The Colony

Historic Delray hotel stays faithful to its past as it prepares for future

By Mary Thurwachter

On a sunny afternoon in May, Jestena Boughton and Hilary Roche converse in a long narrow office at the Colony Hotel. Lucy, the beagle-corgi mix Boughton recently adopted, keeps an eye on things between snoozes.

The women are planning projects for The Colony and its sister hotel with the same name in Kennebunkport, Maine. There’s always a project, says Boughton, owner and manager of both properties. At the sunny golden yellow hotel with its eye-catching maroon- and white-striped awnings, the finishing touches are being made on the handsome dark wood lobby bar. The cabana pool is due for renovations and an in-house laundry is in the works so that sheets and towels no longer will be sent out.

“We’re putting in energy-efficient machines,” Boughton explains, “and we’ll save gas because the linens won’t have to be driven somewhere else.”

Recognized by the city as a historical landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The 84-year old Colony brought home another historic landmark and listed honor last month. The Historic Preservation Board presented Boughton and the hotel with a Preserve Delray Award, which honors property owners who continually preserve their significant piece of Delray Beach history.

Roche, the hotel’s managing director, is Boughton’s right hand and her cousin. After all, running the hotels has been a family affair for 75 years. Boughton’s father, George, and granddad, Charlie, bought the Delray Beach hotel in 1935 and keep an eye on things between snoozes.

By Mary Thurwachter

Olympic-sized dreams clad in fishnet and tiny shorts

By Kelly Wolfe

You need an arsenal of adjectives to describe the Dub City Roller Girls.

At first glance, they are a combination of the family tomboy and a sisterhood of grown-up Goths band of aliens and save the Earth; strippers has to fight off an evil band of aliens and save the Earth; or a sisterhood of grown-up Goths who shook teen angst a long time ago and are now just really teed off.

But it doesn’t take long to realize that beyond the sparkle, fishnets and battle cries such as “Bling it on,” they are ravenous athletes with eyes set on a horizon many people might find unrealistic: the 2016 Olympic games.

“What I really like is that it’s a game of thinking and strategy,” said Heidi Colucci, a founding member of the Dub City Derby Girls. (Dub City is slang for West Palm Beach's Palm Beach Derby Girls, as one of the Dub City Derby Girls, Palm Beach’s newest women's flat track Roller Derby Team. Photo by Tim Stepken

Along the Coast

Breakwater project faces opposition

By Tim O’Melia

Palm Beach County officials are pushing ahead with plans for a breakwater-and-groin project along a 1.3-mile stretch of largely South Palm Beach shoreline despite critical reviews by federal agencies of a similar project along Singer Island in Riviera Beach.

“We’re simply seeking a method to protect our residences here,” said South Palm Beach Councilman Brian Merbler. But the South Palm Beach project won’t go forward without opposition from environmentalists, surfers and even lifeguards.

More than 50 people from Palm Beach to Manalapan attended a May 27 meeting at the South Palm Beach Town Hall to voice their concerns. Most of the dozen people who spoke argued the breakwaters and groins would do more harm than good.

Their worries will be included in an environmental impact statement drafted by consultants for the Army Corps of Engineers. A preliminary report is due in January. South Palm Beach has...
Editorial

Brave hearts beat in feathered breasts

May heralds summer and the newspaper office starts to heat up during the long afternoons. My husband calls it the “sweat pit.” He’s dead set on replacing the aging, noisy AC unit above our door. He’s only asking for cool, quiet air while he’s looking at windows. I’m eager for cool, quiet air while plans can resume. My husband is not going to be easy for our doors to get the wretched thing replaced.

Watching the little dove parents take turns incubating the eggs and then feeding the two tiny hatchlings has been better than a National Geographic production. Knowing doves are monogamous gives us reason to ascribe them with anthropomorphic characteristics — although we’ve refrained from giving them human names. I spent time on a farm as a teenager. I know better.

Friends have been less than kind: calling our dove parents anything more than fancy pigeons and suggesting they would taste good grilled, with a little garlic and olive oil. Brutal.

I don’t do that anymore. It’s hard to get an interesting shell on any of our Atlantic beaches. But I pick up stones. Flat stones in myriad shapes and colors. They might measure an inch or two across. They are more interesting than ordinary shells, in my opinion.

The stones I like the most are the ones with a round hole through them. I can imagine how the holes get there. With shells you can figure it out: some strong creature with an appetite for shellfish bores through the shell. But that makes no sense with a stone, of course.

The little stones with a hole or two look like they belong in a bonsai arrangement, which is a miniature of an interesting place on the big Earth. I take the stones home with me. It’s OK to take things from the beaches that are not alive. I don’t mean sand. You can’t take the sand. I take only one per day, well, maybe two or sometimes three. When I get home with the stones I put them in my garden, which is bigger than a bonsai, but not much bigger.

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Ken Matthews, Lantana

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Along the Coast

Oil spill: Watchfulness is best approach for public

By Antigone Barton

As the black cloud of oil from the Deepwater Horizon drilling platform neared the loop current that brings the Gulf Stream up the Atlantic coast, town managers, administrators and rescue officials here began meeting in mid-May to plan responses to a range of scenarios the disaster could bring. All, according to federal and state and county environmental officials, could threaten wildlife, spoil beaches and contaminate the water of Palm Beach County.

The impact locally of the April 20 explosion of the BP drill site in the Gulf of Mexico near Louisiana remained unknown a week after the May 17 meeting.

In the meantime, marine patrols from South Palm Beach to Delray Beach—the area designated Zone 3 by county emergency planners—are reporting and monitoring areas in their jurisdictions where debris accumulates, where tar balls would arrive. And in the time since the initial meeting, town officials have updated maps and lists of resources to assist plans to address damage from the spill.

But, Ocean Ridge Town Manager Ken Schenck notes, “Nobody really knows what is going to happen.”

The unknowns are stymieing even plans to train volunteers, county officials say, with estimates of the amount of training needed to assist in different scenarios ranging from four hours to 40. A team to gather documentation, Tichenor has said, “pretty much as it is going to happen.”

“Because people seem to have the capacity to do more harm than good when they don’t know what they’re doing,” Bates said. “And it’s much easier to do harm than prevent harm.”

“The best thing to do is nothing, until it’s something to do,” Tichenor said. “Because people seem to have the capacity to do more harm than good when they don’t know what they’re doing.”

BOYNTON INLET OIL SPILL PLAN

To protect fragile mangrove and seagrass beds within the Intracoastal Waterway, the U.S. Coast Guard and Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management have updated their oil spill protection plan for the Boynton Inlet. Initially developed for a liquid spill, the plan will be modified based on situational need. At present, the plan calls for closing navigation during incoming tides to allow deflection booms to push tarballs into collection points.

To read the governor’s executive order declaring a state of emergency to combat the disaster, go to: www.deepwaterhorizon/deepwaterhorizon/feedbackapp/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/protection/EOO10_06.pdf

The normal flow of the Mexico loop current could bring oil or tarballs into the Gulf Stream and then to our shores. There is no timetable projection for this possibility.
Delray Beach

Beach area improvement ideas described to commissioners

By Margie Plunkett

The Municipal Beach in Delray Beach would get a new name, pavilion and a sinuous sidewalk under a Beach Property Owners Association master plan that reflects community input from a November workshop.

The BPOA asked Delray Beach commissioners to accept the proposal at a workshop meeting May 18. Commissioners are not able to take action at workshops, but Mayor Woodie McDuffie did guide the project to its next step. “It’s time right now to start it through planning and zoning to get it made something official so we can get started on it,” he said.

The master plan included short-, moderate-, and long-term projects that commissioners can elect to undertake depending on budget considerations, according to Andy Katz, who stood in for Bob Currie to present to the panel. The costs started at nothing and ranged upward. The plan, however, doesn’t propose the changes immediately, but over time as need and as budget permits. Now officially called just the municipal beach, the area could gain a new name under the master plan, one that commissioners suggested should result from community input, possibly from a contest. Bob Ganger of the Preservation Board suggested it be called the Delray Gleason Beach, according to Katz. Nearby Sarah Gleason Park is named for the landowner who in 1871 sold the property along the beach with deed restrictions for what is now the municipal beach, according to the city’s website.

The plan would replace the pavilion with one designed to pick up historically significant elements harkening back to the 1930s and that would also be echoed in gazebos. Two pergolas would be added. The plan would open the intersection of Atlantic and A1A to the beach as much as possible, “turtle lighting permitting, or not permitting, as the case may be,” Katz said.

Street furniture — such as benches, trash cans and showers — would be replaced to unify the current variety of styles. And Katz said meters should be replaced with a centralized pay station that greatly reduces the number of mechanisms in the walkway. Some of the less costly items on the wish list included tasks such as enforcement of rules already in place.

“Thank you for being very sensitive to our budget,” said Commissioner Angelita Gray. “Staff has already started working on some of these items.”

Currie, who couldn’t make it to the meeting, drew praise from several commissioners as well as Katz, who noted that Currie had a hand in just about every aspect of the plan, including sketching the proposed features.

Commissioners honored Currie, an architect who has lived in Delray Beach for 41 years, for his volunteer work at their May 25 meeting.
Town moves ahead with bug-spray plan

By Margie Plunkett

Ocean Ridge town commissioners were the arbiters of nature last month, ruling down with the no-see-ums and moved toward designating the town a bird sanctuary.

In two separate issues at their May meeting, commissioners voted to start a new spraying regimen to battle no-see-ums and moved toward designating the town a bird sanctuary.

The audience applauded when town commissioners approved a short-term contract to spray for no-see-ums, a coastal issue as reliable as the ebb and flow of the tides. One resident group showed up wearing their hearts on their sleeves — as well as the rest of their T-shirts, which were printed with the sentiment “STOP BUG’N ME.”

“We should do this so the town doesn’t become known as a bug town,” said Commissioner Geoffrey Pugh, contending that Ocean Ridge loses home sales and value to no-see-ums.

Doug Wilson of Fleming Pest Management Inc. said the company will spray weekly to combat the tiny insects, whose bite is big enough to drive residents who support spraying maintain that the invisible biting insects make it impossible to enjoy their outdoor spaces. Resident Amy Mostafavi, a surgeon, also said the insects are a health threat, inviting secondary infection in patients who scratch itchy or welted skin.

Others, however, didn’t want spraying. Elizabeth Ackerly, who feared the threat to beneficial insects including butterflies and honeybees, said, “If it’s going to keep no-see-ums dead, it’s going to keep everything dead.”

The town planned to send authorization forms to residents affected by the spraying, which is in the area on the west side of A1A between Inlet Cay Drive and Woolbright Road. Residents should call Town Hall, 561-732-2635, or Fleming Pest Management, 561-371-5643, with questions or concerns.

In the meeting, commissioners briefly discussed an ordinance tabled at an earlier meeting that would make Ocean Ridge a bird sanctuary, a proposal championed by resident Jeff Lee. The proposal would protect birds in the area and possibly provide residents with bird-watching activities, all for little to no cost, Lee has said.

Commissioners expect to take up the bird sanctuary ordinance on first reading at their June 7 meeting.
Along the Avenues

Kravis-bound Florida Stage rings down the curtain in Manalapan

For two decades, Florida Stage has brightened the cultural landscape far beyond its little corner in Manalapan. Inevitably, the magnitude of the little company has grown, so its orbit had to expand.

On June 20, the last lines of the fittingly titled When the Sun Shone Brighter will be delivered from the stage in Plaza Del Mar. Four weeks later, the actors will be singing and dancing the Low Down Dirty Blues at the Kravis Center’s Rinker Playhouse.

But Florida Stage is making the move with style.

Opening night of When the Sun Shone Brighter was a family reunion, the house filled with faces who have lent something to the place over the years, as patrons, actors, contributors and even critics. On either side of the performance, they enjoyed hors d’œuvres, cocktails and champagne, a jazz trio and good memories.

Producing Director Lou Tyrrell and Managing Director Nan Barnett took a few minutes before the show to salute the old hands and thank some new faces including Miami-based lawyer/playwright Christopher Demos-Brown, whose play was seeing its first production, and photographer Barry Seidman, whose work adorned the walls outside the auditorium.

Demos-Brown even brought along a cheering section, headed by his sister-in-law, Cynthia Demos, familiar to some as a former reporter at WPTV-Channel 5 in West Palm Beach. Recently married, Cynthia now anchors morning and midday news shows at Miami’s WFOR-Channel 4.

The play is filled with political intrigue with a distinctive Florida touch, as the main character is a charismatic Cuban-American Miami mayor who wants to be a U.S. senator, but must deal with a few skeletons in his closet. Meanwhile, the audience is transported from the Castro revolution to the Bay of Pigs to the Mariel boatlift to the Elian Gonzalez saga.

The stellar cast offers a mix of Broadway and local talent — Tony nominee John Herrera as the candidate’s uncle and political adviser, Dreyfoos School of the Arts grad Natasha Sherritt as the candidate’s wife and Bill Schwartz as the candidate’s ghostly father.

For Schwartz, the play especially hits home. As is often the case with actors, he had a day job: for 15 years he was the spokesperson for the Miami Police Department. When federal agents, with help from Miami cops, removed Elian Gonzalez from his uncle’s home in Miami, Schwartz found himself trying to reason with an angry mob.

“I had a big crowd that wasn’t too happy with the Miami Police Department that day,” he told a Miami TV station when he retired in 2008.

“I was the face (of the Miami Police Department),” he said. “I took a few lumps. But it was exciting, too.”

Fellow officers rescued the beaten and bruised Schwartz, who lived to act another day.

Just across the bridge, the crew at Old Key Lime House in Lantana is still feeling good vibrations after a visit from the Beach Boys, and they’ve put the pictures on the wall to prove it.

While in town in April for their show at the Kravis Center, original keyboardist Bruce Johnson, actor-musician John Stamos, whose association with the band goes back to 1988, and members of the backup band took a boat ride and stopped by the restaurant for lunch.

“They were great,” Assistant General Manager Kristine Sullivan said. “They gave everyone hugs and posed for pictures. I got a picture of me with John Stamos. … He’s a cutie!”

Half a block east of U.S. 1 on Ocean Avenue at Pizzeria Ocean, Dak Kerprich has set aside June 8 for a “5 percent party.”

A what? Kerprich opened his little gourmet pizza joint a year ago with half a dozen stools inside and a few umbrellaed tables on the front deck. Business has been good, so good on some nights that he runs out of food and closes early.

A veteran of the South Florida restaurant wars, he couldn’t be happier, because he knows survival is risky.

“Ninety-five percent of restaurants fail in the first year,” he said. “We’ve made it this far, so we’re having a ‘5 percent party’ to celebrate.”

Falcon House down in Delray is one of those 5 percenters, but its fortunes were looking bleak until another veteran came to the rescue.

Karl Alterman, previously associated with Gigis, MoQuila and City Limits in Boca, was planning to head back home to the summery breezes of Nantucket, but “this literally fell into my lap,” he said.

Falcon House founders Tim Bauer and Ted Keer had left late last year to convert Monterey Cantina at the corner of Northeast Third Street and Third Avenue into Two Thirds Tavern.

Meanwhile the third partner, who remained at Falcon House, wasn’t thrilled with his situation and decided to get out, Alterman said, the result being an offer he couldn’t resist.

So the menu reverted to affordable snacks and entrees with a renewed emphasis on the bar scene — with a twist. The Triple 8 Lounge at Falcon House.

No 8-balls, but 8 are everywhere, as Alterman has formed an alliance with Cisco Brewers in Nantucket, which among other things, operates the Triple 8 Distillery which produces 888 Vodka. It’s premium vodka, perfect for the current infusion rage, as it’s bottled pure or blended with Nantucket cranberries, New Guinea and Madagascar vanilla beans, Maine blueberries and Florida honeybells. Cisco also markets rum, gin, bourbon and wines with Oregon and an assortment of crafted brewed beers.

“I couldn’t ask for anything better,” Alterman said. “This is what Falcon House was meant to be.”
Municipal revenues decline as property values slip again

By Margie Plunkett

The official word on estimated property values in Palm Beach County that came out in late May confirmed what many already anticipated as another down year for taxable property values—and for municipal coffers. Taxable property values fell in a range from 6.8 percent in Briny Breezes to 18.1 percent in Lantana in coastal cities here, compared with a drop of 12.3 percent for all cities, according to the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser. Lake Clark Shores saw the smallest percentage decline in the county at 5.2 percent and Lake Worth, the largest at 24.9 percent.

The declining tax rolls illustrate another year in which municipalities struggle with budget cuts and possible tax increases to cope with declining revenues from property values. Taxable property values fell sharply last year as well.

The chart following for some: the estimated declines dated June 1 and corresponding tax revenues weren’t as steep as earlier projections. “It’s all degrees of hell,” said Lantana Town Manager Mike Bornstein.

Lantana, for instance, in February was calculating about a 20 percent decline and a subsequent county projection came in at a drop of 23 percent, Bornstein said. The latest estimate “was better, but we still have a net result of about $70,000 in general fund revenue,” he said.

Mayor David Stewart has reminded Lantana Town Council members and residents constantly of the evident continuing decline in property values, routinely opening meetings with a report of the latest home that’s sold for half its previous value.

The town has been taking cuts to its budget as part of a fiscally conservative approach, Bornstein said. Lantana most recently has pushed for a budget savings of as much as $125,000 with a proposed change that would allow its police chief to retire six months earlier.

While various municipalities will consider tax increases as they prepare next year’s budget, Briny Breezes won’t have that luxury.

Last year, the small town was the only one in the county to increase in values.

It still upped its tax millage rate to 10.0 in the face of unpredictable rising costs of police protection and water services.

“We can’t go any higher,” Mayor Roger Bennett said, explaining Briny Breezes is at the maximum allowable millage and can’t raise its tax rate again.

The 6.8 percent estimated decline in taxable values for Briny Breezes translates into roughly $34,000 less in the budget, Bennett said, whose municipal government shares leadership with a board that runs the corporation that owns the Briny Breezes mobile home park.

“We have to tighten up a little bit, and that’s tough,” Bennett said. “We’re thankful we don’t have the corporation that bails us out.”

Municipal parks

“If it doesn’t have a better location,” said Rapoport who will put $1 million into renovations before he opens Burt’s at the Bridge in October, and he quickly pointed out that he isn’t the namesake. That distinction goes to the building’s owner, Burt Handelsman, who also owns much of Worth Avenue in Palm Beach.

But no Palm Beach prices at Burt’s. Rapoport plans to attract boaters to his 150-foot dock with live music, a large array of appetizers and an entire list heavy on fresh seafood.

Across the bridge, Old Vines & The Blues Spirit’s on Worth Avenue. Five years old but word is already getting out, and not just in Delray. In a recent reviewer poll by WFXL Channel 29, it was voted the No. 1 wine shop in the Palm Beaches and Treasure Coast. Owner Dave Spitzer will celebrate the vote and the birthday this month with discounts, special tastings and raffles.

The co-chairs and committee would like to thank everyone who attended this spectacular event and to those who provided underwriting and advertising in support of our students and faculty.

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Some restaurants managed to hang on for a while and then go boom. Such was the case with the former Bistro on Worth Avenue. It had the history of the old Busch’s in Ocean Ridge and the location as one of only two Delray restaurants located next to the racetrack. Wasn’t enough. Closed last fall.

But hope springs eternal, especially for those who have a clever operator is Burt Rapoport. In West Delray he has Henry’s and in Boca he has Bogart’s at the Cinemark Palace 20 movie complex and Max’s Grille in

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Several restaurants, however, make it through the first year and still don’t make it. Ouzo Blue. Highly regarded when they came on the scene for their innovative menus and good times, both the Lake Worth location (two years) and Palm Beach Gardens (a year and a half) are shuttered. Reasons: the gimp economy, and closed down with a shenanigans by someone connected to an investor.

Some restaurants managed to hang on for a while and then go boom. Such was the case with the former Bistro on Worth Avenue. It had the history of the old Busch’s in Ocean Ridge and the location as one of only two Delray restaurants located next to the racetrack. Wasn’t enough. Closed last fall.

But hope springs eternal, especially for those who have a clever operator is Burt Rapoport. In West Delray he has Henry’s and in Boca he has Bogart’s at the Cinemark Palace 20 movie complex and Max’s Grille in

TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUES DROP COUNTYWIDE

Estimates of total taxable value as of June 1, 2010, by the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser’s Office compared with preliminary taxable value in 2009.

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ran it until they died — Charlie in 1942, George in 1988. Roche’s granddad, John S. Banta, worked at The Colony from 1939 to 1990, starting out in the kitchen and working his way up to hotel manager of both hotels, a position he held for more than 35 years. Another cousin, Boughton’s godson John Martin, is the director of sales.

Boughton’s parents, George and Agnes Boughton, were newlyweds 75 years ago when they drove to Key West and took a ferry to Havana. When they reached the Cuban capital, people were shooting in the streets during Batista-era protests. So the honeymooners turned around and began their journey north to Atlantic City, N.J., where George’s dad, Charlie, was in the hotel business.

During a stop in Delray Beach, then a quaint beach town and a colony for writers, artists and cartoonists escaping the bitter winters of the northeast, George Boughton saw something magnificent. It was the stunning twin-domed, three-story stucco hotel on the corner of Atlantic Avenue and U.S. 1. The Mediterranean Revival structure, designed and built in 1926 by Addison Mizner associate Martin Luther Hampton, was then called The Altera — and it was in bankruptcy. After George conferred with his father, the Boughton men bought the property and changed its name to The Colony Hotel.

“Guests coming down from the North would arrive by train with trunks of clothes for the season,” says Roche. The hotel, like others in the area, was open from January to the beginning of April. Seasonal hotels were common in Florida in the 1930s and ’40s. Guests did a lot of strolling on Atlantic Avenue and sitting on the front porch. Rates in the late 1930s were $50 a week and included meals for two.

“I remember, from my childhood in the ’50s, a lot of guests were my parents age and they’d have cocktail parties,” Boughton says. “People were more social with each other. There were women with long fingernails and cigarettes. They had fun.”

In 1948, Boughton’s father established the Kennebunkport Colony in Kennebunk, Maine, overlooking the Kennebunk River. That hotel was (and still is) open from mid-May through late October. For years, staff, including Roche’s grandfather John Banta, would travel to work at each property. In 2001, after air conditioning was installed in the halls (the guest rooms were already air-conditioned), the Delray Beach hotel began staying open all year.

Early on, guests stayed for the season, but that’s changed, says Roche. Guests are younger now and stay for shorter periods, and weekend stays are popular. “People come and try a different restaurant each night. They like strolling the (Atlantic) avenue.”

Unlike years ago, when the dining room was open for meals, today’s guests have a hot complimentary breakfast in the lobby.

Everything old is now new

Bold and colorful spaces highlight the interior architecture at the 70-room hotel, which still has the original staff-operated elevator and telephone switchboard. There’s even some of the original 1926 Ficks Reed wicker furniture in the lobby, which is lit by skylights. An original piano has been restored as the player piano it once was, only now it plays CDs.

The original floors are a point of pride, too, with terrazzo in the lobby, red oak in the music and dining rooms, and Cuban tile on the front porch. Dade County pine floors in guest rooms and stairs are in pristine condition.

Much of the furniture inside the rooms is original pieces from the 1920s bought from the John Wanamaker store in Philadelphia. But there are modern elements, too, like the large flat-screen TV’s and the Simply Dreamy Beds with organic cotton sheets and white all cotton matelasse bedspreads added in recent years.

Growing up in Delray

Jestena Boughton, named after her grandmother (Charles Boughton’s wife), was born at St. Mary’s Hospital in 1946 and lived in a little house behind the hotel. She remembers occasionally getting into mischief. She would drop bags of water from the roof onto the heads of people walking by. Girls just want to have fun, after all.

But she had various chores to tackle, as well. “During summers in Maine, I ran the elevators,” Boughton recalls. “And when I was 14, I was the relish girl (in the dining room). I worked the front desk, but never in the kitchen or housekeeping.”

While she knew the business well, it was not where she dreamed of working as a grown-up. She wanted to be, and was, a landscape architect.

“I did work in the hotel for six years when I was married,” she explains. “I was the purchasing agent and I was very boring.”

Boughton, now single, acquired a masters in landscape architecture from the University of Pennsylvania and worked for the city of Seattle for five years. Later, she taught landscape architecture and urban design at the University of Massachusetts.

“I really enjoyed teaching,” she remembers. But when her father died in 1986, she returned to work in the hotels. Then when her mother, Agnes, died in 1994, Boughton officially managed both hotels, becoming general manager in 1996. “Until I did it myself, nothing got better,” Boughton says. “Business was faltering in Delray, forcing her to make some tough decisions, like closing the liquor store her father had opened adjacent to the hotel. It was losing money, having fallen victim to the Walgreens and Costcos that buy in bulk and sell for less.

She lived in the hotel for a while to keep expenses down. “I was very careful not to have to pay all this debt,” she says. Her father taught her to be financially conservative. “I sign all the checks,” she says. “I try to watch every penny.”

On June 18, 1994, but it seems he never totally left the hotel: Workmen and sometimes guests have seen the man in that old black-and-white photo, Boughton says. They know he’s a ghost because he walks right through the doors without opening them.

There’s nothing to be frightened about. Charlie, she says, appears to be happy to be there.

He’s just part of the charm of this lovely old hotel.

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THE COLONY:

Preserve Delray Award Residential: The Turner House 145 NE Sixth Ave. Allison Turner and Nancy Turner, owners

President: The Colony Hotel 525 E. Atlantic Ave. Jestena Boughton, owner

INNsideFlorida.com (www.innsideflorida.com)

The Cabana Club

One of the things that makes this landmark hotel so attractive is its Cabana Club. George Boughton bought the 250-foot strip of land along the Atlantic Ocean at the east end of Linton Boulevard in 1950. He turned it into a private club complete with sea grapes, coconut palms and native flora.

The club, complimentary to hotel guests who can ride a van over, has a saltwater pool heated by environmentally sensitive geothermal technology, a private beach, and complimentary cabanas, chaises and beach umbrellas.

Guests can have lunch there and charge it to their room. And members are welcome to bring their own food and drinks and store it there during their visit. It’s like having your own little room at the beach.

Living Green

Two years ago, The Colony Hotel became the third facility in Palm Beach County to be awarded a Florida Green Lodging Certification from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Other examples of its environmentally conscious practices: Cabanas at the hotel’s beach club are made mainly of pressured-recycled newspapers rather than wood, and pet blankets are crafted from old linens. Dogs are welcome here and are greeted with treats at the front desk, as well as biodegradable sacks for scooped dog waste.

Living green is a deeply ingrained way of doing business for Boughton. “We’ve been doing these kind of things for many, many years,” she says.

Historic Preservation Board awards

Winners of the Delray Beach Historic Preservation Board’s Fourth Annual Award and Recognition Program.

New Signage: 353 N. Swinton Ave. Chaya Sharon Heller, owner


Katie and John Murphy, owners

Adaptive Reuse: 114 NE First Ave. Roger Cope and Tom McMurrain, owners

Pat Ceyce Achievement Award for Excellence in Preservation: 114 NE First Ave. Roger Cope and Tom McMurrain, owners

Nonresidential: The Colony Hotel 525 E. Atlantic Ave. Jestena Boughton, owner

Sam Ogren’s daughter Ruth and her husband, Jim Clark, attend the Delray Beach Preservation Trust’s Historic Block Party held May 20 at the award-winning Costin’s Cottages.

Photo by Mary Kate Lening
**Gulf Stream**

**Boynton not giving up pocket plans without study**

By Thomas R. Collins

Since Boynton Beach brought up the idea of annexing pieces of unincorporated barrier island land, several residents have made it known that they'd prefer to be part of Gulf Stream instead.

As a result, Gulf Stream town officials have asked Boynton Beach to cancel a 6-year-old agreement with the town, an action that would pave the way for the town to usher in an incorporated pocket into its borders.

But the town is getting some resistance from Boynton Beach. In 2004, Gulf Stream agreed to allow Boynton Beach to annex the land as long as the city kept new development to six units per acre and about three stories in height.

After receiving letters from residents who say they want to be part of Gulf Stream, the town became interested in considering annexation, Gulf Stream Town Manager Bill Thrasher said.

“It would be inappropriate for any real conversation to take place about annexation without first rescinding this agreement,” Thrasher said, cautioning that whether actually to go forward with an annexation still hasn’t been decided by the Town Commission.

Interest from the county in diverting itself of the pockets was heightened after a barrier island resident died following a slow county emergency response. Boynton Beach then considered making the barrier island part of an annexation study now under way, although it eventually dropped the island from its current review.

Boynton Beach Commissioner Steven Holzman said the city should not simply sign away its rights to annex the barrier island property, saying oceanside land would improve the city’s image.

“I would like for Boynton Beach at some point to look at the viability of annexing the properties on the other side of the Intracoastal,” he said. “I think it is a growth area of the city.” At his suggestion, Boynton commissioners asked for a written report from Gulf Stream on its plans for the property before they consider doing away with the 2004 agreement.

Boynton Mayor Jose Rodriguez said at Boynton’s last commission meeting that he wasn’t inclined to put up much of a fight. “Ultimately, I don’t know if the legal battle is worth the gain. Annexation would have to be approved by the residents in the pocket.”

Gulf Stream resident Bob Ganger, of the Florida Coalition for Preservation, said the group would feel more comfortable with the land in Gulf Stream’s hands because of the town’s tendency toward low-rise development. He said the coalition prompted residents in one pocket to make their wishes known.

With Gulf Stream Town Hall closed by many residents already thought they were Gulf Stream-ers, he said.

“It never occurred to them that they don’t live in Gulf Stream.”

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**Along the Coast**

Some voice discontent over WXEL sale

By Kelly Wolfe

Loyal WXEL listeners said they were not pleased to learn their favorite public radio station was sold in April to a Miami classical music station.

“I just think it would be a tremendous loss,” said Marna Hirshhorn of Delray Beach. “I love classical music to death, but I don’t want it to monopolize the station.”

WXEL’s community advisory board hosted a forum in May where volunteers and listeners came to speak out against the station’s sale to Classical South Florida and the drastic change in programming.

“Think of the scope (offered now),” said Hirshhorn. “We have classical to jazz to medical to Car Talk to local and community issues.”

WXEL has been operated by Barry University since 1997, when the university stepped in to keep the beleaguered station from closing. Barry put the station on the market in 2004. In April, nonprofit Classical South Florida said it would buy the radio station for $3.85 million in cash.

Before money changes hands, the license transfer has to go to the approval of the Florida Department of Education and the Federal Communications Commission. So far, the sale isn’t on the board’s agenda.

Pablo Del Real, chair of WXEL’s Community Advisory Board, said the board does not support the license transfer.

“They are trying to squeeze money out of a community asset,” Del Real said of Barry. “But the community wouldn’t be compensated by the transaction.”

Technically, Del Real said, the radio station is public and therefore can’t be sold. The money is for the building, towers, transmitters and other assets, he said.

Because the station is owned by the community, the community should have a voice in the license transfer. He said the Board of Education and the FCC will hear public comment before approving the measure. “We support local owners and a local board,” Del Real said.

Jason Hughes, spokesman for Classical South Florida, said the station is not available by press time. Classical South Florida is owned by American Public Media, which also owns Minnesota Public Radio and Southern California Public Radio. Classical South Florida has been broadcasting since 2007.

Despite its radio street cred, listeners said they don’t want Classical South Florida playing from the speakers once occupied by WXEL.

“If I’m afraid if they go ahead with this sale, (WXEL) will disappear,” said listener Robin Swan of West Boca. “Once something goes away, it’s gone.”

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**Briny Breezes**

Police contract vote expected this month

By Margie Plunkett

Mayor Roger Bennett is asking the two police agencies bidding to provide Briny Breezes protection to forgo annual 4 percent increases, a move that delayed a vote at the Town Council’s May meeting.

The town now plans to choose a proposal at the June 24 meeting, pending responses from police departments in Boynton Beach, which currently patrols Briny Breezes, and Ocean Ridge. The current police contract expires at the end of September.

Briny Breezes spends most of its limited tax base on police and fire protection, according to Bennett, who added that the 4 percent increases would “put Briny Breezes out of business” over time.

If the town can’t reach agreement on the increase, it will ask the police agencies for a one-year contract, the mayor said.

Ocean Ridge Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi questioned a calculation indicating that Ocean Ridge’s cost per hour equaled $71, while Boynton Beach’s was $37.

Yannuzzi contended the police agencies should be compared equally, calculating each at providing coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Ocean Ridge would be less to balance, he said.

Bennett said the per-hour figure take in that Boynton Beach includes an eight-hour shift, marine patrol and patrols from an adjacent zone, essentially several more trips a day.

A letter that accompanied an earlier survey of Briny Breezes residents on their police preferences said the Boynton Beach police contract would cost $220,000 a year, compared to $185,000 for Ocean Ridge, but the two departments offered differing levels of service.

The difference in prices would equal $2,222 per hour in the Briny Breezes corporation. Briny Breezes shareholders would pay on average $71 more for Boynton Beach police than Ocean Ridge, the document said.

The council also tweaked Boynton Beach police summer hours to provide coverage during the day on weekends.

The dedicated shifts will be 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Thursday and noon and 8 p.m. on weekends.

Separately, Briny Breezes is still looking to fill an alderman’s position on the council after former Briny Breezes resident left the panel to join the corporate board.

The council also is searching for a resident to serve as an alternate on the Planning and Zoning Board.
**South Palm Beach**

**New beach signage considered in wake of drownings**

By Tim O’Meilia

Conflicting locations given by communications to emergency dispatchers sent rescuers to the wrong location, at first, of what became the accident that killed a Georgia couple in a strong rip current below a South Palm Beach condominium on May 15.

Lantana police dispatchers, who handle South Palm Beach emergency calls, were told people were struggling in the water anywhere from the Lantana public beach to just south of the Lake Worth Repeater.

Despite the confusion, police arrived three minutes and fire-rescue trucks five minutes after being dispatched.

“From what I can see, the response time for us, Lantana and fire, were good,” said South Palm Beach Police Chief Roger Crane.

As a result of the confusion, though, town officials are considering affixing the addresses of each condominium in 12-inch vinyl numbers on the concrete cap of seawalls or on the beach stairs behind each condo so emergency callers and swimmers can identify their location.

The first emergency call, from a woman on a cell phone, was answered by Manalapan dispatch and then re-routed to Lantana. 911 calls from cell phones, unlike from land lines, do not pinpoint the location of the caller, so dispatchers must ask questions. They were told “on the beach.”

A South Palm Beach patrol car was dispatched at 9:32 a.m., according to Lantana dispatch records, and first stopped at the Dune Deck, near the Lantana beach, before driving east to route to the Mayfair House at 3590 S. Ocean Blvd., where the drowning actually occurred.

Despite the delay, the police arrived at 9:35 a.m. and parked at the neighboring Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn for easier access to the beach. Police at first brought water rescue equipment, but the man returned for oxygen and a deblithrillator after they found that a man on a Lantana lifeguard where already administering CPR.

In addition, Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a boat collision with three people in the water. That erroneous report might have been prompted by an explosion in an FPL transformer just minutes before the drownings.

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue dispatched a rescue truck and an engine at 9:39 a.m. to a vague location “between Ocean Avenue and Lake Worth Road.” That was later changed to 3700 S. Ocean Blvd., also an incorrect address, according to a fire-rescue report of the incident. Fire-rescue arrived at 9:44 a.m. and took over rescue operations.

Although South Palm Beach condos have private, ungarded beachfront lifeguards from the Lantana public beach sprinted a quarter mile up the beach to grief.

“It’s amazing fire-rescue actually got where they were supposed to go,” South Palm Beach Police Chief Roger Crane said. “There was so much confusion about the location.” Eventually, numerous sworn officers from South Palm Beach, Lantana, the Sheriff’s Office, fire-rescue and the town of Palm Beach responded.

The South Palm Beach Town Council discussed the drownings during its May 23 meeting. Lantana Police Chief Roger Crane pointed to the need for additional signage with the Palm Beach County and Lantana the use of signs advising that the beaches are ungarded and larger warning flags that could be seen north of the public beach.

In other action, the council:

● approved, by a 3-2 vote, the moving of mayor and council comments from early in the agenda, just before the closing comments from the public and limiting the mayor and council to five minutes, unless the council approved for more time;

● abolished unanimously the Board of Adjustment and transferred its only power, to grant zoning variances, to the Planning Board. The Board of Adjustment seldom met.

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What ifs haunt man who tried to save drowning swimmers

By Tim O’Meilia

A week later, Harvey Kertzman is second-guessing himself.

“What if I had gone downstairs a minute earlier? What if I had turned her on her side? Should I have spun her around so her head was lower than her body? What should I have done different?

“It’ll be with me forever,” said Kertzman, 61, one of two men who pulled a drowning middle-aged Georgia couple from the surf behind the Mayfair House in South Palm Beach.

Despite the men’s efforts to administer CPR, the couple died in the May 15 incident. Not even efforts by Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue paramedics could revive the couple.

Denis Agelatos, 70, and his wife, Barbara, 57, were pronounced dead at JFK Medical Center in Atlantis. The Lantana police dispatcher, which handles 911. He called the emergency number himself, giving the Mayfair House address.

The Lantana police dispatcher, which handles 911 calls for South Palm Beach, received dozens of calls on the drowning, but many gave conflicting addresses, sending emergency responders to several wrong locations initially, said South Palm Beach Police Chief Roger Crane.

By the time Kertzman reached the beach, another man was already in the water. Both bodies were limp. Kertzman took Agelatos. The other man, identified only as David from Boynton Beach, tried to pull the woman ashore.

“It’s very hard to pull a lifeless person out of the water,” Kertzman said. David joined him and they pulled Agelatos onto the beach, then his wife.

They did chest compressions on the bodies until a Lantana lifeguard arrived from the public beach about a quarter-mile south. Then paramedics arrived with a vacuum pump and a portable defibrillator.

“Nothing helped.”

“In my heart of hearts, I thought she was going to come back to life,” he said.

“It’s really hard. I’ve always been successful. If you want something to happen, I was the guy to make it happen. This time I failed. This time I couldn’t make it happen.

Kertzman later met with the three adult sons of the Agelatos. He proposed that columns rip out old A1A from beneath the sea, he said. It’s a large drop-off into deep water beyond the road.
Proposed turtle ordinance still raising concerns

By Margie Plunkett

Manalapan commissioners welcomed new Town Manager Tom Heck with relief and a rapidly growing to-do list. Heck’s first meeting opened with the mayor’s response to accusations that he proposed a turtle lighting ordinance for personal gain.

Among Heck’s first responsibilities is drafting policy that governs how commissioners initiate ordinances — a policy Commissioner Howard Roder called for at the April meeting. At the same time, Roder accused Mayor Tom Gerrard of misconduct, claiming that the mayor acted out of self interest when he proposed a recent ordinance on turtle lighting.

People, I did nothing wrong,” said Gerrard at the May 18 meeting. “I’m acting in my best faith in the interest of the town. I hope the facts represent that.”

The proposed ordinance would give Manalapan control of regulation of lighting that protects sea turtles, taking it out of Palm Beach County’s hands. Roder contends the impetus for the ordinance was work on Gerrard’s oceanfront property, which included lighting and a fire pit. The proposed ordinance has not been put to a second reading, but passed on first reading with one dissenting vote, from Commissioner William Bernstein.

The mayor responded to the multiple issues concerning the work on his property that Roder raised, pointing out that the town has never “established a formal procedure for initiating ordinances” and that the town was absent a manager at the time he proposed the turtle lighting ordinance.

He also said in his written response that it was while his personal work was under way that he learned of a “new draconian county regulation” that amended previous turtle protections and asked the town attorney to review whether Manalapan could opt out of it. The mayor said his property improvements have obtained all the necessary permits and approvals, awaiting only a final electrical inspection. Gerrard said he submitted exhibits to Town Hall in his defense and invited concerned residents to review them.

In the statement sent to commissioners, the mayor said, “I deeply resent having been accused of misconduct for merely recommending the town consider expanding its home rule authority to include town regulation of coastal lighting. This is something that I believe is in the best interests of the town.”

After Gerrard’s comments, Bernstein said that while he opposed the turtle protection ordinance, “I thought the way the response to your proposal spun out of control was most unfortunate and embarrassing.” It suggested a political agenda, he said, and “created a level of animosity that will be hard to get over. There are very few people in here with such a pristine reputation that they could be throwing stones at people for purported malfeasance.”

Vice Mayor Kelly Gottlieb called for a public apology to the mayor.

Roder, however, said he stood by his facts — there would be no public apology.

Later in the meeting, commissioners voted to have Heck and attorney Tela White draft policy governing how ordinances are initiated. During the meeting, commissioners discussed the town manager as central to originating ordinances, with emergency and policy issues possible exceptions to the mayor.

Heck began work as town manager the week of May 17, a vacancy left when Greg Dunham stepped down late last year. A retired military officer, Heck hails from Reno, Nev., and has previously worked for El Dorado County, Calif., as director of general services; the Interstate Consulting Group in Northern California; city of Reno as deputy director operations; and University of Southern California as director of building and grounds. His educational credentials include a masters of business administration, education specialist degree in human resource development and a masters in public administration.

Separately, commissioners learned that total contributions for library renovations reached $100,945.

Delray Beach

Bush Blvd. Bridge work may take four months

The George Bush Boulevard Bridge will close to motorists and pedestrians sometime late in July for four months while the county makes repairs, according to Palm Beach County Bridge Superintendent Barry Meve. The bridge closing isn’t expected to interrupt boat traffic.

An exact closing date, the cost and other details will be available later, closer to when the county will repair some of the bridge’s pilings, add pilings and install a sidewalk railing, Meve said.

Motorists will be detoured eight blocks south to the Atlantic Avenue Bridge during the closing. Meve said he expected the bridge would remain closed to car traffic in the event of a hurricane.

— Margie Plunkett
By Linda Haase

The Boynton Harbor Marina should be a waterfront destination, city officials contend. And renovations designed to bring more people to the facility, which was purchased by the Community Redevelopment Agency in 2006, have begun.

Submerged pilings damaged in previous hurricanes have been repaired and the slips have been reconfigured: There are 19 slips now instead of 24, but they are larger, said CRA Executive Director Lisa Bright. “We have several new boat captains who want to put bigger commercial fishing vessels in and this will allow boats up to about 50 feet to come here. We couldn’t handle boats that large before. Most of them were in the 32- to 35-foot range,” she said, adding that all of the slips have been rented and should be filled by the end of July.

The plan, she said, is for the facility to continue to be a “working marina,” with a 75 percent commercial and 25 percent private mix. Marina businesses include boats that offer fishing (including the landmark Sea Mist III charter), diving and snorkeling excursions. There also is a dive shop, a boat rental facility and Two Georges, a popular waterfront restaurant. A website will be created for the businesses this summer to help them market their services, Bright said.

Boynton Beach Commissioner Steven Holzman said, “The goal of the marina project is to make the marina a more pedestrian-friendly location, to draw more visitors to the businesses located within the marina,” considered the east-end anchor for the city’s downtown.

Boynton Beach Mayor and CRA Board Chair Jose Rodriguez agrees, but he emphasizes people have to know that the marina exists. “It would be nice to drive down the street and see the marina and the restaurants. We lost that opportunity when the [Marina Village] towers were constructed. The marina hides behind those buildings,” he lamented. “We have to get signage up to let people know that it is there.”

Those signs are in the works, including a signature Key West/Old Florida-style entryway on Ocean Avenue. The rendering, created by MScW Inc., an Orlando-based design and community planning firm, depicts a pastel lighthouse-style structure surrounded by a white picket fence and lush landscaping. “I think the new entryway will enhance the curb appeal and help draw visitors who may not have visited the marina previously,” Holzman said. “The plans are incredible. I can’t wait to see how it all comes together,” said Jeannette Garnsey, part owner of the Sea Mist III, drift fishing operation.

Looking east on Ocean Avenue, a new entryway feature will greet motorists turning into the marina. Rendering provided

“Anything that can increase business is a good thing.”

The $250,000 project could be completed by the end of the year, Bright estimated.

Plans for the marina’s $6 million renovation include a water taxi stop, reconfigured dock operations, construction of a dock office with a public restroom, a signature art feature and tropical landscaping. The project will take at least three years, Bright said.

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Along the Coast
Agents see movement returning to coastal real estate market

By Christine Davis

What goes around comes around, and, when it comes to coastal real estate, it looks like it might be coming around again, observes Judi Lukens, a Realtor with Premier Estate Properties in Delray Beach.

"Across the board, we are getting busier," she says. "I see a definite upturn in showings and pending contracts in the last few weeks. And more and more clients aren’t getting their first choice; I haven’t seen that in a while."

Steven Presson of the Corcoran Group specializes in east Delray Beach through Manalapan real estate.

"Look at the real statistics," he says. In the last six months, there were 36 sales transactions from east Delray Beach through Manalapan priced at $1 million plus.

"Go to the same period in 2005 — the height of the market — and there were 39. Of those 39 sales, there was only one transaction over $10 million.

"In the last six months, three sales were $10 million plus — the most recent closed April 5 for $12.65 million. On Hypoluxo Island, a custom-built home on half an acre sold for $1.3 million in late April, according to Presson. "That’s the highest price per-square-foot ever off the water on the island.

"These are very significant statistics right off the MLS in the last six months, and how many were distressed? Not one of those 36 sales was a short sale. That’s a strong statement."

For the first quarter of 2010, Premier Estate Properties — a boutique real estate company that lists properties of more than $1 million — was involved in 13 closed transactions in the eastern corridor from Delray Beach north to Manalapan. It now has 19 listings worth a total of $58 million, along with three pending contracts.

"The market is really strong, and the recovery is now in full swing," says Bunny Hiatt and Jack Elkins, a Realtor team with Engle and Volker in Manalapan, have closed five properties since October 2009 for a total of $36 million.

"It hasn’t been as busy as years past, but it is much stronger this year as compared to last year," notes Hiatt.

They closed two houses in Delray Beach in the $5 million range and two in Manalapan — including the late Generoso Pope’s mansion at 1370 S. Ocean Blvd. on Feb. 25 for $17 million.

"Overall, we had a good season. We are showing properties and there’s a definite possibility that we’ll close on a few properties very soon," Elkins said.

The most recent area sale was on May 28, a 11,000-square-foot estate at 1120 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan, with 190 feet of ocean and Intracoastal frontage. It sold for $7.15 million, according to real estate sources, and was listed by Robert V. Stunkel, an agent with Nestler Poletto Sotheby’s International Realty, Boca Raton.
What have dads (and other guys) found fashionable over the years? The preppy look is always in, one way or another, said Bruce Gimmy, owner of the Trouser Shop on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach. He, for one, has never been afraid to wear red, white or plaid and admits to being a long-time preppy himself.

“Fancy was in when I took over the store from Nick Vitale 25 years ago,” he recalls, explaining that fancy, as opposed to plain, is a trade term for slacks with patterns. “Nick sold tons and I sold a ton.”

“Then, we went into a sliders stage — yellow, lime green, orange, royal blue — ice cream colors.” By sliders, he’s referring to slacks with a waistband that has stainless steel buckles that slide.

“Now, we’re back to fancy — Loudmouth slacks and shorts.” Some customers just love Loudmouths, big boosters in bright prints, patch and plaid. “I’ve been selling them for about three years. I’m wearing a pair right now. They were designed as golf pants. They are retro — the ‘fancy’ from years ago, but bolder. People like them or they don’t like them. The ones that do buy six to eight pairs.”

Trends do change over the years, he notes. Right now, khaki and jeans are in big demand and he’s considering adding more jean lines. “Men aren’t as interested in sport coats and dressy clothes, but I do have a man-on-the-road, Chuck Dussmann, who does custom shirts and clothing for those who like to dress up. He also takes care of the guys who are 6-foot-10, with a 38-inch waist and a 48-inch chest.”

When Gimmy bought his store 25 years ago, fashion was not something he had to learn. But tailoring? That’s another story.

About a year into his new business, he met Leo Taub, and learned tailoring from him. “He was retired, financially secure, and had been a custom tailor who had also done sample making for women’s wear in Manhattan.”

“He was so happy to find someone who wanted to learn tailoring. He lived in Kings Point, where there were a dozen retired tailors. If he didn’t know how to do something, he’d get together with them and come back with an answer.”

Although Gimmy, who enjoys word play, knows how to sew — he “presses on” and is “no slacker” when it comes to tailoring — he fits and marks, but leaves the rest to his employee, Tarsilla Norine. “She’s better at it,” he said. Gimmy’s wife, Joanne, is the Trouser Shop’s CFO, and two years ago, their son, Scot, joined them.

“I have this strategy to pass my store on to my son,” Gimmy said. “Now, Scot does the front of the store — sunglasses and hats — keeps things straight. He’s excited that he’s learning the sales part, and I will ease him into the tailoring aspect. Scot and his wife, Heather, who eventually may take up tailoring, too, Gimmy said. “Who knows what 20 years will bring?”

— Christine Davis

Q. Where did you grow up?

A. Suburban Reading.

Trouser Shop owner Bruce Gimmy enjoys a laugh with his son Scott and grandson Shane. Operating the Delray Beach shop is a family affair. Photo by Jerry Lower

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Bruce Gimmy

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Meet Your Neighbor

Q. What’s your favorite part of the work you do?

A. Having my “fit specialist” tailoring talents work successfully on challenging body shapes.

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

A. Twenty-seven years ago I found a reasonably priced home in a great community by the sea.

Q. What book are you reading now?

A. The Digital Photography Book

Q. What is your favorite part of the work you do?

A. If you are not the college type, there are many trade and technical schools or apprenticeship programs for rewarding careers.

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Food So Good, People Will Wait for a Table!
Food

By Jan Norris

No matter how much you know, you can always learn from a pro. A group of "students" — guests and the media — were enlightened on several aspects of throwing a backyard barbecue, thanks to the chefs and kitchen staff at The Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach.

Chef Ryan Artim welcomed the group, part of a cooking school series at the resort. The lessons were all about putting together a stylish but easy barbecue.

"It doesn't have to be complicated," Artim said. "You can do some of the dishes ahead of time so all you have to do at the last minute is throw a few things on the grill."

One of the keys to successful entertaining is having all the components ready for the dinner, so all you'll need to worry about is the last-minute food.

A tip from the pros: Everything for the meal is listed and checked off — the menu, right down to the condiments; the dishware and serving pieces, linens and decorations. Don't forget drinks, ice and napery — and music for the patio, too.

Have some light foods and drinks ready for guests when they arrive, as the Ritz staff did with chilled champagne and a selection of chilled shellfish, both raw and cooked.

Chips and house-made salsas were simple and easy for

Fresh tomato, cucumber and onion salad with bowl of assorted optional add- Ins.

diners and chefs.

For an outdoor summer 'cue, the heat is on, so have plenty of cold drinks available, too: craft beers, wine coolers, soda fizzes and water.

For his menu of ribs, steaks and grilled fish, the chef brined racks of spareribs overnight — a method cooks are familiar with for turkey. "It works great on just about any meats," he says. A dry rub goes on the ribs before they hit the wood-fired grill, then barbecue sauce is added last, just before serving. "I don't like to use a sauce on them over the fire. It tends to burn and they've already got a rub on them for flavor. Heat the barbecue sauce so everything is hot when it's served," he advises.

The grill is hot when the ribs hit it, then the fire is lowered (or the grate raised — depending on how your grill works).

Chicken is marinated in a citrusy marinade, and can be treated the same way, or prepared in the oven. A dry rub, rather than a sauce, also gives it flavor. Like most chefs, Artim prefers the meater and more flavorful thigs for cooking.

Fish are firm fillets; mahimahi, swordfish (it’s off a watch list for now) or salmon make good choices. Use a fish basket to make turning them over the fire easy, and give them a smoky finish.

Simple small red potatoes, baked and hollowed slightly, contain a bacon, horseradish and sour cream mixture for a quick side dish that goes great with the ribs and fillets. A slaw has a blender-made dressing that could be made a day ahead and tossed with the cabbage-apple mixture at the last minute.

Key lime pie and fruit cobblers provided the sweet endings to this cooking class meal — both easy make-ahead choices for a do-it-yourself affair.

Of course, if you don't want to bother, you can just call The Ritz — its catering department could recreate this meal at your home.

Jan Norris is a freelance writer/editor. Check out more recipe tips and ideas at www.jannorris.com.

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- **Aug. 5, 5-7 p.m.**, with dinner afterward, “Discover Mediterranean and Middle Eastern Cuisine.”
- **Nov. 4, 5-7 p.m.**, with dinner afterward, “Deck the Halls with our Culinary Team and get ready for your Holiday Parties!”

Classes are $125 per person; special overnight hotel rates are available.

Ritz Recipes

- **Marinade for grilled fish**
  - 1 cup packed basil leaves
  - 1 cup packed parsley leaves
  - 1 cup packed lemon balm leaves
  - 1 tablespoon minced garlic
  - 1/2 cup olive oil
  - Juice of 1 lemon
  - Salt and pepper to taste

  Combine all ingredients in blender, puree till smooth. Pour over fish fillets in shallow dish, refrigerate for 4 hours. Grill fish on medium hot fire.

- **Mango barbecue basting sauce**
  - 3 sweet onions, small diced
  - 4 heads garlic, peeled, separated, chopped
  - 1 tablespoon oil
  - 1/2 heaping tablespoon chipotle powder
  - 1/2 heaping tablespoon cayenne pepper
  - 1/2 heaping tablespoon red pepper flakes
  - 1/2 heaping tablespoon paprika
  - 1/2 heaping tablespoon cumin
  - 1 heaping tablespoon ground ginger
  - 1-1/2 heaping tablespoons curry powder
  - 3 heaping tablespoons Coleman’s dry mustard
  - 1 quart apple cider vinegar
  - 1 quart molasses (use only 1/3 quart if using blackstrap molasses)
  - 6 cups mango puree
  - 6 cups ketchup

  Sweat the onions and garlic together in saucepan over medium heat with oil until soft. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 45 minutes over medium-low heat. Transfer the mixture to a blender and puree until smooth. Cool, refrigerate until use. Will keep for 3 months, refrigerated. Heat before using on meats or poultry.

  Makes approximately 6 cups sauce. Note: Apple juice reduction is made by pouring 46-ounce bottle of apple juice into a saucepan and simmering over medium-low heat till juice is reduced to 1 cup liquid.

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Kaleel will attend Ohio State University in September.

Announcement submitted by family

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Close encounter of a natural kind

Ocean Ridge resident Dr. Gene Abelson, his family and friends were boating near Bird Island at the Boynton Inlet in early May when they encountered a manatee. After the humans spent time petting and swimming alongside the mammal—which is an endangered species, the family dog Altaj, came in for a closer inspection and ended up sharing a kiss. Photos provided.
School days steeped in love of reading

By Dianna Smith

Inside this beautiful school by a crystal blue sea are children who love to read. Mysteries, thrillers, fantasies — anything and everything that will draw them into another world, far from the cares of everyday life.

The teachers at Gulf Stream School know this, which is why the theme this school year has focused on reading and teaching kids to love it even more than they do now.

Teachers took pictures of all 250 students and asked them about their favorite books. And what were their answers? Some included Diary of a Wimpy Kid, the Harry Potter series and, of course, the ever-popular Twilight books.

“It’s so important to read,” Head Master Joseph Zaluski said, “and for parents to read to their children. I truly believe that’s an experience children never forget.”

Some days the school has sustained silent reading mornings, when students are asked to drop whatever they are doing and read. The holiday program this school year focused on reading and the teachers themselves even got into the theme, by starting a book club last summer.

And every month, teachers print signs on their classroom door to announce the books they are reading.

Teachers and students even exchanged books. And the older students read to the younger students.

“The older kids like to set a good example when you give them the opportunity,” said Latin teacher Giulia Fiorile.

Ask these students what kind of books they like and the answers will vary. From pre-kindergarteners to eighth-graders, each boy and girl has a favorite to dive into when given the chance.

Five-year-old Mason Delafield said she enjoys all kinds of books and that she reads to her mom almost every night. It’s good to read at night, she said, because reading calms her down.

If students want to search for more books, they can always go to the school library, where more than 12,000 books are on hand. School librarian Betsy Tyson hopes the children learn to love reading as much as she does.

“The smell of a new book with crisp pages …” Tyson said fondly, “and you can’t cuddle up with a Kindle.”

Fifth-grader Michael Certo said he has trouble putting a book down once he’s started reading it. So when he says goodnight to his parents and the lights are out, he can’t help but sneak a peek at what happens next!

“I know something is going to happen,” Certo said. “It’s amazing.”

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It was controversial when it first hit the stage back in 1967, but today it stands as a landmark of the American theater, and the first truly successful rock musical.

I speak, of course, of Hair, which even now is playing in London’s West End in an extremely successful encore production that won the Tony for best revival in 2009. Thanks in large part to Galt MacDermot’s durable score (Aquarius, Good Morning Starshine, Easy to Be Hard, Let the Sunshine In) as well as its politically engaged book and irresistible energy, it’s proven to have just as powerful an impact as it did more than four decades ago.

All this is by way of saying there’s a new theater company in Palm Beach County, and this month it’s presenting 11 performances of the tribal love-rock musical, featuring young college-age performers. Ent’Acte Theatrix, founded last month by Vicki Halmos of the Palm Beach Principal Players, is designed to give rising thespians some professional experience to boost their CVs.

Hair runs for six performances at the Caldwell Theatre in Boca Raton from June 10-13, and for five performances from June 17-20 at Palm Beach Gardens Community High School. The Caldwell shows are set for 8 p.m. June 10-12, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 13. The Palm Beach Gardens High shows are planned for 8 p.m. June 17 and 18, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 19 and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20.

Tickets for the Caldwell show range from $10 for students to $30 for adults; call 241-7432. Prices for the Gardens show are $25, or $20 for a group of 15, with one free ticket for every 15 sold. Call 877-710-7779.

Speaking of theater, there’s plenty of it here in June. Florida State’s Stage last production at its Manalapan home, a world premiere of Christopher Demos-Brown’s tale of South Florida political ambition, When the Sun Shone Bright, runs through June 20. And Edward Albee’s Three Tall Women continues through June 13 at Palm Beach Dramaworks.

Meanwhile, the Summer Play Festival at Palm Beach State in Lake Worth opens June 15 with a weekend of performances of Frank McGuinness’ Someone Who’ll Watch Over Me. And at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, a musical revue, Celebrating 60 Years of Broadway’s Best Musicals, runs from June 19-22, followed by a monthlong run of Shakespeare’s comedy A Midsummer Night’s Dream, which opens June 25.

And if that’s not enough, there’s always Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Cats, which arrives for eight performances at the Kravis Center from June 22-27. Tickets start at $20; call 832-7469.

Music: Country music’s most successful modern duo, Brooks and Dunn, are calling it quits this August after almost 20 years of hit songs, but you can see them on their Last Rodeo farewell tour Saturday, June 12, at the Cruzan Amphitheatre. Tickets: $25-$65, available through Live Nation.

Two days earlier, legendary Southern rockers Lynyrd Skynyrd visit the Cruzan on their God and Guns tour, joined by .38 Special and by Bret Michaels, lead singer of Poison and current star of Celebrity Apprentice.

At last report, though, Michaels was still recovering from a stroke and heart problems he suffered in May, so you might want to call ahead to see whether he’ll be able to be there. Tickets: $19-$33.50.

If your taste runs more to something along the lines of veteran English prog-rockers Yes, and guitar idol Peter Frampton (who fell in love with vocoders before Cher or T-Pain) come to the Kravis on June 8, for a mammoth three-hour show that will be a retrospetive of their catalogs. Tickets: $35-$115. Call 832-7469.

Classical music fans can head to the valuable St. Paul’s Episcopal Church series in Delray Beach on the afternoon of June 6, for two piano quintets featuring FAU pianist Fedora Horowitz.


On June 22, the museum presents the 59th annual juried exhibition, the oldest such show in the state. This year, about 1,400 works were submitted, and judge Linda Norden has chosen 91 of them, by 80 different artists.

The show runs through Aug. 8 and is always a highlight of the cultural summer. Tickets are $8 for adults; call 392-2500.

Up at the Norton Museum, two new exhibits open June 5: Beyond the Figure, a show of abstract sculpture from the Norton’s collections, and Dinotopia: The Fantastical Art of James Gurney, featuring illustrations and models Gurney painted for his Dinotopia series of fantasy novels, which have been continued by other authors and made into a TV series and video games.

Both exhibits run through Sept. 5. Tickets are $12 for adults; call 832-5196.
Obituaries

Eugene Lyne

By Emily J. Minor

OCEAN RIDGE — It’s never easy losing a beloved parent, but Diana Lyne is finding solace in the memories after the death of her father, Eugene Lyne, 86, who spent his winters in Ocean Ridge for about the last 20 years.

She was going through photographs recently for a gathering after the funeral. And something struck her. Something wonderful.

“In every single picture he was either laughing or smiling,” she said. “He was an incredible supporter of his children, no matter what we were doing.”

Mr. Lyne died May 13 at his home at the Ocean Club. His daughter said he had suffered a stroke about two years ago but still managed to winter in Florida and spend about five months up north.

Lyne was devoted to his 11 grandchildren. “He’d sit down and have a tea party with little tea cups,” she said. “He was game for anything.”

A passion for football made Lyne a rabid New England Patriots fan, his daughter said, though he also liked the Red Sox.

Born in Boston in 1924, he attended prestigious schools all his life, including Harvard University and Boston College Law School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in China before returning to the states to practice law for 16 years. In 1967, he joined the Teradyne Co. as general counsel and began moving up the corporate ranks.

When he retired, he was president of Lyne-Nicholson Inc.

Despite the generous donation of his time to major charities and boards, it was his love for competition, his love for the outdoors and his love for his children that his daughter remembers so fondly. “He was an early feminist,” she said. “He had four daughters and he was a man who believed his daughters could achieve anything.

When they were little, she said her dad would pay them to play chess with him and then “beat us in four moves.”

When Mr. Lyne was in Florida, he would walk the beach every morning and collect seashells. He also played tennis, mostly doubles, and golfed. Diana Lyne said that he always carried his own bag until his stroke.

Each Easter, Mr. Lyne would organize an extravagant “shell hunt” for children at the Ocean Club.

“He would collect shells all year long and every Easter he would get up early and completely pack the beach with the shells he had collected,” said Diana Lyne.

Mr. Lyne was a rabid New England Sox fan, his daughter said, though he also liked the Red Sox.

“Grandpa used to say, ‘You should be reading War and Peace.’”

Mr. Lyne is survived by his wife, Mary Lally Lyne, preceded him in death.

Richard Keresey

By Ron Hayes

DELRAY BEACH — Not long ago, as his health failed and his birthday neared, Dick Keresey told his son, Jim, “You know, I think I’d like to have my 94th birthday. I think it’ll be my going away party.”

Richard Keresey turned 94 on May 8 and went away four days later.

A resident of the St. Andrew’s Club since 1994, Mr. Keresey died May 12. Barbara Keresey, his wife of 65 years, died last July.

“He was an amazing guy who had a wonderfully exciting life,” said his son. “He lived about five lives compared to most people — just on the PT Boat alone.”

During World War II, Mr. Keresey was the skipper of PT-105, patrolling the Solomon Islands with another young Navy man named Kennedy, who skipped the PT-109.

After the war, Jack Kennedy went into politics, Dick Keresey into law. And more than 50 years later, when he was chez Keresey, he wrote PT-105, a memoir of his World War II service.

“His account is funny, scary, melancholy, exciting and angry,” wrote American Heritage magazine after its publication by the Naval Institute Press in 1996. The book remains in print.

In 2002, Mr. Keresey returned to the Solomon Islands with undersea explorer Robert Ballard and Maxwell Kennedy, the son of Robert F. Kennedy, on a successful quest for the remains of PT-109.

Mr. Keresey appears in The Search for Kennedy’s PT-109, a documentary film broadcast on the National Geographic Explorer series in 2002.

Born in Hoboken, N.J., Richard Keresey was a graduate of Dartmouth College and Columbia University, where he earned a law degree in 1941. He retired in 1980 as an associate general counsel of Exxon Corp.

An avid golfer and fly fisherman, he was a member of the Beavertail Trout Club. In later years, he turned to bridge, often playing five days a week after his wife’s death.

Mr. Keresey wrote a book late in life, his son said, because he had loved books all his life.

“One day when I was about 15, Dad came home and found me reading Gone With The Wind,” Jim Keresey recalled.

“What are you reading that trash for?” his father snapped.

“You should be reading War and Peace.”

Jim Keresey is 63 now, and he still hasn’t read War and Peace.

“But my son Andrew has,” he adds, “and he enjoyed it. So we skipped a generation.”

In addition to Jim, Mr. Keresey is survived by a second son, Dick; two daughters, Mary and Barbara, nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated May 17 at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church in Delray Beach. Contributions in Mr. Keresey’s memory may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33407.
Lydia Crozier

SOUTH PALM BEACH — Life had become easy for Lydia Crozier, who was happily married and a successful decorator when a little-understood epidemic began stealing people from her midst.

It was in the mid-1980s when she started cooking for homebound patients, bringing them meals and keeping an eye on their couches, and calling their families when they died of complications from AIDS.

It was the first volunteer work. Her husband, David, had died many years later. Caring for patients, along with supporting the cause of public health, was something she remained devoted to the work she continued for the rest of her life.

Mrs. Crozier, a founder of FoundCare, which built a community health center for uninsured and underinsured in Palm Beach County, a longtime active leader at the Comprehensive AIDS Program and Hope House, the Comprehensive AIDS Program and Hope House, a resident of South Palm Beach, died May 17, at 74.

In 1963, she married Frank Crozier, who was seven years older. When her mother, a social worker, died, he was still there in the morning. She called her husband and told him she had to stay, because the man she was with was dying.

“Then you die, someone has to let you to go,” she said later. “Tell you that you were a good person, a good son, a good father.”

But, too often, she said, no one was there. She remembered parents who wore rubber gloves to care for their own children, in the early, mysterious days of the epidemic. And she remembered opening invitations “that sparkle and feathers fell out of,” to charity balls in the name of the AIDS epidemic and the connection between the glittering parties and problem and pain.

“I thought, for more important,” she said years later.

The beginning of the Comprehensive AIDS Program she said, was “just friends helping friends.”

Her compassion was contagious, CAP director Folker said.

“Many of our board members are on the board because of her,” Bonnet said.

“She gave her heart, her heart, whole self. She touched you.”

She continued to give to other health-related causes, including Hope House, and supported the endeavors of the many friends she made in her volunteer work.

“Where I went, I helped the people say no to something,” she said last year.

She had lived in slightly failing health for some time, with the early onset of Parkinson’s disease.

But his wife, Gay, said he took a bad fall on May 22. Within two weeks, he had developed major internal complications and never recovered, she said.

She survived him by that iconic group’s 52nd wedding anniversary, but Gay Sideris said she was able to call a family friend and priest to Mr. Sideris’ bedside in his final hours so they could renew the wedding vows.

“She had a complete renewal of our vows,” she said. “My two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, who stood in for John and read his part. I was holding onto his hand.”

A native of Long Island, New York, Mr. Sideris commuted to the city to work at an ad agency in the early years of his marriage. But the travel time to and from work was unpleasant for him. He traded his New York City job for a Florida career and spent many years in the public school system teaching advertising.

When he retired at age 55, Mr. Sideris officially took up home improvement work and became a licensed contractor.

Always good with his hands, he was also a talented decorator. Gay said he built and designed their Long Island home many years ago.

After he left the school district, the couple thought about moving to Florida to be near their daughter and grandchildren.

They made the move 10 years ago, after staying with a summer in a friend’s mobile home. Gay said with that summer ended, and 4 months after it was hooked and that her husband loved Briny, with its friendly neighbors, golf cart transportation system and proximity to the water.

Mr. Sideris loved to fish and the couple docked their 30-foot sportfishing boat on the dock outside their mobile home. Mr. Sideris also was a companion to his dog, a miniature family golf cart briny through the water with the couple’s rescue dog.

Katie, as his companion.

Mr. Sideris is survived by three daughters: Susan Russell of Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, and Jeanne DiGiacomo of West Hartford, Conn. A sister and two nieces also survive him, along with his five adoring grandchildren.

The couple had been active in St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church in Briny Breezes, where the couple’s first wedding ceremony was performed.

A memorial celebrating the life of John Sideris was held May 22 at their church.

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**JUNE 5-12**

**Saturday - 6/5 - Spin Around The Clock** is held at the Four Seasons Ogunquit, Ogunquit, ME. Adults only. 10-11 am. $30 with admission. 207-646-6699.

**Sand Stitch Beach Sing-along** is held at Great Point Park, 415/4 Beach Road, Delray Beach. Kids and adults welcome. 4-5 pm. Free. 243-7378.

**Sunday - 6/6 - Music at St. Paul’s** is held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 4 pm. Free. 243-7378.

**Bones for Life** at Pompey Park Adult Basketball League, 451 Lake Road, Delray Beach. 4:15-6:15 pm. Free. 737-7733.

**Wildlife & Nature** is held for ages 3-5 at the Schoolhouse Children’s Museum, 129 East Ocean Ave. Delray Beach. Held every Saturday through 7/10. 2-3:30 pm. $6 per adult, $8 per child. 243-7158.

**Duplicate Bridge Games** at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4-6 pm. Free. 243-7158.

**Teens** at the Boynton Beach City Library, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd. 2-4 pm. Free. 742-6393.

**Tales for Tadpoles** at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. For kids birth to 3 with parent. Free. 243-7158.

**Teen Advisory Board** at the Delray Beach City Library, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd. 2-4 pm. Free. 742-6393.


**Chinese Chop Suey Camp** at the Boynton Beach City Library, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd. 3-5 pm. Free. 742-6393.

**Dance Your Way Away** at Delray Beach Community Center, 101 E. Woolbright Rd. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 243-7158.


**Vacation Bible School** is held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4-6 pm. Free. 243-7158.

**Discover the Ocean** at the Delray Beach Vice-Mayor Adam Frankel at Tryst, 4 E. Delray Beach City Library. 100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. For ages 5-11. 10 am. Free. 742-6390.

**Teen Advisory Board** at the Delray Beach City Library, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd. 2-4 pm. Free. 742-6393.

**Madame Bovary** at Bethesda Heart Institute, 4th Floor Conference Room. Presented by the Presentation Book Club of Delray Beach, beginning at 10 am. 742-6268.

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**Writers Corner** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4-6 pm. Free. 243-7158.

**Read with Hogan the Reading Dog** at Delray Beach City Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6390 or www.delraylibrary.org.

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**Duplicate Bridge Games** are held at the Boynton Beach Senior Center, 9015 Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Call 742-6390.

**Miniature Golf** - An educational program for those undertaking total joint replacement held at Boynton Beach Medical Center. 737-7733.

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**June 2010**

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**The Magnificent Ambersons**

- Directed by Ernst Lubitsch

- Presented as part of the Great Comedies Film Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave.

- Free. 2 pm. Friday, July 9. (R) 1927. 94 min.

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**Trouble In Paradise**

- Directed by Ernst Lubitsch

- Presented as part of the Great Comedies Film Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave.

- Free. 2 pm. Saturday, July 10. (R) 1932. 97 min.

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**Tattoo Talk Tours begin the Delray Museum Center for the Arts, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Each Wednesday walk through museum butterfly garden at the Kahane home located at the Atlantic Ocean. Learn what plants butterflies love. 1 pm. Free. Members, $5. 2 pm. Thursday, July 15. (R) 1979. 77 min.

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**Tales from the Sea**

- Ocean life, Plants & Animals

- Presented as part of Sonic Summer Movies at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 208 S. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Free. 1 pm. Sunday, July 18. (R) 1955. 97 min.

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**6/15 - Third Friday of the Month Opening**

- Presented as part of the Art
collection at the Delray Museum Center for the Arts, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Free. 1 pm. Sunday, July 18. (R) 1979. 77 min.

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**6/17 - Captain’s Party for First Annual Summer Sh oatfsh Tournament**

- Held at the Flying Bridge, 1600 N. Ocean Blvd., West Palm Beach. Musical stage show with music, dance and follow-that-monkey fun. 6-7 pm.

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JUNE 20-26

*Family Fun Program: Wind Chinese Making – Try easy arts and crafts creation ideas at the Chinese Language and Japanese Gardens, 4400 Manukau Road Park, Delray Beach. Contact 243-7277 with a $15 donation. Sat. and Sun. 11:30 am-4:30 pm. $15.

*6/20 - 352 Keys Gala Piano Concert – Held in the Great Hall, Delray Beach High School, 777 Glen Road. 6:30 pm piano recital by summer camp concerts in concert. 742-6783.


Tuesday - 6/22 - Cat(s) Open at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. The only national tour to feature the Montana Cat(s). $43.$22. 243-7277 or www.kravis.org.

*Wednesday - 6/23 - Tom Jenney Wildlife Workshop for grades 5-12 at the Delray Beach Community Park, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd., Delray Beach. Registration is available. 2 pm. Free. 742-4939 or www.wcafl.com.

*Wednesday - 6/23 - Wine Tasting – Sponsored by Larken SA. Hosted by the Delray Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave., Delray Beach. 5 pm. $25. 243-7277 or www.kravis.org.

*Thursday - 6/24 - Family Turtles: the stickers and special gifts of a joyous attend the Father’s Day celebration at the Delray Beach Community Park, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 7:00 pm. Free. 742-4939 or www.wcafl.com.


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About roller derby
Believe it or not, roller derby is a fairly complex game. The long list of rules has appendices and everything. To summarize for purposes here, let’s just say five women on a team skate around an oval track wearing fishnets, bootie shorts, mini skirts and helmets and try to knock members of the opposing team down. Anyone truly curious may check out official rules: http://rules.wftda.com/

ROLLER DERBY:
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Palm Beach). “You never know what to expect. It takes physical and mental strength.”

The Dub City Derby Girls were formed in February and are seeking new members. More than two dozen women are here at this Monday night practice at the Atlantis Skateway Roller Rink in Greenacres. But roughly half of those are new, or what they call “fresh meat.” Not all of them will make it past a grueling 90-day probation period.

Colucci, of Hypoluxo Island, goes by the derby name Sexxxxy Decoy. When she’s not on skates, she is getting her master’s degree in legal studies at Florida Atlantic University. Her sister-in-law, S.J. Farley, from the town of Hypoluxo, goes by Snow Bite. She’s a colorist at a hair salon. Farley is intimidatingly tall on her skates, with long limbs covered in a tapestry of colorful tattoos. She also has a smile so big and warm you could toast marshmallows over it.

“Like that it’s a team sport,” Farley, 35, said. “It’s also a way to get women together. And it’s an adrenaline rush.”

But what’s with the getup?

“You can be aggressive as a girl,” Farley said. “You can be fashionable and aggressive.”

More interesting than the outfits is the history of roller derby itself.

Sportswriter Frank Deford, a contributor to National Public Radio, said in a broadcast that the sport dreamed up in the 1930s as a Depression-era diversion is experiencing a renaissance. It’s growing in popularity, and drawing crowds in the thousands with ticket prices at $10 to $20. According to Deford, there are 500 women’s leagues in 16 countries, from North America, to Europe, to Australia, to Brazil to Abu Dhabi.

Colucci and Dub City’s coach, Robert Hutchinson, hope that popularity will buoy the sport to the world stage, the big show, the Olympic Games.

“According to the Olympic committee, it has to be on three continents,” said Hutchinson, who goes by Sensai. “Which it is now.”

Colucci shares her coach’s single-minded goal, despite the fact that their first bout is still seven months away.

“The sport is definitely making a comeback,” she said. “And our coach is our secret weapon.”

Making the rounds, chatting with women who have shown up for practice, you hear the same story over and over. These are moms, entrepreneurs, students and cubicle jockeys who are pleased as punch they’ve found a place where they can be scary as hell.

“Yes, I had to give it a try,” said Kerry Tichernor, who was wearing a fuschia bob and a pink mini skirt.

Tichernor goes by Sugar Slinger, because she owns a candy store in Boca Raton.

“Once I practiced with the girls I knew it was for me,” she said. “Plus, it’s a work out. My body loves it.”

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The Dub City Derby Girls — photographed at Atlantis Skateway Roller Rink in Greenacres — are the Palm Beaches’ newest women’s flat track Roller Derby Team. Photo by Tim Stepien

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Hindu youth center opens in Boynton

By C.B. Hanif

Jitu Patel was explaining that the rain sprinkles punctuating a sunny May afternoon in Boynton Beach were a part of a divine script: “Every time we have an opening, rain always comes, to clean up the site, the soul, the mind and everything, to make it pure, nice and cool. It’s amazing. Every temple we’ve opened, there’s always rain, without fail. It’s a very auspicious occasion.”

The occasion was the grand opening of the Youth Activity Center annex of the BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, 541 SE 18th Ave., next to the Publix near Woolbilt and Federal. The India-based Hindu organization (www.baps.org) has about 800 temples worldwide, 64 in the United States, Patel said.

The nearest mandir, or temple, for this stream of Hinduism is in Orlando. Boynton’s mandir, whose ninth anniversary is in June, serves the entire South Florida region, each Sunday drawing worshippers from as far as Stuart and Homestead.

Outside the adjacent youth classroom facility, congregants poured water over a golden statue. Patel, who lives in Plantation and works for the city of Hollywood, explained that the figure depicted their founder, Bhagwan Swaminarayan.

“He came to this Earth 235 years back. When he was 11 years old, he left this world, his household and everything, and went barefoot, with just one loincloth, around the whole Himalayas. He traveled 7,000 miles barefoot. He visited the whole of India, all the auspicious places and everything. And then he settled and started this organization called the Swami Swaminarayan organization.”

Pouring the water, and pondering what one wants in life, ensures that one’s “good thoughts will be fulfilled,” Patel said. A photo behind the statue, he added, depicted “His Divine Holiness Shree Pramukh Swami Maharaj. He’s our guru.”

Earlier, congregants had crowded the temple’s main hall for a special prayer service. “In Hinduism, when we start any work, we definitely start with remembering God first,” said Alpesh Patel, the mandir’s former media representative.

He’s returned from Alabama with wife and children for the youth facility inauguration. Others traveled from as far as Chicago and New York. From Atlanta, monks came to bless the youth center.

In the mandir, the main hall held a masterfully carved wooden shrine, replete with domes and garlands of flowers. It featured figures and photos of Hindu saints. For the occasion, the orange-clad monks were arranged front and center. Men sat in rows across the floor, before them white paper on which were written the words of the prayer ritual, followed by rows of women in colorful traditional garments.

In the rear, other worshippers sat at tables, or stood as part of the overflow crowd. All chantied or clapped along as the monks led the service. The crowd next moved to a ceremony before its new facility. There, 16-year-old Parikhsh Shingala told his fellow youths that the classrooms in the extension of the mandir would be a place to work on “that masterpiece that is your life.”

Soon, other youths were offering lemonade as the curious got their first look at the eight glistening classrooms for the mandir’s educational, cultural, social and spiritual activities. Looking like proud parents were architect Bob Snow, general contractors Shiv Shahi and Scott Lamberton and civil engineer Yash Barop, all based in Palm Beach Gardens; and former Boynton building official Wayne Bergman.

By late afternoon, youngsters were lined up for sheri, a lime, ginger and sugar-cane drink traditionally pressed by hand in India. Even as the several hundred people gathered visited with each other, more arrived. Some could be seen offering a traditional greeting: reaching to touch the other’s feet, then touching one’s own heart.

“It’s a kind of a connection, a humbling show of respect,” said Ashish Gurjar of West Palm Beach. “When you enter in here, just be a messenger of God, and leave all your ego outside.”

C.B. Hanif will be visiting our local places of worship on an occasional basis and sharing his experience with our readers. His Interfaith 21 column returns in July. Find him online at www.interfaith21.com.
Paws up for Pets

Living in South Florida gives true meaning to the dog days of summer. Just ask Susan Baker, of Lake Worth, who must set her alarm clock pre-sunrise just to ensure her two poodles can get in a morning walk before turning into hot dogs.

“Grab their leashes and we’re out the door by 6 because by 7, the pavement is too hot for their paws,” says Baker, a magazine editor who shares her home with a pair of rescued 15-pound white poodles named Cubby and Lido. “We wait until after 7 at night for our evening walk.”

Just like us, our pets can be at risk for sunburns and dehydration. The hot, humid temperatures and steady rains also combine to pump up the pest population, namely fleas and ticks. And let’s not forget hard-to-heal hot spots and or the sheer panic unleashed in some dogs due to thunderstorms and fireworks.

Let me offer some tips and suggested items that can temper what the high temperatures bring. For starters, make sure that your dog — and cat — receive a summer checkup at your veterinary clinic and receive the appropriate monthly medicines and vaccines to combat diseases and skin conditions associated with fleas, ticks and mosquitoes. It may surprise you to learn that even indoor cats can become infected with heartworm disease caused by being bitten by an infected mosquito buzzing inside your home.

Patrol your premises and keep rid of any buckets with stagnant water and clear your foliage to foil a colony of ticks from taking residence. If you have an outdoor spigot in your enclosed backyard, opt for going high-tech when it comes to providing your dog with cool water.

Feroglo the bowl of water that can get too hot or filled with bugs. Instead, consider using the WaterDog Fountain — it features a sensor that releases a stream of water from your faucet when your dog comes into view. It shuts off when your dog leaves.

It’s been endorsed by Linda Tellington Jones, PhD, founder of the TTouch therapy method that works on horses, dogs and other animals.

Finally, be prepared and be safe. Contact your local American Red Cross to enroll in a pet first-aid class. Invest in a pet first-aid kit and be sure to include a Trimline Veterinary Recovery Collar.

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Common sense and products help with the dog-days of summer

Behavior modification steps to work on helping your dog overcome these phobias.

There’s a new product called the Thundershirt that you can fit on your dog and it helps ally some of these storm fears. It has been endorsed by Linda Tellington Jones, PhD, the founder of the TTouch therapy method that works on horses, dogs and other animals.

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