-1244.
3/31 - Easter Sunday Services and Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. The Rev. Nancy Norman conducts the Easter services with special music and singing for the season. Services 9:25 & 11 am. Easter Egg Hunt follows 9:25 am Sunday School. All ages welcome. Free will offering. 276-5796.
Tuesday - 4/2 - Passover Ends at nightfall.

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Paws Up for Pets

Dog's full-time gig is spreading peace and love

Abner weighs less than 10 pounds and has yet to celebrate his second birthday. Yet this Maltese-Yorkshire terrier mix is a BDOC — that's big dog on campus — at the Abbey Delray South center in Delray Beach.

Each and every day, he is winning hearts, unleashing smiles and evoking laughter among residents and health personnel. Not bad for a mini-mutt who spent his puppyhood looking scruffy and skinny at an animal shelter in Boca Raton.

Abner illustrates the value of living each day in the present and looking to the future with a bright outlook. I share his tale because, while there are registered therapy dogs, cats and other pets who make visits to nursing homes, hospitals, schools and other places, Abner is a full-time resident at Abbey Delray South and ready to lend a paw of compassion to any and all at any time.

While at the shelter, he expertly worked his charm on Abbey Delray South's "scouts" in search of a center dog: executive director David Randazzo and dog-savvy Carol Siddons, who resides in the independent living section of this Lifespace community facility. The pair toured shelters to find a well-mannered therapy dog for their residents and staff.

"I saw that special twinkle in his eye and I knew he was the one," says Siddons, who has taught dog obedience and trained Doberman pinschers to win ribbons in the show ring. "Yes, I knew he was full of terrier, but he was easy to train and he loves being on people's laps."

Next challenge: graduating from basic dog obedience school. Siddons brought Abner to every class and then maintained "homework" lessons at her home to ensure Abner would master the key commands like "sit," "down," "stay," "come" and "leave it." He also loves performing figure-8s around other dogs, being touched from head to tail and keeping the mute button on his bark during introductions.

So, how did Abner do in obedience school? "There were 20-some dogs in class and he graduated first in his class!" proudly proclaims Siddons.

Third challenge: charming veteran activities director Doshier Peter, who is dedicated to bringing out the healthy best in her residents, but had zilch knowledge of canines. Abbey Delray South serves people in need of short-term rehabilitation, full-time health care or who desire to reside in assisted-living housing. While she has 20-



Doshier Peter, the health center activities supervisor at Abbey Delray South, sits at her desk as Abner, a Maltese-Yorkie, peers out from his 'spot,' where he shares her chair with her.

Photos provided

plus years experience as an activities director in health centers, Peter admitted being more than nervous about the notion of being in charge of a full-time canine therapy assistant.

"At a staff meeting, the administrator said we need a dog for the facility," recalls Peter. "I looked at him in astonishment. I had never had a dog before and wasn't sure if I could acclimate taking care of a dog. But Abner passed a thorough veterinary exam and excelled in obedience

class and now shares my office. Well, more than my office. He shares my office chair."

That's right. Abner shredded the dog bed placed in Peter's office and wiggled his body onto her high-back chair so that he could be her cuddle companion when she does desk work.

"I've learned to scoot up in my chair to make room for Abner," she laughs. "I've also learned how to give him a bath, express his anal glands and brush him properly."



Abner sits with Richard Smith, 93, at Abbey Delray South.

Abner spends the week as the center's four-legged ambassador of hope and joy. He sports a jingle on his collar to alert his presence and joins Peter when she visits bedridden residents and those participating in group activities.

"What sold me on Abner is that he improves the moods in many here," says Peter. "He has a calming effect on those who are agitated. We always make sure he is welcomed before introducing him to a resident. For those who are cognitively impaired, their relatives may say that the individual had a dog or cat. They smile broadly when they see Abner enter their room. Some residents won't speak to others, but will have lively conversations with Abner."

She adds, "He makes people laugh when he runs after a toy or ball and he loves socializing with the other dogs who come here for visits. At 8 p.m., he goes into his crate in the leisure center to sleep."

Any downsides — besides hogging her office chair? "If there is a dog on TV, he barks at it," she says.

Weekends, Abner shares his time with various staff members and returns promptly on Monday mornings.

"Abner is invaluable — he is making a positive difference in the lives of many people each and every day," says Peter.

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

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Health & Harmony

Biggest Loser contestant competing off-air with twin brother

The twin brothers from Boynton Beach have always been each other's best friend and biggest competitor.

"They've been competing since they were in the womb," their mom says.

So when Joe Ostaszewski was picked to be a contestant on this season's *The Biggest Loser* TV show and his twin brother, Henry, was not, their friendly rivalry was stoked once again.

Joe and Henry, now 43, both tipped the scales at more than 360 pounds. They auditioned together for the show, but the producers weren't interested in featuring twins this year.

Henry lost out. Nonetheless, he vowed to lose weight right along with Joe, week after week.

As of this writing, Henry has lost more than 100 pounds. He's gone from his peak weight of 367 (he had to stand up during an entire flight to LA last year because he didn't fit in his airline seat) to about 250.

Joe's weight is a closely guarded secret (so as not to spoil the remaining episodes of the pre-taped show). His official online bio says his "current weight" is 279 ... but his brother assures us Joe continues to lose as the show unfolds. Both twins are working toward a goal of 220.

Here's why Henry, now living in Georgia, deserves a big round of applause: He lost all that weight while working 10- to 12-hour days as an IT supply chain manager for a major company; while sharing custody of his two kids, which means cooking, cleaning, shopping and chauffeuring; and while having to squeeze in gym



ABOVE: Joe Ostaszewski, a former Ocean Ridge police officer, was disappointed when his twin, Henry, wasn't selected to join him on *The Biggest Loser*. But he's proud that Henry has lost weight right along with him anyway.

LEFT: Henry Ostaszewski on a recent outing with son Ben, 10, and daughter Burke, 13. Shedding more than 100 pounds has allowed him to more fully participate in the outdoor sports he loves.

Photos provided

workouts at 5:30 a.m. or after 7 p.m.

Meanwhile, Joe and his fellow Biggest Losers have been sequestered at a California ranch, where they focus solely on shrinking. They have nutritional coaches telling them what to eat, when to eat. They exercise constantly (or at least it appears that way on TV), with celebrity trainers pushing them

to work harder, faster, stronger.

In other words, reality TV may have its drama. But it's dramatically harder to make the lifestyle changes required for gradual, healthy weight loss when you live in the real world.

Brotherly competition has been a motivating factor, Henry admits. "I'd be lying if I told you otherwise."

It's always been that way,

according to their mother, Judy, and father, Henry Sr., a retired police officer with both the Boynton Beach Police Department and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

The family lived in Boynton Beach for 35 years. Henry and Joe were football stars, first at Atlantic High School in Delray Beach and then at Santaluces Community High School in Lantana. After graduation, they both attended Florida State University on football scholarships. Both later tried out for the NFL — Henry with the Steelers and Joe with the Dolphins — but neither made the cut.

"Football didn't give them good eating habits," says Judy. Both boys continued to eat training-table-style after their football careers ended. Henry went into interior design; Joe went to the fire and police academies and worked as an Ocean Ridge police officer from 1995 to 1998.

As her sons' weight ballooned, Judy worried. Her husband's second heart attack

"Joe and I always wanted to jump out of an airplane, and we will. The reason why we haven't been able to is, I think you have to be no more than 220 or 230 pounds, and we haven't been at that weight in the last 20 years."

— Henry Ostaszewski

and subsequent triple-bypass surgery last year became a call to action for the twins.

"We were all sitting there in the cardiac intensive care unit," Henry says, "and Joe looked over at me and said 'Dude, you're huge.' I looked back at him and said 'Joe, what are you, a ballerina? You're a mirror image — look at me, and that's you.'"

About a month later they made plans to audition for *The Biggest Loser*, something Henry had been suggesting and Joe (ironically) had been resisting.

Henry says he's picked up some tips from his brother — the importance of checking nutritional labels on supermarket foods, for example — and he's learned to eat smaller, smarter meals. Egg white omelets for breakfast, yogurt as a mid-morning snack, a piece of fish and some broccoli for dinner.

"I used to eat a whole pizza in one sitting. Now if I have pizza, it's just one slice, as a treat every once in a while."

The Biggest Loser season finale is March 18. That's when the contestant who has lost the most weight is crowned The Biggest Loser. Will it be Joe? The Ostaszewski family will be in the studio audience, watching it live.

No matter the outcome, the twins plan to use their joint weight loss journey as a springboard into charitable work and motivational speaking. They've created a nonprofit foundation called Wear Your Soul (www.WearYourSoul.org) with a mission to fight childhood obesity by introducing kids to outdoor sports like kayaking, mountain biking and hiking.

"We feel it's the perfect niche for us to give back during the second part of our lives," says Henry. "And we knew we couldn't do this if we were two guys weighing a total of 700 pounds."



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MARCH 2

3/2 - Saturdays @ Sanborn: Yoga Class at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Held every Sat. 8:45 am; class: 9 am. Free. Registration: 393-7703.

3/2 - Jazzercise at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. All ages and levels. Class runs M-Sat. 9-10 am. Fees start at \$38/month. 742-6240.

3/2 - 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.

3/2 - Judo Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Warm-up exercises, instruction, practice and tournament training. Two sessions: Wednesdays - Mixed ages & ranks: 6:30-8 pm; Advanced: 8-9 pm; Saturdays - all groups: 10am-noon. Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807s.

3/2 - Zumba Class at the South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Ongoing classes held every Sat. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703 or www.downtownboca.org.

3/2 - USA Netball Association at Pompey Park Recreation Center, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Netball is a fast, skillful, team game based on running, jumping, throwing, and catching. For females ages 6 and up. Held Saturdays. 2-5 pm. \$5/per day. 243-7356.

3/2-4 - Yoga Workout at the Beach - Held every Saturday, Sunday and Monday at Red Reef Park West, 1221 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Build strength and flexibility, improve postural alignment and stabilize the core. Classes are held on the grass overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. Cash will not be accepted on-site. Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 am; M: 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.

MARCH 3-9

3/3 - 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.

3/4 - Jazzercise at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. All ages and levels. Class runs M-Sat. 9-10 am. Fees start at \$38/month. 742-6240.

3/4 - Yoga in the Garden with Rassika Sabine Bourgi at the Society of The Four Arts, Pannill Pavilion, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Held every M-W-F. 9-10 am. \$15 per session. Reservations: 805-8562.

3/4 - 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.

3/4 - Jazzercise/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.

3/4 - Jazzercise/Body Sculpting at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 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.

3/4 - Mom's Morning Workout at Lake Wyman Park, 1500 NE 5th Ave., Boca Raton. A personalized system in a group setting. Specializing in women's health issues, overweight, back, knee & shoulder injuries. Easy to follow nutritional meal plan and F.I.T. APP included. M-F: 9-10am. Per 6-pack: \$90/resident, \$112.50/non-resident; monthly membership: \$150/resident, \$187.50/non-resident. 393-7807.

3/4 - Tai Chi for Beginners at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Learn natural ways to relieve tension, stress and pains. All ages. Certified instruction. Held every Monday. 11 am-noon. Per class: \$15/residents; \$20/non-residents. 243-7350.

3/4 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This program is designed for people with Parkinson's. Exercises 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.

3/4 - 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.

3/4 - Breastfeeding Prenatal Class is taught by lactation consultants at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton

Beach. Expectant parents learn the benefits of breastfeeding, keys to success, supply and demand, positioning, breast pumps, returning to work and weaning. Both parents encouraged to attend. 6:30 pm. \$25/couple. Registration: 369-2229.

3/4 - Body with Style Aerobics at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Ongoing classes held M&W. 6:30-7:30 pm. \$3/at the door. 742-6550.

3/4 - Meditation Mondays at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Meditate to enhance overall health and well-being. Held every Monday. 7 pm. Free. 278-5455.

3/4-5 - 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 - 3/5 - Cardio Sculpt at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Burn a ton of calories and rev up your metabolism in this challenging combination of strength training moves mixed with cardio intervals and core strengthening. Modifications are given to accommodate 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.

3/5 - Fit Mom's Boot Camp at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Circuit-based workout incorporates cardio exercises, strength training, running drills, body weight resistance training, agility drills and core strengthening. 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. 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.

3/5 - 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. Free. 309-4314.

3/5 - Beginners Yoga at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Enjoyable program helps you stay fit. Participants should bring their own yoga mat. Held every Tuesday & Thursday. 10:15 am. \$10. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

3/5 - Adult Folk Dance Class at Pompey Park, 1101 N.W. 2nd St., Delray Beach - For adults ages 18 years old and up. Learn new dances from around the world for physical fitness, exercise, and fun. Class held every T. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$6/class. 243-7356.

3/5 - Chair Yoga at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. This session is applicable to those physically challenged. 11:30 am. \$10. 278-5455.

3/5 - 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.

3/5 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes at Pompey Park, 1101 N.W. 2nd St., Delray Beach. Students ages 9 to adults learn Karate along with a blend of other combat martial arts. Class held



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every T & Th. 6-7:30 pm. Per class: \$5/residents; \$6/non-residents; or monthly \$35/residents; \$40/non-residents plus a one-time \$25 for uniforms. 243-7356.
3/5 - 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 - 3/6 - 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.

3/6 - Senior Health Fair at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. 9 am-noon. Free. 742-6224.
3/6 - Ashkenazi Jewish Genetic Diseases 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. 1-2:45 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.
3/6 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This program is designed for

people with Parkinson's. Exercises that work to improve one's balance, flexibility and muscle strength. 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 or www.sugarsandpark.org.
3/6 - Transradial Cardiac Catheterization: An Alternative for Heart Disease - Presented by Michael Metzger, 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.
3/6 - 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.
3/6 - Family and Friends at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Education Center, Classroom B, 800 Meadows Road. Learn the basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, and child and infant one-person CPR. Held again 3/13 & 27. 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468 or www.brhh.com.

Wednesday - 3/13 - Prenatal Yoga For The Mommy To Be at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Rd., Boca Raton. Class includes a mixture of balancing, strengthening and stretching yoga poses that are appropriate during pregnancy, emphasizing breathing and relaxation. No yoga experience is necessary. Please bring your own yoga mat, pillow, and a towel. This eight-week course run Wednesdays through 5/1. 4-5 pm. \$112/residents, \$140/non-residents. 367-7035.

3/13 - 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; no dresses or skirts. Held again 3/20, 27 & 4/3. 6:30 pm. \$75/couple. Registration: 369-2229.

Saturday - 3/16 - Design Your Destiny: Changes through Choices at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Daylong retreat features speakers, yoga, meditation, discussion, labyrinth and more. 9 am-3:15 pm. Free/love offering. Register by 3/13. 276-5796 or www.unityofdelraybeach.org.

MARCH 17-23

Tuesday - 3/19 - Tae Kwon Do Class at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. For adults and children ages 10 & up. Learn the art of self-defense, discipline, self-confidence, self-respect, and respect for others and get a great workout. Students attend the introduction class for one session only, then move to the basic/intermediate level class. Session runs through 5/11. Introductory session T&Th, 5:45-6:45 pm. This eight-week course run T&R, 7-8 pm and Sat. 9:30-11 am. \$95/residents, \$119/non-residents. 367-7035.

Thursday - 3/21 - Taking Care of Hips and Knees - Presented by Elvis Grandic, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgeon, as part of the Bethesda Memorial Hospital Community Lecture Series at Ross JCC, 8500 Jog Road, Boynton Beach. 10-11 am. Free. 259-3000.

MARCH 31-APRIL 6

Wednesday - 4/3 - Zumba classes are held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Popular fitness program inspired by Latin dance. Class held W through 5/8. 7:30-8:30 pm. \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident. Registration: 742-6240.

Thursday - 4/4 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium is presented by Miguel A. Lopez-Viego, M.D., in the Clayton Conference Center of Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn how laproscopic gastric bypass and Lap-Band surgery can change lives. Held the first Thursday of each month. 6:30 pm. Free. 737-7733 ext. 84688.
Saturday - 4/6 - C.U.R.E. Symposium at the Marriott Boca Raton at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton. Keynote speaker W. Dalton Dietrich III, Ph.D., Scientific Director of The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. C.U.R.E. (Cutting-Edge Understanding of Research and Education) Symposium to featuring over 36 leading specialists covering topics including cancer breakthroughs, orthopedics, psychiatry, neurology, pain management, dentistry, plastic surgery, men's and women's health and more. 8 am-3 pm. Admission: \$10; VIP admission including luncheon and keynote address \$50. 736-8925.

MARCH 10-16

Tuesday 3/12 - 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. Free. 309-4314.

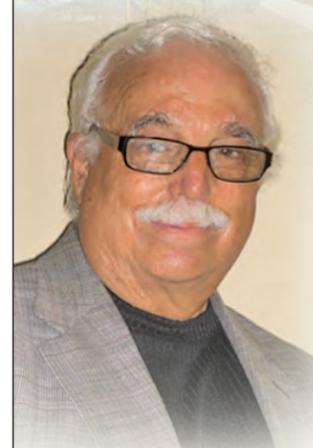
3/12 - Healthy Living Series - Presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 3 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

3/12 - Chronic Sinusitis - Presented by Alfredo Archilla, M.D., Otolaryngologist, 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.

3/12 - Boca Bootcamp at Spanish River Park, 3001 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. This exercise class combines bodyweight exercises, cardio-kickboxing, and aerobics to build lean muscle and burn calories. For all levels of fitness. Try the first class for free. Two sessions: Tuesdays: 5:30-6:30 pm; Saturdays 9-10am. Per 4-pack: \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident; per 8-pack: \$75/resident, \$94/non-resident; per 12-pack: \$100/resident, \$125/non-resident. 393-7807.

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Books

Author finds local inspiration for novel

By Ron Hayes

Sunday morning strollers along Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach may have noticed a professorial gentleman seated at a sidewalk table by the Colony Hotel, sipping coffee, nibbling a pastry, scribbling in a leather-bound notebook.

Scribbling and scribbling. Pondering what he's scribbled and scribbling some more. Sunday mornings, for several years.

The gentleman was Winston Aarons, an adjunct professor of contemporary literature at Palm Beach State College, and the product of all that scribbling has recently been named one of 2012's Top 25 Indie Books by Kirkus Reviews.

Jasmine is a novel about love, sex, obsession and perfume.

The Colony Hotel, renamed the Banyan Tree and transported south to Boca Raton, is a character of sorts, the site of his lovers' sultry liaisons.

"I've never actually been in a room at the Colony," Aarons says with a laugh, "but I imagined a ceiling fan and wicker furniture. There's some sex in the book, but it's really a discourse on relationships."

Unfolding throughout South County, this the story of Sor Avraham, a disciplined professor of unwavering virtue whose life begins to collapse when he meets Marguerite Spares, a fellow professor.

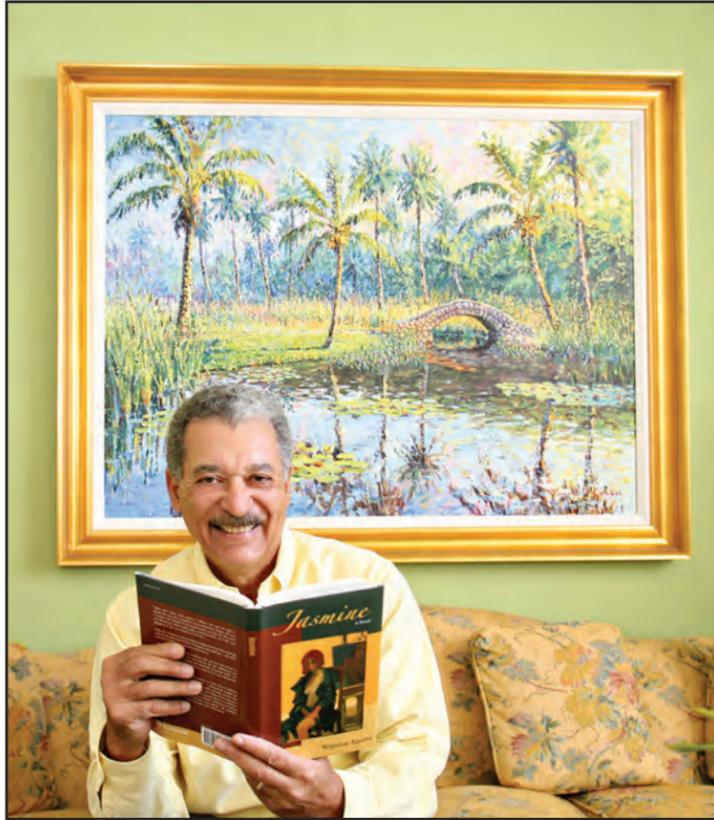
Both are married. Adultery ensues, with fragrant complications.

Avraham's wife is named Jasmine.

Marguerite wears jasmine perfume.

"Aarons artfully portrays the demise of his lead character's control in the stable world he once inhabited," Kirkus reports. "Vivid characters enliven a compelling story ... A well-crafted tale of passion, loss and the dangers of obsession."

The novel is dedicated to Aarons' wife, Alene, who laughs at the idea that some might think there was a



Winston Aarons of Delray Beach set his new novel, *Jasmine*, in southern Palm Beach County. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Jasmine in her husband's life.

"Let them think what they want," she says. "I loved the book, and not because my husband wrote it. What I like is that one chapter leads you into the next. You want to go on."

The Aarons' waterfront condo is filled with world literature, the walls adorned with an extensive art collection that includes majestic views of Jamaica, where Winston was born 73 years ago.

"My father's family were Jews who came to Jamaica from Spain around 1790," he says, "and my mother's family were Canadian Christians from England and Wales, so I've got everything in me. Jamaica is a country where nothing really remains the same."

Along with a boarding school education, Aarons' father gave him a love of books that came along when he emigrated to New York in 1964, then grew through his decades as a manager with Carl Zeiss Inc., the German maker of optical electronics.

In 1993, when Aarons was in his early 50s, he returned to college, earning a BA in

education and an MFA in literature from Sarah Lawrence College.

From 2000 to 2007, he was an assistant professor of English at Lynn University, where he also directed the honors program.

After a year's sabbatical, he resigned from Lynn to become an adjunct professor at Palm Beach State, where he teaches a writing workshop.

"I have everyone read a short story by John Steinbeck called *The Chrysanthemums*," Aarons says, shaking his head in amazed admiration. "You can't read it once and realize what the guy's done. Every sentence, every word counts."

During his sabbatical, Aarons completed a memoir for which he's currently seeking a publisher.

Sweet Like Sugar is the story of a shy boy growing up in Jamaica whose father teaches him to love books.

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Green Markets

Boca Raton, Lake Worth green markets are sweet destinations

By Jan Norris

In Boca Raton, where the market is in its 16th year, you'll find the sweet team of Grace Reames and her daughter, Stacy Reames Black. At their booth, Bee Sweet Honey, they sell a variety of natural honeys processed in their Umatilla honey house from around the state. Their Florida Signature jar is an orange blossom honey taken from beehives placed in Indiantown and Central Florida orange groves. The Wildflower honey, from beehives placed around Broward and Palm Beach County, is recommended for those with allergies.

"We have our hives and buy honey from local beekeepers. You're supposed to eat local raw honey — it has a number of health benefits," Reames said.

Those who consume honey

grown locally have fewer pollen allergies, some experts believe.

Saw palmetto honey is from the berries of small palmetto bushes in and around the Everglades, prized for its color and floral taste. Orange blossom honey is favored by those who love the very sweet, slight citrus flavor.

Tupelo honey, gathered only from the Apalachicola River basin area, is sold in half-pound and pound jars. "It's one of the rarest honeys in the world," Reames said. Prized by connoisseurs for its purity, it's the only honey that won't crystallize when refrigerated.

At another booth, Jonathan Grotzky sells cookies, breads and pastries under the Cookielicious name. He's a former pastry chef at the Seminole Hard Rock hotel, and has worked as a pastry chef at

the Boca Raton Resort & Club and for Barton G. caterers in Miami as well.

"We offer 35 items — 15 cookies, along with breakfast pastries and breads. I'd have to say the best-seller is the raspberry oatmeal thumbprint cookies, and the banana bread. But people really like the orange bread, too, and our coconut macaroons." He laughed. "Everybody has a favorites."

Artisan breads and specialty items also are available.

Locally baked dog biscuits, fresh flowers, produce and health products are available at the Boca Green Market.

Boca Green Market, in Royal Palm Place, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays through May.

The director of the Lake Worth Farmer's Market



ABOVE: Art of Bee Sweet Honey is available at the Boca Green Market. **LEFT:** Empress Jahdaya creates her guarapa from sugar cane juice. She sells it at the Lake Worth Farmer's Market. **Photos by Mary Kate Leming/The Coastal Star**

is always found wearing a colorful shirt depicting a favorite produce item. The shirts, aprons, placemats and table runners with bright peas,

carrots, blueberries and greens are Peter Robinson's designs — made locally and sold by a partner at the market.

"Aren't they fun?" he says. "They've been really popular, so we've expanded the line." Custom orders are taken for the 100-percent-cotton textiles, though placemats and aprons and a few shirts are normally available off the rack at the booth. They're a standout and favorite among foodies, he said.

Be dazzled by the smile from Empress Jahdaya at the market. The Ghana native shows up at the market sometimes a little late, possibly because her 1954-era car is temperamental.

You can't miss her and her product, though — sugar cane juice. The raw cane stalks are tied to the top of her car and stand in poles at her booth.

Here she also has the machine that extracts the juice, known by its Cuban moniker, guarapa, but it is drunk around the world wherever sugarcane is grown. We like it mixed with a fresh squeezed lime, served over ice, which she'll also provide. Grab a mint leaf from the nearby herb plant sales guy and it's a virgin mojito at its finest: delightfully refreshing. The "empress" will extoll the health benefits of the juice, which are being studied by scientists in the Glades — there may well be something to it.

Representatives from Chipley's Arrowhead Beef Ranch are on hand to promote the flavor, quality and healthfulness of the grass-fed beef. Steaks and ground meats are available frozen from the booth, where visitors can learn about Florida's grass-fed cattle program, and the small ranches on which the cows are raised.

The Lake Worth Farmer's Market, which moved to the foot of the Lake Worth bridge, features vendors selling produce, fresh herb and garden plants and fruit trees, raw foods, wind chimes, fashions and vintage items. ★

Lake Worth Farmer's Market, northeast corner of the Lake Worth Bridge (across from the casino). Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or close) through May.



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