

Delray Beach

Tragedy on beach sparked change



LEFT: James 'Bay' McBride Jr. drowned in 1956 while swimming at an unguarded beach. It was illegal for him to use the 'whites only' beach off Atlantic Avenue.
BELOW: Bay's mother, Rosabelle McBride, visits his grave. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star



Teen's drowning echoes through city's civil rights history

By Ron Hayes

After church on that Sunday afternoon — May 13, 1956 — a bunch of teenagers gathered on a stretch of sand south of Delray Beach.

"I was a junior in high school and I drove my father's truck," Walter Stephens remembers. "Gas was 25 cents

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a gallon back then."

Where private homes and condos stand today, there were only dunes.

"Nothing but woods," Stephens says. "We made a path."

No private homes, no condos. No lifeguards.

"None of us could swim. We'd just get in the water and play."

Among the teenagers playing in the water that afternoon were brothers Jaycee McBride, 11, and James, 15,

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Gulf Stream

Town attorneys raise questions about O'Boyle law firm

By Dan Moffett

Attorneys for the town of Gulf Stream are challenging the legitimacy of The O'Boyle Law Firm in their defense against dozens of lawsuits brought by resident Martin O'Boyle.

In the crosshairs of the town's counterattack is O'Boyle's son, Jonathan, who, in documents filed with the Florida Department of State in February, lists himself as the law firm's president and director.

While Jonathan O'Boyle has a license to practice law in Pennsylvania, he is not licensed in Florida, and the Florida Bar requires that lawyers supervising cases have a state license.

During a six-hour deposition with Martin O'Boyle in September, Robert Sweetapple, an attorney for Gulf Stream, repeatedly raised questions about the relationships between Jonathan O'Boyle, the family law firm, the firm's nonprofit partner Citizens Awareness Foundation and hundreds of lawsuits that together they filed across the state.

Sweetapple accused Martin O'Boyle of putting his son in "an untenable position" by enlisting him to perform legal work he wasn't licensed to do.

"You were in such a rush to have your O'Boyle law firm that

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Along the Coast

Even as it grows, goal of bank is to stay small

By Thomas R. Collins

Bill Burke walks through the main lobby of Paradise Bank's Boca Raton branch — you could call it a lounge — on North Federal Highway, and sees a customer sitting at a desk with a teller.

"Hello, Michael," he says.

Burke, the bank's president and chief

operating officer, and a few other top banking executives will be having lunch later with Michael. The customer mentions a doctor's appointment he has that day. That's how tight he is with the top management.

"Don't forget to give the doctor some help," Burke quips.

Burke then continues giving his tour of the

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Paradise Bank executives: (front row, l-r) William J. Burke, Dennis Gavin, (back row, l-r) Ward Kellogg and David Englert. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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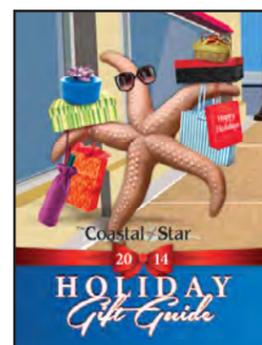
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After 40 years, volunteering is part of her 'essence'

By Rich Pollack

Think of a major not-for-profit organization in Boca Raton, and chances are Ann Rutherford has been a part of its beginning, its growth or both.

You'll find Rutherford's fingerprints on such venerable institutions as the YMCA, the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum and the Spirit of Giving Network. A Boca Raton resident for more than 40 years, Rutherford has been a longtime member of the Junior League of Boca Raton, was the driving force behind a physical education program at a local elementary school and helped create the booster club at St. Andrew's school.

And if there's an organization she hasn't touched, chances are her husband, Charlie, has been involved in it.

"We have probably been a part of most of the major organizations in the area," she said.

Her support of the community over the last four decades, and her latest challenge — serving as the liaison between organizers of the Boca Raton Bowl and its official charity, the Spirit of Giving Network — resulted in Rutherford's being named Woman Volunteer of the Year during ceremonies hosted by the Junior League of Boca Raton last month.

Rutherford was one of 27 women nominated for the honor and was recognized along with two other familiar faces in the Boca Raton volunteer community — Connie Berry and Helen Babione — who both received Lifetime Achievement awards from the Junior League.

For Rutherford, 69, solving problems and finding ways to meet needs in the community is just a part of what she does, when she's not working at her job selling real estate.

"After 40 years of being involved, its just part of my essence," she said. "I love people, I love Boca Raton and I don't want to let it go. It's just a part of me."

The mother of two successful adult sons, Rutherford first got involved in the community when her boys were in an elementary school that lacked a physical education program.

An athlete growing up, Rutherford worked with the fledgling YMCA to bring a program to the school.

"We raised money to run the program," she said.

Soon Rutherford was serving as a member of the

Ann Rutherford is Junior League of Boca Raton's 2014 Woman Volunteer of the Year. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Y's board and helped start the organization's Women's Auxiliary, which helped raise money to fund various programs.

"Everything was new here back then and there weren't that many programs for children," she said.

As her sons got older, Rutherford became involved in St. Andrew's School, where she played a leading role in creating a booster club to support athletic programs and also served as chair of the school's 25th anniversary celebration.

"We used Green Stamps to buy equipment," she said.

Over the years, Rutherford stayed involved in athletics, helping to run tennis tournaments and fundraisers.

She also stayed active in the Junior League, which led to her involvement with the Boca Raton Historical Society, where she was the driving force behind Boca Bacchanal, the organization's major fundraiser, which she guided for more than a dozen years.

Today, Rutherford's focus is on the Spirit of Giving Network, an organization that she also helped start and which now supports more than 60 nonprofit organizations in the area.

"The Spirit of Giving Network started in Barbara Schmidt's garage in 2005,"

says Rutherford, who remains on the organization's board of directors.

Begun during the holiday season when a group of 14 friends decided that instead of bringing gifts to holiday parties, they would collect gifts for kids in need, the Spirit of Giving Network quickly grew into a major force in the community.

This spring, the Spirit of Giving Network was selected as the official charity for the Boca Raton Bowl, the first college football bowl game held in Palm Beach County, which will be televised nationally by ESPN on Dec. 23.

As the liaison between the network and the event, Rutherford is helping to coordinate efforts to bring 250 volunteers, as well as 5,500 local disadvantaged children, to the game. The Spirit of Giving will receive funds that can be distributed back to the community as a result of its involvement in the game.

While a time-consuming challenge for Rutherford, the role of liaison to the bowl game is the perfect fit for someone who loves sports and has played such a key role in helping others.

"You really feel a part of a community when you have this level of involvement," she said. ★

Editor's Note

Hoping to see kindness in the new year

Asking in the glow of twinkling lights, delicious food, friends and family, I've been reflecting a lot lately on the meaning of gratitude.

That's the theme at Gulf Stream School this academic year and it seems to me to be an excellent topic for study.

What is gratitude? According to online dictionaries, it is "the quality of being thankful; a readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness."

"Kindness." That's the word I hope will guide our coastal communities in 2015.

If we can send "should" and "shouldn't" down the garbage disposal with the potato peels, and throw out "always" and "never" with the gift wrapping, we'll be well on our way to finding new — and less confrontational — ways to communicate with each other.

If we bring kindness to the forefront at our meetings and community gatherings,

there may be less finger pointing and fewer lengthy diatribes. If gratitude guides our words and actions, there may be easier paths found to compromise and consensus.

If this all sounds a little like singing *Kumbaya* around a bonfire, I suppose it is. To me, "kindness" is an important and timeless word. One I hope fear, cynicism and today's obsessive 24-hour news cycle can't destroy or make unfashionable.

So, at each of our holiday gatherings this season, I'm suggesting we turn off the television and make this a topic of discussion: How do you define gratitude?

With kindness, I hope.

With kindness for all.

Happy Holidays.



— Mary Kate Leming, Editor

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Letters

Sheila O'Boyle has earned respect

Who is Marty O'Boyle? A jerk? A bully? A white knight? He's right, or he's the village idiot? He's an egomaniac having a tantrum, or he's a genius, as the city paid him nearly \$200,000?

Who knows?

Who is Sheila O'Boyle? A wonderful woman. A kind and generous person. A wonderful mother, friend and neighbor. A person who has contributed thousands of hours and dollars to local charities and causes. A model citizen.

Oh, Marty O'Boyle's wife!

How should we treat this kind, generous and giving woman? Should she be branded with a scarlet "O" and ostracized from society because of her husband's actions? Should people go out of their way to be rude and say unkind things to her?

Should her neighbors pride themselves on rudeness to her and threaten the many charities she has worked for and supported over the years? Should those worthwhile charities and causes be financially punished for not ostracizing this wonderful, kind and generous woman?

Let's graduate from junior high school. Let's grow up and treat this wonderful lady with the kindness and respect she has earned in our community. Give her a hug.

J. Reeve Bright
Delray Beach

Senator thankful for re-election

One of the greatest privileges we enjoy as Americans is the right to vote, and thereby to choose our government. On Nov. 4, the voters of District 34 exercised this most important privilege to re-elect me as their state senator. I want to sincerely thank you for this privilege.

It has been my belief that "If you take care of the people, the people will take care of you."

In a time where many are skeptical of the political process, the people of District 34 showed money can't buy an election. It is the majority of ballots, not the majority of dollars, that ultimately decides who serves us in government.

I encourage you to come share your ideas, opinions, and suggestions with me. My door is always open.

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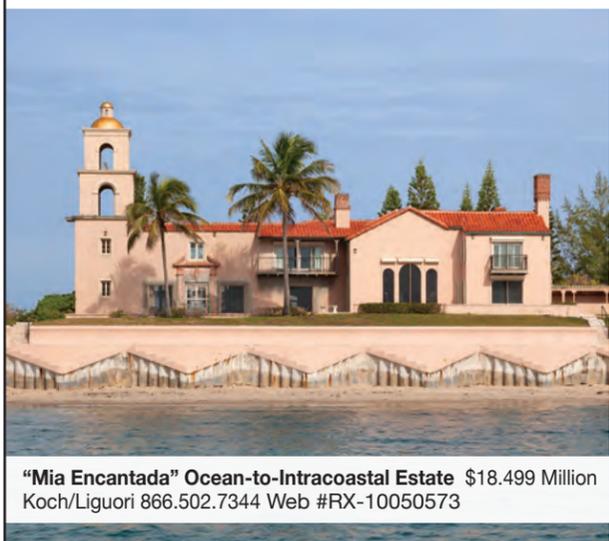
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FAU

\$16 million donation sets stage for sports complex

By Steven J. Smith

The Schmidt Family Foundation has donated \$16 million to Florida Atlantic University, which will go toward a planned \$45 million - \$50 million, 185,000-square-foot complex that will benefit students and student athletes at the university.

"We're thrilled today to announce the largest gift in the history of Florida Atlantic University," said FAU President John Kelly, who announced the gift during a Dec. 2 press conference at the college. "It will be the lead gift in a large campaign for an athletic and academic complex designed to be rivaled by none in the country."

When finished, the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence will house an academic success center; strength, conditioning and wellness centers; a sports



medicine center; and a football center — which will include media rooms, offices and a locker room.

"It will also hold an indoor practice facility, administration offices, and a history and tradition hall, which will

celebrate the great history of FAU," he said. "As our athletics programs prove successful on the national stage, more and more people will be interested in coming here."

The Dallas-based firm of HKS Architects was retained



Athletic Director Patrick Chun celebrates with FAU president John Kelly at a press conference Dec. 2 to announce the gift of \$16 million by Dick and Barbara Schmidt, seen above in this May 2014 file photo. Joe Skipper/The Coastal Star

to do a feasibility study on the project, which will find its remaining \$29 million - \$34 million in funding through philanthropy in the private sector.

FAU participates in 21 sports, 19 sanctioned by the National

Collegiate Athletic Association. Head football coach Charlie Partridge said the new complex would provide a shot in the arm to all of those programs.

"What you see in the design of this facility is something that's designed for all 21 sports, with development in mind," Partridge said. "Full-rounded development, from the academic support to the medical support to enhancing their athletic development — putting them in position to practice, regardless of weather. That puts us in position to compete on a national scale."

Although Kelly said the \$16 million could go a long way in financing sports complex architects and planning the project, Pat Chun, FAU's vice president for athletics, could not commit to a specific start date for the complex as yet — not until more money from the private sector is secured.

"We've been working at this for quite some time and we feel very good about who we've been talking to," Chun said. "We're hopeful over the course of the next few weeks and months that we'll have some follow-up announcements about when we'll put a shovel in the ground."

Kelly said the complex will also benefit FAU students studying sports management.

"We're No. 4 in the United States and No. 6 in the world, with the sports management program that Dr. Jim Riordan leads," Kelly said. "Jim and his team will be a part of this complex, as well. So not only will our students in that program have an opportunity to be in a university that's on that ascension ladder, they will also be a part of the daily operations there."

Partridge called the complex "a game changer," allowing FAU to recruit a higher level of student athlete.

"We've outgrown the old facility," he said. "This new athletic village changes everything, not just for football, but for the entire athletic department." ★

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Delray Beach

Some say four-story limit stumps city on office space

By Tim Pallesen

City commissioners agreed Nov. 18 that future downtown buildings should be limited to four floors.

But to achieve a complete downtown where people live, work and play, they are stumped over how to get more office buildings.

“We’re missing the work component,” Commissioner Jordana Jarjura alerted the others before they approved the city’s new downtown development regulations on first reading. Final approval is set for Dec. 9.

Limits on height and residential density have been the most controversial aspects of proposed regulations for new buildings.

Mayor Cary Glickstein called Delray a “four-story town” in October and the other four commissioners now support that height limit. The proposed density limit is 30 units per acre with some flexibility.

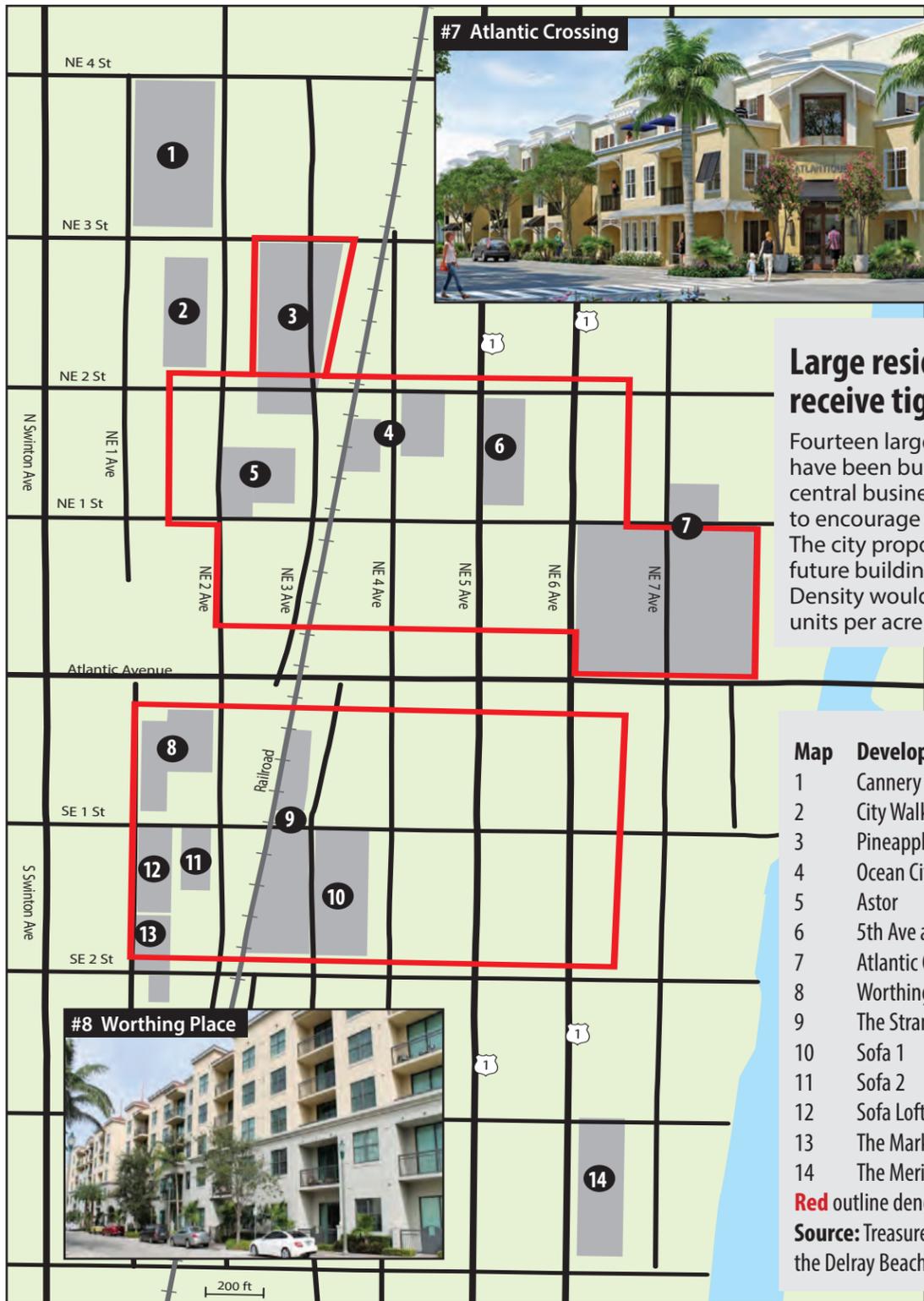
But the discussion shifted Nov. 18 when Community Redevelopment Agency executive director Diane Colonna pleaded for a fifth floor as incentive for office buildings to be built downtown.

“Without it, it seems to be putting a nail in the coffin of our ability to have office space,” Colonna told city commissioners.

New residential buildings have been built around the popular Atlantic Avenue entertainment district in recent years. Delray’s downtown has become a great place to live and play.

But the city wants to lessen traffic congestion by encouraging a pedestrian-friendly place where residents also have a place to work and don’t need a car to drive someplace else.

Commissioners agreed with Colonna that office space is needed. They instructed staff to find some incentive to attract



Large residential projects may receive tighter limitations

Fourteen large new residential buildings have been built or approved in or near the central business district since a master plan to encourage them was approved in 2002. The city proposes to limit the height of future buildings to four floors and 54 feet. Density would be limited to 30 housing units per acre with exceptions.

Map	Development	Units/acre	Height
1	Cannery Row	18.3	38
2	City Walk	30	48
3	Pineapple Grove Village	39.2	48
4	Ocean City Lofts	43.8	48
5	Astor	43	58
6	5th Ave at Delray	37	57
7	Atlantic Crossing	37.2	60
8	Worthing Place	92	60
9	The Strand	63	48
10	Sofa 1	62	41
11	Sofa 2	64.7	48
12	Sofa Lofts	62	48
13	The Mark	29	48
14	The Meridian	30	48

Red outline denotes Central Business District
 Source: Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and the Delray Beach Planning & Zoning Department

office developers before the new regulations are approved on Dec. 9.

The new regulations are an update to a downtown master plan approved in 2002 when city leaders wanted higher-density housing to generate year-round customers for Atlantic Avenue shops.

Worthing Place, the highest-density project at 92 units per

acre, started construction as the economic recession began in 2008.

Other big new projects have been approved since then. Atlantic Crossing on East Atlantic Avenue prompted the Beach Property Owners Association and others to argue that height and density incentives are no longer necessary to attract residential

developers.

“The city was trying to get residential development back in 2002,” city planning and zoning director Dana Little explained to commissioners.

“But the city has become much more sophisticated in the last 12 years,” Little said. “The regulations need to reflect that.”

The proposed rules would require wider sidewalks and

public open space on private property equal to 5 percent for new buildings that have 20,000 to 40,000 square feet of floor space and 7 percent for larger buildings.

The latest Nov. 18 draft still allows residential density bonuses above 30 units per acre. The mayor said he will oppose any density or height bonuses on Dec. 9. ★

How many stories needed for office buildings downtown?

By Jane Smith

At the Nov. 18 City Commission meeting where the proposed land development regulations were discussed, Commissioner Adam Frankel called Diane Colonna back into the chambers to present the Community Redevelopment Agency’s views.

She told commissioners: “The version of the code presented to the CRA in September, which was the same version presented to commission at the workshop in October, changed the measure of height from feet to stories, with the ability, if certain criterion were met, to go to five stories. That is what the

board supported.

“Delray has always been on the cutting edge of development trends,” Colonna said. “We’ve had a lot of momentum from that. The CRA basically supports continuing in that direction.”

“Everybody understands that six stories leads to buildings that were squashed, floor-to-ceiling heights were shorter than would be desired. So they (the CRA board) did support that change.”

“Again anecdotally and with the general trend nationally with millennials and our efforts with the Office of Economic Development and efforts to attract entrepreneurs, people who want to live and work among

like-minded folks — we’ve not had the opportunity to build that kind of office space. We are concerned that eliminating the fifth floor was going to make that even harder.”

Mayor Cary Glickstein responded a week later:

“Diane’s comments were accurate, but it is important to note positions serving one board’s mission may diverge from policies of another.”

“The CRA correctly looks for ways to increase their tax increment financing within its boundary to continue funding CRA initiatives — a critically important tool.”

“The commission’s role, however, is establishing citywide policy.

Allowing taller buildings and higher densities may increase land values that increase CRA revenue, but such growth management ‘tools’ should be coupled with current citywide growth management policy beyond the dated 12-year-old master plan we have.

“Some differences (between boards) should be expected, particularly when most taxpayers reside outside the downtown that lies within the CRA district, with many of those residents looking to the commission to address their concerns about the quantity and quality of recently approved development and the imbalance created by a preponderance of residential rental projects. ★

Delray Beach

CRA head surprises board with resignation

By Jane Smith

The woman whose name is synonymous with the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency will leave in January.

Diane Colonna gave her board a resignation letter in late



Colonna

November. She will join former Delray Beach CRA chief Chris Brown at his consulting firm, Redevelopment

Management Associates in Pompano Beach. She will be assigned as the executive director of the Margate CRA on Jan. 5.

"It's an interesting and exciting opportunity to work with Chris Brown and Kim Briesemeister, who was working for West Palm Beach, Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale CRAs," Colonna said.

The resignation from her \$136,000 a year job, caught her board by surprise.

"We are going to miss her, she has been there so long, she has contributed so much that she will be hard to replace," said CRA chair Herman Stevens Jr.

The CRA board will launch a search "to find a candidate as qualified as her. It will be hard," Stevens said.

Her new company won't be taking over the CRA, as it did when Briesemeister left her position at the West Palm Beach CRA. "The (Delray Beach) CRA wants a full-time director, so they nixed that idea," Colonna said. She will present a search strategy at the Dec. 11 CRA meeting.

Her presence will be missed.

"You simply cannot have an in-depth discussion about Delray's success story without the inclusion of Diane's thoughtful and effective leadership and accomplishments in her previous role as planning director and current position as CRA executive director," said Mayor Cary Glickstein. "By any measure, she's one of the community leaders that helped make our town what it is today."

A Penn State grad, she moved to Delray Beach in 1987 and joined the city in its Planning and Zoning Department in 1992 and became planning director in 1994. In 2000, the city asked her to be its CRA executive director on a temporary basis while it searched for Brown's replacement.

She liked the job so much that she stayed.

She is married to Jeff Perlman, former commissioner and mayor of Delray Beach from 2000 to 2007, and now vice president of business development of CDS Holdings. That firm is owned by Carl

DeSantis, a partner in the proposed Atlantic Crossing development in downtown Delray Beach.

Colonna quickly gained a reputation as decisive and sometimes that pace put her at odds with those who preferred a slower pace. While the CRA was undergoing a leadership change in 2000, the agency had applied for demolition permits to clear land for the Atlantic Grove development. Some homes in the West Settlers Historic District were demolished inadvertently, according to published reports at the time.

Colonna took over when two homes set for demolition were still standing. She said at the time that she thought the permits had cleared properly.

The CRA formed an advisory board of West Settlers residents and set aside \$50,000 annually to help save homes there.

When Atlantic Grove was finished, it was not as affordable to the community as promised. As a result, the CRA held more community meetings for its next land assemblage before shopping the property to developers.

"Before, there was the feeling that government knows what's best for people," Colonna said at the time. "Now there's the feeling that the neighborhoods know what they want."

Bob Ganger, president of the Florida Coalition for Preservation, praised Colonna for not "losing sight of the cultural value of historic buildings."

Colonna said her chief accomplishments were revitalizing the downtown, creating attractive affordable housing, promoting the art and culture scene and helping to stabilize neighborhoods.

The iPic Theater project won't break ground until after she leaves, at the end of 2015, she said, and explained the development approval process is lengthy.

Brown had contacted her in late October about working as a consultant for his firm, Colonna said. She will run the Margate CRA on a contract basis.

Brown was thrilled at the prospect of Colonna joining his company. "I never expected her to say yes. It's an opportunity to bring on one of the best people in the CRA business," he said.

Colonna, 57, will work full-time on a four-day week contract basis that pays \$40 an hour.

Margate, with a similar population to Delray Beach, has no developed town center, giving her a blank development slate.

In her resignation to the Delray Beach CRA board, she called her 14-plus years at the CRA helm amazing and was "grateful to have been part of such an exciting renaissance."★

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Delray Beach

Commission chooses former Port St. Lucie manager

By Tim Pallesen

The selection of Delray Beach's new city manager was all about toughness.

Don Cooper was chosen by a 3-0 vote on Nov. 7 after job references told Delray commissioners that Cooper was a tough leader as Port St. Lucie city manager for 19 years.

Mayor Cary Glickstein said he sought a strong city manager to build a team at



Cooper

City Hall by mandating the best management practices to city employees.

Commissioners Shelly Petrolia and Jordana Jarjura joined with him. Commissioners Al Jacquet and Adam Frankel were absent.

"The top criteria for me would be results, results and results," Glickstein said. "At the end of the day, this city needs results."

Cooper, 64, was the last of five finalists interviewed by commissioners at the meeting. The mayor told him that his job references described him as "strong, tough and a bit arrogant."

"I never thought I was particularly tough," Cooper responded. "I hold people to be accountable."

"I don't think staff should feel that accountability is a threat," he explained. "Accountability brings increased performance."

That response delighted Jarjura. "I agree with him. I think credibility, accountability and doing your job is a lost art," she said. "I don't think that's being tough."

Petrolia focused on a Port St. Lucie commissioner's description of Cooper as an "iron fist in a velvet glove."

"Staff might not feel warm and fuzzy with some of the comments that you are making," Petrolia told Cooper. "Not that that's a bad thing."

The toughness talk took a different twist earlier in the meeting when commissioners interviewed interim city manager Terry Stewart for the permanent job.

Commissioners thanked Stewart for his past four months. But Glickstein pressed Stewart about how he would act differently if he got the permanent job.

"You are one of the toughest, most straight-forward individuals I've ever worked with," Stewart responded to the mayor. "You don't pull any punches."

Stewart said the pressure to perform is having a "profound effect" on city employees.

"The people out there in the trenches. They take it to heart tremendously. It hurts them," Stewart said.

"They want to be able to do a good job to make you happy," he said. "Please understand the impact that you are having on people sometimes."

Stewart also said Petrolia and Jarjura are tough: "It's a tough group."

Cooper starts in Delray Beach on Jan. 5 with a salary of \$170,000. ★

Foreclosure threatens Artists Alley; city ponders action

By Tim Pallesen

Delray Beach might lose Artists Alley, the unique arts district that the mayor says "has been so important for the renaissance of this city."

Artists work in warehouse studios along the railroad tracks near Pineapple Grove. But the warehouses will be sold at a Feb. 23 foreclosure auction.

The artists, fearing that a new owner will bulldoze their studios, have pleaded with the city for help.

Mayor Cary Glickstein accepted the challenge at a Nov. 13 workshop, but the city can't stop the auction.

"We may get lucky with someone at the foreclosure who likes the property as it is," Glickstein told commissioners. "But it is incumbent on us not to leave it to chance."

Glickstein is exploring whether the city and its Community Redevelopment Agency could be one of the bidders at the foreclosure auction. The CRA is already spending \$3.5 million in improvements for the arts district.

The property's \$4.2 million appraised value concerned Commissioner Jordana Jarjura. "There are a lot of things we would like to do, but I don't know if we

have enough money," she said.

"We have the capacity to borrow," Glickstein replied, suggesting that the city could acquire the property, impose deed restrictions to preserve it as an arts district, and then resell it.

As the city struggles to find a solution, the news that Artists Alley might be demolished has caused alarm in the arts community.

"Artists Alley is an enormous asset to Delray Beach and the county," said Marilyn Bauer, marketing director for the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County.

"Artists come together in this great place to make art and welcome the community in to see it," Bauer said. "To lose this would be a terrible shame."

The city's new planning and zoning director, Dana Little, joined the concern after his first visit to observe the artists at work.

"Frankly, I was blown away," Little reported back to commissioners. "It's an extraordinary array of different artists. The quality of their work is just stunning."

Glickstein met with the artists again on Nov. 26.

"We're going to make it work some way, somehow," the mayor assured them before Thanksgiving. ★

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Celebrating our History



During WWII, Boca was home to the swankiest barracks in the country

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

If you were alive in 1942, you may have been one of the 15,000 people stationed at the Boca Raton Army Air Field to learn about that newfangled radar.

But don't write or speak the word; it's forbidden. That's just one of the security measures taken on base to protect this secret science that would greatly affect the outcome of the war, explained Susan Gillis, curator of the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum.

The base stretched from Palmetto Park Road to just above Yamato Road and from Dixie Highway to the CSX Railroad tracks on land that today is the Boca Raton Airport and the FAU campus. In fact, if you tour the campus, you can still see a few of the old buildings.

These almost 6,000 acres of land were taken from more than 50 property owners by eminent domain. "Although they were compensated for their land, no one was happy with what they got," Gillis said.

The base included an existing airport that was a Works Progress Administration project arranged through Clarence Geist. In 1927, he had bought what was the Cloister Inn and did extensive renovations on it before reopening the hotel as the Boca Raton Club in 1930. He wanted an airport for his members.

It is thought that because of this existing airport the Army Air Force looked favorably on Boca Raton as home to its new

Learn More

If you want to learn more about Boca Raton, the BRHS regularly offers Town Hall Talks at the Boca Raton History Museum, 71 N. Federal Highway. The next talk is at 7 p.m. Jan. 21. Lee Lietzke, a Palm Beach County environmental analyst, will discuss Boca Raton's eco-treasures. Reservations required; call 395-6766, Ext. 101. Admission: free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

and only radar school in the United States during World War II.

"We owe Geist a lot," said Gillis, adding that the army took a two-year lease hold on his Boca Raton Club to use for offices, classrooms and barracks. "Those were probably the swankiest barracks in the U.S."

However, the club's antiques were put in storage and gilded columns were wrapped to protect them from the soldiers. "Even so, the hotel took a beating during the war," said Gillis who told us that the golf course was trenched and the pool used for water training.

Before the war, the 700 plus residents of Boca Raton based their economy on raising green beans and tourism. But suddenly the Army base helped them thrive. Two bars in town did booming business. And rooms in local homes were rented to the wives and families of the men on base.

Although peace was declared in 1945, the Boca Raton Army



Air Field continued to operate until 1947. During its tenure, about 50,000 people passed through the base. It was closed when a massive hurricane destroyed many of its 800

buildings and the facility was relocated to Biloxi, Miss.

By 1949, the city agreed to buy almost 2,500 acres of the former airfield and operate a civilian airport there. They also

used the land to lure the newest state university to the spot. FAU opened in 1964.

"Over the years, Boca Raton got a lot back from that base," Gillis said. ★

TOP: Many women served at the BRAAF base in the Women's Army Corps as nurses. But their lives could be pretty uncomfortable. Rattlesnakes infested the airfields, and alligators ventured out of nearby canals. **ABOVE:** Although there were 800 buildings on the BRAAF, some were poorly constructed or temporary such as these Quonset huts. After the war, they were moved to Briny Breezes, where they were used for a ceramics studio and woodshop. **LEFT:** Army pilots prepare to take up a plane so that they can train with radar at the BRAAF in 1943. The most frequently used planes on the base were B-25s and B-17s. Photos courtesy of the Boca Raton Historical Society

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Ocean Ridge

Voted down, family will still try to preserve 5011 building

By Dan Moffett

Rob Sivitilli offered to write Ocean Ridge as many checks as needed to save his family's commercial building at 5011 N. Ocean Blvd.

He told town commissioners he would reimburse the town for the legal fees it ran up fighting the Sivitillis in court for over a decade. He said he would give the town \$250,000 to hold in escrow for the building's renovation. He said he would indemnify the town against future lawsuits from other property owners who might come forward and want similar commercial concessions.

Sivitilli even offered to pay Town Attorney Ken Spillias to help come up with a development plan to ensure the building is used in a way that suits the town for years to come.

In the end, none of it was enough to win Sivitilli the three votes he needed to pass an ordinance that would grandfather the family property into compliance with town rules.

Commissioners James Bonfiglio and Richard Lucibella voted against the ordinance, Commissioner Lynn Allison and Mayor Geoffrey Pugh voted for it, and Commissioner Gail Adams Aaskov, who would have supported the Sivitillis, had to recuse herself because she rents space for her business in the building.

The proposal died at the Dec. 1 meeting for lack of a majority.

"Every promise that could possibly be made has been made by the Sivitillis," Allison said. "What else can he promise you? What are we

looking for? Blood?"

Lucibella became the swing vote in recent weeks, opposing the family's renovation plan after leaning toward approving it in October. He said his concern had grown about changing the town's rules to accommodate one property owner, and he worried about potential legal consequences. He said Sivitilli had shown the commission an attractive renovation plan, but that isn't enough.

"I'm concerned we're going to get sued," Lucibella said. "What Rob has come in and done is just too little too late."

Bonfiglio, the commission's most strident critic of grandfathering the property, was firmly opposed to changing the town's rules, calling it "spot zoning" that is sure to bring lawsuits. Bonfiglio said the family should apply for a variance, which the code allows, if it wants to stay in business, or petition for a change in the town's comprehensive plan.

Allison and Pugh believed that the commercial building wasn't detrimental to the town, and with the renovation, could become an asset.

"It's not just a benefit for one family," Allison said. "A lot of people in Ocean Ridge use the services there. It would benefit the town."

Sivitilli said he was disappointed in the vote, but wasn't giving up. He said he's considering bringing the commission another proposal — to de-annex the property from the town.

"They say we don't fit, so then let us go," he said. "De-annexation could be a possibility. We'll keep trying. We don't give up easy." ★

Ocean Ridge closer to beach enforcement plan

By Dan Moffett

Like an incoming tide, Ocean Ridge commissioners are inching closer and closer to finding a line in the sand where public and private interests can coexist in peace.

After months of debate, the commission has settled on a demarcation line that will enable police to enforce beach behavior and also agreed on language for signs that will inform beachgoers about the town's rules.

Town Manager Ken Schenck told commissioners at the Dec. 1 meeting that,

over the years, the state has drawn boundaries between public and private beachfront in determining the erosion control line and mean high water line.

"There are two separate erosion control lines," Schenck said. "The line north of Anna Street was established in 1997 and the line south of Anna Street was established in 1987."

The southern erosion control line was the same as the mean high water line, Schenck said, but the

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MHWL is not permanent while the ECL is, and complicating the matter is that the eastern boundaries of private property lines are not uniform and in fact vary considerably.

Confused? Town Attorney Ken Spillias says you probably should be.

“That’s what we’ve been struggling with — the absence of bright lines,” said Spillias, who thinks it would probably take a court case for the town to get a “clear delineation” of where public and private rights meet on many properties in the town.

“I think what the manager (Schenck) is trying to do is identify an acceptable approach to enforcement,” Spillias said.

Commissioner Richard Lucibella called it “not a directive but an expectation.” He said the police have to figure it out and know where the property lines are.

Schenck said that when police are patrolling the beaches, they will address any violations they see. “When addressing trespassing,” he said in a memo to commissioners, “the property owner or an authorized

representative must make the complaint and request the individual move and the police will document the notice.”

On a 4-1 vote with Commissioner James Bonfiglio dissenting, the commission gave preliminary approval to language for signs at the crossovers. Signs won’t say “Beach Access” at the top, but instead simply “Town of Ocean Ridge.”

Commissioners decided against “No Unloading,” settling instead for “No Stopping,” a concession to residents who believe it’s unreasonable to expressly prohibit motorists from dropping off people or possessions at the roadside. Signs will say no to dogs, glass and vehicles on the beach.

Lucibella said the sometimes stormy yearlong debate should not be misinterpreted as an effort to restrict public access.

“This is not about moving people off the beach, closing the beach or arresting people for trespassing,” he said. “It’s about recognizing your property rights. And you can’t recognize private property rights until you know where the property is.” ★

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South Palm Beach

Town advances four proposed charter changes

By Dan Moffett

South Palm Beach voters will likely get the chance to make some significant changes to their town's charter when they go to the polls in March.

At their Nov. 18 meeting, Town Council members gave preliminary approval to four amendments that would end term limits for council members as well as boards and committees, change the requirements for town manager applicants and eliminate special elections for filling unexpired council terms.

The ordinances that will put the changes on the March ballot will require final approval after a second reading at the Dec. 15 council

meeting, so some revisions are still possible.

Here's a look at what the proposed amendments would do:

- Eliminate term limits for the Town Council, beginning with candidates elected next March.

Council members unanimously agreed that it didn't make sense to limit elected officials when the town often has struggled to find people willing to serve. Councilwoman Bonnie Fischer also made the point that term limits don't allow for the learning curve needed to serve effectively on the council. "It takes time to know what you're doing in this job," she said. "Experience is important."

- Eliminate term limits for

boards and committees.

Council members unanimously agreed that residents who are willing to work on the town's boards and committees shouldn't be forced out because of term limits. The town has had trouble finding enough people willing to volunteer their service and should try to keep those they find.

- Eliminate special elections when a council seat unexpectedly becomes vacant for longer than six months.

The Town Council would be able to appoint a candidate to the council to serve out an unexpired term of greater than six months, until the next scheduled March election when the seat would be put before the voters. The change would save the town between

\$6,000 and \$8,000, the cost of holding a special election, and prevent spring and summer votes when South Palm Beach's snowbird population is at its low.

"You don't want to have a special election when no one is in town," said Town Attorney Brad Biggs.

Councilwoman Stella Gaddy Jordan was the lone vote against the proposed amendment, worrying that someone appointed to the council would have an unfair advantage in the next election.

- Revise the qualifications for the town manager position.

Currently, the charter requires that candidates for town manager have at least 10 years' experience and a specialized degree in

the field. Council members unanimously agreed that the requirements are too restrictive and could keep talented candidates from applying. Eliminating those prerequisites allows the Town Council to evaluate applicants on a case-by-case basis and recruit younger prospects who might be short on experience but long on potential.

Town Manager Rex Taylor, who is retiring this month, endorsed the changes, which would not take effect until March. Taylor said the town has received applications from 11 candidates who want to replace him and will interview finalists on Dec. 6, in the Town Hall. The interviews are open to the public. ★

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Lantana/Hypoluxo Island



LEFT: Joanne Stanley laughs as she prepares to take the first swipe of hair from the head of Lantana Mayor David Stewart during a fundraiser for Forgotten Soldiers Outreach at the Red, White & Buzz Festival at the Lantana Recreational Center. The community had about five months to raise \$20,000 for the Lake Worth-based Forgotten Soldiers Outreach.

BELOW: While the \$20,000 fund-raising challenge came up short, Stewart was a good sport and pleased the crowd by cutting his hair and shaving his beard for their entertainment. Debbie Maley did most of the cutting. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Mayor sheds hair to remember Forgotten Soldiers

By Mary Thurwachter

In Lantana, “the big chair” is reserved for memorable moments. Since Mayor Dave Stewart was about to have one of those on Nov. 9, he asked that the chair — which was donated to the town many years ago and very much resembles a throne — be summoned from storage. Then hizzoner donned a cape and took a seat for a royal buzz cut.

The shearing was the culmination of the Chamber of Commerce’s Red, White & Buzz celebration at the Recreation Center, a Veterans Day party to raise money and awareness for Forgotten Soldiers Outreach — and to have some good ol’ small town fun (bake sale, dunk tanks, live music and haircuts to benefit the charity).

Five months earlier, Stewart — whose hair, beard and mustache once won him third place in a Hemingway look-alike contest in Key West — vowed to shave it all off if \$20,000 could be raised for



Forgotten Soldiers Outreach by Veterans Day. When only half that amount was collected, Stewart agreed to endure a 50 percent shearing, although it ended up “more like Marine

cut,” he said.

The big reveal was pretty dramatic. “Lantana has a new mayor,” one onlooker proclaimed. And a young woman

watching the transformation joked about the “cool new guy in town.”

The plan for the mayoral shave-off hatched earlier this year when Stewart expressed his frustration at how little money was being contributed to John Oldham, community relations officer and chief money collector for Forgotten Soldier’s Outreach, which sends care packages to soldiers.

“He goes to so many meetings,” Stewart said of Oldham. “And he leaves with six or eight bucks.”

At a Chamber gathering hosted by Debbie Maley at Beach Cuts Hair Salon earlier this year, Stewart insisted something had to be done. He urged attendees to dig deeper into their pockets to help Forgotten Soldier’s Outreach.

That’s when Mina (McGill) Jazzo of Robert McGill Air Conditioning, a Lake Worth

How to donate

The non-profit Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc. has been sending care packages to soldiers overseas since 2003. Donations of candy, snacks, socks, toiletries, handwritten letters and reading material are accepted, as are cash donations, which help defray mailing costs. Volunteers are also needed to pack boxes. For more information call 369-2933 or visit www.forgottensoldiers.org.

High School classmate of Stewart’s, threw down the challenge. She also pledged the first \$500 if Stewart agreed to shave it all off for the charity.

Stewart agreed and the Chamber of Commerce quickly planned the Red, White and Buzz event around the challenge.

Stewart said he has had his beard and wavy locks for 39 years and when he thought about having it all shaved off, he didn’t flinch. “I just thought of Joanne Stanley of Republic Services (the company contracted to pick up the town’s garbage). She got really sick with cancer and lost her hair for two years. It took a long time for her hair to grow back. Mine will grow back in a few months.”

Despite falling short of the \$20,000 goal, Stewart said money was still coming in and now, when Oldham goes to meetings, he leaves with more money and bigger bills than he had previously.

“It’s all for a good cause and a local (Lake Worth-based) charity that does an awful lot of good for our soldiers,” he said.

And the big chair has been returned to storage until the next memorable moment arises. ★

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Manalapan

Bonutti appointed to vacant Manalapan commission seat

By Dan Moffett

Manalapan's Town Commission will get more than the perspective of an oceanfront resident now that Simone Bonutti has been sworn in to the vacant No. 4 seat.

The town will also get the perspective of a parent with a young family, something the commission hasn't had much of in recent years. Bonutti and her husband, Peter, an orthopedic surgeon, are raising their six children — ages 10 years to 3 months — in Manalapan, and looking out for their future is part of her reason for seeking public office.

"My kids are here, I'm living here permanently, so I want to have an understanding of what's going on," Bonutti said. "We can be kind of isolated along the ocean. Lots of people aren't permanent residents and they come and go. We are permanent residents, and I'd like to help out the community any way I can."

Bonutti, 40, was graduated from the University of Mississippi and had a career in sales of medical devices and pharmaceuticals before moving to Manalapan 10 years ago. The Bonuttis are renovating the 24,000-square-foot Italian-style home at 1680 S. Ocean and have plans in the works to install a tunnel under A1A.

Mayor David Cheifetz said a number of residents had come forward about filling the seat vacated by Vice Mayor Louis DeStefano in October, but Bonutti, who also had expressed interest in a commission opening four years ago, was clearly the best choice.

"She is head and shoulders above the other people I've been thinking about," Cheifetz said, before the commission unanimously approved Bonutti's appointment.

"I'm looking forward to having a voice for people on the ocean side," she said.

Bonutti said she would consider bringing back Manalafest, a festival that the town held annually from 2003 to 2008, as a way to bring

residents together and enable "neighbors to communicate with neighbors."

According to Town Clerk Lisa Petersen, Bonutti becomes only the sixth woman to hold office in Manalapan in the last 78 years, succeeding Kelly Gottlieb (the town's first female mayor in 2010), Marilyn Hedberg (2009), Ruth Caddell (1982), Gertrude Vanderbilt (1940) and Madeleine Gedney (1936).

In other business:

Town Manager Linda Stumpf told commissioners that work to bring the Town Hall into compliance with Americans With Disabilities Act requirements is progressing and should be completed by the end of January.

Stumpf said most of the modifications inside the building have been done and only a few more changes — moving a toilet, replacing door hinges — remain. She said the town hopes to get bids back from contractors for outside construction by the Dec. 16 meeting. In all, the town expects to spend about \$50,000 to make the building ADA compliant, with most of that going toward changes that improve access from the parking lot.

Stumpf said after contractors finish the Town Hall, bids will go out on work to make the library compliant.

Town resident Kersen De Jong, who has made repeated complaints to the town about ADA violations and accused officials of dragging their feet on fixing them, warned commissioners that the Town Hall might lose its standing as an election poll and the library might lose its accreditation, if the construction wasn't finished in a timely manner. The comment touched off a heated exchange with Cheifetz.

"Thank you so much for your threats, Mr. De Jong, we appreciate it," the mayor said. "And I'm so delighted you could make it in here today but you couldn't make it in here to vote."

"Your cynical remarks about my handicap are not being appreciated!" shouted De Jong, who lost his legs in a 1976 accident. "How do you dare to say you're glad that I made it in here? How do you dare!" ★



Bonutti

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ABOVE: In 1962 the Interracial Committee was formed to seek harmony amid the unresolved resistance to integration of the beach. LEFT: Delray Beach Police Chief R.C. Croft displays items confiscated under an ordinance that allowed police to search vehicles. Photos courtesy of the Delray Beach Historical Society

Oral history project funded

Visitors to the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum at 170 NW Fifth Ave. in Delray Beach are greeted by an African proverb: “Until the lions have their historians, the tales of the hunt will continue to glorify the hunter.”

Recently, the museum received a \$5,000 matching grant from the Florida

Humanities Council to document the history of racial struggle that ended with the integration of the city beach.

“Slavery had been abolished before South Florida was developed. We didn’t have the same territorial issues as the rest of the South,” says Charlene Jones, the museum’s director, “so our issue became

the beach.”

Working with Florida Atlantic University’s department of history, the museum will spend the next six months compiling oral histories for *Beach at Delray: Untold Stories*, a booklet county educators can use to teach the story of James McBride, C. Spencer Pompey,

Catherine Strong and other prominent figures in the integration fight.

“And then, if we’re funded again, we’d like to create a traveling exhibit around the subject,” Jones adds. “But even if we’re not funded, we’re going to create a lesson plan for Palm Beach County schools.

“We’re inviting anyone who remembers this time in our city’s history — white or black — to come in and record their memories so we can pull together the names, dates and locations.”

For more information, call the museum at (561) 279-8883.

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DROWNING

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whom everyone called "Bay."

As they frolicked and splashed in the waves, Jaycee McBride was caught in a rip current and swept away from the shore.

"He was going up and down, only about 50 feet out," Stephens recalls. "We didn't know what to do. We just stood there and watched, but Bay was the type of guy who'd do anything for you. That's why he tried to save his brother."

Grabbing an innertube, James McBride went in after Jaycee and managed to push him out of the treacherous undertow, only to be caught in the current himself.

"We got Bay once he got out of the undercurrent," Stephens explains, "but we had no idea how to do CPR or nothing. It was sickening because we just sat there and watched him die."

That Sunday was Mother's Day, and James "Bay" McBride and his friends had been swimming south of the city's guarded beach because — being black — they had to.

"We finally flagged some cars down, and the fire department came and got him."

On that Mother's Day afternoon, Bay McBride's mother was returning from the hospital, where she'd been visiting a sister-in-law, when a nephew flagged down her car. The police had come to their house on Southwest Seventh Avenue.

Rosabelle McBride was 32 that day. She will turn 91 this month. Her hearing is poor and her voice thin, but her memories are, for the most part, sharp.

"I really don't know where that name 'Bay' came from," she says. "We just always called him that since he was a baby. He was interested in going places and doing things. We bought him a bicycle and he would put his younger brother, Alan, on the handlebars and ride through the community and just look around and come back."

"I remember he saw all the houses being built and he said, 'My mother wouldn't want her own home.' We were poor and had to rent, but Bay didn't know we couldn't afford our own home, so he just thought I didn't want one."

"He was so nice in Sunday school, and kind. He was a lovable person. Everybody loved him."

Integration efforts underway

The struggle to integrate the beach at Delray did not begin the day Bay McBride drowned. The NAACP had sued the city for equal access a year earlier, on April 30, 1955, but his death ignited a battle that flared intermittently for the next eight years.

The rest of the story survives in faded newspaper clippings at both the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum and the Delray Beach Historical Society,



ABOVE: Delray Beach's efforts to de-annex the black neighborhoods attracted national media attention. A grainy report by Miami television station WTVJ still exists.

LEFT: Rosabelle and Jaycee McBride pose at the grave of James 'Bay' McBride shortly after his death in 1956.



BELOW LEFT: The 100-foot strip of beach in Ocean Ridge that was designated for use by blacks.

Photos courtesy of the Delray Beach Historical Society



personal memoirs and a grainy, 12-minute television report by Ralph Renick on Miami's WTVJ.

In 1954, Delray Beach bought a 100-foot strip of rocky beachfront from Ocean Ridge, just north of Briny Breezes, and dubbed it "Negro Beach." Now they spent another \$7,278 to install portable toilets and lighting, and \$3,728 more to hire three armed deputies.

The beach satisfied no one.

Ocean Ridge residents complained that the blacks were driving down property values, and the black beachgoers were offended by both their segregation and the small, rocky stretch they'd been granted.

Many blacks, like Walter Stephens and his friend, Bay McBride, preferred the deserted stretch about a mile south of town.

Alfred Straghn, a young man just starting in the funeral business at the time, handled James McBride's funeral.

"I went up there," remembers Straghn, now 86, "and I told my wife, 'I'm going to take one dive in the water and come back home.'"

He snorts. "I split my head on a rock!"

News of furor went national

On May 20, 1956, the Sunday after James' death, about 35 black residents staged a "wade-in" by the Seagate Club while perhaps 100 whites looked on until Police Chief R.C. Croft closed the beach.

The next week, the all-white City Commission voted 3-1 to ban blacks from both the beach and a municipal pool at the southwest corner of Atlantic Avenue and A1A. The sole dissenter: Catherine Strong, 45, a former mayor.

"No member of the Negro race shall go upon the beach or into the swimming pool," the ordinance stated.

And then a second ordinance was passed allowing police to search cars for weapons.



Strong

Barricades were established at the Atlantic Avenue bridge, at Casuarina Road and on what is now George Bush Boulevard. Both

black and white motorists were stopped, and Croft proudly displayed the "weapons" that were confiscated: knives, machetes, a bailing hook, a small pistol and a single hunting rifle.

"They were tools!" says Dennis Murray, who took part in the protests. "They found machetes and a shotgun in a trunk. Back then, if you saw a rabbit, you'd shoot it."

Week after week, the city's black residents staged "swim-ins" at the beach.

Next the city voted to de-annex the black section of town, exiling about 3,600 black residents, and the measure was sent to Tallahassee. Again, Strong was the only dissenting vote.

The furor had grown so loud that *Jet*, the national black news magazine, featured a story about James McBride's death and the ongoing confrontations with police.

Finally, on July 2, 1956, a resolution was reached when the City Commission, in a secret meeting, agreed to a petition from the Negro Civic League, led by Carver High School coach C. Spencer Pompey to drop the de-annexation effort and build a swimming pool in the city's black neighborhood.

The agreement was made public with WTVJ's Renick

serving as a moderator.

Two weeks later, a bid was let for the building of a pool and a biracial committee was formed, led by Coach Pompey.

In October 1960, the "Negro Beach" was annexed back by Ocean Ridge and its mayor, J.J. MacDonald, announced, "All our moves and acts are aimed at getting the Negroes off our beach."

In 1963, the land at the "Negro Beach" in Ocean Ridge was sold to a private developer.

Again, blacks staged "wade-ins" at the Delray municipal beach, but times had changed, and two years later, on July 4, 1964, the matter was resolved once and for all when President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act, guaranteeing equal access to all public facilities.

Strong, the City Commission member who stood alone against the segregated beach, died that same year. In 1965, the Catherine Strong Civic Center was opened on Southwest Sixth Street.

Faith, hope, love and memories

Walter Stephens, who watched his friend drown nearly 60 years ago, is 73 now and retired after 30 years as a cable splicer for Florida Power & Light Co.

"A boy drowned with no lifeguard protection," he says. "That's what initially sparked the issue."

"After that, we all learned to swim."

James "Bay" McBride, the youth who drowned, has rested in the Delray Beach Memorial Gardens on Southwest Eighth Avenue for 58 years. He would be 73 if he'd survived the undertow.

Jaycee McBride, who did survive, is 70, retired from the Ford assembly line and living in Kansas City, Mo.

Their sisters, Charlotte Darlene Oliver and Patricia Arnette, weren't even born when James and Jaycee went swimming.

Arnette teaches English to foreign speakers at Highland Elementary School.

Oliver is a corrections officer at the county jail. On her bicep she has a tattoo of a family tree. Under the heading Faith, Hope, Love are the names of family members who are gone. The first name says simply, "Bay."

Their mother, Rosabelle, worked for many years as a maid to white families in Delray Beach, then became a cook, first at Highland Elementary School and then Plumosa Elementary School.

Today, she lives in the home she owns on Northwest 11th Avenue, just across the street from Pompey Park and the swimming pool activists fought to have built all those years ago.

"I hated to lose my son's life," she will tell you, "but I'm happy that he helped achieve integration for the black race."

"He died for a good cause." ★

Along the Coast



'Driving Experience' makes for a moving morning for select few

By Rich Pollack

There are cars that speak to you, that tell you when your door is open, where to turn as you navigate unfamiliar terrain and when a call is coming in on your cell phone.

Then there are the cars that roar, letting their motors do all the talking — or, given the opportunity, the screaming.

These are cars only a few ever get to drive and they include exotics like a McLaren MP4-12C, a Ferrari 458 Italia and a Porsche 911 Turbo.

Now, the circle of those lucky enough to get a taste of what it feels like to be behind the wheel of three powerful vehicles — including a couple priced beyond that of an average three-bedroom home with a two-car garage — is expanding ever so slightly, thanks to the Waldorf Astoria Driving Experiences.

Brought to you by the people who own the iconic Boca Raton Resort & Club, the driving experience provided 35 hotel guests — who each plunked down a cool grand last month — a chance to take a tour of South Palm Beach County while driving cars that can hit



TOP: Coastal Star writer Rich Pollack test-drove a Porsche 911 Turbo.

ABOVE: Drivers take to the road in the Waldorf Astoria Driving Experience in a McLaren MP4-12C (front), a Ferrari 458 Italia (center) and a Porsche 911 Turbo.

Photos by Joe Skipper/The Coastal Star

top speeds of over 200 miles per hour and when properly punched can accelerate from 0 to 60 in 2.8 seconds.

Also getting a chance to take these fast cars for a three-hour spin were a handful of journalists, including yours truly, who — after signing a series of waivers and learning that we would be on the hook for the \$7,500 deductible should

the unimaginable happen — got to take turns driving each of the vehicles.

Guiding us on our journey — which took us from State Road A1A to U.S. Highway 441 and from Boca Raton to West Palm Beach — was retired race car driver Didier Theys.

Surprisingly patient for a man who has won twice at Daytona, stood on the podium

at Le Mans and won the 12 Hours of Sebring, Theys gave each of us a one-on-one overview of the vehicles we were about to drive. For most of the folks in our group, this was the first chance we had to drive cars that most can only dream of taking out on the open road.

First up was the McLaren, a car many of those who posed for photos with the vehicles outside the Boca Resort & Club had never seen before. With its butterfly — or vertical — doors open and its sleek look, the McLaren has the sportiest appearance of the cars we drove.

It may also have been the most powerful. Pulling out of the hotel's parking lot, the McLaren kept wanting to go, creeping forward the second the brake was released.

As we headed out on Palmetto Park Road to 441, our co-pilot for the first leg of the drive — Stuart Foster, marketing vice president for Waldorf Astoria — kept

encouraging us to “punch it” to feel the real power of the McLaren. Fearing flashing blue lights in the rearview mirror and ever mindful of the \$7,500 deductible, we kept our need for speed in check.

We did, however, manage to get the McLaren into sixth gear. Although we were in the mid-90s speed range, it felt as though we were only traveling at half that speed.

Later, Foster would get behind the wheel of the McLaren and give it that 0 to 60 “punch” as he whipped past a slow-moving truck.

It quickly became obvious that he wasn't as worried about the deductible as we were.

As he drove, Foster explained that the Waldorf Astoria Driving Experiences, a pilot program being held this year at six of the company's premier resorts, were designed to emphasize the heart and soul of the Waldorf Astoria brand — that it is an unforgettable experience.

“What we're doing is creating a memory that is unforgettable and that will bring guests back,” he said, adding that the program is likely to expand next year.

Certainly for us, the experience truly was unforgettable.

Of the three cars we test drove, each had its own strengths and appeal. The McLaren had the power, the Ferrari had the sound and the feel of a true race car while the Porsche 911 Turbo had the ride and the comfort of a car you could easily drive on your commute to work or on a weekend drive.

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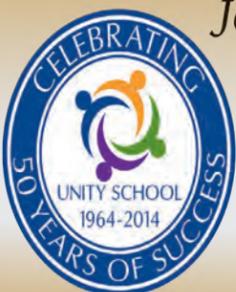
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Lantana/Hypoluxo Island



A large banyan tree (opposite tree on right) was cut down on North Atlantic Drive, causing a furor among residents who said the tree should have been protected. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

Loss of canopy habitat criticized

By Mary Thurwachter

Sections of Atlantic Drive, Hypoluxo Island's main street, resemble a tree-shaded country road. Many who have lived on the island for years treasure the trees and shudder to think that any could be cut down.

But that's exactly what happened recently to a large Banyan tree at North Atlantic Drive at the corner of East Ocean Avenue. The tree was cut down as part of a renovation project being filmed for Vanilla Ice's (aka Rob Van Winkle's) television documentary for DIY TV Productions.

As limbs fell to the ground, the phone began ringing off the hook at the Hypoluxo Island home of Richard Schlosberg and his wife, Judy Black, environmentalists and council watchers who addressed the issue at the Nov. 10 Lantana Town Council meeting.

"It was a travesty to remove that banyan tree," Schlosberg said. It was, he said, an important canopy tree that provided habitat for small wildlife and birds who winter in Florida.

His wife called the tree loss "unfathomable."

Could anything have been done to stop the tree from being cut down?

Apparently not, the couple was told.

"It's not a protected tree," said Mayor Dave Stewart, who lives on North Atlantic Drive. "Trees come down just like houses come down. People have their personal property rights. ... New trees will be planted."

Stewart said the banyan didn't fit into the new owner's landscape plans. Getting a permit is a formality, he said, "to see if the tree is protected."

Schlosberg argued that the tree was an aura banyan, native to the state, and should be protected.

According to Town Attorney Max Lohman, five species of banyans are prohibited and the aura banyan is on neither the protected nor the prohibited list.

Exactly how old the banyan tree was is not known.

"It's not in any of the pictures we have from the late '40s," Stewart said. "But it was a big tree."

But the banyan wasn't the only tree cut down on the property, and some of the trees, several oaks, were protected.

A Landscape Review Application was approved on Oct. 22 for removal of 12 dead palms and four mango trees. Owners submitted another application on Oct. 29 to remove a large banyan in the front yard. That application triggered a tree survey.

"We know of at least two large oaks that were probably specimen trees per our code," Town Manager Deborah Manzo said. "Since they were already cut down, we are not sure of their diameter. Our code requires one and a half times the diameter to be mitigated. On Friday, Nov. 14, the contractor brought in the tree survey and David (Thatcher, the town's development services director) approved it. The plan provides for one and a half times tree replacement for the two oaks that were removed; therefore, no fines will be assessed."

Work on the renovation and filming is expected to continue through April 30. ★

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Along the Coast

Boynton boat parade back to Friday night schedule

By Jane Smith

Boynton Beach does not want to be the Grinch that stole Christmas this year.

Board members of its Community Redevelopment Agency voted 5-2 last month to return the 43rd annual boat parade to a Friday night.

The CRA staff had recommended switching the parade to a Saturday night to better accommodate the schedule of boat captains and tried unsuccessfully over the summer to contact Delray Beach staffers about the change. Then, the CRA staff found out Delray Beach has a street parade scheduled for that Saturday night and its police need to have the Atlantic Avenue Bridge remain in a down position.

“In the spirit of Christmas or the holiday or whatever you want to call it, is that we go for Friday,” said community board member Woodrow Hay when making the motion. He wants the CRA staff to start contacting Delray Beach staff early next year to create a partnership.

The Boynton Beach-Delray Beach Holiday Boat Parade will be Dec. 12, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Lantana bridge and traveling south on the Intracoastal Waterway to the C-15 Canal between Delray Beach and Boynton Beach.

CRA board member and City Commissioner David Merker voted against the switch after CRA Executive Director Vivian Brooks said, “We obviously felt Saturday was better for the majority of residents of the CRA ... based on the response from the captains. We started to work very early with Delray, but due to a turnover in their staff, and you can see from the emails, that there is a timeline that we need to know because we have to plan not only this event, but Pirates [Fest] and holidays.”

CRA community board member James Buchanan also voted against the switch. He said, “While we are being full of Christmas cheer and doing this for Delray, Delray has done nothing for us. This is a pure gift from our side ... I do believe the boat parade is much better on a Saturday for people to attend and for the boat captains.”

Delray Beach resident Reeve Bright, who ran the parade for nearly 30 years, offered to collect some money to offset the city’s costs and concerns that the CRA could not spend money for events outside its boundary.

“I am not here to cast aspersions on Boynton or Delray,” Bright told the CRA board. “Nobody ever said and I never said, ‘Those bums in Boynton don’t want to give us any money.’ It’s a holiday parade, for both towns and that’s the way it was.”

A week later, Bright said he had some commitments, but he didn’t want to disclose their names or occupations. How would he describe them? “Civic-minded individuals who like the boat parade,” he said.

Bright is not seeking a certain amount or percentage of the \$12,000 the CRA has budgeted to spend on the parade. Most of that, he said, was “Boynton-centric expenses: Santa, bleachers and other items designed to draw people to the downtown.”

The awards portion is about \$4,000, and that’s where his group will help, he said.

To enter a boat in the parade, contact Amy Zimmerman at the Boynton Beach CRA, 600-9097. ★

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you actually put your son in a position where you opened a law firm in Broward County, Florida, before he became a Florida lawyer," Sweetapple said in the deposition.

"No, it's not correct," O'Boyle responded. "You have no idea what you're talking about."

Sweetapple has filed a court complaint charging Jonathan O'Boyle and the firm with "the unlawful practice of law," and the potential impact of the charge is far-reaching. It could undermine the validity of hundreds of public records suits the firm filed on behalf of Citizens Awareness — against Gulf Stream, as well as dozens of other municipalities and government contractors across the state — and also tens of thousands of dollars the firm received in settlements for the cases.

The town's complaint argues that O'Boyle's law firm isn't bonafide and entitled to take attorneys' fees.

Sweetapple, a Boca Raton lawyer the town hired in March, said he has evidence that Jonathan O'Boyle filed legal documents using the name of a Florida-licensed lawyer who worked at the O'Boyle firm. Sweetapple told O'Boyle during the deposition that attorney Giovanni Mesa



O'Boyle



Sweetapple

complained in writing to Joel Chandler, the former Citizens Awareness executive director, that Jonathan O'Boyle "filed cases in Mesa's name without Mesa's knowledge or consent."

Martin O'Boyle told Sweetapple he knows nothing about Mesa's allegation or how CAF is run: "I have nothing to do with Citizens Awareness."

In an interview with *The Coastal Star*, however, Chandler said that Martin O'Boyle founded the group late last year and recruited him to lead it. Chandler said he left CAF after five months because he grew disillusioned with its direction.

"I wanted to promote open government," he said, "but it was all about making money for The O'Boyle Law Firm."

The law firm; Citizens Awareness; a companion group called Our Public Records LLC; and the Commerce Group, O'Boyle's real estate development company, all share office space in the same Deerfield Beach building. Several senior Commerce Group staff members also hold positions with Citizens

Awareness.

Sweetapple said that cell phone records show that Jonathan O'Boyle was living in his father's Gulf Stream home while running the Deerfield law firm — and while holding a Pennsylvania license that listed law offices in Philadelphia and Johnstown, state business records show. Sweetapple said in the deposition that the Philadelphia address was the townhouse residence of Jonathan's sister and the Johnstown address was a building owned by his father; the attorney said O'Boyle used a cell phone with a 561 area code as his office number.

"You put your son in the position of engaging in unauthorized practice of law because you solicited him to participate in your public records litigation here in Florida," Sweetapple told Martin O'Boyle during the deposition.

"You're just talking nonsense," O'Boyle answered, and said he is "not sure" where his son has been living.

Chandler said his relationship with the O'Boyles fell apart when he was unable and also unwilling to meet a quota of 25 suits filed each week. "I thought it was an abuse of our legal system," Chandler told *The Coastal Star*.

Martin O'Boyle and another town resident, Christopher

O'Hare, have filed about 1,500 public records requests to Gulf Stream, as well as dozens of complaints and lawsuits, most of them using The O'Boyle Law Firm. In October, town commissioners voted to pursue a federal RICO case (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) against the two men, alleging a pattern of behavior to intimidate and harass Gulf Stream and other municipalities.

The O'Boyle Law Firm and Citizens Awareness settled public records suits over alleged Florida Sunshine Law violations with Fernandina Beach (\$5,000), Cutler Bay (\$2,250) and Miami Lakes (\$2,000), among others. The settlements include compensation for legal fees that Sweetapple and Gulf Stream will allege are unjustified.

The Florida Center for Investigative Reporting, a nonprofit news organization, found that The O'Boyle Law Firm had filed more than 140 lawsuits in 27 counties for Citizens Awareness and Our Public Records. Besides governments, the firm also targeted the contractors who worked for them, exploiting a 2013 amendment to state law that requires private companies holding public records to make them available.

FCIR reported that The O'Boyle Law Firm has also

sued "a Catholic charity in Sarasota County, an accountant in Hillsborough County, and ChildNet, a nonprofit in Broward County whose mission is to 'protect abused, abandoned and neglected children.'"

Chandler said he left his job at CAF in June after it became clear that "Marty O'Boyle would use public records laws like a club to get what he wants, and that's money."

O'Boyle called Chandler "a crook" in the deposition and is suing his former employee, claiming he misused CAF funds, a charge Chandler flatly denies: "The only things true in the suit against me were my name and that I live in Florida."

Jonathan O'Boyle did not return calls and emails seeking comment for this story. Mitchell Berger, a Fort Lauderdale attorney who represents Martin O'Boyle, blames Gulf Stream for not making public records available and calls the town's RICO suit "unfortunate." Berger says he doesn't "intend to litigate this matter in the press."

Martin O'Boyle said in the deposition that making his son part of the case was "criminal."

"You're not an honorable man," he told Sweetapple. "What you did to my son, in my world, Marty O'Boyle's world, Marty O'Boyle's definition, I think is a crime." ★

Boca Raton

Airport project can benefit wildlife as well as human life

By Rich Pollack

Life near the Boca Raton Airport may become much safer for gopher tortoises, raccoons, migrating snowbirds — even the human kind — and a multitude of other critters, thanks to a new study designed to keep accidental meetings of wildlife and planes to a minimum.

Wildlife biologists made their first visit to the Boca Raton Airport last month and began a yearlong assessment — largely funded by the federal government — to determine which bird species may be making unscheduled landings and takeoffs on the runways and what other animals might transverse the tarmac when no one is looking.

The study, required beginning this year by the Federal Aviation Administration for airports with the level of jet service Boca Raton now has, is primarily focused on keeping pilots and passengers from getting injured.

In the process, however, the study could help a variety of species, including a colony of endangered burrowing owls that have already taken up residence on the airfield.

"Anything that enhances the safety of the flying public

and the wildlife is beneficial for the airport and for the community," said Clara Bennett, executive director of the airport. "This is really a neat project and we're really excited about it."

During the next 12 months, wildlife biologists and others from the consulting firm of Loomacres Wildlife Management of Warnersville, N.Y., will visit the airport to do multiple surveys each month from six sites on the field.

Once the survey is completed, researchers will provide the Boca Raton Airport Authority with a series of recommendations designed to improve safety.

"The report will include a whole menu of steps we can use to mitigate wildlife strikes," Bennett said.

The study will include night visits and will also survey areas within a five-mile radius to determine which geographic conditions — such as lakes and open fields — might increase the chance of wildlife strikes.

The airport abuts the FAU Preserve, home to burrowing owls and gopher tortoises. Owl nests on airport property are marked to ensure they're not disturbed during maintenance.

The assessment has an estimated \$90,000 price tag with the FAA picking up 90

percent of the tab and the Boca Raton Airport Authority responsible for the remaining 10 percent.

The airport authority also recently received approval for another grant from the FAA, which is designed to enhance safety.

With an estimated \$300,000 in federal dollars and about \$30,000 from its own budget, the authority will move forward on design of an Engineered Material Arresting System at the north end of the runway.

The EMAS system will use crushable concrete placed at the end of the runway — visible from Spanish River Boulevard — to stop an aircraft that overruns the landing strip. Tires of the aircraft would sink into the lightweight concrete, slowing the aircraft as it rolled through the material.

The system is in use in 51 airports throughout the country, including 14 general aviation airports.

There have been seven instances where it has been used effectively — including one in Key West — to stop planes that overran the runways, according to Bennett.

"This is one of those things you need to have that you hope you never have to use," she said.

The estimated cost of the EMAS project is expected to



A nesting pair of burrowing owls at the Boca Raton Airport. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

be more than \$5 million, with the vast majority of the funding coming from state and federal

government sources and the airport authority contributing the rest. ★

Highland Beach

Luxury condo denied extra height variance

By Rich Pollack

A controversial plan to build a 16-story luxury condominium in Highland Beach received a major blow when the town's Board of Adjustment and Appeals denied a variance request that would have permitted the project to exceed the town's 35-foot height limit by 174 feet.

In a unanimous decision last month, the six-member board voted to deny the request by the developer, Golden City Highland Beach LLC, to allow a 209-foot high building on 7.35 acres at 3614 S. Ocean Blvd.

Before the decision, board members listened to several hours of presentations by attorneys on both sides and environmental experts, as well as comments from several residents who packed the meeting to voice opposition to the project.

"This has been an eye-opening experience," said Marny Glasser, a resident from the neighboring Toscana condominium, who spoke against the proposed variance. "It was good to see the process work effectively with the right result."

In reaching the decision to deny the variance, several board members said they did not feel the developer met the eight criteria outlined in the

town code, needed for approval of a variance.

Among the criteria required is evidence that special conditions exist and that those conditions represent a hardship. The developer is also required to prove the variance would be the minimum variance needed to make use of the land possible.

"There were a lot of obstacles in the criteria that the developer needed to overcome," said Barry Donaldson, who chairs the appointed Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

During closing comments to the board, attorney Nathan Nason, representing Golden City, argued that the developer did indeed meet the criteria.

"We have met all of the requirements and we believe we're entitled to the variance," Nason said.

In filing for the variance, Nason contended that there are extenuating circumstances that should be considered so the developer could move forward with the 45-unit condominium project.

Nason pointed out that the property is primarily wetlands and that only about 10 percent of the parcel is usable for development, with the remaining 90 percent filled with mangroves.

"There are special conditions that are peculiar to this

parcel," he said. "There are the mangroves and the shape of the land. As a result, we're left with the inability to develop this property in accordance with its zoning potential."

In an earlier letter supporting approval of the variance, Nason also said that the property is already surrounded by condominiums that are taller than the town's current height limit.

Those buildings, opponents of the project pointed out, were built before the 35-foot height restriction was adopted.

In considering the variance, the Board of Adjustment and Appeals heard from lawyers representing Toscana residents as well as an attorney representing the owner of a home across from the site of the proposed development. The board also considered dozens of letters it received from residents of Toscana and other nearby properties.

"Everyone who wanted to speak had the opportunity to do so," Glasser said. "The board wanted to make sure it dotted every 'i' and crossed every 't.'"

Earlier in the meeting, the board approved a request by the developers of property at 3200 S. Ocean Blvd. for a variance that would allow for construction of a porte cochère "a covered entryway" within a 40-foot setback area. ★

Renovation dedication

Town Hall, Highland Beach – Dec. 1



TOP: Highland Beach Mayor Bernard Featherman cuts the ceremonial ribbon Dec. 1 during an open house to show off the recently completed renovations to Town Hall. The project cost taxpayers \$900,000. Residents were given a chance to tour the council chambers and police department. The event was held in conjunction with the town's Light Up the Holidays celebration.

BELOW: Town Manager Kathleen D. Weiser congratulates Mark Marsh of Bridges, Marsh & Associates of Palm Beach. Marsh drew up the plans for the project, which includes enhancements to the police department.

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Along the Coast

Small is big when towns are rated for recycling

By Jane Smith

The Briny Breezes recycling crew starts gathering at the Quonset hut on the west side of Ocean Boulevard at 7:45 a.m. Mondays.

During the season, 10 volunteers use three golf carts and a pickup truck with wagons to collect newspapers, magazines and cardboard from the mobile home park residents.

Ken Doyle, at age 79, is the designated driver of the pickup with its hand-cranked windows. Three volunteers ride in the makeshift wagon pulled by the truck.

"I asked (volunteer Roy Miller) about how I could help, and Roy said be at the Quonset hut by 8 a.m. on Mondays," said Kevin Dwyer, who has been part of the crew for 16 years. Dwyer, the youngest man, often jumps out of the wagon to pick up paper bags stuffed with newspapers. They frown on papers stuffed in plastic bags because they can't be recycled and require an extra trip to a grocery store where they are collected.

As Doyle drives slowly through the narrow streets, Don Hebert, originally from New Hampshire, and Miller, originally from Massachusetts, yell, "YO!" when Doyle drives by a bag or a box full of newspapers. The men give a royal wave to the residents sitting on their porches or inside their mobile homes.

In 30 minutes, they are finished collecting from their district of the park.

That in-person service gave Briny Breezes the highest per-capita recycling rate of .94 tons among South County coastal communities, according to data recently released by the Solid Waste Authority.

No. 2 among coastal communities is the town of South Palm Beach. Its per capita recycling rate is .86.

"That is the result of the fact that we are a town of condo buildings and have recycling units in a common trash collection area," said Town Manager Rex Taylor. "We've done a good job with the collection areas. (When you are) taking the trash down, might as well take the recyclables with you."

The town also mentions the recycling program in its newsletters.

Highland Beach ranks No. 3 with a per capita recycling rate of .74 tons.

The town educates residents about recycling through its quarterly newsletter and its TV station — channel 99 on Comcast, said Zoie Burgess, assistant to the town manager. It encourages residents to recycle by providing bins to condo and single-family-home residents.

Since 2010, the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach



Kevin Dwyer hands off a pile of paper and cardboard to be recycled to Roy Miller. These Briny Breezes volunteers — along with Roger Hebert — were riding in a trailer driven by Ken Doyle during a recent recycling run. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

Recycling: Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Lantana

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County rewards cities for their recycling efforts by sharing revenue with them less the processing cost. The agency does not track individual city recycling rates because few cities self-haul trash to the landfills. The county's curbside recycling rate was 38.6 percent in 2013. When energy credits are included, the county's rate is 55 percent, well on the way to meeting the state's goal of 75 percent by 2020.

Boca Raton - 2014 total revenue reimbursed: \$120,338.19.

Total revenue reimbursed since 2010: \$1.1 million

Total tons recycled since 2010: 38,008.14

Per capita* tons recycled: .44

Delray Beach - 2014 total revenue reimbursed: \$78,377.14.

Total revenue reimbursed since 2010: \$678,469.87.

Total tons recycled since 2010: 23,724.63.

Per capita tons recycled: .38

Lantana - 2014 total revenue reimbursed: \$12,137.39.

Total revenue reimbursed since 2010: \$117,344.19.

Total tons recycled since 2010: 4,097.68.

Per capita tons recycled: .38

*Based on 2014 population estimates from University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research

County has shared recycling revenues with each city, less the processing costs.

All managers of the coastal communities reached for this story said they use the recycling revenue in their general funds.

Ocean Ridge ranks fourth with a per capita rate of .61 tons. Republic Services has its waste removal contract and picks up recyclables weekly.

"When new people move in, they are made aware of the recycling program," said Ken Schenck, town manager.

The town of Gulf Stream ranks sixth at .45 tons per capita. Town Manager William Thrasher said residents receive recycling bins that are picked up weekly by Waste Management.

Ranking fifth was Manalapan at .53 tons per capita. Its town manager, Linda Stumpf, could not be reached for comment.

The Solid Waste Authority does not keep track of recyclables collected by the

portions of cities with residents living on the barrier island. As a result, partial rates for Boca Raton, Delray Beach and Lantana could not be determined.

The agency also does not keep track of individual recycling rates for the cities because few self-haul their trash, according to Willie Puz, agency spokesman. Most of the cities contract with four haulers.

The county's curbside recycling rate was 38.6 percent in 2013. When energy credits are included, the county's rate is 55 percent, well on the way to meeting the state's goal of 75 percent by 2020.

But when the county's multimillion-dollar waste-to-energy plant comes online early next year, the county will be able to include that energy generated in its recycling rate. When that plant is working, the recycling rate will increase even more, Puz said. ★

Dune restoration project

Beach Clubhouse, Briny Breezes – Nov. 6



Makenzie Black, a student at Dreyfoos School of the Arts and a resident of Briny Breezes, works to clear a stand of the invasive scaevola plant from the dune area south of the Briny Breezes Beach Clubhouse. She was working with volunteers from Dreyfoos, Florida Atlantic University and members of the Briny Beach Landscaping Club. The group is in the process of clearing the exotics to plant native plants like seagrape and sea oats. Scaevola is an aggressive plant that overshadows and kills other native plants; it is also on the Palm Beach County list of plants that are prohibited from being planted. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**



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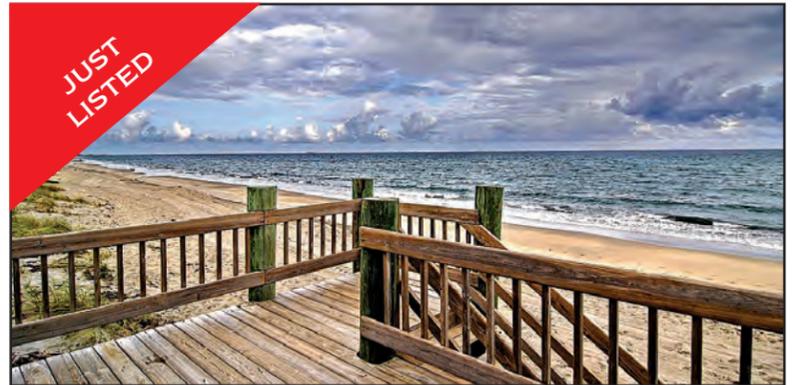
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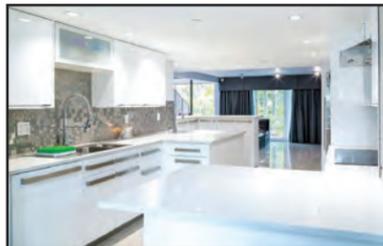
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Obituaries

Bill (William John) Shannon

GULF STREAM — Bill (William John) Shannon died peacefully Nov. 9 after a long battle with ALS.

Bill truly loved life with all of its highs and lows and always with a quick joke and a full heart.



Born on May 26, 1965, in Montreal, Canada, to his beloved parents, the late Bill and Joan

(Kersgaard), he was No. 7 of the Shannon 12.

Bill Shannon will be remembered for his love of

a challenge, the spark in his eye, his laugh, a generosity that knew no bounds and his incredible spirit. He touched many lives and taught us to live life fully and appreciatively. He will be truly missed.

He leaves behind his wife Anna (Kyratas) and their five boys, William, Christopher, Nicholas, Charlie and Finn, whom he loved fiercely and enjoyed immensely. His spirit is carried on by his brothers and sisters: Deborah (Robert Trudeau), Mike (Janet Cameron), Donna (Alec Paterson), Gary (Kim Holden), Dan (Isabelle Depelteau)

Suzanne (Eric Blais), Jimmy (Maude Leblond), Mark, John (Melissa Wreford) Joanne (Bobby Julien) and Judy, as well as many in-laws, nieces, nephews and countless friends.

A visitation was held Nov. 12 at Lorne & Sons Funeral Home with the funeral held at Gulf Stream School Chapel on Nov. 13.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local ALS chapter, Team Gleason (www.teamgleason.org) or Hospice of Palm Beach County.

The family thanks everyone for their love, care and kind support.

— Contributed by the family

Jane L. Gleason

DELRAY BEACH — Jane L. Gleason, 76, a noted interior designer in both Greenwich,



Conn., and Palm Beach died suddenly on Nov. 1 at Delray Medical Center.

She was the daughter of Robert and Mary Lorentz. Mrs. Gleason co-founded Davenport Inc. in Greenwich, Conn., in

1996 and Davenport Too in Palm Beach, in 2006.

She was born in Chicago and attended Northwestern University. Mrs. Gleason married William F. Gleason, a prominent New York attorney, in Boston in 1960.

Mrs. Gleason is survived by her husband and two children, Christy Redican of Pittsburgh and Bill Gleason of London, as well as her four grandchildren, Charlotte, Will, Coco and

Teddy.

Mrs. Gleason was a great entertainer and cook who was known for her humorous renditions of her travels and stories. She was bigger than life and will be missed dearly.

A memorial celebration was held on Nov. 9 at the Gulf Stream Bath and Tennis Club in Delray Beach. Lorne & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

— Contributed by the family

D. Weston Van Beck

By Steven J. Smith

BOCA RATON — Wes Van Beck, who distinguished himself as a lifeguard with



Ocean Rescue of Boca Raton for more than 30 years, will be remembered for his selfless dedication to his work

and his community — even to the point of voluntarily reducing his rank, according to coworker Clint Tracy.

“He was a lieutenant for about a decade, but in the last 15 years of his career he took a self-demotion to lifeguard,” Tracy said.

Mr. Van Beck, 53, died on Nov. 6 as a result of an accidental choking incident at a Port St. Lucie restaurant.

“It was tragic,” Tracy said. “Instead of showing the universal symbol for choking, I guess he was embarrassed and he went out into the parking lot to see if he could resolve it himself. He passed out, went into a coma and never revived.”

More than 100 people attended Mr. Van Beck’s memorial service on Nov. 20 at Red Reef Park, where he was remembered for forming Ocean Rescue’s junior lifeguard program.

“He was the first instructor and put the first class together, back in the late 1980s or early 1990s,” Tracy said. “It’s a five- or six-week program where we familiarize kids between the ages of 10 and 17 with lifesaving techniques.”

Tracy said Mr. Van Beck, a lifelong bachelor, was “a

unique individual” who was committed to the rigid disciplines of his work-related routines.

Mr. Van Beck was born in Evanston, Ill., in 1961. He graduated from Lake Worth High School and held a bachelor of science degree from Florida Atlantic University. Mr. Van Beck transferred to FAU in the early 1980s from a college in Kansas.

Mr. Van Beck dedicated his entire adult life to the city of Boca Raton and was considered a true member of Ocean Rescue’s family, Tracy said, as most of his own family did not remain in the area.

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Lantana

Aura Seaside plan receives town approval

By Mary Thurwachter

A plat and site plan for Aura Seaside, also known as the Cenacle property, received a thumbs up on Nov. 24 from the Lantana Town Council.

A more elaborate plan, requesting four variances to the town's building code, came before the council in August, but failed to win support. No variances are required in the new plan.

Jerry Goray, an Ocean Ridge developer who is planning to purchase the property with his partner Manny Martinez of Trinsic Residential Group, said they had gone "back to the drawing board to come up with a design more in tune with (the town's) wishes."

Goray said he wanted the luxury apartment complex to look good, not only for the town, residents and neighbors, but also for someone very close to his heart.

"We can see the site from our house," he said, "so if we don't get it right, I'm going to hear about it not only from you, but my wife."



Aura Seaside plans to bring 244 multifamily units and commercial space to replace the Cenacle retreat in Lantana. Rendering provided

The original plan called for 319 apartments, but the new proposal calls for 244 multifamily units. Also included are 10,200 square feet of commercial, office/retail space and 614 parking spaces.

The 10-acre waterfront property at 1400 S. Dixie Highway, across from the K-Mart Shopping Center, has been home to the Cenacle Spiritual Life Center for 52 years.

When the property is developed, it will be added to the tax rolls, something Mayor

Dave Stewart wanted to happen next year. That would mean the closing would need to occur by the end of this year.

However, Goray said the closing couldn't happen until mid-January. That means the town will need to wait another year to collect taxes on the property, currently tax exempt because of its church connection.

"We got nothing for the 52 years with the Cenacle, I think we can wait another 365 days," Council Member Phil Aridas said.

Goray said he appreciated the town working with them on the project. "We respect their decisions, and we really are dedicated to becoming good neighbors. It's been a long road and we are really enthusiastic."

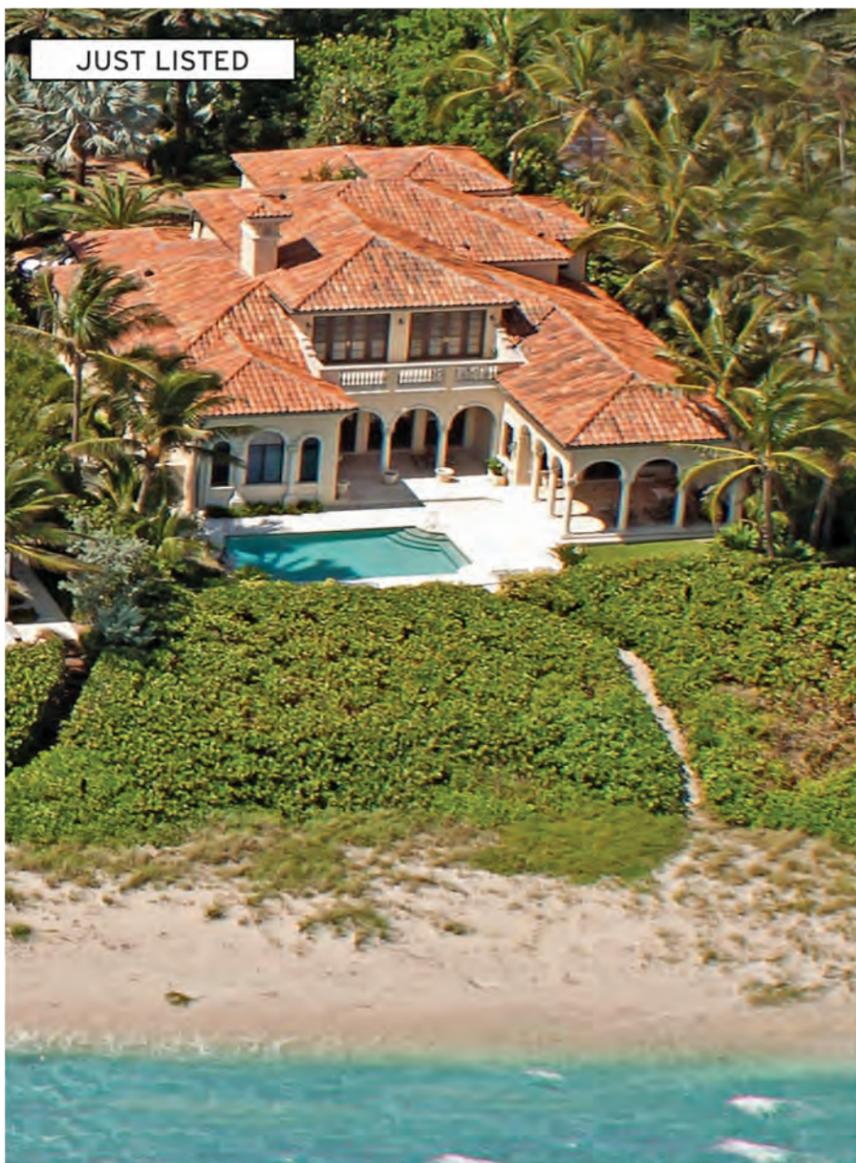
Dave Arm, president of the Lantana Chamber of Commerce, said it was a terrific project.

"This is an exciting time for Lantana, with the A.G. Holley property (being developed) and now this," Arm said. "Five hundred-plus new residents can only be good for the town."

In other action, the council voted to give Town Manager Deborah Manzo a 2.5 percent raise, slightly more than the 2 percent merit raises most town employees were given. Council members gave Manzo high marks in her annual evaluation and had awarded her more significant raises the past two years to put her salary more in line with other managers of similarly sized municipalities.

The raise will mean \$2,925 will be added to her current yearly pay of \$117,000. ★

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10 Questions

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Melanie Johanson

Melanie Johanson and her husband, Greer Prather, moved to Delray Beach three years ago from New Orleans, where she was an art instructor.

In January 2013, the two were sitting across the street from the Cornell Museum at Spot Coffee and saw that there was an open house for the School of Creative Arts. They went over to check it out with the idea that she might try joining the teaching staff.

Instead, she ended up becoming an assistant to the Cornell Museum's curator, and when the curator retired not long after, Johanson was promoted to that job.

"After procuring all the artwork for an exhibit, it's a fun challenge to figure out how to best show all the different pieces together in one space," she said.

"The process intrigues me just as much as the finished product," she said. "I love displaying an artist's sketches, studies and unfinished work."

Johanson, 33, said the museum recently moved in a new direction and is bringing in contemporary art from all over the world. An exhibit called "Language Art" opened Nov. 28 and features artwork with a typographic element.

She enjoys travel and is especially drawn to the Big Apple.

"I have always had a fascination with New York City — it's so alive," she said. "I love the art galleries and museums, my studio visits with artists, and enjoying the city itself — the mystery of what might be around every corner intrigues me."

Her husband works in Pompano Beach managing a distribution warehouse for Shell Oil. On weekends, they go to the Seagate Hotel coffee shop with Wilbur, their lovable Catahoula hound dog.

"He loves it," she said, "and so do we."

They live near, and regularly enjoy, the beach. But they also like riding bikes, sometimes on the Shark Valley bike loop in the Everglades.

"You'll be riding along and there will be this huge alligator," she said. "It's incredible what you can see from the observation tower. You can see birds swimming underwater to catch fish."

— Mary Thurwachter

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

A. New Orleans, and I attended both Loyola and Tulane universities.

Q. What are some highlights of your life?

A. Falling in love with and marrying my best friend, teaching high school art for six years, moving to Delray Beach three years ago and finding this great job at the



Melanie Johanson, Cornell Museum curator, with one of artist Will Kurtz's sculptures, *Linda the Dog Walker*. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Cornell Museum.

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

A. We were new to South Florida and were hooked as soon as we discovered Atlantic Avenue and the picturesque beach.

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

A. I love running on the beach along the water.

Q. Do you have a favorite artist?

A. My favorite living artist is the painter Wayne Thiebaud and my favorite artist of all time is Edward Hopper.

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

A. Professionally, Casey Gleghorn, the first gallery owner I worked with, has taught me so much about navigating the art world. On a personal level, my late grandmother still has a lot of influence in the decisions I make ... "what would Granny do?"

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

A. The Indie Dance station on Pandora radio is constantly playing on my computer at work, and when I want to relax, I love listening to anything by British singer-songwriter Birdy.

Q. What's the last book

you read and would you recommend it?

A. *7 Days in the Art World*, by Sarah Thornton, a great read for anyone interested in learning more about the world of contemporary art. My last guilty-pleasure beach read was

Mindy Kaling's *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?* I like to think that we'd be friends.

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

A. I would want it to be a hand-drawn, fully animated movie, and I would want Taylor Swift to sing all of my musical numbers!

Q. What makes you laugh?

A. Cat videos online!

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Along the Coast

Municipalities unite to stay in Treasure Coast planning group

By Dan Moffett

As it turns out, it's not that difficult to get the coastal communities to speak with one voice.

All you have to do is threaten to move them out of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

Palm Beach County commissioners found that out in October when they voted to consider ending the 35-year relationship the county's municipalities have had with the TCRPC and shift allegiance to the South Florida Regional Planning Council, led by Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

Hook up with Broward and Dade? Palm Beach County towns and cities said they wanted no part of that.

At the urging of the county League of Cities, elected officials in dozens of municipalities passed resolutions "strongly opposing" the idea of taking their planning cues from the south. And officials had plenty to say about it, too.

"We control 12 seats on the Treasure Coast council," said South Palm Beach Councilman Robert Gottlieb. "We're the big fish. If we go south, we won't have that many seats. We won't have the influence."

"It is a little less money to belong to the one to the south," quipped Boynton Beach Mayor Jerry Taylor. "In this case, you get what you pay for."

"Treasure Coast, they are more like us than the people the county proposes to bridge to," said Gulf Stream Commissioner Robert Ganger. "We're just too different than Miami and Broward County. I can't honestly understand why the county would want to switch."

Delray Beach also had little interest in changing ties. The city is working closely with the TCRPC to rewrite downtown development rules, and Delray's planning director, Dana Little, last year was urban design director with the TCRPC.

Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie probably has a better perspective than most

anyone. Her city sits on the Broward border, she served six years on the TCRPC, she works regularly on transportation issues with the southern neighbors, and she began her career in public service as a planner.

"If we sit at the table with Miami-Dade and Broward," Haynie says, "we'll be the least person at the table. The TCRPC staff is wonderful. They're a group of very talented individuals. Why would we want to change?"

Municipal officials say they were blindsided by the County Commission's 4-3 vote on Oct. 7 to consider switching allegiances.

Commissioners Priscilla Taylor, Shelley Vana, Steven Abrams and Mary Lou Berger voted for the move; Commissioners Paulette Burdick, Hal Valeche and Jess Santamaria opposed it.

But municipal officials made their concerns known, and at the county's Dec. 2 meeting, the County Commissioners changed their minds and voted unanimously to remain a member of the TCRPC.

Money had been part of the motivation to switch. Supporters thought the move could have saved county taxpayers about \$300,000 in membership fees. Because shares of the planning group's budget are appropriated according to population size, Palm Beach County would pay less than Broward or Miami-Dade, which would carry most of the financial burden.

Haynie says those who complain about the cost of membership in the TCRPC could be satisfied by allowing Palm Beach County, the biggest contributor, more clout in the group's decision-making.

Beyond money, proponents of the change argued that Palm Beach County has grown, become more urban and now has more in common with its southern neighbors, culturally as well as economically.

Also, supporters said the three southern counties have common interests in transportation and climate change issues. ★

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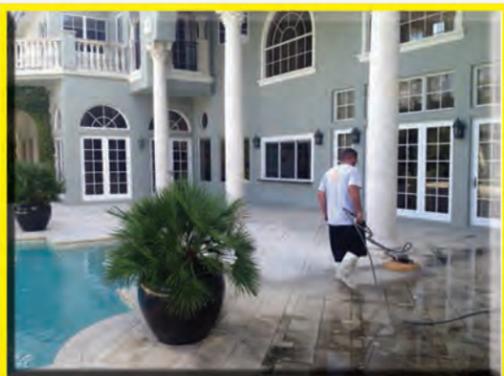


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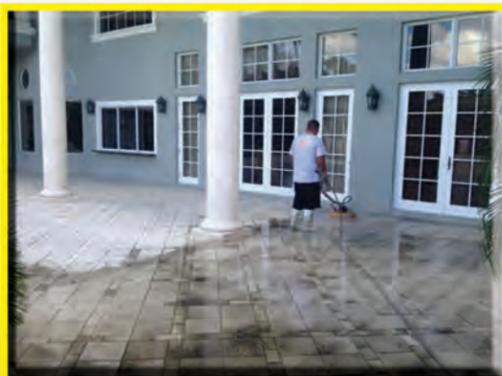
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Boynton Beach



Cindy Vincenz and her grandson, Fisher Nieman, 5, work to create compositions that will be turned into long, twirling kinetic strands and attached to a kapok tree. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

‘Community creation’ to adorn tree during art event

By Ron Hayes

Nicole Johnson and her four children were dropping by the Boynton Beach City Library that morning to see about getting some library cards when the kids glanced into the community room.

“What’s going on?” they wondered. And the library cards had to wait.

What was going on that Saturday morning, Nov. 8, was the second of three “Kinetic-Connections” workshops to create a sculpture for the 2015 International Kinetic Art Exhibit & Symposium, the city’s biennial celebration of art in motion.

On the room’s long tables lay a wonderfully varied array of motley clutter. Old house keys and floppy disks. Pebbles, bells and clothespins. Rusty springs and hose clamps. Buttons and beads, earrings and bracelets.

Armed with Scotch tape and rectangles of brown cardboard, old and young kinetic artists were picking through the varied objects, choosing a key ring here, a floppy disk there, and taping each item to the cardboard backing.

This is art?

“You don’t have to be creative to do this,” conceded Elayna Toby Singer of Palm Springs, a kinetic artist commissioned by the city to facilitate the project. “They’ve rummaged through their garages and junk drawers for hand-sized items to create a swirling strand.”

After each length of cardboard has been adorned with the artists’ chosen objects, volunteers will string the items together with fishing line to create 8-foot “swirling strands.”

If the artists looked up from their work to peer out the library windows that morning, they could have seen a bit of the majestic kapok tree that stands at the corner of Ocean Avenue and Seacrest Boulevard, branches thick with great green

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leaves.

When those leaves come down, the swirling strands go up.

Come February, a cherry-picker crane will adorn the tree’s bare branches with the swirling strands these men, women and children created back in November, and for three days, Feb. 6-8, the bracelets and earrings, house keys and floppy disks will twinkle and twirl in the breeze. And that’s what makes this “kinetic” art.

Kinetic means “moving.”

“We’d love to have thousands of strands,” said Debby Coles-Dobay, the city’s public art manager and the kinetic force behind the entire exhibit and symposium. “It’s a big tree. But this is all about being part of a community creation.”

The Kinetic-Connections kapok tree is only one part of the 2015 International Kinetic Art Exhibit & Symposium.

Throughout the year, 16 kinetic sculptures are being displayed along Seacrest Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, including pieces from Singapore, Switzerland and Poland.

At Central Charter School in Fort Lauderdale, teacher Rein Triefeldt and his students are creating a solar-powered kinetic sculpture.

While the strands swirl in the kapok tree overhead, the students will exhibit their project in a 60 by 30-foot tent on the ground below, along with 60 other kinetic

sculptures — mobiles, table-top and lighted pieces and, of course, playful Rube Goldberg contraptions.

In the City Hall chambers, kinetic artists and scholars will speak on the history and aesthetics of kinetic art.

Of the \$120,000 cost for the yearlong exhibit and symposium, about \$75,000 is coming from grants and private sponsorships, Coles-Dobay said, and the remaining \$30,000 in public money.

On that November morning, however, the men, women and children taping stuff to pieces of cardboard weren’t concerned with the funding. They were concerned with the fun.

“It’s pretty cool,” said Jamal Johnson, 12, busily taping floppy disks and key rings. “You can use your imagination and create something.”

His brother, Andre, 10, favored beads, buttons and a hose clamp.

“It’s fun because when you grow up you can be an artist and more ideas will pop up in your head.”

And their sister, Aubrey Brown, 8, was concise.

“I think this is romantic.”

Nearby, 78-year-old Addis Levi was partial to the pendants and earrings.

“I like pretty things, so I don’t do nuts and bolts and screws,” she said. “I like to try new things, and this is a worthwhile project for children and childlike adults. I’m going to do buttons now.”

When Levi had completed her bejeweled creations, she moved on to the “Selfie Station,” where Rachel Mondesir of the city’s arts advisory board was recording brief videos of each artist holding up the taped cardboard collection. The videos will be displayed beneath the kapok tree.

“Hi, my name is Addis and I love Boynton Beach,” Levi told the camera.

“Meet me at the tree.” ★

PARADISE

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bank: the vault door made in 1899, the kitchen that is quite possibly nicer than yours at home, the exercise room, the pool table upstairs and the varied but somehow seamless array of artwork, including some by the Florida Highwaymen.

He gives the tour as if he’s showing people around his own home — which makes sense, because this bank is clearly close to his heart. His work ethic shows it, he says.

“There’s no such thing as bankers’ hours,” Burke says. That’s got to be a popular line in the banking field, but you get the sense that Burke means it.

As mergers and mega-banks have become the norm, the number of banks based in Florida has plummeted from more than 800 in the 1970s to fewer than 200 today, Paradise CEO Ward Kellogg says. He and the other founders are not involved with the bank in order to part with it, they say.

“This concept — it has a long-term horizon,” Burke says. “Our intent is not to grow it in order to sell it.”

Burke — along with 13 other board members — founded the bank in 2005, along with the pledge that it would not be yet another bank that would grow inexorably larger and larger until it was bought by an even bigger bank. It was going to be a community bank that ranked service and a personal touch above size, and it was going to stay a community bank for the long haul.

So don’t tell anyone ... but Paradise Bank is growing. It just raised \$4.3 million in capital through employees buying stock options. And it just became the largest Palm Beach County-based bank, after Boca Raton-based 1st United Bank was sold to Valley National Bank. It’s almost an awkward fact for a bank that is based on a small-is-best philosophy.

“It’s an honor,” Burke says. “It wasn’t a goal.”

The bank does have an intensely local flavor. Burke has been in South Florida since 1974, and now lives in Davie. Ward Kellogg, the CEO and chairman, lives in east Boca Raton and met Burke when they were both in business school at Florida International University. David Englert and Dennis Gavin, who are managing directors and live in Boynton Beach and Boca Raton respectively, have been in South Florida since the 1980s.

Board members also include James Comparato and Thomas McMurrain, two Palm Beach County developers; Allen McGee, CEO and chairman of Radiology Corporation of America, and an east

Boca Raton resident. Board members David Dickenson and Lisa Wheeler also are Boca Raton residents.

Burke, Kellogg, Englert and Gavin are the four board members who are most active with the daily operations of the three-branch bank.

No owner holds more than 6 percent of the bank’s shares, so a decision to sell would need a lot of votes.

Paradise is a Subchapter S bank — meaning it must have fewer than 100 shareholders.

Its connection with the local community and the local culture is its defining characteristic. The logo — which is even stitched into the starched business shirts of the executives — is a palm tree and sun rising over the ocean. There’s even a pair of green and orange flip-flops at the bottom of every page of the company’s website.

Given the connotation of leisure, it’s a little funny to hear the top executives say that everyone associated with the bank has been “hand picked” largely because of a tireless work ethic.

“We’re also the executives and we handle customer relationships,” Kellogg says.

“We’re sitting on the board and we’re turning the lights on in the morning,” Englert says.

Despite that hard work, the bank is not seeking growth, they say.

“It’s easier to manage a smaller bank and customers get better service,” Kellogg says. The bank’s return on assets is close to 2 percent and its return on equity approaches 20 percent, two impressive figures they say would be imperiled if the bank grew much beyond \$500 million total assets. It is now at about \$312 million.

Dividends, rather than the prospect of a handsome payment once the bank sells for an enormous sum to a bigger bank, are what keep shareholders happy, the executives say. That lends stability to the idea of the bank remaining a manageable size and remaining off the market.

Even as the top executives obsess over customer service and maximizing returns, they maintain a surprisingly playful spirit. They joke with each other freely, and take a “work hard, play hard” approach, Gavin says.

As their lunch with the customer Michael approaches, Gavin says it wasn’t a calculated attempt to please a client who needs pampering. It’s much more casual than that.

“It’s not necessarily that they have a need,” he says. “It’s, ‘Let’s have lunch.’” ★

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Business Spotlight



ABOVE: The 17 units of the Sun Dek Beach House have Flexsteel queen-size sofa beds and chairs for the living rooms, as well as matching bedding, dinnerware and pictures on the wall. LEFT: Sun Dek managers Lonny Wolfe (left) and Gloria McMillan greet visiting guest Holly Lathrop. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

New owners give Sun Dek new look

By Jane Smith

The Sun Dek Beach House now sports a bright and beachy look.

"It was a crappy property that I thought we could

renovate and make it better," said new owner Robert Wolfenden. Although he is based in California, his wife is from Delray Beach and he's often stayed at Crane's BeachHouse Hotel & Tiki

Bar. His company also owns a shopping center in West Palm Beach.

When staying at Crane's, he had to walk about one and a half blocks to get to the beach, but the Sun Dek sits across

Ocean Boulevard from beach access. He also likes the Ocean Ridge complex for its proximity to the inlet for those who want to go ocean fishing.

He saw the Sun Dek property listing on LoopNet.

com, an online commercial real estate sales site. His company paid \$1.5 million for it in March 2011, according to the county property records. Built in 1962, the Sun Dek has a swimming pool and sits on 0.5 acres.

His company gutted the 17 units; he picked the Frigidaire stainless steel appliances and flooring. Wolfenden turned to interior designer Miriam Paige with whom he has a working relationship. She is a principal with Paige & Coleman Inc. in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

She selected Flexsteel queen-size sofa beds and chairs for the living rooms, Cuddledown linens with a high-thread count and matching bedding, the dinnerware and even the canvas photos on the walls. "We were going for a bright and beachy look," she said.

To run the extended-stay units, Wolfenden turned to Gloria McMillan, whom he's known for 25 years.

Her expertise is in social media. As more guests use online travel sites to book their stays, she is knowledgeable about juggling listings on Expedia, VRBO and Booking.com websites.

The minimum stay is three nights because the complex was grandfathered in as a vacation-stay rental. The owner also had to keep a similar name to maintain that exception, McMillan said.

All of the beds are "king sizes because that is what is most popular for guests," she said.

McMillan hosted an open house for Ocean Ridge residents in late November. She sent invitations via email and had a small signboard sitting in the Sun Dek driveway.

Guests toured the units and then gathered under the gazebo to sip wine or coffee and nibble an assortment of cheeses, crackers and grapes, while jazz music played. ★

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Business Spotlight

Office Opening

Fite Shavell, Delray Beach – Nov. 13

Fite Shavell & Associates held a grand opening for their new office location at 648 George Bush Blvd. in Delray Beach.



Nadine and David Fite



The office opening was celebrated by a range of associates, including (l-r) Dana Friedfeld, Meagan Lake, Loren Beron, Valerie Coz, Terry Berman and Kelly Johnson. The evening was made special with music provided by Walter William and catering by Silver Sac of Boca Raton. This is the fourth office for the real estate company. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Former Pope estate back on the market

The former Manalapan oceanfront home of the late Generoso Pope, founder and publisher of the *National Enquirer*, is for sale yet again.

Located on three acres at **1370 S. Ocean Blvd.**, it is undergoing extensive renovations that are scheduled to be completed in February 2015, said **Jack Elkins**, a Realtor with **Fite Shavell Inc.**, who is listing the house with **Bunny Hiatt**.

Currently, the seven-bedroom, seven-bathroom, two-half-bath home, with 32,091 square feet, is priced at \$30.499 million, but as more aspects are completed, the price of the house will increase, he added. "In a couple of weeks, it will go up \$1 million, and will continue to go up accordingly.

"This will be the largest spec house on the strip. It has 300 feet on the oceanfront; the only house on that strip with more than that is the Vanderbilt estate. It also has 300 feet on the Intracoastal Waterway, which would allow dockage for a superyacht up to 150 feet."

The renovated house, which now features deep overhangs and a white coral stone and ipe wood exterior, will look different and feel different, he said. "It's a tranquil, modern Tahitian-Transitional style, and has all the amenities of a resort."

According to the warranty deed, the owner is **Blue Water EJ LLC**, a company with an address in New Port Richey linked to **Edward M. Brown**, CEO and co-owner of **Patron Spirits**, a maker of tequila, rum and vodka.

The architect, **Gregory Bonner**, of **B1 Architects** in West Palm Beach, has been working on the house for the past year and a half, and called the project massive.

"It was a gut-rehab. Pretty much everything is new. We left the shell, but we did add some square footage. All the openings in the walls are different; the roof is different; but the floors are intact."

Almost all of the rooms have ocean views and there are two elevator towers. In addition to the living and dining room and bedrooms, there are also an art gallery, library, club room, bar, wine room, family room, media room, home theater, children's family room, second-floor family room, cabana, office, and a gym with a spa salon, massage room and yoga terrace.

In both the living room and family room, three 9-by-20-foot sections of glass remain and were incorporated into the new design, because "they can't be made today," Bonner said.

Some outstanding new features include a soaring glass staircase in the living room, which has 20-foot ceiling heights, a 20-foot-high-by-6-foot-wide waterfall in the grand foyer, and ceilings throughout with a variety of architectural embellishments. The ladies' bathroom has a fireplace, and the 20-by-40-foot master bedroom with a ceiling height of 17 feet at the perimeter, is crowned by an 18-by-27-foot skylight.

Outside, in addition to the dock, there are a pool, grotto, water features, and a pond with a bridge. When a visitor drives through the front gate, the first view will be a 16-foot-high waterfall, which masks a 6- to 10-car garage/man cave with a skylight, which was built into a slope. This is in addition to the main garage, which can hold 10 to 12 cars.

The landscape designer is **Keith Williams** of **Nievera Williams Design**.

The owner originally planned to live in the home, but has since decided otherwise, Elkins said. "Mr. Brown saw that Manalapan is a hot market, and with that much water frontage, he wanted to make an exceptional house on the property as an investment opportunity."

A rundown of the home's transactions — a total of more than \$123 million — since 1999:

- In 1999, Delray Beach developer **Frank McKinney**



The former Pope estate, pictured in this rendering, will have a 'modern Tahitian-Transitional style.' Asking price: \$30.499 million. Photo provided



Brendan Lynch, Tom Lynch, Karen Granger, Connor Lynch and Scott Porten celebrate Tom Lynch's Lifetime Achievement Award at the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce's Luminary Gala. Photo by Jim Greene

purchased the property from **Lois Pope** for \$15 million.

- Following an extensive remodel, McKinney sold it in November 2000 to the **Binky Revocable Trust** for \$27.5 million, to software entrepreneur **Daniel Gittleman**.

- July 2004, McKinney's company, **Venture Concepts International Inc.**, took back the property's title for \$19 million.

- Two months later, another sale of the property was recorded. This time, McKinney's company sold the estate for \$22.4 million to motivational speakers **Peter S. and Tamara A. Lowe**.

- June 2009, there was a

recorded sale for \$22,458,456 to **Germantown-Seneca Joint Venture**; it was an amount almost equal to the existing Bank of America liens on the property. According to SEC filings, Germantown-Seneca's general partners were two wholly owned subsidiaries of Bank of America: **Ritchie Court M** and **Harper Farm M.**, both Maryland-based corporations.

- **MGM Designs, LCC** bought the estate on Feb. 25, 2010 for \$12 million.

- And finally, the Dec. 2012 sale of \$15,630,000.

The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce announced its winners at

its **2014 Luminary Gala** in October. **Tom Lynch** won the **2014 Lifetime Achievement Award**; **Tim Young**, President of Delray Motors, was named the **2014 Business Person of the Year**; **Delray Honda** was named the **2014 Business of the Year**; **Woo Creative** received the **2014 New Business of the Year** award; **C.R.O.S. Ministries** was named the **2014 Nonprofit Organization of the Year**; **PeterMark Salon** was the **2014 Retailer of the Year**; **Caffe Luna Rosa** was named the **2014 Restaurant of the Year**; **2014 Delray Beach & Beyond — Corporate Reach Award** went to **21 Drops**; and the **2014 Ken Ellingsworth Community Service Award** went to **Tiffany Peterson** of **Spodak Dental Group**.

The Delray Beach Center for the Arts at Old School Square will host its second annual publishing seminar, **Publish or Perish**, from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 6, at the **Angelique Tea Room** in the **Cornell Museum**. A panel with **Sally Ling**, **Lewis Banks**, **Winston Aarons** and **Pam Carey**, moderated by **Barbara Cronie**, writing program director of **The Writers' Colony**, will discuss self-publishing vs. traditional publishing.

Also, authors **Howard and Ellen Goodman** will describe their experiences in China from the memoir/travelogue, *Disoriented: Two Strange Years In China As Unexpected Expats*. **The Old School Square Cultural Arts Center** is at 51

N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. The seminar is \$75. Call Ann Smith at 243-7922, Ext. 317.

Tennis icon **Venus Williams** will design the lobby, two models and some of the individual units of an apartment building complex developed by **Jorge Perez**, the 172-unit **SofA I and 2**, just south of Atlantic Avenue between First and Fourth avenues, in Delray Beach. "The interior design style at Sofa can be described as mixed media. Similar to the way an artist would approach a canvas, it has many different elements of décor," said **Ariana Ranieri**, speaking on behalf of Williams' **VStarr** design team.

"The overall space has an artsy, industrial-type feel, like something you would see when you walk into a warehouse-style art gallery. We were mindful of this scheme in relation to the amenity features and those are equally as unique in concept. Residents will find eclectic beauty around every corner."

Honey, a new venue that offers food choices by Chef **Nick Morfogen**, cocktails courtesy of in-house mixologist **Angela Dugan**, and nightlife in its renovated space at 16 E. Atlantic Ave. in Delray Beach, celebrated its opening night on Oct. 29. Honey's hours are 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday with Sunday hours to be announced. Valet parking is available. Call 270-7187.

Society 8 Hospitality Group launched its newest restaurant concept, **Mastino**, a wood-fired Italian kitchen and bar, in Pineapple Grove at 25 NE Second Ave., Delray Beach. The casual eatery will offer an array of classic Italian dishes, craft beverages and Italian desserts. Mastino will also be neighbors with **SoLita**, an upscale Italian eatery, for those looking for a fine-dining experience. Call 922-0900.

The Boca Chamber's 33rd annual **Holiday Auction** will be on from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 10, at the **Via Mizner Golf & Country Club**, 6200 Boca del Mar Drive, Boca Raton.

Dr. Larry Kawa, will speak at the **Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club** lunch on Dec. 10, at the **City Fish Market** on Glades Road and Florida's Turnpike Boca interchange. A political activist who recently filed a federal lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act, Kawa is a frequent commentator on FOX news and is a children's orthodontist in Boca Raton. Cost to attend is \$35 for members and \$45 for guests. Call 852-0000.

Boca Raton Regional Hospital's new **Center for Colo-Rectal Surgery** will specialize in an integrated approach to the surgical treatment of colo-rectal diseases, with a focus on collaboration among physicians

from Boca Regional and throughout the region. The hospital is a recognized leader in colo-rectal care, earning the **2014 Gastrointestinal Care Excellence Award** by Healthgrades for the 10th consecutive year. **Dr. Andrew Ross** will serve as the center's director.

Rabbi Josh Broide has joined the **Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County** as the organization's first director of community engagement. Broide has served the local Jewish community in a number of professional roles since he moved to the county in 2000. Most recently, he was outreach rabbi for Boca Raton Synagogue, where he previously served as executive director. Broide has also served as local director of the Jewish Student Union and as rabbi at Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach.

In November, the **Palm Beach International Film Festival** presented **Eva Hill**, president and CEO of **Britannia Pacific Properties**, with the **Gutsy Gals Inspire Me! Award** at its kick-off gala celebrating the 20th Annual Palm Beach International Film Festival at **Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa**.



Hill

Hill helped direct the effort to bring the International Film Festival to Palm Beach. She also helped create Eau's annual charitable event, **Artists for Others**, which will be held on March 26, 2015. Proceeds from the event will be split among **Children's Home Society**, **Habitat for Humanity South Palm Beach** and **Holy Ground Shelter For Homeless**.

Hill's energy level is boundless, especially when it comes to her humanitarian and charitable work. Calling on her leadership skills and network, she works to help improve the lives of families and children in crisis.

"I often hear the phrase 'give until it hurts,'" said Hill. "I prefer to say, 'give until it feels good!'"

Recently, Hill was able to largely furnish a number of local **Habitat for Humanity** homes with Eau Palm Beach's guest-room furniture no longer in use.

In addition to providing funding, Hill has participated in mission trips to Mexico to build homes for residents in poverty stricken areas. She also has been involved with **WEAVE** (Women Escaping a Violent Environment) and **Sophia's Heart** (a homeless shelter for families).

Britannia Pacific, the U.S. real estate investment arm of the **Lewis Trust Group**, owns the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa. Under Hill's leadership, the hotel is now recognized as a AAA Five-Diamond Award Property and part of **Preferred**

Hotels and Resorts. Also, the resort was recently ranked No. 6 in Condé Nast Traveler 2014 Readers' Choice Awards for Best Resorts in Florida.

Tickets for Artists for Others are \$295. Call 540-4994.

The **Greater Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce** will honor its notable winners at its 2014 business awards luncheon on Dec. 10, at **Indian Spring Country Club**, with networking at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at noon.

Easy Pay Tire will receive the Chamber's **Legacy Award** for longevity and commitment to the area. **Harvey Oyer Jr.**, who passed away in 2010, will receive the **Harvey Oyer Community Involvement & Corporate Citizenship Award**, which recognizes an individual business leader who has contributed valuable time and resources within the community. **TrustBridge** will be named the **Nonprofit of the Year**.

The voters' choice, "**Young Professional Leader of the Year Award**," will also be named at the luncheon. The nominees are **Brittany Etheridge** with **TooJay's Restaurant & Deli**; **Eric Rosenblum** with **Southgate Design**; and **Teresa Dabrowski** with the **Education Foundation of Palm Beach**. **Indian Spring Country Club** is at 11501 El Clair Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Tickets are \$40. Call 732-9501.

Boynton Beach resident **Barbara Barlage**, assistant branch manager at **BankUnited** in Boca Raton, was recently appointed to the board of

directors for the **Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center** in Boynton Beach.



Barlage

Barlage, a Boynton Beach resident, was a long-time board member for the Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce having served as board president and as chairwoman for the Chamber's annual Taste of Boynton. She also served as a board member for the American Heart Association.

The **12 Days of Giving**, an event which will kick off online Dec. 12 at **RewardsforCauses.com**, will donate 100 percent of its proceeds to support local causes for a 12-day period ending on Dec. 24.

Preview dining, fitness and travel offerings of businesses in Palm Beach and Broward counties, including **Dada, Boca Surf and Sail, Eleven Salon and Spa, Nu-Turf and Braman BMW**, and click "Get Reward" to receive any offer.

Then select from a list of featured local causes, and 100 percent of the flat \$10 purchase price will be donated to the cause of your choice. The reward is immediately ready to use and accessed via "Your Account" and email, and redeemed directly with the business.

"Every deal you purchase on RewardsforCauses.com supports a great cause and saves you money," said Delray Beach resident **Nicholas Brusca**, founder of Rewards for Causes. "Look at it as donating to your

favorite charity to receive an exclusive reward. Our standard donation is 50 percent of the proceeds to the cause of the purchasers' choice, but for these 12 days, we are donating 100 percent to the causes."

Neighbrhds (www.neighbrhds.com), a product of **Urban Living Marketing**, has recently released an app with Realtor partner **Nestler Poletto Sotheby's International Realty**.

The app will provide users with local information tailored specifically to Delray Beach neighborhoods. Each Neighbrhds app includes a community social feed, as well as a list of the top local restaurants, bars, shopping and coffee shops. The apps are freely available on iOS and Android.

To download the app, visit www.neighbrhds.com or search for "Delray Beach" in either the Android or iOS app stores.

Rolando Chang Barrero Fine Art Gallery opened in November at 711 Lucerne Ave., Lake Worth. Featuring paintings, sculpture, photography, couture gowns, and artist-designed wallpaper coverings, Barrero aims to take his former **ActivistArtistA Gallery** to a new level. Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day except Thursday. Call (786) 521-1199 or visit rolandochangbarrerofineart.blogspot.com



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Ashley Knox and Miami City Ballet dancers in *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*, which comes to the Kravis Center Dec. 27-30. Photo by Alexandre Dufaur

Note: Events are current as of Nov 28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

DECEMBER 6

Saturday - 12/6 - 44th Annual Boynton Beach Holiday Parade begins at the corner of 12th Ave. and Federal Hwy and proceeds north to Ocean Ave. in downtown Boynton Beach. Floats, marching units, bands, and dance troupes. All ages. 3 pm. Free. 742-6640.

12/6 - A Christmas Opera: Amahl and the Night Visitors at Palm Beach Atlantic University Desantis Family Chapel, 901 S Flagler Dr., West Palm Beach. Produced and directed by Marilyn Mims. Fully staged with orchestra. 3 & 8 pm. Held again 12/7 at 8 pm. \$20 general admission; \$10 student with ID. 888-468-6722 or www.pba.edu.

12/6 - Wonder of the Season presented by Delray Beach Chorale at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St., Delray Beach. 60-voice chorale accompanied by an ensemble of professional instrumentalists perform a selection of Judaic and Christian holiday

music. A reception follows. Held again 12/13 at The Duncan Theater at Palm Beach State College, 4200 South Congress Ave., Lake Worth. All ages. 3-4:30 pm. \$25 in advance; \$35 at the door; students with ID \$5. 800-984-7282.

12/6 - 38th Annual Boca Raton Holiday Boat Parade - Intracoastal Waterway beginning at the C-15 Canal (Boca Raton/Delray Beach border). Bleacher viewing at Silver Palm Park & Red Reef Park. Boats enter for free, prizes and monetary awards. 6:30 pm. Free. 367-7073.

12/6 - Colors of Christmas with Peabo Bryson, Taylor Dayne, Jennifer Holiday and Ruben Studdard at the Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Singing hits from their individual repertoires, as well as songs of the season, this stellar lineup of award-winning artists are joined by a gospel choir. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$25. 832-7469.

12/6-7 - A Christmas Carol at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Runs through 12/21. F&Sat.: 7 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. \$15/adults, \$10/juniors. 447-8829 or www.solchildren.org.

12/6-13 - Festival of Trees "Honoring Our 50 States" Community Days at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Road, West Palm Beach. See what has been called the "#1 Holiday Tradition in Palm Beach County" as you explore the lights and sounds of the Gardens, while enjoying the creativity and beauty of the Americana-themed trees. 6-8:30 pm. \$15 adults; \$7 children. 832-5328.

12/6-27 - "Christmas at Cason Cottage" Open House and Docent Guided Tour at Cason Cottage, 3 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Take a journey of Christmas past inside Delray's beloved Cason Cottage House Museum, decorated to reflect the holidays during the 1920s. All ages. Thu, F, & Sat. 11 am-3 pm & 5-8 pm. \$6. 274-9578.

DECEMBER 7-13

Sunday - 12/7 - Holiday Concert - Presented as part of the ARTful Adventure

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The FAU Tuba Christmas will return to Boca Raton's Mizner Park on Dec. 14. Tim Stepien/2010 File Photo



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DECEMBER

Saturday - 12/6 - Milagro Center's Ladies' Luncheon & Fundraiser at Floridian Community Bank, 4850 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Be treated to a nice meal served on china along with wine served in crystal. Get introduced to Sparkle of Life's one-of-a-kind jewelry, sales of which benefit the nonprofit. 12:30-2:30 pm. Free. 279-2970 or milagrocenter.org.

12/6 - Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for the Everglades' River of Grass Gala aboard Lady Windridge, West Palm Beach. Cruise the Intracoastal Waterway as the foundation celebrates its 10th-annual fundraising extravaganza benefiting education programs. 6 pm. \$500. 233-9004 or artmarshall.org.

12/6 - LIFE's "Lady in Red" Gala at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Envelop the theme "A Night in Shanghai" and laugh with featuring celebrity guest Martin Short. 6 pm. \$500-\$700. 582-8083 or life-edu.org.

12/6 - Center for Creative Education's Circus at the Center at 425 24th St., West Palm Beach. Step right up to the greatest little party on earth celebrating the center's 20th anniversary. 7 pm. \$300. 805-9927 or ccefloida.org.

Tuesday - 12/9 - Catholic Charities' Christmas Tea at The Chesterfield Hotel, 363 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. Enjoy a holiday-themed auction and children's choral performance to benefit counseling programs. 2 pm. \$100. 630-2695 or catholiccharitiesdpb.org.

Wednesday - 12/10 - Opportunity Inc.'s Opportunity Luncheon at The Beach Club, 755 N. County Road, Palm Beach. Bid on silent-auction items and browse a holiday boutique prior to lunch featuring entertainment by a local school choir. 10:30 am-1 pm. \$150. 712-9221 or opportunitypbcc.org.

12/10 - Delray Beach Public Library's 75th Annual Meeting at 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Join library-association members and guests at a business discussion followed by entertainment and refreshments. 5:30 pm. Free. 266-0799 or delraylibrary.org.

Wednesday - 12/26 - American Red Cross Beach Bash at The Beach Club, 755 N. County Road, Palm Beach. Get in on the season's hottest party that attracts supporters of the South Florida Region from all over the country. 8 pm. \$250. 650-9133 or redcross.org/fl/palm-beach.

JANUARY

Saturday - 1/10 - Caridad Center Gala at International Polo Club, 3667 120th Ave. South, Wellington. Celebrate 25 years of the nonprofit clinic for the poor and uninsured. 6 pm. \$250. 853-1622 or caridad.org.

Tuesday - 1/13 - Food for the Poor's Fine Wines & Hidden Treasures Pre-Event Party at Daniella Ortiz, 256 Worth Ave., Palm Beach. Purchase an item from the boutique, as a portion of proceeds from sales will go toward the nonprofit's homebuilding efforts in Jamaica. 6-8 p.m. Invitation only. 888-404-4248 or foodfortheppoor.org.

Wednesday - 1/14 - The Ryan Licht Sang Bipolar Foundation's Palm Beach Medical Briefing Luncheon at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Listen in on a panel discussion about early-onset bipolar disorder and how it affects families. 11:30 am-2 pm. \$500. 888-944-4408 or www.questforthetest.org.

Saturday - 1/17 - The Greater Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce's Great Gatsby Gala at Omphoy Ocean Resort & Spa, 2842 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Enjoy a night of cocktails, dinner and dancing. 7 pm. \$130 per ticket or \$200 per pair. 732-9501 or boyntonbeach.org.

1/17 - Palm Beach Police Foundation's Policemen's Ball at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Honor the men and women in blue at a black-tie dinner dance that includes a cocktail reception, live auction and presentation of the Palm Tree Award. 7-11 pm. \$500. 820-8118 or pbpf.us.

Sunday - 1/18 - American Friends of The Hebrew University's Annual Leadership Education Forum at Four Seasons Palm Beach, 2800 S. Ocean Blvd. Discuss with university experts and other leaders a spectrum of issues, including medical breakthroughs, the Middle East and national security. 9 am-2:30 pm. \$150. 750-8585 or afhu.org.

1/18 - American Friends of The Hebrew University's 10th Anniversary Gala Celebration - "A Night in the Garden of Eden" at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Get lost in the evening's festivities, which include a cocktail reception and dinner featuring the Cirque Dreams entertainment company. 7 pm. \$1,000. 750-8585 or afhu.org.

Thursday - 1/22 - Johns Hopkins Medicine's "A Woman's Journey" at Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Learn about new and compelling issues affecting women's health at a conference and luncheon with faculty members. 9 am-2 pm. \$150. 410-955-8660 or hopkinsmedicine.org/awomansjourney/palm_beach.

1/22 - Food for the Poor's Fine Wines & Hidden Treasures Gala at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Taste special vintages, enjoy a four-course gourmet dinner and participate in live and silent auctions at the 12th-annual event. 6:30 p.m. \$500. 888-404-4248 or foodfortheppoor.org.

1/22 - Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties' Paradise Found 2015 Gala at The Breakers, One S. County Road, Palm Beach. Take a trip to a modern interpretation of paradise wearing colorful "garden chic" attire and enjoying dinner and dancing. 7 pm. \$250-\$500. 340-4508 or yourcommunityfoundation.org.

Friday - 1/23 - Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society's "Walk on the Wild Side" 2015 Dinner Dance at The Breakers, One S. County Road, Palm Beach. Show support for the zoo's mission by taking a "Walk on the Wild Side" among exotic animals, dining and dancing. 7 pm. \$500-\$750. 533-0887, Ext. 285 or palmbeachzoo.org.

Saturday - 1/24 - George Snow Scholarship Fund's Caribbean Cowboy Ball at Red Reef Park, 1401 N. State Road 11A, Boca Raton. Help top last year's donations of more than \$120,000 to fund college scholarships. 6-11 pm. \$175. 347-6799 or scholarship.org.

Thursday - 1/29 - Kravis Center's Palm Beach Wine Auction at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Get a taste of one of the top wine events in the world - an elegant evening featuring a reception, live auction and five-course dinner paired with specially selected vintages. 6 pm.

Wild for Wildlife

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Dec. 7: Guests will feast on vegan cuisine, bid in a silent auction and view photography of 'patients' from the South Florida Wildlife Center. Time is 5 pm. Cost is \$200. Call 954-524-4302, Ext. 25, or visit southfloridawildlifecenter.org. **PHOTO:** Center veterinarian Antonia Gardner helps a yellow-crowned night heron. Photo provided by Aaron Ansarov

'Hats Off' Gala

Alpine Jaguar, Fort Lauderdale



Dec. 6: The Multiple Sclerosis Foundation celebrated a reception to collect silent-auction items for the upcoming gala, which will take place at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale. Honoree is Dr. Daniel Kantor. Time is 6 pm. Cost is \$200. Call 954-776-6805 or visit msfocus.org. **PHOTO:** Isabella Glazer, foundation Development Director Nathalie Sloane, volunteers of the year Dr. Marietta and Ira Glazer and Gabriella Glazer. Photo provided

\$1,000. 651-4320 or palmbeachwineauction.org.

Friday - 1/30 - Delray Beach Public Library's "Laugh with the Library, Chapter 9" at Delray Beach Marriott, 10 N. Ocean Blvd. Let the jokes fly at a casual, creative, exciting and unusual event featuring comedian Paul Mecurio. 7:30 pm. \$175. 266-0775 or delraylibrary.org.

Saturday - 1/31 - Friends of Gumbo Limbo's Sea Coast Toast at Lakeside Terrace, 7880 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Toast the nonprofit fundraising arm of the center that enables a wide range of activities and opportunities for conservations, education and research of coastal and marine environments. 5:30- 8 pm. \$55 members, \$65 nonmembers prior to Jan. 29. 544-8608 or gumbolimbo.org.

FEBRUARY

Friday - 2/6 - Food for the Poor's Building Hope Gala at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Support an organization that helps the destitute by attending a gala featuring cocktails, a silent auction, fine dining and dancing. 6:30 p.m. \$250. 888-404-4248 or foodfortheppoor.org.

Thursday - 2/12 - Junior League of Boca Raton's Flavors of Boca Raton at Sonoma

House, 220 N.E. 11th St., Boca Raton. Savor select specialties from the finest Boca Raton restaurants and their chefs. 6:30-9 pm. \$75. 251-2474 or jlbr.org.

Friday - 2/20 - Opportunity Inc.'s The Opportunity Gala at The Breakers, One S. County Road, Palm Beach. "Bring the Generations Together" at a themed evening of cocktails, dining, dancing to a live band and supporting one of the oldest education-based charities in Palm Beach County. 7-11 pm. \$400. 712-9221 or opportunitypbcc.org.

Tuesday-Thursday - 2/24-26 - Wayside House's Spring Boutique and Trunk Show at Delray Beach Center for the Arts at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave. Shop in a signature fundraising event that features vendors from throughout the country offering eclectic items. 10 am-5 pm. \$5. 642-0849 or waysidehouse.net.

Saturday - 2/28 - Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County's Loop the Lake for Literacy in Port Mayaca. Join riders in a cycling experience around Lake Okeechobee to help raise funds for children and family programs. 6 a.m. \$85 minimum registration fee. 279-9103 or loopthelakeforliteracy.org.

MARCH

Monday - 3/2 - Circle of Hope's 11th-Annual Fundraiser at Delray Dunes Golf &

Country Club, 12005 Dunes Road, Boynton Beach. Join Honorary Chairwoman Catherine Jacobus in an evening of dinner and dancing to support the Women's Circle of Boynton Beach. 6 pm. \$100. 244-7627, Ext. 105 or womenscircle.org.

Thursday - 3/12 - Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County's Love of Literacy Luncheon at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Welcome New York Times bestselling author Kate DiCamillo, who is serving as the 2014-15 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, as special guest speaker. 11:30 a.m. \$125. 279-9103 or literacypbcc.org.

Friday-Saturday - 3/27-28 - Boca Raton Historical Society's Boca Bacchanal at Boca Raton Airport, 3700 Airport Road, and various locations throughout the city. Be a part of a new and exciting event with a new theme - travel - that will weave through two days of drinking and eating pleasure. 7 pm both days. Ticket prices TBA. 395-6766 or bocabacchanal.com.

APRIL

Wednesday - 4/1 - Milagro Center's SuperSTAR Spectacular Showcase Event at Arts Garage, 180 N.E. First St., Delray Beach. Participate in a silent auction of more than 50 items and have the opportunity to purchase artwork made by the center's children while watching them perform their hearts out onstage. 7-10 pm. \$75. 279-2970 or milagrocenter.org.

Thursday - 4/16 - Impact 100 Palm Beach County's Grand Awards Ceremony at Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Watch as the agency gives out multiple, \$100,000 grants to local nonprofits. 6 pm. Free. 336-4623 or impact100pbcc.com.

Saturday - 4/18 - Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County's American Girl Fashion Show at 5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton. Soak in a fun-filled day of girls and their dolls that features shows with local models providing a look at the iconic book series and celebrating the sparkle and spirit of American Girl style. 10 am, 1 and 4 pm. Ticket price TBA. 279-9103 or literacypbcc.org.



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Pay it Forward

Good and plenty: Third-grader persuades pals to part with Halloween bounty for troops

By Amy Woods

More than 130 pounds of Nerds, Reese's, Skittles and Starburst are on their way to U.S. military members around the world. So are bags of Bazooka bubble gum, containers of Tic Tac mints and tasty Tootsie Roll twists.

The substantial stash of sweets started rolling in to the hands — but not the mouth — of Gulf Stream School third-grader Trevor Zankl during Halloween. The 9-year-old coordinated a candy-collection drive to benefit Operation Gratitude, a volunteer organization that sends treats to the troops every year.

"I think the candy might taste a little better than the food they have over there," Trevor said.

He got the idea from his dentist, Dr. Maria Castaneda of Boca Delray Pediatric Dentistry, an Operation Gratitude volunteer. He then sought permission at school to ask his classmates whether they would donate their Halloween bounties.

"I'm very thankful for my teacher because she said yes," Trevor said. "I actually have 133 pounds of candy."

He didn't part with the personal pile of goodies he earned circling his Delray Beach neighborhood dressed up as a boxer.

"I kept my favorites, which



Trevor Zankl, a third-grader at Gulf Stream School, got friends and classmates to donate Halloween candy to be sent to U.S. troops overseas. Photo provided

is [Nestle] Crunch, M&M's and [Hershey's] chocolate," Trevor said.

Mother Kristen Zankl said the response to the effort was more than either of them expected.

"Right off the bat, he came home with 47 pounds," Zankl said.

On day two, Trevor collected 27 pounds. Day three saw 16 pounds. He and his mother made five trips to the dentist's office to drop it all off.

He wants to do it again next year.

"Trevor's such a thoughtful person," Kristen Zankl said. "He understands the sacrifices that the people in the military make."

Grandmother Linda Bokinsky said Trevor's determination to help others should be celebrated.

"We always hear the bad things kids do," Bokinsky said. "We never hear the good." U

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Celebrations

In the Swim

Lord & Taylor, Boca Raton – Oct. 15



Author Patsy West gave a slide-show and lecture presentation about the history of American swimwear, showing the audience of Boca Raton Historical Society supporters vintage bathing suits. The old, bulky, fabric-centric pieces then were contrasted with Lord & Taylor's modern-day — and much-simpler — swimwear. **ABOVE:** Joyce DeVita, Mary Csar, Lord & Taylor's Mindy Horvitz, Denise Alman and Lisa Vander Ploeg. **Photo provided**

Woman Volunteer of the Year

Boca West Country Club, Boca Raton – Nov. 7



The Junior League of Boca Raton celebrated its 27th-annual luncheon by recognizing 27 nominees from nonprofit organizations throughout Palm Beach County for their volunteerism. The winner was Anne Rutherford, of Spirit of Giving Network. Helen Babione and Connie Berry received the Lifetime Achievement Award. **ABOVE:** Former Mayor Susan Welchel; Co-Chairwoman Yvette Drucker; Jan Savarick, of the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation; Rutherford, an award recipient; and Co-Chairwoman Kirsten Stephenson. **Photo provided by Downtown Photography**

Runway for Scholarships Fashion Show and Luncheon

Boynton Woman's Club – Nov. 20



More than 130 attended the Boynton Woman's Club's annual fashionable fundraiser, resulting in more than \$1,700 in scholarship money for the club's scholarship fund. High-school students in Boynton Beach who plan to attend a Florida college are eligible to receive grants from the fund. 'These students are so grateful to receive one of our scholarships,' Co-Chairwoman Barbara Grimes said. 'That's what makes all our hard work so worthwhile.' **ABOVE:** Co-Chairwomen JoAnne Kriesant-Weld and Grimes; members and models Denise Chamberlain and Donna Artes; and Past President Kay Baker. **Photo provided**

Casino Night

Boca West Country Club, Boca Raton – Oct. 25



The Boys & Girls Club of Boca Raton had its annual high-stakes fundraiser to generate proceeds for programs that benefit more than 100 at-risk youths. Upward of 170 guests tested their luck and donated \$61,000-plus during the evening, which included a live auction of getaways to Ireland, Key Largo and Miami. **ABOVE:** Casino Night Co-Chairs Kathryn Gillespie and Zak Odhwani, with Auction Chairwoman Nancy Wilkinson. **Photo provided**

Dreyfoos in White

CityPlace, West Palm Beach – Nov. 12



More than 350 young and young-at-heart supporters of the Dreyfoos School of the Arts Foundation dressed in white and brought outlandish table décor with them as they traveled to the top of the CityPlace Macy's parking garage for the pop-up dinner event. The unconventional location was kept a secret until one hour before the fundraiser, with ticket-holders being notified via email and text messages. It was modeled after Diner en Blanc, a 25-year tradition in Paris. **ABOVE:** David Veselsky, Linda Silpe, Ken Elias and Donald Silpe. **Photo provided by Lila Photo**

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Celebrations

20th Anniversary Gala

Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, Manalapan – Nov. 1



The Palm Beach International Film Festival's grand-finale gala honored CEO Randi Emerman, community leader George Elmore and actor Joe Manganiello, star of television series 'True Blood' and blockbuster movie 'Magic Mike.' This event celebrated a tremendous milestone for the festival with tributes to the many filmmakers and actors we have had the privilege to meet and get to know over the years," Emerman said. **ABOVE:** Chris and Lori Alf, with Rochelle and Kevin Mulligan. **RIGHT:** Wendy Honig and Monika Herbichova. **Photos provided by Larry Richman**



Horizon Society Luncheon

Parliament Hall, Boca Raton – Oct. 22



Florida Atlantic University's Division of Institutional Advancement celebrated members of the Horizon Society, the planned-giving arm of the university's foundation, thanking benefactors who have remembered the school with estate gifts. Horizon Society members were recognized with rose corsages and boutonnieres. **TOP:** Judith Teller-Kaye and Molly Foreman-Kozel. **ABOVE:** Ellen Krystofik and Marny Glasser. **Photos provided**

SmARTBiz Summit

Palm Beach County Convention Center, West Palm Beach – Oct. 28

The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County granted \$45,000 to 11 local nonprofit arts organizations during the annual program that offers informative business, financial, fundraising and marketing sessions, as well as guest speakers. More than 200 attended. 'The collaboration between SmARTBiz and the grant-recipient organizations presented training opportunities that will eventually lead to concrete connections between business and the arts and the partner institutions,' said Cressman Bronson, of sponsor PNC Bank. **RIGHT:** Vicki Chouris, Dale McNulty, Larry Rosensweig, Carol Roberts, Matthew Korinko, Sue Ellen Beryl, Ray Ellis, Susan Namm Spencer, Katie Deits, Michael McKeich, Sung Knowles and Cynthia Palmieri. **Photo provided by Jacek Photos**



Veterans Day Parade

Clematis Street, West Palm Beach – Nov. 11



The seventh annual parade and community celebration was a star-spangled success, featuring a Color Guard, several veterans' organization and local school bands. The parade was organized by the Palm Beach County Veterans Committee. **ABOVE:** George Fisher and Kip Monroe, of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 717, with Charleen Szabo, director of the VA Medical Center. **Photo provided by Janis Bucher**

'Wine & Lite Bites'

Delray Beach Marriott – Nov. 17

The sound of a drum performance by students of the Creative City Collaborative at Arts Garage highlighted Impact 100's membership event. The special presentation served as an example of the 'impact' the organization makes in the community. It has given \$688,000 to 15 nonprofits in three years. 'We invite all women in Palm Beach County to join Impact 100 to discover the power of women giving as one,' Co-President Susan Duane said. **RIGHT:** Lisa Peterfreund, Phil Perlman, Lindsay Perlman and Tandy Robinson. **Photo provided by Sherry Ferrante**



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Around Town

Boca Bowl rolling into FAU this month

The first Boca Raton Bowl is just around the corner (Dec. 23) and the folks at ESPN are already planning camera shots from atop the stadium that show the Atlantic Ocean in the distance. "There's not another view like this in the country," event executive director **Doug Mosley** said.

Even though planning time is short — teams won't be announced until the second week in December, Mosley isn't worried. "Once they see how the weather is down here, they'll be making reservations real quick," Mosley said.

Boca Bowl has other advantages, too. The teams will stay at **PGA Resort** and the **Boca Raton Resort & Club** and attend fan parties in West Palm Beach's **CityPlace** and in Delray Beach. Can other bowl cities such as Boise or Shreveport top that?

City and county officials, too, are banking on that exposure, each investing \$140,000 in sponsorship money annually for the initial six-year run. Other local sponsors include **Bank of America**, **Duffy's**, **FAU**, **JM Lexus**, **Papa John's**, **People's Trust**, **Tenet Health Care**, **Oxbridge Academy** and **Tire Kingdom**. And while some will pay for suites to entertain clients on game day, others are in it for year-round benefits. For example, Tenet doctors have



already conducted sessions on concussions and head injuries for parents of young football players. ESPN predicts a first-year economic impact of about \$2.5 million.

"The response has been great considering the short lead-in time," said **Steve Politiziner**, who runs ESPN's West Palm Beach operation. "The community is thirsty for it. They're excited about the signage during the game or renting stadium suites to entertain clients. Other want to take advantage of vendor areas outside the stadium. But sponsors see the year-round benefits... It isn't just for the game."

As the rest of the nation moved mountains... of snow, Palm Beach County — more specifically **Boca Raton** and **Florida Atlantic University** — enjoyed a balmy, sunshiny plug on the *Today* show. Credit NBC Correspondent **Kerry Sanders**, a Fort Lauderdale resident, who filed a report on the potential danger of personal drones being flown at spectator events such as football games.

Chris Evert/Raymond James Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic Gala

Boca Raton Resort and Club, Boca Raton - Nov. 22



Nicky Mill (left) and Alex Mill (right) pose with their mother, Chris Evert, during a gala held as part of the three-day charity event held at the Delray Beach Tennis Center. The Classic is now in its 25th year and has raised more than \$21 million to fight against drug abuse and child neglect in Florida. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Sanders' 9 a.m. report began in the bleachers at FAU's football stadium, then cut away to some video of flying drones. When the live report resumed, Sanders, who once worked at Miami's WTVJ, was standing on the stadium turf, a large "Home of the Owls" banner in the background.

While the topic addressed the danger of small drones, Sanders was fortunate not to be interrupted by noise from potentially more dangerous corporate jets taking off from **Boca Raton Airport** a few hundred feet to the east. "He was lucky," FAU publicist **Lisa**

Metcalf said. "But most of the people who fly in those jets don't leave that early."

Metcalf noted that Sanders has used FAU's facilities and its staff on several occasions. It doesn't hurt that his wife, **Deborah Sharp**, author of the **Mace Bauer** series of humorous mysteries (*Mama Gets Trashed* is the latest), is an FAU graduate and member of the university's Alumni Hall of Fame.

It isn't **Davis Cup**. It isn't **Wimbledon**. Nevertheless, the **Chris Evert/Raymond James Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic** is special. Despite the lousy weather, the 25th anniversary event the weekend before Thanksgiving offered decent tennis at the **Delray Beach Tennis Center** and lots of partying, laughs and music at the **Boca Raton Resort & Club**. Most important, the \$700,000 raised this year for programs funded through Florida's **Ounce of Prevention Fund** and the **Drug Abuse Foundation of Palm Beach County** brings the quarter-century total to nearly \$22 million.

The auctions at the gala brought in \$140,000: donors bid \$8,500 for two tickets to any Swissair destination in Europe, \$10,000 each for two **Wimbledon** packages — seats for two and four nights at a London hotel. A one-hour lesson and hitting session with the person responsible for all this — Chris Evert, went for \$15,000.

But Evert, at the gala in a stunning **Carlos Miele**-designed floor-length red gown, turns 60 just before Christmas and knows she's not playing singles when it comes to the classic: "I have some great friends and great sponsors, and we have great support in South Florida. It's all about the team around you, and we have a great team."

Despite the red carpet and photographer corral at the entrance, the event was

relatively low key as patrons and celebrities mingled: No groupies screaming to get close to rocker **Gavin Rossdale**.

Today's **Hoda Kotb** checking out the silent auction items. A rather unassuming **Jon Lovitz** posing for selfies with old *Saturday Night Live* fans, saving his "devilment" for next afternoon's tennis. As always, the event is a family affair with Chris' brothers **John** and **Drew** and their wives, sister **Jeanne**, and Chris' sons **Colton**, **Alex** and **Nick**, already shaping their young adult lives.

If only the restaurant that bears his name had been open. Instead, **Joey Merlino** stopped by **Havana Nights**, a Boca cigar bar, last June, and don'tcha know, he bumped into an old acquaintance, **Johnny Ciancaglini**. Boca's a friendly city and Merlino's a friendly guy, who loves to greet customers at Merlino's, the new Italian hot spot at the corner of Southeast First Avenue and Royal Palm Road. Some folks in the operation claim the restaurant actually is named for **Rita Merlino**, Joey's mother, whose recipes stock the menu, but regardless Merlino isn't supposed to say a word to Ciancaglini or anyone else who has a rap sheet.

That's because Merlino also has a rap sheet, reputed to be the boss of the Philadelphia mob. After a decade in prison for racketeering, he moved to Boca Raton. Last year, he and a group of investors announced plans for the new restaurant serving meals from his mother's recipes with "Skinny Joey" as maitre d'. Then he bumped into Ciancaglini.

Bam, the feds swooped in and Merlino was soon on a private jet back to Philly for an Oct. 24 hearing before U.S. District Judge **R. Barclay Surrick**. Two FBI task force members said they saw Merlino talking with Ciancaglini and other felons in a glass-enclosed VIP room at Havana Nights.

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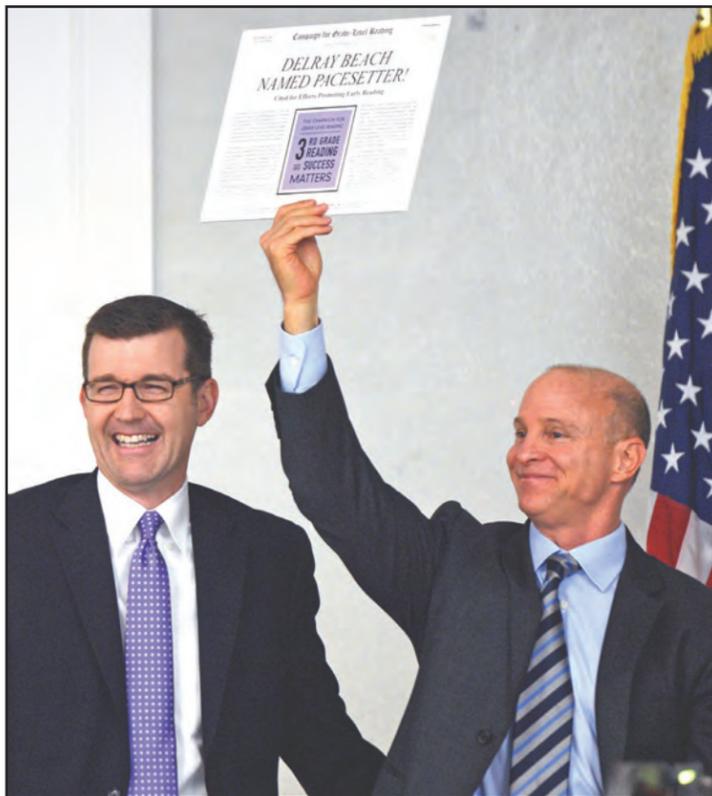
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Delray Beach Mayor Cary Glickstein holds up a certificate presented by Ron Fairchild (l), the keynote speaker during the kickoff breakfast at the Third Annual Delray Reads Day. The certificate names Delray Beach as a 'Pacesetter' community in the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading. More than 275 volunteers took part in the program by visiting a public elementary school classroom and reading to the children. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

A random meeting, "a couple of minutes of chit chat," Merlino's lawyer claimed. Assistant U.S. Attorney **David Troyer** countered it was an obvious "night on the town with his mob buddies."

The judge agreed and ordered Merlino to surrender within 30 days to serve an additional four months. After the hearing Merlino brushed any worries aside, telling a Philadelphia reporter, "I could use a good four months. Get back in shape. Get my six pack back." Then he headed back to Boca Raton, greeting guests at the restaurant through mid-November.

Big news for **Caffe Luna Rosa** — from outside and from inside.

First, the outside: The beachside Italian bistro, a Delray staple for 22 years, was honored with the Chamber of Commerce's inaugural restaurant of the year award. Luna Rosa, a finalist with **50 Ocean** and **City Oyster** from the city's 350-plus restaurants, was cited for its cuisine, service and atmosphere and especially for its community involvement. The restaurant supports nonprofit groups through sponsorships and donations, and founder **Fran Marincola** and other partners serve on city boards and the boards of nonprofit organizations.

"We strongly believe in our city, and that is why Caffe Luna Rosa and its partners actively promote Delray Beach as the fantastic destination it is today and will be for many years to come," Marincola said.

Inside, you would expect a chef to be upset when management decides to remove some seats, but **Ernesto di Blasi** is thrilled. The seats and a view-blocking wall near the kitchen were removed to make way for a fresh pasta machine and display.

"Pasta is made during dinner service ... so the guests can watch," di Blasi said with

a broad grin. "We're an Italian restaurant. We do pasta ... and it's fresh."

The formal name: **Palm Beach Food and Wine Festival**. The reality: A four-day pigout that would bring big smiles to the faces of Henry Flagler and Col. Bradley. The festival, showcasing chefs of national and local renown, kicks off Dec. 11 with dinners at **Buccan** and **PB Catch**, both of which are sold out. Action moves Friday to the **Four Seasons**, the host hotel, where chefs will play volleyball at 2 p.m. and sing their lungs out at **Late Night Rock** starting at 11:30 p.m. Tickets are available for both; however, in between, the **Chef Welcome Party at The Breakers** at 7 p.m. is sold out. Saturday's schedule, all at

The **Four Seasons**, includes **Kids Kitchens** in the morning with Chefs **Robert Irvine** and **Lindsay Autry**, afternoon **Chillin' 'n' Grillin'** with **Elizabeth Karmel, Robert Irvine, Mike Lata, Jeff Mauro, Christina Tosi, Fabio Viviani**, **Four Seasons Exec Chef Darryl Moiles** and **Marc Murphy**, chef-judge on Food Channel's **Chopped**. **Street Food**, with 10 chefs, follows at 7.

The party continues Sunday at **Cafe Boulud** at 11 a.m. with **Daniel (Boulud) and Friends**, among them **Gabrielle Hamilton, Christina Tosi**; and the event closes at **150 Worth** with the eighth annual **Grand Tasting** from 5 to 9 p.m.

For information and tickets, ranging from \$45 to \$125 with discounts of 15 percent to 20 percent for packages, go to

www.pbfoodwinefest.com. Bon appetit!

Hope springs eternal. Reality takes a little longer. Some day, perhaps, rudeness at concerts, plays and lectures will disappear completely, but unfortunately, this community remains notorious for its bad behavior. Such was the case Nov. 9 when pop music legends **Judy Collins** and **Don McLean** played the **Kravis Center**. Collins opened; McLean closed, albeit earlier than he planned.

After performing *American Pie*, he brought up the lights so audience members could dance in the aisles to an updated version of his anthem.

Oops. Lights up, dear, time to go. Mass exodus. McLean left the stage in disbelief. Instead of his encore of *Vincent (Starry, Starry Night)* and Collins' classic *Both Sides Now*, the curtain closed.

"Actually, people have gotten a lot better about leaving in recent years," Kravis program director **Lee Bell** said. "To be honest, the show ran too long. It was close to 11 and when the lights came up, they thought it was time to go. With a younger audience for someone like **John Legend**, they would have still been there at midnight."

Indeed, **Dave Mason** (Nov. 19) sold out and the audience — "feelin' alright" — stuck around. Of course, the crowd may have been younger. Collins is 75 and McLean 69. Mason is only 68.

Comedian **Lewis Black** will bring his unique brand of comedy to the Kravis on Dec. 13. He's 66, and if anyone dares to leave, they'll likely hear about it from the stage.

Kelly Slater, undisputed greatest surfer of all time, was spotted enjoying dinner at **Buccan** in Palm Beach the week before Thanksgiving. When searching for waves, surfers are known to sack out in the back of a station wagon or in a hammock strung between

palm trees. However, this time Slater, an occasional visitor to **Nomad Surf Shop** near Briny Breezes, reportedly had better accommodations: **Jimmy Buffett's** beachfront estate.

Featuring a cast of 25, most with South Florida ties, *A Chorus Line* opens Dec. 5 for a 10-day run in **The Crest Theatre** at the **Delray Beach Center for the Arts**. A joint effort by Crest and MNM productions, the Broadway classic is the first self-produced theatrical show in the center's 25 years. Director/choreographer **Kimberly Dawn (KD) Smith**, a member of the original Broadway cast, is one of a handful of professionals appointed by the show's creator **Michael Bennett** to stage the show. Tickets are \$47 at delrayarts.org or call 243-7922.

Three days later, **Elayne Boosler**, a cast of one, brings her unique style of comedy to the Crest, and **Jason Alexander**, the former **George Costanza**, comes to Boca to direct *When You're in Love, The Whole World is Jewish*, at the **Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center** from Dec. 11 to Jan. 11. For tickets, call 919-7727.

Jazziz will host **The Eve Party** on Dec. 24 to celebrate not only Christmas Eve, but also Hanukkah and any other holiday evening. Live music, dancing, dining and no cover with advance reservation at theliveball.com.

December national acts include **David Benoit**, Dec. 9-10, **Ben Vereen**, Dec. 16-17, and **Jon Secada's** Christmas show, Dec. 23.



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Dining

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Frankie had the night off the evening we visited his namesake café, but the food was fine, as always.

This plate of tender, home-made ravioli was stuffed with



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chicken with a subtle hint of fennel that flavored but did not overwhelm the dish, which also was loaded with bits of sun-dried tomato. The rich Alfredo sauce was creamy and tasted homemade.

We also are big fans of the Blue Pizza at Frankie's. That has spinach, eggplant and grilled chicken and blue cheese atop a wafer-thin crust. Good, if not good for you.

— *Scott Simmons*



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HOLIDAY

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Sunday series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Family program features art workshops and live performance by the West Boca High School's Vanguard. Includes an interactive opportunity for all ages to learn, create and enjoy the arts. 2-3 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$12/adults, \$10/seniors, free/students with ID and children 12 and under. 392-2500.

12/7 - 12th Annual Gingerbread Holiday Concert by Lynn University Philharmonia Orchestra at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson World Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Celebrate the beloved music traditions of the holidays. Also featured at this year's concert is Seanna Pereira, 9-year-old singer and actress. Seanna will perform two songs and lead the sing-along portion of the concert. 3 pm. \$35. 237-9000.

12/7 - Concert: Holiday Music with Merritt & Moreau - Presented as part of the *Friends Music Series* at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. For adults. 3-4 pm. Free. Reservations: 393-7852.

12/7 - Christmas Cantata Glad Tidings of Great Joy presented by the Chancel Choir of Church of the Palms, 1960 N Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. The retelling of the Christmas story as seen through the eyes of the elderly patriarch Simeon. Music by Robert Hebble and narration by Jason Doyle Fairbanks. Reception follows. 4 pm. Free-will offering taken to support the Music Ministries at Church of the Palms. 276-6347.

12/7 - Nova Singers Holiday Tidings Concert at Trinity Lutheran Church, 400 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Christmas & Hanukkah choral selections featuring Randall Bass' *Gloria*, Dan Forest's *Arise, Shine* and many audience favorites of the season. 4 pm. Adults: \$15/advance, \$20/at the door; \$10/seniors, \$5/students. 278-1737.

12/7 - Christmas Concert at First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. 7 pm. Free. 395-1244.

12/7 - Handel's Messiah at FAU's Boca Raton campus, University Theatre, 777 Glades, Road. Features FAU students, faculty, and alumni. 7 pm. \$15. 800-564-9539.

12/7 - Winter Tapestry: A Holiday Concert at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Young

Singers of the Palm Beaches presents a night of beautiful music, laughter and warmth. Enjoy Palm Beach County's award-winning community choir, made up of 300 talented singers spanning ages 8 to 18. Concert highlights classical choral music, pop and Broadway tunes. All ages. 7-9:30 pm. \$11-41. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Tuesday - 12/9 - City Christmas at The Harriet Himmel Theater, City Place, 600 S Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach. The King's Academy award-winning vocal arts and dance departments will have you feeling as if you are walking through a winter wonderland. All ages. 7 pm. \$10. 686-4244, Ext. 362, or www.tka.net.

Wednesday - 12/10 - G-Star Holiday Car & Bike Light Parade & Show Salutes Our Veterans! at G-Star School of the Arts, 2030 S Congress Ave., Palm Springs. Classic and antique car, motorcycle, and float parade lit up with holiday lights through the city of Palm Springs then back to the school for a party with recording artists Cecilia Lauren and the Ocoee River Band, plus raffles, holiday music, food vendors, and more. All ages. Proceeds go to Honor Flight and Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, and G-Star School Foundation. 5:30 pm. Free but donations are accepted. 386-6275 or www.asphaltangelclub.net.

12/10 - "An Appalachian Christmas" with Mark O'Connor and Friends at Society of the Four Arts Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 8 pm. \$40 balcony; \$45 orchestra. 655-7226 or www.fourarts.org.

Thursday - 12/11 - Chanukah Party at the Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Chanukah sing-along, craft, and storytime for children and their families. All ages welcome. 5-6 pm. \$5/family. RSVP: 368-6875 or www.cmboca.org.

12/11 - Carols & Cocktails In The Garden at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Mix & mingle with friends while spreading the holiday cheer. Featuring cocktails and light bites at the Sandoway House covered in lights with live musical entertainment. All proceeds donated to support the Sandoway Nature Center. 6-9 pm. \$25. 274-7263 or www.sandowayhouse.org.

12/11 - "Twas the Night Before Christmas" Story Hour and Pajama Party at Cason Cottage, 3 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Join us around the Christmas tree as special guests read aloud this classic poem written by Clement C. Moore. Plus, old-fashioned sing-a-long,

cookies, and hot apple cider. All ages. Space is limited. 6-7 pm. \$20/person (benefits Children's Programming at the Delray Beach Historical Society). Reservations: 274-9578.

Friday - 12/12 - Story Time and Cookies with Mrs. Claus at the Seagate Hotel & Spa, 1000 E Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. The Seagate is inviting children from the Palm Beach County Achievement Center and the Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach for a special visit with Santa and story time with Mrs. Claus. Also open to Seagate's guests and the public. Mrs. Claus will read the holiday favorite *Twas the Night Before Christmas* and hand out freshly baked cookies; Children are then invited to get their picture taken with Santa while they tell him what they want for Christmas. 4 pm. Free. 877-57-SEAGATE or www.theseagatehotel.com.

12/12 - Annual Boynton/Delray Holiday Boat Parade - The flotilla of brightly decorated boats lines up at the Boynton Beach inlet and travel south along the Intracoastal Waterway to the C-15 canal in Delray Beach. Viewing areas are located at the Boynton Harbor Marina (735 Casa Loma Blvd.) and along the parade route. Please bring new, unwrapped toys for *Toys for Tots*. Food and drink vendors available. No pets allowed. Pre-party starts at 5:30 pm, featuring live music, pictures with Santa and more, at the Boynton Harbor Marina by Two Georges Waterfront Grille. To enter your boat, call 737-3256, Ext. 204. Parade: 6:30 pm. Information: 737-3256.

12/12 - Town of Ocean Ridge Annual Holiday Celebration at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. Holiday celebration for Ocean Ridge residents includes a visit from Santa and light snacks and beverages. Free parking at Oceanfront Park. All ages. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 738-6735.

12/12 - Divas Holiday Party at the Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Join your favorite divas as they celebrate the holidays as only the divas can. Songs, skits and a comically good time. 8 pm. \$15. 586-6169.

12/12 - The Perfect Gift: Christmas with the Tenors at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Clifton Murray, Victor Micallef, Remingo Pereira and Fraser Walters perform holiday classics. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$15. 832-7469.

12/12 - Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and Concert in the Plaza at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Featuring live music, food vendors, crafts and artists selling their

artwork. Held the first & third Friday of each month. 6-10 pm. Free. 588-8344.

Saturday - 12/13 - 21st Annual Breakfast With Santa at the Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Featuring real snow, pancake breakfast, pictures with Santa, train rides, multicultural crafts, sand art, entertainment by Flora Belle The Clown and caricature artist Dick Kulpa. 8:30 am-noon. Advance tickets: \$10/person, free/infants under age 1; at the gate \$15/person. Reservations: 368-6875 or www.cmboca.org.

12/13 - Breakfast with Santa at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach. Enjoy a scrumptious hot buffet breakfast that includes waffles, eggs, bacon, sausage, omelets, pastries, coffee and juice; mimosas available for purchase. Private up-close animal encounters, a meet and greet plus photo opportunities with Santa and all-day admission to the Zoo. 8:30 am. Held again 12/14 at 8:30 am; 12/20-21 at 8:30 or 10 am. Zoo members: adults (13+) \$22.95; children (3-12) \$14.95; toddlers (0-2) \$4.95. Non-members: adults \$32.95; children \$24.95, toddlers \$4.95. 547-9453 or www.palmbeachzoo.org.

12/13 - Breakfast with Santa at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N Federal Hwy. Boynton Beach. Kids have an opportunity to visit with Santa and make a holiday craft. Register early as space is limited! Family fare. 9-11 am. \$7/person. 742-6423 or www.boynton-beach.org.

12/13 - Cookie Cruise with Santa aboard the Lady Atlantic departs from Veterans Park, 801 E Atlantic Ave. Celebrate the holidays with Santa aboard the Lady Atlantic. This event is first come first serve and is sure to sell out! Call Delray Yacht Cruises for reservations. Visit with Santa, cookies and milk or hot chocolate, coffee and tea, craft activities included. 10:30 am-12 pm. Held again 12/20. \$18 per person; children under 2 free. Special photo with Santa also available for \$10. Reservations: 243-0686.

12/13 - Delray Beach Holiday Parade - Presented by Delray Beach Parks and Recreation and Festival Management Group Inc. Parade starts on Atlantic Ave. at the Intracoastal Bridge and continues west to NW 5th Ave. More than 70 entries. With a special connection to the North Pole, the Delray Beach Fire Department will have Santa riding along on their fire truck. 6 pm. Free. 243-7277.

12/13 - "Ignite the Night" Lake Worth Holiday Parade - Bring your lawn chair and line the streets of Lake and Lucerne Avenues in downtown Lake Worth. Wind up in the Cultural Plaza with the *Kiwanis Club* who'll be presenting this year's Santa's Workshop, a fun-filled day for children of all ages. Parade begins at 5 pm. Free. 398-8340 or www.lakeworth.org.

12/13 - A Holiday Spectacular presented by *Florida Dance Conservatory* at Kravis Center Persson Hall Cabaret, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. A holiday dance performance inspired by Radio City's Christmas Spectacular. 7 pm. \$25. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

12/13 - Boynton Beach Holiday Movies in the Park featuring "Elf" at Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, 129 E Ocean Ave. Bring your beach chair or blanket. Food and beverage available for purchase. Family fare. 7 pm. 742-6246 or www.CatchBoynton.com.

12/13-14 - The Nutcracker - Presented by the Harid Conservatory at Spanish River High School, 5100 Jog Road, Boca Raton. The dance school features Act II and a variety of other character dances. 3 p.m. \$25-\$30. 997-2677.

DECEMBER 14-20

Sunday - 12/14 - Children's Special Christmas Program: The Christmas Story According to Luke at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. The Sunday School children's gift to the congregants followed by Santa's visit. Visiting children and grandchildren are invited and encouraged to participate. Magical Show with costumes provided. All ages. 9:25 am. Free. 276-5796.

12/14 - FAU Tuba Christmas 2014 at Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Help support the tradition of holiday music performed by tubas and euphoniums. Conductor Sean Murray brings this tradition to the Boca Raton community for the fourth year. Outdoor event, bring chairs or blankets. 5-6:30 pm. Free. 297-3853 or www.fau.edu/arts.

12/14 - The Palm Beach Pops: A Holiday Concert with The Manhattan Transfer at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$33. 932-7469.

Tuesday - 12/16 - Menorah Candle Lighting Ceremony at Delray Beach Center for the Arts front lawn, 51 N. Swinton Ave. Sundown/5:30 pm. Free. 243-7000.

12/16 - A Christmas Carol at The Crest

Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$40. 243-7922, Ext. 1.

Wednesday - 12/17 - Dr. Robert Sharon's Holiday Show at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7:30 pm. \$10. 588-8889.

12/17 - Sarge: The Chanukah Chutzpah Tour at the Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Featuring a very special holiday show by one of America's favorite entertainer/comedians. 8 pm. \$29-\$35. 586-6169.

12/17-19 - It's A Wonderful Life: Radio Theatre - Presented by Arts Garage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. The second season of the acclaimed Radio Theatre series. In this classic holiday tale, an angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing what life would have been like if he never existed. 8 pm. \$15-25. 450-6357.

Thursday - 12/18 - Music in the Museum at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Celebrate the sounds of the season with holiday favorites performed by concert pianists Heather Colman and Krisztina Kover - features beloved carols and selections from the *Nutcracker*. 6-7 pm. Free with paid museum admission. 392-2500.

12/18 - Holiday Open House at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Celebrate the wonder of winter and the beginning of the holidays. Enjoy entertainment, crafts and light refreshments. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For all ages. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6380 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

Friday - 12/19 - Chanukah Under the Stars - Presented by Temple Beth El at Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Family activities and food for purchase 5-7 pm; children's Chanukah service and songfest 6 pm; Chanukah musical celebration and community menorah lighting 7:30 pm. 5-9 pm. Free. 391-8900.

Saturday - 12/20 - Nutcracker - The Royal Ballet presents Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* Film Screening at the Society of the Four Arts Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 1 pm. Free. Tickets required. 655-7226 or www.fourarts.org.

12/20 - Downtown Dance Presents: A Holiday Extravaganza at the Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Including a tribute to the Rockettes' *Radio City Christmas Spectacular*. Featuring The Ballet: *Les Patineurs* "The Ice Skaters" & Handel's *Messiah* by Demetrius Klein. Two shows: 2 & 7 pm. \$15/advance, \$20/at the door. 586-6169.

12/20 - Robin Spielberg: Spirit of the Holidays at Kravis Center Persson Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Robin Spielberg's enchanting piano performance celebrates the songs, spirit and moods of the season through music and stories. 7:30 pm. \$35. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

DECEMBER 21-27

Sunday - 12/21 - Lessons and Carols: A Renaissance Christmas - 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* presents their annual celebration of the season. 3 pm. Free. 278-6003.

12/21 - Chanukah Festival - Presented by *Chabad Boca Beaches* at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. Featuring rides, food, concert starring Eduardo, Menorah Lighting with Dignitaries. Rides and food begin at 4 pm; Menorah Lighting at 5 pm followed by concert. Nominal fee for food and rides. 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

12/21 - The Symphonia Boca Raton: Christmas Concerto at Roberts Theater, St. Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton. Philadelphia Orchestra concertmaster David Kim conducts Vivaldi's Four Seasons and Corelli's Christmas Concerto. 3 pm. \$45-\$75. 866-687-4201.

12/27-30 - The Nutcracker at the Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. The Miami City Ballet performs the George Balanchine version, danced to the accompaniment of the Opus One Orchestra. 12/27: 7:30 pm, 12/28: 1pm & 6:30 pm, 12/29-30: 2 pm & 7:30 pm. \$25-79. 832-7469.

DEC. 28-JAN. 3

12/31 - First Night 2015 - Family friendly New Year's Eve special event throughout Downtown Delray Beach including a fireworks finale at the Tennis Center at 9 pm and midnight. Admission by purchased button. Purchase your button at the 100-foot Christmas Tree and City Hall as well as at the Delray Beach Library, the Crest Theatre, Delray News Stand and the Chamber of Commerce. All ages. 4 pm -12 midnight. \$10 until 12/30; \$15 on 12/31. www.100ftchristmastree.com.

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Must See



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Art

Norton's 500 years of prints a true master's course

By Gretel Sarmiento
ArtsPaper Arts Writer

To the large crowd that attended his recent talk while still holding magnifying glasses, Norton Museum Curator Jerry Dobrick said the museum was incredibly lucky. And he was not talking about a large monetary donation.

Dobrick, the museum's curatorial associate for European art, was referring to the 43 works by old and modern masters that make up *Master Prints: Dürer to Matisse*. With names like Rembrandt van Rijn, Francisco de Goya, Pablo Picasso and Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, the exhibition naturally had everyone's attention the minute it opened Nov. 6. It runs through Feb. 15 and will not be seen anywhere else.

Represented through etchings, woodcuts, lithographs and engravings exploring erotic, classical and romantic themes, are 500 years of the printmaking process — with the earliest work dating to 1460.

The magnifying glasses are for a closer look at the details and are needed immediately upon entering the darkly painted first room. Rembrandt, sporting Renaissance clothes, confidently looks at us from his controlled pose in *Self-Portrait Leaning on a Stone Still* (1639). This is one of seven works by him in the exhibition. Note the wrinkles on his forehead and the volume of his rope, where the ink is also richer and darker than in other areas, such as the hair.

It is as if Rembrandt knew that, centuries later, viewers from all over the world would come to see him and he



Les Baigneurs (1896), a print by Paul Cézanne, featured in the Norton Museum of Art's *Master Prints* exhibit. **Courtesy Norton Museum of Art**

wanted to look good. This captivating print emerged from a delicate process involving acid and varnish and carried a personal statement. Rembrandt asks to be thought of as an equal to the masters who came before him. He would have been pleased that the museum chose this image to be blown up and greet everyone from Dixie Highway.

Speaking on this "incredibly rare" etching, Dobrick said: "As far as I know,

it's the only print in private hands still." Other prints of this caliber are already owned by museums, he said.

A humble Rembrandt self-portrait, less concerned with fame and status, came nine years later. Look for it in the show.

On the opposite side of *Leaning on a Stone Still* hang Picasso's *Faun Unveiling a Sleeping Girl* and the piece that inspired it: *Jupiter and Antiope* by Rembrandt.

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ArtsPaper Interview

Cultural characters lure Estelle Parsons to the stage

By Hap Erstein
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

Estelle Parsons, 87, a former head of the Actors Studio, will be playing wily Mathilde Girard in Israel Horowitz's *My Old Lady* at Palm Beach Dramaworks from Dec. 5 to Jan. 4. An Oscar winner for *Bonnie and Clyde*, a five-time Tony nominee including last season's *The Velocity of Autumn* and a longtime regular on the television sitcom *Roseanne*, she spoke recently with Hap Erstein about her life and career.

Erstein: Estelle, what interested you

about *My Old Lady*?

Parsons: I was intrigued by the character, by playing another culture. To play French is great (laugh), but I don't really know their behavior, how much they touch other people and all those things. And then the funny thing is that once I started working on the character, I found this wonderful maturity and a kind of serenity that I think is really characteristic of French people.

Erstein: What did you do to learn about Mathilde and her culture?

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Estelle Parsons stars in *My Old Lady* at Palm Beach Dramaworks Dec. 5-Jan. 4.

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NORTON

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Picasso's 1939 aquatint depicts a satyr, which is Jupiter in disguise, visiting Antiope, the daughter of the King of Thebes. The beast kneeling on one leg lifts the sheets covering the princess' voluptuous nudity. The light bathes her body while her face remains in shadows. She still sleeps or pretends to be doing so.

Its 1659 etching companion gives Antiope a more dramatic sleeping pose while the Rembrandt-resembling Jupiter stares at her with lust. This is considered the most erotic etching of his period.

Another Rembrandt etching presents a surprisingly light, seemingly incomplete action scene packed with intensity and drama. In *The Large Lion Hunt* (1641), figures appear twisted, swords are drawn, and horses have fallen to the ground taking with them soldiers who refuse to give up. It is a similar dynamic to that in Leonardo da Vinci's *The Battle of Anghiari*.

"This is the first instance in which an engraver gives credit to the person who created the design," Dobrick said, referring to *Man Climbing the Bank of a River*.

Marcantonio Raimondi's 1509 engraving reflects the artist's tendency to copy other artists; an ability he was known for. This work is based on a fragment of Michelangelo's *Battle of Cascina* fresco,

IF YOU GO

Master Prints: Durer to Matisse runs through Feb. 15 at the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach. Admission: \$12 adults; \$5 ages 13-21. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday except Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday. Call 561-832-5196 or visit www.norton.org.

which was never finished. The writing on the lower right acknowledges Michelangelo while taking credit for the print creation. Raimondi honors the muscularity Michelangelo gave his figures, which is seen here on the man's backside, and makes it his own.

In 1513 and 1514, Albrecht Dürer engraved three copper plates that came to be known as his *Meisterstiche* (master prints) for their supreme quality. Two of them are in the show.

In *St. Jerome in his Study*, the German artist pushes the limits of a two-dimensional surface and creates a striking living space with a silvery tone and brilliant whites, as seen on the halo. Dürer, who trained as a metalworker, surrounds the saint figure with several of his attributes: the lion sitting by the steps, the skull by the window and the cardinal's hat on the wall. One can sense he won't be easily distracted.

An hourglass is seen above his head and appears again in



Knight, Death and the Devil (1513), by Albrecht Dürer.

Knight, Death and the Devil, as a symbol of mortality. This focuses on a knight's unshaken determination to continue riding forward despite having Death and the pig-faced Devil close by. As in his 1504 *Adam and Eve* engraving, much attention was given to the animals, the background landscape and the vegetation.

Because even the best *senseis* can be followed by other best *senseis*, the exhibition gives us a second room to admire more

masterpieces, such as Goya's Spanish Entertainment from the *Bulls of Bordeaux* (1825). This lithograph was created a year after the artist's relocation to the Bordeaux region due to health reasons. In it, Goya captures a lively and dramatic encounter between five bulls and a crowd. Not all ends well. An unlucky bystander who has fallen to the ground suffers at the feet of a dark bull seen in the foreground. Meanwhile, four bulls appear at the center

surrounded by a human ring that appears more menacing than the actual animals. Goya seems to suggest that the people, not the beasts, ought to be feared.

The room also houses more of Picasso, with his *The Egyptian* (1953) taking the prize for most lively viewer reactions. Maybe it has to do with the broad blocks of contrasting whites and blacks. This aquatint portrays Françoise Gilot, the mother of the artist's children and the subject of many of his works. Her hands and breasts are minimally treated and kept very basic compared to the intricate structure of the woman's head, particularly her hairstyle, which the title traces back to.

Bold black strokes give form to a woman's wavy hair and full lips, which in turn lend a romantic, soft touch to Henri Matisse's *Nadia with a Round Face* (1948). Although similarly minimalist to an adjacent Joan Miró piece, *Nadia* is freer and much less constrained.

The exhibition feels intimate and special. Do try to resist the temptation of rushing through it for the sake of claiming to have seen it. An excruciating amount of detail went to each of the 43 works displayed and each deserves some contemplation.

All cannot be realistically captured, which is to say this is not just a not-to-be-missed show, but one to be revisited a couple of times.

PARSONS

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Parsons: I went to Paris actually for five days to do research. I know, everyone laughs at that. I'm coming to Palm Beach to do a play in December and I've got to go to Paris to do a little research for the play. But actually, it was very, very helpful.

Erstein: A real contrast to your own background?

Parsons: Oh, yes. I grew up in New England in the American Puritan tradition, extremely strong. My mother was a Swedish person, but my father's family came over in 1632. So that Puritan tradition and all that that implied — sexually and otherwise — has been my background. Of course the French are completely different, including their attitudes toward sex, which I guess is relevant since this is a theater piece and life is all about sex.

Erstein: What is the main challenge of playing Mathilde, would you say?

Parsons: Being French properly, I think. The bodily things and the lilt in the voice, the rhythms of the speech and all that. These things are hard for me. It's one thing to sort of explode from inside, but I don't think I've ever played another culture. Well, I did play (Henrik Ibsen's) *Peer Gynt*, but my mother's Swedish, so that wasn't that far from me.

Erstein: Do you have any experience with the plays of Israel Horowitz?

Parsons: I did a play for Israel in 1969 called *The Reason We Eat*. I was supposed to weigh 400 pounds. I was in a huge fat suit. It was the worst flop anybody has ever had. Ever. But I've known Israel forever, from New York and the Actors Studio and his plays.



Estelle Parsons as Bev Harris in *Roseanne*.

Erstein: You are an Oscar-winning actress, yet you keep coming back to the theater. Why?

Parsons: I started in community theater when I was 6. The theater is what interests me. It's an actor's medium. Film is a director's medium. When you're out on the stage and you have to entertain however many people — 150 up to 1,500, I guess — without a mike, like I did in *Miss Margarita's Way*. It's a totally different experience. It's intense and you need to have the skills and the gift, to hold people in your hands as it were. The silence of an audience, when they're totally wrapped up in what you're doing, is just palpable. It's a life experience that you just don't have talking into a camera with lines you learned this morning.

Erstein: Who is Mathilde Girard, the character you play in *My Old Lady*?

Parsons: She founded and runs a school for teaching English. So she's

a very smart woman, a successful businesswoman in Paris all of her life. She comes from a very rich family once, very much a product of war, which is an experience we really didn't have in this country.

Erstein: You turned 87 on Nov. 20. What does that number mean to you?

Parsons: Y'know, age, it's never meant anything to me in my life. I've never thought in terms of birthdays, for some reason. I don't know why. I didn't decide not to think of birthdays, and I love birthday cake. And I don't mind celebrating at all. But I've never thought of the numbers. I've always been active, physically as well as mentally. So I just keep doing what I do and lo and behold, I'm getting older and older.

Erstein: At this point in your life, after all the successes you have had, what is there left for you to achieve?

Parsons: I think it's terribly important to work. Work and love. You've got to work at working and love in your life if you want to have a full life and I do. I don't believe I'm going to meet 36 virgins when I die, or 36 hunks.

Erstein: When people recognize you on the street, is it usually from *Roseanne*?

Parsons: Oh, yeah. Television watchers. I'm not a television watcher. I have one. I do watch sports, but I've never seen a reality show. I'm afraid if I got hooked on television, I'd never do anything else. It's not that I don't like it, it's just that I don't know how I could fit it into my schedule without it drowning me.

Erstein: Why did you pursue making movies?

Parsons: I've been in theater all my life. I really just did that movie *Bonnie*

and *Clyde* because I wanted to work with (director) Arthur Penn. I had worked with him on theater projects and I would go anywhere, in any medium, to work with him. And then after that I was able to get jobs to put my kids through school.

Erstein: Winning the Oscar probably didn't hurt.

Parsons: No, no, it's good. If you've got that stamp of approval, it's really helpful. That's where awards are helpful. They know you can do what you're supposed to do.

Erstein: When the offer came from Palm Beach Dramaworks to be in *My Old Lady*, had you ever heard of this theater?

Parsons: Oh, no. I told my agent about it and he said, "Oh, I know Israel (Horowitz), I'll find out about it," and the next thing I knew, I was coming down here.

It's a much better play that I initially thought. After that debacle with Israel, I didn't have high hopes for it, but the characters are wonderful. There's a lot to feed on.

Erstein: Why should people come see *My Old Lady*?

Parsons: In the first place, the acting is going to be terrific. Myself, I'm no slouch. But the other members of the cast are extraordinary. Angelica Page — she was Angelica Torn, but now she calls herself Angelica Page — what a pedigree. But she's an astonishing actress and the part in this play just suits her like a glove. And Tim (Altmeyer) also is a member of the Actors Studio. He's just a consummate actor. It's unusual you get three actors really strong in their craft to work together. You can imagine what a delight it is.

Palm Beach Pops

'Everybody's thrilled': Palm Beach Pops returns to area stages

By Greg Stephanich

When Palm Beach Pops founder Bob Lappin died suddenly in August 2013, the orchestra he had founded 22 years earlier went silent.

There were those who argued that the last thing in the world Lappin would have wanted for his orchestra was for it to go out of existence, but the orchestra's new executive director, Charlotte Laurent-Ottomane, said the organization was in shock and needed time to regroup.

"It had always been Bob Lappin and the Palm Beach Pops, and Bob was the focal point. Yes, they'd bring in guest artists and all of that, but it was still all about Bob," said Laurent-Ottomane, a veteran investor relations executive with French telecom Alcatel-Lucent who was appointed executive director in January.



The Manhattan Transfer's founder, Tim Hauser (right), died in October. Trist Curlless replaces him for the Dec. 14 Pops concert.

The Pops mounted a special tribute concert to Lappin in February, led by Lee Musiker, an Emmy Award-winning composer (*The Chronicles of the Young Indiana Jones*), pianist and arranger whose long list of credits includes being the musical director for singer Maureen McGovern.

"The orchestra contacted me to do a tribute concert,

which I was very pleased and most honored to do in his memory," said Musiker, who appeared with the Pops and Lappin in 2007 on a concert called *I Love a Piano*. "That concert was a tremendous success."

A couple months later, Musiker said, the Pops asked him to take over leadership of the group for the season, and

his official appointment was announced in August.

"It's a wonderful time for the orchestra, and I am very devoted to the success of the orchestra and its ongoing life," he said.

The Pops returns to active Palm Beach County concert life this month at the Kravis Center, when it welcomes the vocal quartet The Manhattan Transfer on Dec. 14 for a holiday concert. The veteran jazz group has also suffered a recent tragedy with the loss of its founder, Tim Hauser, who died in October; he'll be replaced for the Kravis date by Trist Curlless.

Singer Frank Sinatra Jr. joins the Pops for two concerts, Jan. 10 at Boca Raton Community Church and Jan. 11 at the Kravis, and the Pops' five concert-season closes with a tribute to the late composer Marvin Hamlisch. The program,

featuring Donna McKechnie (*A Chorus Line*), Jodi Benson (*The Little Mermaid*) and Doug LaBrecque (*The Phantom of the Opera*), will be presented March 7 at the Boca Community Church and March 8 at the Kravis Center.

Laurent-Ottomane said "everybody's thrilled" that the orchestra is coming back, and this summer, it offered a presale for the season that was "extremely successful."

"Every day, people are thrilled that we're moving forward, they're thrilled with the programs, they're thrilled with Lee Musiker," she said. "The response has just been overwhelmingly positive."

The Palm Beach Pops and The Manhattan Transfer perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Kravis Center. Tickets starts at \$33. Call 832-7677 (Pops) or 832-7469 (Kravis); visit palmbeachpops.org or Kravis.org.

Music

Cellist stands out, opera troupe debuts

Here are excerpts of reviews from recent shows. Longer versions are online at www.palmbeachartspaper.com.

South Florida Symphony Orchestra (Nov. 15, Crest Theatre, Delray Beach)

One of Sergei Prokofiev's last works was his *Sinfonia Concertante* (Op. 125), a reworking of his earlier Cello Concerto and one of the most challenging such pieces in the repertoire.

The American cellist Zuill Bailey, a repeat guest with the South Florida Symphony, returned to that ensemble's season-opening concert series with a performance of this work, with guest conductor Piotr Gajewski, director of suburban Washington, D.C.'s National Philharmonic.

Bailey is a cellist of great energy and thorough technical accomplishment, which was absolutely necessary for the three movements of a technically treacherous concerto that put Bailey in close contact with the upper reaches of his A-string much of the night. It is also a work of savage beauty, a tapestry of dark themes, intense emotion and widely varied orchestral color.

This is the only live performance of the Prokofiev that I can remember being available on local concert stages in years, and it received a powerful reading. I'd bet Bailey's interpretation of the Shostakovich First Concerto, which was inspired by this piece, is every bit as good.

The other major work on the program was the *Symphony No. 4* (in F minor, Op. 36) of Tchaikovsky, an orchestral

showpiece that never fails to win audience approval. The symphony got off to a weak start with brass glitches, but settled in with strong string playing and good tempos. The second movement featured fine work from the solo oboist and a particularly nice first entrance by the cellos. — Greg Stephanich

Delray String Quartet (Nov. 2, Colony Hotel, Delray Beach)

Bernard Herrmann was proud of the film scores he wrote for Alfred Hitchcock, and some of the music the American composer created in the 1950s and 1960s for the British master of suspense has become justly celebrated in its own right.

The Delray String Quartet opened its 11th season with a program of three works that included a suite of music from Herrmann's score for *Psycho* (1960), condensed by Delray's violist, Richard Fleischman, for string quartet from the original for string orchestra.

The music itself has a wonderfully intense sense of drama, and Fleischman has done a good job of reducing it to its essence. The large audience at the Colony that Sunday afternoon loved this selection, audibly so during the music for the attack, with its well-known high-register short glissandi for Norman Bates's fatal strokes.

The two large works on either side of the Herrmann were the *String Quartet No. 21* (in D, K. 575) of Mozart, and the splendid but solitary *String Quartet of Maurice Ravel*.

The Delray quartet historically has been more

comfortable with music of the late Romantic eras and the 20th century, and its ventures into the standard Viennese canon have had variable results. But this was quite a creditable Mozart, a good bit better than the Delray's previous Mozart outings, primarily because it was much more scrupulous about rhythmic precision, steadiness of tempo, and intonation. — Greg Stephanich

Duke Bluebeard's Castle (Opera Fusion, Oct. 31)

A new opera company for South Florida, Opera Fusion, made its debut at Lake Worth Playhouse in a well-presented, well-sung mounting of Bartók's *Duke Bluebeard's Castle*.

Dean Peterson's Duke, with his deep baritone voice, was remarkably stentorian and vibrant. I first heard him in 1991 as Figaro in New York City Opera's version of Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*. Little has changed in his fine delivery; if anything, the voice is richer and darker now.

Dramatic soprano Birgit Fioravante was well-suited to the role of Judith. Her performance was flawless as she moved from bright-eyed bride to helpless victim. It is a demanding part: a severe test of keeping perfect pitch through so much signing. Fioravante succeeded in spades.

The audience reaction was one of enthusiastic applause, sincere appreciation for a job well-done. This new and challenging people's opera company has a great deal of promise, with high standards already set and innovative ideas. — Rex Hearn

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Comedy

Delray arts center comedy series aims to make laughing matter

Palm Beach ArtsPaper Staff

Catch a Rising Star, the iconic New York City comedy club that gave rise to such household names such as Jerry Seinfeld, Robin Williams, Billy Crystal, Rosie O'Donnell and Chris Rock, has opened in two venues at the Delray Beach Center for the Arts.

With its Twitter hashtag #RTL (Ready to Laugh), the center's vintage gymnasium hopes to reach out to younger audiences, those born after the heyday of Catch, while

the main stage at the Crest Theatre plans to attract more established residents who may have frequented the club during its halcyon days in the 1970s.

"Anyone under 30 doesn't know that Catch a Rising Star is responsible for some of the biggest names in comedy," says Melissa Carter, director of marketing and public relations at the arts center. "We want to introduce a younger generation to it and engage them on social media."

The second Thursday of each month is designated for the

gym, where the atmosphere is younger, more hip and club-like to attract the younger demographic.

Opening the series in October was DC Benny, 46, a New York-based self-proclaimed "off-white" comedian and former contestant on NBC's comedy competition *Last Comic Standing*.

Coming up on the main stage at the Crest Theatre through April are more established comedians such as New Jersey's Vic DiBitto, Elayne Boosler, Tom Cotter and most recently, Jackie "The Jokeman" Martling.

In contrast to Martling, king of the one-liners, Benny is a storyteller and raconteur. He uses his life as a springboard for his comedy and acts out the international cast of characters — accents and all — that he encounters in New York.

"If something funny happens, I'll make a note of it and get up and talk about it in my act," says Benny. "Or, if something happens in the moment, I'll interact with the audience; otherwise, I'll tell my stories."

Martling, Howard Stern's former head writer and past member of his Wack Pack, is known for his encyclopedic knowledge of one-liners, and played "Stump the Joke Man" on Stern's old radio show.

During his appearance in November, he gave the Delray Beach audience a taste of his shtick and provided punch lines to jokes offered up by

IF YOU GO

Upcoming events in the gymnasium include:

Kojo Prince on Dec. 11, **Mike Marino** on Jan. 8.



Kojo Prince



Mike Marino



Vic DiBitto

Upcoming events at the main stage comedy at the Crest Theatre include: **Vic DiBitto** on Dec. 18, **Elayne Boosler** on Jan. 28 and **Tom Cotter** on March 18. For more information, visit: delraycenterforthearts.org or call 561-243-7922, Ext. 1. Delray Beach Center for the Arts is located at 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Tickets are available on the website or by calling the box office.

audience members. With many of his jokes X-rated or off-color, Martling, 66, warned the audience in advance: his show would be three parts, each successively more offensive than the previous part.

"I'm gonna tell some dirty jokes, then filthy jokes and then some disgusting jokes," he said. "Then you'll be glad the show's done."

He then launched into a rapid-fire delivery of blonde jokes, fat jokes, sex jokes and of course, Jewish jokes. A number of people got up and walked out on some of his raunchier lines, but most of the audience knew what they were in for.

Catch a Rising Star currently has clubs in Reno, Nev., Providence, R.I.; Princeton, N.J.; and according to CEO Suzy Yengo, they are scouting areas in Miami Beach for additional locations.

"We were looking for locations in Florida, and my business associate found Delray Beach," Yengo said by phone from her office in Jersey City, N.J.

"Immediately, we thought it was perfect for a Catch club," says Yengo, who travels the United States and Canada searching for up-and-coming comedic talent.

"There are a wide range of ages in the city and a lot of people are looking to socialize," Yengo says. "Outside of New York or other major metropolitan cities, there are not many places bustling on a Wednesday night. But Delray is bustling on a Wednesday night."

Yengo says she looks forward to a lasting relationship with the Delray Beach Center for the Arts. "We think it's a perfect fit," she said.

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Editor's Note

By Greg Stepanich

Palm Beach ArtsPaper reached a new milestone last month when we celebrated our sixth anniversary as a journalistic organization dedicated to covering the arts in Palm Beach County and South Florida.

No one more routinely predicts apocalypse at a time of change than your average journalist, so the huge retooling of our industry wrought by the digital revolution has been accompanied by choruses of colleagues singing non-stop from the Oratorio of Doom. But at *ArtsPaper*, we try not to listen. And we think events have upheld our reluctance to pay heed.

The people of this area, I'm convinced, want and appreciate good, in-depth arts coverage and reviews, and that's what we provide. We've written more than 3,000 pieces since our founding in November 2008 at palmbeachartspaper.com, including not just reviews and features but lengthy interviews with major arts figures, news stories, opinion columns and book reviews.

As I write, I've got several pieces by our hugely talented staff waiting in the inbox to be edited, and soon you'll be able to see them on our site, and perhaps in upcoming editions of *The Coastal Star*.

It's one of the joyful hazards of this time of year, when the arts scene really shifts into high gear and stories start piling up.

And when that happens, we realize anew how large, how vibrant and even how innovative this area's arts community is.

Not every place in the country can host as many theaters, museums and galleries as we do, and still have the artistic energy to found a pop-up opera company.

But Palm Beach County and South Florida can, and *ArtsPaper* knows that.

So after you've read these pages, come visit us online for even more coverage of what we think is one of the hottest



arts scenes in the nation. Thanks for reading, and we'll see you at the show.

Theater

From Piaf to the Patriot Act, with good Jewish jokes thrown in

Here are excerpts from reviews of recent and continuing shows. For complete reviews, see www.palmbeachartspaper.com.

Piaf (Delray Square Performing Arts Center, through Dec. 14)

By all accounts, the personal life of famed French chanteuse Edith Piaf was pretty sad. So, it's not unexpected that a biographical play about the "little sparrow" with the powerful voice that emanated from a 4-foot-8 frame would also be filled with moments of sorrow.

Gary Waldman and Jamison Troutman, partners of Florida Theater Productions Inc., have taken a risk and selected English playwright Pam Gems' less-than-flattering bio-drama, *Piaf*, to open the company's first season at the Delray Square Performing Arts Center.

They moderated that risk by tapping an established New York musical actress and cabaret singer, Victoria Lauzun, to play the lead role. They also assembled a cast of local singer/actors who've performed at many well-known venues.

Still, the show that mixes intensity with some of Piaf's pained songs, suffers a shaky Act I, though Act II is steadier and easier to follow. The sound system at Delray Square is unforgiving to the actors and audience, and its constant electrical hum during Act I messes with the acoustics.

Lauzun's feigned French accent is also distracting. She can beautifully interpret the French song lyrics in Piaf's tunes, so the dialect isn't even necessary.

As Piaf, Lauzun offers a genuine interpretation, particularly her signature song, "La Vie en Rose," (Piaf wrote the lyrics) sung with the same stunning tremors as the original. Another Piaf standard, "Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien," ("I Regret Nothing") stands out. Lauzun also performs a haunting version of "If You Go Away."

The ensemble joins in wonderful harmony to pay tribute to Piaf with the song, "Les Feuilles Mortes." Throughout, Lauzun sings solo, except for a duet with Jacko (Scott Gunner), sharing a lovely tune that translates to "What Good Is Love?" — Dale King

Old Jews Telling Jokes (Broward Stage Door Theatre; runs through Jan. 4)

They tried to kill us. We survived. Let's tell some jokes.

Few shows are titled so accurately and succinctly as the off-Broadway hit, *Old Jews Telling Jokes*, unless, of course, it's *Cats*. But I digress. Nor is there a show more suited for South Florida. For we certainly have Jews in abundance and,



Tommy Joscelyn and Casey Weems in *Swing!*, at the Wick Theatre. Photo by Amy Pasquantonio

judging from the audience at the Stage Door Theatre, we also have plenty of old people. Just wait long enough; you could become one of them.

Anyway, picture a slight variation on Catskills on Broadway, a cast of five reciting and occasionally acting out a steady stream of comic anecdotes with an ethnic spin. There's Jewish mother-in-law jokes. Jewish-American princess gags. Jokes about frugal Jews, about Jews who are eager to assimilate, about Jews retiring to Florida, and on and on.

Some of the jokes are so old, you will surely — "Don't call me Shirley!" — be able to come up with the punchline before you hear it from the stage. But in many cases, it is the way the performers milk the set-up, tossing in amusing details, that makes the punchline all but irrelevant.

The cast is not particularly old. Well, Michael H. Small, whose performance career has spanned more than 40 years, probably qualifies, but Ashley Brooke and Chisnall are comparative youngsters, while Gail Byer and Ben Prayz are somewhere in the middle age-wise, made up to look older than they are. And whatever their religions are, it is easy to accept them as all as Jewish, for they understand the cadence of jokes and know how to deliver a punch line.

If you had an Uncle Irv or a Cousin Jake who had a pipeline to funny stories, you wouldn't need *Old Jews Telling Jokes*. But go anyway, have a little fun and gather some material for when the family gets together for the holidays. — Hap Erstein

The How and the Why (The Theatre at Arts Garage; closed Nov. 30)

It is hard to imagine another theater company in South Florida other than the

inheritor of the mantle of Lou Tyrrell's Florida Stage tackling such a cerebral, science-heavy play as *The How and the Why*. And with Margaret Ledford directing well-skilled actresses Laura Turnbull (Zelda) and Elizabeth Price (Rachel), the potentially dry drama rises to its considerable emotional impact.

Treem does indeed have ideas on her mind — genetic destiny, gender politics and the nature of love — but, particularly in the second act, they are overshadowed by the human element.

Turnbull's Zelda is initially cold and distant, curiously uncomfortable around the nervous intruder in her midst. She remains a reserved academic, but also shows glimpses of maternal impulses underneath.

She is well-matched, as the play requires, by recent Florida Atlantic University graduate Price (who flexed her acting chops so impressively there this summer in *August: Osage County*.) As Rachel, Price brims with intelligence even as her emotions rage out of control. She looks to have a very promising career ahead of her.

The same could be said for Treem, who already has been

discovered by Hollywood. But Treem sounds at least as if she is committed to continuing to write for the theater, as well. Having seen *The How and the Why*, that is a very appealing prospect. — Hap Erstein

Swing! (The Wick Theatre, closed Nov. 16)

The Wick Theatre has jumped into its second season in grand fashion with a pumped-up production of *Swing!*, a musical tribute to the era of big-name jazz and high-stepping dance.

Swing! celebrates the music of various artists who made their mark on the music scene from the 1930s to the mid-1940s. Featuring well-known tunes by artists like Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Benny Goodman and others, it received a Tony Award nomination in 2000.

The production features two vocalists who have power and panache, Alix Paige and Michael Ursua. While Paige is making her debut at Wick, Ursua spent the past year doing musical production tasks at the theater.

On the energy scale, *Swing!* is equivalent to *The Sound of Music*, the show that excellently kicked off the first

season at the Wick. This paean to swing doesn't have a story line. Each tune blends into the next without dialogue, but the song-and-dance combos seem to be built around internal tales.

All of the show's busy feet are the responsibility of Kelly Shook, choreographer and director. Sean McClelland has crafted a visually pleasing set, with the band set on risers in the rear and a frame of lighted panels in front modulating between purple and pink. The musical direction by Paul Reekie is right on point — and very much welcomed. — Dale King

Back of the Throat (Outré Theatre Co., closed Nov. 9)

As at Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib, the unanswerable question is: Does violent interrogation extract valuable information from terrorists or does it turn prisoners into terrorists?

The issue is explored in Yussef El Guindi's *Back of the Throat*, the dramatic case of an Arab-American writer wannabe named Khaled, whose apartment is forcibly entered by a pair of thugs who claim to be government agents. They proceed to interrogate Khaled, abusing him both psychologically and physically, seeking a confession for an unspecified crime shortly after the 9/11 attacks.

The 90-minute, intermissionless play receives its South Florida premiere from Outré Theatre Co., which effectively mines the dark recesses of the Kafkaesque nightmare into which Khaled finds himself plunged.

Rayner G. Garranchan quickly earns our empathy as Khaled, beginning with an effort of cautious cooperation with the thugs. From that unproductive start, he tries evasive resistance steeped in futile logic, and eventually an indignant rage which make have been the intended goal of the intruders all along. Garranchan maneuvers through these mood shifts with skill, registering his increasing panic every step of the way. — Hap Erstein



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Marvin Hamlisch Tribute	Sat., Mar. 7, 2015 • 7:30pm / Boca Raton Community Church
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Boca Festival

Festival of the Arts Boca announces lineup for March culture bash

By Lucy Lazarony
ArtsPaper Writer

The ninth annual Festival of the Arts Boca will feature its own version of the 3 B's — Beethoven, bluegrass and Bernstein — as well as a lineup of authors that includes four Pulitzer Prize winners, festival officials announced last month.

The festival, which will take place March 6-15 at Mizner Park in Boca Raton, will begin with a showing of the film *West Side Story* with live orchestra and close with the Ninth Symphony of Beethoven, featuring the Master Chorale of South Florida.

"You can't beat the excitement of a full symphony orchestra and one of the best films made in America," said Charles Letourneau, a cultural management consultant for the festival who works for IMG Artists. "And you can't go wrong with Beethoven's Ninth. It always works."

In between are talks by Pulitzer Prize-winning authors Richard Ford, Thomas Friedman and Siddhartha Mukherjee, banjo performances by Bela Fleck, the 10-time Grammy-award winning artist, and a Mozart gala featuring rising star violinist Arnaud Sussmann, a protégé of Itzhak Perlman, legendary flutist Sir James Galway and pianist-composer Conrad Tao, who was only 13 when he made his debut at the 2008 festival.



Bela Fleck and wife Abigail Washburn perform March 7.

The lineup for the festival was announced Nov. 14 with a preview video and a performance by Time For Three, who first performed at the festival two years ago.

Described as a classically trained garage band, violinist Zachary De Pue, violinist Nicolas Kendall and bassist Ranaan Meyer wowed the audience with a mix of classical pieces and their own arrangements of songs by Bon Iver and Mumford & Sons.

Tickets for the festival range from \$15 to \$125 per person and are available at www.festivalboca.com or by calling (866) 571-2787.

Festival events are held at the Mizner Park Amphitheater or on the second floor of the Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center.

The March 6-15 festival will

be preceded by two events: On Jan. 18, the Israeli Chamber Project, composed of award-winning musicians Tibi Cziger, Sivan Magen, Assaff Weismann and Carmit Zori will perform at 3 p.m. in the Cultural Arts Center at Mizner Park.

And on March 4, Jamie Bernstein, one of Leonard Bernstein's two daughters, will speak about her father's legacy and *West Side Story* in a 7 p.m. appearance at the Cultural Arts Center.

The lineup for the festival (some events are still to be announced):

Friday, March 6: The Florida premiere of the newly remastered movie musical *West Side Story* with a score by Leonard Bernstein. The film's score is performed live by Festival Orchestra Boca alongside the film's original



Lucinda Franks

vocals and dialogue. With Jayce Ogren conducting.

Saturday, March 7: At 4 p.m. in the Cultural Center, the film *Girl Rising* will be screened. On the mainstage at 7:30 p.m., banjo superstar Bela Fleck and his wife Abigail Washburn perform.

Sunday, March 8: Pulitzer-prize winning author Richard Ford (*The Sportswriter*) speaks at 4 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center about his latest book, *Let Me Be Frank With You*. At 7 p.m. on the mainstage, principal dancers from American Ballet Theater, Boston Ballet, National Ballet of Canada and the Washington Ballet perform.

Monday, March 9: Physician, researcher and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Siddhartha Mukherjee (*The Emperor of All Maladies*) will give a talk called "The Cancer Puzzle" at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10: Author

Clive Thompson speaks about his book, *Smarter Than You Think: How Technology Is Changing Our Minds for the Better*. 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11: *New York Times* columnist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Thomas Friedman will speak about his new book, *That Used to Be Us*, at 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 12: Journalist and author Michael Grunwald (*The Swamp*) will give a talk at 7 p.m. called "Saving Paradise."

Friday, March 13: A Mozart gala, featuring flutist Sir James Galway, pianist Conrad Tao, violinist Arnaud Sussmann and Festival Orchestra Boca conducted by Constantine Kitsopoulos at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 14: Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Lucinda Franks (*My Father's Secret War*) will give a talk called "Love and Politics" at 4 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. the Festival Orchestra Boca performs a *West Side Story* medley and the Symphony No. 9 of Beethoven, with soloists Measha Bruegggosman, Margaret Mezzacapa, Joseph Kaiser, Soloman Howard, the Young People's Chorus of New York City and the Master Chorale of South Florida, conducted by Constantine Kitsopoulos.

Sunday, March 15: Radio personality and author Martin Goldsmith speaks at 4 p.m. about his book, *Alex's Wake*.

Film

Brilliance well-depicted in 'Theory,' brilliance all around in 'Birdman'

The Theory of Everything

OK, so there are a few cringe-worthy moments in *The Theory of Everything*, a muted and respectful biopic about an intellectually towering icon.

The real Stephen Hawking, who is played in the film in a career-defining embodiment by Eddie Redmayne, might find overly literal the director James Marsh's decision to

run important images from Hawking's life in a backward spool, as a formal complement to Hawking's pioneering work on the nature and malleability of time.

Pickers of nits can point at these moments of misguided stylization, but the more you become invested in this touching story, the fewer of them you'll notice. These flourishes are anomalous, after all; for the most part, director Marsh, who launched his brand through powerful documentaries such as *Man on Wire* and *Project Nim*, prefers hushed tones and minor keys, observing small wonders and letting the drama sell itself. It's a lovely and sincere picture that takes pity on no one.

Too much praise cannot be leveled at Redmayne's transformation, which never once feels like acting. Given the film's quarter-century in narrative length, he's tasked with realizing Hawking at all levels of decline, and the result is a triumph in acting by gradation. It's a testament to the miraculous acting and direction that even the sound of his mechanical voice box eventually disappears, and his

conversations feel perfectly "normal."

Redmayne certainly captures his physicist's dry wit, but I would have liked more screen time devoted to just why Hawking was so brilliant, and why his ideas were so revolutionary — more scenes like the dinner-table lecture in which Jane explains the theory of relativity versus quantum mechanics, to Cox's bemused choral teacher, using a pea and a potato. — *John Thomason*

Birdman

Alejandro González Iñárritu's *Birdman* dares you to look away. And it does so by never cutting. At least, that's the way it appears — like one long, continuous, two-hour tracking shot somehow encompassing several days in the narrative, if not weeks.

Birdman is a film of astonishing forethought and ambition whose very subject is the relentlessness of time and space, the endless locomotive propulsion of life, the many stages and corridors of fame and the human mind. It's a staggering movie unlike any other, and it opens with an exterior shot of a fireball

plummeting to earth.

Then we cut to a man levitating in his dressing room in the St. James Theatre, on Broadway. This is Riggan Thomson (Michael Keaton), an actor whose notoriety peaked in the '90s in a franchise of shallow blockbusters in which he played Birdman, a beaked superhero. He's on Broadway now to rehearse his solemn comeback — an adaptation of Raymond Carver's short story "What We Talk About When We Talk About Love," a project he's writing, directing and starring in, as a way to prove to himself and the world that he's an artist, not a washed-up action star.

Unpredictable every step of the way, *Birdman* is both mystical and grounded, technically acrobatic yet fully invested in the earthbound struggles, heartbreak and minutiae of putting on a play. *Birdman* is a repository of show business fears, anxieties, insecurities, hubris, and delusions, all of which feed into one thing: the universal — but especially American — quest to matter. It's what we talk about when we talk about art. — *John Thomason*

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Book Review

In our ending days, modern medicine hurts us more than it helps, Harvard surgeon argues

By Bill Williams
ArtsPaper Books Writer

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End, by Atul Gawande; Metropolitan Books, 282 pages, \$26

Harvey Gralnick was a 56-year-old esteemed doctor at the National Institutes of Health in Maryland when his wife and colleagues began noticing changes in his behavior — forgetting things, getting lost, lashing out.

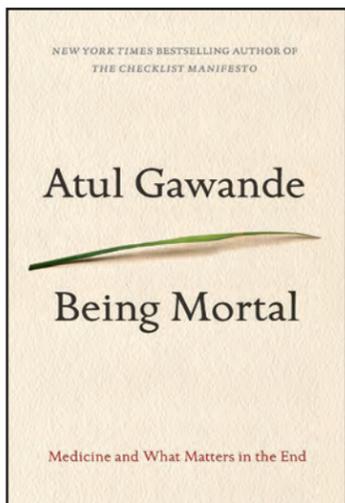
Modern medicine excels at treating illness while it mostly sidesteps patients' end-of-life fears and hopes, which is the theme of *Being Mortal*, a thoughtful new book by Harvard University surgeon and author Atul Gawande.

"I learned a lot of things in medical school, but mortality wasn't one of them," Gawande writes. "Our textbooks had almost nothing on aging or frailty or dying."

Gawande, 49, said many doctors purposely avoid elderly patients. He pointed out the number of geriatric specialists has fallen, scores of hospitals have closed or shrunk their geriatric units, and 97 percent of medical students do not take a single course in the field.

Reading story after story of physical and mental decline in advancing years can be depressing. Forty percent of those who reach age 85 will suffer from dementia.

The book's dominant message is that doctors can be tone-deaf when treating sick, elderly patients. Physicians recommend aggressive treatments for cancer, heart disease and other serious ailments, even when there is little chance these interventions



will extend a patient's life. And radical surgery often causes more pain and suffering.

"The waning days of our lives are given over to treatments that addle our brains and sap our bodies for a sliver's chance of benefit," Gawande writes.

For most of history, those with serious afflictions died within days, usually quietly at home. Today, death most often comes after a long struggle with cancer, dementia, organ failure or the debilities of old age. Patients live with declining health for years.

Gawande explains the turning points in history that led to the current situation, in which "medical professionals concentrate on repair of health, not sustenance of the soul."

Early in the last century, the elderly sick were moved into hospitals. By the 1950s, hospitals began building separate facilities, referred to as nursing homes, for those patients. That was followed by assisted living, which was designed to give patients more privacy and freedom.

Gawande cites a number of facilities that have embraced common-sense reform. In 1991, a young doctor named Bill Thomas became the medical director of a nursing home in upstate New York. Thomas quickly identified what he termed the "three plagues" of nursing home life: boredom, loneliness and helplessness.

He brought in dogs, cats,

parakeets, rabbits and indoor plants, despite staff resistance. Each resident adopted and named a parakeet. Patients responded with enthusiasm, and their use of psychotropic drugs plummeted.

Research shows the population generally becomes happier with age. Ambition, acquisition and long-term goals fade. Instead, "people want to share memories, pass on wisdoms and keepsakes, settle relationships, establish their legacies, make peace with God, and ensure that those who are left behind will be okay."

Physicians avoid end-of-life conversations and, as a result, are ignorant about patients' concerns and needs.

Gawande, who writes for *The New Yorker*, where some of this material first appeared, tells several end-of-life stories, including a moving account of his father's experiences following the diagnosis of a tumor in his spinal cord. Eventually, Gawande's father, also a surgeon, declined further intervention and was moved into hospice, where he died peacefully after visits with his family.

His death was part of "a monumental transformation" in end-of-life care. As of 2010, some 45 percent of Americans died in hospice.

Another transformation also is taking place. A century ago, 65 percent of Americans age 65 and older lived with their children. By 1975, that figure had dropped to 15 percent, as more children sought independence and rejected the demanding responsibility of caring for an elderly parent at home.

One study shows patients who talked to a palliative-care specialist sooner, entered hospice earlier, experienced less suffering and lived 21 percent longer.

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News

Be 'open-minded,' arts leader tells cultural summit

By ArtsPaper Staff

About 200 culturally connected Palm Beach County residents gathered Oct. 28 for the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County's fourth annual SmARTBiz Summit at the convention center.

"Arts and culture generate nearly \$250 million in economic impact in Palm Beach County each year, so it is clear that when the arts thrive, the economy thrives," said Rena Blades, president and CEO of the council.

Keynote speaker Ben Cameron, program director

for the arts at the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and a member of the Tony Awards nominating committee, spoke about the arts in the new digital environment and discussed how arts groups can be responsive and flexible to outside forces.

"The biggest challenge to boards of directors is to remain open-minded and to think what can be, not what was," Cameron said.

At the summit, 11 local arts organizations split \$44,000 in grants from the Cultural Council. The grants were underwritten by PNC Bank.

Grants awarded

- Among the 11 groups receiving grants:
- \$5,000, Palm Beach Dramaworks.
- \$5,000, Palm Beach Photographic Centre.
- \$5,000, Palm Beach Symphony.
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Arts Calendar

(Events are listed through Jan. 2 and were current as of Nov. 15. Check with the presenting agency for any changes. Ticket prices are single sales.)

Art Exhibits

Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens: Through March 1: *Natural Balance: The Sculpture of Jerzy Kedziora*, kinetic sculptures that add to the Sculpture Gardens. From Dec. 5-14: The 8th Annual Festival of Trees, featuring 25 decorated trees. \$20 adults, members and seniors, \$15; kids, \$7. Gardens are open Wednesday-Sunday. \$15. 561-832-5328; www.ansg.org.
Armory Art Center: Through Dec. 6: *Zammy Migdal and Gudrun Kema*, works by Israeli metal artist Migdal and German photographer Kema. Opens Dec. 6: *125 Years: Women of Vision*, this juried art show features the best from the National Association of Women Artists. Opening Dec. 13: Michael Burges and Kathrina Mayer. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. 561-832-1776; www.amoryart.org.
Boca Raton Museum of Art: Through Jan. 11: *Theresa Bernstein: A Century in Art*, work by the long-lived Polish-American artist, including depictions of major subjects such as World War I, women's rights and jazz; Elliott Erwitt, photos include John F. Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe; Bryan Drury: *Terrestrial Visions*, oil portraits

that meticulously capture every wrinkle and skin fold; *Shizuka Yokomizo: Forever*, video installation about aging. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 students. Closed Mondays and holidays. 561-392-2500; www.bocamuseum.org.
Cornell Museum of Art and American Culture: Through Jan. 11: School of Creative Arts Showcase; works by students in the Delray Beach Center for the Arts' training classes. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays; closed Mondays. 561-243-7922; www.oldschool.org.
Flagler Museum: Through Jan. 4: *Kiss of the Oceans: The Meeting of the Atlantic and the Pacific*, an exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal. Adults: \$18; \$10 youth; \$3 for children ages 6-12; under 6 free. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. 561-655-2833; www.flaglermuseum.us.
Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens: Through Jan. 18: *Japanese Design for the Senses: Beauty, Form and Function*. \$8-13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. 495-0233; www.morikami.org.
Norton Museum of Art: Through Feb. 15: Coming into Fashion, 150 images from a century of Condé Nast publications such as *Vogue*, *W*, and *Glamour*. Through March 28: *Klara Kristalova: Turning into Stone*, the Sweden-based artist's porcelain sculpture and drawings. Opening Dec. 23: *Pastures Green: The British Passion for Landscape*, 65 works by artists drawn from the National Museum of Wales

depicting British landscapes; through April 5. Through Feb. 6: *Master Prints: Dürer to Matisse*, a collection of 40 works by print artists, spanning 500 years. \$12 adults; \$5 ages 13-21. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays except Thursday. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sundays; closed Mondays. 561-832-5196; www.norton.org.
Society of the Four Arts: Opens Dec. 6: *Toulouse-Lautrec and La Vie Moderne: Paris 1880-1910*, over 200 pieces by Toulouse-Lautrec and his contemporaries; closes Jan. 11. \$5. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. 655-7226; www.fourarts.org.

Books

Tuesday, Dec. 9
E.J. Simon: Simon signs *Death Logs In*. 7 p.m. Murder on the Beach, Delray Beach. 561-279-7790; www.murderonthebeach.com.
Saturday, Dec. 13
Mark Spivak: Spivak signs *Moonshine Nation: The Art of Creating Cornbread in a Bottle*. 6 p.m. Murder on the Beach, Delray Beach. 561-279-7790; www.murderonthebeach.com.

Cabaret

Wednesday, Dec. 10-Saturday, Dec. 13
The Four Freshmen: The long-lasting vocal harmony group returns for its 11th annual visit. Times vary. \$70 cover per person, Wednesday and Thursday; \$95 cover Friday or Saturday. Minimum \$20 food and beverage consumption. The Colony Hotel, Palm Beach. 561-655-5430; www.thecolonypalmbeach.com

Friday, Dec. 12
Rat Pack Trilogy: Dezhon Fields, Jeff Bradford and Jeff Grainger channel Sammy Davis Jr., Dean Martin, and Frank Sinatra. 7 p.m. \$50. Jazziz Nightlife, Boca Raton. 561-300-0730; www.jazziznightlife.com.
Wednesday, Dec. 31; Jan. 2-3
Ann Hampton Callaway and Liz Callaway: Times vary. On New Year's Eve: \$350 inclusive for dinner and show. \$80 cover on Friday and Saturday. Minimum of \$20 food/beverage consumption. The Colony Hotel, Palm Beach. 561-655-5430; www.thecolonypalmbeach.com

Classical Music

Sunday, Dec. 7-Tuesday, Dec. 9
Symphony of the Americas: Dunlap and Pennington join James Brooks-Bruzzese for a holiday program. Times vary. \$62-\$82. Broward Center, Fort Lauderdale. 7:30 p.m. \$21-\$200. 954-462-0222; www.browardcenter.org.
Monday, Dec. 8
Benito Meza: The Colombian clarinetist makes his debut the Kravis Center's Young Artists Series, in sonatas by Saint-Saëns and Bernstein. 7:30 p.m. Tickets online. Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. 561-832-7469; www.kravis.org
Thursday, Dec. 11
Takacs Quartet: The celebrated Hungarian quartet performs works by Haydn, Debussy and Beethoven. 8 pm. \$25 and up. Kravis Center, 561-832-7469; www.kravis.org
Elmar and Friends: Violinist Elmar Oliveira and his Lynn University colleagues Ralph Fielding, David Cole, Guillermo Figueroa and Carol Cole play quintets by Mozart and Brahms. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, Lynn University, Boca Raton. 561-297-9000; events.lynn.edu.
Friday, Dec. 12; Sunday, Dec. 14
Delray String Quartet: Pianist Marina Radiushina joins the quartet for the big Piano Quintet in A (Op. 81) of Dvorak; an arrangement of Wagner's *Siegfried Idyll* and Franz Drla's *Hungarian Dances* fill out the program. 7:30 pm Friday, All Saints Episcopal Church, Fort Lauderdale; 4 pm Sunday, Colony Hotel, Delray Beach. Tickets range from \$30-\$35. Call 214-4138 or visit www.delraystringquartet.com.
Saturday, Dec. 20-Sunday, Dec. 21
The Symphonia Boca Raton: Philadelphia Orchestra concertmaster David Kim leads the band in Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and Corelli's *Christmas Concerto*. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, All Saints Episcopal Church, Fort Lauderdale; 3 p.m. Sunday, Roberts Theater, St. Andrew's School, Boca Raton. \$30 Saturday; \$45-\$75 Sunday. 1-866-687-4201; bocasympheonia.org.
Friday, Jan. 2
Pacifica Quartet: The excellent foursome, Grammy winners in 2009, are joined by pianist Christopher O'Riley, host of public radio's *From the Top*, for the Brahms Piano Quintet (in F minor, Op. 34). 2 p.m. \$25. Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. 561-832-7469; www.kravis.org.

Dance

Saturday, Dec. 13
Florida Dance Conservatory: Inspired by Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular, the conservatory offers a holiday program. 7 p.m. \$25. Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. 561-832-7469; www.kravis.org.
Saturday, Dec. 13-Sunday, Dec. 14
Harid Conservatory: The Boca Raton dance school features Act II of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*, and a variety of other character dances. 3 p.m. both days, Spanish River High School, Boca Raton. Tickets: \$25-\$30. 561-997-2677; www.harid.edu.
Thursday, Dec. 18-Wednesday, Dec. 24; Saturday, Dec. 27-Tuesday, Dec. 30
Miami City Ballet: Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*, in the George Balanchine version, danced to the accompaniment of the Opus One Orchestra. Dec. 18-Dec. 24 at the Arsh Center, Miami. 305-949-6722 or www.arshtcenter.org. Dec. 27-Dec. 30 at the Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. 561-832-7469; www.kravis.org.
Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20
Pavement: Kyle Abraham's dance company pays homage to '90s culture. Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. \$28. Kravis Center, 561-832-7469; www.kravis.org.

Jazz

Saturday, Dec. 6
Vitali Imereli: Europe's top jazz violinist has performed with greats such as Bucky Pizzarelli and Howard Alden. Saturday, 8 pm; Sunday, 7 pm. \$35 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 561-450-6357; www.artsgarage.org.
Dec. 9-10
David Benoit: Benoit pays tribute to Vince Guaraldi and Peanut. 7 and 9 p.m. \$50-\$95. Jazziz Nightlife, Boca Raton. 561-300-0730; www.jazziznightlife.com.
Wednesday, Dec. 10
Bill Charlap Trio: The celebrated jazz pianist has performed with Tony Bennett and Barbara Streisand. 7:45 pm. \$45. Broward Center, Fort Lauderdale. 7:30 pm. \$21-\$200. 954-462-0222; www.browardcenter.org.
Friday, Dec. 19
Ramsey Lewis: The great Chicago jazz-funk pianist is joined by singers Gregory Porter and Lisa Fisher in a holiday-themed program. 8 pm. \$25 and up. Arsh Center, Miami. 305-949-6722; www.arshtcenter.org.
Tuesday, Dec. 23
Jon Secada: The Grammy-winning singer-songwriter comes to Jazziz, Michael Fagien's Mizner Park club. 7 pm. \$35-\$85. Jazziz Nightlife, Boca Raton. 561-300-0730; www.jazziznightlife.com.

Opera

Thursday, Dec. 4; Saturday, Dec. 6
Madama Butterfly: Puccini's classic 1904 story. Au-Rene Theatre, Broward Center, Fort Lauderdale. 7:30 pm. \$21-\$200. 954-462-0222; www.browardcenter.org.
Saturday, Dec. 13
Opera @The Waterfront: Tenor James Valenti and bass-baritone Michael Chiodi join the Palm Beach Opera Orchestra for a free outdoor concert. 2 p.m., Meyer Amphitheatre. \$25. 833-7888; www.pbopera.org.

Popular Music

Saturday, Dec. 6; Thursday, Dec. 11

Colors of Christmas: Peabo Bryson, Taylor Dayne, Jennifer Holiday and Ruben Studdard. Dec. 6: 8 p.m. \$25. Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. 561-832-7469; www.kravis.org. Dec. 11: 8 pm at the Arsh Center, Miami. 8 p.m. 305-949-6722; www.arshtcenter.org.
Sunday, Dec. 7
Young Singers of the Palm Beaches: The group presents "Winter Tapestry." 7 p.m. \$10. Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. Call 561-832-7469 or visit www.kravis.org
Monday, Dec. 8
Brian Stokes Mitchell and the Cincinnati Pops: Broward Center, Fort Lauderdale. 8 pm. \$40 and up. 954-462-0222; www.browardcenter.org or www.fgo.org.
Wednesday, Dec. 10
Circa Survive: 7 p.m. \$20 in advance; \$25/day of show. Revolution Live, Fort Lauderdale. www.jointherevolution.net.
Friday, Dec. 12
Jimmy Stowe and the Stowaways: Enjoy the tropical-rock sounds of singer Jimmy Stowe. 7:30 pm. Free. Outdoor pavilion, Delray Beach Center for the Arts at Old School Square. Call 561-243-7922 or visit www.oldschool.org.
Christmas with the Tenors: Clifton Murray, Victor Micallef, Remingo Pereira, and Fraser Walters perform holiday classics. 8 pm. \$15 and up. Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. Call 561-832-7469 or visit www.kravis.org.
Trans-Siberian Orchestra: The Hallmark Channel presents Trans-Siberian Orchestra's rock opera *The Christmas Attic*. 4 pm and 8 pm. BB&T Center, Sunrise. Call 1-877-686-5366 or visit www.centersunrise.com or www.ticketmaster.com.
Sunday, Dec. 14
The Palm Beach Pops: The pops orchestra founded by the late Bob Lappin returns for its first season in two years. Vocal quartet The Manhattan Transfer joins conductor Lee Musiker and the Pops for this holiday concert. 7:30 pm. \$33 and up. Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. 561-832-7469; www.kravis.org
Wednesday, Dec. 17
Ben Vereen: The award-winning entertainer has appeared in *Wicked*, *Fosse* and *Hair*. 7:30 pm. \$35-\$85. Jazziz Nightlife, Boca Raton. Call 561-300-0730 or visit www.jazziznightlife.com.
Thursday, Dec. 18
Bonamassa: Legendary blues rock guitarist Joe Bonamassa. Doors open at 7 pm; show starts at 8 pm. \$79 and up. Seminole Hard Rock Casino, Hollywood. Call 954-797-5531 or www.hardrocklivehollywood.com.
Friday, Dec. 19
Fleetwood Mac: Stevie Nicks heads up this iconic group. 8 pm. \$45 and up. BB&T Center, Sunrise. Call 1-877-686-5366 or visit www.centersunrise.com or www.ticketmaster.com.
Saturday, Dec. 27
Gente D'Zona: The Cabaton group, founded by Alexander Delgado in 2000. Doors open at 7 pm; show starts at 8 pm. \$59 and up. Seminole Hard Rock Casino, Hollywood. Call 954-797-5531 or www.hardrocklivehollywood.com.

Theater

Tuesday, Dec. 2
Camelot: Lerner and Loewe's classic musical about the love affair that brought down King Arthur's Camelot. 8 pm. \$30 and up. Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. Call 561-832-7469 or visit www.kravis.org.
Dec. 2-Dec. 14; Dec. 16-Dec. 21
The Book of Mormon: The multiple Tony-winning musical from the creators of *South Park*. Dec. 2-Dec. 14 at the Arsh Center, Miami. Call 305-949-6722 or www.arshtcenter.org. Dec. 16-21 at the Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. \$45 and up. 561-832-7469; www.kravis.org.
Friday, Dec. 5-Sunday, Dec. 21
Othello: Outré Theatre Co., presents Shakespeare's chilling tale of jealousy. Abdo New River Room, Broward Center, Fort Lauderdale. Times vary. \$30. 954-462-0222; www.browardcenter.org or www.fgo.org.
Opens Friday, Dec. 5
A Chorus Line: A group of hopefuls audition for the chorus line in this iconic Broadway classic, featuring showstoppers such as "One" and "What I Did For Love." Times vary. \$45. Crest Theatre, Delray Center for the Arts at Old School Square. Call 561-243-7922; www.oldschool.org.
Through Sunday, Dec. 7
The Odd Couple: Times vary. \$25-\$35. At the Stonzek Black Box Theatre, Lake Worth Playhouse, Lake Worth.
Through Sunday, Dec. 14
Over the River and Through the Woods: Joe DiPietro's comedy about four Italian-American grandparents who want to keep a beloved grandson in New Jersey. Delray Beach Playhouse. Tickets: \$30. 561-272-1281, Ext. 4; www.delraybeachplayhouse.com.
Tuesday, Dec. 16
A Christmas Carol: Charles Dickens' classic. \$40. Crest Theatre, Delray Center for the Arts at Old School Square. 561-243-7922; www.oldschool.org.
Wednesday, Dec. 17-Friday, Dec. 19
It's a Wonderful Life: The Arts Garage Radio Theatre presents the iconic story. 7:30 pm. \$15 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 561-450-6357; www.artsgarage.org.
Through Sunday, Dec. 21
Fiddler on the Roof: Innovative director Marcia Milgrom Dodge, who worked wonders with *The King and I* at the Maltz Jupiter Theatre, now takes on Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick's beloved 1964 musical of life in the Russian shtetl. Maltz Jupiter Theatre. Tickets: \$54-\$79. 561-575-2223; www.jupitertheatre.org.
Through Sunday, Dec. 28
Mame: Jerry Herman's classic musical about a free-living woman forced to become a guardian. With Leslie Uggams as Auntie Mame. At the Wick Theatre, Boca Raton. 561-995-2333; www.thewick.org.
Wednesday, Dec. 31
Guys and Dolls: Frank Loesser's classic musical about gamblers and showgirls. 8 pm. \$35 and up. Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. 561-832-7469; www.kravis.org.
Through Sunday, Jan. 4
My Old Lady: Estelle Parsons stars in Israel Horowitz's play. Times vary. \$62 and up. At Palm Beach Dramaworks, West Palm Beach. 514-4042, Ext. 2; www.palmbeachdramaworks.org.

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Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of Nov 28. Please check with organizers for any changes. Send event listings to thecoastalstarcalendar@gmail.com.

DECEMBER 6

Saturday - 12/6 - Exhibit: Creative Photographers Group at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Runs through 12/15 during regular hours: M-Th: 10 am-8 pm; F: 10 am-4 pm; Sat.: 9 am-1 pm. Free. 278-5455.

12/6 - Food Drive and Toy Collection at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Items collected will benefit the Boynton Beach Community Caring Center. Help make this a plentiful holiday season for the less fortunate, hungry and the homeless. Held during regular library hours through the month of December: M-Th: 9 am-8:30 pm; Sat.: 9 am-5 pm; closed Fridays and Sundays. 742-6390 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

12/6 - Exhibit: Photography by Flora Zolin & Nancy Knutson, Watercolors by Candy Dennis and Letterpress by John Cutrone at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Runs through 1/24/15. Library hours: M-W 9 am-8 pm; Th-Sat. 9am-5 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

12/6 - The Writer's Studio at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 12/13, 20 & 27. 10 am-noon. Free. 638-7251.

12/6 - Stella, Queen of the Snow at the Kravis Center's Helen K Persson Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Based on Marie-Louise Gay's best-selling book, the production features whimsical puppets, striking scenic effects and evocative original music that have earned international recognition for Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia. Family Fare. 10 am. \$12. 832-7469.

12/6 - Outdoor Sea Tank Feedings at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. For all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Held daily. Mangrove and Nearshore Reef tanks: 10:30 am; Tropical Coral Reef and Shipwreck Tanks: 12:30 pm. Free. 544-8605.

12/6 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings are held daily, Tuesday through Sunday, at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Feeding begins at 10:30 am T-Sat. and 1:30 pm Sunday. Discover what Atlantic Ocean reef fish,

nurse sharks, and spiny lobsters eat for breakfast. Free with \$4 admission to the nature center. 274-7263 or www.sandowayhouse.org.

12/6 - The Art of Japanese Gift Presentation Workshop at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Learn the customs and art of Japanese gift presentation in this hands-on workshop. Combining tradition with contemporary aesthetics, participants are introduced to the beauty of Japanese packaging and design, often times incorporating natural and unconventional materials. Learn to use a furoshiki (a traditional wrapping cloth) and create uniquely-designed boxes to give your gifts Asian-inspired elegance just in time for the holidays. Two sessions: 10:30am-noon or 1:30-3 pm. \$35. Registration: 495-0233, Ext. 210.

12/6 - Toulouse-Lautrec and La Vie Moderne: Paris 1880-1910 at the Society of The Four Arts, Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Illustrated lecture complimenting exhibit on display through 1/11. Lecture presented by Joan Lipton, Ph.D., art historian. 11 am. Free. 655-7226 or www.fourarts.org.

12/6 - A Gilded Age Style Lunch in Café des Beaux-Arts at the Flagler Museum, Kenan Pavilion, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Each afternoon the Flagler Museum offers a Gilded Age style lunch that features an array of delicacies and refreshments reminiscent of the elegance of entertaining during the Gilded Age. Runs through 4/4. T-Sat.: 11:30 am-2:30 pm; Sun.: Noon-3 pm. \$22/museum members (includes tax/gratuity); \$40/non-members, includes museum admission, tax and gratuity. Advance purchase recommended. 655-2833.

12/6 - Artists Alley Open Studios in Pineapple Grove Arts District between NE 3rd & 4th Streets, east of 3rd Ave, west of RR tracks. Held every Saturday. 12-5 pm. Free. www.artistsalleydelray.com

12/6 - Preparatory School of Music Recital at Lynn University, Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Noon. Free. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets.

12/6 - Inventors Society of South Florida at Ligi Tool & Engineering, Inc., 2220 SW 15th St., Deerfield Beach. ISSF meets the first Saturday of each month. 1 pm. First meeting free. 213-6581 or 954-486-2426 or 954-934-6711.

Municipal Meetings

12/8 - Lantana - Second & fourth Monday at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. 7 pm. Agenda: www.lantana.org.

12/9 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesday at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road. 6 pm. Agenda: www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us only one commission meeting.

12/9 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: www.mydelraybeach.com.

12/12 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Road 9 am. Agenda: www.gulf-stream.org.

12/15 - Boynton Beach - First and third Tuesday at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E. Boynton Beach Blvd. 6:30 pm. Agenda: www.boynton-beach.org.

12/15 - South Palm Beach - Fourth Tuesday at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7:15 pm. Agenda: www.southpalmbeach.com.

12/16 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S. Ocean Blvd. 9:30 am. Agenda: www.manalapan.org.

12/18 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N. Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com.

1/5 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: www.oceanridgeflorida.com.

1/6 - Highland Beach - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S. Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us.

12/6 - Dances We Dance Fall Showcase 2014 at FAU's Boca Raton campus, University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd. A variety show featuring FAU students performing a wide array of dance genres. Sat.: 1 & 7 pm. \$11.80. 800-745-3000 or www.fauvents.com.

12/6 - Publish or Perish One-Day Seminar at Delray Beach Center for the Arts/School of Creative Arts, Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Blvd. Annual seminar features expert panel and a slide show presentation. Topics include highlights from the 2014 Book Expo of America, traditional vs self-publishing, the changing publishing industry and tips on getting published. Seating is limited. 1-4 pm. \$75. 243-7922 or www.delrayarts.org.

12/6 - "Tales of Togetherness" at the Puppetry Arts Center, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Based on 2 children's books, 'Big Al' and 'The Crayon Box that Talked.' The show features hand, rod, found object, and shadow puppetry. 'Tales of Togetherness' was commissioned by the Multicultural Department of the Palm Beach Country School District and promotes tolerance. Family matinee. 2 pm. \$6.50. 243-4330 or www.puppetcenter.org.

12/6 - Nick Stafford's National Theatre's War Horse (Encore) - Presented as part of the National Theatre Live Series at the Society of The Four Arts Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 pm. \$25/adults, \$15/students with I.D. 655-7226.

12/6 - Indoor Aquarium Feedings at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N.

Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Held daily. For all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. 2:30 pm. Free. 544-8605 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

12/6 - Alligator Feedings at Daggingwing Nature Center, 11435 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.

12/6 - Willy Wonka at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 S.E. Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Held again 12/13, 20 & 27. 4 pm. \$14/adults, \$10/children under 12. Reservations: 394-2626 or www.ShowtimeBoca.com.

12/6 - Powell & Pressburger: The Red Shoes - Presented as part of the Film Series for adults at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 4-6:45 pm. Free. 393-7968.

12/6 - Artisans on the Ave "Water" In, Under & Around" Opening Reception at 630 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Artists discuss art techniques while guests enjoy refreshments and wine. 6-9 pm. Free. 762-8162.

12/6 - 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. Saturdays. 6-8 pm. Free. 243-7356.

12/6 - Grunge & Glamour Retro Fusion presented by Arts Garage Guild at Arts Garage, 180 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. A spectacular evening where fun meets the

arts. Music. Food. Art. Friends. 7 pm check-in, 7:30 pm reception, 8 pm event. \$100 per person or \$550 table of 6. 561-6357 or www.artsgarage.org.

12/6 - Royal Room Cabaret Performance: Avery Sommers at The Colony, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. 8:30 pm. \$50. 659-8100.

12/6-7 - Palm Beaches Marathon & Run Fest/Health & Fitness Expo / 5K-10K Race in Downtown West Palm Beach. Health & Fitness Expo is held at the Meyer Amphitheatre, 105 Evernia St., Sat.: 10am-6 pm. Race packet pickup takes place during the Fitness Expo event; the EAU Palm Beach Marathon, Half Marathon, Relay and 5K: participant admission \$50-\$350, 6:30 am-2 pm Sunday. All races begin at Flagler Dr. and Banyan St. and end at Flagler Dr. and Clematis St. at Waterfront Commons. 305-278-8668.

12/6-7 - Lake Worth Art League Outdoor Show - View and purchase works by local artists at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Held again 1/3-4. 9:30 am-4:30 pm. Free. 586-8666 or www.lwartleague.org.

12/6-7 - Artists in the Park - Presented by the Delray Beach Art League at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Fine art exhibition and sales. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 843-2311.

12/6-7 - The Matchmaker - Presented by Curtain Call Playhouse at Willow Theatre, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. A rich merchant decides to hire a matchmaker to find him a wife. Held again 12/12-14. Rated PG. Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. Preview (8pm 12/5 & 2pm 12/6): \$14; regular shows: \$23. 347-3900.

12/6-9 - Tauni De Lesseps Student Art Show at Palm Beach Atlantic University Warren Library, 300 Pembroke Place, West Palm Beach. 8 am-5 pm. Free. 888-468-6722.

12/6-9 - ATP Wildcard Survivor Series Tournament Singles & Doubles: Delray Beach Open by the Venetian at the Delray Swim & Tennis Club, 2350 Jaeger Drive, Delray Beach. The winner of the Singles event will receive a Qualifying Wildcard into the 2015 Delray Beach Open by The Venetian Las Vegas, held 2/14-16/2015, at the Delray Beach Tennis Center. The winner of the Doubles event will receive a Main Draw Wildcard into the 2015 Delray Beach Open by The Venetian Las Vegas, held 2/16-22/2015, at the Delray Beach Tennis Center. Full schedule available online after 12/3 at www.yellowtennisball.com/pre-qualifying-survivor-series/ or call 330-6000.



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DECEMBER 7-13

Sunday - 12/7 - 1st Annual Toy Drive Golf Tournament at the Lake Worth Municipal Golf Course, One 7th Ave. N. Produced by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Foundation. Featuring best ball scramble. 8 am. \$75/with new toy donation, \$85/regular. To register contact Benito Gaspar at 561-202-9624.

12/7 - Holiday Trunk Show at Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. An assortment of fine vendors for holiday shopping. All Ages. 11 am-3 pm. Free. 742-6780.

12/7 - Sado Tea Ceremony Class at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Study the traditional art of Sado, The Way of Tea. Attending a Tea Ceremony Workshop is required for those who have never taken a Tea Ceremony Class but wish to start studying Sado. Two lessons per month (12/7 & 21). Individual appointments begin at 10:15 am. \$50/member, \$55/non-member. Registration: 495-0233, Ext. 210, or www.morikami.org.

12/7 - Bridge Duplicate at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Sanctioned A.C.B.L. duplicate bridge game for the experienced player. A light lunch is served. Partners available for singles. Ongoing Sunday sessions year round, except for special events and holidays. 12:30-4 pm. \$10/person, payable at the door. For reservations or partners call 338-2995 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

12/7 - Jewelry and Pottery Sale at Boca Raton Museum of Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Road. Holiday sale of jewelry and pottery by faculty artists and advanced student artisans. Free raffle, food and beverage available for purchase. 1-4 pm. Free. 392-2500.

12/7 - Craft Fair at Due South Brewing, 2900 High Ridge Road #3, Boynton Beach. Where local crafts meet local craft beer. 1-4:30 pm. Free. 463-2337.

12/7 - Bolshoi Ballet: Ludwig Minkus' La Bayadere (Encore) - Presented as part of the National Theatre Live Series at the Society of The Four Arts Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 pm. \$20/adults, \$15/students with I.D. 655-7226.

12/7 - Life Through Music at the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium at the University Center on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road. Presented by the South Florida Symphony in Partnership with the World AIDS Museum and Education Center. 8 pm. \$20-\$55. 297-6124 or www.fauvents.com.

Monday - 12/8 - Pickleball at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Adults of all ages enjoy this fast-paced and exciting sport which combines badminton and tennis. Held every M, W, & F from 9 am-1 pm. \$5/at the door. 742-6550.

12/8 - Katahdin - Discussed as part of the Great Books group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6390 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

12/8 - Quilting Bee - Twice monthly class presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 12/22. 10 am. Free. 266-0194 or www.delraylibrary.org.

12/8 - Senior Bingo at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. For adults ages 60 years young and up. Class held every M&W. 11 am-noon. Free. 243-7356.

12/8 - The Empowerment Zone - A service available to library card holders who wish to create their resumes, search for jobs online, teach themselves to type or locate and apply for e-Government services at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 12/11, 15 & 18. 1-4:30 pm. Free. 266-0196.

12/8 - Alliance of Delray Residential Associations: Delray Beach City Meeting at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. "What's New in Construction and Entertainment" Speakers Jim Knight, member of Site Plan Review Board, and Marjorie Ferrar, Downtown Development Authority. Plus status reports from County administrators, elected officials, and current information vital to your community. 6:30 pm. Free. 495-9670.

12/8 - Sophisticated Discussions: A Singles Group - Join over-55 peers in a supportive, singles group discussion at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Held Mondays. 7-8:30 pm. Free. 393-7807 or www.myboca.us.

12/8 - Happy Squares Dance Club at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. All skill levels are welcome. For ages 18 & up. Ongoing event held every M. 7:30-9:30 pm. \$5. 865-2611.

12/8-10 - Top Hat White Tie & Tails: Celebrating The Songs of Fred Astaire - Presented as part of the Musical Memory series at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Held again 12/15-17. Two shows: 2 & 8 pm. \$30. 272-1281.

Tuesday - 12/9 - Miami Zoo Trip leaves from Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Explore the Miami Zoo on a Wildlife Tram Tour conducted through the lushly landscaped public walkway, with more than 2,000 animals. Trip includes access to the air-conditioned Monorail for an aerial view of the zoo. Trip cost includes entrance to the zoo, Tram Tour & Monorail transportation and round-trip motor coach transportation to and from Patch Reef Park. 8 am-3:30 pm. \$35/person. Registration: 367-7035.

12/9 - Pickleball for adults at the Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Held every T, Th. & F. 9 am-noon. Annual pass: \$175/residents, \$200/non-residents; Six Month Pass: \$100/residents, \$110/non-residents; Per class: \$5. 243-7250.

12/9 - The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar - Presented by Karen Kurzer as part of the *From a Woman's Perspective Book Group* at The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 10 am. Free. 266-9490.

12/9 - Cagney, Bogart and Brando: Film Icons of the 20th Century by Dr. Burton Atkins at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 10-11:45 am. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171.

12/9 - Holiday How-to: Setting the Table, Setting the Stage and the Art of Napkin Folding with Jimmy Ng at the Society of The Four Arts, The Fitz Eugene Dixon Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Learn how to set a beautiful table without going over your budget. 10 am-noon. \$100/includes book. Reservations: 805-8562.

12/9 - Boca Raton Noon Toastmasters at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy. Improve your public speaking and leadership abilities. Held every T. 12:15-1:15 pm. Free. 251-4164.

12/9 - Someday is Not a Day of the Week: Understanding and Managing Procrastination by Dr. Myles Cooley at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 12:45-2:30 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171.

12/9 - Chess Club for ages 18 & up at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game is necessary. All levels welcome. Ongoing event held T & F. 1-4 pm. Annual fee: \$20/residents, \$25/non-residents. 243-7350.

12/9 - Affordable Care Act Assistance - Presented at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. *Affordable Care Act Navigators* available for information and enrollment. Tuesdays. 2-6 pm. Free. Registration: 400-3726.

12/9 - Henry Ford and the Jews by Ronelle Delmont at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 3:30-5:15 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171.

12/9 - Couples Round Dance at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean

Ave. Learn figures and routines to various rhythms such as the Waltz, Swing & Foxtrot. Ages 18 & up. Tuesdays. Two sessions: High Intermediate Level: 3-4:30 pm; Intermediate Level: 4:30-6 pm. \$12/couple. 352-455-5759.

12/9 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Learn Karate along with a blend of other combat martial arts. In addition, learn moral values and self control. Ages 9 to adult. Class held every T & Th. 6-7 pm. \$10/residents; \$12/non-residents plus a one-time \$25 uniform fee. 243-7356.

12/9 - Illustrado: A Novel by Miguel Syjuco - Part of the *Evening Book Group* at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490.

12/9 - Music and Art in the Park at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1 St., Delray Beach. Musicians of all ages are welcome to bring an instrument and join the open "jam session" style music. Easels and art supplies will be set up and open to anyone wanting to explore their inner creativity in a non-instructional play environment. Join in or just sit and listen, everyone is welcome! 6-8 pm. Free. 243-7350.

12/9 - The Hunt - Directed by Thomas Vinterberg is presented as part of the *Foreign Film Series* for adults by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 6:30-9 pm. Free. 393-7968.

12/9 - Soul Line Dancing at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Ongoing classes held Tuesdays. 7-8:30 pm. \$5/at the door. 742-6550.

12/9 - Bill Prince at the Olympic Heights H.S. Theater of Performing Arts, 20101 Lyons Road, Boca Raton. Presented by the *Swing and Jazz Preservation Society*. 7:30-9:45 pm. \$18/members; \$26/non-members. 470-0095.

Wednesday - 12/10 - 58th Annual Palm Beach Regional Science and Engineering Fair at the South Florida Fairgrounds' Expo Center West, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach. Results of scientific research of more than 650 middle and high school students open for public viewing. Enter at South Florida Fairgrounds Gate 12. 7 am-6 pm. Free. 357-1114.

12/10 - Lawn Bowling at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. For ages 18 years and up. Enjoy a sport that takes skill and practice. Everyone is welcome. Ongoing event held W & F. 9 am-11 am.

Annual fee: \$40/residents, \$45/non-resident. 243-7350.

12/10 - Shuffle Board/Disc Knockout at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. A fun game involving skill and strategy. For all ages, minors accompanied by an adult. Ongoing event held W & F. 9-11 am. Annual fee: \$15/residents, \$20/non-residents. 243-7350.

12/10 - 2014 Business Awards Luncheon presented by the Greater Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce at Indian Spring Country Club, 11501 El Clair Ranch Road. The awards recognize the individual business that has demonstrated longevity and commitment to the Boynton Beach area. 11:30 am-1 pm. \$40. 732-9501 or www.boyntonbeach.org.

12/10 - Socrates Café - Weekly discussion at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 12/17. 11:30 am. Free. 266-0194.

12/10 - Tiger Bay Club - Guest speaker Dr. Larry Kawa/political activist at City Fish Market, 7940 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Dr. Kawa, a frequent commentator on FOX, recently filed a federal lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act. 11:30 am-1 pm. Members \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door; guests \$35 in advance or \$45 at the door. 852-0000.

12/10 - Three-course Luncheon with Champagne and Matinee Performance of "Mame" at The Wick Theatre & Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Join the Friends of the Boca Raton Museum of Art. 12-4 pm. \$95. 750-0326.

12/10 - Poetry of Healing: The Life and Work of Jean Keats by Dr. Taylor Hagood at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 12:45-2:30 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lis.

12/10 - Scrabble at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Wednesday. 1-4 pm. Free. 278-5455.

12/10 - Belly Dancing at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. A fun, safe, low-impact dance class for ages 14 and up. Ongoing class held Wednesdays. 1-2 pm. \$5/residents, \$6/non residents per class. 243-7352.

12/10 - Silver Science Days at the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Trail N., West Palm Beach.

Every second Wednesday of each month guests age 62 and over can experience the museum, learn from engaging guest speakers, view a planetarium show and enjoy refreshments for only \$10. 2-5 pm. 832-1988.

12/10 - Veranda A Passion for Living: Houses of Style and Inspiration by Carolyn Englefield at Society of the Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2:30 pm. \$25. Registration: 655-7226.

12/10 - CBI Talks... Speaker Series featuring Bob Mankoff at Congregation B'nai Israel Cohen Friedkin Sanctuary, 2200 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Noted cartoon editor of *The New Yorker* magazine, Mankoff brings his unique creativity to CBI and reveals how his cartoons are commentaries on the role of humor, whether related to business, politics, science or life. He will craft an original customized cartoon for an opportunity to bid and another for CBI to use to make greeting cards for purchase; a portion of the proceeds will go to charity. 5:30 pm cocktail reception, 7 pm talk, 8 pm Q&A, 9 pm book signing. \$125 cocktail reception and talk; \$50 sanctuary seating; \$36 balcony and open seating. 241-8118 or www.cbiboca.org.

12/10 - The Life and Work of Addison Mizner by Mr. Richard Rene Silvin - Presented as part of the *Historical Society of Palm Beach County's Distinguished Lecture Series* at the 1916 Palm Beach County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Courtroom, 300 N. Dixie Hwy., West Palm Beach. A reception and book signing follow the presentation. 7 pm. \$20. Reservations: 832-4164, Ext. 101 or www.historicalsocietyofpbc.org.

12/10 - "Writing in Different Genres" presented by the *Boca Raton Branch of the National League American Pen Women* at Lake Worth Library, 15 North M St. 7 pm. Free. 533-7354

Thursday - 12/11 - Quilters meet every Thursday at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Share quilting information and perpetuate quilting as a cultural and artistic form. 9-11:30 am. Free. 742-6886.

12/11 - Shell Chic Designs with Robin Grubman: Seaside Wreaths - Presented at the Society of The Four Arts, The Fitz Eugene Dixon Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Ready your holiday soiree decor by creating a stunning seaside inspired wreath. 10 am-noon. \$75/ materials included. Reservations: 805-8562 or www.fourarts.org.



THE ANNUAL TRADITION IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER....

The City of Boca Raton's 38th Boat Parade is Saturday, December 6, 2014. Boats from 10 feet to 100 feet will light up the Intracoastal Waterway. At 6pm the parade begins at the C-15 Canal (Delray/Boca Line) and travels south to the Hillsboro Bridge. Public Viewing areas with bleachers include Red Reef Park and Silver Palm Park.

BRIDGE OPENING TIMES (estimated):

- 6:50 PM – Spanish River
- 7:20 PM – Palmetto Park
- 7:30 PM – Camino Real

The bridges will be in the "Up" positions for approximately 30 minutes.

For More Information Call 561-393-7807 or visit www.myboca.us



12/11 - Great Decisions Discussion Group - Presented by Carl Wetzstein at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held every Thursday. 10 am-noon. Free. 266-9490.

12/11 - Tech, Talk, and Pizza - Presented by Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce at 140 NE 1st St. "Killer Apps to Boost your Business" presented by Ryan Boylston of Woo Creative. 11:45 am-1 pm. Chamber members \$10; non-members \$20. RSVP: 278-0424.

12/11 - Adult Acrylics Art Class at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Local instructor will teach basic acrylic painting techniques to beginners and available for instruction to advanced painters as well. Call for list of supplies needed. Ongoing class held every Thursday. For ages 18 & up. Noon-3 pm. Fee for six-classes: \$55/residents, \$60/non-residents. 243-7350.

12/11 - Holiday Party at the Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S. Federal Hwy. Entertainment by Jerry Tee. 1-3 pm. \$3/advance, \$5/at the door. 742-6570.

12/11 - Senior Bridge at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. All experienced players welcome. Partners not needed. Ongoing event held every Thursday. For ages 18 and up. 1-4 pm. Annual fee: \$15/residents +\$1/game, \$20/non-residents + \$2/game. 243-7350.

12/11 - Art After Dark & Curator's Conversations: Klara Kristalova at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Featuring changing special exhibitions, music, films, tours, cash bar and menu options. All ages are welcome. 5-9 pm. Free for Florida residents. Non-residents: \$12/adults, \$5/ages 13-21, free for age 12 and younger. 832-5196 or www.norton.org.

12/11 - Concert: Flamenco & Classical Guitar by Howard Greenblatt at the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

12/11 - Late Night Thursday at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Experience the Museum during extended hours with gallery tours, activities, a cash bar, and more. Held every Thursday. 5:30-8 pm. Free with paid Museum admission. 392-2500.

12/11 - Morningstar: Give Your Portfolio a Checkup for adults at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Join Christine Benz for a live, online workshop about how to assess your portfolio and evaluate new opportunities. This hands-on session will make sure you have your portfolio in tip-top shape as you head into the New Year. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

12/11 - BOCA Talks - Hot Stories and Cold Wars: Traveling with Elliott Erwit and Steven Hoelscher, PhD at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real, Mizner Park. 6-7 pm. \$12 (price includes admission). RSVP: 392-2500, Ext. 213.

12/11 - Writers' Corner Workshop at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Published authors provide free manuscript critiquing to writers who bring examples of their work. All levels of writers welcome. Meets second Thursday of each month. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6380.

12/11 - Author Event: Elliott Erwit "Regarding Women and Personal Best" at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real, Mizner Park. Meet the author at this intimate book signing. 7-8 pm. Free with paid Museum admission. 392-2500.

12/11 - Choral Concert at Pine Crest School, 2700 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton. Featuring orchestra students grades 2-8. 7 pm. Free. 852-2800 or www.pinecrest.edu.

12/11 - Jazz in the Garden at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real, Mizner Park. Celebrate the art of jazz with The Marshall Turkin Classic Jazz Ensemble in the outdoor Sculpture Garden. 7-8 pm. Free with paid Museum admission. 392-2500.

12/11 - Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club: Kojo Prince - Presented at The Delray Center for the Arts, Vintage Gym, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$20. 243-7922, Ext. 1.

Friday - 12/12 - Bill Gove Golden Gavel Toastmasters Club meets every Friday at Duffy's Sports Grill, 4746 N. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. All those interested in becoming a better public speaker and

communicator are invited. Noon-1 pm. Lunch or soft drink - cash only. 742-2121.

12/12 - Bob Roberts Society Orchestra at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Full 16-piece big band plays a variety of tunes to entertain lovers of music and dance in a social setting. Dances held every Friday. 1:30-3:30 pm. \$4. 742-6240.

12/12 - Mary Cassatt - Presented as part of the *Women Artists Lecture Series* at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 2 pm. \$25. 272-1281 or www.delraybeachplayhouse.com.

12/12 - T.G.I. Shabbat at Chabad of East Boca, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Monthly Friday night Shabbat dinner with Challah, gefilte fish, chicken soup, and all the other traditional foods. Services: 5:10 pm; dinner: 6:10 pm. \$25/adults, \$15/children ages 3-12. 417-7797.

12/12 - Spady Museum: Third Souful Tastings at Arts Garage, 180 NE First St., Delray Beach. Benefits museum programs. Features cultural foods and South African wines. 6-8:30 pm. \$50 in advance; \$60 at the door. 279-8883.

12/12 - Holiday Ceramic Exhibit and Sale - Presented by *The Ceramic League of the Palm Beaches* at Artisans on the Ave, 630 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Featuring ceramics, sculpture, paintings, fused glass, mixed media, encaustic wax, wood art and jewelry created by League members. Benefits CLPB scholarship fund. 6-9 pm. Free. 762-8162.

12/12 - Beach Bonfire at Lake Worth Casino and Beach Complex, 10 S. Ocean Blvd. Live music, beach bonfires, arts & crafts and beer and wine garden. 6-10 pm. Free. 533-7395.

12/12 - Movies in the Park at Dewey Park, 100 NE 4th St., Boynton Beach. Held the first Friday of each month, snacks and beverages available for purchase. 7 pm. Free. 600-9097.

12/12 - Free Friday Concert: Jimmy Stowe & the Stowaways - Presented as part of the *Free Friday Concerts* series at the Delray Beach Center for the Arts At Old School Square, Entertainment Pavilion, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Featuring gourmet food trucks and a cash bar. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. 7:30-10:30 pm. Free admission. 243-9722.

Saturday - 12/13 - What Makes a Good Nature Photo at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Learn what it takes to take a winning photograph for entry in our annual photo contest with award winning photograph John J. Lopinot. For all ages. 10 am. Free. Reservations: 966-7000 or www.pbcgov.com/parks/nature.

12/13 - Ride & Remember Trolley Tour departs from the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 N. 5th Ave., Delray Beach. 2-hour tour focuses on 5 historic districts. Held the second Saturday of each month. 10 am-noon. \$20. Reservations: 279-8883.

12/13 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Lake Worth and Lantana - Conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from Macy's (outside East Entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave., Ste. 483, Boynton Beach. This is a four hour tour and includes a combination of both bus and walking tour and food sampling, along with visits to historical and cultural sites. Taste History is narrated by live guide. Held the second Saturday of each month, year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required - check website for available dates. \$40/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18 (max 5 children free per family.) 243-2662 or www.tastehistoryculinarytours.org.

12/13 - Winter Wonderland at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Presented by the *Lake Worth Kiwanis*. Featuring family fun and a bike raffle & giveaway. Noon-4 pm. Free. 398-8340 or www.lakeworth.org.

12/13 - Wagner's Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg - Presented as part of the National Theatre Live Series at the Society of The Four Arts Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Noon-6 pm. \$27/adults, \$15/students with I.D. 655-7226 or www.fourarts.org.

12/13 - Author Event: Jessica Handler "Braving the Fire" at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real, Mizner Park. Join this writer's workshop focused on how to transform personal stories of loss into actual writings. 2-4 pm. Free with

paid museum admission. RSVP: 392-2500, Ext. 213.

12/13 - Nanny Gingerbread by Suzy Hammer at the Puppetry Arts Center, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Nanny Gingerbread brings the lore of the ancient spice trades, gingerbread magic and crafts, real spices, as well as stories like The Gingerbread Man and Hansel and Gretel, to capture the imaginations of the young and not-so-young. Family Fare. 2-3 pm. \$6.50. 243-4330.

12/13 - Opera @ The Waterfront - Presented by Palm Beach Opera at Meyer Amphitheatre, 104 Datura St., West Palm Beach. Featuring opera singers James Valenti and Michael Chioldi, the Palm Beach Opera Young Artists, Orchestra and Chorus. Bring your lawn chair, blanket and picnic basket and enjoy an afternoon listening to opera's most recognizable arias and ensembles. 2 pm. Free. VIP tickets: \$25. 833-7888.

12/13 - Puppet Guild Meeting at the Puppetry Arts Center, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Special guest presenter Fred Greenspan. 4-5:30 pm. \$10/year for an individual. 243-4330 or www.puppetcenter.org

12/13 - WRMF 8th Annual No Snow Ball at Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Chart-topping artists include Christina Perri, Gavin DeGraw, Nico & Vinz, American Authors, and Matt Nathanson. Free park and walk from City Hall and the Boca Raton libraries. No outside food and beverages or chairs allowed. Box office open onsite at 12 pm on the day of the concert. Concert 6 pm. General admission \$37.50 plus fees; VIP tickets \$100. 367-7073.

12/13 - 4th Annual Madrigal Dinner at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Presented in conjunction with the department of music in FAU's Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters. The event reflects a Renaissance evening full of pageantry, entertainment, succulent food and extraordinary music. 6:30 pm. \$100 (includes dinner and a \$60 tax-deductible gift to FAU's Department of Music). Reservations: 297-2337.

12/13 - Kimono Culture Demonstration: Casual Kimono at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, Tea House, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Explore the traditional kimono with its rich culture, seasonal subtleties, and symbolic nuances. Observe how to properly wear a kimono and learn about the versatility of this iconic garment. Three times available: 11 am, 1:30pm & 3 pm. \$5 with paid admission: \$15/adults; \$13/seniors; \$11/students with ID; \$9/children 6-17; free/members and children 5 & under. 495-0233, Ext. 210.

DECEMBER 14-20

Sunday - 12/14 - South Florida Jaguar Club: Concours d'Elegance at the Delray Beach Center for the Arts, 51 N. Swinton Ave. 10 am-2 pm. Free. 278-6475.

12/14 - Weekend Movie Madness: Muppets Most Wanted (PG) at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. 347-3948.

12/14 - Art School Open House and Adult Student Exhibition at The Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. Guests and potential students may visit the art studios, meet the teachers and learn about classes for the upcoming terms. 1-4 pm. Free. 392-2503.

12/14 - The Sunday Sleuth Book Club at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2 Ave., Delray Beach will discuss *The Cockroaches* by Jo Nesbo. 3 pm. \$14.95. 279-7790.

12/14 - Delray String Quartet at The Colony Hotel, 525 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Concert #2 featuring works by Dvorak, Wagner and Drdla. 4 pm. \$35. 213-4138.

12/14 - Palm Beach Food and Wine Festival Grand Tasting and Grand Chef Throwdown at 150 Worth, 150 Worth Ave., Palm Beach. Enjoy samplings of more than 40 of South Florida's hottest restaurants as well as generous servings of bold and exotic wines from around the world. Choose from dozens of amuse-bouches, vineyard selections, and trendy cocktails. Then, cheer on three local

Green Markets

Boca Raton GreenMarket at Royal Palm Place Southwest Parking Lot, intersection of S. Federal Highway and SE Mizner Blvd. (400 S. Federal Hwy.). Saturdays, 8 am-1 pm. Free. 368-6875 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

Lake Worth Farmers Market at Old Bridge Park, 10 S. Ocean Blvd., Lake Worth. Saturdays, 9 am-1 pm. Free. 547-3100 or www.lakeworthfarmersmarket.com.

West Palm Beach GreenMarket at 101 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. Saturdays, 9 am-1 pm. Free. 822-1520 or www.wpb.org.

Delray GreenMarket at the Old School Square Park, 50 NE 2nd Ave., one block north of Atlantic Ave. Outdoor venue offers fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music and children's activities. Saturdays, 9 am-2 pm. 276-7511 or www.delraycra.org.

North Boca Farmers Market at Ascension Catholic Church, 7250 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Features 35 vendors. Saturdays, 9 am-2 pm. 772-345-3797.

Market Thursdays @ FAU at the FAU Breezeway, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 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. Thursdays, 10 am-2 pm. Free parking. 297-0197 or www.fau.edu.

chefs as they conclude the festival with the Grand Chef Throwdown Finale and compete for the \$10,000 prize (\$5,000 cash + \$5,000 to winning chef's charity of choice) presented by Creekstone Farms hosted by WPTVs Jay Cashmere featuring celebrity guest judge Chef Marc Murphy. 5-9 pm. \$100. 389-1222.

Monday - 12/15 - Resume & Interview Skills at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Learn powerful job hunting strategies and skills. Topics include: resumes, cover letters, interviewing skills and networking. Training provided by *Career Source Palm Beach County*. Held the third Monday of each month. For adults. 9:30-11 am. Free. 742-6886 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

12/15 - Missed Opportunities: The Economic Impact of Dysfunction in Washington by Congressman Ted Deutch at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 12:45-2:30 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171.

12/15 - Alligator Naming Contest Winners Announcement Ceremony at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. The 4th grade class of Morikami Elementary wrote essays and drew pictures about the baby alligator and why it should be named the name of their choice. Winners will be announced in three categories: Best Essay, Best Drawing, and Most Creative. Family fare. 6 pm. Free. 274-7263.

12/15-16 - Santa Calling - Sponsored by Delray Beach Community Center. 50 NW 1st Ave. Santa and his helpers (Mrs. Claus and Elves) will be calling directly from the North Pole to surprise your children. Just fill out the questionnaire, check the best day for the call, return it to the Community Center, and Santa's helpers at the Community Center will do the rest. (No toys; phone calls only.) Ages 3-9. Calls will be placed 6-8 pm. Free. 243-7277.

Tuesday - 12/16 - Hanukah Begins 12/16 - Zionism, American Jewry and U.S. National Security by Dr. Robert G. Rabil at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. Held again 12/18. 10-11:45 am. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171.

12/16 - The Plein Air Artists of Palm Beach Exhibit at Cornell Museum of Art Exhibit of Contributing Artists, 51 N Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. A 3-month exhibition runs through 3/8 showcasing 55 members' paintings of the landscapes of Palm Beach County. Tue-Sun 10 am-4:30 pm. Admission \$5. Children under 6 free. 243-7922.

12/16 - Sing-Along: Holiday Caroling and Gift Exchange at the Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S. Federal Hwy. 10:30-11 am. Free. 742-6570.

12/16 - Campaign 2014 and 2016: Looking Back, Looking Forward by Dr. Robert P. Watson at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 12:45-2:30 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171.

12/16 - 2nd Annual Holiday Fashion Show presented by *Saks Fifth Avenue Boca Raton* and *The Seagate Beach Club*, at 401 S Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Join us for an evening of cutting edge fashion featuring the season's hottest trends from

ETRO. Enjoy specialty holiday cocktails, wine, hors d'oeuvres, an exclusive runway fashion show, clothing, accessory, and beauty boutiques. 6:30 pm. \$75/person. A portion of the proceeds will benefit *The Boys & Girls Club of Boca Raton*. 877-57-SEAGATE.

12/16 - Mapping the Middle East by Dr. Ralph Numberger at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 7-8:45 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171.

12/16 - 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.

12/16 - Lecture: The Canal Builders by Dr. Julie Greene at the Henry M. Flagler Museum, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Book signing follows the lecture. 7 pm. \$20/non-members; \$10/individual, family & Life members. Includes Museum admission. 655-2833.

Wednesday - 12/17 - Shark Valley Trip leaves from Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Featuring a two hour, naturalist led tour through the northern region of Everglades National Park. Learn about the "River of Grass" and the wildlife inhabiting it. Stroll up the spiral ramp way and platform of the Shark Valley observation tower for a panoramic view of the heart of the Everglades. After the tour, participants will have lunch at the Miccosukee Restaurant. Trip cost includes entrance to the park, a narrated tram tour, lunch and round trip motor coach transportation to and from Patch Reef Park. 8:30 am-3 pm. \$53/person. For registration call 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

12/17 - Women & Islam by Dr. Mehmet Gurses at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 10-11:45 am. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171.

12/17 - A Closer Look: Bartolomeo Cavaceppi's Bust of Emperor Caracalla at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Talks begin in a gallery and focus on an individual artwork, then move to the museum theater to explore the work's cultural contest. 1-2:15 pm. Free with admission: \$12/adults, \$5/ages 13-21, free/under age 13 and Museum Members. 832-5196.

12/17 - Homestead Exemption Outreach at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. *The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's* office will take your 2014 homestead exemption application and answer valuation questions. Bring a copy of your deed, proof of residency is required. 2-3 pm. Free. 742-6886.

12/17 - A Film Salute to France and Paris with Paul Noble - Presented as part of the Campus on the Lake Lecture Series at the Society of The Four Arts, The Fitz Eugene Dixon Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. A series of feel-good films about Paris and France, all focusing on delight, romance, art, and beauty; some on resilience, humor and "the French way," with Paul Noble. 2 pm. \$25. Reservations: 805-8562.

12/17 - Ruffian Mothers: Lillian Carter, Rebekah Johnson, Virginia Clinton as dramatized by Words ... Alive! by Eunice Bernard and Carol Clarke at FAU

Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 3:30-5:15 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171.

12/17 - Family and Friends at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Education Center, Classroom B, 800 Meadows Road, Boca Raton. Learn the basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, and child and infant one-person CPR. Held again 12/27 (9-11 am). 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468 or www.brhh.com.

12/17 - Rod MacDonald & The Humdingers: The Songs of Paul Simon at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 7-8:45 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171.

12/17 - Catch A Rising Star: Vic DiBietto at The Delray Center for the Arts, Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave. 8 pm. \$40. 243-7922, Ext. 1.

Thursday - 12/18 - Publix Apron's Cooking School Lecture & Demonstration: New Year's Celebration - Presented by Chef Rey De La Osa at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

12/18 - America's "Flavorite": The Story of Chocolate by Myrna Goldberger at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 12:45-2:30 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

12/18 - A Preview of the Metropolitan Opera HD Season Presented by Maestro Giuseppe Albanese at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 3:30-5:15 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171.

12/18 - Artists Alley Open Studios in the Pineapple Grove Arts District between NE 3rd & 4th Streets, east of 3rd Ave, west of RR tracks. 6-9 pm. Free. www.artistsalleydelray.com.

12/18 - DIY Art Projects: Cookie Creations at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. We invite families to participate in a self-guided gallery activity, then visit the Atrium for a related DIY Art Project. 6-8 pm. Free with admission: \$12/adults, \$5/ages 13-21, free/under age 13. 832-5196 or www.norton.org.

12/18 - Music on the Rocks at the Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Held the third Thursday of each month. Food and beverages available for purchase. 6-9 pm. Free. 600-9097.

12/18 - The Art of Wine at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real, Mizner Park. *The Art of France*, with wines from Provence, Burgundy and Bordeaux. Celebrate the art of wine with an exciting and unique wine tasting series. Discover perfectly paired wine, food, and artwork from around the world guided by wine expert Howard Freedland and Museum curator Marisa J. Pascucci. 6:30-8 pm. Members \$45; non-members \$50. 392-2500.

12/18 - Thursday Fall Movies: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Rated G. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 6:30 pm. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. 347-3948 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

12/18 - The Music of Henry Mancini by Joe Scott at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 7-8:45 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171.

12/18 - 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.

Friday - 12/19 - Karaoke Holiday Caroling and Gift Exchange at the Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S. Federal Hwy. 12:30-2 pm. Free. 742-6570 or www.boynton-beach.org.

12/19 - PEACE Opening Reception at The Blueprint Gallery at Milagro Center, 695 Auburn Ave., Delray Beach. Featured artists to include Irwin Goldman, Greisy Lora, Leslie Sher and Steven Stark. Includes works of art courtesy of Ford Fine ART. Vendors will be on site selling their beautiful handmade jewelry & handcrafted greeting cards. 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 279-2970 or www.milagrocenter.org.

12/19 - Evening on the Avenue at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Featuring live music, food vendors, crafts and artists selling their artwork. Held the first & third Friday of each month. 6-10 pm. Free. 588-8344.

12/19 - Exhibition Opening: It's a Dog's Life at Clay Glass Metal Stone Gallery, 15 S. J St., Lake Worth. Featuring artists throughout Palm Beach County. 6-10 pm. Free. 588-8344.

12/19 - Free Friday Concert: Solid Brass - Presented as part of the *Free Friday Concerts* series at the Delray Beach Center for the Arts At Old School Square, Entertainment Pavilion, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Featuring gourmet food trucks and a cash bar. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. 7:30-10:30 pm. Free admission. 243-9722.

Saturday - 12/20 - Handmade Craft Show at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Find unique, one-of-a-kind gifts, novelties, artwork, jewelry, children's items, accessories, and more. Finish up your holiday shopping, or just browse for yourself. 10am-4 pm. Free. 347-3900.

12/20 - Family Fun Making a Gingerbread House at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Two times: 10:30-11:30 am & 1:30-2:30 pm. \$10/family plus regular admission: \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/seniors; \$5/adults. Reservations: 742-6782.

12/20 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Delray Beach & Boynton Beach - Conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from Macy's (outside East Entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N. Congress Ave., Ste. 483, Boynton Beach. This is a four hour tour and includes a combination of both bus and walking tour and food sampling, along with visits to historical and cultural sites. Taste History is narrated by live guide. Held year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required - check website for available dates. Held again 12/27. \$40/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18 (max 5 children free per family.) 243-2662 or www.tastehistoryculinarytours.org.

12/20 - Little Red Riding Hood at the Puppetry Arts Center, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. An all-new twist on an old-time favorite, performed with hand puppets by *Puppets to Go*. Family Fare. 2-3 pm. \$6.50. 243-4330.

12/20 - "A Discussion on Monochromatic Art" - Presented by the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, at 601 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. With Mark Forman, William Halliday, Sally Ordile and Mimie Langlois; moderated by Joel Cohen. 3 pm. \$10. 471-2901.

12/20 - The Polar Express Movie and Train Rides at Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Dress in your pajamas for a showing of The Polar Express movie and train rides and activities before the movie. Refreshments including hot chocolate, movie theater popcorn, and pizza will be available for purchase. Family fare. Free. 5 pm train rides and "snow". 6:30 pm movie. 367-7073.

DECEMBER 21-27

Sunday - 12/21 - The Symphonia Connoisseur Concert 1 at the Roberts Theater, Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton. With guest conductor and violin soloist David Kim and Mei Mei Luo. 3 pm. \$45-\$75. 866-687-3848.

12/22 - Coffee With The Mayor at the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Share your thoughts and ideas over a cup of coffee and danish with Mayor Featherman and special guest speaker Jack Fox, President of the Beach Condominium Association of Boca Raton & Highland Beach. 9:30 am. Free. 278-4548 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

12/22 - Exhibit: K-12 Student Art Exhibit at the Highland Beach Library,

3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Runs through 12/31 during regular hours: M-Th: 10 am-8 pm; F: 10 am-4 pm; Sat.: 9 am-1 pm. Free. 278-5455.

12/22 - Death of a Pine - Discussed as part of the *Great Books* group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6390 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

12/22 - Cercle Francais - French Conversation group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

12/22-27 - The Enchanted Tree at the Puppetry Arts Center, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. In this delightful marionette puppet production, two girls from different backgrounds learn the true meaning of love, family, and friendship. Performed by the center's own Dreammaker Puppeteers. Family Fare. 10:30-11:30 am (no show 12/25). \$6.50. 243-4330 or www.puppetcenter.org.

Tuesday - 12/23 - The God of Small Things by Arandati Roy - Presented as part of the Book Club discussion by the *Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library*, 400 NW 2nd Ave. For adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 393-7968.

12/23 - Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical at the Kravis Center's Alexander W. Dreyfoos Jr. Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Come early and take pictures with Santa! Family Fare. Two shows: 2 pm & 7 pm. Tickets start at \$20. 832-7469.

12/23-24, 26-28 - New Year's Calendar Making at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Create a New Year's desktop calendar featuring the zodiac symbol for 2015 - the sheep. Runs through 1/6, T-Sun. 10 am-5 pm. Free with paid admission: \$15/adults; \$13/seniors; \$11/students with ID; \$9/children 6-17; free/children 5 & under. 495-0233 Ext. 237.

12/23-28 - Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Presents Built to Amaze: Holiday Edition at Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. An extraordinary circus experience where Children of All Ages what it takes to build The Greatest Show on Earth. The audience will be transported by the appearance of colorful circus machinery unleashed from shipping crates right before their eyes!! All ages. Tue, Thu & F 2 & 6 pm; Sat & Sun 11 am, 3 & 7 pm [no show 12/24]. Tickets start at \$15. All seats are reserved. 800-745-3000 or www.ringling.com.

Wednesday - 12/24 - Alligator Feeding and Crafts at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Learn about alligators and watch them eat. Stay to make an alligator craft. All ages welcome. Held again 12/31. 11 am-1 pm. Museum admission, \$4. Craft cost, \$4 per craft. 274-7263.

12/24 - Christmas Eve in Mizner Park, presented by Journey Church, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 3 pm, 4:30 pm, and 6 pm. Free. 367-7073 or www.myboca.us.

12/24 - Christmas Eve at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 5 pm Children's Pageant; 7:30 & 11 pm Traditional Service. Free. 278-6003.

12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with Rev. Nancy Norman at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. All ages 6 & 8 pm; Adults 11 pm. Free. 276-5796.

Thursday - 12/25 - Christmas Day

12/25 - Christmas Day at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Traditional service. All ages. Free. 278-6003.

Friday - 12/26 - Sub-Zero Night At The Museum at the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Trail N., West Palm Beach. 6-9 pm. \$14.50/adults, \$13/seniors, \$11/children (3-12), \$6/adult members, free/children members and kids under age 3. 832-1988 or www.sfscenter.org.

12/26 - Free Friday Concert: On the Roxx - Presented as part of the *Free Friday Concerts* series at the Delray Beach Center for the Arts At Old School Square, Entertainment Pavilion, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Featuring gourmet food trucks and a cash bar. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. 7:30-10:30 pm. Free admission. 243-9722.

12/26 - Federico Britos, jazz Virtuoso violinist at the Arts Garage at 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Four-time Grammy award winner. 8 pm. \$25-45. 561-6357.

Saturday - 12/27 - Realistic Drawing/Painting Instruction Class at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Learn the basic techniques essential to quality, realistic paintings. This four-week course run Sat. through 1/17. Adult class: 12:30-2:30 pm, \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents; Children class (ages 7-12): 2:30-4:30 pm, \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents, plus additional materials to be purchased by parents after first class. 367-7035.

12/27-28 - 8th Annual Downtown Delray Beach New Years Weekend Craft Festival is held along NW & SW 4th Aves. (330 E. Atlantic Ave.), Delray Beach. 150 leading US crafters including folk art, pottery, personalized gifts, handmade clothing, basket weaving, fabric design and more. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 561-746-6615 or www.artfestival.com.

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Tuesday - 12/30 - Playing the Palace: A Vaudeville Experience at the Puppetry Arts Center, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Enjoy the experience of an old-time vaudeville show as the Palace theater sets up on the stage in our theater. Dreammaker puppeteers use marionettes to perform an assortment of acts, from acrobat to opera singer to magician and more. Family Fare. 10:30-11:30 am. Held again 1/1/15 (ao:30-11:30 am) & 1/2/15 (2-3 pm). \$6.50. 243-4330 or www.puppetcenter.org.

12/30 - Make Your Own Gingerbread House at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This fun family activity uses graham crackers and lots of chewy, gooey and colorful candy to decorate. An adult must accompany children 8 & under. Registration required in person by parent/legal guardian by two days prior. Ages 4-10. Two times: 11 am & 2 pm. \$10/resident, \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

Wednesday - 12/31 - Musical Midnight in Paris: A New Year's Celebration at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Featuring best-selling French recording star, Liz Brady, joined by three of The Playhouse's "Musical Memory" favorites - William Stafford, Christine (CC) Currie and Alicia Branch, along with Randolph Dellago, who will host the evening. Each show includes a wine/cheese/champagne reception. Two

shows: reception 1pm, show 2pm, \$50; reception 7pm, show 8pm, \$70. 272-1281, Ext. 4.

12/31 - The Rat Pack is Back: New Year's Eve Gala at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Show runs through 1/3. W: 5:30 & 10:30 pm; Th.: 3 pm; F & Sat.: 7:30 pm; Sat.: 2 pm. \$75-225. 995-2333.

12/31 - New Year's Eve J Street Block Party at 6 S. J Street, Lake Worth. For ages 18 & up. Doors open 7 pm; \$5/before 8pm, \$10/after 8pm. www.propagandalw.com.

12/31 - New Year's Eve: Legends of Song at the Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Two native New Yorkers team up for an outstanding tribute to legendary artists who impacted music forever. Barbara VanEycken and Bill Stabile feature hit tunes made popular by Sinatra, Judy Garland, Barbra Streisand, Liza Minnelli and more. An evening of celebration, music, hors d'oeuvres and champagne. 8 pm. \$35. 586-6169.

Friday - 1/2 - Art Walk in Downtown Delray on Atlantic Avenue and in Pineapple Grove. Stroll throughout downtown Delray Beach on a special night featuring special artist showings, jewelry, entertainment, receptions and more at over 14 Fine Art Galleries. 6-9 pm. Free. 243-1077.

1/2 - Movies in the Park at Dewey Park, 100 NE 4th St., Boynton Beach. Held the first Friday of each month. Food, snacks and beverages available for purchase. 7 pm. Free. 600-9097.

1/2 - Free Friday Concert: Pocket Change - Presented as part of the *Free Friday Concerts* series at the Delray Beach Center for the Arts At Old School Square, Entertainment Pavilion, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Featuring gourmet food trucks and a cash bar. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. 7:30-10:30 pm. Free admission. 243-9722.

Saturday - 1/3 - Save the Panther 5K Run - Presented by Sagcor Life at Palm Beach Zoo and Dreher Park, 1301 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach. This run is certified green by Athletes for a Fit Planet. Online registration closes 12/31. All ages. 7:30 am. Adults (18 and older) \$30-\$35 (\$40 race day); youth \$20 (\$25 race day). 547-9453.

1/3 - The Writer's Studio at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Weekly Saturday morning writer's program. 10 am. Held every Saturday. Free. 266-0798.

1/3 - Georges Bizet's Carmen (Encore) - Presented as part of the National Theatre Live Series at the Society of The Four Arts Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 1 pm. \$27/adults, \$15/students with ID. 655-7226.

1/3 - Magic and Comedy at The Puppetry Arts Center, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 4-time Florida State Magic Champion, the Amazing Mr. A, along with guest magicians, present an evening of comedy and magic. Adults only. 8-9:30 pm. \$15. 243-4330.

1/3 - Michael Feinstein's Songbook - Presented at The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$27. 833-7888.

1/3-4 - Steve Solomon: Cannoli, Latkes & Guilt - Presented at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Sat.: 8 pm; Sun.: 2 pm. \$45. 243-7922, Ext. 1.

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Tots & Teens

Breakfast with Santa is Boca museum's signature event

By Shelley Gilken

Breakfast with Santa is an old tradition at the Boca Raton Children's Museum. For 21 years, families have come to this special event each year for the classic Santa Claus experience with the frame-worthy photo op, the pancakes, the crafts and other attractions.

Breakfast with Santa is the signature event of the year at the museum, expecting to draw around 1,500 people between 8:30 a.m. and noon on Dec. 13, said Sandra Manning, marketing and special events coordinator.

"Sit on Santa's lap and we take the picture, print it out and they take it home right then," Manning said. "It's going to be a lot of fun."

Reservations are required, and Manning suggests buying a ticket soon before they run out.

The program includes other attractions such as Thomas the Train rides, sand art, a few vendors, a clown



Thomas the Train is always a popular activity. Photo provided

and a character artist. One of the more popular activities — in addition to the big guy in the red suit — is the snow blower spewing white fluffy material for children to frolic in.

The museum used to get

real snow, but "icy snow was cold and hard for the kids ... It's synthetic. It's not cold. It's fluffy."

The museum also offers a low-key alternative program for people who celebrate Hanukkah. The Hanukkah

If You Go**Breakfast with Santa**

For children 10 and younger

When: 8:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 13. Pre-registration is required.

Cost: \$10/person (free for infants). Additional fee for certain attractions.

OHanukkah Party

When: 5 to 6 p.m., Dec. 11

Location: Boca Raton Children's Museum

498 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton

Reservations: 368-6875

party is a one-hour event from 5 to 6 p.m. Dec. 11, which includes the opportunity for children to play with a dreidel and make crafts.

Parents will be able to glimpse parts of the museum at these holiday events, but the museum is not open during the breakfast or Hanukkah program.

However, there are plenty of exhibits worthy of a return visit during regular hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Visitors have until the end of December to see the museum's special Brazil exhibit. "Learn about the culture, the art and there's a soccer exhibit. We also have a Brazilian mummy," Manning said.

The museum's year-round exhibits feature several imaginative scenes that allow children to play and explore. There's a grocery store setting, post office and a pirate ship. There's also a nature trail where families can go for a walk and look at local birds and wildlife. The museum also holds an array of classes each week for babies through elementary school students.

Manning said that many people who visit for Breakfast with Santa are coming to the museum for the first time, and they often make plans to return to see the rest of the exhibits. ★

Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of Nov 28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

DECEMBER 6

Saturday - 12/6 - Skate Clinic at 505 Teen Center & Hobbit Skate Park, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. New skaters pick up basics of skate-boarding: proper standing, pushing, leaning, turning, roll-ins & kick turns. Intermediate skaters gain confidence to elevate to advanced level. Ages 5-13. 9 am-noon. \$20/residents, \$25/non-residents. 243-7158.

12/6 - Family Story Time: Celebrate the Holidays at The Society of the Four Arts Children's Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Arts and crafts activity follows story time. Ages 8 and younger. 10:30 am. Free. 655-2776.

12/6 - Diamonds & Pearls Dance Team at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. A community dance team program that prides itself on passion, dedication, excellence, and respect that participates in local and collegiate homecoming parades and statewide special events. For middle, high school and college students. T & Th (6:30-8:30 pm.) and Sat. 9 am-1 pm. Monthly: \$30/residents; \$40/non-residents. 243-7356.

12/6 - Little Wonders - Introduce children to plants and animals around them with a hike, crafts and stories at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 3 & 4, accompanied by an adult. Held again 1/3. 10-11 am. \$5/ members, \$8/non-members. Reservations: 544-8615 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

12/6 - Drop-In Story Time - Music, stories, finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at this weekly program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. First Saturday of the month is Spanish Bi-lingual story time. Saturday. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

12/6 - Family Studio: Print Like a Master at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Tour the special exhibition Master Prints: Durer to Matisse and explore the old masters of printmaking before watching a brief demonstration. Then create your own print. Ages 5-12 with parents. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$8 materials fee. 832-5196 Ext. 1196 or www.norton.org.

12/6 - Drop-In Craft at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129

E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Featuring a difference craft each week. Saturdays. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 742-6780.

12/6 - Art-E-Ology: Elliott Erwitz Photography for grades 3-5 at The Boca Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Once a month, children learn about a master artist on exhibit at the museum and have the opportunity to create a masterpiece in the style of the selected artist. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/child. RSVP: 392-2500 ext. 106.

12/6 - The Pawsitive Reading Program at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Featuring therapy dogs Dakota and Splinter, the program allows children who may need extra help in reading and interpersonal communication to read to these specially trained dogs. 1st and 4th Sat. of each month. 2:30 pm. Free. 266-0197.

12/6 - Teen Car Club at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Learning how to keep up on the maintenance of your vehicle. Workshops include: tire pressure, tire rotation, brakes, oil changes, tune ups, radiator flush, replacing radiator, air filter, and care safety kits. Girls welcome. For ages 12-20. 1st & 3rd Saturdays. 4 pm. \$2. 243-7158.

DECEMBER 7-13

Monday - 12/8 - Preschool Story Time: Gingerbread Day at Society of the Four Arts Children's Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Arts and crafts activity follows story time. Ages 4 and under. 10:30 am. Free. 855-2776 or www.fourarts.org.

12/8 - Kid Activity Lab at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Play board and video games using a Wii, PS3 or Xbox 360, practice on library ukuleles, or make wearable art. Grades K-5. Held again 12/29. 4:30-5:30 pm. 742-6393.

12/8 - Delray Divas Step Teams at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. An organized and structured step team that performs at local events and statewide competitions. Grades K-12. M & W. 6-8:30 pm. Monthly: \$30/residents; \$40/non-residents. 243-7356.

12/8 - Intermediate/Advanced Fencing/Epee Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. An introduction to the sport of fencing, kids learn fencing skills, forge new friendships and have a blast. M-W-F, 7-10 pm. \$135/residents, \$168.75/non-residents. 347-3950.

12/8 - Beginners Fencing/Epee Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. An introduction to the sport of fencing, kids learn fencing skills, forge new friendships and have a blast. M&F. 7-8:15 pm. \$90/residents, \$112.50/non-residents. 347-3950.

Tuesday - 12/9 - Baby Storytime at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Listen to stories and rhymes and sing songs that promote early literacy and development, while meeting other babies and parents. Ages: birth to 2 years. 10-10:45 am. Free. 742-6380.

12/9 - Baby Bookworm Story Time for ages 1-2 at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Tuesdays. 11 am. Free. 278-5455.

12/9 - Small Fry Storytime for ages 3 and up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Features songs and a craft project. Tuesdays. 4 pm. Free. Registration: 278-5455.

12/9 - City of Bones by Cassandra Clare - Presented as part of *Teen Book Club* at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. For ages 13-17. 6:30-8 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968.

12/9-10 - Interactive Story: A Story 'N More at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Children's books come to life through interactive performance, singing, movement and props. T (10:30-11:30 am) & W (10:30-11 am). Free with paid Museum admission. 742-6782.

12/9-10 - After School Science Series: Wings and Things at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Kids spend an hour exploring and experimenting together, trying something new every month. Tues.: Ages 5-6 (with parent); Wed.: Ages 7-9. Both days 4-5 pm. \$10/residents; \$12.50/non-residents. 347-3912.

Wednesday - 12/10 - Family Storytime at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Listen to stories, sing songs and learn fingerplays. Infants-Age 5. 10-10:45 am. Free. 742-6380.

12/10 - Amazing Art for ages 2-5 at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Students are introduced to various art mediums through fun and engaging activities. Wednesdays. 11:30 am-noon. \$2.50/members, \$3.50/non-members plus paid Museum admission. Registration: 742-6780.

12/10 - Teen Gaming at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd.

Grades 6-12 play video games us a Wii, PS3 or Xbox 360. Held again 12/17 & 12/31 (2-4pm). 5:30-7 pm. Free. 742-6390.

Thursday - 12/11 - Drop-In Story time - Music, stories, finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at this weekly program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. For children of all ages. Children ages 8 & young must be accompanied by an adult. Thursdays. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

12/11 - Little Artists at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Use watercolors to express your creativity and take home your work of art. Ages 2-5. 10-11 am. Free. 742-6380.

12/11 - Craft Time for ages 4 and up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. 4 pm. Free. Registration: 278-5455.

Friday - 12/12 - Stories In The Garden: Fruit and Vegetable Harvest at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. In partnership with the *Palm Beach County Library System* this program features storytime, garden activity and craft project. Ages 2-6; children must be accompanied by an adult. Seating is limited. 10-11 am. Free. Reservations: 233-1757.

12/12 - Friday Fun Day: Create Holiday Ornaments at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 3-5. 10:30-11:15 am. \$3/members, \$4/non-members. 742-6782.

12/12 - Children's Make & Take Holiday Crafts for ages 3-12 at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Children 8 & younger must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-5 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968.

12/12 - Friday Night at the Museum at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. A night out with your parents! Kids ages 7-12 are invited to wear their comfy clothes as they get a chance to hang out in the Explorium after hours, watch a movie and do a fun experiment. 6-9:30 pm. \$20/residents, \$25/non-residents. 347-3912.

Saturday - 12/13 - Story and Play with Miss Mij at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Ages 18 mo.-4 yrs. Miss Mij uses stories, fingerplays, poems, songs, props and puppets. Caregivers and children learn and play together, using 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.

12/13 - Gymnastics for ages 4-16 at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Kids develop strength, flexibility and coordination and have fun. Introductory skill development on the vault, bars, beams and floor. Saturdays through 1/31. Age 4-7: 10-11 am; age 8-16: 11 am-noon. \$66/residents, \$83/non-residents. Registration: 742-6550.

12/13 - Saturday Lego Club for grades K-5 at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968.

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Sunday - 12/14 - Children's Gala at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Road, West Palm Beach. A night of mini-merriment, special performances, music and surprises around every turn in the garden. Child-friendly refreshments. Special admission rate applies (children must be accompanied by an adult). 5-7 pm. \$40. 832-5328.

Monday - 12/15 - Cooking Fun Class for ages 5-9 at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Children have fun learning basic cooking from scratch. Instruction includes kitchen safety, measurements, napkin folding, and table setting. Disclose any food allergies at registration. 3:30-5 pm. \$20.50/residents, \$26/non-residents. 367-7035.

12/15 - Snowflake Craft Day at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Create intricate and beautiful snowflakes using regular copy paper. Materials provided. Grades 6-12. 5-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6393.

Tuesday - 12/16 - Mummy and Me Days at the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach. Enjoy story time, a special science-themed activity and socialization time geared for ages 18 months to 4 years and their caregiver. Held the third Tuesday of every month. 10 am-noon. \$10/adults, free/children 4 years and younger. RSVP: 832-1988.

12/16 - An Elf and Cookie Night at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Watch the holiday classic *Elf*, starring Will Ferrell, while decorating sugar cookies. Grades 5-12. 5-7 pm. Free. 742-6390.

Wednesday - 12/17 - The Elves & The Shoemaker at The Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Family friendly show

for grades K-5. Audience participation welcome. Two shows: 11 am & 3:30 pm. \$8/adult, \$6/children. 586-6410.

Thursday - 12/18 - Hanukkah with Miss Helen at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. All ages. 10:30-11:15 am. \$3/non-members. 742-6782.

Friday - 12/19 - Friday Fun Day: Make Your Very Own Wrapping Paper at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 3-5. 10:30-11:15 am. \$3/members, \$4/non-members. 742-6782.

12/19 - Parents Night Out: Winter Wonders at the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach. Drop your child off for a fun night of science. Includes hands-on experiments, a science-related craft, exploration of the Science Center and Aquarium, a pizza dinner and a full dome planetarium show. Ages 4-12. 6-10 pm. \$30/child; each additional child \$15. 832-2026.

12/19-21 - Boys Holiday Basketball Tournament offered by the City of Boynton Beach Recreation and Parks Department at Hester Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd. Double elimination tournament for ages 9-15. Entry fee per team \$200 (entry deadline 12/15). Trophies awarded for first and second place in each age division. All ages. 6 pm (JV); 7:30 pm (V). \$3/adults; \$2/students. 742-6550.

Saturday - 12/20 - Ornaments Naturally at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Create ornaments and decorations with holiday themes using shells, sea beans, pine cones, and other materials (provided). Ages 7 & up, children under 18 must participate with an adult. 10-11 am. \$7/member, \$10/non-member. Reservation: 544-8615.

12/20 - Piles of Smiles: Sugar Sand's Snow Day & Indoor Craft Show at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Get on those gloves, mittens and hats and get ready for a super fun time playing in tons of snow. Featuring Polar Ice Slide, Zippypets, Bumper Cars, costumed characters, food trucks, and the Florida Panthers hockey team's "Panther Patrol." Activity tickets can be purchased on site. Snow play is for kids only, ages 3 & up. 10 am-4 pm. \$12/advance, \$15/day of event. Adults free with paid child(ren) admission. 347-3948 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

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Monday - 12/22 - Winter Fun Days for ages 5-12 at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. "Pay by the day" themed program offers field trips, arts and crafts, and themed activities which provide fun and opportunities for creative play. Camp runs through 1/2. Please pack lunch and snacks. 7:30 am-5:30 pm. Per day: \$25/residents, \$32/non-residents. 742-6240.

12/22 - Holiday Break Camp for ages 5-12 at the Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Action-packed time indoor and outdoor activities. 7:30 am-5:30 pm. Runs through 1/2 (no camp 12/24-25 & 1/1/15). \$104/residents, \$130/non-residents. Registration: 742-6641.

12/22 - Kid-Preneur Camp Winter 2014 at 3200 S Congress Ave. #104, Boynton Beach. Calling all future mayors, doctors, firefighters, police officers, pilots, TV reporters, judges, and business owners. Fun indoor role-playing camp. Pack lunch and snacks. Ages 9-15. 8:30 am-5:30 pm. Runs through 1/3 (no camp 12/24-25 & 1/1/15). \$150. Registration: 894-4500.

12/22 - Winter Break Camp: Winter Skits for ages 5-12 at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Children experience theatre skits and games, dance routines, a fashion show, arts & crafts and karaoke, all based on the movie "Frozen". Pizza party lunch included. Campers must supply two snacks and a drink of their own. Attire: Any "Frozen" costume or blue and white clothes. 8:30 am-5:30 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 347-3900.

12/22 - Kids Day In, Parents Day Out for ages 5-12 at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Parents, drop off your kids and take some time for yourself. Kids enjoy Explorium activities, pizza and games. 9:30 am-12:30 pm. \$15/residents; \$18.75/non-residents. Registration: 347-3900.

12/22 - Winter Break Camp: Fun Chefs - Gingerbread Workshop for ages 5-12 at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail,

Boca Raton. Young chefs learn nutrition, sanitation, culinary geography, as well as cooking techniques from around the world. Students create their own lunch each day. Meals may bring a snack or substitute meal if they wish. 12:30-4 pm. \$55/residents, \$68.75/non-residents. 347-3900.

12/22-23 - Winter Break Camp: Director's Cut - Reel Film Experience for ages 8-14 at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Students write a script, scout shot locations, learn multi-angle filming techniques, act, edit, add voices, sound effects, music, and titles. 9 am-3 pm. Two days: \$100/residents, \$125/non-residents. 347-3900.

12/22-24 & 26 - Performing Arts Winter Break Camp: Peter Pan at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Campers learn songs, scenes, and choreography from Peter Pan. Performance on 1/2. Held M-W & F from 12/22-24 & 26 and again 12/29-31 & 1/2. 9 am-3 pm. \$200/week or \$60/day. Space is limited. 394-2626.

12/22-24 & 26 - Co-Ed Winter Basketball Camp - Presented by Tailored Athletes at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Most of the camp activity is drill-work to improve triple threat, dribble triple threat, NBA dribble moves, and decision making. Ages 5-16. Held again 12/29-31 & 1/2. 9 am-3 pm. Four days: \$200/resident, \$250/non-resident; Daily: \$50/resident, \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3950.

12/22-24 & 26 - Boca Jolly Days Junior Camp for ages 6-16 at The Racquet Center, 21626 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton. Featuring drills, match play, scoring, arts & crafts and a swim break. No class on 12/25. Awards Presentation and Carnival on Friday. Held again 12/29-31 & 1/2 (closed 1/1). 9 am-3 pm. Full week rate: \$168/residents, \$210/non-residents; daily rate: \$55/residents, \$68.75/non-residents. 367-7095 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

12/22-24 & 26 - Boca Jolly Days Pee Wee Camp for ages 3-6 at The Racquet Center, 21626 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton. Quick Start method geared to the little ones with age appropriate equipment for fast learning. Featuring arts & crafts, swim break and pizza party Friday. No class on 12/25. Held again 12/29-31 & 1/2 (closed 1/1). 9 am-noon. Full week rate: \$104/residents, \$130/non-residents; daily rate: \$35/residents, \$43.75/non-residents. 367-7095 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

12/22-1/2/15 - Winter Fun Days at Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Enroll for 1 day or up to 7 days. Daily activities include field trips, arts crafts, movies and active games. Bring lunch and a snack. Ages 5-12. 7:30 am-5:30 pm. No camp 12/24-25 & 1/1/15. \$29/day for residents; \$32/day for non-residents. 742-6221.

Tuesday - 12/23 - Winter Break Camp: Bright & Smart Robotics for ages 7-12 at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Class combines engineering skills with visual-spatial activities. Held again 12/26 & 1/5. 9 am-4 pm. Per day: \$50/resident; \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3900.

12/23 - Be An Animal Keeper for a Day at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Children go behind the scenes and learn about the inner workings of animal care in a nature center setting. They assist in diet preparation, cleaning the animal enclosures, feeding the animals, and even "walking the turtles." Program also includes teachings about animal husbandry, enrichments, and why training is an important part of caring for animals on a daily basis. Bring sunscreen, a water bottle, and wear closed-toed shoes. For ages 8-15. Held again 12/30. 9:30-11 am. \$10/per child, per class. Reservations: 629-8760.

12/23 - Ceramic Painting at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Children use color creatively on two plaster projects to paint, decorate and take home. 11 am-12:30 pm. \$10/residents; \$12.50/non-residents. 347-3900.

12/23 - Make Your Own Shark Tooth Necklace at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Learn how many teeth a shark loses each year and stay for the shark feeding and craft time. All ages. Held again 12/30. 11 am-2 pm. Museum admission, \$4. Necklace craft, \$5 per necklace. 274-7263.

12/23-1/2/15 - Junior Lifeguard Aquatic Camp at Denson Pool, 225 SW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Junior Lifeguard Training, water safety skills and open swims. Held 12/23-26-30-31 & 1/2/15. Ages 10-15. 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Full camp \$60 for residents; \$75 for non-residents. Daily rate \$12 for residents; \$15 for non-residents. 742-6645.

Wednesday - 12/24 - Crafts, Cartoons & Cookies for ages 4-10 at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Assorted craft stations, cartoons and refreshments. 10 am-noon. \$5. 347-3900.

Friday - 12/26 - Friday Fun Day: Boxing Day at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 3-5. 10:30-11:15 am. \$3/members, \$4/non-members. 742-6782.

12/26 - Make Your Own Shark Craft Time at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. All ages. Held again 1/2. 11 am-2 pm. Museum admission, \$4; \$4 per craft. 274-7263.

12/26 - Music & Legos at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Kids make structures out of Legos while listening to live music played by the South Florida Chamber Ensemble. 11 am. \$10/residents; \$12.50/non-residents. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

Saturday - 12/27 - Story & Craft Time for ages 4-10 at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Kids discover nature through crafts and stories about animals and other nature-related themes. 10 am. \$2/child. Reservations: 966-7000.

12/27 - Story Time at the Zoo: "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak at Palm Beach Zoo Conservation Station, 1301 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach. All ages. Free with zoo admission. 547-9453 or www.palmbeachzoo.org.

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Monday - 12/29 - Winter Break Camp: Fun & Fitness Activities Program for ages 5-12 at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Hip Hop Aerobics, tumbling, sport games, arts & crafts, theatre games, karaoke and a pizza party. Campers must supply 2 snacks and a drink of their own. 8:30 am-5:30 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 347-3900.

Monday - 12/29 - Winter Break Camp: Fun Chefs - New Year's Party Cooking for ages 5-12 at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Young chefs learn nutrition, sanitation, culinary geography, as well as cooking techniques from around the world. Students create their own lunch each day. Students may bring a snack or substitute meal if they wish. 12:30-4 pm. \$55/residents, \$68.75/non-residents. 347-3900.

12/29 - Tae Kwon Do for ages 5-15 at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Include Aikido and extensive mat work. Ten-class session runs through 1/30. Held M 6-7:30 pm, and F 5:30-7 pm. \$100/residents, \$125/non-residents. 347-3950.

12/29-31 - 2014 Winter Junior Naturalist Series for ages 9-14 at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Each session includes an informative presentation and hands on activities in the lab and outside on the boardwalk and natural area. Snacks provided but please pack a lunch if staying for both morning and afternoon sessions. 12/29: Junior Ornithologist, 8:30-11:30 am; Junior Herpetologist, noon-3 pm. 12/30: Junior Botanist, 8:30-11:30 am; Junior Survivalist, noon-3 pm. 12/31: Junior Wetland Ecologist, 8:30-11:30 am; Junior Entomologist, noon-3 pm. \$10 per class or \$50/all six classes. Reservations: 966-7000.

12/29-31 & 1/2 - Sea Turtle Camp for grades 3-5 at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Through games, crafts, and educational activities, instructors teach the young conservationist about the importance of caring for and protecting sea turtles and other marine life. Campers experience close encounters with the resident sea turtles and visit a local nesting beach. Closed 1/1. 8:30 am-noon. Four day camp: \$125/members (family membership or higher required), \$175/non-members (includes family membership). Reservations: 544-8615.

12/29-31 & 1/2 - Winter Break Blast! for grades 1st-5th at the Children's Science

Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. A fun-filled week of activities, experiments, games and more. Space is limited. Participants should bring bag lunch. Closed 1/1. M-W & F, 9 am-1 pm. One-day: \$25/residents; \$31.25/non-residents. Registration: 347-3912.

Tuesday - 12/30 - Winter Children's Fair at Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Games, arts and crafts, and entertainment. Ages 2-12. Inclement weather date: 12/31. 10 am-3 pm. Free entrance to event, \$15 ride all day bracelet or \$3/ride. 367-7035.

12/30 - Computer Craze: GEMS Club at the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach. Standing for Girls Excelling in Math and Science, the club meets every last Tuesday of the month. Open to girls in grades 3-8, this club gathering is an opportunity to empower young girls to explore STEM fields. High school girls can volunteer to be mentors in the program. 5-7 pm. Free. Registration: 370-7710.

Wednesday - 12/31 - Disney's Lady and the Tramp at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 10 am. \$1/includes movie, popcorn & a drink. 347-3948.

12/31 - Happy Noon Year Celebration at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 10 am-12:30 pm. \$3/members, \$4/non-members plus paid Museum admission. Space is limited. Registration: 742-6782.

Friday - 1/2 - Winter Break Camp: Winter Skits for ages 5-12 at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Children experience theatre skits and games, dance routines, a fashion show, arts & crafts and karaoke, all based on the movie "Frozen". A pizza party lunch is included. Campers must supply two snacks and a drink of their own. Attire: Any "Frozen" costume or blue and white clothes. 8:30 am-5:30 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 347-3900.

1/2 - Mr. A's Magic Workshop for ages 5 & up at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Tr., Boca Raton. Kids learn to dazzle their friends and family with a variety of magic tricks, plus take home a bag of tricks to practice. 2 pm. \$10/resident, \$12.50/non-resident. Registration: 347-3948.

Saturday - 1/3 - Little Wonder & Big Wonders - Introduce children to plants and animals around them with a hike, crafts and stories at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 3 & 4/10-11 am. For children ages 5 & 6/11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members - per child. Reservations: 544-8615.

1/3-3/21 - The Delray Beach Playhouse Young Actors Workshop at The Children's Theatre, 950 NW 9th St. Full, performing arts curriculum of acting, stage movement, voice, dance, and a multi-faced staff of accredited professionals. Applications due by 12/19. Grades 3-12. 9 am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm. \$275-\$350. 272-1281 x 4.



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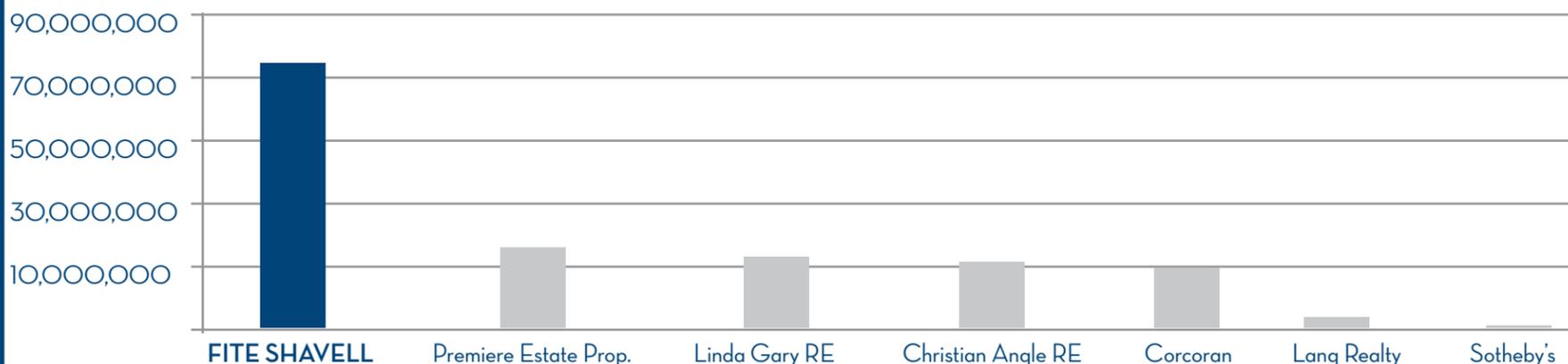
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The Seven Fishes



Some of the raw ingredients of Feast of the Seven Fishes include mussels, clams, scallops, shrimp, langostino, calamari and snapper fillets. **Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**



A secondary dish of shrimp prepared by Angelo Morinelli, executive chef at Merlino's in Boca Raton, as part of the Feast of the Seven Fishes.

Christmas Eve feast nourishes body and soul

By Jan Norris

There are as many stories linked to the Italian Feast of the Seven Fishes as there are variations on the fishes used, and their preparations.

The feast, held on the night of December 24, or La Vigilia (the Vigil), is a dinner where seven seafoods come to the table — either in one pot or over several courses.

The dinner is actually part of a fast from meat and dairy foods as part of the Catholic observance. Fish was the alternative food in Southern and coastal Italy, and frying or marinating it in oil were the preferred cooking methods since no butter could be used.

The number of fish and shellfish used is where it's sticky — seven, however, seems the most common. Seven is often referenced as the Seven Sacraments of the church, though some households serve nine, 10, or 13 fishes, representing other icons from the Catholic teachings.

During the Christmas week, watch for the pasta dish containing seven fishes served at the new Italian restaurant in Boca Raton, Merlino's Ristorante. It's themed to the

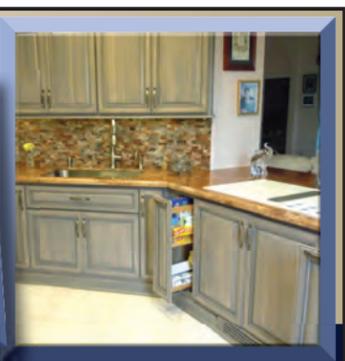
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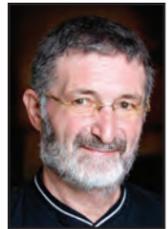
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cooking style of Italians from South Philadelphia.

At Merlino's, executive chef Angelo Morinelli, who is originally from Naples, Italy, plans to cook shrimp, mussels, clams, snapper fillets, langostino, calamari, and scallops in one dish, with a choice of red or white sauce, as a representation of the feast.



Morinelli

"Oh sure, we'll have it on the menu. We must have it!" he said. "It's a big tradition." He explained what he thought was the story behind the feast.

"The story goes there were poor people living in a village on a seaport. The family had no money for food, but it was Christmas Eve — and no one eats meat on Christmas Eve. The mother sends the kids out with buckets to where the fishing boats are coming in. The fishermen see the kids and feel sorry for them, and give them here — a fish — and here, some scallops. Another gave mussels — whatever they had extra.

"The kids take the buckets back to their mom and give her the fish. It was enough fish for an army! So she creates a whole feast — in one big pot, she puts the fish and pasta and herbs. It took a long time to eat it all there was so much.

"Today, we chefs try to impress the diners at our restaurants, of course. All use different fish — some only use fillets — but some of the most common are sole, cod, snapper, salmon, branzino, halibut and baccala," Morinelli said. Some use only fish and no shellfish — it depends on preferences, he said.

Among the most common fish used are baccala — dried, salt-cured cod, served with pasta or fried, either whole or

Seafood sources

Captain Clay and Sons Fish Market, 308 NE Fourth St., Delray Beach
561-266-2068; captainclayandsonsfishmarket.com

Capt. Frank's Seafood Market, 435 W. Boynton Beach Blvd., Boynton Beach
561-732-3663; captfranksseafoodmarket.com

Fish Depot, 1022 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach
561-375-8363

Merlino's, 39 SE First Ave., Boca Raton
561-756-8437; merlinosboca.com

Old Dixie Seafood, 7000 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton
561-988-0866; florida stonecrabs.blogspot.com

flaked in balls and served with a red sauce. This is a signature fish of Naples and a staple of Venice.

Eels are another favorite, along with an octopus and squid salad. Scungilli (sea snail) marinated salad can be found in a number of Southern Italian homes.

"Different regions have different foods — even different ones in the same region because of family favorites," the chef said. Families from two different regions may combine their must-haves, he said, and go all out to include all the fish and shellfish available.

"It can be a long meal," he said, shrugging.

The local fish markets will be ready for the orders, already being placed by some.

At Capt. Frank's Seafood Market in Boynton Beach, owner Joe Sclafani says he's very familiar with the feast and stocks all the fishes most common for the meal during Christmas. "Oh yeah — I'm Italian."

Planning in advance for the buyers, he said, "We'll have flounder fillet, sole fillet, cod,



The Feast of the Seven Fishes, as prepared by Angelo Morinelli, executive chef at Merlino's in Boca Raton. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

A holiday drink with flair (and flare)

Merlino's Ristorante in Boca Raton boasts it has one of the top mixologists in the area — Lee Hoehstetter. The beverage manager, formerly of Tanzy in Boca Raton, is big on interactive drinks, and presents one that home bartenders can accomplish and will make a splash at the holidays.

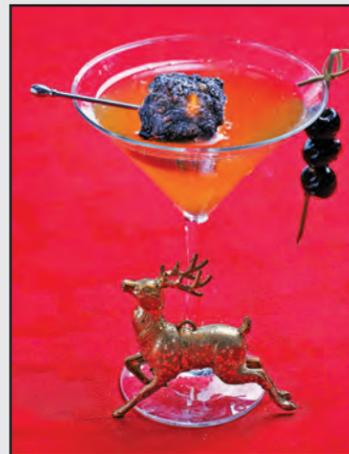
Following the Philadelphia theme of the Italian restaurant, Hoehstetter named the bourbon drink the "LCB Line" after the famous trio of hockey players who took the Flyers to a Stanley Cup victory.

"It's a smooth herbal bourbon cocktail with Luxardo cherries and a flamed marshmallow on top. The flaming marshmallow falls into the drink and gives it a smoky-sweet flavor. It's a winner — that's why the name."

Here's the recipe — and Hoehstetter insists that to achieve the correct results, follow the stirring instructions precisely.

LCB Line

2 ounces Woodford Reserve bourbon
1 ounce herbal syrup — see note



$\frac{3}{4}$ ounce Luxardo Maraschino Cherry liqueur
For garnish:
2 Luxardo maraschino cherries per glass
1 marshmallow threaded on long skewer

Pour drink ingredients to a cocktail shaker, and fill with ice. Stir a perfect 33 times. Strain mixture into a martini glass.

To serve: Hang a duo of Luxardo cherries over rim of glass. Lay the marshmallow and skewer over the center

of glass. Using a small kitchen torch or long lighter, ignite the marshmallow. Allow it to blacken and fall into drink.

Makes 1 drink.

For the herbal syrup, pack equal amounts of fresh basil leaves, cilantro leaves and mint leaves in a 16-ounce jar, crushing slightly with pestle to release leaf oils. Make a simple syrup using $\frac{1}{2}$ cup each turbanado and white sugars added to 2 cups water. Bring to a simmer and boil for 10 minutes, stirring well to melt sugars. Remove from heat and cool to lukewarm. Pour over packed leaves in jar, shake gently and seal. Refrigerate; use as needed in drinks.

grouper, snapper — several kinds — and mahi and fresh pink shrimp. Shellfish? Oh yeah

— scallops, clams, mussels. Octopus, baccala and scungilli — sliced in the can or in the freezer, whole pieces."

Sclafani doesn't make the traditional dinner any longer, he said, so friends prepare it for him. "I don't have time — we're so busy," he said.

Along with a wide selection of shellfish including clams, mussels, scallops and oysters, Captain Clay and Sons Fish Market in Delray Beach will have a number of local fresh fish such as mahi, swordfish and several types of snapper. Wild-caught pink shrimp, squid and blue crab are among the others Reed Brand, son of the market's owner, said Italians use in the dinner. "We'll also have our smoked fish dip that they like to incorporate into the dinner."

Jill Schaedtler, manager at Old Dixie Seafood in Boca Raton, advises anyone planning on the big seafood dinner to place an advance order. "We carry just about everything, though," she said.

She orders specially for big holiday parties and the Feast of

Seven Fishes dinners. "I'll order special things like calamari with octopus, smelts, baccala — and we'll have the standards: clams, shrimp, mussels, oysters and stone crabs — and all kinds of fish. We can get anything in if people call ahead. We're really busy during that time, of course."

Within four days, Fish Depot in Boynton Beach can have fish on hand for the dinner, according to Chris Bezecny, a partner there. "We always have available swordfish, mahi, tilapia, yellowtail snapper and other snapper, and octopus. We can order eels, and from time to time we have branzino — it's popular for that dinner. But we have a wide selection at any time."

Prepared seafood salads and dishes also may be available at area specialty markets during the holidays, and other Italian restaurants may offer the Feast of Seven Fishes as a special dinner package on Christmas Eve; call your favorite to find out if it's available. ★

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Health & Harmony

Reflexology pampers the parts that work so hard for us

The holidays bring out the best in us. And the worst.

Over-the-top cookie baking and marathon shopping tire our bodies — and our minds. Frankly, we just need to relax.

But this I-can't-do-one-more-thing sensation calls for more than a pick-me-up caffeine-laden drink at Starbucks.

One solution: foot reflexology. This ancient alternative therapy (evidence suggests a form of reflexology was practiced in early China and Egypt) is designed to rejuvenate body, soul and mind. Its theory: Areas in the foot correspond to organs and systems of the body, and applying pressure to these areas has beneficial effect on a person's health.

"By stimulating the energy lines you can stimulate and neutralize problems. When I do this, it tells me a lot about a person's body, for example

if their thyroid might not be working right or if they are constipated," says Angela Artemik, the director of Lake Worth based Academy of Palm Beach, whose programs include massage therapy and workshops in reflexology.

"You can stimulate the healing process by stimulating the energy flow and it can relax a person which helps healing. It is mind and body harmony."

Even the Mayo Clinic gives the treatment positive reviews.

"Reflexology is generally relaxing and may be an effective way to alleviate stress. It is generally considered safe, although very vigorous pressure may cause discomfort for some people," Dr. Brent Bauer writes on the clinic's website.

Bauer, the medical editor of the *Mayo Clinic Book of Alternative Medicine* also notes: "Several studies funded by the National Cancer Institute and the National Institutes of Health indicate that

reflexology may reduce pain and psychological symptoms, such as anxiety and depression, and enhance relaxation and sleep. Studies also show that reflexology may have benefits in palliative care of people with cancer."

However, the American Reflexology Certification Board warns, it's not a cure-all. "While historically reflexology has anecdotally been found to have a positive effect on the body suffering from a wide variety of chronic problems, it is not a panacea for all ills. Reflexology is not a substitute for medical treatment, but can be used as a complement to any type of medical approach or therapy.

"Reflexology can be incorporated into an overall healthy lifestyle, which includes attention to diet, moderate exercise and different forms of stress reduction," the organization notes on its website. "Reflexology is primarily a relaxation technique which can negate the effects of stress while it helps the body relax and balance. Through the relaxation process the body is more capable of dealing with the stresses placed on it by daily living and those associated with illness."

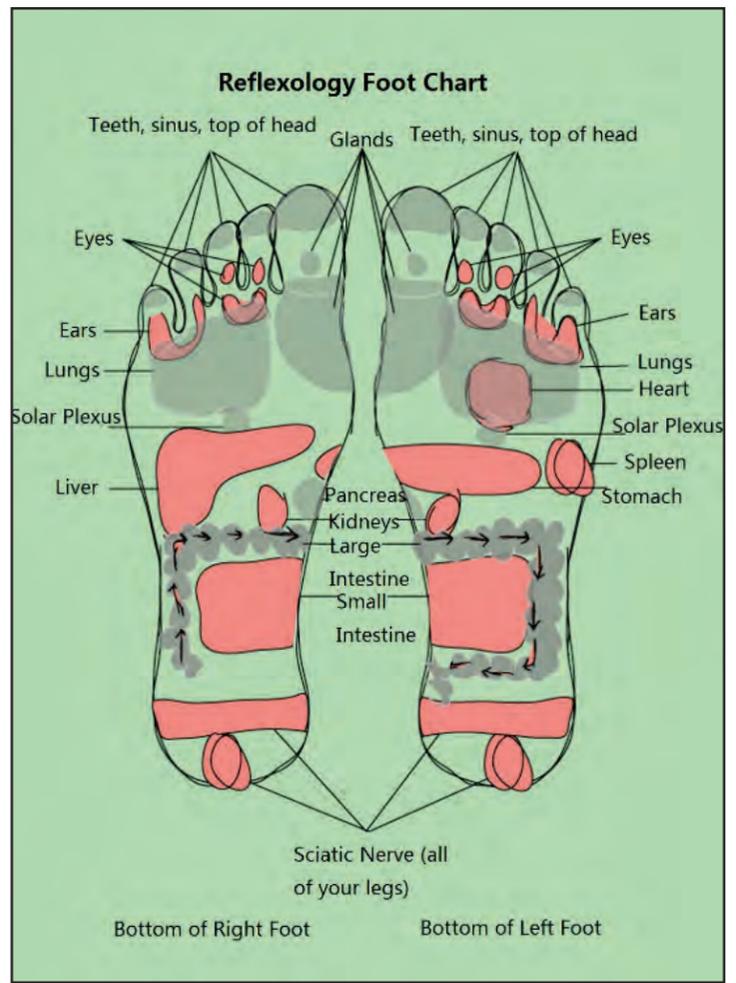
Stress reduction? Relaxation? Count me in.

I'd been hearing a buzz about foot reflexology bars that have opened recently — so a friend and I dragged our weary bodies to Foot Haven Reflexology Bar in downtown Delray Beach to seek nirvana. The zen like feeling enveloped us the instant we stepped inside and closed the door, mercifully shutting out the construction din and hustle and bustle of the crowds. A softly lit, cozy room awaited, with comfy oversized recliners topped with soft blankets and pillows. Heavenly.

That's exactly what owner Herman Garcia envisioned when he rented the historical cottage and former rectory, circa 1924.

"That historical aspect brings a special charm to it. It's a nice, welcoming vibe. People come in and say 'I could live here.' I didn't want to go too modern or minimalist. I wanted chic and timeless," says Garcia, a licensed massage therapist since 2002.

Privacy is paramount so Garcia arranged the 15 recliners



A look at reflexology pressure points on the feet. SOURCE: www.newhealthguide.org.

in four rooms. The arrangement allows friends, couples or families to experience healing and pampering together. If you prefer solitude, that can be arranged as well.

"These days everyone is on the go, people are rushing around. This is a way to relax and be pampered. You can come on your lunch break alone or with your family or friends," he says.

Garcia opened the business in March. Others have opened recently in Boca Raton as well.

And the benefits? Numerous, he claims. "People can experience an increase in circulation, pain reduction and more. It's an amazing therapy for runners and people who stand a lot. A lot of servers, bartenders and people who work in retail come every week. They tell us it has helped more than anything else they tried," he says about the service which is performed by licensed massage therapists who get additional training from him. "Our feet are the first thing we use when we wake up in the morning and last thing used when we go to bed. We don't give them the care they need."

That's for sure. Mine got lots of pampering during the 55-minute treatment, which began with a foot soak and 15-minute massage of my back and shoulders. (Tea, champagne or wine are complimentary with two of the

treatments — and a hot stone massage, coconut sugar or raspberry lemon foot scrub and lavender paraffin wax dip are optional.)

Because we were sitting up we were engaged in the experience — and didn't hesitate to inundate our massage therapists with questions.

Here's part of what we learned (we missed a few things when we succumbed to sleep): Our big toes correspond to our heads, the inside arch corresponds to our spine and the area below the pinky toe parallels the shoulder area.

The treatment ends with a warm towel infused with essential oils enveloping legs. Although we didn't feel our various aches and pains were cured, we walked out on a cloud — ready to put our best foot forward.

Foot Haven Reflexology Bar is at 62 SE Sixth Ave. Prices start at \$28. For more information, visit foothavenreflexologybar.com or call 330-4084.

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Health & Harmony Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

DECEMBER 6

Saturday - 12/6 - Saturdays @

Sanborn: Yoga Class at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Ongoing classes held every Sat. Registration: 8:45 am; class: 9 am. Free. 393-7703.

12/6 - Yoga Class at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton. Ongoing classes 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.

12/6 - Yoga at the Beach - Held every Saturday at Red Reef Park West, 1221 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, and M-W-Th. at Red Reef Park East, 1400 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Build strength and flexibility, improve postural alignment and stabilize the core. Registration can be done at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., or on-site before a class begins. Parking passes can only be obtained through the Community Center. Classes are held on the grass overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. Cash will not be accepted on-site. Sat.: 10-11 am; M-W-Th.: 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.

12/6 - Judo Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Classes consist of 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. 393-7807.

12/6 - Capoeira Fitness for ages 12 & up at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Ongoing classes held every Sat. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703.

12/6 - 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.

DECEMBER 7-13

Monday - 12/8 - Jazzercise:

Strength/45 at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sculpted arms, a strong core, tight glutes, and firm legs are the focus of this challenging 50-minute muscle toning workouts that feature a creative combination of weight training and stretching. Held every M & W. 8:45-9:35 am. First class is free. 8 classes: \$56/residents, \$70/non-residents. 16 classes: \$96/residents, \$120/non-residents. 954-913-7659 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

12/8 - Yoga Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Ongoing classes held M/W/F: 9:30-11 am & Th.: 6:30-8 pm. Five classes: \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents; 10 classes: \$110/residents, \$137.50/non-residents; 20 classes: \$200/residents, \$250/non-residents. 477-8727.

12/8 - Jazzercise/Light at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This 50-minute class pairs moderate aerobics with exercises designed to improve strength, balance, and flexibility. Held every M & W. 9:40-10:30 am. First class is free. 8 classes: \$56/residents, \$70/non-residents. 16 classes: \$96/residents, \$120/non-residents. 954-913-7659.

12/8 - Tai Chi for Beginners of all ages at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Tai Chi offers many health benefits for balancing body, mind and spirit. Learn natural ways to relieve tension, stress and pains. Certified instruction. Held every Monday. 10-11 am. Per class: \$15/residents; \$20/non-residents. 243-7350.

12/8 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Designed for people of all ages with Parkinson's. Components of this program provide exercises that work to improve one's balance, flexibility and muscle strength. Held every Monday. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. First class is free. 8 classes: \$32/residents,

\$40/non-residents. 16 classes: \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 347-3950.

12/8 - Zumba Class at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. M&W. 6-7 pm. \$5/residents, \$6/non-residents or \$50/six week session (12 classes). Free. 243-7356.

12/8 - Men's Issues Support Group meets every Monday at the Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. 6:30-8 pm. First session free, \$5 thereafter. 483-5300.

12/8 - Tuck Jazzie Jam Aerobics at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Have fun and shed a few pounds as you groove to the music, led by staff member Carrol Tucker. Bring a towel and workout mat. M&W. 7-8 pm. \$3/at the door. 742-6550.

12/8 - Meditation Mondays at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Meditate to enhance overall health and well-being. Mondays. 7 pm. Free. 278-5455.

Tuesday - 12/9 - Circuit Training at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Circuit-based workout that targets multiple muscle groups to build lean muscles. Burn of calories and rev up your metabolism in this challenging combination of strength training moves mixed with cardio intervals and core strengthening. Class will improve your energy and fitness level. Modifications

are given to accommodate pregnant moms as well as beginner to advanced fitness levels. T&Th. 8:40-9:25. 4 classes: \$36/residents, \$45/non-residents; 8 classes: \$66/residents, \$82.50/non-residents; 16 classes: \$118/residents, \$147.50/non-residents. 347-3950.

12/9 - Yoga Class at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. A slow intuitive vinyasa flow class. Routine will focus around sun salutations, balancing poses and deep relaxation. T&Th. 9-10:15 am. \$10/class or \$40/5 classes. 586-6410.

12/9 - Get Fit Mom's Boot Camp at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Challenge yourself in this total body bootcamp workout. This 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. Modifications are given to accommodate all levels of fitness. 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.

12/9 - Women's Issues Support Group meets every Tuesday at the Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. Two times available: 10-11:30 am or 7-8:30 pm. First session free, \$5 thereafter. 483-5300.

12/9 - Yoga at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Participants should bring their own yoga mat. Held every T&R, 10:15 am. \$10. 278-5455.

12/9 - Big & Loud: Parkinson's Disease Exercise Program - Presented at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Held again 12/23. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 292-4950.

12/9 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Dawson Theater, Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Road. Held every T. Noon -1:30 pm. Free. 955-5415.

12/9 - Zumba Gold Fitness Class for ages 55 & up at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Fitness program designed to enhance the quality of life through music and dance. Ongoing class held every Tuesday. 3-4 pm. Per class: \$5/residents, \$6/non-residents. 243-7350.

12/9 - OrthoSensor: The Latest in Knee Replacement - Presented by Elvis Grandic, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgeon, as part of the *Ask the Physician Lecture Series* at Bethesda Hospital East, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

Wednesday - 12/10 - Yoga for ages 18 and up at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Held every W. 9-10:30 am. Per class: \$10/residents; \$15/non-residents. 243-7350 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

12/10 - Hearing Hair Cell Regeneration: When Am I Going to Get My Hearing Back, Doc? by Dr. Ali

A. Danesh at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 10-11:45 am. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

12/10 - Optimal Brain Health: What Scientists Now Know About Preventing Dementia by Dr. Steven S. Charlap at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Presented as part of the *Holiday Lecture Series* at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 3:30-5:15 pm. \$25/member, \$30/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

12/10 - Divorced and Separated Support Group meets every Wednesday at the Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. 6-7:30 pm. First session free, \$5 thereafter. 483-5300.

12/10 - Moving Forward: Support and Discussion Group meets every Wednesday at the Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. 1-2:30 pm. \$5. 483-5300.

12/10 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This program is designed for people with Parkinson's. Components of this program provide exercises that work to improve one's balance, flexibility and muscle strength.

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Awards

Coastal Star honored by Florida Press Club

The work of writers and designers at *The Coastal Star* was honored with seven awards in the Florida Press Club's 62nd annual Excellence In Journalism competition:

- Top honors went to Cheryl Blackerby, Mary Kate Leming, Jerry Lower and the late Tim O'Meilie, who received the Lucy Morgan Award For In-Depth Reporting for their series, "Lessons Learned From Sandy."

- Blackerby also took first place honors in the environmental news category for a portfolio of stories, including "Rising Water" and

"Audubon Bird Count."

- Thom Smith took first place in commentary writing for his column about the embattled President of Florida Atlantic University.

- Ron Hayes received a first place in the light feature writing category for a portfolio of stories, including "Time In A Bottle," as well as third place for commentary writing for his memorial feature on journalist Tim O'Meilie.

- Jane Smith was honored with a first place award for her public safety reporting for a portfolio of stories, including reports on lifeguards' attempt

to rescue a drowning victim, the Manalapan beach closure and Atlantic Avenue traffic woes in Delray Beach.

- A second place award for layout/front page design went to Jerry Lower, Mary Kate Leming and Scott Simmons for "Lessons Learned From Sandy," "Rising Water" and "Crocodile Capture."

The Coastal Star competes in the "Class D" division for nondaily, community, tribal or college publications.

The awards were announced at the club's annual banquet Nov. 15 at the Pirate's Cove Resort & Marina



in Stuart.

The Florida Press Club was founded in 1951 as the Florida Women's Press Club by Frances DeVore, a reporter at *The Ocala Star-Banner*, to fight inequities that kept women from career advancement in the news

industry. Later, as "women's pages" faded from section fronts, the club changed its name to the present-day Florida Press Club, which now boasts hundreds of Florida journalists across the state as members.

— Ron Hayes

CALENDAR

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This program is for people of all ages. Held every Wednesday. First class is free. 8 classes: \$32/residents, \$40/non-residents. 16 classes: \$60/residents, \$75/non-

residents. 2-3 pm. 347-3950.

12/10 - Modern Line Dance Class for ages 50 & up at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. This fitness program is designed to enhance the quality of life through modern music and dance. Ongoing class held every Wednesday. 2:30-3:30 pm.

Per class: \$4/residents, \$5/non-residents. 243-7350 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

12/10 - Tai Chi Class - Wednesdays at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Emphasizes moving meditation for focus, concentration, release of stress and

attention skills. Two sessions offered: beginners, 6:10-7:10 pm; intermediate, 7:10-8:10 pm. 8 classes: \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents; 12 classes: \$66/residents, \$82/non-residents. 393-7807.

Thursday - 12/11 - Emotional Support Group for Spanish-speaking adults at

Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. Thursdays. 3-4:30 pm. \$5 each session. 483-5000.

Friday - 12/12 - Zumba Gold Fitness Class for ages 55 & up at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. This fitness program is designed to enhance the quality of life through music and dance. Fridays. 9:30-10:30 am. Per class: \$5/residents, \$6/non-residents. 243-7350.

12/12 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Dawson Theater, Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Road, Boca Raton. F. 1-3:30 pm. Free. 955-5415.

Saturday - 12/13 - Yoga Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd., South Palm Beach. Held again 12/20 & 27. 9:30 am. Free/donations appreciated. 588-8889 or www.southpalmbeach.com.

DECEMBER 14-20

Monday - 12/15 - "Medical History and Current Research" with David Nash, MD at Society of the Four Arts, Henry Forum, Dixon Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Dr. Nash will present medical history you never knew about, as well as wonderful new medical advances that will impact your health as well as your friends' and family's health. 2:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 805-8562.

Thursday - 12/18 - To Go or Not to Go?: Answering the E.R. Question When Chest Pain Calls - Presented by Charles Haring, M.D., Cardiologist, as part of the Bethesda Hospital East *Be Healthy, Be Well Program* at the Lantana Road Branch Library, 4020 Lantana Rd. 2 pm. Free. 731-2273.

Saturday - 12/20 - Empty Chair Service at Church of the Palms, 1960 N Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. The holidays are joyous times for most of us, but for some who are living with loss, the season can be a poignant reminder of that which is gone. We honor those who have gone before us. The Empty Chair service offers sacred space and time, reading of Scripture, music and candlelight. All are welcome. 4:45-5:30 pm. Free. 276-6347.

DECEMBER 28-JAN. 3

Wednesday - 12/31 - New Year's Eve Meditation with Laurie Durgan at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22 St. Meditation followed by dessert. Free. 7-7:45 pm. 276-5796.

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1/1 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium - Presented by Miguel A. Lopez-Viego, M.D., at Bethesda Hospital East, Clayton Conference Center, 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.

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Check this nursery for salt-tolerant native plants

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Your hint that you are approaching the 2½-acre site is the butterfly- and flower-covered garden flags flying by the side of the road. A red Radio Flyer wagon sits at the edge of the macadam, its bed filled festively with flowering plants.

Now look closely and you'll see the sign that tells you that this nursery is open to the public only from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday mornings.

This is when you can head through the wire gate and up the gravel driveway lined with small pots of wildflowers. Their diminutive but colorful blooms attract plenty of zebra longwings, sulphurs and other fluttering butterflies.

You'll note these flowers aren't as showy as the hibiscus, bougainvillea or other exotics you find at most garden stores. That's because Meadow Beauty Nursery specializes in native plants. That's flora that has learned to survive in the dunes, wetlands, grasslands, Everglades and other habitats common to South Florida.

Park your car in the small grassy area at the end of the drive and, as you get out, you'll probably be greeted by Carl Terwilliger or his wife, Donna Leone. They make it their business to welcome you and help you navigate the 200 varieties of trees, shrubs and wildflowers they provide.

Terwilliger is proud that almost all are native to within 100 miles of Palm Beach County. He knows because he's personally collected their seeds. For example, he found



If You Go
Meadow Beauty Nursery, 5782 Ranches Road, Lake Worth; 561-601-9673. Open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays or by appointment. No credit cards accepted; cash or checks only. Learn more about native plants by visiting meadow-beautynursery.com. This website is a great source of photos and detailed information about native trees, shrubs and wildflowers.

the red berries of the bitter bush on Brickell Hammock near Key Biscayne. The seeds for bear grass were gathered from a park in Central Florida. And the satin leaf with its coppery foliage is from around Hutchinson Island.

He then brought the seeds home, grew them into plants and then used their seeds to propagate what you see today. It takes him an average of five years to raise his plants from seeds to sellable trees and shrubs. But the lignum vitae can take up to 15 years.

Many natives are in pots waiting to be bought; but some, such as the saw palmettos and slash pines, also are part of the landscape. The nursery was established in 1988 and has been at this location since 1993. It's taken the trees that long to establish



A splash of colorful seeds and blooms highlights the dominant green hue of most native plants. Here are a few of the plants for sale at Meadow Beauty that would be appropriate east of the Intracoastal Waterway: **TOP LEFT:** Beauty berry lives up to its name with purple fruit and fuzzy leaves. **TOP RIGHT:** Bitter bush has glossy leaves and clusters of red fruit. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Slow growing lignum vitae has brilliant blue blooms that mature into yellow seed pods that hold bright red fruit. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Dune sunflower is a very salt-tolerant ground cover. **Photos by Jerry Lower/ The Coastal Star**

themselves and grow tall. In fact, the couple use the landscaping around their home to demonstrate how native plants can be used in a yard and how they will look after a few years' growth. That helps shoppers understand how their purchases today will fit into their landscapes tomorrow.

On a recent visit, "Tim" Keith and her husband, Bill Petry, of Delray Beach were there for the first time because they want to replant part of

their yard. Leone teams up with them to discuss what will work in their garden on the barrier island that's affected by sandy soil and salty ocean breezes.

Terwilliger helps them gather their purchases — including beauty berries, white indigo berries, locust berries and bitter bushes — on a green mesh hand cart and load them into the back of their car. After getting some planting tips, they are on their way.

For the nursery owners, it's rewarding to see their careful work appreciated by other gardeners. "I have a lot of time invested in these plants," Terwilliger says.

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



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Garden Calendar

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DECEMBER 6

Saturday - 12/6 - Common Diseases in the Hot Line Room at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Participants have the opportunity to learn from and engage in discussion with Mounts very own plant pathology expert, Dr. Ken. 9-10:30 am. \$20/members, \$30/non-members. 233-1757.

DECEMBER 7-13

Wednesday - 12/10 - Delray Beach Orchid Society at Veterans Park Recreation Center, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Monthly meetings held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. 7 pm. Free. 412-6752.

Saturday - 12/13 - Time & Change in the Garden at Mounts Botanical Garden, Auditorium, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. This workshop will

help participants bring excitement back into their landscape while learning ways to manage the garden. 9-11 am. \$30/members, \$40/non-members. 233-1757.

DECEMBER 14-20

Sunday - 12/16 - The Boca Raton Garden Club will have a horticulture meeting at 10 am. at the clubhouse, 4281 NW 3rd Ave., Boca Raton. 395-9376.



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Paws Up for Pets

Breed variety is one of dogs' appealing attributes

Among all the species on this planet, canines truly rank as top dogs when it comes to diversity. Think about it. There are very few species with such size, look and temperament differences. In the dog kingdom, there are itty-bitty breeds like the Yorkshire terrier and the Chihuahua, which are small enough to ride in purses, and there are mammoth-sized breeds like the Bernese mountain dog and the Saint Bernard, which easily take over any bed with their size and stretch — and with enough discarded fur to knit a sweater.

There are breeds with easy, short names, like the pug and the collie, and others that would challenge even stellar spelling bee contestants, such as the Xoloitzcuintli and the Coton de Tulear. The American Kennel Club officially recognizes a whopping 180 different breeds.

It's easy to suffer from canine confusion by all these diverse breeds, but fortunately, Palm Beach County is home to the Boca Raton Dog Club, a group of dog enthusiasts who are more than happy to serve as a canine resource center.

I recently caught up with Debbie Roberts, president of the local club. This Boca Raton resident happily shares her home with a pair of Norfolk

Name your favorite breed

Among the 180 recognized breeds by the American Kennel Club, which one is your favorite and why? Send your replies of 200 words or fewer directly to me at arden@fourleggedlife.com and I will send an autographed copy of my book *What Dogs Want* to two doggone lucky readers. The deadline to submit is Dec. 22, so don't delay. We will publish the names of the winners in the January issue.

terriers answering to the names of Maggie and Lilly. The latter is a retired show dog champion and the former prefers participating in the earth-dog sport rather than being in a show ring.

If you get confused about the difference between what a Norfolk terrier looks like versus a Norwich terrier, Roberts offers this fun way to remember:

"The main difference in looks is the ears, she says. "The Norfolk's ears are down while the Norwich ears are up. Think of a pointed witch hat and you will always remember that the Norwich ears are up," she says. "Our dog club members enjoy providing education to people



The Boca Raton Dog Club donated pet oxygen masks to Boynton Beach Fire Rescue. Pictured are firefighter Rubin Lopez and Jackie Allen of the Dog Club with Sir Lancelot. Photo by Michael Landress

about dogs of various breeds."

And this group likes to make Palm Beach County a safer place for all dogs — and yes, even cats. Each year, the club donates a portion of proceeds collected from its annual dog show held in June at the South Florida County Fairgrounds. This year the money raised went to purchase pet oxygen masks for the Boynton Beach Fire Rescue. Firefighters, many of whom have pets, can use these masks conformed to fit the muzzles of dogs and cats and immediately provide life-saving oxygen to pets rescued from burning homes.

The Boca Raton Dog Club's main mission is to promote responsible dog ownership. Members accomplish this by not only hosting dog shows, but also being available to answer questions about specific breeds, offer advice on dog training and help people find responsible breeders. In recent years, they have provided blankets and bedding and other needed supplies to local animal shelters coping with a spike in the number of dogs housed during hurricane seasons.

The club's next big dog show is June and Roberts welcomes any and all who love dogs to attend.

"People at dog shows — the owners, the handlers — are

very friendly and are usually more than happy to answer questions about their breeds," she says. "Proper etiquette is to always ask first before touching a dog and to wait until the judging is done to speak to someone who has a dog in the show ring. It takes a lot of training before a dog is ready to compete in the show ring."

To learn more about this club, visit www.bocarton.dogclub.org.

"This is an all-breed club," adds Roberts. "And you don't even have to own a dog to belong to our club. All people who love dogs are welcomed."

Westminster is the big dog

On the national level, the AKC's Westminster Show held each February in New York City reigns as Super Bowl of K9 dog show competitions. The top dog is crowned Best in Show and is presented with a gold/purple ribbon. The champion and his/her handler then immediately hit the talk show circuit and make personal appearances for the year — much like Miss America duties.

Here are a few fun Westminster show facts:

And, you are HOW old? The oldest dog to win Westminster was Stump, a Sussex spaniel who was 10 years, 2 months and 9 days old when he took

Best in Show in 2009. The youngest was Laund Loyalty of Bellhaven, a rough collie, who won in 1929 at the age of 9 months.

Don't touch that dial! The Westminster show first aired on television in 1948 and has been a must-view special each year. In 2014, the two-day broadcast drew more than 3.5 million viewers.

All hail the terriers! Among the seven different breed groups, the terrier group has won Best in Show at Westminster the most — a whopping 45 times.

Meet the face — and voice — of Westminster. Host David Frei aims to extend his announcing streak to 25 years when he hosts the 139th annual Westminster show on television Feb. 16-17.

Arden Moore, founder of *FourLeggedLife.com*, is an animal behavior consultant, editor, author, professional speaker and master certified pet first aid instructor. Each week, she hosts the popular

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Pets Calendar

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DECEMBER

Tuesday - 12/9 - South Tech Veterinary Assisting Pet Washes at South Tech Academy, 1300 SW 30th Ave., Boynton Beach. Veterinary Assisting students offer pet

washes. All animals must have proof of rabies vaccine. Rottweilers, pitbulls, Dobermans and German shepherds are not permitted, nor are dogs 70 pounds or more. Drop-off time is 7 to 7:30 a.m. Pets may be picked up 2:30 to 3 p.m. Held again 12/18. The cost of grooming is \$25 for dogs or cats. Shaving is \$25 for small dogs, \$30 for large. For reservations or information: 369-7043.

Saturday - 12/27 - Tail Waggers Dog Circus - Presented by ZMC Entertainment

at Willow Theatre, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sit! Stay! Get ready to howl! This show features 1 Ringling Brothers Circus Clown and 16 stupendous dogs. This is truly a show for the entire family - it brings out the dog lover in all of us. This show is proud to star many dogs that have been rescued from shelters or pounds. Rated G. Two times: 2 & 7 pm. \$18/adults, \$12/age 12 & under. 347-3900.

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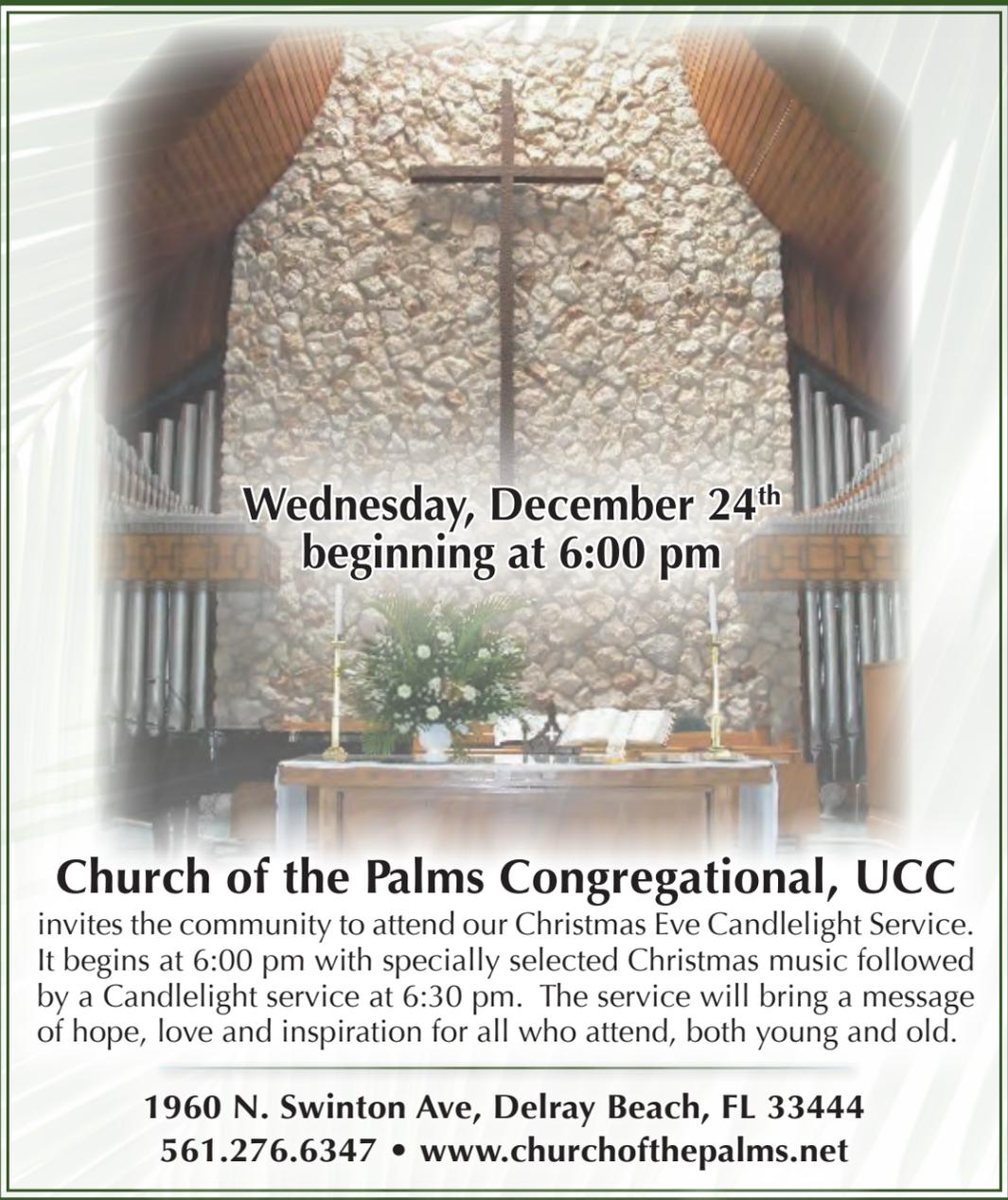


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Finding Faith



Tricia and Jordan Hess and their son Brandon play Mary, Joseph and Jesus in 'Come to Bethlehem.' Photo provided

Delray Beach events sure to inspire holiday cheer

Delray Beach offers the best opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit early this month.

- Begin your adventure standing in awe of the city's newly lit **100-foot Christmas tree** outside the Center for the Arts at Old School Square.

- "Come to Bethlehem" — a living, interactive recreation of Christ's birthplace as it appeared 2,000 years ago — will be presented 7-9 p.m. on Dec. 5-7 at **Cason United Methodist Church**, 342 N. Swinton Ave.

- Christmas music comes as the **Delray Beach Choral** performs its "Wonder of the Season" holiday concert at 3 p.m. Dec. 6 at **First Presbyterian Church**.

Actors at the Methodist church have undergone

authenticity training before they speak with visitors to Bethlehem. Roles include the women at the well, shepherds, wise men, feather-winged angels and merchants in a historically accurate Bethlehem marketplace.

The set for Bethlehem took eight weeks to build behind the church. More than 100 volunteers including 70 actors take part in the annual free community event that draws 2,000 visitors each year.

"We want people to experience walking into Christmas," co-chair **David Schmidt** said. **Lynn Routhier**, the other co-chair, added: "People come out happy and peaceful."

The annual community choral concert at First Presbyterian, 33 Gleason St.,

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Sunday: 7:00 A.M., 8:30 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 5:30 P.M. (Life Teen Mass)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: after the 8:30 A.M. Mass; 2:30-3:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2014

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

December 18: 7:00 p.m.

Scripture Service followed by individual confessions.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES

December 24: 4:00, 5:30 (Children's Mass) and 9:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

December 25: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S VIGIL MASS

December 31: 5:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES (Holy Day of Obligation)

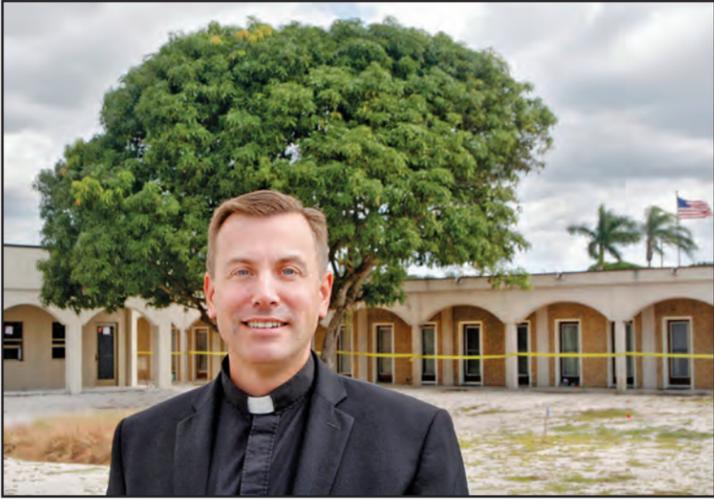
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Monsignor David Toups, rector of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Seminary in suburban Boynton Beach, said he is thrilled by the surge in enrollment. **Tim Stepien/ Coastal Star**

will get you in the perfect mood.

The Delray Beach Chorale has 65 voices accompanied by a brass ensemble, cello and organ.

This year's holiday concert is the first for new conductor and artistic director **Patricia Fleitas**, who is director of choral and vocal studies at **Florida Atlantic University**.

Sister Lorraine Ryan, the Catholic nun who has become a Mother Teresa for Boynton Beach's poor, will be honored as grand marshal in the city's Christmas parade on Saturday.

The city's Recreation and Parks Advisory Board chose her from among 11 nominations.



Ryan

"There is simply no one person who has touched more citizens in our community through the sacrifice of energy, dedication and commitment to the well-being of our city and those who live here than Sister Lorraine Ryan," Gulfstream Goodwill vice president **Brian Edwards** said in nominating her for the honor.

Sister Lorraine was a medical missionary in India for 15 years before she moved to Boynton in 1999 to care for her ailing parents.

After noticing that poor women here needed help, she and **Sister Joan Carusillo** started the non-profit **Women's Circle** to give hundreds of women the skills to get life-supporting jobs.

The surge in seminarians that required an \$11.5 million dormitory expansion at **St. Vincent de Paul Seminary** is receiving praise to the Lord.

The 92 young men now studying to become priests is the largest enrollment at the Catholic seminary since it opened west of Boynton Beach in 1963.

"I think that would shock people. With the scandals, they might think we should be at an all-time low," said **Monsignor David Toups**, the seminary rector.

"But this is a sign of God's presence," Toups said before a Dec. 7 dedication of new dormitories which will allow for 110 seminarians.

All of Florida's bishops will celebrate with 300 donors and friends, with the happy seminarians joining in.

"God has answered our prayers. He is breaking through the darkness that has surrounded the church. It's truly a miracle," said **Daniel Daza-Jaller**, a seminarian from Wellington.

"I'm sure the scandals pushed guys away," he said. "But now the excitement is definitely here."

All old dormitory rooms were cubbyholes before the expansion and renovation project that more than doubles the living space by giving each seminarian his own bathroom, shower and porch.

The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce has named **Christians Reaching Out to Society Ministries** as the city's **Nonprofit Organization of the Year**.

That's no small honor considering that the selection committee included five past chamber chairmen and five past Business Person of the Year honorees.

"The numbers of people whom they have fed and helped in our area is staggering," chamber president **Karen Granger** said.

The Caring Kitchen operated by CROS volunteers in Delray Beach served 91,383 hot meals in 2013. The poor also receive clothing and other services.

The award was announced at the Chamber's **Luminary Gala** attended by 400 community leaders on Oct. 24.

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



Day School students lift their voices

St. Pauls Church, Delray Beach – Oct. 26



Children from St Paul's Day School in Delray Beach sing during the church service on Oct. 26 to celebrate the 51st year of St. Paul's Day School's ministry to pre-school-aged children and their families. **Tim Stepien/Coastal Star**

Pope John Paul II students paint a mural

Arts District, Boynton Beach – Nov. 8



Students from Gina Bentivegna's class at Pope John Paul II High School in Boca Raton pose for a selfie in front of the mural they painted Nov. 8 in the Boynton Beach Arts District. The PJP II mural joined others as part of the Bay Gates Mural Project. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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Tennis



Nick Ourusoff (l-r), Bill Poist, John Powless and Don Mathais at the finals in San Isidro, Argentina. Photo provided

Doubles, in sport and travel, the right choice for Poist

By Steve Pike

Ocean Ridge resident Bill Poist is finishing 2014 on a high note. Poist and his doubles partner, Donald Mathias of St. Petersburg, recently won the Alfredo Trullenque ITF Seniors tournament in Santiago, Chile, that propelled him to the International Tennis Federation world No.1 ranking in the age 75-plus division.

The victory in Santiago continued a strong summer/fall run for Poist and Mathias. The duo won the 31st Nautico San Isidro (Argentina) International tournament, as well as tournaments in Cognac and Bordeaux, France. He also finished second with Tom Brunkow of Washington, D.C., this past October at the ITF World Championships in Antalya, Turkey.

As a team, Poist and Mathias are ranked No. 2 by the USTA, having won three Category II events this year in Florida, along with the Atlanta Invitational, as well as runner-up finish at the Clay Court

Nationals in Virginia Beach.

In singles events this past summer, Poist was runner-up in ITF events in the Czech Republic and England, but doubles is the 75-year-old's forte.

"I don't work out," said Poist, who with his wife, Ann Alexander, moved to Ocean Ridge four years ago. "Doubles is less strenuous because it's played on a smaller court, so I'm able to manage that."

"This year I played around 15 tournaments — many more than in previous years."

One reason for the increase, Poist said, was that this is his "rookie" season in the 75-up division.

"One of the beauties of the ITF and USTA (U.S. Tennis Association) is the five-year categories," Poist said. "It's allowed people to play in their age brackets and skill levels. The first year — in any age bracket — you're the youngest person in that five-year slot. So everybody, theoretically, is slower than you. Once you get to the third and fourth years,



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the younger players are quicker and better.”

Poist, a member of the Ohio Wesleyan Athletic Hall of Fame, plays locally with tennis professionals Dennis Grainger (at Seagate Country Club) and Paul Cranis, as well as top players Howard Klinnert and Garrett Bornstein.

“They deserve a lot of credit for helping me,” said Poist, who also is a regular in the 10 o’clock Club at the Delray Beach Tennis Center.

Competition has always been a staple in Poist’s life. Now a retired business consultant who spent the bulk of his professional life in Washington, D.C., Poist was a standout basketball and tennis player at Hanover (Pa.) High School and led Ohio Wesleyan tennis teams to successive conference and NCAA regional titles from 1960-62.

Poist was tennis professional at Corinthian YC in Marblehead, Mass., from

1960-61 and at Eastern YC in Marblehead from 1962-66. When Poist began his business life, he cut down on tennis, but started playing seriously again about 30 years ago.

Since then he’s combined his competitive spirit for tennis and his adventurous spirit for travel to succeed on the court and see the world with Ann, who volunteers at various tournaments at the Delray Beach Tennis Center.

“Tennis and travel,” Poist said with a smile. “When I played golf in the ’70s, we traveled to places like Canada and Scotland and played all the great courses. Tennis is the same way. I enjoy seeing all the different places.

“I especially enjoy going to Frinton on the North Sea about 100 miles from London. It’s a lovely old club. It’s more than 100 years old and is an ‘old shoe’ kind of place because you feel comfortable there.” ★

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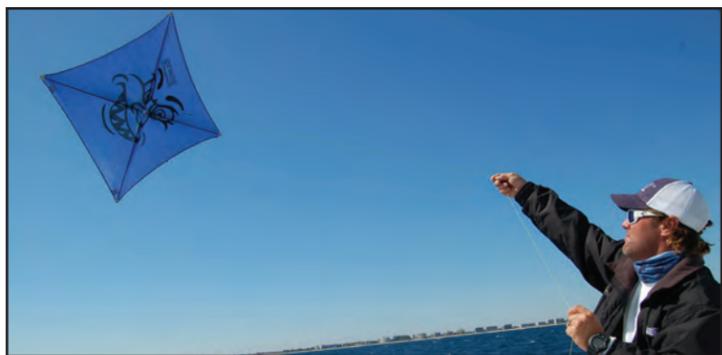
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On the Water



Sailfish numbers swell when winter drives them south

The northerly winds and ocean swells of winter bring with them the opportunity to catch and release sailfish — a beautiful, high-jumping billfish with a sail-like dorsal fin that has the distinction of being the state's official saltwater fish.

Sailfish can be found year-round in the waters off Palm Beach County, but their numbers typically increase during the cold-weather months.

The winter season's many sailfish release tournaments typically begin in December and continue into April. Tournament fishing teams spend many a blustery winter day in hot pursuit of "spindlebeaks" in the Atlantic waters off Palm Beach County, where the Gulf Stream current sweeps so close to the beach that sailfish are occasionally caught from fishing piers.

But you don't have to be competing for the most releases to enjoy a day of catch-and-release sailfish action, as Capt. Chip Sheehan of Boynton Beach and mate Billy Blackman demonstrated recently.

Sheehan operates the Chip's Ahoy charter boat based at Boynton Harbor Marina and has been a sailfish tournament competitor for 20 years. In addition to running his boat, Sheehan serves as a tournament skipper on other boats.

Sheehan specializes in kite

fishing, a method used by most teams competing in sailfish tournaments off the coast of Palm Beach County.

In kite fishing, a kite is sent aloft from the boat and lines holding live baits are dangled from the kite line (or lines). When a fish strikes, the release clip opens, freeing the fishing line. Kite fishing holds leaders out of the water and encourages baitfish to make fish-attracting splashes on the surface.

During a trip to the waters off Boynton Inlet in November, Sheehan stocked up on live baits and launched two kites from the stern of his 33-foot Invincible after choosing a spot to fish offshore. He typically finds "sails" in 100 to 200 feet of water, but he stays in touch with other captains to discover in what depth sailfish are being found on any given day.

With Blackman's help, Sheehan launched two kites and rigged live baits on six fishing lines, three dangled from each kite line.

The first fish to strike the kite baits were dolphin. Sheehan and Blackman were not disappointed. Dolphin (mahi mahi), are among the most sought-after of ocean fish because they're beautiful, high-jumping and make excellent dinner fare (as long as they measure at least 20 inches to the tail fork.)

Other fish caught when kite fishing include blackfin



TOP LEFT: Capt. Chip Sheehan flies a fishing kite to keep live bait near the surface.

ABOVE: He holds the head of a sailfish up briefly for a photo before releasing it. Mate Billy Blackman, background, caught the sailfish using a live bait dangled from a fishing kite.

Photos by Willie Howard/The Coastal Star

tuna, kingfish and occasionally wahoo.

After a few hours of fishing, Blackman took the rod to fight a sailfish that hit a live goggle-eye in 100 feet of water off the Lake Worth pier. Sheehan held the sailfish's head out of the water for a few seconds for a photo, then released it.

Later that afternoon, Sheehan spotted the dark shadow of another sailfish that

was stalking one of his kite baits but decided not to strike for some reason.

Even though sailfish look silver in some photos, they display different colors based on their moods. Sailfish usually appear dark in the water when they're chasing prey.

We ended our November trip with several dolphin in the cooler and one sailfish release pennant flying — a nice day

of fishing, but hardly a red hot day of sailfishing by Sheehan's standards.

Sheehan spends about 250 days a year fishing the ocean. His best single day of sailfish action came in 2004, when his team released 30 sailfish during the Silver Sailfish Derby, a tournament organized by the West Palm Beach Fishing Club.

In January, Sheehan and his fishing partners released 23 sailfish in the waters off the Boynton Beach water tower (south of Boynton Inlet). Sheehan said he could see the tails of sailfish in waves driven by north winds that day.

"They were tailing, headed south like bullets," he said.

When conditions are right following a cold front, the sailfish action off Palm Beach County can be world-class. On Jan. 5, 2012, the first day of the Silver Sailfish Derby, fishing teams found sailfish leaping from the water and tailing in the waves. Anglers on 46 boats released a combined 659 sails that day.

All tournament sailfish are caught on non-offset circle hooks, which cause less internal damage to fish than traditional J hooks and are mandatory in billfish tournaments.

Nearly all sailfish are released nowadays.

To be legal to keep, a sailfish must measure 63 inches from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail. A federal HMS



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To reach Capt. Chip Sheehan regarding fishing trips aboard the 33-foot Chips Ahoy leaving from Boynton Harbor Marina, call 436-1417 or go to www.chipsahoycharters.com.

Notes

Boynton Beach's annual Holiday Boat Parade kicks off at 5:30 pm on Dec. 12 with live entertainment and activities for children. The boat parade begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Lantana bridge on Ocean Avenue. The decorated boats then move south ending at the C-15 Canal in Delray Beach. Viewing areas include Boynton Harbor Marina and Intracoastal Park. U.S. Marines will collect donations of new, unwrapped toys at viewing areas.

Boaters interested in participating should call the Boynton Beach CRA at 600-9097. For details about parade viewing areas in Delray Beach, call the city at 243-7000.

Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary's Flotilla 36 will teach the introductory About Boating Safely (ABC) course Dec. 6 in the headquarters building at Spanish River Park, 3939 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Course hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The \$35 fee can be paid at the door. Call 391-3600 or go to www.cgaux.boca.org.

Tip of the month: Delicious Florida pompano can be caught from the beach when conditions are right. Use a long (10 feet or more) surf rod and heavy pyramid sinkers (3 to 4 ounces) to make long casts from the beach onto sand bars where waves are stirring up sand, leaving foamy sheets of brownish water. Waves unearth sand fleas and crabs that bottom-feeding pompano like to eat. Rig your rod with a pre-made pompano rig, which usually features two or three hooks above the sinker. For bait, use live sand fleas, bits of fresh shrimp or clam strips. Pompano must measure at least 11 inches to the fork of the tail to be legal to keep. The daily bag limit is 6.

Look behind you before casting from the beach. Don't fish around swimmers or in guarded swimming areas. A Florida saltwater fishing license is required. Florida residents must carry a free shoreline fishing license unless they're exempt. A three-day, non-resident saltwater fishing license costs \$17. Call 888-347-4356 or visit www.myfwc.com.



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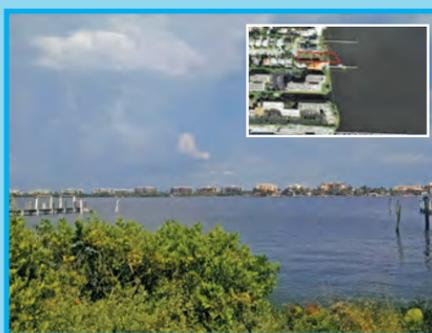
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Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

DECEMBER 6

Saturday - 12/6 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., in Ocean Ridge. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot. 8-10:15 am. Free. Contact JeffLev02@gmail.com.
12/6 - Boardwalk Tours at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Join a docent for a guided tour of wetlands. All ages. Held every Wed. 9 am, 1 & 3 pm and Sat. 9 & 11 am. Free. 966-7000.

DECEMBER 7-13

Sunday - 12/7 - History Stroll: Seacrest Scrub Natural Area at 3400 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. The natural area consists of two native Florida ecosystems: scrub and scubby flatwoods, which support a large population of gopher tortoises. Presented by *Boynton Beach Historical Society*. Please wear close-toed shoes, long pants, sunscreen, a hat and bring water. 10 am. Free. 643-1393.
12/7 - Audubon Society of the Everglades Bird Walk at Snook Island, NW corner of Lucerne Ave and Lake Worth Bridge. Meet at the boardwalk. 3 pm. Free.

742-7791 or www.auduboneverglades.org.
Tuesday - 12/9-10 - 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&W. 10-11:30 am. Free. 544-8605 or www.gumbolimbo.org.
Saturday - 12/13 - Seining the Lagoon at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Explore the grasses and flats of the Intracoastal Waterway behind Gumbo Limbo. Hand-held dip nets and large seine nets allow participants to catch and release a variety of fish, shrimp, crabs and marine life. Wear clothes that can get wet. No flip-flops or sandals. Old sneakers or watershoes only. Ages 10 to adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 12/23 (3-4:30 pm). 9-10:30 am. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. Reservations: 544-8615.

DECEMBER 14-20

Sunday - 12/14 - Audubon Society of the Everglades Bird Walk at Caloosa Park, 1300 SW 35th Ave., Boynton Beach. Meet in the back of the park (near restrooms). Bring picnic lunch. 8:30 am. Free. 742-7791.

Thursday - 12/18 - The Night Stalkers at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Join a naturalist on a night-time boardwalk tour looking at nature from the point of view of its nocturnal residents. All ages. 6:30 pm. \$5/person. Reservations: 966-7000.
Friday - 12/19 - Audubon Society of the Everglades Bird Walk at Green Cay Wetlands, 12800 Hagen Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Meet outside Nature Center main door. 4 pm. Free. 742-7791.
12/19 - Wetlands & Wildlife at Wakodahatchee Wetlands, 13026 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Wakodahatchee is a man-made wetland which has become a favorite for birders and photographers at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Meet Gumbo Limbo Naturalist at the Wakodahatchee Wetland's boardwalk entrance. Bring your camera and binoculars for this 3/4 mile guided boardwalk tour to learn more about Florida's wetland birds and ecosystems. Ages 7-adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. 3-5 pm. Free. Reservations: 544-8615.
Saturday - 12/20 - Beach Walk and Talk at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Featuring a guided walk of the beach, investigating plants on the dunes, animals found on

the beach and in the water in addition to interactions of the land and sea. For all ages. 11am-noon. \$8. 274-7263.

DECEMBER 21-27

Tuesday - 12/23 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Join other fishermen to discuss hot topics and learn new tricks of the trade. 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5638 or www.boynton-beach.org.
Wednesday - 12/24 - Beach Treasures at 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. 3-4:30 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations: 544-8615.
Saturday - 12/27 - SeaAngels Beach Cleanup at 6990 N Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Check in at the picnic tables next to the snack bar. All ages. Held the last Saturday of every month. 8-10:30 am. Free. Email info@seaangels.org or www.seaangels.org.

DECEMBER 28-JAN. 3.

Tuesday - 12/30 - 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. Experience is necessary. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and dirty. Sun protection, water and bug spray are recommended. Prerequisites: Must be proficient at paddling and maneuvering a canoe in open water and confined trails; Must be capable of getting into and out of a canoe from a dock and dry or muddy land on your own or with assistance from a companion; and must have the physical agility to get back into a canoe from the water, in case of tipping. Ages 7-adult, an adult must participate with each child. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$15/member, \$22/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615.
Wednesday - 12/31 - Audubon Society of the Everglades Special Holiday Bird Walk at Wakodahatchee Wetlands, 13026 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Meet outside Nature Center main door. 8 am. Free. 742-7791 or www.auduboneverglades.org.

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Gumbo Limbo thawing out stressed turtles

Eleven new patients are being cared for at the Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Facility at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. The Kemp ridley turtles, shipped in from Massachusetts on Nov. 25, are being treated for cold stunning, a hypothermic reaction that occurs when sea turtles are exposed to cold water temperatures for too long.

In the Northeast Region, 50 to 200 sea turtle were found suffering from the malady between late October and December. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation made arrangements with several Florida sea turtle hospitals to care for as many sea turtles as possible until they are ready for release.

The smallest and most endangered of the sea turtle species, Kemp ridleys are also the most common cold stunned species in the Northeast. To treat them, staffers will monitor vital signs, fluids for hydration and x-rays to look for signs of illness or injury. They will ensure they get a proper diet and medications.

Gumbo Limbo's sea turtle conservation program has been rescuing sick and injured sea turtles for two decades. The rehabilitation facility opened in 2010. Since then, more than 275 injured or sick sea turtles have been treated there.

To visit the turtles, stop by the center (www.gumbolimbo.org) at 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Visitors are encouraged to donate \$5.

— Staff Report

Along the Coast

Threats remain, but turtle nesting numbers are encouraging

By Cheryl Blackerby

Coastal residents can be proud they had something to do with increasing turtle nest numbers this year.

“Most experts agree that conservation efforts and full-cutoff lighting on the coast are probably the main reasons for the success of turtle nesting in the state,” said Dr. Kirt Rusenko, marine conservationist at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton.

“The lighting ordinance a generation ago — a generation for a loggerhead is 20 to 30 years — really helped,” he said.

Loggerhead turtles particularly have been a source of concern for wildlife researchers, but this year the turtles made a nice recovery.

“We’ve been worried about loggerheads since 2010, but they seem to be returning. That is making us quite happy,” Rusenko said. In 2010, Boca Raton’s loggerhead nests totaled 577, and this year the total was 856.

Green turtles are a huge success, increasing from 27 nests in 1987 to 331 last year, and 75 this year in Boca Raton. Statewide the numbers are even better.

“The 2013 green turtle nest

numbers were huge. They were lower in 2014, but that was expected because the turtles generally come back on two-year schedules,” said Dr. Simona Ceriani, a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission research scientist.

Statewide in 2014, loggerhead turtle nests numbers remained high and leatherback turtle nests reached a new record in the state, according to Ceriani.

Florida is extremely important in the quest to keep sea turtle nests numbers high, she said.

“It’s up to Florida to be the steward for these species. Protecting nesting habitat is the best thing we can do, to give them a safe, dark place to nest. That’s something we do have control over, and something we have to strive for. We have to share the beaches with them so they will have a good recovery,” she said.

The state statistics in November were from 26 core index beaches, including Boca Raton, that monitored the beaches according to specific boundaries and protocols. The total turtle nest census for all beaches in Florida will be announced in January.

Green turtle nesting trends show an exponential increase

over the last 26 years, she said. Green turtle nest counts set two consecutive high records in 2011 and 2013 in the state.

In Boca Raton, green turtle numbers have been going up double-digit percentages, said Rusenko, good news considering they were extinct in Florida in the early 1970s.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 allowed the Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service to designate specific areas as protected “critical habitat” zones. The Florida Endangered Species Act further protected turtle nests.

“All the green turtle canneries in Florida went out of business,” Rusenko said.

There was also good news for leatherbacks. “This year was a great year in the state for leatherbacks, and especially in northern Palm Beach County,” he said.

Although the numbers are up, turtle experts say there is more to do, particularly about “sky glow,” the light projected into the sky by coastal cities on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway. Hatchlings walk toward the glow from the west that shines between condo high-rises on the beach, and they are subsequently crushed on A1A or they die in the

sun. Nature dictates they should walk toward the ocean guided by reflected star and moonlight.

“Boca’s City Hall, police station and library have full-cutoff light fixtures that direct light on the ground instead of into the sky, but there’s a lot more work to be done,” said Rusenko.

Statewide, researchers are optimistic about the turtle nest numbers, as new protection strategies are implemented.

“The U.S. is trying to cut down on challenges in fishing, such as the size and shape of hooks so they won’t be killed. A ‘turtle excluder device,’ used primarily in shrimping, is helping but we can’t quantify it yet,” she said.

“Sea turtles face many

Boca Raton beaches nesting data

Year	Loggerhead	Green	Leatherback	Hawksbill	TOTAL
1987	687	7	5	0	719
1988	874	15	3	0	892
1989	896	15	6	0	917
1990	1075	31	3	0	1109
1991	994	11	3	0	1008
1992	974	43	8	0	1025
1993	744	18	9	0	771
1994	761	61	2	0	824
1995	952	12	9	0	973
1996	901	82	3	0	986
1997	514	12	18	0	544
1998	776	89	8	0	873
1999	791	12	9	0	812
2000	723	124	9	0	856
2001	564	10	13	0	587
2002	550	120	15	0	685
2003	594	40	13	0	647
2004	421	66	5	0	492
2005	485	115	18	0	618
2006	421	68	11	1	501
2007	398	142	29	0	569
2008	437	90	7	1	535
2009	361	67	21	0	449
2010	577	131	15	0	723
2011	663	154	13	0	830
2012	994	116	33	0	1143
2013	834	331	12	1	1178
2014	856	75	18	0	949

important threats at sea and on land, which need to be addressed for the recovery of these charismatic and endangered species, but the results of the 2014 nesting season in Florida are encouraging and provide a positive outlook for the future,” said Ceriani. ★



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