Emergency response policy still vexes residents

By Nirvi Shah

Ever since it took Palm Beach County Fire Rescue more than 12 minutes to respond to the scene of a man choking in the county pocket last year — a call that ended in the man’s death — a group of the area’s residents have been clamoring for emergency service that comes from a much closer rescue agency.

Now they have it. Sort of.

Since March, Boynton Beach Fire Rescue — which is miles nearer to the area than the responding county fire station — has been called upon at least six times by Palm Beach County Fire Rescue to respond to calls for help from the county pocket. And Boynton has responded five other times to the area for other reasons.

That’s sizeable, considering that in a typical year, the area generates about 60 emergency calls or fewer. And it’s a few more calls than the county has responded to over about the same time period.

“I would say the number of calls has increased, especially those prior to May and those to Gulfstream County Park, where we have a longstanding policy to respond automatically,” said Barkley Garnsey, information/communication coordinator for Boynton Beach Fire Rescue.

But the response isn’t nearly enough for worried residents who still fear it will take too long for Palm Beach County to respond when there is another life-or-death call like last November, when county pocket resident Bill Dunn died during the 12 minutes it took for county emergency workers to arrive.

Although Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Chief Steve Jerald told The Coastal Star in March he wished in hindsight the county had called upon Boynton Beach, residents’

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Coasting Along

At Mercer Wenzel, it’s all in the family

By Tim Norris

As customers come through the door of Mercer Wenzel off Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach, owner Bruce Wenzel and his son, Mark, can size them up.

The department store’s whole staff can.

This man’s a 42 regular, long in the shoulders, short in the arms. That woman’s a 12 dress, a little wide in the waist. The young girl there is a size 8.

That much they know. The mystery is how, and whether, and on what (or not) the newcomers are focused, like the man just coming in on this Monday morning, casting glances, looking baffled. Or the two women behind him a few minutes later, bright-eyed, laughing, searching.

“You need any help, sir?”

Mark Wenzel says, and the man says, “Yeah, a little bit. I need trousers, and maybe a jacket.”

Right over here, Mark says, leading him.

For customers, quickly sized-up, sizing up the store isn’t as easy. They see a wide

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Coastal Star
Manalapan woman fights for underdogs

By Emily J. Minor

Noreen H. Papatheodorou is a persevering sort. She’s raised two kids, handled a chronic disease since she was 6 years old, rekindled her career into something even more powerful on than one occasion. She’s traveled. She’s networked. She’s fought for the underdogs.
And she’s done all of this ever-mindful of a simple motto: Pay it forward. “I always feel it’s important, if you’ve been blessed with good education and a good career and good health, to give back to your community in some way,” says Papatheodorou, a licensed clinical social worker, who has done everything from treat patients one-on-one to clinical work and research to help produce educational films for the health industry.
“I raised my children the same way. My kids were volunteering for the Special Olympics when they were young.”
Papatheodorou and her husband, Chrisos, have lived full-time in Manalapan since 1995, moving here about 10 years after they discovered this pretty island town during a business trip. The couple weren’t too keen on Florida back in 1985. “We’d heard about the humidity and all the bugs,” she says. But a visit to Christos’ family helped turn their minds.

Noreen Papatheodorou, 77, is a bit of a renaissance woman. A type I diabetic diagnosed in 1940, she bustled through her early life without any newfangled medical technology like a glucose monitor or disposable insulin needles. She attended Tufts University, then Bryn Mawr College, eventually choosing clinical social work over her beloved pediatric medicine.
She really wanted to be a doctor, but her personal physician recommended against it. Too grueling for a young woman with a chronic disease like diabetes?
Papatheodorou didn’t skip a beat, paying it all forward every place she went. She married a bus driver, a neurosurgeon, and the couple lived and worked in Europe, California and D.C.
After a life-changing car accident, Christos traded in neurosurgery for a Harvard degree in public health and Papatheodorou continued her prestigious career. Mostly, she’s met with clients, one on one, for intense psychiatric help, hooking up with bigwigs and forming policy as she went. Children and diabetics have always been her first loves.
“Don’t retire, you re-career,” she says, about moving to Florida. “You retire to something else.”
And so, it was not too long after Papatheodorou had moved to Florida, bugs and all, that the good people at the Palm Beach County Mental Health Association found her. She sat on their board from 1997 to 2008 and has helped both initiate and invigorate many of the association’s programs.
Through the years, they’ve become accustomed to Papatheodorou’s no-nonsense viewpoints.
What about the veterans that are coming home to us, so sick?
What about the kids coming home from school and taking care of sick parents?

Correction
In our November story regarding the state ethics commission’s probable cause findings regarding South Palm Beach’s mayor [Millar to face hearing on ethics], we stated the proposed height of the Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn’s redevelopment was 19 stories. The current proposed height is 10 stories. We regret the error.

Editorial
We think locally, and we hope you’ll shop locally this season

Now that all the hype of Black Friday and Cyber Monday has passed, it’s time that the less shopping-crazed of us shake off the Thanksgiving food for seconds to think about holiday gifts. To that end, I hope you’ll find this edition helpful.
Please scan our advertisements (there are more than 100!) for great local gift ideas. As we like Village Square Home Interiors on Page 23, offer a variety of gift ideas and are offering special holiday pricing.

Our Holiday Shopping Guide is a “pull-out” within the Coastal Life section, and includes calendar listings for free holiday events, gift suggestions from advertisers, ideas for packaging cookies for giving (with a yummy recipe) and, of course, our annual Holiday Gift Guide.

Noreen Papatheodorou with her dog Beau, has made working with children, diabetics and the mentally ill her passion. Photo by Jerry Lower
Gulf Stream

Information key to annexation vote

By Steve Plunkett

Should Gulf Stream annex the portion of the county pocket just to its north? Voters in both areas may be asked the question on March’s ballot. Town Manager William H. Thrasher was told to report back to the Town Commission in December on pluses and minuses of the proposal. At stake are property taxes from $93 million in assessed value and official say-so over what developers can and cannot build in the pocket area between St. Andrews Club and Sea Road on both sides of State Road A1A.

The county wants municipalities to annex unincorporated pockets and enclaves; and because it, too, borders this pocket, Boynton Beach is eligible to annex it. “Ballentrae has for some time been very interested in annexing into Gulf Stream, even though their taxes might go up a little bit,” said attorney Ken Spillias, representing its condominium association.

Town commissioners reviewed the steps they would have to take to annex the pocket at their November meeting. First, the town would have to prepare an annexation report showing how the proposed annexation area would receive municipal services. Then it would have to hold two public hearings and adopt an ordinance proposing the annexation. Then the referendum would take place.

Consulting planners Urban Design Kilday Studios said preparing the report with accompanying maps and graphics would cost $17,500.

Time is short. Town Attorney John Randolph said the county Supervisor of Elections Office would need to know the referendum’s wording by February. Spillias, who also is town attorney for Ocean Ridge, said he had been told the deadline was January.

“If we’re going to do it, we want to get it done quickly so we can get it on the tax roll,” Mayor William F. Koch Jr. said. Spillias told commissioners taxes aren’t the only benefit of annexation. “There are areas in the county pocket that without question down the road are going to be looking at redevelopment,” he said. “One big advantage to annexation is that you then will have control over how that property is redeveloped.”

Bob Ganger, president of both the Florida Coalition for Preservation and the Gulf Stream Civic Association, said the county’s current

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SOURCE: Town of Gulf Stream
Graphic by Bonnie-Lallky Seibert
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zonning rules would allow multifamily structures as high as 100 feet, despite a county policy not to increase population density on the barrier island.

The Civic Association would be happy to help educate the town’s voters on the merits of annexation, Ganger said. “The worst we can do, as we learned from the ethics issue, is to have an uninformed electorate voting their gut and not their brain,” he said.

Town officials had hoped Gulf Stream voters would say no to the county’s ethics watchdog proposal on the November ballot, in part to avoid the extra expense of the new office.

Commissioners agreed that voters would need good information to make a decision. “I would ask that the town manager and his staff thoroughly vet the pros and cons of this and put it in concise form that we can then disseminate to the residents so they’re informed when they vote,” Commissioner Chris Wheeler said.

Danny Brannon, the town’s consultant on burying its utility lines, pointed out another plus: Pocket residents will benefit from the underground project but would not have to pay their share, about $100,000, unless they are annexed. “That’s just one more reason to do it,” he said.

After the meeting, Ganger said he was “very encouraged” by the commission’s push to explore annexation.

Ocean Ridge

Veteran officer joins PD

The Ocean Ridge Police Department is fully staffed after commissioners approved hiring 27-year veteran David Ralph Kurz.

Kurz, who started in October, filled an opening created when Officer Gene Rosenberg retired last December. The department has since reorganized, moving to 12-hour shifts to help alleviate expenses including overtime in another tight-budget year for Florida municipalities.

The new officer started his police career at 24 and has worked in police departments in Coconut Creek, Plantation and Deerfield Beach and with the Seminole Tribe, according to Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi.

Most recently with the Indian River Sheriff’s Office as a crime scene detective, Kurz also has worked for the Broward County Sheriff’s Office and Palm Beach County and Broward County road patrol and has “advanced proficiency” in crime scene investigation. He is an expert in the field of death investigation, Yannuzzi said.
**Manalapan**

Library benefactors’ recognition plaque gets moved indoors

By Steve Plunkett

A 15-by-18-inch plaque at the library’s front door sparked a new rule that signs cannot be attached to public buildings without express permission from the Town Commission.

The plaque thanked some contributors to this year’s refurbishment of the J. Turner Moore Library, listing in silver letters on a black background 12 new “Friends of the Library” who contributed at least $5,000 and 11 “Benefactors” who gave at least $2,000.

But residents who gave smaller amounts complained to Vice Mayor Basil Diamond that the very public plaque ignored their gifts. Diamond said donors in previous fund-raising campaigns had been listed on framed certificates inside the library and urged commissioners to adopt a rule that no sign be put on a town building without prior approval. He also wanted the new plaque taken down.

He found an immediate ally in Commissioner Louis DeStefano, who grumbled that his mother was one of the aggrieved contributors.

Commissioner William Heck was paid $123,000 a year and received six months’ severance pay. Heck was paid $123,000 a year and received six months’ severance when he was terminated.

Commissioners Louis DeStefano was tasked with renegotiating the agreement.

“For the record, Linda Stumpf, our dedicated employee, goes out of the public eye. The plaque lists both as benefactors.

The refurbishment project collected $107,000 from 85 donors in amounts ranging from $20 to $10,000. The money paid for a new ceiling, new lights and carpets, a paint job and new furniture.

The library has 8,000 books on the shelves, up from 4,000 before the refurbishment, which opened in its current location in 1981. It’s not part of the county library system; residents pay a $25 annual membership fee. In return, they do not pay the county library tax, which fund-raisers said was worth $550 for each $1 mil-

—Pilar Ulibarri de Rivera

A survey sent to residents on the barrier island last month asked them to indicate which method they preferred and noted that many were bringing their garbage to the curb while still paying back-door pick-up rates. They were asked to mail the survey back by Dec. 21 with the results presented to the city commission in January.

The survey resulted from an almost six-month review by the city of Waste Management billing. The inquiry, which ended in July, revealed that there were flaws in the billing process. Now, the city is working on improving the accuracy of billing.

—Pilar Ulibarri de Rivera
Lantana

Seawall to fill missing gap between public beach and condo border

By Margie Plunkett

Newly hired Murray Logan Construction Inc. is soon expected to start its race to complete Lantana’s seawall before turtle season, but not before it agrees to the Town Council’s condition that its equipment not cross over the town’s seawall during or after construction.

The same company that built Lantana’s seawall and that of neighboring Imperial House, Murray Logan was approved to construct the gap between the two and connect to the completed Imperial House wall for a project cost of $384,000. The company was the low bidder among six competitors for the job, for which the town had previously budgeted funds and taken them from reserves. The town will buy the supplies with its tax-free rate to save money.

“I would like some guarantee there’s no damage to our wall,” said council member Cindy Austin, who kicked off the contractor’s hands, he said, complimenting Murray Logan’s performance on its previous seawall work.

“I wouldn’t recommend you delay too long,” said Bornstein, renewing a caution with the creatures’ nesting season because it interferes with the creatures’ nesting habits.

Lantana and the Imperial House battled heads on several occasions, when the condo wanted to run construction equipment over Lantana’s seawall. Lantana wasn’t willing to risk damage to its new wall except for a high price. Lantana’s approval of its latest contract with Murray Logan won with two dissenting votes, from Mayor David Stewart and Dr. Lynn Moorhouse. Stewart didn’t want to add the condition and run the risk of tying the contractor’s hands, he said, complimenting Murray Logan’s performance on its previous seawall work.

While the council’s concerns centered on damage to Lantana’s seawall and bridging the 3-inch gap with the Imperial House, Bornstein pointed out that leaving enough time to get the job done is imperative, because spring — and turtle season — comes around fast. Construction isn’t permitted on the beach during turtle season — comes around fast. Construction isn’t permitted on the beach during turtle season because it interferes with the creatures’ nesting habits.

“I wouldn’t recommend that you delay too long,” said Bornstein, renewing a caution that’s been present throughout out seawall construction.

Surfers and sunbathers enjoy the portion of Lantana beach that is already protected by a seawall. Plans are under way to protect the remaining gap between the public beach and the Imperial House seawall, visible in the top center in black. Photo by Jerry Lower.
Deck 84 is finally a reality, and Burt Rapoport's new restaurant on the Intracoastal in Delray Beach appears to be a hit. After a soft opening in mid-November, the veteran restaurateur held two opening parties Nov. 18 and 19 and went public a day later. “It took me three months to get the money and three months to finish it,” said Rapoport, who also runs Henry’s in west Delray and Bogart’s in Boca Raton and claims a share of Max’s Grille in Boca. “I think it looks pretty good.”

The biggest feature, of course, is the water access. With 150 feet of dock space, Deck 84 can handle anything from Jet Skis to mega yachts. Anglers can clean their catch at a dockside table and the staff will prepare it with sides, salad and drink for $9.

The décor is simple. Seating is ample inside and out, with banquettes, lots of bar space and a soon-to-be-added ground-level patio out back. That may not go over too well with some Deck 84 neighbors who already have improving signage in the area around Deck 84, so guests know where they can and cannot park.

More live music for Delray. Pineapple Groove opened quietly in late November, a couple nights here and there to work out the kinks, but if things go as planned, the new club by the tracks will be rockin’ by early December. “We’ve got great sound and a great concept. We’ll have a wide variety of music — blues, classic rock, even some jazz,” co-owner Randy Griniter said.

The building, just north of Atlantic and east of the FEC tracks, originally a vegetable packing house and more recently a warehouse for Hand’s Office and Art Supply, was City Limits until April 2009. “It was the biggest opening ever for one of my restaurants, which is great,” Rapoport said, “but all the guests plus all the employees really caused some problems. We want to be good neighbors. That’s why we’re not having any music at night.”

To solve the parking problems, Rapoport has arranged for additional parking at a nearby private lot and has contacted the city about improving signage in the area around Deck 84, so guests know where they can and cannot park.

With visions of cheesecake dancing in her head, Taylor Morgan, host of South Florida Dines radio show and creator of SouthFloridaDines.com, envisioned a calendar, racer than a triple chocolate mousse — a ladle here, a toque there — of South Florida’s hottest chefs. Only one problem, chefs may subject chicken skin to air, but not their own. So nudity was out, but Morgan got her calendar, with her chefs — properly dressed for the kitchen — and at $19.95 at featured restaurants, bookstores and www.myhotchef.com, it’s selling like hotcakes.

Why? Because it includes recipes and cooking tips plus $25-off certificates redeemable at each of the 12 chefs’ restaurants and 10 percent of the proceeds will go to the Big Heart Brigade, which prepares and delivers meals to needy South Floridians every Thanksgiving. Not surprising, most of the hotties were local: Allen Susser, Taste, and Bruce Feingold, Dada, in Delray Beach; Dudley Bell Rich III, Carmen’s at the Top of the Bridge, Boca Raton; David Hagan, CityCel- lair, West Palm Beach; Jayme Franklin, Couco Pazzo, Lake Worth; Zach Bell, Cafe Bou- lad, West Palm Beach; Charlie Soo, Talay Thai Cuisine, Palm Beach Gardens.

Another longtime food fix-ure in Boca was Tom Wright, whose literally had ‘em waiting
the adjacent small dining room.

Son Tom Jr. tried and failed to revive the concept in West Palm Beach, in a building formerly occupied by Blue Front Bar-B-Q. Now two other offspring hope they have the Wright stuff.

Kenny Wright and his sister, Belinda Johnson, are running Tom Jr. right next to the FEC tracks on Boynton Beach Boulevard in Boynton Beach.

You won’t find much signage; just follow the aroma to their Dolce Vita wine bar. Just like that, something fell into their laps, and it wasn’t pine nut.

When Soma Center, the yoga and vegan center at 609 Lake Ave., was evicted, Cindy and Jay jumped at the opportunity and will open Dec. 31. The new space includes an outdoor patio, and will permit an expanded menu that includes draft beers, tapas and, to attract the former clientele, organic dishes.

Celebrating its 25th season, Miami City Ballet made its first of several visits to the Kravis Center Nov. 19-21. Why a Miami troupe in the Palm Beaches? Because a disproportionate amount of its patronage is up here compared to Dade and Broward counties. To get a greater feel for the program, a busload of supporters and donors rolled to South Beach recently to tour the company’s headquarters, take in a re-hearsal and lunch with Founding Artistic Director and CEO Edward Villella.

Among the group, Nancy Hart of Palm Beach Gardens and her daughter, Lisa Leder of Boca Raton, especially wanted to get the inside scoop as they’re chairing The Gala, A Prelude to Romeo & Juliet Feb. 18 at the Flagler Museum. (Tickets $500, 561-674-9978).

They saw firsthand that dancers who seem to float so effortlessly on stage pay a price for defying gravity. To make the point, Villella held up three fingers to represent his hip replacements. “And I may have to have a knee done, too,” he said.

The wear and tear is so great that the staff includes trainers and therapists who help dancers work out kinks and treat injuries in a special therapy room and gym.

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Avenues:

Continued from page 8 in line for barbecue and soul food for three decades. Tom’s Place started in a flat-roofed blockhouse at the corner of Dixie and Glades and later moved to a brand new building on North Federal. When Tom died nearly five years ago, the restaurant went with him, but the operation had always been a family affair, and family members never gave up hope.

Ah, the sweet life has been so good on J Street for Cindy White and Jay Simpson — that they needed more room for their Dolce Vita wine bar. Just like that, something fell into their laps, and it wasn’t pine nut.

When Soma Center, the yoga and vegan center at 609
Historic early home demolished

By Steve Plunkett

A gray two-story, wood-sided house that’s a piece of Gulf Stream history had a date with the wrecking crew in mid-November.

County property records say the residence at 3288 Gulfstream Road was built in 1940, one of the first in the town’s so-called core area, outside the original polo grounds. People who have called it home include a town commissioner, a doctor of internal medicine and a member of Russia’s onetime nobility.

“He made it just code open, kind of opened up the area down there,” Mayor William F. Koch Jr. said.

The house’s new owners, Howard and Bonita Erbstein, razed the 3,131-square-foot Bermuda-style dwelling. It too will have a detached garage, guest house and swimming pool.

Bob Ganger, who chairs the town’s Architectural Review and Planning Board, regretted not asking to look for artifacts at 3288 when the board approved the demolition permit.

“Gulf Stream still prides itself on quiet, understated elegance — all those things we try to preserve. That’s part of the story” the house might have helped explain, Ganger said.

Koch remembered the place being rented for a time to a descendent of the Russian Romanovs who everyone called “Ogl.”

Town Commissioner Fred B. Devitt III, who owned the property from 1992 to 1999, said he and his family enjoyed living there but that even two decades ago the house was “worn.”

“It wasn’t set up for the amenities a modern family needs,” he said.

Devitt said he thought about doing some renovations until an empty lot came onto the market just seven or eight houses away. “I got to build fresh down the street,” he said.

The wood-frame house was built by the town’s founding Phipps family, either for guests or staff, Devitt said, and sold to Winthrop and Agnes Winslow in 1943. Other owners of the home were Josephine Keyes, Lynn Williams and Dr. Andrew Ladner.

Ganger said Winslow was a direct descendent of the Pilgrims in Massachusetts and had an insurance business in Rhode Island.

“His pedigree takes him to John Winslow, brother of Edward Winslow, the first governor of New Plymouth,” Ganger said. “On the maternal side, it is believed that a direct line goes to John Winthrop, governor of the Bay Colony. All three arrived on the Mayflower.”

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For some bothered that that’s been in the business it’s just inconceivable to me that could happen,” he said. “We still don’t have any assurance that we’re going to get the closest assistance.”

One solution, to have Boynton Beach automatically respond to all calls from the county pocket, was rejected by city commissioners earlier this year in part because of the potential expense.

The county and city already have in place an aid agreement to discuss their concerns about the lingering issue.

Abrams said the county is still working on a satisfying solution for the county pocket. “Of course, more work still needs to be done,” Abrams wrote in a letter to residents. He said he conveyed his disappointment over Delai’s choice of words in the Sun-Sentinel story.

In addition, he said, Delai “committed to better training for our personnel to respond more readily to pocket emergencies.”

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ABOVE: A 1940 home on Gulf Stream Road was demolished to make way for a new 6,605-square-foot home. LEFT: The house, shown awaiting demolition, Photos by Jerry Lower during World War II.

“He was in his 50s at the time, and Gulf Stream was really a barracks for Sea Bee and Coast Guard personnel,” Ganger said.

Ladner said the house in June for $1.5 million and moved to a home just off the fairways in the Village of Gulf. Howard Erbstein, the current owner, is the chief investment officer at Kolter Group in West Palm Beach.

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worrying heightened after a more recent article in the South Florida Sun-Sentinel in which county Deputy Chief Steve Delai said there was no reason to ask for Boynton’s help.

“Our unit was available and we were responding,” Delai told the Sun-Sentinel.

That frustrates Mike Smollon, who worked for Boynton Beach Fire Rescue for 28 years.

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Millar to pay $3,000 fine, retire from politics in spring

By Tim O’Meilia

Come March, South Palm Beach residents won’t have Martin Millar to kick around anymore.

The embattled mayor said he is bowing out of town politics when his term ends in the spring.

“I am finished. I am done,” Millar said before the Nov. 23 Town Council meeting.

His retirement decision comes after he agreed to pay a $3,000 fine levied by the Florida Commission on Ethics for his behavior during a visit to a West Palm Beach strip club and steakhouse in August 2009.

“There are other things in life I’d rather do. It’s time to move on,” said Millar, who served four years as a councilman before his election as mayor in 2009. “If you count my six years here along with all my civil service time as a police officer and firefighter, I’ve been a public servant for 32 years.”

“Let other people take their part,” he said.

Millar signed a consent agreement with the state ethics officials in early November, agreeing to a civil penalty of a $3,000 fine and censure agreeing to a civil penalty.

In the agreement, Millar admitted he violated state law “by attempting to intimidate or impress a club manager and police officers to secure special privileges and benefit or exemption for himself.”

Investigators found that Millar was tossed out of the club after he refused to stop shining a flashlight on the dancers. Millar flashed his badge and told West Palm Beach police that he knew various high-ranking law enforcement officials and he should be allowed back into the club.

Later, after riding home with a tow truck driver, Millar asked a South Palm Beach police officer for a ride to the emergency room for his aching neck. He was refused, paramedics were called and transported him.

He also sought a ride home from the hospital from police, but Police Chief Roger Crane said an officer could pick him up, using the officer’s own car.

Last month, Millar said the evening at Rachel’s was a mistake. Resident John Taft, who has since died, filed the ethics complaint in November 2009.

The mayor also paid two fines totaling $450 in 2009 for circulating campaign material without the proper paid political advertisement disclaimer.

Five ethics complaints and one elections complaint against other South Palm Beach officials remain unresolved. All six were filed by Pjeter Paloka, a co-owner of the Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn.

Paloka alleged that council members Stella Jordan and Susan Lillybeck benefited from campaigning against the expansion of the inn from two stories to 10 stories by the town enforcement officials and he should be allowed back into the club.

Millar, who opposed an earlier plan to expand the inn to 10 stories but backed the later 10-story proposal, said he won’t disappear from the scene.

“I’ll still come to meetings,” he said. “I’ll be gone but I won’t be forgotten.”

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The boys and girls of another era reunite in Delray

By Ron Hayes

The first rule of etiquette at high school reunions is very simple. "Everybody present is a "boy" or "girl" — even if they're in their 70s or 80s. "That girl I just kissed was my high school sweetheart," Ernest Simon boasted, nodding toward a figure just disappearing into the luncheon crowd at the Delray Beach Golf Club. "Gloria Gove. She's Gloria Gove Allen now." In the early 1940s, when Simon and Gove graduated from Delray High School, the town was small, they were young, and Old School Square had schools. Now those high school seniors are senior citizens, and for two days over the weekend of Nov. 12-13, more than a hundred alumni of Delray and Seacrest high schools came together to share old memories, and make a few more. They lunched at the golf club, reminisced at Old School Square, danced at the Delray Dunes Country Club, and promised to do it again in 2014, if the fates allow.

Both Simon and Gove wed others, but they stayed in Delray Beach, and so did many of their classmates. "I was born on Atlantic Avenue in 1921," said Bob Miller, Class of '41. "Born in a house right about where the Arcade Tap Room [building] is now." Thornton Wilder, the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, was never a student at Delray High School, but without him there might not have been a reunion.
In 1974, Simon, now a successful lawyer, took on the role of the Stage Manager in a local production of *Our Town*. He was struck by the cemetery scene in which the deceased Emily Gibbs reflects on how fleeting life is.

"It really hit me," Simon recalled. "I wanted this so we would see each other from time to time."

At that first reunion, 20 of the 35 students from his Class of 1942 turned out. In time, the reunion expanded to welcome anyone who had attended Delray High School or its successor, Seacrest.

"At first we did it every four years," he explained, "but then we decided that was too long between. We were losing people."

At the 2007 reunion, 135 graduates attended the luncheon. This year, co-chairman Dot Baker counted 109.

The earliest students represented were Laurabelle McNeece Brola and Dr. Fred Love, from the Class of '38. Brola, longtime editor of the school newspaper, *The Highlights*, echoed many of her former classmates in waxing nostalgic for the town she knew growing up.

"I felt so privileged to have grown up here," she said. "This was the best place in the world to have grown up during the Depression because we learned to depend on each other. Five families went to school together, and we'd pick up each family as we walked to school."

Love, 88, left for a career with the public health service, but returned to town in 1988. "This is my one chance to see a lot of people I used to see every day on the street," he said. He looked around the banquet hall. "I don't see many people I know here."

When Simon asked how many had served in the military, more than half the "boys" held up hands.

When he called for an a cappella rendition of *God Bless America*, everyone seemed to know the words.

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range of merchandise, neatly
racked and stacked and fanned
out, and they note that the staff
appears more veteran than the
mall-outlet youth corps.
They have lived too long and most
have worked in New York’s
garment district, or that Mercer
Wenzel still maintains a crucial
connection there.

Many customers also experience a feeling, one they
often share with staff, that they
have seen this place before, seen
it in childhood, now in
memory.

"People tell us this reminds them of the (department)
stores they knew when they were
young," Mark Wenzel says.

Nostalgia might deepen
with Perry Como singing Santa
Claus is Coming to Town
from the store’s speakers, followed by
Bing Crosby and I’ll Be Home
for Christmas.

The holidays bring a
retailer’s season of promise, too, and
Mercer Wenzel has seen many.

What most newcomers miss
are larger lessons to be bound,
in retailing and in living,
and about an America swung
toward chain stores and malls
and catalogs and online sales.

They might also overlook the
owner, just coming in from his
daily brunch at the Green Owl
across the street and crisply
dressed in dark blue trousers, a
sherbet-green Enro shirt and a
silk tie showing sea horses and
starfish.

One road to retail: Bruce
Wenzel could tell them what it’s like to sell swimsuits and
women’s sportswear to retailers
from a suitcase in a hotel room
in winter heat, black soot
coming from the steel mills blowing
on his sample cases and
tables.

Wenzel was Army, Korean
conflict, sergeant, supply.
From growing up on the near
south side of Milwaukee
and through the history and speech
programs at the University of
Wisconsin-Madison, he found a
knack for persuasion but wasn’t
sure where to aim it.

In school, he worked for an
upscale Milwaukee-Madison
clothing, McNeil and Moore.
In Seoul, he helped fit and
dispense uniforms, and after
his homecoming a help-
wanted ad led him to Catalina
swimsuits and women’s wear.
Mercifully, Catalina pulled him
from wintry Pittsburgh to the
sunny shores of South Florida,
where traveling sales led to a
partnership and a new life in
retail.

The senior Wenzel can
vividly tell the story of multiple
stores and holding onto an enterprise
amid the shifting patterns of
fashion, if his balky memory
will let him. At age 83, he says,
"I have a bad memory, getting
worse, taking medication for
it." He has watched a quiet
town accelerate. He says, "Ever
been here at night? You can’t
believe how busy." Amid the
flashes of traffic and neon,
among the brightly lit eateries
and sidewalk sashaying, the
Mercer Wenzel corner store is a
calm, traditional presence.

Hard work behind the
displays: At first glance,
Mercer took top billing and
then got off easy. Retail is
nobody’s play place, unless
you’re hiring it done, and when
a road-weary Bruce Wenzel met
him, S.L. Mercer had put in
forty years or so in the business.

Losing a son to cancer, he
cashed out, leaving Wenzel to
man the helm, and the hems,
counting.

"This was a beautiful town,
still is," Wenzel says. "People
in other places say they wish
they had a downtown like ours.
Here, we’ve worked along,
don’t owe anybody, don’t have
a mortgage on the place. We’re
fortunate with the help we’ve
had from the people here."

Clothing, jewelry,
housewares, toys, notions,
between the store’s two floors,
the staff hopes, something will
catch nearly anyone’s fancy.
What might elude view is the
hard work behind the displays
and the secret to keeping a
family clothing store in
business on a main street when
nearly all such stores, across
America, have long since
vanished.

Most Delray residents have
never known another local
department store. Mercer’s,
soon-to-be Mercer Wenzel,
opened for business 53 years
ago, and before that the
Zuckerman family sold goods
there. The building itself
dates from the 1930s. But no
family business comes with a
guarantee, any more than the
lives of those working in it.
In life, in work, the staff says,
sometimes you find the fit.
Sometimes the fit finds you.

An experienced team: That
was Mark Wenzel’s experience
in the ‘70s, not long out of
Palm Beach Junior College and
Florida State with a business
degree. “You can talk about
what you want to do, but you
go through things, and a lot of
times what it boils down to is
what’s needed out of you,” he
says. "I was needed here."

For the male customer who
came in looking, the lost has
been found, and he leaves with
a dark blue jacket and coal gray
slacks. The next man wanders
in, gazes around, wanders
out. In this business, the sales
staff says, nobody can be
taken at first blush. These sales
people do not pounce.
Approach, ask questions, listen,
offer suggestions, even walk
someone to a dressing room
and lift away what’s cast off.

In the Men’s Department,
Cyr Baren helps a man picking
up a pair of slacks. Not long
ago, Baren sold clothes in
Manhattan’s Saks Fifth Avenue,
but the life circumstances
were grim. “My son got very
sick,” he says, “I went back to
Manhattan, he passed away. I
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Connie Wickman stepped in off the street one day 39 years ago, just out of school, looking for work. “I loved the atmosphere, and Mr. Wenzel’s a wonderful person to work for,” she says.

Now, she serves in a crucial role; ladies’ wear buyer and merchandise manager, traveling to New York twice a year and to Las Vegas and Atlanta and West Palm to survey what’s new and also tried-and-true and to pick out what might fit her customers best.

“We’re extremely fortunate; we have our agent up in New York by the name of Joe Shultz, Richard Rosenbloom Associates,” she says. “He’s in the market every day, just an amazing man.”

Can run through the list of her more local help now, as she arranges sometimes-painstaking schedules for the part-time workers: Frances Reichenbach and Helene Reeder upstairs in the children’s and housewares departments, and the ladies specialists, Ann Gray, Jeanne Michaels, Anna Caruana, Roz Capp, Bea Schiff, Liz Kirby, Joyce Gassar, Gloria Fucillo. A long-time and well-loved saleswoman, Mary Lehtinen, just retired.

“The girls do a much better job of selling than I ever would,” Connie Wickman says. She can do windows; the decorative displays in front windows, changed every week or so, are hers.

Bruce Wenzel can still sell and serve, too, and he is still there, at work, six days a week. He knows, and his children know, that his run will end, sooner rather than later. His daughter, Chris Wenzel, manages the office and buys for the upstairs and will step into the store’s leadership, with her father’s blessing. He’s glad to think that Mark, with his laid-back manner, will stay with it, too. He has not, happily, outlived the enterprise itself. That would hurt.

“My worst day at my house is Sunday afternoon,” he says, “when I don’t have anything to do. I work six days a week here, and I enjoy it. One of my doctors says, ‘Bruce, that’s what’s keeping you alive.’ ”

Connie Wickman says this:

“Here, w-o-r-k not a dirty four-letter word.”

It shouldn’t, they add, be drudgery, either. As Wickman says, “This is a very rewarding job; good people, always something new. We give you the personal attention.” That would hurt.

“We can see the result, they say, every day, watching their customers walk back onto the avenue, carrying Mercer Wenzel bags with clothes they’ll wear into the rest of their lives.

In Coasting Along, our writers occasionally stop to reflect on life along the shore.
Briny Breezes

Water, traffic issues key to any future redevelopment

By Emily J. Minor

The first round of reviews on Briny Breezes’ proposed changes to its long-range comprehensive plan are in, and there are two apparent trouble spots, according to agency and town officials who have filed initial comments.

Water and traffic. Although those two growth issues plague many of Florida’s towns and cities, the state-required Evaluation and Appraisal Report that Briny officials sent to the state in September could make way for an increase in both new construction and residents.

Officials have done this with a vision that high-rise condominiums and low-impact businesses might one day replace existing mobile homes. But — for starters — any changes like that means the town would need more water, says Peter Mazzella, deputy director of utilities for Boynton Beach.

So far, Briny officials haven’t talked to Boynton officials about this, Mazzella said. “Briny hasn’t approached them (Boynton commissioners) about re-doing anything,” Mazzella said.

For years, the town has bought its water from Boynton, and Mazzella said there have been just very minor changes to the agreement since it was signed in 1984. When Boynton rewrote its 20-year water plan last year, Mazzella said they left the Briny part as-is, with no accommodations for increased water use in the coming years. “That doesn’t mean that one can’t be negotiated, but that’s a step that hasn’t been taken,” Mazzella said.

One of the major worries would be the water lines, he said, which couldn’t handle the increased pressure needed to provide fire service to high-rise buildings.

“There would certainly have to be a lot of improvements to the infrastructure for that velocity at that rate,” he said, adding that it’s not a deal-breaker. “All it takes is time and money.”

Briny Breezes Mayor Roger Bennett said they realize this is an issue. “We talked to them briefly, but we haven’t really updated,” he said. “That’s something we need to do, and we’ll be talking to Boynton about that.”

Currently, Briny’s water use is capped at 448 gallons per minute. For high-rise fire protection, they’d need more like 1,500 gallons per minute, Mazzella said. And that doesn’t even address the issue of providing more water to more people, he said.

Briny’s EAR plan is under review by the state Department of Community Affairs, which is expected to release its preliminary comments in mid-December.

During this time, towns and agencies can comment on the proposed EAR. The final DCA review of the plan is due back to the town by mid-January.

In addition to the water issues, any construction that would increase population would also require attention to the roads, a Tallahassee official for the Department of Transportation wrote in his comments to DCA.

Along the Coast

Board gathers opposition to WXEL sale

By Angie Francalancia

The Community Advisory Board of WXEL has a seat on the bus for anyone willing to help show the state Board of Education that there’s local opposition to the public radio station’s sale to Classical South Florida. The Board of Education is set to consider the sale at its Dec. 17 meeting at Miami Dade College’s Wolfson Campus, 300 NE Second Ave. It’s a required step before the sale can be closed.

A small group of loyalists gathered last month in the parking lot of WXEL studios and held a subdued rally to get the word out to the community about the impending sale of the station to Classical South Florida.

“Our purpose today is to see who’s interested in taking a bus to go attend the meeting and let them know what the community wants,” Citizens Advisory Board President Pablo Del Real told the group of about 20 people. Del Real said he’s asked for 20 minutes on the Board of Education’s agenda, but was given no assurance he’d be allowed to speak. Nor was there a definite time for the issue to be addressed on what is expected to be a daylong agenda, Del Real said.

Originally desiring a meeting to determine the community’s interest, the morning event became an outside rally when the CAB was denied meeting space inside WXEL studios, where it always has met for its regular board meetings, Del Real said. The idea of a rally came from station listener Mike Paschkes. "I though wouldn’t it be something if a bunch of us could descend upon the Board of Education and tell them how we feel," Paschkes said. "I was hoping it would draw a number of people. Most people here already are involved." He drew support for the bus, though. "I’ll pay for the bus,” said Joe Ferrer, president of Sunset Entertainment Group Inc., which provides classical programming for several area venues, including Florida Atlantic University and Palm Beach State College’s Eissey Theatre. "We have classical art programs dying in this county because we can’t get people to pay attention. We’ve got to stop that.

"WXEL is a community asset. We need to be there for no other reason than to show our concern," Ferrer said.

Barry University, the Coral Gables based Catholic school that owns WXEL, signed an agreement to sell WXEL to Classical South Florida in April — without getting input from the community, Del Real has said.

The CAB held two public forums over the summer, then delivered the results of those forums to the WXEL board at its meeting in September. The Community Advisory Board questions the legality of Barry to profit from the sale of the station, and objects to a sale that would split WXEL-FM 90.7 from WXEL Television.

The CAB also says selling to Classical South Florida, which already operates a classical music station out of Miami, would eliminate local programming from WXEL.
Dorothy “Dottie” Patterson has a passion for art, history and barrier islands. She grew up in southeast Georgia and lived on St. Simon’s Island before moving to South Florida in the early 1980s. Today, she lives on another island — Delray Beach’s barrier island.

Her passion for history is obvious in her role as the archivist for the Delray Beach Historical Society. As the sole staff member, she’s responsible for planning exhibits, maintaining the Cason Cottage collection, and the archives of historical photographs and documents that are housed in the historic Cason Cottage House Museum at 5 NE First St., one block north of Old School Square.

Patterson’s favorite collections are the paintings and watercolor drawings, the original mid-century cartoons and the Beachcomber Collection, with items as diverse as baby seashores, Florida land snails from the Everglades and even Coppertone sun lotion caps, which residents find combing the local beaches.

She loves to frequent East Atlantic Avenue and dine in many of the restaurants that are housed in historic buildings, such as Jimmy’s Bistro, Winter on the Avenue, Gol! Restaurant in the Arcade Building, the Falcon House and even Anthony’s Coal Fired Pizza, which is located in a former Howard Johnson’s. And when she’s not enjoying the ocean or Atlantic Avenue, Patterson likes to travel to her rustic cottage on yet another island, Guanaja, part of the Bay Islands off the north coast of Honduras.

While visiting Honduras with a friend, Patterson fell in love with the peace and quiet of the island. She later purchased a small beach cottage with her brother. Hurricane Mitch destroyed the original cottage in 1998, but Patterson rebuilt it in 1998 and now vacations there when she is not in Delray or in California visiting her son and grandchildren.

In Guanaja, says Patterson, “I wake up to the hammock and read a book after breakfast. I can really relax, go boating, fishing and hiking — it’s a true getaway.”

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Q. Where did you grow up and go to school? How do you think that has influenced you?
A. I grew up in southeast Georgia, although my family lived in Florida for many years. I was a pre-med student at Emory University in Atlanta and then transferred to the University of Florida, where I earned my BA in history. I earned a second undergraduate degree in art at FAU. I have a lot of ideas.

Q. Tell us about your role at the Delray Beach Historical Society.
A. In 1991, I was hired by the DBHS as a docent and arranged tours for the local schools to come and visit the Historical Society. At that time we were transitioning the archives from the Cornell Museum to the new Ethel Sterling Williams Learning Center and I helped raise funds to convert the former classroom into a state-of-the-art archival center.

My primary role at the DBHS is to protect the archive, to add to the archive and to develop programs related to that archive. I use the archive to reach out to the community, to invite them to participate in cultural events, to alert them to what we are doing and to use it as a way to convey our history as a community in Delray Beach. The archives are the foundation of everything we do.

I create lectures based on the archive, I write articles, create exhibits, give tours, etc. Last year we had an exhibit of vintage clothing, circa 1915-1935, and this year I am planning an exhibit on the handicrafts of local women and one on our collection of World War I memorabilia. I always have a lot of ideas.

Q. Have you had other careers (or hobbies), and what were the highlights?
A. Yes. I’ve had a very varied career. During the 1970s, I worked as a social worker for the state of Florida with the mentally handicapped. After that, I earned my real estate broker license and became a real estate appraiser for the GE Real Estate Project at the Coronada Ocean Club in Highland Beach as an office manager. I also earned my American Society of Interior Decorator’s license and helped people choose their tile, flooring and color choices for their condo unit.

But, my favorite job is my current job. I am doing what I love — historical research and creating exhibits on a variety of topics of interest to me, and I hope, to the visitors who come to the museum every day.

Q. How did you choose to have a home in Delray Beach?
A. Before moving to Delray Beach, I lived in both Deerfield Beach and Boca Raton. In 1983, I wanted to buy property and was looking in Delray. At that time, some of the neighborhoods were deteriorating and in disrepair and prices were low. I bought a small, 1925-era apartment building on Northeast Second Avenue and lived in the owner-unit in the building until 2000, when I sold it and moved to a townhouse by the beach.

During the mid-1980s, I was actively involved in the revitalization of Pineapple Grove. We have these pictures in our archive. In the 1950s to 2010s, Pineapple Grove was a thriving commercial thoroughfare but fell into neglect in the 1970s. Now, in 2010, it is once again a vibrant, thriving commercial district.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Delray Beach?
A. I like everything about Delray. I like my house; I like my job; I like the beach, even though I don’t go as often as I would like. I like the history. I like the palm trees, I like the old buildings and the sense of community. When you go out of town, (east of I-95), you always see someone you know.

Q. What book are you reading now?
A. I think about books a lot and even keep a book journal. I belong to a book club and just reported on the book No Ordinary Time, an insight into the Roosevelt presidency during World War II by historian Doris Kearns Goodwin. I have several books I would like to read, including Monuments Men, by Robert M. Edsel, detailing the true story of how special forces of American and British museum directors, curators and art historians risked their lives after WWII to recover and prevent the destruction of thousands of years of art and culture looted by the Nazis.

As you see, this book combines both of my favorite topics — art and history.

Q. What music do you listen to when you need inspiration? When you want to relax?
A. I love Latin music, including Mexican-style ranchero music, flamenco, romantic Rancheritas music from the Dominican Republic, and Portuguese fado music. I love the rhythm. It gives me energy to work and inspires me to take tango lessons.

To relax, I listen to Latin ballads and ranchero music by Mexican singer Vicente Fernández and fado music by the Portuguese singer Mariza. I also love NPR’s classical music programming.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your decisions?
A. I like quotes from Shakespeare and the King James version of the Bible — anything with beautiful, colorful words, but with a sharp edge. ... Favorites include the Creole proverb: “When you die, the grass grows over the door,” and the Greek adage, “Count no man fortunate until he is safely dead.”

Q. Have you had mentors in your life? Individuals who have inspired your life decisions?
A. Both my parents and grandparents were strong influences in my life. I also had a chemistry teacher in college we called “Tiger Jones,” because of his red hair and the way he paced back and forth in the classroom. Most schoolwork came easy to me, but his class was a difficult mathematically based chemistry class. He taught me to dig deeper and harder and how to study effectively. I used to get test anxiety and I was a bit dyslexic. In those days we didn’t use calculators and had to work out the problems manually. With his help, I went from a D to a B+ and learned a good lesson and work ethic from him. I will never forget him.

Q. If your life story were made into a movie, who would you want to play you?
A. Usually, I focus on the celebrity culture, but a more serious British stage actress might be able to portray me. I’ve been told I resemble the British actress Emma Thompson, so I would be honored to have her play me ... Most people think that being an archivist is boring or bookish. But, my life has not been boring or normal at all. I’d say I had an unconventional life.
Obituaries

By Mary Thurwachter

DELRAY BEACH — Colleagues called Mildred McKinnon George, known to friends as “Mim,” to help with projects right up until the day she died at age 85 on Nov. 6.

I called her that day to ask her to help us with a special assessment at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum,” said Vera Farrington, the museum’s founder and a longtime friend.

“She was a fantastic person and I wanted her to chair that committee,” Farrington said. Unfortunately, it was too late. Mrs. George’s daughter answered the phone and shared the sad news. Passionate about preserving the history and culture of Delray Beach, Mrs. George was on Spady’s board of directors.

“She was a strong person and accomplished all she had done. She was loved by so many. I don’t think she ever met a person who was not her friend,” Farrington said.

Farrington, a historian who grew up in Delray, said she had known the George family all of her life. “They were friends when it wasn’t cool for whites and blacks to associate and let it be known,” Farrington recalled.

Mrs. George was born in Erie, Penn., and served in the Navy WAVES during World War II.

By Ron Hayes

GULF STREAM — During the three decades Virginia Lynne Sloan lived in Gulf Stream, she played golf, tennis and bridge, did some needlepoint — and won a bunny suit, in season.

For several years, she would dress as the Easter bunny for the children at the St. Andrews Golf Club. She’d be holding a big Easter basket, “recount of The Easter Bunny and the Easter Bunny girl,” her daughter Laura. “She was game for anything. She just loved life.”

A native of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Sloan died Nov. 2, surrounded by her family. She was 88. After several years with the Winchester Thurston School, she worked as a hat designer at Miss Rose Chapeau and as a buyer for Mary Binns, an exclusive dress shop in her hometown.

She married William Lytle Sloan II, an investment banker, and they honeymooned on a train to California, where Mr. Sloan left for active duty in World War II.

The couple were married more than 50 years. Mr. Sloan died in 1995.

Leaving work to raise her family, she still found time to volunteer with the Shadyside Hospital Auxiliary Board, the Junior League, Shady Side Presbyterian Church and other organizations.

“She never had an unkind word to say about anyone,” her daughter remembers.

“Even if we encouraged her to do so, she always saw the best in everything. She was very funny, and up until the very last moment she always had her hair done, her nails done. Even when I would drive her to all those doctors’ appointments, she had earrings on and her hair done, even though she wasn’t feeling well for most of the last 10 years.”

In addition to her daughter Laura, of Boynton Beach, Mrs. Sloan is survived by two other daughters, Margaret and Barbara, also of Gulf Stream; a brother, Robert A. Lyne Jr., of Atlanta; four grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A reception in her memory was held in the Governor’s Club on Nov. 10, with a burial to follow in Pittsburgh next spring.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hospice By The Sea, 1531 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33436.
Mildred Toledano Barrett

By Ron Hayes

DELRAY BEACH — Mildred Toledano Barrett loved bright red lipstick, getting her hair cut, collecting antiques, dancing, horror movies, red beans, white wine — and people.

She hated being called Milly.

To friends, she was always Millie. To her four children, she was “Big M.” To her grandchildren, she was MeMe. And to all who knew and loved her, she was an unforgettable character.

Mrs. Barrett died November 17. She was 67, and had been a resident of Boca Raton and Delray Beach since 1972.

“Milly not only had a good sense of humor, she had an outrageous one,” her children recalled during her funeral at St. Lucy Catholic Church in Highland Beach. “Her sense of humor ranged from the genteel to the dry to the sarcastic to the witty, and even to the naughty.”

She was born Mildred Pratt March 2, 1943, in New Orleans, LA.

At 16, she spied a lifeguard named Jimmy Barrett by the pool at the Hilton Airport Hotel there and stuffed her bikini top to attract his attention.

“I think seven years later, while studying sociology at Louisiana State University she proposed to him. He put off until he finished medical school, then proposed to her.”

Dr. Barrett, a dermatologist, died in 2000, after nearly 34 years of marriage.

After their wedding, the couple moved to San Francisco, where Mrs. Barrett worked as a store detective for Macy’s — briefly.

“She once found an elderly lady shoplifting and felt so sorry for her that she told her to ‘Run like the wind,’” her daughter, Ashley Dalzell, recalled. “She wasn’t that effective as a detective.”

Later, she found work with AAA, preparing maps for travelers.

“She got fired because she was routing people into the ocean,” her daughter said. “Her geography was not the best.”

Mrs. Barrett found her true calling as a homemaker and mother. Driving through Boca Raton one day, her daughter remembers, Mrs. Barrett was abruptly cut off by another driver. She pulled up beside him and yelled, “Children, man your birds!” Waiting for the light to change, the offending driver was saluted by an array of pre-adolescent middle fingers.

In later life, she took to watching horror movies while exercising on her treadmill. “It gets my heart rate up, dahlin’,” she would explain.

Mrs. Barrett was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, the Junior League, the Boca Raton and Delray Beach historical societies, and was a fundraiser for the Morikami Museum and Bethesda Memorial Hospital.

Now, instead of saying, “Let’s have a really good time,” her children say, “Let’s have a Milly good time.”

In addition to Ashley Barrett Dalzell, of San Francisco, she is survived by daughters Elizabeth Hadley Barrett of San Francisco, and Eileen Nicole Barrett of Boynton Beach; a son, James O’Connor Barrett of Los Angeles; and two grandchildren, Kaelin and Chloe Dalzell.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, the National Brain Tumor Foundation, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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Be routed people. Beans, white wine — and dancing, horror movies, red bright red lipstick, getting her Mildred Toledano Barrett loved 17. She was 67, and had been Peninsula project “because of some kind, “I would like in recruiting a corporate office Square. The CRA is interested facility moves into a new for redevelopment once the building at the corner of Ocean and Federal is destined land cleared, with the way town has been assembled and Federal at the south end of across from Las Ventanas. planned to replace the existing Federal Highway corridor.

“Whoever comes in will be routed people into the parking lot ringed a pile of tires, and a chain-link fence surrounding it all. “Wal-Mart is very soon going to clean up that entire corner,” Rumpol said.

At Las Ventanas, 394 units are occupied, said Suzanne Moore, property supervisor with Epoch Management, which handles leasing for the project. “The company has, at various times, dangled deals of two, three or four months free, but they are happy with the project’s progress, she said. “We’ve had a very good spring and summer,” she said. “We’re doing very, very well, considering other properties.”

Just three of the 30 retail spaces in Las Ventanas are full — Butterfly Chinese restaurant, Tsunami Subs & Wraps, and Boynton Beach Realty. But other spaces are now being outfitted, with a bar and grill and a Japanese chop house with outdoor seating expected to open soon, Moore said. Elsewhere, the news is not so good. The dark windows at night don’t bode well for the 16-story Promenade project at the corner of Boynton Beach Boulevard and Federal. Brooks hasn’t spoken to anyone with the project for a few months, but says, “they’re trying to sell units [318] and they’ve got some of the commercial space leased up.”

Promenade officials didn’t return calls from The Coastal Star.

“They don’t want to tell you the bad news, if there is bad news,” Brooks said. “The issue is getting financing for people right now.”

And just to the south at Ocean Avenue, the property formerly known as the Arches is still just an abandoned retail and condo project.

But even that might be a good thing in the long run, Brooks said. The project that had been approved included a garbage and an awkward spot. “Whoever comes in will have to go through that process again,” Brooks said. “Maybe we’ll get something better.”

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Osprey Point Golf Course, Palm Beach County’s newest public golf course, has been an early hit with players looking for another tee time option. Osprey Point General Manager Steve Hill said the facility — on Glades Road 2.5 miles west of U.S. 441 in suburban Boca Raton — has been operating at near-full capacity since it opened in early November.

“I wish we had more times available,” Hill said.

That early success could be a harbinger of a good winter for the more than 110 public and private golf courses in Palm Beach County. Public courses near or in the coastal communities include the Delray Beach Golf Club, designed by the legendary Donald Ross, Red Reef executive course in coastal Boca Raton, Park Ridge Golf Course in Lantana, Lake Worth Municipal Golf Course and the Palm Beach Par 3 in Palm Beach, which reopened last year after an impressive renovation by former Masters and U.S. Open Champion Raymond Floyd.

Like Osprey Point, the Palm Beach Par 3 uses environmentally friendly Seashore Paspalum grass, which is resistant to saltwater, and keeps its deep green color even in the winter.

“It’s a beautiful course and it’s in beautiful shape,” said course manager Alan Brown. “I think our play is up about 45 percent since May and we’ve got a lot of specials and teaching programs planned for the winter.”

Through this past September, rounds played in the county were down 7.6 percent year-to-date, according to Golf Datatech, the Kissimmee-based company that tracks rounds played nationally. Rounds played in Palm Beach County this past September were up 2.3 percent compared to September 2009, so that could bode well for winter play across the area.

Osprey Point is one of only a handful of golf courses that have opened across the nation this year.

“We’ve experienced some economic issues that have affected disposable income,” said Paul Connell, golf operations supervisor for the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department, which operates four other golf facilities. “A lot of our facilities are built with the future growth of the county in mind.”

That includes the growth of the game of golf, which has slowed the past decade. In that regard Osprey Point, like the department’s 27-hole Okeeheelee Park facility in West Palm Beach, has a large practice area, as well as a four-hole and six-hole “loop,” so time-pressed golfers have an alternative to playing nine or 18 holes.

“I live in East Boca but I think it’s nice to have a course on this side of the county,” said Raymond Miller, who had just finished a round with his 12-year-old son. “It’s a good course — might bring me out a couple more times. And it’s good to see the county do something with the land instead of let it just rot away.”

Osprey Point has 18 of its 27 holes —the Hawk and Raven — open for play. The other nine-hole layout — the Falcon — is expected to come online within the next few weeks.

The centerpiece of South County Regional Park, Osprey Point Golf Course is another example of the Parks and Recreation Department’s ability to turn disturbed land into a natural and recreational space.

Before development the land was used for farming and shellrock mining. The area had been overgrown with Brazilian pepper and other invasive exotics.

The department worked with environmental groups and officials with the Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge to reduce the need for irrigation. The department also applied to Audubon International to certify the course as an Audubon International Classic Signature Golf Course.

“I don’t think you’ll find many courses in the country that have done as much for the good of the environment than what’s here at Osprey Point,” Hill said.

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Lake Worth Municipal Golf Course
Address: 1 Seventh Ave. N., Lake Worth
Phone: 582-9713
Layout: 18 holes
Length: 6,100 yards; par 70
Greens fees: $39. After noon, $34; after 2 p.m., $29.
Comments: Built in 1924, the course has new golf carts and new sand in the bunkers for this season. Renovation of nine greens is scheduled to begin in May.

Delray Beach Golf Club
Address: 2200 Highland Ave., Delray Beach
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Layout: 18-hole championship course
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Greens fees: (Palm Beach County residents) Until 1 p.m., $43 weekday, $46 weekend; 1-2:30 p.m., $33 weekday, $36 weekend; after 2:30 p.m. $23 weekday, $26 weekend. Fees lower for Delray Beach residents.
Comments: A Donald Ross design (1923) that still maintains some of the look and feel of classic Rossian green complexes.

Osprey Point Golf Course
Address: 12551 Glades Road, Boca Raton
Phone: 482-2868
Layout: Three nine-hole layouts
Length: 6,800 yards; par 72
Greens fees: (18 holes) Weekend, $47 morning, $41 after 12:30 p.m.; weekday, $45 morning, $39 after 12:30 p.m.; nine-hole rates: $14, walk or ride, before 8 a.m. Mornings, $29, afternoon, $20.
Comments: Newest kid on the block with a natural look and feel that should only get better as it matures.

Red Reef Executive Golf Course
Address: 8111 Golf Course Road, Boca Raton
Phone: 483-5226
Layout: 18-hole championship course, nine-hole executive course
Length: 6,714 yards; par 72
Greens fees (Through Dec. 10): nine holes: walk, $10.50, ride, $18; 18 holes: $18 walk, $22 ride.
Comments: Tougher than it looks, especially on the back side.

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Along the Coast

Elected officials react to ethics vote

By Angie Francalancia

There’s no question what voters in the coastal towns thought about the new ethics ordinance that includes oversight by Palm Beach County’s inspector general. They overwhelmingly voted “Yes.”

But opinions among the town leaders ran a full range from support to skepticism to outright opposition.

Falling in with all the municipalities in Palm Beach County, more than 50 percent of voters in every coastal town voted in favor of extending Palm Beach County’s ethics ordinance and oversight by the Inspector General into the municipalities. The vote means the Inspector General into the ordinances and oversight by Palm Beach County’s ethics panel in Palm Beach County will be governed by the new ordinance. It also means it can’t be undone without another vote of the people.

Even in Highland Beach, which already has an ordinance that officials there believe is strong, and in Gulf Stream, where elected officials warned residents of the cost, voters approved. Those towns saw some of the lowest approval rates, though, with Highland Beach’s elections passing it by 60 percent and Gulf Stream’s approving by 61 percent.

On the high end, citizens in Delray Beach, Lantana and South Palm Beach all approved the measure by votes of 73 percent or more.

Lantana’s Town Council had adopted the county’s ordinance prior to the vote, and elected officials, staff and volunteers had gone through three workshops in October. We didn’t need the electorate to tell us to do the right thing,” Lantana Town Manager Michael Bornstein said. “The bottom line is our county and some of the cities have had an unfortunate set of events that occurred with some individuals. With our reputation, we needed to act.”

In South Palm Beach, where voters passed the ordinance by an almost identical margin, there seems to be great belief in the need for ethics. There are six ethics complaints now waiting to be heard before the state Commission on Ethics, most seemingly linked to the town’s rejection of a proposal to increase the land use for the Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn to allow for a 10-story hotel instead of the current two-story building.

The mayor wanted an investigation into three members of the planning advisory board who recommended denying the change. They had something to lose, he said — their oceanfront views. Complaints also have been filed against two council members. And in October, the state ethics commission found probable cause that Mayor Martin Millar broke state law by trying to use his position to avoid arrest after being tossed out of Rachel’s strip club in August 2009. Although Millar didn’t return calls for this story, he previously said he believed the complaint was retaliation for filing his complaint against the planning advisory board members.

Councilwoman Stella Jordan said she thinks the voters want a better system.

“Our constituents want us to identify and address fraud quicker, and they want to be able to stop fraudulent processes prior to spending taxpayer dollars on bad decisions due to fraudulent actions taken by their elected officials,” Jordan said. “My only concern would be that we may replicate what is already in place on a state wide level. Our dollars need to go toward enhancing the system, not duplicating what we already have.”

Would anything have been different had the countywide ordinance been in effect already? That will depend in part on what the rules look like once a panel gets together to draft it.

But perhaps not. South Palm Beach, Highland Beach, have their own ethics ordinances. Highland Beach Town Manager Dale Sogerman said he believes the vote simply gives another route to someone wanting to make a complaint.

His town’s ethics ordinance provides what he believes would be a more expeditious route than using the county’s ordinance, he said. “We’ve got to figure how the county’s route even works. We don’t know that yet.”

According to Alan Johnson, the Ethics Commission executive director, “When it takes effect in January, it provides for a drafting committee that has 90 days to put appropriate language into the codes to extend them to the municipalities. At that point, the board of county commissioners has to vote to make them effective.”

Gulf Stream Commissioner Chris Wheeler has a different perspective on its effect.

“The difference it will make in Gulf Stream is it’s just going to raise our cost,” Wheeler said. Municipalities will be required to pay a quarter percent of every contract to support the office of the inspector general. “We’re looking at putting our electrical system underground in Gulf Stream. That will be a multimillion-dollar job if the residents decide they want to do it,” Wheeler said. “And if so, we’re going to pay some panel in Palm Beach County a quarter percent to oversee their corrupt commission.”

Delray Beach

City grant helps Historical Society

The Delray Beach Historical Society was granted $30,000 by the City Commission to keep its archives open to the public part-time, as required by a Palm Beach County construction grant, as well as to maintain the historic village.

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Like many people, Roseanne Vaughn is trying to sell her house. Known as the Storybook House for its cottage details, her home was built on Hypoluxo Island in 1946 when the only way to get there was by boat. Vaughn moved into it 35 years ago. She added shingles, green shutters and a green awning over the front door. Then she built a sun room with a view of the Intracoastal Waterway and turned a number of closets into a blue-and-white tiled master bathroom.

The Storybook House — with its warren of rooms, picket fence, flamingo mailbox, brick walkway and towering royal poinciana in the front yard — has the feeling of a vintage home redecorated with love over the years.

Jennifer Spitznagel of Manatee Cove Realty in Manalapan got the listing for the house. “I like to see historic homes retained, not torn down. They have a lot of charm that’s not available in a new home,” she says.

Then she got an idea. A self-proclaimed HGTV “junky,” she contacted The Coastal Star and set up a competition asking area designers to suggest improvements to the house. She gave them a budget of $10,000. Then homeowner Vaughn agreed to give whoever buys the house that money toward work on it.

Participating designers included Jimmy Deitch and Patty McWilliams of The Beached Boat Co. in Delray Beach, Michele Smith of Michele Smith Design in Ocean Ridge, Taryn Renee Blankenship of Robb and Stucky Interiors in Palm Beach Gardens and Ed
Designer’s three approaches: Refresh, redesign or redecorate

Here’s a look at the three plans that designer Michele Smith of Michelesmith Design created for the Storybook House competition. Each has a budget of $10,000.

Plan 1: Refresh
She begins refreshing the house by brightening the interior with white or off-white walls.

The house has five different types of flooring, she says. But the den boasts original hardwood floors. Smith would try to refinish the original wood floors she hopes exist throughout the house. But if that can’t be done, she’d replace them with dark or medium laminated wood. “I like the contrast,” she says. And she’d add nautical lighting fixtures such as old bronze ship lanterns throughout the home.

Finally, outdoors, she’d give the house Key West flair by whitewashing it and adding new pale aqua shutters with pineapple cutouts as well as an aqua and green-striped awning over the front door. “I love these colors and their soft hues,” she says. “They reflect the water.”

Plan 2: Redesign
The first thing Smith noticed was that the house had a small living room at the front with a tiny den behind it. “The living room was dark and had no real purpose. The house had obviously been chopped and added onto,” she says.

She suggests removing the wall between the front and back rooms to open them up.

In the kitchen, she’d go for “light, bright, clean and uncluttered” by installing new white cabinets and wooden countertops. The upper cabinets would have glass doors. “That makes the room look cottage-y,” she says.

Then she’d “snazzy up” the kitchen with stainless steel handles on the cabinets. “I love to mix and match a cottage design with contemporary pieces,” she says.

In this plan, she’d also update the guest bathroom by adding a white pedestal sink with chrome fixtures and 3-by-6-inch subway tiles installed in a running pattern.

Plan 3: Redecorate
This final plan features painting the interior white. “I like flat white for its velvety appearance,” she says. The trim and doors would be in semi-gloss or high gloss white paint.

She’d redo the sunroom addition to resemble an enclosed porch by adding two wooden porch swings hung facing each other from the ceiling.

“I love the look of them especially with the wonderful view of the Intracoastal right outside the window,” she says. “It’s the perfect place to sip a cup of tea and watch the boats.”

For one of the other rooms, the living room perhaps, she suggests white comfortable sofas with bright throw pillows to “give a punch of color.” But no matter which of her plans you prefer, she says, “It’s a beach-y look I try to achieve.”

— Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

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Air Force Cowboy: story spurred by wartime memories

By Mary Jane Fine

Oh, does Bill Finley have stories to tell! About his growing-up years in a Chicago tenement. About his Uncle Jack, who taught him at 16 to fly a Piper Cub. About meeting Anita, his wife of 36 years now, in Miami. About his Army Air Corps service during World War II.

He has the inspiration for the book’s hero. About his Uncle Jack was the basis for Air Force Cowboy, his 496-page novel, self-published in October. Finley enlisted in June 1942, on the day he graduated from Washington High School in Milwaukee. He didn’t attend his graduation because his family bad, as he says, “dragged me to Indiana” by then, but he drove back to Milwaukee to sign up to go to war.

For the book, he relied extensively on his memory — prodigious — but also did considerable research, much of it via Google and at least 10 books. He consulted only two people: retired Col. Edward West of the U.S. Corps of Engineers, for issues regarding West Point and for military research, and Anita, who read the book in process, chapter by chapter.

Anita, he says, is “both a friendly critic and my greatest supporter. She doesn’t hesitate to say, ‘That makes no sense’ or ‘Where’d you get that?’ ”

And you can bet he has a story about that, too.

practice patience and be happy, author says

By Mary Jane Fine

David Pollay has told this story a quintillion times by now: He was in New York, his hometown, cabbing it to Grand Central Station. A black car zipped out of its parking place, cutting off the taxi, whose driver jammed on the brakes, avoiding a rear-ender by an inch. The guy behind the wheel was a bum, had the gall to curse the cabbie. So, what’d the cabbie do? He smiled. He waved. He didn’t let it get to him. And he left Pollay thinking, Wow.

So, 20 years later, what does Pollay do? He writes an inspirational book called The Law of the Garbage Truck and travels around imparting the cabbie’s message.

Here’s the premise: Somebody dumps garbage on you — they curse, they yell, they snub you. Invult you, hurt your feelings — you give ’em a smile and go merrily on your way, the better for it. It works, he says. Honest.

Because, and here’s the heart of the matter, this is what the cabbie told him: “Many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger and full of disappointment … And if you let them, they’ll dump it on you. So when someone wants to dump on you, don’t take it personally … move on.”

Easier to say than to do, though, right? “Yeah, it is,” he agrees. But he says, the more you practice not dumping those negatives on others, the more you apply the smile-all-the-while principle, the easier it becomes.

It’s important. The world has gotten to be an uncivil place, he says. (No kidding. Think traffic jams. Think election rhetoric. Think Congress.)

But, c’mon, even Pollay fails, at times, to heed his own good advice, doesn’t he?

“Lemme think,” he says, gazing across the dining room of his Ocean Ridge home. He pondered. He stared straight ahead, as if trying to summon the image of that failure.

It’s best he can do. He rushed his daughters — Eliana, 8, and Ariele, 7 — when he was running late, recently, to get them to art class. Practitioners themselves of The Law, they forgave him.

This give-yourself-very-good-advice-and-actually-follow-it attitude has been Pollay’s philosophy all his life, he says. He got his master’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania in applied positive psychology, after all. And made his living as a speaker, advising corporations and organizations on how to create happier, more productive workplaces.

But does this self-described “pretty even-tempered” guy ever feel that he’s being, um, a Pollyanna?

“No, and he’ll tell you why: His work is based in science. It’s not an unsubstantiated theory. The documentation is there, in his book: Nice guys don’t finish last.”

Ocean Ridge Authors
Expert coaches dog owners to coach their dogs

One aspect about dogs that I enjoy is that they don’t care if you make minimum wage or your name is Oprah. They could not care less if you drive a 10-year-old sedan or a brand new BMW. They never would text their canine pals to diss about your lack of fashion sense — even if they did posses opposable thumbs. When it comes right down to it, dogs love us purely and completely.

So, why are we turning far too many of them into frog farmers?

That term, coined by Alison Armstrong, an expert on understanding men, has been adopted in the pet world by Tamar Geller, best described as “dog coach to the stars.”

Her positive, encouraging, playful training style has worked on dogs-sharing homes with the Who’s Who of Hollywood, ranging from Ben Affleck and Courteney Cox to Owen Wilson and Oprah Winfrey.

She is also the owner and operator of The Loved Dog, a cage-free doggy boarding and day care center in Southern California and founder of Operation Heroes & Hounds, a nonprofit program that champions homeless dogs and wounded military personnel.

Recently, the New York Times bestselling author appeared on my Oh Behave show on Pet Life Radio. Geller came to talk about her game plan to create a well-mannered dog in a month.

She is so confident people can convert doggy Dennis the Menaces into polite, playful pooshoes that she authored a new book aptly titled, 40 Days to a Well-Mannered Dog: The Loved Dog Method.

The book’s purpose is to protect your property from erosion. It is important to maintain what you have, simple solutions can curb and stop your dog from the flip of your wrist. Don’t let your ‘fur babies’ rule your household. Our hopeful includes how to train and replace.

When one takes a negative, punitive approach to dog training, it’s easy to see why some dogs start thinking that their full names are: No Leave It and Stop It. Fortunately, Geller is on a mission to change all that.

"Dogs don’t want to feel that they are wrong all the time," says Geller. "We need to bring kindness back into the game that comes natural to dogs."

In the beginning, let him win more.

At the end, you win more. The key is to when you tell your dog to drop the toy, he does so immediately and sits politely. Your dog knows that the only way he will get his toy back is to listen and drop. You are showing real leadership. At the end of the game, say, ‘no more’ and take the toy with you. Do that and you will have an unbelievable dog who is eager to please you.

As the holidays approach, pet adoptions increase. My wish is that you consider adopting from a shelter an adult dog from a shelter who matches your personality and enroll in an obedience class that focuses on positive reinforcement techniques.

You can learn more about bringing out the best in your dog by visiting www.tamargeller.com and by tuning into the Oh Behave show that features Tamar Geller by clicking on: www.markiac addr.com/PET_LIFE_RADIO/ behaveph25.html. Happy howl-days!

Arden Moore, Founder of Four Legged Life, is an animal behavior consultant, editor, author and professional speaker. She happily shares her home with two dogs, two cats and one overworked vacuum cleaner. Tune in to her Oh Behave show on Pet Life Radio.com and learn more by visiting www.fourleggedlife.com.
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Sharing and caring are best messages of season

Once again (and be thankful you can’t hear me sing it), “It’s that most wonderful time of the year.” At Jewish temples around South Florida — indeed, around the world — congregations are preparing for Hanukkah. The holiday commemorates the rededication of the Jewish Temple and the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days. Thus this year’s Dec. 2-9 celebration, and the traditional designation, “Festival of Lights.”

Christian congregations here and worldwide are readying for Christmas Day, Dec. 25. Ministers and lay people alike are working to keep us focused past the commercialism of the holiday to its true spirit, seen in that wonderful teacher Christ Jesus, his miraculous birth to the virgin mother Mary, the miracles he himself performed, and his message and example that provide ageless instruction, regardless of one’s background.

Meanwhile, the Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association kicked off the winter holidays with the second annual Interfaith Harvest Festival, Nov. 14, at Abbey Delray South. Once again the clergy group, of which I am a vice president, gathered the most spiritually diverse folks I’ve seen around these parts for an evening of dinner and interfaith sharing, at no cost other than donations for the food pantry at CROS (Christians Reaching Out to Society) Ministries.

We need a lot more such gatherings, of course, which brings me to this year’s hajj, the largest annual gathering of people in the world. This year the Muslim pilgrimage to the holy city Mecca, in Saudi Arabia, drew an estimated 3.5 million worshipers at its high point, Nov. 15.

Muslims who are healthy and can afford to are called on to make the pilgrimage at least once in their lifetimes. The height of the Hajj is the Day of Arafat, a daylong communion with God in the desert outside Mecca, as the pilgrims — men wearing only two pieces of white linen, a reminder that all are equal before God — seek forgiveness and offer prayers for family, friends and humanity.

The next day is the major holiday Eid al-Adha, signifying a return to our human innocence, like a newborn baby free of sins. This year, members of the Islamic Center of Boca Raton again made a point of inviting the public to its Eid celebrations, as others increasingly are doing.

There isn’t space here to list or expound on all the winter holidays. But beyond the gatherings of families and friends, perhaps the best achievement is that folks of different faiths — or claiming no particular faith — increasingly are participating in the celebration of other traditions.

The sharing and caring, and the remembrance that “the other” is one of our fellow human beings, may be the best message of any season.
St. Joseph’s Episcopal School hosted its first-ever faculty versus flag football team fund-raising event on Nov. 12. The teams played a 30-minute flag football game in front of parents, friends and other school supporters. Head of School Tami Pleasanton coached the flag football team, while Coach Eric Keiper coached the winning faculty team.

Ocean Ridge Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi and Officer “Doc” Darville ride through the County Pocket at mile 81 of the Nov. 20 Miami Dolphins Cycling Challenge. The two-day bicycling event traveled between Sun Life Stadium in Miami Gardens and CityPlace in West Palm Beach. Darville and Yannuzzi raised more than $4,000 for the Miami Dolphins Foundation in support of cancer research.

Turkey Trot 5K Run and Health Walk to benefit the Keith Straghn Feed the Hungry Thanksgiving Drive for needy families in Delray Beach, Boynton Beach and Boca Raton was held along A1A in Delray Beach. The Nov. 20 race hosted by Delray Beach Parks & Recreation raised $2,000 which was presented at the Thanksgiving Dinner at Pompey Park on Thanksgiving Day. Two runners: Gus Plamann, 15 and Scott Heckman, 47 finished 17 & 18 overall with times of 20:37:00 and 20:41:00. Photo by Mary Kate Leming

November brought cool breezes to area beaches, where hundreds of people enjoyed the surf last month. Above, a personal water craft tows a surfer along the shore just south of the Boynton Inlet. Photos by Jerry Lower
December 4


- **Shakespeare For Everyone** returns to the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Holiday traditions of many cultures includes storyteller Madafo, “Cats Meow” exhibit and see cats and kittens in need of forever homes. Noon-3 pm. Held again 12/27, 10 am-4 pm. Fee: 263-7952.

- **A Christmas Carol Musical** presented by Brian Sheen at The Quantum Artisanal. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 547-3100.

- **Limbo Nature Center**, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. A unique market each Saturday in the parking lot near John E. Boynton’s restaurant, south of Lake Ave., east of the Intracoastal Waterway. A unique market featuring a variety of goods from vintage to artisanal. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 547-0100.

- **Artisanal Christmas Market** is held on the Inletside at Tealhouse, The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4080 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Observe an ever-changing tea ceremony demonstration. Four sessions: Noon, 1, 2 and 3 pm. $15 with paid museum admission. 495-0233 ext. 237.

- **Zumba Class** at the Seishin-an, 1235 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Free. 718-1358.

- **Category 5** at the Sunset Cinema, 5750 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Features Vivaldi’s *Te Deum*, Handel’s *Hallelujah*, Mozart’s *Great Mass*, Beethoven’s 9th *Choral*, etc. Info: 393-2802.

- **Soul Kitchen** is performed by the Delray Beach Chorale at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St., Delray Beach. Features Vivaldi’s *Gloria*, Mozart’s *Mass in D*, Handel’s *Allegri* Chorus with audience participation plus additional seasonal favorites performed with orchestra. 2 pm. Reception follows. $20, $5/children. 393-7600 or www.mysoulkitchen.org.

- **12/4-6 - 2nd Annual Festival of Trees** is held at Showtime Dance Real, Boca Raton. National recording artists Michael Franti & Spearhead, Sara Bareilles, Michael Bublé, Sarah Mac, Jeff Bridges, and celebrity designer decorated Christmas trees. Each $10,000 tree on display in downtown delray. 3:30 pm. $15/adults, $5/children, Free/over 25 trees decorated as a salute to artists. 7-10:30 pm. Free. 393-1708.

- **2010 97.9 WRMF’s No Snow Ball** is held at the Mizner Park Amphitheater, 508 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. National recording artists Michael Franti & Spearhead, Sara Bareilles, Ryan Star and Christina Penn. No chairs, coolers or umbrellas. 7-10:30 pm. Fee: 393-7600 or www.mysoulkitchen.org.

- **253 Barcelona Road, West Palm Beach. View and purchase works by local artists at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Marco Island provided. Ages 7-adult. 10 am-noon. 515 members, 52 women, no members. Reservations: 391-8110.

- **Christmas Safety Pre-School Class** is offered at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2101 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn instant CPR for children up to eight years old and how you can assist in an emergency. 10 am-noon. $40 per couple or $25 per person. Registration: 369-2229.

- **Attention Dynamics Lecture** is presented by Brian Sheen at the Quantum Healing Center, 12 N. 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Learn necessary skills for children and adults in the areas of attention, de-stress and relax. Parentes-only for introductory meeting. 1-3 pm. Free. 273-3732 or www.spirtgrouip.com.

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Free holiday events for the family


12/4 - Holly Days Lake Worth is a family event held at the Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. Photos with Santa, tree lighting ceremony and late shopping with downtown merchants hosted by the Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce. December 4th - 6th. Free. Information: 742-6246.

12/5 - “Light up the Holidays” is held in downtown Delray Beach. Christmas Tree lighting at 4:30 pm. Free. Information: 742-6246.

12/5 - Chanukah Celebration is held at the community center. December 5th. Free. Information: 993-2550.

12/5 - Chanukah on Worth is held at Via Mizner on Worth Ave. December 5th. Free. Information: 493-2550.


12/18 - Twas the Nightmare Before Christmas is presented by the Community Redevelopment Agency, Compass, Theatres of Lake Worth and the Lake Worth Playhouse. December 18th. Free. Information: 493-2550.


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**Tiffany starfish brooch**

Where: Private Jewelers, 900 E. Atlantic Ave., No. 21, Delray Beach; 272-9800

How much: $5,750

This brooch offers a Tiffany twist on the tropics.
The 18-karat gold starfish is an estate piece that dates from the 1950s or ’60s.
But what was cool half a century ago is positively swank now.
The brooch is encrusted with turquoise and has at its center a 35-point diamond.
Picture it on a beautiful black sweater.
Picture that certain someone smiling. Now, picture yourself buying that brooch.

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**Table Transformations napkin rings**

Where: Beached Boat Co. 206 NE Second St., No. 2, Delray Beach; 278-3130

How much: $35 for a set of four, including four whimsies; additional sets of whimsies are $18.95.

Entertaining just got beachier, thanks to these fun, interchangeable napkin rings.
Designed in Boca Raton, the simple, elegant rings have magnetic “whimsies” that can be changed out to suit decorating whims.
With elegant starfish, sparkling sand dollars and cute seahorses to choose from, they get our vote as an ideal hostess gift this holiday season.

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**Mother-daughter tunic tops**

Where: Periwinkle, 14 NE Fourth Ave., Delray Beach; 279-9699

How much: $88 for adult, $44 for child

Imagine the delight at dressing mother and daughter in these matching tunic tops. The deeply saturated hues of these tops will flatter on any figure.

Also big this season, the ruffle cashmere cardigans ($395).
Sea turtle-themed mosaic guitar
Where: McMow Art Glass, 701 N. Dixie Highway, Lake Worth; 585-9011
How much: $2,500
Who doesn’t love sea turtles? And who doesn’t love music? This work, covered in stained glass mosaic, combines both, and — get this — it even is playable. Crafted by Chenille Creations, this guitar is sure to get someone on your gift list marching to the tropical beat of a different strummer.
McMow Art Glass, where we found this sea turtle-encrusted beauty, also has fun fused-glass sea turtle pendants created by artist Debra Hawthorne that are priced at around $50.

Decoupage tray
Where: Quigley Maguire Collections, 301 Pineapple Grove Way, Delray Beach; 430-7471
How much: $250
Decoupage — the art of decorating an object with paper cut-outs — transforms the ordinary to the sublime on this elegant tray.
The large spoonbill at the center cries “Florida” on this tray, which is covered with designs of tropical flowers.
It makes a perfect gift for serving, or would be lovely treated as the work of art that it is.

Tropical-themed canvas floor mats
Where: Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton; 338-1474
How much: $60
Think of these mats as artwork for the floor. They’re so colorful and pretty that you hate to walk on them, but you can. Based on the work of artist Gerri Hyman, the mats are made of a heavy canvas and have skid-proof backing.
We were at Gumbo Limbo, which rescues sea turtles, so the turtle mat was a natural. But the mat with the grouper was equally colorful.
We also liked Hyman’s island-themed tote bags ($30), perfect for that hike around Gumbo Limbo.
The nature center’s gift shop also is a great resource for books and toys.

Shell-encrusted picture frames
Where: Excentricities, 117 NE Fifth Ave. (southbound Federal Highway), Delray Beach; 278-0886
How much: $140 and up
These are elegant enough to adorn a table or mantelpiece in the finest homes, yet not so highfalutin’ that they would look out of place in the more humble of cottages.
The frames have just enough shells to remind whoever receives them of what they love about Florida — surf, sand, sunshine and, yes, shells. The store also had elegant boxes to coordinate (around $160).
Food

Cookies as gifts? Just wrap ’em up!

By Jan Norris

A whole lot of baking is going on right about now — cookies are a universal holiday gift. Hardly anyone turns down a cookie.

Make-ahead cookies are great for time-pressed cooks. We love the gingersnaps recipe given out by the pastry chef at The Ritz-Carlton; we’ve already made two batches and put them in the freezer for whenever someone drops in, or as an “emergency” host gift.

The secret to them is the dough — it can be rolled into a log, effectively becoming a slice-and-bake affair. What’s easier than that? That they taste sensational is a big plus. A number of cookie doughs will work as slice-and-bakes. In one afternoon, you could make several cookie doughs, roll them into logs and freeze them, to bake whenever you need them. Alternately, you can flatten the same dough into two or three disks, to roll and cut out into shapes later on, as desired. These also can be frozen for up to two months.

Once the cookies are baked, get creative with the packaging. A tin is the basic, easy way out, and available in a multitude of shapes and sizes. Even if using something so simple, line it with pretty tissue and parchment paper. (To keep cookies from shacking and breaking, fill in between cookies with an ingredient in the cookie or another tasty treat: Chocolate chips, nuts, gum drops, peppermints or cinnamon candies work well.) Any container can become packaging for cookies. Pull decorations from the sewing or craft room, or use the computer to print out paper, or motifs to glue to ordinary boxes. Add a big bow, and you have a lovely, heartfelt gift.

Maybe you’re not a baker. Ask around and find someone else who’s planning to bake, and offer to buy ingredients if they’ll bake some for you. This time of year, bakeries, green markets and specialty stores have holiday cookies on the shelves or order lists. Consider packing them in a cookie canister. It’s also reusable and keeps the cookies fresh. Put waxed paper between layers of any cookies you stack.

If giving cookies to another baker, pack them in a mixing bowl, with the recipe. Or, measure out only the dry ingredients, place in a sealed plastic bag inside the bowl, and send the cook instructions for finishing the cookies. Tie the whole thing up in a pretty kitchen towel.

If you’re not a baker, and find someone else who’s planning to bake, and offer to buy ingredients if they’ll bake some for you. This time of year, bakeries, green markets and specialty stores have holiday cookies on the shelves or on take-out lists. Bring them home and repackage them into a pretty, secondary gift for the host or hostess. Here are some ideas:

Chinese take-out food boxes work great. Line plain white ones with bright red waxed tissue. Ask your local Chinese restaurant for a couple, or find them at party supply stores. Bakery boxes look professional and make your cookies look expensive — even store-bought ones. Trim the box with a pretty ribbon; decorate with a nice seal to fasten the box. Find these at cake-supply stores in a number of different sizes. Pretty holiday plates make nice, reusable containers — especially for frosted cookies that need to lay flat. Find them in a variety of sizes, one of a kind, at area thrift stores. Wrap them in clear cellophane and tie the top with a twist tie, then wire-edged ribbon.

Bar cookies, fudge and flat, slice-and-bake cookies look nice in stacks. Find clear or decorative cellophane bags at party stores or cake supply stores and slide a stack carefully into one. To prevent sticking, slip a small square of waxed paper between each cookie. If need, stabilize the bag with a square of chUpload 1.png

qboard placed in the bottom.

Use a mug to pack a half-dozen favorites for a coffee- or tea-lover. Pack the cookies in the cup and overwrap with cellophane. Tie a box of tea or coffee to the mug. If you’re giving a large number of cookies, consider packing them in a cookie canister. It’s also reusable and keeps the cookies fresh. Put waxed paper between layers of any cookies you stack.

Give the Ritz’s gingersnaps! Hint: You can bake them yourself

Ritz-Carlton’s Gingersnap Cookies

Prep time: 30 minutes
1 ½ cups butter
1 ½ cups brown sugar
4 eggs
1 cup molasses
6 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 ½ teaspoon cinnamon
¾ teaspoon cloves
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon allspice
¼ teaspoon ginger
1 cup large-grain sugar
In a mixer bowl add the butter and brown sugar. Place the bowl in the mixer with the paddle attachment. Beat the butter and sugar mixture until the mixture is a light yellow color and fluffy. Add the eggs and molasses and continue to mix until fully incorporated. Add all remaining ingredients and mix, scraping the bowl as needed to fully incorporate the ingredients. At this point, you can form dough into a log, wrap in plastic wrap or waxed paper, and refrigerate or freeze.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. If in a log, slice half-inch thick and place on parchment-lined cookie sheet spaced 2 inches or so apart. Or, scoop tablespoon-size dough onto parchment-lined cookie sheet. Press down the cookie with the bottom of a drinking glass dipped in sugar, and sprinkle crystal sugar on top. Bake until golden brown, approximately 8 minutes. Remove to a cooling rack to cool completely. Makes 4 dozen cookies. These cookies pack and freeze well.
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Municipal Meetings

12/6 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday of each month at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. 6-7 pm. Agenda available online at www.oceanridgeflorida.com.

12/7 & 12/14 - Delray Beach - First and third Tuesday of each month at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 W. N. 5th Ave. 6-8 pm. Agenda available at www.mydelrayflorida.org.

12/10 - Golf Stream - Second Friday of the month at Gulf Stream Tree Farm, 100 Sea Road. 9 am. Agenda available in clerk’s office.


12/16 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday of each month at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. 9:30 am. Agenda available at www.manalapan.org.

12/21 - South Palm Beach - Fourth Tuesday of each month in the South Palm Beach Town Hall Council Chambers, 2077 S. Ocean Blvd. 7 pm. Agenda available at town hall.

12/26 - Briny Breezes - Third Tuesday of each month at the Briny Breezes Municipal Building, 4086 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Agenda available at www.cityofbrinyybreezes.com.

Food Glorious Food! - A Conversation with Restaurant Reviewers & Food Writers is held at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, Duenes Ballrooms, 900 Ocean Blvd. Featuring Liz Balmaseda, restaurant reviewer for The Palm Beach Post, BAI Cane, food editor for Boca Raton Magazine, Jan Norris, food writer and blogger at Alchemery.com, with moderator Andrew Routnik, Executive Chef of the Boca Raton Resort & Club. Presented as part of the Palm Beach Culinary Council’s “Culture & Cocktails” 5-7 pm. Free for members (175 level and above), non-member $5. Limited seating. RSVP 561-358-0300.

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- Crepes by the Sea
- Capt. Red Beard Hot Sauces
- The Orchard Doctor
- Anita’s Guacamole
- Tourles Goddess Hummus
- Organic Juice Booth
- Amazing Creations
- Maxwell’s Landscape Plants
- Family’s Pecan Pralines
- Mozzarella Fresh Italian Cheeses
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- Costa Rican Coffee
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The best way to start off the New Year is to make a new commitment. The first step is to get your loved one the care they deserve.
Prenatal Class is offered at Bethesda Spirits Delray Beach, 911 SE 6th Ave. 7-9 pm. 12/11 - Wine Tasting Ticket prices start at $300/person. 805-8733.

Champion of the Everglades Award. 6:30 pm.

include presentation of the third annual Foundation at the Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., West Palm Beach. Sat.: 6 pm & 9 pm; Sun.: 6 pm. Free. 832-0623.

Birthday party begins. 11 am. Free. 832-0623.

Traditional Advent Service of Lessons and Carols at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 100 N. Palmetto Dr., Lake Worth. Church Choir is joined by Praise of Praise, the Gay Men’s Chorus of the Palm Beaches. Music with lay readers and congregational singing. Community pot luck follows service in the Parish Hall. All are invited. Free. will offering benefits the food pantry at the Palm Beach County Health Department’s WIV Clinic in Riviera Beach. 6 pm. 561-4269.

Annual River of Grass Gala is sponsored by the Arthur R. Marshall Museum. 2-hour tour focuses on 5 historicút

Avenue and the Intracoastal Waterway, Palm Beach held at The Beach Club, 755 N. County Road, Palm Beach. Black tie event features salsa, ballet and lively dance music. 7 pm. Free. 832-4200.

Palm Beach. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

A Night in Madrid is presented by Yehudit Barsky at the Boynton Beach Garden Club at the Morikami Japanese Cultural and Educational Center. The Perfect House: The Life and Extinct Yet: The Modern Newspaper and Islam is presented by Dr. Alan Berger as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Center at the Boynton Beach City Library. 201 S. Seabreeze Blvd. 11 am-noon. Free. 742-6709 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

Homestead Exemption Help is offered in the Clayton Conference Center of Bethesda South-wise. 1500 SW 6th St. Ages 3-5. Six-week program runs through 1/29/11. 10:30-11:15 am. $20/week residents; $25/week non-residents. 243-7994.

Christmas Cantata: Glad Tidings of Great Joy is performed as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Center at the Boynton Beach City Library. 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 11 am-noon. Free. 742-2311.


Concert is presented by Yehudit Barsky at St. Gregory the Egyptian Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 395-8285.

12/11-12 - Mike Super: Magic & Illusion is presented by Yehudit Barsky at St. Gregory the Egyptian Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 395-8285.

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During and after surgery. 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month. 2-3 pm. Free. 736-8044 or www.delraylibrary.org.

12/14 - Natural Ways to Banish Anxiety & Depression is presented in part of the Healthy Living Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 90 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-4544 or www.delraylibrary.org.

A Night in Madrid is the annual holiday gala of The International Society of Palm Beach held at The Club, 755 N. County Road, Palm Beach. Black tie event features salsa, ballet and lively dance music. 7 pm. Free. 832-4200.

Seraphic Fire Candlelight Concert is presented by Yehudit Barsky at St. Gregory the Egyptian Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. National ensemble of professional singers. Concert followed by a meet and greet. 7:30 pm. $35. 888-544-3473.

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12/12 - Christmas Cantata: Glad Tidings of Great Joy with music by Robert Hildibrand and narration by Jason Doyle Farhanuki is held at Church of the Palms, 1601 Sunset Ave., Delray Beach. 4 pm. Open to the public. Free will offering 276-6540.

12/13 - Choir and Organ Christmas Concert is presented by St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 395-4285.

Monday - 12/13 - The Theory of the Leisure Class is presented as part of the Great Books group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 10 am. Free. 742-2311.

Tuesday - 12/14 - Mad Hatter’s Tea Party & White Elephant Sale is sponsored by the Boynton Beach Garden Club at the Boynton Woman’s Club, 1019 S. Federal Hwy. Hot tea and sandwiches. 1 pm. Free. RSVP by 12/10.

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12/3 - Nine Trees of Life is presented by Dr. Alan Berger as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Center at the Boynton Beach City Library. 201 S. Seabreeze Blvd. 11 am-noon. Free. 742-6709 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

Relaxation Techniques for the COPD Patient is presented by Denise Hannah as part of the Elephant Club at the Clayes Center of the Volunteer Center.

12/17 - The Rise of Radical Islam and Terrorism is presented by Yehudit Barsky at Temple Anshe Shalom, 700 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Part of the Understanding Islam series by the American Jewish University. 7-9 pm. $20. Registration: 994-2766.

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In the Gucci Courtyard, 256- North Ave., Palm Beach. 561-697-4009.


12/9 - Yiddish & Hebrew at the Shalom Day Center. 9:30-11:30 am. Free. 294-9960.

12/15 - Current Mediascapes - Not Extinct Yet: The Modern Newspaper and Islam is presented by Dr. Alan Berger as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Center at the Delray Beach Public Library, 90 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-4544 or www.delraylibrary.org.

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- Tree Topper Tuesday at the Carolyn Sims Community Center, 225 SE 2nd Ave. Children enjoy daily themed activities. Pack a lunch and a snack. 9 am-4 pm. 392-residents, $25-non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

- December 19-25 - Start-up Nation: Israel’s Economic Benefits of Breastfeeding, keys to success, supply and demand, positioning, breast pumps, returning to work and weaning. Both parents encouraged to attend. 10 am-noon. 525-Registration 349-2229.

- Drop-in Craft Day at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Make your own pre-washed shirt or canvas bag. Free. 10 am-2 pm. 262-residents, $15-non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

- December 19 - Ice Cream Social at South Florida Regional Library, 377 S. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Enjoy ice cream for $2. 2-4 pm. Free. 227-7605.

- 12/19 - A Christmas Millennium: Lessons From the Decorative Victorian Christmas Section of Handel’s Messiah’ at Ascension Lutheran Church, 2029 Seacrest Blvd. 7:30 pm. $15/members, $25-non-members. Registration: 742-6650.


- December 19-25 - The Beachcomber (1932) starring Charles Bronson is one of the 40s & 50s’ Corner Drama Film series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

- December 20 - Luau Theme Park is one of the Afternoon Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

- December 20 - The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver is one of the Afternoon Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

- December 20 - Breastfeeding Prenatal Class is held at the Canyon Sims Community Center, 225 SE 2nd Ave. Boca Raton. Topics include breastfeeding support and options, flowers, herbs and local flora. Adults only. 11-12 am. 392-members, $25-non-members. Reservations: 391-8110.

- December 20 - Teen Social at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Free. 12-3 pm. 243-5320.

- December 20 - Tree Gazing is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

- December 20 - Friday - 12/17 - Palm Frond Folding Class is held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

- December 20 - Saturday - 12/18 - Gyotaku is held at the Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Boca Raton. Tips on making your own personal embossed water prints, flowers, herbs and local flora. Adults only. 2-4 pm. 392-members, $25-non-members. Reservations: 391-8110.

- December 20 - Saturday - 12/18 - A Christmas Millennium: Lessons From the Decorative Victorian Christmas Section of Handel’s Messiah’ at Ascension Lutheran Church, 2029 Seacrest Blvd. 7:30 pm. $15/members, $25-non-members. Registration: 742-6650.


- December 21-27 - Tree Gazing is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

- December 21 - Tuesday - 12/17 - Reception and Book Signing by Manny Muñox, executive producer of CNBC’s “News Radio Have A Future?” is held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

- December 21 - Monday - 12/16 - James E. Buffan Gold Coast Band is held at the Delray Beach Marriott Hotel, 10 N. Flagler Dr. Boca Raton. $35. RSVP: 540-4841.

- December 21 - Monday - 12/16 - James E. Buffan Gold Coast Band is held at The Preservation Plaza, Palm Beach. 8 pm. $40-$45. 655-7226.

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Delray Beach. Reception celebrates the Boca Raton Museum of Art Artists' Guild Nov./Dec. exhibition. 6-8 pm. Free. 278-7877.

Sunday - 12/26 - Traditions Around the World is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Children enjoy daily themed activities. Pack a lunch and a snack. 9 am-4 pm. $20/residents, $25/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

12/26 - Shark Tales—Learn how sharks swim, sleep, and find their food at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 7-adult. 10-11:30 am. $9/members, $14/non-members. Reservations: 391-8110.

Tuesday - 12/28 - Traditions Around the World is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Children enjoy daily themed activities. Pack a lunch and a snack. 9 am-4 pm. $20/residents, $25/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.


12/28 - Boca Beachcombing—Meet for an introductory talk about sea shells at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, then caravan over to Red Reef Park, 1400 N. State Rd. A1A, to walk the beach in search of ocean treasures. All ages. 9:30-11 am. $5/members, $10/non-members. Reservations: 391-8110.

12/28 - Children's Winter Fair at Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Rd. Games, arts & crafts, exhibits and food. 10 am-3 pm. Free entrance to event. $10/adult all-day bracelet or $3/ride. 367-7035 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

Wednesday - 12/29 - Winter Sports Wednesday is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Children enjoy daily themed activities. Pack a lunch and a snack. 9 am-4 pm. $20/residents, $25/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.


Thursday - 12/30 - The Beginning of a New Year is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Children enjoy daily themed activities. Pack a lunch and a snack. 9 am-4 pm. $20/residents, $25/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

12/30 - Passport to Rio is the theme of the Young Friends of the American Red Cross Beach Bash at The Beach Club, 755 N. County Road, Palm Beach. 8 pm-midnight. 516-3700 or 516-3701. $150: 11/29-12/29; $200: 12/30. 859-1766 or 650-9131.

Friday - 12/31 - New Year’s Eve Aquaholics Kids’ Carnival is held at the Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach, 1000 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Kite club hosts a night of carnival fun, including games, arts and crafts, relay races, music and prizes. Buffet-style dinner. Ages 5-12. $90. Reservations: 612-5500.

Saturday - 1/1 - Oceanside Farmer’s Market is held each Saturday through 5/7/11, at John G’s restaurant parking lot, south of Lake Ave., east of the Intracoastal Waterway on A1A. Browse a variety of goods from vendors to antique to artwork. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 543-1900.

1/1 - Salute to Vienna New Year’s Concert 2011—Annual event showcasing music of Johann Strauss, Jr. is held at Kravis Center, 701 Sachse Blvd., West Palm Beach. 8 pm. $25 and up. 832-7469.

GSS Students on Beach
Gulf Stream School teachers Doris Sousa and Marie Boslow recently took the second-graders to the beach, where students were asked to locate items and describe them using nouns and adjectives for a writing assignment. ‘Having access to the beach really adds to our educational environment and made learning grammar that day more fun and memorable for our students,’ Sousa said. Photo provided

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Next to the kitchen are an office, cabana bath and family room. Off of the entry foyer is a guest bedroom suite with pecky-cypress paneling.

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