

Along the Coast

Teeing off for summer



ABOVE: Golfers roll in to The Little Club for the first Little Cup tournament in Gulf Stream. **TOP:** The tournament trophy remains at The Little Club since no overall winner was awarded. **Photos by Taylor Jones/The Coastal Star**

First 'Little Cup' a pleasant competition

By Brian Biggane

Gulf Stream Golf Club member Andy Laidlaw offered a smile when asked if the first Little Cup golf tournament, contested in early April at The Little Club in Gulf Stream, offered an opportunity to network for its 40 competitors.

"It's more of a social event," he replied. "The people that are here are done networking."

A well-heeled clientele representing nine clubs — most of them either east of the Intracoastal or close to it — enjoyed a low-key afternoon of fellowship and fun on a relatively cool, breezy day on the par-3 layout.

"It was great," said Charlie Begg of The Ocean Club, which fielded a four-man team despite the club's absence of a golf course. "Everybody had a great time. Beautiful weather, and the course is in great shape."

The tournament came about when Little Club members John Lynch and John Smith got together with Michael Mullin of neighboring St. Andrew's and kicked around ideas for an event to celebrate the end of the season.

"We thought we'd call 10 of our buddies and ask if they'd like to bring a foursome up here," said Lynch, who teamed with fellow Little Club member Jay Carey to win the two-ball event with a low score of 43. They teamed with Smith and John Doring of Indian Creek to win the four-ball with a net of 40.

"About half of us know each other already," Mullin said. "This way we mixed it up a little."

While the original plan was to have teams play as four-

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Tom Rubel of The Ocean Club at the tee at The Little Club.

Manalapan

Not everyone happy with Publix impact

By Dan Moffett

Manalapan town commissioners say they're delighted to be negotiating with Publix to bring a supermarket to their Plaza del Mar.

There is just one thing, however. They say they want it to be a Manalapan sort of Publix, and that could require some extra negotiating.

So, at their April 26 meeting, the commissioners postponed giving final approval to an ordinance that would have allowed Publix to erect its trademark sign in the plaza, as they grappled with a flurry of newly minted worries:

What about delivery trucks? What about the traffic and hours of operation? What about the displacement of other merchants? What about that familiar green-and-white Publix sign? And yes, what about the impact on the character of Manalapan itself?

Come to think of it, there is more than just one thing.

"It's not that we don't want Publix —

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Barrier islands' fire study points to potential savings

By Dan Moffett

Preliminary results of a barrier island fire district study suggest that six coastal communities could benefit from joining forces to provide their own services, Gulf Stream Town Manager William Thrasher said.

"There seems to be an opportunity for more efficient service at a reduced combined cost," Thrasher said. "But there'll need to be a redistribution of the costs."

The study, released in April by Texas-based Matrix Consulting Group, examined how much the six communities — Gulf Stream, Highland Beach, Briny Breezes, Ocean Ridge, Manalapan and South Palm Beach — pay mainland providers for fire-rescue services and what the towns get for their

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Katelyn Cucinotta joins an Earth Day beach cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Editor's Note

A1A crosswalk signs are well worth the expense

I'm a walker. Most mornings I see some of you as I head to the Ocean Ridge Natural Area or to the beach. Often you wave — which is lovely. Often you slow down or stop at the A1A crosswalks and let me cross. That's what you are supposed to do, and I appreciate it.

The relatively recent installation of in-the-crosswalk signs has greatly improved the frequency at which motorists slow to let pedestrians cross.

But since these signs are in the middle of the roadway, they often fall victim to tight passage around bicycles or to general careless and distracted driving. Hundreds of them have been damaged and replaced.

Although the signage is created by Florida's Department of Transportation (A1A is a state road), the state supplies only a limited number each year.

As a result, our coastal towns absorb the cost of replacement signs.

As a coastal resident, this seems like a good use of my taxpayer dollars. Not only does it make my morning walks safer and more enjoyable, but it does the same for many, many others.

And it's not just the local residents who benefit. The entire A1A experience is improved when drivers slow down and take notice of their environment.

There is a certain mindfulness about watching a wagon filled with toddlers and their

beach toys cross the highway, or teenagers with their surfboards or seniors out walking their dogs.

Slowing down allows us to think about where we are. And when we take the time to look around, it's hard not to see that we are in a very special place.

Safety, however, is the highest priority, and no matter how well-installed these signs are and how alert the drivers of automobiles and bicyclists are, it's up to pedestrians to make sure they are in a safe environment. Police advise that you make eye contact with the driver of an approaching vehicle before stepping into a crosswalk. And if you are out at night, remember that you simply may not be visible in the dark.

If John Boden, an activist in Highland Beach, is successful in his campaign to have flashing LED lights installed around pedestrian crosswalk signs [story, Page 13], it may improve night safety. The idea has merit and should be explored.

Still, pedestrians are responsible for their own safety and should not take chances. At the same time, drivers of automobiles and bicyclists should always be prepared to stop at marked crosswalks. Slow down, enjoy the moment and let's all be safe out there.



Mary Kate Leming, Editor

Woman's marine activism started with youthful observation

By Rich Pollack

Katelyn Cucinotta was walking on the beach after surfing not far from her Briny Breezes home a few years ago when she came across several pieces of trash that appeared to have floated ashore.

What Cucinotta found — a burlap sack, a clothes hanger and some clothing — led her to become a fierce and tireless advocate of preventing debris from making it into the oceans and being washed ashore.

"There's not a single day I've spent in the ocean when I haven't found debris," Cucinotta says. "There's always trash in the water."

Cucinotta, 23, is leading the charge to get the word out about the negative impact debris can have on marine ecosystems — including marine life ingestion of plastics and reef damage. It's all part of her work on behalf of the Sea to Shore Alliance, a Florida-based, international nonprofit research and conservation organization that hired her about a year ago to create and manage its Healthy Habitats and Oceans — or H2O — program.

Finding time to share her experiences and advocate for cleaner oceans isn't easy for Cucinotta, since she is in school to earn a master's degree in marine and coastal studies while working a few days a week as a student technician for Palm Beach County's Environmental Resources Management department.

But helping others

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understand the damage caused by marine debris is not just a priority for Cucinotta, it's a passion.

"I'm a scientist but I enjoy bridging the conversation between scientists and the community," she said.

Since joining the Sea to Shore Alliance, Cucinotta has developed plans for a mobile classroom for students and adults that will highlight the impact sea trash has on marine life and coastal environments.

The group already has a 27-foot-long bus, but finding money to outfit it is proving to be a challenge for Cucinotta — who aside from everything else she's doing, has taken the lead in fundraising.

In all, she says, the Sea to Shore Alliance needs about \$20,000 to outfit the bus with exhibits that will explain how sea turtles can get entangled in debris, the impact of ingestion of trash has on marine life and an explanation of gyres, five areas in the ocean where swirling current come together to create giant floating trash piles.

Plans are already in the works to bring the bus to schools in Broward County and to local festivals, once it is outfitted.

Cucinotta says that through

education, she is helping to raise awareness and at the same time being an advocate for the ocean and the creatures who inhabit it.

"Sea turtles can't speak up for themselves," she said. "It's up to us to provide a voice for all the seas."

Speaking on behalf of the environment is nothing new for Cucinotta, who grew up on the beaches of South Florida diving, snorkeling and surfing.

While a student at Park Vista High School, she led an effort by the ecology club to bring recycling to the Boynton Inlet and led a couple of student cleanups.

She even remembers being flabbergasted seeing a large television set floating in the Intracoastal Waterway when she was just 8 or 9.

"There was no excuse for it being there," she said.

It was that walk along the beach three years ago, however, when she found the sack and clothing that got her really fired up about removing marine trash. She started an Instagram campaign using #Take4Florida that encourages others to remove four pieces of litter and send photos.

The response was unexpected and broader than anything she had anticipated.

"I was inspired to continue this fight when I saw that the hashtag was being used around the world," she said. ★

To learn more or to contribute to the fundraising campaign, visit www.seatoshore.org/h2o.

Corrections

An April story about the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency's goal-setting session gave the wrong attribution about the reasons behind a proposed tax rate reduction. The CRA executive director told his board that the city wants the CRA to cover an additional \$2 million in projects and services so that the city could reduce its overall property tax rate.

A story in the April edition misstated the reason the town of Ocean Ridge paid \$50,000 in legal fees to Commissioner Richard Lucibella's attorney. The payment was reimbursement for Lucibella's legal defense of a failed recall effort against him last year. The fees were not due to his lawsuit against the recall's organizers, which also named the town clerk as a defendant because of her ministerial role in certifying elections.

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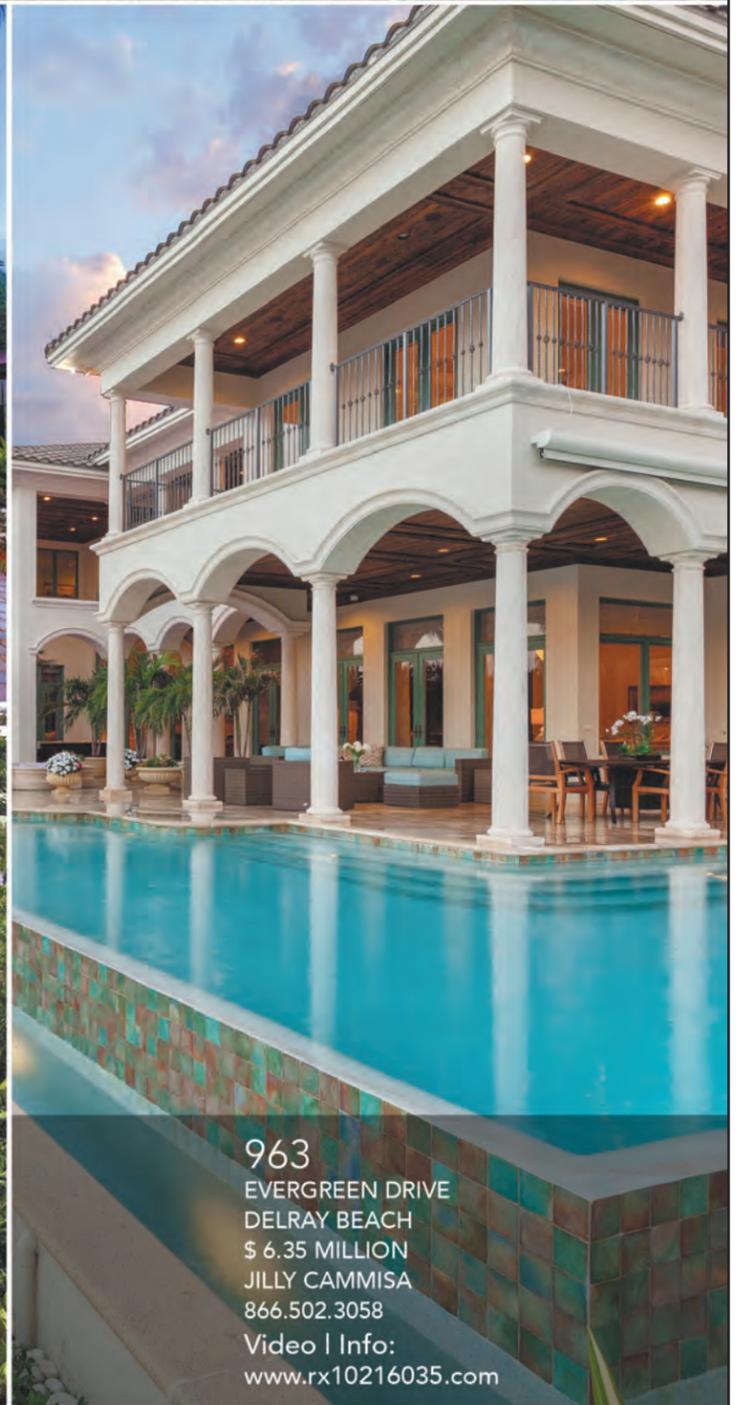
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Letters to the Editor

Better traffic planning needed in downtown Boca

As an architect and urban planner, I would like to amplify my comments on Mizner 200, published in *The Coastal Star* last June. This is the proposed replacement for Mizner on the Green in Boca Raton.

To its credit, the developer/owner, ELAD National Properties LLC, has changed architects and modified earlier proposals that were at variance with Boca Raton zoning requirements. Height, density, and design were modified to now substantially comply with current zoning and ordinances pertaining to the 8.75-acre site.

While not all might be happy with the approximately 1,000-foot-long structure proposed, or with the chosen design idiom, the owner does have a right to develop this site to its potential. Their architects

have addressed the setting with professionalism.

Boca Raton is now at an important crossroads. Within a few blocks of Mizner 200 there exist 1,200 residential units in just six buildings. Near these, seven new residential projects are now under construction or in final planning stages, providing an additional 1,450 units. Add to this 358 luxury rooms at the first two hotels in this area, Hyatt Place and the Mandarin Oriental.

A fresh look is also being taken at the center of all this activity, the 14-acre Royal Palm Plaza, where a multistory parking garage and yet another 300 residential units are in the planning stage.

These new projects will account for an increased local tax assessment of over \$1

billion, generating new annual tax revenue of over \$20 million.

Shockingly, there is little apparent effort by our city to address the traffic impacts. A comprehensive transportation master plan is desperately needed to address parking traffic and pedestrian impacts, and keep area residents, developers, architects, land planners and public officials on the same page. That tax windfall, along with the opportunity to employ eminent domain and negotiate easements and rights of way, can precipitate the planning and implementation of effective solutions.

Getting specific, any urban planner looking at this area would identify one important node on Southeast Mizner Boulevard near the proposed

primary access to Mizner 200. This lies approximately opposite the current east entrance to Royal Palm Plaza, where a fountain exists. Southwest of this point I am advised that a multistory parking structure is planned and, northwest, a new 220-unit, 12-story residential tower. These disparate functions demand a holistic approach.

I have personally advocated either a four-way controlled intersection or a roundabout. South of such a feature, two existing median breaks in Southeast Mizner Boulevard could be eliminated and replaced by a single new one, at the gated entry to the 195-unit Townsend Place buildings.

These modifications would eliminate a circuitous, dangerous access to Townsend

Place and reduce turning movements along the east boundary of Royal Palm Plaza. This would also create a safe pedestrian access to Royal Palm Plaza from the nearly 1,000 residential units across the street.

There would still remain a challenging situation along the west boundary of Royal Palm Plaza, fronting on Federal Highway. I would further propose joining the new intersection described above with the existing intersection of Federal Highway and South Third Street, providing a central access to Royal Palm Plaza and creating an east-west pedestrian and vehicular thoroughfare.

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Boynton Riverwalk needs grocery

Congratulations to Jane Smith on her comprehensive reporting on the plans for redevelopment of Boynton Beach's Riverwalk Plaza.

As an original owner for 10 years at Marina Village, I found it wonderful when the new Publix opened at Sunshine Square. Unfortunately, in the last two years, shopping there has become a nightmare. The poorly designed parking lot cannot handle the traffic.

It is terrifying to see what will happen after 500 Ocean is completed, plus what if Isram Realty succeeds in building a 10-story living space?

We are all hoping that a grocery store (like a Whole Foods) goes into Riverwalk.

Mary Pat Ryan
Boynton Beach

Coastal Star a shining light

I have been a resident of Palm Beach County since 1973, from West Palm Beach to Boca Raton, and in that time I have seen dozens of smaller newspapers come and go.

I would like to give you a compliment: You and your team are doing a great job with the layout, content and distribution of *The Coastal Star*. Your passion shows in the quality of your newspaper and we, the readers, really appreciate it.

The icing on the cake is, I was at The Colony Hotel in Palm Beach for brunch on Sunday, where for generations the Palm Beach "Shiny Sheet" was an institution. However this time I saw *The Coastal Star* there instead.

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Feds take sober look at 'bad operators'

By Jane Smith

A black van carrying 14 people toured Delray Beach about 1 p.m. May 2. Police in marked vehicles escorted the van through the city's neighborhoods.

They were not transporting people from sober homes to treatment centers. Instead, they had a bigger mission: to show high-ranking federal officials the negative impact that unkempt recovery residences are having on city neighborhoods.

The 90-minute tour — combined with a mid-afternoon sober homes forum — likely worked. Sixteen cities in Palm Beach and Broward counties sent elected officials and community leaders to the forum.

"We then listened to the concerns of the elected leaders throughout the region," said Gustavo Velasquez, an assistant secretary in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. "We have a lot of ideas. I will go back to Washington and work on it."

He plans to work with HUD and Department of

Justice lawyers to craft a joint statement, a guideline, which cities can use to balance the needs of recovering individuals with a city's ability to maintain quality neighborhoods and a keep a lid on public safety costs. His goal is to have the statement in August.

At the forum, one elected leader said a sober home in his city called the fire department 115 times in one year, according to U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel, whose staff organized the forum and helped stage the tour with Delray Beach staff.

She was able to persuade HUD officials to attend.

"I had a bill prepared and asked HUD to review. They were concerned with the right wing tea party trying to gut the fair housing law if we brought the proposal to the floor," Frankel said the day after the forum. "So they agreed to this meeting instead and revising the joint opinion."

The news media were not permitted in the forum to allow the elected leaders to speak freely, she said. Frankel, a federal official, does not have to follow the state's Sunshine Law

regarding open meetings.

Velasquez left immediately after making a statement in the news conference held in Old School Square's Crest Theatre building.

HUD officials were visibly shocked by what they saw on the tour, Frankel said. "We saw furniture on the sidewalks," she said, indicating that a sober home had just tossed a client on the street. "We are not bashing the industry, just the bad operators."

Frankel said she was optimistic about the outcome.

Delray Beach Mayor Cary Glickstein said he was feeling the most encouraged in his four years as mayor. He hears daily complaints about sober homes from residents.

The city police and fire chiefs recently showed how the increase in emergency calls from sober homes is plaguing their departments. The more than 200 recovery residences account for 6 percent of the 20,000-plus incident reports police officers make annually, Police Chief Jeff Goldman said in mid-April.

Delray Beach has hundreds of sober homes. The exact number



U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel addresses the media, flanked by HUD's Gustavo Velasquez and Delray Beach Mayor Cary Glickstein. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

is not known because counting them would lead to federal lawsuits under fair housing and disability laws, Glickstein said.

"It's not the amount of homes, it's the number of beds," he said. "If you have 1,000 sober homes with 10 beds ... that's like adding 10,000 people to your city every three months. ... Traditional metrics for measuring public services doesn't work."

Delray Beach will use the federal statement to craft city laws that distinguish between the recovering individuals and the sober home operators that often are corporations or limited liability companies.

"City managers may get together and contribute to a legal defense fund for the new ordinance," Glickstein said. He

thinks the ordinance will be tested in court.

Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie said she too was feeling optimistic.

"The HUD officials were truly shocked by what they saw on the tour," she said. "Hopefully it's a light-bulb moment for them."

She liked that the Justice Department would be involved because then the joint statement would have more meaning in the courts. In addition, she was thrilled that the statement could be ready in 90 days.

New Boynton Beach Mayor Steven Grant said his city will not wait until August. He plans to ask his city attorney to look at Boynton Beach's ordinances regulating group homes and see what can be done there. ★

Delray Commission alarmed at drug-related public safety figures

By Jane Smith

Heroin overdoses and use of other illegal drugs have prompted Delray Beach fire-rescue and police leaders to ask for more officers and firefighter/paramedics.

The city's more than 200 rehabilitation facilities account for 6 percent of the 20,000-plus incident reports police officers make annually, Police Chief Jeff Goldman told city commissioners on April 12. "This does not take into account the several hundred calls for service we receive from the recovery industry" where officers respond but no report is made, he said.

The fire chief painted an equally grim picture. The department is responding to 10 to 12 overdose calls each day, said Fire Chief Danielle Connor.

"Sometimes three days in one week, the calls will be for the same person," she said. "We had a death this morning from an overdose."

Calls to Station 2 on Andrews Avenue more than doubled from 624 in 2004 to about 1,300 calls last year. She attributed

the increase mainly to illegal drug use. "That used to be our sleeper station," she said.

Rescue personnel, lifeguards and police officers have been trained to use Narcan, a nasal spray antidote to heroin and other opioid overdoses.

"This is pandemic to the community," Connor said. When fire-rescue personnel administer Narcan, they have to transport the person to the hospital, which means that unit is out of commission for nearly an hour.

Plus, it takes an emotional toll on responding staff to see so many young people wasting their lives, especially when they arrive and the drug-user is conscious enough to say, "Don't give me Narcan," Connor said.

The scale of the impact from the recovery industry on the city's public safety department stunned commissioners.

"Tectonic changes are happening before our eyes," Mayor Cary Glickstein said. "We didn't talk about heroin overdoses last year, but in the past few months they became an issue." He zeroed

in on the police chief's comment about the large number of incident reports for the recovery industry.

"This is sobering for us," said Commissioner Jordana Jarjura. "Ten to 12 overdoses a day in a city of our geographic size is troubling."

Goldman listed the illegal-drug-related challenges to his department: unregulated rehabilitation facilities, resurgence of heroin and the spread of communicable diseases through needle sharing, and the proliferation of designer drugs and experimentation by the mainstream and casual drug users. His investigative division spends 1,200 hours annually on narcotics complaints.

To combat the increase in heroin overdoses — 177 as of April 28 compared with 195 for all of 2015 — Goldman started Operation Street Sweeper on Feb. 29. Undercover officers repeatedly bought narcotics from known drug dealers. From April 15 to April 28, 30 people were arrested, with more to come.

Goldman wants to increase the number of sworn officers to 170, from its current 156 level. He also wants to hire

employees to oversee police body camera videos, to help the front desk with Creole translations, to supervise equipment and to coordinate special events.

He also wants to hire a social worker to help people who are homeless, mentally ill and or get kicked out of sober homes because of relapse. In doing so, he hopes to compile information on sober home operators who are in the business solely for the money.

Fire Chief Connor said her department responds to more emergency medical calls than fire calls. Last year, it responded to 10,074 emergency medical calls, while fire calls amounted to 186.

She also told commissioners that her staff participated at 55 special events last year with 1,270 man hours, with overtime cost in excess of \$83,000.

She would like her department to have three paramedics on its rescue units — as nearby departments do. This would help to reduce response times, she said. She gave commissioners financial options for hiring extra personnel for the rescue trucks, ranging from \$173,000 to \$832,000. ★

Railroad improvements require temporary street closings

By Jane Smith

All Aboard Florida is continuing to add double tracks and quiet zone devices to South County coastal cities for its Brightline express rail that will link Miami to Orlando along the Florida East Coast tracks.

While the double tracks are installed, the following roads will be closed 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Lantana Road, May 10-13, and Northeast 15th Avenue, Boynton Beach, May 1-5.

Closings for Delray Beach: Southeast 10th Street, May 2-6; Northeast First Street, May

4-7; Southeast First Street, May 5-7; Southeast Fourth Street, June 10-13; Linton Boulevard, June 14-18, and Lindell Boulevard, June 25-27.

The following roads had upgraded crossings installed in April: West Ocean Avenue and Pine Street in Lantana; Northeast Sixth Avenue, Gateway Boulevard and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Boynton Beach; and George Bush Boulevard and Northeast Fourth Street in Delray Beach.

For dates of other road closings, travelers are advised to check All Aboard's website:

www.allboardflorida.com. The road closings are subject to change.

No work was scheduled for Boca Raton crossings this spring, according to Ali Soule, All Aboard Florida spokeswoman. Boca Raton spokeswoman Chrissy Gibson said the city has 10 crossings that need to be upgraded. She said All Aboard Florida will set the schedule sometime in the fall.

Between Miami and West Palm Beach, crossings will be improved with new steel rail, concrete ties, signals and crossing gates. Through a

partnership with the county's Metropolitan Planning Organization, quiet zones safety features will be paid for and will be installed at the same time that crossing upgrades are made. In quiet zones, neither freight nor passenger trains will blow their horns as they approach each crossing.

Crossing upgrades are not affected by rain, Soule said. But because hurricane season begins June 1, All Aboard will monitor approaching storms and reschedule work if needed.

Road closings last typically for 55 continuous hours to allow

a second railroad track to be installed in the crossing next to the existing track, according to Soule. Short stubs of rail are left beyond the edge of each track panel to allow the second tracks to be laid between the crossings. That work will be done at a later date.

More than 55 crossings have been upgraded — about 30 percent of the crossings between Miami and West Palm Beach, according to Soule.

Brightline is expected to begin service between Miami and West Palm Beach in mid-2017. ★

Delray Beach

Police will test body cameras

By Jane Smith

Twenty city police officers will soon sport body cameras in a pilot program.

The Delray Beach City Commission approved spending \$34,260 for 20 Tasers, 20 body cameras and cloud storage of the cameras' audio/video.

The Tasers will be upgraded every five years and the cameras will be upgraded every 30 months, Andrew Mellen, the company rep, told commissioners on April 19. He called it a "worry-free contract."

The goal is to have 20 officers wearing the body cameras by June, Police Chief Jeff Goldman said. "Training is done in one to three days," he said. "The officers are trained on care for the equipment, use, and use of the evidence.com cloud server that stores the audio/video."

At the commission meeting, Goldman said the officers will have to document why they shut off the cameras. He gave these examples: Hospitals, juvenile halls and other areas where they have privacy concerns.

"When the officer pulls out the Taser, the camera will go on," Goldman said. The Police Department is testing where to mount the cameras on the body.

"We realize this is coming," said Gary Ferreri, the lead police union rep. "The chief allowed us to be part of the process in writing the regulations." The regulations were still with the union's legal team at press time.

Vice Mayor Al Jacquet, who recommended the body cameras months ago, said, "Today is a great day for our city. It's better to be ahead of it. ... I also applaud the union."

For the next budget year that begins in October, Goldman told commissioners he will request 75 more body cameras, Tasers and cloud storage space for the videos.

The pilot program will run through the summer, Goldman said. He also said each officer wearing a body camera will rate it on factors including ease of use, battery time and effectiveness. ★

Manalapan

Final numbers near on Manalapan-Boynton water proposal

By Dan Moffett

Dozens of residents packed Town Hall for an April 19 workshop on Manalapan's proposed water utility deal with Boynton Beach, and now town commissioners say they're working to answer questions and allay concerns raised in the meeting.

"This is a work in progress and nothing has been decided," said Mayor David Cheifetz. "We continue to process information."

By the end of May, commissioners expect to receive a report from a consultant hired to take another look at the numbers — in particular, the valuation of Manalapan's system and the impact on residents' water rates if Boynton takes over.

Town Manager Linda Stumpf said the town has yet to receive a draft with the proposed terms of the sale from Boynton and

also a draft of the interlocal agreement needed to close the deal.

"One of the things we're trying to avoid is the perfect storm of rate problems," Cheifetz said during the April 26 town meeting.

That exploding rate storm could strike if several hundred Manalapan utilities customers in Hypoluxo decide to get their water from somebody else and if the town has to go forward with roughly \$5 million in repairs to its aging delivery pipes.

A deal with Boynton, a growing system with more than 110,000 customers, has the potential to prevent all that, but not everyone on the commission is convinced.

"If we sell it, we're bound forever to somebody else's wishes and their pricing structure," said Commissioner Ronald Barsanti.

Commissioner Simone Bonutti agreed, saying if Manalapan gives up being "the master of our own water," the town will have less flexibility to adjust to droughts and use restrictions. "It will have a long-term effect on all of us," she said.

A preliminary analysis by Commissioner Clark Appleby found that about 85 percent of the town's customers would pay lower bills if Boynton Beach buys the system. Should both the town and the city approve a deal, the takeover could happen before the end of the year.

In other business:

- Vice Mayor Peter Isaac reported that he expects construction on the south side of the Audubon Causeway bridge to be completed by the end of May and the weight restrictions on traffic lifted. Isaac said he remains hopeful the new bridge can be "substantially complete" by the end of July, with a couple months of "tidy-up" landscaping and cosmetic work to follow.

- Commissioners decided to restore a \$2,000 limit for landscaping renovation on town-owned property as the threshold for requiring approval from the Architectural Commission. In March 2015, commissioners reduced the limit to \$300, a level they now believe is too low and an unnecessary hardship on staff. ★

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Gulf Stream

Commissioners look for savings, speed in utilities plan

By Dan Moffett

Gulf Stream commissioners are scrambling to squeeze costs out of their troubled underground utilities project and accelerate a construction schedule that threatens to drag on for at least another two years.

Mayor Scott Morgan said the town should consider taking drastic action to expedite the project's completion — including perhaps hiring independent contractors to replace AT&T and Comcast crews.

"They cannot hold a town hostage," Morgan said. "We can take matters into our own hands. At some point, there's municipal rights."

Morgan said he would personally talk with supervisors at Florida Power & Light, AT&T and Comcast to make the town's case for an accelerated pace.

"I intend to contact absolutely everybody who's involved in this project from the installer who's climbing up the pole to the chairman of the board," he said. "That's the approach I'm going to take."

Gulf Stream residents approved the plan to bury utility lines in 2011, but it took two years to start work on phase one because of delays getting design plans from FPL. In 2013, the town filed a complaint with the Florida Public Service Commission about FPL's slow response. The complaint did little to prevent delays in phase two, with FPL again falling behind in producing plans.

While the project stalled, construction costs rose throughout South Florida and contractors who were once willing to bid on Gulf Stream's work found other jobs. One potential bidder got involved with All Aboard Florida instead. Material costs rose, too.

What was conceived as a \$5.5 million project six years ago now will cost significantly more to complete. But perhaps not as much more as commissioners once feared.

Danny Brannon, the town's engineering consultant, brought some good news to an April 13 special meeting on the project. Brannon said he was able to find about \$444,000 in cuts for the second phase, meaning that the original \$2.8 million price tag for the work is likely to come in around \$3.3 million — about \$510,000 more than the town expected but not the nearly \$1 million overrun that seemed likely weeks ago.

"We found considerable overestimating on the part of the contractor," Brannon said, "and that brought some of the numbers down."

Much of the potential savings comes from changing the conduit and connections for Comcast and AT&T. But commissioners said it was

impossible for them to approve a bid for the power work that was submitted by Wilco Electric, until Comcast and AT&T confirm the estimates they gave years ago.

Vice Mayor Robert Ganger said he was "nervous going forward without those numbers," and Commissioner Thomas Stanley said the commission was stuck until "we have baseline numbers from both parties."

Commissioners hope to have those figures in their hands before the end of May and with them some clarity.

"The five of us feel like we're flying in a fog and don't even know where the ground is," Ganger said. "It's getting more and more frustrating for us, and it's got to be getting more frustrating for the residents."

Town Manager William Thrasher said the town has hired Gary Resnick, a lawyer and mayor of Wilton Manors in Broward County, to assist Brannon in negotiating deadlines and costs with the utility companies.

• For the second year in a row, the Chicago-based Government Finance Officers Association honored the town with its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, giving officials high marks for the budget as "a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide (and) a communications device." It is the only national awards program in government budgeting. The GFOA also again recognized Rebecca Tew, the town's accountant, for her work on the budget. ★



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Delray Beach

Fate of Atlantic Crossing project back in court

By Jane Smith

The fate of the stalled Atlantic Crossing project is back in federal court.

In early April, the Delray Beach City Commission rejected the project's modified site plan that added a driveway and redesigned the valet area into a circular path from a horseshoe-shaped version. The plan also called for improved contrast for the two loading docks and a pedestrian crosswalk moved north in the project to increase its safety.

The changes, though, were not enough to satisfy commissioners Shelly Petrolia, Mitch Katz and Mayor Cary Glickstein. The federal lawsuit, filed by the developers against the city, was on hold while the modified site plan was reviewed. The stay was lifted and motions soon were entered.

The day after the city commission requested two alleys be returned to the city from Atlantic Crossing, the city filed a motion April 20 to dismiss the developers' third amended complaint. Many counts, the motion said, failed to state a cause of action or were not ready to be heard. The developers have until May 9 to file a response. The case has an October jury trial date.

"The re-introduction of a connecting road has been nothing short of tortuous," Glickstein said when explaining his vote on April 5. "To the developer, you missed the opportunity. You strayed from an atmosphere of cooperation when you said you can't and two years later you said you could. In the interim you only crystallized the palpable mistrust the community felt towards you and the project that led to this drama tonight and all the avoidable time, money and now a federal lawsuit."

The proposed Atlantic Crossing sits at a major intersection — the northeast corner of Federal Highway and Atlantic Avenue — in the city's downtown. It lies just west of the Intracoastal Waterway with Veterans Park in between.

Instead of becoming a jewel, it's turned into a dead zone with dark green construction screening around the west half of the project.

Sitting on 9.2 acres, the complex, developed by a partnership between Ohio-based Edwards Companies and Ocean Ridge resident Carl DeSantis, will contain 343 luxury condos and apartments plus 39,394 square feet of restaurants, 37,642 square feet

of shops and 83,462 square feet of office space.

Before explaining his reasoning, the mayor lauded DeSantis, saying he "has always been a gentleman to me and has contributed significantly to the betterment of this community and many others, something he's not received credit for or sought."

Atlantic Crossing plans also call for an underground garage.

Traffic issues remain at center of dispute

The modified site plan contained a connecting road that would lead into the garage from Federal Highway and provide a westbound exit to Federal. City planners called the road a driveway because it is only 12 feet wide and doesn't have setbacks, limiting pedestrian and bicyclist access.

The driveway also has a problematic turning radius for vehicles exiting the garage. The turning radius was deemed barely acceptable by city-hired engineering consultants, another reason cited by the mayor for his decision.

The driveway looks like an alley when it needs "equal dignity to a real street," said Derek Vander Ploeg, the Boca Raton architect who drew the plan for the project when it was

called Atlantic Plaza II before the real estate recession.

Back in 2008, the project was slated to include 202 residential units and 110,000 square feet of retail space with 1,160 underground parking spaces on 8.9 acres.

Architects loathe shaving space off their buildings, but they can do it to create a real street, Vander Ploeg said. Regular people care more about streetscapes than the actual buildings, he said.

When he designed Atlantic Plaza II, he included a deceleration lane on Federal Highway, an item that the current mayor would like to see to mitigate traffic around Atlantic Crossing.

"I hope for the city of Delray that something can be done," Vander Ploeg said.

Don DeVere, vice president of development for Edwards Companies, said, "Once again, the commission majority decided that they would rather litigate than work together and follow their own rules. They missed this opportunity to resolve the issues and allow this important project to move forward."

He went on to say that approving the modified site plan would "have continued settlement discussions to provide additional benefits to the neighborhood and to eliminate the city's risk of damages, estimated at up to \$40 million. Mayor Glickstein and Commissioners Petrolia and Katz decided they didn't want to take that path, but chose to litigate instead."

The development team sued the city in June claiming the city has not issued a site-plan certification that was approved in November 2013 and affirmed by a previous City Commission in January 2014. In the fall, that lawsuit was moved to federal court.

At the April 5 City Commission meeting, Vice Mayor Al Jacquet, who voted for the modified site plan, said, "It's time for us to move forward. ... This is an amicable solution."

He did not say that he

opened a campaign account in January for a proposed state House run for District 88. In January, people and companies connected to the Atlantic Crossing development team contributed \$6,500 to his campaign. State laws and ethic rules say he does not have to reveal the campaign contributions unless there is some quid pro quo involved. Jacquet voiced his support for the project prior to the contributions.

The other yes vote was made by Commissioner Jordana Jarjura. A lawyer, she said the project has 78 conditions "to clean up what previous commissions did. ... We must make decisions that can be supported in court."

Also at the April 5 meeting

- City Attorney Noel Pfeffer said he plans to resign in 60 days. He will become a partner in Conrad & Scherer, a Fort Lauderdale-based law firm. The S. Renee Narloch and Associates search firm was selected at the April 19 meeting for \$24,500 because the firm agreed to a mid-May deadline for recruiting city attorney candidates.

- The City Commission agreed to hire CB&I Environmental & Infrastructure Inc. of Boca Raton for \$78,483 to produce a physical monitoring survey three years after the beach renourishment project was done. The survey will be finished this summer, with results delivered in November.

- The City Commission agreed to enter into two contracts with Matthews Consulting Inc. of West Palm Beach. The first one, for \$199,972, covers engineering design services for the next phase of the city's reclaimed water expansion system on the barrier island between just north of Lewis Cove south to Linton Boulevard. The second one, for \$5,380, will cover a grant application for the next budget year from the South Florida Water Management District to expand the city's reclaimed water system. ★



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Along the Coast

Bridge demolition to close I-95

If you're planning to be on Interstate 95 through Boca Raton after midnight in early May, check with the Florida Department of Transportation first.

The department, which is building a new I-95 interchange, planned to close northbound lanes from May 8 to 12 from midnight to 5 a.m. while it demolishes the Spanish River Boulevard bridge. Traffic will be detoured at Palmetto Park Road, then north to Yamato Road via Military Trail, the FDOT said. The schedule may change due to inclement weather or other unexpected conditions, it said.

Southbound I-95 traffic was scheduled for similar detours the first week of May.

Motorists can visit www.d4fdot.com or call the FDOT at 954-777-4090 or 561-214-3358 for more information, the department said.

— Steve Plunkett

Delray Beach

CRA votes Arts Garage some help, with strings attached

By Jane Smith

The popular Arts Garage will soon be able to book bands for the summer, after its chief public provider decided to step outside its guidelines and aid the struggling arts venue.

Dan Schwartz, Arts Garage finance director who has taken on the duties of co-executive director with Keith Garsson, said the Arts Garage board has agreed to loan the performing arts venue money to cover bank overdrafts and salaries. But it needs a cash infusion to be able to book concerts for the summer months.

The Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency board agreed, deciding unanimously April 28 to release the first-quarter allocation, \$68,750, under certain conditions.

“The CRA needs a return on its investment, which will happen if the Arts Garage books bands this summer,”

Q&A with former Arts Garage director Alyona Ushe, Page 9 in Around Town

CRA board member Daniel Rose said. People will come for a concert and then eat at a restaurant, he said. “They are trying to crawl out of the hole. We need to crawl with them.”

“We are in a tough spot,” said Reggie Cox, chairman of the CRA. “We are accountable for fairness in this process.”

In that vein, the Arts Garage must:

- Close the bank accounts associated with its Pompano Beach locations.

- Provide checks, invoices and other financial backup for the first-quarter expenses for the Delray Beach location that are acceptable by CRA staff as sufficient documentation.

- Provide an explanation from the Arts Garage auditor about the overdraft of \$10,628.

The Arts Garage severed financial ties with the Pompano Beach locations in early April, according to Schwartz. As of April 4, the bank accounts were no longer linked electronically, he said.

The Arts Garage also eliminated its former executive director, Alyona Ushe, as an authorized check signer. After helping to create and build the Arts Garage, she resigned on April 4.

Mayor Cary Glickstein called Ushe “a force of nature who through sheer will ... took an embryonic idea ... and turned it into a performing arts venue.”

Not uncommon in the arts world, he said, the person who got you there is not the one who can manage it when the organization becomes more of a business.

On April 19, Schwartz wrote, “It is worth noting that all staff related to Pompano has moved out of AG’s facilities

and are completely funded by Pompano.”

The Arts Garage was supposed to buy its location from the city in March, but it didn’t have the money. Instead it is seeking a long-term lease.

To get the second quarter amount, another \$68,750, the Arts Garage must submit:

- Bank accounts showing CRA money is used only for the Delray Beach location.
- A strategic plan or a timeline for completing one.
- A final audit for the financial year of 2014-2015.

Schwartz and Garsson estimated it would take 30 hours to pull the canceled checks and invoices for the first quarter and said their time could be better spent booking bands and performing other duties.

But CRA executive director Jeff Costello insisted the documents be compiled.

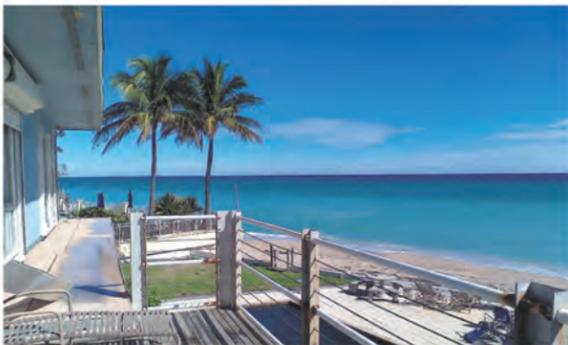
“To ensure the CRA money is used properly, we have to

ensure the guidelines are followed,” Costello said. “If someone has to work extra to produce it that should be done.”

Evelyn Dobson, executive director of the Delray Beach Community Land Trust that receives CRA money from the same program as the Arts Garage, noted that a final audit of the previous year was necessary to receive money for the current year. “Would you make the same concession for any other organization?” she asked. ★

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Boynton Beach

City manager introduces Boca's No. 2 as new fire chief

By Steve Plunkett

Boca Raton's deputy fire chief has moved two towns north to take the reins as chief of Boynton Beach's Fire Rescue Department.



Joseph

"I know about the passion of the firefighters that work here (and) bring to the job every day, the passion about the city, the commitment," new Chief Glenn Joseph said. "I want to be a part of that passion."

Joseph, who took command May 2, worked for the city of Boca Raton for 29 years, the past nine as deputy fire chief. "He must have started when

he was 10," City Manager Lori LaVerriere joked as she introduced Joseph to the city commission April 5.

Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes both contract with Boynton Beach for fire services.

LaVerriere said she, the city's HR chief and Ray Carter, the now-retired fire chief Joseph replaces, interviewed nine or 10 people for the job. "He rose to the top of a very competitive candidate pool," she said.

Joseph, who lives in Delray Beach, also is an instructor at the National Fire Academy in Maryland and develops and coordinates class courses for Jupiter-based Advanced Technical and Educational Consultants Inc., which trains federal, state and local emergency services providers.

The new chief has a wide range of experience, including coordinating and managing emergency and administrative functions, the city said. Prior to his position as Boca Raton's deputy fire chief, Joseph served as its acting division chief of safety and training, captain of the training and safety division, EMS captain, station captain, paramedic, fire safety inspector and hazardous materials technician.

Joseph has a bachelor's in organizational management at Palm Beach Atlantic University and a master's in emergency planning and administration at Lynn University. He holds eight state licenses: paramedic, firefighter, safety inspector, fire-fighting instructor, fire officer 1, fire instructor III, hazardous

materials technician and fire investigator 1.

In addition, he is licensed as a registered professional nurse; he worked at Delray Medical Center from 1996 to 2004.

"I am confident that working together we can continue the city of Boynton Beach's long-standing tradition of excellence and grow the department well into the future," Joseph said in a statement.

Carter resigned Jan. 31 after 11½ years with Boynton Beach and 32 years as a firefighter and fire chief in West Palm Beach. The Boynton Beach fire union presented him with a hunting rifle at a retirement party in February.

Deputy Chief Greg Hoggatt served as interim fire chief until Joseph took over. ★

Delray Beach

New fire chief eager to get started

By Ron Hayes

City Manager Don Cooper has named Neal de Jesus, a veteran fire chief of two



De Jesus

South Florida departments, to replace Chief Danielle Connor, who retires May 31 after a 23-year career with Delray Beach.

De Jesus, 54, retired from Coral Gables Fire-Rescue in 2002 after a 20-year career with that city. In 2010, he resigned after two years as a city commissioner of Cooper City to join the Broward County Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue and Emergency Services, which he left in 2013 after the election of Sheriff Scott Israel.

In announcing de Jesus' selection, Cooper said he would begin work in early May to provide a smooth transition by working with Connor.

"I am excited for the opportunity to serve alongside Fire Chief Connor during the transition as I begin to lead the men and women of this great organization," de Jesus said in a statement.

"I am confident that by committing to working collaboratively with the community, all fire rescue personnel, the union leadership and city staff, we will build a team that delivers an extremely high level of service that sets the standard for best practice and which is second to none."

Connor introduced de Jesus at the April 12 Delray Beach City Commission meeting.

Mayor Cary Glickstein thanked Connor for her professionalism and dignified manner in running the department, particularly in the past few years when two consolidations with Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue were considered. ★

Jane Smith contributed to this story.

Ride to remember cyclists killed, hurt

More than 200 bicyclists are expected in Delray Beach's Ride of Silence, part of an annual event to honor cyclists killed or injured while riding.

The worldwide event will begin at 6 p.m. May 18. It will be a 10-mile ride starting and ending at Old School Square.

"This is a slow, casual ride not to exceed 9 mph," said Patrick Halliday, president of the Delray Beach Bicycle Club.

There is no charge to participate, but riders must be at least 16 years old. Riders should arrive prior to 5:45 and must wear a helmet. ★

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Delray Beach

Dog beach 'back to square one' with risk assessment

By Rich Pollack

A group of dog owners buoyed by a Delray Beach Parks and Recreation Department plan to create a dog beach during a six-month trial suffered a setback when the department's director reversed course, saying dogs romping through the sand could pose a health risk to beachgoers.

"Recent information regarding specific parasitic conditions which could be exacerbated by the presence of dogs, has caused me to change my recommendation," said Delray Beach Parks and Recreation Director Suzanne Fisher.

Fisher, who according to the city manager's office is now officially on leave, recommended

in March that the city conduct a pilot program for a dog beach. The plan would have allowed for a small portion of the city's public beach, at Atlantic Dunes Park, to be cordoned off during early morning and late afternoon hours three days a week and available to dogs and their owners.

Under that proposal, the 30,000-square-foot dog beach would be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday for two hours in the morning — from 7 to 9 — and three hours in the afternoon ending at sunset. A park ranger would ensure that all dogs were licensed and had proper shots.

Before going on leave, however, Fisher issued a memo saying her department concluded that some parasites in dogs could be transmitted to

humans if larvae shed in feces were to contaminate sand and then penetrate unprotected skin. The larvae can persist for three or four weeks in favorable conditions, she said.

"While staff's initial recommendation was to support a pilot program, after additional research regarding cutaneous larva migrans and *Ancylostoma braziliense*, due to sand/soil contaminated by intestinal parasites, staff recommends enforcing the current ordinance — do not allow dogs on the municipal beach," Fisher wrote.

Cutaneous larva migrans and *Ancylostoma braziliense* are parasites that belong to the hookworm family.

The latest position from the Parks and Recreation Department follows City

Manager Don Cooper's recommendation to city commissioners to reject the proposed pilot project. The issue, however, is still scheduled for a discussion at the commission's workshop meeting on May 10.

Fisher's reversal came as a surprise to leaders of Friends of Delray Dog Beach, who are planning a rally at 9 a.m. May 7 on A1A and Atlantic Avenue.

"It shocked all of us," said Bob Brewer, who founded the 1,000-member group. "We thought we had the worst behind us, now we're back to square one."

Brewer said his organization had been working with Fisher and her department for more than a year and would strongly be in favor of creating a dog

beach as a pilot project.

"All we wanted was a trial period," he said.

Brewer also said that he and others in the informal group disagree with Fisher's conclusion that parasites could be a health hazard. He said a member of the organization who is a physician and whose wife is a dermatologist both say the conditions cited by Fisher are extremely rare.

"Dog beaches are working all over the country," he said.

Brewer said his organization is developing a strategy as it continues to advocate for a dog beach and plans to become more visible at commission meetings.

"We're not giving up," he said. "We have too much invested." ★

New signal poles create tight spaces

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach will have thinner landscape islands at the east Atlantic Avenue intersections of Venetian Drive and Gleason Street.

New mast-arm signal poles with 54-inch foundations have been installed in the middle of the sidewalk on the north side of Atlantic at Venetian, leaving just enough room for a wheelchair, stroller or beach wagon to pass through. "It meets the minimum" for federal regulations on handicapped access, said Andy Katz, vice president of the Beach Property Owners Association. But he thinks something should be done there to widen the passage.

The mayor agrees.

At the April 19 City Commission meeting, Mayor Cary Glickstein called those two intersections "dangerous pedestrian areas" where you have "to turn sideways to walk down the sidewalk."

Florida Department of Transportation

contractors are doing the work for which the city's Community Redevelopment Agency paid \$547,865.40.

The work, which started in mid-January, was marred by rain delays, unrelated problems at the concrete plant and Atlantic Avenue street closings for Delray Beach events. The contractors worked weekdays only, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. As a result, the estimated two-month project is stretching to nearly four months.

The contractor also drilled into city utility lines that power the street lights and irrigation systems. They had to be fixed and the city had to wait its turn to get at them, Environmental Services Director John Morgan told the commission.

"I'm concerned about how disruptive it's been," he said.

At the mayor's urging, Morgan requested using some of the landscape island space from FDOT because that property is owned by the state. The city would then widen the sidewalk in that



The Florida Department of Transportation is finishing work at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Venetian Drive. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

area to make it compatible with other parts of East Atlantic Avenue that have wider paths.

At Venetian and Atlantic on the north side, the narrowest passage is three feet, which meets federal guidelines. It can be reduced to 32 inches with certain constraints, said Meredith Cruz, project spokeswoman.

That was the only place where

FDOT contractors could not install the foundation in the landscaped area because it contained too many utility lines, she said.

The contractors were expected to restore the work areas, including replacing sidewalk pavers, by the end of the first week in May — weather permitting. ★

Along the Coast

Flashing lights at crosswalks would prevent crashes, activist says

By Rich Pollack

John Boden was driving south on State Road A1A after dark and approaching a pedestrian crosswalk a few months ago when he happened to see the silhouettes of two women and four children in the headlights of a northbound car.

Dressed in dark clothing and carrying no lights, the pedestrians had remained invisible to Boden until he was very close to the crosswalk.

The experience, he says, helped launch him on a one-man crusade to get state and local government leaders to add flashing LED lights along the edges of pedestrian crosswalk signs to alert motorists when there are people in the crosswalk.

"Realizing that there was the potential for me to kill a family was shocking," says Boden.

So far, Boden's efforts



Boden

to be a compelling reason — a pattern of problems at certain crosswalks — before additional lighting can be added.

While there haven't been any major accidents at crosswalks near his Highland Beach home in recent years, Boden suspects there have been many near misses. "Everyone I've told this story to says 'It's happened to me, too,'" he said.

At the same time Boden is launching his campaign for more-visible signage, state officials say they are in the process of deciding whether to continue replacing in-street pedestrian warning signs — those in the middle of the

crosswalks — at locations where they are continuously being knocked down.

"Because they're hit so often, it's becoming expensive for the department to replace them," says Jonathan Overton, the Florida Department of Transportation's assistant district traffic engineer for the area that includes Palm Beach County. He estimates that there are between 100 and 150 of the signs statewide, with the biggest concentration in Palm Beach and Broward counties.

Should the state choose not to replace signs — sometimes referred to as paddle signs or rebounders — that are repeatedly knocked over, municipalities would still have the option to pay for the signs and have them installed by city or town staff.

That's already occurring in some coastal towns such as Ocean Ridge, where Police Chief

Hal Hutchins says the town routinely replaces knocked-down crosswalk signs.

In Highland Beach, however, paying to replace the signs — available for between \$65 and \$70 — could end up being costly. The town has eight crosswalks and at a recent commission meeting town officials said they estimate that more than 100 signs have been replaced during a three-year period.

Both Overton of DOT and Highland Beach Town Manager Beverly Brown say signs near driveways tend to be knocked down the most.

While signs — both the in-road signs and state-mandated yellow and black crosswalk signs on both sides of the road — do raise awareness, Overton, along with some Highland Beach town commissioners, say education of pedestrians may be the most effective tool in

preventing near misses like the one Boden faced.

"The burden for crossing the street still lies with the pedestrian," said City Commissioner Carl Feldman, who suggested that perhaps the town's Police Department could make presentations on crosswalk safety. "Education is important."

For his part, Boden is continuing his efforts to have pedestrian-activated flashing LED lights placed on the yellow and black diamond-shaped pedestrian crosswalk signs.

Those lights, which he said he's seen on State Road A1A in northern Florida, draw more attention than some of the more common blinking yellow crosswalk lights that can be activated by pedestrians.

"Everyone wants to do this," he said. "I'm going to find a way to climb over this wall." ★

GOLF

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somes, Lynch decided it would be more fun to pair twosomes from different clubs. St. Andrew's had a conflict — the final day of its men's league season — so Mullin put together a team from Wianno, a club he plays out of in the summer in Cape Cod.

Other clubs represented included Gulf Stream Bath & Tennis, Country Club of Florida, Seminole and Everglades. Gulf Stream had two foursomes, everyone else one.

'It was great to have gotten a lot of these clubs together, so you run into people you haven't seen for months, if not years.'

— **Curtiss Roach**

The greens were a topic of discussion throughout the day. Gulf Stream resident and iconic golf course architect Pete Dye installed new greens last summer and the consensus was that, while they're coming along nicely, they remain a work in

"It's good for the club," said Little Club member Andre Lemire. "It makes the club better known, and people will appreciate the difficulties. It's a tough course; the greens are hard to read."



ABOVE: Michael Mullin (left) of Gulf Stream, playing for the Wianno Club, chats with Bill Egan of Delray Beach, playing for the Seminole Golf Club.

RIGHT: David Lloyd of The Bath & Tennis Club hits out of a bunker during The Little Cup at The Little Club in Gulf Stream. **Photos by Taylor Jones/The Coastal Star**

progress.

"They're still a little hard, so it'll take awhile," said Begg, also a Little Club member. "We're getting some new members here and everything looks good."

Bath & Tennis member Duke Felt, whose parents were Little Club members, said he hadn't played the course in 10 years but that the improvements made during his absence are noticeable. "It's changed; it's gotten better," he said.

Gulf Stream member Curtiss Roach said anyone expecting the par-3 layout to yield

low scores was in for a surprise.

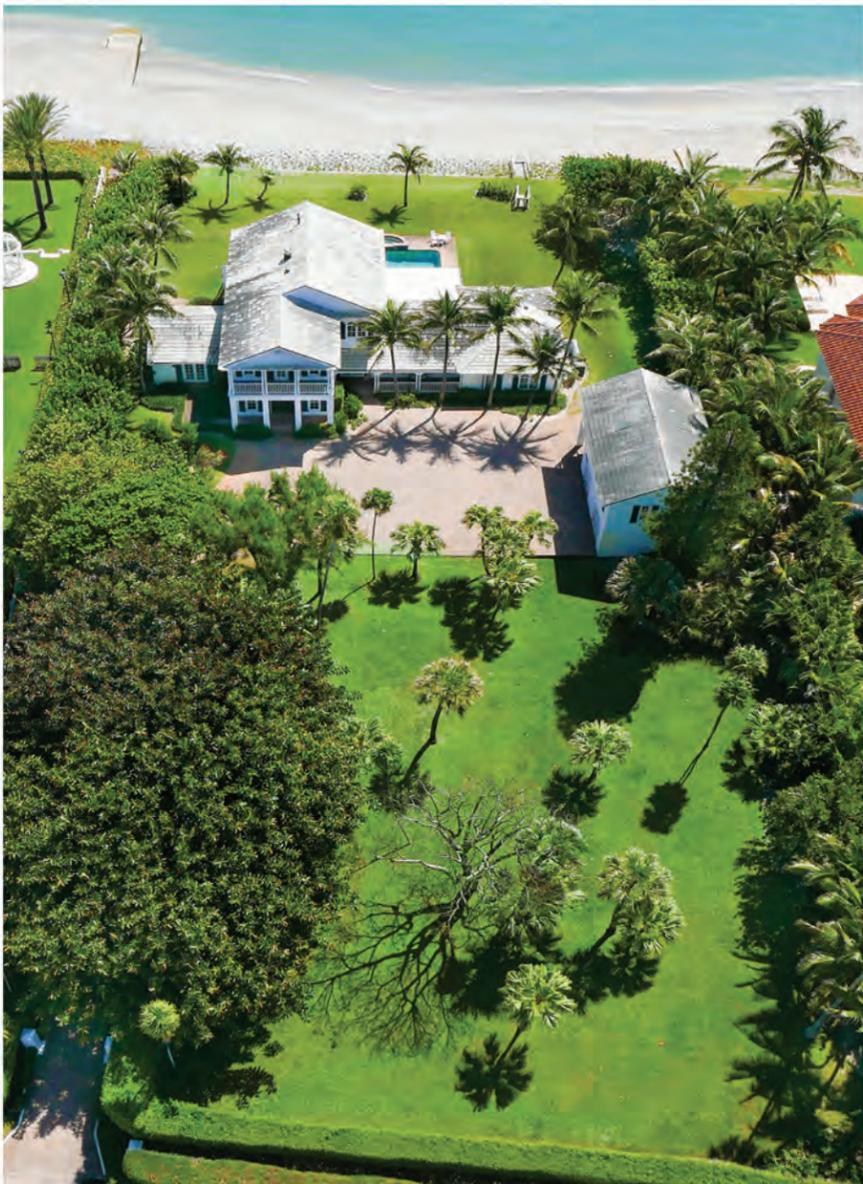
"I played worse than many of my rounds at Gulf Stream," he said. "But it was great to have gotten a lot of these clubs together, so you run into people you haven't seen for months, if not years."

St. Andrew's has signed on for next year and Smith said he expects the second annual Little Cup to be on the spring schedule.

"I hope so," he said. "It sure sounds like everybody would like to come back." ★



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FIRE

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money.

Matrix also studied the feasibility of redirecting those tax dollars into an independent fire district through which the communities would provide for themselves.

During the next fiscal year, the six barrier island communities will spend about \$7.8 million for their fire-rescue protection. If they provide their own services,

the consultants estimate it would cost them about \$6.7 million in operating expenses, a savings of about \$1.1 million per year.

However, the communities would need to make a substantial expenditure for stations and equipment to get started — about \$4.2 million for nine vehicles and \$3.2 million for a new station somewhere in the middle of the proposed district and renovations to the existing stations in Manalapan and Highland Beach.

So, it would require the communities to come up with roughly \$7.4 million to get the district off the ground, according to the preliminary numbers in the report.

Thrasher, who has played a leading role in organizing support for the study, said the results are encouraging enough to warrant further exploration.

Representatives from the towns planned to meet May 5 in Ocean Ridge to consider the next steps.

Response times vary

Robert Finn, the study's author, found that response times of the fire-rescue agencies that serve the towns vary considerably.

Gulf Stream, which contracts with Delray Beach for services, ranked worst with an average of 9 minutes, 20 seconds per call during the 2015 fiscal year — at least three minutes longer than any other town.

Ocean Ridge, which contracts with Boynton Beach, came in at 6 minutes, 19

seconds, followed by Highland Beach, another Delray Beach-served town, with 6 minutes, 3 seconds.

South Palm Beach and Manalapan, with their station staffed by Palm Beach County firefighters close at hand, had the lowest response times with 5 minutes, 9 seconds and 5 minutes, 12 seconds, respectively.

"Response times are something we need to watch closely," said South Palm Councilman Robert Gottlieb, who noted that times have steadily crept up over the last five years. "We can't continue to see them increase."

Briny Breezes (5 minutes, 41 seconds), which contracts with Boynton Beach, was the only other community with times under 6 minutes.

Other key findings

- Of the combined \$7.8 million for fire-rescue services in the current fiscal year, Briny Breezes is at the low end with \$343,000 and Highland Beach is the high with \$3.2 million.

- Annual levels of demand vary among the communities. Highland Beach had the most calls for service with 632, followed by South Palm Beach (288), Manalapan (161), Ocean Ridge (144), Briny Breezes (107) and Gulf Stream (90).

- Nearly three-quarters (71.2 percent) of the calls in the six communities are for emergency medical services.

- Matrix also conducted an open, unscientific online survey in February that drew 282 participants. Highland Beach had the most respondents with 96, followed by Ocean Ridge with 84 and Gulf Stream with 63. The fewest respondents came from Manalapan with three, Briny Breezes had 20 and South Palm Beach 16.

Nearly all the survey participants said that response time to emergency calls was extremely important or very important. Generally, people said they were satisfied with the response to emergency calls, fires, auto accidents and medical emergencies — all categories that polled between 96 percent and 98 percent satisfactory ratings. About 51 percent of participants rated their emergency medical services as excellent or good.

Roughly 70 percent of the respondents said they were interested in having the six communities work together to provide services. Nearly half (46 percent) said they were willing to pay more in a fire district or a joint authority. ★



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PUBLIX

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far from it," said Mayor David Cheifetz. "But we need more information."

Basil Diamond said he worries about disruptions to the peace and quiet of mornings in Manalapan.

"Publix likes to have their trucks come early in the morning," Diamond said. "We want to make sure they don't come early in the morning."

Cheifetz said the commission should get involved in negotiating the new store's hours of operation, but he expects the supermarket giant to be reasonable and sensitive to what the town wants.

"We certainly would not be happy with a 24-hour Publix," he said. "I'm sure they want to be good neighbors, too."

Sources close to the negotiations between the town and the Lakeland-based supermarket chain have

confirmed that Publix wants to build a 26,000-square-foot store in the middle of the plaza.

Kitson & Partners, the center's landlord, has acknowledged in media reports that it intends to bring in a grocer as part of a redevelopment project scheduled to wrap in late 2017.

Cheifetz said he expects Kitson and Publix to have a contract signed in early May. Neither Publix nor Kitson responded to requests for comments for this story.

Former Commissioner and Vice Mayor Robert Evans told commissioners he believed the supermarket could attract some 20,000 customers a week and that could have a detrimental effect on Manalapan.

"You shouldn't trade the character of our town for a little convenience," he said, and told the commission to consider requiring a tasteful Publix sign — such as the engraved stone sign at the Palm Beach store.

"It doesn't have to be an ugly sort of thing — if we do decide to go with Publix," Evans said.

Commissioner Ronald Barsanti worries that the sign might be backlited and that tenants would be uprooted. He said the town "would be losing the flavor of the plaza" if the new store is too big or forces too many changes.

Merchants displaced

Cheifetz said he believes the displaced tenants would have the chance to move to other spaces in the plaza.

One of those displaced tenants could be Pedro



Maldonado

Maldonado, owner of Jewelry Artisans, whose store sits in the eye of the redevelopment storm.

Maldonado has been doing business in the same Manalapan location for 27 years, making him one of the

plaza's longest-term tenants. He has endured several recessions, several hurricanes and several landlords.

Maldonado says Kitson sent him a letter telling him he must leave his spot in the heart of the plaza by Sept. 30 to make way for the redevelopment project. He's been offered another space next to the Thaikyo restaurant at the western end of the center.

"In my business, you don't want to be moving from place to place," Maldonado said. "We rely a lot on word of mouth and people knowing where we are. For us, moving is very damaging."

The cost of moving would be difficult for a small business to absorb, he says. Two years ago, Maldonado spent \$50,000 to renovate and expand his store. He estimates the 100-yard move west will cost him \$100,000. He says he will have to fit his new location with security systems to protect his jewelry and satisfy insurance carriers. His business

will have to shut down for weeks to make the changes, then reopen in the dust of demolition and construction from the plaza's overhaul.

"Just moving my safe will cost me \$1,500," Maldonado said. "We are willing to make sacrifices to stay in business here. But give us a chance to make a living without having to go through more obstacles."

Maldonado's neighbors in the plaza — among them Manalapan Italian Cuisine, Tiffany Nail Studio, Angela Moore boutique, Sheila Payne Art Gallery and Palm Beach Travel — face similar obstacles.

Maldonado says 90 percent of his business comes from Manalapan residents, and several of his best customers sit on the Town Commission.

"We will be sacrificed, and it will be a totally different environment here," he said. "I don't want to antagonize anybody. But then the truth is the truth." ★

Ocean Ridge

Commissioners to assess drainage problems

By Dan Moffett

Ocean Ridge commissioners are preparing to take a close look at the town's storm-water drainage issues, but there are two schools of thought about how extensive that examination should be.

Commissioner James Bonfiglio wants a deep dive, believing it's time for the commission to review the comprehensive drainage study that was done in 2000 and see if it still holds water. Bonfiglio thinks the commission should consider bringing in outside engineering consultants for an independent assessment of the town's systems.

"I think we're going to need to update the engineering study," he said. "It's 16 years old and I think it's something we will have to look at."

Mayor Geoff Pugh doesn't think Ocean Ridge needs a costly new study. He says the town has several isolated drainage problems, and the commission should target those and fix them.

"I can count them on my hand — that's how many problems we have," Pugh said. "Major issues? I don't see them."

Pugh said, during the commission's May 2 meeting, that even after a heavy downpour, water dissipates quickly and "no street is flooded more than an hour."

The mayor and the commissioner found common ground, however, when it comes to the Woolbright Detention Pond: Something needs to be done about it.

The retention area between Ridge Boulevard and Woolbright Road was carved out a decade ago to collect water during heavy storms and then gradually funnel it into

the Intracoastal Waterway. But residents complain that water now sits in what has become a standing pond that is a breeding ground for algae and mosquitoes — a problem of particular concern, given the growing public health worries about the mosquito-transmitted Zika virus.

Don Magruder, who lives on Ridge Boulevard, said he believes the water moves up and down with the tides. In February 2015, the commission approved spending \$15,000 to regrade the berm around the pond and remove vegetation that was blocking discharge pipes. But complaints from neighboring residents have continued, and Pugh said he agrees something is wrong because he has seen small fish swimming in the water.

The mayor told Town Manager Jamie Titcomb to meet with Town Engineer Lisa Tropepe and develop a list of all drainage issues in Ocean Ridge, including the pond problem, for the commission to consider at its June 6 meeting.

In other business:

• Pugh was the commission's unanimous choice for another year as mayor at the April 4 meeting. Commissioner Richard Lucibella, who nominated Pugh, said he's doing "an exemplary job" for the town.

"Thank you for the vote of confidence," Pugh said. "You know I'll do the best job I can for this town." Pugh, 53, who has been on the commission since 2003, was first named mayor in 2012, succeeding Ken Kaleel.

The commission also unanimously chose Lucibella as vice mayor. Steve Coz was sworn in to his first three-year term on the commission after ousting Lynn Allison in the March election. ★

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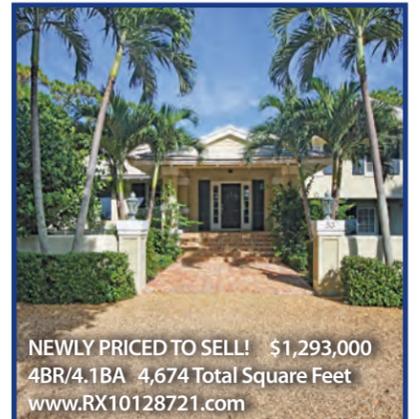
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Boynton Beach

Younger new commissioners plan to bring fresh outlook

By Jane Smith

Steven Grant just can't stop smiling.

"Mayor Taylor had raised more than \$40,000 for his re-election campaign, had the backing of the police and fire unions, while I raised (less than \$3,000) and had the backing of the people," Grant said. He was able to force the mayor's race into a runoff.

At 33, Grant is probably the youngest mayor in the history of Boynton Beach. Harvey E. Oyer Jr. was turning 34 when he was elected in 1960, says his daughter Susan, who helped Grant in his runoff race against incumbent Jerry Taylor, 80.

Since winning the March 29 runoff with 57 percent of the votes, Grant has embraced his mayoral role. He attends events, ceremonies, government meetings, residents forums and individual sessions with city staff and various developers. He has a city cell phone, business cards and even embroidered polo shirts with his full name: Steven B. Grant.

Grant has come to symbolize the younger face of the Boynton Beach City Commission.

Justin Katz, 32, joined him when he ran unopposed, taking 70-year-old David Merker's seat when he ran unsuccessfully for mayor. Katz wants to see a vibrant downtown and to stop "the petty stuff" that often bogged down the previous commission. Katz teaches advanced placement U.S. government and microeconomics courses at Park Vista High School. He's single and shares his Renaissance Commons townhouse with his Siberian husky/wolf breed dog, Ice. Originally from Cherry Hill, N.J., he moved to South Florida when he transferred to Florida Atlantic University and graduated with an education degree in high school social studies.

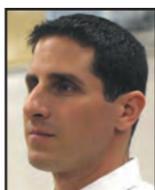
Christina Romelus, 27, beat



Mayor Steven Grant (left) works the crowd at the Boynton Beach Firefighters Fishing Tournament & Chili Cook-Off at Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**



Romelus



Katz

incumbent Mike Fitzpatrick, 62, and James Brake. Romelus, an adjunct professor at Palm Beach State College who also runs a marketing and consulting business called Sky Administrations, lives in the Seacrest Estates neighborhood, east of Bethesda Memorial Hospital. She is married with two sons: Christian, 2, and David Lee, 2 weeks. Born in Haiti, she grew up in Delray Beach and moved to Boynton Beach in 2010 after she was married. She wants to bring economic development to allow more businesses to open and provide jobs to residents. In addition, she wants to create a vibrant downtown that residents and visitors can enjoy.

The three younger members serve along with Joe Casello, 62, and Vice Mayor Mack McCray, 66.

Voicing their opinions

The new commissioners have all stated they are in favor of saving the old high school building.

At the April 19 meeting,

the commission reviewed an unsolicited proposal on the building. Commissioners voted 3-2 to table it until August. Katz and Romelus were on the losing side. "To table it is to kick the can down the road. We need to do something right now," she said before the vote.

But Casello and McCray agreed with Grant that the offer should be tabled until the city's motion to dismiss is heard in July for a nearly 3-year-old court case concerning the high school. An architect had sued the city when his plan to rezone the property was not heard.

At a strategic planning session May 3, commissioners reviewed the plans and directed staff to change them in time to be included in the next city budget.

Grant, who moved to Boynton Beach five years ago to open his own law firm specializing in collections and estates, served for three years as chairman of the city's Financial Advisory Committee.

He wanted to make use of his undergraduate degree in finance from the University of Maryland while doing his civic duty. He earned his law degree from the Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville.

Grant is single and lives in the Heart of Boynton, near the downtown, with his Australian

shepherd, Daisy, and Maine coon cat, Milo.

The city's Financial Advisory Committee was disbanded early last year when then-Mayor Taylor said it was duplicating the work of staff.

Grant said the committee had wanted to delve into properties owned by the city's Community Redevelopment Agency. "It made me think: What are they hiding?" he said recently.

Merker told him to apply for the CRA board vacancy. Grant did, but he wasn't selected.

In the summer, he heard the old high school may be demolished and that two citizen members would be removed from the CRA board. That convinced him to run for mayor.

"I like to take charge, be a leader," Grant said. "I don't like being told what to do."

Backers of the old high school, including Susan Oyer and Barbara Ready, had committed to helping Merker win the mayor's race. They switched to Grant for the runoff because he promised to save the school. They also like his development stance.

"He will help Boynton Beach get on the right track," said Ready, chairwoman of the city's Historic Resources Preservation Board. "The citizens are tired of being patronized."

Oyer said her role was painting signs, standing outside on a corner at Home Depot for three hours waving Grant-for-mayor signs and knocking on 200 doors in her neighborhood.

"My dad would have been proud that I worked on his campaign," Oyer said. She also donated \$100 to Grant's runoff campaign.

Development contributed to election

Other developers with projects in the city donated to Taylor last year. Isram Realty, seeking a zoning change for its 10-story Riverwalk apartments, donated \$2,000 to Taylor's

campaign in the fall.

The Isram principals aren't concerned. "Commissioners make the decision at a quasi-judicial hearing," said Isram's attorney, Steve Wherry. "Those efforts would be ongoing regardless of who was on the dais."

Companies for the Ocean One complex on Federal Highway donated at least \$3,500 to Taylor's re-election and runoff campaigns.

At the April 19 City Commission meeting, the CRA said it had advertised the nearly half-acre parcel that Ocean One wants for its eight-story apartment project.

Because no buyers came forward, the CRA will be able to sell it for \$10. The CRA will review Ocean One plans May 10. Project spokesman Bill Morris likes the idea of an all-citizen CRA board, proposed by Grant. "It creates checks and balances by decreasing the concentration of power in one agency when the CRA board is composed of citizens," Morris said.

Other Boynton Beach activists have high hopes for the new commission. "Mayor Taylor's view was pro-development and lacked transparency," said Harry Woodworth, president of Inlet Communities Association.

"We want kind and gentle development," Woodworth said, "not the high rises they have in Pompano Beach and Singer Island."

Kristine de Haseth, the Florida Coalition for Preservation executive director who helped to form the Boynton Coalition for Responsible Development, also sees the change as a positive step for Boynton Beach.

"Out with the old, in with the new," she said. "We want to get beyond pushing the pause button, then hitting rewind and repeating." ★

Along the Coast

Trespass law now a tool for banning offenders from county parks

By Rich Pollack

Palm Beach County sheriff's deputies and local law enforcement officers now have the ability to ban individuals who violate state laws or local ordinances in a county park from visiting that park again. And some repeat offenders could be banished for as long as 10 years.

Under a new ordinance passed by the Palm Beach County Commission last month, sheriff's deputies and local police officers can now issue trespass notices to anyone violating county ordinances, rules or regulations or state laws in a county park and prevent those individuals from

returning to that county park or natural area.

First-time offenders are banned from returning to a specified park or natural area for one year. Those receiving a second violation will be banned for five years, and those who receive a third violation will be banned for 10 years.

The ordinance also specifies that anyone in a park or natural area after being banned from that specific facility can be arrested on trespassing charges.

The ordinance covers such county facilities as South Inlet Park in Boca Raton; Gulfstream Park, near Gulf Stream; and Ocean Inlet Park and Ocean Ridge Hammock Park in Ocean Ridge.

Ocean Ridge Police Chief Hal Hutchins sees the new ordinance as helping to ensure that those who come to a park and follow the rules are able to enjoy their visit.

"People who can't follow the rules probably shouldn't be there," he said.

According to the ordinance, trespass notices can be issued for a wide range of activities that damage county property or wildlife, including harming or harassing animals in natural areas, and removing live plants or plant parts.

The ordinance also bans using or possessing fireworks and building a fire in an unauthorized area. Drunkenness, obscene behavior

and loitering in a county park or natural area can also earn a visitor a trespass notice, as can any violation of state law, including lewdness and indecent exposure.

The new ordinance spells out the appeals process, which was made necessary by recent court cases and legal opinions.

Details of how the law is to be enforced by local law enforcement agencies and how deputies and officers will know who has been banned from a specific park are still being worked out, according to Hutchins.

"We're waiting for specific instructions about the mechanisms for enforcement," Hutchins said.

Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Director Eric Call says the solution is in the works. "A database is being developed listing all persons issued a trespass notice that law enforcement will have access to," Call said.

The ordinance, passed on April 19, adds some teeth to the enforcement of county rules and regulations as well as minor criminal violations, Call said.

In the past, civil citations were issued to individuals for ordinance violations, but the individuals were not usually stopped from returning to the park unless they were charged with a serious offense. In those cases, Call said, they were usually arrested. ★

10 Questions

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Danielle Rosse

One of the first things Danielle Rosse, then 19, did when she arrived in South Florida 16 years ago was to take a job as a waitress at the Ranch House, a mom-and-pop-style diner on State Road A1A in Deerfield Beach, a short hop from Boca Raton.

Rosse is still there today, but the scene and circumstances are decidedly different. The Ranch House is gone, replaced by a new, luxurious seafood specialty dining spot called Oceans 234, so named for its address on A1A.

Her former mother-in-law owned the building and property when Rosse arrived. She and her then-husband intended to operate the planned new restaurant together, but he died unexpectedly about a year after they began their effort.

"We were devastated," Rosse said. "My mother-in-law knew we were going to knock the building down to make way for the new restaurant. She said she would only keep the property if I stayed on. Otherwise, she said, 'I'm out.'"

Rosse did stay, becoming the manager and using her business acumen to standardize the enterprise and improve workflow. She saw the establishment through its initial rebirth, and last year supervised a top-to-bottom renovation for the 6,000-square-foot, 220-seat restaurant.

Rosse, 35, has made some bold moves in just a few years. From 2007 to 2012, she continued to run Oceans 234 and also opened and operated The Whale Raw Bar in Parkland, turning that spot into a successful neighborhood watering hole.

In late 2012, she sold The Whale and purchased Oceans 234 outright from her former mother-in-law. Soon after, she took \$1.8 million of her own money — "everything I saved" — and invested it in a major upgrade that has given Oceans 234 a vibrant look of South Beach chic while placing al fresco diners within a whisper of the Atlantic.

"It was a scary thing to do, especially in this business and in this economy," she said. "I was going to do it two years ago, but the time wasn't right. Last year was the right time — and it worked out."

Her current husband's company, A.W. Rosse & Associates, handled the construction.

"He really knew how to build things. He told me, 'You tell me what you need and I'll tell you how to build it.' He has an eye for design; he knows the ins and outs. We were fortunate to work together."

Becoming a restaurant owner probably wasn't the first thing on her plate when she hit Florida. But once Rosse committed to running the oceanside business, she took a pass on a variety of modeling suggestions to stake her claim in the food-and-beverage trade.

Danielle and Anthony Rosse have been married for two years and live nearby in a beachside neighborhood at A1A and Palmetto Park Road in Boca



Danielle Rosse at her Oceans 234 restaurant in Deerfield Beach.
Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Raton. Between them, they have four children ranging in age from 7 to early 20s.

A secret of Danielle Rosse's success may lie in her business mentality and disciplined daily schedule. A fitness devotee, she and her husband are up at 4:50 a.m. each day to begin their routine. Both concentrate on muscle tone and proper nutrition. But she takes it a step further, participating in the toned-muscle division of bikini competitions.

"It's fun, but sometimes it feels like a second job," she said. "You have to be regimented."

Their awareness of various lifestyles has affected the restaurant menu to some degree.

"There are items for people with allergies, gluten-free foods and vegetarian selections," she said. But patrons can also chow down on

calamari, lobster mac 'n' cheese or a thick, juicy burger with fries.

Rosse believes that "as a business owner, you have to give back to the community." She has raised money for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County and the Broward Health Foundation's KIDS Campaign. "I tend to lean toward causes that are kid-related."

She is also a member of the Chambers of Commerce in Deerfield Beach and Boca Raton.

Rosse, who stands 5-feet-11, says her height is sometimes a cause for gentle humor. She said she recalls something her father said when she was younger. "He told me not to feel bad. Tall people always end up being leaders. I have tried to live up to that expectation."

— Dale King

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

influenced you?

A: I was born in Philadelphia and went to school there through high school. People in the Northeast definitely have a different mentality. People are very driven there. It is a bit more morally sound. People in Florida tend to be more transient. I'm glad I grew up there.

Q: What professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

A: I'm proud of the transformations I have made through the years. Each year, I say, "Oh, my God, we made it that much better." It's amazing to see what my team has been able to do.

Q: What is your favorite part about living in Boca Raton?

A: The amenities. There is so much to do. There are great restaurants, great shopping, fabulous parks, great activities and great beaches.

Q: What book are you reading now?

A: *The Slight Edge: Turning Simple Disciplines Into Massive Success*, by Jeff Olson. It is a book about business.

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

A: If I am working, I put on electronic lounge music. For relaxation, nothing specific. I enjoy what I do, so I don't really feel a need to relax.

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

A: My mother always told me to "say what you mean and mean what you say." My parents instilled in me a very strong sense of responsibility. I have gone far with that advice.

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

A: My former mother-in-law. She really believed in me. Her trust allowed me to grow and ultimately be my own person. Also, my sister-in-law; she is brilliant. I learned so much from her about business and life and how to handle things.

Q: If a movie were made of your life, who should play you?

A: I don't know, there's nobody like me. I'd have to play it myself.

Q: Who/what makes you laugh?

A: Definitely my 7-year-old daughter, Kayden. She is hysterical. She looks like me; she's like a miniature twin. I can look at her face and see my reflection.

Q: Is there one dish at your restaurant that a first time visitor should be sure to try? Why?

A: First-time customers should start with the lobster potato skins, then move to the lobster mac 'n' cheese or the snapper. My favorite is the skirt steak.

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Boynton Beach

Riverwalk owners want more height for apartments

By Jane Smith

The owners of the Riverwalk Plaza are proceeding with their plans to convert the aging waterfront shopping center into a mixed-use project dominated by rental apartments.

They plan to ask for a variance to be able to build 10 stories, with the first two floors dedicated for a parking garage. In that area, on the southeast corner of Federal Highway and Woolbright Road with the Intracoastal Waterway on the east, Boynton Beach zoning code allows only 75 feet or seven stories.

City staff have suggested widening the apartment buildings so that they won't need the extra height or creating "view corridors" to allow passers-by to see the Intracoastal Waterway.

But Isram Realty, of Hallandale, insists neither can be done. Walgreen's with its long-term lease and extensions "has rights to the parking area" for 42 years, said Steve Wherry, Riverwalk's land use attorney.

View corridors also are not possible without constructing a taller building, Wherry

said. Isram needs to have the 326 units to make project financially feasible. Fewer units would lead to higher rental rates and they "are not supported in this market," he said.

Isram, which submitted plans to the city in December, hopes to have a review before the city's Planning and Development Board in May and then onto the City Commission in late June.

David Katz, an ally of former Mayor Jerry Taylor, chairs the board. Taylor was the mayor when Isram filed its plans.

The Riverwalk project is in the third review step, which is not unusual given the project's size and outstanding questions, said Michael Rumpf, planning director.

If the project stays on its current schedule, the city staff analysis would be completed May 20 and the board review on May 24, according to Rumpf, who provided answers via city spokeswoman Eleanor Krusell.

If all the issues are not resolved, board review would take place on June 28. Then it would go to the City Commission in July.

Staff have considered amending the height standard

to allow for additional height for Riverwalk, which is "within areas identified as 'nodes' " in the CRA plans that are being updated, Rumpf said. Isram would need to satisfy the intent of the mixed-use regulations and land use compatibility while minimizing impacts on adjoining properties.

Few details provided

Wherry and Isram principals, including founder Shaul Rikman and Riverwalk's architect, attended a late March community forum, sponsored by the Boynton Coalition for Responsible Development.

More than 300 residents who live on both sides of the Intracoastal attended to learn more about the project. Isram brought a court reporter, promised to address all of the issues and provide responses to the group. Only Wherry spoke, but he did not provide details about the project.

Isram spent about \$300,000 on architectural drawings and was losing approximately \$600,000 a year in rental income after Winn-Dixie left the center, Wherry told the crowd.

"That's close to \$1 million

Isram invested into the possibilities that are for Boynton Beach," he said. "The allowance for increased height will be narrowly drafted and tailored to our location."

Most of the residents who attended were concerned about the height of the project, the traffic it would generate and that its rental nature would attract transients.

"The developer didn't talk about the project," said Harry Woodworth, president of Inlet Communities Association in Boynton Beach. He thinks city staff will "literally change the code to make it fit."

He's frustrated that the city would allow a 10-story project in that area. "I don't want the process to be negotiated," he said. "I want the city to get back to following its master plan and zoning codes."

After the forum, Rikman said, "There is a lot of misinformation. The residents don't have the true facts."

A few weeks later, Wherry said Isram would provide responses to officials at the public meetings this summer. "Those who have opposed the project had their voices heard," he said.

At the city's Community Redevelopment Agency

meeting in April, its executive director, Vivian Brooks, didn't update the new commissioners on Riverwalk because all had said they attended the community forum.

"Staff comments have gone back to the developer after the (city's development application review team) meeting," said Brooks. "I'm not sure when the developer will return them and another DART meeting would be scheduled."

Woodworth told the CRA board members that his group believes Riverwalk is being rushed through the process. "May 24 is the date when they plan to take it to the Planning and Development Board," he said. "This project is going like a freight train with every avenue for public input shut down."

The Boynton Coalition for Responsible Development met with Isram principals, Wherry and city staff on April 22, hoping residents' concerns could be addressed.

None of the dozen issues raised was deemed to be valid nor did the developer agree to modify its plan, according to the Boynton Coalition statement issued April 28. ★



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Obituaries

William E. 'Bill' Quigley

MANALAPAN — William E. "Bill" Quigley, loving husband, cherished brother, beloved uncle and loyal friend, passed away peacefully at his Manalapan home on April 7. He was surrounded by love, the beauty of the music



he cherished throughout his life, a gentle nuzzle from his beloved pup, Mickey, and the radiance of a gorgeous April

day in South Florida. He was 67.

Bill was welcomed into the world at Manhattan's Woman's Hospital on May 5, 1948, by his parents, Jean Eckler and John Harold Quigley (deceased), and later at the family home in New Rochelle by his five older siblings.

The Quigleys moved the following year to West Palm Beach, hometown of Bill's pioneer, maternal grandparents, William Beecher and Harriet Fowler Eckler, and their five siblings.

Bill attended local schools, and in his junior year at Forest Hill High was recognized as the No. 1 percussionist in the state

of Florida. He graduated with a B.A. from Florida Atlantic University and taught school for three years before moving to successful careers in sales with *Reader's Digest* and Sandoz Pharmaceuticals.

Eventually, Bill began doing stand-in jobs as a percussionist with the Cliff Hall Orchestra, and upon Mr. Hall's demise, Bill became the permanent percussionist for 25-plus years with the Neil Smith Orchestra, based in Palm Beach and Newport, for the many seasonal parties and society balls each year. It was also the "go-to" orchestra for functions held all over the world, including a British ball in honor of Princess Diana Spencer's marriage to Prince Charles.

Bill began a different second career when he became a real estate broker, and specialized in the buying and selling of homes for his dedicated clients in and around his home turf of Point Manalapan. He ended his career with Fite Shavell Realty in Palm Beach as one of its top producers from Palm Beach to Gulf Stream.

Bill served many years on the

Manalapan Town Commission and on the board of directors for the La Coquille Club.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of more than 47 years, Karen (Scott) Quigley, his five older siblings, Pat Ritchie, Karen Steele, John Quigley (Donnie), Cynthia Stowe, and Jim Quigley; his two sisters-in law, Sherry (Scott) Linder and Angela Scott, an abundance of adoring nieces and nephews, and his beloved chocolate Lab, Mickey.

Bill never met a stranger and was loved by all. We will all miss him terribly.

Donations may be made to Bill and Karen's favorite charities: Hospice of Palm Beach County Trust Bridge, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33407, and the Tri-County Humane Society, 21287 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton, FL 33433, so that "all creatures great and small" will enjoy a semblance of happiness in this beautiful world.

A celebration of Bill's life was held on April 12 at Eau Palm Beach in Manalapan.

Obituary submitted by the family

Shirley Smith-Hill

By Ron Hayes

BRINY BREEZES — Shirley Smith-Hill, a former flight attendant, business owner and the wife of Briny Breezes Mayor Michael Hill, died unexpectedly on March 30. She was 66.



Born Nov. 1, 1949, to Edd Lee and Eleanor Smith, Mrs. Smith-Hill worked as a flight attendant, flying out of Miami, first for National Airlines, which was later acquired by Delta. She retired after 33 years with the airline.

"After she retired, Shirley went into the antique business," Hill said, "and she rented space in the Atlantic Antique Mall in Delray Beach for about three years."

Mrs. Smith-Hill was also a talented interior designer who fixed up and redecorated the couple's homes in Highland Beach, where Hill served as the vice mayor, and Delray Beach before they moved to Briny Breezes two years ago.

"Shirley always had a smile," Mayor Hill said. "She was a very happy person and always tried to make other people happy, too."

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Smith-Hill is survived by three children, Bronwyn of Dublin, Ohio; and Clinton and Brecken, both of Macomb, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; two sisters, Elizabeth Brillhart and Kathy Odle, two brothers, Edd Lee Smith II and John Smith; and several nieces and nephews.

A visitation was held April 2 at Boynton Memorial Chapel. Donations in her memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231 or at heart.org.

By Ron Hayes

BOYNTON BEACH — For more than half a century, Busch's Seafood on North Ocean Boulevard was a showplace, the only restaurant



along A1A between Palm Beach and Delray Beach.

And Lucy Bergman, who died on April 11 at 82, was

its star.

For 16 years, beginning in 1960, she was the owner and shining spirit behind the popular seaside restaurant.

"I had no desire to be in the restaurant business," she told

The Coastal Star in 2009. "My husband at the time talked me into buying it. We were just an old wooden building. I called it a saloon."

Under her guidance, that old wooden saloon became a landmark where both locals and celebrities gathered for lobsters flown in from Maine and Key lime pies from the lime trees in her backyard just across A1A on Harbour Drive.

"She was a loving, caring, compassionate, loyal, wonderful friend to people," said her son, Michael Bergman, of Wellington. "A great mom and a great businesswoman."

During her time at Busch's, Ms. Bergman earned a living, made lifelong friends, and

Lucy Bergman

collected stories she could laugh at decades later.

"I was attacked once by a woman in a wheelchair who came at me swinging her cane," she remembered. "She'd found one of our matchbooks in her husband's jacket and thought he was having an affair with me."

She laughed. "Well, he was having an affair, but it wasn't with me."

Lucy Ann Theis was born on Feb. 4, 1934, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. By 16, she had lost both her parents and two brothers and was raised by two older cousins.

After attending Brown University, she met her husband, Lars Bergman, while

working for a doctor in New York City and moved with him to Sweden, where their son was born.

The family came to Ocean Ridge in 1959. The Bergmans divorced in 1963.

Ms. Bergman sold the restaurant in 1976, moved to Lake Tahoe briefly, then returned to Boynton Beach and worked as an administrative assistant at U.S. Trust Co. in Palm Beach for 13 years until her retirement in 2002.

In her later years, she indulged her love of gin rummy, the Miami Dolphins and travel.

"She loved cruises," Michael Bergman said. "River cruises. My mom must have gone on 80

cruises."

In her final days, he said, his mother made him promise there would be no funeral service.

Instead, her close friend, Myra Elmore, will arrange for a lunch at the Hurricane Grill, where Ms. Bergman and her friends often met.

"That sums up my mom," he said. "She was all about living life, not mourning death."

In addition to her son, she is survived by her daughter-in-law, Donna, of Wellington, and grandchildren, Lauren and Tyler of Orlando.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

South Palm Beach

Cohen wants to build five feet higher on Oceanfront Inn site

By Dan Moffett

Developer Gary Cohen came to the April town meeting in South Palm Beach armed with two lawyers, an architect, an assistant and a 5-foot wooden pole.

Cohen and his Paragon Acquisition Group want to build a six-story condominium building on the site of the old Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn. But the developer says he has a problem: The town's code allows 60 feet for the six stories, but Cohen says he needs 65 feet to make his design work.

The pole was the visual aid he used to show the Town Council the size of his problem.

The town's 60-foot limit doesn't allow enough room to

build six floors with 10-foot ceilings, the size Paragon says it needs to attract upscale buyers.

"People are just not interested today in luxury condominiums that are under 10 feet," attorney Mitch Kirschner told the council.

"I can't recall that we've done a luxury condominium in an area as nice as this with ceilings less than 10 feet," said architect Jorge Garcia of Miami.

"We're asking for your help to get us out of this conundrum," attorney John Herin said.

What Cohen and his team want council members to do is ask South Palm Beach voters to change their town charter to allow a 65-foot structure. That means putting an amendment

on the ballot for the November election.

Before Cohen bought the property in 2013, the previous owner, Pjeter Paloka and Kosova Realty, proposed building a 14-story condo and touched off an angry backlash that ultimately led voters in 2010 to approve new height limits, including the 60-foot cap. Council members are reluctant to go through another firestorm.

"Seventy-nine percent of the citizens voted this in our charter," Councilwoman Stella Gaddy Jordan said of the limit. "I don't think I can make a ruling against them."

Councilman Woodrow Gorbach, a real estate agent, pointed out that most of the

units in the town have 8-foot ceilings, not 10-foot.

Cohen told the council he has been a good neighbor since buying the dilapidated hotel and hasn't asked for any other concessions.

"We've been here for three years now," Cohen said. "We've spent time and we've spent money working on this project. You can see what we've done the last six months — which is demolish the building, clear the site and build a sea wall. These are substantial things."

Vice Mayor Joseph Flagello told Cohen that residents aren't inclined to rush into a decision, and neither are the council members. Flagello said they would discuss the request again at their May 24 meeting.

In other business:

• Town Manager Bob Vitas said the council has settled on a list of 14 projects for its long-term plan. Ranking at the top are preparations for shoreline stabilization and evaluation of the fire district study.

Vitas said 14 of the 16 oceanfront property owners have agreed to easements that will allow the survey work to begin for the beach project, and he hopes to have the other two onboard by the end of May.

• The town will honor veterans at a Memorial Day ceremony, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 30 at Town Hall. Keynote speaker is State Sen. Jeff Clemens, and complimentary refreshments will be served. ★

Lantana

Lantana Police Department to move

By Mary Thurwachter

The Lantana Police Department is destined for new digs in the old Department of Juvenile Justice building.

At its April 11 meeting, the Lantana Town Council discussed what to do with the old Juvenile Justice building at 901 N. Eighth St. off Lantana Road on the northeast corner of the former A.G. Holley property.

The town, which has a lease on the building through 2048, has put aside \$95,000 for repairs to the DJJ building, and this year, the state Legislature

awarded Lantana another \$500,000 for repairs.

The state-owned building has been used for training police officers and sheriff's deputies for several years.

Mayor Dave Stewart said the 10,000-square-foot building is uninhabitable. He wanted the building, next to Lantana's new Sports Complex, to be used as a recreational facility. Stewart said the town was eligible to receive a \$300,000 grant that had to be used for recreation and that that money could be used toward turning the DJJ building into a recreation center.

But Police Chief Sean

Scheller said the building should house the Police Department, currently located in two smaller buildings next to Town Hall. The town had considered the DJJ location for the police years ago, but the need wasn't as critical after the town reclaimed the old Lions Club facility (next to the existing police station) to house its detectives several years ago.

Town Council member Lynn Moorhouse said having the police at the DJJ building would give them an opportunity to keep an eye on ball fields and would allow the entire department to be under one

roof.

"It's big enough to house everything, including the holding cells," Moorhouse said.

Vice Mayor Phil Aridas agreed. "I want the police over there," he said. "We do have \$3 million in ball fields over there."

The new police location would also put them in close proximity of Water Tower Commons, a retail and residential complex being developed on Lantana Road east of I-95.

Council members Malcolm Balfour and Tom Deringer agreed with Moorhouse and Aridas about moving the Police

Department.

"I know the Police Department was instrumental in getting the lease (for the DJJ facility)," Deringer said.

After the 4-1 vote, with the mayor dissenting, Stewart said, "I think we're missing a great opportunity to create something nice for the residents." However, the town is still eligible for a recreation grant. "It just won't be as much," Stewart said.

Renovations could begin later this year.

Town Manager Deborah Manzo said the current police buildings could house other town departments. ★

Nature Preserve Commission abolished

By Mary Thurwachter

After allowing the Lantana Nature Preserve Commission one last time to meet, the Town Council voted on April 25 to abolish the group.

The council agreed that there was no longer a need for the commission, since that group and the Friends of the Lantana Nature Preserve frequently duplicate efforts. Some members were on both committees.

Nature Preserve Commission Chairman Paul Arena, now president of the Friends, said that the commission, at its April 5 meeting, voted to support the dissolution. The Friends also asked the town to have a liaison attend their meetings, and for use of a town facility to hold meetings.

"We want to hold two

meetings a month here and one at the preserve," Arena said.

Town Attorney Max Lohman said the town was trying to protect itself and members of the two groups from getting into trouble with the Sunshine Law regarding open meetings. The Friends of the Lantana Nature Preserve is an independent organization, not subject to the Sunshine Law as the Nature Preserve Commission had been.

The nature preserve, a coastal hammock between The Carlisle senior living facility on East Ocean Avenue and the Intracoastal Waterway, was created in 1997. The Carlisle pays the town \$40,000 a year to maintain the park. No money comes from the town's general fund to pay for its maintenance.

In other action, the council voted to:

- Support an effort to bring the Atlanta Braves spring training facility to John Prince Park, a county park in Lake Worth. The council said having spring training in central Palm Beach County would be a boost to the economy.

- Add one position to the Police Department's uniform patrol division at an annual cost of \$23,070.

- Add a recreation coordinator position to the Operations Department at an annual cost of \$20,050. The coordinator will organize, implement, promote and supervise programs at the sports complex with a soccer field and three baseball fields. A ribbon cutting for the new complex, on the northeast corner of the former A.G. Holley property, was held on April 28. ★

Briny Breezes

Briny seeks enforcement plan for new restrictions on trucks

By Dan Moffett

Briny Breezes council members unanimously voted preliminary approval for an ordinance that would restrict truck traffic on town streets.

Now the council will have to try to figure out how to enforce it.

The ordinance prohibits trucks with three or more axles and those with a rated capacity of more than one ton from driving through Briny, including Old Ocean Boulevard, which the state recently turned over to the town.

But Town Attorney John Skrandel said he will need to research further how to penalize violators. Skrandel said he has contacted other towns with similar laws but hasn't found much help.

"When I call and ask them how they're enforcing their restrictions, nobody knows how," he said. "Everyone I talked to didn't know, and a lot of them didn't even know their law was on the books."

Skrandel said it might be possible to use state statutes to penalize violators. Under the state system, a trucker could be fined about \$158 for each offense.

"That would be the simplest way to do it, and the most cost-effective," Skrandel said.

Hal Hutchins, the town marshal and Ocean Ridge police chief, told the council he still has reservations about how, on a practical basis, officers will be able to enforce the law.

"The ordinance is being voted on based on hypotheticals," he said. The new rules do allow exemptions for truck traffic that provides services to town residents. There are no restrictions on trucks that are delivering goods to Briny homeowners, emergency vehicles, construction vehicles doing work in the town and utility vehicles.

Council members say the focus of the law is preventing the potential street damage from trucks that are cutting through the town on their way to somewhere else.

The council will consider approving a final version of the ordinance at the May 26 town meeting.

In other business, Mike Hill announced he was resigning as mayor and leaving town to live the rest of the year in Illinois, where he'll "spend more time" with his 11 grandchildren.

Hill's wife, Shirley Smith-Hill, died unexpectedly in March at age 66. "Next year I may be back," Hill said. "But as for 2016, I'm resigning."

Council President Sue Thaler said she has appreciated Hill's expertise as a lawyer and experience as a former elected official in Highland Beach since he became mayor in January 2014.

Hill agreed to stay involved with the council until it finds a replacement. ★

Islander asking for speed bump to be moved

By Mary Thurwachter

A Hypoluxo Islander who asked the Lantana Town Council to move a speed cushion on South Atlantic Drive didn't get what he asked for at the town's April meeting. The council did agree, however, to hold a workshop to discuss speed bumps on the island — whether more are needed, where to put them, and perhaps, how to make the traffic calming devices less noisy.

In 2014, islanders successfully lobbied for two speed cushions along South Atlantic Drive. But residents, whose homes (and bedrooms) are within close proximity of the cushions, aren't loving the steady *ka thump ka thump* racket from cars and trucks hurrying over the humps.

"The speed bump noise is excessive day and night," said Ed Sheedy, of 610 S. Atlantic Drive near the speed bump between his house and 613 S. Atlantic Drive.

"They (drivers) accelerate like they're at a racetrack," Sheedy said. "The noise is so bad, it overpowers the train noise. It's impossible for us to relax. Our peace and quiet is gone."

Sheedy said that a neighbor at 702 S. Atlantic Drive had offered to have the speed cushion moved in front of his residence, approximately two houses south of the current location. That neighbor, Frank Ebersold, even wrote a letter to the town saying the move was OK with him.

But council members wondered how agreeable the move would be to others in

Ebersold's neighborhood.

"I wonder how the guy across the street would feel?" said council member Tom Deringer.

"We all hate speed bumps, but, unfortunately, it's the only option," said Media Beverly, who also lives on Hypoluxo Island.

She said she had been talking about getting speed bumps for 10 years. The island has changed over the years, she said, no longer the same sleepy, Old Florida community it once was. People, she said, are all in a hurry.

To install more speed humps involves a process. Traffic counts need to be conducted and 66 percent of residents have to agree to have them.

A workshop date has not been set to discuss the topic. ★

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LEFT: A moving glass wall may enclose the Little House's porch. RIGHT: Work proposed for the Oscar Magnuson House. Renderings courtesy of AW Architects Inc.

Two future restaurants get enthusiastic buildup

By Jane Smith

Craft beers and tapas are coming to two new restaurants on Ocean Avenue.

The owners received approval in April from the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency board for their casual concepts and site plans.

The owners used the same architect, Jim Williams of Boca Raton. He raved about the potential of both venues.

Of the Little House at 480 E. Ocean Ave., Williams said, "I'm happy to be part of this project and helping to establish the fabric of the neighborhood."

The owners, a partnership formed by Ocean Ridge Vice Mayor Richard Lucibella and Barbara Ceuleers, looked at what could be done, Williams said.

They decided to enclose the porch with a moving glass wall.

With 24 seats outside and 47 seats inside, the operator said she could make a go of it, Williams told the CRA board members.

Lisa Mercado, who owns the Living Room restaurant on Congress Avenue, will rent the restaurant from the Lucibella partnership. She was mulling two names at press time.

Renovations at the cottage-turned-restaurant also will include a hood for a stove and an open fireplace that sits on the eastern wall so that it is half outside, half inside. In addition, the eatery will have sidewalk seating. The porch addition will add 525 square feet to the restaurant.

Lucibella said he hopes to open in the fall so that they can take advantage of seasonal visitors.

For the Oscar Magnuson House at 211 E. Ocean Ave., Williams was effusive.

"When (restaurant broker) Tom Prakas called us at the end of last year and asked us if we could help illustrate his concept, everyone in my office got excited," Williams said. "They can't wait for it to open and hang out."

The historic house will receive a 2,000-square-foot addition that includes a full kitchen and restrooms, a bar that starts inside and continues outdoors, a bocce court in the rear, fire pits in the front and back, and a beer garden under a trellis on the east side. For landscaping ideas, Prakas suggested visiting Guanabanas in Jupiter to see its lush tropical plantings.

That restaurant also will have a small plate focus and be a place to get "a meal in a comfortable, neighborhood environment," Williams said.

Because more work will be involved, he said it will take

longer to finish and likely be ready in the fall of 2017.

The CRA owned both properties and used Prakas to market them. Vivian Brooks, the CRA's executive director,

has high hopes for the two restaurants and the 500 Ocean apartment complex.

"They are the game changers for Boynton Beach," she said. ★



A walking path, seat wall and landscaping will be installed where the old dive shop building was razed in the Boynton Harbor Marina. Rendering courtesy of Boynton Beach CRA.

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Marina project set for last phase, CRA told

By Jane Smith

The last phase of the Boynton Harbor Marina will start in July.

Mike Simon, assistant director of the city's Community Redevelopment Agency, gave that update in April to his new board. Three were just elected as commissioners who also sit as CRA board members.

Simon provided a visual tour of the marina's progress to date. The slip reconstruction project, tower entry feature and the harbor master building were completed.

He called the final part the Waterfront Open Phase. The old dive shop building was demolished last year and will be replaced with a shaded park for the public with a walking path and seating, roadway realignment, extra parking spaces and other features.

The roadway maintenance will be part of this phase, estimated to cost at least \$1.4 million.

"No breach was found in the sea wall. That's good news," Simon told the board. "Not having to redesign and rebuild the exfiltration trench (storm water drainage system) is even

better news. The project is essentially a maintenance issue, not a complete rebuild of the road."

Shenandoah Construction vacuumed the trench to remove soils and water, and then did a video scan of the pipes, Simon wrote in the backup provided to the CRA board. No breaks or cracks in drainage pipes were found. Shenandoah will be paid \$5,000 for that December work.

Rosso Site Development Inc. did the exploratory roadway trenching in January to provide data on the existing conditions behind the seawall and the subsurface areas around the storm water inlets and the marina boardwalk. Rosso will be paid \$4,950 for this work.

The CRA's engineering consultant used that research data to enhance the design of the vertical support systems of the new boardwalk and seat wall, as well as the roadway project. Revised construction plans were submitted in early April.

Simon hopes to put a bid on the street soon so that the board can select a contractor in June or July.

Construction will take 180 days to complete. ★

Business Spotlight

Amanda James Gallery celebrates its first anniversary

By Lucy Lazarony

Step into the Amanda James Gallery and be prepared to be enveloped in a world of vibrant textiles, breathtaking photos and bright modern art paintings.

And color. Lots and lots of color.

“We love color. We are color enthusiasts,” says artist Amanda Johnson, who shares the gallery with her husband, artist and photographer James Knill.

“We have a casual but luxurious style, modern,” Knill says. “I call it neo-baroque.”

In addition to her large figure paintings and smaller abstract pieces, Johnson paints everything from lampshades to silk scarves to plates, teacups and espresso cups. You can see her creations all around the gallery.

“(There) are other ways to have art,” Johnson says. “It doesn’t just have to hang from your wall.”

She also creates custom fine art fabrics for pillows, curtains and bedding. “And I’m just beginning a small clothing line,” Johnson says.

Knill is a fine art photographer specializing in landscapes and a painter of bright modern paintings, experimenting with color theory and how colors interact with each other.

He does custom work with his oil paintings and



Artists James Knill and Amanda Johnson at their gallery in Boynton Beach. **Tim Stepien/ The Coastal Star**

enjoys shooting photographs outdoors in Florida. “I love landscape photography as fine art,” Knill says. “I do surfing photography also. That’s a plus. I can be there when the sun comes up.”

Topics of Knill’s fine art photography include “the ocean, the Everglades, Florida scenes, tropical scenes, black and white and in color. All the pretty stuff. I try to capture the beauty of Florida. I kind of want the photography to look like a painting.”

Johnson has a studio in Artists Alley where she creates

her art, and Knill paints in his home studio in Boynton Beach.

The Amanda James Gallery, at 412 E. Ocean Ave. in Boynton Beach, is just for show — a colorful showcase for their art and a way to connect with customers, although you might find Johnson painting a plate or Knill editing a photo when you stop by.

The city of Boynton Beach and the locals in the neighborhood have embraced the gallery.

And the couple, who

were married last September in Johnson’s hometown of Baltimore, celebrated the first anniversary of the Amanda James Gallery on April 29.

“It’s also a benefit for Wayside House,” Johnson says. “We didn’t want to just have a party.”

Wayside House is an addiction recovery house for women in Delray Beach.

Johnson and Knill also support the Surfrider Foundation with their art.

For the Surfrider Foundation, they collaborated on a new piece, a pillow, which

Johnson designed from Knill’s photograph of a super moon over the beach in Ocean Ridge.

A portion of the proceeds of each pillow sold will be given to the Surfrider Foundation.

The hours for the Amanda James Gallery are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday; and by appointment.

To make an appointment, call Johnson at (443) 823-5057 or Knill at 674-1927.

For more on the art of Amanda Johnson and James Knill, visit www.AmandaJamesGallery.com. ★

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Business Spotlight

McKinney's mini-mansion may test local market

Frank McKinney, Delray Beach resident and "real estate artist" ("That's what *The Wall Street Journal* called me, and I ran with it," he says), has created his share of mega-million-dollar spec mega-mansions, but he is currently exploring the micro-mansion trend, building one in Ocean Ridge.

Aligning with the concept "the best things come in small packages," he's not skimping. His 4,042-square-foot micro-mansion will offer \$4,000-a-square-foot finishes, a floating sun deck, multiple pools, antique flooring from a sunken 16th-century Spanish galleon, and a second-floor outdoor master shower complete with trees.

"I've watched the evolution of high-end buyers since my first spec house in 1992, and what's changing is that a 10,000-square-foot house is no longer the trophy statement it used to be," he says. "The ultra-wealthy don't have time to be bothered with the maintenance."

"I'm setting this trend, and I've never felt more convinced about it. The wealthy are already buying condos with this kind of money, but I'm thinking they don't want to live in a 4,000-square-foot toolbox, surrounded by people on all sides, above and below."

His prototype three-bedroom, 3½-bath home, at 19 Tropical Drive, Ocean Ridge, is 345 feet from the ocean and has deeded beach access. His team includes architect George Brewer and Dale Construction.

Currently, the second floor is going up, and McKinney aims to have the home completed by New Year's Eve, turnkey ready and fully furnished with linens on the bed, thanks to his wife, **Nilsa**.

As yet, he hasn't set a price, but to give a hint, consider that the sea-glass countertops in the kitchen came in at \$128,000. "I want the market to tell me if it's the right size, so I don't have a price on it."

"If your paper didn't have the name *Coastal Star*, I would take the name. This house hopes to be a coastal star."

Menin Development Inc. entered into agreements with **Capital One Café** (offering financial services with coffee) and **The Green Owl** restaurant for its East Atlantic Avenue buildings. Capital One Café will lease 5,840 square feet at 326 E. Atlantic Ave. The Green Owl will move to 400 E. Atlantic Ave. behind Huber's Pharmacy.

As you may recall, **The Fite Group's** agent, **Jack Elkins**, holds the listings for 1920 and 1940 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan, which are on the market for \$19.5 million and \$9.5 million respectively. (Elkins and public records



Delray Beach developer Frank McKinney is marketing a 4,042-square-foot micro-mansion that is under construction in Ocean Ridge. He's not set a price. **Rendering provided**

say they are owned by **South Ocean Living LLC**. Other sources, though, report the owner is **Billy Joel**.) While a buyer can still purchase the properties separately, Elkins has recently relisted them as a package for \$27 million as well.

Lang Realty has announced that it leads among all residential real estate agencies in both sales volume and number of listings in Palm Beach County from January through March 2016, according to area Multiple Listing Systems.

Florida Realtors announced that home sales totaled \$627 million in February, representing a 16.6 percent increase year over year. Also noted was a heightened demand for homes between \$300,000 and \$600,000 and above \$1 million.



Bock

Palm Beach County Clerk and Comptroller **Sharon R. Bock** received the 2015 **Rosalinde Gilbert Innovations in Alzheimer's Disease Caregiving Legacy Award** in the public policy category for her Guardianship Fraud program and hotline.

In recognition of its accomplishments toward addressing the needs of Alzheimer's patients and caregivers, Bock's office received \$20,000 in March.

Through the hotline, callers can anonymously report potential incidents of financial fraud or waste involving court-appointed guardianships over elderly, minor or incapacitated individuals.

Since the program's inception, its Division of Inspector General has audited and investigated more than 900 guardianship cases and identified more than \$4.5 million in unsubstantiated disbursements, missing assets



On the team at the Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority are (l-r) Executive Director Laura Simon; Lauren Lyall, operations coordinator; and Alexandra Farnsworth, program coordinator. **Photo provided**

and fraud. For information about the hotline, visit www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/fraud.

In March, the **Renaissance Boca Raton Hotel** debuted its multimillion-dollar renovation featuring Spanish-inspired architecture, a new color palette, a transformed hotel lobby, and 189 renovated guest rooms. Other amenities include a state-of-the-art fitness center, as well as 15,000 square feet of meeting and conference spaces. The hotel is at 2000 NW 19th St., Boca Raton.

Palm Beach Travel, founded by **Annie Davis** three years ago, was recently recognized with the **2015 Best of the Best Independent Agency** award from the **Avoya Travel Network**, for the second year



Yale

in a row. Also, **Sharon Yale** has joined Palm Beach Travel, specializing in trips for couples and families with Oceania, SilverSeas, Seabourn, Royal Caribbean, Norwegian, River Cruise and other large group cruises. Palm Beach Travel is in **Plaza del Mar** at 257 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan.

In April at **Florida Atlantic University, Student ACES (Athletics + Community +**

Education) hosted its first ACE Captains Leadership Summit, an event designed for high school athletic captains to learn leadership skills and techniques and life lessons that will enable them to lead their teams on and off the field. More than 200 students attended.

The panel included **Clay Shiver**, former NFL player and Florida State Hall of Famer, and **Pete Martinez**, chairman and CEO of Game Changer.

Sponsors for the event included Tire Kingdom, Garden of Life, Keiser University, Advanced Roofing, Walmart and Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley PA.

Evelyn & Arthur's president,



Weissman

Adrienne Weissman, received one of the **2016 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards** at *Enterprising Women* magazine's conference in Coconut Grove. Winners were recognized in March for having fast-growing businesses, and mentoring women and girls involved in entrepreneurship. Evelyn & Arthur's Manalapan boutique for women's fashions is in Plaza del Mar, at 227 S. Ocean Blvd.

In honor of Mother's Day, the **Delray Beach Downtown**

Development Authority will present a "Downtown Delray Orchid Giveaway," through May 7. Here's how it works: Shop the more than 300 boutiques, galleries, shops, spas, salons and fitness studios in the downtown area, collect \$200 in receipts and turn them in at one of two **Orchid Stations**, which are located in front of **Hand's Stationers**, 325 E. Atlantic Ave., and **Petite Connection**, 1049 E. Atlantic Ave.

The stations will be open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 4 through 6, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 7. Restaurant receipts are excluded.

Also, until May 10, enter to win a Mother's Day prize package (with more than \$500 of certificates from downtown Delray Beach businesses) at delrayorchidgiveaway.com.

Other news from the DDA: **Alexandra Farnsworth** has joined its team as program coordinator, and **Lauren Lyall** has joined as operations coordinator.

On May 5, the **Executive Women of the Palm Beaches** honored four local women who make a difference in the county at its annual **Women in Leadership Award** event. Among them was Boca Raton resident **Yvonne Boice**, who received the **2016 Volunteer Sector Award**. A businesswoman and philanthropist, she owns and operates two businesses in Boca Raton: **The Shoppes at Village Pointe** and **Fugazy International Travel**.

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JFK Medical Center's cancer program was granted a three-year accreditation with commendation from the **Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons** in March. To earn the commission's voluntary accreditation, a cancer program must meet or exceed 34 of its quality-care standards, be surveyed and evaluated every three years, and maintain levels of excellence in care delivery.

Also in March, JFK Medical Center made the pledge to help increase colorectal cancer screening rates by supporting the "80 percent by 2018" initiative, led by the **American Cancer Society**, the **Centers**



The crew at Our Boat House is planning a tent sale May 12-15 at its new Delray Beach location. Pictured (l-r): Christina Auer, Karen Marcil, Lori Auer-Smith, golden retriever Dune and Eleanor Auer. Photo provided

for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable. As part of the pledge, JFK received the Colorectal Cancer Partnership award and grant from the American Cancer Society to be used for funding colorectal cancer education, activities, and/or interventions. JFK Medical Center is at 5301 S. Congress Ave., Atlantis.



Heather L. Apicella was named a partner at the marital and family law firm **Gladstone & Weissman PA**. Its main office is at 101 Renaissance Centre, 101 N. Federal Highway, Suite 702, Boca Raton.

The family-owned **Our Boat House** has recently moved from Mizner Park to its own 3,500-square-foot building at 820 SE Fifth Ave., Delray Beach. On May 12-15, old and new customers are invited to take advantages of discounted prices at its tent sale. "Everyone who loves *The Coastal Star* loves us," says co-owner **Karen Marcil**, referring to the store's coastal vibe. Our Boat House has something for everyone. Men are attracted to its collection of old boating artifacts, fire pieces and local artwork — and women like those too, as well as everything else (which includes slip-covered furniture, lighting, accessories, rugs, large coral pieces, and a new line of outdoor furniture). And for those nautical types who like a good treasure hunt, here's a riddle to solve: "When you need me, you throw me away. When you are done with me, you bring me home." When visiting the tent sale, if you identify this object, you will receive an old sea-glass float.

As of May 1, organizational changes took place at **Palm Beach State College** focused on student success and quality customer service.

Ginger Pedersen assumed the new position of vice president of information services. **Jean Wihbey** became the vice president for workforce development and provost of the Lake Worth campus. **Maria Vallejo** was named the vice president for growth and

expansion and provost of the Belle Glade and Loxahatchee Groves campuses. **Holly Bennett** now serves as vice president for institutional effectiveness and provost of the Palm Beach Gardens campus. **Bernadette Russell** became the vice president for e-Learning and continues to serve as provost of the Boca Raton campus.

At 7 p.m. May 12, **David Dweck**, president of the **Boca Real Estate Investment Club**, will give a presentation, "The Landlord/Tenant Boot Camp," with **Dan DeMott** of **Rent Pro** and landlord-tenant attorney **Jerron Kelley**.

The presentation will be held at the Renaissance Boca Raton Hotel, 2000 NW 19th St., Boca Raton. The cost is \$20 for nonmembers. For information, call 391-REAL.

John M. Campanola, with **New York Life Insurance Company** at 401 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, recently joined a group of agents who are authorized to offer **AARP** members a range of financial solutions through AARP Life Insurance, and annuity and long-term care options from New York Life.

The annual **Boynton Beach Food, Wine & Brew Festival**, offering cuisine from 30 of the town's restaurants and lounges as well as wine and craft beer tastings, will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. May 26 at **Benvenuto** restaurant, 1730 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Tickets are \$35. For information, call 732-9501.

For "We [Heart] Small Biz Month," the **Delray Beach City Commission** has planned a series of activities in May that include networking events, business walks, workshops and giveaways. For a schedule, visit www.WeHeartSmallBiz.org or call 243-7054.



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Vino Van Gogh holds a wine and dine and paint at the Tideline Ocean Resort in Palm Beach. Guests get instruction as they sip wine and nibble appetizers. Vino Van Gogh also holds regular classes at its Delray Beach studio. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Making memories with *Mom*

By Mary Thurwachter

This year, instead of flowers or jewelry or a colorful scarf that she may or may not like, give your mother a day away with someone she loves: You!

Mother's Day presents wrapped up in a bow can be lovely and thoughtful. But is that what the woman who raised you really wants? Nah. What she really wants is time with her baby — even if her baby is no longer a baby.

So how about giving her what she wants with a special day in which you do something she doesn't ordinarily get to do? Perhaps a moonlight paddle through the Everglades, a culinary tour, or an afternoon tea at a ritzy resort?

Your Mommy and Me fun day doesn't have to be limited to Mother's Day. Any

time in May would be peachy. Any time at all would be appreciated. Go ahead and wrap yourself in a bow, if you insist. No matter how you present the gift of you, Mom will be grateful because you're giving Mom fond memories of time spent with you.

Here are some suggestions.

Paint, drink and be merry. Mom may not have saved all those paintings you made for her as a kid (and she proudly displayed on her refrigerator door). But maybe it's time to show her what you can do with a brush now. Put a paintbrush in her hand, as well, and just to get you both in the mood (and less critical of the artwork you create),

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Philanthropy Notes

Dancers chosen for Boca's ninth-annual Ballroom Battle

Even with the 2015-16 social season coming to a close, board, committee and staff members at local nonprofits remain busy planning events for 2016-17, including the **George Snow Scholarship Fund**.

Debi Feiler, vice president of program services, announced the date of Boca's Ballroom Battle — Aug. 22 — and identified the dancers who will undergo rigorous training to perform professional routines at the Boca Raton Resort & Club to raise money for college-bound students. This year's community dancers are: **Donna Biase, Dan Davidowitz, Alex Eremia, Peter Gary, Bonnie Halperin, Stacey Packer, Doug Paton and Samantha Vassallo**. The ninth annual benefit is patterned after the popular *Dancing With the Stars* television program.

"This is the do-not-miss

event of the summer, as eight of our community's most recognizable personalities take to the dance floor for a good cause — not to mention that coveted mirror-ball fundraising trophy," President **Tim Snow** said.

Tickets start at \$185 and include two drinks and hors d'oeuvres stations. Call 347-6799 or visit scholarship.org.

The **Spirit of Giving Network** is in the news after appointing **Sue Diener** as executive director.



Diener is a veteran in the nonprofit industry, having served as a volunteer for nearly 30 years. She is the former president of Impact 100 Palm Beach County and a past

president of the Junior League of Boca Raton.

"A longtime resident, Sue has a wealth of experience in the nonprofit arena," Spirit of Giving Network President **Ann Rutherford** said.

Diener will be responsible for supporting the agency's 60 nonprofit member groups, strengthening community partnerships and promoting volunteerism.

A \$15,000 grant from the **Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation** will pave the way for an interactive health-clinic exhibit at the **Boca Raton Children's Museum**.

The exhibit, titled "Living Healthy Living Well," will let little ones play doctors, nurses and patients in a make-believe medical setting.

"By providing high-quality early arts, science and creative education through hands-on exhibits and classes, our children have the opportunity to play, which is the work they

need for a lifetime of success," museum President and CEO **Ellyn Okrent** said, noting that play enables children to learn about and interact with their world and gain the mental, physical and social skills necessary to succeed in adulthood.

"We're pleased to support the Living Healthy Living Well exhibit," foundation President **Mark Larkin** said. "It's a great opportunity for children to learn about their health in a fun and imaginative setting."

Impact 100 Palm Beach County set a record — again — by recruiting 532 members who collectively donated \$532,000 to local charities.

Grants of \$100,000 went to **Alzheimer's Community Care, American Association of Caregiving Youth, Camelot Community Care, Delray Students First and YMCA of South Palm Beach County** at the fifth annual Grand Awards Ceremony,

which celebrated the theme "Power of Women Giving as One!" **Flamingo Clay Studio** and the **Florida Atlantic University Foundation Pine Jog Environmental Education Center** each received \$16,000.

The organization, whose members each agree to make a \$1,000 contribution and attend one meeting to vote on which organizations will receive funds, scored another coup when it was announced the 2016 Impact 100 Global Conference will take place in Delray Beach. The conference, scheduled for Oct. 23 through 25, is designed to encourage collaboration and the sharing of best practices among Impact 100 groups around the world to allow for continued growth and sustainability.



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Celebrations

The 25th Anniversary Gala Performance

Spanish River Community High School, Boca Raton – March 19



The stars were shining as the Michael & Madelyn Savarick Trust presented a special event in the Countess de Hoernle Theatre that featured New York City Ballet principal dancers Megan Fairchild, Gonzalo Garcia and Daniel Ulbricht plus several other artists. After the event, guests turned out at the Boca Ballet Theatre for a lavish party with a red-carpet welcome. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Heather Fryxell, Elizabeth Dudley and Sara Lane. **Photo provided by Silvia Pangaro**

Corporate Partners Business Breakfast

Kravis Center, West Palm Beach – Feb. 17



Guests were treated to celebrity stories by entertainment attorney Donald Ephraim and antiques dealer to the stars Bruce Newman. Ephraim's experiences working with movie reviewers Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert, as well as Newman's encounters with Woody Allen and Dustin Hoffman, were among the highlights. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Newman, Corporate Partners Executive Committee Chairman Jeff Stoops and Ephraim. **Photo provided by Lila Photo**

Vernissage

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton – March 17

The debut of South Florida's newest contemporary art fair — Art Boca Raton — began with a preview evening benefiting the Boca Raton Museum of Art and its art school. About 350 guests gathered to meet and mingle with international artists, collectors and gallerists while enjoying a cocktail party with dinner-by-the-bite. More than \$35,000 was raised for school operations and scholarship support. **RIGHT:** (l-r) Lee Ann Lester, FAU President John Kelly, Andrew Duffell, Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie, hostess Dalia Stiller, Irvin Lippman, Elaine Baker and Deputy Mayor Robert Weinroth. **Photo provided**



Palm Beach Dinner

Club Colette, Palm Beach – March 30

The Hanley Center Foundation disclosed at its annual event it received more than \$1 million from eco-conscious jeweler Alex and Ani. The money will help women throughout Florida seek recovery treatment. **LEFT:** George Elmore with Marti LaTour. **Photo provided by Capehart**



Red Rose Gala

The Mar-a-Lago Club, Palm Beach – April 1
The 34th-annual affair benefited the National Society of Arts and Letters' Florida East Coast Chapter. Nearly 220 friends and supporters attended. Gerard Schwarz, music director of the All-Star Orchestra, was given the Lifetime Achievement Award. **LEFT:** Gala Chairwoman Alyce Erickson with Donald Mandich. **Photo provided**

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Lunch & Learn

Kravis Center, West Palm Beach – Feb. 15

Nearly 400 admirers of fashion icon Iris Apfel were treated to a glimpse into the 93-year-old designer's career and life during a presentation titled 'Attitude and Style: A Conversation with Iris Apfel.' The event was part of the Artsmart lecture series led by Steven Caras, who interviewed Apfel. 'To this day, I don't care about going to a party or being at a party,' she told Caras. 'I just like the process of getting dressed for a party. My mother worshiped at the altar of the accessory and taught me about inherent good taste.' **ABOVE:** (l-r) Barbara Silver, Jodi Walker and Debra Harvey. **Photo provided by Corby Kaye's Studio**



Celebrations

'Swingin' at the Supper Club'

Kravis Center, West Palm Beach – March 12



Palm Beach Dramaworks' 16th anniversary was a gala evening of dining, dancing and delight as 250 guests spent the night swingin' in a ballroom transformed into a chic nightclub of decades past. The theater's Shelly Award was presented to longtime patron and former board member Jan Winkler. **LEFT:** Sponsors Linda and Don Silpe. **Photo provided by Alicia Donelan**

Installation of officers

Kathy's Gazebo Café, Boca Raton – April 18



The Friends Auxiliary of the Boca Raton Museum of Art welcomed a fresh slate of leaders during a special luncheon ceremony of the support group. Members already are hard at work planning an itinerary for art and culture lovers for next season. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Third Vice President Patricia Gould-Peck, Recording Secretary Katia Delouya, Recording Secretary Trudy Helfand, President Amy Hogaboom, First Vice President Peggy Stein, Second Vice President Regina Peters, Treasurer Melissa Meyers and Assistant Recording Secretary Marjory Bitson. **Photo provided**

Love of Literacy Luncheon

Kravis Center, West Palm Beach – March 10



The annual affair celebrating the joy of reading raised \$200,000 to support the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County's mission and programs. Luncheon speaker, international bestselling author and literacy advocate David Baldacci was a huge hit with the crowd, autographing books following the event. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Kristin Calder, CEO of the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County; Baldacci; Fabiola Brumley, of Bank of America; and Bettina Young, luncheon chairwoman. **Photo provided**

Boca Bacchanal

Mizner Park Amphitheater, Boca Raton – April 8 and 9



A beautiful weekend was the perfect backdrop for more than 1,000 guests at the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum's annual fundraiser. A VIP pre-party Friday sold out as did Saturday's vintner dinners. The event raised more than \$200,000 for community programs. **ABOVE:** Boca Bacchanal Chairs Kathy and Rick Qualman. **Photo provided**

Delray Beach Initiative

Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza, Delray Beach – April 3



Nearly \$500 was raised for Daughters of Zion through a car wash benefiting the Junior Academy's after-school reading program. 'Our thanks go to Jack Foley for supplying the eco-friendly cleaning products and to Chuck Halberg for the hoses,' said Allison Turner, chairwoman of the Delray Beach Initiative, which is geared toward enhancing the lives of local children. 'Great day!' **ABOVE:** (l-r) Turner, Halberg, Donald Schneider, Jim Nolan, Carol Eaton, Stephen Greene and Brooke Jones. **Photo provided**

Be Great Celebration Dinner

Delray Beach Marriott – March 11



The Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach's fourth-annual fundraiser brought in more than \$132,000 and honored Tony Wilson, chairman, president and CEO of Seagate Hospitality Group. The Youth of the Year of Delray Beach award went to club member Karah Pierre, 15. More than 200 supporters attended the event. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Chip Sander with Susan and Michael Mullin. **Photo provided**

Around Town

Briny Breezes makes a cinematic scene

What an April ... no foolin'. First comes word that **Robert De Niro** is hanging around **Briny Breezes**. OK, OK, it's a stretch, but Briny is a hot little neighborhood/town. And at 72, De Niro could be its poster boy, but no, he's not buying and, no, he wasn't hanging out with some distant cousin from the Village. Nor was he scouting deals for son **Raphael**, who works in the New York real estate market.

De Niro was doing what he does best — making movies — and Briny may have a minor role in his next one, *The Comedian*. That's right, the guy who played a dying baseball player, a psychotic taxi driver, a bullish boxer, a mob boss and other assorted tough guys, stars as an "acerbic" stand-up comic. "They weren't here long, maybe 20 minutes," Briny administrative assistant **Sharon Holden** said. "Just a couple of shots in front of the clubhouse."

A crowd of some 30 residents gathered, she said, and General Manager **Theresa Pussinen** did manage to score a two-shot with the actor, but otherwise it was no big deal. Brinyites, after all, are pros at this. First there was *Folks!* with **Tom Selleck** and **Don Ameche** way back in 1991 and *In Her Shoes* (2004) with **Cameron Diaz**, **Toni Collette** and **Shirley MacLaine**.

De Niro, of course, is no stranger to the area. He terrorized much of the Glades in the 1991 thriller *Cape Fear* and last year he played **Zac Efron's** *Dirty Grandpa*.

Director **Taylor Hackford** likes the area, too. Three years ago he had cars screeching around Boca for *Parker*. This time the Oscar-winner brought along his wife, also an Oscar-winner. He and **Helen Mirren** even took time out for Easter brunch at **Caffe Luna Rosa** in Delray Beach.

Mirren has won her Academy Award, two Golden Globes and four Emmys largely for playing English queens. In her latest outings she takes serious turns as gossip columnist Hedda Hopper (*Trumbo*) and as a military officer ordering drone strikes against terrorists (*Eye in the Sky*). But on Easter Sunday, when two Luna Rosa hostesses asked if she would mind a photo, she not only obliged but asked if she, too, could don a set of bunny ears.

"Neither has any pretenses," Palm Beach County Film Commissioner **Chuck Elder** said of Mirren and Hackford. "They're just regular people. When he was shooting *Parker*, we couldn't have had a better relationship."

And it's good, clean business, although the state may lose some of that cash since Gov. **Rick Scott** declined to renew the \$200 million-plus in tax

credits for film projects. By comparison, Georgia claimed \$6 billion in film revenue last year, and expects to see more if **HBO's** *Ballers* (Miami) and **Netflix's** *Bloodline* (the Keys) head north, as promised.

Hackford and company stayed only four days but spent \$400,000, Elder said. The company also shot along the Intracoastal at **Seagate Manor** condos in Delray, on A1A in a princely yellow Corvette and at the studios of **WXEL** in Boynton. The cast includes **Leslie Mann**, **Cloris Leachman** and **Edie Falco** plus funny men **Danny DeVito**, **Gilbert Gottfried** and **Jimmie Walker**.

De Niro's "grandson" **Efron** was back in March with **Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson** to film scenes at Boca's South Inlet Park for a *Baywatch* flick. That large tent across the inlet at the **Boca Raton Resort & Club's** beach was erected to accommodate the crew, which stayed on site. The two-week gig added \$7 million to the local economy.

Growing up on the streets of Pittsburgh, **Bobby Campbell** tried just about every sport that could be played between the parked cars and streetlights. But he was hardly a jock.

In fact, he was a musician.



Campbell

"I played trumpet. I still have a great trumpet at home, but I don't use it," the Boca Raton resident admitted, because he's

hooked big time on collegiate sports in Boca Raton and can't wait to see them hit the big time.

The kickoff took place at Lynn University in 2012 when Campbell donated \$1.2 million to help build what is now Bobby Campbell Stadium, the home ground for soccer and lacrosse.

Early on, Campbell had little to give. When he was 15 his mom sought better prospects in Detroit. Campbell landed a job at Kinney, first stocking shoes, then selling them. He liked coming home that first week with \$35 in his pocket. Eventually he made store manager, then district manager and so on, ultimately going corporate with Kinney's parent company, Woolworth.

But Campbell had the hot foot, and in 1975, he hit the ground running with his own company. He built **BBC International** into a worldwide leader in footwear, especially for kids. Among the brands: Cole Haan, Teva, Polo Ralph Lauren, Heelys.

BBC has been based in Boca since 1998 and Campbell has made many friends, such as **Dick** and **Barbara Schmidt**. Following their lead, he began



LEFT: Briny Breezes General Manager Theresa Pussinen has a prize photo with actor Robert De Niro, in town to shoot *The Comedian*. RIGHT: Actress Helen Mirren celebrates Easter with two hostesses at Caffe Luna Rosa in Delray Beach. Photos provided



donating millions to Lynn, Boca Raton Regional Hospital and dozens of other causes.

The latest is \$5 million for FAU's **Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence**. Dick Schmidt baited the hook, and FAU President **John Kelly**, with help from football coach **Charlie Partridge** and athletic director **Pat Chun**, reeled him in.

Campbell is convinced that Kelly has FAU on the path to national prominence. The Schmidts also like FAU's prospects and in 2014 started the ball rolling with a \$16 million gift. To be built next to FAU's new stadium, the 12,000-square-foot center will include an indoor training facility and areas for strength training and conditioning, sports medicine, health and wellness. Within the complex, the Bobby and Barbara Campbell Academic Success Center will offer tutoring suites, a career center, computer labs and two study halls.

The centers will cost \$50 million. Campbell's gift brings the total raised to \$28 million.

"I've been going to games for a long time," Campbell explained. "More and more I got involved. I even went to the Super Bowl with Charlie."

"Beside, Boca is my community. There are three things I really like. Lynn, the people at the hospital, and FAU. It's a real community school. ... And it was time to do something for the kids."

Oh, what a night! This was no time for cutoffs, baggies, T-shirts and flip-flops. Decked out in flowing gowns, tuxes, even some madrigal costumes, dozens of students from Florida Atlantic and Lynn and a large contingent of supporters mostly from South County were truly in awe as they first entered the ornate ballroom at **The Mar-a-Lago Club**. Say what you will, but **Donald Trump's** little club can stage an awesome party ... in this case the 34th Red Rose

Gala to benefit the **National Society of Arts and Letters**.

NSAL's mission is to provide a springboard for rising young talent through scholarships and performance opportunities. The chapter, presently serving college and high school students in Boca Raton, has a fairy godmother in **Alyce Erickson**. She lined up philanthropists **Marilyn** and **Mark Swillinger** to co-chair the gala and Palm Beacher **Patrick Park** to serve as honorary chairman.

Political rhetoric was easily forgotten as FAU's Cantemos Singers served the first musical course, the perfect complement to the virtuosity of the NSAL scholarship winners from Lynn — oboist **John Weisberg**, pianist **Darren Matias** and violinist **Yasa Poletaeva** — backed by the Lynn Philharmonia under Maestro **Guillermo Figueroa**.

In accepting a lifetime achievement award for leadership and community service, Maestro **Gerard Schwarz** cited research that shows music in schools can improve academic performance by as much as 30 percent.

"There is a great need for cultivating talent," Schwarz said. "It improves not only your life, but everything about your life."

Both Lynn and FAU have developed exceptional music programs that attract students from across the globe. The Philharmonia's cellists, for example, hail from Venezuela, Iran, Uzbekistan, Chile, Brazil and the United States. Many hail from countries that are historical enemies, yet all must work together or music becomes noise.

Boca Raton native Weisberg will soon complete his degree in performance at Lynn, but his skills go deeper than notes on a page: He builds instruments — guitars, violins, even an oud, one of civilization's first instruments. By summer's end, he must finish a harpsichord.

"This is what I do," he says.

Poletaeva, who graduated from Russia's St. Petersburg Conservatory, blew the audience away as featured performer in

Liszt's *Hungarian Rhapsody*, then showed how forceful she could be at the podium:

"Four years ago, I left my home to follow my dream. I left behind not only my family, but the city where I was born and where I fell in love for the first time. I left much more — the culture I inherited, the native language I spoke for 20 years ... and my entire understanding of the world."

"They say in order to be born again, you have to die first. For me, moving to the United States, to Florida, was like a small death. In the time I've lived here, I have transformed into a new person. I have built a beautiful community of friends. I've become an open, smiling and trusting person — and I've found a new home."

"Through your support of NSAL, I am able to bring my ideas ... and my beliefs ... to people from other countries and continents all over the world."

The 21st edition of the **Palm Beach International Film Festival** is history, but aside from lots of photos on Facebook — most including festival Executive Vice President **Larry Richman** — little information has been released about attendance, awards or accolades.

Names? Let's see. Former Republican presidential hopeful **Marco Rubio** and *Entourage's* **Rex Lee** (*Guys Reading Poems*). A screening of *Tony Robbins: I Am Not Your Guru* did, in fact, attract the motivational speaker, personal finance instructor and self-help author. The film is scheduled for a July release through Netflix in 170 countries.

Among the award winners, *The House at the End of Time* from Venezuela won Best Horror Picture. (It was not about the Hugo Chavez regime.) Best Documentary Feature went to *When Elephants Were Young*, narrated by **William Shatner**.

The festival's new boss, **Jeff Davis**, suggested the next *Star Wars* might be in the lineup. Despite their noble efforts, how can the filmmakers succeed if

festival organizers don't spread the word a little better?

The film fest opened April 6 at **Muvico Parisian** in West Palm Beach with the world premiere of *Money*, a caper film from Spain. Next night in Boca as *The Pickle Recipe* played at **Cinemark Palace**, **The Dubliner** in Mizner Park was coming alive with "Randi's Festival of Friends," or as former PBIFF Executive Director **Randi Emerman** actually preferred: "It's my party and I'll cry if I want to party."

"It was really just getting together with my friends that would have been at the festival. Taking my mind off what was happening up the road," explained Emerman, who guided the festival through nearly two decades. Emerman, who was next off to **Cinema Con** in Vegas, is busy. As marketing boss for Coconut Creek-based **Silverspot Cinema**, she's opened multiplexes in Naples and Chapel Hill, N.C., with more on the way.

The original Captain Kirk didn't make the festival, but Shatner did stop by the South Florida Fairgrounds to watch the sale of two personal automobiles at **Barrett-Jackson's** 14th annual auto auction.

"I am selling them because I have too many cars and I am ready to go onto another phase," explained Shatner, who breeds horses in Kentucky and breathes high-octane gasoline on the road.

His 2004 Volkswagen Phaeton, essentially 12-cylinder Bentley in "volksy" clothing, went for a bargain \$29,700. In 2002 an Aston-Martin DB7 convertible, beige on beige, V-12 with 420 horses retailed for about \$150,000. At Barrett-Jackson, the gavel struck at a bargain \$55,000, Shatner's autograph included.

Eight special vehicles, including a first off the line 2017 Corvette and a similar Camaro, raised more than \$1 million for charities. Top choice was a 2015 Jeep Wrangler Commando that raised \$225,000 for the Patriot Foundation. The auction took in \$23.2 million, a record.

Chef turned country rocker **Zac Brown** offered up a 2004



Brown

Hummer. Not just any Hummer, this baby came with a full custom-built kitchen, roof storage and two air compressors. It raised \$30,000

for Brown's **Camp Southern Ground** for special needs children.

Brown was lucky he didn't need the cash for bail.

In the early hours of April 8, Palm Beach police responded to complaints about a strange car in the parking lot and a noisy party at **The Four Seasons Resort**. Cops found cocaine in the car and charged the driver and the two women he brought



William Shatner's 2004 Volkswagen Phaeton went for \$29,700 at Barrett-Jackson's auction at the South Florida Fairgrounds. The gavel struck at a bargain \$55,000 for his 2002 Aston-Martin DB7, autograph included. The convertible retailed for about \$150,000. **Photo provided**

to the party — employees of Pure Platinum, a Lauderdale strip club — with felony drug possession.

Brown told police he was invited to the party by a friend and didn't know drugs were involved until the police arrived 10 minutes later. The cops didn't charge Brown, but they did ask for his autograph.

Brown last month had the No. 1 single on the country charts, his 13th. Titled *Beautiful Drug*, it's a love song.

"My dad always said nothing good ever happens when you stay out late," the chastened Brown wrote on Facebook. "It's a lesson I learned the hard way ... being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Everyone is responsible for their actions, and I regret using poor judgment and putting myself in that position."

Brown's "friend" was likely one of two North Carolinians whom police questioned: **Dale Ledbetter** and **Kenny Habul**, both of whom were connected to the auto auction. Ledbetter (10 to 1 he was named for Dale Earnhardt) was charged with marijuana possession. He works for **Hendrick Motorsports**, the legendary auto racing operation and donor of the top-grossing charity Jeep. Born in Australia, Habul, 37, has been racing cars since he was a teenager and currently drives for **JR Motorsports**, which is owned by **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** and **Rick Hendrick**.

Maybe for his next single, Brown could release a cover of **Dr. John's** *Right Place Wrong Time*.

If all goes to plan, Lake Worth may have something that Delray doesn't: a rooftop bar, with a view. The City Commission has approved zoning changes that will allow **Hudson Holdings** to renovate the **Gulf Stream Hotel** — \$60 million worth, including a restaurant, a champagne room and a rooftop bar. From six stories up, you can see the ocean and feel the breeze. At Hudson's **Sundy House** in Delray, the view is shrubby.

By the time work is done, the Gulf Stream will be nearly a century old, which gives Hudson plenty of time to resolve some historical and geographical issues. Hudson's website refers to "The Gulfstream Hotel, Circa 1925 ... located two hundred yards from

the ocean."

It's Gulf Stream. Lake Worth history buff and consultant **Wes Blackman** has reported that construction began in May 1923 at the height of the first land boom, but two months later financial problems halted work for eight months. With design changes, a new board and new contractor, work resumed in March 1924.

Three months later it was being billed as the "Gulf Stream, Lake Worth's \$400,000 fireproof hotel." After a soft opening on Dec. 10, 1925, even as the boom was busting.

While it may sit 200 yards from the body of water known as Lake Worth, the Atlantic Ocean is three-quarters of a mile east. The building was designed by Atlanta-based architect G. Lloyd Preacher, who later designed Atlanta's neo-Gothic City Hall. The online New Georgia Encyclopedia notes that "the El Nuevo Hotel (1923; later Gulf Stream Hotel) ... visible for miles, is especially noteworthy as the town's only skyscraper."

A few blocks away, another space with Roaring '20s roots — **Bamboo Room** — has a new tenant, and not exactly the type you would expect to find in a nightclub. But then **Common Ground Church** isn't your typical house of worship and Pastor **Mike Olive** isn't your typical minister.

Olive initially held services at Common Grounds Coffee Bar, also on South J Street, but a few months ago he moved Sunday services to Bamboo, paying rent on a day-to-day basis. Now Olive and co-owner **Ryan Mueller** have agreed to a lease. Terms are not final, and should Mueller get his asking price — it's listed at \$1.5 million — Olive would have to move his pulpit again.

Common Ground has had a few run-ins with city officials, in part because of public proselytizing and because many of its parishioners are dealing with drug problems. But Olive claims all is well. In addition to Sunday services, he will add another on Wednesdays and hopes to launch a Thursday comedy night, yoga and exercise classes, a juice bar and a vegan kitchen.

Mueller intends to keep the nightclub running on Fridays and Saturdays.

Some win, some lose, some change.

How could it not be a winner! On Atlantic Avenue. A deck overlooking a dock on the Intracoastal. Plenty of parking. Lots of managerial experience. Owners with deep pockets. Yet less than a year and a half after it opened, **Hudson** has closed. Restaurant broker **Tom Prakas** has listed the 7,000-square-foot eatery for sale at \$7.9 million or lease at \$450,000.

According to news reports, **Bryce Statham**, who owns **Blue Moon Fish Co.** in Fort Lauderdale, backed out at the last moment because the lease was too steep to override concerns about slow off-season business. Other suitors are calling, an optimistic Prakas reports, and a deal could be cut in a matter of days.

Less than a year after **Gary Rack** opened his second **Fat Rooster**, at the corner of



Rack

Atlantic and Second Avenue in Delray, he's changed it. Faster than you can say farm to table, **GR Restaurant Management Group** is converting the Rooster to **Gary Rack's Farmhouse Kitchen**. Opening is expected this month, with the same guilt-free, farm-fresh dishes offered for two years at the first Farmhouse Kitchen in Boca.

Gone is the Frito Pie — layers of corn chips smothered in chunky chili, topped with cheddar cheese, red onions, and pickled jalapeños in a steel pan. Instead try roasted chicken and apple with almonds, Vermont cheddar, dates and ricotta or perhaps bison meatloaf with a cheddar gouda mash and red wine jus.



Pugliese

Anthony Pugliese is out of jail ... after four months. Claiming he's claustrophobic, the Gulf Stream-based developer, wheeler-dealer and memorabilia collector had hoped to serve no time after copping a plea on fraud charges, but the judge decided six months — could have been 18 — in an 8-by-12

was appropriate. With good behavior he was out in four.

For what?

Pugliese, 69, took Subway founder **Fred DeLuca** for more than \$1 million in a scheme to develop Destiny, a massive real estate venture in Central Florida. Never happened. Pugliese also was ordered to reimburse DeLuca more than \$1 million, but it won't do DeLuca any good. He died last September from leukemia, but at least he knew that Pugliese would pay for his deeds.

Pugliese is perhaps best known as a collector of memorabilia, some of which he has used to finance his philanthropy and business ventures. An auction to raise money for Destiny brought in \$57,500 for the bullwhip Harrison Ford used as Indiana Jones, and \$110,000 for the steel-rimmed bowler tossed by the villain Oddjob in *Goldfinger*. Pugliese perhaps is best known as the owner of the pistol Jack Ruby used to kill Lee Harvey Oswald.

Nobody asked me, but ...

The **Atlanta Braves** have a lot of nerve. For years they were the only Major League Baseball team in the Southeast, and even before moving to Atlanta from Milwaukee they spent the spring at West Palm Beach Municipal Stadium — 4,200 seats for \$1 million. Palm Beach County adopted the Braves and later the **Montreal Expos**, but with the arrival of the **Marlins** and the **Rays**, allegiances changed.

Two decades ago, the Braves ditched the Palm Beaches for Disney. No big deal. The county built Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter for \$28 million, and whaddaya know, the Expos and **Cardinals** flew in. In 2002, however, the Expos and Marlins worked a trade, with the Marlins leaving Viera near Melbourne for Roger Dean.

Next year new allegiances will form as the **Washington Nationals** and **Houston Astros** (please, no floods) move into the \$148 million **Ballpark of the Palm Beaches**.

Following the money, the Braves seem to be attempting a double steal. Not wanting to sign a new lease at Disney, they've been talking with Sarasota, St. Pete, Fort Myers and, yes, maybe they could play at John Prince Park. Palm Beach County Commissioner **Hal Valeche**, who represents North County, doesn't see a problem with the Braves building on half of the county's showcase park.

Who will put up the money? How many additional fans would a fifth team actually attract?

"I can't imagine it," one county parks employee said. "They take all that land and when the lease is up, they go somewhere else. That park is a such a gem."



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MOTHER'S

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uncork a bottle of wine and let the creative juices flow.

Sign up for a group painting class (or have a private party) at Vino Van Gogh, 153 NE Fourth Ave., Delray Beach. Step-by-step instructions from a real artist, canvases, paint, brushes, easels and aprons are provided. \$35-\$40 per person. 272-5272, www.vinovangohfl.com.

Paddle through the Everglades in the moonlight. Give Mom an enchanted evening and a chance to work on her upper body strength without risking sunburn. You could see alligators, deer and some of the 257 species of birds at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge in western Boynton Beach.

Guided full-moon canoe trips are scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. May 21, June 18 and July 16. Canoe rental is \$33. Reservations required.

Friends of Loxahatchee Refuge, 10216 Lee Road, Boynton Beach, 733-0192. www.loxahatcheefriends.com/events/events.shtml

Board Diva Duck for local history and a dose of silliness. Share some giggles with Mom as you cruise through the streets of downtown West Palm Beach and Palm Beach and sail past the mansions of the rich and famous in the amphibious vehicle known as Diva Duck.

Riders are encouraged to make quacking noises as they go. Prepare for an onslaught of puns. \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors, \$15 for ages 5-15, and \$5 for kids under 5. The 75-minute tour departs from CityPlace, 600 S. Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach; 844-4188; divaduck.com.

Take time to smell the roses. You can always buy Mom a big bouquet of flowers. But this year, consider a garden tour. The Mounts Botanical Garden of Palm Beach County hosts its 12th annual Connoisseurs Garden Tour, a Mother's Day



The Mounts Botanical Garden hosts its Connoisseurs Garden Tour on Mother's Day weekend. **Photos provided**



Lori J. Durante leads her Taste History culinary tours of neighborhoods throughout the county, including Northwood.



Diva Duck will take you and Mom on a tour by land and by water.

tradition, May 7-8. The eight public and private gardens are in Atlantis, Lake Worth, Palm Beach, Royal Palm Beach and West Palm Beach.

The costs to participate are \$20 for Mounts members and \$25 for nonmembers and may be purchased at the Garden Shop at Mounts Botanical Garden; Amelia's Smarty Plants in Lake Worth; Delray Garden Center in Delray Beach;

Giverny Gardens in Jupiter; Johnny Mango's Produce in Boynton Beach; and Uncle Bim's Garden Center in West Palm Beach. 233-1757; www.mounts.org.

Just say spahhh. Several local resorts offer spa specials for moms to deliver the pampering they so richly deserve. Tideline Ocean Resort & Spa in Palm Beach has a Mom-and-I spa package that includes two customized facials, side-by-side mani/pedis, an updo session for Mom with a hair designer, a certificate for \$50 off and two drinks. Price: \$584. 540-6440; www.tidelinespa.com.

The Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa in Manalapan offers personalized treatments for Mom, too. Just for Mother's Day, the spa is offering a series of specials, including Mother's



Any mom would enjoy a performance at The Wick Theatre. Currently playing: *I Love a Piano*, with the music of Irving Berlin.

Perfect Day, a daylong spa visit that includes a 30-minute body scrub, 60-minute massage, 60-minute facial, classic manicure and pedicure followed by a hair blow-out. The Mother's Perfect Day is \$590 and includes complimentary champagne and 10 percent off any retail purchases. 533-6000; www.eaupalmbeach.com.

Try tea for two and a mini vacation at a historic hotel. The Boca Raton Resort & Club invites children to spoil their moms with a whimsical Afternoon Tea Under the Palms. The courtyard restaurant, Palm Court, pairs decadent sweet bites with single origin Sri Lankan loose-leaf teas of Dilmah for a relaxing and exquisite afternoon. For an ultra-luxe experience, schedule a relaxing spa treatment. May spa specials include a \$90 Zentz Quench manicure and pedicure, as well as a \$90 traditional ritual bath and 25-minute massage.

Available exclusively to resort guests, Afternoon Tea Under the Palms costs \$50. Nightly rates start at \$249. 888-543-1286; www.bocaresort.com.

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Treat Mom to a twilight tour, dinner and a show. If Mom loves the theater and music, she'll enjoy a twilight tour of the Costume Museum at the Wick, dinner at the Wick's Tavern on the Green and then a show. From now through May 15, the Wick presents *I Love a Piano*, with music of Irving Berlin. For pricing and other information, call 995-2333, ext. 6094. 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton; www.thewick.org.★

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Two George's did a nice job with the shellfish during a



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recent visit.

I typically go for the conch chowder (among the best anywhere) and a sandwich when I visit, but decided to forgo those in favor of this plate of shrimp.

The eight large shrimp were plump and were fried until tender.

The side of fries was crispy. They appeared to be battered — there was a coating — but they and the medley of squash served on the side almost were superfluous.

Who needs anything else when shrimp are this pretty?

— Scott Simmons

Must See



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Music

The little music store that could celebrates 60 years

By Bill Meredith
ArtsPaper Music Writer

Much of the first half of the 60-year life span of Chafin Musiccenter in Lake Worth was spent on the 900 block of Lake Avenue, just west of U.S. 1. But when owner Paul Chafin found a larger site — a defunct feed store on North Dixie Highway — in 1985, the store was reborn.

Another major shift occurred in 2008. That's when Chafin, a University of Miami-trained multiwind jazz instrumentalist and amiable fixture and player around South Florida, died at age 78 after a long illness. His son Jeff Chafin, now 62, and also a recognizable area performer as a guitarist and vocalist, has run the store since.

And though he was barely walking when the original site opened, Chafin and his wife, manager Sue Chafin, have more than just kept Chafin Musiccenter running. On April 9, the store celebrated its 60th birthday with an all-day party that drew more than 600 people for free food, raffles, a bounce house and other kids' activities, and live music in the adjacent fenced-in lot. Performers included longtime area jazz piano virtuoso Mark Doyle, singer/songwriter Jason



Sue and Jeff Chafin (second and third from left) pose with staff at Chafin Musiccenter's iconic sign on the side of the building on Dixie Highway in Lake Worth. **Photo by Bill Meredith**

Colannino and his 4 Peace Band (with Chafin on guitar), and more.

"We also had the kids in the Highland Elementary Band play," Chafin says of the Lake Worth school. "We've helped them procure instruments for years."

That's one of the things about Chafin Musiccenter that hasn't changed. The elder Chafin stressed a student-friendly atmosphere, and his

son continues to stock the time-honored sheet music and songbooks that area band directors need in order to nurture the professional and amateur musicians and instructors of tomorrow. The store's back room, with all of its paper notation, is a throwback testimonial to the area band programs it has helped since the 1950s. And much of that won't be found in larger chain retail stores.

A side room is filled with pianos, which Chafin can often be found tuning (either there or at remote locations). And Chafin Musiccenter's tenured staff includes experienced area musicians and technicians like Bill Wallin, Jim Marino, and Danny Marquez.

"Danny's 25 now, and he's worked here since he was 17," said Sue. "He's bilingual,

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Arts

Ex-Arts Garage chief Ushe: 'I have a clear conscience'

By Greg Stepanich
ArtsPaper Writer

Delray Beach's Arts Garage, an arts performance space featuring theater, jazz, blues and pop, opened five years ago last month on the bottom floor of a parking garage on Northeast First Street. Its director for the first five years was Alyona Ushe, a Russian-born arts professional whose background includes the founding of a Washington, D.C., theater company and the executive directorship of the New Orleans Opera.

Arts Garage was the outgrowth of a 2006 cultural plan adopted by the Delray Beach City Commission, and implemented by the Creative City Collaborative with major funding from Delray's Community Redevelopment Agency. Although the Garage was almost immediately successful in establishing itself as an arts venue, it had a couple near-death experiences over its lease, its funding, and its management, particularly after the Creative City Collaborative expanded into Pompano Beach in 2014.

Ushe resigned as Arts Garage's director April 4 (she was replaced by Keith Garsson) to concentrate full-time on the Collaborative's work in Pompano, where a new cultural center is being constructed. Ushe spoke with *Palm Beach ArtsPaper* in her offices at Pompano Citi Center about the financial controversies that accompanied her last months at Arts Garage, and what she's planning. Here are edited excerpts from that

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Alyona Ushe
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ABOVE: Students from the Highland Elementary School band play during the Musicenter's birthday party. **Photo by Natalie Marquez**
LEFT: The center has an extensive selection of printed music. **Photo by Bill Meredith**

IF YOU GO
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which has helped us get more Spanish-speaking customers. He's been a godsend, and he'll be a big part of our future."
"We'll repair almost anything," Chafin says. "We sell used instruments and do Internet sales. Lots of piano rentals, too. Whatever it takes to compete with the big chain stores. We have to adapt more than them. And thankfully

this store has been here so long that's it's become a destination." Internet sales weren't exactly something the elder Chafin envisioned. After earning his UM degree in music education, he joined the U.S. Air Force and played in its elite jazz sextet The Crew Chiefs, which later became the heralded Airmen of Note.
A throwback jazz purist to the core, Chafin traveled the world with his Armed Forces band, which entertained U.S.

troops in Greenland as part of the Bob Hope Christmas Tour. His commitment to education was the underlying factor for the Paul B. Chafin Music Scholarship at Palm Beach State College, toward which all of the proceeds from the April 9 birthday party went.
"We raised about \$2,000 at the birthday party toward the scholarship," Chafin said. "And we raffled away guitars, ukuleles, drum bags, music lessons, and studio time. It was a great day, and we also sold some equipment. We're selling more electronic stuff than back in the day; PA gear and hip keyboards. But we still go through drums and cymbals, too."
Small studio rooms for lessons line the store's east end, behind the room of sheet music and song books. And photos of music royalty, from the classic photo *A Great Day in Harlem* to Charlie Parker and Carole King, line the walls — pointing to music's past and tradition within a shop also geared toward its future and transition.
In an era where mom-and-pop retail music stores are scarce, to have one locally that's been open since the Eisenhower administration qualifies as both a landmark and a treasure.
Somewhere, the talented, witty "Mr. P.C.," as he was known with tongue firmly planted in cheek, is flashing an even bigger smile than he usually did.

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Theater

'Satchmo' playwright Teachout ready to try hand at directing

By Hap Erstein
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

Terry Teachout, 60, the drama critic of *The Wall Street Journal*, is also a biographer and opera librettist. Five years ago, he adapted his biography of jazz trumpeter Louis Armstrong into a one-man play, *Satchmo at the Waldorf*. In May, he makes his professional directorial debut with the play at Palm Beach Dramaworks in West Palm Beach. Hap Erstein reached him by phone at his home in Connecticut prior to the start of rehearsals. Here is an excerpt from that interview (for the full interview, see palmbeachartspaper.com):



Teachout

Erstein: You've given Palm Beach Dramaworks national exposure with your reviews. How did the company first come to your attention?

Teachout: I knew there was theater in Florida, but I didn't know anything about it. So I called Betsy Maupin, then the drama critic of the *Orlando Sentinel*, and I asked her to give me a list of companies and Palm Beach Dramaworks was on it. So I looked up their season and they were doing Eugène Ionesco's *The Chairs*.

I put it on my calendar and I came down. This was when they were in the old storefront theater. I sat down in that little shoebox and I saw one of the best productions of anything I'd ever seen in my life.

It was immediately apparent to me that what Bill (Hayes, artistic director) and Sue Ellen (Beryl, managing director) were doing was as good as anything anybody was doing anywhere in the United States.

E: How did the idea of them doing your Louis Armstrong play arise?

T: Bill and Sue Ellen saw the production of the play at Shakespeare & Co in Lenox, Mass., in 2012. They told me, "Gosh, this is a really terrific play. We might want to do it." And I said, "Gee, thank you."

It turned out that they were dead serious ... so I said yes.

They understood, as everybody understands who wants to produce my play, that if you do *Satchmo*, I'm not going to be reviewing you for a while. I explained to them what that would mean and they said, "We still want to do it."

E: When did the notion of your directing the production occur?

T: It was an afterthought. It was not my idea. I was in town for another reason and I had lunch with Bill and Sue Ellen. And they sprung this on me.

Now I have never directed a professional production of a play. But I did direct the workshop performance of the first half of this play back

in 2011, at the Winter Park Institute. I thought, "Maybe I might want to do this at some later point if the play does well."

So when Gordon Edelstein directed the play at Shakespeare & Co, in 2012, I went to all the rehearsals. Gordon really opened the bag and discussed the process in detail with me.

So I was primed when Bill and Sue Ellen asked me. It was out of the blue and I was startled, but I thought, "I will never get a better chance in my life to try directing."

E: Gordon's production, with John Douglas Thompson

playing Armstrong, went to several regional theaters very successfully, so your directing it now is not a disgruntled playwright showing what he really had in mind, is it?

T: No, not at all. I just see it as a new challenge, which I see as a logical development.

Not only have I seen Gordon's production, but when Charles Newell directed *Satchmo* at the Court Theatre in Chicago in January, I was deeply involved in the rehearsal process. Charlie too really invited me into the shop, talked to me in detail about what he did and how he did it.

And the two productions were radically different. They had nothing in common — the approach, design, the actor — everything was different.

E: Who will be your Armstrong?

T: The actor, Barry Shabaka Henley, is the actor who did the play at the Court Theatre in January. That, in fact, is why we chose him. This is a hard play to cast because he has to play three characters — Armstrong, his manager Joe Glaser and trumpeter Miles Davis.

E: Was this always conceived as a one-person play?

T: Yes. In the first draft, it was a one-character play. It was just Armstrong. A friend read it and said, yes, this works, but she knew I liked plays where one person plays more than one character, so she asked if I had thought of that, and I hadn't. So I sat down immediately and wrote Joe Glaser into the play. At that point I asked myself, "Is this a two-person play?" But I dismissed the idea immediately. What drives this play, what gives it its theatrical dynamism, is the idea of one person not only playing these two characters, but crossing a racial line to do it. That's really what gives it that special twist.

And then when we went into rehearsal with the play in Lenox, Gordon and John suggested to me on the first day of rehearsals that I write Miles Davis into the play as a character as well. That's when the play took its final shape as a three-character play.

Reviews

Fierce tattoos, Mahler and Shakespeare underwater

Here are excerpts from recent ArtsPaper reviews. For full texts, see www.palmbeachartspaper.com.

Perseverance (Morikami Museum, through May 8)

Forget the butterfly, the thorny vine and the heart with initials. Imagine a colorful bird with a fish's tail, a snake's neck, and a turtle's shell expanding from the neck all the way to the ankles. That's what you can expect to see now at the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens.

Perseverance: Japanese Tattoo Tradition in a Modern World, features photographs of full body tattoos bursting with skill, history and symbolism. The intricate works by seven tattoo artists, including Horitaka, Junii, and Yokohama Horiken, perfectly demonstrate why *irezumi* (Japanese tattoo) commands respect. It's not just its association with the yakuza. Along with the geisha, the tea ceremony and the samurai, *irezumi* preserves a certain enigma, an air of mystery.

The photographs, shot by Kip Fulbeck, who also designed the show, are grouped according to the traditional symbols and motifs starring in the tattoos. In their presence, we get the feeling of looking at something forbidden. Dragons, tigers, lions, carp and cherry blossoms appear in vivid colors spreading over arms, thighs, calves and butt cheeks. As we walk the gallery, each group brags about the skill displayed, and we get to learn about the myth or legend driving it. It's a win-win.

Compared to its sibling traditions, *irezumi* still enjoys significantly less praise. But this is a beautiful and stubborn practice determined to stay and outlive the criticism and the negative connotations in order to be celebrated one day as an art form, which is why *Perseverance* is really the perfect name for the show. It captures the one thing its goal depends on. — *Gretel Sarmiento*

Palm Beach Symphony (Kravis Center, April 10)

The Palm Beach Symphony's last concert this season suffered from a much-changed program, keeping the group's public of 1,200 souls guessing.

New insert programs lay in piles undistributed by the ushers at the Kravis Center. Lola Astanova, the highly regarded Russian-American pianist, was scheduled to play three solo pieces after her Mozart concerto, but these were dropped.

Instead she chose to bring on an unnamed electric guitarist, an artistic lapse on her part, who mugged his way through her rock arrangement of Paganini-Liszt's *La Campanella*; guitarist and *La Campanella*

were not mentioned in the new program either. The surprise was a bust.

Astanova, in a shimmering red satin dress, appeared for the first time to play Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 20* (in D minor, K. 466), written in 1785. I believe this concerto lacks the luster and sparkle of his remaining concertos. The soloist has few chances to shine; the cadenzas have little to recommend them, or so it seemed from Astanova's interpretation.

Gustav Mahler's overly long *Symphony No. 5* came after intermission. In the first two movements, Tebar showed amazing energy as he kept this widely varied, sometimes chaotic music under control.

The famous *Adagietto* fourth movement, a love letter to his newlywed wife, is for strings and harp only: they played this sensuous music exquisitely and lovingly. Indeed, every note seemed to flow from conductor Tebar's sensitive baton, as if drawing the melodies out of thin air.

The Palm Beach Symphony played their hearts out for their appreciative Sunday afternoon audience, and indeed they gave this sprawling work a very fine reading. — *Rex Hearn*

Miami City Ballet (April 2, Kravis Center)

The closing program of Miami City Ballet's 30th anniversary season was a stunning new production of George Balanchine's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* — and what a sumptuous event it was.

Visual artist Michele Oka Doner was the costume and set designer and playwright/director/actor Tarell Alvin McCraney was in charge of dramaturgy. It wasn't long after the curtain rose that we took a sensational dive into another world. We entered a magical domain under the surface of the waterways of Miami where Oka Doner's visuals of extravagant underwater plant life came alive, undulating in the current.

In her role as Titania, the rebellious Queen of the Fairies, Simone Messmer had a bold lushness. Her languid upper body was accented by her quick and beautiful feet and legs. Kleber Rebello showed a regal strength in his beautifully pliant jumps and beats in his role as Oberon, the King of the Fairies.

Shimon Ito was a delightful Puck who showed equal finesse and ease in his soaring and pristine jumps while he caused romantic havoc with his sprinkling of magic love dust. Jennifer Lauren and Chase Swatosh were the contented lovers while Emily Bromberg was discontented in her constant pursuit of Renan Cerdeiro, who pined after another. — *Tara Mitton Catao*

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conversation:

Stepanich: You left Arts Garage on April 4. Did you want to leave, or after the appearance before the CRA, did the higher-ups say, "Alyona, maybe you want to think about doing something else"?

Ushe: The fact is the cultural center that we are beginning to open here (in Pompano Beach) is a beast. It is a huge undertaking. And my passion has always been launching new entities. I did that in D.C., I did it at Arts Garage. And so as I was looking at everything, and the choices we were facing, it seemed like it was the perfect time for me to really focus on the next big thing, which is so critical, and which we were responsible for already.

Arts Garage has a foundation, Arts Garage has got the programming. I have a very clear conscience in terms of leaving it where it is, as it is. We've gone through all the major hiccups, so we were definitely on our way out of the misunderstandings. And it was really becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy. Our financials were not in disarray. The first audit addressed some of the improvements that needed to be made. The current draft we presented to the (City Commission) addressed those issues, and that was before this (controversy) started.

So it just seemed at that time that we had more important things to focus on, that were really critical, that required our attention, and so my senior staff and I picked up and left. We'd been talking about this a while.

S: But apparently you didn't have the kind of accounting the CRA wanted.

U: I think it was just a perfect storm, to be honest with you. The whole roller-coaster ride started with us submitting our report late. The reason why

that report was submitted late to the CRA was because we had to finish the audit. And the audit was late because of some additional information the CRA was requesting.

Now again, all I had to do at that time was put in a written request. I should have re-read the contract. I should have been aware of what it is that I was supposed to have done to avoid this. But to withhold \$70,000 just because the report was submitted late seems to me a punishment that surpassed the crime.

And that started the whole snowball rolling. And it picked up momentum. And the city looked at us and said, "Your management let us down. We don't have all the credit card receipts." What they didn't mention was that out of a sample of 30, we were missing two. And instead of listening and trying to understand what the situation was — we're supposed to be partners. We've created something absolutely magical that every other city is trying to emulate. And we were in a challenging situation, and that's when the city should really have come together.

Now I'm not blaming anyone. I think in the end, everything worked out for the best. In the end, it has forced the organization to pay much more attention to details. But as we were going through this, the question that popped into my head over and over again was, "Considering the crime, is the punishment really appropriate?" And we were this close to closing our doors. We had no funds coming in.

S: \$70,000 is not really a great deal of money.

U: Not for the city, no. But for us, as an organization that has lived payment to payment — we would submit a budget, and we would typically break even — you take (the CRA funding) out of our budget, and what do you do? For the CRA, it's nothing. For the city, it's

nothing.

But again, I think everything happens for the best, it happens for a reason. And in this case, the reason was that we needed to tighten the organization so that nothing like this ever happens again. And for me personally, that is a lesson I will never forget.

So (now) when it comes to contracts, I have the whole thing memorized. I can tell you every single letter and every single paragraph no matter how big the document is.

S: What kinds of programming were you encouraged to bring to Arts Garage when it got started? Did they say: We need jazz and blues?

U: When I first came to interview, and I was meeting with key officials, the description was very vague at that time. There was something about the cultural aspects of Delray Beach, there was something about the (projected Arts) Warehouse, a whole bunch of stuff. And I remember specifically asking, "What exactly are your expectations?" And the response was, "That's for you to figure out."

Which was daunting at that time. I mean, how do you go into a foreign city and you've got to figure out what your goals are? That's almost a formula for failure right there. But with Arts Garage, initially, experimentation was critical. First of all, I believe in diversity of programming. So the more interesting things you can put on stage, the more you mix it up, the more audiences get involved and engaged. ...

There's a lot of experimentation to be made, and I think, and I hope, and I wish for Arts Garage that they don't get boxed into doing jazz and blues, and that they do continue to be creative and try different things. Because there is nothing more damaging or more frightening for any arts organization than inertia.

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ArtsPaper News

Entrepreneur Wick buys theater

BOCA RATON — Three springtimes ago, Marilyn Wick rescued the closed and bankrupt Caldwell Theatre and turned it into a combination costume museum, restaurant and performance center called The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum.

Wick's main business, Costume World, acquired the property in March 2013 with an option to buy.

"The bank gave us 46 months to prove we could buy it and make it a success," Wick said.

On April 28, she took possession of the theater at 7901 N. Federal Highway, armed with a \$5 million loan from the Small Business Administration.

"Now, we will own it, and will move forward," Wick said. She is launching a number of projects, including a \$5

million fundraising campaign, construction of an orchestra pit she hopes will allow her to replace canned music with live musicians, creation of a children's theater by the summer of 2017 and a program to nearly double her subscriber base from 2,800 to about 5,000.

The Wick Theatre held its first official fundraiser April 2. "We raised \$85,000, which was pretty good," Wick said.

New violin competition

BOCA RATON — Violinist Elmar Oliveira has announced the creation of a new violin competition named after him that will take place every three years at Lynn University beginning early next year.

The Elmar Oliveira International Violin Competition aims to give

violinists ages 16 to 32 "the tools necessary for building a strong foundation for success in the arts industry," according to a statement. That will include career development, performance opportunities, financial support as well as public relations and artistic management.

The competition will be Jan. 22 to Feb. 5, 2017, at Lynn University. Interested violinists can visit www.elmaroliveiraivc.org for details. Twenty finalists will be chosen from the submissions, which require a \$100 registration fee and must be received by Sept. 30.

Finalists will compete in three rounds; the final concerts will be Feb. 4 and 5 at the Wold Performing Arts Center. First prize is \$30,000; second is \$15,000; and third is \$10,000.

Art

Artist di Edwardo celebrates 'joy' of midlife creation

By Lucy Lazarony
ArtsPaper Art Writer

Abstract expressionist Alyssa di Edwardo lives and works in West Palm Beach, but for her solo show, opening May 7 at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, she traveled to mystical medieval gardens and late 19th-century London, when Sherlock Holmes would be afoot solving his crimes.

The eight paintings in the exhibition, which runs through June 4, are drawn from two separate series by di Edwardo, *Summer Land* and *Green Park*.

Summer Land is a series of paintings inspired by di Edwardo's study of the history of gardens.

And in *Green Park* she delves into London — “turn-of-the-century London, the Sherlock Holmes thing, dark streets and lampposts,” the artist says.

Di Edwardo keeps notes about the inspiration for each painting she creates. And each painting is part of a cycle or a series of paintings.

“I do paint in a cycle or a series. It's always about a charged topic,” di Edwardo explains.

All the paintings in her solo show are being exhibited publicly for the first time.

“It's going to be a beautiful show,” says Nichole M. Hickey, manager of artist services at the Cultural Council. “There's one large diptych and some smaller pieces as well.”

Hickey called di Edwardo's abstract expressionism “a much more intellectual-based style.”

“It's emotive and contemplative ... highly gestural, reminiscent of Joan Mitchell, Willem de Kooning



Darley, by Alyssa di Edwardo. This is one of the works that will be on display this month at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County. Photo provided

and Cecily Brown. But she has her own style.”

Di Edwardo, who celebrates her 59th birthday May 8, is the first recipient of the Dina Baker Fund for Mature Artists, which aims to stabilize and strengthen the careers of female artists 55 and older who reside or work in Palm Beach County.

As the Dina Baker 2015-2016 grantee, di Edwardo received a \$10,000 grant and a solo exhibition at the Cultural Council to showcase her art.

“As an artist matures from the interior, the exterior work emulates a depth that only years of experience and struggle can emerge,” di Edwardo said at the time of her

award.

She also thanks Dina Baker, a West Palm Beach artist who continues to create art in her 90s, for her financial support as an artist.

“It is such an honor to meet Ms. Baker and to be selected as the first recipient of this prestigious award,” di Edwardo said when receiving the award. “When I look (to) the artists who have influenced my work such as Willem de Kooning, Georgia O’Keeffe and Joan Mitchell, who painted their most prolific work after the age of 60, it inspires me further.”

She called recognition of the work of mature female artists “vital.”

“Art seen through a

IF YOU GO

Gallery hours at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave. in Lake Worth, are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. For more on the art of Alyssa di Edwardo, visit alysadiwardo.com.

woman's eyes is very specific. There is a different point of view. There's an energetic quality. And I think there's a fierceness, too,” di Edwardo says.

Di Edwardo grew up in New Jersey, moving to Florida at the age of 22. For many years, she worked as a paralegal by day, painting by night.

“You make the time. I worked full-time and painted at night. You do whatever you have to do,” di Edwardo says.

Now painting full-time, di

Edwardo finds inspiration in many things and studies the work and life of artists that she admires.

“I deeply appreciate all kinds of art. I find it all inspiring. I do it because I've opened my mind to it. And I've self-educated myself to understand it,” she explains. “What makes art art, it's not just the paint on the surface. It's the energy it's created with. It's the energy behind that's vital. That's what people are picking up on.”

Di Edwardo knew she would be an artist from an early age.

“My whole life since I was a teen I knew I was going to paint. I just knew. Honestly ask yourself if you can dedicate yourself. It's kind of like a marriage. You got to keep showing up,” di Edwardo says. “That's how the joy becomes so rich.”

Books

A numbing look at poverty

By Bill Williams

Matthew Desmond was in college when he learned that a bank had taken his boyhood home, forcing his parents to move. “I remember being deeply sad and embarrassed,” he writes in his book *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* (Crown, 418 pp., \$28).

He began building houses with Habitat for Humanity, while studying poverty and visiting homeless people. In 2008 he moved into a trailer park in Milwaukee to learn more about landlords, tenants, evictions and extreme poverty.

Milwaukee landlords evict about 16,000 adults and children each year, most often

for non-payment of rent.

Black women are disproportionately affected. One in five women of color in Milwaukee has been evicted at least once, compared with one in 12 Hispanic women and one in 15 white women.

Evicted tenants often end up homeless, and some commit suicide.

Desmond embedded himself with families. “I sat beside tenants at eviction court, helped them move, followed them into shelters and abandoned houses, watched their children, fought with them, and slept at their houses.”

The author does not demonize landlords. Rather, he presents a balanced account, citing the many frustrations they face. One landlord recalled

the time a couple stuffed socks down the sinks and turned the water on before moving out.

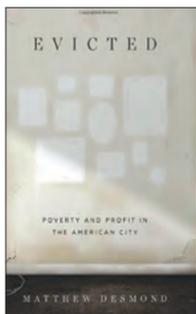
Still, landlords know “there is a lot of money to be made off the poor. The 'hood is good.”

The book argues that decent, affordable housing should be a basic right.

“Fewer and fewer families can afford a roof over their head. ... For decades we've focused mainly on jobs, public assistance, parenting and mass incarceration. ... We have failed to fully appreciate how deeply housing is implicated in the creation of poverty.”

Reading story after story of extreme poverty and evictions can become repetitious and numb the mind.

Nevertheless, Desmond deserves credit for the depth and intimacy of his reporting on a topic that most people give little thought.

Arnold Newman:
MasterclassCharles McGill:
Front Line, Back Nine

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Top: Arnold Newman, *Self-portrait [detail]* 1938. © 1938 Arnold Newman / Getty Images.
Bottom: Charles McGill, *Arthur Negro II*, 2007-10. Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA. Gift of Bill and Pamela Royall.

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(Note: Events are listed through June 3 and were current as of April 24. Please check with the presenting agency for changes. Ticket prices are single sales. Most of the presenting organizations offer subscription plans.)

Art Exhibits

Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens: Through May 15: *Art in the Family Tree*, works members of the Phipps and Guest families. Main gardens are open Wednesday to Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Admission: \$10, \$8 for students. Call 561-832-5328 or visit www.ansg.org.

Armory Art Center: Through May 14: *Species Act*, a new installation by nature-focused American artist, along with a collection of her Recent Works. 9 am. to 4 pm. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 pm Saturday. Free. Call 561-832-1776 or visit www.armoryart.org.

Boca Raton Museum of Art: Through July 3: *Arnold Newman: Masterclass*, an overview of work by the celebrated American photographer, along with manuscripts and correspondence; *Charles McGill: Front Line, Back Nine*, works about golf that explore the medium of America's fraught race relations. Opens May 17: *Finding Baghdad*, a video by Jane Benson exploring two brothers who escaped Iraq in the early 2000s and relocated to Germany and Bahrain; through July 3. \$12. 10 am. to 5 pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 10 am to 8 pm first Wednesday of the month; 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Closed Mondays and holidays. 561-392-2500, or visit www.bocamuseum.org.

Cornell Museum of Art and American Culture: Through Aug. 28: *Lit*, a group show by 16 artists who have used light in their creative work. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 am to 4:30 pm; 1-4:30 pm Sundays; closed Mondays. Suggested donation: \$5. Call 561-243-7922 or visit www.oldschoolsquare.org.

Cultural Council of Palm Beach County: Through May 21: *Something Out of Nothing*, new works by 15 Palm Beach County artists created

for this exhibit; opens May 7: Alyssa DiEdwardo, works by the painter and Dina Baker Fund grantee, through June 4. Galleries at the council offices in Lake Worth are 10 am. to 5 pm Tuesday through Saturday; free. Call 471-2901 or visit palmbeachculture.com.

Flagler Museum: Henry Flagler's palatial Whitehall estate on Palm Beach, built in 1902. Adults: \$18; \$10 for youth 13-17; \$3 for children 6-12; and children under 6 free. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 561-655-2833 or visit www.flaglertmuseum.us.

Lighthouse ArtCenter. Opens May 4: 46th Annual K-12 Student Exhibition, works by Palm Beach County school students, through May 25. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call 561-746-3101 or visit www.lighthousearts.org.

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens: Through May 8: *Perseverance: Japanese Tattoo Tradition in a Modern World*, a look at the influence of *ukiyo-e* paintings on the world of Japanese tattoo art. Museum tickets: \$15, \$13 for seniors, \$9 for children and college students. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. Call 495-0233 or visit www.morikami.org.

Norton Museum of Art: Through May 15: *O'Keeffe, Stettheimer, Torr, Zorach: Women Modernists in New York*, early 20th-century works by American women artists, and *Still / Moving: Photographs and Video Art from the DeWoody Collection*, provocative contemporary works by artists including Marilyn Minter and Jamie Johnson. On special loan: Edgar Degas's *Portrait of Mlle. Hortense Valpinçon* (through May 15). \$12 adults; \$5 ages 13-21. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays to Saturdays except Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays; closed Mondays. Free for Palm Beach County residents every Saturday. Call 561-832-5196 or visit www.norton.org.

Society of the Four Arts: Through summer: *Illustrating Words*, poems by Robert Forbes illustrated by Ronald Searle, at the Mary Alice Fortin Children's Art Gallery. \$5. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 1 p.m. to

5 p.m. Sunday. Call 655-7226 or visit www.fourarts.org.

Books

Wednesday, May 4
Elaine Viets: The well-known South Florida writer will sign *The Art of Murder*. 7 p.m. Murder on the Beach, Delray Beach. Call 561-279-7790 or visit www.murderonthebeach.com.

Thursday, May 19
American Pen Women: The National League of American Pen Women holds a luncheon and fashion show at the Delray Beach Golf Club. Tickets: \$30; call 561-243-7385 or visit www.bocapenwomen.org.

Cabaret

Friday, May 6-Saturday, May 7;
Friday, May 13-Saturday, May 14
Nicolas King: The young jazz-pop crooner began his entertainment career as a protégé of Liza Minelli. 8:30 pm; dinner and show: \$120; show alone: \$60. Royal Room Cabaret, Colony Hotel, Palm Beach. 561-659-8100 or visit www.theroyalroom.com.

Friday, May 20-Saturday, May 21;
Friday, May 27-Saturday, May 28
Jeff Harnar: The Great American Songbook specialist won Broadwayworld.com's Best Male Vocalist award in 2014. 8:30 pm; dinner and show: \$120; show alone: \$60. Royal Room Cabaret, Colony Hotel, Palm Beach. Call 561-659-8100 or visit www.theroyalroom.com.

Classical Music

Friday, May 6
Shuree: The young Mongolian pianist Munkshur "Shuree" Enkhbold, a student at Lynn University, gives a concert of music by Bach, Beethoven (Sonata No. 22 in F), Debussy, Ravel (*Ondine*) and Prokofiev, along with preludes by the composer Sembiin Gonchigsulmaa. 7:30 pm, Boca Steinway Gallery, Boca Raton. \$15. Call 480-1599.

Sunday, May 8
Asiya Korepanova: The Russian-born pianist returns to the stage of the Steinway Gallery in Boca Raton for a concert to honor Tchaikovsky on his 176th birthday. She'll play pieces from *The Seasons* and the *Nutcracker Suite*, as well as two of her own. 4 pm Sunday. Tickets: \$25 in advance/\$30 day of show. Call 561-573-0644.

Saturday, May 14
Invoke String Quartet: The crossover string quartet, formed only three years ago, opens the South Florida Symphony's chamber music series with Schulhoff's *Five Pieces*, Beethoven's String Quartet No. 14 (in C-sharp minor, Op. 131), and *Travesty*, a work by Invoke's violinist/banjoist Nick Montopoli. 7:30 pm, Leiser Opera Center, Fort Lauderdale. Call 954-522-8445.

Seraphic Fire: The Miami concert choir ends its season with music of the English

Renaissance, featuring works by William Byrd. 8 pm, All Saints Episcopal Church, Fort Lauderdale. Call 305-285-9060.

Saturday, May 21
Sergei Babayan: The Russian pianist performs music by Bach and Mozart, and is joined by his onetime student, Marina Radiushina, for duo piano works in the opening concert of the 23rd annual Mainly Mozart Festival at the University of Miami's Gusman Hall. 6 pm. Call 786-556-1715 or visit www.mainlym Mozart.com.

Sunday, May 22
Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches: The community chorus is joined by the Young Singers of the Palm Beaches and the Ebony Chorale of the Palm Beaches for a season-closing concert. 7 pm, Kravis Center. Tickets: \$15-\$45. Call 832-7469 or visit www.kravis.org.

Sunday, May 29
Bergonzi String Quartet: The Mainly Mozart Festival moves over to its primary home at Coral Gables's Biltmore Hotel for a concert of music by Mozart, Beethoven and Mendelssohn. 4 pm. Call 786-556-1715 or visit www.mainlym Mozart.com.

Dance

Friday, May 27-Sunday, May 29
Harid Conservatory: The Boca dance school's 2016 graduating class offers its annual spring concert with selections from classical and contemporary ballets. 7:30 pm Friday, 3 pm Saturday and Sunday, Spanish River High School, Boca Raton. \$25-\$30. 561-997-2677 or visit harid.edu.

Film

Friday, May 13
The Meddler: Susan Sarandon stars in Lorene Scafaria's 2016 film about a recently widowed mother and the single daughter whose life she attempts to be a big part of. With Rose Byrne and J.K. Simmons. At Living Room Theatres, Boca Raton. Call 561-549-2600 or visit livingroomtheatres.com.

Friday, May 20
Idol: Hany Abu-Hassad's story about a Palestinian kid in Gaza who wants to win *Arab Idol* and play the Cairo Opera House. With Tawfeek Barhom and Ahmed al Rokh. In Arabic with English subtitles. At Living Room Theatres, Boca Raton. Call 561-549-2600 or visit livingroomtheatres.com.

Jazz

Saturday, May 7
Henry Butler: The blind New Orleans pianist is considered the leading exponent of the Crescent City's unique blend of jazz pianism. 8 pm. Tickets: \$25 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. Call 561-450-6357 or visit www.artsgarage.org.

Wednesday, May 11
Giacomo Gates: The jazz singer joins the Gold Coast Jazz Society Trio for an evening of standards. 7:45 pm, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale. Call 954-201-6884 or visit goldcoastjazz.org.

Saturday, May 28
James Blood Ulmer: The legendary jazz-blues electric guitarist is 75, but still going strong. 8 pm. Tickets: \$25 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. Call 561-450-6357 or visit www.artsgarage.org.

Opera
Saturday, May 7-Saturday, May 14
Don Pasquale: Florida Grand Opera closes its season with Donizetti's 1842 comic romp, using the Scottish Opera production that resets the

opera in 1960s Rome. With Kristopher Irmiter, Laura Tatulescu, Jesus Alvarez and Marco Nistico. Five performances at the Ziff Ballet Opera House, Miami. Call 800-741-1010 or visit www.fgo.org.

Popular Music

Friday, May 6
Bunny Wailer: One of the three founding members, with Bob Marley and Peter Tosh, of the most important reggae band of all time, The Wailers. Appearing with special guests, 8 pm, Culture Room, Fort Lauderdale. Tickets: \$28.50. Visit cultureroom.net or Ticketmaster.

Mavis Staples/Blind Boys of Alabama: Two major gospel acts team up for an evening of faith and fervor. 8 pm, Kravis Center. Tickets start at \$20. Call 832-7469 or visit www.kravis.org.

Tuesday, May 10
George Benson: The soulful guitarist teams with saxophonist Boney James. 8 pm, Hard Rock Live, Hollywood. Tickets: \$45-\$85. Visit Ticketmaster or www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com.

Sunday, May 29
Bad Company/Joe Walsh: Paul Rodgers and the band team up with the Eagles guitarist for *One Hell of a Night*. 7 pm, Perfect Vodka Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach. Tickets: \$20-\$119.50. Visit ticketmaster.com or call 561-795-8883.

Theater

Opens Thursday, May 5
The Devil's Music: Brought back for a return engagement, this revue of the life and music of Bessie Smith stars local favorite Avery Sommers. Through May 29. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. Tickets starts at \$30. Call 561-450-6357 or visit www.artsgarage.org.

Opens Friday, May 6
Short Cuts 6: The sixth annual presentation of mini-plays by The Playgroup; this year, it's eight 10-minute plays by South Florida playwrights. Through May 15 at Willow Theatre, Sugar Sand Park, in Boca Raton. 8 pm Fridays and Saturdays, 2 pm Sundays. Tickets: \$25. Call 561-347-3948 or visit willowtheatre.org.

Through Sunday, May 15
I Love a Piano: A revue of the music of Irving Berlin, as told through the saga of a piano's moves through different American lives. Tickets: \$70-\$75. At the Wick Theatre, Boca Raton. Call 561-995-2333 or visit www.thewick.org.

Opens Friday, May 20
Hair: Galt MacDermot, James Rado and Gerome Ragni's beloved 1967 musical about the hippie generation. Through June 5 at the Kravis Center. Tickets: \$45. Call 832-7469 or visit www.kravis.org.

Opens Saturday, May 21
Black Coffee: Agatha Christie's whodunit about a physicist who has discovered the ultimate weapon of war, but who then turns up dead. Through June 5 at Delray Beach Playhouse, Delray Beach. Tickets: \$30. 561-272-1281, Ext. 4, or visit www.delraybeachplayhouse.com.

Opens Friday, May 13
Satchmo at the Waldorf: *Wall Street Journal* culture critic and biographer Terry Teachout is a first-time director for his one-person playing three-characters play, about the last days of Louis Armstrong. Starring Barry Shabaka Henley. Through June 12. Tickets: \$64 and up. At Palm Beach Dramaworks, West Palm Beach. Call 514-4042, Ext. 2. Or visit www.palmbeachdramaworks.org.



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 \$75 per lunch or \$250 for the four-part series | Reservations required, call (561) 805-8562

"Beyond: Our Future in Space" by Chris Impey

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. | King Library | No charge; no reservations | Book discussion facilitated by Brendan Byrne, WMFE-FM's Space Reporter and NPR contributor

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Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 12 p.m. | Dixon Education Building | \$425 for three classes

"The Strange Case of Origami Yoda" by Tom Angleberger

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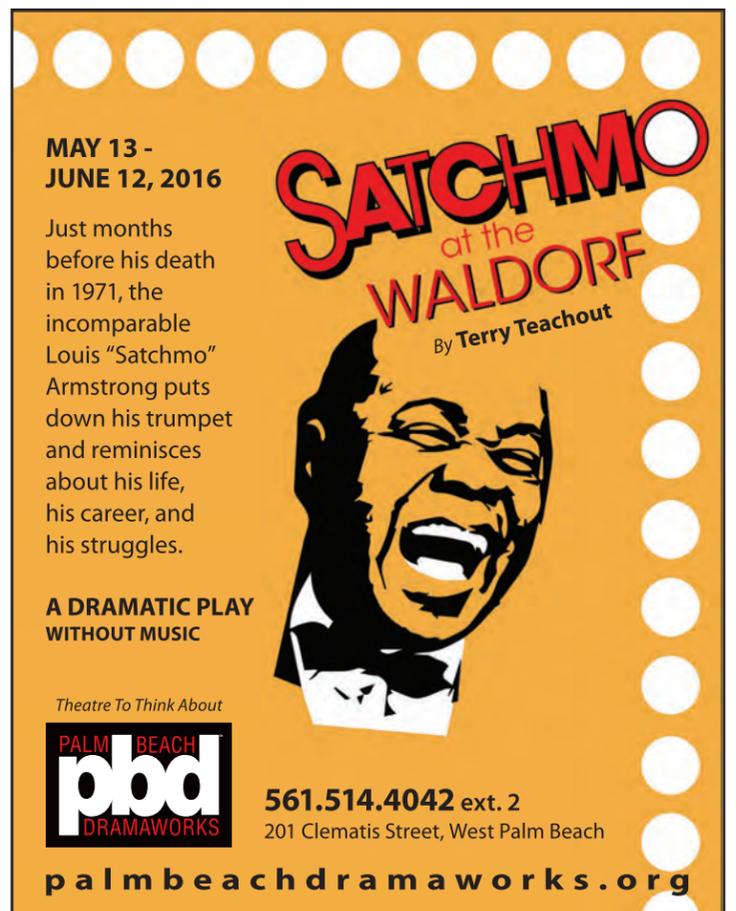
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Note: Events are current as of 4/29. Please check with organizers for any changes.

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Saturday - 5/7 - 6th Annual Women for Women 5k/10k Race through Historic Old Lake Worth, begins at Lake Worth Beach & Casino Complex, 10 Ocean Ave. New this year 100 Yards Kids Dash (ages 3-6, 8:30 am, \$10) and Kids Corral (ages 10 & under, free). Benefits Palm Beach Roadrunners Scholarship fund. Male participants not eligible for awards. 6-6:30 am packet pickup; 7 am race start. \$25-\$45. womenforwomenrun.com

5/7 - Delray Beach ITF: USTA Boys' and Girls' 18-and-under at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 210 W Atlantic Ave, and Delray Swim & Tennis Club, 2350 Jaeger Dr. Main singles draw 64 boys and 64 girls; separate qualifying draw another 64 boys and 64 girls. Players also compete in doubles draw of 64 teams per gender. Matches begin daily at 8 am. Spectator admission free. 330-6003; yellowtennisball.com/delray-beach-it

5/7 - Boca Raton GreenMarket at Royal Palm Place Southwest Parking Lot, intersection of S Federal Highway and SE Mizner Blvd. 8 am-1 pm. Last market of the season. Free. 368-6875; myboca.us

5/7 - Delray Beach GreenMarket every Saturday through 5/28, Old School Square Park, 50 NE 2nd Ave, one block north of Atlantic Ave. Fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music, children's activities. 9 am-2 pm. 276-7511; delraycra.org

5/7 - Shred-A-Thon at Boynton Beach High School, 4975 Park Ridge Blvd. Fundraiser benefits Boynton Beach Education & Youth Advisory Board. Paper only; no x-rays, CDs, videotapes. Enter at Gateway Boulevard

entrance. More than 10 boxes 9:30-11 am; fewer than 10 boxes noon-1:30 pm. \$10/box (up to 18"x12"x12"); \$5/take your box back discount. 376-6208; boynton-beach.org

5/7 - Exhibition Opening: Grossology - The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. M-F 9 am-5 pm, Sat/Sun 10 am-6 pm. \$15/adult; \$13/senior; \$11/child ages 3-12; free/children under 3. 832-1988; sfsciencecenter.org

5/7 - The Writer's Studio at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Sat 10 am. Free. 638-7251; delraylibrary.org

5/7 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. T-Sat 10:30 am; Sun 1:30 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

5/7 - Art Journaling Class at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Federal Highway #7, Boynton Beach. Bring your own journal. Every 1st Sat 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$35/includes supplies. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

5/7 - Mother's Day Tea Party at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Tea, soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres; each mother receives a rose. 11 am-1 pm. \$10/person. Register: 742-6644; boyntonbeach.com

5/7 - Mixed Media Canvas Class at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Federal Highway #7, Boynton Beach. Bring your own canvas, either 8x10 or 9x12. Every 1st Sat 1-3:30 pm. \$45/includes supplies. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

5/7 - Alligator Feeding at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Every W & Sat 1 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

5/7 - Pickleball at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults. M-F 9-11:30 am,

Municipal Meetings

5/9 & 23 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 7 pm. Agenda: lantana.org

5/10 & 24 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesday at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us

5/13 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulf-stream.org

5/17 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: mydelraybeach.com

5/17 - Boynton Beach - First and third Tuesday at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Boynton Beach Blvd. 6:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

5/20 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 9:30 am. Agenda: manalapan.org

5/24 - South Palm Beach - Fourth Tuesday in the South Palm Beach Town Hall Council Chambers, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 7:15 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

5/26 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

F 6-8:30 pm, Sat 1-4 pm. Monthly pass: \$15/resident, \$20/non-resident; 3-month pass: \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident; 6-month pass: \$60/resident; \$70/non-resident. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

5/7 - Poetry workshop: Imagining the Poem with Lenny DellaRocca at Old School Square, Classroom 6, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 1 pm. \$10. palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

5/7 - Pickleball for adults at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. M-F 9-11:30 am, F 6-8:30 pm, Sat 1-4 pm. \$2/day; monthly pass: \$15/resident, \$25/non-resident. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

5/7 - Indoor Aquarium Feedings at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Daily. 2:30 pm. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

5/7 - Stingray Feedings at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. T-Sat 2:45 pm; Sun 12:30 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

5/7 - Alligator Feedings at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Gather around the tank, listen to a short talk about the baby alligator while it is being fed. Every W&Sat 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

5/7 - High School Musical 2 at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Every Sat through 5/21. 4 pm. \$14.50/adult; \$10.50/child 12 & under. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

5/7 - Derby in Delray hosted by Spodak Dental Group at 3911 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Benefits Community Caring Center of Greater Boynton Beach. Appetizers, live music, cash bar. 4-7 pm. \$25. 364-9501; cccgb.org

5/7 - Kentucky Derby Party at a private home in Palm Beach. Benefits Tri-County Humane Society emergency medical fund. Cocktails, silent auction, buffet dinner, dancing while watching the Run for the Roses. 4:30 pm. \$225. 482-8110; tricityhumane.org

5/7 - Exhibition Opening: Surfer's Paradise: The Art of Jennifer Love Girona at Clay Glass Metal Stone Gallery, 15 S J St, Lake Worth. 6-10 pm. Free. 588-8344; flamingoclaystudio.org

5/7 - Alice in the Everglades presented by Ballet Atlantica at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 7 pm. \$15-\$20. 586-6410; balletatlantica.com

5/7 - Sick Puppies Improv Comedy Show at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. Every Sat except 5/21. 9-10:30 pm. \$15/online; \$20/at the door. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

5/7-8 - Boca Ballet Theatre: Spring Mix at Spanish River HS Countess de Hoernle Theatre, 5100 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$35. 995-0709; bocaballet.org

5/7-8 - Baby Boom Baby at The Palm Beaches Theatre, 250 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Runs through 5/15. Th-Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 2pm. \$40. 855-728-8497; palmbeachestheatre.org

5/7-8 - Mother's Day Tea at Flagler Museum Café des Beaux-Arts, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Tea sandwiches, scones, sweets, Whitehall Special Blend tea. Mothers receive a rose, keepsake photo, \$10 gift card for the Museum Store. Sat 11:30 am-2:30 pm; Sun noon-3 pm. Member \$60/mother & child, \$30/additional adult; non-member \$100/mother & child, \$50/additional adult, \$35/additional child. Reservations: 655-2833; flaglermuseum.us

MAY 8-14

Sunday - 5/8 - Mother's Day 5/8 - Exhibition Opening: Fine Art by Jim Campbell at Spanish River Library & Community Center Friends Art Gallery, 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton. Exhibition runs through 6/25. Regular library hours. Free. 393-7852; bocalibraryfriends.org

5/8 - Mother's Day Brunch Cruise starts at Delray Yacht Cruises, 801 E Atlantic Ave. 2-hour cruise aboard the Lady Atlantic or Lady Delray. 9:30 am boarding; 10 am-12:15 pm cruise. \$52/adult; \$42/child 12 & younger. Reservations: 243-0686; delrayyachtcruises.com

5/8 - Special Mother's Day at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Stroll through Roji-en, special brunch prix-fixe menu at Cornell Cafe, more. 10 am. Free w/paid admission. 495-0233, x237; morikami.org

5/8 - Mother's Day Brunch at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Featuring the Deborah Paiva Jazz Duo. 11:30 am-2:30 pm. \$47.95/adult; \$19.95/child under 12. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

5/8 - Mother's Day Brunch at Tavern At The Wick, 7901 N. Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. \$59/adult; \$29/child 10 & under. Complimentary valet parking. 717-8009; thewick.org

5/8 - Mother's Day Celebration Dinner Dance at The American German Club, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. Noon doors open; 1-2 pm dinner; 1-5 pm music. \$25. Reserved seating only; 294-2770; americangermanclub.org

5/8 - Bridge Duplicate at Patch Reef Park Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Sanctioned A.C.B.L. duplicate bridge game for the experienced player. Light lunch served. Partners available for singles. Sun 12:30-4 pm (except special events and holidays). \$10/at the door. Reservations or partners: 338-2995; myboca.us

5/8 - Modern Voices: American Women Composers of the 20th Century at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Duo Gastesi-Bezerra performs fascinating piano works by Amy Beach, Ruth Crawford Seeger, Terry Owens, more. Limited seating. 2 pm doors open; 3 pm concert. \$3/member; \$5/non-member + regular museum admission. 832-5196; norton.org

5/8 - Friends of the Uffizi: The Botticelli

Room with Barbara Watts, PhD, at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 3-4 pm. \$12/non-member. Tickets required: 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

Monday - 5/9 - Monday Morning Small Business Roundtable at The Ted Center, 401 W Atlantic Ave #09, Delray Beach. Presented by Florida Women's Business Center. Held again 5/16 & 23. 8:30-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 265-3790; flwbc.org

5/9 - Pickleball at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Combines badminton and tennis. Adults. M/W/F 9am-1pm. \$5/person; annual passes \$130/resident, \$165/non-resident. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

5/9 - Cowboys Are My Weakness - Part of Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:30 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

5/9 - Senior Bingo at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults age 50 & up. Every M&W 10:30 am-noon. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

5/9 - Empowerment Zone at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Coaching in resume writing, networking, interviewing skills. Every M&Th 1-4:30 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

5/9 - Downtown Lake Worth Food Truck Invasion at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. Every 2nd M 6-10 pm. 844-682-7466; foodtruckinvasion.com

5/9 - Happy Squares Dance Club at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. All skill levels welcome. Ages 18 & up. Every M 6:45-9:15 pm. \$5. 865-2611; Boynton-beach.org

5/9 - Author Talk & Signing: The Bridge Ladies by Betsy Lerner at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of Friends Speaker Series. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/9 - Needlework Friendship Group at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Bring yarn, needle, crochet hooks; enjoy friendship. First M 7-9 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

5/9 - Lecture: Philippines: The United States' Former Colonial Possession is Challenged Politically, Economically, and Strategically with Jeffrey Morton, PhD at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of U.S. Foreign Policy 2016 series. 7:30 pm. \$25. 297-6124; fau.edu

5/9-11 - English as a Second Language

Conversation at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Practice speaking, reading, writing, listening to English exercises; focus on proper pronunciation/grammar. Every M/T/W 10:45 am-noon. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

5/9-12 - Exploring the Nature and History of Miami's Neighbors spring trip presented by Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Historic sites tell stories of pioneer ideas and visions. Includes: Coconut Grove (The Barnacle House); Coral Gables (Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden & Coral Gables Museum); Key Biscayne (Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park). Includes 3 nights accommodations, lunches/dinners, entrance/tour fees at most venues; directions/complete agenda. Transportation not included. Estimated cost per person: \$500/double occupancy; \$650/single occupancy. Adults only. Reservations/information: 338-0890; gumbolimbo.org

Tuesday - 5/10 - Pickleball: Advanced Play at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Adults. Every T/Th/F 9 am-1 pm. Monthly pass \$15/resident, \$20/non-resident; 3-month pass \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident; 6-month pass \$60/resident, \$70/non-resident. 243-7250; mydelraybeach.com

5/10 - Women's Spring Education Day at Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County Zinman Hall, 9901 Donna Klein Blvd, Boca Raton. Keynote speaker: Sima Goel. 9:30 am. 445. 852-6058; jewishboca.org

5/10 - From a Woman's Perspective: The Rent Collector by Cameron Wright at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10 am. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

5/10 - Chess Club at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game necessary. Ages 18 and up. Every T/F Noon-4 pm. Annual fee: \$20/residents, \$30/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/10 - Boca Raton Noon Toastmasters at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy. Improve public speaking, leadership abilities. Every T 12:15-1:15 pm. Free. 251-4164; toastmastersclub.org

5/10 - Couples Round Dance at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Learn figures and routines to waltz, swing, foxtrot. Ages 18 & up. Every T 1-3 pm (high intermediate level), 3-4:30 pm (beginner level). \$6/person. 352-455-5759; boynton-beach.org

5/10 - Modern Line Dance Class at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Enhance

quality of life through modern music/dance. Age 50 & up. Every T 1:30-2:30 pm. Per class: \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/10 - Socrates Café at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every T 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/10 - Aura by Carlos Fuentes part of the Evening Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

5/10 - Free Music & Interactive Art at Veterans Park Recreation Center, 50 NW 1st Ave, Delray Beach. Bring an instrument, join the open "jam session" style music. Easels and art supplies set up for anyone wanting to explore their inner creativity in a non-instructional environment. Join in or sit and listen! All ages. Every 2nd T 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/10 - Walkabout (NR) part of the Foreign Film Series by Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-9 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/10 - Elite Soul Line Dancing at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every T 7-8:30 pm. \$6/person. 742-6550; Boynton-beach.org

5/10 - Alchemy: Open Mic/Talent Showcase at Arts Garage, 180 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Every other T 8 pm. \$10. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Wednesday - 5/11 - Lawn Bowling at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Enjoy a sport that takes skill and practice. Ages 18 & up. W/F 9 am-noon. Annual fee: \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/11 - Creating Encore Careers in the Second Half of Life: a Workshop at Unity of Delray Beach Mary Kupferle Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd Ave, Delray Beach. Rosemary Nixon. 10-11:30 am or 7-8:30 pm. Free-will offering. Registration: 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

5/11 - Michael Williams, WPTV Anchor at City Fish Market, 7940 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Presented by Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$35/member or first-time guest; \$50/non-member. 852-0000; goldcoasttigerbayclub.com

5/11 - Socrates Cafe at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Philosophical discussions facilitated by Claire Drattell and

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Thursday - 5/12 - Exhibit Installation: Harry Martin Underwater Exhibit at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Exhibit runs through 9/9. Regular library hours. Free. 359-2284; boyntonlibrary.org

Don Clare. Every W 11:30 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

5/11 - Mac Computers 101 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 5/25. Noon-1:30 pm. Free. 544-8578 bocalibrary.org

5/11 - Getting to Know Your New iPad at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 544-8578; bocalibrary.org

5/11 - Lecture: Building A Better Retirement presented by John M. Campanola, New York Life Insurance Company, at The Ted Center, 401 W Atlantic Ave #09, Delray Beach. 5-7 pm. Free. Reservations required: 212-2903; jmcampanola@ft.newyorklife.com

5/11 - Writers' Corner at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Manuscript critiquing by published authors. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

5/11 - Good Times presented by M.A.P. at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 7 pm. Free. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

5/11 - A Subtle Bent on Destruction by Cliff Burgess at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of New Play Festival. 7:30 pm. \$15/show; \$70/all-access Festival Pass; \$5/student at the door. 297-4784; fau.edu/theatrelab

5/12 - Quilters meet at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest. Share quilting information, perpetuate quilting as a cultural and artistic form. Sale of quilted items supports

the Library. Every Th 9-11:30 am. Free. 742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

5/12 - Knit 'N Purl at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Rotating facilitators. 10:30 am. Held again 5/26. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

5/12 - Palm Beach Dramaworks Knowledge & Nibbles at Lynora's, 5283 Lake Worth Rd. Intimate behind-the-scenes look at bringing a production to life: *Satchmo at the Waldorf* by Terry Teachout. 11:30 am lunch; 1 pm program. Lunch & program: \$30/PBD Guild member; \$40/non-Guild member. Program only: \$15/PBD Guild member; \$20/non-Guild member. 514-4042 x2; palmbeachdramaworks.org

5/12 - Adult Acrylics Class at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Local instructor teaches basic acrylic painting techniques to beginners; also available for instruction to advanced painters. Call for list of supplies needed. Age 18 & up. Every Th noon-3 pm. Per class: \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/12 - Senior Bridge at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Experienced players welcome. Partners not needed. Every Th 2:30-4 pm. Annual fee: \$15/resident +\$1/game, \$25/non-resident + \$2/game. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/12 - Butterfly Release at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Butterfly release and ribbon cutting for new



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butterfly garden in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. 5:30 pm. \$15/person; \$25/includes butterfly tribute card. RSVP: 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

5/12 - The Next Generation Road Rascals Car Show at Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex, 10 S Ocean Blvd. Every 2nd Th 6-9 pm. Rstarr2010@gmail.com

5/12 - Open Reading Night at School of Creative Arts/Crest Studios at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Listen or sign up to read from an original work (published or unpublished). All levels welcome. Read for 10-15 minutes then open discussion (not critique). Every 2nd Th 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 12-677-4278; oldschoolsquare.org

5/12 - Spotlight on Young Musicians at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. In partnership with The School District of Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach County Music Educators' Association and the Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County. 7 pm. \$10/advance; \$12/day of performance. 832-7469; kravis.org

5/12 - Spin Moves by Ken Weitzman at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of New Play Festival. 7:30 pm. \$15/show; \$70/all-access Festival Pass; \$5/student at the door. 297-4784; fau.edu/theatrelab

5/12 - Sick Puppies Stand Up Show at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. 8-10:30 pm. \$15/online; \$20/at the door. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

5/12-14 - FAU Potters Guild Show & Sale at Florida Atlantic University Ritter Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Free. 297-3870; fau.edu/vaah

Friday - 5/13 - Canasta Class at Patch Reef Park Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Basic techniques: how to count points, keep score, play of the hand. Couples and singles welcome. Each player required to purchase four decks of cards (2 red, 2 blue) + canasta tray, bring to first class. Every F through 6/3. 10:15 am-noon. \$50/resident; \$63/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

5/13 - Balkan by the Beach: International Folk Dance at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St,

Delray Beach. Benefit of exercise, pleasure of dancing to beautiful music. No experience or partner needed. Ages 50 & up. Every F 10:45 am-1:15 pm. \$5/resident; \$6/non resident per class. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/13 - Bill Gove Golden Gavel Toastmasters Club at Duffy's Sports Grill, 4746 N Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Every F noon-1 pm. \$12/lunch or \$5/soft drink cash only. 742-2121; billgovetoastmastersclub.com

5/13 - Skunk Feedings at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Short talk about the animal while it is being fed. Every F 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

5/13 - Sushi and Stroll Summer Walk at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Experience the gardens, enjoy taiko drumming, a cold drink, a breathtaking sunset. 5:30 pm Fushu Daiko drumming performances seating (first-come/first-served) (\$2 w/admission). 5:30-8:30 pm. \$6-\$8. 495-0233; mprokami.org

5/13 - Girl's Night Out at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Federal Highway #7, Boynton Beach. Bring your own wine & cups. Age 21 & over. Every 2nd F 6-9 pm. \$6 (includes pizza & soda) + cost of your pottery/project. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

5/13 - Opening Reception: Pulitzer Back Stories In Honor of the Pulitzer Centennial at Palm Beach Photographic Centre, 405 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Exhibition runs through 8/6 regular museum hours. 6-8 pm. Free. 253-2600; workshop.org

5/13 - 5th Annual Delray Beach Craft BeerFest 2015 at Outdoor Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave. Unlimited sampling of craft brews, international beers and ciders; food for purchase, wine tasting, game area, cash bar, live music. Proceeds support community programs, outdoor concerts. 6:30-7:30 (VIP access); 7:30-10:30 general admission. Advance tickets: \$35/GA, \$50/VIP; at the gate: \$40/GA, \$60/VIP. 243-7922, ext. 1; dbcrafterfest.org

5/13 - Harlem Wizards vs Delray Dragons Basketball at Atlantic High School, 2455 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Hosted by Banyan Creek Elementary PTA; benefits participating

schools. 7-9 pm. \$12-\$30. harlemwizards.com

5/13 - Sing the Body Electric by Michael Hollinger at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of New Play Festival. 7:30 pm. \$15/show; \$70/all-access Festival Pass; \$5/student at the door. 297-4784; fau.edu/theatrelab

5/13 - Sick Puppies Fundraiser for Take Heed Theater Company at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. 9:30-11:30 pm. \$15/general admission. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

Saturday - 5/14 - Exhibition Opening: Journeys in Watercolor at Delray Beach Public Library 2nd Floor Gallery, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Artist Marilyn Liedman. Regular library hours through 7/13. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

5/14 - 4th Annual Firefighter Eric Patrie 5k at Anchor Park, 340 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Benefits firefighters battling cancer. All ages. 7 am race start; 8:15 am free kids' fun run. \$30/adult + \$2.50 sign-up; \$20/kids 5-13. Delrayfirebenevolent.org

5/14 - Best Buddies Friendship Walk at City Place, 700 Rosemary Ave, West Palm Beach. Family fare. 8 am registration & breakfast; 8:30 am opening ceremony; 9 am walk begins; 10 am Friendship on the Plaza Celebration. Walk to raise funds. 972-5312; bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org

5/14 - 22 Seconds by Michele Lowe at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of New Play Festival. 3 pm. \$15/show; \$70/all-access Festival Pass; \$5/student at the door. 297-4784; fau.edu/theatrelab

5/14 - Stacey Konwiser Memorial Save the Tiger 5K Run/Big Cat Race Series at Palm Beach Zoo & Dreher Park, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Second of 3 runs. No strollers, rollerblades, skateboards, bicycles, etc. permitted on racecourse. Registration includes zoo admission + 3 1/2-price friend/family discount coupons. 6-7 am packet pick-up/registration; 7:30-10 am race. \$40/adult; \$25/student. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

5/14 - The Three Sisters of Weehawken by Deborah Zoe Laufer at Florida Atlantic

University Theatre Lab, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of New Play Festival. 7:30 pm. \$15/show; \$70/all-access Festival Pass; \$5/student at the door. 297-4784; fau.edu/theatrelab

5/14 - Project Art Workshop: Release Your Matisse at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Understanding basic colors, mixing techniques, application of paint to canvas. All materials provided. 9:30 am-12:30 pm. \$100/resident; \$125/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

5/14 - Show, Don't Tell part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor Victoria Landis. 10 am. \$25. Registration: 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

5/14 - Ride & Remember Trolley Tour departs from Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 2-hour tour focuses on 5 historic districts. Second Sat 10 am-noon. \$25. Reservations: 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

5/14 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Lake Worth and Lantana conducted by Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from Macy's (outside East Entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave. 4-hour tour includes bus and walking tour, food sampling, visits to historical and cultural sites. Narrated by live guide. Every 2nd Sat year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required: check website for available dates. \$50/adult & senior citizen; free/children under 18 (max 5 children per family). 243-2662; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

5/14 - Due South 4th Anniversary Celebration at Due South Brewing Co, 2900 High Ridge Rd #3, Boynton Beach. Limited release beers on tap all day, food trucks, brewery tours. Food & Drinks available for purchase. Everyone welcome until 6 pm after which guests must be 21+. No Pets. Noon-11 pm. Free. 463-2337; duesouthbrewing.com

5/14 - The Royal Tenenbaums (R) - Part of American Alienation in Film Series at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-6:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/14-31 - The Giving Tree at Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, 140 NE 1st St. Join Leadership Delray in providing donations for 3 local non-profits: Wayside House, AVDA, Achievement Centers for Children & Families. M-F 8 am-5 pm. 278-0424; delraybeach.com

MAY 15-21

Sunday - 5/15 - Sado Tea Ceremony Class at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Unique opportunity to study 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/month (5/15 & 22). Individual appointments begin at 10:15 am. \$50/member; \$55/non-member. Registration: 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

5/15 - The Day Before Yesterday by Israel Horowitz at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of New Play Festival. 3 pm. \$15/show; \$70/all-access Festival Pass; \$5/student at the door. 297-4784; fau.edu/theatrelab

5/15 - 'S Wonderful Music Gershwin to Les Mis: The Robert Sharon Chorale Spring Concert at Palm Beach Atlantic University De Santis Family Chapel, 300 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Robert Sharon Chorale and winners of the RS Chorales Student Scholarship competition. 3 pm. \$15. 687-4245; therobertsharonchorale.com

Monday - 5/16 - Intro to Windows 10 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 11 am-noon. Free. 544-8578; bocalibrary.org

5/16 - Tina Posner Center for Career Excellence First Anniversary Celebration at Wayside House, 328 NE 6th Ave, Delray Beach. 5-7 pm. Free. RSVP: 278-0055; mjones@waysidehouse.net

5/16 - Marching Down Broadway presented by Symphonic Band of the Palm Beaches at Duncan Theatre, 4200 Congress Ave, Lake Worth. Features improvisational skill of David Crohan. 7:30 pm. \$18. 832-3115; palmbeachstate.edu

Tuesday - 5/17 - Adult Multi Media Art Class at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Water colors, pastel, acrylic; learning design and composition. Every T through 6/7. 9-11:30 am or noon-2:30 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 742-6221; boynton-beach.org

5/17 - Exhibition Opening: Jane Benson - Finding Baghdad at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 590 Plaza Real. Runs through 7/3 during regular hours: T/W/F 10 am-5 pm, Th 10 am-8 pm, Sat/Sun noon-5 pm. \$12/adult' \$10/senior; free/child, student w/ID. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

5/17 - Ukulele Music Interactive at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. All ages. 1st &

3rd T 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/17 - FAU Astronomical Observatory - Public viewing day at Florida Atlantic University Science & Engineering Building 4th floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every 1st F & 3rd T 7 pm. Free. 297-STAR; physics.fau.edu/observatory

5/17 - Concert: Faith's Place Center for Arts Education at Harriet Himmel Theater, 600 S Rosemary Ave, West Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$10/adult; \$5/student. 866-449-2489; kretzerpiano.com

5/17 - Underground Library: New York Review of Books - A Publisher of Note at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 7-8:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

Wednesday - 5/18 - Adult Oil & Acrylic Painting at Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Enhance creativity; reduce stress. Every W through 6/8. 9-11:30 am or noon-2:30 pm. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. Registration: 742-6650; boynton-beach.org

5/18 - The Role of the Courts in Florida Redistricting at Atlantis Country Club, 190 Atlantis Ave, Lake Worth. Speaker: Pamela Goodman. Hosted by Palm Beach County Chapter of the League of Women Voters, ACLU, National Council of Jewish Women. 1st of 3-part series. 11 am-1 pm. \$30/includes lunch. Register: lwvpubc.org

5/18 - A Closer Look: Yasuo Kuniyashi's Rotting on the Shore at 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 context. 1-2:15 pm. Free w/admission. 832-5196; norton.org

5/18 - Art Walk Wednesday Artists Reception at Basil Bar & Grill, Plaza del Mar, 244 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Every 3rd W through 9/21. 6-7 pm. Free. 588-2405; facebook.com/dangartists

5/18 - Civic Lectures for Savvy Citizens: Will Hispanics Determine 2016 Election? at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/18 - Community Cabaret at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Calling all singers, dancers, musicians, stand-up comedians; performers must register in advance. 7:30 pm. \$5. 347-3900; willowtheatre.org

5/18 - Cabaret Series: Karen Mason at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$40. 237-9000; lynn.edu

Thursday - 5/19 - American Pen Women Luncheon at Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. Fashion show. Noon. \$30. 279-7790; bocapenwomen.org

5/19 - The Renaissance of Classical Cuisine: Lunch with Andrew Schor, Executive Chef at Palm Beach Grill, 340 Royal Poinciana Way #336, Palm Beach. Part of Society of the Four Arts Campus on the Lake programs. Outstanding Palm Beach Chefs pay tribute to the Legacy of Auguste Escoffier. Each discussion followed by 3-course lunch. 12:30 pm. \$75/lunch; \$250/4-part series. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

5/19 - BAK Piano Showcase and Performance Workshop with Roberta Rust at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 4 pm. Free. 237-7955; events.lynn.edu

5/19 - Concert: Romance in Song at the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

5/19 - Steel Drum Cruise starts at Delray Yacht Cruises, 801 E Atlantic Ave. Sounds of the islands aboard the Lady Atlantic. 6-8 pm. \$25. Reservations: 243-0686; delrayyachtcruises.com

5/19 - Wine Glass Painting at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Federal Highway #7, Boynton Beach. Bring your own drinks and snack to share. Every 3rd Th 6-8 pm. Paint, 2 glasses \$25/supplies included. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

5/19 - Wine Down With Art at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. An evening of painting and friendship. Bring friends and your own beverage. Canvas, paint, brushes supplied. Childcare NOT provided. 6-8 pm. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

5/19 - Preview Performance of Hair at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Benefits Adam Hewko. 7:30 pm. \$75. 832-7469; kravis.org

5/19 - Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club: Dom Irrera at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$45-\$65. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

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5/20 - Legends of the Old School 2 at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 6 pm doors open; 7pm concert. \$49.50-\$395.00. 800-745-3000; myboca.us/mizneramphi

5/20 - Happy Hour Friday/Music on the Rocks: Grinder Nova at Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Food, snacks, beverages available for purchase. Every 3rd F through Jun. 6-9 pm. Free. 600-9097; catchboynton.com

5/20 - Opening Reception: 6 Women Inspired at Artisans on the Ave, 630 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Meet the artists, refreshments. 6-9 pm. Free. 582-3300; artisansontheave.com

5/20 - Evening on the Avenue at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Live music, food vendors, crafts, artists selling their artwork. Every 1st & 3rd F 6-10 pm. Free. 588-8344; lakeworth.org

5/20 - Gregg E. Brickman speaks and signs her book *Illegal Intent* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

5/20 - Beginner Acoustic Guitar For Adults at Patch Reef Park Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Learn to play the guitar with three chords, tablature reading, lead sheet expertise! Bring acoustic guitar. Every F through 7/1. 7:30-9 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

Saturday - 5/21 - Delray Beach Ocean Mile Swim at Anchor Park, 340 S Ocean Blvd. Join Delray Beach Ocean Rescue for a 1-mile ocean swim competition; 13 age divisions in 5-year increments. Benefits Delray Beach Ocean Rescue. 7 am start. \$25. Register before 5 pm 5/19: 243-7352; Gaffney@mydelraybeach.com

5/21 - Conrad Pickel Celebration at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Learn about renowned stained glass artist, his life and global vision of the arts. Narrated historic bus tour, series of lectures about Pickel's life and the art of glassmaking, glass art demonstration, see Pickel's works. 8 am-1:30 pm. Bus tour pre-registration required: Boyntonbeacharts.org

5/21 - Shred & Shed hosted by Iberia Bank, 1101 N Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Benefits Caridad Center. 9 am-1 pm. \$4/box voluntary donation. 968-1000

5/21 - Mosaic End Table at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Federal Highway, #7, Boynton Beach. Make one project: end table (\$195), stepping stone (\$125), trivet (\$145). 10 am-5 pm. \$195/supplies included. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

5/21 - To Outline or Not to Outline part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor Dirk Wyle. 10 am. \$25. Registration: 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

5/21 - 6th Annual Hospice by the Sea Regatta hosted by Lauderdale Yacht Club, Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club and Gulfstream Sailing Club. Held on a 12-mile course just off the shores of Fort Lauderdale Beach. 11 am race begins. 6 pm post-race awards ceremony/celebration at Coral Ridge Yacht Club. \$100-\$150/vessel; \$65/ceremony & celebration. 494-6884; hpbcbf.org

5/21 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Delray Beach & Boynton Beach conducted by Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from Macy's (outside East Entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave. 4-hour tour includes bus and walking tour, food sampling, visits to historical and cultural sites. Narrated by live guide. Every 3rd & 4th Sat year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required: \$50/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18 (max 5 children per family.) 243-2662; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

5/21 - Armed Forces Day Commemoration

at Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N. Dixie Hwy., West Palm Beach. See and talk with re-enactors dressed in period uniforms with weapons and vehicles from the Seminole Indian Wars, Civil War, World War II, other eras. Witness a military weapons demonstration, take part in other activities, arts & crafts, gallery talks. 11 am-2 pm. Free. 832-4164; historicalsocietypbcl.org

5/21 - Demonstrations of Sado, The Way of Tea at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Observe Japanese sado by the Omote Senke tea group, an ever-changing tea ceremony demonstration rich in sensational subtleties. Noon, 1 pm, 2 pm & 3 pm. \$5 w/paid museum admission. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

MAY 22-28

Sunday - 5/22 - Palm Beach County Great Strides at Meyer Amphitheater, 105 Evernia St, West Palm Beach. 5k run/walk benefits Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Walk, children's activities, food, more. Family fare. 8 am register; 9 am walk. Walk to raise funds. 683-9965; palmbeach.cff.org

5/22 - Introduction to Jewelry Making 3D Pen at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Presented by Joseph Ciardullo & Jeff Kingan, Renaissance Gems Design Studio. 10 am-4 pm. \$225/member; \$250/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org

5/22 - 6th Annual Max's Grille Charity Golf Tournament at Seagate Country Club, 3600 Hamlet Dr, Delray Beach. Benefits Eddy's K-9 Rescue. Raffle/awards ceremony follow; winner of hole-in-one wins 2-year lease for a new Porsche. Noon buffet lunch; 1:30 pm shotgun start. \$125. 368-0080

5/22 - 2nd Annual Gal's Afternoon Out Summer Camp Paint Party at VINO VanGogh, 153 NE 4th Ave, Delray Beach. In honor of Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month; benefits Dollars 4 Tic Scholars. 2:30-6 pm. \$45/includes \$10 donation, snacks, beverages, door prizes, attendee's original painting. Registration: 272-5272; vinovangoghfl.com

5/22 - Gold Coast Band Concert at Boynton Beach High School, 4975 Park Ridge Blvd. 2:30 pm. \$7/adult; \$3/age 16 & under. 742-6240; boynton-beach.org

5/22 - Boca Screening: Kehinde Wiley: An Economy of Grace (PG) at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 3-4 pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

5/22 - Concert: Roberta Rust, piano, and Janet Harris, bassoon - Part of Music At St. Paul's series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. \$20/preferred seating; \$15/regular seating; \$5/student. 278-6003; stpaulsdelray.org

5/22 - It's a Grand Night for Singing at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Young Singers of the Palm Beaches, Masterworks Chorus, Ebony Chorale of the Palm Beaches, master organist Harold E. Pysher. 7:00 pm. Tickets start at \$15. 832-7469; kravis.org

Monday - 5/23 - Love: The Little Mermaid - Part of Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:30 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

5/23 - The Last Bookaneer by Matthew Pearl at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Afternoon Book Group. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

Tuesday - 5/24 - When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi - Part of the Book Club discussion by Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

5/24 - Delray Beach Chamber Business Expo: Biz-Tech Meet Up at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave. Chamber's signature annual trade show & networking event. 5-8 pm. Free. 809-9111; delraybeach.com

Wednesday - 5/25 - Senses of Cinema Presents Film for Thought Class at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 18+. W through 6/22. 10 am-12:45 pm. Individual classes: Per week: \$12/resident, \$15/non-resident; 5-week session: \$50/resident, \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

Thursday - 5/26 - Bridge Game performed by Words... Alive! part of Books on Stage Reading series at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 2 pm. \$25. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

5/26 - Art After Dark: Spring into Summer at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Beverages, snacks, a la carte dinner available for purchase. 5-9 pm. \$12/adult; \$5/student; free/child 12 & under. 832-5196; norton.org

5/26 - Opening Reception: Exhibit - Ann & Don Schwartz at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5-7 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

5/26 - 5th Annual Pairings Food + Wine Event presented by WPB Downtown Development Authority in downtown West Palm Beach (various locations). Diners receive samples of popular menu items at each participating restaurant; a portion of proceeds benefits Families First of Palm Beach County. 5:30-9 pm. \$25/advance; \$30/day of event. 833-8873; downtownwpb.com

5/26 - Boynton Beach Food, Wine & Brew Festival at Benvenuto Restaurant, 1730 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. 6-9 pm. \$35. 732-9501; boyntonbeach.org

5/26 - Engaging Documentaries: Citizenfour (R) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/26 - Canvas & Cocktails at Creative Arts School at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Create art; enjoy wine, craft beer, cocktail. Every last Th 7-9 pm. \$35/materials included. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

5/26 - DocNights At The Willow: The Shark Is Still Working (not rated) at The Willow Theatre, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Presented by docmiami.org. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 7 pm. \$5/person. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

Friday - 5/27 - The King of Boynton Beach - Part of *Studio Theatre* series at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 2 pm. \$25. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

5/27 - Sean Chambers Band at Arts Garage, 180 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$25-\$50. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

5/27 - Sick Puppies Stand Up Show at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. 9-10:30 pm. \$15/online; \$20/at the door. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

Saturday - 5/28 - 5k Run & Walk at Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County, Inc., 909 Fern St, West Palm Beach. Live or virtual. 8 am. \$30. 832-3755; mhapbc.org

5/28 - 2016 NPC Florida Muscle Classic at Florida Atlantic University Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Premier of the National Physique Committee (NPC) Florida Muscle Classic, features contestants from 16 states. Contest is a National, Jr. and USA Qualifier for all open categories. Guest performance by Ace Hood. Ticket price includes general admission for 9 am-1 pm prejudging. 7 pm. \$50-\$70. 297-6124; fau.edu

5/28 - Summer in Paradise: Parmalee at Meyer Amphitheatre, 105 Evernia St, West Palm Beach. 6-10 pm. Free. 822-1515; wpb.org

5/28 - Engaging Documentaries: Citizenfour (R) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/28 - Sick Puppies Improv Student Showcase at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. 7-8:30 pm. Free. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

Memorial Day Events

5/30 - All Gave Some ... Some Gave All Memorial Day Presentation at Boca Raton Cemetery, 449 SW 4th Ave. Veterans groups, music by Ft. Lauderdale Highlanders, Boca Raton Community High School Band, ROTC drills, Boca Raton Police & Fire Honor Guard. 9 am. Free. 393-7995; myboca.us/rec/specialevents

5/30 - Memorial Day 2016 hosted by Palm Beach County Veterans Committee, Inc. at South Florida National Cemetery, 6501 S State Rd 7, Lantana. Free parking & shuttle at Target, 5900 S State Rd 7, Lantana. 10 am. Free. pbcveteranscommittee.org

5/30 - Memorial Day 2016 Honoring Veterans in front of South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Keynote speaker Sen. Jeff Clemens. Complimentary refreshments. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Free. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

5/30 - 11th Annual Forgotten Soldiers Outreach: A Day to Remember Memorial Day Service at Palm Beach Memorial Park, 3691 Seacrest Blvd, Lantana. Keynote Speaker: Battle of the Bulge Survivor George Fisher. Wreath presentation, service, refreshments. 11:50 am-1:50 pm. Free. Tickets: 588-9546; forgottensoldiers.org

5/30 - An American Tribute Concert at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. New Gardens Band's Indian River Pops Orchestra. Bring blankets/chairs; chairs for rent \$2. Food/beverage available for purchase. No coolers or outside alcoholic beverages permitted. Rain or shine. 7 pm. Free. 393-7995; myboca.us/rec/specialevents

com
5/28-29 - 19th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Craft Festival at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. Juried outdoor craft showcase, original crafts, green market, craft media. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 746-6615; artfestival.com

5/28-30 - Memorial Day Open Boys and Girls 12s and Girls 14s at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 210 W Atlantic Ave; Delray Swim & Tennis Club, 2350 Jaeger Dr; and Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Dr. 8 am matches begin. Free/spectator admission. Schedules & draw information: 330-6003; yellowtennisball.com/memorial-day-open

MAY 29-JUNE 4

Monday - 5/30 - Memorial Day 5/30-6/1 - I've Heard That Song Before! Broadway's Most Popular Jukebox Musicals part of Musical Memory series at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Held again 6/6-8. 2 & 8 pm. \$30. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Wednesday - 6/1 - Alzheimer's Poetry Project at Sunrise Assisted Living, Brighton Gardens, 6341 Via De Sonrisa Del Sur, Boca Raton. 10:30 am. Free. palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

6/1 - Your Money/Your Life: A Class to Help Those Early in Their Career Anticipate and Prepare for the Financial Challenges of Life at Unity of Delray Beach Mary Kupferle Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd Ave, Delray Beach. Rosemary Nixon 4-week workshop. Held again 6/8. 6/15, 6/22. 7-8:30 pm. Free-will offering. Registration: 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Thursday - 6/2 - Silent Disco at The Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 9 pm. DJ dance music experienced through high-quality, wireless headphones. \$20. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

Friday - 6/3 - Luncheon on the Grass by Edouard Manet part of Decoding Art Series at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 2 pm. \$25. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

6/3 - First Friday Art Walk at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Current exhibits, wine and cheese, then make your way to other

participating galleries on Atlantic Avenue, in Pineapple Grove and Artists Alley. 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

6/3 - Thomas Swick speaks and signs his book *The Joys of Travel: And Stories That Illuminate Them* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

6/3 - Movies in the Park: Beetlejuice (PG) at Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Food, snacks, beverages available for purchase. 8 pm. Free. 600-9097; catchboynton.com

6/3-4 - Tito Puente, Jr. at Arts Garage, 180 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$25-\$50. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

6/3-4 - Young Broadway Stars Summer Residency Program: Wayne Hosford at The Colony Palm Beach Royal Room Cabaret, 155 Hammon Ave. Held again 6/10-11. 6:30 pm dinner; 8:30 pm performance. \$120/prize fixe dinner & show; \$60/show only. Reservations: 655-5430; thecolonypalmbeach.com

Saturday - 6/4 - Join the Pack at Advent Lutheran Church, 300 E Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Join Food for the Poor to pack 100,000 life-saving meals for hungry children in Haiti. In partnership with Feed My Starving Children. 9 am-4 pm. Free/volunteer to fundraise. 427-2222 x4020; foodforthebeer.org

6/4 - Park Car Wash at 505 Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 10 am-2 pm. Donations accepted. 243-7158; mydelraybeach.com

6/4 - Dialogue: Answering the Voices in Your Head part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor Brenda Serotte. 10 am. \$25. Registration: 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

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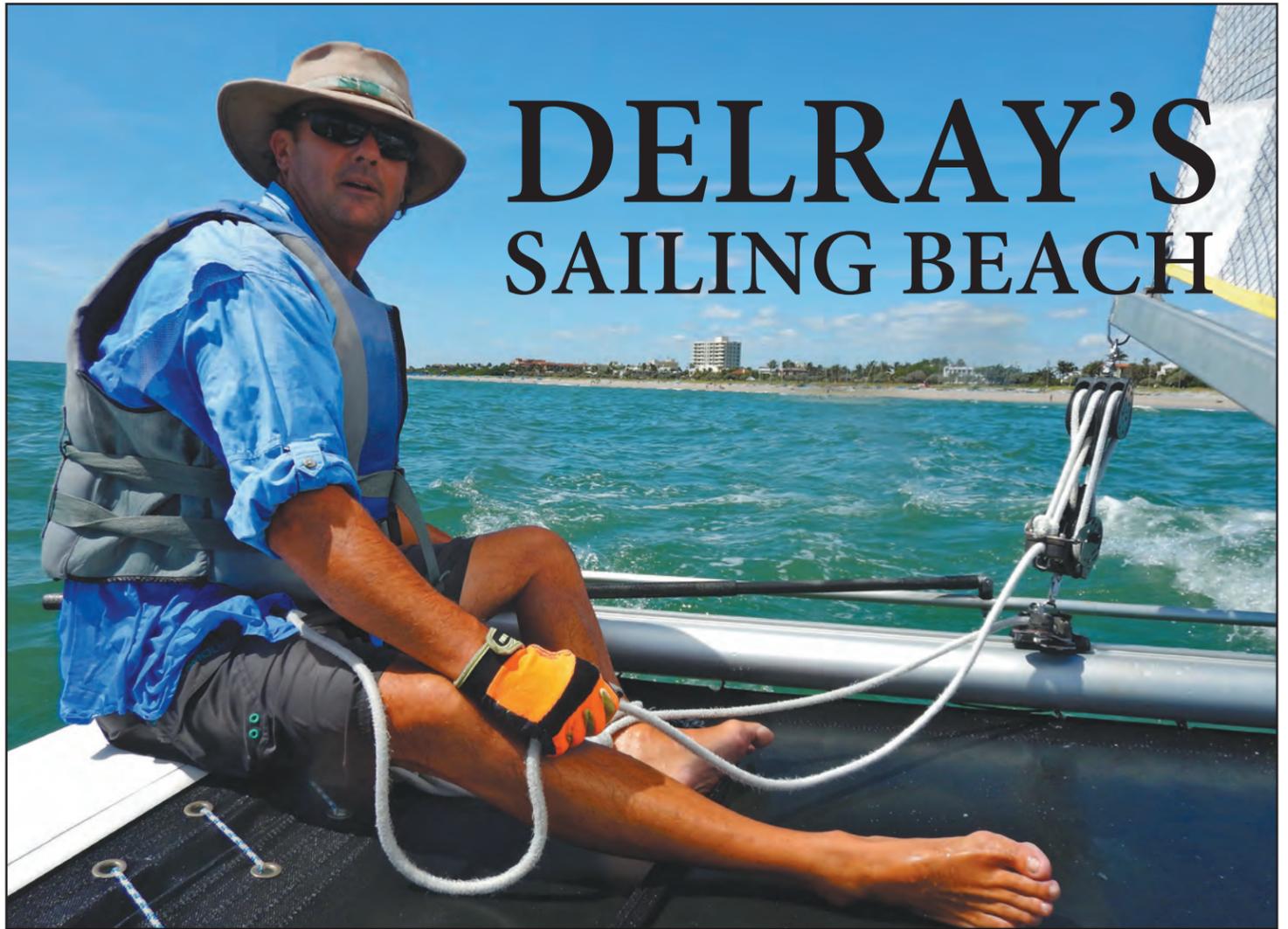
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Along the Coast



DELRAY'S SAILING BEACH

ABOVE: Delray Beach resident Bob Kubin sails his catamaran, North East, from the north end of Delray's municipal beach. **BELOW:** This part of the beach is often called the Catsailors Yacht Club. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



The north end of Delray's municipal beach has been a hangout for catamaran sailors and their friends for more than 35 years.

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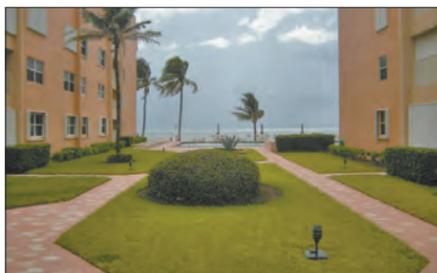
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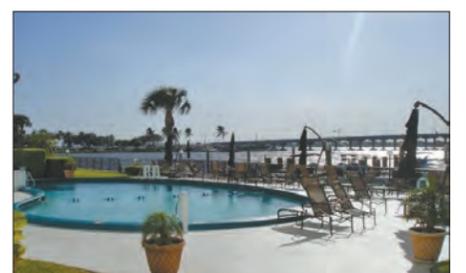
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Health & Harmony

Mental health issues, treatment options vary

Someone near you suffers from a mental illness. That's the first thing mental health professionals want you to know during May, Mental Health Month.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the National Institute of Mental Health, about 1 in 4 American adults suffers from some form of mental illness.

About 1 in 5 children experiences severe mental disorders, according to NAMI, including attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, mood disorders and major depression.

"Mental illness is a really loaded term," says Terri Mortensen, child and family program manager at the Faulk Center for Counseling in Boca Raton.

The center offers low-cost treatment for children and adults and runs a number of support groups in Palm Beach County.

"People have thoughts automatically coming into their heads, images from movies and television," Mortensen says. "Therapy is often a mystery to people. If you have diabetes, you go to the doctor and take the medicine, but depression and anxiety are just as valid and their physical impact has been shown to be significant."

Everyone looks at mental health in a different way, depending on background and culture.

"In Haiti, there is no concept of mental health," says Sarah Selznick, senior director of programming at the Achievement Centers for Children and Families, which serves the Haitian-American and African-American communities in Delray Beach. "They don't know that support is

available, or that they can reach out to someone who could help."

The solution, says Selznick's colleague Joanna Reid, takes time and patience. "When I say I can help you, there is skepticism, so first I have to build trust." Several staff members at the center speak Creole; other staff members visit families at home to explain services to them and listen to their concerns.

Besides depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder and other illnesses, there are also mental illnesses triggered by tragedies like the death of a spouse or major life changes like aging, divorce, physical illness — even seemingly happy events like retirement or having a baby.

"Everybody has difficult times, things they're dealing with," says Mortensen. "Not every one of those rises to the level of needing outside intervention. Sometimes you just have to have coping skills in place." Individual and group therapy usually occurs in a definite time frame, says Mortensen. "The goal is for people to not have to continue in therapy forever, but to find the tools to manage life issues that come up," says Mortensen.

Support groups, by contrast, can go on for years and may produce friendships.

For those who have lost a spouse, for example, the time quickly arrives when the condolence cards have stopped coming and even the most sympathetic friends have gone back to their own lives.

"People are starting to tell them to get over it," says Mortensen.

That's the time when a group of people in a similar situation is the best tonic.

"People say they can talk in our group about things that are bothering them, they can talk about their lost spouses," says Fran Rosenheck of Boca

Raton, who is a volunteer with a widow/widowers group at the Faulk Center. Rosenheck joined a bereavement group after losing her husband as a young woman. She liked the idea of being able to help others in a similar support group.

"One member of the group said, 'I don't know what I would have done without this group,'" said Rosenheck. "They really get close to each other."

Merle Krimsky of Boca Raton and Philadelphia works with a Faulk Center support group of about 25 people who are divorced or separated.

"This group is so tight. There is such a strong bond," says Krimsky. "You need that when you're separated or divorced. They watch out for each other."

Lisa Stebbins, a psychology student at Florida Atlantic University, works with a group of people in their 80s and 90s.

"They could feel lonely because their wife or someone else is not even with them anymore," says Stebbins. "My purpose is for them to have someone to hear them."

Many people do not know what to say when they encounter a friend who is struggling. They may feel awkward or even frightened by seeing someone else's anguish.

"If a person seems kind of off, you could say, how's everything with you?" suggests Mortensen. "That's different from, what's the matter with you today? Instead, you keep it open, you ask with some care and concern."

If the friend confides that he or she is feeling anxious or depressed, says Mortensen, "you can respond with something like, I imagine that's really hard for you, an empathetic statement. You don't have to solve the problem. People just want someone to listen. You might also ask, have you been able to talk to somebody about it?"

If your feelings are having a negative effect on your life or work, that's the time to consider talking to a mental health professional, says Mortensen.

This year's theme for Mental Health Month is "Life With a Mental Illness." To share insights into what a mental illness feels like, participants are tagging social media posts, pictures and video with #mentalillnessfeelslike.

In recognition of Mental Health Month, the Faulk Center for Counseling, at 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton, is hosting a butterfly release at 5:30 p.m. on May 12. Suggested donation is \$15. For more information call 483-5300 or visit www.faulkcenterforcounseling.org



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Saturday - 5/7 - Saturdays @ Sanborn: Yoga Class at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Every Sat 8:45 am registration; 9 am class. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

5/7 - Qi Gong at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Ancient Chinese system of exercise, meditation. Improve flexibility, balance, muscle tone, energy, mental well-being. Adults. Every Sat 9 am. Free introductory class. \$40/month. Reservations: 419-5403; facebook.com/WestBocaTaiChi

5/7 - Yoga Class at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton. No class 5/30. M-Sat 9:30-11 am; T 6:30-8 pm. 5 classes \$75/resident, \$94/non-resident; 10 classes \$130/resident, \$162.50/non-resident; 20 classes \$240/resident, \$300/non-resident. 477-8727; myboca.us

5/7 - Yoga Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall Chambers, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every Sat. 9:30 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

5/7 - Tai Chi/Chi Kung/Meditation Class at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Every Sat. Intermediate 9:30-10:30 am; Beginner 10:45-11:45 am. Per class: \$15/resident; \$17/non-resident. 243-7250; mydelraybeach.com

5/7 - Judo Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Warm-up exercises, instruction, practice, tournament training. W 6:30-8 pm (mixed ages & ranks), 8-9 pm (advanced); Sat 10 am-noon (all groups). Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

5/7 - Yoga at the Beach at Red Reef Park West (Intracoastal side), 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Register/get parking pass at Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Classes held on grass overlooking the Intracoastal. No cash accepted on-site. Every Sun/M/T/W 6:30 pm, Sat 10 am. \$10-\$12.50/class; 60-day membership (unlimited classes) \$65-\$81.25. 393-7807; myboca.us

5/7 - Capoeira Fitness at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Ages 12 & up. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

5/7 - Zumba Class at South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N State Rd A1A, Boca Raton. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

5/7 - Chair Yoga Class at Unity of Delray Beach Mary Kupferle Hall, 101 NW 22nd Ave. All levels and abilities. Wear comfortable clothing; bring water. Every Sat 1 pm. Free-will offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

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Sunday - 5/8 - Yogilates Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall Chambers, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every Sun 9:30 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

Monday - 5/9 - Fitness on the Beach at Delray Beach at lifeguard stand North I across from the Marriott at 10 N Ocean Blvd. Bring a towel, plenty of water and a can-do attitude. Ages 18+. M/W/F 7:30-8:30 am. \$10/class. 502-523-0284; mydelraybeach.com

5/9 - Circuit Training: Workout for Mom Without Kids! at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Targets multiple muscle groups, build lean muscles, improve energy/fitness. Modifications available. M/T/Th 8:30-9:20 am. 4 classes \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident; 8 classes \$70/resident, \$88/non-resident; 12 classes \$100/resident, \$125/non-resident; 15 classes \$125/resident, \$156/non-resident. 306-6985 fitmomboca@aol.com

5/9 - Chi Kung & Meditation at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. All ages. Every M. 9-10 am. Per class: \$15/resident; \$16/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/9 - Yin Yoga Wellness Classes with Rassika Sabine Bourgi at Society of The Four Arts Hilitar Sculpture Garden, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Bring mat, check in at Dixon Education Building. Every M through 5/27/16. 9-10 am. \$15/session. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

5/9 - Flow Yoga Class at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Slow intuitive vinyasa flow class. Every M&F 9-10:30 am. \$15/class; \$60/5 classes. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

5/9 - Get Fit Mom's Boot Camp at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Circuit-based workout incorporates cardio exercises, strength training, running drills, agility drills. M/T/Th 9:30-10:20 am. 4 classes \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident; 8 classes \$70/resident, \$88/non-resident; 12 classes \$100/resident, \$125/non-resident; 15 classes \$125/resident, \$156/non-resident. 306-6985; fitmomboca@aol.com

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5/9 - Stretch at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. Every M&W 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$10/non-member. Sign up in advance: 243-7360; delraytennis.com

5/9 - Tai Chi for Beginners at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Learn natural ways to relieve tension, stress and pains. All ages. Every M 10-11 am. Per class: \$15/resident; \$20/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/9 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Improve balance, flexibility, muscle strength. M 11:30 am-12:30 pm; W 2-3 pm. First class free. 8 classes \$32/resident, \$40/non-resident; 16 classes \$60/resident, \$75/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

5/9 - Silver Sneakers Zumba Sr. Gold Class at Personal Physician Care Community Center, 4800 Linton Blvd #F-111, Delray Beach. M&Th 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$5/class; free for members w/participating health plans. 808-7743; ppcare.net

5/9 - Men's Issues Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every M 6:30-8 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

5/9 - Boca Raton Multiple Myeloma Support Group at Patch Reef Park Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Meet and interact with fellow myeloma patients, their family members, friends. Learn new aspects of treatment and management of myeloma. Every 1st M 6:30-8 pm. Free. 901-5938; 637-4682; myeloma.org

5/9 - Beginner Dance Tango at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St, Delray Beach. Ages 18 & up. Every M 7:50-10:50 pm. Per class: \$9/resident; \$10/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

Tuesday - 5/10 - Women's Issues Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every T 10-11:30 am. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

5/10 - Silver Sneakers Cardio Strength Sr. Gold Class at Personal Physician Care Community Center, 4800 Linton Blvd #F-111, Delray Beach. T&Th 10-11 am. \$5/class; free for members w/participating health plans. 808-7743; ppcare.net

5/10 - Big & Loud: Parkinson's Disease Exercise Program at Bethesda Heart Hospital

3rd Floor Conference Room, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Held again 5/24. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 292-4950; RLatino@BHLinc.org

5/10 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Dawson Theater, 800 Meadows Rd. Every T noon -1:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brhh.com

5/10 - Tahitian Dance Workshop at Patch Reef Park Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Strenuous-hypnotic dance, good for the figure, a great deal of fun. Every T through 5/31. 2:15-3 pm \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

5/10 - Zumba Gold Fitness Class at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Enhance quality of life through music and dance. Ages 50 and up. Every T 3-4 pm, Th&F 9:30-10:30 am. Per class: \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/10 - Yoga with Cara at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Slow, intuitive vinyasa flow class. T 3:30-4:45 pm & Th 9-10:15 am. \$15/class; \$60/5 classes. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

5/10 - Tai Chi Class at Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute, 690 Meadows Rd, Boca Raton. Tone thighs and gluteals, strengthen the body's muscular core, increase flexibility improving balance. Every T/Th 6 pm. \$20/class. 955-3276; brhh.com

Wednesday - 5/11 - Hatha Yoga Wellness Classes with Rassika Sabine Bourgi at Society of The Four Arts Hilitar Sculpture Garden, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Bring mat, check in at Dixon Education Building. Every W through 5/27/16. 9-10 am. \$15/session. Reservations appreciated: 805-8562; fourarts.org

5/11 - Yoga Class at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Ages 18 & up. Every W 9-10:30 am. Per class: \$10/resident; \$15/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

5/11 - Osteoporosis Exercise Program at South Palm Beach Town Hall Chambers, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 9-10 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

5/11 - Shared Care at Temple Beth El, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. Interfaith respite program supported by Temple Beth El, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, and Grace Community Church. Every W Sep-May. 9:30 am-2:30 pm \$25/year. 391-8900; tbeco.org

5/11 - Moving Forward for Widows & Widowers: Support and Discussion Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every W 1-2:30 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

5/11 - Divorced and Separated Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every W 6-7:30 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

5/11 - Family and Friends at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center Classroom B, 800 Meadows Rd. Basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, child and infant one-person CPR. Includes course book and completion certification. Held again 5/18 & 6/1. 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brhh.com

5/11 - Healthier Delray Beach Community Meeting at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Community-driven project focused on supporting the behavioral health and well-being of Delray Beach residents and professionals. Light dinner served. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 703-8691; healthiertogetherpbcc.org

5/11 - Tai Chi Class at First United Methodist Church, 101 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Led by Master William Merkle. Every W 6 pm. Free. 732-3435; fumcbb.com

5/11 - Tai Chi Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Moving meditation for focus, concentration, release of stress, attention skills. Every W 6:10-7:10 pm (beginners); 7:10-8:10 pm (intermediate). 8 classes \$48/resident, \$60/non-resident; 12 classes \$66/resident, \$82/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

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5/12 - Key Nutrients & Diet Tips for Healthy Weight Loss & Maintenance at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

5/12 - Robotic 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; publicrelations@BHLnc.org

Friday - 5/13 - Sunrise Beach Yoga Class on the beach across from Delray Beach Marriott, 10 N Ocean Blvd. Every F 7 am. \$18/class. 396-9791; movement.yoga

5/13 - Pilates Wellness Classes with Rassika Sabine Bourgi at Society of The Four Arts Hulitar Sculpture Garden, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Bring mat, check in at Dixon Education Building. Every F through 5/27/16. 9-10 am \$15/session. Reservations appreciated: 805-8562; fourarts.org

5/13 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Dawson Theater, 800 Meadows Rd. Every F 1-3:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brrh.com

5/13 - EAUSoFit @ Eau Spa at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, 100 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Yoga class, complimentary champagne, couture cupcakes. 7-8:15 pm. \$50/person + optional \$25/boxed supper. Reservations: 540-4960; eauspa.com

Saturday - 5/14 - One-Day Childbirth Preparation Class at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center Classroom B, 800 Meadows Rd. Prepares couples for the birth of their first child by discussing birthing options and practicing birthing skills. Held again 6/4. 9 am-4 pm. \$125/couple. Registration: 955-4468; brrh.com

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MAY 15-21

Tuesday - 5/17 - Healthy Living Series presented by Delray Medical Center at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 3 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

Wednesday - 5/18 - Line Dance at Patch Reef Park Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Every W through 6/8. 9:30-10:30 am. \$24/resident; \$28/non-resident. 367-7035; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

5/18 - Art & Soul: Cuisine - The Art of Self-Transformation - Part of the Rosh Chodesh Society Course at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. Noon & 7:30 pm. \$15. 417-7797; chabadbocabeaches.com

5/18 - Prenatal Breastfeeding Class at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center Classroom B, 800 Meadows Rd. 7:30-9:30 pm. \$40/couple. Registration: 955-4468; brrh.com

Thursday - 5/19 - Tai Chi at Green Cay Nature Center Community Room, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Adults. Every Th 2 pm. \$15. 966-7000; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

5/19 - Chi Kung at Green Cay Nature Center Community Room, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Adults. Every Th 3 pm. \$15. 966-7000; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

MAY 22-28

Wednesday - 5/25 - Gentle Yoga at Green Cay Nature Center Community Room, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Adults. Every W 2 pm. \$15. 966-7000; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

MAY 29-JUNE 4

Wednesday - 6/1 - CPR Class (American Heart Association Heartsaver/AED) at Ocean Rescue Headquarters, 340 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Open to all Delray Beach residents, taught by AHA CPR-certified Ocean Rescue. Topics include activating the emergency response system; adult, child, infant CPR; choking; defibrillation. AHA Heartsaver Certificate by mail upon completion. CPR masks can be purchased for \$5 (recommended). Ages 12 & up. Every 1st W 9 am-12:30 pm. Free. 243-7425; mydelraybeach.com

6/1 - Art Therapy presented by Ali Derer & Michelle Kameron at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Part of First Wednesdays. 11 am-noon. Free. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

Thursday - 6/2 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium at Bethesda Heart Hospital Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. How laparoscopic gastric bypass and lap-band surgery can change lives. First Th 6:30 pm. Free. 737-7733 x84688; publicrelations@BHLnc.org

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Along the Coast

DELRAY'S SAILING BEACH

Catamaran owners say communal feel makes area a special place to hang out

By Willie Howard

The north end of Delray Beach's municipal beach is easy walking distance from the more crowded sections of public beach near Atlantic Avenue.

But culturally speaking, Delray's sailboat beach — marked by dozens of aluminum masts jutting into the sky east of the dune — is a far cry from a typical public beach.

Populated by veteran sailors and their friends who often gather around the row of sailboats parked on the sand, Delray's sailing beach boasts a welcoming, club-like atmosphere featuring impromptu parties, visiting dogs, lounging beach readers and oceanfront nappers.

"With the boats here, it makes it more communal," said Bob Kubin, who can create a shaded gathering spot around his Nacra 17 catamaran in a minutes with the help of a few bungee cords and a tarp. "It's not a bad man cave," he said.

Elias Reynolds has been storing a catamaran and sailing from the north end of Delray Beach for 17 years.

Reynolds said Delray's north beach catamaran owners share parts and help each other, in addition to sailing and sometimes racing together. He's watched kids grow up sailing at the north beach.

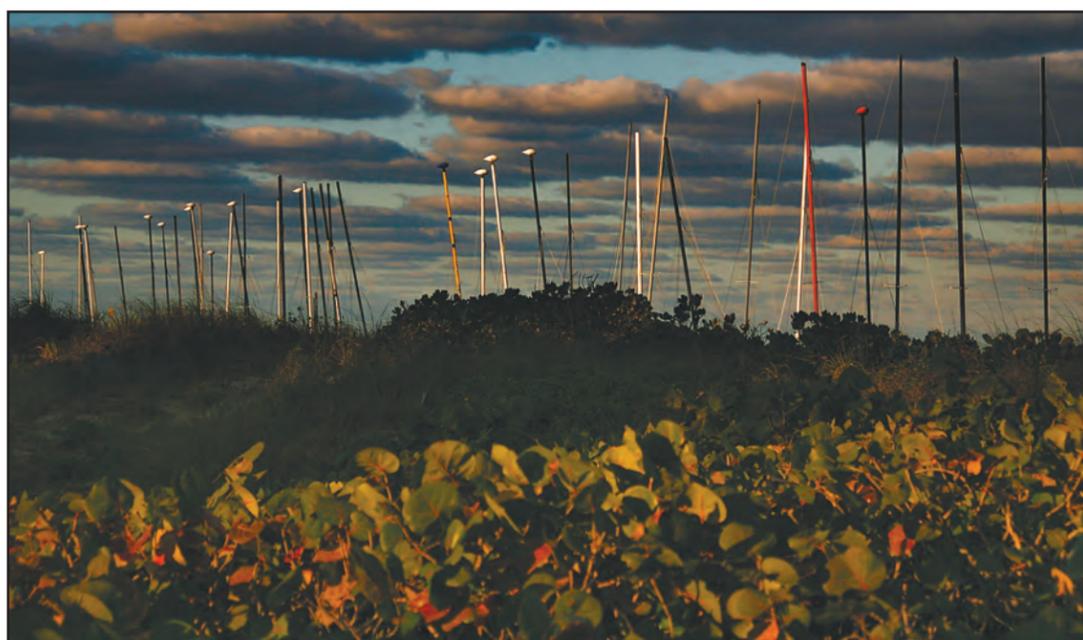
"I've met some great friends here," Reynolds said while relaxing in a beach chair with friend Barbara Myer. "You can go from Key West past Palm Beach and you won't find a place like this."

There's almost always somebody to talk to at the sailing beach. Sometimes, the sailors bring food and drinks and make it a beach party. Yoga classes, Easter sunrise services, weddings — they all happen on the sailing beach, regulars say.

"It's a club without being a club," Myer said. And, in fact, the area is informally known as the Catsailors Yacht Club.

When wind conditions are favorable, shoving a boat from the sand and heading out into the open ocean for a few minutes or a few hours of sailing is always an option.

Maneuvering boats out beyond the breakers can be tricky, but once sails fill with wind and hulls slice through the blue waves, the cat sailors watch the beach grow smaller behind them as they focus on wind, tacks and leaning back to keep their boats from heeling



over too far.

Some north beach sailors troll for fish while they're out on the ocean. Others enjoy sailing alongside curious bottlenose dolphins, sea turtles that surface for air or schools of flying fish that burst out from the ocean's surface and glide over the waves.

Andrew and Fran Montague of Delray Beach enjoy snorkeling and hunting for shells when they're not sailing. (They search for shark's teeth when newly dredged sand hits the beach during beach renourishment projects.)

Unlike stretches of the municipal beach to the south, the north-end sailing beach is not protected by lifeguards. Andrew Montague, a former lifeguard, said he has saved

swimmers who have gotten into trouble off the sailing beach.

Reaching the beach and parking with bags full of sailing gear can be a challenge. Parallel parking costs \$1.50 an hour — if you have plenty of quarters and can find a space.

On the other hand, limited parking keeps the sailing beach from becoming too crowded, as does the lack of a restroom. Beach sailors often rely on friends to drop them off or devise other means of reaching the beach. Jack and Terri Indekeu come by bicycle on weekends and use a trailer to lug their gear.

The sailing beach was created by city officials around 1980. Before then, sailboats could be kept anywhere along Delray's municipal beach, said

Rich Connell, a former Delray Beach lifeguard and Ocean Rescue superintendent who retired in 2005 after 30 years with the city.

Connell said the designated sailboat beach was established after sailboats began to collide with swimmers.

A common sight on the north beach is someone wandering over to ask how much it costs to rent a sailboat. For the record, sailboat rentals are available at the south end of Delray Beach near Casuarina Road and Anchor Park. (Call 279-0008 or go to www.delraybeachwatersports.com.) Even though the north-end sailing beach is generally laid-back, there are rules.

Boat owners must buy \$265 annual permits and affix the



An appropriately named catamaran is prepped for launching.

ABOVE: Delray resident Jack Indekeu takes a nap on his catamaran.

LEFT: The masts of the catamarans stand above the vegetation on the dunes along A1A in northern Delray Beach. **Photos by Tim Stapien/The Coastal Star**

VIDEO: Watch a sailing encounter with dolphins at www.thecoastalstar.com.

sticker permits to the hulls of their boats to secure their places on the sand. (Sixty permits are available, and they were not sold out as of mid-April.)

Sailors must steer clear of swimmers in guarded sections of beach to the south. Boats must be inspected, maintained in usable condition, stored east of the dune and secured so they don't blow around.

When a hurricane warning is issued, sailboats must be removed from the beach. That's when the north-beach sailors come together to move boats in a hurry and lash them down in their owners' yards.

Mat Urrutia keeps his kayak chained to a friend's catamaran on the north beach and enjoys spending his afternoons hanging out with the sailors.

"This is local," Urrutia said. "There's no place I'd rather be."

"This scene ties me to this place." ★

Finding Faith

Motorcycle-riding Lutheran pastor pens his second musical

That very creative Pastor **Andrew Hagen** of **Advent Lutheran Church** in Boca Raton is at it again.

He's written another musical version of a Bible story for his congregation, and he'll perform it with other actors on May 22.

Hagen's first project focused on the Gospel according to Paul. This one, called *In These Last Days*, was written from Peter's perspective.

Hagen, who was born in 1960, has been writing songs since he was a child. He was just the right age when two major Christian musical masterpieces premiered. The first was the 1970 rock opera *Jesus Christ Superstar*, with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. *JCS* was released as an album soundtrack (a vinyl LP) before the show was staged on Broadway in 1971.

The second was the musical *Godspell* by John-Michael Tebelak with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. That opened off Broadway on May 17, 1971, and became one of the most popular shows. Two productions are planned in 2016, in Guatemala City and New Zealand.

Both inspired the kid, but "Godspell was my highest inspiration," Hagen said. "It was the most important, single religious piece of music for me. I love hymns, but *Godspell* was more."



Pastor Andrew Hagen of Advent Lutheran also writes online under the moniker 'The Faster Pastor,' in part because he loves to ride his Harley-Davidson Sportster. **Photo provided**

Hagen's new musical has nine original songs and tells the story of the Pentecost, the important moment when the Holy Spirit appears to the apostles, about seven weeks after Jesus is crucified. It's based on the story as it's told in the Book of Acts, the pastor said.

"As much as possible, I keep the words Biblical, but you do have a certain amount of license." For example, in this story, the composer created a role from Mary Magdalene.

Hagen is a self-described Apple freak, and its user-friendly recording software has enabled him to do things he wouldn't have been able to do 10 years ago.

"God gave us music to use in a lot of ways," he said. "Preaching is two dimensions, but musicals are three-dimensional."

The performance, *In These Last Days: A Musical Worship Experience*, will take place from 8:30 to 10 p.m. May 22 at Advent Lutheran Church, 300 E. Yamato Road, Boca Raton. For more information, call 395-3632 or visit www.adventboca.org.

Bill signing at Zinman Hall

On April 6, Gov. **Rick Scott** ceremonially signed a state bill (SB 86) that prohibits the state Board of Administration from investing in companies that boycott Israel. The signing took

place in **Zinman Hall** at the **Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County**.

Lt. Gov. **Carlos Lopez-Cantera**; **Lior Haiat**, the new consul general of Israel to Florida and Puerto Rico; and federation President and CEO **Matthew C. Levin** spoke.

State Sen. **Joe Negron** and state Rep. **Jared Moskowitz**, who sponsored the bill in the Legislature, also attended.

Car wash can help kids

The **Avenue Church** youth group — called **The Pursuit** — is raising money for its summer mission trip with a car wash from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 7 at Carver Middle School, 101 Barwick Road, Delray Beach.

The Pursuit, for students in grades 6 through 12, meets on Tuesdays at a private home in Delray Beach. For information, call group leader Chad Kelker at 886-8726 or email youth@theavechurch.com. The Avenue Church is at 2455 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Visit www.theavechurch.com.

New rector named

The **Chapel of St. Andrew Episcopal Church** in Boca Raton welcomed the Rev.



Browning

Charles A. Browning II as its new permanent rector on April 12. He's the chapel's third rector. The Right Rev.

Peter Eaton, the fifth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida, presided over the ceremony.

Praised for his passionate preaching style, Browning, a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and Palm Beach Atlantic University, served as assistant rector at **Holy Trinity Episcopal Church** in West

Palm Beach from 2011 to 2013.

The Chapel of St. Andrew Episcopal Church is at 2707 NW 37th St., Boca Raton. For more information, call 210-2700 or visit www.chapelsta.org.

Woman's escape from Iran

Author **Sima Goel** will speak to women about her experiences detailed in her



Goel

book, *Fleeing the Hijab: A Jewish Woman's Escape From Iran*, at **Women's Spring Education**

Day, hosted by the **Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County** on May 10.

Goel's book chronicles her arduous fight for freedom, which began when, as a teenager, she escaped from the oppressive Iranian regime of the Ayatollah Khomeini by crossing the desert into Pakistan. As a homeless refugee, she fought all the way to Canada, where today, Goel is a successful chiropractor who enjoys giving inspirational talks about her life's journey.

Women's Spring Education Day will be from 9:30 a.m. May 10 in Zinman Hall, 9901 Donna Klein Blvd., Boca Raton. Tickets are \$45 and include breakfast (dietary laws observed). Reservations are required to Frannie Watt at 852-6058 or francescaw@bocafed.org.

Janis Fontaine writes about people of faith, their congregations, causes and community events. Contact her at janisfontaine@outlook.com.



Lori Sklar Mitzvah Day

Various South County locations – Feb. 28

Congregation B'nai Israel in Boca Raton had its 23rd annual day of good deeds, including a barbecue at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church to feed people in need. In all, more than 1,000 pounds of clothing, food and toiletries was collected.

RIGHT:

Congregation B'nai Israel committee member Penny Laufer gleans at a farm in Boynton Beach. **Photo provided**



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Religion Calendar

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Sunday - 5/8 - Monthly Spiritual Exploration at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St, Delray Beach. Rev. Linda Hurley. Every Sun through 6/12. 6 pm. Free-will offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

5/8 - Life Teen at St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Comprehensive youth ministry program; dinner included. Every Sun 6:45-8:30 pm. Free. 276-6892 x330; stvincentferrer.com

Monday - 5/9 - Women's Bible Study at Seacrest Presbyterian Church Conference Room, 2703 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every M 10 am. Free. 276-5633; seacrestchurch.com

Tuesday - 5/10 - Lectio Divina (Divine Prayer) at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation, prayer. Every T 9-10 am. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

5/10 - Torah & Tea at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave, Boca Raton. Women's Torah series brings tradition of classical Jewish learning in weekly classes. Every T 9:30-10:30 am. Free. 417-7797; chabadbocabeaches.com

5/10 - Catholic Grandparents Meeting at Ascension Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. All welcome. Second T 10-11:30 am. Free. 289-2640; diocesepb.org

5/10 - M.O.M.S.: Ministry of Mothers Sharing at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Personal and spiritual growth through journaling and sharing; clarify values, claim giftedness, bring new strengths to family relationships and the Christian Community. Every T through 5/3. 6:30 pm. Free. 901-6859; stvincentferrer.com

5/10 - Rector's Bible Study at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every T 10:30 am & Th 7-8:30 pm. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

5/10 - Bible Study at St. Mark Catholic Church, 643 St. Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Every T through 5/31/16. 7-8 pm. \$10/free-will offering for study guide. 736-7812; stmarkboynton.com

Wednesday - 5/11 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church Bible Study at Panera, 1701 S Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. Read, discuss upcoming Lesson and Gospel readings. Every W 8-9 am. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

5/11 - Wonderful Wednesdays at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St, Delray Beach. All ages. Every W 5:45 pm dinner; 6:30 pm program. \$7/adult; \$5/child; \$20/max per family. Reservations: 276-6338; firstdelray.com

5/11 - Rector's Bible Study at St Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every W 6 pm supper (soup and salad, donation requested); 7 pm Bible study (free). 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

Thursday - 5/12 - Prayer Circle at Trinity Lutheran Church Courtyard, 400 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th 8:05 am. 278-1737; trinitydelray.org

Friday - 5/13 - Women's Bible Study Group at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Youth House, 266 NE 2nd St, Boca Raton. Every F 9:15 am. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

Saturday - 5/14 - Month's Mind Requiem Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery Outdoor Chapel, 10941 Southern Blvd, Royal Palm Beach. Feast of prayerful remembrance for departed souls. Second Sat 10 am. Free. 793-0711; diocesepb.org

MAY 15-21

Friday - 5/20 - Parents of St. Gregory's at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Potluck dinner, topic discussion (targeted to young parents with children ages 2-13), group feedback, childcare available. Third F 6-8 pm. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org



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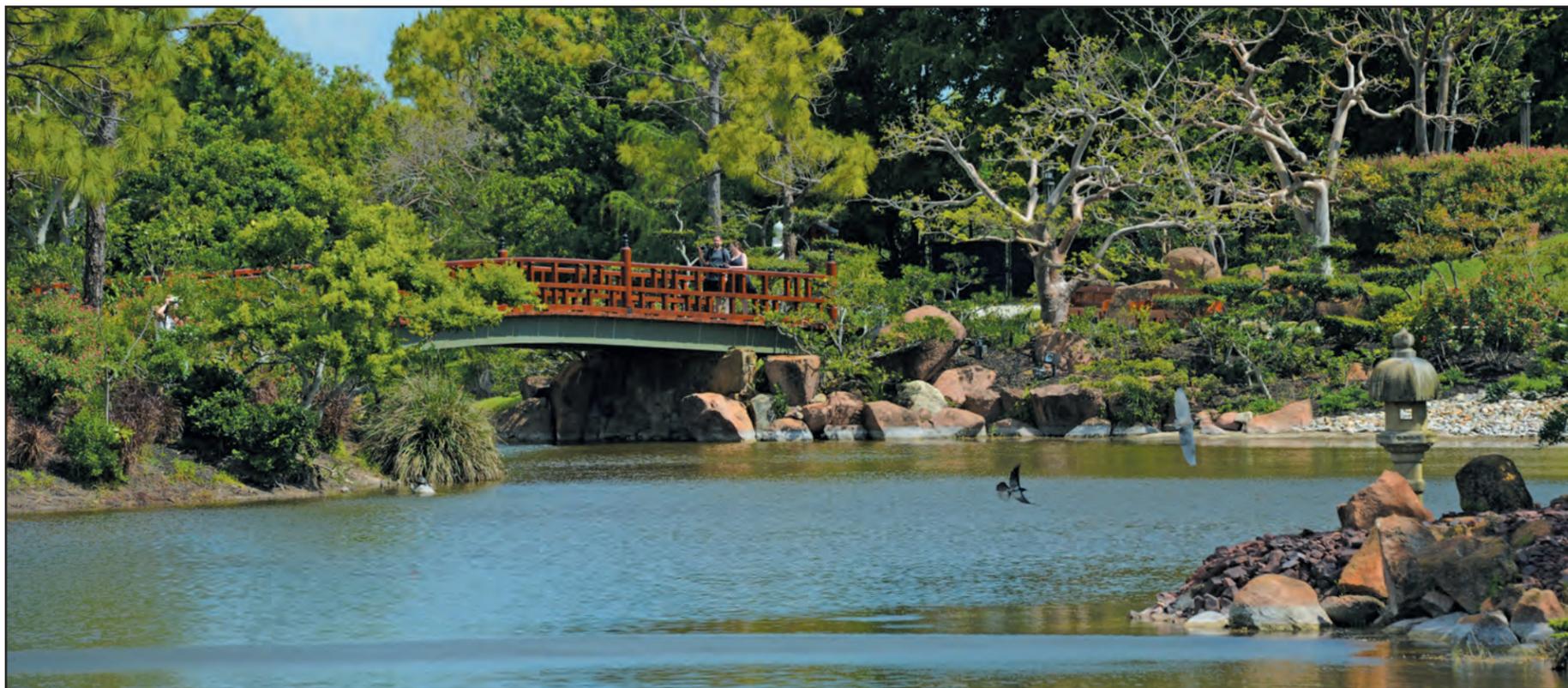
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Informal Japanese gardens from the 9th to 12th centuries featured lakes and islands and were intended to be viewed from a boat. At the Morikami, lush trees and shrubs have been selectively pruned to create the impression you've been transplanted to a historical Japanese garden. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

Secret Gardens

Japanese gardens a delight to the senses — and the sense of wonder

Feel the breeze on your skin, inhale the aroma of bushes and flowers, fill your ears with the gentle sounds of flowing water and singing birds. This is just some of the beauty you'll experience at Morikami Japanese Gardens in Delray Beach.

Sure, the garden has plenty of plants, such as podocarpus, Mexican petunia, ficus, azalea, pentas, slash pine, sable palm, plumbago, as well others less familiar.

But this is not a botanical garden with signs identifying each plant. In fact, the individual plants don't really matter.

"What is important is that you experience how the garden appeals to your senses so that you can be in harmony with nature," says Freya Homer, who is the docent on our walking tour.

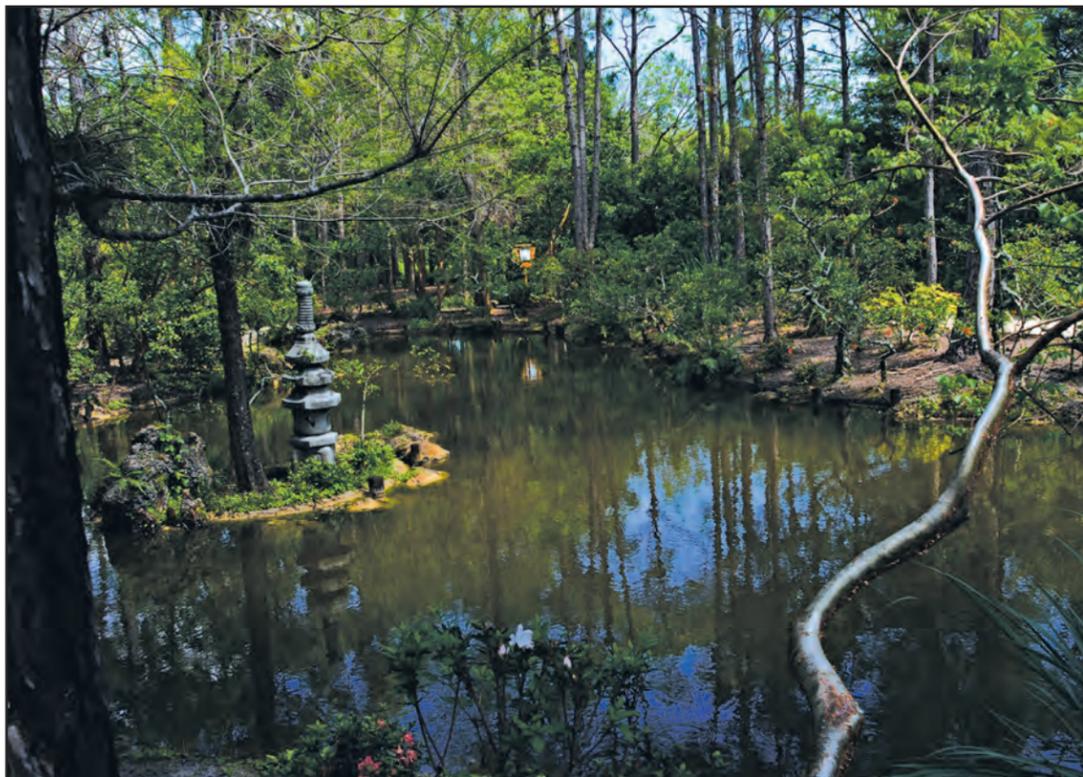
This Japanese garden, which first opened in 1977, was re-envisioned in 1999 by noted Japanese landscape architect Hoichi Kurisu. He was engaged to create "Roji-en: Garden of the Drops of Dew" — described as "a garden complex for the new millennium."

These 16 acres are such a special place that the North American Japanese Garden Association hosted about 150 people here at its March conference focusing on creating "havens for healing."

And no wonder. Just stepping into this garden you can't help but relax and unwind.

Every time you come to the garden, it will look different, because it grows according to the cycles of nature. Sometimes you may see blooms, sometimes trees will wear their finest greenery and sometimes a dry spell may turn things a bit brown.

"It's all about man and nature; nature's beauty and man's skills," says Homer, who



has volunteered here for 22 years.

Gravel trails wend their way through six gardens created by Kurisu. He took his inspiration for each from a different period of Japanese political and cultural history, ranging from the ninth century to the early 20th century.

"The Japanese culture is like a huge jigsaw puzzle. The more you learn, the more you see how all its pieces fit together in one," Homer says.

For example, the Paradise Garden represents the 13th and 14th centuries, which was a time of prolonged civil war in Japan and portrays Kurisu's vision of Buddhist heaven. Set in its own time, it would have served as a place for war-weary samurai to escape combat and center themselves.

Today it is a place for people to contemplate carefully placed rocks and a pond in the shape of the Japanese character representing "heart."

Along the way, you'll also find yourself in more modern gardens such as the



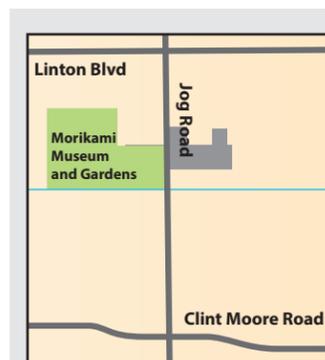
one inspired by life at the beginning of the 18th century, when Tokyo was the largest city in the world with 3 million inhabitants, says Homer. People needed a place to escape but space was at a premium.

This, the Hiraniwa Flat Garden, is designed to fool your eyes. The gravel is raked to make the space look larger and a tall tree adds depth.

The garden designer also uses the element of *shakkei* or

"borrowed scenery," to trick your perception of space. You can see the main Morikami building that is actually a half mile across the lake. But from this vantage point it looks like it's part of this garden, making the space seem grander than it is.

But words are not enough. You will have to visit Morikami to discover these carefully crafted gardens for yourself — where it's not about the plants



If You Go

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach; 495-0233; morikami.org.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Call or visit the website to find out when docent-led tours are scheduled.

Admission: Adults, \$15; seniors, \$13; children 5 and under, free.

ABOVE LEFT: The Paradise Garden is a representation of the Pure land, or Buddhist heaven. Gardens like this were intended to be walked through, not viewed from a boat. Historically this garden design dates from the 13th and 14th centuries.

LEFT: Landscape using well-maintained gravel is a classic Japanese technique from the 17th or 18th century. It is sometimes referred to as borrowed scenery.

per se but the wisdom, beauty and peace you'll discover within.

Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley is a master gardener who can be reached at debhartz@att.net.



What to look for in the Morikami Japanese Gardens

Age: Age is revered in Asia for its stability, endurance and wisdom. That's why you'll find older trees with their gnarled roots and trunks covered with lichens. Also notice the yin and yang of these trees' delicate lacy leaves and sturdy deep roots.

Bamboo: It's an important part of a Japanese garden because it propagates itself and grows quickly. You can hear it rustle in a breeze. When bamboo grows thickly it can actually darken the area; when thinned, it brings in light.

Bridges: The bridges do more than join pieces of land. For example, in the Shinden Garden you'll notice a side-by-side bridge that slows you down so you can't run and miss what the garden designer wants you to see. And, as you go from one part of the bridge to another, you are provided a new perspective on the scene in front of you.

Deer Chaser: Many years ago, someone came up with this ingenious solution for chasing critters from streams. The combination of bamboo "pipes" filling with water and then periodically depositing it into the stream creates a monotonous and repetitive sound that becomes almost hypnotizing. Although Western children viewing a deer chaser often drop pennies into the water thinking it is a wishing well, it is not.

Ferns: They, like humans, have the ability to grow and prosper in dark times.

Rocks: Rocks can survive the elements of nature, an attribute that also is important in man. The samurai would use rocks to barter for goods. And when they received a new rock, they would name it and have a party. Many of the rocks you see at Morikami were brought in 17 rail cars from Texas; others are the limestone rock native to Florida.

Water: Moving water adds life to the garden. When it is still, it can act as a mirror reflecting what's around it. You will notice the water in the lake at Morikami is always moving because of the shape of the islands and the fact it's fed by a sluice. Many of the trees are angled toward the water, providing energy to the landscape and reminding us that we, like trees, need water.

Water Iris: From a bridge in the Shinden Garden (ninth to 12th centuries) you may be lucky enough to see yellow and purple irises growing in the water. The leaves of these water irises each resemble the shape of a samurai's shield. On May 5 of each year, Japanese mothers take the leaves and grind them to put in the bath water of their baby boys. This is to make the youngsters strong and brave like samurai.

Source: Freya Homer, docent at Morikami Museum and professor of Japanese culture at Nova Southeastern University.

If you want to learn more about specific plants used in the garden, resources are available in the Morikami library.



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Garden Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 4/29. Please check with organizers for any changes.

MAY 7

Saturday - 5/7-8 - Connoisseurs Garden Tour presented by Mounts Botanical Garden at 8 exceptional private gardens. A Mother's Day weekend tradition; self-guided tour. Sat 10 am-5 pm; Sun 11 am-4 pm. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Tickets/brochure: 233-1767; mounts.org

MAY 8-14

Wednesday - 5/11 - Delray Beach Orchid Society at Veterans Park Recreation Center, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Every 2nd W 7 pm. Free. 412-6752; delraybeachorchidsociety.com

Thursday - 5/12 - Orchid Society of the Palm Beaches at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Second Th 7:30 pm. Free. 491-8033; orchidsocietyofthepalmbeaches.com

5/12 - Boca Raton Orchid Society at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd. Second Th 7:30 pm. Free. 394-5910; brosonline.org

Saturday - 5/14 - Annual Tropical Fruit Tree & Edible Plant Sale hosted by Palm Beach Chapter of the Rare Fruit Council International, Inc. at South Florida Fairgrounds Agriplex Building, 9067 Southern Blvd, West Palm Beach. Enter through Gate 5. 9 am-2 pm. Free/admission & parking. 855-732-7273; pbrarefruitcouncil.org

5/14 - Annual World Bonsai Day at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami

Park Rd, Delray Beach. Bonsai demonstrations, bonsai clinic, Dr. Ron & Arlene Kessler Bonsai Walk Tours, bonsai shopping, T-shirt sales. 10 am-5 pm. Regular admission: \$15/adult; \$13/senior; \$11/student w/valid ID; \$9/child ages 6-17; free/museum member and child 5 & under. 495-0233; morikami.org

MAY 15-21

Tuesday - 5/17 - 11th Annual Rare & Unique Native Plant Auction at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Special guest presenter Craig Huegel. Silent & live auctions, signed books, garden items/services, more. 7-9 pm. Free. palmbeach.fnpschapter.org

Thursday - 5/19 - Creative Vertical Gardening: Growing Up at Mounts Botanical Garden & Pavilion, 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Presented by Joel Crippen, Mounts Horticulturist & Garden Writer. 5-6:30 pm. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org

MAY 22-28

Sunday - 5/22 - Beautify Your Yard with South Florida Native Plants at Mounts Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall A, 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Presented by Jeff Nurge, Florida Native Gardening & Native Choice Nursery. 10-11:30 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org



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Paws Up for Pets

Prepare to be your furry friend's personal lifeguard at the beach

My dogs, Chipper and Cleo, remind me to never stereotype canines — especially when it comes to water play. Cleo, a 12-pound poodle-terrier mix, and Casey, a 60-pound husky-golden retriever mix, share a love of racing along beach shorelines, swimming in oceans and even coasting to shore on surfboards.

When we pull into a dog-welcoming beach parking lot, I take note of the enhanced excitement they display — at rates far above what they exhibit for daily neighborhood leashed walks or trips to local dog parks.

Got a dog who really digs life at the beach? Who leaps for joy at the opportunity to race into the ocean? Fortunately, Boca Raton is home to the Bark Park Dog Beach at Spanish River Park. The beach in the north end of the park, between lifeguard towers 18 and 20, is designated as the place for canines looking to make a splash.

Also within easy reach is the 2.5-mile stretch of the dog beach in Jupiter at Ocean Cay Park, just north of the Juno Pier.

Here's your chance to be your dog's personal lifeguard by following these safety rules:

• **Sign up for swimming lessons.** Not every dog is a canine version of Michael Phelps. Examples of breeds that may face challenges in learning to swim include barrel-chested



Boca resident Lisa Huffman holds her son Harrison while keeping an eye on her golden doodle and a friend's greyhound at Bark Park Dog Beach. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

dogs (great Danes, German shepherds), short-nosed breeds (pugs, bulldogs) as well as those with short legs and long backs (dachshunds, corgis). Fortunately, there are a number of qualified professional dog trainers in Palm Beach County who offer swim lessons.

• **Fit your dog with floatable safety gear.** Play it safe by fitting your dog with a canine life jacket or other gear that keeps him afloat. I rely on life jackets featuring easy-to-grip handles when Chipper and Cleo want to go surfing. I like the well-designed ones made by EzyDog, Kong and Outward Hound.

Or, to protect your dog from water fatigue, consider a new product called the WaterCollar by Hedz Up Pets. This donut-

shaped, brightly colored item is designed to keep your dog's head above water to minimize the risk of drowning.

• **Protect your dog from the sun's rays.** Before heading to the dog beach, dab canine-safe sunscreen on your dog's tip of the nose, abdomen, legs and ears. Make sure your dog has access to shade.

• **Dodge the double-D dangers.** Bring plenty of bottled water for your dog to drink to stay hydrated. Dogs that swallow salt water are at risk for dehydration and diarrhea (due to salt water pulling fluids into the intestinal tract) and the water can trigger projectile vomiting as well. Before heading home, rinse your dog at the beach shower to remove saltwater from his coat.

If You Go

Since late 2013, water-loving dogs have enjoyed the sand and the calm surf at Bark Park Dog Beach at Spanish River Park at 3001 N. Ocean Blvd. in Boca Raton. The dog section is located on a stretch of beach in the north end of the park between lifeguard towers 18 and 20. To ensure a safe, fun visit, heed these rules:

Respect the hours of operation. Dogs are welcomed Fridays through Sundays from 7 to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to sunset from March to November, and from 3 p.m. to sunset from November to March.

Pay the beach fees. If you live in Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District or city resident, the annual permit fee is \$30 per dog (effective between Oct. 1 to Sept. 30 and not pro-rated). The annual permit fee for nonresidents is \$165 per dog. Single weekend passes are \$10 per dog and are available at the Spanish River gatehouse. Residents must provide a city or county tax bill, utility bill, rental or leash agreement, current Florida driver's license or notarized letter from their condo association.

Pack the permit. You must carry the beach permit and be ready to show it during the beach visit with your dog.

Honor the dog limit. Each person is permitted to bring up to two dogs to the beach. Dogs must be leashed when entering and leaving the dog beach.

For more information, visit www.patchreefspark.org/bark-beach-permits.

• **End the water activity before your dog becomes overtired.** Many dogs are motivated by fetching or so want to please their people that they can be at increased risk for drowning if they play too long and too hard.

• **Be on the lookout for jellyfish.** The tentacles contain toxins. If your dog does get stung, never attempt to remove the tentacles off his body with your bare hands. Instead, wear rubber gloves or scrape off the tentacles using a credit card or large seashell. Then soak the wound in salt water — never drinking water — and use hydrocortisone cream and dog-safe antihistamines. Seek immediate veterinary care.

• **Enroll in a pet first aid class.** Learn how to perform canine CPR and rescue breathing and what to do if your dog is drowning. As founder of Pet First Aid 4U, I incorporate water safety in our classes that feature a real dog

and cat. Knowing what to do — and what not to do — in a pet emergency when minutes count is truly the best way to be your dog's best health ally.

Fortunately, the weather in Palm Beach County is conducive to year-round beach opportunities with your dog. Play it safe — for your dog's sake — and you can make a day at the beach generate lifelong happy memories. Right, Chipper and Cleo?

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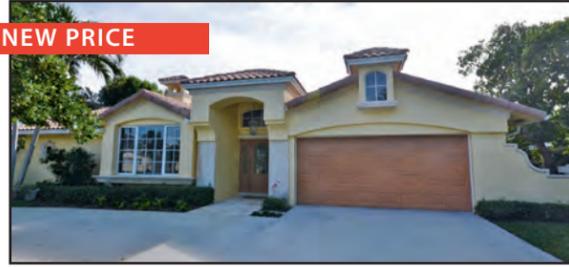


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Enjoy a wonderful Intracoastal view from this immaculate 2 BR, plus den, 2 1/2 BA condominium with a 2 car garage. 9' ceilings, Jerusalem tile floors, plantation shutters, updated baths and many custom upgrades throughout. Oceanfront beach club.

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Marina Village ~ \$359,000

This northwestern corner 3 BR, 2 BA condominium on the 11th floor features a wrap-around balcony and offers preserve, Intracoastal and Ocean views. Impact glass doors and windows, plus ceramic tile floors throughout. Resort style pool, garage parking.

Cheran Marek, 561-870-8855



Palm Trail ~ \$349,900

Rarely available 2 BR, 2 BA second floor end unit is close to the beach and downtown. Ceramic tile floors and plantation shutters throughout, brand new A/C, compressor, refrigerator and washer/dryer.

Vicky Hiering, 561-445-5990



The Grove ~ \$338,000

Updated 1 BR, 1 BA beach condo just one block to the ocean and a half block to Atlantic Avenue. Wood ceilings, neutral tile floors, new bath and kitchen with granite countertops. Great rental property.

Elizabeth Rurey, 561-302-1552



NEW PRICE

Tropic Isle ~ \$335,000

Spacious and renovated 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA two story townhome with a 1 car garage and fenced yard east of Federal Highway in Delray Beach. Wood and marble floors, volume ceilings, fireplace and upgraded kitchen with granite and stainless. No HOA fees.

Elizabeth Rurey, 561-302-1552



East Wind Beach Club ~ From \$300,000

Very desirable location right across the street from the beach and one block to Atlantic Avenue. All units are 1/1 with a porch. 1 first floor unit and 1 second floor (ocean view) are currently available. Rentals through on-site manager.

Elizabeth Rurey, 561-302-1552

NEW LISTING



Tropic Bay ~ \$275,000

Spectacular harbor and marina views with an eastern exposure. Light & bright 2 BR, 2 BA first floor condo ~ step right out to the water! Split bedrooms, ceramic tile floors throughout and updated kitchen. 55+ community with 3 pools!

Jeff Johnson, 561-376-4328



NEW LISTING

Quail Run ~ \$219,900

Well maintained 3 BR, 2 BA coach home with a 1 car garage. This second floor condo features an enclosed porch offering a view of the lake. This Boynton Beach community is pet friendly with a clubhouse, pool and 2 tennis courts.

Linda Welch, 561-951-6422



Seagate of Gulfstream ~ \$159,900

Very desirable 2 BR, 2 BA end unit on the second floor with a garden view. Beautifully updated open kitchen with granite countertops, custom wood cabinetry and built-in bar with wine cooler. Clubhouse and two pools on the Intracoastal.

Jeff Johnson, 561-376-4328

On the Water

Got a question about local fishing regulations? There's an app for that

Remember the correct slot size limit, bag limit and open seasons for snook?

What about the bag limit for pompano or the minimum sizes for mutton, yellowtail and vermilion snapper? Can you keep bonefish or a tarpon?

Not sure? You're not alone.

Florida has way too many saltwater fishing regulations to memorize — and they change based on the angler's location.

Different regulations apply in federal waters (more than three miles off Florida's east coast) and in the Gulf of Mexico than in state waters along the east coast.

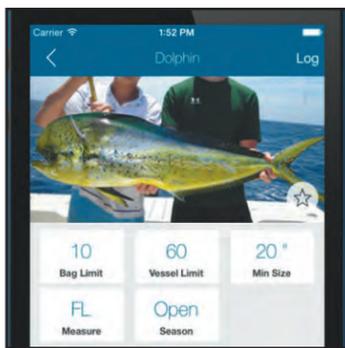
Three different bag limits (number of fish anglers are allowed to keep per day) apply for spotted sea trout, depending on which part of Florida you're fishing in.

In the old days, anglers carried crumpled fishing regulation brochures in plastic bags that eventually succumbed to the sun and salt water.

Now there's a simple way to keep fishing regulations at your fingertips: the Fish Rules app for smartphones.

Fish Rules is free. And it's "smart."

The app uses your smartphone's GPS and calendar to show the regulations that apply based on the date and your location. (Users who lose their signals can manually set



The Fish Rules app is location-specific and works on either an Android or an iPhone.

their locations to show which regulations apply.)

The location system in Fish Rules is so sensitive that an angler could stand on the Atlantic Ocean side of a bridge in the Florida Keys and see the Atlantic fishing regulations, then walk across the bridge to the Gulf side and get the Gulf of Mexico regulations, said Albrey Arrington, a Jupiter fisheries scientist who developed Fish Rules with app architect Rick Blalock.

"The fact that regulations are sorted by your location is the most awesome feature of the app," Arrington said. "Few people understand all the location complexities of fish regulations in Florida."

A note to users: Location services must be enabled for the app to take into account the angler's location. Those who choose to set their



Team GAFR shows off the 35.8-pound bull dolphin, at left, that won heaviest dolphin in the April 23 Boynton Beach Firefighters Fishing Tournament. From left are GAFR team members Keith Bach, Greg Schatz, Chris Cooney, Brandon Thomasson and Tim Thomasson. **Willie Howard/The Coastal Star**

locations manually should do so using the map or their GPS coordinates, Arrington said.

Fish Rules made its debut in 2012 and has since been upgraded to include saltwater fishing regulations for the Atlantic and Gulf coasts from Maine to Texas — plus the Bahamas. The app updates itself every time it is opened.

Fish Rules works on iPhone or Android platforms. It's available in the app store or through the company's website, www.fishrulesapp.com.

Anglers can browse saltwater

regulations on the website.

There's also a Fish Rules app page on Facebook for those who enjoy viewing or posting fishing and boating photos.

Arrington said Fish Rules operates on a small amount of advertising revenue along with grant money from the Fish Florida (sailfish) license tag, from the Bahamas Reef Environmental Education Foundation and from NOAA Fisheries.

"We want people to understand and abide by fishing regulations," Arrington said.

The diver who checks in the most lionfish between May 14 and Sept. 30 will be crowned Florida's Lionfish King (or Queen), will receive a lifetime saltwater fishing license and will have his or her photo featured on the cover of the January 2017 saltwater fishing regulations brochure.

For details about lionfish and the Lionfish Removal and Awareness Day Festival set for May 14-15 in Pensacola, go to www.myfwc.com/lionfish.

Delray fishing exhibit set to open June 17

Fish Tales!, the Delray Beach Historical Society's fishing history exhibit, is scheduled to open with a kickoff party set for the evening of June 17.

The opening party will feature food and music and will be held on the grounds of the historical society at 3 NE First St. in Delray Beach.

The historical society still is looking for fishing photos, newspaper clippings, trophy fish mounts and fishing memorabilia (especially from the Delray Beach area) for the Fish Tales! exhibit.

Anyone with something to be considered for the fishing history exhibit should call the historical society at 274-9578 or email archive@delraybeachhistory.org.

May 13 is the deadline for submissions.

Boynton Firefighters event

Kingfish dominated the weigh-in scales during the April 23 Boynton Beach Firefighters Fishing Tournament & Firehouse Chili Cookoff, but anglers also managed to catch a few nice-sized dolphin and small wahoo.

Alex Burgess of Lake Worth and his team on Seapremacy boated the heaviest fish of the 122-boat tournament — a 53.4-pound kingfish — by slow-trolling live bait in 145 feet off Juno Beach.

Burgess said he and team members Mike Wood and Jim Wood also caught 25- and

FWC incentives encourage divers to take lionfish

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission approved incentives in April that encourage divers to harvest more lionfish — the non-native fish with venomous spines that eats native fish, steals their food and is taking over Florida fish habitat.

Divers will be able to harvest an additional lobster each day during the two-day spiny lobster sport season — if they qualify by first documenting the harvest of 50 or more lionfish.

Divers can qualify for the extra mini-season lobsters by taking at least 50 lionfish between Lionfish Removal and Awareness Day (May 14) and the mini lobster season, set for July 27-28 this year.

If they remove 50 or more lionfish between May 14 and Sept. 30, divers will each receive a commemorative coin and T-shirt, be featured in the FWC's Lionfish Hall of Fame (on the FWC's website) and be entered into drawings for prizes such as fishing licenses, lionfish harvesting gear, fuel cards and tank refills.

Lionfish harvests must be documented through an FWC-approved process, such as a lionfish derby or an approved check-in station.

The FWC is working to establish lionfish check-in stations before May 14. Check-in stations will be listed on the website.



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Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 4/29. Please check with organizers for any changes.

MAY 7

Saturday - 5/7 - Audubon Society of the Everglades Bird Walk at Spanish River Park, A1A & Spanish River Boulevard, Boca Raton. 8 am. Free. 385-9787; auduboneverglades.org
5/7 - Sand Sifters Beach Clean Up at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Meet at pavilion in lower parking lot. Held again 6/4. 8-10:15 am. Free. jefflev02@gmail.com
5/7 - Boardwalk Tours at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Docent-guided tour of wetlands. All ages. W 9 am, 1 & 3 pm; Th 9 & 10:30 am; Sat 9 & 11 am. Free. 966-7000; pbcgov.com/parks/nature
5/7 - Outdoor Marine Aquarium Feedings at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Mangrove and nearshore reef aquariums daily M-Sat 10:30 am; tropical coral reef and shipwreck aquariums 12:30 pm. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

MAY 8-14

Tuesday - 5/10-11 - A Walk On The Ashley Trail at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided walk along 1/4-mile natural trail winds through the butterfly garden, coastal hammock, mangroves to a sandy beach by the Intracoastal. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Every T&W 11 am-12:30 am. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org
Wednesday - 5/11 - 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. Learn about seashells and the animals that make them. Caravan to Red Reef Park, 1400 N State Rd A1A, to search for ocean treasures. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 5/25. 3-4:30 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member.

Reservations & pre-payment required: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org
Saturday - 5/14 - Sail Inn Tavern KDW (Kingfish, Dolphin, Wahoo) 7th Annual Charity Fishing Tournament ends in weigh-in at Boynton Beach Harbor Marina fuel dock, 735 Casa Loma Blvd. Benefits Hospice of Palm Beach County. No minimum/maximum boat size. Inlet of your choice (no Bahamas fishing). All anglers must have valid fishing license. 6:30 am lines in; 3 pm lines out: 1-3 pm weigh-in. Captains meeting 5/12 5-8 pm at Sail Inn, 657 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. \$225/boat (up to 4 anglers). 703-1907; sailinnkdw.com
5/14 - Birds & Breakfast at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Coffee, refreshments, one-hour walking tour with a naturalist. Ages 9+. 9 am. \$3. Reservations required: 966-7000; pbcgov.com/nature
5/14 - Seining the Lagoon at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Explore 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 water shoes only. Ages 10 to adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 5/28. 9:30-11:30 am. \$7/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations & pre-payment required: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org
5/14 - Naturalist Program: Amazing Adaptations at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. All ages. 10:30 am. \$3. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature
5/14 - Audubon Society of the Everglades Bird Photo Walk: Baby Birds at Wakodahatchee Wetlands, 13206 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. 5:30 pm. Free. 385-9787; auduboneverglades.org
5/14-15 - 22nd Annual Lantana Fishing Derby - One of Lantana's biggest events benefiting local charities and organizations.

Over \$10,000 in prizes. 5/12: 6 pm Captain's Party at Lantana Recreation Center (418 S. Dixie Hwy.); 5/14: Derby Day - 7 am lines in, weigh-in by 3:30 pm at Old Key Lime House Dock; and Kids' Derby, 9 am-noon at Bicentennial Park, 312 E. Ocean Ave., Lantana. 5/15: BBQ & Awards Banquet, 11:30 am-4 pm, \$15, Lantana Recreation Center. Entry fee \$200/advance, \$250/at event. 585-8664; lantanafishingderby.com

MAY 22-28

Tuesday - 5/24 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N Federal Hwy. Join other fishermen to discuss hot topics and learn new tricks of the trade. Every 4th T 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5638; boynton-beach.org
Thursday - 5/26 - The Night Stalkers at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, 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. 7:30 pm. \$5/person. Reservations required: 966-7000; pbcgov.com/nature
Friday - 5/27 - Night Hike at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Walk through the wetlands, call for owls, shine for gators! Bring bug spray, flashlight. All ages. 8 pm. \$5. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature
Saturday - 5/28 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-10:30 am. 369-5501; seaangels.org
5/28 - Naturalist Program: Birding 101 at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. All ages. 10:30 am. \$3. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

MAY 29-JUNE 4

Saturday - 6/4 - Sand Sifters Beach Clean Up at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Meet at pavilion in lower parking lot. Held again 6/4. 8-10:15 am. Free. jefflev02@gmail.com

40-pound kingfish before the really big kingfish hit a live goggle-eye around 12:30 p.m. to win his team \$1,500.

"This time of year, there are a lot of big kingfish around," Burgess said, noting that his team had to put its time in to catch a fish over 50 pounds. "It's just a waiting game."

Tournament veteran Bill Wummer and his team on Spiced Rum III placed a close second in the kingfish category with a 49.9-pound kingfish, caught on a slow-trolled blue runner in the same area Burgess was fishing off Juno Beach.

The kingfish bite was so strong in the firefighters' tournament that it took a kingfish over 40 pounds to win money and earn a spot on the scoreboard.

Keith Bach, fishing with team GAFR, caught a 35.8-pound dolphin (mahi mahi) in 850 feet of water off Lake Worth to win the dolphin category.

The GAFR team stopped near a patch of floating Sargassum and pitched out a jig to catch a smaller cow, or female, dolphin.

When the big bull dolphin followed the cow to the boat, Bach pitched a live goggle-eye out, hooked up and fought the fish for 25 minutes before it was close enough to gaff.

Wahoo brought to the scales were small. The winning 'hoo, caught by team Double Ds, weighed only 17.4 pounds.

Coming events

May 7: Basic boating safety class offered by Coast Guard Auxiliary in Boca Raton. Class is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the headquarters building at

Spanish River Park, 3939 N. Ocean Blvd. Fee: \$35. Register at the door. Bring lunch. 391-3600 or email fso-pe@cgauxboca.org.

May 7: Grand Slam KDW fishing tournament, Riverwalk Events Plaza, Jupiter. Captain's meeting and kickoff party 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 6 at Riverwalk Events Plaza, 25 S. Coastal Way, Jupiter. Entry fee: \$250 per boat. 847-2090 or www.fishgrandslamkdw.com.

May 14: Lantana Fishing Derby for kingfish, dolphin and wahoo. Captain's meeting 6 p.m. May 12 at Lantana Recreation Center, 418 S. Dixie Highway. Weigh-in at the Old Key Lime House in Lantana. Awards party 11:30 a.m. May 15 at recreation center. Entry fee: \$250 per boat. 585-8664 or www.lantanafishingderby.com.

May 14: Sail Inn Tavern KDW fishing tournament for kingfish, dolphin and wahoo. Captain's meeting 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 12 at Sail Inn, 657 George Bush Blvd., Delray Beach. Weigh-in at Boynton Harbor Marina. Entry fee: \$225 per boat. 703-1907 or www.sailinnkdw.com.

May 14: Palm Beach Paddlefest featuring exhibits and demonstrations of paddleboards and kayaks, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Currie Park, 2400 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. Paddle race. Guided kayak tours. Live music. Food, drinks and paddling apparel for sale. Free admission. 863-0012 or www.palmbeachpaddlefest.com.

May 21: Downtown Showdown KDW fishing tournament for kingfish, dolphin and wahoo. Captain's

meeting 6-10 p.m. May 19 at West Palm Beach waterfront, 101 S. Flagler Drive. Weigh-in at West Palm Beach waterfront docks. Entry fee: \$250. 248-1439 or www.downtownshowdownkdw.com.

May 28: Coast Guard Auxiliary offers basic boating safety class, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park, 2010 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Fee: \$40. Register at the door. Call 334-2429.

Tip of the month

National Safe Boating Week is held in May every year to remind boaters to check their boats' safety gear and review their boating skills.

Basic gear includes: a Coast Guard-approved life jacket of the correct size for each person onboard; a fire extinguisher; emergency flares; a sound-producing device (horn or whistle); running lights in working order; and a throwable flotation device.

On May 21-22, the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 54 will conduct free vessel safety checks at the Sportsman's Park boat ramps in Lantana and the Harvey E. Oyer Jr. boat ramps in Boynton Beach. (Call Bruce Parmentt at 818-7905.) The flotilla also will man a safety table set up at the West Marine store, 2275 S. Federal Highway in Delray Beach.



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Tots & Teens

Parents get a starring role in Sea Star school

By Janis Fontaine

Sea Star Initiative, a private school that follows the structure, philosophies and curriculum established by German educator Rudolf Steiner, is tucked away in central Boca Raton. About 75 children attend the Waldorf school, which emphasizes the role of the imagination in learning. Teachers use art, music and expressive movement to enhance teaching.

The goals sound modern. “We are preparing children to be conceptual thinkers whose self-understanding, compassion, expressiveness and creative problem-solving skills equip them to take on life to its fullest potential while providing an antidote to violence, alienation and cynicism,” according to the school’s website, www.whywaldorfworks.org.

The school’s fresh focus is catching on. Waldorf is among the fastest-growing independent school movements in the world, with more than 1,000 schools in more than 60 countries. New schools are opening all the time, driven by parental demand.

Sea Star was founded in 2006 by local parents who wanted to provide a holistic education for their children. Waldorf schools are not directed by a principal or headmaster, but rather by two main groups: the teachers and the parental board of trustees. At Sea Star, the board has eight members; six are parents and two are teachers.

Administrator Vera Swift said Waldorf schools have been popular in Silicon Valley and New York City for years, but are just now catching on in Florida. Because the schools are governed by parents, they must have parents who are deeply committed to the program and willing to serve on the board.



Colleen Paul-Hus, 32, of Gulf Stream, joined the board in January. Her four children attend Sea Star.

“My role is development liaison, and I am on the site committee to help find a permanent home for our school,” she said. The school is leasing its current location.

But Paul-Hus is also a sort of self-appointed PR rep for Sea Star. She loves to tell anyone who is interested about the school. “I truly enjoy standing up and speaking to everyone



about how Waldorf education has impacted our family life.”

In April, she and her husband, Richard, hosted a farm-to-table dinner for more than 50 parents and friends of the Sea Star Initiative. She invited 10 local farmers to meet parents and teachers before serving them a gourmet meal prepared by celebrity chef Cindy Barbieri, the author of *Paleo Italian Cooking* and a frequent guest on *The Dr. Oz Show*.

Paul-Hus is a “clean food” supporter who grows much of

TOP LEFT and RIGHT: Colleen Paul-Hus addresses a small educational farm-to-table gathering at her home in Gulf Stream. **LEFT:** Max, one of the four children in the household, interacts with neighbor Brenda Medore.

Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

Want to check out the school?

Sea Star Initiative is hosting its annual May Faire from 10:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 7 at the school, 251 SW Fourth Ave., Boca Raton. A traditional May pole dance and other children’s springtime activities are planned.

Recognizing and celebrating the changing seasons is an important tenet of the school. A favorite school quote is from *Festivals*, an essay by Marilyn Pelme: “Through various festivals and rituals we acknowledge and celebrate our connection to and our responsibility toward each other and the world.”

For more information: 452-3618 or seastarinitiative.com

the family’s food in the home garden she started when she was pregnant with Max, their first child. Now their little garden produces so much, Paul-Hus donates it to the school to sell at the weekly bake sale. They also have about 50 fruit-bearing trees, six chickens, and an indoor beehive, specially built so kids can observe the progress of worker bees.

Crops include Okinawan and malabar spinach, hoja santa (a Mexican herb), strawberries, golden berries, tomatoes, pigeon pea, sweet potatoes, peppers, rosemary, tarragon, mint, comfrey and marigolds.

“We also have two papaya trees, 10 mango trees, two fig trees, and more than 30 sea grape trees,” she said. “Did you know you can eat sea grapes? We make jam from the grapes.

“I also have a soursop tree, two miracle fruit trees, six banana trees, passion fruit and many native plants around the pool.”

The Waldorf curriculum embraces gardening and growing your own food, as part of being self-sufficient.

Swift, who has been at the school for 10 years, says she discovered Steiner’s philosophy about 30 years ago when someone asked her to translate a document from German to Portuguese.

“It was a revelation,” she

said. “I started looking into it and it changed the way I looked at education.” The biggest difference, she said, is that “there is a joy in learning here that is absent in many schools.”

Keeping kids engaged is not the challenge. Because the curriculum is focused on the student and individualized, doing what engages the student becomes the goal. The school provides the access and structure the child needs to explore his or her curiosity in a variety of ways.

“We are able to keep that love and joy of education and the kids do well as a result,” Swift said. “I feel bad when I hear about a child who doesn’t like school.”

Classes are small — there are only 75 students in the whole school, early childhood through eighth grade. Teachers are top-shelf. Most teachers have graduate degrees and special training in the Waldorf methods.

Paul-Hus says she’s constantly surprised by the questions her children ask her. Lincoln recently asked, “Mom, why are we here?”

That kind of thinking, she says, is inspired and encouraged by the Waldorf system.

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Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 4/29. Please check with organizers for any changes.

MAY 7

Saturday - 5/7 - 6th Annual Amazing Mom & Son Challenge at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Teams perform assigned tasks at designated locations; first team in each age division to cross finish line wins; lunch/prizes follow. All ages. 8:30 am check-in; 9:15/9:30/9:45 am races start. \$15/adult (age 18+); \$8/teen-child (age 17 yrs & younger). 243-7277; beardsleyd@mydelraybeach.com

5/7 - Little Wonders: Sea Turtles Part 1 - Nesting at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Hike, crafts, stories. Ages 3-4. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

5/7 - Palm Beach County Spring Kids Expo at Box Expo Center, 2223 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd, West Palm Beach. Learn about important community resources, win door prizes, meet sponsors and vendors. Bounce house, face painting, popular costume characters, more. 10 am-4 pm. Free. 813-463-2712; sunshinefamilyexpos.com

5/7 - Waves Surf Academy Surf Event at Delray Beach across from Anchor Park, 340 S Ocean Blvd. Ages 5 & up. 10 am-noon. Free. 843-0481; wavessurfacademy.com

5/7 - Youth Tennis: Sized Just Right For Kids at Tennis Center, 3111 S Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Every Sat through 5/28. Age 5-6 9-9:45 am \$40-\$50; age 7-15 10-11 am \$48-\$60. 742-6575; Boynton-beach.org

5/7 - Drop-in Craft at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Ages 3 & up. Every Sat 10:30-11:30 am. Free w/paid museum admission: \$5/adult & child; \$4.50/senior. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

5/7 - Imagination Playground Open Play Session at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 2-11. Every Sat 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Free/member; \$5/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

5/7 - All Art Class at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 2-9. Every Th 3-3:45 pm & Sat 10:30-11:30 am. Free/member; \$5/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

5/7 - Group Swim Lessons at John Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Levels I, II & III. Ages 3 & older; children must be potty trained. Every Sat through 5/28. 10:30 & 11:15 am. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 742-6645; boynton-beach.org

5/7 - Family Studio at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Children w/adult partner tour the current special exhibition, then create their own artwork. Ages 5-12 w/parents. Every Sat 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$1/child materials fee payable at the door. 832-5196 x1196; norton.org

5/7 - Park Playdate at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Trail, Boca Raton. Get info about upcoming programs and enjoy free kid's activities. 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 347-3900; SugarSandPark.org

5/7 - Play Outdoors Unplugged Series: Mother's Day Tea at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Daughters honor moms, enjoy tea together. Tea, soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres; each mother receives a rose. 11 am-1 pm. Registration deadline 5/1: \$8/person. 742-6640; boynton-beach.org

5/7 - Nature Detectives at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. New mystery each month. Ages 5-7 with an adult. Every 1st Sat 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

5/7 - Science Stories at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science inspired stories. Ages 5 & up. Every Sat 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

5/7 - Story Time at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Stories, songs, fingerplays parents and children enjoy together. All ages. Every Sat noon; T 11:30 am; W-F 11-11:15 am. Free w/museum admission: \$5/person. 368-6875; cmboca.org

5/7 - Art-E-Ology: Treasures for Mother's Day at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Learn about a master artist on exhibit, have the opportunity to create a masterpiece in the style of the selected artist. Grades 3-5. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/child; free/member. Reservations required: 392-2500 x106; bocamuseum.org

5/7 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Dolce at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog Dolce. Grades K-5. Every Sat through 5/28. 1:30-2:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Celebrate both Mother's Day and Children's Day (May 5th in Japan) with a craft activity. Noon-3 pm. Free w/paid admission: \$15/adult; \$13/senior; \$11/student w/valid ID; \$9/child ages 6-17; free/museum member and child 5 under. 495-0233, ext. 237; morikami.org

Monday - 5/9 - Early Afternoon Explorers: Earthworks at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 6-9: 1-2 pm; ages 10-12: 2-3 pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

5/9 - Family Date Afternoon: Board Games at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All ages. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

5/9 - Kids Activity Lab at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Board and video games using Wii, Wii U, PS3 or Xbox 360, or make wearable art with Rainbow Looms. Grades K-5. Held again 5/16. 4:30-5:30 pm. 742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

5/9 - No Filter Teen Group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Keep it real with Mr. Irijah; talk about issues that matter to you and your friends. Topics/activities change each week; snacks served. Grades 8-12. Held again 5/16 & 23. 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

5/9 - Delray Divas Step Teams at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Organized, structured step team performs at local events and statewide competitions. Program reinforces role of youth as positive members of the community. Grades K-12. Every M&W 6-8:30 pm. Monthly: \$30/resident; \$40/non-resident. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.org

5/9 - Fencing/Epee Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Fun, exciting introduction to fencing; learn fencing skills, forge new friendships, have a blast. Beginners M&F 7-8:15 pm \$90-\$112.50/monthly; Intermediate/Advanced M/W/F 7-10 pm \$135-\$168.75/monthly. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

Tuesday - 5/10 - Baby Storytime at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Stories, rhymes, sing songs promote early literacy and development; meet other babies and parents. Ages birth-2 years. Held again 5/24. 10-11 am. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

5/10 - Tots in Motion at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 1-3. Every T 10-10:30 am. Per session: \$10/family; \$5/member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

5/10 - Sensational 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, props. Every T 10:30-11:15 am. Free w/paid museum admission: \$5/children & adult; \$4.50/senior. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

5/10 - Inspiration Station at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 3 & up. T/W/Th 11:30 am-12:15 pm; Sat 3-3:45 pm. Per session: \$5/family; \$3/member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

5/10 - Little Hands, Big Art at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Create art from murals to clay formation. Ages 2-4. Every T 11:30 am. \$3/museum member; \$4/non-member + admission. Register in advance:

742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

5/10 - Adobe Photoshop Basics 2 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 8+. Held again 5/24 & 31. 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 544-8578; bocalibrary.org

5/10 - Photoshop Project: Photo Collage at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 8+. Held again 5/24. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 544-8578; bocalibrary.org

5/10 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Stella at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog Stella. Grades K-5. Every T 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

5/10 - Adobe Photoshop Basics 1 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 8+. Held again 11 am-12:30 pm 5/17. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 544-8578; bocalibrary.org

5/10 - Teen Crafternoon: May Flowers at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Make flower hair clips and pins in honor of May flowers and Hawaiian culture. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

5/10 - Dangerous by Shannon Hale - Part of Teen Book Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 13-17. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Wednesday - 5/11 - Kindermusik with Miss Cathy at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children learn by singing, playing instruments, dancing. Materials fee paid to instructor. Every W through 6/15. Ages 0-16 mos 9:30-10:15 am; 15 mos-2.5 yrs 10:30-11:15 am; 2.5-4 yrs 11:30-12:15 pm. \$120/resident; \$150/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

5/11 - Mommy & Me at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 1-2. Every W 10-10:45 am. Per session: \$10/family; \$5/members. 368-6875; cmboca.org

5/11 - Family Fun: Mommy & Me Kamishibai Story Telling at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Hear the reading of a Japanese kamishibai folk story. Different story each month. 10:30 am. Free w/paid admission: \$15/adult; \$13/senior; \$9/child ages 6-17 & student w/valid ID; free/museum member and child 5 & under. 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

5/11 - Family Storytime at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Ages infants to 5 yrs. Held again 5/18 & 25. 10-11 am. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

5/11 - Sensational 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, props. Ages 2-4. Every W 2-2:45 pm. Free w/paid museum admission: \$5/child & adult; \$4.50/senior. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

5/11 - Lil' Explorers: Super Sensory Messy Play at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Explore, develop important readiness skills. Ages 2-5. Every W 3-3:45 pm. Per class: \$3/member; \$4/non-member + admission: \$5/child & adult; \$4.50/senior. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

5/11 - Jr. Shark Biologist at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Ages 5-12. Every W through 6/29. 3:15 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

5/11 - Teen Gaming at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Video games

use Wii, PS3, Xbox 360. Grades 6-12. Held again 5/18 & 25. 5:30-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Thursday - 5/12 - Kindermusik with Miss Cathy at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children learn by singing, playing instruments, and dancing. Materials fee paid to the instructor. Every Th through 6/16. Ages 0-16 mos 9:30-10:15 am; 15 mos-2.5 yrs 10:30-11:15 am; 2.5-4 yrs 11:30-12:15 pm. \$120/resident; \$150/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

5/12 - Little Artists at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Ages 2-5. 10-11 am. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

5/12 - Drop-In Story Time at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children of all ages; 8 & younger must be accompanied by an adult. Every Th 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

5/12 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Nigel at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog Nigel. Grades K-5. Every Th through 5/26. 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

5/12 - Knitting Club at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 7 to adult. Every Th 3:30-4:30 pm. Free w/museum admission: \$5/person. 368-6875; cmboca.org

5/12 - 3D Printing Project: Tinker Toys at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Basic 3D design principles. Ages 8 to adult. Held again 5/19 (6-7:30 pm) & 5/26. 3-4:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/12 - Make and Take: May Flowers at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Learn a new crafting skill or bring a favorite activity to work on and share. Grades K-5. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

5/12 - 3D Printing Fundamentals at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Basic 3D design principles. Design your own 3D object using easy-to-use modeling software. This is a prerequisite for 3D Printing Open Design Lab. Ages 8 to adult. Held again 5/19 (3-4:30 pm) & 5/26. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

5/12-13 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Karate and blend of other combat martial arts. Ages 9 to adult. Every Th&F 6-7 pm. Per month: \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident; + one-time \$25 uniform fee. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

Friday - 5/13 - Fabulous Fun Fridays at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Ages 3-7. Held again 5/27. 10:30-11:15 am. \$3/member; \$4/non-member + admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

5/13 - Sensory Art for Tots at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 1-4 w/parent or caregiver. Every F 11:30 am & 3 pm. Per session: \$10/family; \$5/member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

5/13 - Friday Night at the Museum at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. A night out without your parents! Wear comfy clothes, hang out in the Explorium after hours, watch a movie, do a fun experiment. Ages 7-12. 6-9:30 pm. \$20/resident; \$25/non-residents 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

5/13 - Unity Dance Team at Pompey Park,

1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Enhances balance, provides exercise, teaches how to gracefully dance and execute interpretive movement. Ages 7-15. Every F 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.co

Saturday - 5/14 - Palm Beach County Ocean Rescue 2016 Junior Lifeguard Program Swim Test at Aqua Crest Pool, 2503 Seacrest Blvd, Delray Beach. Swim test required to register for Junior Lifeguard Program; must be able to swim 100 yds. Ages 9-16. 7:30 am. Free. 629-8773; skaes@pbcgov.org

5/14 - Palm Beaches Mini Maker Faire at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. 10 am-4 pm. Free w/admission. 832-1988; sfscenter.org

5/14 - Pajama Jams Story Time with Miss Mij at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Stories, fingerplays, poems, songs, props, puppets. Ages 18 mo-2 yrs 10-10:45 am; 3-4 yrs 11 am-noon. \$5/drop in (includes one carousel token/paid child). 347-3900; SugarSandPark.org

5/14 - Seedlings Preschool Open House at Sunflower Creative Arts, 227 N Dixie Blvd, Delray Beach. Play-based learning environment nurtures imagination, science and nature exploration, arts expression and literacy. Enroll now for Fall 2016. 10-11 am. Free. RSVP: 501-6615; sunflowercreativearts.org/preschool

5/14 - USA Netball Association at Pompey Park Recreation Center, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Fast, skillful team game based on running, jumping, throwing, catching. Females ages 6 & up. Every 2nd & 4th Sat 6-8 pm. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

MAY 15-21

Sunday - 5/15 - Patriotic Collages at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Part of ARTful Adventure Sunday series. Art workshops or live performances: interactive opportunity to learn, create, enjoy the arts. Family fare. 2-3 pm. Free w/museum admission: \$12/adult, \$10/senior, free/member, student w/ID and child 12 & under. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

Tuesday - 5/17 - Mother Nature & Me: Cats in Hats at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Experience exciting nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Ages 2-5 (w/guardian). 10:30 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

5/17 - Photoshop Project: Photo Restoration at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 8+. Held again 5/31. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 544-8578; bocalibrary.org

5/17 - Adobe Photoshop Basics 2 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 8+. Held again 5/24 & 31. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 544-8578; bocalibrary.org

5/17 - Group Swim Lessons at John Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Children must be potty trained. Ages 3 & older. Every T/Th through 6/2. Level III 4-4:30 pm; Levels I & II 4:30-5pm & 5-5:30pm. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 742-6645; boynton-beach.org

Wednesday - 5/18 - Group Swim Lessons at John Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Children must be potty trained. Ages 3 & older. W/F through 6/3. Level III 4-4:30 pm; Levels I & II 4:30-5pm & 5-5:30pm. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 742-6645; boynton-beach.org

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MAY 8-14

Sunday - 5/8 - Family Fun: Mom & Kids' Craft at Morikami Museum and Japanese

5/18 - Tween Wacky Wednesdays: Sundae Sundae! at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 9-11. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Thursday - 5/19 - Pop-in and Play at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Toddler toys, play tunnel, oversized Legos. Ages 2-5. 10-11 am. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

5/19 - Lego Club at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Monthly build challenge or free build. Grades K-6. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

5/19 - Make it @ Your Library: Sundae, Sundae! at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Grades 6-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Friday - 5/20 - Youth Field Trip to Strikes @ Boca from Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St, Delray Beach. Bring snack and food money. Park staff provides supervision and transportation. Signed permission slip required. Ages 6-15. 5-7 pm. Free. 243-7194; lawsonemyldeybeach.com

5/20 - Beginner Piano at Patch Reef Park Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Hal Leonard EZ Play Today method using the book *60 Favorite Songs to Play with 3 Chords*. Every F through 7/1. Children ages 6 & up. 5-6:30 pm; adults 6:30-7:30 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

5/20 - Eyes to the Skies with the professional-grade 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Informal event held in the parking lot (weather permitting). Telescope is out for at least one

hour after scheduled start time; stars must be visible for telescope to align. Ages 8+ (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). 8:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

Saturday - 5/21 - COBRA Youth Flag Football Registration at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Season runs 10 weeks from mid-Aug to Oct. Ages 6-12. 9 am. \$105-\$115/resident, \$160-\$170/non-resident. 347-3916; sugarsandpark.org/cobra

5/21 - COBRA Tee-Ball Baseball Registration at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Season runs 10 weeks from mid-Aug to Oct. 9 am. Ages 4-5. \$105-\$115/resident, \$160-\$170/non-resident. 347-3916; sugarsandpark.org/cobra

5/21 - Splash & Dash at The Swim Center, 21626 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Swim and run followed by open swimming. Shoes required for run portion of the race. Ages 5-12. 9:30 am check-in; 10 am races begin. Per race: \$12/resident; \$15/non-resident. 544-8540; ci.boca-raton.fl.us/rec/pools

5/21 - Play Outdoors Unplugged Series: Family Fun Fest at Wilson Park, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Kids, bring your parents and friends for a morning of games, Karate demos with Sensi Juan Fernandez, crafts with Macaroni Kids! 10-11:30 am. Free. 742-6640; boynton-beach.org

5/21 - Intermediate Archery at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. USA Archery certified instructor. Must have previously taken Archery 101 course at Green Cay. This 2-hour program will start with an indoor demonstration followed by outdoor target practice. Equipment provided, wear closed-toe shoes, bring sunscreen. Ages 8 & up.

Band Aid Drive

Saint Joseph's Episcopal School, Boynton Beach – March 18



Fifth-graders concluded a schoolwide collection drive to support the Alliance for Kids at Palm Beach Children's Hospital at St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach. Boxes of bandages were gathered and donated to children in need. In all, 481 boxes — a total of 12,083 bandages — were donated. ABOVE: (l-r) Lacey Kennemer, 11; Laine Phipps, 10; teacher Lina Lacy; and Morgan Gallagher, 10. Photo provided

10 am. \$10/person per session. Reservations: 966-7000; pbcparcs.com/nature

5/21 - Especially for Kids at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Family night for kids with special needs and abilities, features exclusive access to park amenities including carousel rides and Children's Science Explorium, plus dancing, glitter tattoos, art activities, reception, exhibitors, more. Music & sound modifications, quiet room, limited registrations. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. Pre-registration required: 347-3916; sugarsandpark.org/especially-for-kids

5/21-22 - Science Demonstrations at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science inspired stories. Ages 5 and up. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

MAY 22-28

Sunday - 5/22 - Sunday Movie: Minions (PG) at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am; 2 pm sensory-friendly show. \$1 admission includes popcorn/beverage. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

5/22 - Recycling Artists at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Make art with recycled materials, found objects in nature. Ages 5-9. 1-2 pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

Monday - 5/23 - FSA Relief Party at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Celebrate the end of FSA testing! Grades 2-6. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

Wednesday - 5/25 - Duct Tape Wallets at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Learn a new crafting skill or bring a favorite activity to work on and share. Grades 3-7. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

Thursday - 5/26 - Teen Book Discussion Group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

5/26 - DIY Art Projects: Paint the Walls of the Reynolds Classroom! at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Families participate in self-guided gallery activity, then visit the Atrium for a related DIY Art Project. Ages 5-15+. 6-8 pm. Free w/ admission: \$12/adult; \$5/ages 13-21; free/under age 13 & museum member. 832-5196;

norton.org

Friday - 5/27 - Spring Into Science Night At The Museum at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Science crafts, activities, entertainment, exhibits, planetarium shows, a chance to view the night sky. 6-9 pm. \$13.95/adult; \$11.95/senior; \$9.95/child (3-12); \$6/adult member; free/child member & kids under 3. 832-1988; sfsiencecenter.org

Saturday - 5/28 - Lil Sluggers Baseball at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Specially designed to introduce children to baseball. Every Sat through 7/23. Ages 4-5 9-9:45 am; Age 3 10-10:45 am; Age 2 11-11:45 am. \$144/resident; \$180/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

5/28 - Story & Craft Time at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Discover nature through crafts and stories about animals and other nature-related themes! Ages 4-10. 10 am. \$2. Reservations required: 966-7000; pbcparcs.com/nature

5/28 - Soccer Shots at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Every Sat through 7/30 (no class 6/11 & 7/16). Ages 2-3 12:30-1 pm; ages 4-5 1:15-2 pm. \$112/resident; \$140/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

MAY 29-JUNE 4

Monday - 5/30 - School's Out Workshop: Fashion, Sewing & Design at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 8-16. 10:30 am-3 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

Wednesday - 6/1 - Group Swim Lessons at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton. Level 1, 2, 3 & 4. Every W/F through 6/24. 3, 4 & 4:30 pm. Per session: \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 393-7851; ci.boca-raton.fl.us/rec/pools

6/1 - Art and Clay for Children Class at Patch Reef Park Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Develop fine motor skills, creativity, focus, attention to detail. All supplies included. Ages 5-11. Every W through 6/22. 5:30-6:30 pm. \$120/resident; \$150/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

Thursday - 6/2 - Hack Shack Tech Club: Mindstorms at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Explore science/technology in a new way, experiment with computer programming, design video

games. Grades 5-8. First Th 5-7 pm. \$15/member; \$20/non-member. Limited space, advance registration suggested: 832-2026; sfsiencecenter.org

6/2 - Taylored Athletes Elite Training Basketball Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. High-quality instruction to aspiring young professional athletes. Ages 9-14. Every Th through 6/23. 5:30-6:30 pm. \$100/resident; \$125/non-resident. 347-3950; tayloredathletes.com

6/2 - Futsal (indoor soccer) at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Demands quick reflexes, fast thinking, pinpoint passing. Every Th through 6/30. Ages 4-8 6:30-7:30 pm; ages 9-14 7:30-8:30. \$50/resident; \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3916; sugarsandpark.org

Friday - 6/3 - Taylored Athletes Basketball Fundamentals Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. High-quality instruction to aspiring young professional athletes. Ages 5-8. Every F through 6/24. 5:30-6:30 pm. \$100/resident; \$125/non-resident. 347-3950; tayloredathletes.com

6/3 - Parents Night Out: Marine Madness! at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Hands-on science experiments, science-related craft, exploration of Science Center and Aquarium, pizza dinner, full-dome planetarium show. Ages 4-12. 6-10 pm. \$35/child; \$25/each additional child. 832-2026; sfsiencecenter.org

Saturday - 6/4 - Little Wonders: Beach Treasures at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Hike, crafts, stories. Ages 3-4. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

6/4 - Whales, Magic and Cheese... Oh My! presented by Fantasy Theatre Factory at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Rated G. 11 am & 1 pm. \$7/adult; \$5/12 & under. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

6/4 - Art-E-Ology: Charles McGill: Constructions at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Learn about a master artist on exhibit, have the opportunity to create a masterpiece in the style of the selected artist. Grades 3-5. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/child; free/member. Reservations required: 392-2500 x106; bocamuseum.org

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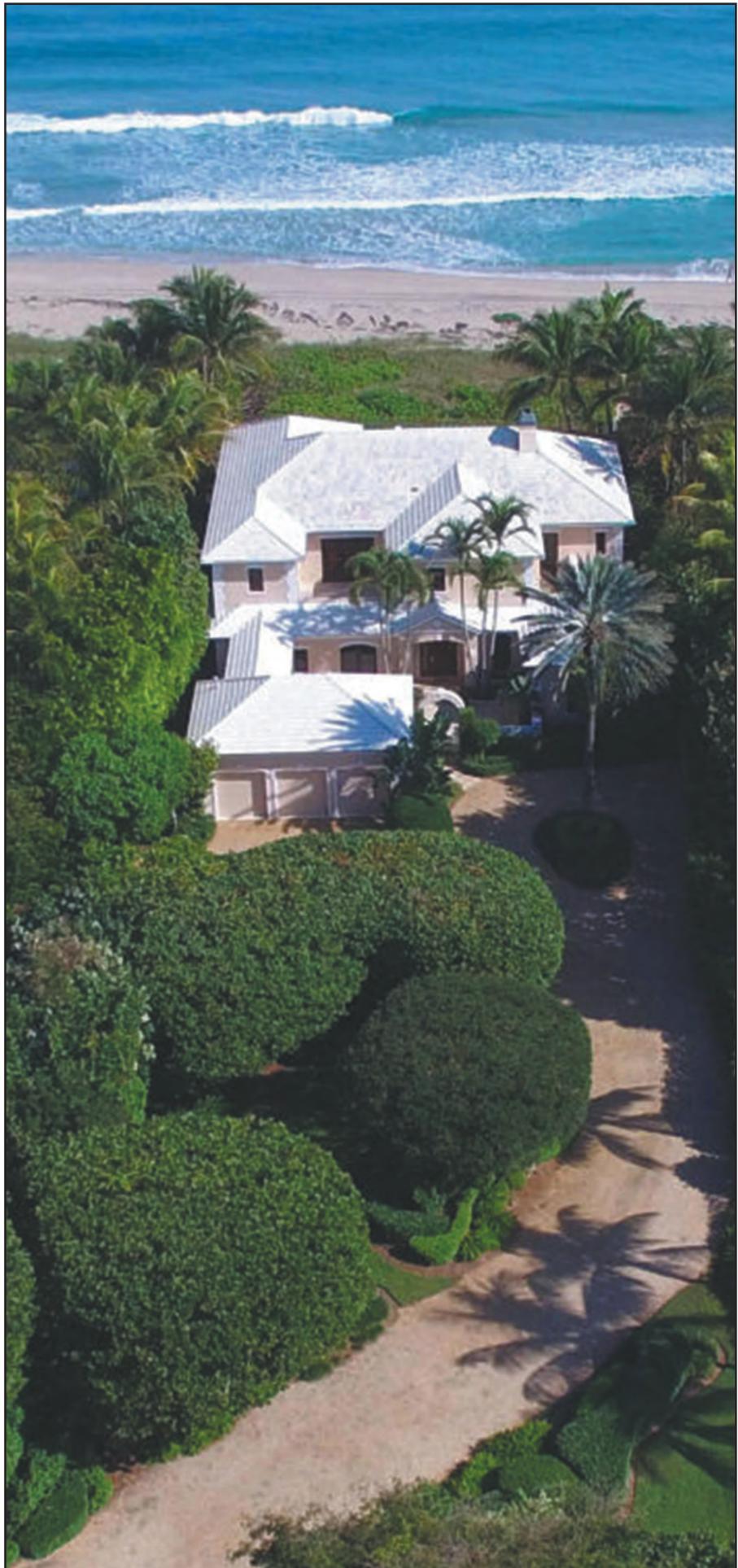
Ideally situated on almost an acre of the Estate section of the town of Gulf Stream, this house is hidden behind a private gate and secluded by lush tropical landscaping. A winding drive leads you to the motor court with three-car garage and elegant courtyard entry of this grand Bahama-style home.

A two-story foyer with soaring spiral stairway awaits you at the entrance and then expands to a light-filled living room with high coffered ceiling, hardwood floors, a gas fireplace and a wall of French doors that beckon you to the oceanfront lanai, sparkling pool and terraced lawns beyond.

Other open concept living spaces are delineated with fluted columns, floating walls and elegantly arched mahogany French doors and windows. The kitchen, private office, an *en suite* guest bedroom and two powder rooms complete the first floor.

The second floor, accessed by the stairway, has the master suite and private covered balcony with sun deck and luxurious master bath. Two additional guest rooms with *en suite* baths, a separate exercise room and laundry round out the upstairs amenities of the property.

\$14,750,000. Call Mary Windle, Lang Realty, 561-271-5900. marybethwindle@gmail.com www.marywindle.com



With 100 feet of ocean frontage and oceanfront-to-A1A depth, this home has more than 9,000 square feet, with room for expansion.



French doors beckon visitors to the beach beyond from the living room of this house, which also has a fireplace.



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Gulf Stream with Private Tennis Court - Beautifully remodeled 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath main house. Serene back yard with nearly 1 acre of lush landscaping, complete with a heated pool & a personal tennis court. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath guest house. \$1,450,000



Villas of Ocean Crest - Largest townhome in this Oceanside enclave and just yards away from your private beach. Open gourmet kitchen is ideal for entertaining. Spacious out door living area, heated pool and spa. All pets welcome! \$1,299,000



The Villas of Ocean Ridge - Stunning direct Ocean and pool views from this spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath remodeled condo. Generous living area opens up to a large balcony. Garage parking within the building. Bring your small pet. \$899,000



Delray Ocean Access - Terrific 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath with deep water canal. Expansive open floor plan, wood flooring, custom kitchen, crown moldings and impact glass. 3 lots off Intracoastal and minutes to downtown Delray. \$749,000

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READY TO SELL!



Living Legend in Delray - 1937 one-of-a-kind cottage in the beach area! Lovingly restored over the years. 5 bedroom, 5.5 bath + den / study. Spacious rooms, ageless details, lush tropical gardens and pool. One block to beach and Atlantic Avenue. \$2,195,000

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Ocean Ridge Waterway - Gracious luxury estate home located on 100 ft of protected dockage. Tremendous gourmet kitchen. Master suite overlooks waterway. Lavish pool and entertainment area. Easy beach access. Best priced opportunity in Ocean Ridge. \$2,050,000

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