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Police and licensed trappers capture a rare American crocodile Jan. 5 on the Little Club Golf Course in Gulf Stream. This same crocodile also may have been spotted along the Intracoastal Waterway from Boca Raton to Lake Worth. It was transferred to Miami-Dade County. Trappers (from left) Will Gilmartin, Richard Cochran, Gulf Stream Police investigator John Passeggiata (with flashlight) and trapper Bill Gilmartin. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

Along the Coast

A rare crocodile’s trek: Key Largo to Gulf Stream

By Cheryl Blackerby

The female crocodile made her way north from Key Largo, where she had already been trapped twice in the same swimming pool, to a small pond on the Little Club Golf Course in Gulf Stream. Along the way, she was spotted at Lighthouse Point, near Two Georges Waterfront Restaurant in Boynton Beach and at the spillway in Lake Worth Lagoon. Her journey ended Jan. 5 when she was captured at the Little Club. Most everyone thought she was an alligator, which are common in south Florida. Crocodile sightings in Palm Beach County, however, are few and far between.

“The crocodile population is recovering and we’re seeing crocodiles where we haven’t seen them in decades, but they’re still quite rare,” said Lindsey Hord, biologist and crocodile response coordinator for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Lantana/Manalapan

Freak storm floods Hypoluxo Island — again

By Dan Moffett

The town of Lantana completed more than $1 million worth of drain, sewer and road improvements on Hypoluxo Island last summer, and officials told residents in the flood-prone neighborhoods they would be good until the next 100-year storm. What no one knew then was that the next 100-year storm was only a matter of months away.

On Jan. 9, lines of powerful thunderstorms unexpectedly collided with a stubborn cold front and dumped torrential rains throughout the coastal area. Cory Lambe clears out drains along Lands End Road on Hypoluxo Island. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

Delray Beach

Atlantic Crossing approved; traffic potential remains an issue

By Tim Pallesen

Atlantic Crossing has its final city approval — but with a warning by the mayor that its traffic might degrade the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

City commissioners gave final approval for the project’s site plan by a 3-2 vote on Jan. 21 in packed chambers. Construction may be underway this summer. Coastal residents who joined in opposition with residents living north and south of the Atlantic Crossing site failed to get a street entrance off Federal Highway to relieve traffic on East Atlantic Avenue and into their neighborhoods.

Mayor Cary Glickstein cautioned commissioners that affected neighborhoods represent 30 percent of city taxable property values.

"I see the site plan as deeply flawed," Glickstein said. "It’s almost inconceivable to me how the traffic flow could ever work."

Commissioners Al Jacquet, Angeleta Gray and Adam Frankel voted to approve the final site plan stressing the economic stimulus the project will bring to the city. Glickstein and Commissioner Shelly Petrolia opposed.

"This is an opportunity to bring something that we’re proud of onto that

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Editor’s Note
From freedom of speech to loss, every month a unique challenge

With five years of publishing this local newspaper under my belt, my skin has grown a little thicker. I still dread phone calls since I worry we’ve made some error, or omitted some item or caused some reader distress by our choice of words or photograph. All of us at The Coastal Star try to get things right, so when readers and advertisers are upset, I get upset, too. Still, I’ve learned that mistakes do happen and amends can usually be made.

Sometimes, though, it’s the content of our advertising that makes people uneasy: Businesses challenge the promotional claims of their competitors or political candidates come out swinging. We try to keep these paying customers honest while still recognizing their freedom of speech. As you’ll see in this edition, election campaigning has started and we have a more challenging-than-usual month.

But by far, the most difficult challenge we faced this past month was saying goodbye to a dear friend and colleague. Coastal Star reporter Tim O’Melia died Jan. 13 after battling cancer for several years. On Page 28 you will find a lovely tribute by Tim’s long-time colleague Ron Hayes.

We don’t usually run such lengthy obituaries, but for writers (and editors), putting words in print is sometimes the only solace for an aching heart. And all our hearts are aching. Rest in peace, dear friend.

— Mary Kate Leming, Editor

Correction
In an earlier edition, The Coastal Star incorrectly reported the website for the Wear Your Soul Foundation, a nonprofit organization started by Joe and Henry Ostaszewski. The correct Web address is www.wearyoursoul.org.

Message of hope not lost for Wayside board member

By Linda Haase

Perry O’Neal’s message is simple: There is help. There is hope. And women who are battling addictions can find it at Wayside House. O’Neal, who lives in Gulf Stream, just stepped down as president of the Wayside House board of directors, a post he has held since 1992. He is passionate about the nonprofit treatment program for women who struggle with substance abuse; and his commitment to the Delray Beach facility won’t wane after he leaves his post, he promises (he’ll remain a member of the board).

“People used to say Wayside was the best-kept secret in town, but we have made ourselves known. We have expanded to 31 beds and have helped many women,” said O’Neal, who, as a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, knows the pitfalls of addiction.

“Every month people come back to Wayside House being sober and they tell their story to those who are undergoing treatment. They learn that there is life after substance abuse. It is very inspiring.”

That’s why the 84-year-old retired banker is doing his part to promote Wayside House’s Spring Boutique and preview party Feb. 24-27. The popular event, which lures vendors from across the country, raises money for the facility’s programs.

The event began more than 20 years ago in one room, he said. It has grown tremendously, he said with pride. “It gives people a chance to learn about Wayside House and buy things from stores that aren’t in the area.”

O’Neal turned to AA when he was 48 to get help with his drinking problem.

“My drinking increased as I got older but I went to work every day and was careful about not drinking too much in public, so people were surprised to hear I was in AA,” he explained, adding that the stigma of getting treatment was much stronger back then. “If the bank I worked for knew I was in AA, I would have been fired. They would have thought I couldn’t be trusted with money if I was an alcoholic.”

O’Neal worked at Indiana National Bank for 25 years as a vice president and trust officer.

“My sister suggested I go to AA. I saw all these happy people and I knew I wanted to be one of them. Life became better. I went to meetings regularly and am able to live a clean and sober life.”

His experience makes it easier to relate to those who seek help at Wayside House, which was founded in 1974 (the new clinical wing will be dedicated to O’Neal this month).

O’Neal, who is a Yale University grad and has a law degree from University of Virginia School of Law, moved to Gulf Stream in 1986 and began helping Wayside House shortly after.

Although Gulf Stream is very different from Indianapolis, where O’Neal was born and grew up, the bachelor quickly came to love the area. He served on the Wayside House board in 1987 and in 1991 he was elected to the board and continued to serve as president. Perry O’Neal has stepped down as president of the board of Wayside House, but will remain active with the center, which helps women battle addiction. Tim Stepenis/The Coastal Star

If You Go
What: Wayside House Spring Boutique Preview Party and Spring Boutique, a high-end trunk show with about 35 exclusive vendors from across the country. Proceeds help fund programs at Wayside House.

When: Preview Party — 6-8 p.m. Feb. 24
Spring Boutique — 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 25-27

Where: Colony Hotel, 552 S. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach.

Tickets: $85 per person for the preview party (includes cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, free valet parking and two hours of shopping); $55 per person for the Spring Boutique Information: Call 666-9162 or visitwaysidehouse.net (Tickets for the preview party can be purchased online).

Perry O’Neal’s message is simple: There is help. There is hope. And women who are battling addictions can find it at Wayside House.
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Letter to the Editor

Debate continues about beach access

I agree with you that public funding for sand replacement on beaches should allow access to public beaches. In Ocean Ridge we have four public parks either within or adjacent to the town. Three of these parks front the town. The town also has a number of public walkovers to allow individuals access to the public portion (legal high tide waterline to ocean).

I don’t live on the ocean nor do I own any beach property. I do have deeded easement that allows me access to the beach. This allows me access to the public portion of the beach but in no way gives me any right to use the private property my easement passes through.

So far as working something out with Boynton Beach, that was done when Ocean Ridge originally became a town and provides residents of Boynton Beach a public beach park in the middle of Ocean Ridge.

Given your argument that public funds are used to maintain the beach, so everyone should be given access to the private properties on the beach makes no more sense than saying that public funds maintain the roads where you live, so therefore everyone should get to enjoy your backyard by having parties there any time of day or night and then just leave their trash when they go home.

If you believe Ocean Ridge limits access to the ocean, then you should really be after the towns to the north and south of Ocean Ridge.

Earl Jones
Ocean Ridge

Editor’s Note: Our January editorial did not say or even suggest that “everyone should be given access to the private properties on the beach.” The wording was: Ocean Ridge: Public beaches get public funding for maintenance renourishment and storm repair. Private beaches do not. If you don’t like people coming across the bridge to use “your” beach, talk to Boynton Beach.
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Ocean Ridge

Commissioners warned about ‘implied barriers’ to beaches

By Dan Moffett

Ocean Ridge commissioners, who have struggled for months trying to decide how to manage access to their public beaches, got some free legal advice from a resident who also happens to be a Palm Beach County circuit judge.

Lucy Chernow Brown, who has lived in Ocean Ridge for more than 20 years and who has been a judge in the 15th Judicial Circuit since 1991, told them to be careful about confusing beach access issues with beach enforcement issues. You can’t justily closing a public beach just because some people behave badly when they use it,” she said. And she told them to be very careful about putting up implied barriers that keep the public away. Brown said the town of Palm Beach tried using unlocked gates to deter foot traffic to its beach and wound up taking a beating in court.

“I think you want to be careful and not raise this question of a barrier to public access,” she told commissioners during their Jan. 10 meeting. “Believe me, the people in Palm Beach said a lot of the same things that the people in Ocean Ridge are saying — that ‘there are too many people using our beach.’”

Commissioners have been wrestling with beach sign issues since October when residents near the Beachway Drive dune walkover put up “private beach” signs to keep people off their beachfront backyards. Property owners have complained that the town’s “public access” signs are attracting too many out-of-town beach-goers and are really unwarranted advertising that the commission should stop.

“When you talk about not advertising it, it can be interpreted as a barrier to the kind of public access that has been historical in Florida,” Brown told the commission. “You want to be careful that you don’t run into the kind of lawsuit that other towns in Florida have run into.”

The courts may view Ocean Ridge’s “private beach” signs the same way as Palm Beach’s unlocked gates, Brown suggested.

She cited two cases: a 1974 circuit court ruling that said barricades to public beaches are illegal; and a 1990 case in which one of Brown’s former colleagues, retired Circuit Judge Edward Rodgers, excoriated Palm Beach for putting up the unlocked gates that impeded access to the town’s beaches.

“Gates, even though unlocked, present a barrier and suggestion of private property, especially in Palm Beach, a town internationally known for its private estates secured by gates,” Rodgers wrote in ruling against the town. “The public should not be denied access to the places it has a right to be.”

Commissioner Ed Brookes suggested that “You do a good job,” Pugh said. “I don’t expect any fireworks display. You do what you’re supposed to do. That’s what we have as a town manager. I don’t think at this point in your life there’s going to be any huge change in the way you manage. The town as a whole should get used to that or get someone else.”

Two commission seats are open for three-year terms in the March 11 municipal election. The filing period for candidates runs from Jan. 28 at noon until noon on Feb. 11.
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Gulf Stream

By Dan Moffett

Gulf Stream commissioners came to their first meeting of the new year primed for a lively discussion with the town’s civic association over a charter change to staggered elections.

“T’m a little disappointed that the civic association is not participating in this dialogue,” said Commissioner Robert Ganger. “One one hand, you’ve got to congratulate them for starting this conversation. On the other hand, I think you better get on with it and set some real goals.”

In November, the association sent a letter to the commission urging the change from the current schedule that makes Gulf Stream one of only a few South Florida municipalities that elects all its commissioners in the same year.

But the civic association has had little to say since. Patsy O’Boyle, who heads the association’s charter review committee, said there was “misunderstanding and miscommunication” between her group and the commissioners about attending the meeting. “The bigger picture is charter review,” she said, and the association is looking forward to working with the commission on that in the months ahead.

Running out of time before the March election deadlines and running out of patience for the no-show civic association, commissioners voted 5-0 to deny final approval for the staggered terms proposal.

Instead, they decided to keep the lines of communication open with residents and explore the issues of elections and other possible charter changes through workshops down the road.

Commissioner Garrett Dering, who says he won’t seek re-election for the two-year term, said that if members of the civic association “want to be driving the boat,” then they should run for office and be on the commission.

Ganger, former president of the civic association, said it was important that commissioners take cues from the association because it “represents 75 to 80 percent of the residents in the community.”

Countered Dering: “Well, we represent 100 percent.”

Mayor Joan Ortlwein said she believes that some members of the association still support staggered terms, but the group isn’t ready yet to jump into the politics surrounding the issue.

“I think they’re researching other charters and communities to help decide what to do and what not to do,” she said.

On the prospects for a wider charter review, Town Attorney John “Skip” Randolph echoed Dering’s warning to avoid “knee-jerk reactions.”

Randolph made the case for restraint and a thoughtful approach before changing the town’s blueprint for governing.

He said there was nothing in it that was “begging for review.”

“The charter has worked well for you for a lot of years,” Randolph said. “It has served you well. The more simple the charter, the better. Your charter addresses everything you need to address in a charter.”

Gulf Stream has not had a commissioner who has gone through an election for a seat since 1993 and has had only one contested race since 1978.

“What good is a staggered election going to do to change that?” Dering asked.

In other business, Commissioners decided to defer action on a proposal brought forward by Town Manager William Thrasher that would standardize construction markers for the grass areas along the town’s roadways.

Thrasher said the proposal was in response to a “cry for help” from property owners who have to make repairs to sodded areas that large construction and delivery trucks tear up when they drive off the pavement. He said currently residents use a hodgepodge of different markers — PVC pipe, concrete buttons, wooden stakes — to keep traffic off the grass.

Thrasher has proposed using golf course-style tee markers, but commissioners have concerns about liability issues and different谔 both to solicit more research and revisit the issue later.

Two of Gulf Stream’s harshest and loudest critics have picked up campaign packets from the town clerk and are considering a run for the Town Commission in the March 11 municipal election.

Martin O’Boyle, who took the town to court last year in a dispute over renovations to his waterfront home, and Christopher O’Hare, who runs an Internet website that lampoons town officials, have until Feb. 11 at noon to submit their documents and formally enter the race for the five open commission seats.

Mayor Joan Ortlwein and Commissioner Robert Ganger also have received campaign papers from Town Clerk Rita Taylor. Commissioner Garrett Dering announced in December that he would not seek re-election for the two-year term.

— Dan Moffett
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**Water taxi aims to start this month**

By Jane Smith

After four years and $20,253 in federal tax money, the Boynton Harbor Marina has a water taxi operator.

Capt. Dane L. Mark returned to South Florida to set up the service. He had operated the Ramblin’ Rose Riverboat in Delray Beach in the 1990s.

“We’re thrilled,” said Michael Simon, development director for Boynton Beach.

“That means our marina is completely leased. We have dive boats, deep-sea fishing boats, pleasure boats for rent.”

Mark chose Boynton Harbor Marina because it had dock space available for Admiral, his 40-foot fiberglass boat licensed to carry 43 people.

Plus, the marina has free covered parking for guests, Mark said.

Separately, the county’s League of Cities is working on a countywide ordinance to make it easier for boat owners to operate a water taxi service, said Richard Radcliffe, executive director of the Palm Beach County group and coordinator of its water taxi task force.

In late January, the League’s board approved the ordinance. It streamlines the paperwork for boat owners by allowing them to register with the county for $100 and pay the business tax to the city where they stop. The 5½-hour round trip is $28, county records show.

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A 40-foot fiberglas boat licensed to carry 43 people. It will depart Boynton Harbor Marina. Photo provided

The county’s boat owners are in favor of it, said John Sprague, who sits on the legislative affairs committee for the Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County. “As long as it pertains only to water taxis, we have no problem with it.”

The League is working with the county’s Metropolitan Planning Organization to make better use of the eight new water taxi docks that were built using federal tax dollars, a total of $842,163 in the past five years.

The ordinance returns to the County Commission to be heard sometime soon. It will cover all water-taxi docks along the Intracoastal Waterway.

But Mark is setting up his business now. He has a daily schedule of morning trips from Boynton Beach to Deerfield Beach where guests can cruise down the Intracoastal, marveling at the mansions along the way, then get off for a 90-minute lunch at the Two Georges at The Cove Restaurant. The cost of the ½-hour round trip is $28, not including food. His vessel is not equipped to do credit card processing, so he suggests visiting an ATM before boarding.

Although the Admiral is licensed to carry 43 people, Mark will take only 30 on those day trips.

Thursday through Saturdays, he plans an evening trip to Delray Beach for those who want to dine there or even just visit that city and its funky downtown.

The Admiral leaves the Boynton Beach marina at 6 p.m., arrives in Delray Beach at 6:30 p.m. Then departs Delray Beach at 9 p.m. and arrives in Boynton Beach at 9:30 p.m.

Mark left South Florida for a variety of reasons, including that he was just starting a family and wanted to raise his children in small town up North where he and his wife are from.

During that time, he maintained his captain’s license and operated a water taxi service on Lake Erie. His business is dependent on the weather, and last summer was very rainy in northeastern Ohio. So he is back in South Florida, hoping to complete his paperwork and be in business by Feb. 1.

For reservations (recommended), call 400-9054 or visit palmbeachfl.com-thingstodo-attractions.
Echos of yesteryear in new beach pavilion

By Paula Detwiller

The year was 1929. Delray Beach was feeling the loss of its popular beachside pavilion, which was destroyed by hurricanes in 1926 and '28.

Who would pay for a replacement? The city was in no shape to do it.

"The Depression started early in Florida, due to the land bust of 1927," explains archivist Dottie Patterson of the Delray Beach Historical Society.

Still, the community wanted a new beach pavilion — so the community pitched in and made it happen.

That "can-do" spirit in the face of economic downturn — not to mention the fanciful design of the pavilion — has now been replicated at the corner of A1A and Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach. When the finishing touches are put on the new, green-and-white-roofed beach pavilion this month, you'll be looking at history repeating itself.

It just took a little longer the second time around.

The original structure

On Oct. 11, 1929, the Delray Beach News reported that construction on the new pavilion would begin the following week because "sufficient funds are on hand to begin the work."

"The work has been made possible by the cooperation of local merchants, the carpenters and painters union, and the assistance of residents and winter visitors," the story read.

The Kiwanis Club led the fundraising effort, successfully collecting cash donations from dozens of donors, including Love Drug Company ($25), The Rista Hotel ($12), Novelty Dress Shop ($9), and Friedlander Tire Company ($6).

The Delray Lumber Company furnished all building materials at cost. The Delray Electric Company donated the electrical wiring plus installation. Two local plumbing companies volunteered to build showers for the benefit of bathers.

Union carpenters and painters pledged to work free, and local prisoners were enlisted to handle the "common labor," such as sinking the pilings and building the foundation.

Aron Smock, a local artist whose watercolors still hang at the Historical Society, drew the pavilion's design. "It was rather whimsical," Patterson says.

Total cost of the project: $720. The pavilion enjoyed an active 17-year life, providing shade, ocean views and a gathering spot for events such as the annual Easter sunrise church service. In 1947, a hurricane blew it down.

The modern-day replica

Construction of today's new pavilion also had grass-roots beginnings.

The year was 2009. The U.S. housing bust, fueled by the sub-prime mortgage debacle, had severely weakened the economy. City budgets were thin.

Still, the community had a vision for beach-area improvements that included a new pavilion. The Beach Property Owners Association held a public workshop that ultimately produced a beach master plan. A shiny new beach pavilion (to replace a smaller, rotting one from 1984) was to be Phase One of the plan's implementation.

Delray Beach architect Bob Currie offered to design the pavilion for free.

He says he chose to pattern the new pavilion after the one built 80 years earlier because "that's what the people wanted."

The BPOA spearheaded the fundraising effort, hosting local talent shows at the Crest Theater in 2011 and 2012 that netted almost $60,000. Show-goers paid $100 for their tickets, while sponsorships and donations came from 20-plus local businesses, including Caffé Luna Rosa, The Colony Hotel, Sea View Optical and Delray Blueprint.

After years of red tape that could never be imagined in 1929, the city of Delray Beach approved funding for the remainder of the $249,000 project and awarded it to the lowest bidder, All Phases Roofing and Construction. Estimated completion date: Feb. 28.

Will a hurricane ever blow the new pavilion down?

"That one will have structural beams and columns and a standing-seam metal roof," Currie says. "It's designed to withstand hurricane-force winds up to a Category 3."

A glimpse into the future?

With the new beach pavilion rising and the economy rebounding, Delray Beach residents have begun lobbying city officials to enact other beach improvements spelled out in the 2009 Beach Area Master Plan.

Highest ranked on the community's wish list: opening up the ocean vista where Atlantic Avenue terminates at A1A to restore the view Delray residents enjoyed in years past. But sea turtle protection measures would need to be devised and approved by a host of government agencies, which takes time. "We're not holding our breath on that one," says architect Bob Currie.

All other improvements on the list would need only city approval, according to Beach Property Owners Association Vice President Andy Katz.

These include:
- Removing coin parking meters along A1A and replacing them with multispace credit card meters.
- Widening the beachside walkway; adding paths for pedestrians and bicycles.
- Replacing the two deteriorating gazebos (one opposite Laing Street, the other opposite Nassau Street) with new structures matching the pavilion.
- Replacing benches, trash cans and beach showers with updated versions.
- Removing the mishmash of signs and replacing them with more tasteful, standardized signage.
- Erecting two "entrance element" pergolas at the north and south ends of the public beach, designed to match the new pavilion.

— Paula Detwiller
A developer with a reputation for building high-end projects in south Palm Beach County has become the latest in a long line of owners hoping to finally construct Highland Beach’s first new high-rise condominium in more than a decade.

3200 Seagate LLC recently purchased the long-vacant property at 3200 S. Ocean Blvd., from 3200 S. Ocean Blvd. LLC, with plans to continue building a 20-unit luxury condominium.

The property, on the west side of A1A, was purchased, according to records from the Palm Beach County Clerk and Comptroller’s Office, for $5 million.

The new owners, who essentially represent the same group that developed the Seagate Hotel and Spa, Seagate Beach Club, Seagate Country Club and the Seagate Residences in Delray Beach, became the fifth owners of the property in the last 15 years.

Attorney Tom Carney, who represents 3200 Seagate LLC, said the developer plans to keep the basic development plans presented to the Highland Beach Town Commission last year when the then-owners asked for a one-year extension of a variance of the town’s height limitation of 60 feet. The seven-story building is projected to be 90 feet tall and is likely to include luxury units with a minimum of 2,500 square feet and a minimum price of $1.25 million.

Town officials say Seagate LLC has until June to file building permits in order for the variance extension to remain valid.

E. Anthony Wilson, chairman and CEO of Seagate Hospitality Group, said the company is dedicated to becoming the final developer to purchase the property.

“We have no interest in flipping the property,” he said. “We wouldn’t have bought it if we didn’t plan to develop it.”

Buyers of units in the new condominium building will have access to other Seagate properties, Wilson said, including the beach club and the country club.

Residents living in buildings adjacent to the vacant property say they are optimistic that the site will finally be developed and that the eyesore created by previous failed development attempts will be eliminated.

“Everyone in our building is very pleased,” said Highland Beach Town Commissioner Carl Feldman, who is also president of the condominium association at Villa Costa, immediately south of the vacant property. “We’re confident they’re going to take care of the unsightly problems.”
The number of Florida crocodiles has been increasing because the nesting population slowly is increasing, both in number and nesting range, according to FWC. And protection of the remaining crocodile habitat in Florida, and the enhancement of Everglades' ecosystems is ensuring their survival.

Hord is happy to see the comeback and believes they can co-exist with people. Shy and reclusive, the American crocodile (Crocodylus acutus) lives in brackish and saltwater areas, particularly around Florida Bay. A crocodile has never bitten anyone in Florida (there aren't any reports), but Hord reminds people to keep pets away from crocodiles in this area to prevent possible future problems. There are about 200 to 300 in the state and they're moving into their historic range, which, a few decades ago, reached up to Lake Worth Lagoon.

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Delray Beach

Ukulele’s got a new buzz and folks are swarming to it

By Paula Detwiller

"Don't do anything the hard way," instructs Tavit Smith, demonstrating the easy, two-fingered way to play a D7 chord.

"The ukulele is all about having fun. Nobody's going to end up in Carnegie Hall here."

Chuckles resonate throughout the room, blending with the plink, plinka-plink of 30 ukuleles.

Players have gathered at the Delray Beach Public Library for the first "Ukulele Get-Together" of 2014. The youngest are 6, 15 and 21. The rest are, shall we say, seasoned adults, including snowbirds from Ohio, Maine, Rhode Island, Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

At the moment, all are focused on their strings. Smith leads the jam session as they break into song.

"Yes sir, that's my baby ... No sir, I don't mean maybe ..."

"Plink, plinka-plink, plinka-plink ..."

Smith, of Delray Beach, is a self-described old hippie of 63 who's played guitar since childhood but only recently "fell in love" with the ukulele. Wanting to share that love with like-minded others, Smith asked the Delray Beach Public Library to host a free public ukulele play-fest.

"I told Tavit, well, we can try it," says library community relations director Bonnie Stelzer. "I thought we'd have maybe six or eight people. We never expected such a big response."

As a result, the library has extended the workshop's planned run. Sessions are now scheduled for 6–7:30 p.m. on Feb. 11 and 25; March 11 and 25; and April 8 and 22.

Local ukulele players are riding a wave of renewed interest in the Hawaiian-born instrument that began five or six years ago when the economy took a dive, says Steve Bolanda, sales manager at George's Music in West Palm Beach.

"The ukulele is inexpensive, portable, easy to learn — and it's a happy instrument," he says. "It's hard to play a sad song on a uke."

Another reason for the ukulele's resurgence, says Jim Marino at Chafin Music in Lake Worth — where sales of the instrument have doubled over the past couple of years — is that popular musicians like Michael McDonald, Bruno Mars and even Eddie Vedder (formerly of the alternative rock band Pearl Jam) have taken the uke for a spin.

"YouTube has created a lot of buzz about it," Marino says. "As the library strummers finish a rousing Hank Williams Sr. classic — "Heeey, good lookin' ... Whaaatcha got cookin'?" — Smith compliments his enthusiastic followers.

"Everybody bring a suitcase next week. We'll take this thing international."

Or maybe, he cracks later, "we'll have ukulele flash mobs on Atlantic Avenue."

Roz and Bob Papell share a moment during the Delray Beach Public Library 'Ukulele Get-Together.'

For more information, contact Bonnie Stelzer at the Delray Beach Public Library, 266-9490, or visit Tavit Smith’s ukulele website at www.inbedbyten.weebly.com.
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It’s all part of the state Department of Transportation’s $66.6 million solution to adding an I-95 interchange at Spanish River Boulevard. Work started in mid-January on noise walls along Yamato Road and next to the San de Vance community, the first phase of the nearly three-year project.

“It’s truly going to be the solution to congestion on Glades Road,” Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie said while noting the start of construction at the City Council’s Jan. 14 meeting. Dan Grippo, the city’s municipal services director, said the Transportation Department wanted to call the interchange “FAU Blvd” on exit signs but Boca Raton pushed for the name to be “Spanish River Blvd.”

Grippo said Boca Raton expects most of the new traffic to be headed to the university and he does not anticipate much spillover on Spanish River Boulevard, which the city maintains.

City Council member Constance Scott, at a state-sponsored open house for the interchange Jan. 15, agreed. “I really don’t see a huge amount of traffic that’s going to occur,” Scott said.

FAU Boulevard and Spanish River, now a three-way, T-shaped intersection, will become a four-way crossing.

The project includes widening Spanish River Boulevard west of FAU Boulevard, building eight new bridges between Spanish River and Yamato, widening five bridges on the interstate and Spanish River, improving traffic signals, and extending the El Rio Trail to a trail north of Yamato.

A new lane will be added in both directions on I-95 between the Spanish River interchange and Glades Road. New lanes in both directions will also be added between the Yamato Road and Congress Avenue exits. Yamato Road will also get an improved northbound exit ramp and westbound entrance ramps.

Astaldi Construction is performing the work, and Creative Engineering Group Inc. is overseeing the project for the Department of Transportation. It will be necessary to close traffic lanes to do the work safely, the state agency said.

Project-related closures on I-95 and ramps can be expected from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. each day Sunday through Friday, the DOT said. No lane closures will be permitted during FAU events in order to minimize potential impacts, it said.
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Highland Beach

Revamped hotel’s new name adds ‘Delray’ while keeping ‘Highland Beach’

By Rich Pollack

The landmark Holiday Inn Highland Beach is getting a facelift and a new name that will link the hotel to neighboring Delray Beach.

Town officials said they have been told the hotel, the only commercial property in the coastal town, will be renamed the Delray Sands Resort on Highland Beach as early as this month.

The change comes amid a multimillion-dollar renovation of the facility, built in 1971 and purchased in 1980 by its current owners, Delray Beach-based Ocean Properties Ltd., one of the largest independent hotel companies in North America, with holdings throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The new name is reportedly the result of a compromise reached after an earlier proposal rankled town officials.

“Initially, they weren’t going to include Highland Beach in the name,” says Commissioner Dennis Sheridan. “We were concerned because we didn’t want to lose the recognition for the town.”

In meetings with Sheridan and other town officials, Ocean Properties agreed to include Highland Beach in the name, Sheridan said.

“It’s a very good compromise, in which they get the marketing advantage they’re looking for while the town is still included in the name,” says Highland Beach Town Manager Kathleen Weiser.

Representatives of Ocean Properties, which is expected to retain ownership and management of the hotel, declined late last month to comment about the renovations and name change until its franchise agreement with Holiday Inn expires this month.

A link on the Ocean Properties website, however, already lists the hotel as the Delray Sands Resort and links the property not only to Delray Beach but also to Boca Raton.

“After a day of meetings or sightseeing at nearby Boca Raton, guests can return to the Delray Sands Resort on Highland Beach and relax in our acres of accommodations,” the site says.

In Highland Beach, local elected representatives are welcoming the renovation to the hotel, which was expanded in 1974 from its original 81 rooms to 115 rooms.

Officials who have met with hotel representatives say rooms facing the ocean already have been renovated, while work on the remainder of the building is ongoing. In addition to upgrades to all of the guest rooms, the renovations are also expected to include improvements to the common areas, such as the popular restaurant and lounge areas, town officials said.

“This is a good thing for Highland Beach,” said Commissioner Carl Feldman. “It will bring up the whole area and make Highland Beach more of a destination for people on vacation.”

Ocean Properties’ decision to switch from a franchised chain brand to an independent resort is part of a growing trend, according to a marketing professor, who also believes the hotel company was wise to link the property to the widely recognized Delray Beach brand.

“They’re capitalizing on the exposure Delray Beach has worked so hard to gain,” said Jennifer McFarland, an associate professor at Northwood University in West Palm Beach and chairwoman of the university’s marketing and advertising departments.

McFarland said recent studies show that during times of economic expansion, independent hotels tend to do well, a factor that may be leading more hotels to jettison the franchise name and become independent.

“The independent hotels are especially popular among leisure travelers who like having exclusivity and are willing to pay for it,” she said.

Sheridan, the town commissioner who worked to ensure Highland Beach still had a presence in the hotel’s name, agrees that including Delray in the new name will increase recognition of the hotel for those unfamiliar with the area.

“People in different areas of the country have heard of Boca Raton and Delray Beach, but not Highland Beach,” he said.

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Bill Otis and Challs Thompson chat while checking out flooding on the north end of McKinley Park on Hypoluxo Island. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

The city's land development regulations require city commissioners to consider traffic volumes and circulation patterns to protect neighborhoods near new developments from being degraded.

"This is an actual law that three commissioners voted not to enforce," Carolyn Patton, a property owner in the Marina Historic District, said after the 3-2 vote.

Neighbors who failed to get the east-west street say they will continue to address Atlantic Crossing.

"I believe residents will be working with the city and developer to try to get the traffic situation as good as it can get," said Florida Coalition for Preservation president Robert Ganger, who acted as a facilitator for the neighbors.

Glickstein predicted nearby neighborhoods also will be burdened by overflow parking when the Atlantic Crossing underground parking garage floods.

"We have 1,000 parking spaces essentially being built in a bathtub," the mayor said. "What happens if that parking lot is shut down?"

Editor's note: Carolyn Patton is a founding partner of The Coastal Star.
Boytown Inlet

Most ocean views have a price; this one comes with a paycheck

By Ron Hayes

You could pay millions for an oceanfront estate that stretches from the Atlantic to the Intracoastal Waterway. Or you could be Gerard Laurore.

His 11.3-acre spread boasts 600 feet of oceanfront property. His backyard borders the waterway. He has a boat slip, a sightseeing tower, extensive parking, a picnic pavilion and a fishing pier. Two fishing piers. Two fishing piers, in fact.

And you are paying him to live there.

In January, Laurore marked his first anniversary as the 24/7, live-in caretaker at the county’s Ocean Inlet Park in Ocean Ridge.

It trash cans have been emptied, the restrooms are clean and the barbecue grills in good shape, thank him. If not, tell him. Either way, say hello the next time you visit. He’s a gentle man, and a gentleman. "There’s something to do all the time, and I like to keep moving," he will tell you. "A lot of people know me and say they’re happy when they see me working here."

One of those people is Carlos Duenas, who supervises employees at 22 of the county’s parks, including Ocean Inlet.

"I was on the interview panel that hired him, " Duenas recalls, "and what I remember is his demeanor. He’s a great employee, and his work is impeccable. If he has to clean up something at midnight, he’ll do it."

Laurore stands in front of the apartment that is provided to him by the county at Ocean Inlet Park at Boynton Inlet.

Laurore, born in Haiti, lived on the island of St. Martin for eight years before emigrating to Palm Beach County in 1995 and finding work with a company that provided janitorial service to the South County Courthouse in Delray Beach.

"Then one of the judges (Circuit Court Judge Gary L. Bonhof of the 15th circuit) told me, ‘You are a good worker, Gerard, why don’t you try to get a job with the county?’ "

Laurore began perusing county park listings and was hired in 2003. For nine years, he was a maintenance worker at various South County parks, until the live-in opportunity arose in January 2013. "Gerard is the perfect fit for this facility," Duenas says. "I have to remind him to take time off."

Actually, Laurore is on call 24/7, but that doesn’t mean he can’t leave the grounds. He works 10 days straight, 5 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with four days off. And his schedule rotates with other employees, servicing Gulfstream Park, R.G. Kreusler Park at Lake Worth beach and Ocean Ridge Hammock park, as well as Oceans Inlet.

He’s paid $15.67 an hour and has both medical and dental insurance, as well as participation in the county’s retirement plan.

His Ocean Inlet home is not a mansion. It’s a modest, unobtrusive apartment beside the Boynton Beach Inlet, but it’s rent-free. Laurore pays the utilities, and that’s fine with him.

"I’m not an out person," he says. "I get home from work and I stay here. Why go out? You just get in trouble."

He maintains the fishing piers, but he doesn’t use them.

"No, I don’t fish," he says. "After work, I like my basketball and my football. The Heat and the Dolphins.” And his face falls. "My Dolphins are gone." He shakes his head. "Didn’t even make the playoffs."

At sundown, Laurore closes the gates to the south pavilion and central parking lot. Late-night visitors are directed to the northern parking lot, where fishing is permitted 24 hours a day. Night falls, and he is the man in charge.

Sometimes the lot is so full, even at 3 a.m., that he has to turn cars away.

"If someone’s doing something wrong, I just talk to them," he says, "and most are OK. It’s all in the way you talk to people."

If it’s not OK, he can contact the Ocean Ridge or Manalapan police, as well as the county sheriff’s deputies. They all patrol the park, and they know him.

"Everyone has my phone number," he says. Sometimes, after the games, he will get up and walk around his oceanfront spread in the moonlight.

"No, it’s not really scary," he says. "No alligators. Just rats and cats."

"I do my job and my boss is happy. And if I’m working for someone who’s happy, I like it, and I’m happy, too."
Manalapan

Commissioners alarmed by bridge timeline projections

By Dan Moffett

Manalapan’s Audubon Causeway bridge project took on a new sense of urgency seconds after Town Manager Linda Stumpf told commissioners how long engineers say it will take to get it done.

“Just so you know, from the time you decide to move forward with the engineering, to the estimated completion is 580 days,” she said. “Five hundred and eighty days?” asked an incredulous Mayor David Chefield. “Nineteen months!”

She looked at the construction, I think that’s totally unacceptable,” said Commissioner Peter Isaac, who wondered why Manalapan’s little bridge would take about as long as the newly minted, grand Lantana Bridge. “I’ve run construction projects. I’ve built dams in less time.”

Stumpf, unflappable in the face of disbelief, told the commission that it takes about 120 days just to get the federal, state and local permitting done. And keeping one lane open to allow homeowners to come and go with completion, too, she said.

“All I can say is that this is what the bridge engineer gave as the possible time frame in which to build this bridge,” she said.

Commissioners, who came to the Jan. 28 meeting entertaining thoughts of sorting through artists’ renderings of design choices or kicking the project down to the town’s Architectural Commission for advice on ornamental touches — hand rails, colors, landscaping and such — figured there was no time to waste. Contemplating details can wait.

They unanimously voted to move the project forward as quickly as possible, sending it to engineers to draw up the construction plans so it can be put out for bid as soon as early as March.

“Ss going to be a pain in the neck for everybody,” Chefield said.

The town intends to spend about $750,000 to replace the aging 30-yard, two-lane span, taking most of that amount from unassigned reserves. Commissioners had hoped to wrap up the project before the next tourist season. But the engineers’ estimate would appear to make that goal far fetched.

Boynton Beach attorney Ken Kaleel, who served several terms as the mayor of Ocean Ridge, told commissioners he had a similar experience five years ago, when his town rebuilt the Island Drive Bridge, a similar two-lane span.

“We had the same angst,” Kaleel told them. “We did it one lane at a time. … The permitting was a pain. They may have to move piping, they may have to move cables. There’s a lot to it.”

In fact, construction workers will have to replace the aging water lines that run across Audubon bridge, an additional expense that will eat up more of the reserve budget and also more time.

“What’s Kaleel’s guess of how long the Manalapan project will take?” he asked, and offered some advice on time estimates: “I think you get a better idea from the construction guy, as opposed to the bridge design guy.”

Already, the pain has begun for residents at the point.

Peter Lamelas is trying to build a house on Spoonbill Road, but he’s having trouble getting construction materials to his lot. Last month, the commission heeded the instruction of Florida Department of Transportation officials who said new weight limit should be put on the bridge because of its poor structural integrity. Lamelas told the commission he can’t get roofing tiles to the site because the delivery trucks exceed the bridge’s 13-ton limit and asked that it be waived temporarily. “All I’m asking is for a little flexibility,” he said.

Stumpf promised the town would work with his contractor to set up an offshore site near the foot of the bridge so trucks could lighten their loads and make deliveries in several trips. But the limit would have to stand.

“We do not want to shut your project down,” she told him.

Three may run for commission seats

Three residents of Point Manalapan have received campaign packets from the town clerk and could compete for two of the three open Town Commission seats in the March 11 municipal election.

The potential candidates include: Kelly Gottlieb, who served as Manalapan’s first female mayor from 2010-11; Keith Waters, chairman of the Zoning Commission; and Ronald Barsanti, a member of the Architectural Commission.

The town’s charter sets neighborhood residency requirements for some races and designates commission seats as coastal, point or at-large.

The three point residents could challenge incumbent Commissioner Howard Roder for his point seat, or incumbent John Murphy for his at-large seat. The ocean seat held by Commissioner Louis DeStefano is also up in the March election.

The potential candidates have until Feb. 11 at noon to complete their paperwork and formally enter the race. Town commissioners serve two-year terms.

—Dan Moffett

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Manalapan

Oceanfront smuggling has cab component

By Dan Moffett

Immigrants have landed on Manalapan’s shores several times during the last year, and perhaps it isn’t by chance. Authorities are beginning to believe that the town has something the migrants are looking for: taxis for hire.

It turns out that, even in the wee hours before daybreak, Manalapan can be a great place to get a cab. The immigrants have cellphones and they are arranging to be picked up on A1A,” says Chief Carmen Mattox. “That’s one of the reasons they choose our location — because we’re so close to A1A. They come right off the beach, they have a cab waiting for them and they’re gone out of the area.”

Mattox says immigrants who landed in the town on Jan. 16 came armed with cellphones, knew who to call and quickly summoned a taxi for a ride.

“Basically, we located three of them in the back of a cab and turned them immediately over to Border Patrol,” Mattox told commissioners during their Jan. 28 meeting.

When it comes to human smuggling and immigration law, the federal government has priority, so U.S. Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement takes the lead when migrants come ashore. Federal agents arrested 17 people after the predawn landing in Manalapan. They were believed to have been smuggled in a vessel from the Bahamas and included 16 Haitians and a Jamaican.

Mattox says his officers have to work well with other agencies when landings occur. Besides federal authorities, the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office and county Fire Department play important roles.

He said it’s up to the federal agencies to look into the ties between taxi drivers and this type of cab call. “We turn that over to Border Patrol and they investigate it.”

“What we try to do is make sure there is no immigrant on private property in our community,” Mattox said. “We make sure that our residents are secure.”

Town Manager Linda Stumpf said it might be possible to alert oceanfront residents by group email when police learn of beach landings by migrants: “We’ll see if there’s something we can do.”

Mattox said he knows of no case where a migrant tried to break in to a Manalapan residence. Generally, they’re trying to get out of the town as fast as they can.

“We’ve had them outside the beach homes,” he said, “but never had one enter a home.”

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Goldblum says. “In addition, we recognize opportunities and grow businesses faster. The skill set you need for a $5 million and $200 million businesses is the same — and you're doing it individually. As your business grows, you're in the trenches with people and the energy here, and for the small-to-medium-sized businesses — and they influence others and make a difference, which is always what I wanted to do. And gender is not a factor in my current line of work.

Q. What advice do you have for a young person selecting a career today?
A. Identify your strengths and your passion, what energizes you. Find a company where you fit the culture and can utilize your skills and can grow and feel appreciated.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Delray Beach?
A. We are looking to live on the ocean and had looked at a lot of options. I met Mary Thompson, who's now a good friend, and she said, “If you haven't looked at Delray, you haven't looked at Florida.” When we visited to see if the Evert Tennis Academy in Boca Raton was right for our son Ben, who was in eighth grade at the time, I met Mary Thompson and another friend, Barbara Murphy, for lunch on Atlantic Avenue. I knew immediately that I could live here. It’s one of the few places in Florida with a downtown. It has the ideal combination of services and charm. And, we were fortunate to find a home on the beach. Every day, I know how lucky I am to live here.

Q. Have you had mentors in your life? Individuals who have inspired your life decisions?
A. I’ve always had mentors in my life and been open to personal growth and being a better person. I found a coach several years ago in California, Beth Adkinson, and rely on her to help articulate my goals, keep me focused, and hold me accountable.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your decisions?
A. I have several. These are from Beth, my coach in California: Look for gifts; each person is valid and valuable. Help others bring out their own magnificence. Give people a possibility to live into, not an expectation to live up to. I’ve also developed some of my own words to live by: Don’t be afraid to take risks. And don’t be afraid to challenge the status quo. Be tenacious; always be learning to take care of yourself physically and emotionally, so there is more to give.

Q. If your life story were made into a movie, who would you want to play you?
A. Meryl Streep. She’s an amazing actor, adaptable and flexible. I think she could capture the depth of my personality, and my humor.

Q. Who/what makes you laugh?
A. My family — especially my husband, who has such a great sense of humor, and makes me laugh. I’ve learned to laugh at myself and at life.
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The little dinghy was lost during a storm in the Turks and Caicos in 2001 and, miraculously, ended up pretty near its home port in Palm Beach County 13 years later.

Where the 9-foot, 9-inch Boston Whaler has been in the last decade is a mystery. The only thing that’s absolutely certain is that the boat proves the Boston Whaler company’s claim of “unsinkable.”

The dinghy turned up on the beach in the 1500 block of North Ocean Boulevard in Gulf Stream on Jan. 14. Gulf Stream Police Investigator John Passeggiata got a call, and he went to check it out.

The boat was pretty beat-up, and part of the Florida registration number was missing on one side. On the other side of the boat, registration numbers also were missing and faded, but he was able to put them together and track down the owner.

“He was really glad to hear we found the boat,” said Passeggiata.

The boat’s owner, Larry Conway, who lives in North Palm Beach, was thrilled to get Passeggiata’s phone call. “I just loved that boat.”

He remembers vividly how he lost it. On the night of July 31, 2001, he and his wife, Kiki, sailed their 37-foot sailboat, the Raptor, into a storm in the Turks and Caicos.

“It was really bad, with 10-foot seas. We towed the dinghy. It was probably about 75 feet behind. I had it shackled on pretty good. We were in the Caicos Passage when I saw we had lost it. It was about 2 o’clock in the morning. I brought it down to idle and I looked for it with a light. But I knew I would never find it.”

Conway, who designed jet engines for Pratt & Whitney’s Raptor fighter jet program, named the little dinghy Conwave.

“It was more than a dinghy,” he said about the boat he had for 15 years. “We would go out snorkeling, spearfishing. I actually took it out on the ocean to fish on the reefs.”

When Conway finally saw it, the boat was resting on the grass next to the Gulf Stream police station. “I stayed awake all night thinking about it, how I was going to fix it up. I had all kinds of plans for it. When I saw it, I was devastated,” he said.

He left the boat, which is beyond repair, at the police station.

“The police said they would take care of it,” he said. “I felt like I signed a death warrant. It was pretty sad.”

After 13 years afloat, this Boston Whaler dinghy made its way from the Turks and Caicos to the beach in Gulf Stream. Photo provided by the Gulf Stream Police Department

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State reps propose regulations for recovery homes

By Tim Pallesen

Two state lawmakers have proposed legislation to require the licensing of sober houses. Rep. Bill Hager, R-Boca Raton, and Sen. Jeff Clemens, D-Lake Worth, also want criminal background checks on the owners and operators of sober houses.

“We have way too many problems reported by local officials about some of the sober houses to permit them to continue to operate without regulation,” Hager said.

Delray Beach, known as the major recovery center for drug addicts and alcoholics from the northeast, has an estimated 550 sober houses, according to city rental housing inspector Marc Woods.

But federal privacy laws under the Americans with Disabilities Act prevent cities from knowing exactly how many sober houses they have and the impact they create on city services.

Delray has a city law that requires the owners of rental homes to make a Reasonable Accommodation Request to allow more unrelated tenants that normally allowed in a house.

But only about half of the estimated 550 sober houses have complied. Those not in city records are the ones creating calls for drug overdoses and suicide attempts that require a response by police and fire-rescue paramedics, Woods said.

The most significant impact for the community occurs when drug addicts relapse while at sober houses and are evicted onto the streets. “Relapses and desperate people are problem for the community,” Woods said.

Delray police estimate that 56 percent of all property crimes in the city are committed by people coming to the city for recovery.

The proposed state legislation would require sober house operators to provide 48 hours notice before evictions to prevent homelessness and crime.

“The state law would allow inspections by the Department of Children and Families, but it doesn’t provide funding for enforcement.”

Seven candidates have filed to run for two commission seats on the March 11 city election ballot in Delray Beach.

Incumbent Al Jacquet faces challenges from Rick Burgess and Chris Davey for Seat 2 on the commission.

Incumbent Angeleta Gray has opposition for Seat 4 from Pamela Brinson, Jordana Jarjura and Victor Kirson.

Candidates must each collect 250 signatures and pay fees by noon on Feb. 11 to officially qualify for the election.

A candidates forum will be hosted by the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave.

Voters on March 11 also will be asked to decide on a charter revision proposal to clarify the voting procedure by city commissioners at meetings.

— Tim Pallesen
Delray Beach

To pay or not to pay, that is the parking question

By Tim Pallesen

Delray Beach city commissioners and downtown merchants both appear to be split over whether the city should charge for downtown parking at night.

The city’s Parking Management Advisory Board wants parking meters that charge $2 an hour starting at 5 p.m. on the streets closest to the city’s Atlantic Avenue shopping and entertainment district. The same parking fee would be charged at city parking garages. Rates would be $1.50 an hour on streets and garages farther away from the main avenue. A daily maximum rate of $5 would be charged in parking garages.

City Manager Louie Chapman Jr. and Mayor Cary Glickstein both told city commissioners at a Jan. 14 workshop that parking fees are necessary because the city needs the revenue to help pay its operating costs.

“We have few sources beyond property taxes for revenue,” Glickstein said. “We need to move forward with this and the time is now.”

But commissioners Adam Frankel and Al Jacquet strongly opposed the fees.

“We need to show that Delray is open for business,” Frankel said. “There’s no bigger disincentive for people coming downtown than parking meters.”

Three downtown merchants shared that fear at the workshop. “We want to keep people happy and not chase business away,” said Rick Gimny, owner of the Trouser Shop.

Other merchants on the Parking Advisory Board said the parking fees are only a part of their plan to manage downtown parking. The board also wants to move employee parking away from Atlantic Avenue and manage taxi cabs.

“My fear is that you might not do anything,” said Bruce Gimny, owner of the Trouser Shop.

Commissioner Angeleta Gray sided with Glickstein to support the parking fees, leaving Commissioner Shelly Petrolia as the apparent swing vote when the issue comes before commissioners for a final decision.

Along the Shore

Rescued olive ridley sea turtle improving with care

By Cheryl Blackerby

The olive ridley sea turtle that washed up Christmas Day on Lantana Beach in critical condition is steadily improving.

She had drifted in the Gulf Stream, all four flippers tangled in fishing net, before being spotted thrashing in the surf. She was rescued by diners at the Dune Deck and lifeguards at Lantana Public Beach, and transported to Loggerhead Marinelife Center’s turtle hospital in Juno Beach.

Dehydrated and emaciated, she weighed only 64.85 pounds; adult olive ridleys generally weigh about 100 pounds. The turtle has made steady progress and is now eating on her own, according to Loggerhead’s progress report. By Jan. 20, she weighed 69.25 pounds.

There have been only three documented strandings of the endangered olive ridleys in Florida: one in Marathon in 1999, one in Key Largo in 2000, and one in Sunny Isles near Miami in 2001. All three died.

Under the care of Loggerhead veterinarian Dr. Charles Manire, she was treated for external wounds — her front left flipper had extensive tissue damage — and given a glucose IV, antibiotics to prevent infection, and iron to treat anemia. She was tube-fed gruel (a slurry of fish and vitamins) one to two times daily. Five liters of air were extracted from the intestines, which was making her list to one side in the water.

Most likely from South America, the turtle, named Meghan by Loggerhead staff, is residing in a pool heated to temperatures of the water close to the equator.

You can visit Meghan in her outdoor pool. And you can see a live webcam of her at www.marinelife.org/page.aspx?id=357.

Rescued olive ridley sea turtle has shown continued improvement at Loggerhead Marinelife Center. Photo provided
Remembering Tim O’Meilia, 1948-2014

Tim holds court during his ‘Celebration of Life’ party with former Palm Beach Post colleagues Sonja Lugter, Elizabeth Kleinberg, John Bartosek and George Bennett. Photo by Greg Lovett

By Ron Hayes

After the doctors told him he would die soon, Tim O’Meilia did what tough and true old newsmen often do. He had a party.

On a Saturday evening in early December, Tim and his wife, Debbie, opened their Palm Beach Gardens home, and dozens of friends and colleagues gathered to wish him well on his final assignment. With a Celebration of Life theme, they called it, but it was a party. Old friends flew in from Virginia and Pennsylvania. Others drove up from Martin County and brought covered dishes and home-baked sweets; salads, six-packs and bottles of wine. Everyone brought stories.

Tim held court in his easy chair, chatting, joking, posing for pictures. He’d lost weight and his hair had thinned. A black patch covered his left eye.

“That eye just suddenly crossed on Halloween,” his wife confided to a friend. “That’s how they knew he had cancer that reached his brain.”

Out by the pool, a second Christmas tree stood bare, waiting to be decorated with all the stories — handwritten anecdotes and cheeky poems to honor a man who had chronicled Palm Beach County for more than four decades. Tim O’Meilia wrote hard stories about city governments, large and small, and soft stories about St. Patrick’s Day parades and school cafeterias.

When the turkey vultures returned to a little island off Palm Beach each March, Tim wrote the story. When the love bugs arrived each summer, he was there to greet them, and when Palm Beach Atlantic College held its annual roach race, Tim reported the winners. Tim was there to greet them, and school cafeterias.

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He was a true journalist,” Bennett recalls. "He had a party. “When she came home, there was to have been a bagpipe parade, and all the young soccer players in town were to have marched with her down Main Street …"

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Ocean Ridge

Water at beach dredge project tested for silt

By Cheryl Blackerby

Florida Department of Environmental Protection scientists took water samples at the Ocean Ridge dredging site Jan. 28 to monitor levels of turbidity, the cloudiness of water caused by suspended solids such as silt.

The testing was in response to Reef Rescue’s recent samples showing high turbidity levels.

“We’ve been monitoring the project, and we found turbidity levels in excess of the permit standard of 29 NTU (nephelometric turbidity units),” said Ed Tichenor, director of Palm Beach County Reef Rescue. “We’ve gotten levels of Palm Beach County Reef (nephelometric turbidity units),” permit standard of 29 NTU levels.

To Reef Rescue’s recent samples solids such as silt.

The monitoring methods and the test results were in accordance with permits and the results were acceptable,” said Logue.

The DEP testing may indicate the water is clear, but Tichenor said those tests may be the result of the dredge not working for several days. Reef Rescue is monitoring the silt plume caused by the dredge with aerial photography. So far, he said, silt has not settled on the coral.

Silt can be a problem both for the beach and the coral reef, he said. “If the project generates too much silt it smothers the coral. Silt washes off the beach and ends up on the coral. It has very light traction, and the more silt there is on the beach, the more unstable the beach is.”

County inspections have shown the beach sand to be satisfactory, said Logue.

“I’ve been looking at the sand every day and it looks acceptable to me,” she said. Dredging for the Ocean Ridge beach renourishment project started Jan. 12 after several weather delays and holidays.

Work was forced to stop yet again Jan. 21 because of high winds and rough seas. The dredge moved back to Ocean Ridge Jan. 25, but spent several days moving submerged pipe to a new borrow area. Work resumed after DEP testing Jan. 25, said Logue.

The Ocean Ridge project should be completed by Feb. 10 barring bad weather, she said. Sand is being pumped onto the beach starting at the Ocean Club and ending at Edith Street. The beach will be about 35 feet wider that when it was pre-dredging, she said. The new sand is darker in color than the original sand, but has already lightened on the 1.1-mile beach project. The project is being dredged from borrow areas about 1,800 feet offshore.

The Ocean Ridge project is finished, the dredge immediately will move to Delray Beach, she said. The dredge then will go to the north Boca Raton beach. There are no completion dates set for the Delray Beach and north Boca Raton beach renourishment projects.

The dredge originally started work in Ocean Ridge Dec. 19 after completing a beach project in south Boca Raton.

The renourishment projects in Ocean Ridge, Delray Beach and north Boca Raton are U.S. Army Corps of Engineers beach projects. The Army Corps deadline for those projects is April 30 and the work is expected to be finished well before the deadline if seas remain calm.

The south Boca Raton beach renourishment is not an Army Corps project, but the city used the same contractor to save money.

After delays from bad weather including high winds during most of November, the beach project in south Boca Raton finally started the day before Thanksgiving and finished pumping sand on 9 miles of beach Dec. 9.

“The dry beach was widened 60 feet on average the entire length,” said Jennifer Bistuya, engineer with the city of Boca Raton.

Meanwhile, excavation of the Boynton Beach Inlet sand trap is expected to continue until June, said Logue.

The non-beach-compatible sand is being transported to the Grassy Flats Lake Worth Lagoon Restoration Project, which includes the building of two mangrove islands 4 miles north of the inlet on the east side of the lagoon near the Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course.

The project, which will create 10.5 acres of seagrass habitat and 1.1 acres of salt marsh, will increase the food and nursery habitat for fish, manatees and wading birds while improving water quality.

South Palm Beach

South Palm Beach forges police partnership with Lantana

By Dan Moffett

The close relationship between South Palm Beach and Lantana has gotten a little closer with the approval of a new working relationship between the two towns’ police departments.

South Palm Beach Town Council members unanimously approved an interlocal agreement on Jan. 28 that allows the town to hire Lantana police officers to step in and provide support during manpower shortages.

With only eight uniformed officers, South Palm Beach could find itself in a bind because of illness, injury or other emergencies.

Under the agreement, Lantana would provide an officer or officers to fill in and perform “occasional, routine police service” and then charge the towns an hourly rate.

“I was concerned that the agreement not be open-ended, and it isn’t,” said Vice Mayor John Lomonaco. “We pay their base cost and what they’re billing us is fair and equitable.”

A similar arrangement South Palm Beach had with the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office expired last year. Town Manager Rex Taylor said the agreement is peace of mind for the town.

“We may not have to use it,” Taylor said, “but we have it in case we need it.”

The working relationship between the two towns has been mutually beneficial, according to Mayor Donald Clayton.

When the Lantana Bridge construction kept Lantana police patrons from coming across the Intracoastal Waterway, South Palm Beach picked up the slack.

“We covered for them and never charged them for it,” said Clayton. “It’s what friends do for friends.”

In December, the Town Council approved a $1,000 per month payment to Lantana police as partial compensation and a thank-you for the fireworks celebration that marked the bridge’s grand opening.

The town sends Lantana a $1,500 contribution each year to help with expenses for its Fourth of July fireworks shows.

“They have a wonderful mayor in Dave Stewart,” Clayman said, “and a great new town manager (Deborah Manzo) who’s very capable. We have a very good relationship and get along very well.”

In other business:

• Council members unanimously approved a 1.5 percent salary increase for town police, accepting the recommendation of Special Magistrate James Brady that was ratified by the police union as part of the collective bargaining agreement.

• Incumbent Town Council members Stella Gaddy Jordan and Robert Gottlieb have received 2015 election packets from the town clerk, and both said they are committed to running for re-election in the March 3 election.

They have until noon Feb. 11 to file their completed forms to enter the race for the two-year positions.
Residents prompt new traffic study

By Mary Thurwachter

Another traffic study is due for South Lake Drive, south of Ocean Avenue and around the corner from the Old Key Lime House.

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Results from the March 27-April 3 counts showed the volume of average daily trips recorded as 290 cars southbound and 178 cars northbound for a total average daily volume of 468.

“These are minimal volumes,” Mayor Dave Stewart said.

Last year’s study also reflected that 95 percent of the cars did not exceed 20 miles per hour.

Lantana
Vote deadline extended on natural gas line

By Mary Thurwachter

While support to bring a natural gas line to Hypoluxo Island has gained momentum, the men spearheading the effort are concerned that getting the required 60 percent of the voters to agree may fall short by a few votes.

Red Tennyson and Robert Barkinecht said they have taken the campaign door-to-door to educate voters and have turned “no” votes to “yes” votes.

The deadline to collect votes was the end of January, but the Lantana Town Council, at its Jan. 13 meeting, voted to extend that deadline until Feb. 15, at the request of Tennyson and Barkinecht.

“Right now we’re going after people that are hard to get a hold of,” Tennyson said. “We could be 15 votes short and it would be a shame to see it die at 15 votes. “We need 186 yes votes (360 property owners),” Tennyson said, “so we need 59 more. We’re real close. The extra 15 days will help.”

The town sent letters to Hypoluxo Island residents asking for their vote on the gas line. The town will create a special assessment to provide financing.

A preliminary survey in June 2012 showed that 71 percent of 84 respondents were in favor of converting to natural gas and were willing to pay for it.

“I think this will be a great enhancement to our island,” Tennyson said. “There would be both energy and cost savings. Natural gas costs about half the price of LP gas.”

Property owners would pay about $280 a year for 10 years to pay for the line.

A new natural gas line could connect to the one that already extends to the Carlsil, a senior living facility at Ocean Avenue and A1A.

Florida Public Utility will assume ownership, operation and maintenance.

Mayor Dave Stewart, who lives on Hypoluxo Island, recognized that there are opponents to the line and didn’t want to push either way. But he said if it wasn’t approved this year, the matter wouldn’t likely return for a long time.

“I don’t want to ruin the process,” he said.

In other Lantana news, the qualifying period for the March 11 election ends Feb. 11.

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Briny Breezes
New mayor in, one council member out

By Dan Moffett

In 1996, Mike Hill lost a hotly contested election for the Highland Beach vice-mayor seat by a mere 12 votes out of nearly 1,200 cast.

On Jan. 23, becoming the new mayor of Briny Breezes was a lot easier.

Hill was the only qualified candidate to seek the office, and the Town Council approved his appointment unanimously and enthusiastically.

“He’s got it all,” said Councilwoman Nancy Boczon, who nominated the retired 66-year-old lawyer and banker to fill the position that was abolished in December by Gerard Devine.

Hill recovered from his Highland Beach loss to win the next race for vice mayor and then win re-election. He also served as a town commissioner and as town clerk pro tem in the 30 years since the bridge was closed at the time.

“Heard of the planning and zoning board.

“Everybody in Briny, or at least most everybody in Briny, volunteers for certain things,” Hill said. “This is something I could do and have more experience at probably than most people do. So that’s why I volunteered.”

A graduate of Kent State University and the Akron School of Law in Ohio, Hill worked as a legal counsel for banks in Illinois and Ohio before coming to Florida about 30 years ago when he served as president of First Security Trust Company in the 1990s, and then went into private practice out of an office in Boca Raton.

Hill and his wife, Shirley, moved to Briny Breezes about a year ago.

“It’s an interesting place,” he said. “It’s one of the least expensive places you can buy houses and live near the water. We’ve had big houses before and we’ve had little houses before. We’re happy with little houses.”

This isn’t the first time Michael W. Hill stepped up when he believed it was important to serve the community. He ignored the advice of some friends and associates in Highland Beach who had urged him not to challenge incumbents on the commission.

But Hill said he thought it was important that voters have choices and elections, not uncontested races, and the town could use some “fresh ideas.”

He became known for campaigning on a bicycle, riding door-to-door to the condos searching for votes.

The remainder of Devine’s term expires in March, but Hill says he will seek another term. Hill announced his re-election plans in late December.

“I don’t want to ruin the place,” he said. “We could make the place look a little bit more tropical.”

In other business, Boczon stepped down from the council and as town clerk pro tem after eight years of service. The council unanimously approved Alderman Barbara Molina as her replacement for the clerk position.

No candidate for the vacant council seat has come forward yet.

“It’s been a fun eight years,” said a smiling Boczon. “I must say, a nervous eight years, too. My father always told me, when you walk into a room, just say quietly to yourself, ’Here I am, you lucky people.’ I thought today I’d stand up and say, Well, I’m going, you lucky people!”
At 80, Hand’s still changing to serve community

By Christine Davis

People often remark that “Hand’s has it,” said owner David Cook. “Or they’ll say, ‘You are the only one who has it,’ so I answer, ‘Come here first!’”

Hand’s Office and Art Supply, at 325 E. Atlantic Ave., has been a fixture in Delray Beach since 1914. While Hand’s marks its anniversary each year with a big sale in January, this year Hand’s made it extra special, celebrating its 80th with a poster-painting event, “Artists for Autism,” which benefitted Autism Speaks.

You see, Jimmy, the 7-year-old son of Hand’s longtime employee Maureen Wacha, is autistic and needed a new banner for the March 2 “Walk Now for Autism Speaks” event, and Hand’s stepped in to help. “Hand’s is always active in the community. Besides its involvement in the town’s changes and politics, we like to have some fun, too,” said the store’s manager, Liz Hughes.

Our business theory is as old as we are, (providing) what a town’s citizens and visitors need or want. Even at 80 years old, we will still do our best to get it for you.”

To give a little of Hand’s history in a nutshell: The company was started as a bookstore by Lauren Hand, who also served as the city clerk and treasurer and was a managing editor of the Delray Beach News. Lonnie Cook Jr., whose grandfather came to Delray Beach in 1911, bought Hand’s in 1964, and passed it on to his son, David Cook.

By the time David was in 10th grade, he was helping deliver office furniture and unloading boxes of office supplies. After studying business at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, and working a few years out there, he returned to Hand’s.

“I came back in 1987, April 1; that’s why I remember it,” he said, adding that he feels like he’s been at Hand’s his whole life.

His first projects included implementing an in-house computer system, doubling the store’s Hallmark area, and expanding the furniture line. Since then, many other changes have come about. “We were always known for our unique gifts and fun stuff, and we’ve expanded that in recent years to include more touristy items. Of course, we try to find the unusual,” he said. “Retro would be a good word. We have pink Steno pads and No. 1 pencils are big — they are hard to find. The biggest thing we’ve done is in our art department. We’ve always sold art supplies. But now, we are a full-line art store, since the town has more art classes and art students. “The office furniture department has dwindled away. Since everyone doesn’t need a desk at home, we put less emphasis on them and we’ve added things like drafting tables.” (Some advice from Cook on buying a comfortable desk chair: “You have to test-drive chairs. Don’t buy a chair without sitting in it.”)

Other notes about what you’ll find at Hand’s: Filofax, a day planner system, continues to be popular. Inventory in the Hallmark gift shop has been upgraded, and customers will be seeing even more really nice gift items. Fun Florida-themed Christmas cards have continued to be very popular (“We go to great lengths to make sure they don’t have snow on them,” Cook said). Hand’s also has added a bedroom furniture line.

Coming up on March 8 is Hand’s “Paint Delray Day” when people can join Palm Beach Plein Air Artists as they paint the town red and other colors. Mark your calendars for this event, and if you don’t have a 2014 calendar yet, Hand’s is sure to have one you’ll like.  

Lonnie Cook Jr., who passed away in 2012, paused to look at a photo of the store’s founders. 2008 archival photo provided.
Garlic Fest sniffs out its next installment; dental group gets new digs

For a skinnin’ good time, check out your calendar for Feb. 7-9 and attend the award-winning 15th annual Delray Beach Garlic Fest. Features will include The Muses & Vines Wine Garden and the House of Appliance Garage Chef Stadium, as well as entertainment, full liquor bars, garlic-inspired gourmet food, more than 180 vendors, children’s activities and rides, professional-level cooking competitions and the Home Depot Garlic University. This year, the presenting sponsor will be Heineken; Italian Rose will be back by popular demand; and the festivities will welcome Jimmy’s Butcher Shop. The Main Stage will showcase nonprofit entertainment, including Collective Soul on Friday, Feb. 7, and Dispatch on Saturday, Feb. 8. Receiving artist Andy Childs will emcee again this year as well as perform with his band on Feb. 8 and 9. Wander over to the Garlic Chef Stadium for the Garlic Chef Competition, where your local chef Prince Feigold of Dada will have his knives and kitchen skills sharpened, preparing to duel it out with other chefs and restaurants in the tri-county area. Also at the stadium this year, a food waste and hunger-awareness program, “Waste to Taste” will be introduced. The festival is held at the Delray Beach Center for the Arts, Old School Square, downtown Delray Beach. Festival hours are 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Price is $10 for early admission on Friday and Saturday until 6 p.m. and $20 after 6 p.m. On Sunday, the price is $10. Children 10 and younger are admitted free. Visit www.dbgarlicfest.com for more information.

Last month, Drs. Craig Spodak and Myles Spodak, with Spodak Dental Group’s team of 44 doctors and team members, hosted the grand opening of their new, state-of-the-art facility at 391 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. The 13,000-square-foot, Gold-LEED-Certified building comprises 18 dental operatories, laboratory space, offices, gathering spaces, a learning center, a waiting area and support spaces. Spodak Dental Group’s full-service practice includes cleaning, whitening, simple fillings and extractions, implants, Invisalign and cosmetic and reconstructive smile enhancements.

Coming up: From 5 to 6:30 p.m. Feb. 3, the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce will host an open house and invites members of the community to visit its new offices at 140 NE First St., Delray Beach. While the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce always strives to enhance good business, its members also keep in mind that old saying about all work and no play, while the Boca chamber will host a community cookout from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 2. There will be lots of food choices (hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, fruit, veggies and much more), fun games for family members of all ages, bounce houses, slides, DJ and musical performances. Entry fee is $5 and includes one food ticket. Children under 10 enter for free and will receive one food ticket. The cookout will be held at Peter Blum Family YMCA, 6631 Palmetto Circle South, Boca Raton.

Who doesn’t love dining on the waterfront? Boca Raton’s newly transformed Waterstone Resort & Marina will debut two waterfront-dining options: Boca Landing and Waterstone Bar & Grill. As a modern, upscale restaurant featuring locally sourced seafood and ingredients, Boca Landing will present a fresh-food style that conveys “just off the boat” elements, focusing on its raw bar and creative small plates. The poolside Waterstone Bar & Grill will offer an all-day menu of comfort foods with a Latin tropical twist.

Chef Steven Zobel and director of food and beverage Dustin Lapekas will bring their culinary and beverage talents to Waterstone. Lapekas formerly worked for the Boca Raton Resort & Club and Astoria. Award-winning Zobel previously worked for dba/cafe, The Atlantic Resort & Spa and Triomphe Restaurant. The resort, at the former Bridge Hotel, is scheduled to open this winter, and will begin to take hotel reservations mid-March. Visit waterstoneboca.com for more information.

Delray Beach rock ‘n’ rolls: Jim Knight, managing member of the Knight Group, LLC and member of Delray Beach’s Site Plan and Review Appearance Board, listed developments on Linton Boulevard at an Alliance of Delray meeting last late year. “Everyone knows what’s going on downtown, but I want people to understand that other parts of the city are important and growing, too,” he says.

Linton Square Pharmacy is under construction and set to open on the southeast corner of Linton Boulevard and Congress Avenue. “It’s a mom and pop, and you don’t see new out-of-the-box developments like that. Most everywhere, it’s CVS and Walgreens. And Aldi. Aldridge Connors law firm, through a $200,000 incentive grant from the city, moved into offices into The Arbors from Boca Raton.”

On Linton and Federal on the southwest corner, the SunTrust Bank is being torn down, and a new SunTrust will be rebuilt along with a Chick-Fil-A.

On the southeast corner of Linton Boulevard and Federal Highway, the Delray Place shopping center will open next year with long-awaited Trader Joe’s and Stein Mart.

To the northeast corner of Linton Boulevard and Federal Highway are a Chase Bank and Fresh Market.

On the northwest corner, the Regal movie theater is being torn down, and LA Fitness is under construction.

Neighborhood Grocer will open on the northeast corner of Lindell Boulevard and Federal Highway.

To the northwest corner of Linton Boulevard and Southwest Fourth Avenue will have Starbucks and Tijuana Flats. Aspen Dental, Buffalo Wild Wings and Five Guys.

A residential complex, the Franklin, at 320 Franklin Club Drive, is open, and most of the apartments are leased already, he says. “Most recent rental complexes are not what people think them to be. They offer a whole new lifestyle with amenities over the top, beyond St. Andrews Country Club. The Broadstone North Boca Village, for example, has 380 units, and there are about 30 left for rent.

“Development like this is happening all over South Florida. If you go to a corner of Palmetto in Boca Raton, you see four power cranes; in Fort Lauderdale, you’ll see 10 of them; and in Miami, 20.”

Some closings of note:

After 38 years in Delray Beach on the Avenue, the Nutrition Cottage has closed up shop and moved to its Boynton Beach location at 1815 S. Federal Highway. “We were not able to renegotiate our lease for an affordable price for a small business,” said Mark Stone, who owns the store with his wife, Karen. “We were one of the oldest downtown businesses and we are the oldest still-remaining family-owned natural-food store in South Florida.”

Mark, a licensed nutritionist, plans to offer even more nutritional counseling, and Karen, a nutritional specialist, will ensure that their customers have a positive experience, he said.

The supplement manager of the Delray store, Michael McNally, will join Boynton Beach manager Theresa Dyer and sales associate Eileen Freidenreich.

The Stewes plan to expand the Boynton location’s inventory, add more refrigeration, expand and remodel the supplement area, add a specialized-bulk herb section, and carry more groceries, raw foods and gluten-free foods. They also plan to host lectures and talks in the store. Parking is free.

“We have been in Boynton Beach since 1978,” Mark said. “And even though rent was part of the problem in Delray Beach, it was time to focus our energies here in Boynton.”

After almost 93 years, Loehmann’s, the upscale off-price retailer that originated the concept, has gone out of business because of declining economic conditions in its key markets, and intense competition from other off-price and outlet retailers and the e-commerce channel.

The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce will host a grand opening of its new facility on Feb. 7-9. From left: Sago Spodak, Ariene Spodak, Dr. Craig Spodak, Gavin Spodak, Dr. Myles Spodak, Zaincha Martelli-Spodak and Chamber President Karen Granger. Photo provided by Spodak Dental Group.
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Boonyton Beach

Builder proposes new Ocean Avenue residential project

By Steve Plunkett

Less than a month after one downtown Boynton Beach development project fizzled, another arose to keep the promise of long-awaited construction activity alive.

Morgan Boynton Beach LLC filed a site plan with the city Jan. 8 for a 370-unit, seven-story residential tower at the southwest corner of Ocean Avenue and Federal Highway. The project as planned includes about 14,000 square feet of retail space, a six-story parking garage and a public plaza on the corner.

“It’s all pretty doable, all easily adjustable,” city Planning and Zoning Director Michael Rumpf said.

Unlike many proposals that seek maximum floor space or more, the plan for 500 Ocean calls for less than Boynton Beach’s minimum floor space requirement. But the city is tweaking its rules, which were “a little bit higher” than model regulations, to accommodate the project, Rumpf said.

“We want people down there, we want buildings, massing. We want development, a train station down there,” Rumpf said.

The limited liability corporation that submitted the plans has the same mailing address as LeCesse Development Corp. of Altamonte Springs and most of the same executives. Rumpf said the site plan labels the project “residential,” but does not say whether that means condominiums or rental apartments.

LeCesse specializes in multifamily residential development, its website says.

The project will go to the city’s Planning and Development Board on Feb. 25 and then to the City Commission in March.

The 4.7-acre site is also bounded by Southeast Second Avenue and Southeast Fourth Street. Entrances are proposed on Federal and Fourth.

The site plan was welcome news to the city’s Community Redevelopment Agency, which in December withdrew a request for proposals for its half-acre at 222 N. Federal Highway after a year of negotiations with a Delray Beach law firm, Kanner and Pintaluga PA, and with One Boynton LLC, which owns most of the land fronting Federal Highway between Ocean Avenue and Boynton Beach Boulevard.

The lawyers wanted a spot for a 50,000-square-foot headquarters and said they would bring 200 jobs downtown by 2015. One Boynton, owned by Davis Camaleri, proposed two residential towers and a flagship hotel. But negotiations disintegrated in the fall.

The 500 Ocean project is on the same location as The Arches, a previous $105 million proposal for 378 condominiums and more than 40,000 square feet of retail. But the property wound up in foreclosure in 2011.

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Boonyn Beach

Body of missing 15-year-old swimmer found at inlet

Ocean Ridge public safety officers assisted the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office and other agencies in a search last month for a 15-year-old boy who was later found to have drowned north of the Boynton Inlet.

The body of Sebastian Francois was found on Jan. 14, in the pilings and rocks at the inlet, two days after he disappeared while swimming about 15 yards north of the inlet’s sand transfer station.

According to reports, Francois was wading in chest-high water shortly before 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 12, when he suddenly became submerged. He resurfaced and struggled to stay afloat before disappearing again. Relatives who were with him called 911 while they continued to search.

The sheriff’s office marine unit, along with the U.S. Coast Guard and divers from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue’s Special Response team, conducted a search but were unable to find the swimmer until he was discovered two days later.

Ocean Ridge Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi said his officers were minimally involved in the search, patrolling the beach south of the inlet on ATVs.

“We were told to be on the lookout for anything out of the ordinary,” Yannuzzi said. --- Rich Pallokk

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Along the Coast

This count’s for the birds
Audubon Society performs its annual tally of area’s feathered friends

By Cheryl Blackerby

“Sanderlings, the first birds today,” noted Rick Schofield. The little wading birds — white with tan wings and black beaks and legs — flew low over the waves lapping at the sand of Delray Municipal Beach.

A willet soared high over the ocean, with a backdrop of pink and gold clouds as the sun peeked over the horizon. Another bird dove-bombed into the water for a fish. “A royal tern,” announced Schofield, looking through his binoculars.

“See the orange beak and the Friar Tuck black cap?”

Three bird watchers — Kristen Murtaugh of Delray Beach, Beth Ensor of Ocean Ridge and Pat Canning of Delray Beach — raised binoculars to look at the bird and concurred that it was indeed a royal tern. They immediately spotted ring-billed gulls.

The group’s bird watching Jan. 4 was part of the Audubon Society’s 114th Christmas Bird Count. Armed with binoculars, bird guides and checklists, tens of thousands of volunteers across the country also counted birds. Each group chose a day from Dec. 14 through Jan. 5 and braved snow and cold in the North and wind and rain in Florida to count birds.

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BIRDS
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The Christmas event is much more than taking a day to admire birds. For more than 100 years, the bird counts have provided important data to scientists and conservationists.

“The Christmas Bird Count is the longest-running citizens’ science program in the country,” said Jacqui Sulek, Audubon’s Florida chapter conservation manager. “It’s in conjunction with Cornell University. They use a lot of that information to track the population of birds. We’ve discovered, for example, that many of the birds are moving north because of climate change.”

There are 44 Audubon chapters around the state that sponsor many more groups for the annual bird count. Every year, each group counts birds in its own circle, which is 15 miles in diameter, and doesn’t overlap with other circles.

“That same area is done every year so we have a good snapshot of that place,” she said.

The volunteers are skilled bird counters who can quickly distinguish a laughing gull from a herring gull. “You get sensitive to the shape of a bird and the way it moves. They become sort of your friends,” said Sulek, who lives near Gainesville. Her bird count this year turned up some of her favorites. “I always love seeing our winter warblers, black-and-white warblers, blue-and-white warblers, yellow-throated warblers. And we saw a male vermilion flycatcher, one of the beautiful birds.”

Some volunteers have conducted bird counts on bike, and she said she once did a Christmas Bird Count in a kayak on the Santa Fe River in North Florida.

Schofield’s group started its bird count at the Delray Municipal Beach then moved along the coast north to the Boynton Inlet.

At the Gulf Stream Golf Club, they saw three ring billed gulls, an osprey and a turkey vulture circling high above the course.

“There’s a red-breasted merganser!” exclaimed Murtaugh, a former Florida Atlantic University vice president who leads bird-watching trips.

Canning, whose husband, Vince, started the Vince Canning Shoes store in Delray Beach, spotted a kestrel perched in a tree on the golf course. “It looks like a peregrine falcon but smaller,” she said, admiring the bird through binoculars.

“Kestrels are on a severe decline across the country, and they know that because of these counts,” said Schofield.

Audubon’s analysis of bird population data from the Christmas Bird Counts plus the Breeding Bird Survey has revealed alarming declines of bird populations, even ordinary birds most people take for granted.

Common birds in decline, according to Audubon statistics, are the northern bobwhite (31 million that have declined to 7 million), the eastern meadowlark (24 million to 7 million), the common tern (100,000 to 30,000) and field sparrow (18 million to 5 million).

The findings point to a growing impact from habitat loss from development, deforestation, conversion of land to agriculture and climate change, according to Audubon research.

At the Little Club Golf Course in Gulf Stream, Murtaugh heard the strident call of a nanday parakeet, and found the birds in a small tree near the clubhouse. Its flamboyant green color, red thigh feathers and black mask make this bird, often kept as pets and taught to talk, easy to spot.

Schofield walked over to one of the course’s ponds and spotted the bird that was the highlight of the day — a Canada goose, which is quite rare this far south.

“It’s not a decoy, right? Is he moving?” Ensor joked.

Next, the group spotted three starlings, a boat-tailed grackle and a pileated woodpecker. “That’s Woody Woodpecker,” said Schofield, chuckling.

At the Ocean Ridge Natural Area at Corrine Street, a little blue heron posed for photos on rocks by the Intracoastal Waterway, and three wood storks flew overhead, their 6-foot wingspans a sight to behold.

At Gulfstream Park, lesser black-backed gulls and herring gulls wheeled in the air currents near the lifeguard station. A majestic great egret took a few running hops in the grass north of Ocean Ridge Town Hall, then spread its wings in magnificent slow-motion flaps into the air.

Schofield made another great sighting: the elusive common eider at the Boynton Inlet.

Ensor kept an official tally of the sightings, furiously cataloging birds as they were called out.

At the end of the day, the group’s bird count had tallied 45 species and 875 birds. The numbers were slightly down too windy,” said Schofield.

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Recent hires are good news at FAU

Want some good news about FAU? You got it. Finally. For a change.

So many problems in the past year: the brouhaha over the botched attempt to name the stadium after GEO, a for-profit prison company. President Mary Jane Saunders’ failure to deal with the GEO uproar that cost her the job; an instructor’s misinterpreted “Stomp Jesus” classroom exercise; the firing of Head Football Coach Carl Pelini for failing to report improper behavior (illegal drug use) by subordinates.

Now, however, the road ahead looks brightly lit.

GEO is history.

New football coach Charlie Partridge, in from Arkansas, quickly filled his staff and led his first football game. It was off bright and early in search of a win.

Partridge, Kelly

In the past seven years, as executive director of the Clemson University Restoration Institute, he was responsible for Clemson’s public service mission and built a highly collaborative team to educate students and direct research in energy systems.

As for the man, here’s a taste. John Kelly was born in Greenville, not far from Clemson, and raised in nearby Easley. His undergraduate degree at Clemson was in horticulture as were his master’s and doctorate at Ohio State (which coincidentally is the alma mater of FAU Athletic Director Pat Chun). His first academic position was at Texas A&M.

He has two grown children from a first marriage, and two youngsters, one born last fall, with wife, Carolyn.

“First thing you need to know is John Kelly is incredible,” a staff member at the Restoration Institute in North Charleston said. “He will do a fantastic job at FAU.”

He is a voracious reader and is said to have a photographic memory. When he has time off, he prefers to spend it with his family.

Kelly is also enthused about FAU’s relationships with Scripps and Max Planck institutes in Jupiter and the importance of developing research with private industry in a wide range of endeavors.

So buckle up, folks. It looks like FAU is in for a wild ride.

“Fun Facts: Loves going to the beach … Played college basketball at FAU and was thinking of turning professional and playing overseas … Favorite food is Japanese hibachi …

Beach? Basketball? FAU? Olympics? That little blurb on Team USA’s Winter Olympics website about Brittany Bowe seems a bit wacky. But Bowe is not your typical winter Olympian. Back in 2010 as she was winding down her career as a three-year starter at point guard, Bowe watched on TV as speed skaters circled the track in Vancouver. “I can do that!” she said.

Blades or wheels, it was still skating, and the Ocala native, who turns 26 on Feb. 24, had won 12 world titles as an inline skater.

Though she had never skated on ice, Bowe was confident she could make the transition. Graduating in 2010 with a degree in sociology and social science, she left balmy Boca to train in the snow-capped mountains near Salt Lake City. Last November, just 3½ years later, she covered her 1,000 meters in 1:12.58, a new women’s world record by a tenth of a second.

“I’ve dreamed in my sleep about it,” Bowe said at the time. “When it becomes a reality and finally hits you, it’s a dream come true.”

With her 2013 season success and world record, Bowe becomes a favorite in the 1,000, but medals won’t be easy. The Dutch, Japanese, South Koreans and host Russians are expected to be strong. The world will have a better idea on the morning of Feb. 13 when she skates in the 1,000.

Ah, yes, the times they are a-changin’. Each year, Clay Glass Metal Stone Gallery in Lake Worth hosts a concert by local musicians to pay tribute to major figures in folk music. This year to salute his 95th birthday, the Feb. 8 show at Lake Worth Playhouse will feature Pete Seeger. Words to Seeger’s music will be projected on the walls so the audience can sing along.

The same day, the United States Women’s National Soccer Team plays the Russian National Team at FAU’s beautiful stadium at 3:30 p.m. It’s a “friendly.” Tickets at ussoccer.com.

Good start for South Florida’s newest playhouse, The Wick, which opened in late September in the old Caldwell Theatre, received three nominations for the Carbonell Awards, which recognize the region’s best theater.

Its inaugural production, The Sound of Music, was tapped for best musical and two South Florida veterans — Loureline Sneakder in The Sound of Music and Missy McArule in White Christmas — received supporting actress nominations.

Audience response for The Wick’s third production, 42nd Street, has been so strong that the run has been extended another week to Feb. 15. Absent from the generally positive reviews, however, was any mention of Loretta Swit. At The Wick’s gala opening last fall, she was introduced as a featured performer in 42nd Street but did not appear. According to the critics, she wasn’t needed. With the likes of Julie Kleiner and Petty Sawyer among the four Equity cast members and a talented ensemble of local talent exceeding all expectations for the difficult production, director Norb Joerder and choreographer Ron Hutchins, ably filled a tough order.

Theater founder Marilyn Wick hopes to land Swift for Steel Magnolias, which opens April 3. Next up: The Full Monty, with previews Feb. 20 and gala opening Feb. 21. (955-2333)

Up in Manalapan at The Plaza Theatre, saucy Renee...
For your Valentine’s pleasure: At the Delray Beach Tennis Center, enjoy a Valentine’s Dinner with the stars of the Delray Beach Open at 6 p.m., open bar, a box seat for the matches and preferred parking for $99 ($30-600). A few blocks east, Grammy nominee Roseanna Vitro performs a special Valentine’s performance at Arts Garage (Also Saturday at 2 p.m. 450-6357). The 2014 season of ‘Pulp Rock & Doo Wop Live!’ kicks off with A Valentine’s Evening of Love Songs at FAU in Boca Raton, featuring The Duprees, The Dixie Cups, Lenny Welch, Emily Stuchci & The Classics and The Knockouts. Single show and series tickets available starting at $39 (693-3532).

Not so many years ago, South Florida was regarded as a vast wasteland when it came to fine art. Granted, new residents from the Northeast, accustomed to world-class museums such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Guggenheim in New York, the Museum of Fine Art in Boston and the National Gallery in Washington, had a case.

Over time, however, the landscape of culture shock has been reduced, thanks to relative old-timers such as the Norton in West Palm Beach and the Society of the Four Arts in Palm Beach, which have built national reputations, and some relative newcomers.

Almost four years into her tenure as director at the Norton, Hope Alswang is making her mark. The museum still brings in major touring shows but it also produces its own, and they demand more than glances and oooh-aaahs. Visitors who see Phyllida Barlow’s Hoard, for example, had best look twice, lest they miss the structure and form in what might initially seem to be junk and trash.

To Jane Love Andy Warhol’s First Superstar (Feb. 2-May 25) capitalizes on the relationship of Palm Beacher Jane Holzer to pop artist Andy Warhol. It incorporates Warhol’s art, fashions from Holzer’s modeling career, photos from the likes of David Bailey and Irving Penn and even clips from films featuring “Baby Jane” to create a broader context.

Over at the Four Arts, President and CEO Ervin Duggan remains full of surprises, not the least of which is his pending retirement in June after 14 years at the helm. Duggan, formerly president at PBS, transformed the Four Arts from essentially a members-only club into a cultural organization with broad community impact, through art exhibits, music, lectures and symposia. Recent speakers have included Garrison Keillor of A Prairie Home Companion and Olympia Snowe, recently retired U.S. Senator from Maine. The gallery is hosting The Coast and the Sea: Marine and Maritime Art from the 1800’s to 2014. Hope Alswang, FAU’s Schmidt Center and Ritter Galleries and Delray’s Cornell Museum of Art have significantly raised the AQ (art quotient) in South County. It may seem a bit camp, but through March 29 the Cultural Council is featuring eight interior designers and their interpretations of that regional curiosity, the Florida room. The building turned 100 in 2013, but the Cornell Museum in the old schoolhouse at Delray Square is a bouncing adolescent. Its National Juried Exhibition of 100 works — acrylics, glass, jewelry, oils, photography, watercolors — opens a three-month run Feb. 14. Forer Michael Monroe of the Boca Raton Museum of Art in Washington, we will reveal his choices for $2,000, $1,500 and $300 cash awards at a reception Feb. 20. At FAU, the Schmidt Center, wraps Deadly Medicine: Creating the Anthrax Race on Feb. 15 and a week later expands the Ritter Gallery’s south Florida: Contemporary Southeastern Art. Down the road the galleries will exhibit theses works by masters of fine arts candidates, an exhibit by young photographers in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County and the annual juried student art exhibition. Stephen Maklansky had democracy in mind when he signed on as director at the Boca Museum of Art in the summer of 2011, intent on generating more community involvement in the museum and in art. Touch!

Visitors can check out exhibitions such as the current Pop Culture: Selections from the Frederick W. Weisman Art Foundation (through April 23) and Futurism: Concepts and Imaginings (through March 30), enjoy arty wine tastings — Italian futurists and wines (Feb. 19) or catch an arty movie, such as a portrait of Tony Lichtenstein, included with admission.

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**Philanthropy Calendar**

**FEBRUARY**

Saturday - 2/1 - FIT Consulting Great Charity Challenge at Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, 3400 Stadium Road, Wellington. Enjoy a family-friendly night of world-class horse jumping to benefit 24 local charities. Activities include face painting, a petting zoo, carousels and live entertainment. 6 pm. Free. 748-1133 or Fitz@charitychallenge.com/hyde.

- **2/1** - The Main Event at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., West Palm Beach. Pack the house and deliver a “two-punch” to cancer at this boxing-themed gala co-hosted by Israel Trump, 43 pm. 650-5100. 850-9440 or cancer.org.

- **2/1** - Building Hope Gala at The Polo Club of Boca Raton, 5400 Champion Blvd. Bring hope to the children of Haiti with an evening of carnavalesque featuring silent auction, cocktails, gourmet dinner and dancing. 9:30 pm-midnight. $150. 832-5396, Ext. 1196 or norton.org/gala2014.

- **2/1 - Gala POP-in Party at Norton Museum, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Join the crowd after dinner and enjoy Jane, Love Andy, Norton’s First Supper while enjoying a cocktail reception, auction, delectable dinner and festive after-dinner fees with a 81 pm. $3200-832-5956, Ext. 1321 or norton@norton.org.

- **2/2 - 2/3 - Beth Fibroblast Gala at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd. Dress for black-tie attire for a gala that begins with a pre-performance cocktail reception & pictures. 7 pm. $450. 833-7884 or popboca.org.

Friday - 2/2 - International Red Cross Ball at The Breakers, 1 South County Road, Palm Beach. Welcome ambassadors, dignitaries and philanthropic leaders from around the world at the 57th fundraiser for American Red Cross Palm Beaches - Treasure Coast Region. 7 pm-midnight. $1,000-650-9105 or redcross.org/palm-beach.

Friday-Saturday - 2/7-8 12th-annual “Frogman” auction & Chef-Style event benefiting Hospice of Palm Beach County. 6-10 pm. $200. 245-6042 or hotel@hospiceofpb.org. Saturday - 2/2-3 ForEverglades Benefit at The Breakers, 1 South County Road, Palm Beach. Zee Brown kicked off the 20th anniversary of The Everglades Foundation at a gala fundraiser. 7 pm. $1,000. 275-6470-Ext. 20 or evergladesfoundation.org.

Monday - 2/17 - Ruby Anniversary Gala at Hayti Heritage Center, 516 Hayti Rd., Boynton Beach. Featuring keynote speaker and author Brad Meltzer. 11 am. $110. 640-9540 or flagleru.org.

Wednesday - 2/26 - Bijoux Antique Show at Addison Reserve Country Club, 2100 Addison Reserve Blvd., Delray Beach. See the latest in fine jewelry, couture items and décor to benefit the Boca Raton Bombing Fund. 10 am-6 pm. Free. 278-0055, Ext. 31.

**March**

Thursday - 3/1 - Bethesda Ball at The Breakers, 1 South County Road, Palm Beach. Experience the finest chefs, a live auction and Place of Hope gala. 8 pm-midnight. $1,250. 852-9448 or bocapenwomen.org.

Friday - 3/1 - Bethesda Ball Benefit at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 1 South County Road, Palm Beach. Save the date for the exhibition and sale of contemporary art jewelry by international artists, many of whom will be in attendance for the preview cocktail party. 6-10 pm. $250 per couple, $500 single. 832-5916, Ext. 1121 or norton@norton.org.

Thursday - 2/27 - Wings, Wheels and Heels at Signature Flight Support Boca, 1300 Airport Road, 33431. Join Place of Hope at The Inverness Campus for a benefit for Alumina Impact Girls Cottage that will include tapas from Palm Beach County’s finest chefs, a live auction and Place of Hope’s “A luna-4/30 pm. $90. 483-0962 or hope@palmbeach.com.

**March 10:** A reunion with Jim Sackett, WPTV- TV’s retired anchorman, will highlight the action, dinner and dancing. Time is 6:30 pm. Cost is $100. Call 244-7627, Ext. 105, or visit womencircle.org.

**March 18:** A benefit for the Girls Club of Boca Raton. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm, followed by a performance by Alvin Alley American Dance Theater, followed by a live auction and show. $500-954-5100 or bocaratoncancers.org.

**March 24 - 25:** Heart of a Woman Luncheon at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camero Rd. Join special guest Olymipa Dubois at this traditional celebration of strength, courage and determination in women and support Aid To Victims of Domestic Abuse. 10 am/ silent auction, noon/lunch. $125-365-3797 or awanda.org/heart-of-a-woman. 2/24 - 25:** Ritz-Carlton For the Performing Arts Annual Gala at Kravis Center, 701 Okeehechee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Take a performance in Alvin Alley American Dance Theater followed by black-tie dinner dance. 6 pm. $735-655-6141 or ritzcarlton.com.

Thursday - 2/27 - Spring Boutique Trunk Show at Colony Hotel & Cabana Club, 525 1 Montecito Ave., West Palm Beach. Shop more than 40 vendors, including artists, authors, crafters, jewelers and more to raise funds for the Boca Raton Branch of the National League of American Pen Women. 11 am-4 pm. $2. 852-9440 or bocapenwomen.org.

Friday - 3/7 - 3/8 - Enchanted Evening of Fashion at Season’s Off, 20800 S. Ocean Blvd, Delray. Enjoy a South Seas themed along with musical performances to benefit Palm Beach Dramaworks. 6 pm. $300. 514-4602 or reptiles/bouquet@enchantedspring.org.

**May**

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March 22 - 2/23 - Spring Boutique Trunk Show at Colony Hotel & Cabana Club, 525 1 Montecito Ave., West Palm Beach. Come enjoy the ocean breeze and be ready to kick-up those heels to benefit the George Snow Scholarship Foundation. 6-11 pm. $175. 674-4797 or scholaship.org.

**May 16:** Artful Extravaganz Fair at South County Civic Center, 8410 S. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Browse among more than 40 vendors, including artists, artists, crafters, jewelers and photographers to raise funds for the Boca Raton Branch of the National League of American Pen Women. 11 am-4 pm. $2. 852-9440 or bocapenwomen.org.

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Olympia Dukakis’ signature silver locks have graced the movie screen, the television screen and the cover of a memoir, and they soon will pop up behind the lectern at the Heart of a Woman Luncheon to benefit Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse.

"This is probably the biggest speaker we’ve had,” said Monique Force, AVDA’s development director. “We’re pretty excited.”

Force conducted a little research following last year’s successful luncheon featuring kidnap victim Elizabeth Smart and came across Dukakis. Force tapped the A-lister’s agents about addressing the 500-plus attendees who will gather at the Boca Raton Resort & Club on Feb. 24 for the annual benefit, and a contract was drawn up.

“She uses her fame as a platform to get the information out about domestic violence,” Force said. “What we’re hoping for her to accomplish is to spread the word that there’s help available.”

AVDA, a 30-year-old nonprofit organization based in Delray Beach, operates a 41-bed emergency shelter, a 31-bed transitional housing facility and a 24-hour crisis hotline and also provides prevention, outreach and advocacy programs on a $2 million-per-year budget.

“Last year, we served more women and children than ever,” Force said. “Domestic violence just continues to grow, and it’s a major problem. We want to be able to provide the programs and services. A lot of times, there are victims out there, and they don’t know these programs and services exist.”

Gulf Stream resident Ann Bennett of Bennett Family, NCCI Holdings and Omega at Town Center at Boca Raton, is the Heart of a Woman luncheon sponsor, Jeannette DeOrchis, with Pam O’Brien, president and CEO of Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, and luncheon chairwoman Ann Bennett of Gulf Stream. Photo provided.

If You Go

**What:** Heart of a Woman Luncheon to benefit Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse

**When:** 10:30 a.m. silent auction; noon luncheon

**Where:** Boca Raton Resort & Club

**Cost:** $125; $1,200 for a table of 10

Info: Call 265-3797 or visit www.avdaonline.org/heart-of-a-woman

Heart of a Woman luncheon sponsor Jeannette DeOrchis, with Pam O’Brien, president and CEO of Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, and luncheon chairwoman Ann Bennett of Gulf Stream. Photo provided.

**For more information, visit:**

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**Friday - 2/22 - KidSanctuary**

**Headdown at National Croquet Center, 700 Florida Mango Road, West Palm Beach.**

Support the construction of a second home on the KidSanctuary campus while honoring the 14 designer teams who will put their individual touch on the new Oodles Cottages. 7 p.m. $500. 653-8274 or derful touchscreen.org.

**Friday - 2/28 - Boca on the Beach**

**At the Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach.**

**Check out:** The Tech Revolution: An Evening with Doree “Dori” Worth, co-founder of Apple Computer, who will discuss innovation and creativity, entrepreneurship and education, and a vision for the future of technology. 6:30 p.m. $600. 704-7738 or touchscreencenter.org.

**Tuesday - 4/8 - YMCA Inspiration Breakfast**

**At Boca Raton Resort & Club, 200 E. Camino Real.**

Listen to former professional football player John Offerdahl, keynote speaker at the YMCA of South Palm Beach County’s largest annual fundraising event, to raise funds for financial-assistance programs from the community. 7:15 a.m. $225, plus tax. Info: 961-4343 or ymcaflbs.org.

**Wednesday - 4/9 - The Super STAR Spectacular**

**At Mercedes-Benz of Delray Beach, 1001 Linton Blvd.**

Support Málaga Children’s annual showcase gala that shines a light on the nonprofit’s “stars.” 6 pm. $75 in advance, $85 at the door; 279-250 or mailordercenter.org.

**Thursday - 4/10 - Impact 100 Palm Beach County Grand Awards Event**

**At Lynn University Wolf Performance Arts Center, 600 W. Military Trail, Boca Raton.**

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Mr. Dukakis and Mr. Holland’s Opus, has been a longtime advocate of women’s rights, speaking openly about domestic abuse to raise funds for its victims.

"We’re hoping that this year will be a greater audience,” Bennett said. “We’ve been really blessed with some nationally recognized names, but Olympia is an Academy Award winner and also an advocate for women’s issues. She brings a new perspective.”

Sponsors include Jeannette DeOrchis of Morgan Stanley, the Bennett family, NCCI Holdings and Omega at Town Center at Boca Raton. **$250.**
2014 OPAL Awards Gala
Boca Pointe Country Club – Jan. 18

The 2014 OPAL (Outstanding People and Leaders) Awards Gala was awarded by the Rotary Club of Boca Raton. Winners were Karen and Howard Weiss (for community service); Anthony Comparato (Vanguard Award for Business and Community Service); Irving Gutin (for medicine and healthcare); Gary Peters (for philanthropic leadership); and Cecil Roseke (Lifetime Achievement Award). Photo provided

74th Annual Library Association Meeting
Delray Beach Public Library – Dec. 9

A business meeting started off the proceedings with library board President Nancy Dockerty discussing the ‘State of the Library.’ The re-election of board members and the nomination of new ones followed. After the vote, library director Alan Kornblau gave the Librarian’s Report and vision for the future. An award was given to outgoing President John Burke. Photo: Jan Kucera, Sandy Simon, Heidi Sargeant and Dan Murtaugh. Photo provided

Membership Breakfast
Boca Raton Resort & Club – Dec. 5

The Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce had its monthly Membership Breakfast with guest speaker Anika Khan, a senior economist at Wells Fargo Securities. More than 250 chamber members enjoyed the program, which featured an economic outlook for 2014. Photo: Bill Hager, Dani Caine and Frank Feiler. Photo by Janis Bucher

Palm Beach Symphony Opening Cocktail Party
Club Colette, Palm Beach – Dec. 2

The Palm Beach Symphony kicked off its 40th season during a festive event with more than 100 returning members and guests. The symphony will present five spirited performances at five well-known establishments this year. “We are looking forward to a spectacular season with Maestro Ramón Tebar,” said Dale McNulty, president of the symphony’s board of directors. ABOVE: Diana Paxton and Mary Lou Wagner. BELOW: Renate Mierins, Francine Pilgrim and Gisele Jacquot. Photos by Alissa Dragun/South Moon Photography

Sandler Family Major Gifts Event

The Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County drew 320 guests to its fundraising event. David Gergen, a senior political analyst for CNN, delivered the keynote address. Harvey and Phyllis Sandler presented awards to Honorary Chairs William Newman and Beverly Saltz (left). Photo by Jeff Tholl Photography
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Celebrations

Broadway Comes to Boca
The Wick Theatre & Costume Museum, Boca Raton – Nov. 15

In a benefit for the Christine E. Lynn Women’s Health and Wellness Institute at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, the museum had a grand-opening event in conjunction with the Debbie Rand Memorial Service League’s gala that raised $41,000. The gala included a tour of the Broadway collection, dinner, a performance of Irving Berlin’s ‘White Christmas’ and an after-party with the cast. ABOVE: (in front) Louise Cammarata, Nicole Sans, Patty Sans, Arlette Baker, (in back) Marylou Schillinger, Joseph Griffin, Ashley Leising and Mike Baker. RIGHT: Patricia Ciasulli, with a pair of little performers. Photos provided

Presentation by astronaut Story Musgrave
St. Joseph’s Episcopal School, Boynton Beach – Jan. 17

Dr. Story Musgrave, a NASA astronaut, spoke to students at St. Joseph’s Episcopal School’s Live Green Campaign to encourage real-world learning and problem solving. Musgrave shared his life’s journey and scientific achievements as an astronaut, medical doctor, pilot and professor. Photo: Musgrave, an astronaut for more than 30 years, poses with students during his presentation. Photo provided

II Circolo Scholarship
National Italian American Foundation

Brandon Mazzeo, a graduate of Gulf Stream School, has received a $5,000 II Circolo Scholarship. Mazzeo attends Columbia University and is majoring in biomedical engineering. II Circolo Scholarship winners are selected based on academic merit and are academically outstanding, with grade-point averages of 3.95. Photo provided

Fundraiser for The American Association of University Women
Home of Stan and Barbara Cook, Ocean Ridge – Jan. 19

Barbara and Stan Cook opened their home and garden for an event for The American Association of University Women to raise funds and promote STEM programs for middle-school girls. TOP: Chris Wurster and Abby Smith pose for a photo in the ‘Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil’ area of the Cooks’ garden. MIDDLE: Barbara Cook, (right) gives a tour of the garden to Pamela Crawford, vice president of landscape architecture at Botanical Visions in West Palm Beach. BOTTOM: Renny Reynolds laughs with Ocean Ridge Town Commissioner Ed Brookes in the Cooks’ garden. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Sports for Students
St. Andrews Club, Gulf Stream – Jan. 15

Sacred Heart School in Lake Worth benefited from an event attended by more than 50 golfers and croquet players who gathered to raise money for scholarship and student programs. Photo: Croquet winners Daniel Herrick and Nancy Borger with golf pro David Bent. Photo provided
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Celebrations

Delray Beach Historical Society Winter Harvest
Cason Cottage – Jan. 15

Sightseeing Cruises
Cruise the calm waters of the Intracoastal Waterway with Palm Beach County’s most experienced crew. Lady Atlantic and Lady Delray cruise year round from Veterans Park in Delray Beach. Both yachts feature climate-controlled decks. Full galley service with cash bar is available on all cruises. Two-Hour Narrated Sightseeing Cruises departing daily at 10:30am and Thursday Night Live Entertainment Cruises

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February 14

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Dining
Hungry for Black & Bleu at Granger’s

The Plate: Black & Bleu
The Place: Granger’s Grille, 215 NE Sixth Ave., Delray Beach, 276-7881 or grangersgrille.com
The Price: $9
The Skinny: What’s Black and Bleu and tasty all over?
The correct answer is the Black & Bleu chicken sandwich at Granger’s. It’s a tender chicken breast half that has been lightly dusted with seasonings, then blackened on the grill.
The chef tops it with a couple of thick-cut slices of applewood-smoked bacon, some of the restaurant’s slightly sweet blue cheese dressing, and serves it atop a lightly toasted roll.

As if that’s not decadent enough, it’s served with a side of crispy crinkle-cut fries.
Now, that’s a feast.
— Scott Simmons

Above: Robin Newbeek, of Bedner’s Farm Fresh Market, offers peppers to guests. Left: Roland Yee, of The Farm Bureau, talks to Kate Fogarty.
February 1

- **Community Calendar**

  **February 1 - Saturday**
  - **Sand Sifter Beach Cleanup**
  - **2nd Annual Black History Month Breakfast**
  - **Ocean Green Market**

  **February 1 - Sunday**
  - **2nd Annual Beach Theatre and Costume Museum**

  **February 2**
  - **Halloween Bash at The Wick Theatre**

  **February 3**
  - **Boca Raton Library Program**

  **February 4**
  - **Bowling Benefit for Boca Raton Public Library**

  **February 5**
  - **Delray Greenmarket**

  **February 6**
  - **3rd Annual Delray Beach Senior Games**

  **February 7**
  - **2nd Annual South County Regional Park Camp In The Park**

  **February 8 - Sunday**
  - **2nd Annual Delray Beach Senior Games**

  **February 9**
  - **3rd Annual Delray Beach Senior Games**

  **February 10**
  - **Delray Greenmarket**

  **February 11 - Saturday**
  - **3rd Annual Delray Beach Senior Games**

  **February 12 - Sunday**
  - **3rd Annual Delray Beach Senior Games**

**Delray GreenMarket**

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- Independent Seafood
- L'Antre French Bakery
- The Delray Kitchen
- Hot Sauces
- Anita's Guacamole

- Organic Juice Booth
- Kula Thai
- Amazing Creations Florist
- Kneal's Orchids
- Serenity Flow Soaps
- Adams Family Farms
- JC's Daily Bread
- Cottage Garden Teas
- A Touch of Spain
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Fri., February 7

DINNER & DANCE
“ELVIS SHOW”
Greenbriar Ballroom, Delray Beach
Doors open at 6:00pm; Dance at 6:30pm

Fri., February 14

DINNER & DANCE with the WHITESTONE BAND
Greenbriar Ballroom, Delray Beach
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Community Calendar

to swing, American standards and music from
Greece and Israel. 2 pm. Free. 393-7827.

Schumann, and Brahms
at the Society
of Treasures of America
by Professor Neil Harris
at The National Gallery of Art, and the
Treasures of America

Bach, Handel, and Beethoven.
2/2 - Super Bowl Kickoff BBQ at the 305
Toon Center, 505 SE 1st Ave., Delray Beach.
Enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs while
socializing with your friends. For ages 12-19. 5
pm. Free. 243-7968.

2/2 - The Woman in the Moon: Kabulistanic Insights into Femininity and
The Jewish Calendar -Presented as part of
Kabbalistic Insights Into Femininity and

2/2 - Aikido Classes
at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton.
An eclectic martial arts program
that includes art, sport and self-defense. Ten-
month, non-resident $150/month; Youth:
Fridays, 5:30-7 pm. Adult: resident $120/
endurance and capture mental clarity and

2/2 - Tae Kwon Do
at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton.
An eclectic martial arts program
that includes art, sport and self-defense.
Ten-class session runs through 3/7. Held, 6-7:30 pm, and F, 5:30-7 pm; 335 residents,
$68.75/non-residents. 347-3950.

2/2 - Mah-Jongg
at the Delray Beach
Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave.
Free. 742-6390.

2/3 - Watercolour Painting Workshop
at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held every
Monday. 10 am. Free. 266-1014.

2/3 - Senior Bingo at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 2/5, 10, 12, 19, 24 & 26. 4-6 pm.
Free. Registration: 819-6299.

2/3 - Writing Fiction Workshop
at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 2/5, 10, 12, 19, 24 & 26. 4-6 pm.
Free. Registration: 819-6299.

2/3 - Taking Control of Your Retirement
Financial Advisor, as part of the Financial
Consultations on Monday evening at the Delray Beach Public Library.
100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 276-1600.

2/3 - Shishi Design: A Conversation between Steven Stolman and Joseph Pulizzines -Presented by the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County as part of the Culture & Cocktails Series at The Colony, 155 Hampton Ave., Palm Beach. Stolman is President of Scalamandre, America’s leading purveyor of requisite decorative fabrics, wall coverings, trim and furnishings. Pulizzines is an award-winning Cuban American interior designer who has been featured on HGTV’s Designer Challenges and on the Bob Villa show. Proceeds benefit the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County. 5-7 pm. 452-3138.

2/3 - Got Gaming? at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 2/28. 9 am-noon. Two sessions: M/W/F, 64/ residents, $38/non-residents. M-F, $40/residents, $45/non-residents. 347-3950.

2/3 - Mah-Jongg
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2/3 - Quilting Bee - Twice monthly quilting
workshops at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Free. 742-6380.

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3/3 - Group Swim Lessons
Beach. 4:30-7 pm. $8. All are welcome. 732-6200.

3/3 - Wednesday Dinner
2/19. 4-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968.
Children attend independently.

3/3 - Eco-Watch - Water Conservation:
at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 7495 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Learn the basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, child and adult one-person CPR, as well as the use of the Automated External Defibrillator. 6-8 pm. $12. Registration: 955-4466 or www.theheart.org.

3/3 - The 2 to Be in the Free World: Jewish Identity Through the Lens of Modern History - Performed by the Rhode Island Learning Institute at Oxford of Delray Beach, 7495 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Courgeous opportunities to make sense of their personal Jewishness, and provide them with connection to pass on a legacy of Jewish pride to the next generation.
Wednesday through 3/7. 7:30 pm. $17/person. 518 couples - includes workbook. 496-4284 or www.clubabodybuilding.com
3/5 - Kravmarrak National Dance Company of Siberia at the Bounty of the Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 3 pm. $45-$40. 805-0452 or www.fourarts.org.
3/5 -及 For Kids: One Heart One Voice at the Pagastry Arts Center of the Palm Beaches, 949 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Experience this multi-cultural hand puppet musical featuring multiple Palm Beach County people, places, and events, and all original music. Performed by the Center's own Dreammaker Puppeteers. Thursday 7:30-9 and 7:17-18. In $30.10/11 pm. Sat. 2- pm. 16-50 person. 243-4010.
3/5-7/7 - World Series of Poker Circuit Events at Palm Beach Kennel Club, 1111 N. Congress Ave., West Palm Beach. Complete schedule and entry fees listing online. 63227 or www.wsop.com. Thursday 2-4. Quilts meet every Thursday at the Boynton Beach City Library, 205 S. Seacrest. Share quilting information. 544-8615.

3/6 - Book signing by Jack Kevorkian

3/6 - American Genius: What is American Style?
A Panel Discussion by Julie Reed, Thomas Jayne, and Debra Apollonio - Presented as part of the treasures of America series at the Society of the Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Book signing follows. 2:30 pm. $35/non-members. 5601 mon.-friday.

3/6 - Senior Bridge at Veterans Park, 902 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Local instructor teaches basic painting techniques to beginners and advanced painters. Call for list of supplies. Held every Thursday 10:30-11:45 am. Free for sw-class: 55+residents, 5601-mon.-friday.

3/6 - Basic Driver Improvement Class
Presented by Safety Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. at the Voice and Vision of America, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Drivers 55 and over receive a certificate from the Florida Traffic Law Institute when they complete this course. Non-4pm. $35. 848-8233.

3/6 - Yoga Kids Class - Presented as part of the Books on Stage Book-A-Thon series at the Delray Beach Playhouse, 990 W. Flagler St. 2 pm. S2-23281.

3/6 - Vegan Living: A Way of Life and a Budget at Whole Foods Lifestyle Center, 1400 S. Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Learn how to shop quickly and efficiently while being kind to your wallet, waistline and well-being. 2-3 pm. Free Registration: 805-0005.

3/6 - A Journal of a Haiku Walker

3/6 - Bar Mitzvah Preparation Class
for 6th graders only. Sun. 10-1 pm. Annual fee: $75 per family. 266-9498 or www.chabaddelray.com/myjli.

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Wade Berstler
First Pitch to Sliding Home:
Friday - 2/7 -

- Presented as part of the Author Evening Series at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 288 NE 1st Ave. 7 pm. $7 at the door. 742-6224.

Winter Lecture Series
2/7 - Wetlands & Wildlife
at the Joe Raehl Nature Preserve, 10326 Inlet Road, Delray Beach. Meet Gumbo Limbo Naturalist at the boardwalk entrance. Bring your camera and binoculars for this 1 hour tour to learn more about Florida’s wetlands and ecosystems. Ages 10-adult, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 2/15 & 3/6. Free. 742-6224.

2/7 - Teach and Tea at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 151 E. Camino Real. Hosted by The Symphonia/Boca Raton Arts Society. Conductor Grant Cooper and vocalist Yongye Kang present’ 4-30 pm. $35. 561-627-4305.

2/7 - Total Time at Sugar Sand Park, 3000 Lake Worth Rd., Boynton Beach. Children enjoy crafts, snacks, and indoor play activities. Drop in anytime during the program. 10-11 am. Free. 742-8683.

2/7 - Mommy, Mother Nature & Me:Love Bug Safari at Lake Worth Beach Access Road, Boca Raton. Programs may include activities such as stories, puppets, and crafts. Children 2-5. 10:30-11:15 am. S. 546-8496.

2/7 - Valentine’s Day at the Boynton Beach Cinemas, 12611 S. Ocean Ave. Inquiries welcome / hyphen cap. Contact anytime.

- Presented as part of the Winter Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Institute, FAU College of Medicine Building, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Non-residents. 347-3950.

2/8 - Boca Symphonia: Meet The Orchestra

2/8 - Origami at Yamato-Kan
at The Art Gallery, 7000 N. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. This origami class will feature a concert of songs based upon the book he wrote, The Lord of the Flies. $20. Reservations: 279-8883.


2/8 - Fab‘O’Matic Astronomical Observatory - Public viewing day observations at FAU BOCO Campus, Science & Engineering Building, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Visiting from 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 7 pm. Free. 297-5597.

2/8 - 9th Annual relay for Life Kick-Off at the Park, 100 N. Seabreeze Blvd., Daytona Beach. Bring lawn chairs or blanket with paid admission. 7 pm. $15. 424-5000.

2/9 - Lunch & Learn: Michael Feinstein at the Lake Worth Playhouse, 737 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. 2 pm. $75. 742-1099.

2/9 - Fort Lauderdale Children’s Art Festival at The SEC in Pembroke Pines at 7005 Westview Dr., Pembroke Pines. Adults $25, children $15. 742-6400.


2/9 - Embroidery for ages 7-adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 2/21. 3 pm. Free. 742-6224.

2/9 - Health Effects Of Light Pollution by Maria E. Motta, MD - Presented as part of the FAU Science Lecture Series at FAU College of Medicine Building, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 3:30 pm. Free. 297-3035.

2/9 - Teddybears in Pajamas Class for ages 2-5 at the A. Rutherford Community Center, Park Rehab Blvd., 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Dance, singing, counting, playing with teddies. Activities followed by a cookie. Followed by a cookie. 9-10:30 am. $25, $15 members. 563-6705.

2/9 - Kids Fiberglass Figure Class for ages 5-12 at the A. Rutherford Community Center, Park Rehab Blvd., 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Dance, sing, count, play with your fiberglass figure. 9-10:30 am. $25, $15 members. 563-6705.

2/9 - Skates For Ages 4 to 8 at the Spanish River Park, 1901 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton. Classes consist of instruction on basic skateboarding skills and warm-ups; drills, relay races and fun F through 2/8. 2/2 classes. Instructional, 3.5-6 pm. Intermediate, 6:30-7:30 pm. $55/child. 563-7490.


2/9 - “I’m Going To Be A Teacher!”: The History of The Teacher’s Union at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 288 NE 1st Ave. 7 pm. $4.50. 742-6224.

2/9 - 101 NW 22nd St. at Swinton Ave. 11 am-1:30 pm. 561-702-1200 or www.bocalibrary.org.

2/9 - Magic: The Art of Illusion at the Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 3 & up. 2 pm. $7/person. 742-6224.


128 E. Ocean Ave. 7:30 pm. $7 at the door.

2/6 - Performance: Sweetheart Concert at the Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 2 S. Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Conductor Grant Cooper and violinist Yevgeny Kazhizov present a concert of songs based upon the book he wrote, The Lord of the Flies. $20. Reservations: 279-8883.

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Boca Ratonist Santerez Perez, left, speaks about his work with Chris Theodore, center, as his wife, Christine, views a painting behind him on Jan. 25 during the Boca Raton Fine Art Show at Royal Palm Place. Kurtis Boggs/Coastal Star

Art & Craft Festivals

Saturday - 2/7 - Arts4Kids: Fair at Sea Living & Art Sea Shops, 1825 S. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Featuring art demonstrations, arts & crafts, jewelry, handmade decorations, original paintings and more. First Saturday of the month. 4-6 p.m. Free. 347-3948.


2/7-12 - 28th Annual Downtown Debra Lee Art Festival held along NE 5th & 15th Avenue at Atlantic (130th Ave.). Debra Lee. 10 a.m. Free. 743-6055.

Saturday & Sunday - 2/8 - Artists in the Park - Presented as part of the Art in the Park Festival also includes street performers, strolling minstrels and musical entertainment along with children’s activities. Festival takes place on Lake Avenue in downtown Lake Worth. Free parking is available in the surrounding downtown area. 10 a.m. Free. 582-4401.

Saturday - 2/7 - Ice Castle Festival & Play Day at Royal Palm Place, 101 Plaza Real South, Delray Beach. A unique opportunity to study the traditional art of Sado, the Japanese tea ceremony. Community Workshops is required for those who have never taken a Sado Class but wish to start studying Sado. Two sessions (2/9 & 2/23). Individual appointments begin at 10 a.m. 553-members & at the door. 998-7784.

Saturday - 2/7 - Weekend Movie Madness: 10:15 am. $55/non-member, $50/member. (2/9 & 23). Individual appointments begin at 10 a.m. 553-members & at the door. 998-7784.

Saturday - 2/8 - Florida Youth Dance Gala - Presented as part of the FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Sunday Matinee. Palm Beach. 3 pm. $28/non-members; $10/free for ages 6-12. 998-7784.

Saturday - 2/8 - Jazz Band Wings of Swing & Jazz Combos Concert at The Murphy Oceanfront School, 101 Plaza Real South, Delray Beach. Aspiring artists learn new, traditional and geometric drawing with principal dancer Carlos Miguel Guerra and join conversations with Jennifer Rosenbloom from American City Ballet. 7-10 p.m. 706-7248.

Saturday - 2/8 - Architecture from Bauhaus to Bilbao and Beyond - Presented as part of the Art Insights Lecture Series at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real South, Delray Beach. 6:30-8:30 pm. $25/architecture. 2-4 pm. 512-members & at the door. 390-2352.

Saturday - 2/9 - DaVinci's Vitruvian Man Class at the Art Center, 525 S. 2nd Ave., Boynton Beach. Aspiring artists learn traditional, traditional and geometric drawing with Sheryl Flatow. Monday - 2/10 - Guided Tour of the Boca Raton Museum of Art at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Explore the world famous resort's history as part of the Coastal Star’s February 2014 guide. 10:15 a.m. $8/person. 279-7790.

Saturday - 2/8 - Klezmer East - Presented as part of the Teen Book Group Series at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. for ages 13-17. 6-8 pm. Free. Registration 465-1716.

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Saturday - 2/9 - The Art of Robotic Surgery: The Career of a Cardiovascular Surgeon - Presented at Palm Beach County Convention Center, 6500 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. General admission tickets $320, opening night tickets $310. 822-5440.

Saturday & Sunday - 2/7-16 - Artists in the Park - Presented as part of the Art in the Park Festival also includes street performers, strolling minstrels and musical entertainment along with children’s activities. Festival takes place on Lake Avenue in downtown Lake Worth. Free parking is available in the surrounding downtown area. 10 a.m. Free. 582-4401.

Saturday & Sunday - 2/7-22 - 20th Annual Lake Worth Street Painting Festival - Watch as over 400 artists use the pavement as canvas to transform downtown Lake Worth into a temporary museum of outdoor art and masterpiece reproductions. Festival also includes street performers, strolling minstrels and musical entertainment along with children’s activities. Festival takes place on Lake Avenue in downtown Lake Worth. Free parking is available in the surrounding downtown area. 10 a.m. Free. 582-4401.
early childhood development and strengthen neural pathways in a child's mind. Saturdays through 3/22. Ages 13-18 months. 9:45-10:30 am, 10 am, 11:30 am. Ages 2-3 years: 10:30-11:30 am, 11:30-12:30 pm, Spanish immersion for ages 2 to 4. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Per session: $96/residents, $108/non-residents.

2/17 - For the Love of Herbs Celebrations at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Blvd. Complete the monthly build challenge between 10 am-noon. $60/residents, $75/non-residents. 573-0644.

2/17 - Kolache Kaze Show with Rick Hubbard - Presented as part of the First Annual Art: Speak! Fest at the Willow Theatre, 305 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 5-11.

2/17 - Harlem Cafe presented as part of the Art Insights Lecture Series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. For grades 6-12. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 243-7922.

2/18 - College Tour: Florida Atlantic & Lynn Universities - Bus leaves from the 505 Teen Center, 505 SE 38th Ave., Delray Beach. Join a tour of two local colleges. Talk with current students and learn about your chance to experience first-hand what South Florida colleges have to offer. For grades 9-12. 7:30 am-5 pm. Free. 243-7159.

2/18 - College Tour: Bright & Smart Robotics Workshop for ages 7-12 at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 305 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Working in teams, students learn to build and program robots using a special edition of Lego bricks. Bring a charging bag. 9 am-3 pm. Per student: $55/residents, $60/$25/nonsite. 547-9900.

2/18 - Great Escape Day is for age 6-12 at the Children’s Science Explorium, 100 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Join the Explorium staff for an amazing outdoor expedition, out of doors and something to take home. Please bring a lunch for kids $12/residents, $15/nonsite. 437-9912.

2/18 - One Day Skate Camp for ages 5-18 at Delray Beach. Board set-up, safety tips and times. $25. 8:30 am-4:30 pm. 243-7158.

2/18 - Multi-Media Class for adults at the Boxtown Club and Cowtown, 150 N. Atlantic Ave. For grades 6-12. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 243-7922.

2/19 - Eco-Watch: Understanding Sea of Wine. Participants learn how to choose, shop, and taste wine. Presented by the Landscape Magic Magazine. One night only. 6-8 pm. Free. 278-5455.

2/19 - Meet the Wine Expert. Sampling, 6-8 pm. $35/members, $40/non-members. Located at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Indulge yourself with a collection of the worlds best! 8 pm. $35. 243-7922 ext. 1.

2/19 - From Darkness Into Light: Harry Swinton - Saturdays at the Old School Square Park, NE 2nd Ave., one block north of A1A. and search for ocean treasures. For all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 9 am-2 pm. 276-7511 or www.delraycra.org.

2/19 - Beach Treasures at Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Enjoy a lovely morning strolling through the Garden with your family. Meet in the Dixon Education Building, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. 9:30 am-noon. $48/residents, $60/non-residents. Registration: 742-6221.

2/19 - Stroller Struts for Children. Presented at the Children’s Science Explorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Adults enhance their child’s pre-literacy skills and imagination. Ages 18 mo.-2 yrs.: 10-10:45 am; 3-4 yrs.: 11 am-noon. $25 (includes one carousel token per paid child) 437-1990.

2/20 - Saint Mark Sanctuary Empowerment Commission. Consecration of the diocesan offices of His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta and All America. Ceremony begins at 11 am. 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. 7:30 pm. $10. Registration: 742-6221.


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2/20 - Green Markets - Saturdays at the Old School Square Park, NE 2nd Ave., one block north of A1A. Outdoor market offers fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, flowers, permetable seedlings and children’s activities. For all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 9 am-2 pm. 276-7511 or www.cabeyton.com.

2/20 - Green Market @ FAU - Thursdays at the FAU Stadium Plaza, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. A variety of eco-friendly vendors, includes items such as fresh produce, prepared foods, arts and crafts jewelry, organic products and entertainment from student and other local artists. 10 am-2 pm. Free. 742-2071 or www.fau.edu/market.

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2/20 - Dean’s Showcase No. 3 - Presented by the Campus on the Lake at the Pine Crest School. 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Delray Beach. Featuring Jeff Kaze (guitar and vocals), Rich Vaughn (drums and vocals) and the John Cente (bass and vocals). 9 pm. 540-245-7922 or 742-6221.

2/21 - Early Elton Tribute Show at The Crest Theatre. 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Featuring Jeff Kaze (guitar and vocals), Rich Vaughn (drums and vocals) and the John Cente (bass and vocals). 9 pm. 540-245-7922 or 742-6221.

2/22 - Saturday’s Tour. The Kampong at Biscayne Bay is located one and a half hour north of Boca Raton. Taking you to a tropical paradise, finding rare and unusual plants, live music and children’s activities. 9 am - 2 pm. 540-245-7922 or 742-6221.
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2/23 - 2014 Auto Show of the Palm Beaches at Northwood University Florida Campus, 200 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Conceived on the 100th anniversary of the Northwood University Florida, the Auto Show of the Palm Beaches is made possible by over 100 students working to help vehicle manufacturers and dealers unveil the latest concepts and models. Sat. 10-4 pm; Sun. 11 am-4 pm. 742-6761.
2/23 - Valentine’s Day at the Heartbeat of Japan at the Minokamo Japanese American Garden Park, Delray Beach. Workshop includes an introduction to the history of taiko. Participants will understand the evolution of movements and become familiar with the sounds and techniques used to create beautiful and exciting music. Includes group projects, team games and Land art. 2-4 pm. $6/members, $12/non-members. Free for children under age 12.
2/24 - Glass Painting at Art-Sea Living, 6459 Ocean Blvd. Proceeds support scholarships and students going to multinational camps, as well as projects to help beautify the community. 8 am-noon. Free. 793-2669.
2/25 - Intermediate Line Dancing - at the Disability Center, 1255 S.E. 2nd Ave. Beginners are instructed on basic steps such as Vamps, Arnis (hip circle), Graceful Dance of Hawaii, and Land art. 2-4 pm. $112.50/non-residents; Per class: $18/2475 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Wine and cheese reception follows. 2 pm. $30/person. 2/25 - 9th Annual Children & Parents Carnival - at the Boca Raton Community Center, 200 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. A highlight of past festivals, a panel comprised of a composer, aerobics instructors, artists, and various artists, philosophers, and practical individuals, for the audience to enjoy contemporary music. Audience participation encouraged. 7:30 pm. Free. 210-9780.
2/25 - Contemporary Music Forum - Presented as part of university’s Yom Kippur celebration at the Amick-Golden Concert Hall, de Hoernle International Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Tr., Boca Raton. A highlight of past festivals, a panel comprised of a composer, aerobics instructors, artists, and various artists, philosophers, and practical individuals, for the audience to enjoy contemporary music. Audience participation encouraged. 7:30 pm. Free. 210-9780.
2/25 - Family Splash Games - at Ocean Ridge Town Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 793-2678.
2/25 - Circle Franco - French Conversation group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 210-9780.
2/7 - Dog Obedience Classes at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton. Supervised by Maria Selica. 5-6:30 pm. $45. Residents, $50. Non-residents. Registration: 393-7800.

2/7 - From One Place to Another by Carol White - Presented as part of the Lynn University Spring Art Festival, 1851 SW 4th St., Boca Raton. Includes an artist talk and a performance by Nancy Allen. Free. 4 p.m.-6 p.m. 588-8889 or www.southpalmbeach.com.

2/8 - Yoga & Meditation at Old Naples Yoga Studio. 901 3rd St. N, Naples. 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Appraisals are verbal only, so bring along your imagination, see what you can imagine and enjoy the day. F-Sat. through 4/5. 2/28 & 3/1 (2 p.m.): $25; All other shows: $25. 347-3900.

2/8 - 4th Annual Cultural Series of the COASTAL STAR - Presented as part of the America’s First Crisis: The War of 1812 at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 SW 18th Avenue, Boca Raton. Featuring the world premiere of a new play about the first woman in Europe to have composed and conducted a symphony in the last 10 years. 7:30 p.m. Free. 393-7968.

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2/8 - Yoga Artwork Classes - for ages 2-6 at Peanut Park, 802 S. St. Lucie Blvd., Delray Beach. Children learn about the most influential artists and talk about their works, techniques and style. Class is taught in English and Spanish. F through 4/11. Age 2-3: 2-4:30 p.m.; age 4-6: 2:45-4:30 p.m. $50/residents, $57/non-residents. Registration: 270-5079.

2/8 - Probing Visual Perception Outside of Conscious Awareness by Randolph Black, Ph.D. - Presented as part of the America’s First Crisis: The War of 1812 at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 SW 18th Avenue, Boca Raton. Featuring the world premiere of a new play about the first woman in Europe to have composed and conducted a symphony in the last 10 years. 7:30 p.m. Free. 393-7968.

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Five couples combine love and careers — and like it!

Fueling the flames of romance isn’t always easy, especially when you work with your mate each day. Here are five couples who have found a way to make it happen.

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Traci and Matt Woodall combine art and wine at Vino Van Gogh in downtown Delray Beach.

Tom and Erin Craig have found the perfect prescription for working together at Gulfstream Pharmacy in Briny Breezes.

Story by Mary Thurwachter
Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Saturday in the Studios
The Best Time to Shop the Alley - Saturday Afternoons - Noon to 5pm

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Amanda Johnston Studio
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Laszlo’s Painting Studio

Ona Steele Studio
Joni Sarah White Studio
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Matt and Traci Woodall

How they met: Matt, 45, and Traci Woodall, 41, met when she spotted him in a mall in Tallahassee while at Florida State University in 1990. After going away to the Army, I returned for a football weekend with some buddies in 1994 to hang out with Traci and her friends,” Matt said.

“We weren’t sure how it would work so closely and of course spending so much time together,” Matt said. “Little did we know that this would be the beginning of a long life together. She finally caved and accepted my marriage proposal and we got married in 2000.”

Working together: They never worked together until they opened Vino Van Gogh, a wine and art studio in Delray Beach where customers can take their inspiration from a famous painting or work side-by-side with resident artists on their own masterpiece.

“We weren’t sure how it would be to work so closely and of course spending so much time together,” Matt said. “It has worked out well because we both are at the studio together, we are together and we are at our business that we love, surrounded by people we love to be around.”

The sweetest thing Matt did for Traci: “Early on in our dating, Matt drove from Fort Bragg in North Carolina to my house in Tallahassee to surprise me for the weekend,” Traci said. “He drove the eight hours in his Jeep in November without a top on it.”

The sweetest thing Traci did for Matt: For their 5-year anniversary, Traci surprised him with a mini vacation to one of their favorite hotels. She arranged for his parents to fly in to watch the kids. Champagne was waiting in their room.

Howard Hoffman and Diane DeSantis Hoffman

How they met: Howard Hoffman, 60, and Diane DeSantis Hoffman, 61, have been married for almost 19 years. They own The Boca Beach House restaurant in Boca Raton, where Howard is the chef. Diane is a real estate broker (Beachside Properties), a licensed general contractor and a writer. Before the restaurant, they bought, renovated and sold/leased residential properties.

“Most when I was staying on Singer Island checking out South Florida as a potential place to live,” Diane said. “I came off the beach in my swimsuit and sarong (in those days, my body was bikini worthy) and sat at the Tiki Bar at the hotel. Moments later, a drink was sent over to me by a man I’d never met (Howard). He thought I was a stripper! I was shocked!”

“The sweetest thing Traci did for Howard: “Early on in our dating, Traci drove from Fort Bragg to Boca Raton, “I'd never met Howard. He came over to me and we had a conversation that began with: ‘So, are you a dancer?’ He thought I was a stripper! I straightened him out quickly and we became friends. We became soul mates. We married and are now cell mates at the restaurant.”

Working together: “We were in the real estate business for many years,” Diane said. “Basically, we’ve worked together for about 15 years. At first, yes, it was very difficult to work together, live together, sleep together and eat together. But over the years, we’ve gotten into the groove and we’ve both basically adopted selective hearing. It makes life so much more bearable.”

The downside: “We never get a break from each other. Howard likes to talk a lot. His eyes are connected to his mouth — when they open in the morning, so does it and neither closes until late at night. I’m sure I have annoying habits as well, but we both go off to our neutral corners, then reunite later. He goes to his garden and I write.”

The perks: “We can trust each other to run the business. We know how the other thinks so we can anticipate an agreed response to any problems that may arise.”

“I keep him on the straight and narrow and he keeps me reeled in.”

Keeping romance alive: “Romance alive!” Diane said. “Really? What romance?”

Valentine’s Day plans: “We’ll probably break open a bottle of Champagne and celebrate the fact that neither of us has killed the other yet.” Diane laughed. “He may want to go out to dinner and let someone else do the cooking for a change.”

The sweetest thing Diane did for Howard: “My dear wife planned and executed a special surprise party for my 60th birthday.”

Doug and Diana Mummaw

How they met: Doug, 48, an architect, and Diana Mummaw, 53, a designer, work together at Mummaw & Associates in Boca Raton. “We met at my studio, where she was doing temporary work,” Doug said. “We were married 22 years on Jan. 4.”

Working together: “She has incredible design skills, which I do not. As our individual skills really enhance a project. I continue to be amazed today at her ability to see color, materials, textiles in such unique and successful ways,” Doug said.

Diana said her weaknesses are Doug’s strengths. “It’s nice to spend time together and have lunch almost every day.”

Keeping romance alive: “We are friends, partners and husband and wife. I think having all three makes romance easy,” Doug said.

“We’re soul mates and really love each other,” Diana said. Valentine’s Day plans: “Dinner and probably a movie at iP,” Doug said.

The sweetest thing Doug did for Diana: “When we celebrated our 22nd anniversary recently and he wrote down 22 things he still loves about me,” Diana said. That was special.

The sweetest thing Diana did for Doug: When Diane turned 50, she ran the New York City Marathon. “My dear husband supported me through months of training, sprained ankles, broken bones, whining and self-doubt,” she said. “When it came to race day, he traveled to New York with me to be my cheerleader.”

Throughout the day, he’d take a subway, the bus or a taxi to various points along the route so he could cheer me on, hold my jacket or hand me water. It was getting dark by the time I crossed the finish line in Central Park, but he was there waiting at the end, freezing, with open arms. That was very special to me.”
Tom and Erin Craig

How they met: Tom and Erin Craig, both 42, run Gulfstream Pharmacy on Ocean Boulevard in Boynton Beach. They met when they were 19, their sophomore year in college. "Tom (who has a degree in finance) is originally from Ohio and I was born in Delray Beach," Erin, a pharmacist, said. "My father, William Strucker (also a pharmacist), owned Gulfstream Pharmacy at that time. He was getting ready to retire and we were finishing college and decided to move back to Florida and take over the family business. It has been 15 years and we are still going strong."

Working together: "We have worked together 23 years and married 14 years," Erin said. "We consider each other best friends, so it makes working side-by-side fun. It can be stressful sometimes, especially dealing with sick patients and insurance companies.

Keeping romance alive: "Respecting each other most importantly, is key, along with a good sense of humor," Erin said.

Valentine’s Day plans: "We usually exchange cards and Tom gives me flowers," Erin said. "It's the little things everyday that are more important to the relationship."

The sweetest thing Tom did for Erin: "Tom gave Erin, her mother and daughter all diamond cross necklaces for their daughter's first Christmas."

The sweetest thing Erin did for Tom: She surprised him with tickets to The Masters tournament for his 30th birthday.

Alan Jacobson and Melissa Boher Jacobson

How they met: Alan Jacobson, 58, producing director at the Plaza Theatre in Manalapan, and Melissa, 51, social media and marketing director, voice and acting coach and actress, met at an audition in New York for a touring production of Damn Yankees. "We went out for coffee while we were waiting in a very long line to audition (even though Alan doesn't drink coffee)," Melissa said. "We stayed and talked for several hours, and never went back to the audition! We were engaged within three months, married within a year, and have been married for 22 years.

Working together: "It is wonderful to work together, as we often read each other's minds," Melissa said. "It can also be challenging, because you tend to not hold back opinions with those you know love you unconditionally. The downside is that sometimes it is hard to let go and just live your life outside of work. When you work for yourself it's 24/7. The upside is we totally understand that, we get to plan and take vacations together, and we get to share what we do and love with each other and with our family."

Keeping romance alive: "It's certainly a challenge, when you are balancing family and work," Melissa said. "We try to make it a priority to carve out time for each other, and do special little things for each other even when we are crazy busy." 

Valentine's Day plans: "We usually go out to dinner, but we are notorious for not making reservations," Melissa said. "I like to buy peanut butter chocolate (his favorites) for Alan every year. I usually get a lovely bouquet of red roses from him. We often end up at some little Thai restaurant!"

The sweetest thing Alan did for Melissa: "Alan is very romantic," Melissa said. "He never forgets anniversaries or opportunities to give me a gift. The best gifts are the ones I call 'just because,’ that happen when you need a lift, when you are not expecting anything, like a bouquet of flowers for no reason. Although he has planned some wonderful surprises for me over the years, such as a private dinner in a restaurant, spa days, and shopping sprees, I think my favorite gift is still the lifelong membership he purchased for me for one of my favorite organizations. I love saying I'm a lifelong member of Hadassah, thanks to my awesome hubby."

The sweetest thing Melissa did for Alan: "The one that sticks in my head most is when we had a cabaret performance, which Melissa was performing in, and she brought me onstage to sing to," Alan said. "I always wanted to be that person brought on stage and this was the perfect moment. It was also the perfect song, Irving Berlin's Always. And for the audience, we were no longer characters to them, but real people. It was a real rush." F
If your voice is straining, you might need training

Peter Levine of Delray Beach wasn’t alarmed when his deep, baritone voice began to get raspy. But some folks at his synagogue were. Fellow congregants could hear Levine’s husky, strained voice when he led prayers during unamplified Sabbath services.

“People came up to me very concerned: are you OK? What’s the matter with your voice?” Levine says. He went to an ear, nose and throat specialist who ruled out throat cancer and told him to “buy some honey, drink water and stop worrying about it.” So he did.

But Levine — who uses his voice frequently as a court-system mediator, a member of several boards of directors, and a Type-A person who likes to make his point, intensely — got worse. His throat was constantly sore, and his voice got even deeper and more gravelly.

A second specialist found a small polyp on one of his vocal cords, and noticed one cord was much narrower than the other. The doctor said Levine, 74, might need surgery — but suggested he first try voice therapy.

“Peter had all the typical voice behaviors we see,” says Barrantes. “He was a fast talker, and a Type-A person who likes to make his point, intensely — got worse. His throat was constantly sore, and his voice got even deeper and more gravelly.”

That’s when Levine met the therapist he calls his “lifesaver,” speech-language pathologist Linda Barrantes at Boca Raton Regional Hospital’s Davis Therapy Centers.

“He was a fast talker, didn’t breathe, and spoke to the end of the breath, which creates a lot more strain and tension on the vocal cords,” Barrantes says. “He was a fast talker, didn’t breathe, and spoke to the end of the breath, which creates a lot more strain and tension on the voice.”

Barrantes taught Levine how to speak in a slightly higher register — “adjusting his pitch and volume and finding that smooth spot,” she says — and to breathe more frequently to support his voice. She trained him using software called Vti-Pitch, which gives instant visual feedback.

“The vocal cords have to come together and meet in the middle — like mirror images of each other — so if there’s a little gap, such as that caused by thinning of the vocal cords, the person can’t project like they used to, or make themselves loud,” Barrantes says.

Barrantes says what happened to Peter is very common in aging. As we get older, our vocal cords can thin, and a Type-A person who likes to make his point, intensely — got worse. His throat was constantly sore, and his voice got even deeper and more gravelly.

As you might expect, speech-language pathologists see a lot of aging teachers, salespeople, performers and others who’ve been heavy vocal users throughout life. And they don’t want voice problems to curtail their activities after retirement.

Outpatient voice therapy is also available at Bethesda Hospital’s Bethesda Professional Plaza on South Seacrest Boulevard in Boynton Beach.

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Yoga Class at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Registration: 9:45 am 483-5300.

2/1 - 2/7 - Tai Chi Class - Presented by Greg J. Dimitrov, MD, Board Certified in Family Medicine and Sports Medicine. Wednesdays, 9-10 am. 243-7350.

2/1 - Taoist Healing Exercise - Presented by Jessica Alvarez. Thursday, 9:30-10:30 am. $10. 245-6648.

2/1 - Yoga at the Beach at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 2000 S. Ocean Blvd. 10 am. 347-3950.

2/1 - Zumba Class - Presented by Kelly Zann, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgeon, Bethesda Hospital East. Thursday, 9:30-10:30 am. $15/residents, $20/non-residents. 243-7350.

2/1 - Zumba Gold Fitness Class for ages 55 & up at Veteran’s Park, 5052 N. Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. Enhance quality of life through music and dance. Fridays, 9:30-10:30 am. Per class: $15/residents, $20/non-residents. 483-5300.

2/1-2 - Yoga at the Beach - Presented by Robert B. Zaim, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgeon, Bethesda Memorial Hospital. Monday, 1-2 pm at the Boca Raton Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Flabbertifly? Call Your Cardiac ‘Electrician’ - Presented by Daniel Goldsmith, M.D. Electrophysiologist, as part of the Bethesda Memorial Hospital Community Lecture Series at the Marked Jewish Community Center, 5050 N. Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 10:45 am. Free. 243-7350.

2/1 - Yoga Class at Lake Worth Playhouse, 731 Lake Ave. Th., 8-9 pm. $25/class or $85/series. 664-4468.

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Finding Faith

Ceiling at St. Mark’s offers a biblical history tour

The new ceiling at St. Mark Greek Orthodox Church is theology in color.

The vividly painted icons of Christ and other faces and symbols of the Bible will be finished this month after a 10-year project that cost $2 million.

The Boca Raton church followed Greek Orthodox tradition for its ornate ceiling.

“Byzantine iconography has been called the windows to heaven,” the Rev. Mark Leondis explained. “It’s a glimpse of heaven on Earth.”

The artist, Laurence Manos, learned the classical Byzantine style and lively use of color while living at the Mount Athos spiritual center in Greece. Manos has been painting the ceilings of Greek Orthodox churches in America since 1986.

St. Mark’s ceiling was finished just in time for the Feb. 22 visit by Archbishop Demetrios, the leader of the Greek Orthodox Church in America, to consecrate the sanctuary.

Mormons, take note! The first Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in South Florida opens next month in Fort Lauderdale.

The temple will serve 25,000 Mormons from South Florida congregations.

Temples are considered houses of the Lord, where Christ’s teachings are reaffirmed through marriage, baptism and other ceremonies that unite families for eternity.

The only other Florida temple is in Orlando.

The public is invited to tour the temple from March 29 to April 19, except Sundays.

Details at www.fortlauderdalemormantemple.org.

The origin of the local Jewish Family Service can be traced back to the Great Depression, when a boy named Norman Rales was embraced by the Hebrew Orphan Asylum in New York City.

His mother had died and his father had no money to care for eight children. Rales grew up appreciating the foundation for life that his Jewish community had given him.

Rales made a fortune in a building supply business. He retired to Boca Raton, where he established the Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service in 1979 to honor his wife, who died in 2004.

The faith-based agency offers Meals on Wheels for seniors, Holocaust survivor support, a food pantry and a Delray Beach senior center.

Norman Rales died last year. Now his four sons have donated an additional $2.4 million to rename the social services agency to honor both of their parents.

In the past, social services were limited to seniors. The latest grant will allow the newly named Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services to also assist families and children.

A new family center will offer academic tutoring, job training and other programs that focus on young people.

New counselors will provide the same early direction that Norman Rales received in his life.

A sold-out crowd of 350 prominent guests raised $500,000 for Jewish Family Services at its annual gala and auction Dec. 12 at St. Andrews Country Club in Boca Raton.

Partygoers were treated to dinner, dancing and a Night of Fantasy created by event co-chairs: Wendy Legum, Roxanne Lipton and Jill Viner.

Guests entered on a purple carpet that was the elaborate train of an elegant gown worn by a lady on stilts. The cocktail area also had a living tree walk on stilts and a woman was tumbling inside a hoop in the silent auction area.

The wait staff wore hot pink wigs or purple bow ties.

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A rousing cash call raised $155,000 for the Jacobson Family Food Pantry. Michel and Lawrence Blair received the annual Ruth and Norman Rales Humanitarian of the Year Award.

As one of Delray Beach’s top annual family events, the St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Festival will feature a midway with 20 carnival rides, live music, games, an antique car show and more.

But the biggest attraction might be in the Irish pub where Monseigneur Tom Skindeleski will serve up his famous clam chowder. “The chowder might go faster than he can make it,” festival organizer Lisa Hargrove worries.

A $2.4 million gift honors the late Norman and Ruth Rales.

The three-day festival from Feb. 28, through March 2, has a goal of $100,000 to support the parish school.

The great food includes a Friday night fish fry, plus corned beef and cabbage all three days to honor the congregation’s Irish tradition.

“We began as an Irish festival,” Hargrove said. “So we make sure to keep the corned beef and cabbage.”

The new music director at Unity of Delray Beach just finished performing as jazz pianist Fats Waller in the stage show Ain’t Misbehavin’ at the Lake Worth Playhouse.

Van Richards is a skilled performer in music, dance and theater. A Jamaican native, he has performed around the world and locally with the Greater Palm Beach Philharmonia, the Coral Gables Symphony and the Boca Symphonia.

Van Richards was ordained last October and also serves as a pastor at St. Paul AME Church in Miami.

Watch for more public concert opportunities at Unity of Delray Beach under the new music director. He says he loves sacred and contemporary music, in addition to jazz.

“It’s wonderful to be at a place where I’m free to do all this,” Van Richards said. “Unity has a very strong tradition of good music.”

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Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County salutes the organizations we fund that provide high-quality services and evidence-based programs for children, parents and caregivers. Because of these organizations’ work, more children are born healthy, grow up safe from abuse and neglect, are ready for kindergarten and have access to afterschool and summer programs.

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Bridges
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For the health sake of your pet, I hope you vow to begin brushing your pet's teeth daily. Without brushing our pets' teeth, we can't truly be 'down in the mouth' with our pet. If your pet does require professional dental care, this month is the ideal time to book an appointment, because many veterinarians in Palm Beach County are offering discounts up to 20 percent to 25 percent for dental cleanings.

Use only brushes and toothpastes designed for use on animals when caring for your pet's teeth. Remember: Products designed for dogs can be toxic to cats. Photo provided.
Delray Beach Waterfront ~ $2,499,000
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Lakefront in Woodlake ~ $219,900
Immaculate 3 BR, 2 BA villa with atrium, 1 car garage, manicured grounds and enclosed covered porch overlooking the lake. Vaulted ceilings, parquet hardwood and tile floors, plus a newer eat-in kitchen. Michael Weiss, 561-573-7592

Crosswinds Single Family ~ $219,000
Beautifully maintained 2 BR, 2 BA with a 1 car garage. This split bedroom plan has ceramic tile floors and Bose sound system throughout. updated eat-in kitchen, new bathrooms, plus a large porch with hot tub. Terri Berman, 561-445-2929

Quail Run Lake View ~ $215,000
3 BR, 2 1/2 BA villa with an enclosed porch overlooking the lake. Cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, split bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, laundry room, plus a luxurious master bath with tub and shower. Linda Welch, 561-951-6433

Palm Greens ~ $99,950
2 BR, 2 BA single story unit and an enclosed back porch overlooking the golf course. Eat-in kitchen, custom mirrors, spacious bedrooms, plus a stack washer & dryer, community pool and tennis court. Tania Agran, 561-376-1010
Secret Gardens

Gray Mockingbird cultivates a community

A hand-painted sign marks the Gray Mockingbird Community Garden. Organized about four years ago, it is a work in progress. “It’s a place to learn the value of being nurtured by nature,” said Patricia Oliphant of Lake Worth, who uses the garden as a meeting spot for tutoring sessions with children. “The garden welcomes everyone.”

It sits on about an acre of land in Lake Worth that was made available through the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry. If you visit, don’t expect carefully weeded paths, well-organized beds or pristine pots. Instead, people who give their time to work here grow food that they share with others.

“Growing your own food is one of the most powerful things you can do,” said director Brian Kirsch, who is here most days. “And with it we want to grow a sense of community.” Kirsch is joined by a core group of 15 volunteers who help keep the garden going.

Enter through the vine-covered arch to find a crazy quilt of porter weed, milkweed, green Cuban oregano and other flowers, weeds and fruit trees that attract dragonflies, caterpillars, moths, monarch and zebra long wing butterflies.

Head toward the back of the property and you’ll pass more than 50 papaya trees, many of which were grown from seed. There’s also red bananas, peach trees and, if you wind back through the underbrush, even a miracle fruit tree.

The garden features six 4-by-10-foot raised beds that can be rented for $80 a year by people who want to grow their own food but don’t have a place to do it. The cinderblock-lined beds come filled with compost and soil so they are ready to plant. One brims with broccoli spears jutting from blue-green leaves. From another, a squash vine snakes out onto the black plastic that keeps weeds from growing between the boxes. These beds are harvested by those who plant and tend them. But volunteers also garden as a group. They are experimenting with aeroponics, for which parsley, eggplant, tomatoes and arugula are rooted in pockets of air instead of soil.

A Boy Scout troop helped build a hydronic system using blocks of foam floating in water. Today red stemmed Swiss chard pops out of the water into the light. Elsewhere rocks and cement chunks from the demolished Palm Beach Mall were recycled to make a keyhole garden that’s named for its shape. Other plants grow in three-gallon containers and blue grow bags. Wooden planks set on cinder blocks hold trays of tiny seedlings.

Nearby, there are 100-foot-long rows dug into the earth where you’ll find tiny green arugula leaves, Japanese mirnena, tassie, baby bok choy and the most peppery Italian arugula you can imagine. This exotic harvest is the work of volunteer Michael Heckart, who teaches English at Royal Palm Beach High School.

Edible greens (l-r) rouge grenobloise, arugula and taisoi are among the plants growing at Gray Mockingbird Community Garden. Photos by Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star
Garden Calendar

**February 1**
Saturday - 2/1 - Florida-Friendly Plants for Your Landscape at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Learn about plants researchers recommend for South Florida. 9 am-12:30 pm. $35/members, $40/non-members. Reservations: 233-1757.

**February 2-8**
Tuesday - 2/4 - How to Interpret the Categories for a Flower Show by Boots Bush at the Boca Raton Garden Club General Meeting at the BRGC clubhouse, 4281 NW 3rd Ave. Bush is an expert on horticulture and flower design. She has been a Flower Show judge since 1982 and is a Master Judge. 1 pm. Free. 395-9376.
Saturday - 2/8 - You Can Re-pot Your Orchid! at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Bring an overgrown orchid in up to an 8” pot. Learn basic techniques and then practice with your orchid. Cost includes repotting materials for specimens of specified size. 10 am-1 pm. $35/members, $40/non-members. 233-1757.

**February 9-15**
Wednesday - 2/12 - Delray Beach Orchid Society Meeting at Veterans Park Recreation Center, 802 N.E. 1st St., Delray Beach. Meetings held 2nd Wednesday of the month. 7:30 pm. Free. 412-6752.

**February 16-22**
Thursday - 2/20 - The Art of English Gardening with Renny Reynolds and Jack Staub at the Society of The Four Arts, Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, 24 Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Renowned horticulturists Renny Reynolds and Jack Staub discuss the classic English gardening concepts that influenced them in the creation of their famous Pennsylvania gardens. 2:30 pm. Free. 805-8562.

**February 23 - March 1**
Saturday - 3/1 - Florida-Friendly Landscaping: It Starts with the Soil at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Explore the pros and cons of soil types and discover how to select and apply the best fertilizer and amendments for your plants. Price includes a University of Florida soil test. 9 am-12:30 pm. $35/members, $40/non-members. Reservations: 233-1757.
HYPOLUXO ISLAND WATERFRONT – LANTANA

This home has bragging rights for its wide, West Intracoastal water views and gorgeous sunsets. Light and bright throughout, the foyer entry opens to a spacious living room with fireplace and vaulted ceilings. Kitchen, family room and living/dining areas access the screened, covered lanai, pool, and garden/outdoor dining areas. A private, deep-water dock offers easy ocean access. Within walking distance is the ocean beach, dining and shopping on E. Ocean Avenue in Lantana.

3 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHS, 2-CAR GARAGE $1,650,000

IN-TOWN CHARMER – ARTS OVERLAY DISTRICT, LAKE WORTH

This in-town home is a short walk to the beach and steps from shops/dining in downtown Lake Worth. Charming, 1938-built income-producing property retains the charms of its era while offering new electric, Central A/C, tankless water heater system, and new drip irrigation and sprinkler system. The first floor lives like a single family home with 2 Bdrm/1 Bath. Wood flooring throughout. The two self-contained units above have updated kitchens, covered balcony space and work well as rentals, in-law units, or guest suites. Enjoy your home and collect rent! Gorgeous gardens, large yard and detached 2-car garage. Zoning allows for use as a Professional Office space. By Appointment Only.

ZONE D MULTI-FAMILY/PROFESSIONAL OFFICE $299,000

OCEAN RIDGE – WALK TO BEACH

This 5,400 SF custom-built home is sited on a .40 acre parcel with perfect privacy on Coconut Lane. 5 en-suite bedrooms with large, walk-in closets and skylights in bathrooms. Split-plan layout includes Master Suite on East side of house and 2 Guest wings on the West side of house. Beautiful wood flooring in living areas. Eat-in kitchen has cook island, double ovens. High ceilings throughout with vaulted, cathedral ceilings in Great Room. Spacious covered lanai, pool and large private yard. 2-car garage. Just a short walk down the block to Ocean Inlet Park. Location, location, location!

5 BEDROOMS, 5 FULL BATHS, 1 HALF BATH $1,275,000

POINT MANALAPAN WATERFRONT

Waterfront estate with approximately 7,200 total sq. ft. This home was totally gutted in anticipation of a complete renovation and expansion. Sited on a large, 97’ x 200’ parcel with 97 ft. of water frontage, it offers wide, West Intracoastal views and a private, deep-water dock. Renovate or build new – the value is there for either! Please call for additional details.

5 BEDROOMS, 5.1 BATHS, 2-CAR GARAGE

UNDER CONTRACT

EASY OCEAN ACCESS – HYPOLUXO POINT

Boaters dream location! 5 minutes to the Boynton Beach Inlet and ocean. This CBS home has a private dock on a protected canal that can accommodate a larger boat. Great split floor plan. Master and one guest bedroom open to yard and large covered lanai. No HOA. Perfect seasonal or year-round residence for boaters and pet lovers.

3 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHS, 2-CAR GARAGE $520,000

UNDER CONTRACT

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When Patrick Lynch purchased the parcel, then known as Cote d’Azure, he knew he did not want to knock the existing structures down and build a mansion. So, he decided to take the concept and the history and rebuild it. Cote d’Azure was originally built in 1945, when people had a different vision of beachfront property. With the help of preservation-minded architect Roger Cope and GTE Builders, the property would come alive as Delray Village by the Sea, somewhat modeled after Seaside in the Florida panhandle. The site totals two oceanfront homes and 11 cottages, plus a private cabana poolhouse, all just steps away from a private beach.

Available in three floor plans, the single-story, Caribbean-colored cottages feature two generous bedrooms with fabulously built-out closets and one or two baths. Vaulted ceilings and expanded patios also improve on the Cote D’Azure design. The exterior of each unit is different from its neighbors, allowing the grouping to look more like a community of historic cottages rather than a property just recently built. Additional exterior details replicate the white-picket-fence era. Each cottage is complete with hurricane-impact windows and long-wearing metal and tile roof. Only five cottages remain, each one perfect for vacation pied-a-terre or as a permanent residence. This is unmatched affordability on the ocean in Delray Beach!

Visit the virtual tour: www.DelrayVillage.com

Prices start at $650,000. Contact David M. Lee, Preferred Properties Group, LLC. 561-212-4246 or dleePPG@gmail.com

Cottage origins retained in south Delray Beach oceanside development
BOCA COUNTRY CLUB
$569,000 - Outstanding golf course home overlooking the 8 & 9 holes. Boarding the water this private oversized lot is set back from the golf course. The home has a large lanai area that open to the pool with a waterfall. It has a split floor plan with large oversided rooms.

SEASIDE DUNES
$925,000 - Great 3 bedroom townhouse steps from the sand. Two 2nd story balcony’s from the bedrooms that overlook the ocean. Updated interior ready for immediate move in. Seaside Dunes is a gated community on the ocean & only a few blocks from Atlantic Ave, shops & restaurants.

BOCA COUNTRY CLUB
$439,000 - Stunning penthouse with 20 ft cathedral ceilings, overlooking 3 holes on the golf course. Three screened patios. Updated kitchen with granite countertops. Private elevator with only 2 condos per floor.

DELRAY ISLE
$1,695,000 - Nestled in the exclusive Ole Delray Enclave of Seaside Delray. This adorable home is almost 3,100 sq. ft. under air and on a large lot over 1/3 of an acre. The home overlooks wide canal views and is only a block to the beach and a few more to Atlantic Ave.

TROPIC ISLE
$1,488,000 - Completely remodeled home in 2000 and in 2013. Impact glass, newer roof, new pool in 2007, new seawalls, plings, cap, and dock in 2006. Stunning home on a large lot with a fireplace and generator. Call for more information.

SHOREWALKER PLACE-DELRAY BEACH
$1,175,000 - 4/3.5 Key West Style 3 Story Townhome is located a half block to the beach and within walking distance to Atlantic Ave, shops and restaurants. The building was built in 2005 and has a 2 car garage. The townhome has 2 balconies and a backyard and a hot tub.

DELRAY BEACH
$749,900 - 3/2.5 townhome on Intracoastal, deeded dock included in sale. 2 large decks. Recently updated. 2 blocks to beach and close to Atlantic Ave shops & restaurants.

DELRAY DUNES C.C.
$935,000 - 4/3 completely remodeled home on a premier golf course lot overlooking the 13th,14th, and 15th holes. The home has wood floors, a gourmet kitchen, crown molding and impact glass. There is a large pool area with a summer kitchen. Call for more information.

DELRAY DUNES C.C.
$495,000 - Great golf course home overlooking the 13th fairway on a oversized lot. Split floor plan with large master suite. Open floor plan with large kitchen and family room with fireplace. Big backyard with room for a pool or an addition to the home.

DELRAY DUNES C.C.
$649,000 - Large family home built in 2001 overlooking the 2nd fairway. Ground floor master bedroom with his & hers walk in closets and a oversized master bath with separate shower and Jacuzzi tub. Fenced backyard with pool and hot tub.

DELRAY BEACH
$479,000 - Great 4 bedroom with wide open golf course views of the 5th green and 6th hole. Screened in pool area with large covered lanai. Split floor plan. Great family home.

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