Tragedy, heroism at Boynton Inlet

Survivor remembers ‘total confusion’ when the Two Georges capsized, killing five

By Willie Howard

Ship’s mate Don Lash knew it would be unwise to panic. The 60-foot drift fishing boat Two Georges had just capsized outside the rough waters of the Boynton Inlet and Lash was trapped under water, his legs ensnared in rope.

“I reached for my fishing pliers,” Lash, then 19, recalled, “but they were gone. I realized that if I was unable to free my feet from this tangle I would die. A calm came over me. I took my pocket knife out and bent over and cut myself free.”

It was 50 years ago this March when the Two Georges went over, killing five passengers in one of the worst pleasure-boat disasters in South Florida.

On March 25, 1964, the Two Georges was headed into Boynton Inlet after a morning trip with 17 passengers and three crewmen aboard when the boat suddenly was lifted from the stern by a cresting wave and capsized.

Several captains from the Boynton Inlet fishing fleet rushed to their boats and headed out into rough water.

Patience, humor and a system add up to ‘200 years of love’

By Ron Hayes

Fifty years ago, the Beatles invaded America, the first Zip code appeared, the first lung was transplanted and Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton were married, for the first time.

Also married in 1964 were many less-celebrated but far more stable couples.

Bob and Jeri Bové, 72 and 70, were married in the Bronx, N.Y., that year. Jack and Bea Fearnon, 83 and 73, were married in Ozone Park, N.Y. David and Marie Vladyka, both 71, were married in Passaic, N.J.

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Editor’s Note

Arrivals and departures are keeping us busy

The first sea turtles are arriving and the first snowbirds are departing. It’s been a record-breaking tourist season, and most locals have long ago surrendered to the summer board and no longer try to dine out on weekends or venture anywhere near a public beach.

Even so, we’re pleased our friends in the hospitality industry are doing well. That reflects on our bottom line and we aren’t complaining.

Still … once the last car carrier is loaded and pointed north, we know it will be time to get down to the heavy lifting that happens during the off-season.

So, no more lingering on the patio, it’s time to get to work.

If you are a seasonal resident, that means letting your newly elected officials know the issues that matter the most to you before you leave town.

And stay in touch with what is happening while you are away. You can do that by having a Coastal Star mailed to you at your northern address costs only $20 per year and you can find a subscription form on page AT19. We hope you decide to join the more than 400 people who keep up-to-date from their northern home.

A few things to note in the April edition:

Arts Paper: April is the last month we publish our Arts Paper insert before it takes a summer vacation. In May, you will find, instead, a monthly “Summer Arts” column.

Summer Camp Guide: Our annual guide is inserted in this edition to help you find activities to keep the kids and grandkids busy during the summer months. We will be updating this online as more camps set their schedules.

Tots & Teens: We have started separate calendar listings for local classes and events for families, children and teenagers. You will find this each month at the end of our regular Community Calendar.

Whether you’re leaving or staying for the summer, by all means check in with our members-only website (www.thecoastalstar.ning.com).

Please stay in touch. We’ll be here.

Editor

Mary Kate Lenning

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Dawn Toimil started a multiple myeloma support group. Tim Stephen/The Coastal Star

By Linda Haase

When Dawn Toimil’s doctor sent her for pre-op clearance for foot surgery, she figured it was a routine test. Instead, he discovered an abnormality in her blood work and sent her for more tests, including a bone marrow biopsy.

The results were shocking: smoldering multiple myeloma (the presence of abnormal plasma cells in the bone marrow). Toimil was floored.

“I was sad when I was told the diagnosis, but have learned that cancer is not necessarily a death sentence, and that many scientists have been making scientific inroads have been made. The future is hopeful.”

The St. Andrews and University of Florida grad is no stranger to misfortune: She underwent surgery, chemotherapy and radiation for breast cancer in 1995.

So this time around, she was even more determined to get healthy. She discovered everything she could about multiple myeloma — and in the process helped start a local support group.

The Boca Raton Multiple Myeloma Support Group, which held its first meeting in November 2010, began with eight patients and caregivers and now has 74 people on its email list.

“The group is a forum for patients, their friends and caregivers to exchange information and form a community with others experiencing similar circumstances,” says the Boca Raton resident, noting the group has something in common with former St. Andrews newsman Tom Brokaw, who recently divulged he has the disease.

“People often confuse myeloma with melanoma, but they are two entirely different diseases. Myeloma is still considered incurable, but researchers are aiming to make it a chronic disease, much like diabetes,” she said.

“It is important to get the word out so those affected could get diagnosed at an earlier stage of the disease. We are also attempting to familiarize medical practitioners with myeloma awareness, so it can be tested for whenever someone presents with bone pain, especially in the back, anemia or abnormal calcium(calcium/creatinine ratio).”

Last month, the group got compliments from several local cities — including Ocean Ridge — declaring March Multiple Myeloma Month.

While Toimil is doing her part to spread the word, she’s also busy helping her husband, Al, in their business, Jet Parts, Inc., and renovating a house they bought in Ocean Ridge.

“With an empty nest looming, we wanted to try living closer to the water and purchased our home in Ocean Ridge in November. We love the quaintness and solitude of Ocean Ridge and old A1A,” says Toimil, who worked as a marketing analyst at Southern Bell, AT&T and WorldCom/MCI.

She has another milestone to mark this year: She and her husband will be celebrating their 30th anniversary. Son Brett is in Georgetown Medical School while Ryan attends Dartmouth College and is on the baseball team.

“I feel blessed to have seen my boys reach young adulthood. My goal then, as it is now, is to see their children reach young adulthood,” she emphasizes. “I hope others facing health obstacles can make the most of every day, after the normal phase of anger and grief, and find joy and happiness with their lives.”

The Boca Raton Multiple Myeloma Support Group meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the community center of Patch Reef Park in Boca Raton.

LETTERS: The Coastal Star welcomes letters to the editor about issues of interest to the community. These are subject to editing and must include your name, address and phone number. Preferred length is 200 words or less. Mail to 5011 N. Ocean Blvd., #2, Ocean Ridge, FL 33434 or email editor@thecoastalstar.com.
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**Local Voices**

**Choose path away from traffic congestion**

When Uptown Delray, the Strand, Atlantic Crossing, SoFa 1 & 11, SoFa Offices & Lofts and Depot Square apartments are occupied, Safety as Floridians Expect estimates that there will be 448 more bicycles and more than 2,000 new downtown residents bicycling and walking on Atlantic Avenue.

A few years later, Tri-Rail Coastal Link will bring 3,000 to 5,000 visitors per week directly to Atlantic Avenue. And, when they get off the train, they will either be walking or bicycling. Obviously, we need to be ready for them.

And that means we should have a network of sidewalks stretching six blocks in all directions from the passenger rail station, at least one bicycle lane nearby connecting the beach with Military Trail, a shared-use pathway along the FEC right of way, and shared lanes on Atlantic Avenue because we need to encourage bicyclists to get off the sidewalks.

In all our neighborhoods today, pedestrians are walking on poorly lit streets with few sidewalks. It’s unsafe.

We need to accelerate LED replacement lighting and build pedestrian/bike facilities throughout all our neighborhoods.

For the past four years, the city of Delray has not invested in building sidewalks or bike lanes.

So, I suggest that we begin investing 1 percent of our operating budget each year toward the construction of new ped/bike facilities.

Also, SAFE asks the Community Redevelopment Agency to join the city’s effort by providing safe paths to all schools and parks within its district.

Delray has a choice: It may continue making no investment in ped/bike lanes and become a gas-guzzling, traffic-congested, unsafe city; or it can make the investment required and build a human-powered transportation system that is people-friendly and preserves the quality of life we all cherish.

It’s up to us to choose the right path.

Jim Smith, SAFE Chairman
Delray Beach

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**Volunteers are needed**

In the remote chance that the Town of Ocean Ridge is exposed to an aerosolized airborne anthrax attack, volunteers will be needed to distribute antibiotics.

Ocean Ridge has signed an agreement with the Palm Beach County Department of Health who will provide the needed antibiotics at no cost, as a part of a program under the auspices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This will allow our trained and credentialed resident volunteers to perform dispensing duties locally — whereas others may be required to line up at large public dispersal centers in the case of a bioterrorist attack.

All that is required of volunteers is that they attend about two hours of meetings per year.

To volunteer, please request a sign-up form from Terri Vinas at vinasfam@aol.com or contact Ocean Ridge Town Hall.

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**Letter to the Editor**

All deserve peaceful access to beach

I am a homesteaded resident of Ocean Ridge living on Old Ocean Boulevard.

In the summer I live in the resort community of Ogunquit, Maine. On an average weekend in our 10-week summer season, 60,000 people come to town to enjoy the baby-powder-sand beach that runs from Ogunquit through Wells almost to Kennebunk.

There are houses along many sections of the beach, and one community served the state to have its beachfront designated private. The community lost and the result was the high tide line.

I don’t think we ought to lie to residents of surrounding communities that the beach is private. It is public and everyone knows it.

The high tide line could be noted as the end of public space and the rules of the beach put on a clear, well-written sign; i.e. dogs — none; noise — not too loud; sexual activity — none in public; no drugs, etc. Certainly police officers could pass by hourly during hot beach days and weekend or daily nights as part of their routines.

It saddens me that Ocean Ridge townspeople seem fearful or negative about outsiders of other cultures whom they see as dangerous or adding an unwanted element. This only creates animosity and leads to more friction than necessary.

There is nothing wrong with welcoming our less affluent neighbors to the west and north and encourage them to enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of the ocean without making them feel like interlopers in their own county.

The next Haitian you see ask him/her Sa pa sa? — Creole for “how is it passing, how are you.” He’ll say: Na bullie. I’m not burning. He’s not on fire while being chased by a mob, or the Tontons Macoutes, so he’s OK.

Let’s not add to the struggle.

Rachel Walker
Ocean Ridge

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**All success to new OR commission**

Congratulations to both James Bonfiglio and Richard Lucibella, my esteemed opponents in the March 11 election for town commissioner of Ocean Ridge.

I wish the entire commission success and amenable agreement in issues brought forth for consideration and action on behalf of us all. May they hear our voices spoken through our votes and render fair and good decisions.

I thoroughly enjoyed canvassing our neighborhood and meeting so many kind and gracious citizens. It was an amazing experience and if approached again, I would be honored to serve.

Thank you for the inspiring confidence I received from 100 voters of the recorded 422. May God continue to bless our “old Florida” town and all who reside in Ocean Ridge.

Roberta Wehr
Ocean Ridge
Boca Raton

We kid you not: Rescued goat makes guest appearance

By Rich Pollack

It took a while, but Dylan Kosten finally got his goat.

After work early last month, Kosten, a part-time lifeguard for Boca Raton Ocean Rescue, was heading to a beachfront party near Spanish River Park with other lifeguards when an elusive goat — yes, goat — that had been in the area for several weeks, made a guest appearance.

Fearing for the animal’s safety, Kosten and two other lifeguards decided it was time to do what they do best. They sprung to the rescue — only to discover that corralling a frightened goat had the potential to be as challenging as saving a struggling swimmer.

When a makeshift lasso didn’t work, Kosten, who grew up on a farm, decided to take a direct approach and lunged at the goat.

“I grabbed him by the horns and lifted him off the ground,” Kosten recalls, adding that the goat immediately calmed down. “It was like holding a cat.”

After an hourlong chase, Kosten and his round-up partners, lifeguards Johnny Santosussos and Greg Ryan, grabbed the goat and brought it back to the festivities.

“We walked it to the barbecue like it was a dog,” Kosten said.

At the party, the goat got a lot of attention and he seemed to enjoy every minute of it.

“The goat was a special guest,” said Ocean Rescue Capt. Clint Tracy.

After the barbecue, the goat got a lift to the home of another lifeguard, who made a place for him in his yard.

But the goat with a fancy for freedom soon figured out a way to escape and was discovered early the next morning by a neighbor, who tied him to a tree and called police.

“Officers, somewhat surprised to find a goat in the northeast Boca Raton neighborhood, came and took it into custody.”

For now the little fellow is enjoying living on the farm of a Boca Raton detective who has temporarily adopted him. It’s got a good life now,” Kosten said.

Where the goat came from and how he ended up in Spanish River Park, where lifeguards speculate he made himself a home, remains a mystery. But a tag on his ear that read “meat” may have been an indication of what could have been in store for him down the road. For the lifeguards, who have seen foxes, skunks and iguanas in the park and on the beach, rescuing a goat is a first.

“It’s the most absurd thing,” says Kosten. “Who would have thought I’d be chasing a goat in the dunes, especially in Boca Raton.”

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Lighting improvements save money, help wildlife

By Cheryl Blackerby

The Palm Beach County chapter of the nonprofit International Dark-Sky Association gave 23 Boca Raton condominium associations awards for making their lighting more efficient and turtle-friendly.

The awards were presented at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center’s Sea Turtle Day Festival on March 1 in Boca Raton.

“We’ve noticed an increase in people asking us what they should do about lighting,” said Kiri Rusenko, marine conservationist at Gumbo Limbo. “We tell them to use full-cutoff light fixtures, which put the light on the ground where you need it, not shining up into the sky.”

The associations and homeowners who change lighting notice immediate benefits, he said.

“You usually save roughly 60 percent on the electric bill when you use these fixtures. And condo members say they notice the decks and pools are brighter, making them safer, even though the buildings are darker,” he said.

With full-cutoff lighting, nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings safely find their way back to the ocean, guided by reflected star and moonlight instead of the bright lights of condo buildings.

Rusenko and IDA are encouraging cities and inland residents, as well as coastal homeowners, to use full-cutoff lights to stop “sky glow,” the light that looks like an orange smog at night over cities.

In Florida, excessive lighting disrupts the biological cycles of wildlife. “Light pollution” can drive sea turtles from nesting on the beaches, chase fish away from the shoreline and interfere with the mating habits of frogs.

The Council of Science and Public Health reports studies that show nighttime artificial lighting adversely affects humans, too. It disrupts circadian biological rhythms that can increase cancer risks and some chronic diseases, and even contribute to obesity.

If homeowners would cut down on the amount of light used at night, less money would be wasted by governments, businesses and homeowners, and more nocturnal animals would be able to live their lives as nature intended, said Rusenko.

He tells Florida residents to look for Dark-Sky approved lighting at all Lowe’s and most Home Depot stores.

For more information about the South Florida chapter of the International Dark-Sky Association: idsouthflorida.org

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Photo provided

Lifeguard Dylan Kosten with the wandering goat.
New commission seeks way forward amid legal tangle
By Dan Moffett

Gulf Stream voters turned out in large numbers last month for the town’s first contested commission election in 21 years. Though four incumbents and a newcomer who supported them won by wide margins across the town’s hardest critic, the election appears to have done little to ease the rancor or resolve the courtroom fights that have plagued Gulf Stream for the past two years.

Twenty minutes into the first commission meeting after the election — and shortly before newcomer Scott Morgan was to be sworn in as a commissioner — Martin O’Boyle had Morgan served with a subpoena for a deposition in one of O’Boyle’s lawsuits against the town. O’Boyle may have lost his bid for a commission seat but he has left little doubt that he is carrying on his campaign in the courts.

“I’m still hoping that things will settle down,” said Morgan, an attorney and businessman who is the former chairman of the town’s architectural board. “I hope we can get back to doing things in a calm, civil, less divisive way.”

Morgan said he took the election results and the standing-room-only turnout for the swearing-in ceremonies as support for the new commission and the return to the quieter times that many in the town seek.

Gulf Stream had the highest turnout of any municipality in Palm Beach County on March 11, with 58.49 percent, 417 of the 713 registered voters, casting ballots. Morgan and Robert Ganger led the vote-getters with 325 each, 18.87 percent; Donna White had 320, 18.56 percent; Thomas Stanley 317, 18.41 percent; and Mayor Joan Orthewin 313, 18.18 percent; O’Boyle had 122 votes, 7.08 percent.

O’Boyle sent an email to his supporters giving credit to his opponents for their victory and crediting his own campaign with bringing about changes that the town needs, most notably energizing the electoral process.

“I entered this election to win and effect change,” O’Boyle wrote, “and with the help of the people, I accomplished all goals. 1) I entered the election (although I was not elected) but I feel that the people, through our joint efforts, clearly won; and 2) the beating of the drums of change can already be heard.”

O’Boyle said he intends to take his complaints to the newly seated commission.

“Gulf Stream has many complex issues that must be dealt with,” he wrote. “As applies to them, I can say that I and my supporters are committed to working with the Commissioners to resolve those issues.”

The town’s first election since 1993 went off with only a minor incident, according to Town Clerk Rita Taylor. Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher checked out Town Hall on election day and found that O’Boyle’s campaign truck was parked too close to the poll entrance.

“He truck with the campaign signs was within the 100 foot no no zone,” Taylor said, “so he had to move it. Otherwise, there weren't any problems.”

Issues going forward
One of the most pressing issues that the new commission must face is the rising legal fees caused by O’Boyle’s numerous lawsuits, and those of one of his most vocal campaign supporters, Chris O’Hare. The legal fight between O’Boyle and the town began with a dispute over a home remodeling project and has expanded into allegations of violations of public-records laws and infringement of constitutional rights.

In a hastily called special meeting on March 28 — a Friday afternoon — the Town Commission unanimously approved hiring Boca Raton lawyer Robert Sweetapple as special counsel for defending the town against its many lawsuits.

Morgan nominated Sweetapple and praised him as an attorney experienced in public-records cases and municipal litigation.

“I believe a special counsel will lead to an expedient resolution and ultimately be less expensive,” said Morgan, noting that Sweetapple usually charges $500 an hour but was willing to represent Gulf Stream for $350.

Defending a municipality is a bit of a role reversal for Sweetapple, who has earned a reputation as a tenacious litigator in bringing several high-profile cases against the cities of Boca Raton and Boynton Beach. In 2005, he charged Boca police with misconduct and brutality in the arrest of a wealthy developer.

Last year, Gulf Stream wound up paying $395,000 in legal expenses, most of it because of O’Boyle. Town Manager William Thrasrer warned commissioners that he was looking towards the budgeted through nearly all of the $93,500 earmarked for legal expenses in the current budget year. O’Boyle’s latest suit against the town was a complaint filed in federal court over the town’s code restrictions of his campaign signs.

“We are behind on legal fees, and the escalating costs are now starting to hit our budget,” Thrasrer said. “If you project that out, we’re going to be over budget by somewhere around $150,000.”

White said it will be challenging for the commission to find the money to cover the rising costs of legal defenses. “The fees are awfully high,” said White. “Attorneys are just expensive, and to be at that part of the budget this early in the year is really disturbing.”

Morgan said that, talking to residents during the campaign, he was confident that most townpeople “were willing to contribute” to fighting off the lawsuits against the town.

“I don’t see any sign that the two O’Boyle and O’Hare are going to back off, so I really think a very strong, aggressive defense needs to be taken,” said Morgan. “The vast majority of people, on both sides of the Intracoastal, want to defend the cases aggressively.”

The last act of business for the old commission, which included the outgoing Garrett Dering, was to pass unanimously new decorum guidelines for commission meetings.

Under the new provisions, people who launch personal attacks at commissioners, use profanity or disrupt the meetings face expulsion or arrest. The new rules came in response to the tumultuous February meeting in which O’Hare and town officials had several heated exchanges after his mother had difficulty using the Town Hall restroom.

Thrasrer said the town “is making progress” with restroom design changes and repairs that will make the facilities more compliant with federal Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. He said engineering plans for a larger restroom renovation will be coming to the new commission later this year. ___________

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Pete and Alice Dye honored
Palm Beach County Sport Hall of Fame - March 23

Notable golf course designers and Gulf Stream residents Pete and Alice Dye were inducted into the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame by Guy Qualatlebaum President of the Palm Beach County Sports Commission Board of Directors (left) and Richard Ellington Vice Chair of the Hall of Fame committee (right).
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Along the Coast

Limits on place on flood insurance rates, but other aspects uncertain

By Jane Smith

An 18 percent annual increase in your flood-insurance premium is a hefty hike, but it beats the 25 percent that many coastal homeowners were facing.

A new federal law caps increases at 18 percent for primary residences. Owners of second homes and business, though, still could pay 25 percent increases.

The big jumps were intended to make the National Flood Insurance Program solvent after huge payouts from hurricanes Katrina in 2005 and Sandy in 2012 put it $24 billion in debt. Premiums for everyone would have jumped 25 percent each year until they were high enough to support the program.

The federal flood-insurance program serves 5.6 million homes nationally, with nearly 40 percent in Florida. About four out of five policies pay what the Federal Emergency Management Agency calls full rates, but nearly 5,000 Palm Beach County policies have premiums “inadequate for risk,” according to FEMA.

“I’ve seen some astronomical rate increases” under the previous plan, said Ken Schenck, Ocean Ridge town manager.

The new law caps flood-insurance premiums at 1 percent of a policy’s coverage. For example: a $50,000 yearly premium for $500,000 coverage.

Most of the coastal areas of Highland Beach, Lantana and South Palm Beach are in flood zones.

Condos dominate Highland Beach and South Palm Beach, and residents technically live above flood zones, South Palm Beach Town Manager Rex Taylor explained. But flood insurance is included in their association fees.

Higher premiums for second homes troubles Schenck, since the populations in Ocean Ridge and other coastal communities usually double in season. “We have no idea how many are using Ocean Ridge as their primary residence,” he said.

The town has about 1,300 registered voters and a 2013 population estimate of nearly 1,800.

Many of those barrier island homes are subject to storm surge and are evacuated as hurricanes approach. Sections of A1A often flood during strong storms and some neighborhood streets flood during peak high tide times in the spring and fall.

FEMA creates maps that identify flood risk, and continually revises them, creating some flood zones for new construction and mortgaged property.

Ocean Ridge is appealing proposed changes in the maps, that excluded only 140 properties from the flood zone, since the town spent $10 million to improve drainage in its south end. Schenck hopes to get 50-100 more properties removed from the flood zone.

Richard Radcliffe, executive director of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, said his group also submitted information about why certain areas should be excluded from flood zones.

Delray Beach has appealed some of its coastal properties placed in flood zones, building official Steve Tobias said, but Gulf Stream is waiting before it considers an appeal, according to Town Manager William Thrasher.

Boca Raton will appeal proposed changes to flood maps along its canals, but not its coastal areas, Dan Grippo, municipal services director, said. “It’s a given along the coast that the (homes) are subject to storm surge.”

FEMA is expected to issue new maps by about June, followed by 30 days for public review, followed by 20 days for community officials and property owners to submit more technical and/or scientific data.

Still, the new maps may not go into effect until August 2015, FEMA said.

For more information on the process, visit fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-flood-hazard-mapping/letter-map-change.
Delray Beach

Election upset could shift commission balance

By Tim Pallesen

Newcomer Jordana Jarjura upset incumbent Angeleta Gray in the March 11 city election, possibly shifting the balance of power on the Delray Beach City Commission.

Jarjura became the fourth attorney on the commission by capturing 51 percent of the vote compared to 41 percent for Gray, who had been a city commissioner since 2009.

Another incumbent, Al Jacquet, fought off a challenge from Chris Davey in the second commission race on the ballot. Jacquet got 50 percent of the vote compared to 46 percent for Davey.

Jarjura could become the swing vote with Mayor Cary Glickstein and Commissioner Shelly Petrolia on issues such as ending developer incentives to build downtown, police and fire pension reform and seeking bids for the city garbage contract.

Petrolia financially supported Jarjura and Davey for election. Glickstein asked residents by mass email on election day to vote for Davey.

Support for Jarjura and Davey was strong in east Delray, partly because Jacquet and Gray didn’t join Glickstein and Petrolia to fight the Atlantic Crossing mixed-use project in January.

Gray, a beauty shop owner, suffered a blow when several west Delray citizen groups and the Sun-Sentinel endorsed Jarjura.

News that the state attorney was examining Gray’s role in awarding a $50,000 city contract to a firm tied to her campaign manager was reported less than two weeks before the election.

The election turnout was 15.8 percent, with 6,584 of the city’s 41,584 registered voters going to the polls.

Voters also approved a charter revision to clarify the voting procedure by commissioners at meetings, with 56 percent in favor of the revision.

Neighbors show support for marina development plan

By Tim Pallesen

Plans to rebuild the Seagate Yacht Club are drawing positive response from coastal residents south of Atlantic Avenue.

The owners of the nearby Seagate Hotel and Spa want to build 10 luxury townhouses and a three-story clubhouse at the existing 44-slip marina on MacFarlane Drive.

The clubhouse got scrutiny at a March 17 meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board, where the developer agreed to close the clubhouse at 10 p.m. on weeknights and midnight on weekends. No music on the rooftop sunbathing terrace will be another restriction.

But the developer submitted favorable comments from 200 neighbors who say the new yacht club with its distinctive contemporary design will benefit their neighborhood.

City commissioners must approve a conditional-use request for the clubhouse. The design goes to the Site Plan Review and Appearance Board for approval.

Dockage for luxury yachts is important for Seagate’s effort to create a full-service resort destination, said E. Anthony Wilson, chairman of the Seagate Hospitality Group.

In addition to the 162-room hotel at 1000 E. Atlantic Ave., the company operates the Seagate Beach Club at 401 S. Ocean Blvd.

Seagate bought the Hamlet Golf and Country Club for $7 million in 2012 so golf and tennis could be included in its full-service resort.

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City: Positive spin resulted in improved parade day

By Tim Pallesen

More children and less alcohol made a better St. Patrick’s Day Parade this year, city officials say.

“The parade went much better since we did away with open alcohol,” Assistant City Manager Bob Barcinski concluded after the March 17 parade.

Unlike last year, the city banned drinking from open containers of alcohol on the sidewalks along the Atlantic Avenue parade route.

Police documented 1,159 violations of the open-container law. Drinkers were simply asked to empty their drink containers of alcohol on the sidewalk from the businesses. Privitera wrote in a March 21 report.

But city officials were pleased overall by the first year when open drinking was banned during a parade that’s become a national attraction on St. Patrick’s Day.

“Our police felt it went better,” Barcinski said. “More positive than in the past. We still have a couple little issues,” he added. “I don’t understand why people bring animals.”

A police officer was bitten on the hand trying to stop a pit bull attack on a guinea pig. Privitera said.

Police and parade organizer John Fischer agreed that more children and families attended this year’s parade.

“More children are coming because we’ve been marketing the parade to the School Board,” Fischer said. Police officers joined firefighters and paramedics for the first time this year as the parade was expanded to include all emergency responders.

School children, civic groups and charities also began marching in the annual event.

“We’ve stretched the parade to the positive stuff,” Fischer said, “and that’s where it’s going to stay.”

Olive ridley turtle found Christmas Day is on the mend

By Cheryl Blackerby

The little olive ridley sea turtle rescued on Lantana Beach on Christmas Day is on the road to recovery at Loggerhead Marinelife Center.

“She was moved into a bigger tank because she had been bumping her head against the sides of the smaller tank she was in,” said Kat Rumbley, Loggerhead communications coordinator. “This tank just gives her more room to swim.”

Meghan is the only documented olive ridley found stranded in Palm Beach County and the first this far north.

The turtle, whose condition was listed as critical when she arrived at Loggerhead, was treated for external wounds, given a glucose IV, antibiotics to prevent infection, and iron to treat anemia.

When she was rescued, she weighed only 65 pounds, at some point was swept along in the Gulf Stream and the first this far north.

The turtle, whose condition was listed as critical, now weighs 79 pounds. In the days after she was found, she had to be fed intravenously, then was tube-fed a slurry of fish and vitamins. Now she is eating fish on her own.

Meghan arrived with a constriction injury to the front left flipper, which caused extensive tissue damage. X-rays showed no bone damage.

Her flipper wounds are all healing well. Meghan started her journey around Central and South America, and at some point was swept along in the Gulf Stream — all four flippers tangled in fishing net — before landing on Lantana Beach, thrashing in the surf.

**Delray Beach Police Detective Matthew Naparstek monitors the crowd in front of The Blue Anchor Pub during the city’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**
Law enforcement officers along the coast of Palm Beach County – from Boca Raton to Manalapan – were out in force earlier this month as part of a continuing effort to educate bicyclists and motorists about laws designed to make roads safer for both.

In a joint effort coordinated by the South Florida Safe Roads Task Force, police officers from several cities and towns patrolled State Road A1A on Tuesday, April 1, as part of a weeklong initiative aimed at reducing accidents involving bicycles, pedestrians and motor vehicles.

“All of the agencies involved in the South Florida Safe Roads Task Force are looking to create awareness of the major issues that are causing serious injuries and fatalities,” said task force spokesperson Tara Kirschner, executive director of the Dori Slosberg Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to traffic safety. “There are many safety concerns that need to be addressed and resolved.”

During the April 1 coordinated effort, police officers and Palm Beach County sheriff’s deputies kept a close eye on the often-narrow stretches of A1A from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., stopping bicyclists and motorists and reminding them of the need to share the road with one another.

In Ocean Ridge, police officers stopped five bicyclists and one motorist during the enforcement effort, with three of the violators receiving warnings and three receiving citations.

“We had three violations in just the first 15 minutes,” said Ocean Ridge Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi. “These violations are happening all the time. We should be thankful there aren’t more accidents.”

At the Boynton Inlet, sheriff deputies focused on educating pedestrians, writing several warnings to those crossing A1A and not using the marked crosswalk.

“Our whole aim is voluntary compliance from pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists,” says Highland Beach police Lt. Eric Lundberg, who helped get the task force started.

Two priorities for the task force are making sure bicyclists are aware of the law requiring them to ride no more than two abreast and not impede the flow of traffic when doing so, and that motorists are aware of the law requiring them to give bicycles at least 3 feet of clearance.

“Through education, we hope to change the attitudes of motorists toward cyclists and cyclists toward motorists,” Kirschner said.

As part of its effort, the task force and the Florida Department of Transportation late last month placed six electronic message boards along A1A that read “Vehicle Bicycle Safety Campaign in Effect.” The boards are giving travelers an indication of stepped-up enforcement efforts and also serve as a reminder of the need to keep roads safe for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers.

Task force members will review the result of the initial weeklong effort and are expected to continue with the initiative later in the year.

“The majority of bicyclists and motorists follow the rules of the road,” says Highland Beach Police Chief Craig Hartmann. “What we want to do is educate that small percentage who don’t or who may not be aware of the rules.”

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**Bicyclists and drivers warned about safety**

**By Rich Pollack**

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Police department now at full staff

By Dan Moffett

After a spate of hiring in recent weeks, the South Palm Beach Police Department is at full strength for the first time since last summer.

During a period of rare turnover, the department lost its chief last fall when Roger Crane retired after 28 years on the job, and then lost a senior officer when Lt. Nick Alvaro called it quits in February. All told, four positions turned over in the eight-officer staff in the last nine months.

Acting Police Chief Carl Webb, who was promoted from captain to replace Crane in November, has been busy juggling schedules and screening candidates.

“Even though we were hiring officers as people left, it became a bit more acute with the retirement of Chief Crane and Lt. Alvaro,” said Town Manager Rex Taylor. “All new officers require a period of field training before they operate on their own.”

Councilman Robert Gottlieb said now that the department has caught up on its hiring, it needs to examine how it patrols the beachfront.

“Whether we walk the beaches, whether the buildings report, we need to start to take a look at beach security,” Gottlieb said.

In other business:

• Nothing’s been rescheduled since the developer of the Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn, Paragon Acquisition Group, abruptly canceled a workshop for the site.

• The town again. “But there’s no schedule right now.”

Clayman said. “We’ll see.”

Council members reflected on the career and life of former Mayor Marty Millar, after word came from Lantana police that he had died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound on March 23.

Millar, 67, served four years as a town councilman and two years as mayor until resigning in 2010 after admitting violating state ethics laws during a 2009 visit to a West Palm Beach strip club.

“His term here certainly was tumultuous, especially his last term,” Vice Mayor Joseph Flagello said. “It’s always a sad and tragic thing. He was obviously not well. One of the positive things he brought to this town through that tumultuous term was that he brought it together. He made the town tougher. He made it stronger.”

Flagello said one of Millar’s enduring legacies was a method for distributing the Town Council members’ duties.

“He was the first guy who assigned each council member an area of the town,” Flagello said. “Somebody would get the beach, somebody the sewers, somebody something else.”

—Dan Moffett

—Marty Millar

South Palm Beach
Arches marked as downtown landmarks

By Steve Plunkett

Two distinctive arches that Boca Raton officials hope will become downtown landmarks now greet visitors to Sanborn Square Park.

The steel arches, mounted on stone-and-tile columns, arc over Northeast First Avenue at Northeast Second Street and Palmetto Park Road. The section of First Avenue was renamed Sanborn Promenade as part of the festivities.

All five City Council members attended a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony Feb. 28.

Money for the arches came from cash left over from the Downtown Promenade Project, which saw pavers replace asphalt and sidewalks on First Avenue and Second Street as well as sidewalks on Boca Raton Road. Benches, bollard lighting and new trees also were part of the streetscape improvements designed to make downtown more pedestrian friendly.

The steel for the arches was fabricated in Alabama and shaped in North Carolina. It is painted the same dark green as the streetlights along the promenade.

The center of each arch is 16 feet high. The original 1955 Sanborn Square dedication plaque will eventually be featured on one base.

The Downtown Boca Raton Advisory Committee recommended First Avenue’s renaming and helped guide the project through Community Redevelopment Agency approvals.

Assistant City Manager Mike Woika said residents and businesses downtown like the new arches. “I think they’re well on their way to becoming landmarks,” he said.

The twin arches of Sanborn Square were dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Feb. 28. Photos by Tim Stepien/ The Coastal Star
Manalapan

Engineer describes Audubon bridge decline, says collapse unlikely

By Dan Moffett

Manalapan town commissioners got a face-to-face report from the engineer who evaluated their crumbling Audubon Causeway bridge.

What Jeff Bergmann told them was that there are no quick or easy fixes for the 20-foot span, but something will have to be done relatively soon.

“As you drive over it, it looks like a perfectly healthy bridge,” said Bergmann, a consultant with Bridge Design Associates.

“But when you go underneath — we were concerned.”

Bergmann told the commission at its March 25 meeting that the bridge’s pilings are decaying, with steel reinforcements showing the signs of decades of corrosion. He said, however, that the chance of the whole structure will collapse is slim.

“Prior to any collapse, you’re going to see some large movements of the bridge that will visually warn somebody,” Bergmann said.

“So it’s not going to fail in an instantaneous mode, but will continue to degrade over time.”

The consultants recommend repairing or replacing the bridge within a two- to three-year period. The price tag for repair is about $528,000, with an estimate of at least 10 years of service; the cost to replace it is about $760,000, for 50-plus years of use. The estimated construction time is between a year and 18 months, with one-way traffic maintained during the project.

“The sense of the commission is we have a decision that’s going to impact the town for quite a long time to come,” Mayor David Cheifetz said. “We just simply need more information.”

Bergmann told commissioners it wasn’t feasible to use a prefabricated truss bridge — a World War II-type Bailey bridge — to reroute traffic temporarily because there isn’t enough land to install it around the span.

He said using a culvert design would work but also would require federal permitting that would consider the potential environmental impact to sea grass and fish. That process could take two years with no guarantees of approval.

Bergmann said it might be possible to reduce the number of pilings with a “clear span” design, cutting some cost and construction time. He told commissioners he would give them estimates on that alternative and also on wrapping the existing pilings with jackets to extend their lives.

The commission unanimously approved a provision to restrict truck traffic on the bridge, under which companies with heavy utility vehicles will have to assume liability for crossing the span.

Town Manager Linda Stumpf said federal and state agencies won’t allow the town to stop the boat traffic underneath.

Bergmann said he is comfortable with the lead restrictions the town has placed on the bridge.

“I’ve been conservative because one of my jobs is to protect the public,” he said. “So we made our best estimate.”

In other business:

• Commissioner Peter Isaac’s proposal to limit public comments to three minutes won unanimous approval.

The change brings Manalapan in line with neighboring communities and includes a “mayoral override” provision that allows the mayor to grant speakers more time when warranted.

Isaac noted that Abraham Lincoln only needed two minutes for the Gettysburg address and the current five-minute limit is too long and fosters pontification. “You don’t build a church for Easter Sunday,” he said.

• Stumpf said a 14-page consultant’s report has found that the town will need to spend about $21,500 to make parking and access to the 33-year-old Town Hall building compliant with federal Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

The report comes in response to a complaint by resident Kersen De Jong. The commission decided to take up the proposed changes and how to pay for them at its April meeting.

• Two new members were sworn in to the commission after going unopposed in the March 11 election: Clark Appleby, who has served on the town’s zoning board, claimed the at-large seat vacated by John Murphy; and Ronald Barsanti, a member of the architectural board who took the point seat vacated by Howard Roder. Vice Mayor Louis De Stefano also was sworn in to another term representing the ocean district.

Appleby, an investment manager, is the grandson of former Manalapan Commissioner John Manfuso. Barsanti got his first assignment in his first meeting: Mayor Cheifetz asked him to sit in on the town’s screening of engineering consultants.
Along the Coast

Beach renourishment up against deadline

By Cheryl Blackerby

The last of four beach renourishment projects is underway, and it’s up against an April 30th deadline that may not be met if rough seas continue.

Work on the project at Boca Raton’s north beach started March 23. The dredge was forced to stop pumping sand March 25 because of strong winds.

“We had to pull off because of the weather. We hope to start back as soon as the winds calm down,” said Jennifer Bystoga, engineer with the City of Boca Raton.

Boca’s north beach as well as beaches in Ocean Ridge and Delray Beach are U.S. Army Corps of Engineers beach renourishment projects. The Army Corps deadline for those projects is April 30, and if the project is not done by that time the city of Boca will have to apply for a new permit. (The fourth project was south Boca Raton beach, which is not an Army Corps project, but the city used the same contractor to save money.)

“If we don’t meet the deadline, we would have to go for a formal permit extension because the Florida Department of Environmental Protection doesn’t allow us to dredge beyond April 30,” she said.

The city would probably only be able to get an extension into mid-May because of turtle nesting season, she said.

But the dredge has already placed about 40,000 cubic yards of sand on the beach in its first two days, a good head start, she said. “We feel confident we have more than enough days to get the job done before the deadline.”

Meanwhile, winds and surf have carved out high escarpments on Ocean Ridge’s beach, a renourishment project that was finished Feb. 9.

“At the southern end of Oceanfront Park, there’s an escarpment about 1,550 feet long and 4 feet high, and places that are 6 feet high. It’s the biggest escarpment I’ve seen in Palm Beach County,” said Tom Warnke, a member of the executive committee of the Palm Beach chapter of Surfrider Foundation, a non-profit environmental group that works to protect oceans and beaches.

Ed Tichenor, director of Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management, said the non-profit Reef Rescue group has been researching the turbidity produced by the sand pumping at all four beaches, and saw few problems with Delray Beach but a big problem at Boca’s north beach.

“They were able to keep the silt plumes under control in Delray Beach. This company has a smaller piece of equipment than the big dredge used last year, and they could control the amount of silt generated. I don’t think we have any impacts to reefs,” said Ed Tichenor, director of Palm Beach County Reef Rescue.

Boca’s north beach is a different story, he said.

“We had to pull off because of the weather. Our surf is going all the way to Boca Inlet,” he said. “Unlike the other projects, this is a critical habitat for endangered staghorn coral. I’m very concerned about this project.”

On March 23, U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel came to Ocean Ridge to make a ceremonial check presentation for the $12 million in federal money that Congress is contributing through the Army Corps to the county’s beach projects, including Delray Beach, Ocean Ridge and north Boca Raton beach — enough to cover about 60 percent of the work. The rest is coming from the state, county and city governments.

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$12 million in federal money"
By Rich Pollack

It is a Palm Beach County tourist season best defined by storms.

Snowstorms in the rest of the country, no storms to speak of in South Florida and the perfect storm of an improving economy plus pent-up demand and strong promotions all having come together to help break tourism records.

“Both our restaurants, this is the best season we’ve ever seen,” says Luke Therien, whose family has owned and operated the Banana Boat in Boynton Beach for 35 years and the nearby Prime Catch for 10 years. “We’re seeing a much higher traffic count.”

At local hotels, occupancy rates are booming, with guests booking earlier and staying longer.

In February for example, hotel occupancy in Palm Beach County reached 90 percent and at Crane’s Beachhouse, a boutique hotel in Delray Beach, February was as close to being sold out as you can get with a 98 percent occupancy rate, up from 87 percent last February.

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Many of those visitors came by air, with Palm Beach International Airport seeing more than 1.1 million passengers flowing through its corridors, a 6.7 percent increase over the same period last year.

All of this translates to good news for local businesses, which depend on tourists to help bolster their winter sales.

The Boca Raton Resort and Club is having an outstanding season, according to Troy McLellan, president and CEO of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce.

“The success of the hotel in its group and leisure stays equates to success for our local retailers and restaurants,” he said. “And the hotel is having a phenomenal year.”

In Delray Beach, tourism-related businesses such as Delray Yacht Cruises, which offers Intracoastal sightseeing tours, have also benefited from the influx of visitors.

“It’s been a very busy season,” said Vice President Meghan Christian. “It’s been busier than last season.”

Much of the credit for the increase in visitors to South Florida can be given to Mother Nature. Just about everyone in the local hospitality industry points to the miserable winter in the Northeast and much of the rest of the country as the main reason tourists are flocking to the area.

But Peter Ricci, director of the hospitality management program at Florida Atlantic University, says other factors have also played a key role, including the rebounding economy, pent-up demand and a significant increase in tourism promotion at the state, county and local level.

“It’s like a perfect storm of several factors coming together,” he said.

Ricci says a commitment by the state and strong promotional efforts by county organizations such as Discover the Palm Beaches and the Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative have also helped drive numbers up.

“There are people who used to come to Florida regularly but who might have been lured away to other places,” he said. “Now Florida [marketing] is in their face.”

Discover the Palm Beaches promoted the area in the Northeast and the Washington D.C. area through its “Winter in the Palm Beaches” campaign, which hit at about the same time as the bad weather up North.

In Delray Beach, one of the few local cities with its own organization focused specifically on tourism, the Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative has been working closely with state and county groups to bring visitors to town.

At Crane’s Beachhouse, General Manager Cathy Balestriere sees the upswing in tourism continuing into the summer.

By early March, Crane’s had already booked 118 room nights for June compared to just eight at the same time last year.
INLET

Continued from page 1
outside the inlet to rescue many of the Two Georges passengers and crew.

Some passengers swam to the beach. Bodies were recovered by rescuers near the inlet. Others washed up on the shore. A fifth passenger was never found and was presumed to be lost.

Lash, now 69, was working as a mate on a boat that day and was standing behind Two Georges Capt. Jimmy Stevens when the wooden boat capsized.

During a recent interview at his home in Boynton Beach, Lash said the fishing boat was surfing down a wave when it veered, began taking on water on its port side and then rolled over.

"I remember Capt. Jim crying out, 'Oh my God. She's gone,'" Lash wrote in a summary of the accident, written for his family.

"I was thrown against the back windows of the wheelhouse as she rolled over," Lash wrote. "Total confusion ensued. I was under water with my feet tangled in some unknown line, preventing me from coming to the surface."

He reached for his fishing piers, but they were gone. That's when he calmly reached for his pocketknife and cut his way to freedom.

Lash said he remembered taking the time to fold his pocketknife and slip it back into his pocket before he shot to the surface to for air.

Lash swam over to help a man who was trying to cling to a cooler. Then Capt. Angelo Phillips and the crew of the Pepper pulled them both out of the water. The man who had been clinging to the cooler died of heart failure, Lash said.

Stevens told the Palm Beach Daily News after the accident that he waited for three swells to pass over the sand bar before heading into the inlet. Everything seemed fine, he said, until a 20-foot wave lifted the stern of the Two Georges.

One of the crewmen told the newspaper that one wave broached the fishing boat, and another wave capsized it.

A 1965 Coast Guard report published an extra edition showing photos of the rescue after the Two Georges tragedy. The relatively narrow inlet, 130 feet wide, was opened in 1927 to improve water quality in the Lake Worth Lagoon. It was not designed for navigation.

The inlet's strong tidal flow can clash with ocean waves to produce rough conditions for boaters. Winter swells stand up on a sand bar that forms from time to time outside the mouth of the inlet.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, the agency that produces nautical charts, notes that the Boynton Inlet is "dangerous and particularly hazardous to small boats not designed for open seas." NOAA's chart notes say boaters using the Boynton Inlet "should be experienced and have local knowledge." Larry Madden, who was a 10-year-old paper delivery boy for the Boynton Beach Star on the day of the 1964 accident, remembers selling the extra edition on the streets of Boynton Beach on the afternoon of the accident.

"It's still fresh in my mind because it was such a traumatic experience," said Madden, who now lives in Arkansas. "People were standing two to three deep waiting for the paper."
About a dozen human-rights activists protested outside the entrance to the Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club in Boca Raton on March 24 and voiced support for hundreds of unauthorized immigrants on hunger strikes at several privately run detention centers.

Why choose the yacht club for the demonstration? Because one of the residents there is George Zoley, president of GEO Group of Boca Raton, which operates eight detention centers for federal immigration officials in a half-dozen states.

“We want Zoley to stop retaliating against the hunger strikers and recognize this as a human-rights issue,” said Britni Hiatt, a Florida Atlantic University graduate student and one of the protest’s organizers. “We’re here to vocalize the injustice and stand with people who are being punished for no reason.”

The hunger strikes began in early March with about 700 detainees at the GEO-run Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Wash., and have provoked similar strikes and protests at facilities in at least two other states. The detainees want better conditions — better food, medical care and higher pay for work inside the centers — and also are calling on the government to change a federal deportation policy which they say breaks up immigrant families.

“These inhumane conditions have to improve,” Hiatt said. “The detainees deserve just treatment.”

On March 13, President Obama ordered the Department of Homeland Security to review the government’s deportation laws and see if immigration officials can enforce them “more humanely.”

Immigrant activists have complained that authorities and prison managers have retaliated against the hunger strikes by putting participants in solitary confinement and threatening to disrupt their immigration cases.

“We want to bring the demands of the hunger strikers to Zoley’s doorstep,” says Cici Claaz, one of the organizers at the yacht club demonstration. “The whistle has been blown. It’s time for GEO to address these offenses and stop engaging in retaliation and suppression.”

Zoley also is the former chairman of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees who last year helped kindle a firestorm on campus when he proposed naming the school’s athletic stadium after his prison company.

Neither GEO nor Zoley responded immediately to requests for comment on prison conditions and the protests.

By Dan Moffett

Human-rights activists protest at Royal Palm Yacht Club
Proposed bill would bring HOAs under more state oversight

By Thomas R. Collins

A Senate bill that would give the state more oversight of homeowner associations, and impose a $4-per-year fee on every parcel to pay for it, has drawn opposition from an area alliance of property owner associations, which says the measure is unnecessary.

The bill (SB 1348) proposed by Sen. Alan Hays, a Republican from Umatilla in north central Florida, says “it is necessary to provide regulatory oversight of such associations to ensure compliance with federal and state laws and local ordinances.”

So far, the measure hasn’t gained steam in Tallahassee.

Under the bill, a division of the state Department of Business and Professional Regulation could investigate complaints and enforce compliance in homeowner associations that are still under control of the developer. And after the homeowners take control of the association, the state only would be able to investigate complaints on financial issues, elections and homeowner access to records.

An ombudsman’s office would be created, along with an 800 number for complaints that would be available to residents in homeowner associations. Condominium associations already have such an ombudsman dedicated to their communities, and already pay the $4 fee.

Hays has said that the proposed law was prompted by complaints from homeowners within his home county as well as from around the state.

But Lori Vinikoor, executive vice president of the Alliance of Delray Residential Associations, says the current system of mediation is already sufficient state oversight. In that system, differences over homeowner association bylaws can be settled by a state-appointed mediator after both sides pay a fee.

“That system works,” Vinikoor says.

“You have recourse if somebody doesn’t perform,” she says. “There’s always a place to go.”

But with such ease of access as an ombudsman, homeowners would be inclined to make frivolous claims, which will cost associations time and attorney fees, Vinikoor said.

“It’s like putting up a quarter or dollar into a soda machine and getting a soda,” she said.

“If it’s as easy as that, wouldn’t it be easier for there to be more frivolous things?”

In condos, she said, most of the complaints come from a “very small percentage” of condo owners, who have been dubbed “recreational complainers.” She says the same could happen in homeowner associations.

Vinikoor said she is unaware of any homeowner associations in southern coastal Palm Beach County who have been following the legislation closely.

Highland Beach Vice Mayor Ron Brown, who also is president of the Bel Lido Home Owners Association in Highland Beach, said he was unaware of the bill. He said complaints within his community typically can be resolved locally.

“My opinion is that it’s not needed at the level our association functions,” he said.

Bel Lido likely would not be affected by the bill, since membership in the association is voluntary.

The prospects for the bill might be dim.

A similar bill was proposed last year, and did not go anywhere. This year, there is no House companion bill for it and hasn’t been heard in any committees, said Yeline Goin, a community association attorney.

“It doesn’t have a good chance of passing, in my opinion.”

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Accommodations will help visitors get through Town Hall renovations

By Rich Pollack

The long-awaited $850,000 renovation of Highland Beach’s Town Hall is finally underway. Construction crews began demolishing the town last month.

Expected to continue through the fall, the project is designed to unite the Police Department, which is now in separate buildings, and will include upgrades to the Town Commission chambers and other facilities.

As the construction continues, the Highland Beach Police Department will be working out of a trailer behind Town Hall, while most meetings usually held in the commission chambers have been moved to the library.

The majority of other town functions will not be directly impacted by the renovations.

“Despite the construction, we expect the level of disruption to be minimal,” Town Manager Kathleen Weiser said.

As a part of the project, a hallway that made it possible to access the town’s small post office by walking through Town Hall has been temporarily blocked. Visitors still can get there, however, by either driving or walking around the construction area.

In addition, the public will not have access to temporary police facilities, but visitors can go to the front desk of Town Hall during regular business hours and request that an officer or department representative meet them there. To minimize parking problems during the construction, the town has arranged for construction crews and some town employees to park at nearby St. Lucy Catholic Church.

“The church has been really good about helping us and we’re very appreciative,” Weiser said.

Town officials say that once completed, the renovations will improve efficiency and provide much-needed additional space for the Police Department. Previously, commission chambers and part of the Police Department were located in an older building to the south, while administrative offices and the rest of the Police Department were housed in a building to the north.

The idea of renovating buildings and making more room for the Police Department first surfaced in the 2005-2006 budget, according to town officials, but it was later withdrawn. The project continued to be discussed over the years and was placed in the budget in 2010, but again funding never was made available.

New life was breathed into the project in 2012 when the town hired an architect to draw up plans. Town commissioners, however, delayed the project again that year during the budgeting process.

The current commission, in passing the 2013-2014 budget, agreed to take the estimated $850,000 for the project from reserve funds.

“These renovations will really make a big difference and make it possible for us to better serve our residents of Highland Beach,” Police Chief Craig Hartmann said.

The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention.

Guidelines for Helping a Grieving Friend or Family Member

Of the many types of loss, the most difficult loss is the death of a loved one. Supporting a Grieving Friend or Family Member can be challenging. Here are some helpful hints.

What Grief IS NOT…

• Grief IS NOT a Problem. Most of us want to assuage grief — to “remedy” the problem of grief. Grief is not a problem to be fixed, it is an important journey of adjustment and acceptance.
• Grief IS NOT a sign of weakness. Grief is a sign of courage and a commitment to healing when life changes forever. It is not for sissies.
• Grief IS NOT something to avoid or ignore. Help the grieving person to find outlets for expression no matter how repetitious or silly they may seem.
• Grief IS NOT predictable. No one grievers in the same way as another and no one knows how long grief takes. Grief is as unique to an individual as their fingerprint.

What Grief IS…

• Grief IS the result of a strong relationship and deserves the honor of strong emotion.
• Grief IS a teacher. When grief is expressed and faced courageously — it makes us wiser, stronger and more understanding.
• Grief IS an opportunity to lean on our faith and to rely on our set of values. Grief is an opportunity to create new ways to express your memories and love.
• Grief IS a journey — a necessary journey that each of us will experience. It is important that we share that journey. Be committed to supporting the grieving person until they begin to heal.
• Grief IS more difficult to face alone. Spend time with the grieving person. Quiet time. Allow them to talk if they wish or just sit near them and be available. The mourner may need time to be alone but will appreciate the effort you made to visit.
• Grief IS the time to offer acts of kindness. Run errands, answer the phone, prepare meals, mow the lawn, care for the children, shop for groceries, meet incoming planes or provide lodging for out of town relatives. There are always ways to help.
• Grief IS an outlet for expressions of pain, loneliness, confusion. Do not attempt to soothe or stifle the emotions of the griever. Tears and anger are an important part of the healing process. Expressions of love are lost on the griever so don’t try to fix them or logic with them. Just support them and show kindness.
• Grief IS a time of healing & renewal. Supported and accepted, survivors to their fingerprint.
• Grief IS NOT a Problem.
Council approves gas line, but straw poll still draws complaints

By Mary Thurwachter

A poll of Hypoluxo Island property owners by the town of Lantana showed 60 percent favored extending a natural gas line to the island. But not everyone was happy with the result or the voting process. Many islanders appeared at the March 10 Lantana Town Council meeting to express their concerns. The town, anticipating a big turnout, brought in extra bleachers outside. The bleachers weren’t necessary, but most seats inside were occupied and individual speakers were asked to limit comments to three minutes. The town sent letters to all 309 property owners in October asking for a yes or no vote on the issue. By the Feb. 15 deadline, 197 yes votes came in, 11 more than the 186 required for passage. At a February meeting, several residents who opposed the gas line complained about being "strong-armed" by proponents to change their votes. A look at the town’s spreadsheet with tabulated results revealed that 22 no votes were indeed later changed to yes votes. How could that happen? The poll was a straw vote, Mayor Dave Stewart explained. And once the votes arrived at Town Hall they became public record and anyone could look at them. Proponents of the gas line did just that and then went back to some of the no voters to try to get them to change their minds. Town attorney Max Lohmans said the poll was basically a straw vote to gauge public opinion. The only votes that really mattered, he said, were those from the five council members. Property owners said they would have changed their votes. A widow who said she lived on a fixed income was moved to tears as she told the council she simply couldn’t afford the annual fee. Malcolm Balfour, a Hypoluxo resident, voted in favor of the gas line extension. Balfour said that he had, as a resident, voted yes, but after talking to some voters who said they didn’t want and couldn’t afford the gas line, he changed his mind for the council vote. “It just doesn’t seem fair,” he said, that some on a limited budget are having the expense forced on them. Property owners will owe about $520 annually for 10 years to pay for the line. The estimated construction cost for the line is $534,396. The town agreed to create a special assessment to provide financing of running the lines to the property boundaries. Once in place, Florida Public Utilities will assume ownership, operation and maintenance. Property owners will pay additional costs to complete the gas line connection to their properties. If money is coming back to the town from Florida Public Utilities, the annual fee to residents could be reduced after five years. The drive for natural gas was led by Rod Tennyson and Robert Barfrende, who put together a team who went door-to-door. They said that natural gas would be a good enhancement to the island, saving residents energy and money. But at the March 10 meeting, one by one residents got up to speak for or against the gas line. A few wanted to change their vote to no after having been encouraged to vote yes. But the voting deadline had closed on Feb. 15. Daniel Hiatt, who said he walks the island regularly and spoke to several residents who opposed the gas line, said he examined the votes and found several irregularities. He said it appeared that “a dead man voted” as did a woman who lived in a foreclosed home. He questioned the validity of several votes and said he certainly could find more irregularities if given more time. A widow who said she lived on a fixed income was moved to tears as she told the council she simply couldn’t afford the annual fee. Tennyson defended the voting and said there were “island angels” poised to help the few residents who could not afford the yearly fees. Town Manager Debra Gray said a few votes were sent to Special District Services for examination. But even if those votes were tossed out, there would still be 60 percent in favor of the gas line. Stewart, who also lives on the island, said people were “strong-armed.” He said he’ll never use natural gas, but knows that when he wants to sell his property, it’ll be good to have it. “I’m concerned about the cost and that some residents will never live to see the benefit of it,” he said.  

Delray Beach

Judge rules for city in trash dispute

The city has won the right to force Waste Management Inc., to competitively bid for the right to serve the city after a judge ruled the city broke it own rules when it approved a 10-year, $65 million, no-bid contract with the waste hauler in 2012. That means the city can seek bids from other waste haulers in an effort to get a better deal for taxpayers. Mayor Cary Glickstein and Commissioner Shelly Petrolia campaigned in 2013 promising that if elected, they would work to get the contract rescinded and allow the city to seek competitive bids. The city hired outside legal counsel to pursue the case to Palm Beach County Circuit Court, where Circuit Court Judge Meenu Sasser ruled in favor of the city late last month. Waste Management spokeswoman Dawn McCormick said the hauler was “disappointed with the ruling” but added that the company will “continue to do the right thing and service the residents and not let garbage pile up in the streets.” Glickstein said he was pleased with the judge’s ruling. “It confirms the Waste Management deal was contrary to state law, our local rules, and was a bad deal for taxpayers.” — Staff Report
Lantana
Commerce and residences planned for former hospital site

By Mary Thurwachter

During the first week in March, Gov. Rick Scott signed off on the sale of A.G. Holley State Hospital in Lantana to a Boca Raton developer for more than $15 million.

“Now it is in the private sector and the devil is in the details,” said Mayor Dave Stewart at the town’s March 10 City Council meeting.

Developer Ken Endelson, of Southeast Legacy Investments, and urban planners are drawing up plans to develop the 80-acre property with commercial and residential space.

Just east of I-95 at Lantana Road, the property housed a hospital for tuberculosis patients until state legislators closed it in 2012 following complaints about the $10 million yearly operating cost and the age of the building.

Expecting the sale for several years, Lantana officials have made revisions to its comprehensive plan so they would have some control of what happens on the property.

One concern for the town is what will become of the 23-acres Lantana leases in the front of the property on Lantana Road for its baseball fields. Lantana has said it would move the fields if Endelson will pay for the construction and development of the fields at a new location. The town’s current lease for the ball fields extends to 2024.

The town, Stewart has said, would like to have residences and commercial development that will increase the town’s tax base.

Endelson’s Kenco Communities built Wycliffe Golf and Country Club in Lake Worth, Addison Reserve Country Club in Delray Beach and the Oakes at Boca Raton.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Chris Carter Davies

I got my teaching degree, I saw a job opening at the Alyce D. McPherson School for Girls in Ocala. My mother thought it was a ritzy boarding school. I went to apply and got hired on the spot, and when the principal gave me a tour of the campus, I realized it was actually a reform school! And it was co-ed. My job was to teach juvenile delinquents how to swim, and also be their swim coach.

After a year there, I got a teaching job at Pine Grove Elementary School in Delray Beach. I taught at Pine Grove for eight years. Today I have a little side business arranging orchids. I do them for my close friends’ special occasions, but mostly I donate them to silent auctions. I’m really good at symmetry, so I incorporate shells, air plants and other things, and make them seashore-ish. So that’s what I’m most proud of these days.

Q. Where did you grow up and go to school? How do you think that has influenced you?
A. I grew up in Brick, a small town on the Jersey shore. My dad was the mayor for many years, and my mother was involved with every organization in town. I went to Brick Township High School. As a senior, I was president of the Keyette Club, which was all about volunteering, I attended Ocean County College for two years before transferring down to University of Florida in 1976 to get my degree in early-childhood education.

Q. What professions have you worked in? What professional accomplishments are you most proud of?
A. I always wanted to teach underprivileged children. After playing tennis — she played until she was 90! She was a golfer, a painter and a cook who could make a cake without a recipe. I didn’t inherit her hand-eye coordination, so I can’t play tennis … but I like to ski and scuba dive.

Q. Who/what makes you laugh?
A. My friends. When we get together, we just laugh and have fun. Also, I’ve been really close to my cousin Virginia. She’s 10 years younger than me, but as we’ve grown older, we’ve gotten really close, almost like sisters. That’s why I go up to New Jersey shore of the South Florida shore. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Q. What music do you listen to when you need inspiration? When you want to relax?
A. I have very eclectic tastes in music. I like to keep current, so I listen to the latest music on Pandora or iHeartRadio. But I also love classical piano music.

Q. What are you passionate about?
A. I launched a fundraiser on April 11. Co-chairing this year’s annual fundraising gala on April 11, Heilakka, and the two also are House board along with Ann McCormick and Mary Lou Schillinger in a “Mommy and Me” class when our kids were little, and Laura introduced me to Carolyn Patton, whose idea it was to turn this old house into a nature center. I also met other people who were helping out: Tom Lynch, Nilsa and Frank McKinney, Lisa Tienran, and Alieda Riley, Carolyn’s mother. In those days we spent most of our time in a trailer out front. I’ve been working to raise money for the center all these years. It’s important to me because of my experience in teaching underprivileged kids in Delray. I know the need for young local kids to learn about their own beach, which some have never seen.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Gulf Stream?
A. We moved here 19 years ago when my son was small, mainly to be close to Gulf Stream school. Our neighborhood had lots of young families, which was great because my son was an only child. After school, three or four kids would come home with him to play.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Gulf Stream?
A. I love the fact that it’s so close to Delray Beach and the excitement, but I can come home to peace and quiet. And all my neighbors are so nice and friendly.

Q. Have you had mentors in your life? Individuals who have inspired your life decisions?
A. My mother was my mentor. She just did it all. She was a volunteer for every committee in town, so I got my philanthropic side from her. She could play the piano, she could play tennis — she played until she was 80! She was a golfer, a painter and a cook who could make a cake without a recipe. I didn’t inherit her hand-eye coordination, so I can’t play tennis … but I like to ski and scuba dive.

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Steve and Mary Lou Cousley, both 73, were married in East St. Louis, Ill.

Alas, the Burton-Taylor marriage did not fare well. The movie stars were divorced in 1974, remarried in 1975 and divorced in 1976.

But a half-century later, the Bovés, Fearons, Vladykas and Cousleys are still happily wed, and on March 9, a perfectly sunny Sunday afternoon, about 100 friends and neighbors gathered by the condo's gazebo to celebrate "200 Years Of Love!"

To be honest, the Cousleys were married on June 8, 1963, but let's not be picky. It's still their 50th year.

"200 Years Of Love!"

The renewal of their vows was more celebration than sacrament.

As Chapel of Love (The Dixie Cups, 1964) played on a laptop computer, the four couples ascended the dunes atop the dunes to celebrate "200 Years Of Love!"

Marie Vladyka was accompanied by Denise Palino and Kathy Shinn, the same bridesmaids who saw her down the aisle all those years ago.

Mary Lou Cousley wore her original wedding dress. ("It has a little expansion panel in the back now," she confided.) Her husband, Steve, sported a big, black, bogus mustache to add a touch of silliness to the occasion.

"Many years ago, I sent off $3 to the Universal Church of Life in Modesto, Calif., and received a certificate making me a minister in the church," Provost began. "So what we have here today is a $3 wedding."


And then, over chicken and pig, beer and soft drinks, they revealed the secret of a 50-year marriage.

"You've kept your vows for 50 years," Provost said. "Do they really need to be renewed?"

"Amen," someone in the crowd murmured.

"Amen," several others agreed.

"Now take each other's hand for a moment and think back to when you first took that hand and knew 'This is the person.' "

The couples clasped hands. "You've kept your vows for 50 years," Provost said. "Do they really need to be renewed?"

They exchanged some souvenir rings, and then they exchanged kisses. The service ended with laughter as the laptop sang "Who's Sorry Now?" followed by a champagne toast. The whole affair was coordinated by the pastor's wife, Laura Provost.

Then the crowd ambled back to the condo clubhouse, where a roast pig with an apple in its mouth awaited.

"This was not a 1964 reception."

"Back then we had cake and punch and homemade mints in the Methodist church basement," Mary Louis Cousley remembered.

"We had roast beef and a bottle of Scotch and it cost us $5.95 per person," Bob Bové recalled.

"Prime rib," Jack Fearon said. "Her father paid."

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Boynton Beach

88-year-old high school remains on local historic list

By Steve Plunkett

The old Boynton Beach high school will be a part of the city’s future at least a little longer.

City commissioners decided to keep the school’s local historic designation April 1 but restored its land-use designation to public and private governmental/institutional.

The commission in 2013 changed the parcel’s land use to mixed use to accommodate architect Juan Contin’s plan to turn the school into an event and destination venue.

City Attorney James Cherof, who met with commissioners in a private attorney-client session to discuss the breach-of-contract lawsuit Contin filed against the city, urged that the land use be changed.

“I think that restoring the land use puts the property back into the configuration that it was,” Cherof said. “I think it benefits the city’s position in the litigation.”

The change passed on a 3-2 vote with Commissioners David Merker and Mack McCray dissenting.

But a proposed ordinance to cancel the school’s historic designation failed on a 4-1 vote with Mayor Jerry Taylor on the losing side.

Because it was the first reading of the ordinance, the public was not allowed to speak.

On March 18, when the measures were first discussed but tabled, residents spoke primarily about restoring the high school.

“I believe it would be a tremendous mistake to destroy that building, and these couple of resolutions which are on the agenda certainly point it in that direction,” resident Charles Gaulkin said.

History teacher Susan Oyer, of the pioneering Boynton Beach family, said residents cannot go forward as a city if they do not maintain their past. She had her students send letters to the commissioners opposing the measures, she said.

“haven’t met a single person who wants to see something bad happen to this building,” Oyer said.

But Taylor called the school, which opened for classes in 1926, a health and safety hazard.

“That building is loaded with asbestos. Anybody going into that building needs to be wearing a hazmat suit,” he said at the March 18 meeting.

Taylor said the school would collapse if a hurricane struck and that another developer or the city would need $8 million to recondition it. That, he said, is $8 million the city doesn’t have.

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By Emily J. Minor

She’s 11, which means she likes miniature golf and ocean waves, dance parties and spring break.

“She also loves to eat,” says John McManus, the father of fifth-grader Martina, a spit of a thing with her cute, short hair and happy smile.

Other stuff Martina McManus loves? iPads, iPods, iPhones. “Especially iPods,” says Martina, who recently won a photography contest after a school trip to the Everglades.

Of course, these days, everyone’s a photographer, right? Pink-and-blue sunsets and birds floating away on air. It’s easier than ever to capture the world around us, and share it with others.

But Martina — who placed third in the photo contest sponsored by the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for The Everglades — has been doing it (at least part of the time) the old-fashioned way.

“I like that everything looks closer,” said Martina, who said she loves flowers in bright colors such like purple, blue, yellow and pink.

The daughter of John and Kathleen McManus of South Palm Beach, Martina has an almost uncanny way of seeing the world, and here’s why: She was diagnosed with profound deafness at age 2½. For a few years, she wore hearing aids, with limited success. “You can’t speak until you hear,” said her dad.

Then, before Martina’s fifth birthday, she was equipped with a cochlear implant — a device embedded behind the ear that delivers electrical stimulation to the auditory nerves. In Martina’s case, the cochlear implant brought sound and speech into daily life.

She’s still hearing impaired — a cochlear implant can only do so much. But today, she attends regular classes with her younger brother, John, 9, at Sacred Heart School in Lake Worth — a small, private school with a strong technology and environment-focused curriculum.

“It’s a godsend,” said her dad, about the cochlear devise. “Whenever we lose a sense, the other senses take over,” says her father. “Her eyesight is absolutely phenomenal. Her powers of observations are just tremendous.”

And so it was that Martina traipsed off for the contest — called “The Everglades Through the Eyes of Children” — which gave students at Sacred Heart a chance to explore the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

The McManus family didn’t realize it was a contest, said John, until they got a letter “out of the blue” that Martina had won.

Her third-place photo — a time-elapsed image that looks more like an impressionistic painting than a photograph snapped by a kid — was on display at the Worth Avenue Wally Findlay Galleries, where the winners and their families were honored with a reception in January.

Her prize? “A very nice digital camera,” said her father — so their little girl can go out there and capture the world, listening as she goes.

Sacred Heart student Martina McManus, below with her mom, Kathleen, took this prize-winning photo at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. Photos provided
**Boca Raton**

**The Haynie era begins in Boca**

By Steve Plunkett

Boca Raton’s coastal voters turned out for the March ballot and embraced winning Mayor Susan Haynie in even stronger proportions than citizens farther inland.

Turnout citywide was a healthy 18.9 percent for the election of a mayor and two City Council members. That compares to 7.8 percent in 2011, the previous mayor’s race featuring political novice Linda Grunstein and incumbent Susan Wheelchel.

At the council’s March 31 organizational meeting, Haynie said she had received numerous well wishes from optimistic residents.

“I sense the excitement, that there is a new beginning in our city today,” she said.

Voters chose Haynie over council member Anthony Majhess by 57 percent to 43 percent. Her margins of victory were higher still on the barrier island.

Haynie commanded 59 percent in Precinct 4172, the north beach area now home to the city’s pilot dog-beach program that she championed. She won 67 percent of the vote in Precinct 4226, the part of the island from Palmetto Park Road to the Boca Inlet; 63 percent in Precinct 4228 from the inlet to Seminole Drive; and 57 percent in Precinct 4230 from Seminole Drive south to the city limits.

Majhess won 75 percent of the vote in Precinct 4190, which goes from Gumbo Limbo Nature Center south to the Intracoastal Waterway, Majhess’ stronghold.

Haynie scored big in Precinct 4172, which covers Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club and its environs, Whelchel’s neighborhood. The former mayor endorsed then-Deputy Mayor Haynie, who took the precinct by a 71-29 margin.

Haynie said at the organizational meeting that firefighter and police pensions, growth and economic development are challenges the city still has to solve.

“We need … to maintain our quality of life that makes Boca a win,” Haynie said.

Voters re-elected council member Michael Mullaugh to a second full term with 52 percent over corporate treasurer Craig Ehrnst (31 percent), Lynn University student Eric Gooden (11 percent) and Lynn University admissions counselor Mohamed Abdalla (5 percent).

Elected to the remaining year on Majhess’ term was Robert Weinzrot, the biggest vote-getter of all the candidates with 6,868 ballots (67 percent). Political activist Rosetta Bailey drew 16 percent and mortgage broker Yaniz Alcalay got 17 percent.

Majhess, a county firefighter, had to resign his council seat early to run for mayor.

Lawyer and real estate investor Scott Singer won Haynie’s former seat in January when no one filed to campaign against him.

Council members chose C ouncil Vice Chairman Robert Weinzrot, Mayor Susan Haynie, Council Member Michael Mullaugh and CRA Chairman Scott Singer at the March 31 meeting. Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star

**DOWNTOWN**

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Also on the drawing board to punctuate the city’s skyline is a proposed 13-story Hyatt Place Hotel for the southeast corner of Federal and Palmetto Park Road. Planners call the corner the main location in Boca Raton for a landmark building of architectural significance.

Meanwhile, construction crews at 855 S. Federal Highway are busy building the city’s new Trader Joe’s. The California-based grocery chain has said it hopes to open by May. Its website says only that the Boca Raton store is “coming soon.”

All quiet on the construction front is the controversial Archstone site on East Palmetto Park between Third and Fifth avenues, which originally planned to be built and open by now.

Charles Siemon, an attorney for the developer, Archstone Palmetto Park LLC, said this project was in the midst of being sold with an early April closing anticipated.

The nine-story, 287-unit structure was also approved under the interim design guidelines at 100 feet high, but with balconies 13½ feet from the right of way instead of 20 feet.

Archstone Palmetto Park LLC, the developer, got the legal go-ahead to proceed Jan. 29 but has not filed any construction drawings with the city yet. Development Services Director John Hixenbaugh said.

The project won City Council permission in 2012 but was mired in court when residents upset by the high density and potential traffic petitioned to have a referendum on the approval. The city first said voters have no right to review a development order, a circuit judge ruled the citizens could put the issue on the ballot, the city appealed, and the 4th District Court of Appeal finally overturned the lower court Jan. 29.

In the meantime, Archstone asked for an extra year to begin construction. The extended approval expires Feb. 27, 2015.

“...if they will move quickly to finish the construction plans.,” Siemon said of the new owners, estimating the groundbreaking to be six months away.

Michael Marshall, attorney for the developer, did not return a call by press time.

As planned, Archstone Palmetto Park will be one building that appears to be three towers, with 13,448 square feet of retail on the ground floor, mostly for restaurants. The site is nearly 5.8 acres. Amenities will include a pool, clubroom, fitness room and landscaped courtyard. **“**
Eau brand hopes to charm with unexpected delights

By Steve Pike

The Palm Beach estate-style lobby basically is the same. The restaurants have the same names — Angle and Temple Orange — and Eau Spa remains one of the world’s great luxury spas. But dig a little deeper at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa in Manalapan and you’ll find a greater wealth of guest experiences and awareness than when the 309-guest-room hotel operated as The Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach.

At least that’s what John Bradway, Eau Palm Beach director of marketing, hopes guests will find. Bradway came to the beachfront property in August and has been hard at work ever since, building the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa brand.

The hotel ownership group — RC/PB Inc. — de-flagged the hotel as a Ritz-Carlton property in July after a long dispute with Ritz-Carlton parent Marriott International.

The hotel was renamed Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa — the name coming from its 42,000-square-foot Eau Spa, which is recognized as one of the top spa brands in the world. “The spa did build some credibility in the property, but ultimately my job is to get (guests) loyal to the Eau brand,” Bradway said. “We’ve put together a comprehensive sales-and-marketing program and we’re advertising throughout the Northeast in newspapers, on TV and in lifestyle publications. And we’ve launched a new website.’’

That’s all great, but in the world of luxury hotels and resorts, brand loyalty plays a major role. Guests often are loyal to one hotel brand — for example, the Ritz-Carlton, Four Seasons or St. Regis. Taking away a favorite hotel brand is akin to taking away their favorite flavor of ice cream and replacing it with another.

“We’ve converted so many people” who were concerned about the management change, Bradway said. “All we say is, ‘Come give us a try.’ It’s about getting people through the front door. Once they see the improvements we’ve made and the place hasn’t (visually) changed dramatically, they like it. ‘A big part, too, is that 92 percent of the staff stayed on. People are loyal to brands, but they’re also loyal to service and loyal to people.’ It also helped that Bradway knows the Palm Beach luxury market, having spent 14 years at The Breakers Palm Beach, where his roles included assistant club operations manager, director of reservations, director of strategic marketing and, ultimately, director of innovation. Bradway also served as director of marketing at Round Hill Hotel & Villas in Montego Bay, Jamaica, and most recently was senior director of brand management at Denihan Hospitality Group in Manhattan, a family-owned hotel company with a portfolio of 14 hotels.

“The opportunity to come back to Palm Beach, where I started my career and launch a new brand was something I couldn’t resist,” Bradway said. “We’re building all new marketing programs from scratch. The previous marketing (under the Ritz-Carlton flag) was all outsourced. Now, being an independent hotel, everything is done internally.’’

That’s where the deeper guest experiences come in. For example, each guests received a beach bag with flip-flops; a Keurig coffee maker in each room and an Illy espresso maker in the suites and a new Mediterranean breakfast buffet. Each guest receives a wet-bathing-suit pouch the night before departure for swimming the day of departure; and the lobby “turnaround” at 5:30 p.m. daily features more than 100 candles and a toast to what Bradway calls “the new-fashioned” Palm Beach.

“It’s a new way of positioning Palm Beach so it’s not the old, traditional kind people expect,” Bradway said. “We put the emphasis on the unexpected.”

ABOVE: Dignitaries and attendees take part during the March 7 unveiling of the Eau Palm Beach’s new sign. LEFT: Guests relax in the lobby as they check out some of the resort’s offerings. Photos by Tim Stepien/ The Coastal Star
Designers roll out designs for wedding dresses made of Charmin

Hurry and go buy some Charmin. It’s time for the 10th annual Cheap Chic Weddings Toilet Paper Wedding Dress Contest, a www.Cheap-Chic-Weddings.com competition started by the site’s owners, sisters Laura Gawne of Boca Raton and Susan Bain of Weston with their mother, Roxie Radford, who lived in Boca Raton for many years before she passed away in August.

Deadline is 11 p.m. May 13. Here’s how it works: After planning a design, contestants must put together a wedding dress with tape, glue or needle and thread, using Charmin Ultra Strong, Ultra Soft or Basic as the “fabric” (there is a strength and texture to suit all needs, the sisters say). To help offset the cost of designing these creations (which can use up to 50 rolls of toilet paper), Charmin is providing coupons via the Cheap Chic Weddings website.

Contestants must make the dress and headpiece on their model or dress form and take digital photos (front, back and side), and submit the photos to Cheap Chic Weddings at TPDresscontest@gmail.com. There is no entry fee.

A panel at Cheap Chic Weddings will judge the digital photo entries, and the top 10 will be showcased at a live event June 12 at The Sanctuary Hotel in New York City.

The contest was created to bring readers to their website, www.Cheap-Chic-Weddings.com, Bain explained, and it has turned out to be a real winner.

“Our contest’s sponsorships go from $25,000 to $125,000, and our top sponsor pays over $100,000.”

Some of that money, of course, goes for prizes: $100,000 for the grand prize, $5,000 for second place and $2,500 for third place.

The first year, a few hundred people entered the contest. This year, Bain said, she expects more than 1,500 entries.

“I’m still enameled by our first winner,” Bain said. “She made colored-toilet-paper flowers all over the dress and working buttons out of toilet paper, too. She set the precedent.

The bottom side of this contest is all the potty jokes. “We do say, ‘No yellow, no brown.’ No pun intended, but we don’t want to become the butt of a joke,” Bain said. “It really does, though, start flying after morning talk shows when the bathroom jokes get out of control.

One last tidbit: It’s probably not a good idea to actually get married in one of these creations.

“We did a promotion in 2007, where one of our previous winners made a dress for one of our readers, and that couple got married at the Charmin public restrooms in Times Square. However, they are getting divorced.”

The 52nd annual Delray Affair, April 25 through 27, will be bigger and better than ever, with more than 700 arts- and crafts vendors, fine art, food and entertainment.

The event will stretch 12 city blocks, from the Intracoastal to Northwest Second Avenue. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

New this year are mobile “Art of the Automobile at Delray Affair” collections, featuring different cars each day, and “Rendezvous at the Affair Media – Entertainment Lounge & Broadcast Center,” sponsored by PeterMark Salon Foundation, a VIP area with food tastings by local restaurants, hair and fashion show, chair massages, tanning salons, giveaways, music, dancing and an after party at Delux Nightclub, at the VIP Block on Northeast Fourth Avenue and Atlantic. Price is $20 Friday and Saturday, and $10 on Sunday.

Garlic Fest champ Bruce Feingold, executive chef of Dada, and Al Benacquisto, sous chef of 32 East, went head to head in February to battle it out in Delray Beach’s 2014 Garlic Chef Finals. They were presented with a mystery item, tofu, and given 15 minutes to create a vegan menu. Then they were instructed to switch sides, and cook up an interpretation of their competitor’s menu. In the end, Feingold’s rendition and execution won him the title once again.

Following the recent State of the Union Address where President Obama championed raising the minimum wage to $10.10 an hour, a number of businesses have publicly endorsed the higher rate and have already started to raise pay of their lowest-paid employees.

“Café Luna Rosa of Delray Beach is proudly joining their parade, and we are doing so because we believe it is in the best, long-term financial interests of both the restaurant and our loyal, hard-working staff,” founder/partner Fran Marincola said. Approximately 20 employees will get raises.

Over the years, Café Luna Rosa has helped employees set up bank accounts with direct deposit, navigate the process of obtaining their first mortgages and buying a car, and helped employees become American citizens, Marincola said.

“As a direct result, most of our employees embrace Café Luna Rosa as more than just a job. We are part of their family, and this almost always translates into their providing our guests with superior customer service.”

Luna Rosa is at 34 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

A rare Mickey Mantle watch, signed and worn by the Yankee slugger, is the latest addition to the Delray Beach Public Library’s baseball memorabilia collection, thanks to a donation by Café Luna Rosa’s founder/partner Fran Marincola, who wanted to share his artifacts of baseball history with other aficionados.

Other items in the collection include a contract that shows Mantle was paid $21,000 in 1954, and autographed photos of Yogi Berra, Sandy Koufax, Warren Spahn, Carl Hubbell, and many others.
This past year was busy for the Greater Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce, which announced new vision and mission statements. The chamber aims to be “recognized as the premier organization of choice representing and promoting the business community; and to connect business to everything that creates success.” In line with these intentions, the chamber announced three affiliation programs:

- The Lynn University Tuition Discount Program, which entitles chamber members to a 20 percent discount toward graduate degrees and evening or online bachelor’s degree programs. A 10 percent discount is available for immediate families of chamber members.

- Seeview Radio affiliation, which gives new and renewing chamber members the opportunity for 20 free 30-second radio commercials aired on 95.9, 106.9FM and 960AM.

- Brooks Brothers Corporate Membership Program, which entitles chamber members to a 15 percent discount on merchandise.

Thanks to its recent expansion at its Plaza del Mar location, the Plaza Theatre will present an additional lineup of cabaret and comedy.

“Close to You — An Evening of Karen Carpenter” on selected dates in April; “Broadway’s Second Bananas” in May; “Follow The Yellow Brick Road: The Music of Yip Harburg” in June; “Moon River: The Songs of Johnny Mercer” in July; and in August, “Oy Vey! ... It’s Broadway!” Pricing for the new series is $30 for each cabaret show, and $125 for all five shows.

Open-mike comedy nights are scheduled at 8 p.m. April 26, May 31, June 28, Aug. 2 and 30. Tickets are $15. The theater also announced some new shows to its main stage lineup: Exceptions to Gravity, Forever Plaid, She Loves Me, The Assembled Parties, Phantom and That’s Ballroom. For information, visit the box office, 262 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan, (561) 588-1820, or visit www.plaza theatre.net.

Rick and Pat Howard, owners of Sklar Furnishings, will be named Small Business Leaders of the Year by the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce at its annual Business Awards Luncheon in May. Photo provided

The organization, which considered nearly 4,500 hospitals, used seven years of Medicare data and looked at the 27 most common diagnoses and procedures in the Medicare population to do its analysis. Boca Regional has also been named as a Healthgrades 2014 Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence for the 10th year in a row, placing the hospital among the top 5 percent of hospitals nationwide for clinical performance. Additionally, in February, officials at Boca Raton Regional Hospital announced that Fitch Ratings has affirmed the hospital’s investment-grade credit rating of BBB, while concurrently upgrading the organization’s rating outlook from stable to positive.

Recently, Boca Raton Regional Hospital paid $1.65 million to Signet Real Estate Holdings for the 4,084-square-foot building at 610 West Glades Road. The property, on 1.27 acres near the hospital’s parking lot, was last bought for $871,827 in 2003. The property became available after Tritate Imaging Group acquired 11 imaging centers from Signet Diagnostic Imaging and an additional five from Elite Imaging in October. Since the deal included two centers in Boca Raton, one of them was closed and sold.

In March, the Central Palm Beach County Community Foundation held its fourth annual Women of Worth Stiletto Awards Luncheon at the Four Seasons Resort Palm Beach. Speakers included Scripps associate professor Courtney Miller and Dena Stik Foman, a partner at Molly & Stik, L.P. The event was held annually to recognize and celebrate women in leadership who have made a valuable contribution in Palm Beach County. The 2014 winners were: Corporate: Aleida Secarras, Florida, Public Utilities; Entrepreneur: Deana Pizzo, IT Solutions of South Florida; Young Professionals: Caitlin Mertzziuf, NextEra Energy Resources; and Nonprofit: Diana Stacy, The Lord’s Place, Inc.

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Shops do a brisk confectionary commerce along Delray Beach's Atlantic Avenue corridor

By Jan Norris

Delray residents must be suffering from a serious sweet tooth — the number of shops that slake a sugar craving are mushrooming in downtown. From sexy, fashion-themed cupcakes to delicate French macarons, towering Tiffany box cakes, giant gummy worms, and big, fat cookies, it's all here.

Cupcake Couture

Those fashion cupcakes make a statement at Cupcake Couture, where Pam Joyner and her team turn out decadent cupcakes with punny names tied to the fashion industry. Bestseller? Red Valentino — a variation on the traditional red velvet with cream cheese-buttercream icing. Dolce & Banana, Cocoa Chanel, Donatella Vanilla and Caramel Lagerfeld are on the racks; Limey Pulitzer pays tribute to the tropical fruit and Palm Beach's own fashion maven. They are presented in two sizes — Petite and Vogue, with a box of four petites of mixed flavors the crowd pleaser, according to Michelle Howell, a manager and Joyner's daughter. Whoopie pie

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TOP: Berry Wang, Jean Paul Peanutsier and Red Valentino cupcakes from Cupcake Couture.
BOTTOM: Rose Crème & Basil and White Chocolate macarons from Le Macaron.
Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star
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lovers will find those hand-sized cakes here, and gluten-free, sugar-free and vegan versions of the cupcakes are available.

Couture Cakes

Couture Cakes takes fashion to the bakery where Esmerelda Pinilla whips out stunning for special occasions. The Colombian baker has been in Delray Beach for nearly a decade, baking from her home, but for the last three years, she’s baked from her shop on Southeast Sixth Avenue.

“My signature cake is a cream cheese cake — not a cheesecake,” she said. Her cakes are custom designed and for whatever occasion — birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, showers and favorite team parties.

The trend in cakes today? Big ruffles around the cake, or huge fondant bows atop them — she calls it the “wow” bow.

Le Macaron

It’s all pastels at Le Macaron. Hervé Rouge, owner of Le Macaron, isn’t shy about eating his shop’s specialty: “I like the basil and white chocolate,” he says.

The macarons, water-sized delicate meringue cookies that sandwich a rich filling, are France’s hottest sweet bite. The rainbow colors of macarons arrayed on trays in the shop may cause the most devout shopper to die a little.

“People who want to shop for everyone, from 2-year-olds to 70-year-olds. We have old-fashioned candy they remember, like wax bottles, and we have gummy bears and Candy Crush candy for the kids.”

Along with nostalgic candies like Fruit-Striped gum, oversized candy is a trademark of the chain, and McNary’s store carries a 3-foot-long gummy worm as well as a 5-pound gummy bear. The scarier 27-pound, 8-foot gummy python can be ordered online. Giant Hershey bars, and Shrek-sized boxes of Jolly Ranchers and Good & Plenty also have their fans.

But another audience has found the R- and X-rated candies stocked in an area higher than toddlers’ views. Phallic-shaped lollipops and things like the gummy bra have drawn an adult crowd.

“We sell a lot of those,” McNary said. They’re popular for party favors at bridal showers or as a gag gift.

Shea’s Bakery

Pop culture figures in to the cakes at Shea’s Bakery as well, said manager Kate Townsend. She’s managing the bakery started by high school whiz kid Shea Gould, who is away at college in Missouri. Gould made news by winning business entrepreneurship awards while still studying for her SAT’s. Townsend carries on for Gould while she’s away, baking cakes to order. “Because we’re so close to Orlando, we get a lot of Disney theme cakes,” she said. “We’ve done a lot of Frozen cakes from the movie in the last month.”

Fancy wedding cakes with themes and other special occasion cakes are made to order from customer designs, or their own. Bestseller is the replica of a Tiffany box, completely edible. “It’s the blue box with a big white bow.”

Two Fat Cookies

New in town is Two Fat Cookies in Pineapple Grove. Debbie Wexler moved her commercial bakery from Boca Raton in February, and offers a wide variety of cookies and bars, cake pops, cupcakes, specialty cakes and pies in a storefront.

“Originally I was only going to do cookies, but the product line keeps expanding,” she said. “People just kept asking for all different things. We do whatever our customers request.”

This is her first retail shop with displays, a nod to customers who wanted to shop for ready-made treats and see the staff at work. It proves vexing for some, “They get to the counter and there are so many choices, they can’t decide.”

But, she said, the local shoppers come in for the signature item. “The Delray people really go for the jumbo cookies — all flavors.”

Dining

It’s a wrap at Chris’ Taverna

Chris’ Taverna’s original location on Lantana Road has been a favorite for several years, but the restaurant has added an outpost to the lineup at Hypoluxo Road and Congress Avenue.

The food is amazingly fresh and flavorful. The chicken wrap we ordered was filled with tender marinated chicken and accompanied by lettuce, tomato and onion. The restaurant offered a nice side of mellow tzatziki sauce.

We very nearly could have made meals of the Greek salads selected as sides, which were classic takes on the dish of fresh greens, tomatoes, onion and feta cheese served with a Greek dressing and refreshing pepperoncini.

The pork souvlaki also was a winner, tender and cooked through, but not overdone.

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doer over this list: Venus and Serena Williams, Jennifer Capriati, Andy Roddick, Maria Sharapova. All No. 1 players. All guided in their formative years by Rick Macci. Capriati’s ascent was meteoric, her fall possibly even more dramatic. The Williams sisters continue to win, as does Sharapova.

Roddick now 31, retired from big-time tennis 18 months ago, after barely a decade as a pro, but it seems like only yesterday the gangly kid from Nebraska was a student at Boca Prep, winning the U.S. Open and dating a budding Hollywood star, Mandy Moore.

At 21, he was ranked No. 1 in the world, but when he had to wear a necktie during a promotional stop at Saks at Town Center, he didn’t know a Windsor from a four-in-hand. But Macci, who now runs his academy at Boca Lago, still remembers the kid.

In Macci Magic: Extracting Greatness From Yourself and Others, written with former Miami Herald tennis writer Jim Martz, Macci devotes one chapter to Roddick, whose competitive nature was evident at an early age. On Sunday afternoons academy residents — some of whom were already on the tour and newbies like 10-year-old Roddick — played touch football. That is, most of them played “touch,” as Macci explained:

“The ball was kicked off and we ran down here to get the guy and here’s Andy and guys who are seeded players … some of best tennis players in the country … And he goes down there and tackles the guy. He doesn’t pull the flag, he tackles the guy. Gets him on the ground and then pulls his flag and he’s got a pretty good bloody nose from doing this. And he looked up at me and he goes, ‘I got the flag!’ I said, ‘Listen, we’re not playing tackle. You’ve got to pull the flag out’. I knew then and there … he was just a fiery competitor that had a lot of potential.’

The new bridge is open and the mood on Ocean Avenue on both sides of the Intracoastal is upbeat. For most Lantana and Manalapan merchants who held on for 18 months while the bridge was replaced, the struggle was worthwhile. Of course, some things remain mysterious. Tapas 210 has never reopened, though the tables are set as if dinner is about to be served. Nor has anything happened across the street at the site formerly occupied by Suite 225. But at Pizzaria Oceano, a block east of Federal, Dak Kerprich, who never stopped rolling out his gourmet pies, pastas and salads, “couldn’t be busier,” until he runs out of fresh ingredients.

The constantly changing menu might offer kaboba pizza with smoked cheddar, mozarella, mustard greens and onion or a spicy shrimp salad with green papaya, basil, pole beans, shallots, peanuts and garum. When they’re gone, he closes for the evening.

“I wish I had more space, but for now this is fine. My customers stayed loyal and we made it through.”

Closer to the bridge, the Old Key Lime House is having an impact as traffic regularly backs up and valet parkers struggle to keep pace. Apparently pushing the right buttons, owner Ryan Cordero reported his busiest January ever: Best way to get in without a wait: Go by boat.

That big hotel on the ocean with the new name now has a new sign: the old Ritz-Carlton is now visibly Eau Palm Beach. The new name may lack international caché, but Ritz or Eau, AAA says it’s still worthy of five diamonds. So are The Breakers and The Four Seasons. Boca Resort and Club gets four — and don’t be surprised if Blackstone Group puts it on the market next year.

Across the street at John G’s, good food at a fair price still draws crowds.

“It was a risk for us. We move over here and five months later the bridge closes. There were some tough times, but we made it,” confesses Wendy Yarbrough, a co-owner with brothers Jay and Keith.

Customers loyal to John G’s, which was a staple on Lake Worth Beach for decades, continued to take the long away around. “The night they had the big parade, I was heading home and I could see the crowd waiting to cross,” she said.

“That night I slept very well. Next morning at 7, we had a line waiting to get in, just like the old days.

For snowbirds and locals who can’t get enough of the flavors scooped out at the Ice Cream Club around the corner, take heart: The Ice Cream Club now will come to you! For $79, the club will pack six 14-percent butterfat pints, any flavor, in dry ice and ship them direct to your door. Baja Chocolate to Purple Daze, and some that co-founders Rich Draper and Tom Jackson owners have yet to dream up. Reduced fat, yogurts, sugar-free and sorbets are also available.

The first kettle fired up in Boynton two years ago at Due South. Then around New Year’s in Delray, Salt Water Brewery kicked in with its amazing bar on Atlantic Avenue just west of the tracks along I-95. Not to be left out, Boca is getting a microbrewery. The Boca City Council said yes to a Barrel of Monks, a 9,100-square-foot space in the South Congress Industrial Park on Rodgers Circle. It’ll include an 867-square-foot tasting room and a 15-foot bar. Tours will be offered.”

Head “monk” Bill McFee is a veteran homebrewer who maintains a double life as a radiologist. Loads of work remains before the first pint is poured.

Due South, incidentally, was named Best Large Brewery in the state at the Florida Brewers Guild Festival’s Beer Brewer’s Ball in Tampa March 2. That’s a mouthful, but so is the beer.

Brewmaster Mike Halker claimed gold medals for his Mariana Trench Imperial Stout, Asylum Harbor Red Ale and Category 5 Double IPA, silver for the Cafe Ole Espresso Porter, and bronze for the Apple Brandy Aged Pisco Duarte Imperial Stout.

Irvin Lippman, who ran the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art from 2003 until his retirement in 2012, has been named interim director at the Boca Raton Museum of Art. Lippman will run the museum and the search committee that will find a replacement for Steven Maksinsky, who left Jan. 31 after only 2½ years on the job.

Roddick’s fiery determination evident early to his tennis coach
Before Lauderdale, Lippman ran the Columbus (Ohio) Museum of Art and was assistant director at the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth, Texas from 1983 to 1994. His first museum job; staff lecturer at the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

Jewelry makes any woman a princess, but as a mentor once told Donna Schneier, special pieces make you a contessa. For nearly half a century, Schneier, a Manalapan resident, has been assembling a royal collection. And slowly but surely, she’s been giving it away … to museums. Her goal is to encourage the scholarship that will give art jewelry the legitimacy it deserves.

However, Schneier, who chairs the Bijoux! Art Jewelry sale, a yearly fundraiser at the Norton Museum of Art, doesn’t give it just to anyone. In 2008, she donated 200 pieces from her personal collection to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The exhibit is finally ready and will open May 12.

Lights, camera … and lots of action, as the 19th Palm Beach International Film Festival kicked off April 3 at Cinemar Palace 20 in Boca with a screening of Belle. It’s about a daughter of a Royal Navy admiral who isn’t allowed to fully participate in society because of her mixed race but ultimately helps bring an end to slavery in England.

The opening-night party followed the screening at Bogart’s Bar & Grille in Cinemar.

Robert Morse, who has succeeded in show business by really trying, will be honored with the festival’s Lifetime Achievement Award at the April 7 screening of Broadway: Beyond the Golden Age. Director Rick McKay will receive the Visionary Award for his work documenting the Broadway stage. Another party will follow in Bogart’s.

The festival will present 14 world, eight North American and eight U.S. premiers, a spotlight on Canadian films in conjunction with the Toronto festival and a salute to Hollywood classics at Palm Beach April (5)’s “The Jewish Experience,” a series at various venues includes four world premieres and three best picture nominees for Israel’s equivalent to the Academy Awards.

Screenings, music and parties are also set at South Shores Tavern in Lake Worth (April 6) and The Dulinier in Boca’s Mizner Park (April 9).

The festival closes April 10 at Cinemar Palace with a screening of Cas & Dylan and wrap party at Bogart’s with a special appearance by the director, Jason Priestley. A long way from 90210, Priestley claims 21 directing credits, although Cas & Dylan, which stars Richard Dreyfuss, is his first theatrical film. For information, go to www.philimfest.org.

Speaking of awards, Lake Worth and Delray Beach claimed two Muse Awards from the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County March 13 at the Kravis Center. Lake Worth’s artistic attempt at road improvement, the annual Street Painting Festival, won the Council’s Choice Award, while the Chairs Choice Award went to the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum in Delray.

Other winners included: Bill Hayes, producing artistic director at Palm Beach Dramaworks received the Clyde Faye Award for Performing Artists.

Two new awards were presented to Sharon Koskoff and Roe Green. The Ellen Liman Excellence in Arts Education Award went to Koskoff, who creates murals, conceptual installations, giant puppets and environmental designs. She also produces children’s programs and teaches at Delray Beach Center for the Arts Old School Square. For her support of the arts community in time and money, Green of Jupiter, was presented The Thalia Award.

Also recognized: The Flagler Museum, Historical and Cultural Heritage; SunFest, Outstanding Festival; Norton Museum, Outstanding Collaboration; Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, Excellence in Arts and Cultural Outreach; and Kravis Center, Excellence in Arts Integrated Education.

FAU’s new president, John Kelly, is a man of the soil. His degrees are in agriculture and horticulture. He spent most of his academic career at Clemson University and鹧鸪 is the Carolina’s AG school before he helped it blossom into one of the nation’s top public universities. He likes to make things grow … and with FAU, he’ll have quite a row to hoe. Kelly clocked in March 1, and even before he arrived in Boca he showed just how grounded he is. Since his wife and children will remain in Carolina until school lets out, he rented a truck, loaded it with essentials and drove to Boca.

As soon as he arrived, he jumped on a plane for Tallahassee: time to meet state education officials and legislators, who are threatening to cut millions from FAU’s budget, in part because too few students graduate on time. He’s already had a small meet-and-greet with about 600 students, and the Making Waves Gala at the stadium March 29 provided the first opportunity to meet with deep-pocket supporters. Coming from Clemson, Kelly is by choice and education a sports fan. He’s already made it clear that he wants competitive teams. That’s good news to new football coach Chad Hatcher, who plans to time out from spring practice to join 200 guests at an 80th birthday celebration for former FAU head coach Howard Schnellenberger at the Point in Delray Beach. That’s old buddy, J.D. Nichols. Kelly didn’t make it. FAU’s former acting President Dennis Crudele did, as well the athletic director Pat Chun and retired Miami Dolphins safety Dick Anderson and receiver Nat Moore, former University of Miami team chaplain Father Leo Armbrust, Sports Illustrated writer John Underwood and retired Miami sportscaster Tony Segretro. Also in the throng, an oldquarterback Howard recruited when he was an assistant to Bear Bryant at Alabama. But Joe Namath was so busy autographing footballs, he never even made it to Nichols’ pool deck.

“Not one bit of nonsense,” Howard said. “What a beautiful evening for the Schnellenberger family, and the family is all of you here tonight.”

When a woman in sequined gown serenaded him, a la Marilyn and JFK with “Happy Birthday, Mr. Schnellenberger,” the coach took it all in stride … but wife Beverlee required a little sweet talk. … No one comes between her and man!

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80th Birthday Celebration
J.D. Nichols home, Manalapan — March 15

LEFT: Coach Howard Schnellenberger was honored on his 80th birthday by hundreds of supporters, including football legend Joe Namath.

ABOVE: Schnellenberger and his wife, Beverlee, share a kiss to celebrate the end of the entertainment. Tim Stepien and Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star
By Amy Woods

The man who put the first shovel in the ground at 6631 Palmetto Circle South in Boca Raton will receive special honors during this month’s YMCA Inspiration Breakfast.

Peter Blum, whose name is both eponymous and synonymous with the nonprofit, family-oriented fitness facility, said the 42-year-old YMCA has more than surpassed its goals.

"It's mind-boggling how beautiful and great it is," Blum said. "It has a tremendous membership."

The former Manalapan mayor, now Delray Beach resident whose name also graces the DeVos-Blum Family YMCA of Boynton Beach said he is humbled by the recognition.

"I feel that you get these honors if you live long enough and work hard," Blum said. "I still love the YMCA and all the people at the Y — and the leaders."

The breakfast will take place April 8 with a new name — it used to be called the YMCA Prayer Breakfast — and a new theme, "A Celebration of the Spirit and Mission of the Y."

"Twelve years ago … it was basically a gathering to shine a light on the YMCA's mission as a Christian organization," said YMCA of South Palm Beach County President and CEO Richard Pollock. "As it's evolved, it has become more inspirational each time. It's not necessarily about prayer. It's about mission and motivation."

The YMCA of South Palm Beach County serves 20,000 members and 40,000 residents annually with a focus on personal wellness and youth development. It is open even to those who can’t afford to pay for programs.

Funds raised at the breakfast, the organization’s largest event, will support the YMCA’s financial-assistance efforts.

"When there are children in need and families in need, then we’re able to help," event co-chairwoman Gloria Hosh said. "Palm Beach County does have poverty."

The keynote speaker this year: former Miami Dolphins player and current Offerdahl’s Café Grill owner John Offerdahl.

Past speakers have included Robert and Pamela Tebow, Tim Tebow’s parents; Wally Amos, of the Famous Amos brand; and former Florida State University football coach Bobby Bowden.

"His vision is where the YMCA is today," Hosh said of Offerdahl. "He's got all the right attributes to be our speaker. What a great, down-to-earth, humble man."

‘Y’ honors founder at annual breakfast

IF YOU GO

What: YMCA Inspiration Breakfast
When: 8 to 10 a.m. April 8
Where: Boca Raton Resort & Club
Cost: $80
Information: Call 237-0944 or visit www.ymcaspbc.org

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Pay it Forward
A Salute to the Heroes of Caridad
International Polo Club – Wellington

April 7: Caridad Center will honor all 400 of its volunteers and recognize those who have reached their five-, 10-, 15- and 20-year anniversaries during a dinner celebrating the agency’s silver anniversary. Time is 6 to 9 pm. Cost is $250. Call 853-1638 or visit www.caridad.org.

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Philanthropy Calendar
Pay it Forward

May 13: American Girl Fashion Show
Boca Raton Marriott – Boca Raton

May 15: JDRF, formerly known as Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, is planning its annual south Palm Beach County event that helps raise community awareness about the nonprofit and its mission to find a cure for Type 1 diabetes. Time is 8:30 am. The event is free. For information, visit www.jdrf.org or call 561-770-5400 or visit www.americangirlfashionshow.com.

May 15: Pay It Forward Luncheon at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Join John Offerdahl, professional football player. Time is 10 am. Cost is $100. Call 361-9300 or visit www.milagrocenter.org.

May 17: Women in Leadership Awards at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Honor the 25 local women who have been nominated for their work in the private, public and volunteer sectors while listening to keynote speaker Valerie Plame. 11:30 am. 561-330-3668 or www.wmwpb.org.

May 25: Men with Caring Hearts in Delray at Spodak Dental, 301 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. The annual awards that recognizes men nonprofits an opportunity to provide recognition and thanks to outstanding male volunteers. 10:30 am-1:30 pm. 561-391-2724, Ext. 128 or www.ffcdc.org.

May 30: Kentucky Derby Party at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Join Florence Fuller Child Development Centers at the 13th annual awards luncheon that gives nonprofits an opportunity to provide recognition and thanks to outstanding male volunteers. 10:30 am-1:30 pm. 561-391-2724, Ext. 128 or www.ffcdc.org.

April 12: Guests are invited to celebrate the sparkle and spirit of American Girl style at a fun-filled event for girls, their families, friends and favorite dolls – all to benefit the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County. Times are 10 am, 1 pm and 4 pm. Cost is $40. Call 279-9103 or visit www.literacypbc.org.

April 10: The women of Impact 100 Palm Beach County will gather in the Wold Performing Arts Center to award grants of $100,000 each to local nonprofits in the areas of arts and culture, education, environment, family, and health and wellness. The five grant finalists are: The Achievement Centers for Children and Families, Coastal Conservation Association, Creative City Collaborative D/B/A The Arts Garage, Florence Fuller Child Development Center and United Cerebral Palsy of Palm Beach and Mid Coastal Counties. Time is 6:30-9 pm. Cost is free. Call 336-4623 or visit www.impact100pbc.org.

Phan these is a calendar designed to celebrate the city’s philanthropic events in the community. Events are current as of 3/30. Please check with organizers for any changes.

APRIL

Monday - 4/7 - A Salute to the Heroes of Caridad at International Polo Club, 3467 12th Ave. South, Wellington. Honor all 400 of Caridad Center’s volunteers and recognize those who have reached their five-, 10-, 15- and 20-year anniversaries at a celebration of the agency’s silver anniversary. 6-9 pm. $250. 853-1638 or www.caridad.org.

Tuesday - 4/8 - YMCA Inspiration Breakfast at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Realize to former professional football player John Offerdahl, laynote speaker at the YMCA of South Palm Beach County’s largest annual fundraising event, to raise funds for financial-assistance programs form the community. 8-10 am. $20. 237-9143 or www.ymcaspbc.org.

Wednesday - 4/9 - "The Super Star Spectacular" at Mercedes Benz of Delray Beach, 1001 Linton Blvd. Support Milagro Center’s annual showcase gala that shines a light on the nonprofit’s “stars.” 6 pm. $75 in advance, $85 at the door. 279-2970 or visit www.milagrocenter.org.

Thursday - 4/10 - The Proper Affair at St. Andrews Country Club, 12037 W. Clardy Oval, Boca Raton. Celebrate with a cocktail party and “style” event featuring a silent auction and fashion show of the season’s hottest looks. 6 pm. $150. 686-6600 or www.pinejog.fau.edu.

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10/10 - Impact 100 Palm Beach County Grand Awards Celebration at Lynn University’s Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Watch as the organizations awards grants of $100,000 each to local nonprofits in the areas of arts and culture, education, environment, family, and health and wellness. 6-9 pm. Free. 561-336-4623 or visit www.payitforward.org.

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Sunday - 4/12 - Masquerade Ball at West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Oceanbreeze Blvd. Watch as today’s environmental leaders are revealed during a fun event that celebrates the ongoing accomplishments of Tree Jog Environmental Education Center. 6 pm. $155. 866-6800 or www.treejog.com.

Monday - 4/13 - "The Tev Party and Fashion Show" at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. Join CBS Sports’ Peter King, guest of honor, at the 46th annual benefit for American Cancer Society’s Palm Beach unit. 3:30 pm. Women’s "Tev" Party and Fashion Show, 5 pm, 19th Hole Club, $500-$570 per couple. 655-3449 or www.cancer.org.

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Celebrations

Kravis Center Gala
Kravis Center, West Palm Beach – Feb. 24

The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater swept guests off their feet at the annual affair, which started with a performance in Dreyfoos Hall and ended with dinner in the Cohen Pavilion — all to raise money for the center’s education and outreach programs. The show marked the troupe’s first appearance in the area in more than 15 years.

PHOTO: Aggie and Jeffrey Stoops, of Boca Raton.
Photo provided by Corby Kaye’s Studio Palm Beach

Caribbean Cowboy Ball
Red Reef Park, Boca Raton – Feb. 22

The George Snow Scholarship Fund’s 21st-annual auction fundraiser attracted more than 450 ‘cowpokes’ for a foot-stompin’ good time. The event, which honored Robert Rollins with the Community Service Award and Lynn University with the Corporate Community Service Award, raised in excess of $100,000.

PHOTO: Danielle Williams (left), with ball Chairwoman Jo Anne Williams. Photo provided by Alex Wells, of Unveiled Events

Director’s last call
St. Andrew’s School, Boca Raton – March 8

Senior cast member Andy Yao (left) shares a heartfelt story about how Theater Director Teresa Vignau (center) impacted his life in a positive way as senior castmates Alyssa Moeller and Caitrin Assaf and junior castmate Caroline Manera try to hold back tears during a tribute to Vignau after her final production, Once on This Island, in the Roberts Theatre at St. Andrew’s School. Vignau is retiring after more than 20 years of directing.

PHOTO: Dr. Anthony and Jennifer Dardano, with Terry and Jerry Fedele. Photo provided

Doggie Ball
Boca West Country Club, Boca Raton – March 24

Before a crowd of more than 550 board members, donors, employees and volunteers — all sporting their finest Western wear at the 12th-annual fundraiser for the Tri County Humane Society — leaders of the Boca Raton nonprofit announced a new name and logo, plus plans for campus expansion. The new name, Tri County Animal Rescue, reflects the important mission and wide reach of the shelter. ‘Our new name now accurately defines our organization’s brand promise of rescuing animals and preserving lives,’ Doggie Ball Co-Chairwoman Harriet Lewis-Mooney said.

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HMS Gladan Day
Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale – Feb. 21

The Royal Swedish Navy vessel welcomed aboard dozens of U.S. and Swedish dignitaries for an official visit attended by local business leaders who enjoyed a luncheon and a dinner with Honorary Consul of Sweden Per-Olof Loof. ABOVE: Albin Jacobsson, Kathy Dickenson, Jerker Schyllert, Asa Lena Loof and Jacob Eriksson. Photo provided by Janis Bucher

The Event
Boca West Country Club, Boca Raton – Feb. 4

More than 750 members of the local community came out to celebrate the good things the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County does in the area — and to hear special guest speaker Mandy Patinkin. Patinkin, an actor and singer, talked about his Jewish journey amid anecdotes from his varied career. ABOVE: Bryan Drowos, Doug Horn and Gary Lesser and David Baer. Photo provided by Jeffrey Tholl Photography

Circle of Hope
Delray Dunes Golf and Country Club, Boynton Beach – March 10

The 10th-annual fundraiser for Women’s Circle raised more than $200,000 and featured dinner, dancing and a silent auction attended and enjoyed by 200-plus guests. Pastor Julien Harris, of Saint Thomas More Catholic Church, was one of the inspirational speakers. LEFT: Gay Vela and Phyllis Spinner, with event sponsor Peter Blum. Photo provided by Barbara McCormick

Guild Musical Luncheon
Sailfish Club, Palm Beach – March 10

The Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts Foundation Guild has raised $1 million through its musical lunches during the last decade, and the 2014 series concluded with a presentation by guild President Dorothy Lappin to foundation board Chairman Simon Benson Offit of a check in that amount. ‘We never dreamed when we started the luncheons 10 years ago that we would be able to raise $1 million for these talented students, but with your help, we’ve done it, and we will keep going,’ Lappin said. ABOVE: Charla Bernstein, Barbara Cohen and Pearl Hazan. Photo provided by Lucien Capehart Photography
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Engagement Announcement

Thomas and Barbara Murphy of Gulf Stream and Daniel Casey Shedrick of East Hampton, N.Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Hannah Holbrook Shedrick, to Peter John Polidoro, son of Roger J. and Gwynne Polidoro of Floyd, Va. A late summer wedding is planned.

Hannah is a Gulf Stream School alum and a graduate of the University of Vermont with a master’s degree from American University. She teaches in Washington, D.C.

Dan Shedrick was the founder of Score Baseball and Pinnacle Sports Cards and is a New York City-based investor.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Cornell University and received a master’s in Robotics Engineering from Stanford University. Peter is with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Photo provided

Annual High Tea
Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, Boca Raton – Feb. 24

Members of the National Society of Arts & Letters’ Florida East Coast Chapter celebrated the Annual High Tea at the home of Jay and Marilyn Nelson. Chapter President Shari Upbin welcomed patrons and performers to enjoy artisan breads, fresh fruit, sandwiches and scones. A musical program followed. On Feb. 16, the chapter sponsored its Career Awards Competition for woodwinds-flute, clarinet and oboe. The competition took place at Lynn University in Boca Raton. Winners included Anna Maria Brumbaugh, John Hong, Jessica Esposito and Kelsey Page Maiorano. TOP: Cellist Doniyor Zuparov, pianist Feruza Dadabaeva, Alyce Erickson and Jon Robertson at the Annual High Tea. BOTTOM: Robin Johnson (seated), with Judi Assetta at the Annual High Tea. Photos provided by Lucien Capehart Photography


4/19 - 4/22, 3rd Annual Boynton Beach Photographic Center Art Festival www.ci.boynton.fl.us/arts/photofest.html.


4/26 - Community Green Fundraiser - Boynton Beach. Free. All you can eat fresh baked goods, sweet & savory to benefit charities supported by the Woman’s Club of Delray Beach. Vote for best of two dozen “bake-rivals,” with music, dancing and cash bar. 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 561-627-6821 or grf@delrayjays.com.
Boca Raton Green Market - Saturdays at Royal Palm Plaza Southwest Parking Lot, intersection of South Federal Highway and South Mizner Boulevard. 299-6684. 8 am - 1 pm Free.

Delray Green Market - Saturdays at Old School Square Parking Lot, N. 5th Ave., Delray Beach. One block north of Atlantic Ave. Outdoor venue offers fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, and plants. Community market for local farmers and small businesses to sell directly to the consumer. 243-7350.

Lake Worth North Market - Saturdays at John Prince Park, 59 South royalty St. and Lake Worth Blvd. 9 am - 2 pm. Free. 243-7356.

Boynton Beach Boutique Market - Sundays at Drywood Northwest corner of Ocean Avenue and Northeast Sixth Street. Local vendors throughout the market offering artisan goods in a variety of categories. 2 pm - 5 pm Free.

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Inside the lives of those affected by autism.

4/7 - “Sounding the Alarm”: Documentary at the Society of The Four Arts Fitz Eugene Soapstone Ensembles Theatre. Presented by Rose Marie Dunphy as part of the Marathon of Hope Foundation Series. The Film spotlights 13 families who have experienced the loss, love, heartbreak and triumph of raising children with autism. 7:30 pm. Fee: $5 members; $10 non-members.

4/7 - The Passionate Kitchen with Roberta Mancino - Presented by Food & Wine Magazine’s Spamalot recognition. $10. 966-2158.

4/7 - Rosh Chodesh Society Course at Chabad of East Boca - Presented by Mrs. Phyllis Goldstein. The course includes a progressive warm-up movement and dance exercises to promote defensive driving and how to compensate for the physical and mental changes to which drivers are subjected. 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm. Fee: $25 per class. 548-2050.

4/7 - Watercolor Painting Workshop for Adults at Veteran’s Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. A basic introduction to the art medium and techniques with emphasis on composition and drawing. A painting demonstration. The remainder of the class time is one on one instruction and feedback with a class critic. Held 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. At the Lake Worth Tennis Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Held 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Fee: $25 to $30.

4/7 - Advanced beginner’s Bridge: “The Complete Player” taught by everyone being “blind” with Dr. Laura Freese - Presented by Delray Beach Arts, 341 Park Row. Register by phone at 243-7081 or online at www.safeguardspb.org. Held 10 am - 12 pm. Free. 243-7350.

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4/10 - Adult Acrylics Art Class at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Fee: Free. 278-5455.

4/10 - Quilters gathering at the Highland Beach Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Held 10 am - 12 pm. Fee: Free. 243-7350.

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Artists in the Park
4/12-13 - Artists in the Park, 9:00 am-5:00 pm.
At Old School Square Park, 95 NE 2nd Avenue, Delray Beach. Free. Contact 263-3943 or www.ArtistsinthePark.com.

The Boca Delray Council Navy League
4/13 - Boca Delray Council Navy League, 5:00-8:00 pm.
At The Wine Wave, 900 E. Atlantic Ave., #3, Delray Beach. 6-8 pm. $50/person. 561-281-5085 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

Magic and Comedy at Poggytown Arts, 496 NE 3rd Ave., 4-8 pm. $6/person. 476-2277 or www.poggytownarts.com.

Lecture: Inaka Genji in Kabuki Plays and Theatrical Creation
4/16 - Demonstrations of Sado, The Way of Tea
4/19 - Demonstrations of Sado, The Way of Tea
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APRIL 13 - 19

Taste History Culinary Tours of Boca Raton
4/12 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Boca Raton, 10:00 am-2:00 pm.
From Boca Raton Community Center, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sit back, relax and enjoy the cuisine of the Boca Raton Community College's kitchen. Program features music from jazz icon Trinidad loop, and tickets range from $99 to $199. 561-281-5085 or www.sugarsandpark.org.


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4/23 - Directors Showcase - Presented at the Four Arts, The Fitz Eugene Dixon Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 pm. 510-1515 members. Reservations: 631-8562 or info@fitzgerald.org.
4/23 - Performance: Lyric String Quartet at the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 276-5405.
4/23 - Eco-Watch: Renourished Beaches and Sky Glow - Presented as part of the Lecture Series at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center Classroom, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Presented by Kirt Rusenko, Marine Conservation, Gumbo Limbo Nature Center/ City of Boca Raton. Recommended for ages 14 and up. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 7-8 pm. 55 suggested donation. 544-4670.
4/24 - 35th Annual Bike Night at the Four Arts, The Fitz Eugene Dixon Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 7-8 pm. 55 members. Reservations: 631-8562 or info@fitzgerald.org.
4/24 - 50th Anniversary Celebration of The Four Arts - Presented as part of the Lecture Series at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center Classroom, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Presented by Kirt Rusenko, Marine Conservation, Gumbo Limbo Nature Center/ City of Boca Raton. Recommended for ages 14 and up. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 7-8 pm. 55 suggested donation. 544-4670.
4/25-27 - Second Annual Delray Affair at Old School Square parking lot and along Atlantic Ave. from NW 1st Ave. to Veteran’s Park at the Intracoastal bridge. One of Delray’s largest and most popular art events. Featuring local and national artists, crafters, and business exhibitors spanning 10-10:30 am. Free. Presented by the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce. For Sat. & Sun: 10 am - 6 pm. Free.
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4/25 - Step By Step Painting Party Class at the Plaza on the Beach, 635 Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. 6-8 pm. 55 persons, catered gourmet appetizers included. $60. 544-7746.
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7-9:30 pm. $34 member, $54 nonmember. 297-3171.

3150 Ocean Dr., Boca Raton. Per member, $34; nonmember, $297-3171.

297/4-2/5 - Gloriae Cathedral of the Middle Ages: Architecture, Art and History of European Churches presented by Marian Delan.
4000 Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Blvd., Delray Beach. Per member, $34; nonmember, $297-3171.

4/2-6/27 - The LONGINES Cup hosted by the City of Boca Raton hosted by the City of Boca Raton at Boca Raton Stadium & Tennis Center, 201 W. Atlantic Ave., Boca Raton. The event consists of over 3000 horses and 500+ entries and representatives from 25+ countries in the United States, competing in a variety of equestrian disciplines. Please contact SportSouth. For times, contact 330-6800 or www.eyebrowsemouth.com.

APRIL 27-30

South Florida Film Society presents The 47th Annual Delray Beach Film Festival at the Delray Beach Municipal Auditorium, 801 E.腾空 (4-5:45 pm. member, $34; nonmember, $297-3171.

Monday, 4/29, 5-10 to 12:30 pm. $34 member, $34 nonmember. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lifelong/learning.

Thursday - 4/29 - Fashion Documentary Series: Selling Luxury featured by the Museum of Art, 1451 S. Ocean Blvd., West Palm Beach. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 561-882-7474.

Friday - 4/30 - Student Recital: Vocal Recital at Lynn University.


Friday - 5/2 - Movies in the Park presented by the Willow Theatre.
51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Featuring live musical performances, children’s activities, food and merchandise vendors.
1 pm-8 pm. $30, children under 12 free. 561-394-3900 or www.delrayfilmfestival.org.

Friday-Sunday - 5/3-5/4 - Cinco de Mayo Fiesta presented by Delray Beach Center for the Arts at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave. A multimedia exhibit showcasing dancing, painting, collage, mixed media and photography and art by children and youth students and instructors. 11-6 pm Sat and Sun. 361-882-7474.

Saturday-Sunday - 5/3-5/4 - School of Creative Arts Showcase presented by The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens.
4000 Morikami Blvd., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 561-495-0233.

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12:45 pm. Individual classes: Per week: $12/week. 561-994-8094.

Saturday - 5/3 - Sightseeing Cruise aboard the Island Empress.
393-7807 Boca Raton. M through 6/9 (no class 5/26).

Sunday - 5/4 - Sunset History Cruise aboard the Island Empress.
393-7807 Boca Raton. 6:30 pm/boat returns. $150. Reservation required, 24 hours in advance. 561-994-8094.

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Princesses and superheros to converge on kids museum

By Shelley Gilken

The Schoolhouse Children’s Museum in Boynton Beach offers children a glimpse of South Florida history from a time when water was pumped into homes and trains delivered in a bottle. But on one upcoming Saturday, the museum will engage into a party reminiscent of Central Florida attractions.

We’re talking princesses and superheroes.

The museum, which has hosted many princesses and superheros at private birthday parties, is sponsoring the first ever Official Princess and Superhero Party on April 12. “We’re calling all super and princesses to put on your capes and tiaras and come out and have fun,” said Tanya Ross, executive director, office of development for the museum. “The primary focus is to strengthen children’s physical and social development. Activities will be fun, educational and engaging for all children.”

A little princess, Rosalita Gilken, 4. Photo provided

To have fun.

The party is geared toward children ages 2 through 6, but older siblings are welcome, Ross said. “In keeping with the current craze among the preschool set, she said the party will include a sing along to ‘Let Go. Do Or Die’ from the Disney movie Frozen. It is almost assured that little princesses and superheros alike will be outting the non-familiar refrain: ‘Let it go. Go or die. Let it go.’

An estimated 300 children are expected at the museum for the event. There will be photo opportunities with five princesses and two super hero guests as well as DJ activities and crafts.

The party caps off a typical week full of activities at the museum. Classes continuing in April include A Story ‘N More, Amazing Art, Alphabet Adventure and Discovering our World. “Pretty much every day there’s something going on here,” Ross said. The museum is a nonprofit based in a 1931 former schoolhouse. “The museum is two floors and the exhibits are interactive. They are designed to teach children about the art, history and culture of South Florida.”

If you go

**What:** Princess and Superhero Party

**Where:** Schoolhouse Children’s Museum

**When:** Saturday, April 12

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Cost:** Tickets are $3 for members. For non-members, $5 at door or $4 in advance

**Registration:** 367-7035 or www.SugarSandPark.org

**Cool Tip:** Bring a lip balm to keep your lips from cracking.

**Cost:** $60/resident, $75/non-resident. 393-7807.

**Discount:** 10% off your next individual or group admission when you show your receipt of admission to this event.

**Important:** Dress up as a princess or a super hero.

**Next Up:** April 19 - Youth Archery

**Time:** 2-5 p.m.

**Location:** Royal Farms Community Park, 3111 S. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach

**Cost:** $20.00

**Discount:** 10% off your next individual or group admission when you show your receipt of admission to this event.

**Important:** Bring your own water bottle and wear shoes.

**Next Up:** April 26 - 10 and Under Tennis: Junior Development Clinics

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Central Boca Tennis, 1171 West glades Rd., Boca Raton

**Cost:** $65/members, $70/non-members. Registration: 393-7807.

**Discount:** 10% off your next individual or group admission when you show your receipt of admission to this event.

**Important:** Wear appropriate tennis attire and bring your own water bottle.

**Next Up:** May 3 - Young Kings and Queens; Chess Camp

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Location:** Boynton Beach Recreation and Parks Department, 125 S. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach

**Cost:** $20.00

**Discount:** 10% off your next individual or group admission when you show your receipt of admission to this event.

**Important:** Wear appropriate chess attire; no shoes or sandals.

**Next Up:** May 10 - Summer Arts Camp - Week 2

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Central Boca Tennis, 1171 West glades Rd., Boca Raton

**Cost:** $260/members, $265/non-members. Registration: 367-7035.

**Discount:** 10% off your next individual or group admission when you show your receipt of admission to this event.

**Important:** Wear appropriate tennis attire and bring your own water bottle.

Ross said, are the life-sized cow that produces “milk” in the form of white pong pong balls, as well as the full-size train car the children can sit in.

“Between ‘milking the cow’ and the number of times we hear the train horn, we know the kids love those,” she said.

And for the year-round princesses, there is always time for a tea party at the Boynton Hotel station.

“Kids love that and for a lot of great tea parties in Boynton Hotel,” Ross said. “For little people, it’s great fun.”

She said that from her vantage point, she gets to see wonderful bonding moments as parents and other caregivers engage their child in a tea party.

“Joy is to watch dads and granddads having tea parties,” Ross said. “Parties fit for a princess — or a super hero.”
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Soft, fashionable tees with rescue slogans. Maple and bamboo skateboards with handmade, water-based paints and stains derived from coffee grains. Every purchase gives back 20 percent to 40 percent to animal charities.

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(www.trustthebum.com)
Vegan and cruelty-free sunscreen with high SPF. Among its numerous charity affiliations are “Surfers for Autism,” “Boarding for Breast Cancer” and “The Skin Care Foundation.”

3. Fire Wire
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4. Synergy
(cwww.synergy clothing.com)
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5. Lifefactory
(www.lifefactory.com) BPA/ BPS-free and phthalate-free polypropylene-safe glass bottles covered with colorful BPA/ BPS-free silicone sleeves. Reduces slipping and breakage.

6. Patagonia
(www.patagonia.com)
Men’s Special Edition Front-Zip Full Wetsuit has micro-grid recycled polyester thermal lining and high-stretch recycled polyester jersey. Employees clean up parks in The Backyard Collective and raise money for bike advocacy during Bike-to-Work Week.

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8. Eco Swim

9. Ipanema
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(www.surfnanoproducts.com) Alternative surface sealant that reduces friction and increases board speed without dissolving or flaking into the ocean. Owned by local surf enthusiast Tom Warne, who volunteers at the Eastern Surfing Association, the Surfrider Foundation and the Palm Beach County Surfing History Project.

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By minimizing consumption, using Earth-friendly materials and practicing responsible sourcing, these companies are significantly reducing the release of toxins into the air, water supply and soil.

And while it’s impressive that they’re all becoming increasingly eco-sensitive, with high-quality products and style that can keep up with the Kardashians, it’s their community advocacy and outreach that’s really creating a buzz.

Surfers can be proud that there are companies representing their culture like Hendrick Boards, which donates 20 percent to 40 percent of every purchase of their products to 300 animal rescue organizations nationwide; Sun Bum, which runs a program that teaches kids with autism how to surf; and Synergy Organic Clothing, which provides employment for Nepalese women.

But for folks who have never strolled through a surf shop or who aren’t well-versed in e-lingo, a good place to start is to find out how and where your clothes, food and cosmetics are created and how and where they’ll go when you’re ready to toss them.

Don’t despair if it all seems too labor intensive or idealistic. Many of the companies on The Coastal Star’s “Top 10 List” do double duty.

Shopping for a new tankini? Check out Eco Swim. Not only is Eco Swim a company with a very small carbon footprint, but it also supports beach cleanup initiatives, too.

Along with its beach cleanup partner, United By Blue, Eco Swim has cleaned up four tons of trash in three years.

Even household names like Billabong and Patagonia are doing their part.

Patagonia, whose employees regularly roll up their sleeves for the community, uses alternative fibers such as recycled polyester to make wetsuits.

And Billabong’s recycled boardies are made out of good ol’ plastic bottles.

Going green has never been easier. Someone call Kermit!
Like many retired professional athletes, champion LPGA golfer Meg Mallon of Ocean Ridge is no stranger to orthopedic pain. ‘A golf swing is an unnatural movement, so you get a lot of wear and tear on your body,’ she says. Mallon, 50, still has numbness in her left leg from 2012, when she completely herniated two lumbar discs during a golf event in Phoenix. She has sporadic soreness in her neck and shoulders, too, which limits movement.

But she has a new ally these days: a type of therapy administered by her chiropractor that delivers low-energy sound waves directly to the source, or trigger point, of her pain. The result is a focused and precise deep-tissue ‘massage’ that removes soreness, increases blood circulation and restores range of motion. Mallon’s Delray Beach chiropractor, Dr. Erich Menge, uses an Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy (ESWT) device called the PiezoWave2. The machine — which was invented by the same German company that pioneered the use of acoustic shockwaves to break up kidney stones — creates low-energy shockwaves that pulse rhythmically through a handheld applicator and into a patient’s body. The machine makes a metallic click, click, click as the pulses are created. When the shockwaves make contact with the trigger point in the muscle, biochemical changes are thought to occur at the cellular level that can stimulate healing and relieve chronic pain.

A standard course of treatment is seven to 10 sessions over a period of three weeks. Each 20- to 30-minute session costs $75. The procedure is covered by some, but not all, insurance plans.

“We’re treating shoulders, hips, knees, necks, elbows — any kind of musculoskeletal injury,” says Menge, who owns one of only a few PiezoWave devices being used in Palm Beach County today. Patients who have benefited from his therapy include well-known professional golfers, people with plantar fasciitis, carpal tunnel sufferers and plenty of weekend warriors who just want to keep active.

ESWT therapies have been used successfully in Europe since the 1990s to manage chronic pain. With advances in technology, the method is now believed to be not only rehabilitative, but also regenerative: studies suggest that ESWT can ‘jump start’ the healing process in chronic, non-healing injuries and reintroduce the acute phase of healing.

‘A retired gentleman came to me with a swollen Achilles tendon that looked like a pin cushion on the back of his ankle,’ Menge says. ‘He couldn’t walk. His MRI indicates the tendon is frayed. But since he’s been receiving treatment, the swelling is 75 percent gone and he’s walking on the beach again.’

Menge is particularly excited about the PiezoWave’s prospects for treating fibromyalgia, a stubbornly painful autoimmune condition that can flare up and get worse after a regular, hands-on massage.

‘I’ve had fibromyalgia patients come through, and this is changing their lives,’ he says. ‘We’re finding that the low-level, focused shockwaves do not trigger the inflammatory reaction that leads to more pain.’

Success rates for treating orthopedic injuries with ESWT range from about 50 percent to 80 percent. After a recent PiezoWave treatment on her lower neck and upper back muscles, Mallon breathed a (literal) sigh of relief. She could rotate her shoulder again without pain.

‘It’s not a medication, which can have so many side effects,’ she said. ‘My feeling is, why not try this first before you throw a bunch of pills in your body?’

Paula Detwiller is a freelance writer and lifelong fitness junkie. Visit her at www.pdwrites.com.
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**APRIL 5**

**Saturday - Sanborn Yoga Class**
Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Reservation required. Fee: $35, $30.50 residents. For ages 18 & older. 9:00-10:00 a.m. 742-3950 or www.sugarbogpark.org.

**Saturday - Sunrise 5K Run/Walk**
Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. 6:00 a.m. 737-7733 ext. 84688. Register $20; day of race $30.

**Saturday - Tai Chi for Beginners**
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**Saturday - YOGA AT THE BEACH**
At Reef Park West, 1221 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. 8:00-9:00 a.m. 243-7350.

**APRIL 6-12**

**Sunday - 4/6 - Yoga with Live Music**
Every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at the Delray Beach Community Center, 253 NE Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 9-11:15 a.m. 586-7500.

**Sunday - Jazzi Jazzie Body Sculpting**
at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 1065 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sculpted arms, a strong core, tight glutes, and 60 minutes on the floor. Registration required. Fee: $20. 8:00-9:00 a.m. 586-7500.

**Monday - 4/7 - Tai Chi for Beginners**
Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Free. 7703 or www.downtownboca.org.

**Monday - 4/7 - Tuck Jazzie Jam Aerobics**
at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 4:30-5:30 p.m. $5 donation requested. 483-5300.

**Monday - 4/7 - Understanding Pelvic Pain**
Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30-5:30 p.m. $120/residents, $157.50/non-residents. 347-3950.

**Monday - 4/7 - Zumba Gold Class**
dance-fitness program is brought to the active community. The class uses music from different eras such as salsa, rumba, merengue, cumbia, and much more. Level: beginner. Location: Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30-5:30 p.m. $15/class or $60/5 classes. 586-6410.

**Tuesday - 4/8 - Zumba Toning Class**
Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Road, Boca Raton. Lecture series designed to address a variety of important health topics. Presented by Dr. Vigeo, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgeon, Bethesda Hospital East, at the West Boynton Beach Library. 9:45-10:45 a.m. Free. 734-5556 .

**Tuesday - 4/8 - Fit Mom’s Boot Camp**
at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 1065 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Circuit-based workout incorporates cardio exercises, strength training, running drills, body weight resistance training, agility drills and core strengthening. Perfect for new moms looking to get back up as smooth as possible to be able to stay active and fit during the pregnancy. Held M-W-F. 8:30-10:00 a.m. Free. 734-5556.

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**Wednesday - 4/9 - Tai Chi Class**
Northern Palm Beach County, 300 South Military Trail, Boca Raton. Emphasizes meditation for focus, concentration, release of stress and relaxation. Beginners approved. Held M&W. 7-8 pm. $3/at the door. 742-3950.

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**Saturday - 4/12 - Healthy Living Series**
Presented by Delray Medical Center at the Delray Beach Public Library, 1000 N. Atlantic Ave. 9:00-10:00 a.m. Free. 266-9480 or delraylibrary.org.

**April 20-26**

**Superhero The Lastest in N Region In-Person**
Presented by Palm Grand, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgeon, Sorensen Orthopedic, Boynton Beach, at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 9401 S. Ocean Blvd., Boynton Beach. 2:00-3:00 p.m. Free. 772-7733 ext. 44860.

**Healthy Living Series** - Presented by Delray Medical Center at the Delray Beach Public Library, 1000 N. Atlantic Ave. 3:00-4:00 p.m. Free. 266-9480 or delraylibrary.org.

**April 22-23 - Breast Health Symposium**
Lecture Series at Boca Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Road, Boca Raton. 9:00-1:00 p.m. 734-5556 .

**May 1 - Garage - Don’t Miss This**
Downtown Boca Raton, 128 E. Ocean Ave. All ages and levels are welcome. Registration required. Fee: $25, $20 residents. 8:30-9:30 a.m. 347-3950.

**May 2 - Massage**
Lake Worth Playhouse, 1052 Lake Ave. 8:00-10:00 a.m. 243-7350.

**May 5 - Zumba Gold**
Two times available: 10-11:30 am or 7-8:30 pm. $3/at the door. 742-3950.

**May 7 - Zumba Toning Class**
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**May 11 - Dinner Dance**
at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 1065 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Relax and enjoy dancing to a live band. Adults only and 21 years or older. Held M&W. 7-8:30 pm. $30/couple. 742-3950.

**May 12 - Healthy Living Series**
Presented by Delray Medical Center at the Delray Beach Public Library, 1000 N. Atlantic Ave. 3:00-4:00 p.m. Free. 266-9480 or delraylibrary.org.
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Finding Faith

Churches’ Haiti outreach changing lives, opening eyes

The South Florida Haiti Project began 10 years ago when a then-interior decorator from Boca Raton went on a mission trip. Anita Thorstad — stunned by the poverty and need for education — alerted the Episcopalians back home.

Today, their school in Bondeau, Haiti, has 275 students.

St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church in Boca Raton and St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Delray Beach together pay for the teachers and for the food to nourish the students.

Children being on the brink of starvation is hard for most Americans to imagine. Thorstad found families living in one-room shacks with dirt floors and no running water.

“I thought it would be great for St. Gregory’s to have an overseas outreach to connect spiritually and learn about poverty in third-world countries,” she said. “Your spirituality grows if you can relate to the very, very poor.”

Thorstad quit her interior decorating job, became a deacon and inspired other Episcopalians to open their hearts, too.

Members of St. Gregory’s responded first by purchasing a truck so a Haitian priest could respond the next year by purchasing a floor and no running water.

Donors responded even more after an earthquake killed 100,000 and left 1.5 million homeless in Haiti four years ago.

“Afetr the earthquake, people wanted to give generously,” said the Rev. Andrew Sherman, the pastor at St. Gregory’s. “But we see ourselves as a continuing partner whether there is an earthquake or not.”

So the miracles in Bondeau continue. An anonymous donor has given $100,000 to build a church plus another $100,000 to start a village of new homes.

Anita Thorstad, a deacon at St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church in Boca Raton, has led the church’s joint efforts with St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Delray Beach to open and operate a K-6 school in Bondeau, Haiti, which now serves 275 students. Photo provided

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The thought of leaving this community is terrifying,” Roughton said. “This is a wonderful church filled with wonderful people.”

Two decades is an unusually long stay for a Methodist pastor. Roughton’s tenure began with First Methodist turning down a Mizner Park developer’s offer to buy the church property on Mizner Boulevard.

“We decided that God placed us in the heart of the city for a reason,” Roughton said.

The congregation built a $4 million fellowship hall in 2000 that generated a surge of new members. An architect then designed plans for a new $10 million sanctuary.

But church members decided against the expenditure after their pastor led them in six weeks of prayer. That was right before the housing market collapsed and the nation went into recession.

“We really believe God was in that. We could have been crippled,” their pastor reflected.

Roughton, who leaves in June, will deliver his 12th and final Easter sermon at the Mizner Park Amphitheatre at 9 a.m. on April 20. First Methodist has sponsored the community worship service since 2003.

Also retiring after a long ministry is the Rev. Randall Gill, the pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Boynton Beach for 25 years.

“It’s so unique to be a pastor for 25 years in the same congregation,” said the Rev. Sam Rutland, his longtime friend and colleague. He was an example of a pastor who was faithful.

Gill was the leader of Boynton Beach’s community Easter sunrise service on the beach during that time. He also has been active in the Boynton Beach Historical Society, co-authoring the book Images of America: Boynton Beach.

He oversaw 150 pastors in 47 churches from Fort Pierce to Key West as moderator of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida this past year.

The Chabad of East Boca plans to build a synagogue and Jewish history museum at 770 E. Palmetto Park Road. The 18,000-square-foot Boca Beach Jewish Center-Chabad will include 7,000 square feet for the museum, which will focus on Israel from a historical and spiritual perspective with interactive exhibits and a three-dimensional model of the Jewish nation.

The orthodox congregation has been renting space on Northeast First Avenue for the past 12 years.

A permanent synagogue in downtown Boca Raton is expected to attract observant Jews who prefer to live close to their synagogues so they can walk to services on the Sabbath.

Rabbi Ruvie New and his congregants hope the museum will attract Jews and non-Jews from throughout the country.

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Local student’s award-winning business plan is a win-win

By Paula Detwiller

When you’re a college kid, getting a text message from your mom isn’t always a big thrill.

But the message 19-year-old Benjamin Arsali of Hypoluxo Island received from his mom on Feb. 3 made his day — and probably his year, he says. "Congratulations!" it read, "You’ve won the $15,000!"

The news meant that Arsali, a business major at FAU Jupiter’s Wilkes Honors College, won the top prize in a scholarship competition among his fellow classmates: $15,000 in seed money to start a new business.

But not just any business. Students competing for the Kenan Social Engagement Scholarship wrote business plans for a “social enterprise” — a business that addresses a pressing social need — as part of a class in social entrepreneurship.

Their assignment was to design a viable business that could be implemented at The Lord's Place, a West Palm Beach organization that provides supportive housing, job training and other services to homeless individuals and families.

"When I visited The Lord’s Place and sat in the cafeteria with volunteers, staff and homeless clients, I could not tell who was who," Arsali says. "Homeless people are just like you and me. I asked them, what are your needs? They all said, ‘We want jobs.’"

He went home and thought about it. What kind of low-startup-cost business could provide steady employment for formerly homeless people? He did some research and hit upon an idea.

"Currently in Palm Beach County alone, there are thousands of foreclosed and bank-owned homes," Arsali says. "Banks hire out companies to paint, pressure-wash, cut the grass at these vacant homes — simple tasks. Meanwhile, you have 3,200 people sleeping on our streets any given night in Palm Beach County. They've lost their jobs or become unable to work, so they've got no employment history, and some have criminal records. Now they can't find a job. This is where my company, Maintenance Magicians, will come in," he says.

Under the guidance of Jeremy Morse, vice president of social enterprise at The Lord's Place, Arsali is starting to set up the business. First, he says, he will purchase equipment and train a small "starter group" of Lord’s Place clients; they’ll learn the ropes by doing basic maintenance on the organization’s own buildings.

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Next, Arsali will appeal to local banks’ sense of corporate responsibility, pitching them on the merits of hiring Maintenance Magicians to keep up appearances at their foreclosed properties.

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### FAU Honors student Ben Arsali, center, with Diana Stanley, CEO of The Lord’s Place, left, and Jeremy Morse, vice president of social enterprise at The Lord’s Place. Photo provided

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Secret Gardens

A fragrant, peaceful and edible spot at The Breakers

A The Breakers in Palm Beach, you can expect towering royal palms, gently falling fountains and blankets of colorful flowers virtually everywhere. But if you head to an area between the resort’s croquet court and the 13th hole of its Ocean Golf Course, you can expect the unexpected.

This is the resort’s organic herb and vegetable garden. Outlined by hedges of podocarpus, trinette and rosemary, this 48-by-60-foot plot is just as carefully designed and maintained as the rest of the property; there’s not a weed in sight. But it’s the plantings that are different.

In 14 raised beds fashioned from wood, you’ll find small bouquets of tender fresh basil; red-veined leaves of blood sorrel; purple-edged “scarlet frills” mustard greens; tiny leaf oregano; spikes of garlic chives; and gaillardia or Indian blanket, a wildflower with rust blooms that make unusual plate garnishes.

Although the landscaping crew maintains it, executive chef Anthony Sicignano and the other resort chefs use the harvest for garnishes and seasonings in their restaurants. When there’s a gentle breeze, it makes a pleasant place for visitors to sit peacefully on one of the two wooden benches. If the timing is right, you may even be serenaded by the bells of a nearby church tower.

“Then I have a really hectic day ahead of me, I stop out here for five minutes just to have some peace,” says Sicignano, who was the impetus behind the garden planted in this location about a decade ago.

Nearby, clay pots hold three small trees with aromatic leaves. Smell them and you may recognize the spicy bite of allspice, the herbaceous scent of bay leaf and the aroma of lemon bay rum reminiscent of aftershave.

There also are concrete flower boxes filled with fresh mint. Although there are both spearmint and wintergreen varieties, a staff tasting determined the wintergreen to be too antiseptic for use in the resort kitchens. In this garden, Sicignano likes to experiment. He is trying to sprout agretti from seeds that were imported from Italy, where he traveled and discovered this annual succulent. He describes it as tasting like a cross between a chive and a pine needle. “But it really is delicious,” he adds.

Now stroll down the path that leads west from the garden. It used to be blacktop, but last fall the resort decided to redo it “Breakers’ style,” explains Sicignano. They replaced the macadam with a pattern of red bricks. Along it they planted tropical fruit trees as a test to see if they do well. If so, you may find them being planted all over the property.

Although there hasn’t been any fruit harvested yet, Sicignano is looking forward to variegated pink lemons that are already forming their striped green fruit on the tree. There also will be avocado, loquat, lychee, breadfruit, Barbados cherry and two types of mangos plus others.

Of course, The Breakers does millions of dollars in food and beverage revenue each year. And to supply that food they’d have to have a farm. “But to grow and share a little of what we use is kind of neat,” Sicignano says.

Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley is a certified master gardener who can be reached at debhartzatt.net when she’s not in her garden.
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Gardening Calendar
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Pavilion Dedication
Beachfront, Delray Beach – March 26

LEFT: Beach-goers admire the new Delray Beach Pavilion before its official ribbon cutting on March 26 at Atlantic Avenue and A1A. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star. RIGHT: The Grass River Garden Club donated native landscaping for the beach pavilion in Delray. Pictured are Grass River Garden Club Pavilion Chairwomen Tina Smith, left, and Christina Benisch with landscaper Carl Terwilliger. Photo provided

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Rita Golder, left, and her daughter Beth Monarch, center, of Boca Raton look at the flower arrangement by their friend and Boca Raton Garden Club member Marie Young, right, who won a third place award of excellence ribbon in Division II, Class 4, during the ‘Our Beautiful Cities’ Standard Flower Show at the Boca Raton Garden Club. Kurtis Boggs / The Coastal Star

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On the Water

Fishing tournaments will target kingfish, dolphin and wahoo.

The warming weather of spring usually improves fishing for three popular ocean fish off the coast of South Florida: kingfish, dolphin and wahoo.

With the fish come a flurry of ocean fishing tournaments along the coast of Palm Beach County — known as “KDW” tournaments because competing anglers target kingfish, dolphin and wahoo. Some tournament organizers add snapper, cobia or other ocean fish to their events.

The KDW tournament season usually begins in April and continues well into the heart of the hurricane season in September.

Most of the spring and summer KDW tournaments benefit charitable causes such as scholarship funds, animal rescue operations, services for children or programs that teach fishing skills to kids. Teams of anglers who catch the largest fish, or finished weight of fish, win cash prizes in KDW tournaments.

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Weigh-in at Burt Reynolds Waterway Pavilion, Jupiter. Captain’s meeting 6 p.m. April 10 at Corners Ocean Bar & Grill, 71 E. Indiantown Road, Jupiter. Details: 339-1282.


APRIL 26: The 34th Annual Offshore Challenge presented by the West Palm Beach Kiwanis Club and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County. Based at Sailfish Marina, 98 Lake Drive, Palm Beach Shores. Captain’s meeting 6 p.m. April 25 at the Buccaneer, 142 Lake Drive, Palm Beach Shores. Details: 683-3287 or www.pbkiwanischallenge.com.

JUNE 30-20th Annual Lantana Fishing Derby. Captain’s meeting 5:30 p.m. May 1 at Beno’s Lantana Grill, 223 N. 3rd St., Lantana. (Free kids tournament under Lantana Bridge, 9 a.m. to noon.) Discount for registration before April 17. Details: 585-8664 or www.lantanaanglingderby.com.

JUNE 17: Boynton Beach Kiwanis 33rd Annual Fishing Tournament. Based at Palm Beach Yacht Center, 7848 S. Federal Hwy., Hypoluxo. Captain’s meeting 5-7 p.m. May 16 at Palm Beach Yacht Center. Details: 736-0568 or www.boytonbeachkiwaniswebs.com.

JUNE 31: Palm Beach County KDW Classic. Based at Riviera Beach Marina, 200 E. 13th St. Captain’s meeting 6 p.m. May 30 at Bicentennial Park (north side of Riviera Beach Marina), Benefits Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation. Details: 832-6780 or www.kdwclassic.com.

JUNE 31: Sail Inn Tavern KDW. Based at Veterans Park, Delray Beach. Captain’s meeting 5 p.m. May 29 at the Sail Inn Tavern, 657 George Bush Blvd., Delray Beach. Details: 276-5147.

JUNE 31-JUNE 1: Greater Palm Beach Offshore 440. Based at Lake Park Harbor Marina, 105 Lake Shore Drive. Two-day tournament. Captain’s meeting 7 p.m. May 30 at Lake Park Harbor Marina. Details: www.fishkska.com or (941) 819-0360.


JUNE 28: Sixth Annual Lake Worth Fishing Tournament. Based at Palm Beach Yacht Center, 7848 S. Federal Highway, Hypoluxo. Captain’s meeting 6 p.m. at Tuppen’s Marina & Tackle, 1068 N. Dixie Hwy., Lake Worth. Awards party June 29 downtown Lake Worth. Details: www.lakeworthfishingtournament.com. Email: LWTf@earthlink.net.

JULY 12: Big Dog & Fat Cat KDW Shootout. Based at Sailfish Marina, 98 Lake Drive, Palm Beach Shores. Captain’s meeting 7 p.m. July 11 at Sailfish Marina. Details: www.bigdogfatcat.org or 315-7722.

AUG. 9: Mark Gerretson 20th Anniversary Fishing Tournament. Based at Veterans Park, Delray Beach. Captain’s meeting 6 p.m. Aug. 8 at the Delray Beach Elks Lodge, 265 NE Fourth Ave. Details: www.mgmft.net or 859-2771.

SEPT. 6: X-Generation KDW Challenge. Date and location to be announced. Details: 296-7637.

Rare catch: Anglers Michael Sanchez and Mike Ashberry caught and released two rare longbill spearfish Feb. 22 while trolling in 850 feet off Boynton Inlet with Captain Geno Pratt on the Geno IV. Pratt thought the fish were similar-looking white marlin, also relatively rare in our area’s waters. The full-day charter on Geno IV, based at Boynton Harbor Marina, also produced three wahoo and a dolphin.

Fishing yard sale: The West Palm Beach Fishing Club’s annual marine yard sale is set for 7 a.m. until noon April 12 at the club’s headquarters, Fifth Street at Flagler Drive, downtown West Palm Beach. Used fishing rods and reels, boating and diving gear, clothing, hats, coolers and related gear will be for sale. (Regulars often arrive well before 7 a.m.)

Proceeds benefit the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation, which supports the club’s annual Kids Fishing Day in August. Donations of used gear are accepted before the sale. Call 832-6780 or go to www.westpalmbeachfishingclub.org.
Fishing TV host to speak to Boynton Beach Fishing Club:

George Poveromo, editor at large for Salt Water Sportsman magazine and host of the television show George Poveromo’s World of Saltwater Fishing, will speak to the Boynton Beach Fishing Club April 22. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Coast Guard Auxiliary building (near the boat ramps) at Harvey E. Oyer Park, 2210 N. Federal Highway.

Tip of the month: Look for spring kingfish to show up in the waters north and south of Boynton Inlet. Sloan’s Curve, north of the Lake Worth pier, has been a kingfish hotspot in years past. Fishing for kings tends to be best in low-light conditions (early morning or dusk). Try fishing in 80 to 120 feet. Fish with a dead sardine on triple hooks tied to 50-pound monofilament (or fluorocarbon) leader. Or try a variety of live baits such as sardines, greenies, blue runners or goggle-eyes. With live baits, use a No. 4 or No. 5 wire leader with a trailing treble (stinger) hook. Scale down to lighter leader in exceptionally clear water. Use a big bait such as a blue runner for a big tournament kingfish. If you plan to take a kingfish home for dinner, use smaller baits to target smaller kings. The state places consumption warnings on kingfish for pregnant women and young children because of mercury, especially the larger fish. Minimum size: 24 inches to the fork of the tail. Bag limit: two kingfish.

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**Outdoors**

**APRIL 5**

Saturday - 4/5 - Boat Safety Equipment Examinations at Harvey E. Oyer Park, Boynton Beach. Presented by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Hand-held dip nets and large seine nets allow participants to catch and release a variety of fish, shrimp, crabs and marine life. Ages 10 to adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 4/15 and 5/13. 9-10:30 am. $5/members, $8/non-members. Reservations: 544-8615 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

**APRIL 6-12**


Friday - 4/18 - Wetlands & Wildlife - Learn more about Florida’s wetland birds at the Wakodahatchee Wetlands, 13026 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Meet at the center to learn about wildlife and the animals that make them. Caravan to Red Reef Park, 1400 N. State Road A1A, and search for ocean treamors. For all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. 1-2:30 pm. 515/member, 522/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615 or www.gumbolimbo.org.


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**APRIL 19**


**APRIL 24**


**APRIL 25**

Sunday - 4/25 - Family Fishing - Spend a fun day on the water with your family. Ages 5 and up. $15/child, $40/family. Reservations: 544-8615 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

**APRIL 26**


Tuesday - 4/27 - Beach Treasures at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Meet at the center to learn about seashells and the animals that make them. Caravan to Red Reef Park, 1400 N. State Road A1A, and search for ocean treamors. For all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. 1-2:30 pm. 515/member, 522/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

**APRIL 29**

Tuesday - 4/29 - Pelican Paddle - Go on a guided walk of a quarter mile boardwalk at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Open to all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Held every Tuesday 11 am-noon. 9:30 am-noon, & Sat. 11:30 am-12:35 pm. Fee: $4-4.00. See www.gumbolimbo.org.
Meet the Pro

Palm Beach Par 3 pro matches lessons with students’ style

By Steve Pike

It’s unusual for a par 3 golf course to have five highly respected teaching professionals. It’s even more unusual when that facility’s director of instruction is a member of Golf magazine’s Top 100 Teachers in America, Golf Digest magazine’s Top 50 Teachers and Golf Digest magazine’s 50 Greatest Women Teachers.

Such is the partial résumé of Kellie Stenzel, director of instruction at the Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course, which isn’t your usual par 3 course. Its 18 holes sit along the Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal Waterway, and its new clubhouse features a second-floor restaurant (Al Fresco) that offers some of the better ocean views in Palm Beach County. “This place has really changed in the 12 or 13 years I’ve been here,” said Stenzel, who splits her time between the Palm Beach Par 3 and Palm Beach Country Club. “The community has really been behind the entire project, from the re-design of the golf course (by World Golf Hall of Famer Raymond Floyd) and now with the clubhouse. It’s a totally different place.”

“The golf course always has been good, but since we opened the restaurant and pro shop, it’s just become a destination. A lot of people are getting introduced to the facility for the first time and realize we have something special something.”

A native of Geneva, N.Y., and a graduate of Furman University, where she played on the women’s golf team, Stenzel has been around golf her entire life. Her grandfather, Robert Stenzel Sr., was head professional at Churchville Golf Club near Rochester, N.Y., and her father, Robert Jr., played briefly on the PGA Tour and was coach of the University of North Carolina men’s golf team. Stenzel, 48, played professionally, mostly in Europe, Asia, South Africa and Australia, before she turned to teaching more than 20 years ago, guided by such well-known instructors as Mike Adams (former director of instruction at PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens). Todd Anderson (former director of instruction at The Breakers Palm Beach) and legendary teacher Bob Toski.

“I’ve been lucky to work with my dad and some great teachers and learn a lot about the golf swing,” Stenzel said. “My teaching philosophy is that everybody has different strengths and different body types. I kind of build a swing around each individual and change as few things as possible. I allow the students to make the changes they want.”

To match her teaching philosophy, Stenzel hires teaching professionals with different strengths and methods of instruction.

“I don’t want cookie cutter teachers who do the same things,” she said. “We have some great teachers here at the Par 3 with excellent people skills. Everybody has a different personality. One teacher is going to mesh with one personality and another teacher with another personality.”


“I’m in the process of getting the Beginner book re-done,” she said. “Surprisingly, it’s still doing pretty well, but is hard to find right now, so it’s time to get it re-done.”

Kellie Stenzel, director of instruction at the Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course. Kurtis Boggs/The Coastal Star
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Entrepeneurial young dog owner pitches shampoo to the stars

All it took was connecting with a pair of large, sad eyes inside a cage at an animal shelter to inspire an 11-year-old Boca Raton boy to not only adopt this senior dog but also to become one of America's youngest entrepreneurs.

Meet the very likeable and very determined Simon Goldman, president of Simon's Happy Pet Shampoo Company. His endeavor has already been pitched to Hollywood's pet-loving A-list stars.

This home-schooled sixth-grader has had a lifelong love of animals. His persistence to adopt a dog finally paid off a couple years ago when he convinced his mom, Diane, that he was ready to handle the responsibilities of caring for a dog. That day, he walked into the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League in West Palm Beach in search of the right dog.

He resisted the adorable antics of available puppies and chatty Chihuahuas. "I saw a little ball of fluff in the back of a cage," recalls Simon. "The minute he raised his head and looked up at me with his big eyes, I fell for him. I knew instantly that he was the dog for me."

He dubbed this dog, now estimated to be about 12, Calypso after the boat used by Jacques Cousteau in his nautical adventures. At the time of adoption, Calypso sported bald spots and itchy skin because of allergic reactions to fleas on his poodle-Maltese coat.

"I tried every kind of shampoo and nothing worked — he was still itching and he was miserable," says Simon. "I realized that the chemicals in these products were doing more harm than good."

Determined to help his new four-legged friend, Simon reached out to a chemist friend and researched the Internet for a viable solution. He concocted organic shampoo blends containing key ingredients, such as organic coconut oil, olive oil, neem oil, rosemary extract, Shea butter and lavender to restore Calypso's coat.

"In school and through my research, I've learned that coconut oil is very good for doggy odors, cuts and sores. I have also learned that neem oil repels mosquitoes and fleas and that lavender is very good for calming dogs," says Simon.

He knew other dogs with skin and coat issues could benefit as well, so he calmly informed his mom that he was ready to launch a pet shampoo business. With a couple of shampoos created (retailing each for $14.99), he boldly entered the Paw Depot in Boca Raton and made his sales pitch to the owner, Matt Aschendorf.

"I simply told him that I have a product that he needs for his store — a product that doesn't contain any artificial dyes or perfumes or chemicals that strip the oils from a dog's skin," recalls Simon. "He said, 'I'll take three and try it out.' Then I was interviewed on WPBF-TV, and since then, so many people are calling and placing orders for my shampoos."

He then pitched the person in charge of filling swag bags for stars attending the Academy Awards and persuaded her to include his shampoo, which sports an image of him and Calypso wearing aviator sunglasses.

"She liked my shampoo, and so celebrities like Sandra Bullock, Julia Roberts, Jennifer Lawrence, Meryl Streep and Leonardo DiCaprio left the Oscars with swag bags containing my shampoos," he says. These days, Simon maximizes every minute of every day, juggling the need to fulfill product orders and expand his product line with doing school work and finding time to play games and work out at the Fun Spot Fitness center in Boca Raton — and of course, chilling with Calypso.

"He is very smart and he likes to get things done quickly," notes Julie Sobeck, his teacher. "His brain is always running and he enjoys doing science experiments."

Adds mom Diane. "I'm from Switzerland and Simon's first language is French. He is very interested in dogs, science and business and he is following these passions. He reminds us every day of the importance to follow your passion no matter your age."

After speaking with Simon, I'm betting you will walk away motivated and inspired by his ageless can-do approach to life. He also stays focused on his objective. "If I can help one dog and stop his suffering and feel better, my job is done," he says. "When I went to the shelter that day, I wanted a dog who was calm and would hang out with me like a best friend. I found those qualities in Calypso. I like that he is like a little old guy who can still be fun."

Learn more about Simon and his pet shampoo company at www.simonshappypet.com.

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House of the Month

Detailed moldings and Brazilian cherry wood floors complement the sophisticated, understated décor of this stunning residence. With 12,000 total square feet, this home features enough space for a growing family or can serve as a vacation destination for an extended family. There are abounding ocean and beach views from this eight bedroom, eight full and one half-bath home.

As you enter, a marble staircase takes you to an open foyer and landing with sweeping views of the ocean and the pool and deck. On this level, there are three bedrooms with en suite baths as well as the spacious master suite, which also overlooks the ocean, pool and deck. The family/Florida room is fitted well for entertaining large groups with its fireplace, wet bar, wine cabinet and built-in bookcases.

Back on the lower level, there are four more bedrooms, four plus more baths, a living room, a second kitchen, a second laundry, a wine cellar, a workout room and access to the two two-bay garages.


Ocean Ridge oceanfront family retreat

The oversized family room has vaulted barn rafter ceiling details and some of the home’s best views of the ocean.

LEFT: The spacious dining room has cherry wood floors and great garden views. RIGHT: Master bath has open Islander shower, separate Jacuzzi tub and his and hers sinks.

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