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Will our next beach renourishment use Bahamian sand?

By Cheryl Blackerby

Beach sand is constantly on the move, generally north to south, and is as fluid as the ocean that pounds it. Most Floridians had never really considered this geological phenomenon, but they have learned the hard way that barrier islands are constantly reshaped by winds, water currents and development.

In recent decades, coastal residents noticed that sand was leaving the shore and not coming back. Waves, particularly those powered by tropical storms and hurricanes, carved out cliffs in formerly flat shores and washed sand out from underneath high-rise condos and beachside houses. When faced with thinning beaches and encroaching ocean water, resourceful beach towns simply dug up offshore sand and pumped it onto the beaches, grumbling about costs as the big dredges did their work, but doing whatever it took to keep the beaches nice and wide for tourists.

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Manalapan vows to fight South Palm Beach sand retention plan

By Dan Moffett

Manalapan is stepping up efforts to block a proposed beach stabilization project that would install concrete groins to capture sand in South Palm Beach.

On July 18, Manalapan Mayor Keith Waters and Town Manager Linda Stumpf met with Palm Beach County Commissioner Steven Abrams to outline the town's opposition to the project.

Waters told Abrams what he's been telling his residents: 'The town is prepared to do "whatever it takes" to prevent the installation of groins that will "steal" sand from Manalapan.'

The project, which county environmental managers hope to begin in November 2018, is going through a complicated permitting phase now that requires approvals from federal and state agencies. Waters said the town intends to intervene in that process and argue against granting the permits.

After the meeting, Abrams sent an email to Rob Robbins, director of the county's Environmental Resources Management department, which oversees the project. Abrams' remarks reflect the conflicted positions officials find themselves in as neighbors turn against neighbors in disputes over sand.

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Delray Beach

Midtown project faces critical juncture with commission

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Editor's Note

Arts journalism fills important niche

Recent estimates suggest that as many as 50% of local arts journalism jobs in America have disappeared over the past decade. In South Florida, I’d suggest that proportion is even higher.

Yes, there are a few local blogs and Facebook pages — and I’ll tell you about the movies they liked (or hated), but how often do you find informed discussion on local art exhibits, dance performance or even a theater review? Not often.

I hadn’t thought much about this recently until the unexpected death of local arts writer Skip Sheffield. You may not recognize his name, but if you’ve read a theater, music or film review in a local publication these past 20 years, I suspect at least some of them were written by Skip.

He believed so firmly in the importance of local arts criticism that he often worked for free — something I believe he worked for free. How lucky I am to be like him.

There is a spirit here,” she said. “Every year as a family we would go to Europe and we would go to Europe and Blume has done everything, even as a child.

When it comes to backing projects, philanthropist Margaret Blume subscribes to marine conservationist Jacques Cousteau’s theory: “People protect what they love.”

Like Cousteau, Blume loves the ocean and marine life. She spent $500,000 in 2015 to finance the Rapa Nui Reef, an underwater garden east of the Deerfield Beach pier.

Another passion for Blume is education and reading. Her $2 million donation made it possible for the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County to move into a new 12,000-square-foot training and outreach center in Boynton Beach in 2013.

Earlier this year, Blume was the major donor for the “Windows on the Floating World. Tropical Wetland Garden” at Montsotai Palm Garden in West Palm Beach. “Windows” showcases a series of see-through walkways and permanent and changing aquatic plant displays.

Blume’s current project reflects her love of art and culture. She is donating almost $1 million for an interior renovation of the Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square. The remodeling will better showcase the innovative, contemporary art that defines exhibits and honors the historic character of the 1913 building.

“When I want to enhance the use of this historic schoolhouse for the display and enjoyment of art,” Blume said. “With the Cornell Museum, less is more. It’s a very special place that is perfect for a short, but lovely cultural experience in the heart of Delray Beach.”

Blume learned of the need for a renovation through her neighbor, artist and friend Brenda Zappitell, who is on the board of directors for Old School Square. While she doesn’t consider herself an artist, Blume admits she “dabbles” in abstract painting and has taken classes with Zappitell.

The renovation will modify front and rear entrances to create a more welcoming appearance and more space for exhibit load-in and load-out; maximize exhibit space with movable walls to allow for exhibit changes and more flexibility within each gallery; upgrade gallery lighting; add sleek, new window coverings; and redesign the museum store with new cabinets and fixtures.

At the Cornell Museum, which exhibits nationally and internationally recognized contemporary artists who create innovative and provocative works of art, Blume said she likes what she found, and not just the artwork.

“There is a spirit here,” she said. “Everyone is excited and full of hopes and dreams. That makes all the difference. It’s edgy and new here at this lovely gateway to Delray.”

When considering projects, Blume said, “I want something local I can watch. You need to be involved, not give money and walk away.”

What’s in it for her?

“It’s really fun for me,” she said. “How lucky I am to be like a fairy godmother and then to see the gift and how it helps people. This gift will benefit in a quieter way than some of my others.”

Blume, 60, grew up in Los Angeles. She has a degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley, and worked for a decade for her father, a real estate entrepreneur. She became a general contractor.

Blume has lived in South Florida since 1991, when her husband’s job brought them here. “I came kicking and screaming,” she admits, but she has since fallen in love with the area and is especially taken with the clouds and the sky view.

“The sky was never as crystal clear in California.”

Recently, Blume said she has become enchanted by moonrises, as well.

She and her husband, Robert, a retired physician, live in Boynton Beach. They have two grown children and the family enjoys traveling, something Blume has done extensively, even as a child.

“When every year as a family we would go to Europe and my sister and I would share a suitcase,” she said. “We would get a VW bug and drive all over. I felt like I was in a fairy tale with all the castles and museums.”

Blume believes in living in the moment, and, despite all her philanthropic endeavors, she wants to be remembered by her children for having lived a full and happy life.

“Remember me on a snowmobile in the Grand Tetons going thrillingly fast and being as happy as anyone,” she said. A

The Cornell Art Museum, 51 N Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, is closed until October for the renovation. The museum’s summer events continue and are relocated to the Crest Theatre galleries.

Next up: Art Walks, from 6-9 p.m. on Aug. 4 and Sept. 1. Admission is free. Phone 243-7922 or visit www.OldSchoolSquare.org.
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Commission picks tax rate 1 cent under rollback

By Steve Plunkett

Burbed by its recent settlement of all public records litigation by resident Chris O’Hare, the town plans to cut its legal budget for the coming fiscal year by 30 percent.

Gulf Stream will set aside $480,000 for outside legal expenses, down from an expected $771,000, Town Manager Greg Dunham said.

Cash reserves will top $2.6 million on Oct. 1, he said, continuing a recovery after the battle over public records requests drained the fund four years ago to $752,000. That led Dunham to recommend a property tax rate of $4.56 per $1,000, more than a penny under the rollback rate (the number that would generate the same revenue as in the current year). Town commissioners unanimously agreed. Dunham’s budget “looks reasoned and appropriate,” Mayor Scott Morgan said.

A week later, commissioners awarded a $224,900 contract to build the 696-square-foot west addition to Town Hall. Republic Construction Corp. of Delray Beach submitted the winning bid and said the work would be finished in six months.

Highlights of Dunham’s budget included $20,000 for a proposed second phase of a barrier island fire study, $235,000 for paving and striping roads, another $235,000 to upgrade storm drains and $213,000 for smart water meters.

Town employees will receive 3 percent raises. Dunham also wants $30,000 for a long-range capital improvements plan.

Commissioners will discuss the budget again Aug. 11.

O’Boyle, town hit dead end on settlement talks

By Steve Plunkett

The legal battle between Gulf Stream and town resident Martin O’Boyle dragged on in July as O’Boyle conducted a 90-minute deposition in Gulf Stream so he would not have his home and his son filed a motion objecting to the deposition be conducted in Gulf Stream as O’Boyle conducted a 90-minute deposition in Gulf Stream so he would not have to travel to O’Boyle’s office in Longport’s municipal attorney.

Meanwhile, Martin O’Boyle personally deposed former Vice Mayor Robert Ganger in connection with his slander complaint against Sweetapple and Mayor Scott Morgan.

Ganger said he asked that the deposition be conducted in Gulf Stream so he would not have to travel to O’Boyle’s office in DuPont Beach.

“I went over to his house thinking I’d be out in 15 minutes,” Ganger said.

Instead, the session lasted 1½ hours, with O’Boyle shooting questions rapid-fire, said Ganger, adding that he really knows nothing about the case.

The burst of legal activity comes after O’Boyle urged town commissioners in April to settle all litigation. He took out a full-page ad in The Coastal Star in March saying the same thing.

O’Boyle and Sufrin have tangled before. In 2008 and 2009 in Longport, N.J., where O’Boyle also has a home, he sued a former planning and zoning board member and two other residents.

Sufrin, who represented all three defendants, suggested to Longport’s municipal attorney that they cooperate in the defense. Sufrin prepared a joint strategy memorandum and a collection of documents on CDs and sent them to the municipal attorney.

O’Boyle filed a public records request; Sufrin argued that the documents were attorney work product and not subject to public records law.

The New Jersey State Bar Association and the New Jersey Supreme Court agreed. “Here, the plaintiff-petitioner has requested access to items that, on their face and in the most obvious, explicit fashion, fit squarely within the applicable case law and court rules that bar release,” the bar association said.

In Gulf Stream, O’Boyle and O’Hare filed more than 2,000 requests for public records and dozens of lawsuits starting in late 2013. The town said they filed wide-ranging requests in hopes that Gulf Stream could not respond in a timely way and thus generate litigation and demands for attorney’s fees.
Promenade progress shows in beach walkway

By Jane Smith

The beach promenade work is progressing, evidenced in the tricolor “waves” in the sidewalk on the southern half of the municipal beach. The street-side wave is tan concrete; the middle wave sports a chocolate brown color. The wave near the beach and under the shower fixtures has shells embedded in the tan concrete to prevent slipping. The contractor is about halfway finished with the $3.1 million promenade project in Delray Beach, aiming for a late summer opening.

New smart parking meters are installed at the south end of the beach, from Casuarina Road north to Boston’s on the Beach. After a few weeks of free parking, beachgoers will have to pay the $1.50 hourly rate.

The work zone has shifted north between the Marriott hotel to Thomas Street with underground piping for utility cables and backfilling underground piping for fountains in this area. The city added a third Downtown Trolley route for those choosing to park in the city.

For questions about parking during the construction, call Jorge Alarcon at 243-7000, ext. 4112.

Benches, plaques won’t return

In early July, the City Commission decided that the existing beach benches with their plaques would not return. They all have been removed and stored. The 68 benches and plaques, the city uses in other city parks. The old plaques have six or seven different designs and the new promenade has space for only 50 benches. The old plaques could be attached to the new benches for a few years, but they would leave a darkened patch when removed. Suiter told commissioners. How dark, he did not know. Interim City Manager Neal de Jesus pressed for a decision that evening.

“We need to come up with a solution tonight. We are dealing with people on a daily basis,” he said. “We need to take emotions out of the decision while giving respect for those who have passed. We need to do what’s best for the city.”

The vote was 3-2 with Vice Mayor Jim Chard and Commissioner Mitch Katz voting to keep the benches. Chard requested the vote. At a prior meeting, commissioners had reached a consensus that the plaques could be reused on the new benches, as suggested by Katz.

New trash containers, bike racks and benches will be installed the second week of August.

“There is not a fair way to do this for the people who come next,” Mayor Cary Glickstein said. “The beneficial way to offer a free brick at the flagpole.”

For questions about the benches and plaques, the city urges people to call Isaac Kovner at 243-7000, ext. 4119.

City starts budget season with lower tax rate

By Jane Smith

Without seeing a budget, city commissioners agreed to lower the property tax rate slightly for the financial year that begins Oct. 1 while still expecting to take in an estimated $4.6 million more in tax revenues.

Delray Beach finance staff recommended in early July to drop the tax rate from the current $7.23 per $1,000 of property value to $7.09 per $1,000 of value, or 7.4 percent more than the rolled-back rate of $6.60 that would have generated the same amount of tax revenues as this year. It would be the fifth consecutive year that Delray Beach has reduced its property tax rate.

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“We are in decent shape to give [something] back to the taxpayers.”

Most Delray Beach property owners won’t see a reduction in their property taxes because property values increased by an average of 9.5 percent, the county property appraiser determined. Homesteaded properties will see their property values increase by 2.1 percent.

Mayor Cary Glickstein agreed that the city is financially healthy. He added that the city’s Community Redevelopment Agency will pay for all public projects in its district, which covers about 20 percent of the city. The agency receives a percentage of the city property tax dollars over a base rate set in 1995. Commissioner Mitch Katz and Vice Mayor Jim Chard said it was hard to cap the city’s property tax rate without knowing what the expenses would be.

“We don’t need the whole book, just the basic department budgets,” Katz said.

In the end, the four agreed to reduce the tax rate.

Deputy Vice Mayor Shirley Johnson, who voted against the rate decrease, said the city had too many public works needs.

She cited a recent water main break under the Intracoastal Waterway.

“Costs for everything are rising,” said Neal de Jesus, interim city manager. “We will get there by doing absolutely whatever we have to do.”

That focus will be on public safety, parks and recreation and public works projects.

He proposes using the city’s reserves this budget year for one-time expenses, such as the estimated $1.2 million needed to repair the eight lifeguard stands and the estimated $100,000 needed for the new 100-foot Christmas tree.

The city’s proposed tax rate has two components. The operating tax rate is $6.86 per $1,000 value and the debt service rate is 23 cents per $1,000 value.

The tax rates had to be by the end of July in order for the county property appraiser to mail notices in mid-August to every property owner. The notices cover assessed values and proposed tax rates.

The rates can be lowered but not raised during the city’s budget hearings in September.
Residents, town suffer setback in mediation talks with developer

By Dan Moffett

Two recent mediation sessions have done little to resolve lawsuits filed by developer William Swaim against the town of Ocean Ridge and Wellington Arms condominium owners.

For the last three years, Swaim has been trying to persuade the town to grant him an easement behind Town Hall so he can develop property in the Ocean Ridge lagoon.

Wellington Arms residents have vigorously fought the idea, asserting that the mangrove-rich lagoon is environmentally protected and should never be filled in for development.

Attorneys for Swaim’s Waterfront ICW Properties have countered that the lagoon deserves no protection because it is not a natural body of water but rather a man-made ditch carved out decades ago to control mosquitoes.

Representatives of the town and condominium association have participated in court-ordered mediation during the last two months.

“It was an eight-hour grueling thing,” said Pat Ganley, a Wellington Arms representative of the June session. “We got nowhere with this. We were not successful.”

Ganley said his group suffered a setback when the mediation judge issued a preliminary draft judgment that sided with Swaim and allowed that the Spanish Creek property was not state-owned sovereign submerged land but rather a result of human activity.

“We lost and it’s devastating to the town,” Ganley told the Town Commission during its July 10 meeting. “We need you to help. So fight it.”

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William Swaim wants access behind Ocean Ridge Town Hall (dotted line) to property he owns (shown in red). Coastal Star file map public comment.

“There are certain things you cannot say while there is an active case,” Pugh said, “otherwise it could completely [undermine] the whole Town Commission and then we’d be nowhere.”

Town Attorney Brian Shutt said even if the court grants Swaim an easement, he will have many obstacles to clear before getting the permits necessary from state agencies, such as the South Florida Water Management District, to develop the property. Swaim has had no success getting permit approval so far.

“That the way I’m looking at it, we’re still quite a way from looking at anything actually occurring,” Shutt said.

Ocean Ridge

Commissioners want contract change for town manager

By Dan Moffett

Recruiting accounting problems in Ocean Ridge’s budgets have strained relations between Town Manager Jamie Titcomb and the Town Commission.

So much so that the commission approved a proposal from Commissioner Steve Coz to change Titcomb’s annual contract to a month-to-month agreement when it comes up for renewal in October.

“I’ve had various problems getting direction or getting results from Jamie,” Coz said.

“I think he’s a true city manager. He’s incredibly process-oriented, but not results-oriented. We have a very tiny town here. And we need people who are much more results-oriented.”

Vice Mayor James Bonfiglio has complained that Titcomb didn’t inform the commission for months after a computer software glitch damaged the town’s monthly financial statements.

Bonfiglio said even after the glitch was disclosed, Titcomb wasn’t accountable and blamed staff for not catching the problem sooner.

“I really wasn’t staff’s fault because the one that should be looking at this was ultimately the town manager,” Bonfiglio said.

Mayor Geoff Pugh says the main reason the commission hired Titcomb in 2015 was that he professed extensive experience with financial records and could take over the work of Karen Hancsak, the former town clerk who retired after handling the town’s books for three decades.

“I think Jamie is an excellent town manager but has a lack of experience in budgeting,” said Pugh, who complained that Titcomb’s budgets were “convoluted” and difficult to understand. “I don’t want to go through the budget process every time and ask, ‘What are you talking about?’

Overall, commissioners agreed with Pugh that Titcomb has done a commendable job — except for budgeting, the assignment they consider most important. They said the town wasn’t missing any money but was losing a lot of time trying to make sense of the manager’s numbers.

Titcomb told commissioners he inherited an accounting system that was outdated and prone to error. He said he made improvements in procedures and upgraded software. Titcomb said turnover of critical personnel positions at Town Hall complicated his efforts to bring the administration up to speed.

“I work every day to try to make Ocean Ridge the best little town it can be,” Titcomb said during the July 10 town meeting. “I have extensive experience in finance and budgeting. I’ve been doing this for over 40 years.”

Pugh instructed Town Attorney Brian Shutt to negotiate a month-to-month agreement with Titcomb that will take effect when his current contract expires on Oct. 1.

Commissioners said they want to get through this budget season, then reassess Titcomb’s performance.

Titcomb said that if no agreement is reached by Sept. 30, “I become a free agent again.”

In other business, on a 3-1 vote with Gail Aasok absent, commissioners gave tentative approval to keeping the tax rate at $5.35 per $1,000 of taxable value, roughly 5 percent above the rollback rate.

They scheduled public budget hearings beginning at 6 p.m. on both Sept. 11 and Sept. 21.

Commissioner Don MaGruder said he voted against the rate because he thought the town should have gone a bit higher with the preliminary maximum to cover a growing list of possible expenditures.

“I’m very much in favor of lowering the millage rate. However, the law is very clear that once the millage rate is set it cannot be increased, only lowered,” MaGruder said. “To my mind, lowering or keeping the millage rate the same (at $5.35) before a full town budget is developed and agreed upon makes no sense.”

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Depositions in Lucibella felony case set for late August

By Steve Plunkett

The lawyer in the felony case against former Ocean Ridge Vice Mayor Richard Lucibella has rescheduled depositions of town officials and the police for late August.

Defense attorney Marc Shiner will depose arresting officers Nubia Plesnik and Richard Ermeri and since-retired Sgt. William Hallahan on Aug. 21, along with Police Chief Hal Hutchins, dispatcher Courtney Hammond, Lt. Richard Jones and Town Manager Jamie Titcomb.

On Aug. 28, Shiner plans to depose current Vice Mayor James Bonfiglio, Mayor Geoff Pugh, Town Commissioner Steve Coz, former police Lt. Steven Wohlfiel and Kim Hutchins, the chief’s wife.

Lucibella is facing a felony charge of resisting arrest with violence; after reviewing the case the State Attorney’s Office added a felony charge of battery on a law enforcement officer. The battery charge covers Ermeri “and/or N. Plesnik,” the charging document says.

Lucibella also is charged with misdemeanor use of a firearm while under the influence of alcohol. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Plesnik, Ermeri and some who asks to be served,” Lucibella said. In her lawsuit, Plesnik says Lucibella intentionally pushed and injured her, causing pain and disability, among other things.

Her lawyer, Richard Slinkman, said Plesnik can perform the functions and duties of a police officer but continues to feel pain in her shoulder, even at work.

West Palm Beach lawyer David Drabos is defending Lucibella in the civil lawsuit. Lucibella has a $10 million insurance policy against personal liability.

Lucibella did not sound concerned about the legal action. “I find it rather comical—that’s my comment,” he said.

During the arrest, Lucibella was pinned to his back by patrol officer Shiner and suffered injuries to his face and ribs. Shiner has said the officers overreacted.

His trial, originally set for April, is now scheduled for October. Judge Charles Burton anticipates it will take four weeks.

Lucibella resigned as vice mayor and town commissioner in December.

Town fights ex-lieutenant’s request for hearing

By Steve Plunkett

Ocean Ridge is fighting a request by Wohlfiel that a judge order the town manager to hold an evidentiary hearing before Wohlfiel can be fired.

“Wohlfiel has failed to demonstrate that there was a ministerial duty to provide a quasijudicial hearing before the town manager after receipt of a notice of termination letter,” attorney Lyman Reynolds said in a filing on behalf of Ocean Ridge in Palm Beach County Circuit Court.

Reynolds, who is paid by the town’s insurance company, said Wohlfiel’s request is improper because he was not “peremptorily” suspended.

At the time, the chief of police to Wohlfiel states, he was placed on administrative leave with pay until further notice. “It was determined that this order was not a disciplinary action,” Reynolds argues.

Chief Hutchins opened an internal investigation of Wohlfiel’s role in the incident the day after Lucibella’s arrest.

Titscomb fired Wohlfiel on Jan. 4, after receiving Hutchins’ recommendation. In the termination letter, Titscomb told Wohlfiel that Ocean Ridge police officers “need to exhibit conduct above reproach.”

“I don’t feel the standard we expect for our police officers has been met by you in this case,” Titscomb wrote.

Wohlfiel’s attorney, Ralph Kim of the Palm Beach County Benevolent Association, asked the Town Commission to review the firing in February, they say in a memo.

“Wohlfiel has not requested the appeal hearing before the Town Commission be rescheduled, which the town is ready and willing to do,” Reynolds said in the filing.

Prosecutors decide jogger did not resist arrest with violence

By Steve Plunkett

One of the Ocean Ridge police officers who charged then-Vice Mayor Richard Lucibella with resisting arrest with violence last October did not press the charge, which is a misdemeanor.

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Manalapan

Town plans to add marine police unit to monitor sandbar partying

By Dan Moffett

Complaints from residents along the Intracoastal Waterway in south Manalapan have increased in recent months as growing numbers of weekend boaters congregate on the sandbars around Bird Island.

Town police have a hard time reining in the loud music, underage drinking and rambunctious behavior the offshore partying too often brings.

That could change soon. At the town’s July 27 budget workshop, commissioners approved adding a marine unit to the Police Department that will patrol the sandbars on weekends and holidays.

Town Manager Linda Stumpf said the town intends to hire two part-time officers certified for marine duties and equip them with a 21-foot flat boat.

“They will only patrol the Intracoastal and won’t go into the ocean,” Stumpf said. “It should cost about $60,000 for the two part-time officers and another $20,000 for maintenance and operating costs for the boat.”

That boat is the best part of the plan for taxpayers. A resident with an interest in noise and quiet has offered to cover the $20,000 to $30,000 cost of purchasing one for the town.

Stumpf said the marine unit will follow a model successful in controlling the highly publicized partying at Peanut Island in northern Palm Beach County.

“Officers don’t have the authority to disperse the gatherings but can check IDs, watch for safety violations and keep the noise down. They will have sound meters and will be monitoring the decibel levels to enforce our noise ordinance,” she said.

“Having a police presence out there should make a difference.”

Stumpf said the town is negotiating with county officials to dock the boat at Ocean Inlet. In other business:
• Commissioners are waiting on a consultant’s report to begin working on a water contract buyout agreement with the town of Hypoluxo.

In June, Hypoluxo decided to end a decades-old relationship with Manalapan and begin buying water from Boynton Beach. The roughly 550 customers affected still have three years remaining on a 10-year contract with Manalapan, however. A consultant is working to put a price tag on that obligation.

Stumpf said Manalapan wants to treat its neighbor fairly but has to make a deal that protects its water plant’s bottom line.

“I don’t know what that cost will be,” she said. “I’ve told [Hypoluxo officials] that this is a business issue and it’s not the town’s intent to lose any money in business.”

Boynton Beach officials have told Hypoluxo they will cover at least some of the buyout expenses to help make the transition as painless as possible.

Manalapan Mayor Keith Waters thinks Hypoluxo will regret leaving. “I think they will find over time that this was not the decision they meant it to be,” he said.

• The commission approved maintaining the current tax rate of $2.79 per $1,000 of taxable property value for the 2017-18 fiscal year, roughly 5 percent above the projected rollback rate that would keep total tax revenues flat. Commissioners scheduled public budget hearings beginning at 5:01 p.m. for both Sept. 13 and Sept. 26.

Boynton Beach

City cuts ribbon on upgraded water treatment plant

By Dave Brousseau

A July 27 ribbon-cutting event showcased Boynton Beach’s $30 million utilities project — complete with LED lights for the adjacent water tower — under budget and on time.

Boynton Beach Mayor Steven Grant was pleased with the upgraded facility at the East Water Treatment Plant, at 124 E. Woolbright Road.

“Meeting budget is always what you want to hear in government and [saving] money,” Grant said.

The project includes the largest and most modern magnetic ion exchange plant in the world for pretreatment of raw water, according to the city.

The MIEX pretreatment allows Boynton residents as far west as Military Trail to taste clean, fresh water.

Boynton Beach also provides water to the coastal towns of Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes, residents in the County Pocket and St. Andrew’s Club.

The water is pumped from the city’s western well field via a new pipeline. Pumping raw water from the west protects the eastern well field from saltwater intrusion. A resin plant that pretreats the 16 million gallons of raw water was built with an improved design, minimal footprint and reduced costs.

The improvements will meet Boynton Beach’s water requirements for the next 20 years and for larger population levels east of Interstate 95.

A new 3 million-gallon potable water storage tank was also constructed. The completed project increased the east plant’s capacity from 19.2 million gallons to 24 million gallons per day.

“We’ve been working on the project six to seven years, trying to work out the best way to do this and at the same time save our water resources,” said Michael Low, manager of technical services at Boynton Beach Utilities.

The project also will include public art in Edward F. Harcuming Arbor Memorial Park at Woolbright Road and Seacrest Boulevard, titled Water; You and I. Once it’s completed, a grand opening event will be held for the public.

Newly installed LED lights bathe the Boynton Beach water tower (seen here from Briny Breezes) in a variety of colors. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

Dogs on the beach in Oceanfront Park?

By Jane Smith

Commissioner Joe Casello thinks the time has come for Boynton Beach to allow dogs on its beach.

“We’ve taken our dog up to the Jupiter beach and he really loves it,” Casello said. “There’s nothing close by.” His family has a Cairn terrier, Charlie.

The closest dog beach is about 13 miles away in Boca Raton’s Spanish River Park. There, at Bark Beach, dogs are limited to Friday through Sunday on early mornings and late afternoons. A permit is required for each dog, and Boca Raton residents receive a reduced rate.

At Jupiter Beach, about 30 miles north of Boynton Beach, no permits are required for the 2.5-mile length of the beach. Friends of Jupiter Beach runs the dog beach and its website reads, “Well-behaved dogs and their conscientious owners are welcome.”

Boynton Beach city commissioners agreed Aug. 1 to have the city manager talk to Ocean Ridge staff.

“To be a good neighbor,” Casello said.

Ocean Ridge police patrol Oceanfront Park, so their input is needed, he said.

Mayor Steven Grant said he supported the idea, suggesting something similar to what Jacksonville Beach has: limited hours outside of the beach’s most popular time of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Casello said many details have to be worked out, including hours, which section of the beach, whether passes will be sold to raise money for dog waste containers, whether dogs can be off-leash and other such issues.
The great majority of Palm Beach County’s 45 miles of beachfront is considered critically eroded (red). 2015 map by Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Eyes across the sea for sand
Sea oats and dunes placed to keep the ocean at bay are no longer up to the job. Seaside towns are looking at options and they aren’t good. Inland sand is expensive to mine and transport. Man-made remedies for capturing sand, such as groins, cause myriad problems.

The last resort is buying foreign sand, and South Florida is looking 60 miles east to the glorious white-sand banks of the Bahamas. The latest idea from elected officials and perhaps the only option left is buying sand from the Bahamas and transporting it by barge across the Gulf Stream to South Florida. But buying foreign sand is illegal. Two bills in the U.S. Congress hope to change that. The Sand Acquisition, Nourishment and Development Act, introduced by Rep. Lois Frankel, D-West Palm Beach with fellow members of the Florida congressional delegation, and a companion bill in the Senate introduced by Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio would repeal a law that does not allow communities to buy sand from the Bahamas and other foreign countries to replenish shorelines.

Bahamian sand could alleviate the high price of trucking in sand for towns like Miami-Dade and Broward that have depleted their usable sand offshore. Frankel said, and would mitigate potential legal battles over domestic sand sources between northern counties, which have relatively more offshore sand, and southern Florida counties.

Most South Florida coastal towns have endorsed the bills. The stakes are high. "Replenishing our shorelines protects our jobs, our environment and our property," said Frankel.


Options are waning
Coastal towns also are looking at ways to hold on to the sand that’s left. Of the few possibilities, groins are getting the most attention. Sandy islands are needed to trap sand closer to shore, but they also can starve towns to the south of sand that would have filled in their direction. Hillsboro Beach in Broward County has sued seeking damages and legal fees from Deerfield Beach over Deerfield’s groins. Hillsboro claims the groins have caused millions of dollars’ worth of erosion of Hillsboro’s beaches. Malanapan Mayor Keith Waters says his town is ready to do "whatever it takes" to stop South Palm Beach from installing groins.

And even with the installation of groins, towns will still have to pay for more sand as it puts in the groins. It will take roughly 40,000 cubic yards of sand to cover the seven groins once the South Palm Beach shoreline stabilization plan is completed, according to project engineers. That is enough to fill more than 5,000 standard commercial dump trucks. Engineers say the project has a life span of 50 years and the town will have to shell out $200,000 a year to cover the cost of replenishing sand that washes away. That price is sure to go up as sand becomes scarcer.

Where South Palm Beach will find the sand it will need for the next half-century and how much it will cost decades from now are questions no one can answer.

"There is going to be a sand shortage, that’s for sure," said South Palm Beach Mayor Bonnie Fischer. "It’s good to look to the future and look for other sand sources."

Fischer supports the efforts in Congress to allow the importation of foreign sand but worries about cost.

"Sand from the Bahamas is expensive, basically because of the expense of transporting it here," she said.

Sand mined from Central Florida, called "upland sand," is also expensive, although it is generally superior in quality to offshore sand, she said.

The granules of upland sand are a better match for turtles and more like what’s there. Dredged sand is often has too much clay in it," Fischer said.

Jennifer Bistyga, coastal program manager for the city of Boca Raton, says the city has depleted the offshore "borrow area" that has been dredged in the past.

"We are now doing a geotechnical search looking for more offshore sand, and we have identified new sources," Bistyga said. "We hope to have sand for 20 years."

The lack of offshore sand in the future, she said, is a "definite concern."

Competition for sand
Meanwhile, sand worldwide is becoming scarce. Used in everything from glass, concrete, and microchips and roads, sand is our most essential natural resource after air and water, and we’re running out, mostly because of exploding development. We’re using sand faster than it is produced — the erosion that makes sand takes thousands of years.

Desert sand is not conducive to making building materials, such as concrete and glass and blows away on beaches, so the world relies on sand from offshore sand, called aggregates, from seashores and river beds.

A case in point is the city of Dubai in the desert country of United Arab Emirates, which runs out of marine sand and has to import sand from Australia for its mammoth developments, according to the United Nations Environment Programme.

"A conservative estimate for the world consumption of aggregates exceeds 40 billion tons a year. This is twice the yearly amount of sediment carried by all the rivers of the world," according to United Nations research.

Buying sand may be only buying time, some city officials say. Bahamian sand is a stopgap measure. But it’s the only game in town at present.

"There’s a diminishing return when it comes to bringing in sand — there’s only so much of it out there. Who knows what it’s going to cost 10 or 20 years from now?" asked Fischer, the South Palm Beach mayor.

But since the dawn of tourism in the Sunshine State, South Florida has been known for its golden sand beaches, enriched with its beautiful Atlantic Ocean wave that tumbling on to bring sand from somewhere else. And towns will hang onto it as long as they can.© Dan Moffett contributed to this story.
for their beaches. "I am in the middle of this as the district commissioner for both them and South Palm Beach, as well as my responsibility to protect county interests," Abrams wrote. "It would certainly be in everyone’s interest to resolve this matter without resort(ing) to any adversarial proceedings."

Robbins responded to Abrams with a call for patience: "Our applications are not yet complete and we have at least many months to go before they will be complete," Robbins wrote in an email. "What I’m trying to convey is that the town should not feel rushed to intervene."

Robbins said, "We hate to see the town spend money defending themselves from the county."

Manalapan’s opposition is based largely on what the county and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers don’t know about what the groins’ impact would be on the beaches south of South Palm Beach.

The fear is the concrete devices would greatly disrupt the natural north-to-south flow of sand, capturing so much that there’s not enough left to replenish the beaches in Manalapan and its southern neighbors. Waters points to Broward County, where Hillsboro Beach is dealing with severe erosion and is suing northern neighbor Deerfield for using groins to trap sand. Stumpf says South Palm Beach has concern about the sand transfer station at the Boynton Beach Inlet, technically known as the Lake Worth Inlet. The man-made entry to the Intracoastal Waterway interrupts the natural flow of sand south. The purpose of the transfer station is to mechanically pick up sand from the north side of the inlet and pump it to Ocean Ridge on the south side. "If we don’t get sand in Manalapan," Stumpf says, "then we don’t have anything to transfer to Ocean Ridge."

Manalapan officials warn of a cascading effect in which sand flow dies at the inlet, starving beaches not only in Ocean Ridge, but in Briny Breezes, Gulf Stream and Delray Beach.

Army engineers have offered little to allay this concern. In June 2016, the Corps released a 481-page Environmental Impact Study, detailing the plan and examining its potential effects. Manalapan was mentioned only 27 times, with nearly all of the references historical or perfunctory.

"We’re willing to pay for our own study to show the damage this project could do," Stumpf said. 

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ABOVE LEFT: Beach sand naturally follows the predominant tidal action ‘littoral drift’ south along our coast. Physical barriers like groins and inlet jetties slow that drift, depriving the neighbors to the south. Manalapan is required by a judge’s ruling to allow the county to pump sand across the Boynton Beach Inlet to prevent sand starvation in Ocean Ridge. Ocean Ridge also benefited from a 2015 renourishment project to widen the beach on the south side of the inlet. 

ABOVE RIGHT: The town of Hillsboro Beach is suing the city of Deerfield Beach over the installation of groins along the Deerfield coast that are slowing the littoral drift and holding the sand captive. Google Earth photos

LEFT: Plans call for installation of nine groins along the coast of South Palm Beach and Palm Beach as part of a renourishment project between the Lake Worth Pier and the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa in Manalapan. The groins are proposed to help protect the nearshore hardbottom (shown in purple), a form of reef important to marine life. Manalapan fears the groins would prevent sand from drifting south. SOURCE: Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Four years after the Federal Emergency Management Agency announced it was making the first changes to Palm Beach County flood maps in a kind of audit that has released maps that are slated to go into effect on Oct. 5, Property owners can now see if their flood zone designations have changed. All flood zone designations that touch a property are indicated. If owners are in doubt about whether individual properties are in high-risk flood zones, homeowners in unincorporated areas also can call the county at 561-233-5306, while those in cities and towns can call their local governments.

FEMA provides flood zone information on its Flood Map Service Center at http://msc.fema.gov/portal.

The new maps are important because they show whether property owners must have flood insurance. Homeowners with federally backed mortgages, and some with private lenders, are required to buy flood insurance if they live in high-risk zones that are labeled with letters starting with A or V. But even if a homeowner has paid off the mortgage, or lives outside the high-risk zones, flood insurance is often advisable because homeowner policies typically do not cover damage caused by flooding. The cost of flood policies varies according to the level of flood risk.

The county’s flood insurance rate maps were last revised in the early 1980s. When FEMA issued new maps in 2013, protest quickly followed.

County and city officials said the maps were based on outdated and faulty information, resulting in possibly tens of thousands of properties erroneously being included in high-risk flood zones.

The problems were greatest in the central and western communities, including Wellington, Royal Palm Beach, Loxahatchee and The Acreage. But most, if not all, cities and towns found errors.

The county and many cities appealed, and FEMA agreed to allow local officials to submit data so corrections could be made.

FEMA returned with revised maps in 2014 that dropped about a third of the parcels that had been added to high-risk flood zones in the 2013 maps. More revisions followed.

Meanwhile, the county and cities joined forces to make the maps more accurate. The county used LiDAR, or light detection and ranging, which uses laser pulses to get accurate ground elevation data, and shared it with the cities. Some cities hired consultants to help them improve the maps.

“Kudos to the county for doing that,” said South Palm Beach Town Manager Bob Vitas. “I was able to go to the cities to amend the maps that were presented to us.”

The latest FEMA maps, issued on April 5, incorporate the data the county and cities have submitted since 2013. This time around, local officials are generally satisfied with what they see.

“The work was a lot of improvement,” said Doug Wise, the county’s floodplain administrator, who concentrated his efforts on the unincorporated areas in the central part of the county. “The new flood zones in the central area are very good, he said.

“The risks are much more accurate,” Wise said. Before the map revisions, “there were thousands of property owners paying for flood insurance when they should not be.”

But Wise said the county and cities did not seek flood map changes to save people from paying for flood insurance. The goal, he said, was to accurately reflect risk. He encourages property owners to assess if their flood insurance even if their properties are removed from a high-risk flood zone, since flooding can occur anywhere for a host of reasons, including unusually heavy rainfall. Those remaining flood insurance rates, he said, “Our job was to make sure … the new maps were accurate.”

For Manalapan, the status quo prevailed. The entire town was and remains in a high-risk flood zone.

The new maps “haven’t changed anything,” said Mayor Keith Waters. “We have always been in a floodplain.”

Rates rise an issue

The map approval process is taking place as Congress is struggling to meet a Sept. 30 deadline to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program. Allowing it to lapse could jeopardize home sales in flood-prone areas across the country.

Congress wants to overhaul the program, but is divided on how to do so.

Many contend that the program has the unintended effect of encouraging people to repair or rebuild damaged homes in areas that repeatedly flood, rather than move to higher ground.

A series of storms since Hurricane Katrina in 2005 has left the program $25 billion in debt. Rising rates to reflect a higher risk of flooding are projected to cost policyholders, including nearly 15,000 in Boca Raton, more than 9,000 in Boynton Beach and 8,000 in Delray Beach.

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Delray Beach

City leaders going off drug crisis

By Jane Smith

Beleaguered by increasing overdoses in the city and receiving little help from state and federal agencies, Delray Beach leaders plan to sue big drug makers. They want to offset the financial drain on their public safety budget of responding to overdoses.

In the first six months of 2017, drug overdoses rose 36.4 percent to 412 when compared with the same period in 2016, according to the Delray Beach Police Department.

Fatal overdoses rose by 27.6 percent to 37 in the same period, the data showed.

“Some residents, and indeed our state and country, are living with an unprecedented crisis of people addicted to heroin and synthetic opioids,” Mayor David Hodge said at the mid-July commission meeting.

“Our pathogen, virus or war on this country’s soil has caused the death and destruction as the scourge of opioid addiction.”

Commissioners unanimously voted to work with the Boca Raton office of the Robbins Geller Rudman & Heller law firm. The agreement, which calls for no upfront tax dollars from Delray Beach and the law firm to share a portion of the proceeds if the city wins, was to be reviewed Aug. 2, a day after press time. The law firm’s proposed contingency agreement calls for a 23 percent share of the recovery, plus costs and expenses, for filing a lawsuit through a motion for summary judgment. Anything after that filing, the firm wants a 26.5 percent share.

Robbins Geller will represent the city against leading drug makers, distributors and possibly insurance companies. Delray Beach may be the first city in Florida to take such action. Palm Beach County is considering whether to file such a lawsuit.

At least four states and 12 cities have sued the pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors of narcotic pain relievers with claims similar to the tobacco litigation. Even Mike Moore, former Mississippi attorney general, has become involved in the opioid lawsuits, representing the state of Ohio.

As Mississippi attorney general in 1994, Moore filed the first state lawsuit against tobacco companies, claiming they harmed the public health by promoting the dangers of smoking. He spearheaded national efforts that led to a $206 billion settlement.

Many public health officials think heroin users started when they were prescribed prescription pain relievers for injuries. When people become addicted to the prescription pain killer, they sometimes get them legitimately, they often turn to street drugs such as heroin. The street drugs are often much cheaper.

Pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma was said to have made billions of dollars in profits from selling OxyContin, a highly addictive and dangerous painkiller originally designed only for end-stage cancer pain where addiction didn’t matter, but marketed as nonaddictive,” Glickstein said.

In Florida, prescription pain killers in 2015 were written at the rate of 72 to 82 per 100 people, meaning that number of people were taking them at a given time, said Mark Dearman, a Boca Raton partner in the Robbins Geller law firm.

Dearman touted the firm’s big wins: $17 billion against Volkswagen, a $72 billion settlement against Enron Corp. and a $1.57 billion settlement against HSBC, a banking and finanacial “lender to the city.”

Glickstein also railed against insurance companies for “$1 billion in insurance claims” for counseling and urine tests “as if these were established medical procedures, which they are not,” and said he had, in fact, provided little in the way of sustained recovery for suffering addicts and desperate families.

Nearby Boynton Beach has seen a more shocking rise in the numbers of overdoses and fatalities. For the first six months of 2017, overdoses more than doubled to 331 from the same period the year before, according to the Boynton Beach Police Department.

Fatalities increased about 2.5 times, with 32 deaths, the data showed.

Mayor Steven Grant plans to talk to the city attorney so Boynton Beach doesn’t miss an opportunity to offset its costs of dealing with the opioid crisis.

“I want to talk with the city attorney and my commission colleagues about whether it makes more sense to pursue a case on our own or go through outside counsel on a contingency basis,” he said.

The claims of negligence and deceptive marketing seem “like milquetoast when people are dying,” Delray Beach Vice Mayor Jim Chard said.

“Tobacco companies, claiming they were not in the business of selling cigarettes to children, have settled and paid to the government from Delray Beach and the rest of Florida,” he said.

“We don’t have the ability to go after them criminally; we have the ability to go after them civilly.”

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Lantana

Despite mayor’s objection, property taxes set to go up

By Mary Thwarter

The tide is turning in Lantana, where the tax rate has remained at $3.24 per $1,000 of taxable value for 10 years. At its July 10 meeting, the Town Council set the proposed rate for 2017-2018 at $3.50.

The lone dissent in a 4-1 vote to raise the rate was Mayor Dave Stewart, a staunch defender of keeping the rate the same.

Stewart said Lantana would be the only one of 39 municipalities in Palm Beach County to raise its tax rate and he didn’t want to be any part of it. He said raising the rate wouldn’t bring in that much more money.

“By leaving the tax rate flat we’re bringing in more police officers and code enforcement,” Stewart said of priorities for the money collected by the tax increase up to 5 percent. “We’ve increased about a half million dollars, but also we’ve increased insurance costs, general liability, property and casualty, so we’re not getting any extra revenue from the town’s insurance fund.

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“Because Pasaros closed in 2016 and the property has been vacant for a year, the town zoning rules required a review and approval of a new special exception for the property to be used as a restaurant.

That approval was granted after Morris Costigan, a Lantana resident and restaurant owner, made his pitch for leasing the property from its owner, the Small Corporation of Palm Beach.

“The been in the restaurant business for 24 years,” said Costigan, who with his wife, Rachel, owns O’Shea’s Irish Pub on Clematis Street in West Palm Beach. He said he stumbled upon the property on Super Bowl Sunday when

New bistro destined for Ocean Avenue

By Mary Thwarter

There’s a new restaurant on the horizon for Ocean Avenue. While all the details haven’t been revealed, Lantana Town Council members learned that their July 24 meeting that the eatery will fill the space previously occupied by Pasaros Ristorante at 210 E. Ocean Ave.

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While he did not reveal the restaurant’s name, Costigan said it would be a European-American bistro, “not a bar, not beverage focused. Our price structure would be medium to low.”

Costigan said he is a representative of the Small Corporation, said the property, on the cottage/condo complex at 203 E.

Ocean Avenue, had housed restaurants since 1981 and has 43 parking spaces. Valet parking will be provided for the new restaurant.

Carlson said he knew the area was plagued with parking problems, but added that “whether the restaurant was open or closed, you’re going to have outsiders on counsel on a contingency basis.”

In other news, the town approved an increased assessment for solid waste and recyclables collection.

For single-family homes, the increase will amount to 40 cents a month. The charge for condo units would go up 18 cents a month.

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Preservation Board backs plan of part

The city’s Historic Preservation Board reviewed the Midtown plans in late June because the project forms the southern part of the Old School Square Historic Arts District.

The board denied three major portions of the plans, including the entire project.

Its members approved moving three historic buildings and the demolition of six historic buildings. They also agreed to demolish two buildings on the south side of Atlantic Avenue, also agreed to give the owner a share of the taxpayer dollars when the office tower is converted into 154-unit apartment building. The Continental. Status: Seeking construction financing.

Midtown ensnared in sober home action

Last fall, Midtown became entangled with the Palm Beach County State Attorney’s Office’s Sober Homes Task Force. Two brothers, Bryan and Patrick Norquist, were arrested on patient-brockering charges. The arresting document listed two addresses in the project: 20 S. Swinton Ave., the headquarters for Hudson Holdings, and 48 SE First Ave., former home of the Mariposa assisted living facility.

The city does not have a reasonable accommodation filed for either property or to anyone named Norquist, according to its planning director. Soon after the arrests, the Swinton Avenue sober home filed a change of address to Boynton Beach.

Michael said he knew about the sober home on Southeast First Avenue, but denied that any recovery operation was run out of the company's offices. He also said he’s losing rental income since the sober home on Southeast First Avenue was forced to close.

Meanwhile, another of Michael’s projects is on the back burner. In May 2014, Hudson Holdings bought the historic Gulfstream Hotel in Lake Worth with real estate investor Carl DeSantis. The most recent activity happened this past spring, when Lake Worth’s Community Redevelopment Agency used grant money to demolish two aging structures on the site. The renovation approvals expired in April.

Michael said he is concentrating on Midtown Delray. “It’s a legacy project for me,” he said. “I live in this town.”

Hudson Holdings

The Delray Beach developer specializes in “bringing history back to life,” according to its website. Here’s a look at its properties outside Florida.

Louisville, Kentucky: Republic Building (built in 1912) — Hudson paid slightly more than $3 million for it in summer of 2015; it has 11 stories and 62,370 square feet. Plans call for a boutique hotel with 110 rooms. JBA Architects filed a $143,470 lien in February. Status: Seeking construction financing that also will be paid off the lien.

Starks Building (built in 1902) — Hudson paid $14.25 million for it in spring of 2015; it has 14 stories and 350,000 square feet. Plans call for a luxury hotel with 260 rooms, 200 apartments, a ballroom and conference facilities, a coffee shop and at least one ground-floor restaurant. Wehr Constructors Inc. sued in August 2016 to collect $458,000 owed. Five liens filed for more than $851,500 owed. Status: Seeking construction financing that also will be paid to the money owed.

Kansas City, Missouri: Mark Twain Tower (built in 1923) — Hudson paid $6.25 million for it in March 2016; it has 22 stories and 204,000 square feet. Hudson plans to preserve fifth-floorballroom and swimming pool on seventh floor when the office tower is converted into 154-unit apartment building. The Continental. Status: Seeking construction financing.

St. Louis: Railway Exchange Building (built in 1912) — Hudson paid $20.4 million for it in January after nine amended purchase agreements; it has 21 stories with 1.2 million square feet. Plans call for apartments, stores and a hotel. In June, two Boca Raton mortgage brokers sued, claiming they were not paid as promised for arranging a $10 million loan from a Hungarian company. Their lawsuit alleges that the money did not go to help the developers buy the Railway Exchange, that instead the money was misused. The brokers claimed that the Midtown Delray Beach partners of George Marshall and Steven Michael and other business partners knew. Marshall could not be reached for comment and Michael declined to comment on the open lawsuit. Status: Setting an insurance claim for a water main break.

Cincinnati, Ohio: Textile Building (built in 1906) — Hudson paid $12 million in March 2016 for the 12-story, Renaissance Revival style building with 215,000 square feet. Hudson plans to turn it into a mix of uses and pursue Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credits. Status: Seeking construction financing.

Cleveland: 925 Building (built in 1924)—Hudson paid $22 million in June 2015 for the 22-story building with 1.4 million square feet of space. It was mostly vacant. In February, Hudson secured a $34 million bridge loan from a New York lender. That loan is due next year. Plans call for a complex with 673 apartments, 279 high-end hotel rooms, office and business incubator space, and retail and event space. Hudson received $25 million in Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credits in December 2015. In January, the Cleveland City Council agreed to give the owner a share of the taxpayer dollars when the estimated $300 million development is finished. Status: Seeking construction financing.

Sources: County court records in Kentucky, Missouri and Ohio; newspaper and business publications in those states and Florida.

By Jane Smith

Hudson Holdings had its attorney write a warning letter to a state board, threatening to file an injunction unless it delayed the National Register review of the Old School Square Historic Arts District, said a principal of the Delray Beach developer.

The Aug. 10 hearing will now be held Nov. 8, after the letter reached the Florida Historic Preservation Office in late July. The application was flawed, said Steven Michael, the Hudson Holdings principal. “It was not brought through the city process… The property owners were not notified. … The City Commission did not sign off on it.”

Michael is referring to the city’s rules for properties to be designated locally historic, said JoAnn Peart, president of the Delray Beach Preservation Trust. The nonprofit group sponsored the application of the Old School Square district.

To be placed on the National Register of Historic Places, properties must first be considered for a different process. The nomination goes to the city’s Historic Preservation Board, then on to the state for recommendation to be placed on the National Register, Peart said. In 2014, she said, the trust used the same process to get the Marina Historic District on the National Register.

Historic homes should not be lost to developers, Michael said. “It would be nice to have abandoned in districts that want to be listed on the National Register,” Peart said.

The developer’s Midtown Delray Beach project sits in the southern half of the Old School Square district that is locally historic. The developers want to move some historic homes and demolish others to build the underground garage. Then the homes, on better foundations, would be moved a second time. They also want to add an abandoned alley to create a wide pedestrian plaza.

“We are bringing back the historic character of the old state,” Michael said. “The new buildings will be compatible.”

The application writer, a historic planner for the city of Miami, and the preservation architect for Hudson Holdings sat on the five-member state review board. They cannot vote on the Old School Square district because they received a financial gain for their work.

For more than a year, only four members attended the meetings. While the city was allowing members in charge of voting to vote on the Old School Square application, it was not reviewed. ☞
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New group home regulations passed

By Jane Smith

Two large coastal cities in southern Palm Beach County passed group homes regulations in mid-July.

The new rules, designed to rein in rogue operators of sober homes while preserving the single-family character of neighborhoods, are based on concerns raised by community members for years.

Beach planning and zoning department staffers worked with community groups, city officials and residents to craft the rules, which were approved unanimously on July 18.

“We need to make sure the regulations are based on facts but on sensitive to actions taken by the court,” said Mike Rampf, Boynton Beach city manager and zoning director. “The courts are sensitive to actions taken not based on facts but on community concerns.”

As a result, Boynton Beach no longer has a distance requirement between new group homes. In June, Commissioner Joe Casello asked for a greater distance than the 300 feet Rampf had proposed.

“There is no justification to enforce the distance between the homes,” said Jay Cherof, Boynton Beach city attorney. Boynton Beach used a planning consultant from the Chicago area to help craft its group homes ordinance. With information supplied by city staff, Daniel Lauber said the city has at least 183 sober homes, far too many for a city of its size.

Lauber, who wrote the group homes ordinance for Prescott, Ariz., recommended a 660-foot radius between new group homes. That distance requirement is part of the new group homes ordinance in Delray Beach.

In both cities, new group homes must be certified or licensed.

In Delray Beach, existing group homes have until April 1 to become certified or licensed. Boynton Beach will require its existing group homes to become certified by Oct. 1, 2018.

For sober homes, that means certification by the Florida Association of Recovery Residences, a regulatory body based in Boca Raton.

The association’s president, John Lehman, spoke at the Boynton Beach City Commission meeting. Lehman said 14 recovery residences were certified in Boynton Beach, but city officials estimate they have at least 50.

We have a grievance form on our website where you can report a problem with a FARR-certified home or one without certification,” Lehman said. The certification is required by the state for recovery residences that receive clients from state-licensed treatment centers.

Neil Timmons, who runs two FARR-certified residences in Boynton Beach, said, “If the places are run well and staff supervises the clients, you should not have any problems.”

Both cities also have parking requirements that mirror ones for single-family and multifamily neighborhoods.

Boynton Beach recently upgraded its nuisance ordinance to include a 24/7 hotline for residents to call and complain about noise, parking problems, etc. City staff will investigate and, if warranted, the property owner would be contacted. The number is 732-8116.

“If nothing is done, then it would go to the magistrate for review,” Boynton Beach Mayor Steven Grant said. “Measureables are calls to the non-emergency number.”

Residents will play a significant role in telling the city what is happening in the neighborhoods, Cherof said.

“It doesn’t happen overnight,” he said. “But over time, it should work.”

Briny Breezes

Briny weighs description for town manager’s job

By Dan Moffett

Briny Breezes Town Council members have a reasonably good idea of what they’re looking for in a town manager.

But salary and benefits limitations may make hiring the right person difficult.

A volunteer committee made its report to the council on July 20, recommending the duties and qualifications for the new town manager position. Town Attorney John Skrandel told council members to consider that their requirements for candidates have to fall in line with what the town is able to offer in compensation.

“You can create the position however you want to create it,” Skrandel said. “But in reality, anyone who’s willing to take this job and has the experience and education, they’re going to want a contract that essentially provides them with a specific amount of pay, a specific amount of work over a specific period of time.”

Skrandel said most of the qualified and experienced candidates are also likely to want some protection against unreasonable termination.

“That’s going to be another thing the town is going to have to look at — what it’s willing to offer, not just salary but other benefits,” said Skrandel. “Keep that in mind.”

The council hopes to hire a part-time manager, the first in the town’s history, for $50,000 a year.

Nearly all full-time managers in small towns along the Palm Beach County coast are paid at least $100,000 a year, with full retirement and health benefits, paid vacations and often car allowances.

Council President Sue Thaler has been doing the administrative work of a manager on a volunteer basis for the last several years but says she can’t continue putting in roughly 20 hours a week to keep the town running.

“Every other municipality in the county has a manager,” said Alderman Bobby Juravsky. “The world is changing. We need this.”

The council voted to accept the committee’s report and do more research on how best to create the new position.

Council members said they plan to continue the discussion at their Aug. 24 meeting.

In other business:

• The council unanimously approved setting the tax rate for the 2017-18 fiscal year at $30 per $1,000 of taxable value, the statutory maximum and the same since 2009.

According to the Palmer Beach County Property Appraiser’s Office, Briny has recovered its valuation from the South Florida real estate crash 10 years ago, with $45 million in total taxable property values up 8.6 percent over last year.

Public hearings on the budget are scheduled beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 24 and Sept. 28.

• Boynton Beach Police Lt. Chris Yannuzzi says state Department of Transportation officials have set tentative dates for closing the Ocean Avenue bridge 24 hours because of construction work. The round-the-clock closures are slated for Aug. 13-15 and Aug. 20-22.

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Libraries and books have always been a part of Dorothy Kellington’s life. So it’s not surprising that soon after she and her husband, Doug, arrived in Highland Beach in 1998 from Long Island, she began searching out the town’s library.

“The first question I asked after we got here was, ’Where’s the library?’” she said. The answer to that question led Kellington to what was then a small make-shift library in Town Hall. It also led her to a two-decades-long commitment to the library as a weekly volunteer. And for the past six years she has served as co-president of the Friends of the Highland Beach Town Library, a nonprofit organization that helps fund cultural programming and items not requested in the town budget.

Over the years, she has watched the library blossom into a stand-alone 11,000-square-foot building, which today is a community focal point offering a variety of programs, classes and other learning opportunities.

Growing up in New York, Kellington spent a lot of time at the public library and developed a deep appreciation of books. “People of our generation grew up with a library,” she said. “The library was very important to me.”

Kellington, 68, says she would frequently walk to the library in Queens, about a mile from her home. “I love books,” she says. “There’s always books around. If I’m without a book, I’m in trouble.”

That love of reading played an important role in her decision to become an educator. Prior to coming to South Florida, Kellington spent 29 years working in the New York City school district. She spent 14 years in the classroom teaching elementary-school children in Queens before running a gifted program. She later became a trainer working with new or struggling educators, to help them improve their teaching skills.

While she was working in the school system, she met her husband, who was a facilities manager within the district. The two enjoyed a love of horse racing, frequently visiting tracks, and eventually they joined a group that owned thoroughbred race horses. One of their most successful Florida horses, King Cogat, ran in the Breeders’ Cup Mile. He started out as the favorite in that race, but was kicked and finished out of the money. He had previously won several races, including his first races as a 2-year-old in Saratoga.

Although they’re still horse racing fans, the Kellingtons no longer own horses.

Dorothy spends much of her time helping out at the library, which is in walking distance from their home in the Highland Beach Club, and volunteering for the Palm Beach County chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. She began volunteering in that organization’s office and helping with fundraising efforts in 2002 after learning that one of her grandchilden was diagnosed with the disease. About the same time, she was asked to join the board of the Friends of the Highland Beach Town Library.

Then six years ago, she was asked to serve as co-president of the organization, a job she now shares with another longtime Friends member, Karen Brown.

The group underwrites the cost of one monthly cultural program — a concert or a presentation — during the season. The group, which has about 300 members, also pays for receptions at art openings in town.

The Friends also hope to launch a monthly health and wellness seminar at the library this season, Kellington said. For Kellington, who can still be seen checking in books or returning them to the shelves on her volunteer days, the library has become almost like a second home where she can interact with people and get to know them. It also provides an opportunity for her to share all the library has to offer with residents.

“Thsi library is the crown jewel of Highland Beach,” she said. — Rich Pollack

Q. Where did you grow up and go to school? How do you think that has influenced you?
A. Queens, N.Y. I went to New York City public schools, Queens College of the City University of New York. It made me appreciate the public school system.

Q. What professions have you worked in? What professional accomplishments are you most proud of?
A. Teaching, etc., while working for the New York City School Board. Hopefully, I made some beginner teachers better able to do a good job.

Q. What advice do you have for a young person selecting a career today?
A. Do something you love and believe in, not just to make a big salary.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Highland Beach?
A. We wanted to be near the water.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Highland Beach?
A. It’s coastal but quiet.

Q. What book are you reading now?
A. House of Spies, by Daniel Silva.

Q. What music do you listen to when you need inspiration? When you want to relax?
A. Broadway, show music, Chicago, The Beach Boys.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your decisions?
A. The Golden Rule, which can morph into “don’t get mad, get even” for me.

Q. Have you had mentors in your life? Individuals who have inspired your life decisions?
A. My third-grade teacher Mrs. La Marca, who gave me my love of reading and made me want to share it.

Q. If your life story were made into a movie, who would you want to play you?
A. Julia Louis-Dreyfus.
Boynton Beach

CRA works out subsidy, timeline with Ocean One

By Jane Smith

Boynton Beach commissioners, sitting as the city’s Community Redevelopment Agency board in early July, unanimously approved a subsidy worth about $4.1 million to the developer of Ocean One.

The first phase of the project will be an eight-story complex with 231 apartments on Federal Highway, just south of Boynton Beach Boulevard. The subsidy will spread over eight years.

As a part of the subsidy approval, the developer will build 8,765 square feet of retail space on the ground floor, create 50 public parking spaces, make a diligent effort to hire city residents and contractors, hold a job fair and use green-building standards.

It took nearly two years to get to this agreement.

“It’s a large development,” said Bonnie Miskel, the developer’s attorney. “It took us that amount of time to usher through the process.”

The second phase of the project, with at least 100 hotel rooms, will come back this month for its taxpayer dollar request of about $2.8 million.

The board members wanted the hotel to be built first, but the developer asked for this to be included in the second phase.

An additional 50 public parking spaces will be included.

For both phases, developer Davis Camalier is asking for additional money: 75 percent of the difference in the project’s assessed value in the first seven years after it is built and 50 percent in the last year. He paid $9 million for his 3-acre property in 2005.

The agency’s advisory board had recommended capping that taxpayer dollar amount in case the property values soars, but the cap was not part of the agreement. Instead, Mayor Steven Grant, who also is the agency chairman, asked that the agency hold back the entire taxpayer subsidy if the retail space is not filled in the first phase. He did not want to have another Casa Costa, with a mostly vacant ground-floor retail space fronting Federal Highway. Casa Costa is adjacent to the Ocean One property.

“That would be the tail wagging the dog,” Miskel said in July. “We don’t have control over the market. The developer is motivated to fill the space for the apartment tenants.”

Board member Christina Romelus said holding the developer to a performance standard is not unfair, “You are talking about taxpayer dollars.” Miskel and agency board members compromised: No requirements of filling the retail space in the first year, 25 percent in years two and three, and then 50 percent in years four, five and six after the complex is built. If the retail space is not filled according to this plan, the agency can withhold 10 percent of the taxpayer subsidy.

“But that’s only for the first [retail] tenants,” Miskel said.

The CRA also agreed to sell a half-acre parcel, appraised at $480,000 in December 2015, for $10. City commissioners must approve the sale because it is below market value.

As part of negotiations, the Ocean One developer agreed to turn the agency-owned land into a public plaza.
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South Palm Beach

Big numbers but big uncertainties for projects in town budget

By Dan Moffett

South Palm Beach taxpayers will see some eye-popping numbers when they look at their town’s proposed budget for 2017-18. But the large figures come with back-stories that help put them in perspective.

Yes, the town has listed $6 million on its budget for rebuilding the aging Town Hall. And there’s also $1.5 million for a beach stabilization project.

For a town that runs on a total budget of just under $10 million, these would be huge expenditures. But the price tags for both projects are deceiving.

The $6 million for a new Town Hall is a ballpark estimate on what it would take to reconstruct the building from the ground up. The Town Council is waiting on an architect’s final report to decide what to do. Council members could choose to replace the building, renovate some of it at a much lower cost or forget the whole idea and live with the existing structure.

“It may be that nothing happens at all,” says Vice Mayor Robert Gottlieb. If the council does choose replacement, the roughly $6 million would come from a bond referendum that voters would have to approve — a prospect that likely is many months away.

Then there’s the $1.5 million for beach stabilization. The town actually has been setting aside that money for years but now is moving it into a spending account for possible action. The hope is the project to install groins along the shoreline could begin in November 2018.

But that isn’t a certainty either. The plan still needs to obtain permits from a variety of overseeing federal and state agencies — and also faces possible legal challenges from neighboring communities, among them Manalapan.

The numbers that are solid and reliable in the proposed budget tell an encouraging story for the town.

South Palm Beach expects $9.8 million in revenues and $9.5 million in expenditures, creating a surplus of close to $300,000.

Property values have gone up again this year, rising about 6.5 percent and adding $20 million to the town’s taxable value.

South Palm Beach was one of the slowest communities in the county to recover property value from the recession but has finally caught up to where it was a decade ago with $305 million on the tax rolls.

The future looks bright, too, with construction beginning on the 3550 South Ocean project on the old Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn site. Once built and sold, probably two years from now, the 30 luxury condominiums there could raise the town’s taxable value by at least 25 percent.

More good news: Town Manager Bob Vitas says the penny sales tax increase that county voters approved in November “is tracking on target” and bringing a steady stream of revenue to the town for infrastructure improvements — about $83,500 a year.

During a budget workshop on July 11, council members gave preliminary approval to maintaining the town’s current tax rate of 4.13 per $1,000 of assessed value, or roughly 6 percent above the rollback rate of 3.87 that would keep tax revenues flat.

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South Palm Beach

Town manager, attorney plead for action on contracts

By Dan Moffett

The manager and attorney for South Palm Beach are pleading with the Town Council to renew their contracts and end months of delays, false starts and postponed negotiations.

Town Attorney Brad Biggs and the council started talking about working out a new arrangement in early 2016. Council members said they wanted to evaluate his performance and redefine his job description. But that hasn’t happened.

“Basically, I just have a letter with the town saying I’m willing to provide legal services,” Biggs said. “There isn’t really a contract.”

Town Council member Bob Vitas was supposed to have a review completed in October as required by the town charter. The review was postponed that and hasn’t revisited it.

“It’s put me in an awkward spot,” Vitas said. “I shouldn’t be treated that way.”

Both Biggs and Vitas allow that the last year has been about as challenging as any in the council’s history — with the deaths of two highly regarded councilmen, Woody Gorbach and Joe Flagello, illness and big projects such as beach stabilization and Town Hall renovation to consider.

Mayor Bonnie Fischer had to cancel the July town meeting for lack of a quorum because Vice Mayor Robert Gottlieb was out of state, Councilwomen Stella Jordon was ill, and the seat left open by Flagello’s death hasn’t been filled.

As if that hasn’t been turmoil enough, the town is still fighting its way through a ransomware attack in June that paralyzed the administration’s computer systems and crippled its website.

Vitas said the town’s technical support contractor has been able to undo much of the damage, and no ransom was paid. But still, some documents are lost probably forever, employees are frustrated and so are residents who try to go online to keep up with the town’s business.

“It’s been a very difficult year for the town,” Fischer has said more than once.

The mayor said some promising candidates have expressed interest in the empty council seat and she hopes to fill it soon. Fischer said the council also intends to resolve matters with Vitas and Biggs.

“I can’t believe we’ve waited since May of last year” to deal with the town’s attorney’s agreement, Vitas said. “But I realize a lot of things have been out of our control.”

Biggs, who has been South Palm Beach’s attorney for seven years, is charging the town $170 per hour, and $195 per hour for litigation services. He has offered to change to a retainer arrangement and work some days out of Town Hall to improve his accessibility to officials.

“I really would like some action,” Biggs said.

Vitas, who was hired in October 2015 and earns $103,000 a year, told the council he deserves a new contract that includes a merit raise, car allowance and benefit contributions — perks that his predecessors have received.

“I want to be treated equitably with past managers,” he told the council. “I’m not going to beg. … I gave you the results. I’ve shown you the proof is in the pudding.”

The council postponed that and completed in October as promised.

County Pocket

Oceanfront parcel again on market

By Jane Smith

The former Dog Beach property is on the market — again.

This time, it carries a $6.895 million price tag for one of the last remaining vacant parcels of oceanfront land in southern Palm Beach County.

Nearby property owners in Briny Breezes and the County Pocket likely saw the for-sale sign go up in mid-June. The nearly 2-acre site features 171 feet of oceanfront land. The property is zoned for eight units to the acre, but a postcard offering for the land said 36 units might be possible.

The owner received that information from the county, said broker Steven Presson of The Corcoran Group’s Palm Beach office.

“The broker got ahead of himself. That high figure is the ultimate the property would get with all of the variances,” said owner David Rinker. “The neighbors would never go for that.”

The property zoning allows eight units to the acre, but Rinker said 14 are more likely to fit.

“We have had the property for a number of years,” he said. “Rinker and partners bought the land for $3.2 million in 2006 and planned to develop it, then the recession hit.”

“I’m not crazy about it, but I knew the land would not sit empty forever,” said Mike Smollen, who lives in the pocket. “Oceanfront land is valuable.”

He said his area could see some improvements if that parcel were developed. “Maybe we would get sewers and paved roads,” he said.

James Arena, a Briny Breezes resident who has a real estate brokerage in Boynton Beach, predicted it would be a long approval process for the developer. That company may end up putting up “a big wall that is 8 feet tall around the project, which would affect the drainage in the area.”

He would like to see a park there “with space for golf-cart parking because so many residents have street-legal golf carts.” He suggests the county and Briny Breezes buy the 2 acres.

“It’s a big-time cash shoot for a developer to buy it before Briny sells,” Arena said.

Pocket resident Marie Chapman said, “Having it developed will help our area. But if it is not done properly, it would put us under water. We have lots of drainage problems.”

Homeowners on Winthrop Lane in the pocket see water reaching their doors after a heavy rain, said Don Brown, who lives on Streamaire Lane in the pocket.

The developer “will see a lot of resistance from neighbors if they try to put 5 pounds into a small bag,” said Brown, who also owns the Southdale Properties real estate firm in Lake Worth.

“The property serves as a retention pond for the County Pocket,” Brown said. “But a property owner should not have to do that [solve the area’s drainage problems].”

Real estate broker Presson said he was receiving three or four calls a day about the property.

“Activity is definitely there from builder-developers,” he said. “Where else in Palm Beach County can you find 2 acres on the ocean for sale?”

Along the Coast

Duane Owen’s lawyers attempt to get him off Death Row

By Rich Pollack

Attorneys for convicted double-murderer Duane Owen hope a Palm Beach County judge will grant their client a chance to get off Death Row.

They hope to persuade a new jury to reconsider two death sentences Owen received for the murder in 1992 of Delray Beach babysitter Karen Driscoll, 14, and a few months later, of beating Boca Raton single mother Georgianna Worden to death with a hammer while her children slept in another room.

In both cases, juries voted 10-2 in favor of the death penalty for Owen.

In January 2016, however, in Hurst v. Florida, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Florida’s death sentence process was unconstitutional because it allowed a judge to be the final finder of facts in determining the sentence, rather than a jury.

In a subsequent ruling, the Florida Supreme Court ruled that all death penalty jury recommendations must be unanimous.

The Florida Supreme Court later determined that some cases after June 24, 2002, in which a death penalty verdict was not unanimous might be eligible for relief. That was the day the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Arizona’s death penalty unconstitutional in Ring v. Arizona on grounds similar to those in the Hurst case.

Owen’s situation is complicated because, although his death sentence in the Worden case became final in 1992, it was not final in the Slattery case until December 2002 because he had been granted a retrial.

In making his case to Kelley, Driscoll argued the 2002 date is arbitrary. He contended that seeking a reversal of the death penalty should be open to all Death Row inmates who qualify regardless of when the punishment was handed down.

In response, attorneys representing Florida claimed the 2002 date should be binding because until that point there was no reason to believe the state’s death penalty was unconstitutional.

Attorneys have until Sept. 15 to submit additional information to Kelley before the judge makes a ruling.
Single-family home prices rise 7.9 percent

According to the real estate market reports for May, the 4.9 months’ supply of inventory for single-family homes in Palm Beach County is the same as last year. The median sales price has increased 7.9 percent to $383,000.

Year-over-year increases in home sales showed a 45.1 percent increase in the homes sold between $500,000 and $699,999, 19.8 percent increase in homes over $1 million and 18.6 percent increase in homes between $400,000 and $599,999.

Additionally, there was a 4.3 percent year-over-year increase in closed sales to 1,288 with a 14.3 percent increase in cash sales.

Statistics for May reflect double-digit increases in closed sales above $300,000, which contributed to the rise in our median sale price, said Jeffrey Levine, president-elect of the Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches.

Douglass Elliman released its second-quarter 2017 South Florida market reports in July, as written by consultant Jonathan Miller, president and CEO of Miller Samuel Inc.

Highlights that Miller noted in Boca Raton and Highland Beach: “Median sales prices for both property types moved higher; condo sales surged as inventory edged higher, while single-family sales declined and inventory fell sharply; the pace of the market moved a lot faster than the same period last year.”

Compared to the same period a year ago, for luxury condominiums (with an entry threshold that began at $1.175 million), median sales price declined 19.8 percent to $842,500. Days on the market were 112, up from 109 days.

Listing inventory increased 62.6 percent to 374. For luxury single-family homes (with an entry threshold that began at $1.075 million), median sales price declined 9.1 percent to $1,999,999. Days on the market were 165, down from 188. Listing inventory fell 15.6 percent from 435.

Highlights that Miller noted in Delray Beach: “Median price by property type moved higher as did the number of sales; east of Federal Highway, prices showed stability as the houses were smaller this year in square footage; the luxury condo market was up, showing more sales than last year.”

For luxury condominiums (with an entry threshold that began at $458,400), the median sales price slipped 1 percent to $640,000. Days on the market were 116, up from 73. For luxury single-family homes in Delray Beach (with an entry threshold that began at $1,070,000), median sales price declined 9.5 percent to $1,547,500. Days on the market were 118, up from 116.

Miller said it’s important to note that across the area, “the higher-end past couple of years, noticeably improved from where they were a few years back.”

In the Hypoluxo Island to Highland Beach barrier island area, sales were down significantly for condos, co-ops and single-family homes, marking the fifth consecutive quarter of declines, according to Corcoran’s quarterly report.

Also, “there were six fewer sales of single-family homes compared to last year, resulting in a decline in sales of 15 percent. Last year saw four sales over $1.5 million, including one sale for $40 million, while this year had zero sales over $15 million.”

The Boca Real Estate Investment Club’s “Back to School, Real Estate Investing 101” at 7 p.m. Aug. 10 will teach investing basics for new real estate investors. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at 2600 N. Military Trail, Suite 150, Boca Raton. The cost is $10 and free for attendees who present college ID. For information, call 391-7325 or visit www.bocarealestateclub.com.

The Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches’ Young Professionals Network hosts its fifth annual White Attire Fundraiser from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Aug. 11 at a multimillion-dollar estate listed for sale in Boca Raton’s Woodfield Country Club.

The event is open to agents and affiliate members of the Palm Beach association as well as the Greater Fort Lauderdale Realtors, Proceeds will benefit the Realtors Helping Realtors Pay It Forward Foundation, which provides financial assistance to agents and their families in times of need, and Rebuilding Together, a division of the Solid Waste Authority that rehabilitates the homes of low-income homeowners. All My Sons Moving & Storage and Cornerstone Home Lending are sponsors.

Ligouri Roberts

Despite the slowdown in Palm Beach County mansion sales in 2016, six county agents reported sales of $100 million or more, according to the annual RealTREND/Wall Street journal ranking.

Agents included Pascal Ligouri of Premier Estate Properties in Delray Beach, who ranked fifth nationally in sales volume with deals that totaled $224.8 million last year, up from his $82.1 million total in 2015. Ranked 30th on the list is David Roberts of Royal Palm Properties, Boca Raton, with a sales volume of $186.6 million.

Throughout June, the Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches’ Community Outreach Committee collected 1,000 jars of peanut butter and jelly, which it donated as part of the spread the Love campaign to benefit the Lake Park Food Pantry and Club 100 for local families and children in need of assistance this summer. Club 100 and its 30 pantry volunteers feed more than 400 families monthly and provide clothing and other essential household items.

The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce’s July 7 Ambassadors Social, hosted by Crane’s Beach House Boutique Hotel & Luxury Villas, was attended by Chamber ambassadors and their guests. The ambassadors, a group of 30 volunteers, welcome and mentor new members and
The Realtors Association’sSpread the Love food drive brought together (l-r) Harry Drier, Lake Park Food Pantry; Jana Torvia, the association’s Central/South Community Outreach chair; and Jack Poratita, vice chair. Photo provided

The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce’s Ambassadors Social was July 7 at Crane’s Beach House Boutique Hotel & Luxury Villas. BACK ROW: (l-r) Ed Boyd, Nancy Reagan, Bill Morse, Steve Shelby, Lynn Van Lenten, David Beale, Jeff Dash, Louise Petraitis and Larry Kristiansen. SECOND ROW: (l-r) Rich Pollack, Chris Therien, Sally Areson (seated), Carol Eaton, Monique Young and Jessica Rosato. KNEELING: Diane Jeffers and John Campanola. Photo provided by Debra Somerville

The Boca Chamber and JM Lexus present “Wine & All That Jazz,” the Boca Chamber Festival Days signature event, from 7 to 10 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. The event will offer more than 100 wines as well as food from some of Boca’s restaurants.

Boca Chamber Festival Days was designed to connect nonprofit members in Boca Raton with the for-profit community. It runs throughout August and features 22 total events.

A portion of the proceeds from “Wine & All That Jazz” will go to support the efforts of the Golden Bell Education Foundation. To register, visit the Chamber’s website: www.bocachamber.com/events.

The Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce hosts guest speaker Felicia Combs, meteorologist on WPTV, at its networking event starting at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 9. The price is $25 for admission purchased online in advance or, if available, $35 when purchased at the door. The event will be at Benvenuto, 1730 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. To RSVP, visit www.choynonbeach.org or call 732-9501.

After 23 years on South Federal Highway in Delray Beach, Bill Hood & Sons Art & Antique Auctions has moved to a bigger location at 2885 S. Congress Ave., units A and B, Delray Beach. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, the auction house is accepting consignments and holding its monthly auctions at its new facility.

Carolyn Hood, owner partner with her son, Christian Hood, and a third partner, Dan Perry, explains that after all those years, they had “totally outgrown” their location. Also, she said, “Our warehouse had been separate from our business location. It is a dream come true to now have the warehouse and our gallery under the same roof.”

An official grand opening, with a two-day auction, is scheduled for Aug. 15 and 16. A tag sale will also be held on a Saturday following the auction. To find out when, call 278-8986 or email info@hoodauction.com.

Dash Travel, an agency established in 1959, has moved to 280 NE Second Ave., Cottage 2, Delray Beach. Very Delray Beach vintage in feeling, Dash Travel is now headquartered in a renovated cottage with a wood interior, efficiency kitchen and designer bath. It is surrounded by tropical landscaping and has ample free parking.

“We are delighted to stay in downtown Delray, while upgrading our headquarters for the discerning traveler,” said owner Jeff Dash. “More than ever, with the internet overload of information, Dash Travel serves to streamline options and offers valued advice and resources so that travel need not be chaotic, messy or confusing.” For information, visit www.DashTravelandCruises.com or drop by its new location. The phone number remains the same: 498-8439.

Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa was included in July’s Travel + Leisure magazine’s annual “World’s Best” list as one of the 10 best resort hotels in Florida. Based on the magazine’s survey of readers, hotels were rated on their facilities, location, service, food and overall value.

Members of Liberty Property Trust’s South Florida office spent June 16 at the Palm Beach County Food Bank, organizing and packing food for families as part of the 14th annual Bill Rouse Day of Caring. The company’s offices in the United States and United Kingdom closed for a day of service in memory of founder Willard G. Rouse III.

For its fourth event this summer, the League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County hosts a free panel discussion on “Fake News (Alternative Facts or Just Not True)” from 9 to 11 a.m. Aug. 12 at the Palm Beach Post Auditorium, 2751 S. Dixie Highway in West Palm Beach. Speakers include Howard Goodman, editorial writer at The Palm Beach Post; panel moderator Joyce Reingold, former publisher of the Palm Beach Daily News; Britt Sandala, founder of Ocean Drive Social, a brand consulting firm specializing in social media marketing and online branding; and Brian Williams, former managing editor of the National Enquirer.

This presentation is underwritten by Lytal, Reiter, Smith, Ivey & Fremnth. People interested in attending are encouraged to register in advance at www.lwvpbc.org.

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Get ready for the show: We may see a good part of the first total solar eclipse visible in the lower 48 states since 1979.

Look up on Aug. 21, because one of the coolest celestial events will take place. It’s the next total solar eclipse, an event when the moon completely covers the sun.

This isn’t a rare phenomenon. As a matter of fact, according to www.space.com, approximately once every 18 months (on average) a total solar eclipse is visible from someplace on the Earth’s surface. What makes this one a big deal is that it’s the first one that is visible in the contiguous 48 United States since Feb. 26, 1979.

Here’s what will happen: The moon’s shadow will create a 70-mile-wide path diagonally across more than a dozen states, starting in Oregon and ending in South Carolina — otherwise known as the path of totality. The total eclipse will begin in Oregon at 9:05 a.m. Pacific time on Aug. 21 and then it will cross through Oregon and head into Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina. Then, it will start in its final destination, South Carolina, at 2:48 p.m. Eastern time.

Not everybody will be able to see the total eclipse though, which the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) says lasts only a few minutes. Unless you are directly on this path, you’re out of luck to see it, but don’t put your chairs away just yet. There is good news for those who aren’t residing or vacationing on this track. You will still be able to see a partial solar eclipse in any other area — this is when the moon covers only a part of the sun.

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part of the sun.
In Palm Beach County, we are hundreds of miles from the path of totality (the farther away from the path of totality, the less the moon will cover the sun), but we can still see 81 percent of the sun being obscured. The first glimpse will come at 1:25 p.m. The full 81 percent will be at 2:57 p.m. But be warned: Weather forecasters say there’s only a 50 percent chance of clear skies in this neck of the woods.

Eclipse road trip
If you want to travel to one of the cities on the trajectory to see the eclipse, you’ll have to act quickly, because hotel rooms are booking up fast. In Madras, Oregon, you can see the event from Round Butte Overlook Park. Or you can participate in one of the many eclipse festivals around the country in the cities on the pathway. These include the Wyoming Eclipse Festival in Casper; the Capital Eclipse Celebration in Jefferson City, Missouri; and the Music City Solar Eclipse in Nashville, Tennessee. There will be a countrywide celebration in Rabun County, Georgia. While Columbia, South Carolina, has an entire weekend celebration planned.

So bright, wear shades
If you are making plans to see the event, make sure you protect your eyes before the festivities begin, because looking directly at the sun can severely damage them. Special glasses for eclipse watchers are available free at some local libraries, many of which will have special eclipse programs as well. NASA explains that as the moon moves in front of the sun, several bright points of light shine around the moon’s edges that are called Bailey’s beads. These beads diminish over time until only one is left, but only when that spot completely disappears can you safely look at the sun with a naked eye. With a partial eclipse as in Palm Beach County, you need to cover your eyes in order to protect the entire time.

Watching the eclipse with regular sunglasses won’t cut it. Instead, you need to use special ISO 12312-2 compliant eclipse glasses to protect your eyes. You can find them sold at local museums, libraries or astronomy clubs.

You also can look through a special filter, such as a No. 14 welder’s glass, which has a thin layer of aluminum, chromium or silver on its surface that reduces ultraviolet, visible and infrared energy. It’s a big buildup to a short event, but it can be a once-in-a-lifetime experience to see a total solar eclipse. Have the children join you and make it a family event. It’s the perfect time to marvel at what the universe can do.


Palm Beach County has plenty of things going on, so be sure to have plenty of snacks and drinks on hand and a blanket to lie on. The eclipse takes place in the summer heat so be sure to use sunscreen.

To ensure your eyes survive the eclipse make sure to wear ISO 12312-2 compliant sunglasses. CTW Features photo

Eye protection during the eclipse
When you watch the eclipse it is important to wear solar filters as eye protection until the eclipse reaches totality. That won’t happen in Palm Beach County, so keep your protection on. During a total eclipse, viewers may remove filters. As the moon moves past the sun to a total eclipse, wear eye protection again.

According to NASA, four manufacturers have certified solar filters to meet international standards: Rainbow Symphony, American Paper Optics, Thousand Oaks Optical and TSE 17. An alternative to solar filters: NASA suggests using pinhole projection to safely view a partial eclipse without filters. To do this, “cross the outstretched, slightly open fingertips of one hand over the outstretched, slightly open fingers of the other. With your back to the sun, look at your hands’ shadow on the ground. The little spaces between your fingers will project a grid of small images on the ground, showing the sun as a crescent during the partial phases of the eclipse.”

—Lila Iannucci, CTW Features

Local eclipse events

Eclipse viewing glasses will be available in the Children’s Room at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave, 8/14-21 while supplies last. 266-0194, delteylibrary.org

8/21 – Solar Eclipse activities at the South Florida Science Center, 4801 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach, include make and sell your own solar viewing devices, solar viewing on the science trail (weather permitting), solar eclipse corona art contest and make-and-take solar eclipse craft. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Free with museum admission: $5 for adults, $1 for children and $3 for seniors. 832-1988; sfssciencecenter.org.

8/21 – Great American Total Solar Eclipse and Celebration at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S. Seacrest Blvd. Learn the path of the eclipse, receive a free pair of eclipse viewing sunglasses, watch the eclipse. All ages. 1-2 p.m. The eclipse will start about 1:25. After the eclipse, create an edible lunar science treat. Grades K-12. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org.

8/21 – Eclipse viewing at Boca Raton Public Library’s Spanish River branch (Lakeside patio), 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd. Free solar eclipse glasses are available for event participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. All ages. 1-4 p.m. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library.

8/21 – Eclipse drop-in event at the Children’s Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Science demos, make and take projects and free special glasses for viewing the eclipse. A 16-inch telescope will be fitted with a solar lens for viewing. In the event of rain, the viewing will be canceled. 2-4 p.m. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org.

8/21 – Open Dome and Sidewalk Astronomy Event for the Solar Eclipse at Florida Atlantic University Observatory, 777 Glades Road, Bldg: 43, Room: 434, Boca Raton. Telescopes available for safe solar viewing; free solar viewing glasses. 120-430 p.m. Free. 297-7827; cescos фауде/observatory/observatory.htm

—Mary Thurwachter
Women join forces to mend hearts and support others with cardiac problems

When Nancy Edelman completed her training at the Mayo Clinic as a WomenHeart volunteer two years ago, she was bursting with enthusiasm and newfound knowledge — and the desire to share it. 

"In the past, no one ever paid attention to women, never considered them for testing for heart disease," said Edelman, of Boca Raton. "It made you feel that only men had heart problems. Women have more heart disease than men, and more women die from heart disease than from cancer."

Edelman and her neighbor, Rhoda Kitzes, lead the Boca Raton chapter of WomenHeart, a support and education group for women with heart disease, whose concerns can be different from those of men.

Mended Hearts, a second Boca Raton group with a similar mission, has both women and men as members. Some women attended at both groups. And both groups are confidential, to encourage frank discussions.

WomenHeart meetings contain a healthy dose of practical concerns — diet and exercise, meditation, chair yoga and more — along with a regular visit from an expert to talk about heart disease research and news.

Edelman and Kitzes share a cardiologist, Seth Baum of Boca Raton, who emphasizes preventive care. This approach was well-suited to Edelman’s needs.

"Both my parents had cardiac problems, and [Baum] did find things that had to be addressed," she said.

Edelman had atrial fibrillation, hypertension and high cholesterol, all of which Baum got under control, she says.

"Then he told me about WomenHeart," said Edelman. "I consider myself very fortunate. I wanted to give back now that I’m retired, and I thought this could be a perfect way. Why not help women in the same predicament? Women want to hear from it someone at their own level."

Baum asked Kitzes to start the group at Boca Raton Regional Hospital and Baum took her to training in Washington, D.C., at WomenHeart’s headquarters. She was inspired by what she learned and the people she met.

"There were women who were waiting for hearts, one woman had a heart pump and there were a lot of younger women with different types of heart disease," said Kitzes.

Edelman trained the following year and together with Boca Raton Regional, they put out the word about the group, which has grown to more than 20 women. They are selecting others to train to lead meetings and do outreach work in the community. Two more are scheduled for training this year.

"We’re very excited that we’ve grown as much as we have," said Kitzes. "The hospital has been very helpful."

Outreach essential

Kitzes and Edelman regularly visit cardiac rehabilitation facilities to introduce their group to women who are about to return home, often a difficult physical and emotional transition. They also meet with cardiac nurses and other medical professionals.

"I tell them it’s very important that they come to a meeting when they finish rehab," said Kitzes. "They don’t want them to go home not knowing what to do and having no support. We can help them through the next phase."

"People can walk out of a doctor’s office thinking they’re not going to live another week," said Edelman. "Then they come to a meeting and they see someone and think, ‘Look how good she looks, and she has the same thing I have. It’s good to talk to people who are concerned about them. It puts them at ease to see so many people like themselves, and they’re in good shape.’"

The benefit of working in a support group builds back to the group’s leaders.

"It’s a good feeling to be able to help people that way," said Edelman. "We get to meet lovely people and concentrate on the woman as she is living with the disease.”

Awareness raised

WomenHeart was founded in 1999 by three women who had heart attacks. Not living near each other, they formed a tiny support network, then began reaching out to other women around the country.

"At that time, misdiagnosis was a major problem for women," said Kitzes. "They would go to the hospital with chest pain and be sent home. Three days later, they were having open heart surgery.

"We’ve worked on that, and now doctors are much more aware that thousands of women are at risk for heart disease. And we can still do more to get the word out to doctors and women and to provide peer support."

The national WomenHeart group is active in supporting scientific research into women’s specific medical concerns as well as lobbying in Congress.

"Women are different from men in body makeup," said Kitzes.

"They’ve got to change the way research is done, said Edelman. "Our spokespeople have done a wonderful thing, they are fighting for us.”

In women with heart disease, who are bitten with inflammation of the heart and lung lining as well as atrial fibrillation. She now has those conditions under control with medication and lifestyle changes.

"I manage to be as active as I can," said Kitzes. "The WomenHeart group has been helpful. We talk about things and everybody helps each other."

Kitzes acknowledges that a support group may not be for everyone’s taste.

"There are women who say, I really don’t want to talk about my heart disease, I just want to go on with my life, and they don’t come back to meetings. You have to want to be part of the bonding."

"We talk about everything, the obstacles we face, the depression in our lives, how to relate to your family. Very often, children or spouses get overprotective, and of course you don’t want to burden them. There are a lot of nuances in the family setup.”

Joining a support group can be just the prescription for moving on to the next stage of life, said Edelman.

"People shouldn’t live in fear," she said. "The doctors tell you you’ll be fine but you like to hear it from a layman. You can relate to it in a more personal way.”

WomenHeart meets October through May at 1:45 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Christine E. Lynn Women’s Health & Wellness Institute, 690 Meadows Road in Boca Raton.

The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 12. Contact Kitzes at 235-5515, Edelman at 289-8975 or Robbin Mautino, program director at the Lynn Women’s Institute, at 955-5348 or email WH-BocaRaton@womenheart.org.

For virtual support groups and health education materials, visit WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women With Heart Disease at www.womenheart.org.

Mended Hearts, a national organization of heart patients, meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month in the Drummond rehabilitation classroom at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. For information, visit www.mendedhearts.org.

For information about Mended Little Hearts, an organization for families of children with heart disease, visit www.mendedlittlehearts.org.

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Grant enables FAU researchers to focus on dementia prevention

I t is possible to prevent it happening in the first place? Florida Atlantic University’s Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine just got a $1 million grant from the Harry T. Mangurian Jr. Foundation for a Dementia Prevention Initiative to find out. The grant will launch the Comprehensive Center for Brain Health, which will use a personalized approach and precision medicine to reduce risk.

The program was developed by neuroscientist James E. Galvin, M.D., M.P.H., an expert on Alzheimer’s disease and Lewy body dementia. He’s associate dean for clinical research in the university’s College of Medicine. This center is one of a few in the world to focus on dementia prevention, and the only one that uses Galvin’s protocol.

Galvin’s research has focused on community-based assessment of older adults from diverse backgrounds to examine the impact of physical, mental and emotional health, lifestyle, race, culture, education and socioeconomic status on cognitive performance. His team identified nine risk factors: hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cerebrovascular disease, obesity, low mental activities, decreased social engagement, low muscle mass and physical activities, poor diet and disrupted sleep. An estimated 40 million to 50 million Americans have at least one of these risk factors.

“Up to 30 percent of Alzheimer’s disease cases may be prevented through modification of risk factors and behavioral changes to mitigate the impact of those risk factors that are not modifiable, like age and family history, and postmortem studies confirm this,” Galvin says.

The project will establish a database for researchers around the world. “If we could prevent or even delay the onset of neurodegenerative diseases by just five years in South Florida alone, we would reduce the number of cases by 50 percent, which would spare 250,000 people from suffering from this devastating disease that impacts the individual, the family, the caregiver and the community,” said Stephen G. Mehalli, president of the Harry T. Mangurian Jr. Foundation.

By the year 2050, an estimated 16 million Americans and 60 million people worldwide will be affected by Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders. By age 85, there is a 42 percent risk of an individual developing them. Nationally, if the onset can be delayed by five years, there would be about 5.7 million fewer cases, with family savings approaching $87 billion, and social savings approaching $867 billion.

Nurses like working at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. At least that’s what they said in reviews for Nurse.org, a career site for nurses that, in July, recognized the hospital as one of the best for nurses to work in Florida.

Reviewers cited teamwork, focus on patient satisfaction and friendly open-door policy as the basis for the 4.3-star rating, with 92 percent of the nurses surveyed recommending the hospital as an employer. To see how other Florida hospitals ranked in the survey, see http://nurse.org/articles/best-hospitals-florida/

For all of Boca Raton Regional Hospital’s reviews, see the facility page on Nurse.org.

Speaking of Boca Raton Regional Hospital, congratulations are in order. The hospital celebrated its 50th birthday on July 17. The hospital was born out of tragedy in 1967, when its founder Gloria Drummond and her husband rallied to provide the city with a hospital. In celebration, the cafeteria and bistro featured special menu items with 1967 prices, top music hits from the year and groovy decorations.

In related news, officials at Boca Raton Regional Hospital are exploring the possibility of establishing a partnership with another health-care provider to accelerate and elevate the hospital’s position as an academic regional referral medical center.

Hospital CEO Jerry Fedele says forming a strategic partnership will enhance the hospital’s ability to develop nationally recognized clinical programs, mitigate the challenges of a stand-alone organization, and have greater access to capital. A steering committee to explore the initiative includes the hospital’s board members, community and medical staff leaders, and volunteers. Dick Schmidt, former board chair, is chairing the steering committee.

“Every hospital or health system in this nation is constantly seeking ways to enhance its capabilities in patient care, strengthen its finances and secure its position in its respective service area,” said Christine E. Lynn, the hospital board chair. “We are no different and believe our intent to explore a strategic partnership is a prudent and positive development for the hospital and the communities we serve.”

And the hospital has some good news for women. With GE Healthcare, Boca Raton Regional is the first hospital in the country to install a more comfortable mammography system with new 3-D digital mammography technology, Senographe Pristina. It offers patients a reinvented mammography experience, says Kathy Schilling, MD, medical director at the hospital’s Christine E. Lynn Women’s Health & Wellness Institute. “It’s a faster and quieter exam with greater comfort and less pain during compression.” The rounded corners of the image detector help reduce patient discomfort under the arms.

Those who suffer from eating disorders will find a new place to go for treatment and referrals. That’s because Marti LaTour, of Gulf Stream, and Michelle Klinedinst, of Singer Island, recently co-founded VIAMAR Health Eating Disorders and Behavioral Health Center in West Palm Beach.

LaTour brings more than 30 years of experience in business and financial management to the center. Previously, she was vice president of the Florida division of PepsiAmerica. She also served as a vice president wealth adviser at BMO Private Bank and Bernstein Global Wealth Management.

She serves on boards of the Palm Beach County Food Bank, Economic Council of Palm Beach County, YWCA, Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness and Angel Forum of Florida, among others.

Before moving to South Florida to launch the new center, Klinedinst built operations and clinical programs for Rosewood Centers for Eating Disorders in Arizona. She helped create the clinical infrastructure for Eric Clapton’s addiction treatment program, Crossroads Centre, in Antigua, and served as its CEO from 1999 to 2002. For information, call 393-4677 or visit www.viamarhealth.com.

The South Florida branch of Oasis Senior Advisors, a free community-based referral senior-placement service that serves south Palm Beach County, has been purchased by Cindy Cohn. Cohn has helped people find senior living communities for more than five years through her business, Yaffa Senior Services.

Oasis’ advisors specialize in educating and informing seniors and their families on the distinctions and options offered by assisted living communities, Alzheimer’s care, retirement communities, skilled nursing homes, residential nursing homes, respite services, hospice and dementia care.

Advisors help clients identify lifestyle preferences and health-care, financial and location needs.

A Delray Beach resident since 2007, Cohn has a background in health-care marketing, including community relations at Martin Memorial Hospital in Stuart, marketing director for Flexite Diagnostics, and community relations at the Visiting Nurse Association of Florida. She serves as president of Elder Services Resource Network and participates in the Partnership for Aging, Alzheimer’s Association, Arthritis Foundation and the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce Health Council.

Catherine Robson, a nurse practitioner at FAU, observes as Dr. James Galvin administers a videonystagmography (VNG) test, which measures eye movements and is used as an early biomarker sign of Parkinson’s disease and neurodegeneration.
**August 6-12**

**Sunday - 8/6** 
- **Yoga at the Beach** at Red Reef Park East, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. 5:30-6 pm. Tel: 395-1244.
  - Bring floor mat/optional hand weights.
  - Location: Building 420 Field House.

- **Tai Chi Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. 9-10 am. Tel: 477-8727; myboca.us
  - Class size: 50.

- **Zumba Class** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. 9:30-10:30 am. Tel: 243-7250; mydowntownboca.com
  - Class size: 25.

**Monday - 8/7**

- **Boot Camp for New Dads Class** at Red Reef Park East, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. 8-9 am. Tel: 477-8727; myboca.us
  - Class size: 50.

- **Yoga Class** at Yoga Central, 201 W Atlantic Ave. M/W 10-11 am. Tel: 243-7250; mydowntownboca.com
  - Class size: 10.

- **Tai Chi Class** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. 9:30-10:30 am. Tel: 243-7250; mydowntownboca.com
  - Class size: 25.

**Tuesday - 8/8**

- **8/8 - Food Addicts Anonymous**
  - Location: Of an emergency. 2-3:30 pm. Tel: 201-244-5500; foodaddictsanonymou.org
  - Class size: 10.

- **Yoga Class** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 312 Lake Ave. Slow intuitive vinyasa flow class. Th 12:30-1:30 pm. Tel: 243-2222; lakeworthplayhouse.org
  - Class size: 10.

- **8/8 - Tai Chi Class**
  - Location: Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center, 500 Meadows Rd. Every W 9-10 am. Tel: 477-8727; myboca.us
  - Class size: 10.

- **8/8 - Breastfeeding Support Group**
  - Location: At Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Age 18 & up. Every W 9-10:30 am. Tel: 276-5454; highlandbeach.us
  - Class size: 10.

**Wednesday - 8/9**

- **8/9 - Tai Chi Class** at Veterans Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. M/W 10-11 am. Tel: 243-7250; mydowntownboca.com
  - Class size: 10.

- **8/9 - Divorced and Separated Support Group**
  - Location: At St Mark Catholic Church, 645 NE Lake Dr, Boynton Beach. 7:15-8:30 pm. Tel: 243-7250; myboca.us
  - Class size: 10.

- **8/9 - Yoga Class** at St Mark Catholic Church, 645 NE Lake Dr, Boynton Beach. 7:15-8:30 pm. Tel: 243-7250; myboca.us
  - Class size: 10.

**Thursday - 8/10**

- **8/10 - Yoga Class**
  - Location: At Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. 9-10 am. Tel: 243-7250; mydowntownboca.com
  - Class size: 10.

- **8/10 - Tai Chi Class**
  - Location: At Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. 9-10 am. Tel: 243-7250; mydowntownboca.com
  - Class size: 10.

- **8/10 - Yoga at the Beach** at Red Reef Park West (Intracoastal side), 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. 5:30-6 pm. Tel: 243-7250; mydowntownboca.com
  - Class size: 10.

- **Zumba Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Wed 9-10 am. Tel: 393-7701; downtownboca.org
  - Class size: 25.

- **Yoga Class** at the Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Work-out targets upper body, abs, legs. M/T/F 9-10 am. Tel: 393-7701; downtownboca.org
  - Class size: 10.

- **8/10-11 - Zumba Gold**
  - Location: St. Every T 7-8:30 pm. Tel: 477-8727; myboca.us
  - Class size: 10.

**August 7-13**

**Sunday - 8/13**

- **8/13 - Yoga Class** at Train Station Park, 622 NE 3rd Ave, 6:30-7:30 pm. Tel: 393-7701; downtownboca.org
  - Class size: 10.

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- **8/13 - Tai Chi Class**
  - Location: At Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. 9-10 am. Tel: 243-7250; mydowntownboca.com
  - Class size: 10.

- **8/13 - Circuit Training/Workout for Mom**
  - Location: At Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Circuit-based workout targets multiple muscle groups to build lean muscle. Modifications available for pregnant moms/beginner to advanced fitness levels. M/T 9-10 am. Tel: 243-7250; mydowntownboca.com
  - Class size: 15.

- **8/13 - Exercise Program**
  - Location: At Com-
How to beat the heat for your dog’s health

Welcome to the dog days of summer. Hot, humid days in Palm Beach County can put your dog at risk for heat stroke, especially on afternoon walks.

That’s why I’m an advocate of the dog paddle — swimming — a safer alternative to walks, runs or hikes when the heat is extreme.

As a master certified pet first-aid/CPR instructor with Pet First Aid 4U, I make it my mission to educate pet parents on the heat dangers to dogs. The early signs: heavy panting, bright red gums and sweaty paws. If your dog is leaving wet paw marks on a sidewalk during a walk on a dry day, he is overheated.

The immediate relief option is to dip his paws in cool water — but never use ice cold water, because the temperature extreme can trigger shock. Always bring a bottle of water because in a pinch, you can make a spare doggy poop bag into a water bowl to dip in each of your dog’s paws. Ah, instant heat relief!

The safe exercise option is to hot, dog swimming in a safe body of water. That can include the dog-welcoming beaches along the Atlantic Ocean, lakes, pools — or even a tub. Avoid rivers with strong currents or keep your dog on a long line.

Never let your dog swim in small ponds constructed to drain water from housing developments, because they traditionally designed pools, and not touching the bottom of the shallow end by the steps.

Two giant umbrellas provide shade. The resort also books staff, says Will Corrente, co-founder of Very Important Paws resort in West Palm Beach. “We purposely designed the saltwater pool to be dog safe as it is only 2 feet deep in the center — a depth in which most dogs can stand and keep their heads above water. The shallow ends are 6 inches deep,” says Corrente. “We have two attendants always there to supervise and all of our staff is trained in pet first aid.”

Waterway since it was adopted as a pup from the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League nearly 15 years ago.

Coco is not a fan of traditionally designed pools, especially the one in Corrente’s backyard. “She will step into the VIP pool, but jumping into a pool and not touching the bottom of the pool with her paws gives her some anxiety,” he says. “So, I take her to the Intracoastal.”

The health benefits of swimming are immense for all types of dogs in all levels of health, including canines coping with arthritis, post-surgical recovery or packing a few extra pounds.

That’s because water provides natural buoyancy, far kinder on the joints of dogs than long walks on concrete sidewalks.

No matter where your dog makes a splash, always rinse him off in clean water. For regular water lovers, book an appointment with your veterinarian to have your dog receive vaccines to protect against parasites and giardia.

Where are your favorite water sites and activities for your dog? Please post and share with our readers at www.thecoastalstar.com.


Water safety tips

Size up your dog. Every dog is a four-legged Michael Phelps capable of swimming with confidence. Dogs less apt to swim well include breeds with short legs and long backs (corgis and dachshunds), big-chested breeds (bulldogs) and breeds with short snouts (pugs). Dab on the sunblock. To prevent sunburn, select dog-safe, waterproof, quick-drying and non-greasy sunscreen. Apply on your dog’s nose, tip, ears, abdomen and legs. Chemicals in sunscreens made for people contain harmful chemicals to dogs. Use praise and treats to build up your dog’s introduction to water activities. Start with fun walks along the shore and allow your dog’s paws to get wet. Never toss a dog into a pool or body of water. Pair up the water activity with your dog’s favorite floating toy. Encourage him to enter the water to fetch the toy. These toys need to float and be easy to grab.

Teach your dog how to safely enter and exit pools. Start in the shallow end and never let your dog alone. Teach him using treats and praise that this is his safe zone and use the steps to exit the pool.

Be your dog’s lifeguard. Always supervise your dog whenever he is in the water. Install a doggy-proof gate around your pool to block your dog’s access when you are not around.

End the water activity before your dog becomes tired. Some dogs are such pleasers or so motivated by fetching balls that they won’t stop and face an increased risk of drowning. Look for signs of tiredness, such as your dog’s breathing heavily, seeming to sit lower in the water or taking more time to return to you.

Fit your dog with a canine life vest that helps him stay afloat. For novice canine swimmers, always support their midsections and hindquarters in the water until they get the hang of paddling.

Pack extra water. Bring fresh water to the beach to prevent your dog from becoming dehydrated or sick from accepting saltwater. Always thoroughly rinse your dog’s coat after a swim.

Be your dog’s best health ally. Enroll in a pet first-aid class that helps you learn how to perform CPR and rescue breathing.

Supervised time in a pool is a smart way to help dogs keep cool. This handsome fellow floats in the bone-shaped pool at Very Important Paws resort in West Palm Beach. Photo provided by Geoffrey A. Pugh, President, Owner, Pugh’s Poolpools.com.
Putting people in pews is priest’s mission at Boynton Beach church

minister to perform the kind of music the would-be worshipers said they like. But things don’t always work out the way market research says it will. The folks didn’t come.

“We designed the service around the market research,” Rector Mary Zachary said, “but we could never reach ‘critical mass.’” They tried holding services at the beach. They tried different times. They used social media.

They puzzled and pondered. Then they brought in Tobias to see what she could do.

Tobias, 62, had grown up at St. Joe’s. She attended the church as a child and had taught at the school, even served as the chaplain. Most people don’t return home after attending the seminary, so Tobias considers herself lucky. She already knew the church well, loves the church. She had support behind the music.

The Rev. Wendy Tobias says St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church is trying to offer something for everyone. Photo provided

minister, Charles Milling, a New England native and a graduate of NYU and Boston’s Berklee College of Music, and his band. More people began attending. On a recent Sunday, 9-year-old Zachary Raab showed off a bit of his Michael Jackson flair at the service. The congregation is invited to sing and dance along with the band, and even OK to applaud at the end of a song.

Zachary, a Boynton Beach fourth-grader, attended the service with his grandmother, Nancy Raab. Zachary said he usually attends Sunday school or goes to the family service, but he thought the band rocks so he’s happy to come with his grandmother. Nancy Raab has been attending St. Joseph’s for 50 years, since Zachary’s father was a boy.

Children do seem to draw families to church. Research shows weekly attendance at church among 30- to 49-year-olds is 36 percent, the highest of any age group. Parents want to give their kids every advantage and to teach them values that will serve them from childhood to the world, and many people believe the church is a good partner in reaching that goal.

Kim, of Boynton Beach, attended the service with her 3-year-old son, who introduced himself as Darth Vader. She came to the church relaxed, relaxed vibe and the come-as-you-are acceptance. Unplugged is her favorite service because it’s not all sitting and listening and it’s not so long that Luke, Er, Darth Vader, gets bored. And if he does make a bit of a ruckus, people are fine with that.

The easy-listening music matches the church’s easy-going pace. “We’re the best-kept secret even the Episcopal Church, it’s OK to have doubts. Ask questions. Debate opinions. Ask more questions. And know if you’re different, you won’t be bullied or ignored or excluded. Tobias is welcomed, embraced — unless that invalidates your personal space, of course. If there is one message that Tobias says rings truer and louder than the rest, it’s this: “You are beloved by God. You don’t have to earn it. And you cannot do anything to stop it.” So, you might as well show up and sing along. Tobias talks about people of faith, their congregations, their experiences in the church, and community events. Contact her at stjoesweb.org or stjoes@stjoesweb.org.

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Courses help dormant divers refresh scuba skills

Even if you live near the ocean in South Florida and you're a certified scuba diver, diving might not be something you do regularly. I was certified in the late 1970s — but truth be known, I haven’t logged that many dives, especially in recent years. I wanted to start diving again this summer. But it had been three years since I’d strapped on a scuba tank, so I decided to take an in-the-pool refresher course offered by the Boynton Beach Dive Center. My pool class cost $99. The dive center also offers a pool refresher course plus two open-water dives for $199.

To begin my training, I lugged my tank and dive gear up the steps to the pool deck at Pompey Park Recreation Center in Delray Beach, where I met instructor Bill Utterback and other students on a hot July afternoon.

I managed to remember how to assemble my tank, buoyancy compensator and regulator. Once our gear was ready, we filled our buoyancy control devices, or BCDs, high-tech swim bladders that can be inflated using air pressure from the tank. We set our tanks and packs into the pool, where they floated while we donned our masks, snorkels and fins.

Utterback showed us an easy way to slip on fins by crossing a foot over a knee to slip on one fin, then the other. After entering the pool, we worked our way into our BCD packs, fastened the clips, and added anti-fog solution to our masks.

A s instructed, we adjusted our masks, clearing flooded air, equalizing the pressure in our ears, and releasing air with another diver, hovering below the surface during a safety stop and an emergency ascent to the surface. After the pool class ended, I felt more confident with my re-learned skills and ready to dive in the ocean.

Keeping dive skills fresh is important not only for safety but for the enjoyment of the dive — both for the diver and for those diving around him or her.

Capt. Tony Coulter of Boca Raton, who operates the dive boat Diversity, said it’s painfully obvious when divers show up who haven’t been diving for a while. Their gear might not fit properly, or they often have trouble controlling their buoyancy.

Coulter, who has been working in the dive charter business since the late 1970s, said divers who want to get back in the water after a hiatus should at least hire a dive master to accompany them on a dive to refresh their skills. The dive training organization PADI offers its divers the online Reactivate program ($59.95) that uses video scenarios to refresh divers’ knowledge.

Divers who complete the online course can add an in-the-water refresher course and receive a replacement certification card with a reactivated date.

Another outstanding catch in the Lake Worth tournament: Capt. Matt Liskay’s 48.2-pound dolphin (mahi mahi), caught trolling a bonito strip behind a black-and-red skirt in 450 feet of water off Lantana Beach, won the waters off Lantana Beach, the Lake Worth tournament: Capt. Matt Liskay’s 48.2-pound dolphin. Another outstanding catch in the Lake Worth tournament: Capt. Matt Liskay’s 48.2-pound dolphin. Another outstanding catch in the Lake Worth tournament: Capt. Matt Liskay’s 48.2-pound dolphin.

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Lake Worth Fishing Tournament winners Pat Gregorchik, of Lantana, was fishing with his son Ian and brother Mike in the June 24 Lake Worth Fishing Tournament when something unusual happened.

A strong fish hit a cedar plug while Ian Gregorchik was reeling it in after trolling it behind his family’s 23-foot boat, Bait Me. After a 10-minute fight in the waters off Lantana Beach, Ian Gregorchik brought to the boat a 52.9-pound wahoo — the heaviest fish of the 58-boat tournament.

Commonly trolled for tuna, the plain-looking cedar plug is not a traditional wahoo lure.

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Surfrider Foundation campaign Surfer and technology entrepreneur Jeff Max is leading a campaign to help the Surfrider Foundation raise $100,000 by Labor Day.

In a short video on Spotfund (www.spotfund/surfrider), Max lists threats to the health of the oceans, including global warming, overfishing, plastic pollution and oil drilling.

Donations to Surfrider can be made through the Spotfund site. As of mid July, Max’s campaign had raised slightly more than $5,000.

Founded in 1984, the Surfrider Foundation organizes networks of everyday citizens to promote the preservation and enjoyment of the world’s oceans and beaches. The San Clemente, Calif.-based nonprofit has 84 chapters, including one in Palm Beach County.

Florida reef survey NOAA and partners are conducting a survey to better assess the economic importance of Florida’s coral reefs.
Boating security zones near Mar-a-Lago

The Coast Guard is considering whether to make permanent three boating security zones put in place when President Donald Trump visits Mar-a-Lago, his Palm Beach estate.

The Coast Guard accepted public comments on the plan through July 20. After responding to each comment, the Coast Guard will publish the final rule in the Federal Register.

The three Mar-a-Lago boating security zones used since early 2017 are:

**Zone 1:** A section of the Lake Worth Lagoon immediately west of Mar-a-Lago extending about halfway across the waterway from the southern tip of Everglades Island to 1,000 yards south of Southern Boulevard. Entry by boat is prohibited.

**Zone 2:** The western side of the lagoon west of Zone 1. Boaters moving through this zone must maintain a steady speed and stop not (unless they must wait for the drawbridge).

**Zone 3:** Extends 1,000 yards off the beach from Banyan Road south to Ocean View Road. As in Zone 2, boaters moving through this ocean zone should maintain a steady speed and avoid stopping.

If the boating security zone regulations become permanent, they would apply when Trump, the first lady or anyone else protected by the Secret Service visits Mar-a-Lago.

To read comments on the proposed security zones, go to www.regulations.gov. Search for the document labeled "USCG-2017-0046."
Tots & Teens
Fun back-to-school events mark summer’s end

By Janis Fontaine

In just a few weeks, another summer vacation comes to a close for nearly 200,000 kids in Palm Beach County. Before school begins, take advantage of one of the events planned to make the transition easier.

Here’s a primer:

The sixth annual Back to School Splash at Sugar Sand Park Community Center is a final day of play for your kids ages 3 and older. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 12, the park will host water play with a 60-foot slide, a bubbles bonanza and a make-and-take craft. Giveaways and music are planned for this free outdoor event. A special area with smaller attractions is available for kids 5 and younger.

BYO sunscreen, bug spray, bottled water, towels, hats and a change of dry clothes. Food and drink vendors will be on site.

The event is sponsored by South Florida Parenting magazine and the Habitat for Humanity ReStore (South Palm Beach County).

Sugar Sand Park is at 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For more info, visit www.sugarsandpark.com

Get ready to shop

Back-to-school tax-free shopping days are Aug. 4-6, and the good news is computers are eligible, but the rules cap the purchase price at $750. Other items also have caps, including clothing and shoes (capped at $60 per item) and certain school supplies (capped at $55 per item).

For a complete list of the rules and eligible items, visit www.floridaavenue.com/backtoschool or call 800-352-3671.

You can save even more if you get the $10 off $50 coupon from JCPenney available on the county school district’s website. Find Penney stores at the Mall at Wellington Green and Boynton Beach Mall. Get your coupon at www.palmbeachschools.org/backtoschool/

News Channel 5 Back to School Expo will take place at the Mall at Wellington Green, 1030 W. Forest Hill Blvd, Wellington, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 5. Exhibitors will be located throughout the mall with health- and education-related information. Get the information and the supplies you need tax-free. Call 653-5628.

At the Y

The inaugural Big Fall Kickoff event at the Peter Blum Family YMCA takes place after school starts for many kids, but it’s still fun.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 26, the Y will host indoor activities such as a program scavenger hunt, demonstrations of fall programs like karate, dance and basketball, plus pool activities and water slides. Outdoors, a live band and DJ will provide musical entertainment designed to get kids moving, and a bounce house, water activities, food and treats will be available. Sign up for one of the programs at the kickoff at a discount.

The Peter Blum Family YMCA is at 6631 Palmetto Circle S., Boca Raton. RSVP for the Kickoff at 395-9622. For more info, visit www.ymcasbc.org/peter-blum/.

At Garden of the Sahaba

The Garden of the Sahaba Academy will host a Back to School Fun Day from 2 to 7 p.m. at the school, 3480 NW Fifth Ave., Boca Raton.

Hosted by the PTO, the event will feature ponies, carnival games, train rides, a bounce house, face painting, give-a-ways, a high school boys basketball tournament and more.

For more information, visit www.pto.assahaba.org.

Brunch fundraiser

The Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce will host a Back to School Brunch from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 24 at Lakeside Terrace, 7780 Glades Road, Boca Raton.

Proceeds benefit the Caregiving Youth Project, a program of the American Association of Caregiving Youth that supports children who care for ill, disabled or injured family members.

This fundraiser is part of the Boca Raton Chamber Festival Days.

Tickets are $50 in advance or $60 at the door. To RSVP, call Gerry at 391-7401.

Health reminder

The Palm Beach County School District reminds parents that keeping students healthy is important and students are required to be up to date on their vaccinations. Proof of immunization must be submitted on a Certificate of Immunization form DH680 prior to admittance and/or attendance in school.

A religious exemption (DH685) may be obtained only from the Palm Beach County Health Department.

In addition to required immunizations, a school entry health exam is required for all students new to the district and for pre-K, kindergarten, first and seventh-grade students unless an exemption is on file.

All health forms must be submitted on the appropriate school district form. Physical exams must be on Form DH3100-A unless the school within 30 days of entry. An out-of-state health exam may be accepted if it meets the same assessment requirements in Form DH3040.

For information on the immunizations that are required for all Palm Beach County students from pre-K through 12th grade, visit http://schoolhealth.pbch.com/health/departments/safeschools/schoolhealth entryrequirements/.

Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 7/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

AUGUST 5

Saturday - 8/5 - Palm Beach County Homeschool Expo at Palm Beach Atlantic University Greene Complex, 1000 S. Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Vendors, workshops, demonstrations. 8:30-6 p.m. Free. pbchomeschoolexpo.com


8/5 - Diamonds & Pears Dance Team at Pompey Park, 1100 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Community dance team program presented on passion, dedication, excellence, respect, participation in local and collegiate homecoming parades, statewide special events. Middle/element schools and students, 7-11 p.m & Sat 9 am - 1 pm. Yearly $500/Member, $1400/Non-member. 240-7255; mydelraybeach.com

8/5 - BOBRA Youth Basketball Registration at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 305 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Season runs Nov-Feb. Age 5-6 as of 11/1/17: $155-$125/Resident, $180-$150/Non-resident. 347-1900; sugarsandpark.org/robra

8/5 - BOBRA Girls Volleyball Registration at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 305 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Season runs Nov-Feb. Age 5-6 as of 11/1/17: $155-$125/Resident, $180-$150/Non-resident. 347-1900; sugarsandpark.org/robra

8/5 - Tiny Tots Ballet (Tap Class) at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #713, Boca Raton. Age 3-7. Every Sat 9:30-10 am. $50. 394-2626; showtime- boca.com


8/5 - SMART: Calder Creations at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 1301 S. Ocean Ave, Boca Raton. Explore the museum in a sensory experience for all ages. 1-3 pm. Free. 4/5-15; 347-3912; museumofart.org

8/5 - Drop in at the Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Season runs Nov-Feb. Age 5-6 as of 11/1/17: $155-$125/Resident, $180-$150/Non-resident. 347-3916; scienceexplorium.org

8/5 - SPARCO Youth Basketball Registration at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 305 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Season runs Nov-Feb. Age 5-6 as of 11/1/17: $155-$125/Resident, $180-$150/Non-resident. 347-1900; sugarsandpark.org/robra

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South Florida Dynamics: Front row: J-r, Abbie Hadener, Dawn Rizzo, Abby Vecchia, Nicki Nigro, Autumn Barfield and Deanna Rizzo; back row; Jessica Godfrey, Emily Lammers, Sara Pizanaka, Curt Burrows, Lindsey Finkel, Chloe Malloy, Carly Finkel and Jenni Rustan. The twiller in the center is Autumn Sarron. Not pictured: Claire McNamara. Photo provided

Twirl team geared up for international competition

By Michelle Piasecki

When Curt Burrows, 23, faces the challenge of competing as a twirler, he knows he needs to do one thing — calm his overwhelming sense of nervousness.

"The biggest fear is dropping the baton," the Boynton resident said.

From Aug. 2 to 12, Burrows and 15 other members of the South Florida Dynamics are taking part in the Grand Prix International Competition and the World Baton Twirling Federation’s International Cup contest in Porec, Croatia.

Team members, ages 13 to 25, traveled with their coach, Jeanne Chwalik, to Europe for the competition. The Dynamics, based in Delray Beach, frequently participate in local events such as the holiday parades. They have performed on the Triumph and Imagination cruise ships and have entertained at Disney World, Universal Studios, a Miami Dolphins football game, an Orlando Magic basketball game, the Macy’s at Universal parade, FAU football games and the Citrus Bowl Parade.

Even though the group has competed internationally before, this is the first time the group was chosen to represent the United States Twirling Association in the Grand Prix competition.

The team traditionally has competed one level below elite — the highest level — but now is up against top-ranking teams from countries around the world.

For Carly Finkel, 22, the Grand Prix is a big deal because it has no restrictions on trucks. Team members can make their moves as fancy and as complicated as they want to get.

They spent their last days of practice before the event perfecting those maneuvers, which combine gymnastics with twirl.

"This is a little bit of pressure because we knew it would be chosen," said Finkel, of Boynton Beach.

Chwalik, who has coachedtwirl for 60 years, said the team could move from advanced to elite if it does well. The competition is tough because the Japanese teams scored a perfect 100 from every judge during the last International Cup.

"They were the only ones to do that," she said.

No matter what the team accomplishes during the prestigious competition, Chwalik said it’s been amazing to watch the hard work.

"I am proud of what they’ve become as a team and as young, responsible individuals," Chwalik said.

Staying focused to reach their goal of bringing home a medal is important, said Burrows, who won a gold medal for twirling three batons at the 2015 International Cup.

He said it’s all about concentration and preparation.

"If you drop (the baton), you just got to pick it up and pretend it didn’t happen. Don’t let it affect the rest of the routine and just put on a show."
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**8/10 - Teen Gaming at Boca Raton City Library, 208 S Seaboard Blvd. Video games using Wii, U, PS3, PS4 or Xbox 360. Grades 6-12. 2-4 pm. Free: 742-6830; boyntonlibrary.org**


**8/11 - Just Dance Tournament at the Boca Raton City Library, 208 S. Seaboard Blvd. Come to see who will be crowned the library champ. Grades 3-12. 3:30-5:30 pm. Free: 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org**

**8/12 - Acro & Tricks Class at Stage Performing Arts Theater, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #37, Boca Raton. Ages 8+. Every Th through 9/6 6:30-7:50 pm. Free: 742-6390; showbizacademy.com**

**8/13 - Alice in Wonderland at Sol Children’s Theatre, 3333 NE Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Adapted by Seth Trucks. Th, F, S, 7 pm; Sat & Sun: 2 pm. Runs through 8/20. R: $20, S: $15. Free: 447-8829; solchildren.org**

**8/14 - Summer Camp at Schoolhouse Children’s Museum & Learning Center, 325 E Ocean Ave, Boca Raton. Beach. Hand on simple science projects. Ages 3-7. Every Th through 8/31 10-11:30 am. $45/member; $55/non-member + admission. 742-6782, schoolhousemuseum.org**

**8/16 - Knitting Club at Boca Raton Childr’en Museum, 484 Crawford Blvd. Age 7 to adult. Every Th 10-12.30 pm. Free with museum admission. 363-6878; cmboca.org**

**8/18 - Storytime yoga at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 4-7. Every Th 3 pm. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org**

**8/21 - Tennis Whiz Kids at Boca Raton City Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 6-7. 6-7:30 pm. Free: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org**

**8/21 - Community Color/Art Series at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. For youth to 8. Every Th 3-4:30 pm. Free: 965-3942; greencyanaturecenter.org**

**8/22 - Adobe Photoshop at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 12+. Every Th 6-7:30 pm. Free: 393-7962; bocalibrary.org**

**8/22 - Adobe Photoshop Project at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 12+. Every Th 6-7:30 pm. Free: 393-7962; bocalibrary.org**

**8/23 - Reading & Rhythm for 3s to 5s at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 12+. Every Th 6-7:30 pm. Free: 393-7962; bocalibrary.org**

**8/23 - Tween Explorers at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 6-8. Every Sat 10-11 am. Free: 393-7962; bocalibrary.org**

**8/24 - Create it at Your Library at Delray Beach Library Children’s Garden, 117 SW 2 Ave. Adapted by Seth Trucks. Th, F, Sat, 7 pm; Sun & Sat: 10 am, $15/children 5-14; younger: 447-8829; delraybeachchildrensgarden.org**

**8/25 - 4th Annual Pirates & Princesses Party at Patch Reef Park Pirates’ Cove Playground, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. All pirates, swashbucklers, princesses invited to visit the plank, for treasure, moon, water play events. Age 2-5. Every am. Free: 367-7035; mysea.us**

**8/25 - 15th Annual Pirates & Princesses Party at Patch Reef Park Pirates’ Cove Playground, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. All pirates, swashbucklers, princesses invited to visit the plank, for treasure, moon, water play events. Age 2-5. Every am. Free: 367-7035; mysea.us**


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**Sunday - 8/20 - Sunday Movie: Justice League: Gotham City Breakout (Ni) at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Every Sat 10-11 am. $5, free with paid admission. 347-3912, scitechexplorium.org**

**Monday - 8/21 - Baby Bookworm at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Storytime for infants accompanied by an adult. Age 3 months to walking. 11-12.30 pm. Free. Registration required: 393-7962, bocalibrary.org**

**Tuesday - 8/22 - Adobe Photoshop at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 12+. Every Th 6-7:30 pm. Free: 393-7962; bocalibrary.org**

**Wednesday - 8/23 - Dance Trends Youth Program at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Every Thu 5:30-6:30 pm. Free: 393-7962; bocalibrary.org**

**Thursday - 8/24 - Create it at Your Library at Delray Beach Library Children’s Garden, 117 SW 2 Ave. Adapted by Seth Trucks. Th, F, Sat, 7 pm; Sun & Sat: 10 am, $15/children 5-14; younger: 447-8829; delraybeachchildrensgarden.org**

**Saturday - 8/26 - Saturday Storytime at Green Cay Nature Center, 11000 Hagan Rd. Based on USTA Florida Youth Tennis Pathway, slow-moving/lower-bouncing balls. Children attend independently. Age 4-8. 10 am-noon. $5/person. Reservations: 629-8670; pbnatureexplorium.com**

**Monday - 8/28 - Family Coloring Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All levels of skill. Age 6+. Every Fri 10-11 am. Free: 393-7962; bocalibrary.org**

**August 27-SEPT. 2**

**Tuesday - 8/29 - Simple Summer Snack at Boca Raton City Library, 508 SE 5th Street, Boca Raton. Grades K-5. Every Th 3:30-4:30 pm. Free: 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org**

**8/29 - GEMS Club: Females in Forensics at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4011 N Andrews Ave, Boca Raton. Science crafts, activities, entertainment, exhibitors, planetariums, a chance to view the sun, moon and Earth. Discussion eclipse safety and get viewing glasses. Grades K-5, 6-12. 10-1 pm. Free: 742-6390; bocalibrary.org**

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**8/30 - Family Coloring Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All levels of skill. Age 6+. Every Fri 10-11 am. Free: 393-7962; bocalibrary.org**

**8/31 - Power Rangers (2017) PG**

**9/1 - Children’s Special John McCarty’s Words with wise words by author. Every Thu 11am-4pm. Free: 393-7962; bocalibrary.org**

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This Hypoluxo Island house is a close distance to shopping and the beach.

The patio has an L-shaped pool and room for barbecues. The huge upstairs master suite has wrap-around balconies. The open plan showcases the building’s island transitional style with metal roofs.

A Hypoluxo Island haven

This Hypoluxo Island house has an open plan that showcases its island transitional architecture.

The two-story house has three bedrooms and four baths in 3,120 square feet. It boasts large rooms, volume ceilings downstairs, courtyard front entry, a lovely L-shaped pool, formal dining room, huge master suite with wrap-around balconies, interior plantation shutters and a metal roof system.

It’s a close walk to shopping and dining and is near the beach. It’s offered at $999,000 by Jennifer P. Spitznagel of Brown Harris Stevens of Lake Worth.

Information available at 582-2200 (office), 301-5535 (cell) or emailjspitznagel@bhsusa.com.

The house’s dining room has ample room to entertain.

The open-concept kitchen offers high-end finishes and plenty of prep space.

LEFT: The large living room opens onto the patio and pool, inviting the outdoors in.
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**Speaking volumes**

You’re bound to be drawn to this Worth Avenue antiquarian bookstore

By Ron Hayes

“I was a unique child,” Matthew Raptis remembers. “My parents did not allow me to have video games, so I read books and played outside.”

Reading gave Raptis a love of books. Books gave him a love of history. History gave him a passion for the Civil War. And together they gave him a career.

“In 1989, when I was about 10, I bought a first edition of Ulysses S. Grant’s memoirs,” he explains. “They’re not that rare. You could get a copy for about $50.”

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Matthew Raptis sits surrounded by the hard-to-find volumes he loves at Raptis Rare Books on Worth Avenue in Palm Beach. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star
The Department of Music at the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters received a $50,000 donation to continue funding the Georgia Dieter Dennis Vocal Scholarship Fund. This year marks the sixth that the college received the donation, which awards scholarships to students who graduate from a Florida high school and enroll in vocal studies at FAU. Elias Porras and Ron Schagrin presented the gift. ‘Students in the arts have extra financial challenges when, in addition to general college expenses, they must also incur costs related to their field of study, including equipment costs and lab fees,’ said Patti Fletas, director of vocal studies at FAU. ‘Also, with performance and ensemble rehearsals, students’ available hours to work are greatly reduced, making the possibility of scholarship funding a defining factor in their college choice.’ ABOVE: Porras, Michael Horswold, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, Schagrin and Fletas. Photo provided

International HOSA Leadership Conference
Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando – June 24

At the 40th conference, Lake Worth resident Sophie Paris Ginsburg competed — after earning a first place at the state competition and second place at the regional competition — and earned a gold medal in the category Medical Interviewing Skills. Ginsburg, a junior at Lake Worth High School in Boynton Beach, where she is in the Science Pre-Medical Academy. Her teacher, Kristin Berry, encouraged her to become active in HOSA, an acronym for Health Occupations Students of America. It was surreal to stand up in front of 10,000 science and medical competitors at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort convention center to accept a gold medal in my category for Interviewing Skills,’ Ginsburg said. ‘I was honored and humbled and happy to bring it home to share with my school and community.’ Photo provided

Grant awards
Woman’s Club of Delray Beach – June 6

The more than 100-year-old club awarded grants to seven local nonprofits. The grants, plus money contributed by the club for leadership, scholarship and training programs and the Thanksgiving feeding effort, total $10,000. ‘We’re very proud to be supporting organizations that are doing great work in Delray Beach,’ club co-president Trish Jacobson said. ‘All of the nonprofits receiving grants are having a positive impact in our community.’ Added club co-president Joann Haros, ‘Our club traces its roots back to Delray Beach’s early years and has been supporting community efforts ever since. We’re pleased to be able to continue the tradition by providing grants to these many organizations in Delray Beach.’ ABOVE: Blaise Maris and Vince Farfaglia of the South Florida Collegiate Baseball League, one grant recipient, kneel with (l-r) Lauren Fournier, Patti Alexander, Michele Harrington, Jacobson, Haros, Kate Jonson, Adrian Rackauskas and Leanne Griffith. Photo provided
Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton has announced the committee, honorees and sponsors for this year’s Boca Raton Mayor’s Ball, a red-carpet, black-tie dinner dance set for Oct. 14 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

The third annual affair lauds elected officials who exemplify Rotary International’s motto, “Service Above Self.” Money raised will go toward the health and wellness needs of Boca Raton nonprofits.

“The Mayor’s Ball is an annual beacon of city pride,” club President Penny Morey said. “The best part of the evening is seeing personal and professional reconnections made and relationships renewed and strengthened as, together, we celebrate Boca at its best.”

Milagro Center receives dual grants from local donors

Delray Beach residents Harvey and Virginia Kimmel provided a grant that will help sustain the musical-instrument instruction program at the Milagro Center along with a matching grant that will strengthen the organization’s ability to provide arts and education programs to at-risk children.

“Milagro Center has been fulfilling a critical need in the local Delray Beach community for many years,” Harvey Kimmel said. “They are filling the gap, offering structured after-school programs, not a babysitting service. We are so impressed with their leadership and programs and deeply moved by the impact they are having on these children and their families.”

Milagro Center President and CEO Barbara Stark said the matching grant, designated for operations, will lead to additional donations.

“We are so grateful for the Kimmels’ commitment,” Stark said. “We now call upon the community to fulfill the matching gift. It will go a long way in ensuring the long-term success of children who start life at risk of academic failure. Even the smallest gift can help provide a brighter and better future.”

Class of ’17 Snow scholars hear from experts

More than 80 college-bound students benefited from the George Snow Scholarship Fund’s scholar-orientation program.

The Class of ’17 heard from local experts and current scholars and alumni on a variety of topics, including study skills and time management, the importance of exercise and nutrition and campus safety and the dangers of alcohol and drugs.

“The transition from high school to college can be challenging,” said Tim Snow, president of the fund. “We decided to do this orientation so that our students can learn the best way to adjust and get the most out of their college careers.”

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Resort’s president hopes to rock Boca’s Ballroom Battle

John Tolbert has crossed hundreds of ballroom floors during his hotel management career, but the president and managing director of the Boca Raton Resort & Club is the first to admit he is far more comfortable dancing unnoticed among thousands of revelers at a rock concert. That could change, however, as Tolbert hopes to trip the light fantastic at Boca’s Ballroom Battle, the local fundraising equivalent to Dancing With the Stars.

Tolbert joins seven other contestants at the 10th annual event Aug. 18, but even though it’s being held at his hotel, he doubts he’ll be able to claim any home floor advantage.

“If I went to a U2 concert, I could dance fine,” he said, “but when you’re talking about formal dancing, learning the tango and cha-cha, in a ballroom setting … I was not prepared.”

For several weeks, he and the other competitors have been training at Fred Astaire Dance Studio with professional partners, putting together the routines they hope will result in the Mirror Ball trophy.

“That’s the fun part,” Tolbert said. “The teachers are amazing. It’s a lot of work, but it’s a lot of fun. I’ve been trying to go two to three times a week, because I’m starting from zero.

Tolbert’s challenges, of varying talent, are Jim Dunn, vice president and general manager at JM Lexus; Terry Fedele, a registered nurse, retired hospital executive and community volunteer; Lisa Kornstein Kaufman, and community volunteer; retired hospital executive Derek Morrell, of Scout & Molly’s boutiques; Heather Shaw Fairs, proprietor Lisa Kornstein Kaufman, and community volunteer; retired hospital executive and June 14 urged residents and their friends worldwide "with a martini and to raise a toast" to Brownie McLean.

The occasion: her 100th birthday. For most of her century, Brownie, the undisputed queen of Palm Beach, brushed off speculation about her age, preferring to say she was “61-plus.” Recently, she told Barbara Marshall of The Palm Beach Post, “I think it’s quite an accomplishment to survive that long.” And she has definitely survived with style.

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Salad

In one of the most unusual proclamations ever issued by a government body, the town of Palm Beach on July 14 urged residents and their friends worldwide "with a martini and to raise a toast" to Brownie McLean.

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El Solano, their magnificent estate on South Ocean, was party central in Palm Beach. You name the charity, Brownie would host the fundraiser. But after Jock died in 1975, the house was too big to manage, so Brownie began renting it.

One renter, Larry Hyn, short on funds, rented the home, which didn’t please Brownie, and she finally sold it — to John Lennon and Yoko Ono.

While money hasn’t been a problem since Brownie left the farm, it has never mattered. Throughout it all, the driving force behind her success has been her kindness. Though she’s been provided many opportunities, she’s never had a bad word to say about anybody.

Another Palm Beach institution, not quite as old, has bid farewell to The Island, at least for a few years.

Testa’s, which opened in 1921, has closed. The 1.3-acre site on Royal Poinciana Way that includes a long-closed gas station and several small shops will be redeveloped into six two-story buildings with a new restaurant, shops and six luxury condos. But the new complex won’t be ready for a minimum of 30 months or, more likely, three years.

Whether Testa’s will return hasn’t been decided. The Testa family reportedly has received offers to relocate to Wellington and to other spots in Palm Beach, but for now the legendary crab cake sandwiches and strawberry pie are history.

Raise a stein to NoBo, the latest addition to Boynton Beach’s growing craft brewery community. NoBo (short for North Boynton) is nestled in the warehouse district just west of I-95 and north of Gateway, within walking distance of local pioneers Due South and Copperpoint.

The June opening was a long time coming for brothers Steve and Tim Dornblaser, who had initially hoped to open in late 2015, first as Lagerhead Brewing, then as Driftwood Ales before they settled on the...
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Dining

**Hungry for deli classics? Check out Junior's**

**The Plate:** Turkey Reuben
**The Place:** Junior’s, Mizner Park, 409 Plaza Real, Boca Raton 33432-7301 or www.juniorscheesecake.com

**The Price:** $15.95

**The Skinny:** The original Junior’s opened in 1930 in Brooklyn and was known for its cheesecake.

We tried the cheesecake but found it to have a slightly off-flavor, like it had been in the refrigerator too long. Far better were the pickles and beets served up as sides. But it was with its full-portion, larger-than-life sandwiches that Junior’s scored points with two friends and me.

My Turkey Reuben was loaded with fresh-roasted white meat turkey. It was topped with Junior’s creamy slaw, which was dressed with a slightly sweet, slightly tangy sauce. My friends also enjoyed the pastrami on their Reuben.

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**Distinctive NoBo.**

The present menu includes four staples—a bratwurst, a hefeweizen, an American IPA 2.0 and a coffee porter. A constantly changing list of seasonals—presently six—includes The Funky Monk, a strong Belgian golden ale, and a sour hefeweizen. Rumors swirl.

Guest taps include Crisp Cider from Broski Ciderworks in Pompano Beach and Mango Way from Proof Brewing in Tallahassee.

The Donbessiers will pour any legal size draft, from 5-ounce samplers ($2-$3) to 12- and 16-ounce drafts ($5-$6) and 32- and 64-ounce growlers ($9-$20).

Open every day but Tuesday, NoBo is building a calendar of special events featuring food trucks and a football kickoff party Sept. 2. Featuring FSU vs. Alabama.

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**Speaking of football, the day before the Noles meet the Tide, we’ll know how far FAU has come. New head coach Lane Kiffin, as the Owls take on Navy. Those permanently attached to their TVs can catch the game on ESPNU. But despite replays, easy access to restrooms and cushy recliners, football games are better enjoyed live and in person. And FAU’s stadium is among the best. Tickets start at a modest $12.**

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My Turkey Reuben was loaded with fresh-roasted white meat turkey. It was topped with Junior’s creamy slaw, which was dressed with a slightly sweet, slightly tangy sauce. My friends also enjoyed the pastrami on their Reuben.

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**Helo Gastrocnemius.**

Now, how about some appetizers. A group, Palm Beach Naturists, now thinks MacArthur Beach State Park in North Palm Beach would be an ideal location to attract tourists and locals who enjoy nudie sunbathing.

The closest nude beaches now are Haulover on the north side of Miami and Blind Creek Beach in Fort Pierce. Dickey believes some of the money that goes to those areas should come to Palm Beach County.

Actually, before being renamed MacArthur Park, for former owner John D. MacArthur, the 2-mile stretch was a popular, albeit unofficial, clothing-optional beach. Legend has it that during a visit to discuss building an amusement park in nearby Palm Beach Gardens, MacArthur took Walt Disney there for a skinny-dip.

Dr. Phil McGraw will head the list of celebrities for the 28th Chris Evert/Raymond James Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic to be held Nov. 3-5. An avid tennis player, McGraw will join Evert for the first time since 2002.

Other returnees include actors Timothy Olyphant (FX’s Justified), Jamie McShane (Netflix’s American Idol) and three-time Indy 500 champion Helio Castroneves.

Included in the roster is former tennis legend Martina Navratilova and Luke Jensen.

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**Another remarkable fundraising operation, the Boca West Foundation, has been in operation only since 2010 yet already raised 44.8 million for local charities. Its most recent venture, a concert by Jennifer Hudson at the Boca West Country Club, took in $1.45 million. The money will go to 25 area children’s programs, including Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, Boca Helping Hands, Caridad Center, Florida Child Development Centers, Viner Community Scholars Foundation and Dream Sweat Makers.**

The fifth annual FLAVOR Palm Beach offers discounted prix fixe menus at 50-plus Palm Beach County restaurants during September. Three-course lunches will be priced at $20 and dinners from $30. Each reservation made through FLAVORPB.com’s OpenTable link will benefit the Boca West County Food Bank.

For a full list of participants, menus and reservations, go to FLAVORPB.com. Reservations are suggested.

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**Boca Raton has lost a friend, a legend. Just a few weeks shy of his 70th birthday in early hours of July 20, longtime arts writer Skip Sheffield died in his sleep. The cause of death has not been revealed.**

Skip was a cancer survivor, but in a Facebook comment in May about a photo of his band, the Sheffield Brothers, at Tim Finnegan’s Irish Pub, he offered a hint: Sheffield “My newly installed Seymour Duncan pickup made my little 1967 Fender ‘baby bass’ a real powerhouse. I was less so. That’s why I am seated. I like to think of myself as a tough guy, but I am fragile. I thank my brothers for being patient with me. The spirit is willing but sometimes the body is weak.”

Then in a reply to a friend he noted: “I have ‘persistent anemia. It has ebbed and flowed since childhood.”

As sleepy Boca Raton woke up, Skip was there. Born in Norman Sheffield in New Hampshire, he first moved with his family to Miami, then to Boca Raton when Federal Highway’s two lanes ran by Africa USA, Bethesda in Boynton Beach was the closest hospital and high school students went to Seacrest in Delray Beach. From 1968 to 1986 his father was general manager at the Hillsboro Club.

As Boca grew, so did Skip. A renaissance man of sorts, he owned motorcycles and vintage automobiles, poetry and literature, surfing, rock ‘n roll, theater and movies. He and brothers John and Richard formed a band, the Sheffield Brothers, and played concerts, local bars and parties and films and a gala, pro-Awards & Affiliations.

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**The Boca Raton News, where Skip quickly strode from the mailbox to the food reviews to the living room. He previewed and reviewed movies, plays and concerts yet still found time to work on the old cars and catch a few waves. He managed to form a family — with three daughters and five grandchildren,**

He wrote for the News until the paper closed in 2009, then signed on with Atlantic Avenue magazine and the weekly Boca Raton Tribune, freelanced and blogged.

Facebook has been flooded with comments.

“We have all lost a kind soul, a caring friend, a maker of the funniest of tales,” friend Marie Rocheleau Graves wrote. “Skip Sheffield could reach in and pull a memory of the past and make it our own. Life is a day at the beach — he took us there on his bike rides, photos and memories, documenting the changes taking place, recalling the times of old. Somehow he made perfect sense of it all... or at the very least kept us hanging for the next story.”

In announcing his brother’s death, skip's brother, John Sheffield wrote, “For me... yesterday was the day the music died.”

A formal memorial service will be held Aug. 26 at First United Methodist Church in Boca Raton. However, friends and family are saving the real sendoff for the following evening at Tim Finnegan’s in Delray Beach with a performance by the remaining Sheffield Brothers and assorted musical guests. The brothers’ rationale: “In true Skip Sheffield fashion... the show must go on!”

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Aesop’s Tables
Clematis St. installation to be auctioned off for charities

By Lucy Lazarony

Aesop’s Tables, hand-painted picnic tables on Clematis Street in downtown West Palm Beach, are set to be auctioned off Aug. 31 in support of more than two dozen local charities.

The live auction starts at 7:30 p.m. and is part of Clematis by Night, which runs from 6 to 10 p.m.

The 25, 6-foot tables, which support 25 different local charities and depict characters from the fables of the ancient Greek writer Aesop, have been on display in the waterfront park just east of the Centennial Square Fountain since June 1.

Mary Pinak, community events manager for the city of West Palm Beach Department of Parks and Recreation, wanted to create a community art event with the focus of bringing people together, after a year in which the city has been the site of so many protests.

“Visitors to the area are encouraged to sit on the picnic tables and share a meal. And the tables have become a gathering place for local residents as well,” Pinak says.

“We want people to sit down and share meals with people they know and people they meet on-site. We want to encourage interactivity, absolutely,” Pinak says. “Simply sit down and eat together, because we all need to eat.”

The tables are the site of a number of local events such as Trivia Night on Wednesday evenings.

“Their mostly being used in the evenings because it’s pretty hot” during the day, Pinak says.

And underneath all that community gathering is some pretty spectacular art, bright and bold and welcoming.

Each picnic table is distinct,

www.palmbeachartspaper.com

Books

An old printer’s devil finds heaven in FAU’s Jaffe Center

Achieving bliss among the ems and ens
By Myles Ludwig

The aroma was seductive; confit to a sous chef. It vamped me as soon as I stepped off the elevator on the third floor of FAU’s Wimberly Library in Boca. Wafting through the stale cloud of cold french fries, half-eaten burgers and curdling lattes on the study tables where students were doing anything but studying, it was a perfume I’d known nearly all my life.

A ironic conflation of lilacs and gasoline: Printer’s ink. It drew me toward a small room attached to the Jaffe Center for Book Arts, dominated by an 1890s cast-iron Wesel that was the Industrial Revolution’s version of the old wine press from which it took its inspiration.

That’s where I met a peppy John Cutrone, director of the Jaffe Center, who studied book arts at the University of Alabama and the hallowed Penland School of Crafts in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, and young Charley Pratt, a descendant of the family that founded one of America’s most prestigious design academies, the Pratt Institute in New York.

John was printing get-out-the-vote promotions from a collection of old ad cuts for a professor on a 1940s era Vandercook while Charley was inking up the stone for the Wesel with a gray tone that might have been a mystery before Larry Herbert, an ink salesman, turned the color-matching system he called Pantone into a decorator’s dream of world domination.

It’s like an old-fashioned print shop and we were surrounded by drawers of lead fonts, composing furniture of wood and lead, picas ems, ens — the raw materials of the printing trade birthed by Gutenberg’s development of the Chinese wood blocks into movable type that reached its zenith in the binary light-fueled Noto on your phone that gets you to the head of the line.

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Lumpur, usually at 2 or 3 a.m., arguing about whether the flesh was flesh colored enough or the black, blue enough (the best is a blend of the two or a super-premium double bump with varnish). The only place I never had a disagreement about color was in Hong Kong, where the printer got up fast, made a few minor adjustments on the computer controls and came out spot-on. I've watched the huge web presses in Whapping, where Rupert Murdoch broke the back of the British printing trades union, reeled off forklifted rolls of newsprint as big as toilet paper rolls for Godzilla and churned out the daily newspapers, and I've printed on a 32-page Baker-Perkins where chaos theory prevails: change a tad of yellow in one spot and, like the proverbial butterfly in China setting off an earthquake in Oklahoma, it affects every page in the magazine thereafter.

It is really a thrilling experience to see your work go from a vague idea in your mind to a printed page you can hold in your hand.

Magic. The invisible made tangible. That's what printing means to me.

As a designer, I knew that, as John said, the letterpress was enjoying a kind of renaissance. IS Projects, which Ingrid Schindal started in Fort Lauderdale, is one example: a collaborative printmaking and book arts studio offering letterpress printing, fine art printmaking, workshops, book binding services, and edition printing. It is a throwback to the current yearning for authenticity, the same spirit that has propelled the food business to revel in barreling small-batch Pepsi, pepper-flavored whiskey, bathtub-brewed beer, pour-over coffee, finger-whipped cream, hand-kneaded bread, locally grown hydroponic kale. A rebellion stoveyed by demonizing the auto-corrected and auto-tuned GMO life we lead and romanticizing the good old days, back when a pair of stone tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments wouldn't fit in the back pocket of your Japanese denim dhoti.

The Jaffe is a jewel — a treasure chest of some 10,000 books, prints and ephemera all dedicated to the aesthetics of the book. The collection, based on Arthur Jaffe's original 2,800-piece donation in 1998, is housed in an elegant space in the library at FAU.

That's where John presides over a variety of programs open to the community, including workshops in letter writing, a form I've returned to (even though I failed Penmanship in grade school) to make my important messages more personal than evanescent email — the 21st century form of disappearing ink. He puts out a newsletter you can subscribe to online, via the Jaffe's website, thus proving he's no Luddite.

Eric Bush, my knowledgeable, articulate and well-mannered guide to the collection, showed me a variety of intriguing specimens including a 16th century Coptic Christian Ethiopian bible printed in Ge'ez, considered the precursor of all three major Semitic tongues in Ethiopia. Eric also showed me an accordion-folded Ghost Diary, a piece created by Maureen Cummins from an assemblage of found photos that switch from negative to positive and a letterworthly Caligula.

Arthur Jaffe himself was a voracious but discriminating collector. Or, as he preferred to call himself, an “assembler.” Not long before he passed away at age 93, he told Phillip Valys of the Sun-Sentinel, “I'm retiring” after 13 years as curator of the collection. He was a man who understood the magic of the book, not just as an instrument but as itself a testament to civilization.

Serving as front-line soldier, psywar operator and a Nazi interrogator in World War II Germany, he told Valys he began his assembly by bartering “cigarettes and chocolate” for his first batch of rare books: a classical Greek-to-Hebrew translated Bible. “Books,” he said, “are like beautiful people. They each have different births and history and purpose. They have one thing in common: they are all aesthetic objects and I bought them for personal satisfaction.”

His wry humor, capacity for intimacy and passion for ice cream were as well-known as his passion for books. Said Chris Fritton, who prints and writes The Itinerant Printer: “From what I'm told, he asked for a bowl of chocolate ice cream around 8-9 p.m., then quietly went to bed. I can't think of a better way to go.”

His spirit lives on between the covers at FAU.
French photos at the Norton: Classic Paris, and some new directions

By Gretel Sarmiento

Those of us who missed this year’s Bastille Day fireworks celebration at the Eiffel Tower had a couple of options: looping Alain Delon films or seeing Norton Museum’s French Connections.

Nothing wrong with the first two, but the third option can’t be found on YouTube. The bite-size exhibit is drawn from the museum’s photography collection and consists mostly of black-and-white photographs depicting deserted Parisian streets, cafes and storefronts. A sleeping man on a park bench, an old lady emerging from a balcony, a street bookseller; all lovely and colorful and so unique, just like all of us,” Pinak says. “And when they all come together instead. The moral is “What a kindness is never wasted,” says Anthony Burks Sr. created tables depicting “The Lion and the Mouse,” whose moral is “A Kindness is never wasted,” for the American Cancer Society, and “The Rooster and the Jewel” for Habitat for Humanity. In “The Rooster and the Jewel,” a hungry rooster in search of food discovers a jewel instead. The moral is “What is treasure to one may be worthless to another.” Burks, a fine artist who enjoys painting animals, felt right at home with the project. “I love painting animals, so this is perfect for me,” Burks says. Loxahatchee artist Frank Navarrete also was right in harmony with painting the table “The Dog and the Shadow.” “I own six dogs and four dogs are rescue,” says Navarrete, whose table will be auctioned off for the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League. Navarrete, who has a background in graphic design and magazine illustration, describes his art as “very sharp and bold, mostly Pop Art.” Kaitlyn Seyler, event and marketing coordinator for the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, said the league felt a special kinship with Navarrete because of his love of animals. The nonprofit is thrilled with Navarrete’s art for Aesop’s Tables. “It’s nice to have somebody believe in our mission as much as we do,” Seyler says. “And our table’s adorable. I’m completely blown away. Everyone who sees it can’t believe how adorable it is. Everybody loves it.”

If You Go
French Connections: Photography runs through Aug. 13 at the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach. Admission is free. Call 832-5196 for more information.

Which is why it was a relief to find among the 15 displayed works, some by contemporary artists Delphine and Elodie, who are collectively known as the Chevaline Sisters. Their pictures of two young male dancers — titled Santa Lazarus and Arouna — feature a curious embossing consisting of astronauts and monsters. The twins equate these peculiar hand-stenciled impressions to leaving fingerprints on their photographs. The big prize for breaking the mold, however, goes to a modern portrait that takes on Edouard Manet’s Olympia. Commanding in size and wit, Portrait (Futago) inserts the Asian nude body of its creator, Yasumasa Morimura, as both the lounging courtesan and the black maid offering the gifted bouquet. The title of this 1988 piece makes more sense once we learn Futago translates to twins in Japanese.

Recreating Manet’s composition involved several hand-stenciled impressions to leaving fingerprints on their photographs.

Portait (Futago) (1988-90), by Yasumasa Morimura.

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refecting a local contemporary artist’s visual interpretation of a story with a moral dating back to the fifth century B.C. “They’re so vibrant and so colorful and so unique, just like all of us,” Pinak says. “And when they all come together it’s one lovely project.”— feature a

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In addition to Habitat for Humanity, American Cancer Society and Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, the following charities will benefit from the Aesop’s Tables live auction on Aug. 31: Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches Inc. Autism Speaks Children Seen and Heard Cultural Council of Palm Beach County Dress for Success Palm Beaches Gulfstream Goodwill Industries Healthful Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County Legal Aid of Palm Beach County Inc. Life’s Changes Palm Beach County Inc. Little Smiles Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches Nonprofits First Pathfinders Scholarship Fund Quantum House Resource Depot Seagull Services Sister Cities of Delray Beach, Inc. Susan G. Komen South Florida The Arc of Palm Beach County The Take heed Theater Company Inc. United Way of Palm Beach County Urban Youth Impact For more information on the Aesop’s Table auction, please visit www.wpb.org/events or call 822-1515.
**Reviews**

**Summer sizzled with impressive Polaroids, Shakespeare and music fests**

**John Reuter, Second Impressions**

(through Aug. 5, Palm Beach Photographic Centre, West Palm Beach)

A photographer since the early 1970s, John Reuter famously broke the rules when he began manipulating Polaroid film to achieve large-scale images. His process recreates the Polaroid negative by removing and placing on wet watercolor paper. Reuter, who joined the Polaroid Corporation in 1979 as a senior photographer and headed the company’s large-format 20X24 studio, joined the ranks of artists pushing the limits of the 20X24 camera and the SX-70 model. His compositions incorporate paint and collage, and are often made up of multiple panels. The result is closer to a fresco painting than an actual photograph.

The guardians and angels on display look like spectrums, ghosts of the past. We can see the softening edges, the pale colors and even the peeling of the paint working toward a goal that we suspect has little to do with delighting the viewer and everything to do with pushing the media.

One of the pieces, such as At the Dimming, appear more as a painting than a photograph. The oversized head of a woman emerges like an apparition, eyes closed, above a group of three female figures pointing toward a window where a mysterious shoulder and elbow, presumably male, can barely be spotted. Body parts are seen floating, as in a dream, toward a window. The woman, who bears a striking resemblance to Salvador Dalí’s Gala, is left undressed.

In Spirits of Père La Chaise VI, from 1989, we find ourselves in the presence of a supreme example of digital art, a portrait of a face with the face of a child. The youthfulness conveyed by the rosy cheeks and golden, man-e-like hair competes with a sense of vulnerability. An overly dramatic skies and crisp brightness in his exotic landscapes, ironically, captures what the human eye has forever remained platonic, it was revised in his 40s and, like his late life revision of the Piano Trio, Op. 8, reflects the elder composer’s discomfort with the musical effusions of his youth.

The ensemble had the advantage of an excellent Steiniý D piano, but pianist Milana Serebrakov needed more sheer power in addition to accuracy and a good tone, to convey the scope of the first and second movements adequately. However, the team work among her, violinist Kostic, violist Reder, and cellist Susan Bergeron was precise and expressive.

For its inaugural concert, the Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival served up a true musical feast. — Dennis E. Rooney

**Dunkirk** (opened July 21)

It is still summer, but the arrival of Christopher Nolan’s Dunkirk already has us thinking about next year’s Academy Awards. At a time when theatres are crowded with superhero epics for teenage fanboys, Nolan gives us a film for adults — a wartime history lesson well as a textbook example of masterful direction and screenwriting.

Without the visceral violence of a Saving Private Ryan — Nolan seems more focused on the apprehension of warfare, rather than the actual combat — Dunkirk may have the same impact as Spielberg’s World War II saga. Pointedly, the London-born Nolan opts to tell a very British story, set in 1940, long before the United States ever entered the war. It is a pivotal moment in the war, when some 400,000 Allied troops — British, Belgian and French — are stranded in Northern France, on the beaches of Dunkirk, pinned down by German forces.

The war film is an attempt to bring the Dunkirk story to the screen, not just for Americans, but in the terror-filled eyes of the young British soldiers, we can see the imminent threat they represent. The historical record of Dunkirk is how he divides the battle into three fronts — land, sea and air — each in its own time and space, yet intercut to approximate simultaneous action.

There are the young draftees on land, waiting to be evacuated, personified by teenage Tommy (a Noah Jupe, who plays) Fionn Whitehead, whose terror registers expressively on his face). There are the civilian yachtsmen who sail across the Channel to evacuate the British, represented by a Mr. Dawson (Mark Rylance, purest of Englishmen) and his son.

And most cinematically, there are the RAF Spitfire pilots, like the barely functional of his youth. Stan Spinola was the all-Why? Bottom registers of the instrumental sonority. Stan Spinola was the all-
Arts Calendar
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The City of West Palm Beach: Through Aug. 31: Student Summer Show, sculptures, ceramics and jewelry by adult students. Open Aug. 18. New students are invited to work on recent additions to the teaching staff. Through Oct. 31. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Free admission. Call 561-832-1700 or visit www.artscenter.org.

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BOOKS
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Now that first barely rare book has grown into a catalog of about 10,000 titles, and in November 2016, Palm Beach’s Worth Avenue became home to Raptis Rare Books, an antiquarian bookstore where George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln share the shelves with James Bond, Tom Sawyer and the Beatles.

“This is the first venture I’ve not run out of my house,” says Raptis, who grew up near Saratoga, N.Y., and came to Palm Beach from Brattleboro, Vt. A rare book dealer for 16 years, he’d sold his wares through online and printed catalogs until now. “I had a couple of clients who live here and I wanted more direct contact with clients,” he says. Now he’s the archivist to an enterprise that seems more museum than retail business.

Browse the shelves, ponder the framed photographs on the walls, and prepare to be humbled.

Here’s the first English edition of Michel de Montaigne’s essays, printed in 1603.

There’s Profiles in Courage, signed by John F. Kennedy.

Here’s an edition of Alcoholics Anonymous, the organization’s founder.

There’s John Lennon’s In His Own Write, signed by both Lennon and Paul McCartney. On the wall, a very rare Beatles.

But isn’t it far better to read your first edition of Jaws, signed by the author, than fiction. “In Palm Beach, we sell a lot of Winston Churchill and Ayn Rand,” he says. And here’s a 1943 first edition of Rand’s The Fountainhead in the original dust jacket, priced at $70,000. You might assume collectors are looking for items in perfect or near-perfect condition, but sometimes it’s the flaw that adds value.


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If it’s something that’s still in demand, it can be rare if the book is something of limited value. “It would probably be a first edition of Don Quixote,” he decides. “One went on sale in 1989 for $1.1 million.”

Forbes magazine, that’s where it should be. “No,” he says. “I smell it. I know it.”

Nonfiction is more sought after than fiction. “In Palm Beach, we sell a lot of Winston Churchill and Ayn Rand,” he says. And here’s a 1943 first edition of Rand’s The Fountainhead in the original dust jacket, priced at $70,000. You might assume collectors are looking for items in perfect or near-perfect condition, but sometimes it’s the flaw that adds value.


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And speaking of Mark Twain, here’s an 1864 first edition of The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, and a letter from Twain to Bram Stoker, author of Dracula.

How must it feel to get a new rare book or letter for his catalog? Doesn’t Raptis hold it lovingly, turn each page, ponder the binding, contemplate the genius that wrote it, the hands that have held it? “No,” he says. “I smell it. I love the smell of rare books. That old paper. It fills me with emotion and sentiment.”

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**August 2017**

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**Monthly Meetings**

**August 5**

- **Saturday - 8/5**
  - 6 pm: Faithful at Eiler Earnst, Jr. Community Center, 2011 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Dining & games. $6 per member, $10 per non-member.
  - 7 pm: Eclipse at United Methodist Church, 320 E. Ocean Blvd., Boynton Beach. Dinner & entertainment. $30 per person.

- **Thursday - 8/2**
  - 6:30 pm: Sidelines at Community Camera Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Dinner & entertainment. $20 per person.
  - 7:30 pm: Delray Beach Garden Club at Delray Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Dr., Delray Beach. Dinner & entertainment. $20 per person.

**August 6**

- **Sunday - 8/6**
  - 6:30 pm: Concert at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 NW 1st Ave., Delray Beach. Free admission.

- **Monday - 8/7**
  - 11 am: Morning Meditation at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Village Green Way, Delray Beach. Free admission.
  - 2 pm: Program at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Village Green Way, Delray Beach. Free admission.

- **Tuesday - 8/8**
  - 1 pm: Tours at Delray Beach Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Free admission.
  - 2 pm: Rippers Knitting Club at Lake Worth Casino Beach, 901 S Ocean Blvd., Lake Worth. Free admission.

- **Wednesday - 8/9**
  - 10 am: Clubs at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave., Boca Raton. Free admission.
  - 11 am: Singing at Delray Beach Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Free admission.

- **Thursday - 8/10**
  - 10 am: Dance at Lake Worth Casino Beach, 901 S Ocean Blvd., Lake Worth. Free admission.
  - 11 am: Computer Basics for Older Adults at Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NE 1st St, Boca Raton. Free admission.
  - 12 noon: Computer Basics for Older Adults at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 NW 1st Ave., Delray Beach. Free admission.
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- **Saturday - 8/12**
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  - 11 am: Computer Basics for Older Adults at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave., Boca Raton. Free admission.

**August 7**

- **Monday - 8/7**
  - 8 pm: Open Mic Night at Square 1 Pub, 301 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Free admission.
  - 8:30 pm: Live Music at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Village Green Way, Delray Beach. Free admission.

- **Tuesday - 8/8**
  - 10 am: Computer Basics for Older Adults at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Dr., Boynton Beach. Free admission.

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AUGUST 13-19

Sunday - 8/13 - Tennessee Soul Man Danny Brooks and Live Music at Arts Garage, 9-11 pm. 948-6468; artsgarage.org
Monday - 8/14 - The Soul of Men interviewed by Socialism part of Great Books group at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 1-2 pm. 590-6410; bocalibrary.org
Wednesday - 8/16 - Cooking in the Garden: Creative Culinary Class with Chef Nick of Bean Scena Productions: Conventient, Portion Control and Balanced Meats in a Mason Jar: Breakfast at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 10-11 am. 354-4449; umaagarding.com/ed/observatory
Thursday - 8/17 - The New Deal Artists Who Become Modern Masters with Joan Lipton, PhD at Society of the Arts Downtown Education Building, 2 Arts Park, Palm Beach. 10-11 am. 354-4449; umaagarding.com/ed/observatory
Friday - 8/18 - Guided Tour of Historic Boca Raton and Resale Shop at 501 Camino Real, presented by Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum. 1-2 pm. 483-4200 x112; habcenter.org
Saturday - 8/19 - New Deal Artists: Who Become Modern Masters with Joan Lipton, PhD at Society of the Arts Downtown Education Building, 2 Arts Park, Palm Beach. 10-11 am. 354-4449; umaagarding.com/ed/observatory
Sunday - 8/20 - Concert: Mei Mei Luo, violin and Daphne Spinney, piano at The Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8-9 pm. 483-4200 x112; habcenter.org
Monday - 8/21 - Taste History Culinary Tours at The Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8-9 pm. 483-4200 x112; habcenter.org
Tuesday - 8/22 - downtown Delray Beach Art Walk/Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave. 6-9 pm. Free. 483-4200 x112; habcenter.org
Wednesday - 8/23 - 90th Birthday Birthday Bash at Artists’ Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave. 6-9 pm. Free. 483-4200 x112; habcenter.org
Thursday - 8/24 - Socialism & Culture Event at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave. 6-9 pm. Free. 483-4200 x112; habcenter.org
Friday - 8/25 - Opening Reception at Artists’ Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave. 6-9 pm. Free. 483-4200 x112; habcenter.org
Saturday - 8/26 - Food Truck Invasion at Artists’ Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave. 6-9 pm. Free. 483-4200 x112; habcenter.org
Sunday - 8/27 - Chamber Festival Days. Noon-2 pm. 483-4200 x112; habcenter.org
Mon - Fri: 12-4 pm. 948-6468; artsgarage.org
Tuesday - 8/28 - Cooking in the Garden: Creative Culinary Class with Chef Nick of Bean Scena Productions: Conventient, Portion Control and Balanced Meats in a Mason Jar: Breakfast at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 10-11 am. 354-4449; umaagarding.com/ed/observatory
Wednesday - 8/29 - TUES with the TOP: Talk, Empower, and Accelerate Your Business at Florida Women’s Business Center, 400 N Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 9-noon. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com
Thursday - 8/30 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Delray Beach and Boca Beach conducted by Museum of Lifestyle & Jazz History at Great Delray Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsored by Dash Travel. 5-7 pm. $15-30/person. 483-4200 x112; habcenter.org
Friday - 8/31 - Food Truck Invasion at Artists’ Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave. 6-9 pm. Free. 483-4200 x112; habcenter.org
Saturday - 9/1 - Food Truck Invasion at Artists’ Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave. 6-9 pm. Free. 483-4200 x112; habcenter.org
Sunday - 9/2 - Comprehensive Plan Update Community Workshop at The Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 9-noon. Free. 243-7040; mydelraybeach.com
Monday - 9/3 - Writing the World part of Florida Authors Academy Workshops at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 10-noon. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com
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Music.stpaulsdelray.org seating; $15/regular; $5/student. 276-4541; Muffins & Mysteries: Monday - 8/21 - Monday Morning Delray Beach Running Club drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com pm showtime/dancing. $10/includes house 8/20 - It’s a Sock Hop with Joey Dale 8/22 - 7th Annual Cocktails for JARC am-1 pm. $30/member; $45/non-member. 713 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Part of Lake Star Productions at Sol Theatre, 3333 N Palm Beach. Explore the zoo, enjoy zookeeper talks, live music, cash bar, food for purchase. 4:30-9 pm. 595-5050; 561-484-9453; palmbeachzoo.org 8/24 - Wine & All That Jazz at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E Camino Real; Boca Raton. Live music, entertainment, raffle prizes, dancing. Portion of proceeds benefits the Golden Bell Education Foundation. 7-9 pm. 561-3150; 493-4433; bocaeducationfoundation.org AUGUST 27-29 Thursday - 8/27 - Bagels & Bingo at Temple Sinai, 2457 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Create art, enjoy wine, craft beer, signature cocktail. 7-9 pm. $55/individual; $85/couple dinner ticket. 493-9453; bocasynagoguestars.org Saturday - 9/2 - The Writer’s Studio at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Free. 9:30 am-10 pm. 495-0709; thewritersstudio.org

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Aug 25 - 7th Classic Film Series: Wet Hot American Summer (2001) at Old School Square Fieldhouse, 51 W Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Snack & drink for the show. Costumes encouraged. 7 pm doors. 8-11 pm; film 9:15-24:30; oldschoolsquare.org 8/21 - 17th Annual Bridal Show at Sterling Sands, 2014 Commercial Blvd. Benefits Boca Raton Hôpital. Part of Boca Beach Chamber Festival. 2-5 pm. 561-558-4730; boca/behardybridal.com Monday - 8/28 - The Economic Basis of the Withering Away of the State & the Economic Basis of the Withering Away of the State by Karl Marx. 7-10 pm. 561-233-4702; bocabookshop.com 9/1 - 9/2 - 14th Annual Delray Beach Retailers Sale Evening. At The Seagate Hotel & Spa Reef Ballroom, 1000 E Atlantic Ave. 10 vendors. 6 pm. admission. 6564840; theseagatehotel.com 9/1 - So Be College Dance Fair at Boca Ballet Theatre, 735 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. $75/$60 per student. 8 pm. 425-7868; enpointproductions.org 9/2 - Boca Beach Restaurant Month: Boca Loves New York! at participating restaurants throughout Boca Raton. 1-3 courses per meal up to $35. 727-2737; bocarestaurantmonth.com 9/1-3 - So Danca College Dance Fair at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. $20-$35. 995-0709; theseagatehotel.com 9/1 - Speak Their Names (Revisited) at Flamingo Clay Studio & Gallery, 15 S J St, Lake Worth. Runs through 9/20 Sun-Thurs 10 am-6 pm; Fri/Sat 10 am-9 pm. Reception 6-9 pm. 588-8344; flamingoclaystudio.org 9/1 - 9/2 - The Writer’s Studio at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Free. 9:30 am-10 pm. 495-0709; thewritersstudio.org

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