

Holidays



Holidays, with all the trimmings

Roberto Bentez and Roberto Baster, Meisner Electric employees, use a cherry picker to construct the 100-foot Christmas tree at Old School Square on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach. Building the tree is a month-long community event that brings together all types of workers and volunteers. The volunteers check all 15,000 LED light bulbs, fluff over 3,000 branches and attach them to the tree. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**



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Feds give cities leeway to decide sober home sites

As Delray Beach begins ordinance changes, others in area plan to stand pat

By Jane Smith

The U.S. Cavalry arrived last month in the form of a 20-page federal joint statement on sober homes, delivered by U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel.

She hoped beleaguered cities in her district and around the country would use the legal guidance to help protect their neighborhoods from over-saturation of the homes while safeguarding the rights of people in recovery.

So far, only Delray Beach among south county's four large coastal municipalities will use the statement when revising its reasonable accommodation ordinance. The local statute covers group recovery homes.

"The city will be able to say how many is too many in one neighborhood," Mayor Cary Glickstein said at the Nov. 10 announcement. Previously, cities had to accept group recovery homes wherever they wanted to be.

Now cities can consider two issues when deciding whether to grant a waiver and allow more than three unrelated people to live together. The municipalities can weigh the financial impact group homes have on single-family neighborhoods as

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South Palm Beach

Friends on self-appointed mission to keep town's beach clean

By Ron Hayes

Oh, those early morning walks on the beach. Is there any better way to greet a day?

That cool, silver sand between your toes. Salty breeze stirring the dune grass. Golden sun twinkling off the ocean's foam.

The shampoo bottles, the candy wrappers, the hypodermic needles.

"You wouldn't believe how much crap there is down there," says Dennis Aten.

"Would you believe toothbrushes?" asks Mike Felice.

Aten and Felice are both 66, both retired, both friends and neighbors in the 3500 S. Ocean condo at South Palm Beach's northern line.

You'll meet them on your morning walk, plastic bags and EZ Reach pincer poles in hand, picking up those bottles, wrappers and hypodermic needles all the way south to the

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Mike Felice fills a trash bag with debris as Dennis Aten picks up a flip-flop on the beach. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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Kelly Sellers and Katie Morris, the editor's nieces, make their grandmother's family cookie recipe in the early 1990s. **Family photo**

Editor's Note

Wishing you joys of seasons past and present

December sets me thinking about the sweet smells from my mom's kitchen on chilly Midwest winter days. Mom really didn't like to cook, she told me in her later years, but with six kids and a husband, it went with the job. So she tied on the apron and stirred up dinner — no grumbling.

One kitchen activity she did enjoy was Christmas baking. She had cookie recipes passed down from her mother and grandmother (Irish and German) that she made with love and remembrance. She savored having her kids all around her in the kitchen, helping spread the icing and toss the sprinkles.

It was a holiday ritual that I remember fondly.

Now that mom is gone and our families have scattered around the country, making or inheriting new holiday rituals, my husband and I often find ourselves on our own, eager to mix memories of the past with experiences of today.

His family is Catholic, mine is Protestant and with

friends from numerous faiths (or of no faith) and cultures, the holidays are often a colorful confetti mix of foods and activities. We've seen or done everything from Hanukkah lights to midnight Mass; from roast pork to the feast of the seven fishes; from candlelight caroling to long walks on the beach at sunrise.

All are part of some family's tradition and all are worth experiencing, sharing and celebrating.

I have sampled foods from other cultures, cradled babies that do not look like me and observed the prayers of others. Each of these experiences has made my life richer.

So, from all of us at *The Coastal Star*, we wish you a December filled with fond tradition, a wealth of new experiences and at least one cookie passed down from a

recipe written long ago and frosted with love.

— Mary Kate Leming,
Editor



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Harry Adwar volunteers at the Caring Kitchen, a hot-meal program in Delray Beach. He does cooking, cleaning and raises money for the organization. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Volunteer recalls the hungry child inside the successful man

By Rich Pollack

Harry Adwar knows what it's like to go to bed hungry.

A successful business owner who now lives in Highland Beach several months of the year, Adwar was the 10th of 14 children raised by a mother who struggled to keep the family fed after her husband died.

"I know what it's like to have to go to sleep with an empty belly," he says.

Because of his background, it's not surprising to find Adwar, 80, at the Caring Kitchen — a hot-meal food program in Delray Beach — every Monday doing just about anything that's needed.

It also comes as no surprise that Adwar was a star with children at the Caring Kitchen's annual holiday party last month, when he helped them with crafts.

"Harry is so willing, ready and able to do whatever needs to be done," says April Hazamy, program director and client advocate for CROS Ministries, which operates the Caring Kitchen. "He's a very hard worker and he's always happy. The joy of being around him is just very catching."

A volunteer at the Caring Kitchen for six years, Adwar doesn't see any task as beneath him.

"I'm a worker, it makes no difference to me what I have to

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do," he says. "I cook, I clean, I do everything."

His efforts go beyond what's expected.

A member of a local country club, Adwar goes over there every Sunday to pick up fruits and other breakfast foods to hand out to Caring Kitchen clients soon after he arrives at 8 a.m. Monday.

He also organizes canned-food and clothing drives for the Caring Kitchen at his Boca Highland community, where he serves as vice president of both the umbrella association and of his building, Braemar Isle.

In addition, he frequently puts together events to raise money for the Caring Kitchen as well as for some of its homeless clients.

"My car is always full when I go over there," he said, adding that he and his wife of 58 years, Judith, also lend financial support to several organizations.

Adwar is active in his synagogue in Boca Raton and in the town of Highland Beach. On Dec. 5, he will lead the lighting of the menorah during the town's annual Light Up the Holidays celebration.

Along with his work at the Caring Kitchen, Adwar volunteers with a similar, but larger, program on Long Island when he's up north for four months of the year.

"I think I owe some of the wealth that I have gained to the poor and underprivileged," he said. "I feel that I'm giving back."

As a child, Adwar helped his mother pay for groceries while the family lived on Manhattan's Lower East Side. He and his two brothers would shine shoes for 5 cents, taking turns bringing in customers, taking the money and doing the shining.

"If we made \$3, that was a lot of money for my mother," he said.

To pay the bills Adwar's mother worked three jobs. She resisted taking government assistance.

"My mother would never do that," he says.

As he got older, Adwar worked with a brother's foundry and then started his own business, manufacturing and wholesaling jewelry.

Throughout his success, Adwar has remembered his roots and makes it a point to treat everyone, including homeless people, with respect.

"I never look at them as if they're below me," he says. "I see them as equals who didn't have the luck that I had." ★

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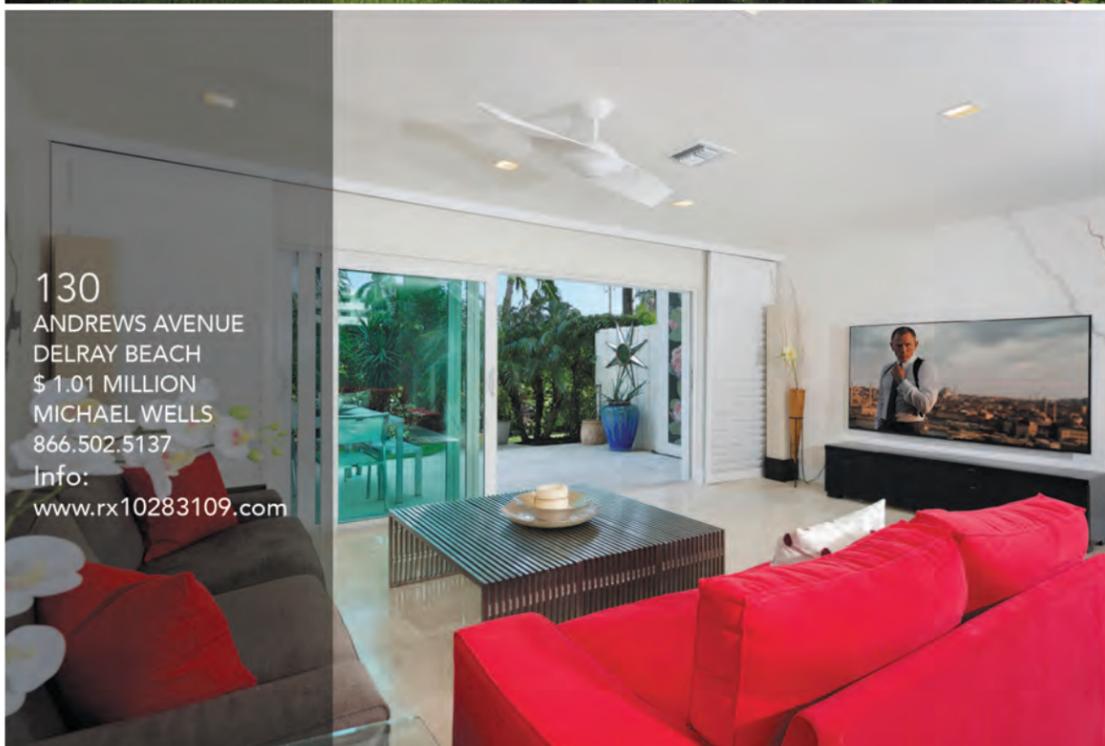
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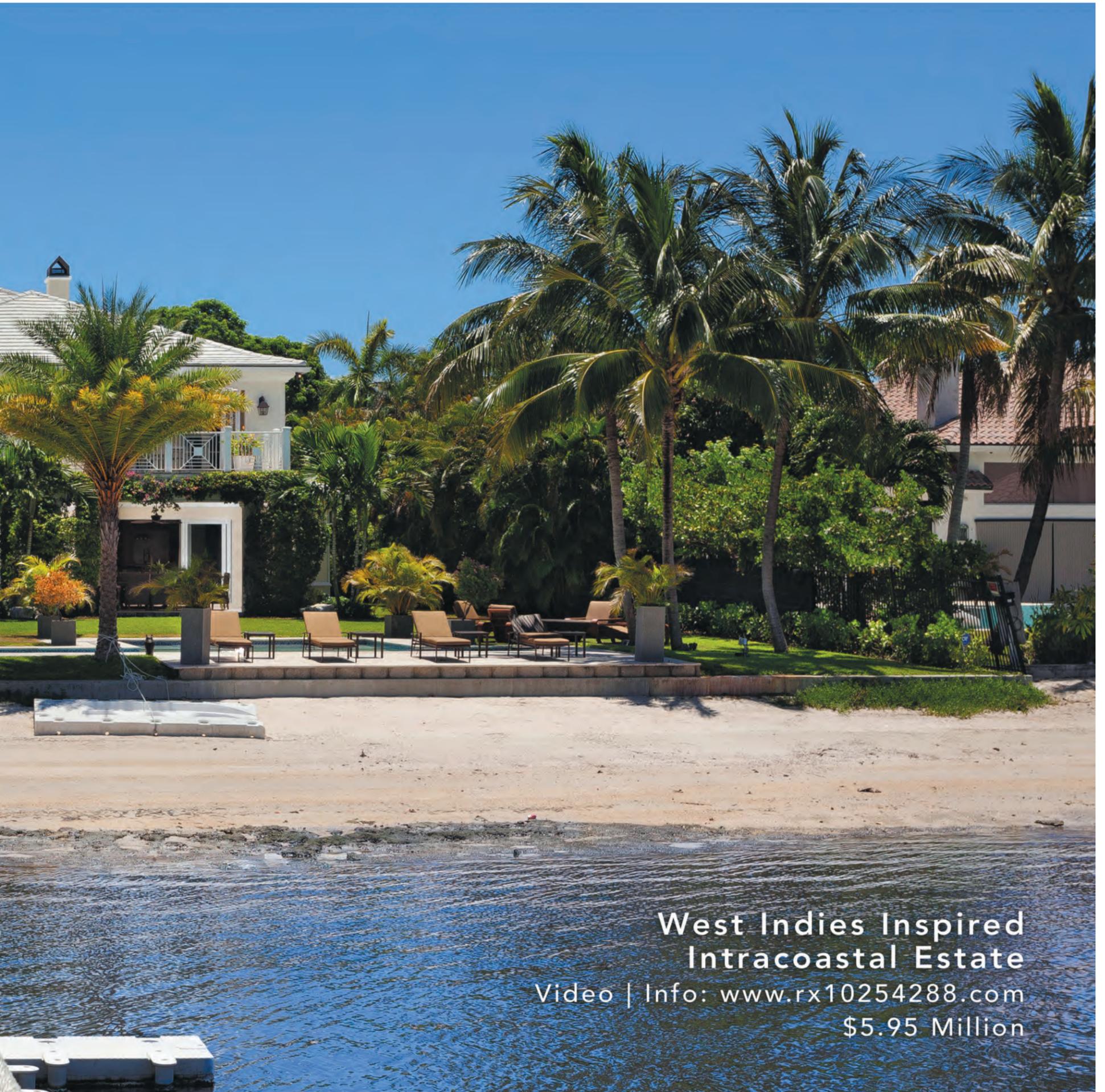
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Delray Beach

Tie votes delay decision on vacant commission seat

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach city commissioners tried to fill a vacant commission seat temporarily, but they remained tied after three votes. They will try again at the Dec. 6 meeting to select a commissioner to serve until the March elections.

The seat was held by Vice Mayor Al Jacquet, who resigned to run for an open state House seat, which he won in the general election. Jacquet chose the latest date possible, Nov. 8, to give up his commission seat.



Jacquet

Ten people had wanted to fill his place. The commission narrowed the field to two minority candidates in mid-November but could not decide between them.

“For the optics on the board, we need a minority,” Mayor Cary Glickstein said in explaining why he voted for Yvonne Odom. A longtime resident and retired educator, she is still involved with youth sports teams. Glickstein said she was “dedicated to this town.”

The other candidate, Josh Smith, was supported by Commissioner Mitch Katz. A longtime resident, Smith is a retired teacher, administrator and a coach. He ran unsuccessfully for a commission seat in 2015, when his signs and the mayor’s dominated the landscape. “He knows this community like the back of his hand,” said Katz.

Four others of the original 10 were: Carol Anderson, a retired attorney and a self-described public policy nerd who joined a group that promotes walking and cycling safety; Jim Chard, Harvard-educated volunteer-around-town who serves on a city board, a task force and a steering committee along with running a nonprofit group dedicated to making the city pedestrian and bike friendly; Connor Lynch, a city native, son of a mayor and a third-generation executive of a family-run business who has served on two city boards and chaired both; and Ken MacNamee, a retired chief financial officer who also is a CPA, a seasonal resident and a frequent email sender whose complaints led the city to reopen a no-bid contract, resulting in millions of dollars saved.

The remaining four were: Christina Morrison, a commercial Realtor who has served as an interim city commissioner, had an unsuccessful run in 2015 and serves on various city and county boards; Otis Payne, a minority businessman who has participated in community meetings for the past 15 years and volunteers with youth-



Odom



Smith

oriented groups; Daniel Rose, a lawyer who serves on the city Community Redevelopment Agency board and is a vocal critic of poorly run sober homes; and Paul Schmitt, a manufacturer’s rep who moved to the city in 1982 and plans to run for a commission seat in March.

Vice Mayor Jordana Jarjura, who moved up from deputy vice mayor after Jacquet left, voted for Chard in the first round. Commissioner Shelly Petrolia and Katz voted for Smith.

In the second round, the commissioners could choose only from the three. Chard was eliminated and there was a tied vote on Odom and Smith. The next round also ended in a tie.

If, after 60 days since the vacancy, they are still deadlocked, the city could hold an election to fill the seat. It would have to be without any help, City Attorney Max Lohman said. The county supervisor of elections said she did not have time to hold an election before March.

The commission did agree to appoint Katz as deputy vice mayor, although Jarjura wanted to wait until the vacant seat was filled.

“That might not happen before March,” Glickstein said. ★

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Acting city manager post to be filled by recruitment

By Jane Smith

A traditional recruiting firm will present at least three choices for the Delray Beach City Commission to interview in December for the acting city manager position, which will be open next year.

City Manager Don Cooper, who started with Delray Beach in January 2015, announced his resignation in late October. He will stay through Dec. 30. He said family medical issues would not allow him to devote his full attention to the job.

At its second November meeting, the City Commission agreed to pay \$9,000 to the Colin Baenziger & Associates recruiting firm, based in Daytona Beach Shores. The recruiter will forward at least three choices, likely retired city managers or people who were once city managers and want

to get back to working for a government, Cooper said.

"We need someone to keep the trains running on time," Mayor Cary Glickstein said.

Neither of the assistant city managers — Francine Ramaglia and Dale Sugerman — was interested in filling in for him, Cooper told the commission on Nov. 1. Since then, Cooper said one had expressed interest with three conditions: receiving Cooper's salary, getting 21 weeks of severance if let go and returning to the previous position after the permanent city manager arrives.

Cooper said, "It's a challenging place to serve."

The City Commission is a "very volatile board," said Commissioner Mitch Katz. "We need to help get [the assistant city manager] through that time by keeping our concerns as private as possible."

But the mayor didn't agree with that characterization.

"I've never seen a city where there is clinical agreement and kumbaya with every vote," Glickstein said. "It's a challenging situation" trying to get agreement from commissioners who are coming and going and have other full-time jobs.

Cooper agreed and said, "No city manager expects kumbaya."

He also talked about two department heads who had approached him about filling in as the acting city manager. But he didn't recommend doing so because they are leading important departments that already have a lot to do.

"Plus, it would create friction with the other department heads," said Glickstein, who also said he appreciated them for offering to fill a void. ★

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City employees' ethics infractions addressed

By Jane Smith

Two city employees received "letters of instruction" recently from the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics. Another Delray Beach employee's case was too unclear for the commission to make a ruling.

City firefighter Joseph Lang had a side business that supplied automated external defibrillators to the city's Fire-Rescue Department.

He told investigators that one of the fire chiefs asked whether his company could supply the devices to the city. He said he completed a form and that the Finance Department and fire command approved it.

Even so, the city forbids its employees from entering into contracts with it. Because of the statute of limitations, investigators were able to go back only two years from the receipt of the complaint. For the period that began Jan. 1, 2013, and ended Dec. 31, 2015, the city paid Lang's company \$10,834.51.

At the Nov. 3 Ethics Commission meeting, Lang received a letter of instruction explaining the city's and county's ethics policies.

Also at that meeting, officials reviewed Rashod Smith's case.

A supervisor at Pompey Park, he gave the city's human resources director the keys to the pavilion and the security code to host her family's Thanksgiving Day dinner there in 2015. He did not receive payment for the use of the pavilion, or for the overtime required by a parks employee to clean up after the dinner.

Smith received a letter of instruction outlining the city's and county's ethics policies.

City Manager Don Cooper in April reprimanded Human Resources Director Tennille Decoste, who lost a day's pay over the incident.

Cooper forwarded information on the incident to the Ethics Commission.

In August, the commission's attorney advised that the facts were not legally sufficient to prove Decoste had violated the code of ethics.

In September, Decoste asked that the reprimand letter be removed from her personnel file and that she receive the day's pay.

Cooper agreed but wrote, "As a cautionary note, you need to be aware of the impacts of using city facilities due to your position and need to consider those impacts when making any request." ★



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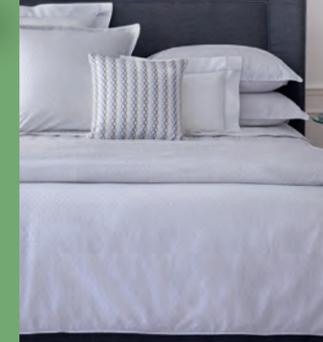

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Ocean Ridge

Ocean Ridge getting new police and security equipment

By Dan Moffett

Ocean Ridge took a \$213,000 hit to its budget this year when Briny Breezes decided not to renew a police services contract with the town, choosing instead to sign on with Boynton Beach.

Despite the loss, Ocean Ridge won't have a problem covering the costs of new police and security equipment that the town has been planning to buy for years.

Town Manager Jamie Titcomb managed to find about \$84,000 for capital expenditures by recalibrating money set aside for raises for Ocean Ridge's 28 employees, he said during the Nov. 7 town meeting.

"To more closely hone

the carrying charges for the workforce," Titcomb said he used precise anniversary dates to calculate the total cost of raises, instead of averaging the group.

The tweaking freed up about \$84,000 that increased the budget's contingency fund to roughly \$156,000. With that money, the town will spend about \$23,000 to install a new telephone and voice-mail system to Town Hall. Another \$13,000 will go toward a new video security system for the building. The Town Commission approved \$2,500 to pay for covert investigation cameras for police.

Commissioners also signed off on spending about \$79,000 for new police radios, the second installment in a

two-year project to upgrade communications and allow the department to improve links with other agencies.

Two other items on the police wish list — Tasers for about \$26,500 and license plate recognition cameras for perhaps as much as \$225,000 — come with complications beyond the price.

Commissioner James Bonfiglio wants a hearing on Tasers to discuss liability issues, and LPR cameras are on hold until the state allows them on A1A or installation sites on private property are found. Bonfiglio also told Chief Hal Hutchins he wants to discuss body cameras for officers.

In other business, police Lt. Richard Jones graduated in November from a three-week leadership program sponsored by the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute in Tallahassee. Jones was one of 20 law enforcement officials from around the state who completed classes on risk management, succession planning, strategic change and policing trends. ★



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Ocean Ridge

With probe ongoing, Lucibella case vexes town

By Dan Moffett

Mayor Geoff Pugh says he has been fielding the same two questions from Ocean Ridge residents since Vice Mayor Richard Lucibella's arrest after a scuffle with police in October:

What do you think about it?

And what are you going to do about it?

Pugh says residents aren't always satisfied with his answers, or the lack thereof.

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Lucibella

Attorney Glen Torcivia, the mayor refrains from public comment on Lucibella's arrest, hoping to minimize the town's involvement

in possible litigation down the road. So Pugh generally keeps his thoughts to himself.

As to the second question, Pugh tells people "nothing" — until Police Chief Hal Hutchins completes his investigation on the incident.

"Nothing can be done until after that investigation is over and we have all the facts," Pugh says. "Then we can look at everything we have to use at our disposal. Until then, I'd ask people to have a little patience and let the chief do his job and get the information that we need."

Hutchins says the internal investigation into the events at Lucibella's home on Oct. 22 "has no timetable" for completion. "It is fluid and depends on what is discovered as we go forward," the chief said.

Police arrived at Lucibella's oceanfront home that Saturday night after neighbors complained of hearing gunshots. Officers said they found the vice mayor and one of their department's supervisors, police Lt. Steven Wohlfiel, "obviously intoxicated" on the patio. Officers say they took a .40-caliber Glock handgun from Lucibella and found five spent shell casings on the patio.

According to police reports, when officers Richard Ermeri and Nubia Plesnik tried to block Lucibella from entering the house, he resisted. The officers wrestled him to the ground and handcuffed him. Lucibella needed treatment for facial injuries, and Ermeri and Plesnik also required medical attention.

Lucibella was charged with resisting arrest with violence, a felony, as well as two misdemeanors: discharging a firearm in a residential area and use of a firearm while intoxicated.

Through his attorney, Marc Shiner, Lucibella has claimed that he is the victim of police overreaction. He maintains they should not have entered his backyard in the first place, and then that they used excessive force. Shiner has called for Ermeri's firing

and an investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Hutchins has reassigned Wohlfiel until completion of the investigation of his role in the incident. Both Lucibella and the lieutenant told police they knew nothing about shots being fired.

At the Nov. 7 town meeting, which Lucibella did not attend, several residents argued that the likelihood the vice mayor was planning to sue the town over the incident presents a conflict of interest that should disqualify him from serving on the commission.

Among those making that case was Bob Merkel, an attorney for 42 years who defended the town in two lawsuits years ago. Merkel said Shiner, in public comments, had threatened to sue the town, raising a potential conflict of interest that should trouble commissioners. In an email to *The Coastal Star*, Lucibella

dismissed the complaints about a conflict of interest as grandstanding and said the law is clear that nothing prevents him from serving.

"This is a straw man argument, put forth by individuals who seek to read their names in the press," Lucibella said. "The result is constant cries that the sky is falling in Ocean Ridge. If the commonsense answer to this silly accusation remains elusive, I suggest a quick read of the law. FS 112.313(6) and FS 112.3143(3) (a) are good places to start."

Lucibella refers to sections of the Florida Statutes that define conflicts and standards of conduct for elected officials.

Torcivia agrees with the vice mayor, saying speculation about a lawsuit is a hypothetical situation that does not present a conflict at this time. He also said there was nothing in the town's charter that gives the commission the authority to remove or sanction Lucibella

for allegations of misconduct stemming from his arrest.

Torcivia told commissioners that the charter only considers standards set in the state and county codes of ethics. Those standards for action deal primarily with conflicts of interest, unlawful financial gain and corruption. He said there's nothing in the charter or ethics codes to cover allegations of fights with police or illegally firing weapons.

"There is no money that went into his pocket because of this incident," Torcivia said, telling commissioners, "Your hands are tied." He also warned them not to get ahead of the legal system: "Judge, jury and executioner is not the role of this commission."

Torcivia said Lucibella is presumed innocent, and if proven otherwise in court, the governor could act to remove him from office.

"The governor takes that very seriously," he said. "There's a

high probability the governor would do that."

Lucibella's three-year term expires in March, and he has been noncommittal about whether he will run again, saying he "hasn't thought too much about" it and, "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it."

Town officials say they expect the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office to decide by Dec. 8 on whether to charge Lucibella. If criminal charges are filed, Torcivia says Gov. Rick Scott might decide to intervene.

"At some point," he said, "the ball may be in the governor's court."

For now, Pugh is telling residents to take a deep breath and let the system work.

"Everybody wants to have a quick decision, get it done, get it over with and get it out of our lives," he said. "But you have to make sure you have all the facts. Once we get them, we can make a quality decision." ★

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Gulf Stream

Town manager leaving after two decades

By Steve Plunkett

Gulf Stream's town manager, who has worked in Town Hall more than 20 years, has given notice that he is retiring — plenty of notice.



Thrasher

William Thrasher tendered a resignation letter dated Nov. 1 and effective April 28.

In it he thanked Mayor Scott Morgan and the Town Commission for giving him the opportunity to serve.

"This town has benefited mightily from Mr. Thrasher's service here," Morgan said in announcing the departure at the Nov. 10 meeting. "Working with Mr. Thrasher has been an educational experience and, I must say, a pleasure."

Thrasher, 69, who started as an assistant to the town manager after doing finance

work in Pahokee, celebrated his 20th anniversary as a Gulf Stream employee last summer. He came to the town after answering an ad placed by the late Mayor William Koch, whom he considered a mentor.

Julio Martinez, past president of Place Au Soleil homeowners association, said Thrasher was leaving "some serious big shoes to fill. ... Nobody has more passion for this town than Bill," Martinez said. "He was at our meetings late at night; he did

whatever it took and he did it the right way."

Morgan said Thrasher "saved us a lot of money, and he has made a very efficiently run town," noting that Gulf Stream is a model for quality of life and financial stability. "And to that we owe in no small part to your efforts, Bill."

He also said Thrasher enjoyed a deep loyalty from the municipal employees he supervised by being fair but firm, considerate and respectful.

"And that speaks volumes about your managerial skills," Morgan said.

Thrasher did not elaborate on his plans, saying only "thank you" twice as praise was lavished on him. Morgan said the town manager wanted to "spend time now after all these years" with his wife, Phyllis.

"I personally will miss your advice and your professional consult," Morgan said. "And all I can say is thank you and job well done." ★

Gulf Stream reports only a small decline in public records requests

By Steve Plunkett

Gulf Stream officials and outside attorneys spent an estimated 4,670 hours processing, evaluating, researching and answering requests for public records in

fiscal 2016.

The town's new staff attorney, Trey Nazzaro, making his first annual public-records compliance report, noted a recent article in *The Florida Bar Journal* and told town commissioners that Gulf

Stream has become a sort of poster child.

"I included that as part of this report because it does reference the town of Gulf Stream and the situation we are dealing with and setting us as an example of intentional misuse of the Public Records Act," he said.

Nazzaro said Gulf Stream received 387 requests for public records in the 12 months ending Sept. 30 and disposed of all but 13. In 53 cases, the town gave an estimate of how much it would cost to fulfill the requests; only four of the estimates were paid.

Additionally, the town faces 38 active lawsuits alleging noncompliance with the state's public records laws, he said. The complaints allege delay or error, but none claims intentional misconduct by town officials.

Residents Martin O'Boyle and Christopher O'Hare account for nearly all of the requests and legal actions.

Gulf Stream closes a request when it has been fulfilled, when no deposit has been paid within 30 days of an estimate being provided, or when there is no response from the requestor within 30 days.

The town does not charge for the first 15 minutes of

staff time in answering public records requests. The year's 387 requests amounted to 96.75 hours of "free" research worth \$3,870, Nazzaro said.

The numbers are trending downward. In the previous fiscal year the town received 428 new requests for public records. And town employees spent 4,913 hours handling them, compared with 3,002 hours in the latest year.

Those 3,002 hours equal one person working full time for 17 months. The law firms the town uses worked an additional 1,642 hours.

By comparison, Ocean Ridge has received only 24 requests for public records since Tracey Stevens became town clerk in January. Stevens said she did not think her longtime predecessor, Karen Hancsak, kept track but told her the town, which with 1,662 residents is twice as big as Gulf Stream, "hardly ever" received requests.

Town Manager William Thrasher hired Nazzaro in October as Gulf Stream's first full-time staff attorney, saying the move saved \$188 an hour in legal fees. As a paralegal at Town Attorney John "Skip" Randolph's law firm in 2014, Nazzaro helped the town write

How hours add up Town officials and attorneys spent 4,670 hours handling public records requests in fiscal 2016.

	Hours
Town clerk	355
Town manager	104
Police chief	40
Deputy clerk	1,547
Accountant	227
Assistant	530
Temp worker	199
Planning consultant	26
Law firms	1,642

Source: Town of Gulf Stream

its public records procedures.

In other business Nov. 10, the Town Commission learned that former Vice Mayor Robert Ganger had withdrawn his request that Gulf Stream help pay legal fees he incurred fighting a deposition in an O'Boyle lawsuit against the town. In October he requested \$2,355, less than a third of what his lawyer charged.

Commissioners seemed poised to reimburse the full amount but delayed a decision to investigate whether that would open his legal affairs to more public records requests. ★

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Lantana/Hypoluxo Island

License-reading cameras to be replaced

By Mary Thurwachter

A pair of new license plate-reading cameras are destined for Hypoluxo Island. The Lantana Town Council voted Nov. 14 to replace the current readers for \$29,257. In 2007, residents

of Hypoluxo Island chipped in \$28,000 to buy two license plate readers at the intersection of Atlantic Drive and East Ocean Avenue.

Those cameras are antiquated, out of warranty now and suffer from routine

operating issues, officials said.

"The devices connect to Manalapan's software," Mayor Dave Stewart said. "The town, through its previous town manager, agreed to buy replacements when needed."

Money for the project

will come from the town's contingency fund. An annual maintenance and support contract would take effect after a year and will cost \$4,393.

Islanders encouraged the town to replace the cameras.

"We're asking the town to make good on the town's promise," said Michele Fritts. "The existing ones are not working."

Media Beverly said residents felt the cameras did help alleviate some crime and should be replaced by the town.

Another resident, Richard Schlosberg, said the cameras have become a staple on the island. "Residents rely on them for a sense of security and they help police with criminal investigations."

But not everyone agreed with the purchase.

"If we pay for this are we going to be looking at many people asking for cameras all

over town?" Vice Mayor Phil Aridas asked. He was the lone dissenting vote on paying for the camera replacements.

Ed Shropshire, who lives west of the Intracoastal Waterway, asked about getting more cameras in the town.

"I'm sure people on the island will sleep better with this, but I would, too," Shropshire said.

Mayor Stewart said neighbors could get together to raise money for their own cameras. But the cost to set up the system would be about \$100,000. "This one connects to Manalapan's system," he said.

In other action, the town approved a 4.5 percent raise for Town Manager Deborah Manzo, who received high praise in her performance evaluation. Manzo will be making \$131,587, up from her current salary of \$125,921. She began working for the town in 2012. Her contract was extended to 2019. ★



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Briny Breezes

Town hires new deputy clerk

By Dan Moffett

Briny Breezes has had to look for a deputy clerk three times in the last three years, so Town Council members hope they've found a long-term solution with the hiring of Jackie Ermola in November.

A transplant from the Philadelphia area, Ermola has experience in property and construction site management that could serve the town well.

"Jackie's background in building certainly could be helpful for us," said Council President Sue Thaler. "We hope that as she gains more municipal experience, she can grow into the position of town administrator."

The council had hoped to hire someone with experience in municipal government who could expand the role of clerk into an administrator. But Thaler said no qualified candidate was willing to accept the dual role on a part-time basis.

Ermola currently works as a secretary for the care ministry at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church and lives in Delray Beach. She will earn roughly \$400 per week for the part-time position, Thaler said. The deputy clerk's job came open last month when Steve Cooper moved out of the area.

In other business:

• With a unanimous 5-0 vote, the Town Council approved a contract with CAP Government of Coral Gables to take over the town's building permit and code inspection work.

CAP has a 27-year history of providing building department services to dozens

of municipalities throughout Broward and Miami-Dade counties, and has recently expanded into Palm Beach County.

Under terms of the one-year contract, the town will pay the company 75 percent of permit fees collected and \$60 an hour for code enforcement.

There were three other bidders for the contract: Robert McInnes, a Briny resident, Calvin, Giordano & Associates of Fort Lauderdale and SAFEbuilt Inc. of Loveland, Colo.

Thaler said the council decided against McInnes because he wasn't properly licensed and rejected Calvin, Giordano because of a high price tag. Council members said CAP won out over SAFEbuilt because Cosmo Tornese, a senior engineer with the company, came to the Nov. 17 town meeting and answered residents' questions.

• Council members scheduled a special meeting for Dec. 1 to allow Town Attorney John Skrandel to present a first draft of a proposed ordinance that would require candidates for the mayor's and clerk's positions to submit election petitions.

The council has been looking for ways to tighten qualifications for candidates in response to concerns about people who might make frivolous runs for office to embarrass the town. Rather than imposing qualifying fees that might discourage candidates from running for a job as an unpaid official, the council decided instead on requiring petitions for the top two elected positions.

The ordinance will come up for final approval at the Dec. 22 town meeting. ★



ABOVE: Most days produce a few bags' worth of trash along the beach. BELOW: One odd finding is a plastic bottle cut in half. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

BEACH

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Lantana line and back. And you'll meet them again most afternoons.

"I used to monitor the turtle nests about four years ago," recalls Felice, a retired teacher from Toms River, N.J. "I wouldn't stake if there was junk around, so we started picking it up."

The waves are a roiling explosion of blinding white foam this late October morning, a rough sea churned by an angry wind that grabs at their plastic bags as Aten and Felice meander down the beach, grabbing trash from the seaweed and sand.

Let's tag along. "Deodorant roller," Aten says, dropping one into his bag. "Plastic visor," Felice reports. "Plastic forks," Aten says. "There's always a million of those."

Scan the horizon, admire the sky, squint down the coast and South Palm Beach is one gorgeous Florida postcard. But keep your head down, scan the sand, and oh, the sights you'll see.

"They should ban plastic straws," Aten grumbles, pushing one into his bag.

Felice has a list of some of the trash they've found in the past four years. Flip-flops and lunch bags, hair clips and bands, cigarettes and cigars, fishing line and bait buckets and Styrofoam everythings. And yes, before you ask, condoms. But only one sex toy in four years.

"We found a Crown Royal whisky bottle with a note in it once," Aten says, "but the note was so wet you couldn't read it. All I could make out was N.C. for North Carolina."

All trash and no treasures, unless you count the bottle caps.

"On a good day, you'll get 100 to 150 bottle caps," Aten says, so when the pair spotted a *Coastal Star* profile of Timothy Annis, an Ocean Ridge resident who recycles bottle caps to buy wheelchairs for veterans, they dropped off several thousand from their daily walks.

Occasionally, other beach walkers pass.

"We get a lot of funny comments," Aten says. "One lady asked us, 'Are you guys picking up shrimp?'" He shakes his head. "Shrimp."



This morning he's picking up a half bottle of Idole Skin Lightening Lotion. Not a half-full bottle, but half the bottle itself, neatly cut in two.

"We get a lot of bottles that are cut in half," Aten says, "and I got five or six toothbrushes the other day. They've got to have come off a boat."

Soda cups you understand. Candy wrappers you understand. But who leaves a tube of Colgate toothpaste at the beach? Are cruise ships dumping their trash overboard? They wonder. How does a plastic bottle get neatly cut in half down here?

One of the other regular beach walkers is Jody Field, who lives in the Beauvois, just across South Ocean Boulevard from Aten and Felice. Last year, she wrote the town manager.

"I am writing to tell you about two South Palm Beach residents that I believe should be recognized by the town. They are not employed by the town or the city of Palm Beach, they are citizens who enjoy the beach and are concerned for its welfare," Field wrote.

On April 28, 2015, Mayor Bonnie Fischer presented Aten and Felice with Certificates of Appreciation:

"The town of South Palm Beach extends its gratitude to you for the time and efforts you so unselfishly donate to clean our beach. Thank you for your efforts to Keep South Palm Beach beautiful."

The official accolades are nice, the men agree, but praise was not their motivation. They do it for the exercise, the companionship, the turtles and the beach.

"I'll do this as long as I can walk," Felice says. "It's good exercise."

"Until I can't," Aten agrees, and his reach pole makes a grab at the sand.

"Glow stick," he murmurs. "Always a lot of glow sticks." ★

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Along the Shore

Boynton Inlet a hot spot for backgammon champ

By Rich Pollack

It's a rainy Saturday morning and Jim Macdonald is worried the weather will hurt his turnout.

But as the clouds clear, the men he is expecting begin to trickle in. They are a diverse group — some with eastern European accents, others with faces weathered by years of fishing or working in the Florida sun.

They are a mix of professionals and tradesmen, retirees and business owners. The common denominator among all of them is a board game that has them hooked.

"This backgammon game," Macdonald says, "you get addicted to it."

Macdonald, reigning Florida state backgammon

champion in the open division, is the driving force behind this informal band of board-game brothers — officially the Backgammon Club of the Palm Beaches — who gather each day at the pavilion on the southern edge of the Boynton Inlet.

"We're here every day, rain or shine," says Macdonald, who started playing the game more than 40 years ago when he was a commercial loan broker in Evanston, Ill.

Now 82 — and a half — Macdonald has become Boynton's Pied Piper of backgammon, playing at Ocean Inlet Park from 10 a.m. to 1 or 2 in the afternoon, all the while attracting followers. Some once were just spectators who wanted to understand the game.



Eugen Gantea, left, finds himself ahead 6-0 against Florida state backgammon champion Jim Macdonald at Ocean Inlet Park. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

"I either taught them or they're very good players who came to join us," Macdonald says of the group of about a dozen.

Over the years, the players, mostly men — although one woman often joins them — have formed a bond that goes beyond the roll of the dice.

It's not uncommon for them to go to lunch together after hours of moving checkers — the pieces on the board — from one side to the other. When one member of the group needed a ride to the Veterans Administration hospital in Riviera Beach, Macdonald was quick to lend a hand.

"It's good to have friends,"

says Macdonald, who brings his small dog with him every morning. He also makes it a point to feed cereal to the birds between sets.

While the friendships are fast, it is the challenge of backgammon that keeps the players coming back day after day.

There are, of course, the outstanding players, those who have been rolling dice and moving pieces for decades. But because luck is a part of backgammon, no one is invincible.

"Anybody can beat anybody," says Jim Cotto, one of the newest members of the group. "It's an easy game once you understand the moves."

On this Saturday — after the rain stops and the sky clears — there are three games going simultaneously. There is an eerie quiet at times when all you hear is the clacking of pieces tapping each other as they're moved.

Other times, you will hear veteran players with accents that emanate from places like Romania or Hungary coaching some of the new players on the strategy that is an integral part of the game, explaining the moves that will help them get their checkers around the board more rapidly.

"They want you to learn," says Cotto, who still gets guidance in making the right moves — even from his opponent.

Cotto was at the inlet a little more than a year ago when he stumbled upon the backgammon players and just began watching.

"If you watch it long enough, you'll see that you want to play," he says.

It didn't take long before Macdonald asked him if he wanted to learn the game. Before he knew it, he was hooked.

"I never ever thought I would be doing this," says Cotto, a former chef who had retired from the restaurant business several years ago. "Now, I can't wait to play."

That doesn't surprise Macdonald, who enjoys helping others learn the game.

"The better you get, the more you want to play," he says.

For some of the players, the daily fix of backgammon is about passing time, about having something to do that becomes part of a daily routine.

"The time goes fast," Macdonald says.

For others it's about camaraderie.

"We're all good friends," Cotto says. "This is like a clubhouse and I can't get here fast enough."

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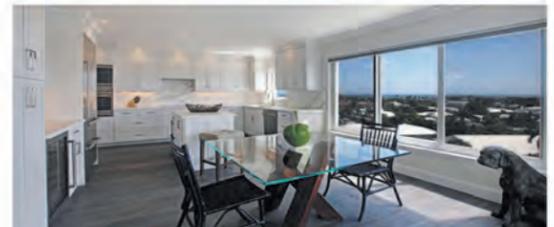
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Manalapan

Town questions firefighters' exit during hurricane, but county says it's policy

By Dan Moffett

As Hurricane Matthew headed on a collision course with the Florida coast in October, Palm Beach County firefighters vacated the Manalapan station and drove their vehicles to shelter on the mainland.

Now town commissioners are wondering why.

"It seemed to a lot of us sitting up here that that was really inappropriate in the event there was an emergency on our side of the bridge," Mayor David Cheifetz told county Battalion Fire Chief Doug Clark during the Nov. 15 town meeting.

Commissioner Basil Diamond agreed: "It seems

to me like we were being abandoned."

Clark had a simple answer for the commission. He said there should not have been anybody left in the town to abandon. County emergency managers gave a mandatory evacuation order to Manalapan and neighboring coastal towns, so residents should have departed to find shelter on the mainland, too.

"When the state of emergency was declared and this island was ordered evacuated, our people were evacuated as well," Clark said. "That's our policy. I don't think you want the rescuers needing to be rescued."

Clark said personnel and equipment for Manalapan

were close at hand in Lantana and rode out the storm there. There was a "huge amount of resources" standing ready across the bridge, he said.

No fire-rescue vehicle can operate in winds over 55 miles an hour, according to county policy.

Though Hurricane Matthew veered to the north and didn't strike the county, emergency managers said they had to guard against the potential danger of a Category 4 storm and had no choice but to order evacuation.

Hundreds of residents in the station's service district from Manalapan and South Palm Beach ignored the warning and stayed in their homes, however.

Manalapan and South Palm Beach police remained on duty in their towns during the storm, and Cheifetz believes firefighters should maintain some presence on the islands — at least enough to respond to emergency medical calls.

"It seems to me some accommodations can be made without putting people at risk," the mayor said, and told staff to talk to county officials about changing policy.

In other business:

- Commissioners had hoped to hold a joint public workshop with the Hypoluxo Town Council in January to discuss the prospects for a new contract for water services from Manalapan. But those plans could stall because of the sudden death of longtime Hypoluxo Mayor Ken Schultz in November.

Schultz, 86, also served as Hypoluxo's town manager and would have been a key negotiator in dealing with Manalapan.

Still, Manalapan Vice Mayor Peter Isaac remains optimistic about renegotiating the agreement after talking with the town's water consultant.

"It looks like we can put something very, very good in front of Hypoluxo," Isaac said.

The commission wants to lock in Hypoluxo to a long term-deal that prevents the town from switching to Boynton Beach's system.

- The newly rebuilt Audubon Causeway bridge is expected to open for two-way traffic some time this month. "We're in the homestretch now," Cheifetz said.

One of the last hurdles is a 2 p.m. Dec. 8 workshop meeting during which the Architectural Commission will make the final decisions on landscaping. ★

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South Palm Beach

3550 Ocean project to give South Palm a luxurious windfall

By Dan Moffett

What may be the quietest real estate boom in Florida is soon to start shaking South Palm Beach to its economic core.

The developers of the much-anticipated 3550 South Ocean condo project have begun selling luxury units on the property once occupied by the ramshackle Palm Beach Hawaiian Inn, a forlorn icon that stood long beyond its useful years until demolition last year.

“This is opening my eyes up to a whole new realm in South Palm Beach,” Mayor Bonnie Fischer said after touring the project’s sales office in Manalapan’s Plaza del Mar. “This is totally amazing. It’s wonderful to see something exciting in the town after things being dead and the property vacant for so long.”

It will take only several dozen new residents to usher South Palm into its whole new realm — enough to occupy the 30 units in the six-story 3550 building.



The 30 units in the 3550 Ocean building all will have ocean views. Rendering provided

By the town’s standards, the math is, as Fischer suggests, totally amazing: Pre-construction prices will start at \$2.3 million for 2,500-square-foot units and likely climb over \$5 million for 3,400-square-foot penthouse digs, topping

out at around \$1,700 per square foot. Consider that the median market price for condos in the town is about \$260,000, according to tax records. Not only will 3550 South Ocean become the priciest building

in town, it could account for as much as 30 percent of the town’s total taxable value — some windfall for a built-out, five-eighths-mile-long condo enclave that is just now getting over the real estate collapse of nine years ago.

“The increased tax revenue is something we can really use,” said Fischer, who has pushed plans to repair the town’s eroding beach and its aging Town Hall. “I had some reservations about the project earlier, but after seeing what they’re doing, I think this is gorgeous and the people in charge are very interested in getting the town and residents involved in what they’re doing.”

New York-based developer DGG, which joined forces this year with investor Gary Cohen of Boca Raton’s Paragon Acquisition Group, is intent on putting some Palm Beach style in South Palm Beach.

The building features a saw-tooth design that gives each unit an ocean view through floor-to-ceiling windows. The project has formed a partnership with Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa to allow memberships for owners.

Douglas Elliman of Palm Beach is in charge of sales. The project’s groundbreaking is scheduled for early next year and completion for 2018. ★

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Along the Coast

Coastal Star brings home 10 press awards

By Ron Hayes

The Coastal Star has been honored with 10 awards for writing, photography and design, including six first-place winners, in the Florida Press Club’s 65th annual Excellence in Journalism competition.

Writer Sallie James took a top honor for her coverage of the “Homeless in Boca Raton.”

First-place recognition for feature page design went to Scott Simmons for a trio of entries.

Photographer Tim Stepien won a first for his photos of an “Underwater Swimmer.”

In the health writing category, Lona O’Connor won first place for “Cancer survivor climbs mountain.”

Sports columnist Willie Howard won a first-place award for his coverage of “Delray’s Sailing Beach” and “The West Palm Boat Show,” and Ron Hayes for a trio of light features.

Among second-place prize winners were Nick Madigan, in the Lucy Morgan Award for In-Depth Reporting, for his article

“Xanax addiction and death.”

For environmental news writing, Howard also took a second-place award for “Changing tides: A look at the impact of climate change.”

Dan Moffett earned second place in the public safety category for “Fire district proposed along the coast.”

Cheryl Blackerby earned a third-place award for her stories “Shrinking habitat for foxes” and “Temperatures control sea turtle hatchling sex.”

The paper was honored for stories published between June 1, 2015, and May 31, 2016, in the category of non-daily newspapers.

The winners were announced Nov. 5 during a dinner at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in St. Augustine.

Founded in 1951 as the Florida Women’s Press Club to promote the advancement of women in journalism, the club was renamed the Florida Press Club as so-called “women’s pages” were eliminated and female journalists moved into more prominent positions. ★



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Boca Raton

4-story mansion on beach gets state OK

Project faces further city review after approval catches some off-guard

By Steve Plunkett

The state's environmental agency has issued a "notice to proceed" on construction of a controversial beachside mega-mansion, but Boca Raton officials say the owner of the undersized lot has more hurdles to cross.

"You are hereby granted final authorization to proceed with construction" of a four-story, single-family dwelling at 2500 N. Ocean Blvd., according to the notice issued Oct. 18 by the Department of Environmental Protection.

The entire lot, located on the ocean between Spanish River Park and Ocean Strand, is east of the state's Coastal Construction Control Line, which calls for stricter scrutiny of proposed projects.

But the landowner, Natural Lands LLC, still must pass review by the city's Environmental Advisory Board and obtain a Coastal Construction Control Line variance and a building permit from Boca Raton, Deputy City Manager George Brown told the City Council on Nov. 22.

Brown said the city was surprised that the DEP issued the permit without receiving a letter directly from Boca Raton stating that the proposal does not conflict with city zoning codes. The DEP confirmed that "although it is not their usual practice, they accepted a copy of [a city resolution] for the lot width variance, instead of a letter," Brown said in a memo.

The state agency's files show the resolution was sent to Natural Lands with a cover letter in June from city zoning officer John Harbilas, who called it his "response to a request for a zoning confirmation letter."

"The subject property satisfies the minimum requirements of the [multifamily zoning] district,

including the minimum lot size requirements, and also the minimum setback requirements," Harbilas wrote the landowner. Natural Lands forwarded the letter to the DEP.

The City Council in December 2015 reversed a zoning board decision that prohibited construction of the 10,432-square-foot house. The zoning board had declined to approve variances for property width and front-yard setbacks.

Furious residents complained that the structure would change the face of the beach, disorient nesting sea turtles and set a precedent for even more development.

Council members defended their decision, claiming the city would likely face litigation because more than a dozen similar variances had been approved before. Natural Lands had dropped its request for a front-yard setback, moving the proposed home almost 15 feet closer to the ocean. Approved in a resolution was an 11.5-foot variance from the minimum lot width of 100 feet.

At the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District's Nov. 14 meeting, Al Zucaro, of citizen watchdog group Boca Watch, said residents were "misled" by the City Council, who told them the proposal "had many steps to go before any reality might be attached to it."

DEP spokeswoman Dee Ann Miller said the CCCL is "a line of regulation, not prohibition" and "should not be confused with setback lines or lines of prohibition which are established through comprehensive plans and local zoning laws.

"That being said," Miller continued, "as part of the permitting process an applicant is required to submit written evidence from the local government stating the proposed activity does not conflict with local setback requirements or zoning codes — which the applicant did." ★

Veterans Day Service

Harbour's Edge, Delray Beach – Nov. 11



Eighty-two veterans (79 men and three women) residing at Harbour's Edge Senior Living Facility felt appreciated on Veterans Day, with each arriving at a flag-raising ceremony in a decorated golf cart. Executive Director Bob Scharmann spoke in celebration of these veterans and their importance. The Delray Beach Fire Department raised the flag. The veterans were then treated to lunch and a few words from the highest-ranking veteran resident, Maj. Frank Kennedy, who served in both World War II and Korea. **ABOVE:** Beverly Agardy and Al Morfee. Photo provided by Kim Agardy Coe

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well as the cost for city services, particularly 911 calls for relapsed addicts succumbing to overdoses.

The revised joint statement, crafted by the departments of Justice and Housing and Urban Development, now recognizes that zoning and land use are best determined locally, Glickstein and Frankel said.

The revision was sparked in May when Frankel led a federal housing official and his staff on a tour of Delray Beach sober homes. The housing official was shocked by what he saw: suitcases, clothing and personal belongings strewn on lawns where patients had been evicted. He vowed to talk with Justice Department lawyers and craft a joint statement that also protects the rights of recovering addicts, who are protected under federal privacy and disability laws.

Elected leaders and officials in three other coastal cities are less enthused.

Boynton Beach Mayor Steven Grant and Lantana Mayor Dave Stewart don't see enough of a change in the revised joint statement. They say if people are receiving treatment in the homes or selling drugs there, they have ordinances that make those activities illegal.

"We are not going to do anything different at this point in time," Stewart said.

Grant said his city will continue to use nuisance abatement and code enforcement to monitor the group homes. He also wants to see the group homes pay the county's 6 percent bed tax because they offer stays of less than six months.

Boca Raton, battle-scarred from losing federal court lawsuits over sober home ordinances, is more cautious. It had to pay more than \$2 million in attorneys' fees in the cases.

City Attorney Diana Grub Frieser recently gave a lukewarm assessment on the statement to the City Council.

"I don't think it is as much of a deviation from what the case law already does allow," she told the council members on Nov. 22. Frieser said she liked the language that allows cities to deny the waivers under certain circumstances but proving the circumstances would "put an undue burden on a local government."

Delray Beach leaders know they have to walk a fine line when revising the ordinance.

"It's not a panacea," City Attorney Max Lohman said a few days after the statement was delivered. "But it can be used to draft a more even-handed ordinance that also protects the homes' residents."

Police Chief Jeff Goldman called the statement a "game changer. ... Over-saturation is a major issue as it pertains to the heroin epidemic in Delray Beach." The city had less of a problem with heroin overdoses

in 2015 compared with this year.

The city is using outside counsel Terrill Pyburn to bring a revised ordinance to the Planning & Zoning Board's Dec. 19 meeting and then to the City Commission in January, the mayor said.

"We feel the proposed changes will be mutually beneficial to all Delray citizens, including those deserving protections in group homes," Glickstein said via email.

The city had a revised ordinance already on the board's Nov. 21 agenda. The major changes required the group medical homes to apply annually for the waiver, said Tim Stillings, planning and zoning director.

As of mid-November, Stillings said the majority of accommodations were for a waiver to the unrelated persons rule. Since 2012, the city has granted 82 waivers, he said.

In addition, city code inspectors work with the police department to identify illegal

practices, such as drug sales, occurring at sober homes, said Michael Coleman, director of community improvement. So far this year, 21 sober home operators were evicted after the property's owners were alerted to illegal activity, Coleman said.

Arrests made, bills proposed

Separately, the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Sober Homes Task Force is recommending some changes to state laws to weed out rogue operators.

Suggested revisions include: Increasing the penalties for patient brokering, creating an amendment that bans lying on websites designed to attract potential patients, changing voluntary certification of recovery residences to mandatory and providing more money to the state Department of Children & Families to better police the recovery industry.

Rep. Bill Hager has agreed to sponsor the bills in the Florida House during the 2017 legislative session.

"There is absolutely bipartisan and statewide support for this issue," said Hager, whose district includes Delray Beach.

The task force's law enforcement arm arrested a Boynton Beach treatment center owner, James Kigar, and manager, Chris Hutson, in late October. It also seized the financial records of their Whole Life Recovery center.

Since then, four Delray Beach sober home operators have been charged with violating the patient brokering law. In an effort to circumvent the law, authorities say, they allegedly accepted payments, called "case management fees," for each insured patient directed to Whole Life for treatment.

One operator who was charged runs a sober home on Lawson Boulevard in Delray Beach; its owners received a 2016 homestead exemption.

Their names are listed on corporate records for Southern Palms Oasis Inc., along with

John Dudek, who was charged with six counts of patient brokering. The case is ongoing.

Two brothers, Bryan and Patrick Norquist, operated sober homes in the proposed Swinton Commons project in the Old School Square Historic Arts District, the heart of the trendy downtown area. They were charged with 16 counts of patient brokering.

The fourth Delray Beach sober-home operator is Howard James Fowler Jr., who runs a sober home at 705 SW Sixth Ave. He was charged with 14 counts of patient brokering.

Delray Beach Detective Nicole Lucas played a lead role in the case that led to the arrests of the sober home operators. Her confidential informant tipped her about Whole Life's practices.

She wants to shut down the bad providers who are in the recovery industry only for the money.

"If it's all about treatment," Lucas said, "then we are going to save a lot more people." ★



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Delray Beach

City working on leases for variety of nonprofit entities

By Jane Smith

City leaders want to reclassify some “agencies” that receive taxpayer dollars as “service providers.”

“We need to move away from using ‘nonprofit status’ to describe them,” Delray Beach Mayor Cary Glickstein said in mid-November. “The cultural change needs to start at the top.”

The city would add performance and other requirements in its leases with the Arts Garage, Old School Square, the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, the Historical Society and the Public Library. The commissioners want more accountability from the providers and remedies if they default, which can be included in a lease.

They also want to reserve the term “nonprofit” for the socioeconomic agencies such as the Boys & Girls Club, the Sandoway Discovery Center and the Achievement Centers for Children & Families.

“In doing so, traditional nonprofit funding can be maintained at or below the city’s long-standing, but ignored for many years, policy of capping nonprofit spending at 1 percent of the general fund,” Glickstein said after the meeting.

“By creating separate agreements with the service providers, future funding will be individual budget line items.”

Arts Garage lease reviewed

The Arts Garage lease was the first one reviewed at the mid-November commission meeting. Its five-year lease calls for a cut-rate annual rent of just over \$1 per square foot for the 10,289-square-foot space and a 3 percent annual increase.

In return, the Arts Garage will provide the city with a cultural hub where its diverse population would feel welcome. The city also requires an annual business plan, which outlines the Arts Garage’s operations, business structure, fundraising and capital development plans, and a five-year strategic plan.

In addition, the city wants to see an independent audit after each financial year, the number of incidental non-arts-related uses limited to two per month, collaborations

with other Delray Beach arts organizations, plans to diversify its board membership and the results, and an annual budget with properly kept financial records.

Missing any of the reporting requirements would be considered a default under the new lease, the city attorney said.

New Arts Garage President and CEO Marjorie Waldo asked that the incidental uses wording allow more flexibility and suggested it be relaxed to allow a total of eight hours monthly, so that if the organization wanted to host a six-hour wedding reception and a two-hour chamber meeting it could. The commission approved that change and welcomed Waldo, who has a 25-year educational background. She spent 12 years as principal of Tomorrow’s Promise Community School in Delray Beach, which served at-risk students before closing in 2014.

Library, Old School Square present complicated leases

City Manager Don Cooper said he expects to bring three other lease agreements to the commission before he leaves the city’s employment at the end of December.

“Old School Square, Spady and the Historical Society all occupy city-owned property, hence the need for a lease,” Cooper said. He described them as fairly simple, but Old School Square’s lease may be a problem. Its board would have to approve the lease first, but board members might not be able to meet before the end of the year.

Cooper characterized the library as a complex deal. The library has a 99-year ground lease with the city and its Community Redevelopment Agency. The lease was signed on Dec. 28, 2005, just before the library opened in its new location at 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Terms of the lease allow the library to buy the

property for \$1 after 20 years.

The library board would have to approve the new lease.

Library Board President Nancy Dockerty agreed its land lease is complicated. She also said her board has not been approached by the city about the deal. “We just know what Mr. Cooper said at the end of the commission meeting,” she said, referring to the Nov. 15 session. “We want to work with the city.”

Library Director Alan Kornblau resigned Nov. 14. The board notified the library staff via email the next day but didn’t provide any details.

Kornblau stopped by the library the day before Thanksgiving and chatted with his former employees. He told them about his new position as president and CEO of a membership-based organization for libraries called Amigos Library Services. Its main office is in Dallas. ★

Michelle Quigley contributed to this story.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Norman Provost

Norman Provost has a passion for working with wood.

Provost, 75, started wood carving 10 years ago, and for the past eight years has been taking carving classes at the Northeast Focal Point Senior Center in Deerfield Beach.

"I always felt that I had some kind of artistic flair, but I didn't have a way to express it," said Provost. "Working with wood gives me a creative outlet."

Having worked as a union carpenter for 10 years, taking up woodcarving was an easy transition. Provost, an Ocean Ridge resident since 2001, tries to carve an hour a day. Living right on the beach, he enjoys taking his chair, some tools and sandpaper, and sitting down there by himself.

"It's kind of like communing with nature," said Provost. "You have this organic piece of wood in your hand and you're creating something. It's very satisfying and relaxing."

For the past three years, Provost has entered his woodcarvings in the Florida Winter National Wood Art Expo and Competition in Punta Gorda every January.

In 2014, he earned a second-place recognition ribbon for a relief carving he made of an eagle's head. The following year he entered two works that earned him first- and second-place ribbons.

This year, he received a first-place ribbon for a large, intricate carving of a woman's face surrounded by sea creatures, which took him two years to complete; and a second-place ribbon for a small female bust. The large carving was also up for a Best of Show award.

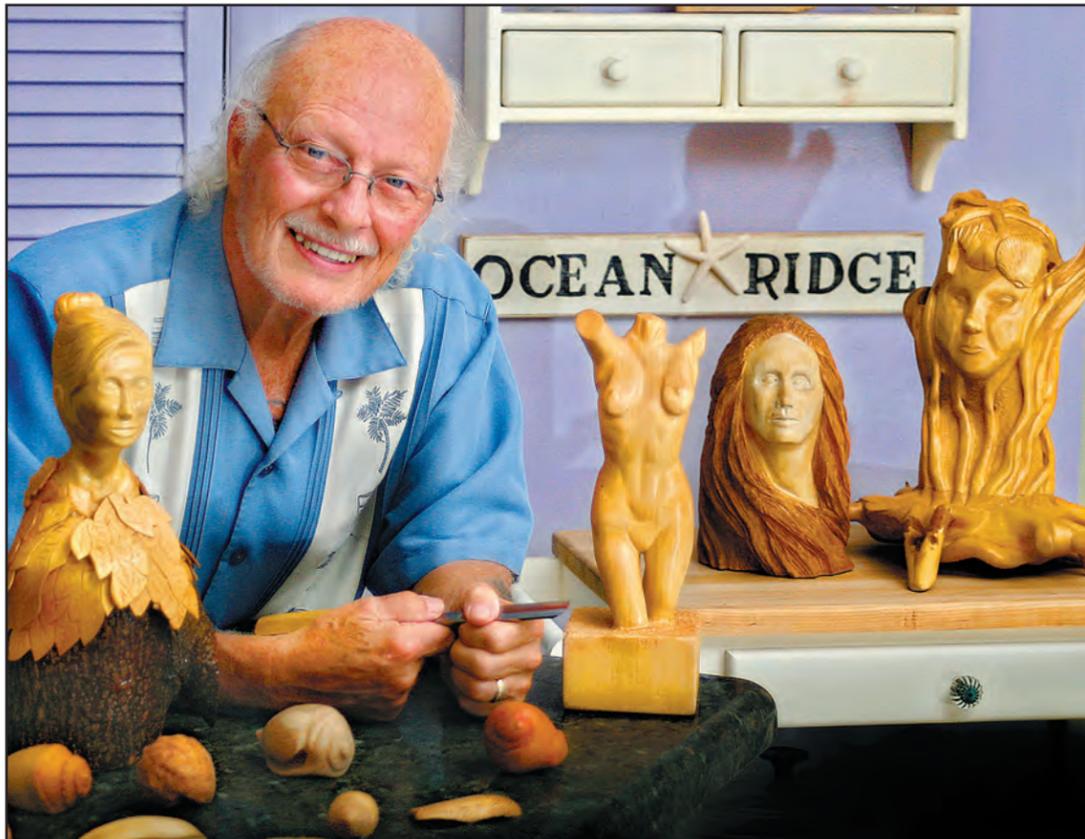
"As I enter my work and get recognition from professional high-end wood carvers, it validates what I'm doing, and makes me feel good that I'm on the right track," he said.

There's a saying in carving that Provost likes: "Let the wood speak to you."

"As you're carving a piece and you're looking at it, it keeps changing, and you start to see different things, and it kind of evolves into a new carving," he said.

Over the years, Provost has carved out a life for himself that has evolved in a similar way.

When he was a 4-year-old growing up in Newark, N.J., his father was killed while working



Carpenter-turned-sculptor Norman Provost with some of his work. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

as a pipe fitter, just four months after returning from World War II. Soon after, Provost's mother and her six children were evicted from their home and went to live in unused army barracks near Newark Airport. About a year later, they moved into the first federally funded housing project in the country.

After graduating from vocational school with a diploma in carpentry, Provost enlisted in the Army for two years and served on a missile site in Okinawa. When he returned to New Jersey, he spent a decade working as a carpenter.

Then Provost worked for five years as a maintenance mechanic in the Hackettstown School District. He developed friendships with teachers and guidance counselors at the schools where he worked, and they encouraged him to go to college.

"If there was a boy who was getting into trouble, they would send him to me for one period a day to putter around the school and do little things, so I was informally working with some of the kids," said Provost.

When his professional friends became aware of a position that opened up at the county vocational school for a building maintenance teacher, they told him to apply for it. He did, and was hired.

Because he had six years of experience in a trade, he

was able to get an emergency teaching certificate. In order to keep it, he was required to take a certain number of courses every year. When he realized that it could lead to a degree, he took as many courses as he could each semester.

Provost began his college courses when he was in his early 30s and married with three children. It took him 10 years, but he eventually got a bachelor of science degree in vocational education from Trenton State College and a master's in vocational education/special needs from Rutgers University. He went on to work at several high schools, teaching special needs children in a vocational setting.

At age 62, Provost and his family moved to Palmer Township, Pa. He worked as the adult school coordinator of a county vocational school, and then at the Pennsylvania Treasury Department to promote college tuition savings accounts, which was his last job. Now that Provost and Laura, his wife of 51 years, live in Ocean Ridge, he has time to pursue his passion for woodcarving. He enjoys making carvings for his wife, their children, grandchildren and for friends.

He plans to enter three of his works in the Florida Winter National Wood Art Expo in Punta Gorda next month.

"It's all about doing something that you enjoy. I think that in our human nature there's a need to be productive, and that people start to fade when they lose that need," said Provost. "I'm retired, but I'm kind of busy."

— Marie Puleo

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

A. Born in Newark, N.J., in 1941. I went to Essex County Boys Vocational School, got a bachelor of science from Trenton State College and a master's in education from Rutgers University.

Q. What professions have you worked in? What professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

A. I worked as a union carpenter, a vocational special needs teacher, a vocational education specialist, and a field representative for tuition account savings program for the Pennsylvania Treasury Department.

I'm proud of being the first person in my family to earn a master's degree; receiving the New Jersey Vocational Special Needs Teacher of the Year award; returning to the school where I had worked in building maintenance as the supervisor of applied technology; and

supervising some of the teachers who encouraged me to go to college and do more with my life.

Q. What advice do you have for a young person selecting a career today?

A. When I struggled trying to pick what trade to study, it was my mom who advised me to take carpentry. Who knows you better than your family? Talk to your family and listen to them and consider their advice.

The interest you have is there. Pick an occupation that matches that interest. Dream big and have a plan to achieve your goal. I would tell them my story.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Ocean Ridge?

A. On our first visit to South Florida in 2001 we fell in love with the weather, beach and the beautiful vegetation, and without a second thought we purchased our condo on that vacation.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Ocean Ridge?

A. Without doubt the beach road is what I thought Florida would be like. I walk the beach road with my wife, Laura, and I can't believe this is where we live. When we say we live in paradise, we really do.

Q. What book are you reading now?

A. I just finished reading *Killing Reagan*. I enjoy Bill O'Reilly's books because they are based on historic record.

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

A. Having grown up in the '50s, I love that old rock 'n' roll.

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

A. I'm not sure who said it: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." When I faced hardship and turmoil in my life, I would tell myself, "Just get going." It wasn't always easy, but it worked for me.

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

A. Working in the Hackettstown school system, I was encouraged to continue my education by the professional staff. Most influential was a guidance counselor named Frank Joseph. We are still good friends today.

Q. If your life story were made into a movie, whom would you want to play you?

A. Brad Pitt — just kidding. Jon Voight. I think he could tell the story of a street kid from New Jersey. ★

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Lantana

Town makes plans for new police station

By Willie Howard

Lantana's Town Council recently hired consulting engineers to oversee the renovation of a water-damaged building on North Eighth Street to create a new headquarters for the Lantana Police Department.

The council unanimously approved an \$83,450 contract with Mathews Consulting Inc. at its Nov. 28 meeting for the design, permitting, bidding and construction administration needed to transform the vacant, uninhabitable building into fresh offices for the town's police officers and administrative staff.

Design work should be completed in time to put the project out for bid in January, Lantana Police Cmdr. Robert Hagerty said. If the project moves forward on schedule, construction will begin in March and will be completed by mid-July.

The town's 42 police officers and administrative employees currently work from two small buildings near Town Hall, which is on Greynolds Circle south of Lantana Road.

The 10,000-square-foot building that will be renovated is about three times the size of the existing police building.

The Nov. 28 vote to proceed was made with no discussion from the council.

The town plans to use a \$500,000 state grant to pay for the renovation work, along with some town funds if needed. The town's lease on the building extends through 2048.

The new location will allow police to keep a close eye on the town's new sports fields and will be close to the Water Tower Commons, the retail and residential complex being developed at the former A.G. Holley hospital site on the north side of Lantana Road east of Interstate 95.

In other business at its Nov. 28 meeting, the Town Council approved a \$59,565 contract with Mathews Consulting to oversee the design and construction of an 8-foot-wide path along North Eighth Street, extending from Lantana Road north to the sports complex. The North Broadway neighborhood project includes two basketball courts and traffic-calming work on North Eighth Street.

The town is scheduled to receive \$362,000 from Palm Beach County for the improvements, including \$46,700 in Community Development Block Grant money.

The town will contribute \$26,000 to match the block grant. Lantana Development LLC, the developer of Water Tower Commons, will chip in another \$33,000 in exchange for having the walking path extended along its property. ★



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Obituaries

Phyllis Anderson Callaway

By Emily J. Minor

OCEAN RIDGE — Phyllis Anderson Callaway, a Midwestern-born mother of three who grasped the importance of women's issues early on and never let go, eventually turning her earnest volunteer work into an impressive resume of causes and accomplishments, has died after a seven-year fight with breast cancer. She was 80.

Born in South Bend, Ind., on Feb. 22, 1936, Mrs. Callaway died on Oct. 30, 12 years to the day after the death of her husband of 40 years, Trowbridge "Toby" Callaway III.



Raised by her single mother, Althea Trent — described by one granddaughter as a woman of "strength and charisma" — Mrs. Callaway attended John Adams High School and Ball State University. She moved to Chicago, where she worked for a prominent market research firm, then on to Seattle to work at the 1962 World's Fair.

In 1968, she married Mr. Callaway after meeting him on a blind date back in Chicago.

A social activist before most of the other mothers on the block, Mrs. Callaway worked in the late 1960s and early 1970s to support the programs and missives of Planned Parenthood, said her daughters.

"It just seemed that she always looked out for the well-being of women," said Leslie

Anne Callaway, who lives in Delray Beach.

Another daughter, Susan Callaway Stein, of Chattanooga, Tenn., said their mother's social convictions made for some interesting dinner times. "We grew up in a pretty conservative family," Stein said. "But my mom had progressive ideas and she shared them with us."

Her mother, Stein said, spoke freely about issues like pregnancy and birth control, and taught her daughters and others to lift the shame from these personal decisions, Stein said.

"Once the shame was gone, she felt you could deal with the issues that matter," Stein said.

Before her husband's job brought the family to Delray Beach in 1979, Mrs. Callaway

also served on the board of the Gorton Community Center in Lake Forest, Ill., and on the Women's Board of the Brookfield Zoo in Brookfield, Ill.

In Florida, missing the more quintessential neighborhoods full of kids and stay-at-home moms, Mrs. Callaway quickly immersed herself in more volunteer work, her daughters said.

Mrs. Callaway began by giving time to the kids' school. Eventually her expanding list of causes became "a fabric of the community," Stein remembered.

Her community devotions included: Wayside House (1991-2008); Old School Square (1996-2002); and she was on the board of trustees of Gulf Stream School (1982-1991). At

the school, she organized and served as the first president of the Parents' Auxiliary.

Mrs. Callaway was also named a Bethesda Hospital Foundation Woman of Grace in 2003.

In addition to her two daughters, Mrs. Callaway is survived by a son, William Trowbridge Callaway, and his wife, Lynn, of Yardley, Pa. Three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren also survive her.

Gifts in her memory can be given to Gulf Stream School, 3600 Gulf Stream Road, Gulf Stream, FL 33483 or Wayside House, 378 NE Sixth Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33483. Mrs. Callaway's services were Nov. 12, and a reception followed at the Gulf Stream Bath and Tennis Club.

Samuel M. Faysal

SOUTH PALM BEACH — Samuel M. Faysal, who for many years ran a popular beachside restaurant and music lounge in his hometown of Revere Beach, Mass., before moving south to enjoy the sunshine and water with his wife, died Nov. 19.



Mr. Faysal was 81, and had lived in the Palm Beaches for almost 30 years.

His wife, Adeline Reil Faysal, preceded him in death in 2004, but the couple's six children and 13 grandchildren survive him. Most of them still live in Massachusetts, but one daughter, Joanne Faysal, lives in South Palm Beach.

Before moving here in the late 1980s, Mr. Faysal was well-known in Revere Beach for running Sammy's Patio, a still-famous restaurant and nightclub. Upon coming south with his wife, they quickly began to give back to both church and community here.

For many years, both Sam and Addie Faysal volunteered as active members of the Palm Beach Power Squadron, a civilian unit that patrols the waterways to ensure boaters' safety and familiarity with Florida navigational laws. Within the family, the couple was famous for taking jaunts on the water and showing visitors the intricacies of local waterways.

But Mr. Faysal's biggest commitment was to provide love, security and laughter to his family, survivors said. He was known by his loved ones for always putting family first.

Mr. Faysal was an active member of St. Mary's Orthodox Church in West Palm Beach, and a member of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch organization. He was also an avid racquetball player.

A funeral service was held Nov. 25, and the family asks that memorials be made to the charity of your choice.

— Obituary provided

Irving Gutin

By Rich Pollack

BOCA RATON — Irving Gutin was a generous philanthropist who took the task of giving to his community very seriously.

Over the course of more than two decades, Mr. Gutin and his wife, Barbara, supported dozens of local organizations including Boca Raton Regional Hospital, where they gave more than \$6 million to fund three da Vinci robotic surgery systems and to help start a comprehensive stroke center.

"Irving was a man who had risen to the highest echelons of corporate America yet he was one of most humble, soft-spoken people I ever met," said Jerry Fedele, the hospital's president and CEO.

Mr. Gutin, a resident of Boca Raton and previously of North Hampton, N.H., died on Nov. 6. He was 84.

He is remembered as a man with a passion for making a positive impact on people in the community, said Fedele, a close friend of Mr. Gutin's who delivered the eulogy at his funeral.

"Irving was very thoughtful about where he put his money," Fedele said. "He was interested in tracking his contributions so they could have an impact."

In an interview with *The Coastal Star* last fall, Mr. Gutin spoke about the effort he put into his philanthropy.

"Giving is a tough job," he said. "It's a very difficult task to understand where your funds are going and to make sure they're having the impact that you were promised."

A native of New York City, Mr. Gutin was a graduate of Brooklyn Law School

and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. In the early 1980s, Mr. Gutin became head of mergers and acquisitions for Tyco International and played a role in its growth from a company with \$200 million in sales to a Fortune 100 company with sales of more than \$40 billion.

In the 2015 interview, Mr. Gutin said Barbara's and his philosophy of philanthropy was developed while they were living in a small New Hampshire community, where charitable giving had a strong impact on the area.

"We continue to follow that concept of giving today," Irving Gutin said.

Mr. Gutin was an active member of Boca Raton Regional Hospital's board of trustees, where he also served as head of the finance committee and was on the board of the hospital's foundation.

"He was a man of few words," Fedele said. "When he spoke, people listened, because of the genuine person he was."

Fedele said Mr. Gutin was very humble, as is his wife, and was more interested in helping others than in receiving recognition for himself.

In addition to contributions to the hospital, the Gutins supported Family Promise of South Palm Beach County, where they served on the community advisory board. The couple also supported several other organizations both here and in New Hampshire.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Gutin is survived by his daughters, Nina Gutin and Cheryl Elliott; his granddaughters, Brooke and Alana Elliott, and Jamie Gutin.

"I will miss him as a board leader, a personal friend and a mentor," Fedele said.



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South Palm Beach

Council members consider raising their pay

By Dan Moffett

After months of discussion, South Palm Beach Town Council members moved closer to giving themselves pay raises that would start next year.

The council, on a 3-1 vote at its Nov. 15 meeting, approved a proposal to have Town Attorney Brad Biggs draft an ordinance that could phase in \$150 monthly raises for council members — increasing their pay to \$400 per month — and \$250 for the mayor's position, doubling the monthly salary to \$500 — beginning after the March election.

Councilwoman Stella Gaddy Jordan said the demands on the mayor's time justify raising the compensation for the job.

"I cannot explain to you all this woman does," Jordan said of Mayor Bonnie Fischer. "The mayor is worth way more than what she's paid."

Councilman Robert Gottlieb said council members voluntarily took a \$50 monthly pay cut eight years ago when the Great Recession put South Palm Beach in a financial bind, so it makes sense to give raises now that the town is in a stronger financial position.

"The council took a cut when we were being pinched," Gottlieb said. "We never restored that. The council never asked for it to be put back where it was."

Under the proposal, the raises would begin after the election with the winners of the three seats up for a vote — those held by Fischer and Vice Mayor Joseph Flagello, and the one left open by the death of Woody Gorbach in October.

At the meeting, the council unanimously approved allowing Elvadiane Culbertson to serve out the remainder of Gorbach's term.

Gottlieb and Jordan would not be eligible for an increase until they come up for reelection in March 2018. Flagello said he voted against the change because he opposed the timing of giving raises now instead of budgeting them into the next fiscal year. The council is expected to vote on the new ordinance at the Dec. 20 town meeting.

In other business:

Council members didn't hesitate in accepting Culbertson's application for the open seat, saying she is ideally suited to serve.

"She certainly has her finger on the pulse of the town and knows the community," Flagello said.

Culbertson, who has lived

in South Palm Beach for some 15 years, is the editor of the town's newsletter and has worked on the zoning board and Community Affairs Advisory Board. Jordan said Culbertson has attended hundreds of meetings and "has done so much for our town."

The new council member is scheduled to be sworn into office at the December meeting.

Two representatives of the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association told the council that negotiations on a new collective bargaining agreement are foundering over arbitration rights and pay.

Union negotiator Vinnie Gray said the town should consider eliminating its department and contracting with the sheriff's office "so officers can earn a living wage."

Union attorney Angela Barbosa said, "Every single police officer would receive a raise under the sheriff's office."

Town officials say they remain hopeful a new three-year agreement can be reached before the current contract expires in January.

In November, South Palm Beach Police Commander Robert Rizzotto graduated from a three-week leadership program sponsored by the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute in Tallahassee. Rizzotto was one of 20 law enforcement officials from around the state who completed classes on risk management, succession planning, strategic change and policing trends. ★

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Along the Coast

Reports of crime stay low in most small towns, swing up in bigger cities

By Rich Pollack

Crime remained low in south Palm Beach County's small coastal communities during the first six months of this year, although a rash of thefts from unlocked cars led to a significant increase in reported crimes in one town. In all, there were about 75 crimes reported in the five communities, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, with larcenies making up the majority of those crimes. The number of reported crimes in Manalapan and South Palm Beach declined slightly from the same period last year, while Highland Beach saw no increase. In Gulf Stream, one additional crime was reported. Ocean Ridge, however, saw a big jump in the number of reported crimes, largely due to thefts from unlocked cars and the theft of some of those vehicles that had keys left in them.

Of the 47 reported crimes in Ocean Ridge, 37 were larcenies and seven were motor vehicle thefts. Ocean Ridge Police Chief Hal Hutchins says that increased awareness among residents combined with increased efforts by his department have slowed the number of thefts from unlocked vehicles. "It appears as if the trend has slowed in Ocean Ridge, although it seems to be continuing elsewhere," he said. "Our education efforts to encourage residents to lock their cars and remove valuables — and keys — appears to be working." While the thefts from unlocked cars have slowed, Hutchins is still encouraging residents to take steps to secure their valuables, including calling police when they see something suspicious. "Residents should continue to be aware of what's going on around them," he said. While Ocean Ridge was

		TOTAL	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Ag Aslt	Burg	Larceny	MV Theft
Boca Raton	2016	1,325	2	11	52	63	245	894	58
	2015	1,171	0	12	30	49	229	777	74
Boynton Beach	2016	1,953	1	1	74	160	295	1,315	107
	2015	1,777	2	3	92	171	281	1,143	85
Delray Beach	2016	1,591	3	12	67	103	164	1,149	93
	2015	1,421	1	11	60	119	177	978	75
Gulf Stream	2016	7	0	0	0	0	1	5	1
	2015	6	0	0	1	0	1	4	0
Highland Beach	2016	12	0	0	0	1	3	7	1
	2015	12	0	0	1	0	3	8	0
Lantana	2016	286	0	4	10	24	49	180	19
	2015	308	0	4	9	15	72	204	4
Manalapan	2016	6	0	0	0	0	1	5	0
	2015	19	0	0	0	2	4	13	0
Ocean Ridge/ Briny Breezes	2016	47	0	0	1	0	2	37	7
	2015	28	0	0	1	3	5	17	2
South Palm	2016	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
	2015	7	0	0	0	0	2	5	0

SOURCE: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

hit by the thefts from cars, neighboring towns seem to avoid being targeted by criminals. In Manalapan, the number of crimes reported dropped almost 70 percent, from 19 to just six for the six-month period. The number of larcenies dropped from 13 to five. South Palm Beach reported the fewest number of crimes, just three larcenies, down

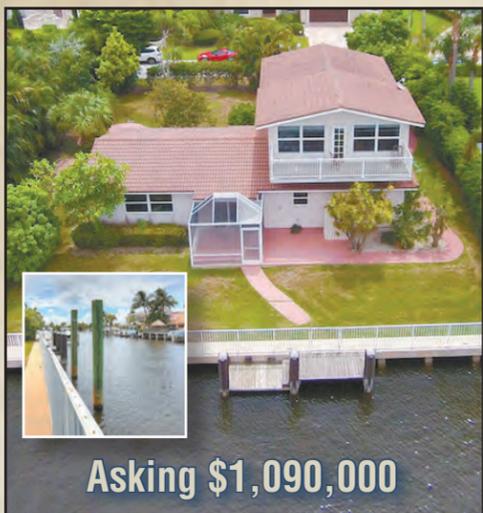
from seven total crimes during the same period last year. In the larger south county communities, Lantana reported a 7 percent drop in overall crime, while Boca Raton, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach all saw increases. Boca Raton, which reported two homicides, had an increase of 13.2 percent, while reported crime in Delray

Beach, with three homicides, increased by 12 percent. Boynton Beach, which had one homicide, had an increase of about 10 percent. As they were in Ocean Ridge, reported larcenies were up significantly in Boynton Beach, Delray Beach and Boca Raton. Overall, Palm Beach County had a 3.7 percent increase in the number of reported crimes. ★



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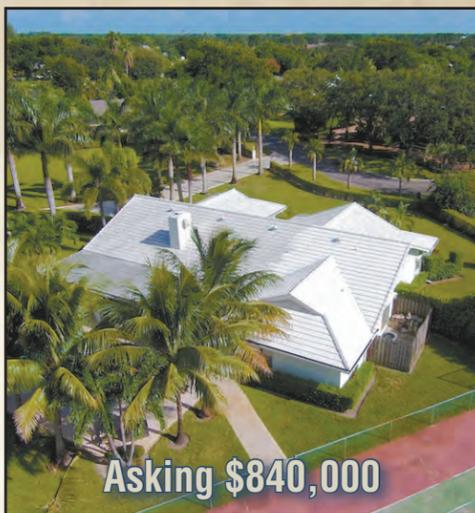
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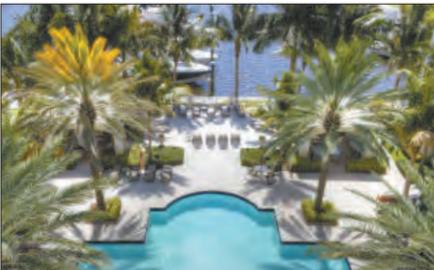
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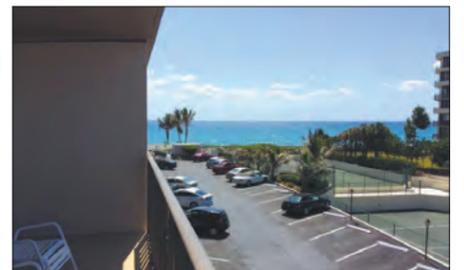
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Business Spotlight

Family-law firm celebrates decade and helps teens in foster care

By Brian Biggane

As a single mother of a young, autistic child, Stacy Beaulieu-Fawcett recalls having some sleepless nights when she launched what is now the Beaulieu-Fawcett Law Group in Delray Beach 10 years ago.

"I've always been an adventurous person. But I do remember lying in bed many nights praying to get through that month," she said. "Those first three months were very scary."

"But it really was an adventure, and a lot of people have walked through it with me. And now we want to see the people who have been through this 10-year process with us and say thank you."

Honored as the 2014 Businesswoman of the Year in Delray Beach, Beaulieu-Fawcett and her 13-person staff have since grown into one of the leading family and Christian law firms in Palm Beach County, and celebrated their success with a 10th-anniversary open house Nov. 17 at their Pineapple Grove offices.

A graduate of both the University of Miami and the UM Law School, Beaulieu-Fawcett clerked under Miami family law Judge Amy Karan before starting her own firm. She decided early on that family law was her calling.

"I wanted to help families, so it was either family law or



Stacy Beaulieu-Fawcett chose Delray Beach for her office because of its 'small-town' feel. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

probate law, where I could help grieving families get through that process. But once I spent a little time in her courtroom, I knew that's where I needed to be."

Her firm moved from near the courthouse to its current

location in 2008, and with clients coming from Palm Beach and as far as north Palm Beach County, opened a Palm Beach Gardens office in 2011. Beaulieu-Fawcett anticipated closing on an office property off A1A in North Palm Beach by the end of

November. That office is run by Celia E. Henry.

"Family firms are usually a one- or two-man show, or a department in a bigger firm. But [the growth] shows we're doing our job. Most of our business comes from word of mouth and past clients, so that we've been growing and are able to keep growing [means] we're doing what we're supposed to be doing."

The firm is also doing an honorable job of giving back. After a staff vote, the decision was to also use the anniversary party to honor and contribute to 4 Kids of South Florida, a foster agency it has also helped in the past.

"We try to be supportive of

many agencies, but we narrowed it to teens in foster care, because no one is going to adopt them," said Beaulieu-Fawcett, whose son, Daniel, is now 12. Guests to the party were each asked to bring a gift card for the organization.

Beaulieu-Fawcett said she did some searching before settling on Delray Beach as the home for the firm back in 2006.

"It has that small-town community feel, and I wanted that," she said. "I didn't want the big city, downtown or up on a high floor. I considered Stuart for a time, again looking for that small-town feel, but eventually I decided on Delray. So I went to Delray and haven't left." ★

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Business Spotlight

Elliman buys longtime Delray Realtor Tauriello

On Nov. 1, Douglas Elliman Florida acquired Tauriello & Co. Real Estate Inc., creating its 19th regional office, which will be led by managing broker Ingrid Carlos.

Explaining why Douglas Elliman Florida opted for a Delray Beach office, Carlos pointed to a surge in building out west, as well as the growth of town homes and condos downtown and new developments on the beach.

Delray Beach "is lucrative for consumers from all over the world who come to visit, work and live here. Buyers are coming from all over. People from South Florida keep moving north and Delray is in that path. We are also seeing more international buyers coming into Delray because of the lifestyle minus the congestion. Also, because it has a hometown downtown appeal that international buyers crave as it reminds them of their homes in Canada, Europe, England and South America."

Tauriello & Co. agents are staying on, as is Sue Tauriello, who said she will continue as a broker/associate in sales.

"I am beyond pleased for myself and my company team to have been chosen by Douglas Elliman to become part of its expansion in the South Florida marketplace," she said. "This is a company I have long admired and we are all very excited for our clientele to have access to Douglas Elliman's marketing and branding."

Delray Beach has consistently shown rapid growth in luxury sales each quarter, said Jay Phillip Parker, CEO of Douglas Elliman's Florida brokerage. "Sue Tauriello and her incredible firm have been instrumental in the development of the bustling community of Delray Beach. The acquisition of her powerful team, coupled with the expertise and national network of Douglas Elliman, results in a driving force second to none."

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The Fite Group, founded by David Fite in 2008, announced that it has reached \$3 billion in sales. While the firm's average sales price is \$1.4 million, the Fite Group brokered two of the five top sales in Delray Beach in the past nine months: the



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home at 502 N. Ocean Blvd. for \$26.4 million, and the home at 410 N. Ocean Blvd. for \$9.15 million. The Fite Group has three offices and 120 agents. Its Delray Beach office is at 648 George Bush Blvd.

On Sept. 30, Randy Ely and Nicholas Malinosky, agents with the Corcoran Group, sold the home at 1046 Melaleuca Road, Delray Beach, for \$4.25 million. The asking price was \$4.35 million. The buyer was represented by Ashley Michelle Velez, an agent with P.U.R.E. Investments, Miami. The new contemporary-style, four-bedroom residence with 7,100 total square feet was developed by Marc Julien Homes, which received a certificate of title for the property from Florida Capital Bank in February 2014.

Jeffrey Ray, owner/broker of Jeffrey Ray & Associates, Manalapan, represented both the buyer and seller of the Point Manalapan home at 1545 Lands End Road, which closed on Nov. 4. It was a quick sale, Ray said. "The new owners viewed the house 10 days earlier."

The six-bedroom, 7½-bath home with 7,870 total square feet sold for \$6.7 million.

According to public records, the seller was 1545 Lands End



This unfinished ocean-to-lake custom estate built by Casto Homes at 1040 S. Ocean Blvd. in Manalapan sold for \$29.45 million in November. Photo provided

LLC, with Boris Bonutti listed as title manager. The new owner is Hammon Avenue Trust, which is connected to Carolyn Rafaelian, founder of Alex and Ani.

In October, Jeffrey Ray listed 1340 S. Ocean Blvd. for \$43.9 million, "marketing it as a private resort," he said. On a 2.5-plus-acre lot with 270 feet on the ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway, he sold the house to its current owners, David and Margaret Lumia, in 2008.

"She was on a professional tennis tour at that time, and the first thing they did was put in a fabulous clay tennis court, then they built a 5,306-square-foot tennis house, then a grass court. Then, they took down the original house and put up a 24,000-plus-square-foot house on the ocean," Ray said.

The couple didn't intend to build a new house, but David, a retired engineer, started getting involved, Ray said. "It took him five or six years, and when the house was completed, he thought about his sons who are in Idaho and New York, and told me, 'What am I doing here? This house is too big for the two of us.'"

In November, an unfinished ocean-to-lake custom estate at 1040 S. Ocean Blvd. in Manalapan changed hands for \$29.45 million in an off-market transaction. According to the deed, the PNC Delaware Trust Co., acting as trustee for the Daniel Kloiber Dynasty Trust, sold the house to Whimsical

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Built by Casto Homes, Juno Beach, the 23,795-square-foot house and guesthouse are on a 2.14-acre lot with 200 feet of beachfront as well as 200 feet fronting the Intracoastal Waterway. In 2008, the property was purchased for \$9.23 million.

Christel Silver, broker and owner of Silver International Realty in Delray Beach, is one of 43 appointed by the Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches to serve on the 2017 board of directors for Florida Realtors, which constitutes its governing body.

The Young Professionals Committee of the Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches raised nearly \$14,000 at its fourth annual White Attire Fundraiser, which benefited its Pay It Forward Foundation as well as The Senator Philip D. Lewis Center, an organization that is part of The Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Palm Beach County.

The event was held at The Senada Adzem Team's listing, at 5678 Vintage Oaks Circle, Delray Beach. The home, owned by the Civog family, is listed for \$5.49 million.

Sponsors included All My Sons Moving & Storage, Off Lease Only West Palm Beach, Cornerstone Home Lending Inc., All About Closing Inc., Brightway Insurance Cole Family Agency, WIN Home Inspection Wellington, and Picture It Sold Photography. Also, Kendra Scott, a boutique in Mizner Park, Boca Raton, sold jewelry at the event and donated the proceeds.

The Corcoran Group sponsored this year's American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in Boca Raton on Oct. 22. The second-largest fundraising walk in South Florida, it had 23,000 walkers and reached its goal of raising \$500,000 for research grants, programs, advocacy and resources.

At the Boca Chamber's

64th annual celebration in October at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, the chamber welcomed the new chair of its board of directors, Ethel Isaacs Williams, and honored outgoing chairman Jerry Fedele, president and CEO of Boca Raton Regional Hospital. Issacs Williams is director of corporate engagement, diversity and inclusion for NextEra Energy Inc.

The Boca Chamber also introduced seven new board members: Michael Allison, Office Depot; Clara Bennett, Boca Raton Airport Authority; Andrew Duffell, Research Park at Florida Atlantic University; Ahnich Khalid, Maggiano's Little Italy; Ken Lebersfeld, Capitol Lighting; Keith Sonderling, Gunster; and Bob Tucker, ADT.

Alison Miuccio and Christie Workman have joined the Chamber team. Miuccio is sales and member relations manager; Workman leads the Golden Bell Education Foundation and Young Entrepreneurs Academy.

Toby Davis joined the Katz & Associates team at its new Boca Raton address, 1900 NW Corporate Blvd., East Tower, Suite 450.

Six Palm Beach arts organizations received \$75,000 in 2016 from the PNC Foundation's Arts Alive program, part of a three-year \$185,000 commitment PNC announced in November. Recipients were Armory Art Center, Boca Ballet Theatre, Core Ensemble, Palm Beach DramaWorks Ethics Project, Palm Beach Symphony's Children's Concerts, and Delray Beach Chorale.

In October, the Friends of Mounts Botanical Garden held its official groundbreaking for Windows on the Floating World: Tropical Wetland Garden, which is funded in part by Boynton Beach resident Margaret Blume as well as The Batchelor Foundation, the Friends of Mounts Botanical Garden and Palm Beach County.

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World will feature transparent open-grid walkways over wetlands. Within the walks are four "windows" that will be planted with aquatics and changed out with rotating and seasonal exhibits growing from submerged containers.

The display will include waterfalls, an area for wading birds, and a wall covered with bromeliads. Mounts Botanical Garden of Palm Beach County, at 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, is open Monday to through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Crane's Beach House Boutique Hotel & Luxury Villas hosted 200 guests in November at its fifth annual Best Bite restaurant competition. For the third year in a row, the winning eatery was **Caffe Luna Rosa**, which offered its Florida yellowtail snapper with a crab crust, topped with shrimp in a saffron cream sauce. **Tim Finnegan's Irish Pub** was the runner-up with its chicken curry, and **Pizza Rustica** came in third with gourmet pizza bites.

Other contenders were **Che!!!** with Spanish-style bean empanadas, **Papa's Tapas** with traditional Spanish omelets, **Patio Delray** with garam masala-rubbed ahi tuna seared rare, and **Streb's** with ahi tuna and asparagus sesame sake.

The **Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative** has prepared the city's Christmas activities and New Year's Eve celebration. The 100-foot Christmas tree will be at its usual spot at Old School Square on Atlantic Avenue through Jan. 1; Santa will be on hand through Dec. 23, with related activities held at Old School Square Park. The menorah lighting at Old School Square will be 6 p.m. Dec. 24.

Other holiday happenings include a carousel ride, kiddie train, ice-skating and mini-golf, plus the Holiday Boat Parade and the Holiday Parade. The New Year's Eve Celebration will be 5-9 p.m. at Old School Square Park.

Delray Buick GMC is now the annual automotive sponsor of all major Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative events over the next year, including the lighting of the Christmas tree and Delray Beach's First Night on New Year's Eve.

For a complete schedule and list of events and activities, visit www.100FtChristmasTree.com.



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Tony Arruza (top) took this photo of mullet leaping as a shark approaches. Ron Heavyside (below) shaped the surfboard. Photos by Tony Arruza

15 legendary surf masters create boards with photographer's images from the sea

By Thom Smith

What a life!

Tony Arruza loves to surf, lives to surf. And once in a while, he works ... as a photographer ... as long as the work doesn't pull him too far from the water. For five years he's been engaged in a project that melds his passion and his profession into a unique expression.

A five-year labor of love, "15x15" is 15 surfboards, shaped by 15 legendary board makers, each adorned with one of Arruza's photographs. They are functional art that could hang over a mantel or crank into a fast-breaking left at Reef Road.

The collection is on display through Jan. 21 at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County gallery in Lake Worth.

In addition to the boards, Arruza, 63, has mounted four dozen photos of the board makers at work, the original photographic prints, two of the laminate images that give each board its personality and a hardcover book (\$30,



autographed) that details the production of all 15 boards.

As a child, Arruza was always around the water, fishing and diving with his father, an engineer, in their native Cuba. In the wake of the revolution, the family headed for Miami, then the Glades sugar industry and finally West Palm Beach.

In the mid-'60s, as the surfing craze was hitting the East Coast, he rode his first wave at Lake Worth Beach. For his 13th birthday, his dad gave him a board — a 9-foot, 6-inch Surfboard House, custom made in Miami.

By today's standards, it was a barge; for Arruza it was enlightenment.

"I was reading surfing magazines like they were the Bible," Arruza recalled of articles that documented not just surfing, but the writers' travels. "I thought: I want to do this one day."

He did travel, to local breaks and "up the coast" to spots like Shark Pit and Canaveral Pier, as much as a kid could while still in high school. Settling in at Palm Beach Junior College (now Palm Beach State), he developed — surprise, surprise — an interest in marine biology.

Where to go? University of Miami? Too expensive. Scripps in San Diego? Too far. Woods Hole in Massachusetts? Too cold.

"Puerto Rico was close enough that I could talk my parents into it," Arruza admitted. "I really didn't care about the school, I just wanted to surf, but I convinced them to let me start school there. I got to meet people, got to know all the surf spots."

As luck would have it, his father had another gift for Tony — a Nikonos amphibious camera. Today cameras like this one sit as memorabilia in curio cases or unsold in thrift stores, but his was revolutionary.

"I'd shot some small stuff in high school," he said. "But because the camera was meant to be in the water and I surfed, I started shooting surfing with it. I came back from Puerto Rico with some great photos, did some slide shows and people urged me to shoot more and submit pictures to the surfing magazines."

One surfing photo even won first prize in a Kodak-sponsored photo contest.

Because few photographers had discovered Puerto Rico, Arruza's photos began to show up in surfing magazines.

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DECEMBER

Saturday - 12/3 - LIFE's "Lady in Red" Gala at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Get into the theme "Speakeasy," enjoy music by Gladys Knight and expect an electrifying evening filled with a little mayhem and mischief. 6 pm. \$550-\$750. 582-8083 or life-edu.org.

Monday - 12/5 - Hospice by the Sea Foundation's and Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation's Gathering of the Goddesses at Boca Lago Country Club, 8665 Juego Way, Boca Raton. Shop in style at the inaugural extravaganza to help support local charity and browse clothing, handbags, jewelry and more from the best retailers in the area. 4 pm. \$45. 494-6888 or hpbpcf.org.

Tuesday - 12/6 - Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches' 32nd Annual Tree Lighting Celebration at Sailfish Club, 1338 N. Lake Way, Palm Beach. Attend a festive cocktail reception, holiday dinner and silent and live auctions and see the lighting of the organization's "Angel Tree." 6 pm. \$350. 253-1361, Ext. 112 or adoptfamilypbc.org.

12/6 - YWCA Harmony House Gala at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. Benefits YWCA Palm Beach County. 6:45 pm. \$500. 640-0050, Ext. 134 or ywcapbc.org.

Wednesday - 12/7 - Opportunity Inc.'s Opportunity Luncheon & Holiday Boutique at Sailfish Club of Florida, 1338 N. Lake Way, Palm Beach. Benefit the organization's Early Childhood Education & Family Center at a luncheon and shopping event with a raffle. 10:30 am-1:30 pm. \$200. 712-9221 or opportunitypbc.org.

Thursday - 12/8 - Adolph & Rose Levis

Jewish Community Center's Holiday Fashion Presentation & After Hours Shopping Event at Bloomingdale's, 5840 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Raise funds for the Helene & Roy Schwedelson Special Needs Department during a two-part event that kicks off with a fashion show and leads into a shopping spree. 10:30 am fashion show, 6-8 pm shopping spree. \$36. 852-3207 or levisjcc.org/special.

12/8 - Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League's 45th Annual Christmas Ball at Sailfish Club, 1338 N. Lake Way, Palm Beach. Support the mission of helping injured and neglected cats and dogs during an event featuring Christmas décor, a pet parade and shopping for collars, leashes and more from the Shaggy Shoppe Pet Boutique. 7 pm. \$600. 472-8842 or peggyadams.org.

12/8 - Nat King Cole Generation Hope 3rd Annual President's Society Dinner at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. Cocktail reception, silent auction, intimate dinner, live auction, performance by The Pointer Sisters. 7-11 pm. \$750. 213-8209 or natkingcolegenhope.org.

Friday - 12/9 - National Association of Women Artists' 6" x 6" Scholarship Fundraiser at Armory Art Center, 1700 Park Ave., West Palm Beach. Purchase six-inch-by-six-inch canvases to raise money for local art students. 6-8 pm. \$50 per canvas. 736-2589 or nawaf.org.

Saturday - 12/10 - Mad Hatters Tea Party at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Benefits Children's Home Society of Florida. Family fare. Noon-2 pm. \$60. 540-4960 or eauspa.com.

12/10 - Nat King Cole Generation Hope's Wonderland Ball at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Join Alice and all her fanciful friends down the rabbit hole

Share the Light
Hyatt Place, Boca Raton



Dec. 19: Chabad of East Boca's Harry & Celia Litwak Center welcomes guests to a gala reception and concert where three outstanding residents will be presented with the Lamplighter Award. Time is 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$180. Call 394-9770 or visit bocabeachchabad.org/sharethelight. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Lamplighter Award recipients Marc Goldman and Eric Reid, Rabbi Ruvi and Ahuva New, recipient Arlene Herson and event Chairman Mitch Kirschner. Photo provided by Eduardo Schneider

for a season-kickoff party in the spa's Serenity Garden-turned-magical garden. 5-7 pm. \$60. 540-4960 or eauspa.com.

12/10 - Lumen Christi Gala at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. Benefits Palm Beach Diocese schools. Reception, dinner, dance, black tie. 6:30 pm. \$400. 775-9520 or diocesepb.org.

12/10 - JAFCO Jacob's Ladder Gala 2016 at The Polo Club of Boca Raton, 5400 Champion Blvd. Cocktail reception, dinner, dancing, awards. 7 pm. \$325. 954-315-8696 or jafco.org/events.

12/10 - The Salvation Army's 45th Annual Palm Beach Gala Under the Sea at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd. 7 pm poolside reception with live entertainment; 8 pm dinner and dancing. \$400-\$500. 503-6403 or salvationarmyflorida.org/westpalmbeach.

Monday - 12/12 - Compass' Cocktails for Compass at Club Colette, 215 Peruvian Ave.,

Palm Beach. Recognize the organization's top donors and supporters while highlighting the successes of the year's achievements and programs. 7 pm. \$500. 533-9699 or compassglcc.com.

Thursday - 12/15 - Jewish Women's Foundation of the Greater Palm Beaches' Imagine the Possibilities Luncheon at The Colony, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. Hear from guest speaker Martina Vandenberg, founder and president of the Human Trafficking Pro Bono Legal Center, speak about fighting injustice against women. 11:30 am. \$125. 275-2200 or jwfpalmbeach.org.

12/15 - Sandoway House Nature Center's Carols & Cocktails at 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Mix and mingle with friends at the beachfront historical site to enjoy cocktails and lite bites, as well as live musical entertainment. 6-9 pm. \$40. 274-7263 or sandoway.org.

Monday - 12/19 - Chabad Center of East

Boca's Harry & Celia Litwak Center's Share the Light at Hyatt Place, 100 E. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. See three outstanding residents receive the Lamplighter Award at a gala reception and concert. 5:30 pm. \$180. 394-9770 or bocabeachchabad.org/sharethelight.

Thursday - 12/29 - Beach Bash Palm Beach at The Beach Club, 755 North County Road, Palm Beach. Benefits Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center. 8 pm-midnight. \$250. 672-8280, Ext. 103 or marinelifelife.org.

JANUARY

Saturday - 1/7 - Palm Beach Police Foundation's Policemen's Ball at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Honor the men and women in blue at the 11th-annual black-tie dinner dance that includes a cocktail reception, live auction and awards presentations. 7-11 pm. \$600. 820-8118 or www.pbpf.us.

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Ismael Valentin with daughters Megdalia Cintron (left) and Suely Couto (right)

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Philanthropy Notes

There's \$15,000 in the 'tank' for the best teen projects

The 2016-17 Palm Beach Philanthropy Tank is underway, challenging local seventh- through 12th-graders to develop community-betterment projects.

Applications from students will be accepted until Dec. 11 for the chance to win one year of personal mentoring and up to \$15,000 in funding. Finalists will be announced Jan. 25, when they will present their ideas to a panel of four philanthropist-investors.

"Philanthropy Tank is an opportunity for local philanthropists to work directly with motivated young people from our community," Co-Chairman Evan Deoul said. "The Philanthropy Tank is proving a uniquely rewarding and fundamentally inspiring way to make meaningful change in our community."

Developed by the nonprofit Advisors for Philanthropic Impact, the Philanthropy Tank aims to shape the leadership paths of youths and, through their creative solutions, address social issues and effect change.

"Our best advocates are adults who hope to inspire today's youth to care for their community," Deoul said. "This is precisely our mission."

For information, visit philanthropytank.org.

Empty Bowls fundraiser

The annual Empty Bowls fundraiser will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 4 at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. This national grassroots event raises money for local hunger relief, and our event supports the Palm Beach County Food Bank.

Amateur and professional potters make bowls for local chefs to serve their "signature soups" to symbolically fill the "empty bowls" of hungry people in the community. Each \$25 admission includes a simple meal of soup, bread and water, and you get a handcrafted bowl you can take home.

One hundred percent of proceeds from the event benefits the Palm Beach County Food Bank. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.pbcfoodbank.org.

Record donation made to summer-literacy program

Jarden Consumer Solutions' employee-funded charitable entity has presented the Delray Beach Public Library with a record \$25,000 grant in support of summer literacy.

The library will use the money for programming and to purchase books, prizes and snacks for the at-risk students participating, helping prevent the "summer slide." The term refers to a tendency for students — especially those from low-income families — to lose some of their achievement gains

made during the school year.

"It is the goal of the JCS ... to direct funding to areas that best address the needs in the community, and the summer-literacy program in Delray Beach exemplifies that goal," said Rocki Rockingham, JCS vice president of community relations and communications.

"It is inspiring to see that individuals like the employees of JCS are willing to donate their time and money to give children a greater chance to succeed in their educational endeavors," outgoing library Director Alan Kornblau added.

The annual program has distributed more than 26,000 books to local children.

All hands on deck for Junior League's outreach

The Junior League of Boca Raton united with the Junior League of New Orleans to support families in need after historic rainfalls resulted in mass flooding in southeastern Louisiana, impacting at least 100,000 homes and leaving thousands displaced.

Diapers were among the most urgently needed items, so the local league sent 8,652 of them, as well as more than \$1,500 in supplies such as baby formula, feminine-hygiene products, food and phone chargers.

"The Junior League of Boca Raton is here to make a difference in the lives of people in our community," President Kirsten Stanley said. "The tragic flooding in Louisiana reminded us that our community reaches beyond Palm Beach County."

The league's goal is to promote volunteerism, develop the potential of women and improve the community through effective action and leadership.

Adopt-A-Family receives 4-star Navigator rating

Charity Navigator awarded Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches a 10th consecutive 4-star rating for its strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. In the last 10 years, 1 percent of the charities it evaluates receives this rating, and Adopt-A-Family is one of four nonprofits in Florida to achieve it. Charity Navigator assesses more than 8,000 charities.

Last year, Adopt-A-Family served more than 2,000 families in need. To make a donation, visit www.adoptfamilypbc.org/donate.

To submit your event or



listing, contact Amy Woods at flamywoods@bellsouth.net.

Pay it Forward



Casey (left) and Timolin Cole. The twins back music education in schools. Photo provided

Eau Spa ball benefits Cole sisters' charity

By Cheryl Blackerby

Timolin and Casey Cole, the twin daughters of legendary singer Nat King Cole and sisters of the late singer Natalie Cole, are passionate advocates for music education in South Florida's schools.

They started their nonprofit organization, Nat King Cole Generation Hope, in 2008 when many schools were dropping music programs.

"When we were growing up, music was as fundamental as reading and math and the fact that these kids who couldn't even afford lunch and were not given that opportunity to express themselves in an art form was very frustrating to us. We just realized we had to do what we could to help change that," Timolin Cole said.

Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa is lending a hand by hosting the holiday Wonderland Ball, a benefit for Nat King Cole Generation Hope, from 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 10. Fire dancers, balloon artists and magicians will entertain guests under tents in Eau Spa's Serenity Garden.

Money from tickets for the event and donations will go to music programs at area schools.

"It was a challenging time to start a nonprofit in 2008 with the start of a bad economy," said Casey Cole. "But it was very crucial because Timolin and I were realizing that the art programs in the schools, especially the Title 1 schools, were basically being cut off. We wanted to make a difference in our community in South Florida."

The sisters, who live near each other in Boca Raton, have helped more than 40 schools and music programs, by supporting mentoring and teaching, collecting and refurbishing used instruments, and supplying new instruments.

Music instruction is far more important than just preparing for a concert, Timolin Cole said. Music classes increase graduation rates; improve early cognitive development, math and

If You Go

What: Eau Spa's Wonderland Ball

When: 5-7 p.m. Dec. 10

Where: Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan

Details: Fire dancers, balloon artists and magicians will entertain guests under tents in the spa's Serenity Garden. Children will watch Alice in Wonderland while parents enjoy the evening's reception with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. A silent auction will include a \$500 Eau Spa gift certificate.

Tickets: \$60 per person. "Kids Night Out" at Aqua-Nuts is \$80 per child and will be held from 5 to 8 p.m.

Info or to buy tickets: 540-4960 or www.eauspa.com

reading skills; develop critical thinking and leadership skills, and foster self-esteem and the ability to work cooperatively in teams.

"When we went into these schools and gave instruments to the band programs, math and science teachers would approach us and say their best students were the ones who studied music. So we got it firsthand from the teachers,"

Timolin Cole said.

The sisters also want children to have fun with music.

"Our message is not so much about musical excellence but creating happiness and joy for these children," says Timolin Cole. "We want them to experience the joy of music and with that comes confidence and higher self-esteem."

Nat King Cole Generation Hope's projects include a summer music camp at Lynn University and the camp's Summer Strings Concert, and Guitars Over Guns' after-school programs.

Having grown up with music in the home and school, the sisters were sympathetic to students who don't have those opportunities.

"I remember seeing interviews of kids who were not able to play an instrument and creatively express themselves without having to pay extra money for it," said Timolin Cole. "We want to provide that opportunity."

For more information or to help Nat King Cole Generation Hope: natkingcolegenhope.org; 213-8209. ★

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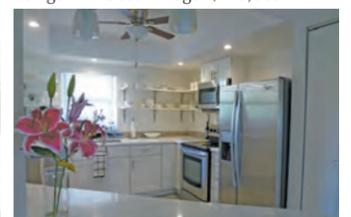
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Pay it Forward

‘Bubbles & Bites’ beckons backers of Impact 100 Palm Beach County

By Amy Woods

Impact 100 Palm Beach County, a nonprofit that awards \$100,000 grants to local charities in order to effect maximum change, wants to boost its membership. As a way to attract area women to join the cause, the organization is offering a free night of pampering and partying in the poshest of places.

Eau Spa in Manalapan, part of the oceanfront luxury resort, will be the scene of “Bubbles & Bites,” a festive and fun reception for current and future philanthropists.

“We try and have a few events a year to have the members be able to meet and greet each other and get to know each other better,” Co-Chairwoman Karen Rogers said. “But it’s also a bring-a-friend-out event.”

Set for Jan. 10, the evening will feature flowing champagne, abundant hors d’oeuvres and swag bags filled with spa samplers — products used at Eau Spa — that every attendee will get to take home. Boutique vendors will be on hand selling specialty items, and spa “fairies” will circulate through the crowd to ensure everyone is having a good time.



Coordinating the Impact 100 event are (l-r) Nick Gold, PR director for Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa; Cindy Racco, general manager of Eau; Karen Rogers, event co-chairwoman; Helen Ballerano, co-president of Impact 100 Palm Beach County; Catherine Warren, spa director; Hilary Sullivan, event co-chairwoman; Karen Sweetapple, co-president of Impact 100; Portia Smith, Boca Raton Magazine; and Mark Klein, director of special events and catering. Photo provided by Tida Sroivattana

“It’s an evening of women getting together and having cocktails and relaxing and also sharing their thoughts,” Rogers said.

Grant recipients will give updates on how their Impact 100 Palm Beach County dollars have helped the community, and representatives of the group will explain how its guiding principle,

“One Woman, One Meeting, One Vote,” affects the lives of the less fortunate. Members agree to donate \$1,000 apiece and participate in a forum at which they decide where their proceeds will go.

In 2015-16, 532 members donated a collective \$532,000 that was distributed to five primary beneficiaries and a handful of others.

“I really had not understood before the depth of the need in this community,” Co-Chairwoman Hilary Sullivan said. “I went to one of their presentations and decided it definitely was something I wanted to get involved with. I saw the difference that they were making, and I was really blown away.” ★

If You Go

What: Bubbles & Bites
When: 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 10
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Information: Call 336-4623 or visit impact100pbc.org

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Celebrations

PR Yak-Yak

Crane's Beach House, Delray Beach – Oct. 20



The popular getaway tucked amid a tropical oasis welcomed nearly 60 local public-relations and marketing professionals to the 10th annual networking event. Representatives from several South Florida firms joined representatives from area nonprofits at the 'fun-raiser' put on by the Gold Coast PR Council and PRSA Palm Beach. The evening netted approximately \$1,100, which will be split evenly among the two organizations. **ABOVE:** Marianne Radwan and A. Spencer Schwartz. **Photo provided**

Luminary Gala

Delray Beach Marriott – Oct. 14



The Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce redefined its annual gala with an updated experience for all the city's business community to enjoy. In simple terms, it was a party. Live entertainment kept guests dancing all night while an artist painted in the lobby and had works on display. And the chamber rolled out its new Luminary campaign. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Kelli Freeman, Karen Granger and Patty Reed. **Photo provided**

Think Pink Luncheon

City Fish Market, Boca Raton – Oct. 13



Nearly 70 guests attended an event to support breast-cancer awareness organized by the South Palm Beach County chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers. The group donated \$1,000 to the Susan G. Komen South Florida affiliate in commemoration of the month. Photo: (l-r) Kara Brotman, Susan Brotman and Rochelle Kerner. **Photo provided**

'Girls, Pearls, Hats & Heels'

Seagate County Club, Delray Beach – Nov. 4



The fundraiser for Bethesda Hospital Foundation and Delray Beach Public Library was among the best to date, selling out with 280 women in attendance. They enjoyed an afternoon of bubbly, lunch by the bite and shopping for the latest fashions.

LEFT: Patti Carpenter and Robin Smoller

ABOVE: Kari Shipley and Susan Mullins

RIGHT: event Chairwoman Dr. Jacqueline Moroco Maloney

Photos provided



Community Impact Awards & Reception

Broken Sound Club, Boca Raton – Nov. 3



The Faulk Center for Counseling had its annual celebration honoring the community's mental-health advocates. The ceremony recognized business, educational and individual partners who support the center's mission of providing free and low-cost counseling services to all ages. 'One in four people in the world will be affected by mental or neurological disorders at some point in their lives,' CEO Vicki Katz said. 'Together, we can work to advance the welfare of people suffering from emotional problems and mental illness in our community.'

ABOVE: (l-r) board member Clem Winke and sponsors Sharon DaBrusco, Chris Woythaler and Tom Kuhlman. **Photo provided**

Impact 100 Fall Kickoff

Neiman Marcus, Boca Raton – Oct. 13



The highly anticipated 2016 Impact 100 Palm Beach County season starter successfully stole the show, welcoming 22 new members. The special event had a turnout of more than 150, who enjoyed light bites and beverages. Also in attendance were past recipients of \$100,000 grants. **LEFT:** (l-r) Lisa Morgan, Janet Little and Susan Duane. **Photo provided**

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Around Town

Trump visit gives Palm Beach taste of life as winter White House

The Donald Trump presidency is expected to create the greatest security nightmare in history, let alone the history of the republic. Never before has any office holder anywhere had so



Trump

many places to hang out: Trump Tower in New York, a 15-bedroom mansion on 230 acres in Bedford, N.Y., Trump

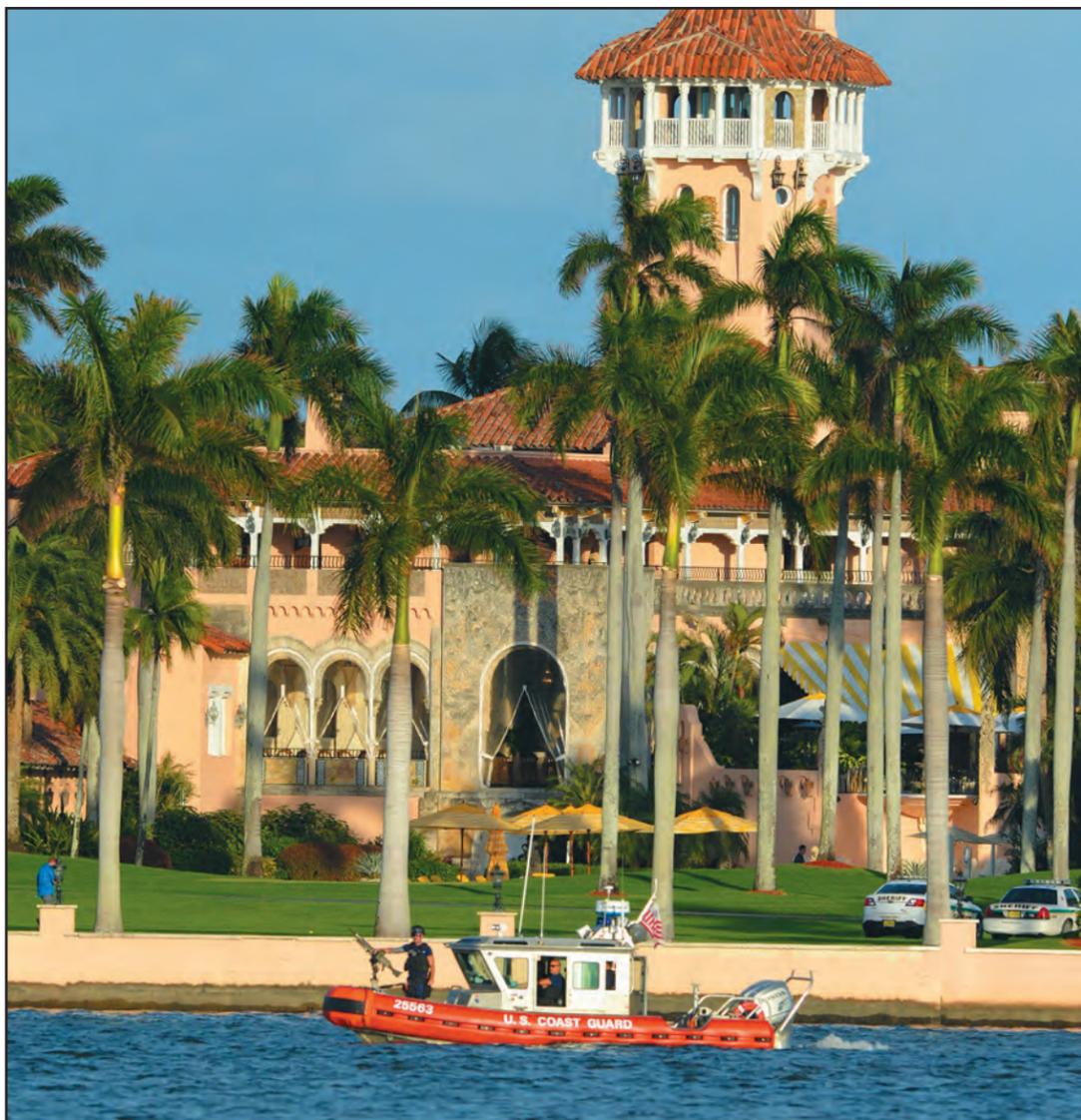
Vineyard Estates in Charlottesville, Va., all the hotels (including Trump International — just down Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House), not to mention those golf courses. And of course, Mar-a-Lago.

Built by Marjorie Merriweather Post in the '20s, it is grand by any standards. When Post died in 1973, she bequeathed the estate to the nation, ostensibly to serve as a “winter White House.” A few years later, however, Uncle Sam gave it back to the Post foundation — too expensive to preserve and to protect.

Enter Trump. He claimed he offered \$28 million only to have it rejected. So in typical Trumpian style, he bought surrounding properties and squeezed the foundation, which in 1985 acquiesced. For the thrift-store price of \$5 million for the estate plus \$3 million for the furnishings, Post's 58-bedroom, 33-bath dream became Trump's reality.

At the time he had only three kids, so what was he going to do with all those rooms? He may not be the richest resident on Forbes' list — at \$4.5 billion, he's in a 14-way tie for 324th — but a fundamental motivation for The Donald has always been money, the more flauntable and ostentatious the better.

So he split it up: residence on



A Coast Guard gunboat patrols the Intracoastal Waterway west of Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

one side, the Mar-a-Lago Club on the other.

Reports list membership at more than 400, with a waiting list of people who will pay a reported \$100,000 initiation fee and \$16,000 a year. Thousands more attend charity events in the ballroom every year. But what changes outside and inside Mar-a-Lago's walls will be implemented when “Mogul” (Trump's Secret Service code name) is on site, as occurred Thanksgiving weekend.

The Secret Service will not post “snipers” in the tower, as one local TV station reported.

Sharpshooters is the more appropriate word, although their presence was presumed, not confirmed.

However, a mobile observation tower was positioned on the grounds, courtesy of the sheriff's office. In Lake Worth, 25-foot Coast Guard Defender patrol boats armed with .50-caliber machine guns kept curious boaters at a distance.

Palm Beach police and sheriff's deputies established a perimeter. All traffic along Southern Boulevard was halted for Trump motorcades between Mar-a-Lago and the airport.

Media crews set up reporting sites on the north shore of Bingham Island just east of the Southern bridge, and pedestrian traffic was restricted. Traffic along A1A, the only road passing by Mar-a-Lago and the only southern access to and from the island, moved at a snail's pace.

On the water, the Coast Guard and Secret Service established three security areas. The Atlantic Ocean zone extends 1,000 yards offshore from approximately Worth Avenue south to Ocean View Road. Boaters can pass through the zone at a steady speed. No stopping or even slowing. Don't even think about fishing or diving.

The same north-south boundaries and speed requirements apply in Lake Worth — the body of water, not the town — but traffic is permitted only on the western side, the Intracoastal Waterway east to Fisherman Island.

The waters on the east side of the lake from Everglades Island to 1,000 yards south of the Southern Boulevard bridge are off limits to vessels and people. No boats, no paddleboards, no swimmers.

Palm Beach residents with waterfront homes, such as Wilbur Ross, Trump's reputed choice to serve as secretary of commerce, may come and go as long as they contact the Coast Guard in advance.

Mar-a-Lago is a no-fly zone when “Mogul” is present. Commercial flights will be diverted north or south.

Apparently, the inconveniences in Palm Beach are nothing compared to those in New York, where the streets around Trump Tower are closed off when Trump is in the building. Shop owners are complaining their business is suffering. Tiffany — the jeweler, not the daughter — canceled its annual window display.

But Palm Beach is upbeat. “It's nothing new for us,” Palm Beach Public Safety Director Kirk Blouin said. “We've been providing security for presidents and other dignitaries for a long time. I've been here more than 20 years and things have always run smoothly.”

Several presidents have visited Palm Beach. However, the island is best known for its Kennedy connection. While some business was handled at Joe Kennedy's “beach house” at the north end, press briefings were held at Palm Beach Towers in midtown and security was far less pervasive than it is today. Perhaps Trump will conduct

press briefings in Mar-a-Lago's ballroom.

Town and county law enforcement have been working with the Secret Service since Trump became a viable candidate, but Blouin said it would be “premature” to reveal any restrictions on public access and mobility.

“It's exciting for us and the people in town,” he said, “and we'll get the job done.”

Needless to say, circumstances now will be somewhat different.

With the voting over, the postmortems can begin.

First on the dais Nov. 21 was FAU political science professor **Jeffrey Morton**, with his take on the election's implications for foreign policy. A winner of the Foreign Policy Association Medal in 2012, Morton will return to the University Theatre after the inauguration on Jan. 30 with the topic “A New President Confronts the World.”



Beschloss

Presidential historian and NBC commentator **Michael Beschloss** will address “Critical Moments of the American Presidency: Past, Present, and Future,” Feb. 22 at the **Alan B. and Charna Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency**, in the FAU Student Union. (Tickets for both: 297-6124, www.fauvents.com.)

Another presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize winner, **Jon Meacham**,



Meacham

headlines the 2017 **Festival of the Arts Boca at Mizner Park**. His topic: “The Art of Leadership — Lessons from the American

Presidency,” March 6. Meacham is just one of several stars — musical and literary — at the Festival of the Arts, which runs March 2-12 at



Marsalis

Mizner Park. Choice tickets go quickly. Jazzman **Branford Marsalis** joins with **Symphonia, Boca Raton, Constantine Kitsopoulos**,

conducting, on March 3. Last year 12-year-old Indonesian pianist **Joey Alexander** wowed the audience with his jazz improv. This year he has a partner, Mexican **Daniela Liebman**, 14, and backed by Symphonia on March 5 will work some magic on Strauss, Mendelssohn and a dash of Joey's jazz.

Two important dates stand out next spring for another hot young classical pianist — and computer whiz — **Daniel Hsu**, 18. On March 10 he'll perform the Tchaikovsky *Concerto No. 1*

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with Symphonia and a surprise violinist. Six weeks later he'll go it alone at **Carnegie Hall**.

March 12: Half a century after hitting the top 10 with *The Look of Love* and *Mas Que Nada* with Brasil '66, **Sergio Mendes** is still going strong, albeit with Brasil 2017 — three Grammys in 2012 and an Oscar nomination for his score of *Real in Rio*.

For opera fans, *La Boheme* will be semi-staged March 4. Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist **Jennifer Egan** is up March 2, *New Yorker* cartoonist **Bob Mankoff** on March 4, and physicist **Brian Greene** speaks March 7.

For tickets, call 866-571-2787.

The people of Boca Raton have spoken: No commercial development on the Wildflower site.

Last July, the City Council voted a commercial designation to 2.27 acres on the north side of the Palmetto Park Road bridge over the Intracoastal. In the '80s it was **Wildflower**, a popular nightclub. But when the economy soured, it closed and was eventually razed.

In 2009 the city bought the land for \$7.5 million, intent on turning it into a revenue producer. That money would come from **Hillstone Restaurant Group**, which operates the **Houston's** chain. Lease projections targeted \$33 million for the city over 45 years.

Residents rallied. Despite a 4-1 council majority in support of the lease, they succeeded in drafting a referendum that asked voters if they favored preserving all city-owned land along the Intracoastal for public recreation, boating access, streets and storm water uses — in other words, nothing commercial.

Two-thirds said yes. For the victors, the logical choice is to join the former Wildflower with Silver Palm Park on the south

side of Palmetto Park Road with a link under the bridge.

In the '70s, the mantra in Boca was "controlled growth," a conscious effort to curtail urban sprawl and still prosper. For years, the tallest building in downtown, **First Bank and Trust** on Palmetto Park Road, just east of Federal, rose all of eight stories. The new **Hyatt Place**, which is accepting reservations for Dec. 20, offers 200 rooms on 13 floors. Other developers have proposed monsters twice that size but public resistance has sent them back to the designers.

Big season at the **Kravis Center** for its 25th anniversary. Lots of stars. Arts and science. Lots of special events. The party started Oct. 1 with an all-day, no-charge community salute and continues Dec. 6-11 with the road show of **Christopher Wheeldon's** 2015 Tony-winning musical *An American in Paris*, based on the music written in 1928 by **George and Ira Gershwin** that inspired the 1951 Oscar-winning film. The musical won four Tonys, not bad considering it was up against *Hamilton*.

Brian Wilson and **Al Jardine**, two surviving members of the **Beach Boys**, performed *Pet Sounds* a couple of months ago at **Seminole Hard Rock** in Hollywood. On Dec. 16, the remaining two, **Mike Love** and **Bruce Johnson**, bring *Little Saint Nick* to the Kravis. Wouldn't it be nice if they could get together and do it again?

Two days later ... **Itzhak Perlman**. Nothing else to say. Tap out the old year with *42nd Street* on New Year's Eve. Salute Vienna with Strauss music on New Year's Day and try some *Dirty Dancing* — *The Classic Story on Stage*, Jan. 3-8.

If sex has appeal, stop by the Cohen Pavilion on Jan. 5 for a little lunch with **Dr. Ruth Westheimer**. She'll be interviewed by **Steven Caras**,



Dr. Ruth

who won't dance around the dicey questions.

On Jan. 12, the Palm Beach Wine Auction (with dinner) returns for the 10th year to raise money for Kravis Center education programs. A ticket costs \$1,000, but it affords the opportunity to score some great wine ... and to see how the president-elect lives. The auction is held at the **Mar-a-Lago Club**.

Jay Leno should have a few choice things to say Jan. 15, **Kenny Rogers** drops by on his "Final World Tour" Jan. 18, and **Billy Crystal** promises to stand up, sit down, tell some stories, show film clips and "talk about my life and career and the world as I see it" on Jan. 22.

Speaking of country singers, the first performance at the Kravis Center was held not in 1992 but two years earlier. The orchestra pit, some three stories deep, had been poured, but the auditorium and lobby existed only on blueprints. That didn't stop the center's first executive director, **Arnold Bremen**, from putting on a show.

To salute the construction crew and drum up local interest, Bremen trucked in a 150-foot sub sandwich and then brought out bluegrass wizard **Ricky Skaggs** and his band. "I just hope they don't deaden it too much," he said, referring to acoustical engineering.

Old School Square will present six shows in December. On Dec. 7 at 2 and 8 p.m., **Crest Theatre** will present the **American Big Band's** new Christmas production, "Home for the Holidays," featuring an 11-piece band along with six singers and dancers. Tickets are \$42 and \$32.

On Dec. 8 at 9 p.m., the Fieldhouse at Old School

Square will present an on-the-road version of **Jim Caruso's Cast Party**. Tickets are \$50.

At Crest Theatre at 7 p.m. Dec. 11, **Will and Anthony Nunziata** will offer fresh interpretations of Broadway classics and pop standards. Tickets are \$52 and \$42.

Dec. 16 through 18, Crest Theatre will present *Avenue Q*, winner of the Tony "triple crown" for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book. Performances will be at 8 p.m. with an additional 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets are \$52 and \$42.

At 8 p.m. Dec. 22 and 23, Crest Theatre will present **Steve Solomon's** *My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish, I'm Home for the Holidays: The Therapy Continues ...* Tickets are \$46 and \$36.

At 7:30 p.m. Dec. 26, the Pavilion at Old School Square will present the **State Ballet Theatre of Russia**. Tickets are \$30 (\$20 for students). To purchase tickets, visit www.OldSchoolSquare.org or call the box office at 243-7922, Ext. 1.

Yes, Pulitzer Prizes are awarded for poetry, and **Charles Simic** won it in 1990. He also



Simic

served as U.S. poet laureate in 2007-2008, and he'll be a special guest poet at the 13th annual **Palm Beach Poetry Festival**. The festival, set for Jan. 16-21 at **Old School Square** in Delray Beach, will attract poets from a wide range of genres, including **Laure-Anne Bosselaar**, winner of the prestigious Isabella Gardner Prize for Poetry. (www.palmbeachpoetryfestival.org)

Food fights ... Delray Beach loyalists now know what will replace **Tryst**, the popular Atlantic Avenue gastropub.

Owners promise a February opening for **Rok:Brgr**, the first location for the chain outside of Dade and Broward counties. It will have seating for 100, another 25 at the bar, local craft beers and local suppliers.

It's getting high marks down south, but burger competition is hot and heavy.

In Lake Worth, new owners have different plans for the building that was home for a decade to **Mother Earth Sanctuary Cafe**. So Mother Earth owner/chef **Patti Lucia** closed it down Nov. 30. She'll continue to serve at **Lake Worth's Farmers Market** and look for a site that would double as a commercial kitchen and cafe somewhere between West Palm Beach and Delray Beach.

On her Facebook page a dejected Lucia wrote: "I learned a long time ago to go where you are wanted and stay where you are welcome. ... After the news of Mother Earth closing, not one politician in this town reached out ... to say, 'hey we are sorry you are closing. You were a valuable business in this town ...' Not one. Silence speaks loudly, too."

Another Lake Worth favorite is gone — **Havana Hideout**. Costs exceeded revenue.

Down in Boca, **Bogart's**, the upstairs restaurant at the **Cinemark** theaters, is gone.

Cinemark will introduce its own concept — **Cinemark Movie Bistro** — with typical movie fare plus some regional specialties. For example, the Fort Collins, Colo., site offers sandwiches, wraps, sliders, pizza, nachos, wings, salads, even fried pickles, while the Lake Charles, La., menu includes shrimp po' boys and crawfish pie.



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Dining

Tacos hit the spot at Uncle Julio's

The plate: Soft taco plate
The place: Uncle Julio's, Mizner Park, 449 Plaza Real, Boca Raton; 300-3530 or www.unclejulios.com.

The price: \$13.97

The skinny: The sun was shining and the breeze was blowing. It was a great day for sitting back and relaxing with a plate of tacos and a margarita.

Uncle Julio's is known for its fajitas, my server said. But I didn't feel like chowing down on a huge order of fajitas, so I decided to go for a mix — the soft tacos filled with the chicken ordinarily cooked up for fajitas.

The mesquite-grilled bits of tender chicken on the tacos had a wonderful smoky quality



tempered by the fresh tomatoes and crisp iceberg lettuce.

Also tasty: Those frijoles a la charra, or pinto beans cooked with peppers, bacon or pork and tomatoes.

— Scott Simmons



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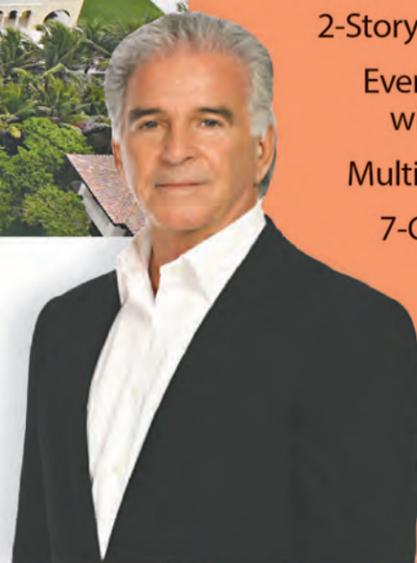
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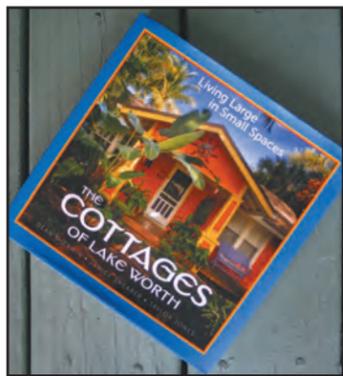
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Music



From left: Julia Formica (photo contributed), Jared Lee, Brooke Geissler and Morgan Beers. Photos by Tom Tracy

Mainstreet Dreamers choose well-trod path

By Bill Meredith
ArtsPaper Music Writer

Many towns have a Main Street, a thoroughfare that links its other tributaries to keep drivers from getting lost. But West Palm Beach-based pop/rock band Mainstreet Dreamers was not named for any such predictability.

Geographically, West Palm Beach is just listed on the quartet's Web pages as a central location. Bassist Morgan Beers lives farther north in Jupiter, guitarist Jared Lee much farther south in Weston. Lead singer Julia Formica and drummer,

percussionist and vocalist Brooke Geissler split the difference by residing in Delray Beach.

Stylistically, the band is essentially a lineup of solo songwriters who got together specifically to play cover material instead. And many of their song choices — from the Romantics' "What I Like About You" and Guns N' Roses' "Sweet Child O' Mine" to Lenny Kravitz's "Are You Gonna Go My Way" and the Red Hot Chili Peppers' "Dani California" — range from nearly as old to even far older than the band members. (Formica and Lee are only

in their early 20s, Beers and Geissler in their mid-20s.)

"We love playing covers," Beers says. "We can't get enough of it. I'm also a big fan of famous bands covering tunes, which has become popular. So we decided to purposely become exclusively a cover act."

While many bands start with singers and guitarists looking for a rhythm section for completion, Mainstreet Dreamers avoided that norm as well. Beers and Geissler came up with the idea while studying music together at Florida Atlantic University.

"Brooke and I played in

jazz band together as far back as high school," Beers says.

"We tried to start this band in early 2014, but we were still in college and getting slammed with our classes. We weren't able to gain any traction until about a year later, after we'd graduated."

The four band members' day jobs would also be impossible to predict, from audio technician and bridge operator to retail associate and musical educator. Even the group's name wasn't contrived.

"We were sitting around a table, brainstorming and See MAINSTREET on Page 10

Theater

'Sister Act' provides lighthearted fun, but with a message

By Hap Erstein
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

Ask Patrece Bloomfield, who is making her Wick Theatre debut in *Sister Act* as Delores Van Cartier — aka the Whoopi Goldberg character in the 1992 movie — how she got the role and she will answer in two words, "Divine intervention."

How appropriate for a musical that takes place largely in a convent.

Bloomfield was appearing in a theme park show at

Universal Studios in Orlando, rotating in a role with a handful of other women. She happened to be performing when Michael Ursua, the Wick's musical director and designated director of *Sister Act*, was walking by.

"He'd been through that part of the park several times and had never seen my show," says Bloomfield.

But he caught her act, asked around about her and then hired her for the Wick's holiday show. "So apparently it was meant to be," she says with

a satisfied smile.

Those who are familiar with the movie know it concerns a Philadelphia nightclub singer who witnesses a murder and is then hidden for her safety in a convent. There her irreverent, empowering attitude rubs off on the nuns, while their spiritual demeanor has an effect on her. And the rousing choir that Delores assembles sends church attendance through the roof.

Neither the show nor the movie of *Sister Act* will ever be accused of being profound,

but according to Don Seward, who plays tough guy Curtis Jackson, the musical's songs provide the stage show with a little more depth.

"I feel like with the solos these characters have, you get to hear their inner thoughts that you don't see in the movie," he says. "With these songs, you understand the characters a lot more."

"If you've seen the movie of *Sister Act* then you know it's kind of witty and lighthearted.

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It's serious, but not too serious. If you come in with an open attitude and an open mind, you're going to have fun regardless. You're going to enjoy seeing this story and these characters develop."

"It's silly fun, but with a heart," agrees Margot Moreland (Sister Mary Patrick). "It's got a message, it's got a togetherness theme."

She recalls seeing the film version, saying, "For me, it was purely silly fun. I didn't go to the movie going, 'This is going to change my life.' I went going, 'Let me go see Whoopi Goldberg as a nightclub singer becoming a nun. Ha ha, what a funny thing.'"

Chances are most of the Wick audience is familiar with the movie of *Sister Act* already. "I would hope so. I think it helps," says Ursua. "I think the



Patrece Bloomfield was working at an Orlando theme park when she caught the ear of the man who was going to direct *Sister Act*. Now she's playing Delores Van Cartier. **Photo provided**

score to the movie is very near and dear to people's hearts." But composer Alan Menken and lyricist Glenn Slater have

updated the songs from the 1950s to the '70s. "You've got the nice '70s sound that keeps you going and the ballads are

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Sister Act is playing at the Wick Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Highway, in Boca Raton. Through Dec. 23. \$75-\$80. 995-2333.

so moving and perfect. I think it's wonderful."

"This music, people are going to say, 'It's not the same,' but it's phenomenal," adds Danette Cuming, the show's Mother Superior.

"You have that amazing Broadway rhythm mixed with disco, mixed with gospel. With these amazing women, the sound soars and it blends. It's like a gospel church service in a traditional Broadway show. I'd be surprised if people are not standing on their feet in the aisles."

Unfortunately, the Wick has reverted to recorded music for

Sister Act, a budgetary decision, according to Ursua.

"You will never get me to say it's better with tracks, but most of the audience is not going to know that it's tracks. They're that good," notes Moreland.

The cast agrees that the recorded music should not get in the way of the audience's enjoyment of *Sister Act*. "I think they're going to have to work really hard not to have a good time," says Jessica Brooke Sanford, who plays meek Sister Mary Robert.

"It's a feel-good show. It's a good-time show," adds Seward. "If you're coming out to have fun, to enjoy life and celebrate living, come to this show."

And if current political events have you a bit depressed, *Sister Act* should help you shake off the blues. Says Bloomfield, "It's perfect escapism for everyone and any time, but particularly now."

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shouting out whatever came to our minds," Formica says. "After bouncing words around for about a half-hour, going from one word to the next, I came up with the name that stuck."

Both Beers and Geissler graduated college with musical degrees in sound engineering, and it shows. The bassist's tone is resonant and thick, yet with ample clarity, and his nimble playing displays that past experience playing jazz, some even on acoustic upright

instruments. Ditto Geissler's drum tones and creative percussion setup for quieter gigs like the Brewhouse Gallery in Lake Park — where she splits the difference between drums and percussion by playing a customized snare drum with her hands and a customized pedal to mimic a kick drum.

"She puts a thin wooden head on her snare drum," Beers says, "and uses a foot pedal that looks like a block of wood, but has a contact microphone in it. And she equalizes it to sound like a kick drum. It's all quite amazing."

Beers and Geissler also

engineered the post for singers and guitarists that yielded Formica through the South Florida Musicians page on Facebook. The rhythm section likewise found original guitarist Davey Pitruzzello, who performed with the quartet from its inception in December 2015 until October, when it became too much in conjunction with his primary job.

"Davey is a music teacher by day," Beers says, "and it's his first teaching job out of college. He felt he needed to give it his full attention, and we totally understood."

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See **Mainstreet Dreamers** at 9 p.m. Dec. 16 at Igot's Martiki Bar, 702 Lake Ave., Lake Worth (582-4468); at 10 p.m. Dec. 17 at O'Shea's Irish Pub, 531 Clematis St., West Palm Beach (833-3865); and at 10 p.m. Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 at the Blue Anchor, 804 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach (272-7272).

Enter Lee, who's set to turn 21 but displays a style well beyond his years.

"Jared is the son of Julia's mother's co-worker," says Beers, exhibiting the six-degrees-of-separation theory. "It sounded like a story we've heard a hundred times, but then he came to the audition and blew us away. He teaches at the School of Rock, and has been a great addition."

Lee's primary influence is 70-year-old guitarist David Gilmour, the incredible stylist who inimitably melded blues and progressive rock elements into Pink Floyd's sound from 1968 until the band's retirement in 2014.

"Every note he played was

perfect," Lee says. "And when you add in his songwriting, you practically double how instrumental he was to the Pink Floyd sound."

Timeless influences are a recurring Mainstreet Dreamers theme. Beers cites 63-year-old bassist Billy Sheehan, known for his work with Mr. Big, David Lee Roth, and Steve Vai. Geissler is drawn to 25-year-old California rock band Incubus, and its uber-talented drummer Jose Pasillas. And some of Formica's sources harken back to the Woodstock era.

"I love Joni Mitchell, Carole King, and Sheryl Crow," she says. "My passion is songwriting, so I love singer/songwriters."

A guitar-playing composer fronting an all-cover band only as a vocalist is another unpredictable element. But in addition to her stellar vocal range and phrasing, Formica's compositional prowess came in handy in creating another paradox — the all-cover band's all-original three-song EP, *Nashville Session*.

"Julia, Davey and I had never been to Nashville," Beers says, "so we decided to take a week and visit. We went to a place we'd heard that we had to go to, Soulshine Pizza Factory, and met an engineer from a studio there called Jay's Place Recording. He invited us over to record, and the symmetry was too much to ignore. We had to do it, but we knew that to record covers would've missed the point. So we learned Julia's originals in our hotel room beforehand."

Mainstreet Dreamers' all-covers song list is shifting to include more current, yet hardly mainstream, material.

"We're looking at bands and artists that are more of our generation," says Formica. "So people can expect to perhaps hear some Black Keys and Alabama Shakes in the near future."

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'Tru' story: One-man show explores comedy, tragedy of Capote

By Hap Erstein
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

Palm Beach Dramaworks audiences have seen New York-based actor Rob Donohoe many times before, in such diverse plays as *Exit the King*, *The History Boys* and *The Pitmen Painters*. But they have never seen anything quite like his transformation as manic-depressive gay Southern writer Truman Capote in the one-man show *Tru*.

Donohoe's acceptance of the role was the condition that allowed producing artistic director William Hayes to add the play to his season schedule. But the actor was initially taken aback by the offer.

"I thought at first, 'Who would cast me in this role?' I didn't really see myself in it," Donohoe concedes. "But I went home and I looked on the Internet, looked at pictures of Tru, looked at pictures of me. I listened to him speaking on several YouTube clips and I tried doing the voice myself. And I thought, 'Actually, I can do this rather easily.'

"We have very similar facial features. And we're not that far apart in age. There were enough positives and there was enough of a challenge, and producers just don't offer you this kind of job very often," he says, replaying his decision process. "So I jumped on it."

Rather than direct the play himself, Hayes tapped Lynnette



Rob Donohoe as Truman Capote. Photo by Samantha Mighdoll

Barkley, the choreographer-turned-director who had staged the company's *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* two seasons ago.

"I love a challenge and this certainly is one," notes Barkley. "How to make this interesting and accessible and funny and emotionally compelling to an audience. So, OK, I'm in."

Unlike so many one-person shows, Jay Presson Allen's *Tru* has a concrete dramatic context. It is set at Christmas 1975, when Capote has just published an excerpt of his bitchy and dishy *Answered Prayers* and has been ostracized by his society crowd. So he sits alone in his United Nations Plaza apartment and sifts through his life, skewering the celebrities and socialites who have abandoned him.

Donohoe, too, will be alone — onstage — facing the

challenge of his first one-man show. "I know a lot of people don't like them," he says of the much-maligned genre. "I think part of the problem is people think, 'Well, I'm going to get tired watching this same person for an hour and a half.' But Truman Capote was known as quite a raconteur and quite a party guest. He was always entertaining. So he sort of lends himself to this format, because he pretty much held court anytime he went to a party."

Theatergoers know Capote's distinctive high-pitched voice from his many appearances on television and in movies.

"He had a slight lisp and an underbite and a lazy tongue," explains Donohoe. "People mistook him for a child. Until he was about 35 years old, he looked about 12. He was just a wisp of a guy, so he looked like

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Tru runs through Jan. 1 at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. \$66. 514-4042

a little boy and he dressed the part. I think he figured out how to make his way in the world by using that, drawing people in and seducing them that way.

"Then as he got older and that cuteness wasn't there, he started developing more of an edge and a little bit of bitterness, trying to deal with that change. So there's a lot of layers that I'm finding that I can add onto to create this character."

What drew Barkley to this one-man play were the ideas beneath the biography. "This one works, I think because of the universal themes. We all need attention, acceptance and appreciation. ... All of those things were not there in Capote's childhood. So he made choices in his life to get away from that and then he found this society world where suddenly everybody was giving him attention and affection. They appreciated his wit and his intelligence. They accepted his homosexuality at a time when it wasn't always accepted.

"So suddenly he had all this, but we all have this self-destruct button. Whether he did it out of his ego, he really didn't think he was worthy, or

he was saying, 'Do these people really love me or am I just the circus clown that is amusing them?'" — self-destruct, he did.

In the play, Allen captures both Capote's humor and his dark side. "There's a reason why all of these people were drawn to Truman Capote," says Barkley. "He was really compelling and interesting and fun. The show was funnier than I expected it to be. That was the surprise when I saw the show on Broadway."

On the other hand, *Tru* also explores the writer's morbidity. "The man is contemplating suicide, an idea that has been in him since his mother did the same," adds Barkley. "Even his self-deprecating humor is shaded by that, I think."

Donohoe is a voracious researcher in preparation for a role, particularly if the character has his own body of work. "I needed to find out everything I could about Truman Capote," he says.

Asked if he learned anything that was unexpected, Donohoe points to "how much he loved to lie. Everyone knew he lied; he just made things up because they sounded good or they were entertaining."

Nevertheless, Donohoe thinks audiences will identify with Capote. "Anyone who has done or said something in their life that they later regretted, because it changed the way people perceived them, I think everyone can empathize with that."

Playwright Dietz explores roads not taken in 'This Random World'

By Hap Erstein
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

For more than 20 years, Lou Tyrrell has been producing the plays of Steven Dietz, first at Florida Stage (*Lonely Planet*, *Private Eyes*) and now at his current company, Florida Atlantic University's Theatre Lab. Beginning Dec. 2, he brings to the region Dietz's latest work, *This Random World*, described as a comic look at missed opportunities, a play



that turns the myth of serendipity on its head. Hap Erstein reached Dietz, 58, by phone in Austin, Texas, where he teaches playwriting at the University of Texas, to discuss the play and his career writing for the stage.

Q: Your latest play, *This Random World*, didn't it begin rather randomly?

A: It began a few years ago, when I wrote a couple of scenes. One was a little breakup scene and the other was this man coming into a mortuary because there had been a mistake online that he



Todd Lawson and Brenda Withers performed in *This Random World* at Louisville's Humana Festival. Photo by Bill Brymer

wanted to correct.

Anyway, for reasons on the other side of my brain, I must have read a Wikipedia (article) or something about the keys on a keyboard that are called dead keys. That means they're keys that don't do anything on their own. You press that key and then press something else and that's when it activates it. That phrase just fascinated me. So I had that phrase, I had the breakup scene and the mortuary scene.

Then I was fortunate to get this writer-in-residence gig at the Harmony Project — this

was May of '15 — and on the plane on the way there, I started postulating on a legal pad who those people breaking up might be, who might be in a play with them, and who the guy in the mortuary might be.

Q: Am I right that the play concerns unexpected connections?

A: It's more unexpected un-connections. And what fascinates me is the connections that we make. Even when the characters don't connect, we make the connections for them.

Q: What would you say the

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This Random World runs through Dec. 18 at the FAU Theatre Lab, Parliament Hall on FAU campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. \$35. 297-6124

play is about?

A: It's about how things in this world happen for a reason. The person we're supposed to meet, we're going to meet. The conversation we're supposed to have, the piece of information we're supposed to have will ultimately get there.

I just think we put a lot of faith in that. And *This Random World* tries to disrupt that. It's fundamentally a comedy, but it grows more serious and authentic, I hope. It imagines what if there's a life next to my life that I would be living had I made different decisions. It's about parallel universes, the road not taken.

Q: Does *This Random World* feel to you like the work of a playwright at middle age, someone wondering about his own mortality?

A: Yeah, if not mortality,

certainly longevity. The more I write, the more I'm interested in uncertainty, the more I'm interested in doubt. Both in my life and on the stage. The hell of it is, as Dylan said, "But I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now."

It's about the further we go, the more uncertainty awaits, and how delicious that is.

Q: Lou Tyrrell has produced many of your plays at Florida Stage and now at FAU's Theatre Lab. What was the first time you met Lou?

A: I think he read a play of mine, *The Quiet House*, in a reading series. It's never been produced. I know he did *Lonely Planet*. I believe he acted in it. What really solidified our relationship is when they did the world premiere of *Yankee Tavern*.

Q: Why should South Florida theatergoers see *This Random World*?

A: One of the people in this play is going to be them. One of the people will be going through something that they're going to relate to. They're going to find someone to root for in the play and they're going to enjoy and hopefully be touched by the way the play brings characters together.

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Photography



Still, one of a series of self-portraits by photographer Clare Benson, is on display at the Norton. Photo by Clare Benson

Emerging photographers present new visions

By Gretel Sarmiento
ArtsPaper Art Writer

For a photography competition extending a \$20,000 trophy, this edition of Rudin Prize for Emerging Photographers is decisively not very thrilling. Don't tell museum officials, but we think we know how this one ends.

The experimental, the pretty, the safe and the emotional are sharing a large white room inside the Norton Museum of Art through Jan. 15. The four contemporary photographers featured were carefully selected by four established artists to take part in the biennial group exhibition named after New York City developer Lewis Rudin. One creative voice screams louder and more determined than the rest. It is the introvert type, but we can hear it if we listen attentively. On Jan. 5, we should know whether the judging panel heard it as well.

Nature is the wildest stage and yet safest refuge in Clare Benson's photographs, which star the artist herself. In some of them, she emerges as an avid hunter proud of her game. She is calm and patient despite the harsh, cold surroundings. In others, like the 2014 print titled *Still*, she poses as if she were the beast being hunted. We only see half of the face peeking out of the water. A blue beanie covers her hair. She doesn't play dead. She looks straight at us. No other animal is spotted in the clear freezing water. This is her territory.

Hunting has deep roots in the Michigan native's family. Even her great-grandmother knew how to hunt. Benson, who was nominated by Finnish-American photographer Arno Minkinen, grew up with her father, also a skilled hunter. Her mother died when she was a child. She is very comfortable exploring life and death through staged and real hunting episodes. The photographs convey her sense of belonging and borrow real elements of the family history, which lend them validity.

One of the most striking

photographs in her collection, *The Shepherd's Daughter*, depicts her bending forward at the weight of an enormous antelope head. The animal emerges out of her back like a magic trick. From a distance, the image portrays a mythic creature, the Minotaur standing in snow-covered terrain. The antelope head might be a taxidermy trophy, but her sense of achievement is authentic.

In *Pieta I*, we see a hunter's hands gently holding the small, bloody head of a hare. The rest of its fragile body lies in the snow. There is a sweet tenderness to this image, although it's not clear whether the human intention is to show off the animal to an audience or leave it in its cotton bed to rest in peace. I choose to think the hunter's lullaby — and not the weapon that can't be spotted — has put it to sleep.

There is a soothing quality to Wesley Stringer's images of abandoned spaces. The American photographer, originally from Oklahoma, offers us a poetic view of mundane settings he most likely happened upon, rather than set up. From the subject and title of his images, which is basically his initials followed by a series of digits, we gather the artist does not aim to shock. He merely provides a visual retreat inviting viewers to relax and let their minds wonder. There is nothing to fear here.

His most intriguing works are also the smallest. Displayed in a glass case is *Box of Birds*, which consists 54 square prints featuring up to five black birds at a time. Enough of them have been left out of the handmade box to convey a sense of movement and continuity through the different stages of flight. We can see the down and up strokes while other birds appear gliding. Next to them is one of Stringer's handmade books containing *Twelve Images of Cherry Blossoms* and *Airplanes*. This time, the metal bird appears tiny next to the pink blossoms and looks as if it just departed from a flower to

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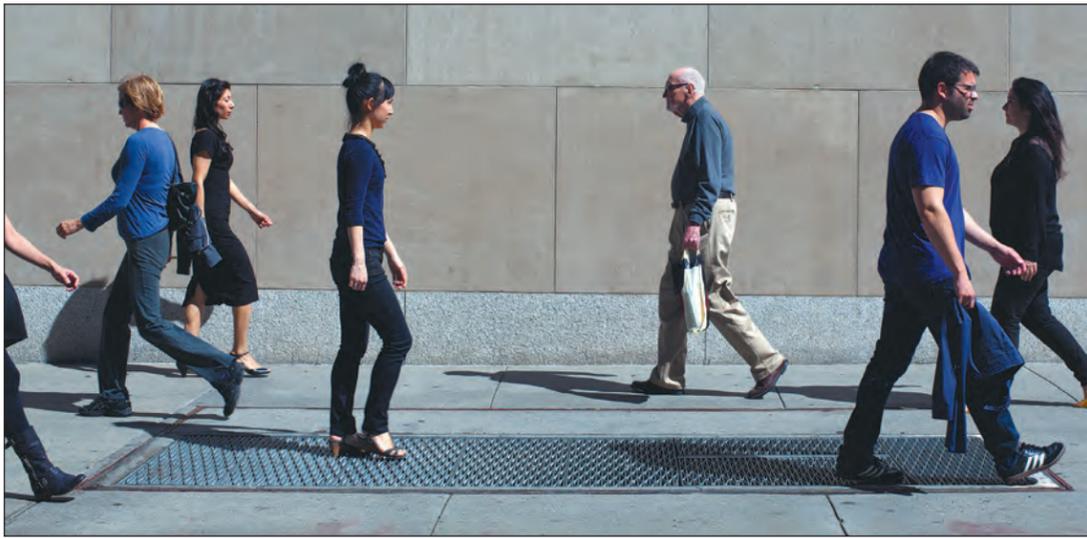
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Street Ballet II, by Elizabeth Bick. The Brooklyn-based artist trained as a classical dancer before turning to street photography. Her works find accidental choreography. **Photo by Elizabeth Bick**

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land in another. Unfortunately, we are not treated to the rest of the pages. Stringer was nominated by English photographer Michael Kenna.

The red hues and dramatic lighting in Elizabeth Bick's photographs cannot be ignored. They are the brightest and cheeriest. The Brooklyn-based artist, who was nominated by Iranian artist and filmmaker Shirin Neshat, trained as a classical dancer before discovering street photography. Not surprisingly, her images depict an accidental dance arranged by the random placement of pedestrians who appear to be unaware of their role. Where everybody else sees everyday city life, Bick spots a rehearsal or a performance.

Street Ballet II is just one example of the street choreographies she brings to life. From a distance, the figures appear to be skating on an ice rink or perhaps they wait for the curtain to rise to begin their contemporary dance. In this gray concrete stage, the actors are passers-by holding coffee cups and shopping bags.

The visible world is of no interest to the fourth emerging photographer included in the show. Coincidentally, the viewers might feel the same

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way about her work. Snapping a photo is just the beginning of a bigger and more physical experiment by Alexandra Hunts. The Ukranian/Dutch born photographer is not concerned with capturing an object. She wants to dissect its essence, discover its core and portray what she deems worthy.

Her *Artifacts # 53*, for instance, consists of a stack of prints featuring the Dutch national standard of a kilo. A kilo is also the weight of the stack. Meanwhile, in *Mass: Sublime Measurement*, the artist is filmed picking, weighting apples and sorting them into 1-kilo groups. The accompanying installation presents 1,000 photographs from which the apples have been cut out. Only their shadows and absence remain. Hunts was nominated by Dutch photographer Rineke Dijkstra.

The fact that the four nominees' visions are sharing the same space facilitates a comparison and makes the true commanding voice stand out naturally. What images do you keep coming back to? At which point did the room seem to go quiet? By the time you circle back to those big orange words reading "Rudin Prize," you should know.

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Vampire sister, deadly road-ragers and a heartbroken maiden

Cuddles (Arts Garage, Delray Beach, through Dec. 11)

Pale-skinned teen Eve not only believes in vampires, she is convinced that she is one. After all, her parental older sister Tabby has told her so, keeping her confined in a dark, dank, cave-like room, away from the deadly rays of sunlight.

The two women inhabit a contemporary play by Joseph Wilde with the ironically benign title of *Cuddles*, the latest kinky theater piece brought to Delray Beach's Arts Garage by artistic director Keith Garsson.

If you do not happen to buy the existence of vampires or have been turned off to them by the *Twilight* series, feel free to pass on this slight, brief British

import. But underneath all the vampire mythology there is an even more twisted, entirely human explanation for the play's blood-curdling events.

Getting to the core of the matter, however, takes most of the production's 80 intermissionless minutes and a lot of shrill screaming from Emily Freeman (Eve) and Vera Samuels (Tabby), the symbiotic siblings of *Cuddles*. Some of that high-pitched emoting is probably necessary, but Wilde's script seems to call for a variety of emotion levels, while the two actresses stay too much of the time at a single, mirror-shattering volume level.

Tabby has declared a strict set of rules by which Eve must live. They range from the life-

threatening ("Never bite the neck") to the amusing ("Never cheat at Monopoly"), but all are intended to maintain the isolation that Tabby has worked so hard at creating. And if that means giving up some blood to perpetually thirsty Eve, well, what else is family for?

The production looks good (a massive cavern design by Bombshell Productions), but the play — like Eve — has nowhere to go. *Cuddles* has bite, but is ultimately not much of a meal. — *Hap Erstein*

Nocturnal Animals (opened Nov. 23)

In the best scene in Tom Ford's *Nocturnal Animals*, a holiday drive on a sleepy West Texas thoroughfare becomes

an auto-terrorist nightmare straight out of Spielberg's *Duel*. When three accelerator-revving rednecks force suburban husband Tony Hastings (Jake Gyllenhaal), his wife Laura (Isla Fisher) and their daughter India (Ellie Bamber) off the road in the coffin-black night, it sets in motion a grisly chain of horrors.

The effectiveness of the scene is in no way diminished by our knowledge that Tony is a fiction within a fiction, sprung from the pages of a soon-to-be-published novel — called *Nocturnal Animals* — written by Edward Sheffield (Gyllenhaal).

When we see the scenes of Tony's assault and subsequent quest for justice, we're seeing it through the eyes of Susan Morrow (Amy Adams), a Los Angeles gallerist who is reading an advance copy. Edward was her previous husband, and they haven't seen each other in nearly 20 years.

Nocturnal Animals, which is based on a similarly layered 1993 novel called *Tony and Susan*, is a unusual and jarring mélange: It's two movies in one, and each contrasts so sharply with the other that it's a feat of dexterity to believe that Ford directed them both.

This is particularly true of the book-within-the-film, which plays out like a grisly neo-noir that harks to the Coens at their best. It's easy to feel connected to the spartan logic and elemental single-mindedness of the book; however, whenever Susan puts it down and resumes her bourgeois life, it feels like a thrilling TV broadcast that's just cut to commercial.

In the L.A. scenes, the movie feels like a museum piece itself, existing in its rarefied bubble, either smug about its self-hating commentary or tone-deaf about its more earnest moments, which arrive in the form of stolid flashbacks from Susan and Edward's relationship. It's all too much like a soap opera, unsalvageable even considering the gifts of Gyllenhaal and Adams. — *ArtsPaper staff*

Giselle (Miami City Ballet, Nov. 12)

Jennifer Lauren and Kleber Rebello debuted at the Kravis Center in the lead roles of Miami City Ballet's rendition of *Giselle*, the most cherished of the 19th-century ballets. Beautifully suited for each



Vera Samuels and Emily Freeman star in *Cuddles*, now playing at the Arts Garage. Photo by Jamie Cooper

other both in physical stature and movement quality, they gave quite a memorable performance.

Lauren was beyond lovely and enchantingly believable in her gentle portrayal of the coveted role of Giselle, the winsome but frail local peasant girl who falls in love with the nobleman Albrecht, who for his own amusement is posing as Loys, a fellow peasant. Rebello was handsome and engaging with his aristocratic arabesque line and his caring partnering. There was a natural and tender chemistry between the two that entreated us to become involved while we watched as their personal tale of love gone wrong unfolded.

The ballet requires the female lead to go from one side of the emotional spectrum to another. Lauren quietly captivated. She was soft and delicate with an expressive upper body, beautiful fluid arms and lovely demi-pointe articulation in her footwork but she also showed strength and clarity in her overall technique giving strong and moving performances in each her variations.

Though sometimes the role of Albrecht is portrayed as a "bad boy," Rebello's Albrecht radiated elegance both in his character development and in his dancing. The line of his back leg in his simple arabesques and grand jetés was splendidly refined, giving the pure choreography of Jean Corelli and Jules Perrot impact.

Jordan-Elizabeth Long, in her MCB debut in the role of Myrtha, is a strong and capable dancer who presented her character with authority albeit rather stoically. Sternly commanding her maidens, she gave a competent performance but her role interpretation would benefit from more character enrichment. — *Tara Mitton Catao*

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Art

There's still time to catch Art Basel

By Sandra Schulman
ArtsPaper Art Writer

It's big and getting bigger — Art Basel Miami, the imported fair that has revitalized the South Florida and international art scene, is running through Dec. 4 at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

Outside the doors of the main fair are dozens of satellite fairs, parties, outdoor art parks, parades, film, and some extreme fashion this year.

The main fair itself has 269 galleries from North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia and Africa showing significant work from the masters of modern and contemporary art, as well the new generation of emerging stars.

The booths in the main hall are the attraction with top-tier, mind-blowing works from the best of the best in the world. Rauschenbergs sit next to Picassos, celebrities from the worlds of film, sports and music rub elbows with billionaire collectors, and artists generally get by unnoticed.

In addition to the booths, the fair hosts curated sections including Nova.

Designed for galleries to present one, two or three artists showing works created within the last three years, the Nova sector features strong juxtapositions and never-before-seen pieces fresh from the artist's studio. Look for a 360-degree projected video environment by Taro Izumi at Take Ninagawa gallery this year.

Other events during Miami Art Week include:

Art Miami: This is the longest-running contemporary art fair in the city and the one known to kick off Miami Art



Art Basel Miami Beach generates numerous other art fairs and draws huge crowds, as it did in 2015. Photo courtesy Art Basel

Week festivities with style and big crowds. The fair is housed in the Art Miami Pavilion in Midtown. Visitors can see more than 1,000 works from top-of-the-heap artists Frank Stella, Andy Warhol, Willem de Kooning and Roy Lichtenstein. Joining the contemporary artists is Academy Award-winner Adrien Brody, who is debuting his most recent works at this year's fair (3101 NE First Ave.; \$30-\$250).

Films: Film has become an integral part of the fair with both world premieres and cult films all getting screened. This year, there are more than 50 works and video projects created by artists from around the world. The program features video compilations on display within the Art Basel Film Library, as well as offsite screenings at nearby SoundScape Park at the New World Center — projected on a 7,000-square-foot wall.

Fashion art: Cutting-edge fashion takes center stage as American style icon, Emmy winner and fashion designer Pat Field makes her Miami Art Week debut with an exhibition of a collection of one-of-a-kind pieces by eight artists. The show will be up for all of December

at the White Dot Gallery (174 NW 23rd St., Miami) in Wynwood.

Design Miami: For the first time, Louis Vuitton presents an installation of *objets nomades*, a collection of furniture that reinvents the house's Art of Travel. Big-time designers, gallerists, and celebrities come together to exhibit all aspects of design, from architecture to wristwatches (Meridian Avenue and 19th Street).

Pulse Miami Beach: For its 12th year, Pulse Miami Beach, which also has a fair in New York, is employing the programmatic theme of "Play." A highlight will be a site-specific installation, *Miami Marbles*, at the fair's entrance by digital artist Anne Spalter, who used photos and videos of the city to create abstract images on large spheres (Indian Beach Park, 4601 Collins Ave., \$15-\$40).

Untitled: One of the newest fairs, Untitled takes to the beach with a large tent right on the sand. This year, 128 galleries from 20 countries, along with nonprofit exhibition spaces and individual architects, artists and curators, will converge at this fair (Ocean Drive and 12th Street).

News Briefs

Maltz seeking \$30M for major expansion

JUPITER — The Maltz Jupiter Theatre has launched a fundraising drive that seeks to expand the playhouse into a major regional theater.

"We believe the Maltz Jupiter Theatre can not only be the best regional theater in Florida, but one of the best regional theaters in the nation," said Andrew Kato, Maltz chief executive, when plans were announced Oct. 24.

The proposed expansion, which would cost between \$25 million and \$30 million, would make the theater's stage 10 feet deeper and 6 feet wider on either side, which would allow the venue to host pre-Broadway and national tours. Also coming would be a second performance space for new material, a third-floor rehearsal studio and a doubling in size of the theater's Goldner Conservatory of Performing Arts.

Officials hope to have the

fundraising complete by the end of the 2017-18 season, and construction finished by November 2019. See www.jupitertheatre.org/believe.

Boca arts festival lists performers and writers

BOCA RATON — Jazz masters, young prodigies and a full opera will be part of the musical offerings at the Festival of the Arts Boca this season.

The festival, scheduled for March 2-12 at Mizner Park, also will feature author talks from Jennifer Egan on March 2; *New Yorker* comics editor Bob Mankoff on March 4 and physicist Brian Greene on March 7; and historian Jon Meacham will discuss the American presidency March 6.

Giacomo Puccini's *La Bohème* will be presented March 4 in a semi-staged production featuring a cast of younger singers, and on March 11, the Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra will accompany a showing of *The Pink Panther*.

Jazz saxophonist Branford Marsalis performs with The

Symphonia Boca Raton on March 3 in music by John Williams, while 13-year-old pianists Joey Alexander and Daniela Liebman share the Mizner Park stage March 5. Pop master Sergio Mendes is in concert March 12, and on March 10, pianist Daniel Hsu solos in the Tchaikovsky First Piano Concerto. Call 571-2787 or visiting www.festivaloftheartsboca.org.

Pop legends perform for Delray's holiday

DELRAY BEACH — A holiday music tradition that began in Australia makes its debut Dec. 3 in Old School Square when three pop performers of the 1970s and 1980s headline an outdoor concert.

The Little River Band, Stephen Bishop and Kim Carnes will perform songs of the season as well as other hits in the 7 p.m. concert, called Carols by Candlelight. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Proceeds benefit Delray children's programs.

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(Note: Events are listed through Jan. 6 and were current as of Nov. 25. Please check with the presenting agency for any changes. Ticket prices are single sales. Most of the presenting organizations offer subscription plans.)

ART EXHIBITS

Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens: Through Dec. 28: *Eye on Photography: A Survey of Contemporary Themes*, iconic photographs of design through the ages, as presented by the Holden Luntz Gallery. Also accompanies the Gardens' annual Festival of Trees Dec. 2-14. Main gardens open 10 am-4 pm W-Sun. \$10, \$8 for students. 832-5328 or www.ansg.org.

Armory Art Center: Opens Dec. 9: *N.A.W.A.: Crossing Boundaries*. Through Dec. 30. 9 am-4 pm M-F, 9 am-2 pm Sat. Free admission. 832-1776 or www.armoryart.org.

Boca Raton Museum of Art: Through Jan. 8: *Hungarian Art: A Century of Rebellion and Revival*, paintings by Hungarian artists from the late 19th century to the present; *Sylvia Plachy: The Hungarian Connection*, works by the Hungarian-born former Village Voice staffer and master of street photography; *Szilard Cseke: Gone Too Far*, a new site-specific installation by the contemporary Hungarian artist; *RPM Project: The House Inside My Head*, a four-part exhibit exploring aspects of the feminine character when associated with the house. \$12. 10 am-5 pm T/Th/F; noon-5 pm Sat&Sun. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

Cornell Museum of Art and American Culture: Through Jan. 15: *Who Is Joan Quinn?: A Life in Portraits*, 70 photographs by major artists, depicting art patron and collector Jean Agajanian Quinn; *Fifteen Minutes*: Artwork about celebrity by artists who have become

celebrities, such as Andy Warhol, Jemima Kirke and Nathan Ritterpusch. 10 am-4:30 pm T-Sat; 1-4:30 pm Sun. Suggested donation: \$. 243-7922 or www.oldschoolsquare.org

Cultural Council of Palm Beach County: Opens Dec. 2: *15 Surfboards by 15 Shapers*, one-of-a-kind surfboards commissioned by Tony Arruza; through Jan. 21. Through Dec. 10: Solo exhibitions by Tina Kraft and Renee Plevy. 10 am-5 pm T-Sat; free admission. 471-2901 or palmbeachculture.com.

Flagler Museum: Through Dec. 31: *Edward S. Curtis: 100 Masterworks*, vintage photos of the American Indian as chronicled by a great photographer. \$18 adults \$10 ages 13-17; \$3 ages 6-12; under 6 admitted free. 10 am-5 pm T-Sat; noon-5 pm Sun. 655-2833 or www.flaglermuseum.us.

Lighthouse ArtCenter: Through Dec. 15: *Size Matters: The Big and Small Art Exhibition*, works by 27 artists that are either 6x6 feet or 6x6 inches. 10 am-4pm. M-F; 10 am-2 pm Sat&Sun. 746-3101 or www.lighthousearts.org.

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens: Through Jan. 29: *Above the Fold*, works of contemporary origami. \$15; \$13 for seniors; \$9 children and college students. 10 am-5 pm T-Sun. 495-0233 or www.morikami.org.

Norton Museum of Art: Through Jan. 15: *The Rudin Prize*, works by contemporary photographers; through Dec. 18: *Question Bridge: Black Males*, a video installation featuring stories of life in America for black men. Opens Dec. 22: *Spotlight: William Merritt Chase, Shinnecock Hills, Autumn*, through Jan. 29. 832-5196 or www.norton.org.

Society of the Four Arts: Opens Dec. 3: *When Modern Was Contemporary*: Selections from the Roy R. Neuberger Collection, through Jan. 29.

Through July 2017: *Illustrating Words*, poems by Robert Forbes illustrated by Ronald Searle, at the Mary Alice Fortin Children's Art Gallery. \$. 10 am-5 pm M-Sat; 1-5 p.m. Sun. 655-7226 or www.fourarts.org

BOOKS

Thursday, Dec. 8
Sophie Hannah: The British poet and crime author signs her new Hercule Poirot mystery, *Closed Casket*. 7 p.m. Murder on the Beach, Delray Beach. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

CABARET

Saturday, Dec. 3; Saturday, Dec. 10
T. Oliver Reid: The N.C.-born song and dance man and Broadway veteran (*Guys and Dolls*). 8:30 pm: \$55; \$25 for food and beverage. Royal Room Cabaret, Colony Hotel, Palm Beach. 659-8100 or www.theroyalroom.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 14-Saturday, Dec. 17
The Four Freshmen: The most recent incarnation of this jazz quartet makes its 14th straight holiday appearance at the Colony. 8:30 pm: \$70; \$50 for food and beverage. Royal Room Cabaret, Colony Hotel, Palm Beach. 659-8100 or www.theroyalroom.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 30
Lainie Kazan: The legendary Broadway and cabaret singer got her start as an understudy for Barbra Streisand in *Funny Girl*. 8:30 pm: \$80; \$60 for food and beverage. Royal Room Cabaret, Colony Hotel, Palm Beach. 659-8100 or www.theroyalroom.com.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Saturday, Dec. 3-Sunday, Dec. 4
Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg: The Croatian hornist Radovan Vlatkovic solos with Matthew Halls and the Austrian ensemble in

the Strauss Horn Concerto No. 1 (Saturday) and the Mozart Horn Concerto No. 3 (Sunday). Music by Schubert (Symphony No. 3) and Beethoven (Creatures of Prometheus) is on the program Saturday; the last two symphonies of Mozart (Nos. 40 and 41) are performed Sunday. 8 pm Sat, 2 pm Sun. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Sunday, Dec. 4
Symphonia Boca Raton: Former Florida Philharmonic director James Judd invites Czech violinist Jan Mracek to the stage for the Brahms Violin Concerto and the Mazurek of Dvořák. Also on the program is the Schubert Fourth Symphony (in C minor, D. 417) and the Ramifications of the Hungarian modernist Gyorgy Ligeti. 3 pm, Roberts Theater, St. Andrew's School, Boca Raton. 376-3848 or thesymphonia.org.

Monday, Dec. 5
Palm Beach Symphony: Ramon Tebar opens the orchestra's new season with music by Schubert (Symphony No. 2, D. 125) and Beethoven's music for the play Egmont. 7:30 pm, Society of the Four Arts, Palm Beach. \$45; 655-7226 or palmbeachsymphony.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 6; Wednesday, Dec. 14; Sunday, Dec. 18
Seraphic Fire: The Miami choir performs its popular annual Christmas concert, this year featuring three world premiere choral arrangements by Susan LaBarr. The three Palm Beach County performances are: 7:30 pm Dec. 6, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Palm Beach Gardens; 7:30 pm Dec. 14, Kravis Center; 4 pm Dec. 18, St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, Boca Raton. 305-285-9060 or www.seraphicfire.org.

Monday, Dec. 12
Alexandre Moutouzkine: The Russian pianist performs his transcription of Stravinsky's Firebird Suite, accompanied by a video called *Who Stole the Mona Lisa?* Part of the Kravis's Young Artists Series. 7:30 pm, Kravis Center. \$30. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 13
Symphony of the Americas: Vocalists Frank Loconto and Cathy Van join the orchestra for a concert of holiday songs and orchestral works. 7:45 pm, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale. Tickets \$20-\$60. 954-462-0222 or www.browardcenter.org.

Wednesday, Dec. 14-Thursday, Dec. 15
Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio: The threesome marks its 40th season with a recreation of its first concert, for President Jimmy Carter's inauguration in 1977 and features trios by Mendelssohn and Schubert. Also on the program is a new work by Ellen Taaffe Zwilich, *Pas de Trois*. 8 pm Wed, 2 pm Thu, Kravis Center. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Friday, Dec. 16
Master Chorale of South Florida: The community chorus gives its annual reading of Handel's Messiah. 8 pm, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale. 954-641-2653 or www.masterchoraleofsouthflorida.org.

Friday, Dec. 16; Sunday, Dec. 18
Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches: Ken Taylor's community chorus has presented Handel's Messiah for more than 30 years. Two performances: 7 pm Fri, United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches, West Palm Beach; 7 pm Sun, Royal Poinciana Chapel, Palm Beach. \$25. 845-9696 or masterworkspb.org.

Sunday, Dec. 18
Itzhak Perlman: The legendary Israeli-born violinist gives his annual holiday season recital of classic works plus encores he announces from the stage. 8 pm, Kravis Center. \$35 and up. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org

DANCE

Saturday, Dec. 17-Sunday, Dec. 18
Harid Conservatory: The Boca Raton training academy presents its winter program, which features Act II of *The Nutcracker* as well as other ballet excerpts and modern dances. 3 pm both days; Spanish River Community High School, Boca Raton. \$25-\$30. 997-2677 or harid.edu.

Wednesday, Dec. 28-Friday, Dec. 30
Miami City Ballet: Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*. 7 pm W, 2 pm and 7 pm Th, 2 pm and 7 pm F. Tickets start at \$20. 832-7469 (Kravis), 305-929-7010 (MCB) or www.kravis.org or www.miamicityballet.org.

FILM

Friday, Dec. 9
The Brand New Testament: In Jaco van Dormail's 2016 satire, God exists, and he's an old man living in Brussels. His daughter, angry at his petty tyrannies, releases to everyone in the world a text message telling them the day they will die. With Pili Groyne, Benoit Poelvoorde and Catherine Deneuve. In French and German with English subtitles. At Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com.

Friday, Dec. 16
Things to Come: Isabelle Huppert stars as a philosophy professor whose husband announces he's leaving her after 25 years, allowing her to create a whole new life for herself. At Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton.

549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com.

JAZZ

Saturday, Dec. 10
Cheryl Fisher: One of Canada's most celebrated jazz singers appears with her sextet, including saxophonist Eric Allison. 9 pm. Tickets: \$30 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. Call 561-450-6357 or visit www.artsgarage.org

Friday, Dec. 16
Tito Puente Jr.: The Latin percussionist proudly walks in the footsteps left by his late father. Tickets: \$30 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org.

Saturday, Dec. 17-Sunday, Dec. 18
Dr. Lonnie Smith: The turban-wearing jazz organist returns to his longtime South Florida stomping grounds with his trio. 8 pm Saturday, 7 pm Sunday. Tickets: \$30 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org

OPERA

Sunday, Dec. 3
Carmen: Florida Grand Opera opens its season with this most popular of operas, Georges Bizet's 1875 tale of the seductive Spanish cigarette-factory worker who lures a naïve soldier into her orbit. With Maria Jose Montiel as Carmen and Rafael Davila as Don Jose; Ryan Kuster is the bullfighter Escamillo, and Hailey Clark sings Micaëla. Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale. 800-741-1010 or www.fgo.org.

Sunday, Dec. 10
Opera @the Waterfront: Palm Beach Opera opens its season with a free outdoor concert at the Meyer Amphitheatre in West Palm Beach. The Australian heldentenor Stuart Skelton is the guest artist on a program featuring the singers of the Young Artists Program, and the company's orchestra and chorus. 2 pm. Free admission. 833-7888 or pbopera.org.

POPULAR MUSIC

Tuesday, Dec. 6
California Guitar Trio melds jazz and pop with acoustic wizardry, augmented by pedal effects. 7:30 pm, Kravis Center. \$39. Call 832-7469 or visit www.kravis.org.

Friday, Dec. 9
Niykee Heaton: A breakout model and singer-songwriter who sold out her first headline tour last year. 7 pm, Revolution Live, Fort Lauderdale. \$25. 954-449-1025 or www.jointherevolution.net.

Sunday, Dec. 11
Amanda Palmer: The Dresden Dolls singer and songwriter, on a program with Jason Webley and Jherik Bischoff. 7:30 pm, Culture Room, Fort Lauderdale. \$25. ticketmaster.com.

THEATER

Through Sunday, Dec. 4
Death by Design: Rob Urbinati's sendup of Noel Coward and Agatha Christie is set at an English country manor in 1932, where one of the guests is murdered. \$29-\$35. 586-6410 or lakeworthplayhouse.org.

Through Sunday, Dec. 11
Cuddles: In Joseph Wilde's 2011 play, Tabby protects her sister Eve, who has a bloodthirsty secret. With Vera Samuels and Emily Freeman. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org.

Opens Monday, Dec. 12
There's No Business Like Show Business: A revue of Broadway songs by the American master Irving Berlin. Through Dec. 22 at the Delray Beach Playhouse, Delray Beach. \$30. 272-1281 or delraybeachplayhouse.com.

Through Sunday, Dec. 18
Me and My Girl: Noel Gay's 1937 British musical about a Cockney who discovers he's actually an earl was retooled in the 1980s and had a successful Broadway run. At the Maltz Jupiter Theatre. 575-2223 or www.jupitertheatre.org.

This Random World: Steven Dietz's new play about missed opportunities. At the Theatre Lab at Florida Atlantic University. 297-6124 or www.fauevents.com.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change: Joe Pietro and Jimmy Roberts's off-Broadway smash about relationships has been embraced by community theaters everywhere. At the Delray Beach Playhouse, Delray Beach. \$30. 272-1281 or delraybeachplayhouse.com.

Through Friday, Dec. 23
Sister Act: The Alan Menken musical, about a nightclub singer who witnesses a murder and must seek refuge in a convent. With Patrece Bloomfield. Wick Theatre, Boca Raton. \$75-\$80. 995-2333 or thewick.org.

Through Sunday, Jan. 1
Tru: Jay Presson Allen's one-man show about writer Truman Capote. With Rob Donohoe. Tickets: \$65. At Palm Beach Dramaworks, West Palm Beach. 14-4042, ext. 2 or www.palmbeachdramaworks.org.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time: Simon Stephens's play about a teenager with Asperger's who tries to find out who really killed the neighbor's dog. \$27 and up. Kravis Center. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.



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Photographer Taylor Jones with Janice Sneider, book coordinator of *The Cottages of Lake Worth*. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Books

Cottage industry: Volunteers' legwork culminates in book on Lake Worth's wee houses

By Ron Hayes

They began arriving in the 1920s, humble and unpretentious, and by the end of World War II about 1,000 called Lake Worth home.

Cottages. Small, wood-frame, single-family dwellings. From the Middle English cot, and the Old Norse kut, as in "hut."

Then came the gentrification, the renovation and the corporation.

In 2013, the cottages of Lake Worth begat The Cottages of Lake Worth Inc., a nonprofit community organization that sponsors bike and walking tours to celebrate its colorful namesakes.

And now, the book. *Living Large in Small Spaces: The Cottages of Lake Worth* is a beautifully photographed, lovingly researched history, a coffee table tome highlighting 60 of the city's 200 renovated cottages.

Naturally, the book was born in a cottage.

"We were having a committee meeting and somebody said, 'Who would like to do a coffee table book?'" Janice Sneider recalls. "And I looked and my hand was up."

Sneider, an artist and former gallery owner, became the coordinator, hosting meetings in her 1931 home on Lakeside Drive.

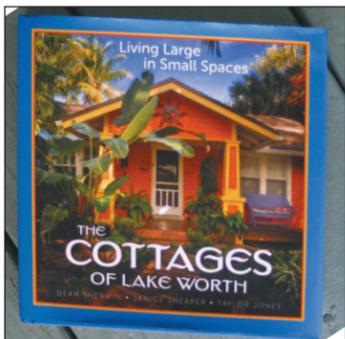
Now the eight-member book committee had to select the 60 homes to be included in the book.

"Joan Appel drove the getaway car," Sneider recalls with a laugh. "I'd go to the door and have to talk very fast to explain what we were doing. One woman had that what-are-you-selling pose, arms crossed, but slowly she relaxed."

In the end, only one man politely declined to have his cottage included.

In November 2014, Taylor Jones, an award-winning Palm Beach County photographer, joined the project.

"I shot for one year and then spent another year editing pictures," she explained. "Every



cottage was different, and the creativity of the individual owners was amazing."

In March, the project was darkened by tragedy when Dean Sherwin, who wrote the book's extensive text, succumbed to pancreatic cancer as the book was being prepared for the printer.

"He worked all throughout his treatments to finish the writing and was able to see a mock-up of the finished book," Sneider said.

A GoFundMe campaign and donations from local businesses raised the \$19,000 needed to produce the books, and on Nov. 3 they arrived, a print run of 1,000 copies, of which about 250 were already presold.

The book is as beautiful as the cottages it honors — 240 pages, 200 color photographs, with Sherwin's detailed histories and descriptive odes to the front porches and vaulted ceilings, the Chicago brick patios and tropical gardens that have made large dreams come true on small lots.

"If it makes money, fine," Sneider says, "but our purpose was to tell people what a great seaside town this is. Hurricanes didn't take these cottages away. Construction didn't take them. Decay didn't take them.

"Every cottage was an adventure, and the people who live in them are an asset to this town." ★

Living Large in Small Spaces: The Cottages of Lake Worth is available for \$32.95 at the Lake Worth Farmers Market, Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. A book signing will be held from 3 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave., in Lake Worth.

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BOARDS

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After earning his degree at Florida Atlantic University, he returned to Puerto Rico and began shooting in earnest.

"I was getting published, getting known, making money, and it became easy to get travel assignments, too," he said, recalling an inspirational trip in 1978 to shoot a surfing contest in Peru.

"That was an eye-opener. It showed me a culture and a way of living that I had never experienced or knew about — the Peruvian-Inca culture.

"Machu Picchu wasn't like it is now. Then it was rough going, a long climb. Today I think there's even a hotel there. That whole new world really opened my eyes and made me want to travel even more.

"My dreams as a kid were coming true," he said. "I was living the life. I wasn't living luxuriously, staying in fancy hotels, but I didn't care.

"The surfing world was so small that if you met somebody and told them you were going somewhere, they would put you in touch with a friend there who would pick you up at the airport, let you sleep on their couch, take you surfing, show you the ropes. Everywhere you went there was always someone who knew somebody somewhere else. It always worked out. It was pretty simple, pretty easy."

Some of Arruza's most influential shots, however, were shot at home. His 1989 *Surfing* magazine pictorial of a screaming swell put Palm Beach's Reef Road on the surfing map.

Thanks to the Internet, however, the lifestyle has changed dramatically.

If You Go

What: 15 x 15: 15 Surfboards by 15 Shapers, by Tony Arruza, through Jan. 21 at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave., Lake Worth.

Phone: 471-2901

Admission: Free

Email: info@palmbeachculture.com
Books available for purchase at \$30 each plus tax.

Diehard surfers check surf reports on the Web, book cross-country flights to Palm Beach, catch the break and fly home the same day — hit and run.

Arruza still prefers immersion and hopes it rubs off on his son Aidan, 21, who also surfs, enjoys underwater photography and, surprise, is studying marine biology.

But while Tony doesn't like the change, he adapted. Any surfer can mount a GoPro waterproof camera to his or her board and email the product to a magazine; Arruza long ago expanded his client base to the likes of Boeing, Coca-Cola, Exxon, National Geographic, Procter & Gamble and Royal Caribbean.

For one recent assignment he shot a 95-year-old Canadian Indian who crocheted 120 blankets and sweaters for patients at the veterans hospital for the Knights of Columbus.

No matter the assignment, it always comes down to people, which is what inspired Arruza to attempt "15x15."

In 2010, for a local art show, Arruza commissioned his first art board.

Pipeline, decked with an Arruza photograph of Hawaii's Banzai Pipeline,

was shaped by Steve Firogenis, who's made Firo boards in West Palm Beach for more than 30 years.

The gallery patrons loved it, as did Ron Heavyside at Nomad Surf Shop in the County Pocket near Briny Breezes.

Canadian by birth, Heavyside arrived in Delray Beach in 1962 after a spell in California. He quickly discovered surfing and soon after realized he could make some money fixing boards. A surf shop in Delray Beach hired him at half minimum wage, "about 75 cents an hour and that was fine with me," he said.

Heavyside's father ran a TV repair shop on A1A. After considerable cajoling, he let Ron stake out a 12-by-6 space to sell baggies, T-shirts, wax and the boards he shaped. Today Nomad is a labyrinth of nooks and crannies covering more than 5,000 square feet.

After shaping thousands of boards during half a century, Ron now leaves that task to others, but when Arruza made his pitch he plugged in the old planer.

"We were one of the first in the project," Heavyside said. "Tony was still trying to see how well it would work. It didn't take long to shape it, maybe a couple of hours. I think it turned out pretty good."

Heavyside's 6-foot "fish" shape, appropriately named Mullet Chase, features an above- and below-the-surface shot of schooling, jumping mullet.

"A shark is right underneath me when I'm taking this," Arruza says with a laugh. "I have a picture of the shark, too!"

Arruza realized he had something more than surfboards with photos on them, but only after he saw the third board by Rick Carroll in Cocoa — "the workmanship that went into it and

the aesthetics that came out" — did he realize he had something really special.

"At that point, the number 15 popped into mind," he said. "I don't know why but it sounded right — 15 boards by 15 different shapers. The whole thing took off on its own. The shapers I used, the places I went, none of it was written down. It progressed organically. I wanted to make each board differently. I made sure each shaper had a different style. Each board had a different look."

Still winging it, Arruza departed from the water themes for board No. 4 with a red hibiscus, and changed the guts on the fifth by using balsa instead of foam. Then he broadened the scope with shapers from Puerto Rico and Cape Hatteras, New England, California, Hawaii and for No. 15, the finale, Australian legend Bob McTavish.

"Word was getting out," Arruza said. "People were coming to me, and it wasn't just shapers. Photographers from around the world were asking how are you doing this, what material are you printing on, how did you shoot this?"

"I had to turn down several people. I just couldn't do any more. Fifteen was enough."

What happens next? Arruza still prefers to let nature and art take their respective courses. Perhaps art galleries or organizations similar to the Cultural Council will propose exhibitions.

Surfing trade shows could beckon. The exhibit could travel to some of the dozen surfing museums around the globe.

If a collector — art, surf-fan or both — offered to buy all 15, he'd consider selling.

But if not ... well, the project is complete, Arruza has more photos to shoot and more waves to ride. ★



Event chairwomen Hilary Sullivan and Karen Rogers.

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Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.
NOTE: Holiday Events, page AT21

DECEMBER 3

Saturday - 12/3 - AVDA's 17th Annual Race for Hope at Anchor Park, 340 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. 6:30 am registration; 7:30 am 5K & 10K; 8:30 am kid's dash. \$10-\$35. 265-3797 x109; avdaonline.org.

12/3 - Food Drive & Toy Collection at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Benefits Boynton Beach Community Caring Center. During regular library hours. Free/bring donations. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

12/3 - The Writer's Studio at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Held again 12/10 & 17. 10 am. Free. 638-7251; delraylibrary.org

12/3 - Exhibit Opening: When Modern Was Contemporary at Society of The Four Arts O'Keeffe Art Gallery, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Selections from Roy R. Neuberger Collection. Runs through 1/29. M-Sat 10 am-5 pm; Sun 1-5 pm. \$5/ admission; free/child 14 & under. 655-7226; fourarts.org

12/3 - Coral Reef Shark, Alligator & Stingray Feedings at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Shark T-Sat 10:30 am, Sun 1:30 pm; Alligator W/Sat 1 pm; Stingray T-Sat 2:45 pm, Sun 12:30 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

12/3 - A Gilded Age Style Lunch in Café des Beaux-Arts at Flagler Museum Kenan Pavilion, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Array of delicacies, refreshments reminiscent of the elegance of entertaining during the Gilded Age. Runs through 4/16. T-Sat 11:30 am-2:30 pm; Sun Noon-3 pm. \$22/museum member (includes tax/gratuity); \$40/non-member (includes museum admission, tax/gratuity). Advance purchase recommended: 655-2833; flaglermuseum.us

12/3 - Poetry Workshop: Poetry & Delight with Professor Ellene Glenn More at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Hosted by Palm Beach Poetry Festival. Noon. \$10. Palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

12/3 - Pickleball at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adult. M-F 8:30-11:30 am, F 6-8:30 pm, Sat 1-4 pm. Monthly pass \$15/resident; \$25/non-resident; \$2/day. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

12/3 - Fundamentals of Mixing Colors Workshop at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. 1-4 pm. \$105. Registration: 392-2503; bocamuseum.org

12/3 - Book+Art Discussion: Between the World and Me + Question Bridge: Black Males at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. 2 pm. Free.

832-5196; norton.org

12/3 - Ornaments Naturally at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Create nature ornaments/ decorations with holiday themes using shells, sea beans, pine cones, other materials (provided). Ages 7 & up, children under 18 must participate w/an adult. 2-3:30 pm. \$7/ member; \$10/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

12/3 - 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

12/3 - Alligator, Snake & Skunk Feedings at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Alligator W/Sat 3:15 pm; Snake Th 3:15 pm; Skunk F 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

12/3 - FAU Commercial Music Ensembles at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

12/3 - Gravity Beer Fest at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. In partnership with Accomplice Brewery & Ciderworks; best craft beers/ciders from local breweries. Age 21+. 7-10 pm. \$35/advance; \$45/at the door. 832-1988; sfscenter.org

12/3 - Pianist Stanislav Loudenitch in Recital at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$20. 237-9000; lynn.edu

12/3 - Sick Puppies Improv Comedy Show at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. Held again 12/10 & 17. 9-10:30 pm. \$15/online; \$20/door. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

12/3-4 - 2016 South Florida Open Winter Wheelchair Tennis Championships at Patch Reef Park Tennis Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 367-7090; tennislink.usa.com/tournaments

12/3-4 - First Annual West Palm Beach Arts Festival at Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 832-1776; armoryart.org

12/3-4 - Absolute Brightness at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Part of PEAK (Provocative Entertainment at Kravis) series. Sat 1:30 pm; F-Sun 7:30 pm. \$32. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/3-4 - The Bell: An Adaptation of The Polar Express at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Sat 7 pm; Sun 2pm. \$24/adult; \$20/senior 65+ & child 12 & under. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

12/3-4 - I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change at The Delray Beach Playhouse,

Municipal Meetings

12/5 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgeflorida.com

12/6 & 13 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: mydelraybeach.com

12/6 & 20 - Boynton Beach - First and third Tuesday at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Boynton Beach Blvd. 6:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

12/6 & 27 - Highland Beach - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: ci.highland-beach.fl.us

12/9 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulf-stream.org

12/12 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 7 pm. Agenda: lantana.org

12/13 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesday at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us

12/13 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 9:30 am. Agenda: manalapan.org

12/22 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

12/27 - South Palm Beach - Fourth Tuesday at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 7:15 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

950 NW 9th St. Runs through 12/18. Th-Sat 8 pm; Sat & Sun 2 pm. \$30. 272-1281 x4; delraybeachplayhouse.com

12/3-4 - The Who's Tommy at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Runs through 12/18. Th-Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$40/adult; \$30/senior; \$20/ student. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

12/3-4 - Il Volo with Placido Domingo on South Florida PBS. WXEL Sat 8 pm; WPBT Sun 8 pm. Free. 737-8000; wxel.org

DECEMBER 4-10

Sunday - 12/4 - Piano Master Class with Stanislav Loudenitch at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 10 am & 1 pm. Free. 237-9000; lynn.edu

12/4 - Sado Tea Ceremony Class at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Study the traditional art of Sado, The Way of Tea. Attending a Tea Ceremony Workshop is required for those who wish to start studying Sado. Two lessons/month (12/4 & 18). Individual appointments begin at 10:15 am. Registration: \$50/member; \$55/non-member. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

12/4 - Empty Bowls Delray Beach at The Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Presented by Old School Square & Old School Bakery. Benefits Palm Beach County Food Bank. 1-day grassroots event raises money for local hunger relief. Admission includes meal of soup, bread, water + a handcrafted bowl to take home. 11 am-2 pm. \$25. Optional Shanghai Acrobats show ticket: \$20/adult; \$10/student. 670-2518; pbcfoodbank.org

12/4 - Mountaineer's School of Autism 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at The Wanderers Club, 1900 Aero Club Dr,

Wellington. 11:30 am registration, 12:30 pm shotgun start. Awards reception follows. \$150/golfer; \$75/dinner only. 932-3938; msainc.org

12/4 - Free Museum Admission at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Every 1st Sun noon-5 pm. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

12/4 - Flamenco del Ayer (Flamenco of Yesterday) (G) presented by Flamenco Pure Dance Company at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 2 pm. \$25. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

12/4 - The Santa Claus Man: The Rise and Fall of a Jazz Age Con Man and the Invention of Christmas in New York at Flagler Museum, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. 2 pm. \$10/member; \$28/non-member. 655-2833; flaglermuseum.us

12/4 - The Symphonia Connoisseur Concert 1 at St. Andrew's School Roberts Theater, 3900 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. Guest conductor James Judd; violin soloist Jan Mracek. 2 pm pre-concert conversation; 3 pm performance. \$50-\$84. 866-687-3848; thesymphonia.org

12/4 - Exhibition Lecture: A Conversation with Hank Willis Thomas at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. 3 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

12/4 - Boynton Woman's Club Winterfest Concert at 1010 S Federal Hwy. Gold Coast Band's Wind Ensemble. Benefits Boynton Woman's Club Historic Preservation Fund. Reception follows. 3-4 pm. \$20. 369-2300; boyntonwomensclub.com

12/4 - Music in the Museum: Boca Academy of Music at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Improvisations based on artwork in the Museum. 3-4 pm. Free w/ paid admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

12/4 - FAU Classical Guitar Society at

Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3 pm. \$10. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

12/4 - Shanghai Acrobats: Shanghai Nights at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 7-8:30 pm. \$25/adult; \$15/student. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

Monday - 12/5 - Pickleball at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Combines badminton and tennis. Adults. M/W/F 9 am-1 pm. \$5/person; annual pass: \$130/resident, \$165/non-resident. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

12/5 - Socrates Cafe at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. M 10-11:30 am. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/5 - Adult Watercolor Painting Workshop at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Instructor provides class lesson and lecture, emphasis on composition and drawing, then a painting demo. Remainder of class time is one-on-one instruction, finishing with class critique. Age 18 & up. Every M or W 10 am-1 pm. Monthly: \$35/ resident; \$40/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/5 - Understanding Photography as an Art Form with Sofia Maduro at Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Held again 12/12, 19, 1/6 & 9. 10-11:30 am. \$225/workshop. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

12/5 - Annual Book Sale Bonanza at Temple Sinai, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 10 am-2 pm. 275-6161; templesinaipbc.com

12/5 - Friends of the Museum Auxiliary General Meeting at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 590 Plaza Real. Membership meeting. Learn about upcoming events. Meeting, coffee, pastries, film and/or speaker. 10:30 am-1 pm. Free. RSVP: 392-2500 x213; bocamuseum.org

12/5 - Senior Bingo at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults age 50 & up. M&W 10:30 am-noon. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

12/5 - The Serial Entertainer's Passion for Parties with Steven Stolman at Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Book signing follows. 11 am. Free. 805-8562; fourarts.org

12/5 - Duplicate Bridge Games at Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. M/W/F noon-3 pm. \$3/person. 742-6640; boynton-beach.org

12/5 - 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

12/5 - Bridge at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Intermediate & advanced. M 1-4 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/5 - Gathering of the Goddesses Shopping Extravaganza at Boca Lago



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12/5 - A Night at Silverball Museum, 19 NE 3rd Ave, Delray Beach. Hosted by Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County for women to build professional/community alliances. Games, networking, dinner. Business casual. 6 pm. \$36. 852-3179; jewishboca.org

12/5 - Dog Obedience Classes at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton. M through 1/9. Beginner: 6-7 pm; Intermediate/Games: 7-8 pm. \$90/residents; \$112.50/non-residents. 393-7807; myboca.us

12/5 - Happy Squares Dance Club at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. All skill levels welcome. Age 18 & up. Every M 6:45-9:15 pm. \$6/person. 865-2611; boynton-beach.org

12/5 - Bike Nite at Tilted Kilt Pub & Brewery, 3320 Airport Rd #1, Boca Raton. Held by Fury Road Riders, benefits Natural High, a national 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to inspire youth to discover their natural high so they have a reason to say no to drugs and alcohol. Tilted Kilt donates 10% of food bill to Natural High. Every M 7 pm. 504-3310; furyroadrc.com

12/5 - Beyond Art Basel at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 7-9 pm. \$5/suggested donation. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

12/5 - Adult Beginner Dance: Tango at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Essentially walking with a partner and the music. Every M 7:50-10:50 pm. Per class \$9/resident; \$10/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/5-6 - Artists in the Park presented by Delray Beach Art League at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Fine art exhibition and sales. 10 am-4:30 pm. Held again 2/11. Free. 843-2311; delrayartleague.com/dal

12/5-7 - BOTTI Boston on South Florida PBS. World-class trumpeter Chris Botti with special guests Sting, Josh Groban, more. WPBT2 Mon 8 pm; WXEL Wed 9:30 pm. Free. 737-8000; wxel.org

Tuesday - 12/6 - Pickleball: Advanced Play at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Adults. 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

12/6 - Chess Club at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game necessary. Age 18 & up. T/F Noon-4 pm. Annual fee \$20/resident; \$30/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/6 - 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

12/6 - Couples Round Dance at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Learn figures/routines to waltz, swing, foxtrot. Age 18 & up. Every T 1-3 pm (high intermediate level), 3-4:30 pm (beginner level). \$12/couple. 352-455-5759; boynton-beach.org

12/6 - Chess Club at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game necessary. Age 18 & up. Every T/F 1-4 pm. Annual fee \$20/resident; \$30/non-resident.

243-7350; mydelraybeach.com
12/6 - Ikebana Flower Arrangement: Ikenobo School at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Traditional flower arranging using fresh flowers. Every T through 12/20. Registration: \$45/member; \$52.50/non-member; \$60/flower fee. 1-3 pm. 495-0233; morikami.org

12/6 - Socrates Café at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every T 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

12/6 - 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

12/6 - Season's Greetings from the White House at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Lecture presentation reveals fascinating stories behind White House holiday traditions. 2 pm. \$25. 272-1281 x4; delraybeachplayhouse.com

12/6 - Homestead Exemption Outreach at Boynton Beach Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's office will take your 2016 homestead exemption application and answer valuation questions. Bring a copy of your deed; proof of residency is required. 2-3 pm. Free. 742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

12/6 - Truman Capote Presentation hosted by Mark Perlberg part of the Dramalogue Talking Theatre series at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Series explores working in the theatre in conversations with and about the artists who create the magic. 2 & 7 pm. \$25/individual ticket; \$108/series. 514-4042; palmbeachdramaworks.org

12/6 - From Necessity to Glamour: The Evolution of Transatlantic Travel with Rene Silvin at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall One-Time Event Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/advance member; \$35/at the door & non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lils

12/6 - Annual Meeting of the Delray Beach Public Library at 100 W Atlantic Ave. 5:30 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

12/6 - Classic Film Series: Chitty, Chitty, Bang Bang at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. All ages. 5:30 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/6 - 5th Annual Holiday Fashion Presentation & After-Hours Shopping Event at Bloomingdale's Boca Raton, 5840 Glades Rd. Benefits Helene & Roy Schwedelson Special Needs Programs at Adolph & Rose Levi Jewish Community Center. 6-8 pm. \$36. 852-3207; levisjcc.org

12/6 - 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

12/6 - Soul Line Dancing at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Age 18+. Every T 7-8:30 pm. \$6/person. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

12/6 - Blue Tuesdays at Boston's on the Beach, 40 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Hosted by Famous Frank Ward. Held again 12/13. 8:30-11:30 pm. Free. 278-3364; bostonsonthebeach.com

12/6-11 - An American in Paris at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. T-Sat 8 pm; W/Sat/Sun 2

pm. Tickets start at \$27. 832-7469; kravis.org
Wednesday - 12/7 - Lawn Bowling at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Takes skill and practice. Age 18 & up. Every W/F 9 am-noon. Annual fee: \$40/resident; \$45/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/7 - Remembering Pearl Harbor with Dr. Robert Watson at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. Hosted by Alliance of Delray Residential Associations. Opening ceremony w/Fire Rescue honor guard, pipes and drum band, Voices of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Future of Fire Rescue presentation, fire equipment/truck tours. Refreshments. 9 am doors open; 9:30 am meeting. Free. 495-9670; allianceofdelray.com

12/7 - Manalapan Artisan Market at Plaza del Mar, 230 S Ocean Blvd. Unique food finds, local artists, handcraft vendors. Every W 10 am-3 pm. Free. 470-1443.

12/7 - Bards of a Feather: Round Robin Poetry Reading at Green Cay Nature Center Community Room, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Hosted by Palm Beach Poetry Festival. 12:30 pm. Free. palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

12/7 - Scrabble at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. W 1-4 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/7 - Literary Lectures: Elena Ferrante - Compulsively Readable Italian Novels at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

12/7 - Adult Wine Bottle Gift Bag Craft at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Convert a plain jute gift bag using cocktail napkins and bling. Bring favorite decorative/holiday napkins and sharp scissors. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

12/7 - The Life and Song of John Lennon, Nixon's Pariah, The Left's Messiah at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Lyrics projected for audience sing-along. Part of Feelin' Groovy: Musical Backstories series. 2 pm. \$25. 272-1281 x4; delraybeachplayhouse.com

12/7 - Journey Interrupted: A Family Without a Country in a World at War with Wilhelmina Kipp at Society of The Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Book signing follows. 2:30 pm. Free. 805-8562; fourarts.org

12/7 - Faulkner's County at Florida Atlantic University Performing Arts Building, Room 101, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 4 pm. \$25. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

12/7 - Boynton Delray Uke Society at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ukulele lovers group. Held again 12/21. 5:30 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/7 - Boca Raton Chamber 35th Annual Holiday Auction at Via Mizner Golf & Country Club, 6200 Boca del Mar Dr, Boca Raton. Live & silent auction. 5:30-9 pm. \$25. 395-4433 x223; bocaratonchamber.com

12/7 - Winter Wonderland at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Presented by Belle Glade Excel Charter & Plumosa School of the Arts after school programs. 7 pm. Free. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/7-9 - Noises Off by Michael Frayn at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. American Songbook Series. W-F 7:30 pm; Th 12:30 pm. \$10; free w/Lynn ID. 237-7000; lynn.edu

Thursday - 12/8 - Rippers Knitting Club at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean

Ave. Registration form must be completed on 1st visit. All skill levels. Every Th 9 am-noon. \$10/per season. 742-6240; boynton-beach.org

12/8 - Quilters meet at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest. Share quilting information, perpetuate quilting as a cultural and artistic form. Every Th 9-11:30 am. Free. 742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

12/8 - Knit 'N Purl at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Held again 12/22. 10:30 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/8 - What's Cookin'? Cookbook Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Noon. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/8 - Adult Acrylics Art 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

12/8 - Lunch and Learn: Figure Modeling with Sandra Levine at Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach. Bring your lunch and an open mind. 12:45-1:30 pm. Free. 832-1776; armoryart.org

12/8 - Movie for Adults at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Holiday-themed movies for all ages. Held again 12/15 & 22. 2-4 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

12/8 - Adults Open Computer Lab at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Every Th through 12/29. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

12/8 - 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

12/8 - Art After Dark: Young Professionals Night at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Changing special exhibitions, music, films, tours, cash bar, menu options. All ages. 5-9 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

12/8 - Tradition: An Italian Wine Dinner prepared by James Beard at Josie's Ristorante, 1602 S Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. 6 pm. \$85/person + tax/gratuity. Reservations: 364-9601; josiesristorante.com

12/8 - Opening Reception at Artists' Guild Gallery, 512 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Wine, dessert. 6-8 pm. Free. 278-7877; bocaguild.com

12/8 - The Next Generation Road Rascals Car Show at Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex, 10 S Ocean Blvd. 2nd Th 6-9 pm. rstarr2010@gmail.com

12/8 - Winter Holiday Open House at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. All ages. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

12/8 - Jazz in the Gallery at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real, Mizner Park. The Marshall Turkin Classic Jazz Ensemble. 7-8:30 pm. Free w/paid admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

12/8 - Dean's Showcase No. 2 at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$10. 237-9000; lynn.edu

12/8 - Jim Caruso's Cast Party at The Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Cool cabaret night out, hilariously impromptu variety show. Participants sign in w/sheet music, wait to be called up on stage. 9 pm. \$50.

243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org
12/8-9 - Django Festival All-Stars at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$45. Miznerparkculturalcenter.com

12/8-10 - Dances We Dance Fall Showcase at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Th/Sat 7 pm; F/Sat 1 pm. \$15/adult, faculty, staff, alumni; \$12/student; \$5/child under 13. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

12/8-11 - Palm Beach Food & Wine Festival 2016 at various restaurants throughout the Palm Beaches. See website for days/times/locations/prices. 877-503-9463; pbfoodwinefest.com

Friday - 12/9 - Supervised Bridge Play at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. John Black: 2 hours supervised Bridge play. Partners not needed. Adults. Every F 10 am-noon. \$10/person. 393-7807; myboca.us

12/9 - Great Books Discussion Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Held again 12/16 & 23. 10 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/9 - Current Events Discussion Group at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. F 10:30 am-noon. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/9 - 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. Age 50 & up. Every F 10:45 am-1:15 pm. \$5/resident; \$6/non resident per class. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/9 - Wearable Art Fashion Show & Luncheon at Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts, 1105 2nd Ave. S, Lake Worth. 11 am. \$150/person. 508-7315; benzaitecenter.org

12/9 - Women's Chamber of Commerce Annual Holiday Luncheon & Silent Auction at West Palm Beach Marriott Sanibel Room, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd. Benefits Women's Chamber Foundation Big Red Apple Scholarship Campaign. 11 am-1:30 pm. Admission includes parking: \$60/member; \$70/non-member; \$75/at the door. 833-1234; chamberdata.net

12/9 - Socrates Cafe at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every W 11:30 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/9 - 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

12/9 - Gallery Talk: Edward S. Curtis - One Hundred Masterworks at Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Exhibit runs through 12/31. 12:15 pm. Free w/ museum admission. Reservations: 655-2833; flaglermuseum.us

12/9 - Bob Roberts Society Orchestra at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Full 16-piece big band; variety of tunes for lovers of music and dance. Every F 1:30-3:30 pm. \$4. 742-6240; boynton-beach.org

12/9 - Adult Coloring Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Held again 12/23. 2 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/9 - Meet Me at The Boys at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Part of Studio Theatre series. 2 pm. \$25. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

12/9 - Evening on the Avenue at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Live music, food vendors, crafts, artists selling their



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Holiday Events

DECEMBER 3

Saturday - 12/3 - Southern Handcraft Society Southern Christmas 2016 at Patch Reef Park Community Center, 7000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Juried arts/crafts. 9 am-1 pm. Free. shsboca.com

12/3 - Cookie Cruise with Santa at 801 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Visit with Santa, cookies and milk or hot chocolate, coffee/tea, craft activity. Held again 12/10 & 17 10 am-noon. \$20. Reservations: 243-0686; delraybeachcruises.com

12/3 - Boynton Beach 46th Annual Holiday Parade rolls north on Seacrest Blvd from SE 12th Ave to Ocean Ave. High school marching bands, costumed characters, floats, drill teams, dance groups, special appearance by Santa. 11 am. Free. 742-6243; boynton-beach.org

12/3 - Sounds of the Season Holiday Concert at Steinway Piano Gallery, 7940 N Federal Highway, Boca Raton. 4 pm. \$15. 982-8887; steinwaybocaraton.co

12/3 - Carols by Candlelight Outdoor Concert at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Little River Band, Stephen Bishop & Kim Carnes. Bring lawn chairs, blankets. No outside food, beverages, pets. 7 pm. \$15/adult; \$5/student; \$100/VIP includes reserved seating area, complimentary beer, wine, light bites, exclusive cash bar, meet & greet with artists. 243-7922 x1; oldschoosquare.org

12/3-4 - 3rd Annual Holiday Celebration & Christkindlmarket 2016 at American German Club, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. Noon-9 pm. \$8/gate; free/12 & under. 967-6464; americangermanclub.org

12/3-10 - Community Days: Festival of Trees at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 2051 S Flagler Dr, West Palm Beach. 6-8:30 pm. \$20-\$25/person; \$15/member & senior (age 62 & up); \$8/child. 832-5328; ansq.org

12/3-31 - Christmas at Cason Cottage at 5 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Presented by Delray Beach Historical Society. Th-Sat 11 am-3 pm & 5:30-8:30 pm. \$5/adult. 274-9578; delraybeachhistory.org

DECEMBER 4-10

Sunday - 12/4 - Christmas Tree Lighting at Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Seasonal refreshments, Santa Claus, organ and piano performances, caroling, tree lighting. All ages. 3-5 pm. Free w/paid admission. 655-2833; flaglERMuseum.us

12/4 - It's All About the Holidays at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 701 W Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. Presented by Nova Southeastern University. Christmas & Hanukkah choral selections. 4 pm. \$15/advance; \$20/door. 954-683-8866; nova.edu/novasingers

12/4 - Piano Concert for the Holidays with Dr. Sofiya Martin at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 5 pm. Free/love offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

12/4 - Christmas Concert at First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Free childcare with reservations. 7-9 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumbocaraton.org

Monday - 12/5 - Holiday Pottery, Painting & Cookies at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Federal Highway #7, Boynton Beach. 3-6 pm. \$22/supplies included. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

Tuesday - 12/6 - Sing-a-long Holiday Caroling with Gift Exchange at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. 11 am. Free. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

Wednesday - 12/7 - American Big Band: Home for the Holidays at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 2 & 8 pm. \$32-\$42. 243-7922 x1; oldschoosquare.org

12/7 - 46th Annual Boca Raton Holiday Street Parade: A Star-Spangled Holiday on Federal Highway from SE 7th St north to Mizner Park Boulevard. Grandstand viewing at Sanborn Square. 7:30-9:30 pm. Free. 393-7806; myboca.us

Thursday - 12/8 - Holiday Boutique at Society of The Four Arts Philip Hultar Sculpture Garden, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 9:30 am-4 pm. Free. 837-6635; fourarts.org

Friday - 12/9 - Karaoke Holiday Caroling at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. 12:30-2 pm. Free. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

12/9 - Boynton Beach & Delray Beach 45th Annual Holiday Boat Parade from Lantana Bridge to George Bush Bridge. Viewing at Boynton Beach Intracoastal Park, Jaycee Park, Delray Beach Veterans Park. 6 pm live music at Boynton Harbour Marina; 7 pm parade starts. Free. 600-9097; catchboynton.com

12/9 - Divas Holiday Party at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Your favorite divas celebrate the holidays as only divas can. Songs, skits, a comically good time. 8 pm. \$15. 586-6169; lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/9 - Sarge: Chanukah Chutzpah Tour at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$44. 243-7922; oldschoosquare.org

Saturday - 12/10 - Weekend Family Fun: Lightwire Theater's A Very Electric Christmas at Palm Beach State College Duncan Theatre, 4200 Congress Ave, Lake Worth. 11 am. \$15. 868-3309; duncantheatre.org

lakeworth.org

12/10 - Ride & Remember Trolley Tour departs from Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 2-hour tour focuses on 5 historic districts. 2nd Sat 10 am-noon. \$25. Reservations: 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

12/10 - Family Improv at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 10-11:30 am. \$5/family. 471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

12/10 - Art Festival & Sale presented by Talin's Tropical Studio & Boca Arts Center at 2 SW 12th Ave, Boca Raton. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 573-0123; talinsstudio.com

12/10 - The Art of Japanese Fabric Wrapping Workshop at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Oki Education Center, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Learn customs/art of Japanese gift presentation; hands-on workshop. Combines tradition with contemporary aesthetics. 10:30 am-noon or 1:30-3 pm. \$35 + \$10 materials fee. Registration: 495-0233; morikami.org

12/10 - Lecture: Artists, Dealers, Collectors, and Curators - Roy R. Neuberger in the Art World of New York City at Society of The Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 11 am. 655-7226; fourarts.org

12/10 - Preparatory School of Music Recital at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 11 am. Free. 237-9000; lynn.edu

12/10 - 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. Four-hour tour includes bus & walking tour, food sampling, visits to historical/cultural sites. 2nd Sat year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required: check



12/10 - Lantana Annual Winterfest & Parade at Lantana Recreation Center, 418 S Dixie Hwy. Pictures w/Santa, Holiday Music, bike giveaway, food vendors, more. 5-9 pm. Free. 540-5000; lantana.org

12/10 - Holiday Stroll on West Palm Beach Antique Row on Dixie Highway between Belvedere Road & Southern Boulevard. Complimentary holiday treats, music, more. Benefits Toys for Tots. 5-8:30 pm. Free w/donation of new unwrapped toy. Westpalmbeachantiques.com

12/10 - Delray Beach Holiday Parade: A Rock and Roll Holiday starts on Atlantic Avenue at the Intracoastal Bridge, then west to SW 5th Avenue. 6 pm. Free. 243-7277; mydelraybeach.com

12/10 - The Heavy Pets Holiday Ball at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Benefits Toys for Tots and Caring Kitchen. All ages. 8 pm-12:30 am. \$20-\$25. 243-7922 x1; oldschoosquare.org

12/10-11 - A Christmas Carol: The Radio Play at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave, Adapted from the original Orson Welles radio drama. Sat 7 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$25/adult; \$15/child 12 & under. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

DECEMBER 11-17

Sunday - 12/11 - Florida Intergenerational Orchestra: Celebrate The Holidays With Love at Our Lady of Lourdes Church O'Shea Hall, 22094 Lyons Rd, Boca Raton. 2:15 pm pre-concert talk/meet & greet performers; 3 pm concert. \$10/adult; free/child. 482-8206; flioa.org

12/11 - 14th Annual Gingerbread Holiday Concert presented by Lynn University Friends of the Conservatory of Music at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E Camino Real. Family fare. 3 pm. \$35. 237-9000; lynn.edu

12/11 - FAU Tuba Christmas Concert at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Bring chairs/blankets. Free. 5 pm. 393-7700; tubachristmas.com

12/11 - Handel's Messiah at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. In collaboration with Delray

Beach Chorale. 7 pm. \$20. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

12/11 - Symphony of the Americas: Holiday Magic at Broward Center for the Arts Amature Theater, 201 SW 5th Ave, Ft. Lauderdale. Frank Loconto & Cathy Von. Held again 12/13 7:45 pm. 2 pm. \$20-485. 954-335-7002; symphonyoftheamericas.org

Monday - 12/12 - The Hot Sardines Holiday Stomp at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$25. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/12-13 - Santa's Calling directly from the North Pole to surprise your child. Helped by Mrs. Claus and the elves. Ages 3-9. Free. Registration w/questionnaire required: 243-7277; beardsleyd@mydelraybeach.com

Tuesday - 12/13 - The Tenors: Christmas Together at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$15. 832-7469; kravis.org

Wednesday - 12/14 - A Seraphic Fire Christmas: On Winter's Night at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$45. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/14 - Concert: Danu, A Christmas Gathering - Feile Na Nollag at Society of The Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 8 pm. \$40-\$45. 805-8562; fourarts.org

Thursday - 12/15 - Blue Suede Christmas at The Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$38. 243-7922 x1; oldschoosquare.org

Friday - 12/16 - Holiday Party at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. 1-3 pm. \$3/advance; \$5/door. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

12/16 - Beach Boys Christmas at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$30. 832-7469; kravis.org

Saturday - 12/17 - Breakfast with Santa at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Kids visit with Santa, leave with a holiday craft. All Ages. 9-11 am. \$8. Reservations: 742-6240; boynton-beach.org

12/17 - Visit Santa at Big Apple Shopping Shopping Bazaar, 5283 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Pictures w/Santa, holiday treats, face painting. Noon-3 pm. Free. 499-9935; thebigappleshoppingbazaar.com

12/17 - 51st Annual Grinchmas Holiday Parade, Santa's Workshop & Light Up the Night at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Bring lawn chair for the parade. All ages. Noon workshop begins; 6 pm parade. Free. 398-8340; lakeworth.org

12/17 - Boca Raton Annual Holiday Boat Parade begins at C-15 Canal (Boca Raton/Delray Beach border). Bleacher viewing at Silver Palm & Red Reef Parks. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 393-7995; myboca.us

DECEMBER 11-17

Sunday - 12/11 - PBSO Volunteer Against Scams Team at Temple Sinai, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 9:30 am breakfast; 10:15 am program. \$5/person. 275-6161; templesinaipbc.com

12/11 - Experientialism: Wine & Cheese Reception Art Exhibition Opening at Chabad of South Palm Beach, Plaza del Mar, 224 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Features work of Katherine Kronick. 2-6 pm. Free. 351-1633; chabadsfb.org

12/11 - Lori & Michelle Concert: What We Did for Love at Temple Beth El, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. Jewish, Broadway, classics, contemporary hits. 3 pm. \$10/reserved benefactor; \$35/preferred seating; \$18/general admission. 391-8900; theboca.org

12/11 - Remembering Joan Rivers: Behind the Mask of Comedy with Eunice Bernard and Carol Clarke at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/advance member; \$75/any 3 events; \$120/any 8 events; \$35/at the door & non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

12/11 - A-List Midnight Movies: 2001: A Space Odyssey (GR) at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-6:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocapubliclibrary.org

12/10 - Opening Reception: Chasing the Sun - Dennis Aulfery Retrospective at Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach. Exhibit runs through 12/30. 5-7 pm. Free. 832-1776; armoryart.org

12/10 - The Borscht Belt by Marisa Scheinfeld at Mandel Jewish Community Center, 8500 Jog Rd, Boynton Beach. 7 pm. \$16/Literary Society Reader & Author Levels; \$20/guest. 740-9000; jcconline.com

12/10 - 3rd Annual Chamber Music Competition Final Round at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. Free. 237-9000; lynn.edu

12/10 - An Evening of Chamber Music with the Delray String Quartet at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of the Fall Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. 7:30-9 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/advance member; \$75/any 3 events; \$120/any 8 events; \$35/door & non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

12/17-18 - Breakfast with Santa at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Hot breakfast buffet, meet 'n greet with Santa and Mrs. Claus, up-close animal encounters and photo ops, holiday music, more. Held again 12/24. 8:30-10 am. \$26.95-\$36.95/adult; \$18.95-\$28.95/child ages 3-12; \$7.95/toddler up to age 2. Includes full-day admission to the Zoo. Reservations: 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

DECEMBER 18-24

Sunday - 12/18 - Downton Dance: A Nightmare Before Christmas at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave, Noon & 2 pm. \$15/advance; \$20/door. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/18 - Concert: Lessons and Carols - Noel! Noel! A French Christmas part of Music At St. Paul's series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. Free. 276-4541; music.stpaulsdelray.org

12/18 - A Seraphic Fire Christmas: On Winter's Night at St Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 4 pm. \$58 + fee. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

12/18 - Messiah at Royal Poinciana Chapel, 60 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches, guest soloists, orchestra. 7-8:30 pm. \$25. 845-9696; masterworkspb.org

12/18 - My Italian Christmas Holiday Concert at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$50. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/18-19 - Holiday Evening Tours at Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. See Whitehall by the glow of original 1902 fixtures, receive a traditional Christmas cracker, carols, holiday refreshments. All ages. Held again 12/20-23. Tours begin at 7:05, 7:15, 7:25 pm. \$25/adult; \$15/child age 17 & under. Advance purchase required: 655-2833; flaglERMuseum.us

Friday - 12/23 - Jazz Takes a Holiday at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Dick Lowenthal Orchestra, vocalist Steve Leeds. Bring food/beverage. 8 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Saturday - 12/24 - Menorah Lighting at Old School Square Front Lawn, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Sundown. 243-7000; mydelraybeach.com

Sunday - 12/25 - Chanukah Fest at Chabad of South Palm Beach, Plaza del Mar, 224 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Music, latkes, donuts, falafel. 4:30 pm. Free. 351-1633; chabadsfb.org

12/26 - The State Ballet Theatre of Russia: The Tchaikovsky Christmas Spectacular at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 7:30 pm. \$30/adult; \$20/student. 243-7922 x1; oldschoosquare.org

historicalsocietypbc.org

12/11 - Will & Anthony: Showstoppers at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$42-\$52. 243-7922 x1; oldschoosquare.org

12/11 - Rotten Mangos (Short Drama) at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 7-8 pm. \$10/advance; \$15/at the door. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

Monday - 12/12 - The Kurds: A Key to Salvaging Iraq and Syria? with Dr. Mehmet Gurses at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$30/advance member; \$75/any 3 events; \$120/any 8 events; \$35/door & non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

12/12 - Dreyfoos School of the Arts Foundation Guild 13th Annual Musical Luncheon at Table 26, 1700 S Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 11:30 am registration; noon lunch; 1:30 pm performance. \$125/foundation member; \$150/non-member. 805-6298; soafi.org

12/12 - Metamorphosis: From Erich Weiss to Harry Houdini with Ronelle Delmont at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/advance member; \$120/any 8 events; \$75/any 3 events; \$120/any 8 events; \$35/door & non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lls

12/12 - A Case for Color: A Vibrant Discussion with Gil Walsh and Margaret Riley Muldoon at Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Book signing follows. 2:30 pm. Free. 805-8562; fourarts.org

12/12 - Great Hoaxes of the 18th

artwork. Every F 6-10 pm. Free. 588-8344; lakeworth.org

12/9 - Bonfire on the Beach at Lake Worth Casino and Beach Complex, 10 S Ocean Blvd. Bring beach chairs. 2nd & 4th F through 2/24. 6-9 pm. Free; metered parking. 533-7395; lakeworth.org

12/9 - Castoffs Square Dance Club at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Basic modern western square dancing. Every F 7-7:45 pm dance & rounds; 7:45-9:30 pm dance club. \$12/couple at the door. 731-3119; boynton-beach.org

12/9 - Speaker Series: From Flapping Birds to Space Telescopes - The Art and Science of Origami with Robert J. Lang at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$7/member; \$10/non-member. 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

12/9 - Delray Beach Chorale: Jubilate! at St. Andrew's School Roberts Theater, 3900 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$25/advance; \$30/door; \$5/full-time student w/ID. 419-4878; delraybeachchorale.org

12/9-10 - The Other Mozart at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Part of PEAK (Provocative Entertainment at Kravis) series. 7:30 pm. \$32. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/9-11 - Becky's New Car (PG-13) presented by Curtain Call Playhouse at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. F/Sat 8 pm; Sat/Sun 2pm. \$20. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

Saturday - 12/10 - Biathlon at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton. 1000-yard swim, 5K run. Awards for top 3 female, top 3 male finishers. 7 am. \$40/adult; \$30/kids under age 18. 393-7851; myboca.us

12/10 - Art Al Fresco at Lake Worth Beach, 10 S.3 Ocean Blvd. Presented by Lake Worth Art League. Held again 12/24. 9 am-5 pm.

Century: Saucy Spirits, Birthing Bunnies and Mechanical Men with Wesley Mills

at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/advance member; \$75/any 3 events; \$120/any 8 events; \$35/door & non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

12/12 - Conservation Leadership

Lecture: How Conservation Science Saves Species by Dr. Stuart Pimm at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 6-8 pm. \$25. Advance tickets required. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

12/12 - Gershwin, By George! With Robert Wyatt

at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. 7-9 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/advance member; \$75/any 3 events; \$120/any 8 events; \$35/door & non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

12/12-13 - Auditions for MNN

Productions at Organic Movements, 2400 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Audition for Monty Python's *Spamalot*, Stephen Sondheim's *Company*, *La Cage Aux Folles* and *Little Shop of Horrors*. Shows perform at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse. M 10 am-6 pm; T 11 am-8 pm. To schedule audition send email with "Auditions" in subject line to mnmprods@gmail.com

12/12-15 - There's No Business Like Show Business: Celebrating Irving Berlin On Broadway

at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Held again 12/20-22. Part of Musical Memories series. 2 & 8 pm. \$30. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Tuesday - 12/13 - The Future of Iranian-Russian Relations: Implications for the U.S. and Israel's National Security

with **Dr. Robert Rabil** at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. 10-11:30 am or 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/advance member; \$75/any 3 events; \$35/door & non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

12/13 - Your Everglades & Clean Water w/photographer Mac Stone

at Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Book signing follows. 2 pm. Free. 805-8562; fourarts.org

12/13 - The Near and Far Abroad: Vladimir Putin's Radical Shift in

myboca.us

12/14 - A Preview of the Metropolitan Opera HD Winter 2017 Series with Giuseppe Albanese

at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$30/advance member; \$75/any 3 events; \$35/door & non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

12/13 - 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 & 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. 2nd T 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/13 - Force Majeur (R) part of 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

12/13 - CINE*MATTERS 2016: Dark Girls

at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton Rockberger Hall, 2601 St. Andrews Blvd. Held again 12/18 noon. 7 pm. Free/donation accepted. 482-2001; uufbr.org

12/13 - Kretzer Kids in Concert

at Harriet Himmel Theater, 600 S Rosemary Ave, West Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$10/adult; \$5/student. 866-449-2489; kretzerpiano.com

12/13 - Voice of Women of the 60s: Joan, Joni, Judy, Janis, Carly & Carole with Joan Friedenberg & Bill Bowen

at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. 7-9 pm. 460/annual membership; \$30/advance member; \$75/any 3 events; \$35/door & non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

12/13 - Judy Collins: A Love Letter to Stephen Sondheim

at Palm Beach State College Duncan Theatre, 4200 Congress Ave, Lake Worth. 7 pm. \$45-\$75. 868-3309; duncantheatre.org

12/13 - Shed Sessions at The Spady: Spady House Band

at The Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd T 8-11 pm. \$10/door; free/musicians. 278-8883; spadymuseum.com

Wednesday - 12/14 - Adult Day Trip: Jungle Island

meets at Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Winding trails, special exhibits, attractions, shows. Light refreshment prior to departure, round-trip motorcoach transportation, entrance/admission fees. 8:15 am check-in; 8:45 am-3 pm. \$31/person. Registration: 367-7035;

12/14 - Zonta Club of Boca Raton

at Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 2nd W 5:30 pm. \$30. 482-1013; zontabocaron.org

12/14 - Mermaid Tail Canvas & Cocktails

Class at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Federal Highway #7, Boynton Beach. Bring your own

drinks. 6-8 pm. \$35/person; \$50/two people; supplies included. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

12/14 - 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

12/14 - Music Americana: The Songs of the Eagles with Rod MacDonald and the Humdingers

at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Fall Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. 7-9 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/advance member; \$75/any 3 events; \$35/door & non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

12/14 - Santiago Rodriguez Piano Recital

at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$20. 237-9000; lynn.edu

Thursday - 12/15 - Shell Chic Designs with Robin Grubman: Ornaments

at Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 10 am-noon. \$75/materials included. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

12/15 - Great Decisions Discussion Group

at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10 am-noon. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

12/15 - Publix Aprons Cooking Demonstration

at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Chef Rey De La Osa. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

12/15 - The Palm Beach Symphony Inaugural Ladies Guild Luncheon: Holly Jolly Symphony

at The Beach Club, 755 N County Rd, Palm Beach. 11 am. \$150. 655-2657; palmbeachsymphony.org

12/15 - Greater Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce Holiday Luncheon

at Benvenuto, 1730 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. 11:30 am-1 pm. \$20/member; \$30/non-member. 732-9501; boyntonbeach.org

12/15 - American Pen Women Fundraiser Luncheon

at Delray Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. Storyteller Adele Alexandre: Healing Power of Humor. Noon. \$27/mem; \$32/guest. 732-3577; bocapenwomen.org

12/15 - Buddy Bombard: A Life of Grand Adventure

at Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Book signing follows. 2:30 pm. Free. 805-8562; fourarts.org

12/15 - Draw Like an Artist Class: Greeting Card Watercolor Pencil Art

at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 18+. 5-7 pm. Per class: \$28/resident; \$35/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/15 - Art After Dark & A Closer Look

at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Changing special exhibitions, music, films, tours, cash bar, menu options. All ages. 5-9 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

12/15 - Concert: Sean Gaskell - Kora Harp

at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/15 - ADL ArtWorks 2016

at Harriet Himmel Theater, 700 S Rosemary Ave, West Palm Beach. Mingle with artists Tomer Avivi & Bryan Notowitz. 6 pm VIP reception; 7 pm doors open. \$100/person; \$250/VIP. 988-2900; florida.adl.org

12/15 - Palm Beach Watercolor Society Meeting

at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. 2nd Th 6:30 pm Oct-May. Palmbeachwatercolorssociety.org

12/15 - 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). 2nd Th 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 212-677-4278; oldschoolsquare.org

12/15 - Avi Bash

speaks and signs his book *Organized Crime in Miami* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

12/15 The Orchestra of Exiles by Josh Aronson

at Mandel Jewish Community Center, 8500 Jog Rd, Boynton Beach. 7 pm. \$16/Literary Society Reader & Author Levels; \$20/guest. 740-9000; jconline.com

12/15 - Science on Tap: CSI Mythbuster - Death Investigation in the 21st Century

by **Darin P. Trelka** at Due South Brewing, 2900 High Ridge Road #3, Boynton Beach. Presented by South Florida Science Center and Aquarium. Q&A follows presentation. Brews/bites available for purchase. 7 pm. Free. 370-7740; sfsccenter.org

12/15 - Wine Glass Painting

at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Federal Highway #7, Boynton Beach. Bring your own drinks and a snack to share. 7-9 pm. \$25/supplies included. 737-

2600; artsealiving.com

12/15-18 - My Son the Waiter: A Jewish Tragedy

at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center Studio Theatre 2nd Floor, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Runs through 1/29. Th-Sat 7:30 pm; Th/Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$40-\$65. 888-264-1788; mysonthewaiter.com

Friday - 12/16 - The English Patient (1996)

part of Friday Films Series at Society of The Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2:30 pm \$5/non-member; free/member. 655-7227; fourarts.org

12/16 - Neil Zircornia, the Ultimate Neil Diamond Tribute

at Ellie's 50's Diner, 2410 N Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. Dinner & Show. \$42. Reservations/call for times: 276-7716; elliescatering.com

12/16 - Food Truck Invasion/Music on the Rocks

at Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Food, snacks, beverages available for purchase. 3rd F through Jun. 5 pm food trucks; 6-9 pm music. Free. 600-9093; catchboynton.com

12/16 - Evenings at the Council

at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County Main Gallery, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Held again 1/6. 6-8:30 pm. Free. 471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

12/16 - Opening Reception: Men and Women Inspired

at Artisans on the Ave, 630 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Men and women artists creating art for the home. Free. Refreshments. 6-9 pm. 762-8162; artisansontheave.com

12/16 - This Wonderful Life

at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$39. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/16-18 - Avenue Q

at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. F/Sat 8 pm; Sat/Sun 2pm. \$42-\$52. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

Saturday - 12/17 - 2nd Annual Delray Beach Jingle Bell Jog

at Anchor Park, 340 S Ocean Blvd. All participants receive a Santa Suit costume + a pair of Jingle Bells to tie to running shoes. 6-7:15 am registration; 7:30 am 5K; 8:30 am Little Elf dashes. \$35/5K; \$25/Elf Dash. jinglebelljog.net/event-info-delray-beach/

12/17 - Exhibition: Fred Cohen and Moneta

at Cultural Council Sanders Foundation Artist Resource Center, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Runs through 1/14. T-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Free. 471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

12/17 - 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/walking tour, food sampling, visits to historical/cultural sites. 3rd & 4th Sat year-round, rain or shine; no tour 12/24/16. Reservations required: \$50/adult & senior citizen; free/child under 18. 243-2662; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

12/17 - Birthday Party Celebrating Carter G. Woodson, father of Black History Month

at The Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Birthday cake, games, festivities. Noon-2 pm. Free. 278-8883; spadymuseum.com

12/17 - The Way of Tea: Sado Demonstration

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. Noon, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm. \$5 w/paid admission. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

12/17 - From Broadway to Hollywood with Richard Glazier

at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 1:30 & 7:30 pm. \$39. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/17 - An Ellington Nutcracker

at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Florida Wind Symphony Jazz Orchestra. 7 pm. \$20. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

12/17 - The Unconventional Nutcracker

at Kravis Center Persson Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Florida Dance Conservatory's annual performance. 7 pm. \$25. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/17 - Screen on the Green

at Old School Square Park, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Woo Creative presents an outdoor double feature movie. 6:30 pm. Bring a toy donation. 243-7922 x1; 100ftchristmastree.com

12/17 - FAU Madrigal Dinner

at St Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Hosted by FAU Foundation. Benefits FAU's Choral and Vocal Studies Program. Wine & cheese reception, dinner, program. 6:30 pm. \$100. 297-2337; fauf.fau.edu/madrigal

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12/17 - Live Jazz Jam Session & Showcase at Flamingo Clay Glass Metal Stone Studio & Gallery, 15 S J St, Lake Worth. 3rd Sat 7-10 pm. \$5/cover. 588-8344; flamingoclaystudio.org

12/17 - Winter Tapestry at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Young Singers of the Palm Beaches. 7 pm. \$15. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/17-18 - Harid Conservatory's Winter Performances at Spanish River Community High School, 5100 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. 3 pm. \$80. 998-8038; harid.edu/performance

DECEMBER 18-24

Sunday - 12/18 - Special Film Screening: The Nutcracker at Society of The Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 1 pm. Free. 655-7226; fourarts.org

12/18 - Open House at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. 1-4 pm. Free. Registration: 392-2503; bocamuseum.org

12/18 - Winter Concert on the Gold Coast at Boynton Beach High School Auditorium, 4995 Park Ridge Blvd. 2:30 pm. \$8. goldcoastband.org

12/18 - Klezmer Company Jazz Orchestra: Tradition! Tradition! Freilachs, Bulgars & Shers at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3 pm. \$35-\$60. 297-2891; fauf.fau.edu/171JCSCalendar

Monday - 12/19 - From a Woman's Perspective: Miller's Valley by Anna Quindlen at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10 am. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

12/19 - The Battle of the Broadway Comedians Starring Steve Solomon & Dick Capri at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Part of Adults at Leisure Series. 11 am & 2 pm. \$29. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/19 - Coloring for Adults at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Special coloring pages, colored pencils, gels, markers provided or bring your own. Held again 1:30-3 pm 12/21. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

12/19 - Cercle Francais: French Conversation Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

12/19 - Pep Rally for the Boca Raton Bowl at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Free. 393-7700; myboca.us

12/19-20 - Trencadis (Broken Plate Mosaics) Workshop at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. 9 am-noon. \$110. Registration: 392-2503; bocamuseum.org

12/19-20 - Mobius Abstract Sculpture Workshop at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. 12:30-3:30 pm. \$110. Registration: 392-2503; bocamuseum.org

12/19-20 - Pastel Painting Workshop at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. 12:30-4 pm. \$160. Registration: 392-2503; bocamuseum.org

Tuesday - 12/20 - Mengle vs Mengele: Transforming Darkness into Light at Chabad of South Palm Beach, Plaza del Mar, 224 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Personal story of surviving Auschwitz; Rabbi Nissen Mengel. 6:30 pm. \$10/advance; \$15/at the door. RSVP: 351-1633; chabadspb.org

12/20 - Ballet Atlantica: Clara's Dream at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Glorious music, guest artists, innovative choreography. 7 pm. Orchestra \$20/advance, \$25/day of; mezzanine \$15/advance, \$20 day of. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/20 - FAU Astronomical Observatory public viewing day at Florida Atlantic University Science & Engineering Building 4th floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 1st F & 3rd T 7 pm. Free. 297-STAR; physics.fau.edu/observatory

12/20 - Boca Raton Bowl at Florida Atlantic University Stadium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Postseason college football. 7 pm. \$27-\$350; \$20/parking. espnews.com

Wednesday - 12/21 - Documentary Film Screening: Between the Folds at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 11 am & 2 pm. Free w/paid admission. 495-0233, x237; morikami.org

12/21 - A Closer Look: Rudin Prize Artists at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Talks begin in a gallery, focus on an individual artwork, then move to the Museum Theater to explore the work's cultural context. 1 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

Thursday - 12/22 - Exhibition Opening: Spotlight: William Merritt Chase at

Green Markets

Boca Raton GreenMarket every Saturday, Royal Palm Place Southwest Parking Lot, intersection of S Federal Highway and SE Mizner Blvd. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 368-6875; myboca.us

Boynton Beach Mall Green Market, every Sunday at 801 N. Congress Ave, between Cinemark 14 Theater and ToolJay's. Every Sun noon-5 pm. Free. 736-7900; boyntonbeachmall.com

Delray Beach GreenMarket every Saturday, 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. 9am-2pm. 276-7511; delraycra.org

Lake Worth Farmer's Market every Saturday, Old Bridge Park, 10 S Ocean Blvd, Lake Worth. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 547-3100; lakeworthfarmersmarket.com

Lake Worth Night Market Waterside, every 1st Wednesday, Old Bridge Park, 10 S Ocean Blvd, Lake Worth. 6-9 pm. Free. 533-7395; lakeworth.org

Shinnecock at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Exhibit runs through 1/29 during regular museum hours. Free admission through 12/2018. 832-5196; norton.org

12/22-23 - Steve Solomon's My Mother's Italian My Father's Jewish I'm Home for the Holidays at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$36-\$46. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

Friday - 12/23 - 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 - 12/24 - Hanukkah begins

DECEMBER 25-31

Sunday - 12/25 - Christmas Day

Monday - 12/26 - Kwanzaa

12/26 - The All-New Catskills on Broadway with Freddie Roman, Elayne Boosler & Sarge at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$15. 832-7469; kravis.org

Tuesday - 12/27 - Taste History Special Holiday 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/walking tour, food sampling, visits to historical/cultural sites. Narrated by live guide. 2nd Sat year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required: check website for available dates. \$50/adult & senior citizen; free/child under 18. 243-2662; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

12/27-28 - Freddy Cole Quartet at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Bring food/beverage; cutlery/cups/napkins not provided. 8 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

12/27-31 - Forbidden Broadway 35th Anniversary Tour at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. W 1:30 pm; T-F 7:30 pm; Sat 7 & 10 pm. Tickets start at \$39. 832-7469; kravis.org

Wednesday - 12/28 - Place Your Bette! Vegas Night at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Champagne and appetizers. 7 pm. \$100. 995-2333; thewick.org

Friday - 12/30-31 - Delray Marketplace New Year's Art & Craft Festival at 14851 Lyons Rd. F 10 am-5 pm, Sat 10 am-4 pm. Free. 746-6615; artfestival.com

Saturday - 12/31 - New Year's Eve 12/31 - Noon Year's Eve Celebration at South Florida Science Center & Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Dance party, science crafts, themed activities, snow cones, popcorn, dry ice apple cider toast, more. Family fare. 11 am-1 pm. Free w/paid admission. 832-1988; sfsciencecenter.org

12/31 - Happy Days Are Here Again New Year's Eve Celebration at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. \$50/1 pm reception & 2 pm show; \$75/7 pm reception & 8 pm show. 272-1281 x4; delraybeachplayhouse.com

12/31 - Delray Beach New Year's Celebration at Old School Square Park, 51 N Swinton Ave. Fireworks finale. Family fare. 5-9 pm. Free. 279-1380; visitdelraybeach.org

12/31 - New Year's Eve Celebration at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Dinner buffet, dessert table with ice cream bar, champagne toast at midnight. 7:30-10 pm dinner. \$99/person + tax & service charge. Reservations: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

12/31 - 42nd Street at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$30. 832-7469; kravis.org

12/31 - Jimmy Mazy New Year's Eve: Remember When ... Music of the 50s, 60s & 70s at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Celebration, music, hors d'oeuvres, champagne. 8-10 pm. \$40. 586-6169;

lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/31 - New Year's Eve Royal Room Cabaret Performance: Ann Hampton Callaway at The Colony Palm Beach, 155 Hammon Ave. 8:30 pm. \$550/person. 659-8100; thecolonypalmbeach.com

12/31-1/1 - New Year Celebration: So Good for the Soul: A Tribute to the Music of Motown at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Sat 5:30 pm \$95/champagne reception; \$250/3-course dinner, champagne toast, balloon drop, special entertainment; Sun 3 pm \$85/"Hangover" show. 995-2333; thewick.org

JANUARY 1-7

Sunday - 1/1 - New Year's Day

Monday - 1/2 - Friends of the Museum Auxiliary General Meeting at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 590 Plaza Real. Membership meeting. Learn about upcoming events. Meeting, coffee, pastries, film and/or speaker. 10:30 am-1 pm. Free. RSVP: 392-2500 x208; bocamuseum.org

1/2 - Appy New Year! at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 544-8578; bocalibrary.org

Tuesday - 1/3 - Kickstart Your Writing Ability by Julie Gilbert at Kravis Center Cohen Pavilion, 701 Okeechobee Blvd. Part of The Writers' Academy; for those on the cusp of initiation into writing. Bring a pencil. 1:30 pm. \$30. 832-7469; kravis.org

1/3 - Live Interview of Scenic Designer Tony Walton hosted by J. Barry Lewis part of Dramalogue Talking Theatre series at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Series explores working in the theatre, in conversations with/about the artists who create the magic. 2 & 7 pm. \$25/individual tickets. 514-4042; palmbeachdramaworks.org

1/3-7 - Royal Room Cabaret Performance: Ann Hampton Callaway at The Colony Palm Beach, 155 Hammon Ave. 8:30 pm. \$90-\$100/show + \$60/food & beverage minimum. 659-8100; thecolonypalmbeach.com

1/3-8 - Wiesenthal at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. W/Sat/Sun 1:30 pm; T-Sat 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$35. 832-7469; kravis.org

1/3-8 - Dirty Dancing: The Classic Story on Stage at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. T-Sat 8 pm; W/Sat/Sun 2 pm. Tickets start at \$27.

832-7469; kravis.org

Wednesday - 1/4 - Literary Lectures: Iris Murdoch at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

1/4 - Exhibit Opening Reception: Glorious Nature at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5-7 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

1/4 - Beethoven Master Class with pianist Daniel Shapiro at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Free. 237-9000; lynn.edu

1/4 - Thomas Gabor speaks and signs his book *Confronting Gun Violence In America* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

1/4 - Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel: The Golden Age of Piano at Society of The Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 8 pm. \$20. 805-8562; fourarts.org

Thursday - 1/5 - The Founders & Us: The Relevance of our Origins at Society of The Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Different lecturer each class. Held again 1/12, 2/9, 3/9 & 4/11. 10 am. \$250/5-part series. 655-7226; fourarts.org

1/5 - First Thursday Site Tours at Cornell Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. History of Delray Beach slide show, tour of the historic site. 11 am & 1 pm. \$5/at door. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

1/5 - Sumi-e Ink Painting Class at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Every Th through 1/26. Floral 10:30 am-12:30 pm; Landscape 1:30-3:30 pm. \$55-\$60; + materials fee. Registration: 495-0233; morikami.org

1/5 - Adults Tech Help Lab at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Every Th through 1/26. 1:30-3:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

1/5 - Intermediate/Advanced Bridge with Sterling Odum at Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Recommended for those with 3 or more years of playing experience. Every Th through 2/2 4:15-6 pm. \$200. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

1/5 - Concert: MH Project at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

1/5 - Opening Reception: Joan Luby - Vibrant Vision - A Lifetime of Joy in Creativity and Color at Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach. Exhibit runs through 2/4. 6-8 pm. Free. 832-1776; armoryart.org

1/5 - Exhibition Lecture: Rudin Prize - Artists' Panel Discussion at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. 6:30 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

1/5 - International Film Lecture Series: Rams (Iceland, 2015) at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 6:30-8:45 pm. \$155/5-film series, \$35/single. RSVP: 392-2500 x213; bocamuseum.org

1/5 - The Playwright's Forum: An Evening with Allison Gregory at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab, 777 Glades

Rd, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$20. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

1/5 - Silent Disco at The Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. DJ dance music experienced through high-quality, wireless headphones. 9-11 pm. \$15. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

1/5-6 - Louise Pitre in Chasing Rainbows: The Music of Judy Garland at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$39. 832-7469; kravis.org

Friday - 1/6 - Box Lunch It with The Symphonia: Up Close & Personal at Unitarian Church, 2601 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Sit in on part of a rehearsal; share a box lunch with conductor, soloists, musicians. 11:30 am. \$35. Reservations: 866-687-3848; thesymphonia.org

1/6 - Opening Reception: Perspectives in Fiber - Moving Beyond Tradition at Armory Annex Gallery, 1121 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth. Runs through 2/11. 6-8 pm. Free. 754-422-0454; armoryart.org

1/6 - First Friday Art Walk at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Current exhibits, wine/cheese, then make your way to other participating galleries on Atlantic Avenue, in Pineapple Grove, Artists Alley. 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

1/6 - Movies in the Park at Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Food/beverages available for purchase. 1st F Oct - Jun 7 pm. Free. 600-9093; catchboynton.com

1/6-8 - The Star-Spangled Girl: A Comedy by Neil Simon at Boynton Beach Playhouse, 145 SE 2nd Ave. Held again 1/13-15, 20-21. F/Sat 8 pm; Sun 2:30 pm. \$20. 301-5404; stagelefttheatre.net

Saturday - 1/7 - Save the Panther 5K Run/Big Cat Race Series at Palm Beach Zoo & Dreher Park, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 2nd 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

1/7 - First Nighters at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hobnob with performers, have your photo taken with the stars. Follows performance by MJ Live. 9 pm. \$20. 237-7750; lynn.edu

1/7-8 - Artists in the Park presented by Delray Beach Art League at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St. Fine art exhibition and sales. Held again 1/14-15, 28-29. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 843-2311; delrayartleague.com

1/7-8 - Johnny Dee & The Starlights (G) at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$25. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

1/7-8 - Violet Theater Performance at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. Held again 1/12, 14-15. Th/Sat 7 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$20/advance. 750-7824; centerstageboca.com

1/7-8 - Live at Lynn Series: MJ Live at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 4 pm. \$50-\$70. 237-9000; lynn.edu/tickets

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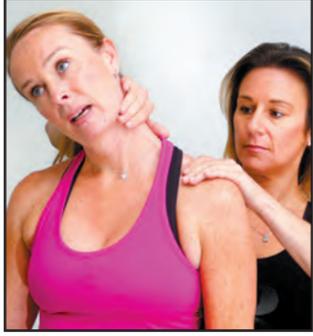
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Holiday Gift Guide



A simple red and green theme conveys the essence of Christmas. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

A holiday table-setter

Everything we do centers on food. After all, we're only human.

And at no time is that more obvious than during the holidays.

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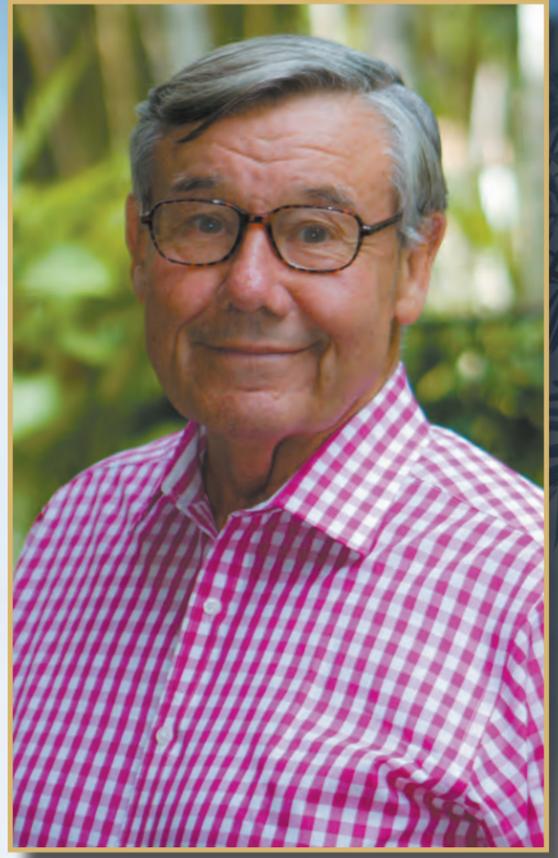
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AQUANUTS

7pm - 12:30am

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Finding Faith

Fundraisers, music highlight holiday season

The students in Banyan Creek Elementary School's chapter of the Samaritans365 club are proof that young people can take the initiative in helping others.

More than three dozen fourth- and fifth-graders at the Delray Beach school participated in an educational fundraiser Oct. 20 to help homeless families.

The students learned about family homelessness and how they can help homeless families with children. Each student created a House for Change, a house-shaped collection box to save spare change. The coins collected will be donated to the charity Family Promise to use to help homeless families become independent.

The nonprofit Samaritans365 is a free after-school program. The program teaches children to be compassionate caretakers of the Earth and its people.

The Houses for Change campaign was launched in 2010, and since then 50,000 kids nationwide have raised more than \$500,000 for charities that help homeless people.

Find out how you can start your own House for Change or Samaritans365 chapter at www.samaritans365.org.

Call 715-3534 or email kgellen@comcast.net.

St. Paul's Christmas music

The December performance of Music at St. Paul's features "Noel! Noel! A French Christmas." The St. Paul's choir and musicians will present the Lessons of the Seasons through carols and traditional French hymns, including the *Christmas Oratorio* of Camille Saint-Saens, at 3 p.m. Dec. 18. St. Paul's Episcopal Church is at 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. The concert is free. Call 278-6003 or visit www.music.stpaulsdelray.org.

Putting faith into practice

"Walking Toward Eternity," a two-day seminar with Jeff Cavins, will be hosted by St.



Cavins

Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church on Dec. 9 and 10. The seminar will help guests put their faith into practice, challenge them to make changes in their lives that will bring them closer to God and become the people they were meant to be. The seminar is designed for Catholics, but the message is universal.

Cavins is an author, speaker, preacher, radio personality, theologian, evangelist and married father of girls.

He created his own Bible

study guide, The Great Adventure Bible Study series, which has guided thousands of people through Bible studies around the world.

Cavins' seminar kicks off Dec. 9 with a book signing and reception from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

On Dec. 10, the work begins. The cost of the seminar is \$38, which includes all seminar materials, continental breakfast, and lunch.

All events take place at St. Vincent Ferrer at 840 George Bush Blvd., Delray Beach. Call 276-6892 for more information or register at www.stvincentferrer.com/jeffcavins.



Matisyahu

Share the Light Gala

Chabad of East Boca Raton hosts "Share the Light, a Gala Reception and Concert," at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 19, at Hyatt Place Hotel, 100 E. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. Lamplighter Awards will be given to three people who exemplify the prayer "A little light dispels much darkness." Marc Goldman, Arlene Herson and Eric Reid will be recognized. An acoustic performance by Matisyahu will follow the awards. His music is a fusion of styles ranging from reggae to rock, with a deeply spiritual flavor. Tickets are \$180. Sponsorships are still available. For more information, visit www.bocabeachchabad.org/sharethelight.

Prayer breakfast date set

The annual Pray for Delray Prayer Breakfast will begin at 7 a.m. Jan. 11 at Old School Square Fieldhouse, Delray Beach.

Proceeds will benefit City House Delray Beach, a not-for-profit organization whose vision is to provide two-year transitional living for single mothers and their children. (www.cityhousedelray.com)

The keynote speaker is



French

Capt. Kevin Saxton of Delray Beach Fire Rescue. Austin French, the worship pastor at the Avenue Church, will perform. French was the runner-up on the ABC series *Rising Star* in 2014.

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The 27th annual Donald M. Ephraim Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival will bring 30 movies by Jewish filmmakers to local stages in January and February. The PBJFF was founded in 1990 to bring the best films to more people, especially in America.

Jewish art, culture and history, Jewish political challenges and social issues,

Jewish achievements and acts of valor are all explored in the movies.

The festival will open Jan. 19 at the Kravis Center with the film *On the Map*, the story of Israel's 1977 basketball team, which was the first to bring the coveted European Cup to Israel. The film's director, Dani Menkin, and basketball legend Tal Brody will attend the screening and a post-film discussion.

Films will be screened from Jan. 19 to Feb. 12 at

the Kravis Center; Jan. 21-27 at the Cinemark Palace in Boca Raton; Jan. 28-Feb. 4 at Cobb Theatres in Palm Beach Gardens; Feb. 5-11 at the Frank Theatres in Delray Beach; and closing Feb. 12 at Muvico at CityPlace in West Palm Beach. Visit www.pbjff.org; call 877-318-0071.

Walk where Jesus walked

First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach is hosting a trip to Israel April 19-28, led by Doug and Grace

Hood. Travelers will find a new dimension and a deeper understanding of Christian history. The cost is \$3,998 per person, all-inclusive. Money is due Jan. 10. Register at www.friendshiptours.com or email Nancy Fine at nancyfine@FirstDelray.org.

Audio engineer needed

Cason United Methodist Church in Delray Beach is looking for a weekend audio engineer who can provide audio reinforcement for

Sunday morning services. The engineer must be dependable, a team player and organized. For details, visit www.casonumc.org/job-opportunities.

Janis Fontaine writes about people of faith, their congregations, causes and community events. Contact her at janisfontaine@outlook.com.



Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

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DECEMBER 3

Saturday - 12/3 - Catholic Grandparents Meeting at Ascension Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. All welcome. 1st Sat 10-11:30 am. Free. 289-2640; diocesepb.org
12/3-4 - Boynton Beach Festival of Nativities at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1480 Knuth Rd. Bethlehem village, musical concerts, nativities exhibit, more. Sat 10 am-9 pm; Sun 5 pm-9 pm. Free. Tickets: boyntonbeachnativity.com

DECEMBER 4-10

Sunday - 12/4 - Bagels, Lox and Tefillin Club at Chabad of Delray Beach, 7495 W Atlantic Ave. Morning services including donning of tefillin and a torah thought from Rabbi Sholom Korf. Bagels and lox served. Chabad membership not required. 1st & 3rd Sun 9-9:30 am (follows 8 am service). Free. Reservations/donations appreciated: 496-6228; chabaddelray.com
Monday - 12/5 - Monday Morning Women's Bible Study at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every M 10-11:30 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com
12/5 - 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 - 12/6 - 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
12/6 - First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton Pub Theology at Biergarten, Royal Palm Place, 309 Via de Palmas #90. Conversation, fellowship, open discussion. 1st T & 3rd W 7 pm. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

12/6 - 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
Wednesday - 12/7 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church Bible Study at Panera, 1701 S Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. Read, discuss upcoming Lesson & Gospel readings. Every W 8-9 am. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

12/7 - Bible Study at First United Methodist Church, 101 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every W 11 am. Free. 732-3435; fumcbb.com
12/7 - 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

12/7 - Rector's Bible Study at St Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every W 6 pm supper (soup & salad, donation requested); 7 pm Bible study (free). 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

12/7 - Simple Truths: Claim Your Inheritance at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. New monthly course for women from the Rosh Chodesh Society. 7:30 pm. \$69/full course; \$15/class. 394-9770; bocabeachchabad.org/rcs

Thursday - 12/8 - Prayer Circle at Trinity Lutheran Church Courtyard, 400 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th 8:05 am. 278-1737; trinitydelray.org

12/8 - Men's Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

Friday - 12/9 - Women's Bible Study Group at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Youth House, 266 NE 2nd St, Boca Raton. Every F 9:15 am. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

12/9 - Couples' Bible Study Group at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Childcare available upon request. Every F 7-9 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

12/9-10 - Seminar: Are You Walking with Christ? with Jeff Cavins at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. F 6-8:30 pm; Sat 7:30 am-3 pm. \$39/includes seminar materials, continental breakfast, lunch. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com/jeffcavins
Saturday - 12/10 - Month's Mind Requiem Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery, 10941 Southern Blvd, Royal Palm Beach. 2nd Sat 10 am. Free. 793-0711; ourqueen.org

DECEMBER 11-17

Wednesday - 12/14 - 8th Annual YMCA Prayer Breakfast at The Breakers, 1 S County Rd, Palm Beach. Keynote speaker Brett Baier, Fox News. Book signing follows. 7:45-10 am. \$100/general seating; \$250/meet & greet w/general seating. 968-9622; ymcapalmbeaches.org

2/14 - First Christmas Candlelighting Service at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Friday - 12/16 - 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 w/children age 2-13), group feedback, childcare available. 3rd F 6-8 pm. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

DECEMBER 18-24

Sunday - 12/18 - Sunday School Children's Christmas Story from St. Luke at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 9:25 am. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

2/18 - Christmas Service with The Journey Church at Boca Raton Community High School, 1501 NW 15th Ct, Boca Raton. 9:30 or 11 am. Free. 420-0606 x8; bocajourney.com/Christmas

Saturday - 12/24 - Hanukkah begins 12/24 - Christmas Eve Service at First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 3 & 5 pm family service; 7 pm traditional (west chapel) & contemporary (east chapel); 9 pm traditional service (east chapel); 11 pm communion (west chapel). Free. 395-1244;

fumcbocaraton.org
12/24 - The Avenue Church Candlelight Service at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 927-4000; theavechurch.com

12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelighting Services at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 6 & 8 pm family; 11 pm adult. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

12/24 - Christmas Eve Services at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 4 pm family service featuring children's pageant; 7 pm lessons & carols; 10:30 pm Midnight Mass musical prelude; 11 pm Midnight Mass. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

12/24 - Christmas Eve Services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 5 pm family service with pageant; 7:30 & 11 pm Christmas service. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St, Delray Beach. 7 & 9:30 pm. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

DECEMBER 25-31

12/25 - Sunday - Christmas Day 12/25 - Christmas Day Services at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 9:25 family service, & 11 am adult service. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

12/25 - Christmas Day Holy Eucharist at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 10 am. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

12/25 - Christmas Holy Eucharist Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Sermon, traditional carols. 9:45 am hymn sing; 10 am service. Free. 278-6003; stpaulsdelray.org

12/25 - Christmas Day Service at First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 10 am. Free. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

12/25 - Christmas Day Services at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St, Delray Beach. 11 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

Friday - 12/30 - Rockin' Chanukah Shabbat Celebration at Temple Beth El. 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. Free. 391-8900; tbeoca.org

Saturday - 12/31 - New Year's Eve Meditation at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Dessert follows. 7-7:45 pm. Free/love offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

JANUARY 1-7

Sunday - 1/1 - A Quaker History Overview: Worship, Finance & Sexuality at The Quaker Meeting, 823 North A St, Lake Worth. 9:30 am. Free. palmbeachquakers.org

1/1 - New Year's Day Service at First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 10 am (east & west chapels). Free. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

Wednesday - 1/4 - Burning Bowl Ceremony at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 7 pm. Free/love offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

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 December 25: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m. No afternoon Mass.
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 December 31: 4:00 & 5:30 p.m.
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Health Notes

Delray Medical in nation's top 100 for stroke care

In "Healthgrades 2017 Report to the Nation," **Delray Medical Center** received recognition as one of America's 100 best hospitals for stroke care.

Healthgrades is an online resource that helps consumers make informed decisions about doctors, hospitals and care. It evaluated nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide for 34 of the most common inpatient procedures and conditions.

Its new report shows how clinical performance differs among hospitals nationally, regionally and at the local level, and the impact that this variation may have on health outcomes. For example, from 2013 to 2015, if all hospitals as a group performed similarly to hospitals receiving five stars, on average 223,412 lives potentially could have been saved and 162,215 complications potentially could have been avoided.

Healthgrades also recognized Delray Medical Center with Specialty Excellence in Cranial Neurosurgery, Critical Care and eight other five-star achievements. For its analysis, Healthgrades evaluated approximately 45 million Medicare inpatient records for

nearly 4,500 short-term acute care hospitals nationwide, assessing hospital performance.

The Healthgrades 2017 Report to the Nation can be found at www.healthgrades.com/quality. For information about stroke services at Delray Medical Center, visit www.delraymedicalctr.com/our-services/neurosciences/comprehensive-stroke-center.

In November, the Center of Excellence in Medical Simulation at **Palm Beach State College** received the Chancellor's Best Practice Award by the Florida College System as a 2016 recipient. Jacqueline Rogers, Lake Worth campus dean of health sciences and public safety, founded the center in 2011. The center allows students to practice clinical skills using human patient simulators that can mimic medical conditions.

At the college's Lake Worth campus, the center is set up like a hospital. The patients are wireless computerized male and female mannequins in various stages of life. The students care for them while their instructor observes behind a one-way



mirror. The simulation system operators, who are paramedics and nurses, work closely with the instructors, speak as the patients and instantly change vital signs depending on the patients' conditions and the treatment given by the students.

The Center of Excellence in Medical Simulation has provided more than 4,613 simulations to 8,561 students in 1,428 classes in the college's health science and emergency medical services programs.

Recently, the center added telemedicine training scenarios to simulate how a physician can interact in a health-care setting from a remote location. "Dr. R2" is a double robotics technology utilizing an iPad on a stick on wheels. Through



ABOVE: (l-r) Charles K. Cross Jr., chair of the Palm Beach State College Board of Trustees; Jacqueline Rogers, Lake Worth campus dean of health sciences and public safety and founder of the Center of Excellence in Medical Simulation; college President Ava L. Parker; and Florida College System Chancellor Madeline Pumariega. **LEFT:** 'Dr. R2' is the telemedicine device named after Rogers. **Photos provided**

wireless technology, Dr. R2 can be driven by the remote practitioner using a tablet or smartphone. The practitioner maneuvers the device and is able to see and speak to patients and medical staff in real time.

"From the various levels of training in our health science and EMS career paths, students can not only envision their role, but understand the role of their colleagues caring for patients," Rogers said. "Through reality-based scenarios, students apply learning concepts and develop critical thinking skills, all without jeopardizing patient safety. It is for this reason graduates from Palm Beach State College's Health Science and EMS programs are sought after by employers."

To view a video of the center in action, visit www.palmbeachstate.edu/MedicalSimulation.

Donna Clark is now Hanley Center Foundation's director of finance and administration. She'll oversee administrative operations as well as financial activities performed on behalf of the foundation. With more than 25 years of experience in finance and administration, she has served in government and nonprofit environments.

In September, **Palm Beach Ocean Rescue** was presented with a \$4,400 scholarship check from the Palm Beach County Community Assistance and

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Health & Harmony

Power stretching relaxes you, aids other exercises

Lee Taylor got his first power stretching session in New Jersey in May. He was running out of options for pain relief from spinal stenosis and he was willing to try anything that might ward off surgery.

"I did it for an hour with one of the stretch coaches and absolutely loved it," said Taylor, a commodities broker. "I signed up for a 10-pack of sessions. That was mid-May. By mid-June, I was talking to Kika about opening a studio in Florida."

Kika DuBose, an actor and dancer, had launched three Power Stretch studios in New York and New Jersey, where power stretching coaches use her "Kika method" of stretching tight muscles while clients relax.

Taylor and DuBose worked out an agreement. Taylor and his wife, Megan Bell Taylor, scouted locations in Delray Beach, where they had visited friends.

In August, a few blocks north of Atlantic Avenue, they discovered a mint-green house with a separate small building in the back. They moved into the house and outfitted the studio with a big exercise mat and large exercise balls.

"I'm so optimistic about power stretching that I made my agreement for the entire state of Florida," Taylor said. "Meg saw the excitement in my eyes when I told her — she's seen how much pain I've gone through — and she was ready."

"Usually, he starts something and then after a couple of weeks he doesn't want to do it anymore," said Megan, who

runs the newly opened Power Stretch studio in downtown Delray Beach. "He really took to this 100 percent."

She hired and trained four stretching coaches and opened the Power Stretch studio in November.

The target demographic for power stretching is men, who tend to be tighter than women. Both sexes often relegate stretching to a few minutes before or after other forms of exercise, said Megan Bell Taylor.

Power stretching makes mindful stretching a central activity that improves other forms of exercise and gives an immediate sensation of relaxation.

Unlike conventional massage, power stretching does not occur on a table. The client sits on a spongy floor mat and the stretching coach measures how close the client can come to touching his toes while in a seated position. Then the coach places the client in a series of positions and helps him stretch neck, chest, hips and extremities. All the client has to do is breathe deeply in and out as instructed. Sessions are 45 or 60 minutes long.

"It was like night and day," said Lee Taylor, who first went to the doctor after losing some feeling in his feet three years ago. "I felt taller and more flexible. My joints weren't cracking." Before he began stretching, his golf swing was getting shorter and he was often in too much low- and mid-back pain to walk for 18 holes. After power stretching twice a week with a coach, he recently golfed three times in three days.

Chris Gallucci, 31, a personal trainer and body builder, became a coach for power stretching as a part-time job



Liz Bernstein, a coach at the Power Stretch Studios' Delray Beach location, stretches Megan Bell Taylor, the studio owner. The studio opened in November. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



Taylor

opportunity. He has three bulging vertebral disks and because of his age hopes to put off surgery as long as possible. He had been getting massaged once a week, but "the pain comes back right away," said Gallucci, who lives in Lantana.

After a few sessions of power stretching, he got relief from his back pain.

"He looked completely different, his chest was open, he was much more relaxed," recalled fellow coach Liz Bernstein. Gallucci and his girlfriend, also a personal trainer, now power stretch each other at home.

When he started power stretching, Gallucci was less flexible than one of his clients, a 70-year-old. And now?

"I'm walking taller, my posture is better. It helped my back and hamstrings, big time. And I can put my socks on. Before, I couldn't even put my socks on."

Lee and Megan Taylor are

considering opening as many as five future locations in Palm Beach and Broward counties, perhaps in Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and West Palm Beach. They are also considering demonstration sessions at golf clubs, as DuBose has done in the New York-New Jersey area.

"Delray is a fantastic place for us," said Taylor. "You see a ton of people, older, younger, active, in great shape. We've made an investment in ourselves and in our future."

The Power Stretch studio is at 334 NE First Ave., Delray Beach. Phone 562-5321. An

introductory 45-minute session is \$45. Normally, sessions are \$80 for 45 minutes or \$90 for 60 minutes. Package rates are available, too. For more information, visit powerstretchstudios.com/delray-beach-fl/

Lona O'Connor has a lifelong



interest in health and healthy living. Send column ideas to Lona13@bellsouth.net.

Benefit Corp. The money will help two of its lifeguards take an emergency medical technician course.

Michael Cortese was promoted to Bethesda Health's director of outpatient rehabilitation services. He



Cortese

has worked at Bethesda for 25 years, previously serving as the outpatient rehabilitation supervisor.

Cortese's 30 years of experience in health care includes his work as a physical therapist for the Colorado Sports and Spine Center and as an athletic trainer at the Methodist Sports Medicine Clinic in Indiana.

He earned his master's degree in physical therapy from Krannert Graduate School

of Physical Therapy at the University of Indianapolis. He earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Colorado College.

He is a certified athletic trainer and serves an athletic trainer and physical therapist for the USA National Sled Hockey Team. In the past, he has served as an athletic trainer for the United States 2014 Paralympic team, United States Soccer Federation and the Ladies Professional Golf Association.

Mark Trepanier is Abbey Delray's new executive director.

He will oversee day-to-day operations of the senior living community, which has 352 residential living apartment homes and villas, and offers a variety of services to more than 450 residents. Trepanier previously was a regional executive director for ClubLink Corp., a golf and country club management company.

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Health & Harmony Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

DECEMBER 3

Saturday - 12/3 - Yoga Class at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 8:45 am registration; 9 am class. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

12/3 - Kemeti Yoga at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Calming, therapeutic yoga using ancient Kemeti postures and teachings. Bring yoga mat, water; wear comfortable clothing. Sat 9-10:30 am. \$10/person. 279-8883; spadmuseum.com

12/3 - 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. Sat 9 am. Free introductory class. \$40/month. Reservations: 419-5403; facebook.com/WestBocaTaiChi

12/3 - Yoga Class at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton. T 6:30-8 pm; T/Th/Sat 9:30-11 am. 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

12/3 - Yoga Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall Chambers, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Sat 9:30 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

12/3 - Tai Chi/Chi Kung/Meditation Class at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Sat. Intermediate 9:30-10:30 am; beginner 10:45-11:45 am. Per class: \$15/resident; \$17/non-resident. 243-7250; mydelraybeach.com

12/3 - 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

12/3 - 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. M/W 6:30 pm; Sat 10-11 am. \$10/class; 60-day membership (unlimited classes) \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

12/3 - Your Resilient Life: Finding Courage and Freedom with Barb

Schmidt at Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 6-8:30 pm 12/6. 10 am-12:30 pm. \$36. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

12/3 - Capoeira Fitness at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Age 12 & up. Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

12/3 - Zumba Class at South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N State Rd A1A, Boca Raton. Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

12/3 - Chair Yoga at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 1 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

12/3 - CA (Cocaine Anonymous) at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Sat 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

DECEMBER 4-10

Sunday - 12/4 - Yoga at the Beach at Red Reef Park East, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Register/get parking pass at Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. No cash accepted on-site. 4:30-5:30 pm. \$10/class; 60-day membership (unlimited classes) \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

12/4 - CODA (Codependents Anonymous) at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Sun 6 pm.

Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Monday - 12/5 - Fitness on the Beach at Delray Beach at lifeguard stand North I across from the Marriott at 10 N Ocean Blvd. Bring a towel, water, a can-do attitude. Age 18+. M/W/F 7:30-8:30 am. \$10/class. 502-523-0284; mydelraybeach.com

12/5 - SoulCore at St. Vincent Ferrer Kelleghan Hall, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Contemporary 1-hour core workout paired w/prayers of the rosary. Every M/W through school year 7:50 am. Free. 665-8566; stvincentferrer.com

12/5 - Circuit Training: Workout for Mom at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Workout targets multiple muscle groups to build lean muscles. Modifications accommodate pregnant moms/beginner to advanced fitness levels. M/T/Th 8:30-9:20 am. 4 classes \$40-\$50; 8 classes \$70-\$88; 12 classes \$100-\$125, 15 classes \$125-\$156. 306-6985; fitmomboca@aol.com

12/5 - Adult Jazzercise Lo at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Workout targets 3 major muscle groups: upper body, abs, legs. M/T/F 9-10 am. 12 months \$39/month; 6 months \$49/month; \$25 membership fee. 400-1268; lisajar@comcast.net

12/5 - Flow Yoga Class at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Slow intuitive

vinyasa flow class. M/F 9-10:30 am.

\$15/class; \$60/5 classes. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/5 - Chi Kung & Meditation at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. All ages. M 9-10 am. Per class: \$15/resident; \$16/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/5 - Yoga Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. M 9:30 am. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

12/5 - 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, body weight resistance training, agility drills and core strengthening. M/T/Th 9:30-10:20 am. 4 classes \$40-\$50; 8 classes \$70-\$88; 12 classes \$100-\$125, 15 classes \$125-\$156. 306-6985; fitmomboca@aol.com

12/5 - Yin Yoga Wellness Classes with Rassika Sabine Bourgi at Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Bring mat. Every M through 5/31/17. 9:30-10:30 am. \$20/session. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

12/5 - Yoga Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. M/W/F 9:30-11 am. 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

12/5 - Chair Massage at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every M 10 am-noon. \$10/10-minute session. Appointments recommended. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/5 - Tai Chi for Beginners at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Every M 10-11 am. Per class: \$15/resident; \$20/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/5 - Stretch at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. M/W 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$10/non-member. Registration: 243-7360; delraytennis.com

12/5 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Improve balance, flexibility, muscle strength. Every M 11:30 am-12:30 pm; W 2-3 pm. 1st class free. 8 classes \$32/resident, \$40/non-resident; 16 classes \$60/resident, \$75/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

12/5 - Exercise Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 5:30 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

12/5 - Meditation Mondays at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Meditate to enhance overall health, well-being. Every M 5:30-6:15 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/5 - 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

12/5 - Boca Raton Multiple Myeloma Support Group at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Meet, interact with fellow myeloma patients, their family members, friends. Learn new aspects of treatment/management. 1st M 6:30-8 pm. Free. 901-5938; 637-4682; myeloma.org

12/5 - Basics of Baby Care at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Basics of caring for your newborn. 7-9 pm. \$40/couple. Registration: 955-4468; brrh.com

Tuesday - 12/6 - Art of Science Public Day: 2016 World Stem Cell Summit at Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach.

Meet/get answers from top scientists in the world, learn about the latest scientific breakthroughs, meet a real astronaut. 7:30 am-5 pm. \$30/adult; \$10/student under age 18. 650-759-8300; worldstemcellsummit.com

12/6 - 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

12/6 - Silver Sneakers Cardio Strength Sr. Gold Class at Personal Physician Care Community Center, 4800 Linton Blvd #F-111, Delray Beach. Every T/Th 10-11 am. \$5/class. 808-7743; ppcare.net

12/6 - Yoga at Highland Beach Library,

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3618 S Ocean Blvd. Bring a yoga mat. Every T/Th 10:15 am. \$10/session. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/6 – Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional, 800 Meadows Rd. Every T noon-1:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brhh.com

12/6 - 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

12/6 - Neighbor2Neighbor hosted by MorseLife at Temple Sinai, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Resources to help seniors live with better health, safety, independence. 2nd & 4th T 3-4 pm. Free. 531-9844; morselife.org/neighbor2neighbor

12/6 - Yoga with Cara at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Slow, intuitive vinyasa flow class. Th 9-10:15 am; Every T 3:30-4:45 pm. \$15/class; \$60/5 classes. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/6 - Community Consciousness with Marisol Yoga at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. T/Th 5:15-6:15 pm. \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/6 - Tai Chi: Introductory Demonstration at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Held again 12/13 (3-4 pm). 6-7 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/6 – Tai Chi Class at Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute, 690 Meadows Rd. Every T/Th 6-7:15 pm. \$20/session. 955-7227; WIPProgram@brhh.com

12/6 - Al-Anon 12-Step Study at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every T 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Wednesday - 12/7 - 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. CPR masks available for \$5 (recommended). Ages 12 & up. 1st W 9 am-12:30 pm. Free. 243-7425; mydelraybeach.com

12/7 - Yoga at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Age 18 & up. Every W 9-10:30 am. Per class: \$10/resident; \$15/nonresident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

12/7 - Hatha Yoga Wellness Classes with Rassika Sabine Bourgi at Society of The Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Bring mat. Every W through 5/31 9:30-10:30 am. \$20/session. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

12/7 - 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. W 9:30 am-2:30 pm Sep-May. \$25/year. 391-8900; tbeoca.org

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12/7 - Al Anon Discussion Group at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/7 - Coloring Club for Adults at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Carefree fun of childhood, de-stress with art therapy. Easy activity for those with memory problems. Use our coloring sheets or bring your own. Every W 1-4 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/7 - 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

12/7 - AA Big Book Study at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every W 5:30 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

12/7 - 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

12/7 - Tai Chi at First United Methodist Church, 101 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every W 6 pm. Free. 732-3435; fumcbb.com

12/7 - Family and Friends CPR at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, child and infant one-person CPR. Includes course book. Held again 12/14 & 21. 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brhh.com

12/7 - 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

12/7 - Belly Dance Class at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. All ages/abilities welcome. Every W through 12/28. 6:30-7:30 pm. \$45/resident; \$56/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

Thursday - 12/8 - Yoga at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every Th 10:15-11:15 am. \$10/session. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/8 - Yoga Class at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every Th 6:30 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

12/8-9 - Zumba Gold at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St, Delray Beach. Age 18 & up. Th/F 9:30-10:30 am. Per class: \$5/resident; \$6/nonresident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

Friday - 12/9 - 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

12/9 - Pilates, Yoga, Floor Barre Wellness Classes with Rassika Sabine Bourgi at Society of The Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Bring mat. Every F through 5/31 9:30-10:30 am. \$20/session. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

12/9 – Breastfeeding Support Group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Every F 1-3:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brhh.com

12/9 - Treating Schizophrenia: New Advances at Clayton Hutchison Agricultural Center 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Presented by Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County. 4 CEUs available. 1-5 pm. \$25/MHA member; \$30/non-member. 832-3755; mhapbc.org

12/9 - Open AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every F 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Saturday - 12/10 - One Day Childbirth Preparation Class at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. One-day

program prepares couples for the birth of their first child by discussing birthing options, practicing birthing skills. 9 am-4 pm. \$125/couple. Registration: 955-4468; brhh.com

12/10 - Boot Camp for New Dads at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Join veteran dads (with their babies), who tell how they made it through the first months of parenthood and resurfaced as confident, on-the-job fathers. 9 am-noon. \$20/at the door includes class, refreshments, book. 369-2229; bootcampfornewdads.org

DECEMBER 11-17

Sunday - 12/11 - Lecture: Using Organic Foods & Acupuncture to Combat Inflammation by Dr. Li Zheng at 4th Generation Organic Market & Cafe, 9200 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 333-9920; 4thgenerationmarket.com

12/11 - Race to the Finish: Childbirth Education Prenatal Class at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Licensed nurse provides overview of natural labor and delivery process, medical interventions, postpartum and infant discharge care. 1-5 pm. \$50/couple. Payment due before class date. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org

Thursday - 12/15 - Shoulder Pain: Rotator Cuff Tears and Arthritis presented by Michael Cohn, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgeon, part of Ask the Physician Lecture Series at Bethesda Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273; publicrelations@BHLinc.org

Saturday - 12/17 - Heartmath Resilience Advantage Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Result-oriented workshop combines interactive/dynamic classes with scientifically validated tools; learn to self-regulate your body's response to stress, build your resilience. 1-4 pm. \$65/resident; \$81/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

JANUARY 1-7

Sunday - 1/1 - Something Big 2017: Outdoor Public Yoga Class at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Presented by The Yoga Journey Team. Marketplace features yoga products/gifts. 10 am check-in; 11 am live music yoga. Free. 393-7700; myboca.us

Thursday - 1/5 - Sexual Healing: An Intimate Conversation with Dr. Ruth Westheimer at Kravis Center Cohen Pavilion, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Part of the ArtSmart Continuing Arts and Education Lunch & Learn Series. 11:30 am. \$89/includes lunch. 832-7469; kravis.org

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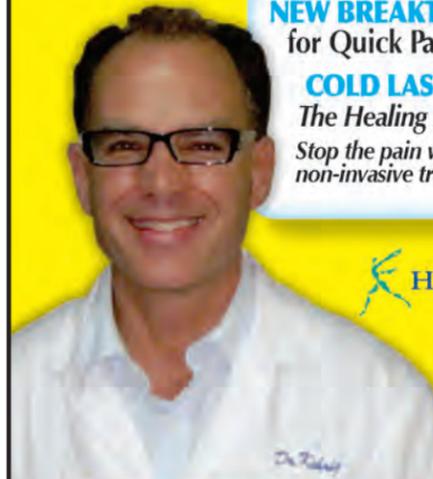
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Secret Gardens

Edible acreage closely tended at Mounts

Wend your way to the southwest corner of Mounts Botanical Garden in West Palm Beach and you'll find tomato, red cabbage and other tender young plants laid out in well-organized rows.

This is Mounts' half-acre vegetable garden where we find Horticultural Supervisor Michael Page bending down to plant young basil stems.

"This garden has an educational purpose to show people what they can do in their backyards," he says.

Page has been tending the Mounts gardens for 17 years. Ask him how he decides what crops to plant each year and he'll tell you that he looks for vegetables that do well in South Florida's climate, are disease resistant and "catch my eye."

This year his choices include red, purple and white carrots; purple beans that turn green after cooking ("kids love them," he says); Sierra onions that he has grown to the size of soccer balls; and cheddar cauliflower that's actually yellow.

There also are plenty of fruit trees, including mango, cherimoya, star fruit and jaboticaba, which has grapelike fruit that grows from the trunk of the tree. The trees are kept small by selecting dwarf varieties and selective pruning that makes harvest easy.

Ask Page what he won't plant and he'll tell you: corn and anything in the cucumber family like zucchini that are susceptible to disease. "They are a nightmare. If you want to spray the heck out of them, be my guest. But for me it's just too time-consuming," he says.

After all, there's always something to keep him busy. To prepare the soil, he uses composted cow manure available in bags at big box stores. He pores over seed catalogs from Johnny's Selected Seeds (www.johnnyseeds.com) to decide what to purchase.

He has a file drawer full of catalogs but sticks with this company. "I've never had a bad package of seeds from them," he



If You Go

Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach

Hours: The garden is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 4 Sunday. Suggested donation for entry is \$5 per person. Mounts Botanical Garden nursery, where you can purchase plants, is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Potted plants also are available at the gift shop.

Information: 233-1757; www.mounts.org

says.

After receiving the seeds, he begins planting. "Perhaps the biggest mistake people make

TOP LEFT: Swiss chard can come in many colorful varieties.

TOP RIGHT: Michael Page says that tending the vegetable garden at Mounts Botanical Garden is a relaxing task. **ABOVE LEFT:** Chinese cooking staple bok choy. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Amethyst bush beans will turn green when cooked.

Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

is placing the seeds too deeply in the soil. Many need light to germinate," he says.

He shows us where, the day before, he planted carrot seeds by raking the ground, scattering the seeds and then lightly tamping them in with his rake.

"You just have to make sure they come in contact with the soil and boom, you have a garden," he says.

As one type of crop matures and is harvested, he replaces it with another. He hopes to replant the rows three times during the growing season that ends in the spring.

It ends sooner for people who overwater their gardens. "People water everything and end up killing it," he says.

Instead of traditional irrigation systems that use sprinklers, he has changed the garden over to drip irrigation. "It makes a big difference," he says.

As we walk through the garden he proudly points to the straight rows of Italian dandelion greens, bulbing fennel, Chinese cabbage and kale, many of which are swathed in straw. That helps keep the weeds down and the moisture in

Gardening tip of the month

"If you don't have room for raised tomato beds, grow them in pots. Just be sure to put the pot on something like a growing cloth or cement surface. You don't want the roots growing out the hole in the bottom of the pot and coming in contact with the soil. Once the roots touch the soil, nematodes or small worms can get in and damage the roots. Then you have a problem."

Michael Page, horticultural supervisor, Mounts Botanical Garden

the soil. It also forms walkable paths between the crops so he and volunteers can lovingly tend each of the plants.

"We just want to show you how simple it really is to grow this stuff," he says, hoping he can persuade you to go home and start digging.



Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley is a master gardener who can be reached at debhartz@att.net.

Holiday Decorations

Town Hall, Ocean Ridge – Nov. 10



Ocean Ridge Garden Club members were busy making decorations at Town Hall in preparation for the town's Dec. 2 'Light the Lights' holiday event. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Lisa Ritota, Val Coz (hanging garland), Barbara Cook, Betty Bingham, Julia Walker (far back), Merrilee Lundquist and Joan Beck were among the Garden Club members who decorated for the event.

Photo provided

Garden Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

DECEMBER 4-10

Monday - 12/5 - Plants Can't Run Away ... But They Have Awesome Coping Skills at Mounts Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall A, 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 9:30-11 am. \$30/member; \$35/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org

DECEMBER 11-17

Monday - 12/12 - Town & Country Garden Club of Lake Worth at 1416 N K St. 2nd Mon Oct-May 11:20 am-1:30 pm. \$30/annual dues. 312-5925; erinallen.realtor@gmail.com

Wednesday - 12/14 - Delray Beach Orchid Society at Veterans Park Recreation Center, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 2nd W 7 pm. Free. 412-6752; delraybeachorchidsociety.com

Thursday - 12/15 - Boca Raton Orchid Society at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd. 2nd Th 7:30 pm. Free.

394-5910; brosonline.org
12/15 - Orchid Society of the Palm Beaches at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 2nd Th 7:30 pm. Free. 491-8033; orchidsocietyofthepalmbeaches.com

DECEMBER 18-24

Tuesday - 12/20 - Florida Native Plant Society Chapter Meeting: Annual Holiday Potluck at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Bring a dish to share. 8:30 pm. Free. palmbeach.fnpschapters.org



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Holiday Gift Guide

A holiday table-setter

Your shopping guide to 12 gifts for the perfect host or hostess (or yourself!)



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Holiday spreaders

For hosts and hostesses who spread themselves a little too thin, we offer these cute enameled knives, perfect for a schmear of cream cheese, hummus or whatever suits you. I was especially partial to the cardinal- and the poinsettia-handled blades, but all were pretty and work in any setting. Plus, at \$8 apiece, they're perfect to throw in with a gift of jam or cheese and crackers. Available at The Fancy Flamingo, 640 E. Ocean Ave., Suite 20, Boynton Beach; 735-8848.

Holiday Gift Guide

Plates that are a feast for the eye

At first glance, these colorful dinner plates are pottery from France, Portugal or Italy.

Pick one up. It's sturdy melamine, making it perfect for dinner on the deck or a picnic on the beach.

Le Cadeaux, the company that makes these plates, cups and bowls, infuses the dishes with deep, lustrous colors that will hold up to years of parties without fading or chipping.

That rooster plate truly is something to crow about.

Available at \$14.95 each at Gulfstream Pharmacy, 4998 N. Ocean Blvd., Briny Breezes; 276-4800.



A centerpiece of silvered fruits and vegetables

Mom always told you to eat your vegetables.

But now that you're all grown up, you can simply admire them.

These life-size Ruzzetti & Gow creations would be appetizing at the center of any table.

The ear of corn is especially beautiful in its detailing, right down to the tiniest kernel.

But I also went nuts over that exquisitely crafted walnut. Hungry yet?

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Abalone jar

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But what's missing? A biscuit jar.

This seaside-themed glass and metal container is whimsical enough for a casual setting, but classic enough in its design to fit in with a more formal space.

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The Pioneer Cook

The Boca Raton Historical Society has the recipe for a little nostalgia this holiday season with its reprinting of Donald W. Curl's *The Pioneer Cook*, offering recipes from late 19th- and early 20th-century settlers of Southeast Florida.

Some recipes, especially those involving sea turtle eggs, are outdated. But society Director Mary Csar points out that many, including coconut cakes and pies, would be right at home on any table this holiday season.

Available for \$18.95 at the Boca Raton Historical Society's Fire Bay Gift Shop, 71 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton; 395-6766, Ext. 302, or www.bocahistory.org.

Holiday Gift Guide

Flamingo cocktail napkins



We offer you two options — cloth and paper. The venerable Pioneer Linens in downtown West Palm Beach had a huge selection of witty embroidered cocktail napkins. The “Monkey See, Monkey Drink” motif napkins drew a chuckle, but these flamingo-themed “Flock Tails” napkins reminded me of our coastal communities.

Don't feel like washing or ironing?

The stylish Quigley Maguire is selling these elegantly simple paper cocktail napkins by Caspari. I'm not sure whether the flamingo has had one too many, but it is smiling and wearing a hat and a wreath.

“Flock Tails” napkins available for \$36 for a set of four at Pioneer Linens, 210 Clematis St., West Palm Beach; 655-8553 or www.pioneerlinens.com.

Caspari paper napkins are available at \$5 per package at Quigley Maguire Collections, 301 NE Second Ave., Delray Beach; 450-7471 or www.quigleymaguire.com.



Food-themed ornaments

These blown glass ornaments have appetizingly crisp detail, from the pomegranate seeds right down to the veins on the leaves of that Brussels sprout.

Picture a whole bowl of these ornaments as a table centerpiece. Or use them as table favors at each place setting.

It's a nice way to give guests a souvenir of good times and good company.

After all, isn't that what the holidays are all about?

Prices start at \$10 apiece at Sur la Table, Mizner Park, 438 Plaza Real, Boca Raton; 953-7638 or www.surlatable.com.



Venetian glass

For centuries, the glassblowers of Venice have cornered the market on elegant flights of crystal fancy.

This set of 1920s goblets, part of a larger set that includes plates, bowls and other stems, has fanciful enameled of mythical centaurs.

Priced at \$2,800 for a set of 12 at Devonia Antiques, 3703 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach; 429-8566 or www.devonia-antiques.com.

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Handpainted peppermills

Lois Brezinski always has a nice selection of artwork, handcrafted items and other accessories that harmonize with life along the shore.

Picture one of these unique peppermills painted with scenes of pelicans, sea turtles and other motifs that evoke the sea and remind us of why we live in South Florida.

These are painted stylishly enough that you could dress them up or down, using them in either formal or casual settings.

Available at \$75 and up at Lois Brezinski Artworks (next to The Colony Hotel), 533 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach; 400-8869 or www.loisbrezinskiartworks.com.



Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

An elegant holiday bouquet

Nothing says, "I love you," quite like flowers. And nothing says, "I really love you," like this centerpiece by Joseph Roehm of From Roehm With Love.

He combined roses, amaryllis and magnolias for color, the red berries of prickly heath, plus seeded eucalyptus, James Storie orchids from

Bangkok and gray Dusty Miller for texture, and lit it all up with underwater lights. "It's truly an international bouquet," he says.

We think that you'll agree it's one harmonious mix.

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Tots & Teens

Students run with gym idea for Delray Beach park

By Janis Fontaine

Atlantic High School seniors Christelle Singh, 17, and Talia Vessal, 18, are in their final year in the international baccalaureate career program. The students, whose career paths focus on drafting and engineering, paired up to develop a plan and design for a community asset.

After brainstorming, they suggested designing an outdoor gym in Barwick Park in Delray Beach. Similar gyms have been popping up elsewhere, but there weren't any in Delray Beach.

The project quickly gained momentum and got a lot of support from their teachers. The more work they did, the more support they got, and the more enthusiastic they became.

They chose Barwick Park because it is a little run-down from overuse. Barwick Park, at the intersection of Lake Ida and Barwick roads, has a 1¼-mile running trail, a children's playground, a large field used for sporting events, and pavilions. "It's in constant use by its large residential population," Christelle said.

A meeting with the Delray

Beach Parks and Recreation Department ended with approval from the city for them to raise money to build the first public outdoor gym in Delray Beach.

Now the students needed money, so Christelle and Talia created a GoFundMe web page.

The two plan to build the gym in four phases, especially if they don't raise all the money they need right away. On Dec. 6, they'll present their plan to the City Commission. They're hoping to get some funding from the local government.

They've got a list of positive outcomes that could come from the gym: "We believe building an outdoor workout gym will create a healthier community, mentally and physically."

Most people know about the physical benefits of exercise, but the mental and emotional benefits are sometimes overlooked, they said. Exercise improves mood by releasing endorphins, which are your body's natural feel-good chemicals.

Christelle notes that since Delray Beach has become ground zero for a lot of people in recovery, "a gym could really



Talia Vessal and Christelle Singh show their plans for adding an outdoor gym to Barwick Park. The gym will include an elliptical machine, leg press, chest press, pull-up bars, dipping bars and an abdominal bench. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

help them."

"And other low-income people who can't afford a gym membership," Talia said.

"Through this project, we've grown a stronger sense of community," Christelle said, "and an appreciation for the people who get things done."

"We want to get people out of the house into the park. It has a lot of potential. We're planning

a renovation day to get the community out there to fix it up.

"We've been Facebooking, but we also made fliers. And we'll talk to anyone who will listen."

Neither Christelle nor Talia is a resident of Delray Beach. Christelle is from Boca Raton and Talia is from Boynton Beach.

"If things go well, we'll be breaking ground by spring," Christelle said.

Check out their page at www.gofundme.com/BarwickWorkoutPark. For more information, email Talia. Vessal@gmail.com.

"We need sponsors," Christelle said, "but any donation is greatly appreciated."★



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Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.
NOTE: Holiday Events, page AT21

DECEMBER 3

Saturday - 12/3 - Diamonds & Pearls Dance Team at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Community dance team program prides itself on passion, dedication, excellence, respect; participates in local and collegiate homecoming parades and statewide special events. Middle, high school & college students. T/Th 6-8 pm & Sat 9 am-1 pm. Yearly: \$30/resident; \$40/non-resident. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

12/3 - Tiny Toes Ballet/Tap Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Ages 3-7. Every Sat 9:30-10 am. \$10. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

12/3 - Visual Art Audition Prep Class at Palm Springs Leisure Services, 226 Cypress Lane, Lake Worth. Core techniques for auditions, how to perform under pressure. Grades 4-10. Held again 12/10 & 17. 10 am-1 pm. \$150/full session; \$60/class. 385-3753; eqsquared.org

12/3 - Kidz On Stage Class: The Little Mermaid at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Children audition, act, sing, dance, perform. Ages 3-7. Performance date 2/18. Every Sat through 2/18 10-11 am. \$300. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

12/3 - Little Wonders 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

12/3 - Drop-In Story Time at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, finger plays, action songs. Children all ages accompanied by an adult. Every Sat 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

12/3 - 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. Age 5-12 w/parents. Every Sat through 12/17 (resumes 1/7) 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Free. 832-5196 x1196; norton.org

12/3 - 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 admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/3 - Color Your World! Winter Themed Creations at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 6-12. 2 sessions w/ different projects: 10:30 am & 1 pm. Per session: \$28-\$35; Per day: \$50-\$62.50. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/3 - Meet the Orchestra: The Symphonia at Saint Andrew's School Roberts Theater, 3900 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. Interact with the conductor & musicians at live dress rehearsals, discover how classical music inspires creativity. 10:30 am-noon. \$5/adult; free/child. Reservations: 866-687-3848; thesymphonia.org

12/3 - Acro Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Ages 3-7. Sat 11-11:30 am. \$10. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

12/3 - Story Time at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Stories, songs, fingerplays parents and children enjoy together. All ages. W 11 am; Th 10:30 am & 4:30 pm; Sat/T/F 11 am & 4:30 pm. Free w/ paid admission. 368-6875; cmboca.org

12/3 - Nature Detectives at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. New mystery each month. Ages 5-7 w/an adult. 1st Sat 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

12/3 - Art-E-Ology: Adolph Gottlieb Abstract Storytelling at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Learn about a master artist on exhibit, create a masterpiece in the style of the selected artist. Grades 3-5. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/child. Reservations: 392-2500 x106; bocamuseum.org

12/3 - All Art Class at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 2-9. Th 3 pm & Sat 11:30 am & 3 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

12/3 - Science Stories at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science inspired stories. Age 5 & up. Every Sat 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

12/3 - Busy Babies (Mommy & Me) at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 1-2. W 10 am & Sat 3:30 pm. Per session: \$12/member; \$15/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

Read for the Record

Sacred Heart School, Lake Worth – Oct. 27



The private school joined Jumpstart's literacy initiative to help break a world record for the most students reading the same book the same day. The book at hand was 'The Bear Ate Your Sandwich' by Julia Sarcone-Roach. 'Our children love to read,' said Milka Santos, the school's advancement director. 'They often get to school early to visit our Richard J. Schmeelk Family Library and check out books.' A total of 200 readers participated and were read to by WPTV-TV's Ashley Hinson and Lake Worth Mayor Pam Triolo. Above are students, administrators and board members (l-r): Nathaniel Sasser, 12, Cristina Balestrieri, Cynthia Ansel, Denis Coleman, Frankie Stevens, Triolo, Isabella Walker, 11, Carla Cove, Hinson, Tomaxa Nazier, 12, William Finneran, Samantha Gilles, 11, Candace Tamposi and Colleen Fitzgerald. Photo provided

12/3 - The Lion King Jr. at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 4 pm. \$14.50/adult; \$10.50/child under 12. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

12/3-4 - Panthers & PJs Overnight at the Zoo at Palm beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Ages 6 & up; minimum 1 adult/family required. 6:30 pm-8 am. \$40/member; \$50/non-member. Registration: 283-1427; palmbeachzoo.org/family-overnights

DECEMBER 4-10

Sunday - 12/4 - Science Make & Take at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 1st Sun 11:30 am. \$5/project. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

12/4 - Mixed Media Mania 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. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

12/4 - Jr. Shark Biologist at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Age 5-12. Every W & Sun 3:15 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

Monday - 12/5 - Oh Baby at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Pre-literacy, ages 3 months to not yet walking. Held again 12/12&19. 10 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/5 - Tales for Tadpoles at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age birth to 2 years. Held again 12/12&19. 10:45 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/5 - Once Upon A Happily Ever After: A Workshop for Homeschoolers at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Get ideas, create characters, find new stories to tell. Ages 9-13. 1-2:30 pm. \$27/resident; \$33.75/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/5 - Tennis Whiz Kids at Tennis Center, 3111 S Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. 6 key elements (space, object, people, brain, body, movement) combined in every on-court session. Ages 3-4 (age 5 w/no experience). Every M through 12/19. 4-4:30 pm. \$30/resident; \$38/non-resident. 742-6575; boynton-beach.org

12/5 - Healing Emotional Legacies Class at Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Part of the Youth Empowerment Center. Teens get insight into their personal nature, learn how to process feelings, be aware of their behavior, relate with others in an emotionally honest, authentic way. Age 13-18. Every M through 5/1 4-6 pm. Free. 742-6641; boynton-beach.org

12/5 - Tennis Fundamentals at Tennis Center, 3111 S Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Based on USTA Florida Youth Tennis Pathway. Smaller courts, shorter racquets, slower-moving/lower-bouncing balls. Every M through 12/19. Ages 5-8 4:30-5:15 pm \$36-\$45; ages 9-12 5:30-6:15 pm \$45-\$54. 742-6575; boynton-beach.org

12/5 - Simple Science: Making Snow at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-5. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

12/5 - Robotics Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. M/W 5-7:30 pm. Registration: 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

12/5 - 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 12/12. 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

12/5 - 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. M/W 6-8:30 pm. Yearly \$30/resident; \$40/non-resident. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

12/5 - Rise and Grind Sports Class at Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Part of Youth Empowerment Center, keeping teens active, competitive. Flag football, kickball, dodgeball, basketball. All skill levels welcome. Age 13-18. Every M through 5/1 6-8 pm. Free. 742-6641; boynton-beach.org

12/5 - 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. 954-854-7843; sugarsandpark.org

Tuesday - 12/6 - Music & Movement at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Presented by the YMCA. Parents w/ kids ages 2-4. Every T 10 am. Per session:

\$12/member +1 child, \$6/sibling; \$15/non-member +1 child, \$7.50/sibling. Pre-registration required: 368-6875; cmboca.org

12/6 - Baby Storytime at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Stories, rhymes, sing songs promote learning and development; meet other babies & parents. Age birth-2 years. Held again 12/13 & 20. 10:30-11 am. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

12/6 - Mother Nature & Me: Animal Babies at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Age 2-5 (w/guardian). 10:30 am. \$4/child. RSVP required: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

12/6 - Inspired Art at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 2-11. T/W/Th 11:30 am-noon. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

12/6 - Imagination Playground Open Play Session at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 2-11. Every T noon-2:30 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

12/6 - Turtle Tales at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 2-3 years. Every T 2 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/6 - 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 M through 12/27 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

12/6 - It's Great to Create at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 2-11. Every T 3-3:30 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

12/6 - All About the Nails Class at Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Part of Youth Empowerment Center. Cosmetology: manicuring, pedicuring, nail art, acrylics as done by the professionals. Age 13-18. Every T through 4/11 4-6 pm. Free. 742-6641; boynton-beach.org

12/6 - BeTeen the Lines: A Readers Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. Held again 12/20. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 265-9490; delraylibrary.org

12/6 - USCA Tiny Stars Cheer Level I at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Designed to enhance self-esteem, character, social skills. All areas (cheers, chants, partner stunts, jumps, tumbling, dances) focus on perfection before progression, developing correct safety/spotting techniques. Ages 4-6. Every T through 12/20 4:30-5:30 pm. \$30/resident; \$37/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

12/6 - Oxbridge Academy Open House at 3151 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Tour, meet faculty, talk to current students. Refreshments. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 972-9826; oapb.org/admission

12/6 - Healthy Chefs Class at Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Part of Youth Empowerment Center. Learn to select, prepare, cook, store healthy foods. Help reduce preventable diseases through behavior/lifestyle modifications, minimize exposure to toxic chemicals. Age 13-18. Every T through 4/11 6-8 pm. Free. 742-6641; boynton-beach.org

12/6-7 - 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 2-5. Every T 10:30 and W 2 pm. Free w/paid museum admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

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12/6-7 - Explorium Science Squad: Amazing Archaeology at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Kids explore, experiment, try something new every month. T ages 5-6 (w/parent); W ages 7-9. 4-5 pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

Wednesday - 12/7 - Family Storytime at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Age infant to 5 yrs. Held again 12/14 & 21. 10-11 am. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

12/7 - Toddler Workshops at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Age-specific crafts, activities, up-close animal encounters, stories, more. 10-11 am. Age 2 W 10-11 am; ages 3 & 4 Sat 12/10; minimum 1 adult/family required. \$20/member; \$40/non-member. Pre-registration required: 283-1427; palmbeachzoo.org/childrens-workshops

12/7 - Art Studio at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Ages 3-5. Held again 1/4. 10:30 am. \$3/museum member; \$4/non-member + admission. Register in advance: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/7 - 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 18 mos-5 yrs. Held again 1/4. 3-3:45 pm. Per class: \$3/member; \$4/non-member + admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/7 - Cheerleading at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Develop teamwork/positive attitude; emphasis on safety. Every W through 2/15 (no class 12/21&28). Recreational ages 3-10 4-4:50 pm, \$100-\$125; Competitive ages 4-14 4-5:45 pm, \$155-\$194; Tumbling & Stunts (all levels) ages 5-14 6-6:30 pm, \$60-\$75; ages 3-8 3:30-4 pm, \$60-\$75. 901-0637; littlekiddos.com

12/7 - Singing Starz Group Voice Class at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Ages 4-7. Every W 4-4:45 pm. \$15. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

12/7 - Gift Workshop at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 12/7 ornaments; 12/15 Pony bead bracelets & necklaces; 12/21 hot cocoa reindeer. Grades K-5. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

12/7 - Whovian Holiday Party at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. 5:30-7 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

12/7 - T.E.A.M. Mentoring Class by Petty Investments at Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Part of Youth Empowerment Center. T.E.A.M./Together Each Achieves More. Educational, cultural, social activities designed to instill good life skills, prepare young teens to become wholesome, successful members of the community. Employment skills, sporting activities, guest speakers, team building activities. Age 13-18. Every W through 5/3 6-8 pm. Free. 742-6641; boynton-beach.org

12/7 - Tween Explorers: Holiday Cards & Gift Wrapping at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Thursday - 12/8 - 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

12/8 - Y-Kids Yoga at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Presented by the YMCA. Parents w/kids ages 3-5. Every Th 11 am. Per session: \$12/member +1 child, \$6/sibling; \$15/non-member +1 child, \$7.50/sibling. Pre-registration required: 368-6875; cmboca.org

12/8 - Finding Dory (G) part of Half-School Day Family Movie series at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All ages. Children 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Free snacks. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

12/8 - 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 M through 12/29 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

12/8 - Stories & Scissors at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 4 & older. Every Th 3:30 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/8 - 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. 368-6875; cmboca.org

12/8 - Musical Theatre Experience Class: Seussical The Musical at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Incorporate singing, acting, dancing, costume, stage performance. Ages 5-11. Performance date 3/2. Every Th

through 3/2 3:30-5 pm. \$390. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

12/8 - USCA Mini Stars Cheer Level II at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Designed to enhance self-esteem, character, social skills. All areas approached (cheers, chants, partner stunts, jumps, tumbling, dances) with focus on perfection before progression, developing correct safety/spotting techniques. Ages 6-8. Every Th through 12/15 4:30-5:30 pm. \$30/resident; \$37/non-residents 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

12/8 - Hack Shack Tech Club at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Experiment w/computer programming, design video games. Grades 5-8. 5-7 pm. \$15/member; \$20/non-member. Registration suggested: 832-2026; sfsiencecenter.org

12/8 - Master Peace Productions Studio Class at Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Part of Youth Empowerment Center. Record vocals w/a dedicated engineer who captures the feel of the project. Work w/in-house beat-makers/producers, create customized tracks, then record/polish it, mixing/mastering for a radio-ready song! Age 13-18. Every Th through 4/20 6-8 pm. Free. 742-6641; boynton-beach.org

12/8 - 4 Knowledge is Power Class at Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Part of Youth Empowerment Center. Supports healthy development, academic achievement, leadership, growth, success. Build values, raise self-esteem/confidence, instill values of social responsibility/integrity. Age 13-18. Every Th through 4/20 6-8 pm. Free. 742-6641; boynton-beach.org

12/8-9 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Karate and blend of other combat martial arts. Age 9 to adult. Every Th/F 6-7:30 pm. Per month: \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident; + \$25/one-time uniform fee. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

Friday - 12/9 - Tot Time at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Enjoy crafts, snacks, indoor play stations. Drop in anytime during the program. Ages 2-5. 10 am-noon. \$5/child. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/9 - Stories in the Garden: Shapes All Around at Mounts Botanical Garden Pavilion, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Age 2-6. 10-11:30 am. Free. 233-1757; mounts.org

12/9 - 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 \$3/member; \$5/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

12/9 - Family Make & Take Winter Craft Program at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 3-12. 3:30-5 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

12/9 - Polar Express Extravaganza at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. 6-8 pm. \$5/adult & child; \$4.50/senior. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/9 - Eyes to the Skies with 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 1 hour after scheduled start time; stars must be visible for telescope to align. Ages 8+ (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). 6:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

12/9 - Unity Dance Team at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Enhances balance, provides exercise, teaches how to gracefully dance, execute interpretive movement. Age 7-15. F 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

Saturday - 12/10 - Holiday Extravaganza at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Santa, Mensch on the Bench, snow, bounce house, food trucks, fire trucks, arts & crafts, games, more. All ages. 10 am-3 pm. \$10/person. 368-6875; cmboca.org

12/10 - 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

12/10 - A Very Electric Christmas at Palm Beach State College Duncan Theatre, 4200 Congress Ave, Lake Worth. 11 am. \$15. 868-3309; duncantheatre.org

12/10 - Family Fun: Daruma Origami at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Make a fun daruma origami to celebrate the coming New Year. Noon-3 pm. Free w/paid admission. 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

12/10 - Mad Hatters Tea Party at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, 100 S Ocean Blvd,

Manalapan. Benefits Children's Home Society of Florida. Family fare. Noon-2 pm. \$60/person. 540-4960; eauspa.com

12/10 - A Charlie Brown Christmas at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every Sat through 1/14 4 pm. \$14.50/adult; \$10.50/child under 12. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

12/10 - 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 age 6 & up. 2nd & 4th Sat 6-8 pm. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

12/10-11 - Science Demonstrations at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science-inspired stories. Ages 5 & up. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

DECEMBER 11-17

Sunday - 12/11 - Sunday Movie: Alvin & The Chipmunks: The Road Chip (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

12/11 - Children's Gala: Festival of Trees at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 2051 S Flagler Dr, West Palm Beach. Special performances, music, surprises, child-friendly refreshments. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 5-7 pm. \$40/person. 832-5328; ansg.org

Monday - 12/12 - Early Afternoon Explorers: I'm an Archaeologist 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

12/12 - Kids Activity Lab at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Board/video games using Wii, Wii U, PS3 or Xbox 360, or make wearable art w/Rainbow Looms. Grades K-5. 4:30-5:30 pm. 742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

12/12-14 - Youth Basketball League at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd. Enjoy organized league play with friends, learn basketball basics. Age 5-7 M through 3/13; Age 8-9 T through 3/14; Age 10-14 W through 3/15. Practice 6-7 pm Dec & Jan, games 6-8 pm Jan. \$51/resident; \$64/non-resident. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

Tuesday - 12/13 - A Beatrix Potter Holiday presented by Atlantic Coast Theatre at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Audience participation welcome. Grades K-5. 11 am & 4 pm. \$8/adult; \$6/child. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

12/13 - Lego Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 7 & older. 3:30 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/13 - Hanukkah Party @ the Library at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 5 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/13 - Teen HoliDIY at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Make ornaments using Scrabble letters; on 12/20 make hot chocolate reindeer. Grades 6-12. 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

12/13 - I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson part of Teen Book Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Wednesday - 12/14 - Teen Gaming at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Video games use Wii, PS3, Xbox 360. Grades 6-12. Held again 12/21 & 28 (4:30-6:30). 5:30-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

12/14 - Doktor Kaboom!: Look Out! Science is Coming! at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Grades 4-8. 7 pm. \$25/adult; \$15/student. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

Thursday - 12/15 - Edible Science: Engineering the Perfect Gingerbread House at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

12/15 - DIY Art Projects: Have a Sweet Holiday Season! at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Families participate in self-guided gallery activity, then visit the Atrium for related DIY art project. All ages. 6-8 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

12/15 - Make it @ Your Library: Holiday Cards & Gift Wrapping at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Grades 6-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

12/15-17 - Children's Series: The Adventures of Tom Sawyer at Actor's Rep Bhetty Waldron Theater, 1009 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$15. 339-4687; kwpproductions.com

Friday - 12/16 - Fabulous Fun Friday at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach.

Ages 2-7. 10:30-11:15 am. \$3/member; \$4/non-member + admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/16 - Fun Chefs with Stacy Stolman at Society of The Four Arts Rovensky Administration Building Kitchen, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2:30 or 3:30 pm. Free. Reservations required: 805-8562; fourarts.org

12/16 - Polar Express at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Movie, activities. Come in your pajamas; train rides before the movie. Free. 5 pm activities; 6:30 pm movie. 393-7700; myboca.us

12/16 - 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-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

Saturday - 12/17 - Piles of Smiles: Sugar Sand Park's Snow Day at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Get on those gloves, mittens, hats; get ready for a super fun time playing in tons of snow. Snow play only for kids ages 4-12. 10 am-4 pm. \$12/advance; \$15/after 12/4. Adults free w/paid child(ren) admission. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

12/17 - Story & Craft Time at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Discover nature through crafts, stories about animals, other nature-related themes. Age 4-10. 10 am. \$2. RSVP required: 966-7000; pbcgov.com/parks

12/17 - 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. 1:30-3 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

DECEMBER 18-24

Monday - 12/19 - Card Making at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Celebrate the season of giving; create a holiday card to give to a friend or loved one. Grades K-5. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

12/19 - Teen Tournament: NBA2K17 at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. 5:30-7 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Tuesday - 12/20 - Mother Nature & Me: SssNAKES at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Age 2-5 (w/guardian). 10:30 am. \$4/child. RSVP required: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

12/20 - Daggerwing Visits the Library: Owl at Glades Road Branch Library, 20701 95th Ave S, Boca Raton. Special program features live animal ambassadors. Age 5-10. 3:30 pm. Free. RSVP required: 482-4554; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

12/20-31 - Family Fun: Nengajo: New Year's Card Making at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free w/paid admission. 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

Wednesday - 12/21 - Gingerbread Day! at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. 10:30-11:30 am. \$8/member child; \$10/



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non-member child + museum admission. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/21 - Tween Explorers: Hot Chocolate Party! at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Thursday - 12/22 - Hanukkah With Miss Helen at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Ages 2-7. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. Free w/paid admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

Friday - 12/23 - Winter Break Camp: Winter Skits at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Singing, dancing, acting favorite songs from *Frozen*; experience theatre skits, games, dance routines, fashion show, arts & crafts, karaoke. Pizza party lunch included. Bring 22 snacks, a drink. Ages 5-12. 8:30 am-5:30 pm. \$65/resident; \$81.25/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/23 - Kids Day In, Parents Day Out at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Enjoy Explorium activities, pizza, games. Ages 5-12. 9:30 am-12:30 pm. \$15/resident; \$18.75/non-resident. Registration required in person by a legal guardian by 2 days prior: 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/23 - Reindeer Games & Activities at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. 10:30-11:30 am. \$3/member child; \$4/non-member child + museum admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/23 - Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer The Musical at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 2 & 7 pm. Tickets start at \$20. 832-7469; kravis.org

E. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. Beach days M-Th at Red Reef Park, sail/snorkel day F at Silver Palm Park. Held again 1/2-6. Ages 5-15. 9 am-3 pm. \$325/resident; \$406/non-resident; after care (3-5 pm) \$20/day. 715-0499; underbluewaters.com

12/26-30 Performing Arts Winter Break Camp: Tim Burton's Nightmare Before Christmas at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Learn songs, scenes, choreography from *Grease*. Ages 5 & up. Held again 1/2-6. Performances 12/30 & 1/6. 9 am-3 pm. \$275/week; extended care (8-9 am & 3-6 pm) \$5/hour. Space is limited: 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

12/26-30 - Holiday Junior Tennis Camp at Boca Raton Tennis Center, 271 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Ages 5-16. Held again 1/2-6. 9am-1:30 pm. Call for rates: attendance options/sibling discounts available. 393-7978; myboca.us

12/26-30 - Co-Ed Winter Basketball Camp presented by Taylored Athletes at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Improve triple threat, dribble triple threat, NBA dribble moves, decision making. Ages 5-16. Held again 1/2-6. 9 am-3 pm. \$250/resident; \$312.50/non-resident; Daily: \$62.50/resident; \$78.12/non-resident. 347-3950; tayloredathletes.com

12/26-30 - Junior Winter Tennis Camp at Patch Reef Park Tennis Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Drills, match play, scoring, arts & crafts, swim break. Ages 3-6 & 7-16. Held again 1/2-6. 9 am-noon or 9 am-3:30 pm. Call for rates: attendance options, sibling discounts available. 393-7090; patchreefpark.org

12/26-30 - Boca Jolly Days Junior Tennis Camp at Racquet Center, 21626 St Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Drills, match play, scoring, arts & crafts, swim break. Ages 6-16. Held again 1/2-6. 9 am-3:30 pm. Full week: \$220/resident, \$275/non-resident; daily: \$55/resident, \$68.75/non-resident. 367-7095; theracquetcenter.org

12/26-30 - Winter Art Camp at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Federal Highway #7, Boynton Beach. Ages 5-13. Each day features 2-3 projects. Bring bag lunch or \$8/Boss Taco. Held again 1/2-6. 10:30 am-2:30 pm. \$55/day; \$220/week. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

Tuesday - 12/27 - Beaches & Brushes: Step by Step Painting at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 8+. 11 am or 1pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/27 - Game Wheel at Boynton Beach City

Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades 5-12. 3-5 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

12/27 - GEMS Club: Light it Up! at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Empower young girls to explore STEM fields. NOTE: Live bats will be present during this session; it is not advised for children with severe animal allergies. Girls grades 3-8. High school girls can volunteer to be mentors. 5-7 pm. Advance: \$5/child. Registration: 370-7710; sfsiencecenter.org/gems

12/27-28 - Winter Break Camp: Bright & Smart Robotics - Coding & Robotics at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Combines engineering skills w/visual-spatial activities. Ages 7-14. Held again 1/3-5. 8:30 am-3 pm. Per day \$70/resident; \$87.50/non-resident. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

12/27-1/6 - Nature Crafts at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. 11 am-2 pm. \$5/person ages 3+. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

12/27-1/6 - Holiday Break Camp at Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Field trips, crafts, games, sports. Ages 5-12. M-F 7:30 am-5:30 pm (closed 1/2). \$144/resident; \$180 non-resident. 742-6444; boynton-beach.org

12/27-1/6 - Winter Fun Days at Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave, Boynton Beach. Field trips, arts & crafts, movies, active games. Choose the days you want. Bring lunch, snack. Ages 5-12. 7:30 am-5:30 pm (closed 1/2). Per day: \$29/resident; \$35/non-resident. 742-6221; boynton-beach.org

Wednesday - 12/28 - Animal Keeper for a Day at Daggewrth Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Go behind the scenes, learn about the inner workings of animal care in a nature center setting. Assist in diet preparation, cleaning the animal enclosures, feeding the animals, even walking the turtles. Bring sunscreen, water bottle, wear closed-toed shoes. Ages 8 & up. 10 am. \$10/person. Reservations required: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

12/28 - Archery 101 at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. USA Archery certified instructor. Learn basics of archery, develop a fun new skill. 2-hour program starts w/indoor demonstration of basics, followed by outdoor target practice. Equipment provided, wear closed-toe shoes, bring sunscreen. Age 8 & up. 10 am. \$10/person per session. RSVP required: 966-7000; pbcparcs.com/nature

12/28 - Winter Wonderland at

Unity Day

Saint Joseph's Episcopal School, Boynton Beach – Oct. 26



Students in prekindergarten through eighth grade gathered to show their support against bullying in a celebration of Unity Day, a national initiative. To demonstrate acceptance, inclusion and kindness, they created posters with uplifting messages and participated in an afternoon rally. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Fourth-graders Kylie Trainor, 9, Olivia Scott, 10, and Alivia Pugliese, 9, join fifth-graders Ryan Fellowes, 10, and Cash DuBois, 10, at the rally. Photo provided

Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Ages 2-7. 10:30-11:15 am. \$3/member child; \$4/non-member child + museum admission. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/28 - The Tricky Dogs Show (G) at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 11 am & 2 pm. \$13/adult; \$10/kids 12 & under. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

12/28 - Lego Club at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Monthly build challenge or free build. Grades K-6. 3-4 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

Thursday - 12/29 - Winter Play for the Wee Ones at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Indoor winter wonderland. Toddlers only. Adult supervision required. 10 am or 2 pm. \$10/child. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

12/29 - Friendship Table at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-5. 1-4 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

12/29 - Teen Team Up! at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

12/29 - DIY Art Projects: Festival of Lights! at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Families participate in self-guided gallery activity, then visit the Atrium for related DIY art project. All ages. 6-8 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

Friday - 12/30 - Winter Break Camp: Fashion, Sewing & Design at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 8-16. Held again 1/6. 8:30 am-1 pm. Per day: \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

12/30 - Noon Year's Eve Party at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 5-10. Adult supervision required. 11 am-1 pm. \$10/child. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

Saturday - 12/31 - Happy Noon Year Celebration at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 10:30 am-12:01 pm. \$5/adult & child; \$4.50/senior. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

Musical at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. 9 am-4 pm. \$250/week; \$30/one-time enrollment fee; before care (8-9 am) \$10. 558-4148; sickpuppiescomedy.com

Tuesday - 1/3 - Playground Playdate at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Info about upcoming programs, free kid's activities. 11 am-1 pm. Free. 347-3900; SugarSandPark.org

1/3-6 - Sea Turtle Camp at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Through games, crafts, educational activities, instructors teach young conservationists about the importance of caring for/protecting sea turtles, other marine life. Experience close encounters w/resident sea turtles, visit a local nesting beach. Grades 3-5. 8:30 am-noon. \$125/member (family membership or higher required), \$175/non-member (includes family membership). Reservations & prepayment required: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Wednesday - 1/4 - Winter Children's Fair at Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Games, arts/crafts, entertainment. Ages 2-12. 10 am-3 pm. Free/entrance to event; \$20/ride all day bracelet; \$5/ride ticket. 367-7035; myboca.us

Thursday - 1/5 - The Peacock's Gift (G) presented by Katie Adams' Make Believe Theatre at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 11 am & 2 pm. \$8/adult; \$6/kids 12 & under. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

1/5 - Hack Shack Tech Club at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Experiment w/computer programming, design video games. Grades 5-8. 5-7 pm. \$15/member; \$20/non-member. Registration suggested: 832-2026; sfsiencecenter.org

1/5 - DIY Art Projects: Beyond Photography at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Families participate in self-guided gallery activity, then visit the Atrium for related DIY art project. All ages. 6-8 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

Friday - 1/6 - Ceramic Painting at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 4+. 11am-12:30 pm. \$10/resident, \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

Friday - 1/6 - Eyes to the Skies with 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). 6 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

Saturday - 1/7 - Meet the Orchestra: The Symphonia at Saint Andrew's School Roberts Theater, 3900 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. Interact with The Symphonia's conductor and musicians at live dress rehearsals, discover how classical music inspires creativity. 10:30 am-noon. \$5/adult; free/child. Reservations required: 866-687-3848; thesymphonia.org

1/7 - Art-E-Ology: Wendy Wischer: Dazzling Art Forms at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Learn about a master artist on exhibit, 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

DECEMBER 25-31

Monday - 12/26 - Boxing Day at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Ages 1-7 years. 10 am-5 pm. Free w/paid admission. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

12/26 - Mary Poppins (G) at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 10 am & 3 pm (3 pm is sensory-friendly). \$1/includes movie, popcorn, a drink. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

12/26-30 - Ocean Adventure Sea Program at Red Reef Park (M-R), 1400 N.State Road A1A, & Silver Palm Park (F), 600

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JANUARY 1-7

Monday - 1/2-4 - Drama Kids at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Combines engineering skills w/visual-spatial activities. Ages 6-15. 8:30 am-3 pm. \$150/resident; \$187.50/non-resident. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

1/2-6 - Winter Break Camp: Fun & Fitness Activities Program at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 5-12. 8:30 am-5:30 pm. 5 days \$195/resident, \$243.75/non-resident; per day \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

1/2-6 - Winter Break Blast! at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Activities, experiments, games, more. Bring bag lunch. Grades 1-5. M-F 9 am-1 pm. Full week \$107/resident, \$134/non-resident; per day \$25/resident; \$31.25/non-resident. Advance registration required: 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

1/2-6 - Boca Surf School for ages 6-13 at Red Reef Park, 1400 N.State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Instructors provide fun, safe, and educational instruction to the sport of surfing. Ages 6-13. 9 am-3 pm. \$299/resident, \$344/non-resident; daily \$89/resident, \$99/non-resident; after care (3-5 pm) \$10/hour. 393-7807; islandcamps.com

1/2-6 - Winter Camp: Mathilda The

Paws Up for Pets

Boynton's therapy dogs help people cope with stress, fear, trauma

The city of Boynton Beach is doubly blessed with canine charm and compassion. And they answer to the names of Harley and Boone.

Boone, a 4-year-old labradoodle, has been on the job since 2013 and mingles with city employees, occasionally attends City Commission meetings and spends a lot of time lifting spirits of children battling illnesses at local hospitals.

Harley, a 5-year-old beagle mix, came on board in September. She reports to the Police Department's Special Victims Unit and her task is to help children who are victims of abuse or neglect to feel safe and secure when being interviewed about criminal cases by detectives and attorneys.

Harley represents a new breed of therapy dogs starting to be specially trained all over the country to help law enforcement, legal and health officials reach out to help people of all ages cope with stress, fear and traumatic experiences.

Only two months into her role, it appears that Harley is perfect for this mission.

She received training at the Paws & Stripes College at the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. Just before graduating, she was paired with Boynton Beach Detective Astrel Labbe, who traveled up to Brevard County to undergo training with this former shelter rescue.

Labbe has been with the Boynton Beach Police Department for 15 years, spending the past decade in the Special Victims Unit, where he handles child neglect and abuse cases as well as sexual battery cases involving children and adults.

"Harley is very perceptive, very quiet and very helpful toward children who are stressed by these circumstances," says Labbe, a former social worker. "Some of our cases involving children can be very challenging and it can be very difficult for some of them to open up and talk. But the kids love and trust Harley. She welcomes their hugs."

Harley's quiet, even-keeled



LEFT: Harriette Margolin, a patient at Bethesda Hospital, enjoys a visit from therapy dog Harley and Boynton Beach Detective Astrel Labbe, who investigates crimes against children and older adults. ABOVE: Boone, Boynton Beach's other therapy dog, led Harley on a tour of the hospital. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

nature is an asset to kids in need. Children are in a living room-like space where they are interviewed by police, forensic specialists and other officials. When Labbe enters the room, he quickly introduces Harley to the child.

He gives each child the option of having Harley with them during the interviews and when necessary, during medical examinations.

"A lot of the kids pick the option of having Harley with them," he says. "In one of our first cases with Harley, a 5-year-old girl who was an alleged victim of child abuse was being very quiet. I then introduced her to Harley. She started petting Harley and then started to answer my questions."

"Harley is an extra special tool we can use during our investigations. She is a great dog."

He spends 24/7 with Harley. At home, Harley hangs out with Labbe's personal dog, Leah, a 6-year-old boisterous miniature pinscher.

"Leah likes to yap, especially on walks, and the two get along pretty well," notes Labbe. "Once I remove Harley's vest at home, she knows she is off duty and

is more playful than when at work."

Boone, on the other hand, shines as the city's canine goodwill ambassador. He was undergoing extensive training to be a service dog by the Dogs for the Disabled organization in Martin County when he injured his anterior cruciate ligament in a rear leg. He was released from the program and then adopted by city employees Wally and Debbie Majors.

Wally Majors is the director of recreation and parks administration while his wife serves as the city's grant and Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator.

"Boone comes with me every day to work and on weekends, Debbie and I take him to Bethesda Hospital where he meets with patients," says Majors, now in his 31st year with the city. "Boone has proven to be too much of a gift to just be a pet. Before he was released, he had learned more than 80 skills, including turning on lights and putting socks in a laundry basket."

On occasion, Boone and Harley get to combine their canine talents in public appearances. The goal is

for Boone to show Harley "the ropes" in putting her therapeutic talents to use at hospitals and schools, says Wally Majors.

"Harley is definitely more quiet and reserved — perfect for her mission to work with children involved in something traumatic to help them feel more comfortable in communicating with police officers," says Majors. "Boone is very energetic, playful and loves to chase a ball. When he visits kids in hospitals, he brings smiles to their faces when he performs a bow, waves or does some other trick."

Boone's good nature also seems to be embraced by family members visiting terminally ill patients as well as hospital nurses.

"One-third of Boone's friends are nurses and yes, he has his own Facebook page," said Majors, ushering me to

view it (www.facebook.com/BooneMajors). "More and more people are recognizing the incredible impact therapy dogs like Boone and Harley have on people and how they help them deal with stress in a more manageable way. The city of Boynton Beach is very lucky to have these two dogs."

Paws down, I heartily agree.

Arden Moore, founder of www.FourLeggedLife.com, is an animal behavior consultant, editor, author, professional speaker and master certified pet first aid instructor. Each week, she hosts the popular *Oh Behave!* show on www.PetLifeRadio.com. Learn more by visiting www.fourleggedlife.com.



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On the Water

Fort Lauderdale boat show floats an appealing mix

When one of the world's largest boat shows comes to Fort Lauderdale in November, it's almost impossible for those of us addicted to boating to stay away.

I made my annual trek to the 57th annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show on opening day, Nov. 3.

For fellow boat lovers who weren't able to make it to the show, here's a sample of powerboats, paddlecraft and accessories I found there:

**Catamaran paddleboard:**

The twin-hulled paddleboard by Live Watersports is billed as more stable than a traditional paddleboard.

The "cat board" is designed as a fishing platform and can be fitted with a variety of accessories.

The 14-foot L4 Expedition model on display at the boat show was rigged with an electric outboard motor, a depth finder, a Power Pole stake-out system, a marine audio system and a live bait well.

"I tried to turn a paddleboard into a micro skiff," said Ryan Jones of Nautical Ventures in Dania Beach, who takes his board offshore, onto the Florida Keys flats and into freshwater canals.

The 14-foot model sells for \$2,699 (without the add-ons) and can carry 700 pounds. The smaller L2 Fish (12 feet, 6 inches) will carry 500 pounds and sells for \$2,299.

Divers use the catamaran boards as platforms to rest and to carry gear and the dive flag, Jones said.

No trailer is required for paddleboards such as the L2 Fish, which weighs 51 pounds (without accessories). Carry them in the back of a truck or on top of a car. Launch at the beach or anywhere you can drop in a kayak.

Boston Whaler 13: The 13-foot Boston Whaler, formally known as the 130 Super Sport, has been a go-to skiff for generations of boaters.

The 2017 model sells for about \$15,000 rigged with a

40-horsepower Mercury four-stroke outboard, optional padded seats with folding back rests and a galvanized trailer.

Other options include a bow pad for sun lounging and a Bimini top for shade.

This wee Whaler is rated to hold four people, draws 7 inches of water and weighs about 850 pounds including the engine and fuel.

Boaters often choose the smaller 11-foot Whaler with a 25-horsepower outboard for use as a tender behind larger boats and sailboats, said Danny Brown of Marine Max in Palm Beach Gardens.

Paddle or pedal board:

For people who have trouble paddling and balancing on a standup paddleboard, Hobie offers the Eclipse.

The Eclipse features handlebars extending up from the front of the board — both for balance and for steering.

Users stand on pedals that enable them to use their legs instead of their upper bodies to propel the board through the water with the MirageDrive — flipper-like blades under the board driven by the pedals.

The 12-foot Mirage Eclipse sells for \$2,599 and will support up to 275 pounds. Tie-down straps hold a small cooler or life jacket on the back of the board. The rudder kicks up when the board is beached.

Board riders who would rather paddle than pedal can remove the MirageDrive and the steering bar to paddle the Eclipse.

For details, go to www.hobie.com.

Pursuit C-260 center console: This slick-looking center console is rated for 400 horsepower, making it a good match for a pair of the relatively light, four-cylinder outboards that produce 200 horsepower. Standard features include a 30-gallon live bait well, a 31-gallon insulated fish box (with separate cooler in the transom) and a forward-opening center console door that provides access to a small head (toilet).

The C-260 comes with a smooth-edged hard top, padded forward seats and coaming bolsters to protect legs when they're leaning against the gunwales.

Rigged with twin 200-horsepower Yamaha four-stroke outboards, the C-260 weighs 6,130 pounds (dry



TOP: Ryan Jones of Nautical Ventures demonstrates the Hobie Eclipse's handlebars and pedals. **ABOVE:** Steve Sprague of Tuppen's Marine in Lake Worth stands near the stern of a Jupiter 38 FS. **Photos by Willie Howard/The Coastal Star**

weight) and gets 2.49 miles per gallon at its optimum cruising speed of 28 mph, according to Pursuit.

Base price: \$112,000 with twin 200 Yamaha outboards. For details, go to www.pursuitboats.com.

Regulator 25: Regulator is known among offshore anglers for building beastie boats that handle big seas well compared with other boats of the same size.

One reason: They're heavy.

The 25-foot Regulator FS (forward seating) weighs 7,500 pounds (dry) with twin 200-horsepower Yamaha outboards. That's almost 1,400 pounds more than the comparable Pursuit C-260 with the same engines.

Another reason: Regulators are built in North Carolina, where inlets are notoriously rough and a run into the Gulf Stream can easily be 30 to 40 miles.

All hatches on the Regulator are insulated, gel-coated and

lighted. They include a forward deck fish box large enough to double as locking rod storage when the fishing day is over.

Standard features include a surfboard-style, smooth-edged hard top, triple batteries, a standup head in the console, bow seating pads, and coaming bolsters all around to pad the legs when the boat is rocking.

The 25 Regulator also has a flush-folding transom seat and a yacht-style transom door that fully seals the transom when closed.

Base price: \$156,000 with twin 200 Yamaha outboards. For details, go to www.regulatormarine.com.

Jupiter 38 FS: This center console offers a lot of fishing space but is still fast and trailerable (with a strong truck and a highway permit).

The Jupiter 38 FS (forward seating) on display at the boat show will be visible in Palm Beach County offshore fishing tournaments. Dealer Steve Sprague of Tuppen's Marine in Lake Worth will be at the helm during tournaments. (Look for the Jupiter 38 with triple outboards and a wahoo decal on the side.)

The 38 FS comes standard with a 60-gallon live bait well. The Tuppen's boat at the show was built with a second 60-gallon live well, giving it 120 gallons of bait-holding capacity.

Jupiter Marine offers many options for the 38 FS, including a bow thruster for docking, a dive door for easy entry into the water, bucket storage in the aft bilge and a stern seat.

The base price for the 38 FS with triple Yamaha 300 outboards: \$357,900. The 38 FS at the boat show, rigged with triple 300 Yamahas, electronics and options, was priced at \$483,723.

To learn more, go to www.jupitermarine.com.

Just float and relax: Once you've reached that idyllic boating destination, what then?

Pull out the Nauti Buoy floating platform, inflate it with the electric pump and take a few hours to relax on the water.

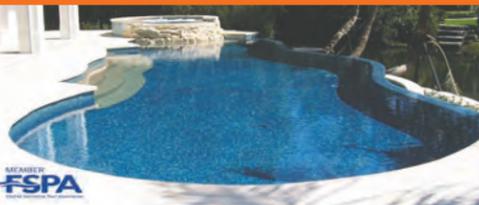
Unlike a basic inflatable raft, Nauti Buoy platforms are made for tough duty and are stabilized with ballast bags in the corners, similar to those used to keep life rafts upright.

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Company founder Troy Faetra of Fort Lauderdale holds a yellow Throw Raft float. Willie Howard/The Coastal Star

inflatable platforms for hull maintenance near the waterline.

Nauti Buoy platforms can be linked in sequence to produce makeshift docks extending from the side of a yacht or a dock.

The top-of-the-line 800 model (13 feet, 1 inch by 6.5 feet) demonstrated at the boat show can support 1,543 pounds and was fitted with a leisure package, including comfy lounge seats.

Price for the 800 model with the leisure package: About \$7,600. For more info, go to www.nautibuoymarine.com.

Throwable flotation device easy to tote on boat

Carrying a Type 4 (throwable) flotation device such as a ring buoy or seat cushion can be a hassle on a boat.

The Coast Guard requires throwables and wants them to be out and accessible in case someone suddenly goes overboard.

At the same time, if your boat runs more than, say, 30 knots, a seat cushion or ring buoy is likely to flap around or might even blow out of the boat if it's not strapped down.

Throw Raft came up with a solution: a compact, inflatable, throwable device that's Coast Guard-approved.

The little orange packet inflates automatically when submerged. Or it can be

manually inflated and thrown after it's inflated.

The Throw Raft is far smaller than a ring buoy or seat cushion and less likely to flop around. Deflated and packed, it measures 11 inches by 4 inches. (Inflated, it measures 22 inches by 21 inches and provides 20 pounds of buoyancy.)

One drawback: Like an inflatable life jacket, the Throw Raft must be dried, repacked and rearmed with a CO-2 cartridge after it's used.

The Throw Raft Type 4 inflatable sells for \$129 or \$199 with a protective mounting case. For details, go to www.throwraft.com.

Shark fishing regulations on hold in Palm Beach

The Palm Beach Town Council postponed action in November on proposed shark-fishing regulations for town beaches.

Approved on first reading Oct. 10, the ordinance would prohibit shark fishing and chumming within 300 feet north and south of town beaches and beach-access points.

The council was scheduled to take a final vote on the shark fishing ordinance Nov. 8 but instead sent it back to the ordinances, rules and standards committee for review.

Coming events

Dec. 3: Basic boating safety

class offered by Coast Guard Auxiliary, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the headquarters building at Spanish River Park, 3939 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Fee \$35. Register at the door. Bring lunch. Call 391-3600 or email fso-pe@cgauxboca.org.

Dec. 9-10: Operation Sailfish, a sailfish release tournament, based at Sailfish Marina in Palm Beach Shores. This is the first leg of the Quest for the Crest sailfish tournament series organized by Bluewater Movements. Entry fee \$4,770 per team. Call 954-725-4010 or visit www.operationsailfish.com.

Dec. 9: The Boynton Beach/Delray Beach Holiday Boat Parade kicks off at 6 p.m. with music at Boynton Harbor Marina. Decorated boats will line up at the Ocean Avenue Bridge in Lantana and begin moving south through the Intracoastal Waterway at 7

p.m. Boats will continue south through Delray Beach this year to the C-15 Canal. It's free. Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be collected along the parade route. For details, call 600-9097.

Tip of the month

Want to stop your boat near shallow snorkeling spots along the beaches of Palm Beach County?

Consider using a mooring buoy instead of dropping anchor and risking damage to corals and hard bottom.

Ten mooring buoys can be found at the Boca Raton patch reefs — about 2 miles north of Boca Raton Inlet in about 25 feet of water. (Look for the floating balls that hold the pickup lines.)

Farther north, mooring buoys can be found off Mar-a-Lago, off The Breakers hotel, off Singer Island and at the Diamondhead

Radnor Reef north of the Juno Beach Pier.

To use a mooring buoy, have a boat hook or gaff available to reach out for the loop on the end of the floating pickup line.

Pass your boat's bow line through the loop on the pickup line, then secure it to a cleat.

Mooring buoys are designed for boats up to 40 feet and for use in seas of 2 feet or less. Using them with larger boats or in bigger seas could rip them out of the bottom.

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Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

DECEMBER 3

Saturday - 12/3 - Sand Sifters Beach Clean Up at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Meet at pavilion in lower parking lot. 8-10:15 am. Free. jefflev02@gmail.com

12/3 - Guided Canoe Trip meets at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Boat Ramp, 10216 Lee Rd, Boynton Beach. Guided tour through a portion of the Refuge interior. Every Sat

9-11:15 am. Canoe rental from Loxahatchee Canoeing \$33 or bring your own. Fees: \$5/automobile; \$1/pedestrian. Reservations: 733-0192; loxahatcheefriends.com/events/events.shtml

12/3 - Tram Tours of the Marsh at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, 10216 Lee Rd, Boynton Beach. M/W/Th 1-2:30 pm; M/W/Th/Sat 10-11:30 am. Fees: \$5/automobile; \$1/pedestrian. Reservations: 733-0192; loxahatcheefriends.com/events/events.shtml

12/3 - 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 & nearshore reef aquariums daily M-Sat 10:30 am; tropical coral reef & shipwreck aquariums 12:30 pm. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

12/3 - 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. Sat/T/W 11 am-12:30 am. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

12/3 - Boardwalk Tours at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Docent-guided tour of wetlands. All ages. Times vary, call for details. Free. 966-7000; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

DECEMBER 4-10

Monday - 12/5 Swamp Strolls at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, 10216 Lee Rd, Boynton Beach. M/Th. 1-3 pm. Fees: \$5/automobile; \$1/pedestrian. Reservations: 733-0192; loxahatcheefriends.com/events/events.shtml

Tuesday - 12/6 - Annual Holiday Pot Luck Dinner & Lecture: Working Birds of Florida by Susan Faulkner Davis at Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 6301 W Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 5:30 pm. Free. auduboneverglades.org

Wednesday - 12/7 - Early Morning Bird Walks on the Marsh Trail at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, 10216 Lee Rd, Boynton Beach. 7:30-10:30 am. Fees: \$5/automobile; \$1/pedestrian. Reservations: 733-0192; loxahatcheefriends.com/events/events.shtml

Friday - 12/9 - Guided Bird, Butterfly and Wildflower Walks at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, 10216 Lee Rd, Boynton Beach. 8:30-10:30 am. Fees: \$5/automobile; \$1/pedestrian. Reservations: 733-0192; loxahatcheefriends.com/events/events.shtml

Saturday - 12/10 - Birds & Breakfast at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Coffee, refreshments, 1-hour walking tour with a naturalist. Ages 9+. 9 am. \$3. Reservations required: 966-7000; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

12/10 - 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. 12:30-2 pm. \$7/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations & pre-payment required: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

12/10 - Full Moon Guided Canoe Trip meets at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Boat Ramp, 10216 Lee Rd, Boynton Beach. Guided tour through a portion of the Refuge interior. Wear a long-sleeved shirt/long pants, bring a flashlight /bug spray. Canoe rental from Loxahatchee Canoeing: \$33; you may Not bring your own. 7-9 pm. Fees: \$5/automobile; \$1/pedestrian. Reservations: 733-0192; loxahatcheefriends.com/events/events.shtml

DECEMBER 11-17

Wednesday - 12/14 - Sierra Club Group Meeting: Gopher Tortoise at Palm Beach County Library, 3650 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7 pm. Free. 968-4166; sierraclub.org/florida/loxahatchee

DECEMBER 18-24

Friday - 12/23 - Wetlands & Wildlife at Wakodahatchee Wetlands, 13026 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. 3/4 mile guided boardwalk tour. Bring camera, binoculars. Ages 7 to adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 3-5 pm. Free. Reservations required: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

DECEMBER 25-31

Tuesday - 12/27 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N Federal Hwy. Join other fishermen to discuss hot topics, learn new tricks of the trade. 4th T 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5638; boynton-beach.org

Wednesday - 12/28 - 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. 3-4:30 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations & pre-payment required: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

Thursday - 12/29 - The Night Stalkers at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Join a naturalist on a boardwalk tour looking at nature from the point of view of its nocturnal residents. Age 9+. 6 pm. \$5/person. RSVP required: 966-7000; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

Saturday - 12/31 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-10:30 am. 369-5501; seaangels.org

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The Grand Salon has a contemporary vibe with 14-foot coffered ceilings and elaborate moldings along with two six-light chandeliers.

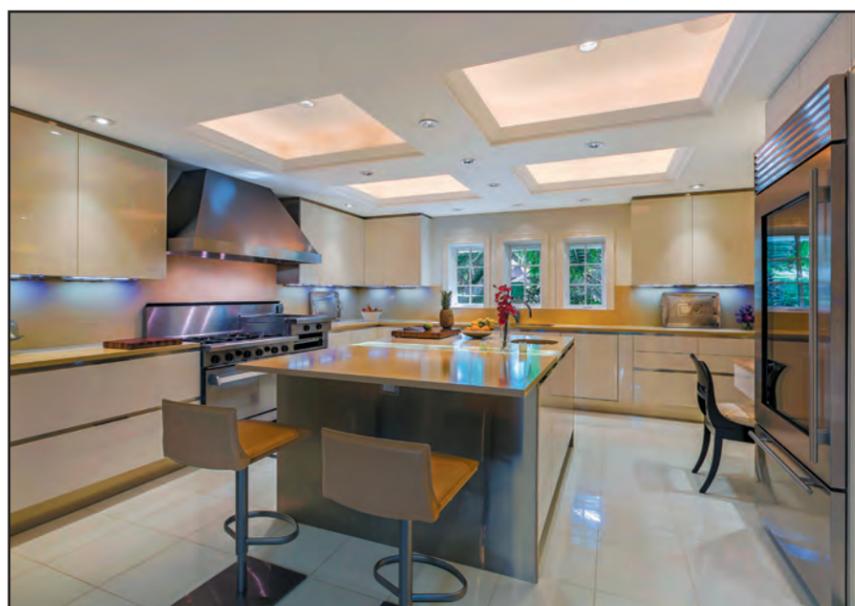
Classic style in Point Manalapan

This beach area estate is a Bermuda-style, one-story residence with a fabulous floor plan of more than 7,800 total square feet. It's designer-decorated and finished, with details that include custom built-ins, finishes and millwork, automated shades and a whole-house generator.

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ABOVE: Modern and sleek, the kitchen comes equipped with professional-grade appliances, a butler's pantry and 100-bottle wine cooler. **LEFT:** The master wing boasts soothing lighting from the recessed ceiling and a wall of French doors to bring the outdoors inside.

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