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Celebrating our history

Mizner’s famed palace turns 85

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

This year, the Boca Raton Resort & Club turns 85 years old. Looking back, the important role the hotel has played in the community is clear. It’s safe to say that if the iconic hotel never existed, Boca Raton would be a very different place from today. This landmark is part of our past and present,” says Susan Gillis, curator for the Boca Raton Historical Society. “The hotel is still a very important part of Boca Raton.”

In fact, people in Boca think of it as “their” hotel, Gillis says. And until World War II, the hotel and agriculture were the mainstays of the area’s economy.

Natalie Warren, a BRHS docent who gives tours of the historic hotel, knows how important the property is to the community. She virtually grew up there.

Her mother was a real estate agent with offices just off what was the hotel’s original lobby. Warren spent afternoons sitting on Addison Mizner’s grand staircase reading books.

As a young woman, she held jobs at the resort, including working at the lobby chocolate shop and the hotel flower shop as well as waitressing at the golf course restaurant. “I loved coming here. It was like being part of history,” she says.

Over the years, the hotel and its owners have done a lot to foster the community. Today, the city is home to about 85,000 residents. But in 1903, it was a farming village with about 18 families. The hotel and its owners have done a lot to foster the community.

Boca Raton City moves to zone Ocean Strand recreational

By Steve Plunkett

For land that’s lain idle more than 17 years, Ocean Strand swirled into 2011 with a flurry of activity.

• Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District Commissioner Dirk Smith met with the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations to invite ideas on what kind of park Ocean Strand should be.

• Keep Your Boca Beaches Public submitted 1,522 signatures demanding that “development for private uses (including members-only beach clubs) … be prohibited” at Ocean Strand and other public land on the barrier island. The grass-roots group paid $152.20 to have the signatures verified.

• The Beach and Park District short-listed six firms to draw up plans for the parcel.

• Boca Raton’s city attorney declared the grass-roots petition unconstitutional and told the city clerk not to process the signatures.

• The Boca Raton City Council ordered its See OCEAN STRAND on page 5

Highland Beach Town manager suspended in flap on e-mailed jokes

By Steve Plunkett

Nestled among Highland Beach Town Manager Dale Sugerman’s e-mail last July was a message he wasn’t supposed to see: a collection of jokes. Town Clerk Beverly Brown forwarded to him by mistake via the town’s official e-mail.

Sugerman investigated and found more jokes, some “sexually-oriented or defamatory,” that Brown had forwarded during work hours, including one alluding to President Obama and using the N-word. He decided a one-month suspension without pay was appropriate for the town’s second in command.

But before he could suspend her, Sugerman himself was suspended—though with pay—one strong indication the Town Commission will not renew his contract in June.

“Where are you coming from?” Commissioner John Sorrelli demanded during the commission’s initial inquiry. “I am so upset, I am ready to blow my cork here.”

The commission’s Jan. 4 meeting began with an appeal from former Mayor Arlin Voress to intervene on Brown’s behalf. Sugerman said it was inappropriate to discuss the case in public.

See HIGHLAND BEACH on page 4
Looking forward to sharing your stories

A yellowed newspaper clipping floated out of the Christmas card my sister Susie sent in December.

“That’s me!” I yelled, getting a quizzical look from my husband as he crossed the breakfast table.

Beneath a photo of a smiling girl, I read about how, at age 23, I had become the youngest community newspaper editor in the state of Wisconsin.

The realization hit me like a ton of ink: I’ve been working for newspapers a long time. In fact, I’ve been a journalist for more years than I had lived when that picture was taken. I’ve even been working in Palm Beach County for more years than that.

My career path was never set in stone. As a shy girl with four brothers and three sisters, I do remember preferring writing over talking. When asked as a third-grader to pen (er, pencil) a short essay on what I wanted to be when I grew up, I wrote: “a shepherd.”

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The Hadeeds enjoy traveling, especially cruising, and have been on just about every cruise line, and ships from the QE2 to the Oasis. “Cruising is an easy way to travel,” she said. “We go at least once a year.”

Although she claims to be a writer, Hadeed explained, “I write about things that inspire me to pick up a brush and create landscapes. I have a great fondness for people. I like hearing their stories. And I like sharing them with others.”

I look forward to hearing your stories and sharing them with The Coastal Star.

— Mary Thurwachter, managing editor

FAU backer invites you to join the club

By Mary Thurwachter

After Hurricane David blew into Palm Beach County in 1979 — just in time to ruin Labor Day weekend and collapse the jai alai fronton — Marllis Hadeed and her then-husband, John Sudbay, drove north from their home in Pompano Beach to check out the damage for themselves.

They never made it to Palm Beach that day, but it had nothing to do with the weather. On their drive up A1A, they saw a construction trailer for a seaside condo called Beach Walk East in Highland Beach. The pre-construction plans so impressed them, they bought a condo on the spot.

In 1981, when they moved into the condo, the couple had the entire building to themselves for several months, Hadeed said. Highland Beach has been her home ever since.

She has forged many friendships in the town over the years. One of those friends invited her to become a member of the University Club, a branch of Florida Atlantic University’s Foundation devoted to helping the university’s library and raising money for scholarships.

That was 18 years ago. “I’m still moved by way, but I’m still here,” Hadeed said. In fact, she is the organization’s president. Her term will end in April, and she will stay on as a board member.

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Although she claims not to be able to sketch at all, Hadeed taught herself to paint years ago and has several examples of her artwork around her condo. Her subjects are orchids and daisies, seascapes and landscapes.

While she hasn’t been inspired to pick up a brush lately — frankly, she hasn’t had time between meetings, social functions, and travel — she hopes to get back to it one day soon. She does enjoy bridge and plays three times a week at the Delray Beach Club.

“I’m busier now than when I worked full-time,” Hadeed laughs.
Interchange in future for I-95 and Spanish River

A new I-95 interchange at Spanish River Boulevard in Boca Raton has been officially adopted as a future development project by the Florida Department of Transportation.

So says County Commissioner Steven Abrams, who is a member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Numerous traffic analyses performed during the past few years have shown that this segment of I-95 does not meet the required standards, mainly because of the high levels of congestion.

“I have been working on this since my first days as mayor, and it has finally come to fruition,” Abrams says. “It will provide needed relief to Glades Road and Yamato Road, and eliminate residential cut-through traffic via Yamato Road.

One of the main reasons for the interchange is to serve FAU, which has a new campus master plan that shows explosive growth for commuter and local students. Currently, there are approximately 15,000 students at the Boca campus, of whom more than 12,000 are commuters.

FAU is also planning a Division 1 football stadium large enough to seat 40,000 people and will be used for other events, such as concerts.

The proposed interchange is part of the Five-Year Work Program and is scheduled to begin late in 2014.

— Staff report
Brown has breast cancer, and Newill's wife has been going with her to doctor appointments and treatments, he said. The doctors have been very, very specific, which I passed on to the town manager several times, that she is not to be put under any kind of stress, because cancer can really ruin the treatment,” Newill said.

Newill said he opposed firing the town manager without cause but asked if any commissioner would make a motion to direct Sugerman to rescind the suspension. That way, he said, if Sugerman refused, he would be guilty of insubordination.

Just because you don’t agree with what the person is saying, you don’t think that he’s necessarily doing what you would like them to do, that doesn’t mean that he is constituting cause. I think something like this constitutes cause,” Newill said.

In a memo Sugerman gave Brown on Jan. 3, he outlined what he said was cause to suspend her: five e-mails containing “derogatory, racist, lewd and lascivious” jokes sent from April 20 to July 15 on Highland Beach’s computer system during working hours.

He noted she had signed the town’s Information Technology Policy, which prohibits sending or receiving “obscene, sexually-oriented or defamatory” materials.

At a Dec. 20 hearing, Brown’s lawyer said the e-mail sent to Sugerman “was obviously done in error,” he wrote. Brown’s lawyer said a verbal or written warning was in order, he added.

What is most disappointing in all of this is that you absolutely should have known better,” Sugerman wrote.

There were other e-mails, but Sugerman did not want to pile them onto his complaint, he said. Town Attorney Tom Zwick said she had felt pressured to order Sugerman to rescind Brown’s suspension.

Brown has breast cancer, and Mayor Jim Newill cast the deciding vote (to discuss).
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Sugar Sand Park.

“When we look at Ocean

Strand park, we have a very

strong indication that it

likely will be a passive park,”

landscape architect Aida Curtis

of Curtis + Rogers told district

commissioners.

Her company said Ocean

Strand naturally divides into

two zones — the oceanfront,
a central meadow and the

Intracoastal — and that each

area could support different

differs. A beach club, a spa or

space for yoga could go on the

beach portion; lawn games,
a garden center or outdoor

concerts on the meadow; and

rowing, sailing or a bicycle club

on the Intracoastal, she said.

Curtis said her firm would

schedule both large forums and

meetings with smaller groups
to gauge different interests. A

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Comment cards are passed

out to balance whatever is said

by more vocal members of the

community. Curtis added.

“It’s a matter of getting

everyone heard, understood,

and then bringing back the

groups together,” she said.

If the ideas presented at the

homeowner federation are a

guide, building consensus may
take time.

“I want it to be available for

everyone to go there, so we’re

going to need parking spaces for

people to get to the beach,” one

man said, adding boat docks,

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Items on other wish lists

included a kayaking concession,
disabled-friendly amenities,
a covered area for weddings,
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for children, a tot playground,

and ‘green’ restrooms.

“It’s time for people to come

and see what the beach looks

like,” another man said. “It is in

perfect, pristine condition. And

I think one of the options that

should be considered is doing

nothing at all.”

Smith said anyone with ideas
can e-mail him at dsmith@

myncapital.org.

At the Beach and Park

District’s first meeting in

January, Ocean Strand

neighbors repeated their request

that commissioners ask Boca

Raton to change the parcel’s

zoning before developing

a master plan, prompting

an angry response from

Commissioner Dennis Frisch.

“What it says is that you

all don’t trust us. We’ve done

nothing but tell you that we’re

going to put a park on that.

And over and over you’ve

come in and asked us to do

something that we’ve told you,

we’re not going to change the

process,” said Frisch, who later

was selected chairman of the

district.

“We’ve never done anything
to earn your mistrust. Trust us
to do the right thing. It’s what

we were elected for,” Frisch

continued.

“It’s not that we don’t trust

you,” Boca Towers resident

Sharon Picker said. “I think

we’re just scared that the powers

that be — they’re pretty mighty

powers, they’re politically

powerful and financially

powerful — might swoop

down while you’re doing your

planning and take the land, and

lease it out from under you.”

Commissioners assured

Picker that could not happen.

The following night Boca

Raton City Council member

Anthony Mahfess also reached

the limits of his patience and

moved to begin rezoning

procedures.

“It’s been very frustrating

for me as an elected official to

watch the ball be kicked back

and forth across the line,” he

said. “We’ve all agreed it’s going

to be a park. I think anybody

who would even think to do

anything otherwise — some of

the conspiracy theories that are

out there of what might happen

— I think even if somebody

had that as an intent, they’ve

been pretty well painted into a

political corner.”

His proposal passed 5-0.

The Beach and Park

District bought the Ocean

Strand property in 1994 for

$11.9 million but hasn’t made

it a park yet. In late 2009,

Penn-Florida Companies

proposed a private cabana

club there to complement a

luxury hotel in Via Mizner,

a $1 billion redevelopment

project planned for downtown

Boca Raton. Neighbors were

surprised to discover the city’s

comprehensive plan labels the

parcel residential instead of

recreational.
Voter registration deadline is near
By C.B. Hanif

Books close at 5 p.m. Feb. 7 for those needing to register to vote in the March 8 general municipal elections.

To register, contact the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections office at (561) 656-6200 or pbcelections.org. Generally, any 18-year-old U.S. citizen and legal Florida resident may register by submitting a completed voter registration application online or to a Supervisor of Elections office.

Once registered, a voter receives a registration card reflecting the precinct and polling place.

A photo ID with your signature is required in order to vote. Acceptable forms of ID are: Florida driver’s license, Florida identification card, U.S. passport, debit/credit cards, military ID cards, student ID cards, retirement center ID cards, neighborhood association ID cards, Public Assistance identification.

Due to a change in state law, voters who prefer voting by absentee ballot now must request one for each election cycle. Under previous law, absentee ballot requests were good through two general election cycles.

“If your absentee ballot request is marked for ‘all available elections’ voters who request absentee ballot for the March 8 election will also receive absentee ballots through the 20112 General Election,” said Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher.

The last day to request an absentee ballot for the March 8 election is 5 p.m. March 2. Voters may request an absentee ballot at Supervisor of Elections offices, by phone (561-656-6200), fax (561-656-6287), by e-mailing absentee@pbcelections.org or at www.pbcelections.org.

The polls will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The date for a runoff election, if necessary, is March 22.
The bilge, the area below the deck that is spilled during fueling to find its way to who enjoy boating. That should be a major concern for all electrical equipment on board a boat the combination of gasoline fumes and to the state Fire Marshal’s Office, it is fires is equipment failure, according injuries, according to state records. In Florida boat fires are a constant threat the exact cause of the explosion is still erupting into flames. But the strong smell of gasoline still lingered in the air. Fuel had apparently spilled into the water, according to state investigators, and a dock attendant quickly put a containment plan into action. The fatal boat fire is still under investigation by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission — apparently trapped below deck — a third person, 67-year-old Robert Romanelli of Orange Park — apparently trapped below deck — never made it out. Investigators later found his body in the boat’s charred debris. The fatal boat fire is still under investigation by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the state Fire Marshal’s Office and the exact cause of the explosion is still unknown. What is certain, and what the incident underscores, is that in Florida boat fires are a constant threat not to be taken lightly. In 2009, the last year in which data is available, the state Fire Marshal responded to 329 boat or other water vehicle fires, responsible for $7.7 million in lost property. Although none of those fires involved a fatality, 14 people did sustain injuries, according to state records. While the leading cause of boat fire equipment failure, according to the state Fire Marshal’s Office, it is the combination of gasoline fumes and electrical equipment on board a boat that should be a major concern for all who enjoy boating. On boats, it’s possible for gasoline spilled during fueling to find its way to the bilge, the area below the deck that is similar to a crawl space under a house. Because there is little ventilation in the bilge, fires can build up and become a serious threat to safety. Electrical equipment on board a boat that should be a major concern for all who enjoy boating. On boats, it’s possible for gasoline spilled during fueling to find its way to the bilge, the area below the deck that is similar to a crawl space under a house. Because there is little ventilation in the bilge, fires can build up and become a serious threat to safety.
Mizner Park Cinema closed, but not for long

By Thom Smith

If you had hoped to catch a pre-Oscar screening of Black Swan or The Social Network at the Sunrise Cinemas 8 in Mizner Park, change your plans. The multiplex closed down in mid-January amid a wealth of rumors and misinformation. This much is true: The cinema is closed. Furnishings and signage are gone, but it is expected to reopen in several months. The new tenant will be the original tenant, AMC.

Claims of broken leases and failure to pay rent by previous operator Frank Theatres are unfounded, Frank President Bruce Frank said.

“We were just a management company in there for a few months,” he said.

Sunrise Cinemas had held the lease for 10 or 12 years. Then last July, Frank Theatres acquired some, but not all, of Sunrise’s assets, including Deerfield Mall, The Gateway in Fort Lauderdale, Plantation Crossroads and Sunrise Pavilion. Mizner was not included, but Frank agreed to run Mizner and some others for Sunrise.

After a falling out between Sunrise and Mizner Park management, the two parties reached an agreement last June, Frank said, that included forgiveness of back rent and a termination of the lease this January.

“All Frank Theatres did was provide interim operation between Sunrise and the landlord to keep it going through Christmas,” Frank said.

“That said, the landlord has told us they have a lease structure to convert the facility to a theater with food service. That is what is expected to go there and the theater operator is expected to make a serious investment to do that.”

The new operator, AMC, will follow the timeline already in effect at six premiere screens at Cinemark’s Palace 20 by the Boca Airport, and recently added a few blocks away at Florida Atlantic University’s four-screen boutique Living Room Theaters.

Frank, which operates cinemas in eight states, will pursue an even more ambitious concept at its new Marketplace of Delray project, west of the Turnpike on Atlantic Avenue. Construction is expected to begin this spring with an opening anticipated in late summer or early fall of 2012.

“We’ll have 12 screens, premiere seating and a 16-lane bowling alley,” Frank said, while admitting he has doubts about full-service theaters.

“You can take in a cocktail, you can take in sushi,” he said. "But I’m not sure I’m comfortable with having a waitress coming down the aisle. "I go to movies for the silence, for the comfort, for what is in front of me, not what is beside me. If you’re having lasagna while I’m having popcorn, I’m not sure if I would want to go. But we’ll see.”

Makeover in store for Red Reef’s boardwalk

Red Reef Park’s splinterly boardwalk is getting a 21st-century makeover. “They’ve been out there 30 years, and it’s time,” said Bob Langford, executive director of the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District. The low bidder for the Red Reef project was Hollywood-based Enco LLC, at $928,859. The firm will rebuild the coastal dune boardwalk, pavilions and four dune crossovers.

Enco also will reconstruct a pavilion at James A. Rutherford Pavilion at James A. Rutherford Park on the west side of the Intracoastal for $59,361.

Construction on the beach park must be completed before March 1, when sea turtles begin nesting.

Boca Raton operates and maintains Red Reef Park, the Beach and Park District reimburses the city.

Langford said Red Reef’s boardwalk and parking lots were the first improvements made in the beach park.

City may assume ownership to get meters on Palmetto

By Steve Plunkett

The city, which last summer installed parking meters on Palmetto Park Road east of the Intracoastal Waterway, might now assume ownership of the road.

Palm Beach County, which owns the highway, told city officials it will not permit meters there. City Manager Leif Ahnell told City Council members in January. The alternative, Ahnell said, was for Boca Raton to take over the road, which would require repaving every 15 to 20 years. “We could ask the county to please repave it before they turn it over to us,” council member Susan Haynie said. She and other council members agreed that having the road under city jurisdiction would allow Boca Raton to more easily redevelop the area.

The city is installing paver bricks at Palmetto Park Road intersections west of the Intracoastal as part of a streetscape improvement project.

Palmetto Park Road has 59 metered parking spaces between the Intracoastal and State Road A1A.

Meters were also installed along Red Reef Park West and East Spanish River Boulevard and in Mizner Park.
Symphonia honors conductor Schuller

Gunther Schuller welcome in Florida, at last!
“I’ve been all over, played and conducted in the greatest halls in the world, but Florida never wanted me.”

That’s Gunther Schuller, musician extraordinaire, lamenting the fact that until the Boca Raton Symphonia called, he had not had the pleasure of sharing his extraordinary talents with residents of the Sunshine State. However, Sunday at St. Andrew’s School, the audience was thrilled that Schuller was finally getting his due in Florida. He conducted a program of Mozart, Haydn, Prokofiev, Ibert and Schuller, with guest performance by cellist Sujin Lee, a protégé of Itzhak Perlman.

Two nights before, Schuller and Lee were able to relax at a reception at the Intracoastal waterfront home of Patti Carpenter. Joining Carpenter in welcoming a few select guests including, Jim and Marta Batmasian and Office Depot exec Steve Schmidt were Symphony President Steve Pomeranz and Boca Raton Mayor Susan Whelchel.

The 17-year-old cellist Lee keeps a busy schedule, working in concerts when she can. In addition to studying music at Juilliard, she’s majoring in English and psychology at Columbia.

A decade of Decadence. Although the words look almost identical, they come from different roots — 10 and decay — but when it comes to the 10th year of Boca’s Chocolate Decadence, they mean the same: one incredible good time … if, of course, you love chocolate.

Set for Feb. 3 at the Shoppes at Boca Center, the bash will feature chocolate delights — with a little wine to cleanse the palate — from more than 20 restaurants, vendors and private clubs in the Boca area, including Cucina Mio, Lola, Seasons 52, The Melting Pot, City Fish, Rocco’s Tacos and Wild Olives. Tickets are $35 in advance, $45 at the door (a $75 limited VIP pass includes open bar, more food and goody bag) and proceeds go to the Junior League of Boca’s community programs.

The party starts at 6:30, but amateur chocolateeurs who believe they have the end-all chocolate recipe can prepare it and bring it to Boca Center at 4:30 p.m. for the Mix and Melt contest. Entry fee is $25 (a donation to the Junior League) and the winner gets a free VIP ticket. (www.bocachocolate.com or 620-4778, Ext. 1)

More decadence. If you’re not a bum, but you’ve got a good bum and a desire to serve, then you might be just right for … Butlers in the Buff.

“The male order company” offers living party rentals — in white collar and cuffs, black bow tie and black apron (not wrap-around) — to serve drinks and hors d’oeuvres. All fully above board. Conceived in England, where more than 250 tie one (apron) on, the concept spread to Australia and has now reached the colonies with the first franchise in Florida. Prospective butlers — and customers — should visit www.ButlersInTheBuff.com or call (941) 309-5430.

With all the recent hubbub about Wikileaks, I’ll be interested to hear the take of America’s most famous “leaker,” Daniel Ellsberg. The man who released the top-secret Pentagon Papers in 1971 speaks Feb. 16 at 3 p.m. at FAU’s Alan B. Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency. Tickets are only $12 (www.fauevents.com or 800 564-9530). A day earlier, George Herring, a leading authority on the Vietnam War and the Pentagon Papers, will lead a discussion after a screening of The Most Dangerous Man in America, a

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film about Ellsberg. No charge.

She was an understudy in the original Broadway production of \textit{Hair}; she starred in films by Woody Allen and Brian De Palma; she’s stayed busy in TV for four decades; she’s made award-winning children’s recordings; and she’s a crabby cook.

So much so, that \textit{Jessica Harper (My Favorite Year, Stardust Memories, Pennies From Heaven)} wrote a cookbook titled \textit{The Crabby Cook}, recounting her adventures in preparing meals for her husband, who said he would eat anything (except onions, garlic, peppers, scallions, eggplant, squash, shellfish, most meat, spices, all non-chocolate desserts) and kids who “ate only white food.”

Out of this came a realization that she could cook, simply but effectively and on Feb. 5, she’ll recount her adventures at the Publix Apron’s Cooking School at the Polo Shoppes Publix on Military Trail just north of Clint Moore Road. (www.publix.com/aprons or 994-4883).

The menu includes Parmesan crisps; spicy nuts; slamonini yam soup; \textit{My Favorite Chicken (chicken with apples)}; hot slaw; \textit{Tom’s Favorite Chicken (chicken Parmesan crisps; spicy nuts;}}

Last seen in these parts as chef-de-nom at \textit{The Office} in Delray, Mark Militello parted company with owner \textit{David Manero last spring, and popped up at \textit{Trina} on Lauderdale beach. Time’s up.}

\textit{Trina’s concept changed, Militello said, so he’s trudging a few miles up the beach to create Cabo Blue, a grill and tequila bar in the new Wyndham Deerfield Beach Resort. Ocean view. Authentic Mexican fare.} Maybe even a taco cart on the street next to the pier … And eventually, he wants to open a Mark’s of some sort in Delray.

To the peak of the season, thus ‘tis the time to tour. Especially things historical, such as the Boca Raton Resort & Club and the old Seaboard railway station. In the Roaring ’20s, northern visitors stepped off the train at the station and were shuttled a half-mile east to the resort. Neither the rail cars nor the resort were air-conditioned then, but in the winter, most visitors had no trouble choosing between the snow of Boston and balm of Boca. Compared to the hurry-up-and-wait of modern air travel, a train trip was pure heaven.

The old station has been restored, and it’s air-conditioned now, as are the gleaming post-World War II streamline dining and club cars. Any chill in the caboose and vintage locomotive is aftermarket.

The station tour, offered from 1-4 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of the month through March and the first Friday in April and May, costs $5 for adults, $2 for students, nothing for kids under 6. On the first and third Tuesdays of each month through May, guided walking tours of Addison Mizner’s spectacular resort are offered at 2 p.m. Charge is $15, plus a $10 per car valet parking charge, unless, of course, you choose to walk to the hotel. Reservations are required.

For a broader sense of the town and its history, the Society’s Trolley Tour takes visitors to the Mizner-designed town hall (now the society’s headquarters), The Addison (then Mizner’s apartment, a real estate office and small restaurant, now a big restaurant), Old Floresta and modern Mizner Park.

Twenty bucks, at 10 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month through May. Call 954-6766 or go to www.bocahistory.org for reservations.

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The Dream City
Here’s an account of those times from an early settler
Harley Gates, who built a house in Boca Raton in 1914: “Farm ing was the principal means of making a living
during my early years at Boca Raton. Most of the farms
were small and usually from five to 20 acres. The main crops
grown were green beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant
and peppers.”

Even in 1923, if you arrived on the
Miami-bound train, you might think you were in the
middle of nowhere, according to papers in the
archives of the BRHS.

And that’s what Addison Mizner confronted when he
was commissioned by the Town Council to plan a world-class
resort community on the banks of Lake Boca Raton.

In 1926 he acquired three-quarters of a mile of beachfront
property and set about building what he claimed would be “The
Dream City of the Western World” offering a mixture of
“snob appeal and greed appeal.”

In those days, there was hardly
a destination resort city have forever
been committed to the community, providing
services, partnership and
support.”

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley
Five things you might not know about Addison Mizner:

1. The Boca connection: Although Mizner is
linked him to the area.

2. That Mizner Style: Mizner was known for his Spanish Colonial
and Mediterranean Revival styles. He
came to appreciate Spanish Colonial
architecture while living in Central
America. His father, an attorney and
politician, campaigned for Benjamin
Harrison during his run for the
presidency in 1888. After winning,
Harrison appointed Mizner’s father
as minister to Central America.

That’s when Addison was exposed to the
style of architecture that would
dominate his professional life.

3. A man’s castle: Mizner planned to
build himself a home on a man-
made island in Lake Boca Raton. His
plans included a master bedroom
in a tower with a projecting balcony.
The main floor included
a great hall, a 36-by-52-foot drawing
room and a dining room with a
tiny room and a formal dining room with a

The exterior of the spa at the famed club. Photo provided by the Boca Raton Resort & Club

The club’s lobby, with its vaulted ceilings.

Foxholes
on the golf course?

In 1942, during World War II, the hotel was taken over
by the Army Air Corps until 1956.

“During that time, there wasn’t enough water pressure
at the hotel so things got kind of yucky with all those men
quartered here,” Gillis says. “There were even rumors they
built foxholes on the golf course. But the hotel survived and,
in 1944, it was bought by Myer Schine, who owned
a number of hotels across the country. He not only painted
the hotel a dusty shade of pink, but also, in 1945, opened
the club as a year-round resort and welcomed the public.

This was a boon to the town
that now had employment
opportunities for more than
just three months a year.
It also meant the hotel could
be more involved with the
community. Here’s an account
written by his wife Hildegard:
“Before we bought the hotel in
1925, many people from the North
came to us saying the hotel
was the only major industry in Boca Raton and many
people worked there. But no Boca Raton-ites had ever set foot
in the front door. I thought that was awful because there
were many lovely people here. So I gave a party and invited
everyone in town.”

5. Think pink: Although we think when we
think of Mizner, it wasn’t part of his color palette. In fact,
the Cloister Inn was beige until its
third owner, the Schines, painted it
pink after they took over in 1944.

Source: Boca Raton Historical Society and
The Boca Raton Resort & Club, by Donald Carl and the BRHS.
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Anniversary Events

Boca Raton Resort & Club Tour: The Boca Raton Historical Society offers walking tours of the Boca Raton Resort & Club on the first and third Tuesdays of each month through May. The tours run 2 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: $15 plus $10 hotel valet fee. Reservations required (561) 395-6766, Ext. 100.

Boca Raton Resort & Club Package: Feb. 11 through 13, the resort will offer a package that includes a second night for $85 in the historic Cloister building. For information, call (888) 543-1277. The hotel is at 501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton.

Mizner Industries: The exhibition at the BRHS in Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton, is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. It includes products made by Mizner Industries and items from Addison Mizner’s Palm Beach apartment.

Boca Raton Army Airfield: “Secrets Revealed” is a lecture by Sally Ling, author of a history of the Army Air Corps radar training base during World War II and the long-term impact it had on Boca Raton. From 2 to 3:45 p.m. March 9. The event costs $25 and is sponsored by FAU’s Lifelong Learning Society. Freiberg Auditorium, FAU Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Information: 297-3171 or 297-3185 or campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton.

— Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

Resort timeline

1925: Palm Beach architect Addison Mizner arrives in Boca Raton. He and his Development Corp. hope to build Mediterranean-style structures for commercial and residential use on a 1,600-acre tract of land. Their plans include a never-built Ritz-Carlton on the beach.

1926: In a hurry to bring customers for his development to Boca Raton, Mizner opens a smaller hotel, the Cloister Inn. It’s under Ritz-Carlton management on the shore of Lake Boca Raton. The opening sparks a promotional buildup that ultimately changes Lifting Raton from a sleepy village into a resort community.

The hotel is painted pink for the 85th anniversary. The inn has Spanish-Mediterranean, Moorish and Gothic influences. It is characterized by hidden gardens, barrel-tile roofs, archways, ornate columns, fountains and beamed ceilings of onion-pecky cypress. The per room building cost was $10,000.

1927: The land boom comes in Florida launching Mizner’s Development Corp. in financial difficulty. Philadelphia utilities magnate Clarence Geist buys the Cloister Inn for $71,000, assuming $7 million of the Mizner Development Corp’s debt.

1928-1930: Geist enlarges the Cloister Inn and creates the private Boca Raton Club, a golf club. He builds the Cabana Club, south of the inlet, offering a 1,800 private beach cabanas, informal dining rooms and card lounges. Famed architects Schultze & Weaver, who also designed the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables and The Breakers in Palm Beach, were the architects for the project that opened in January 1930.

1942: The U.S. enters WWII. Boca Raton’s airport and coastal locale make it ideal for an Army airbase. The U.S. government acquires 5,860 acres from more than 100 property owners to construct it.

Meanwhile, the Army takes over the Boca Raton Club for offices, classrooms and officers’ barracks while it builds the air station, the country’s only radar training school.

By H. Wayne Huizenga and Florida Panthers Holdings, Inc. (now Boca Resorts Inc., or BRI) for $325 million. The Resort & Club completes a 6.5 million redesign of the resort golf course done by Gene Bates. The $10 million tennis and fitness center opens.

2007: The Boca Raton Resort & Club celebrates its 75th anniversary and unveils Spa Palazzo, modeled on the Alhambra Palace, a two-story golf clubhouse and the Grand Piazza, including the Tuscan restaurant Lucca (run by Drew Nieporent of New York’s Nobu and Tribeca Grill), Bar Luna, the renovated Malone’s Magic Bar and more.

2008: An affiliate of the Blackstone Group, a private investment banking firm, purchases BRI in December for $1.25 billion.

2009: The name of BRI is changed to LXR Luxury Resorts.

2005-2006: Refurbishment of the resort begins, including renovation of the main lobby, redesign of guest rooms and the addition of the Old Homestead Steak House (well known to New Yorkers). The new décor includes a light beige and white ceiling in the lobby, slate and stone floors and white leather furniture.

2007-2008: The opening of Cielo Restaurant at the top of the Tower, the debut of the Palm Court, the addition of Morimoto’s Sushi Bar by chef Masaharu Morimoto of Iron Chef fame, Serendipity Restaurant and the redesign of the Family Room.

2009: The 212-room Boca Beach Club reopens following a $120 million renovation that coincides with the completion of a total of more than $220 million in renovations at the Resort & Club.

2011: The Boca Raton Resort & Club celebrates its 85th anniversary.


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A 27-floor tower with 257 rooms was built in 1967.

About 1950: The hotel is painted pink for the first time. In Mizner’s time, the club appears to have been white and cream-colored. It apparently was Schine’s wife, Hildegarde, who liked the deep dusty rose color. The current color is much pinker than the 1950s color.

1956: Arthur Vining Davis, founder of the Aluminum Co. of America, purchases the Boca Raton Hotel & Club. He creates Arvida Development Corp. an acronym of his name.

1967: Arvida tears down the southeastern wing of the original Cloister Inn to build the 27-floor tower that holds 257 rooms and a restaurant on top. When built, it is the tallest structure between Tallahassee and Miami.

1968: Arvida opens the Great Hall, a convention center, which incorporates the structure of the Schultze & Weaver-designed outdoor swimming pool with its four corner towers.

1980: The Boca Beach Club on the beach replaces the old Cabana Club, which is demolished. The new club costs $20 million and features a half-mile of private beach, two swimming pools, 214 rooms (including eight suites) and two restaurants.

1983: The Boca Raton Hotel & Club is sold to Boca Raton Hotel and Club Limited Partnership with VMS Realty Corp., a Chicago-based real estate developer, installed as the general partner for the limited partnership.

1986: The property becomes known as the Boca Raton Resort & Club, and acquires the Boca Country Club about seven miles away.


1999: The Boca Raton Management Co. replaces VMS Realty Corp. as general partner for the Boca Raton Resort & Club Limited Partnership. In October, BRMC successfully completes the refinancing of $150 million of indebtedness.

1999: The Boca Raton Resort & Club completes a $165 million recapitalization. The resort renovates guest rooms and suites in the Cloister and Tower.

Construction begins on the Mizner Center, a $40 million meeting and catering facility.

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**Valentine’s Day Love & chocolate**

By Jan Norris

Who knows when chocolate began to be associated with Saint Valentine’s Day? The history of that marriage is vague. Suffice it to say that today it’s the chocolate lovers’ biggest day of the year, and heart-shaped boxes and fancy red-ribboned packages of the dark sweet stuff will fly off the shelves.

Chefs and others are getting creative with chocolate for Feb. 14 — it’s not just the candy makers. Check out these ideas for chocolate treats.

At the restaurant 501 East in the Boca Raton Resort and Club, the pastry chefs have taken campfire favorites and combined them into a Chocolate S’mores Cake: two layers of chocolate fudge sandwiched between layers of chocolate cake, with a graham cracker crust — all topped with a thick layer of toasted marshmallow and sitting in a pool of chocolate sauce.

The bartenders at ZED451 in Boca Raton will be pouring the Chocolate Kiss — a drink worthy of any chocholic. A mix of Godiva Chocolate vodka, Godiva Chocolate liqueur, Bailey’s Irish Cream and a scoop of Chocolate Guinness Ice Cream, this is the ultimate fix for a chocolate craving in liquid form.

At the Top of the Bridge at the Bridge Hotel in Boca Raton, chef Dudley Rich is making a beautiful Bavarian Chocolate Torte: a creamy mousse of chocolate, set on a dark chocolate layer, surrounded by a pool of raspberry coulis and fresh berries. (Hint, hint, guys: It’s a perfect dessert to have the chef bury a ring in.)

At the Four Seasons Palm Beach, pastry chef Jason Morale is making a chocolate torta with a sabayon mousse. Everyone dining leaves with a Valentine’s treat from the chef. Also at the

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**Putting sweet touches on the perfect presents**

By Paula Dettwiller

When Don Draper of the hit TV series Mad Men needed a Valentine’s Day gift for his wife, his secretary would slip out of the office and into a nearby department store. She would return with a lovely box, wrapped in colorful paper and embellished with ribbons and lace — courtesy of the department store, of course. Complimentary gift-wrapping is almost as rare today as Don Draper’s fedora. But a few select retailers in the coastal area still offer it, for Valentine’s Day and any other occasion when a gift-wrapped package can warm someone’s heart.

It’s a tradition appreciated by shoppers at Lifestyles of Lynne in Boca Raton’s Royal Palm Place. On a recent morning, Boca real estate agent Brian Jones stopped into Lynne’s to buy a housewarming gift for a client. He was happy to learn that owner Lynne Reiss would wrap the gift in her signature gold box with leopard-print chiffon ribbon.

“I went shopping over the holidays at Macy’s in Water Tower Place in Chicago,” Jones told her. “You know — the upscale tower where Oprah lives! I was shocked to find that Macy’s stopped gift-wrapping. How can you be Macy’s and not do gift wrapping?”

Reiss just nodded and kept wrapping. “I’ve always felt that if someone comes into a gift store, they want the entire experience, soup to nuts,” she says. “She’s been wrapping gifts complete with free gift card enclosures, since opening her store in 2002. ‘In the beginning, it was a major bone of contention with my accountant, who was looking out for the longevity of my business,’ Reiss says. “He suggested I do away with gift wrapping to focus back on expenses. I told him ‘Don’t even go there, it’s not going to happen.’”

**Natural Wrap**

The Petite Connection on east Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach offers gift wrapping at no extra cost. Shoppers can choose from a variety of ribbon choices and gift cards. In 2010,销毁.
The Devil’s Food Cake prepared by Ana Pheterson, pastry chef at 32 East. Photo by Tim Stepien

The chocolate connection

501 East Restaurant at the Boca Raton Resort and Club
501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton
447-3000; www.bocaresort.com

Zed 451
201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton
393-3451; www.zed451.com

Top of the Bridge at the Bridge Hotel
999 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton
368-9500; www.bocaratonbridgehotel.com

The Four Seasons Palm Beach
2800 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Phone: 582-2800; www.fourseasons.com/palmbeach/

Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach
100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan
533-6000; www.ritzcarlton.com/palmbeach

32 East
32 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach
276-7868; www.32east.com

Cupcake Couture Sweet Boutique
328 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach
276-2334; www.cupcakecoutureusa.com

Le Petit Pain French Bakery
123 S. Third St., Lantana
582-5844; www.lepetitpainfrenchbakery.com

Couture Cakes
142 SE Sixth Ave., Delray Beach
279-1828; www.couturecakeshop.com

Kilwin’s Chocolates
402 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach
278-0808; www.kilwins.com/delraybeach

If it’s real chocolates you want, Kilwin’s Chocolates in Delray Beach will offer cases, boxes and bags full of candies. To further tempt, they’ll decorate chocolate-dipped Oreos, chocolate-dipped pretzels and chocolate-covered Rice Krispie Treats with hearts and valentine motifs. For the kids, there are chocolate lollipops and their best-seller — chocolate fudge. At any of the shops, get in early or you may be disappointed in selections. For cakes and specialty baked goods, order by Feb. 7 to be sure of getting it by Valentine’s Day.

A palm tree husk tied with raffia cradles a hot-pink eyelet sundress from The Petite Connection in Delray Beach. Photo by Tim Stepien
A sleek red leather jewelry pouch doubles as gift-wrap for a sparkling bauble or a gift certificate from Private Jewelers in Delray Beach. Photo by Tim Stepien

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Beach is similarly committed to complimentary gift-wrapping. They’ve been doing it since the business opened in 1989. They also offer free gift delivery. Owner Theresa Frost says people remember that extra level of service and keep coming back.

“We have a few husbands who call and say ‘Pick out something nice for my wife, wrap it, and deliver it,’” Frost says. And they do. Even Don Draper didn’t have it that good.

Instead of wrapping paper and ribbon, the Petite Connection uses items from nature, both to contain and decorate the gifts.

“It’s a reflection of the store’s interior design, where scarves hang from a bamboo rod, necklaces drape over bits of driftwood, and a stylish handbag perches on a weathered log.

The natural look is the work of gift-wrap specialist Sandy Remo, who has worked at The Petite Connection for 12 years.

“After windstorms I run around and pick up branches and all the stuff that falls out of trees,” Remo says. “I take them home, put them on my porch to dry, wash them, and they’re ready to go.”

Remo wraps every gift differently, depending on its size and the “sticks and stones” she has on hand.

“Men tend to like it, and I’m not quite sure why,” Remo says with a laugh. “But I always ask the customer first: Do you want it wrapped with traditional paper and ribbon, or my way?”

Cupid’s Artistic Touch

Across the street at Private Jewelers, the Valentine’s Day gift wrap is itself a gift: a soft red leather travel pouch for jewelry.

Tied with a silk ribbon, the pouch has several zippered compartments inside to hide a pin, pendant or set of earrings. The pouch is also a clever way to give the gift of shopping. It can be folded around a gift certificate.

“Men are spontaneous shoppers for Valentine’s Day,” says one sales representative. “They tend to shop at the last minute. Their gift choices come from the heart — whatever they’re feeling at the moment. But if they’re just not sure about her tastes, we have a luxurious way to present a gift certificate.”

Last-minute Roméo who drop in at Joy of Palm Beach on Royal Poinciana Way on Palm Beach not only get free gift wrap, they also avoid the wait.

Gifts of all shapes and sizes are pre-wrapped in Joy’s signature colors of chocolate brown and sky blue, and displayed next to a sample of whatever gift is inside the box. Co-owner Joyce McLeary says customers love it.

“They can pull right up to the store, run in, and get something in their price range that’s already beautifully wrapped,” she says. “It makes their life easier.” For those who buy the more expensive gifts, the store is also happy to deliver. McLeary, who opened her store Nov.1, hopes her distinctive brown and blue gift wrap becomes as recognizable and desired as Tiffany’s little blue box.

For now, one thing is certain. In the words of one male shopper: “My wife’s gonna know I didn’t wrap this.”
How do you know Jack Fox? Coastal residents may know him as president of the Beach Condominium Association of Boca Raton/Highland Beach.

But for some people, he is an angel.

Fox, whose résumé includes piloting a Beechcraft Baron twin-engine plane, flies people who cannot afford air fare to treatment centers around the state. “Angel Flights has a mission that no one should be denied medical treatment because they do not have the money to get there,” said Fox, who pilots Angel Flights from Boca Raton and from his second home, in Virginia Beach. “We donate the time, the aircraft, and the fuel.”

Fox, who has flown small aircraft for 51 years, moved to Boca Raton with his wife, Beverly, about 23 years ago. The Foxes have been married 55 years and have three children and five grandchildren. They have a townhouse at Boca Raton’s Yacht & Racquet Club, where Beverly Fox raises orchids and grapes along A1A, which blocks the view of the beach.

“We live in a unique place,” he says, “It’s different from most condos. We call it a residential resort community.” Fox says the Yacht & Racquet Club “has a very, very active social program” and is a place with an island feel.

Educated to be an industrial engineer, Fox went on to own a major commercial bakery — his wife ran the bakery’s outlet store — then branched out into other businesses. “The greatness of this country is small entrepreneurs,” Fox says. “It’s the greatest country on Earth for opportunities.”

And with the Beach Condominium Association, he sees an opportunity to make a difference. Fox says he has been involved with the association about six or seven years now. The group, which originally was composed of 10 or 15 condos a quarter-century ago, now represents 63 developments, most of them along A1A. They meet the third Thursday of each month. A different condo hosts each month.

“It’s an exchange of ideas,” he says of the meetings. “Our overriding concern is managing condos — policies on pets and the disciplinary procedures the associations have.”

Top among Fox’s concerns is the unfettered growth of sea grapes along A1A, which blocks views of the beach. “They’ve been unkept and overgrown for years,” he says. “Here we have one of the most beautiful cities in southeast Florida with one of the ugliest beaches in southeast Florida.” Advocates for sea turtles say the trees prevent lights from condos from distracting turtle hatchlings. But Fox says he would like to see the city replant the beaches in an environmentally sensitive way.

“Look at Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale. They have clear beaches,” he says. Another of Fox’s passions: The Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education at Florida Atlantic University. “The program explores how groups can prejudice,” Fox says. “They teach the teachers how to teach the subject at school. And that’s a very important thing to do throughout the school system.”

— Scott Simmons

Q. Where did you grow up and go to school?
A. I was born and raised in Baltimore. Went to college at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, where I earned a degree in industrial engineering.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Boca Raton?
A. The fundamental geography. We’re 40 minutes from great culture — museums, symphonies, fine restaurants.

Q. What book are you reading now?
A. I read nonfiction. The last book I read was the history of the Civil War.

Q. Who or what makes you laugh?
A. My grandchildren.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your decisions?
A. The definition of luck: “When preparation meets opportunity.”

Q. Have you had mentors in your life? Individuals who have inspired your life decisions?
A. My dad, who passed away about 10 years ago. He was a very patriotic man with a love of country. During World War II, he was an air raid warden in Baltimore.

Q. What music do you listen to when you need inspiration? When you want to relax?
A. I like jazz and classical music. Saw the Dave Koz holiday show. We go to the Broward Center for classical and for international symphony orchestras. I’m an Entourage member of the Broward Center.

Q. Who or what makes you smile?
A. My kids and grandkids.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Boca Raton?
A. Two reasons. First, my father and mother moved to Palmair, near Pompano Beach. And Boca had one of the most progressive governments. It’s a beautiful city, except for the sea grapes, and the water is among the best in the state. Boca also has a fabulous recreation system.

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Q. What are some of your interests beyond the association?
A. I’ve been a pilot for 51 years, and keep a plane at Boca Raton airport. I have a hangar there. It’s extremely well managed.

I fly out here and in Virginia Beach, and donate the time, aircraft and fuel … I have flown cancer patients. The only requirement is that they can’t afford to or physically can’t go on a commercial flight. That’s a rewarding group.

I’m a member of the Boca Raton Pilots Association. We go on fly-outs — we recently flew up to lunch in Stuart. I also am commodore of the condo yacht club, and have a 50-foot motor yacht, the Sea Fox. We go on trips. We go to the New River Jazz Brunch, along the New River in Fort Lauderdale.

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**Tools for improving your game**

**TaylorMade R11 Driver**
For: Low- and medium-handicap players.  
Suggested Retail Price: $499  
Details: Taylor-Made-Adidas Golf takes moveable weight technology a step farther with what it calls “adjustable sole plate” technology in the R11 driver. Combined with TMAX’s flight control technology and moveable weight technology, the R11 gives a golfer 48 ways to set up the club head. The R11 includes two weight cartridges weighing 10 grams and one gram. To create a neutral bias, a player must install the heavy (10-gram) weight in the toe; for a draw bias, put the heavy weight in the heel. If a more neutral setting is desired, 4- and 6-gram weights are available separately.  
Comments: Despite all of its technology, the R11 likely will appeal to most golfers for one reason: the white color of its crown. That’s what’s going to initially attract them to the driver on the shelf and it’s what they will see when they put the club on the ground. Most won’t know that the R11 is 440cc as opposed to their current 460cc driver, which is OK because that’s a bit of the eye trickery of the white crown.

**Titleist 910 D2 Driver**
For: Low- and medium-handicap players  
Suggested Retail Price: $499  
Details: The Titleist 910 D2 (460cc) features a “SureFit Tour” dual angle hosel that allows the loft and lie of each driver to be independently adjusted and set.  
Comments: The technology features a sleeve and a ring, each with four settings. The sleeve settings are numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 and the ring settings are lettered A, B, C, D. The result is a matrix of 16 loft/lie combinations that allows the club fitter or golfer to make left or right flight improvements (mostly via lie adjustments), and launch and spin improvements (mostly via loft adjustments).  

**Bushnell Hybrid Rangefinder**
For: All players  
Suggested Retail Price: $499  
Details: A combination of Bushnell’s popular laser rangefinder with GPS. The company says the Hybrid provides golfers with precise distances within one yard to virtually any point on any course in the world. The Hybrid’s GPS function allows users to access more than 16,000 North American golf courses that have been loaded onto the device, making it ready to use right out of the box without ever having to pay membership fees.  
Comments: Obviously a player must check to see if his or her course is among those loaded in the Hybrid. Rangefinders are becoming more popular, but it should be noted that rangefinders of any kind are not allowed in tournaments played under U.S. Golf Association rules.

**FootJoy DryJoy Tour Golf Shoes**
For: All players  
Suggested Retail Price: $170 per pair  
Details: The DryJoy Tour feature what FootJoy calls “the next generation” Tri-Density TPU Stability PODS outside. The new shoe has four cleats vs. two in prior models. A fiberglass composite support bridge is enlisted to provide mid-foot stability and support. The shoes incorporate a new Cyclone cleat by Softspikes to create more traction and support.  
Comments: Stability is vital for a good golf game and the technology in the DryJoy Tour helps achieve that goal. The DryJoy Tour’s improved stability and connection with the ground is something most players, especially big swingers, will notice right away.

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**TaylorMade Octane Driver**
For: Medium- to high-handicap players  
Suggested Retail Price: $299  
Details: The 46-inch driver’s club head is made of forged composite, a material Callaway developed in conjunction with research and development partner Automobili Lamborghini.  
Comments: Taking more weight out of the crown and moving it deeper in the club head helps a player (at least in theory) create more swing speed and better accuracy. The latter is particularly important given the 46-inch shaft.

**Callaway Diablo Octane Driver**
For: Medium- to high-handicap players  
Suggested Retail Price: $299  
Details: Callaway’s version of its popular Tour B330 ball, the Tour B330-RX is for a player with moderate swing speeds between 85 and 105 mph. The multilayer urethane ball features a large and soft and a 330-dimple design. The softer core allows the ball to fully compress, especially for players with slower swing speeds.  
Comments: Egos aside, most players have a swing speed on the lower end of the 85 to 105 mph scale, making the Tour B330-RX a better performing ball for them than the premium Tour B330 or Titleist Pro V1, each of which is designed for players with swing speeds in excess of 105 mph.

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Looking at fit when choosing new clubs

By Steve Pike

So you want to be like Tiger and Phil?

Good luck. But you can get a little closer by doing one thing each of them does. That is, get fit for clubs — even a golf ball. And don’t let your ego get in the way. With a little bit of research, chances are good you will find the correct club and ball for your skill level.

Today’s sophisticated club and ball technology works so long as a player has the talent to make it work. For example, a player with a swing speed of 90 miles an hour doesn’t need a ball such as a Titleist Pro V1 or Bridgestone Tour B330. Those balls are made to perform for players with swing speeds in excess of 105 mph.

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Coasting Along

As they pause to smell the flora, golfers find variety rules

By Tim Norris

On the first tee box at Red Reef executive golf course one early winter day, looking to adventure ahead, a parade of humanity shows off its theme and variations.

On an unusually cool day, the parade has slowed. From behind the clubhouse counter, Jay Fischer of the city of Boca Raton Recreation Services saw only a few of a usually hardly weekly woman’s group. Still, he can watch and learn.

Tee pushed into ground, ball set on it in balance, club brandished from the bag, the enterprise and the effort reveal them. Thwack! Sculled. Thwack! Topped, Thw … missed. (Oh, the humanity.) Mostly, thrwck, thrwck, thrwck, thrwck, thrwck, clean and airborne, looking to the wide uplift of green and the deep-throated rattles of dimpled ball finding bottom of cup.

Tempo, rhythm, bobbin and pendulum, arc and downswing, herk and jerk, on the first tee a game of almost infinite variety greets players of almost infinite variety. Encountering the course, the players meet the methods. Meet the gadgets. Meet the drills. Meet the sales pitch. In concept, golf is a game of numbers, of yardages, pitches. In concept, golf is a game of almost infinite variety rules.

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Out.... Can they find the green 132 yards out, flirt with the flag? Can they avoid the sand traps? Can they get the ball in the air? Will they shank one into the long line of hedge skirting the tee box or bend a shot way off to the right and splash down across the Intracoastal canal near that yacht with “Sexy” amidships in shiny silver letters?

Regardless, they will parade their own stuff, and form does not always follow function. One gentleman shows a back-swing about two feet long and smacks the ball straight down the middle, just short of the green and its shimmer of seashore pampas grass.

Satisfaction in sameness

In pausing to smell the flora, to take in the scene, they might find a worthier goal than chasing a number: finding satisfaction. In sameness, like the distant view of an old-time assembly line swarm with workers in matching coveralls, or of unformed masses massed into rectangles. Taking comfort in difference. Achievers achieving or failing short. Retirees relaxing just enough or too much.

New hybrids or old persimmons, the exact yardages of a GPS, iced tea or beer for a chaser, focus locus or focus pocus.

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Singer Michelete Innocent, who once performed for French President Jacques Mitterrand’s wedding, is also serenading this little girl at the 2nd Annual Boca Raton Fine Art Gala in Royal Palm Place in Boca Raton Jan. 22-23. Photo by Mary Thurmather

3/3 - Lecture - Mark Chudacoff - presented as part of the Executive Lecture Series at the Office of Faculty Development Hall, 277 Gables Hall. Lecture series held every Thursday through 4/22. Guest speaker Mark Chudacoff, president of Midwest Truck and Auto Parts, 2019 W. Sample Rd., free. 8:45 a.m. online at www.faudaisumc.org beginning the Monday prior to each lecture. 297-2980.

3/3 - 10th Annual Magical Evening of Music - Presented by O.D. Meiners at Old School Square, 1501 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Easterling Center and劾 episome Community Fine Foods. Performance starting at 8:15 p.m. Key West arrivals Reception with Dr. Meiners and Mander, 6 p.m. silent auction with dinner and bid on auction 7 p.m. live auction fee proceeds for Lucy Wainwright. VIP ticket 200. General admission 75. 212-9099 Ext. 106.


3/3 - Art & Design Walk - presented by the Easterling Center in conjunction with the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. For ages 13-24. Black tie optional. 6:30 pm. $75/residents; $95/non-residents. 392-2500 Ext. 106 or www.bocamuseum.org.

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By Emily J. Minor

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Mr. DeMarco’s daughter, Judy DeMarco, called her father “the salt of the earth who would give anyone the shirt of his back.”

“He was gentle and he was caring,” she said. “Family was the most important thing in the world to him.”

Born and raised in the Navy Yard section of Brooklyn, Mr. DeMarco was one of five children.

At 17, he joined the U.S. Army and was part of the war team that came ashore on Normandy Beach. “He was right there in the thick of it,” his daughter said.

During his years in Highland Beach, Mr. DeMarco served on the board at the Coronado condominiums. He also gave his time and expertise to the town, serving on the Highland Beach finance committee.

Mr. DeMarco had been in failing health in recent years, suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, said his daughter, who said her father was hospitalized shortly before his death.

A man of devout Catholic faith, Mr. DeMarco was an everyday fixture at St. Lucy Catholic Church in Highland Beach until his recent hospitalization, attending Mass and helping set up services nearly every morning.

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Mr. DeMarco was buried with military honors at Our Lady Queen of Peace Mausoleum in Royal Palm Beach.

Besides his wife and daughter, survivors include three brothers, John, Jack, and Jeffrey. He also is survived by seven grandchildren.

Anne Iffland Ryan

By Mary Thurwachter

HIGHLAND BEACH — Friends say Anne Iffland Ryan was known as “Nancy,” Mrs. Ryan attended schools in Stamford and the College of Saint Joseph in 1900.

She is survived by her two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Rosemary Magnier of Boca Raton, and Mrs. Alice Devine of Norwalk.

During her husband's illness, she was preceded in death by her two brothers-in-law, Vincent A. Ryan and John D. Ryan, and her best friend and sister-in-law, Rita (Ryan) Jacovoz, all formerly of Stamford, and Delray Beach.

A funeral Mass was held Jan. 13 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, where he passed away.

Mr. DeMarco took the Long Island Rail Road into the Manhattan, where he worked for several different accounting firms, eventually retiring in 1986.

The following year the couple bought their home in Highland Beach and moved to Florida in 1989.

“He never wanted to come to Florida, but there was no taking him out of the state once he got a taste of it,” said his daughter.

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Catholic Church, where he held Jan. 13 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Highland Beach.

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He was captured.

“My father spent his 17th birthday in a prison camp,” said his son, John W. Chluski.

Released near Kiev, Ukraine, after several months, Mr. Chluski traveled by train and bicycle across Europe and to Algiers, in North Africa, where he stayed until the Allies arrived in 1942. And then his true courage came forth.

“He didn’t speak extensively about World War II,” his son said, “but over the years I got a rather complete picture.”

Still only 19, Mr. Chluski went to work for the Office of Strategic Services — forerunner of the CIA — making parachute drops into occupied France and Belgium. “It was probably not even official,” his son said, “because he wasn’t an American citizen, but they used a lot of foreigners who could speak languages for reconnaissance missions.”

Mr. Chluski made six drops behind enemy lines, always with a single partner whom he did not know, and both with false names. “He was reluctant to describe it, but he had numerous shrapnel wounds,” his son said.

Inlet webcam back in action

Wonder what the weather is like at the Boca Raton Inlet? Wonder no more. You can find out by visiting www.pbcgov.org/ermm/beachcams.htm. You’ll find up-to-date photos of the area, advice that will be especially useful for boaters, surfers and beach goers.

Palm Beach County Commissioner Steven Abrams, who announces a new beach camera was installed in January, says he is already hearing from residents who are happy the camera is up and running again. “The Safety is key and the Boca Inlet is an extremely busy waterway so this camera is important to residents,” Abrams says.

The camera is at South Inlet Park at 1298 S. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton.
Chabad community welcomes all to plaza center

The Chabad of South Palm Beach’s new center in Manalapan’s Plaza Del Mar is just plain welcoming.

“We really did try to create that feel,” said Rabbi Leibel Stolik. “We wanted it to be an inviting, warm, welcoming atmosphere, so that people can feel welcome, walk by and feel that nobody and anybody can come in. And this includes Jews and non-Jews as well.”

That initial consonant in “chabad” sounds closer to a “k” to some. “If you say ‘habad,’ you’ll be forgiven,” Stolik quipped.

The chabad movement within Judaism is characterized by its emphasis, he said.

“Chabad stands for the three intellectual parts of your brain: knowledge, understanding and wisdom. Basically, it means to incorporate godliness and the appreciation of godliness not only in your heart, but in your mind as well.”

There is much more to this philosophy shared by hundreds of thousands of people at thousands of chabad locations. Each is independently operated, has its own budget, fundraising, services and so forth.

Stolik cited 10 to 15 chabads in Palm Beach County, including three in Boca Raton, two in Boynton Beach and one in Delray Beach.

The philosophy “is the idea of helping and reaching out to and caring for other people,” he said.

“That’s what he, his wife, Shaina, and others have been doing for more than two years in various rented space and, since September, in the renovated storefront at 242 S. Ocean Blvd. in the Plaza Del Mar, next to the Cashmere Shop.

Although a chabad is primarily a religious organization, “whenever possible we try to help out people in the community as well,” he said.

That could mean volunteering in hospitals, helping the elderly or any of the host of social programs offered by a chabad.

The Chabad of South Palm Beach’s Jan. 23 “Open Air Jazz Concert” at the Lastanta Nature Preserve drew more than 100 people. There are women’s and men’s activities. A Passover seder will probably draw other people.

“For most synagogues,” Stolik said, “and perhaps churches as well as mosques, there’s a certain need that members pull together and create a house of worship, and they bring down a rabbi or leader or minister or imam to serve their purpose.”

In this case, “There wasn’t an established membership that felt that there was a need to establish a new synagogue. We felt that if we open up our doors, and if we reach out to people and create this environment, we felt that this was a need for the community, that we were doing good for the community.”

Although the various education, holiday and community programs are going on as before, he said, the regular prayers services are still at their beginning and picking up.

Inside the entrance, prayer books and Bibles adorn bookcase shelves. There are prayer shawls — in this case blue-and-white.

One usually dons these when entering a synagogue to pray, also usually wearing a kipah, the traditional Jewish head covering, “symbolizing that there’s an authority above us, there’s always something on top of us,” the rabbi said.

“Pure inspiration,” is how Stolik described the traditional 9:30 a.m. Saturday service during which a chazzan leads the prayer and a portion of the Torah is read.

A recent reading featured the portion pertaining to the 10 Commandments, “so it was a very special week.”

Still, how does a storefront center exude such warmth of atmosphere?

“There were some people in the community that helped us set up the space,” said Stolik, “so maybe it’s a tribute to their skill in the layout and the design.”

And, of course, where good people gather, there’s usually a good spiritual vibe.

More information: chabadofsouthpalmbeach.org or 561-889-3499.

Foul odors coming from your ready-to-kiss-you dog should not be quickly dismissed simply as ‘dog breath.’ And when is the last time you did a “down in the mouth” inspection of your cat’s teeth and gums? As astonishing as it may sound, most cats and dogs show signs of dental disease by age 4, according to the American Veterinary Dental Society.

Many oral diseases can be avoided if we get in the same daily habit with our pets that we do for ourselves: Brush their teeth.

In honor of February being proclaimed National Pet Dental Month, I’m encouraging all of you to truly be your pet’s best friend by learning how to perform at-home dental care.

By doing so, you can go a long way in keeping your pet healthy and in saving money on your veterinary bills. Far too often, dental diseases such as tooth resorption, periodontal disease, stomatitis and oral tumors can also impact your pet’s heart, kidneys and other vital organs if untreated.

Start early and open your pet accustomed to having his mouth opened and touched — much like getting him used to having their nails touched and trimmed,” says Tiffany Brown, DVM, a board-certified veterinary dentist who opened her specialty practice inside the El Cid Animal Clinic in West Palm Beach in October.

Until then, Palm Beach County did not have any veterinary dentists and the closest one was in Hollywood. The entire Sunshine State only has five veterinary dentists, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

As “dog breath” and cats refusing to open their mouths to their pet owners, veterinarians in the county refer their most challenging cases to her.

“My first case in Palm Beach County involved a 1-year-old beagle-dachshund mix who was unable to close his mouth and was acting panicky,” says Dr. Brown. “He had teeth stuck together and needed multiple extractions.

The surgery was successful. According to his owner, this dog was happily running and playing at the dog park three days after finishing his pain medications.”

Dr. Brown is a proponent of preventive care and shares these dental tips:

• Use toothpaste designated for cats and dogs.
• Avoid playing fetch with ice cubes or synthetic bones.
• Do not use human toothpaste because it contains fluoride. “Fluoride is not meant to be swallowed and our dogs and cats do not spit and rinse like we do,” she explains. Pet toothpaste is intentionally sticky and contains enzymes that work on teeth.
• Avoid playing fetch with tennis balls. “The fuzz on tennis balls gets dirty and it is abrasive. It can file away the enamel on a dog’s teeth and lead to pulps of the gums,” she explains. Pet toothpaste contains enzymes that work on teeth.
• Use a soft, non-rough, smooth-coated toys and Kong toys — they bounce and you can stuff them with something tasty,” she says.
• Skip giving your dog ice cubes or synthetic bones. “Believe it or not, dogs’ teeth are weaker than ours — they might discover spots of blood on chew toys.”

Warning signs
Consult your veterinarian if your dog or cat shows any of these signs:

• Bad breath
• Chronic vomiting
• Becoming messy eaters, leaving pieces of kibble around the food bowl
• Swollen gums
• Bleeding gums (You might discover spots of blood on chew toys)
• Resistance to being touched or brushed on the head
• Paving at the face, sneezing or hiding

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Visitors arrive in the courtyard after traveling through a gated entrance in a three-bedroom carriage house. The entrance has iron railings and balconies.

This estate of more than 1 acre graces exclusive oceanfront grounds in Highland Beach's Estate Section, commanding views of the open Atlantic. The manicured and expansive tropical grounds gently slope to the beach with direct dune access along 100 +/- feet of pristine shoreline.

This Italianate-style villa home, just completed in today's modern-edge style, has more than 17,804 square feet with eight bedrooms, five full and three half-baths and elevator. The flooring is limestone, hardwood and terra-cotta tile, perfect for oceanfront living.

One enters the grounds via iron gates at the drive-through two-story, three-bedroom carriage/guest house, following the Chicago brick motor court that leads to a dramatic fountain. Garages accommodate five cars.

Introduced by a grand foyer with art-glass windows, one is ushered into comfortably scaled rooms along with rich hardwoods, stone and new furnishings by award-winning Marc Michaels Interior Design. Complete with summer kitchen, a loggia adjoins the pool, all overlooking the beach and ocean beyond. An oceanside terrace frames the fountained, resort-style Pool/Patio foyer.

The first floor features a spectacular living room with beamed ceiling and fireplace, a gallery, book-lined library, formal dining room with hand-painted stenciled walls, a family room and pub room. The chef’s kitchen includes Calacatta gold marble counters, two Sub-Zero refrigerators, a Viking range and butler’s pantry. The second floor master suite opens to a balcony; there is a sitting room and his and hers baths/dressing rooms. Three additional bedrooms, along with an exercise room or fifth bedroom, complete the upper level.

Located directly on the beach in Highland Beach, this home has a commanding view of the ocean.

Affording unparalleled oceanfront living, this property represents an exceptional offering at $14,950,000 furnished. Contact Brokers/Owners Gerard Liguori, Carmen D'Angelo Jr. and Joseph Liguori, Premier Estate Properties: 866-281-3884.

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ABOVE: The master bedroom is an oasis of calm, perfect for retreating from the cares of the world. LEFT: Classic design frames the formal dining room.
For the second year in a row HealthGrades®, the leading independent healthcare ratings organization, has ranked Boca Raton Regional Hospital #1 for cardiac surgery in the state of Florida in 2010 and 2011. According to their study, patients having bypass or valve surgery at Boca Regional have a lower risk for adverse clinical outcomes relative to all other hospitals. They’ve also ranked the Hospital #1 for overall cardiac services and #1 for the treatment of stroke.

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