Along the Coast

Hurricane center will issue new surge warnings

By Cheryl Blackerby

Sandy didn’t do its damage with high winds or torrential rains, but rather with large swells and powerful ocean waves that washed millions of tons of sand off beaches and from underneath beachside condos, and took out sea walls and swimming pools.

This hurricane season, which started June 1, South Floridians will navigate storm warnings with the help of new “Potential Storm Surge Flooding Maps” that will be issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Hurricane Center.

The center’s Storm Surge Team was on the Gulf Coast in late May raising hurricane

Most coastal communities see decline in serious crime

By Rich Pollack

The number of serious crimes — what little there was — declined 23 percent for six small coastal towns in 2013 and local law enforcement agencies are crediting a more vigilant population for much of the drop.

In all, there were 135 serious crimes, including burglaries, robberies and thefts in the six small oceanfront communities of Highland Beach, Gulf Stream, Briny Breezes, Ocean Ridge, Manalapan and South Palm Beach, according to statistics compiled by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Last year the same agencies reported 176 serious crimes. Highland Beach, Gulf Stream and Ocean Ridge all saw drops in reported crime, while South Palm Beach and Manalapan each reported only one more crime than the previous year.

Overall, Boca Raton reported a 9.1 percent decrease in serious crimes while Delray Beach saw a 5 percent increase. Lantana saw a 7.8 percent increase in the number of crimes reported. Breakdowns of the number of reported crimes that occurred east of the Intracoastal Waterway for those communities were not available.

In Highland Beach, the number of serious crimes fell 25 percent from 2012 to 2013 while Gulf Stream had a 37.5 percent drop in the number of serious crimes.

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D-Day resonates seven decades on

By Ron Hayes

After her husband, Nathan, died at Hospice By The Sea in 1994, Mildred Strom was composed enough to realize she needed to find something new to do. Something to get her out of the house. Something to help her heal.

And so she returned to Hospice By The Sea, as a volunteer.

Four years later, she volunteered at Boca Raton Regional Hospital.

And then, almost four years ago, she and about 10 neighbors at Harbour’s Edge in Delray Beach started knitting sweaters, blankets and hats and sending them to newborns in hospitals throughout the United States.

“I’ll be 88 in June,” she says. “And I’m one of the babies here. Some of the women can do a sweater in a day. I can do a hat in two days. But it’s healthy to stay active and you make lifelong friends, so I’ll volunteer as long as my family doesn’t take my car away.”

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Memorial Service League named her its Volunteer of the Year.

“The honor is not offered lightly or easily earned. About 700 of Boca Raton Regional Hospital’s 1,000 volunteers are active each week in more than 70 areas of the hospital. From those 700, a Volunteer of the Month is chosen, and from those 12 honorees, an annual Volunteer of the Year is named at the April luncheon.

“You need to be serious and look at it the same as you would a job,” says Strom. “You have to take the work seriously. We have some who goof off, and they’re asked to leave.”

Rosedale, Long Island, Strom brought along a lifetime of work experience at Manhattan’s broadcast advertising agencies when she and her husband retired to Boca Raton in 1989. The skills she was paid for up North she now gives away as a volunteer.

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Costs outweigh savings in proposed fire-rescue change

What kind of city do you want to live in? Do you want a first-rate, full-service city that provides the full range of municipal services, or would you settle for a second-class city where some services are provided by other government entities over which you have no control? For several months our City Commission has been quietly exploring the possibility of giving our Fire Department to Palm County. The county firefighters union proposed to our mayor that the city would save a lot of money by contracting with the county. Some analyses done for the city do show a savings. However, the supposed savings is counting vehicle replacement costs twice, and includes other assumptions that I believe are not correct.

But if we can save money, why not contract for county fire-rescue service?

There are numerous negative consequences, some of which include:
• Calls to 911 would still be answered by Delray Beach Police/Fire Dispatch. Then the call would be transferred to Palm Beach County Fire Dispatch, adding 15 to 30 seconds to emergency response times. When seconds count, this seems very risky.
• As part of the county fire department, Delray Beach units will be dispatched into adjacent areas of the county. It is likely that Delray Beach units will be dispatched into the county more than county units into the city. The result will be an even slower overall response to emergencies in the city.
• While there may be some short-term savings, the city will have no control over future costs for fire-rescue services. The county will determine those costs and labor cost "pass throughs" are inevitable.
• The city will remain responsible for providing and maintaining its fire stations for any maintenance cost exceeding $15,000 in any one year.
• The city will still have to make up the funding shortfall in its firefighter pension plan. It is entirely possible that the cost of this shortfall will exceed $2 million annually for many years to come, offsetting any possible "savings.
• The city would have no control over the quality of service for fire fighting and emergency medical response.
• Coordination of fire units and police units on the scene of an emergency will be degraded with fire and police dispatched from separate dispatch centers.
• The city’s fire insurance rating will fall from a highly desirable Class 2 to a less favorable Class 3.
• The city will have no control of the times required for Fire Safety to review and issue building permits requiring their approval.

Even if the savings is real, should we give up our Fire Department in light of the above consequences? A $2 million savings amounts to a potential property tax reduction of 32 cents per $1,000 of valuation. For several years a property owner with a taxable value of $200,000 that amounts to $64 per year. Isn’t it worth that cost to keep faster emergency response times and local control of this vital public safety service? Also, the city’s actuaries have shown how $2 million could be saved by changes in fire and police pension benefits. Wouldn’t changing these very generous pension benefits, rather than giving up our Fire Department, be a better choice for Delray Beach residents?

David Harden
Former Delray Beach city manager.
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Blood in the water

As the editor of Florida Sport Fishing magazine, I’ll be the first to admit there’s nothing wrong with the sustainable harvest of fresh seafood to feed family and friends. However, it is imperative that recreational anglers respect the ocean and its diverse inhabitants — particularly those that are endangered, protected or overfished.

While Florida has extremely stringent fishing regulations and management plans in place, some of the most critically threatened shark species remain under attack right off our coast. It seems that every year, hysteria-filled news stories report of massive shark migrations that result in beach closings and fuel the longstanding stigma. In reality, it’s actually these misunderstood predators that are at risk of attack.

A recent study conducted by scientists at the University of Miami observed the effects of catch and release on five shark species found throughout Florida’s coastal waters: hammerhead, bull, blacktip, lemon and tiger sharks. After conclusion of the three-year study it was determined through satellite tagging,

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blood and reefology tests that hammerhead sharks, which are protected in state waters, are the most susceptible to post-release mortality and highly disturbed from the stress of catch-and-release sport fishing.

Across the news and social media it’s common to see sharks caught from area beaches dragged up the sand to the awe and surprise of stunned onlookers. With these large predators already exhausted from the fight, keeping them out of the water for even a few moments can prove to be deadly.

While anglers are permitted to catch and release protected sharks, they must do so in an effort that places the least amount of stress on the fish. Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission regulations state that protected shark species must be quickly released and immediately returned to the water alive and unharmed.

It is a direct violation to land protected sharks or interfere with the act of releasing to obtain a measurement or pose for a photo, but violations are rarely enforced. Sharks simply don’t receive the same protection measures as sea turtles.

In fact, several coastal communities have enacted ordinances prohibiting anglers from targeting sharks from area beaches in an effort to protect beachgoers. However, sharks forage Florida’s shorelines whether anglers are present or not, and these measures to safeguard area beaches actually protect sharks more than anything.

Even though most anglers don’t intend to hurt sharks and claim that released sharks always swim away unscathed, many sharks ultimately perish hours or days after grueling battles.

The facts are clear and shark populations are experiencing a global decline. Sharks are critical to the health and well-being of the entire marine ecosystem and it’s critical anglers protect sustainable fishing and handling practices to ensure the post-release survivability of the ocean’s greatest predators.

Capt. Steve Dougherty
Highland Beach

Monofilament fishing line perilous for pelicans

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Fishing is an important part of the Florida lifestyle as well as its economy. In spite of the obvious benefits, this leisure-time activity, on occasion, can lead to problems for birds and other wildlife, such as sea turtles and manatees. According to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission biologists, monofilament fishing line and fishing hooks can entangle these animals, leading to injury and even death.

The brown pelican is one species that is especially impacted by monofilament line.

These birds frequently spend time looking for an easy meal at piers and other fishing hot spots, where they are often hooked accidentally when trying to grab bait off an angler’s line. Additionally, discarded monofilament line hanging from trees, piers and other structures can ensnare these birds.

Once entangled, pelicans can have a difficult time flying and feeding. "It is not uncommon to find dead pelicans entangled with fishing line and hooks,” said FWC biologist Ricardo Zambrano. “If they are not rescued, these birds may suffer for days before succumbing to injury or starvation.”

Here are some simple things people can do to help protect brown pelicans and other wildlife:
- Properly dispose of monofilament line. Store unwanted line safely and securely until it can be placed in a recycling bin.
- Don’t leave fishing line unattended, as pelicans may be tempted to steal the bait at the end of the line.
- Avoid casting near trees, utility lines and other areas where line may get caught.
- Check tackle frequently for frayed line that may easily break.
- Do not feed pelicans or other wildlife, since it encourages them to approach fishing boats, piers and anglers. If available, use fish-scrap repositories. If they are not available, discard fish scraps in a garbage can at or home.

If you do accidentally hook a pelican, you should avoid cutting the line. Gently remove the hook if you feel confident you can do so without causing harm to yourself or the bird. If you cannot safely remove the hook and line from the pelican, contact a local wildlife rehabilitator. For a list of wildlife rehabilitators in your area, contact any of the FWC’s five regional offices or visit the website MyFWC.com/Conservation and select "How You Can Conserve" then "Wildlife Assistance.”

For more information on the statewide monofilament recovery and recycling program, visit mrrp.myfwc.com.

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A mature hammerhead shark washed up dead at the south end of Highland Beach, likely the result of stress associated with hook-and-line sport fishing.

Photo provided by Capt. Steve Dougherty

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Gulf Stream

Shrinking reserves mean no rollback for Gulf Stream taxpayers

By Dan Moffett

Gulf Stream town commissioners have just begun thinking about a budget for the next fiscal year, but already they are close to a consensus that they can’t afford to give taxpayers a rate rollback.

The decision to hold the line doesn’t mean that homeowners’ tax bills will hold steady, too. They are poised to go up because of a sizable jump in real estate values.

According to Town Manager William Thrasher, preliminary numbers from the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser’s Office show that property values in Gulf Stream have soared 12.25 percent in the last year. Compare this with a 5.38 percent increase in 2013 and modest 1.13 percent rise in 2012. Thrasher said most of this year’s increase is attributable to the 16.6-acre county pocket the town annexed in 2011 that is just now coming onto the tax rolls.

Legal fees to defend numerous lawsuits have depleted the town’s reserves, and there’s also a $400,000 bill for new street lighting. The budget is stretched too thin to even think about a rollback, commissioners said during a May 9 special meeting on fiscal issues.

“I definitely don’t think at this time you can lower the millage rate,” said Commissioner Thomas Stanley, a strong supporter of keeping the town’s rate at $3.70 per $1,000 of taxable property value.

“I believe, at the very least, we should try to maintain the millage where it is,” said Commissioner Robert Ganger. “I think everyone has realized that we have some housekeeping to do and that’s going to cost some money.”

The town has had to hire outside counsel to defend itself against the lawsuits of residents Martin O’Boyle and Christopher O’Hare and is expecting a legal bill of at least $300,000 this year.

But Mayor Scott Morgan said the town also has to be concerned about the budget’s “unknowns . . . just looming.”

“There is the uncertain future of the fire and emergency medical services the town gets from Delray Beach. Political leaders in Delray have explored eliminating the city’s fire-rescue services and getting them from the county instead, a move that could put Gulf Stream in a serious bind.

But the prevailing wisdom on the commission is that Delray won’t be dropping its services any time soon — but the city certainly could raise the rate it charges the town.

Thrasher puts it this way: “We have more unknowns of material sizes than we have ever faced.”

Morgan says he still intends to appoint an ad hoc finance committee later this year to get residents more involved in setting the town’s fiscal course.

Ganger admits getting an uncomfortable feeling when he sees that the budget reserve fund has fallen to a little more than $700,000. Six years ago, it was three times that.

“This community has, for an eternity, tried to be as judicious with its taxpayers’ property tax funds as it could possibly be,” Ganger said. “We’ve tried to run a very efficient, fiscally responsible organization. It is a remarkable time in our history where it isn’t a natural cause — it isn’t a hurricane — but it’s an internal matter that’s affecting our ability to plan and budget.”
By Dan Moffett

Christopher O’Hare tried another argument to get a metal roof approved for his Place au Soleil home, but Gulf Stream town commissioners rejected it like all the others. This time, however, the rejection wasn’t unanimous, but 4-1. Commissioner Donna White voted against turning down O’Hare’s appeal, saying she was unsure whether the town’s ordinance was at odds with state law.

“On the basis of what was there, I thought the state statute that his (O’Hare’s) lawyer quoted did leave another choice,” White explained. “I would have liked to have had more legal counsel.”

O’Hare’s lawyer, Lou Roeder, argued to commissioners that the town’s ordinance banning metal roofs was preempted by the state law that requires municipalities to allow solar and energy-saving construction. At a cost of perhaps $40,000, O’Hare wants to install a “solar sandwich” roof that has photovoltaic cells on the outside and pipes that recirculate heated water on the inside.

“I think you’ve got an environmental responsibility to do the right thing,” O’Hare said. “It’s not done for return on investment. It’s done to be a good citizen.”

The four commissioners who rejected the roof plan sided with the argument that the town’s ordinance does not prohibit solar and other energy-efficient construction, but it does prohibit putting them on metal roofs. Many Gulf Stream homeowners have solar devices on their roofs, four commissioners agreed, but those homeowners have installed them on concrete, tile or shingled roofs, not metal ones.

Commissioner Thomas Stanley asked if O’Hare or Roeder could provide a picture of one of the solar sandwich roofs.

“Do you have any examples of this type of system being approved in any other coastal town or anywhere in this region?” Stanley asked.

Roeder said he couldn’t, but argued that much of the technology in the system had been around for years and widely used elsewhere. He said the state statute requires that the plans for the roof be approved and sent to the next level, which is Delray Beach building inspectors who would review the engineering and design for the town.

O’Hare, who has lived in the town for 13 years and in the Place au Soleil home three years, has been trying to get the roof approved since 2012, but has repeatedly been rejected by town officials. The dispute led him to start a website that skewers town management and also to file numerous suits against the town.

Three appeals in the Palm Beach County Circuit Court over the metal roof case were denied. He said he intends to file another suit against the town, appealing the commission’s latest rejection.

In other business:

• Commissioners received a report from the ad hoc committee reviewing town codes as part of a settlement agreement over suits filed by resident Martin O’Boyle. Committee Chairman William Boardman said the panel recommended creating a waiver system that would allow construction changes without “the strict requirements for a variance.” Boardman said another recommendation is for town officials to recognize Place au Soleil as a distinct neighborhood with distinct needs.

“The committee, throughout the process, became ever increasingly aware that Place au Soleil is a bit of a community unto itself,” the panel’s report said. “It is the committee’s consensus that efforts should be increased to understand and respect that PAS is different than other parts of Gulf Stream on the barrier island.” Boardman said the town needs to work harder at “making our residents feel more like customers.”

• The town’s recent efforts to make its public records more accessible went a bit haywire when the Social Security numbers of employees and the home addresses of police officers were inadvertently posted online or released in document requests. Town Manager William Thrasher said the problems with disclosures have been corrected.

Gulf Stream

Gulf Stream rejects metal roof request — again

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Ocean Ridge developing beach access plan

By Dan Moffett

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Ocean Ridge gives property speculators little relief on code fines

By Dan Moffett

Homeowners and house flippers who ignore code violations aren’t likely to get much sympathy from the Ocean Ridge Town Commission these days.

As Prodigy Capital, a Palm Beach Gardens-based real estate investment group that pleaded for leniency over $24,255 in fines for a boarded-up, foreclosed house at 17 Hudson Ave. asked the town for new signs that would show people the footprint of each public beach and lay out the ordinances governing behavior, with the fines attached.

Commissioners also decided to begin their budget process by considering the costs and benefits of adding another police officer to help patrol the beaches.

“Whatever I hear from a lot of people is they wouldn’t mind paying a few more dollars in taxes to hopefully discourage some of these behaviors,” Commissioner James Bonfiglio said of adding an officer. “I think people understand that if you want to do something about this, it’s going to cost something.”

The commission set another special meeting at 4 p.m. on June 33 to continue work on the plan.

Residents came at the issue from all angles during the May workshop. One of the most-welcomed suggestions came from Rachael Walker, who lives along Old Boulevard. Her idea is to put up maps showing the contours of each public beach area on signs by each of the public crossers to give visitors a graphic representation of where they are allowed to go.

“All you have to do is put up a sign that has the exact configuration of what beach is public,” Walker said. “Is it a triangular shape down to the water? What kind of shape is it? Does it look like the state of Florida? Does it look like the state of Mississippi?”

Burling Pugh of Osprey Court told commissioners about beachgoers who defecated in the sand dunes and left toilet paper behind. She said many people who come to the small, undisturbed beaches do so to avoid “paying $10 to park” at Boynton Beach and North Beach.

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“Now we will have the option to send a qualified planner to study and report on how best to manage these most-visited asset.

“It’s time to drop the ‘we’re rich man/poor man’ accusatory argument that has been used effectively up to this point as a way to avoid important issues,” Burling said.

“What we will do is plan an effective response to increased external population pressure and its impact on our beach,” she told the town as a community

Bob Merkol of Martin Drives 25 miles every day to his 30-years’ experience as a defense attorney in Palm Beach County, warned the commission about the legal liabilities of restricting beach access. He jokingly told Town Attorney Ken Spillias he should support passing restrictions “cause you’ll be a rich man” from the billable hours the town will pile up defending lawsuits.

“Sometimes you can’t do anything,” Merkol said, “or you’re going to get sued.

Former Commissioner Terry Brown charged the suit settlement, the town’s code, the town’s comprehensive plan — and could be shut down.

“Slowly, Ocean Ridge has attempted to suppress the use of beaches, Brown said and echoed Merkol’s concerns about legal liabilities.

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Bonfiglio served as chairman of the town’s Planning and Zoning Commission before winning election to his commission seat in March and has dealt with the property’s issues for years. He was the lone dissenter in the 3-1 approval of the latest extension.

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Delray Beach

Cat and ghosts unite to help historical society

By Rich Pollack

Marsha Love's The Cat at Cason Cottage may be the only children's book set in Delray Beach that includes a cat named Clarabelle, a series of friendly ghosts and, of course, lots of local history.

Love — a descendant of early Delray Beach pioneers including Dr. J.R. Cason, who built the cottage in 1924 — uses the book to bring alive the story of her relatives as spirits who visit a lonely feline residing in the cottage.

Used to raise money for the Delray Beach Historical Society, the book has attracted local attention since its debut about a year and a half ago. Now it is getting nationwide attention.

Last month, Love received a national award from the Colonial Dames of America, which each year recognizes one outstanding historically related book in both an adult category and a children's category.

“This award means a great deal to me,” Love said. “It affirms that other people see my writing as worthwhile and that this book is valuable to people everywhere.”

Illustrated by local architect Robert Currie, The Cat at Cason Cottage has Clarabelle the cat visited first by Dr. Cason's ghost. Later in the story, the ghosts of other family members come visiting, even the ghost of Clarabelle Cason, the last member of the family to actually live in the cottage.

All have the chance to briefly tell their life stories to the cat. Since the book was published in December 2012 — to coincide with a special fundraiser, Christmas at Cason Cottage Showcase House — some of the ghosts have actually been brought to life in a reenactment of sorts during the Historical Society's Family Fall Festival and Halloween Fun event at the Cason Cottage last October.

“We had more than 400 kids come through the house that night,” said Love, who remembers staying in the house and playing there as a young girl when her Aunt Clarabelle still lived there. “There was a line around the block.”

Love, an interior designer as well as an adjunct professor of English at Palm Beach State College, has always had a love of writing. The idea for The Cat At Cason Cottage, she says, just came to her because of her involvement with the museum. The book, published by Middle River Press in Oakland Park, sells for $15. It is available at the Delray Beach Historical Society and at www.delraybeachhistory.org. It benefits the historical society.

Oh, and in case you’re wondering: No, there isn’t a resident cat at the cottage these days, and while Clarabelle Cason tended to many of the stray cats in the area, Love doesn’t remember any of them making a home there officially.

Shark-fishing approved for all but public beach

By Tim Pallesen

Fishermen have won the right to fish for sharks off all but the public beaches in Delray Beach.

“There’s nothing good about shark fishing near a public beach,” Mayor Cary Glickstein said as city commissioners reached a compromise with an attorney who had threatened to challenge the legality of the city’s shark-fishing ban.

A city law passed in 2009 prohibited shark fishing, including baiting and chumming, within the city limits. But attorney Blaine Dickenson of Boca Raton argued that only the state can regulate fishing from the beach.

“Bans on shark fishing are based on unfounded fears caused by the movie Jaws that bathers will get bitten,” Dickenson said. “Sharks are just like any other fish that are scared of people, except they have bigger teeth.”

City officials worked with Florida Fish and Wildlife officials to reach a compromise that still prohibits shark-fishing within 300 feet north and south of both the municipal beach and Atlantic Dunes Park.

Glickstein remained concerned at a May 20 meeting about the shark danger for swimmers.

“Baiting is the biggest problem,” he said, asking that shark-fishing be limited to surf casting only.

“This is already pushing the limits as far as we can,” interim City Attorney Terrill Pyburn said in response.

In other action last month, city commissioners passed an ordinance that bans aggressive panhandling anywhere in the city. Nonaggressive panhandling is also prohibited in places where the public is likely to feel threatened, such as within 15 feet of sidewalk cafes on Atlantic Avenue.

Violators face a $50 fine.

The panhandling ordinance was a recommendation of a police task force studying the city’s homeless population.

Another recommendation to charge for trolley rides won’t be possible after city officials discovered that county money to purchase the trolleys required that rides be free.
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saw a slight increase in the number of crimes reported, as did Manalapan with 25 crimes reported compared to 24 in 2012.
In Ocean Ridge, which also polices Briny Breezes and includes crimes there in its statistics, the number of reported crimes dropped from 74 in 2012 to 51 in 2013. "Obviously, we're very happy with the numbers," said Ocean Ridge Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi. "It's really a team effort involving our department and our residents."
Yannuzzi said his department is especially pleased with a 48 percent decrease in the number of reported burglaries, even at a time when staffing was down. "There were 25 burglaries reported in 2012 and just 13 reported last year," he said. The number of larcenies in Ocean Ridge also dropped from 46 in 2012 to 28 last year. A significant number of those crimes, Yannuzzi said, took place at Oceanfront Park, owned and operated by the city of Boynton Beach but which is in Ocean Ridge so falls under the town's jurisdiction.

Palm Beach County's Ocean Inlet Park, south of the Boynton Beach Inlet, is policed by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, which has countywide jurisdiction. Burglaries also dropped significantly in Highland Beach, where 12 were reported in 2012 and only four were reported in 2013. Both Yannuzzi and Highland Beach Police Chief Craig Hartmann say increased awareness on the part of residents helped to minimize crime, especially burglaries. "We spent time getting the word out to our residents and letting them know they should call us if something doesn't look right," Hartmann said.
He said the department works closely with residents, letting them know to notify the department when they're away so the officers can keep an additional eye on the property. "Highland Beach has a reputation of being a safe town and we want to work with our residents to keep it that way," he said.
In Gulf Stream, Police Chief Garrett Ward says the department's high visibility on State Road A1A and in other areas may serve as a deterrent to criminals. "Our focal point is high visibility patrols," he said. "We use traffic enforcement as a crime prevention tool."
Ward said the department also works with residents to provide extra patrols when they are out of town. Manalapan Police Chief Carmen Mattox says her department also provides extra patrols of homes when the residents are away. In addition, the department does regular checks of construction areas to make sure there are no unauthorized personnel on the site, especially after hours.
Highland Beach, Gulf Stream and Ocean Ridge also offer residents free home-security checks to identify potential problems. Yannuzzi said his department also puts out a monthly newsletter that includes crime prevention tips and information about the latest crimes. "We're constantly pushing crime prevention," he said. "Our goal is to make Ocean Ridge more intimidating to criminals."

Grant helps fund county’s border enforcement

By Jane Smith

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Crime Prevention Tips
• If you see something, say something. Don’t delay in calling police.
• Install and keep them activated when you’re away. An alarm does no good if it isn’t activated.
• Secure your property. Keep home and car doors locked and garage doors closed when not in use.
• Illuminate the exterior of your home as much as possible.
• Give your house a “lived-in” look. Put lights on a timer and don’t leave newspapers in the driveway.

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Continued example. A sample storm surge prediction map uses Fort Myers as an example. Provided by NOAA

STORM SURGE

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What is storm surge?

The National Hurricane Center defines surge as ‘an abnormal rise of seawater caused mainly by the forces of a storm’s winds. Water levels can rise quickly and flood large areas — sometimes in just minutes. Storm surge can occur before, during, or after the center of a storm passes through an area.

Factors the surge maps will take into account:

- Flooding due to storm surge from the ocean, including adjoining tidal rivers, sounds and bays
- Tides
- Land elevation
- Uncertainties in the track, landfall location, intensity, and size of the storm

Factors the maps will not take into account:

- Wave action
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Before the anticipated onset of tropical or hurricane force winds, the maps will be updated at least every 6 hours.

Factors the maps will take into consideration include the hurricane’s landfall location; storm intensity, size, forward speed, and angle of approach to the coast; the shape of the coast and adjacent islands and shape of the ocean bottom; and local features such as barrier islands, bays, and rivers.

The center will update the maps every six hours with each full advisory package. Due to the processing time required to produce the map, it will not be available until about 45 to 60 minutes following an advisory release.

The maps will typically be issued when a hurricane or tropical storm watch is first issued, or about 48 hours before the anticipated onset of tropical or hurricane force winds.

Based on the forecast movement and intensity of the tropical storm or hurricane, the maps also take into account likely forecast errors and estimates of worst-case scenario flooding of normally dry land.

The center estimates a 1-in-10 chance that the storm surge flooding at any particular location could be higher than the values shown on the map. The map is created from multiple runs of the Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes model, known as SLOSH.

The new maps will be shown on TV weather forecasts, the Weather Channel and in an interactive display on the NOAA website: www.hurricanes.gov

Neighbors express concern about possible development plan

By Jane Smith

The proposed development is currently split by Old Beach Blvd. Graphic by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

Old Town Ocean Homes, Basil said they had not come up with a new plan. The units will be of different sizes to accommodate changing market demand. “Back then, bigger was better. Now people want less square feet and more amenities, such as a pool. The units will range between 2,500 and 3,500 square feet,” he said.

Basil’s company plans to sell the units at $5.6 million, unlike his Lantana project once called the Village at Ocean Walk. He rented the entire mixed-use project to the Lucida Treatment Center from California. They have eight condos where Basil said treatment can cost up to $120,000 a month with a chef, masseuse and acupuncture for clients — “everything you could want.” The center uses the retail space for its offices.

Basil said if the nearby property owners agree to abandon Old Ocean Boulevard, he would square off his property and “donate the parcel on the east side to the county.”

And just how many units would his company be allowed to build? That depends on who is doing the counting.

According to the property appraiser’s database, the three lots total 1.5 acres. But in a previous letter of inquiry, planning staff used a property survey that says the three lots total 2.04 acres and another .23 acre from the abandonment of the Old Ocean Boulevard, giving a total of 2.27 acres. The county used the 2.3-acre size for the purpose of responding to Basil’s land planner on May 8.

The height of any wall around the townhouses alarmed others.

“I find that wall offensive,” said Greg Esterman of Briny Breezes. “It’s popular in urban planning, but it’s like building a fort, saying I don’t want anyone to look at our buildings.”

The wall has worried Denise LeBlanc, a police officer. “It’s like they are closing away at paradise,” she said.

When asked whether the wall would be 8 or 10 feet high, Basil said, “It’s not a 10-foot wall, more of a landscaped wall, no higher than any other walls nearby.”

While the name of the project on the 2005 plans was County Pocket/Briny Breezes...
Manalapan seeks to fire police officer over incident at pizza restaurant

By Dan Moffett

Town officials have moved to fire a three-year veteran of the police department over the officer’s handling of a February incident involving employees at Manalapan Pizza.

The town has suspended Officer David Hul without pay and begun the process of seeking his dismissal from the department. It is the second time in six months that Hul has been the subject of an internal affairs investigation.

In November, Hul charged Police Chief Carmen Mattox with making racially disparaging remarks after a Haitian student lost his ID card in the La Coquille Villas garage.

Mattox denied the allegation, and an outside review by West Palm Beach police investigators found no evidence to support Hul’s claim.

The incident at Manalapan Pizza occurred after 9 p.m. Feb. 13, according to an internal affairs report by Manalapan police Lt. Christopher Fahey.

Hul was eating at the restaurant while on duty, the report says, when a heated, profanity-filled argument broke out among three employees.

One of the employees, Jennifer Nuccilli, a recently hired waitress, said she felt threatened by the other employees, Monica Garcia and Louis Younglove, and asked Hul for assistance. Nuccilli told police Hul was dismissive of her request, did not help her and did not file a report. Nuccilli filed a complaint against him to the Manalapan Police Department.

According to the internal review, Nuccilli accused Hul of siding with the two employees because they often had given him free food from the restaurant, a violation of department policy. Fahey says Hul “freely admitted in his IA interview” that he took free food, even on the night of the disturbance.

Another officer questioned in the case, Stephan Jacknowitz, said he never received free food from the restaurant but did receive discounts.

Hul told the investigator he did not take notes or file a report because he believed the incident was a civil matter, not criminal. Hul said he separated the employees and requested that the restaurant owner be called in to deal with the situation.

“At no time did I hear threats made or any actions that would be considered intimidating or aggressive,” Hul said.

In a memo informing Hul of his suspension, Mattox compared the restaurant incident with the discrimination allegations from last year, saying the officer did not file timely reports in both cases.

Mattox also charged Hul with several other policy violations during the restaurant incident, including failing to report his whereabouts to the dispatcher.

The chief cited a May 2013 accident in which Hul damaged an ATV as another reason for his dismissal. Shortly after he was hired in 2011, the town honored Hul with a life-saving commendation after he used a rope to rescue two struggling snorkelers from the Boynton Inlet.

The Manalapan department has had its own issues with investigations during the last year. After a racial profiling complaint by town resident Kersen De Jong, the U.S. Justice Department in March 2013 opened an investigation into police conduct.

De Jong, a frequent speaker at town commission meetings, has accused the department of discriminating against minorities and trying to keep visitors out of the town. De Jong has called for Mattox’s firing and believes the department’s plans to fire Hul are in retaliation for his accusations of racial discrimination against the chief.

In a memo informing Hul of his suspension, Mattox also accused Hul of siding with the two other employees.

The committee will provide oversight but no decision-making,” the mayor said. “I’m in favor of focusing issues with a commissioner and bringing members of the community in to involve them in the process.”

• Commissioners unanimously agreed to allow more time for beach cleaning. Dave Rowland, owner of The Beach Keeper, a Lake Worth maintenance firm, told commissioners it was impossible to remove trash and seaweed from the town’s beaches because of the town’s restrictions on work after 9:30 a.m.

• Rowland’s company has contracts with 13 properties, including the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa. Commissioners decided to allow cleanup work from Monday to Saturday, sunrise to 11:30 a.m.

• At the request of La Coquille Club Villas, the commission approved six code variances and a waiver to accommodate plans for a facelift of the development’s entrance. The exceptions concern wall, gate and tree requirements and go next to the Architectural Commission meeting on June 11.

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to require only three votes to fire a city manager. A public hearing and final vote on the special election will be June 17.

Chapman’s departure comes as he was preparing the city budget and negotiating police and fire contracts. His temporary replacement, Assistant City Manager Bob Bartoski, was appointed June 16. Commissioners agreed on June 3 to offer an interim city manager position to Terry Strepko, a former city manager in Fort Myers Beach and Cape Coral.

The commission majority targeted Chapman for ouster after the county inspector general said he misled commissioners on a $460,000 purchase of garbage carts.

“I have a huge problem that you not only lied to commissioners but you lied to an investigating agency,” Jarjura told Chapman on May 13. “These are grounds for termination.”

The investigation found that Chapman received an email from his staff to alert him that the city had already purchased 1,000 trash carts in December, before Chapman requested approval to buy another 1,000 carts in January.

Chapman said he didn’t read the email. “I should have verified how much had been purchased at that time,” he said at the May 13 meeting.

Chapman’s attorney said the discipline was too harsh. “Termination is capital punishment. There’s nothing warranting capital punishment in this case,” attorney Harry Turk said.

But the three commissioners said they no longer trust Chapman.

“What started out as a simple human error became a scheme to deceive and cover up the truth,” Glickstein said.

“Once trust is broken, it’s very hard if not impossible to regain it,” the mayor said.

“Dishonesty is the highest form of disrespect and arrogance. What message do we send to our young people if the city manager can lie and keep his job?”

The May 13 vote to fire Chapman failed 3-1, with Commissioner Adam Frankel voting against. Commissioner Al Jacquet was absent. Glickstein, Jarjura and Petrolia then suspended Chapman.

Chapman was hired to his $160,000 job in January 2013 after 22 year city manager David Harden retired and before Glickstein, Jarjura and Petrolia were elected. Jacquet supported his hiring then and Frankel opposed it.

The inspector general also cited Community Services Director Lula Butler for misleading commissioners about the garbage carts.

Butler, a 28-year city employee, submitted a letter of resignation before the May 13 meeting, but Glickstein asked her to stay until the end of the year.

“Ms. Butler knows she misled me,” he said. “She was loyal to her boss. She took the low road and told a lie about a lie.”

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East Atlantic projects progressing

By Betty Wells

The Community Redevelopment Agency project for a luxury movie theater complex along East Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach is progressing, while two other CRA projects are on hold. Before proceeding on a proposed parking garage, the city wants more public input.

Funding of $750,000 is set aside to complete the design of a multi-story parking garage on the city-owned Gladola parking lot on the east side of Southeast Sixth Avenue, south of East Atlantic Avenue.

The CRA provided the funding for a study to consider a variety of concept plans for self-park and automated parking structures. The city commission consensus was to provide a self-park parking garage with commercial space on the first floor. Construction was to start this year and be complete in 2015.

CRA Director Diane Collona said the project is on hold after some residents voiced concern about the need and type of new parking.

In October, Safety as Floridians Expect presented its opposition to the garage to the City Commission saying there is not proven need for another parking garage, and until the city spends more money on bicycle and pedestrian safety needs, it will oppose the project.

Collona said the plans have not been finished; the $750,000 is still in the budget. Council members are expected to do more research on what residents want.

East Atlantic median

Another project on hold is an improved median on East Atlantic Avenue. It’s on the CRA work list and is budgeted at $30,000 for a feasibility study and conceptual plan. Proposed is the installation of a landscaped median within Atlantic Avenue between A1A and Gleason Street. It would give pedestrians a midpoint to stop at while crossing and would force cars to slow down as they turn from A1A onto Atlantic Avenue.

Randall L. Krejcerek, Delray Beach City Engineer, said environmental services, said the city commission voted earlier this year not to pay for a study for the median project, but the $30,000 remains in the CRA budget.

In another project east of the Intracoastal, Krejcerek said, the city has hired Kimley-Horn and Associates to modify the intersection of crossings of East Atlantic Avenue at Venetian, Gleason and A1A. The modifications will include adding pedestrian crosswalks at each intersection. The CRA is contributing to this project, he said.

iPic Theater

The luxury theater complex and office space that its developer plans to build will produce more than 400 jobs and bring more than 400,000 visitors a year to the downtown, is right on schedule, according to iPic Entertainment, the company building the movie/retail/office complex.

Jim Lee, vice president of marketing for Boca Raton-based iPic Entertainment, said the project is proceeding as planned with no major changes.

The company will present plans to the city in July, Lee said. The CRA had accepted unanimously a plan from iPic, over three other proposals.

The complex will include an eight-screen, 529-seat luxury movie theater, 42,869 square feet of high-end retail, 7,290 square feet of retail space; and a 279-space parking garage.

The Fourth and Fifth avenues site includes the old library building on Southeast Fourth Avenue, the Chamber of Commerce site now on Southeast Fifth Avenue, and the adjacent public parking lot.

iPic’s Delray Beach Holdings LLC offered $3.6 million for the 1.57-acre site, about a half-block south of Atlantic Avenue in the downtown core.

Once the plans are approved, iPic says, the construction should take about 20 months. ★
**Lantana/Hypoluxo Island**

**Residents continue to seek traffic calming assistance**

By Mary Thurwachter

On Hypoluxo Island residents can watch palm tree-framed sunsets from their front porches and bird watching is always in vogue. Yet the tree-lined roads curving around mansions and cottages also tempt some drivers to move much too fast. Safety concerns ensue.

That’s why, for many years, some members of the Hypoluxo Island Homeowners Association have lobbied the town of Lantana for traffic calming assistance.

Town leaders have been clear that their response to the inspector general is about process, not people. No official has raised any performance complaints about Harvel, Philippi or Shoeman. Quite the contrary, each has won praise from council members.

But the auditors’ report has raised collateral issues, such as the town’s procurement policy because there was no competitive bidding. The auditors also criticized the town for allowing Harvel to work without a signed contract.

The inspector general’s report has raised collateral issues with the status of Deputy Town Clerk Lea Shoeman, the town’s only employee, who technically really isn’t one. Shoeman has worked as an independent contractor since taking the part-time job in September 2012, but Town Attorney John Skrandel believes she should be made an official employee of the town to satisfy Internal Revenue Service regulations.

Skrandel said he’s been contacting other municipalities around the state, searching for an independent contractor arrangement similar to Shoeman’s, but hasn’t been able to find one.

“From my research, there’s not another town who’s using a contractor in this fashion,” he said. “Everyone is using employees.”

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But the auditors’ report can’t be ignored. “We’re trying to comply with purchasing procedures,” Thaler said. “We’re not going to try to change personnel.”

With Aldermen Barbara Molina and Jim McCormick exiting the May 22 meeting early, the remaining council members unanimously approved tabling a motion on Shoeman’s job, but agreed to begin advertising the position with a description as a town employee.

Skrandel got a verbal commitment from Philippi during the meeting to continue reading meters as an independent contractor. The attorney said he would try to explain to the inspector general that the town should continue its current arrangement with Earl Harvel, owner of Harvel Utility, without seeking bids, because it’s worked well for many years, and the town doesn’t want to lose him.

“He’s the type of guy who likes to do his job, but he doesn’t like these little nit-picky, technical issues,” Skrandel said. “He might not bid and just say forget it if there’s a bid requirement.”

If the town council agrees, temporary traffic-calming devices would be installed for six months and data on effectiveness and placement would be collected. Then residents, who already petitioned the neighborhood once to get signatures from 66 percent of homeowners, would need to do it again before permanent speed bumps could be installed.

“Those who went to the informational meetings were overwhelmingly for it,” Sella said. “It’s a safety concern. It’s not all about me and my dog. It’s for everyone. I don’t like to see anybody get hurt.”

Town staff said traffic calming will likely be discussed at the July 14 town council meeting.
Leadership needed to address climate change, deep-sea scientist says

By Cheryl Blackerby

Dr. Joe MacInnis can see the Atlantic from his home in Delray Beach, but when he looks at that blue expanse, he sees more than the rest of us.

He pictures the Titanic, which he explored by submersible, 2.5 miles beneath the surface of the ocean. He sees the first polar undersea station under the ice of the Arctic Ocean, which he helped build.

In his long career as a pioneer in deep-sea medicine, the physician-scientist has himself led 30 expeditions and logged more than 5,000 hours under the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic oceans. He’s seen many close calls, and he’s seen leadership that saved the day.

In his 10th book, Deep Leadership: Essential Insights from High-Risk Environments, MacInnis, a Canadian who lives in Toronto 10 months out of the year, describes 12 “essential traits of leadership.”

On a Saturday morning in May, after getting a haircut at Colby’s Barber Shop in Ocean Ridge, MacInnis relaxed in a chair outside and discussed his book. He was squeezing in time at home between back-to-back speaking engagements, hence the haircut.

He tells corporate executives and university students around the world that leadership is needed to conquer today’s crises, particularly global warming and resulting extreme weather and rising seas.

He modestly calls himself an accidental leader. “I was a leader in very threatening environments. I realized I had a PhD in fear,” he said. “I wanted to help people get a sense of the structure and dynamics of leadership.”

One of the leaders described in the book is film director James Cameron, whom MacInnis worked with on numerous expeditions for Discovery Channel’s documentaries including the numerous expeditions for James Cameron, whom he worked with on Aliens of the Deep; Titanic; Under the Sea; 3-D film production of Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind; and will step forward.

Cameron’s nine-part documentary on climate change, Years of Living Dangerously, is being shown on Showtime.

The three most important leadership qualities, which Cameron and the other leader/explorers in the book have, he said, are empathy, eloquence and endurance.

“A leader must have deep empathy for the team, for the task, for the technology, for the terrain, for humans and for the ocean,” he explained. “A leader must be eloquent and express ideas and put them into words that are accurate, brief and clear. And they must have the endurance to get the task done.”

The world desperately needs leadership on climate change, he said. “If we’re going to navigate our way through this problem, we need leaders. We’ve all been in denial about this,” he said.

“We will get through this,” he said, confident that leaders will step forward.

MacInnis’ book, published by Knopf Canada, is not a PowerPoint list of character traits, but a riveting account of leaders in extreme and dire circumstances who have saved the day.

The book reads like a novel with hair-raising heroics described in jaw-dropping detail, such as the night National Geographic electronics technician Mike Cole saved the eight-man crew from a fire in a tent five miles north of the Arctic Circle.

The team had been worried about the constant threat of cracks in the ice beneath their feet, but the real danger had come from a fire in a store's leaking gas line. Cole found an extinguisher in the dark, and risked his life fighting the flame until he put it out.

On MacInnis’ first dive to the Titanic, there was leadership of another kind. The dive was a long one — three hours to the sea floor, six hours on the wreck and three hours back to the surface — in the 620 million French research sub the Nautile.

He admits to some trepidation about that first dive to the wreckprric. “When it comes to this kind of depth, I have a PhD in fear,” he said.

The French pilot saw the sweat on MacInnis’ face and he parked the sub, brought out sandwiches and a small bottle of Beaujolais blanc. MacInnis, the pilot and copilot enjoyed a picnic about 2.5 miles below the surface of the ocean.

The offer of food and drink was not just a friendly gesture, but the leadership of a pilot who saw his fellow scientist experiencing stress — a leadership trait MacInnis calls “high-empathy communication.”

The pilot’s gesture worked. “I saw the shattered stern where so many lives were lost,” MacInnis wrote. “I was anxious, but my heart beat at a reasonable rate. I was with two men whose emotional awareness diminished my fear.”

Deep Leadership: Essential Insights from High-Risk Environments by Joe MacInnis is published by Knopf Canada and is available in hardcover for $25.99.

LEFT: Dr. Joe MacInnis relaxes at the beach in front of his home in Delray Beach. Tim Stepien/ The Coastal Star

BELOW: MacInnis with film director James Cameron. Photo provided
Doctor’s long career left many imprints on Boynton area

By Ron Hayes

On Nov. 7, 1925, a Model T Ford rattled to a stop in the newly incorporated town of Boynton and delivered that tiny community's first doctor.

The town that welcomed Nathaniel Marion Weems almost 90 years ago had one bank, one newspaper and 1,500 residents who traveled up to Lake Worth whenever they needed a cold treated, a bone set or a baby delivered.

Forty years and 7,580 babies later, “Dr. Nat” retired, for a while, and when he died in 1972, the city of Boynton Beach had acquired nearly 36,000 people, a hospital he helped landscape, a nursing home where he spent his last years and a new police complex named in his honor.

In his time, he had been a charter member of the city’s Rotary Club and a vice mayor. He had raised mangoes and oranges in his 4-acre yard on Northeast Third Street, planted about 2,600 melaleuca trees around town, simply because he liked growing things, and he had been stabbed seven times by a man who went berserk in his office.

Dr. Nat also raised seven children of his own, six of whom are still living.

In 1927, his son, Nathaniel Marion Weems Jr. was born, and in 1931, he delivered a daughter named Alice. called “Nannie,” who grew up to marry a man named Curtis Weaver, whom her father had also delivered.

“Well, Daddy was born in 1898 in Lawrenceville, Ala., which was a wide spot,” Alice Weaver recalled recently, “and when he was just a boy they moved to Clotpton, which was too wet.”

Weems’ father was a doctor who made calls by buckboard. The boy earned his tuition at Auburn University by teaching school when he was 17.

Later he transferred to the University of Alabama, to become a doctor. “I married Margaret Dudley, with whom he had two children. But Daddy worked like a dog, he was fun some of the time,” she explains. “The tetanus vaccine was a lot of chickens. I know we went off in the cement, with the debris.”

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Hazard cited as stoplights temporarily removed

By Tim Pallesen

Motorists are urged to use caution after stoplights on East Atlantic Avenue near the ocean were removed in late May. Only stop signs will guide traffic at the Gleason Street and Venetian Drive intersections for three months after it was discovered that the support arms for the stoplights were about to collapse.

Resident and business owners objected to the traffic danger for motorists and pedestrians during a May City Commission meeting.

"Safety is obviously the big issue here. This could be catastrophic," Beach Property Owners vice president Andy Katz told commissioners after state officials originally said the intersections would be stoplights until late 2015. "This would be a traffic and safety nightmare," Delray Beach Marriott general manager Rick Konswager agreed at the meeting attended by oceanfront business owners.

"Our business relies on guests who drive the avenue," Konswager said.

"Removing the stoplights would be unsafe and an unfair burden on our meeting attendees," Katz said.

The Florida Department of Transportation responded the next morning by saying temporary stop signs on the wires will go up in mid-August. FDOT now predicts that replacement support arms will be installed by June 2015.

State inspectors first discovered that the old support arms at Gleason Street and Atlantic Avenue were rusting from the inside out in May 2013, but didn't sound an alarm until after they fall down, Katz said.

"The state is trying to get this down as soon as possible because they fear they will fall down," Delray Beach Police operations engineer Mark Plass told commissioners.

Mayor Cary Glickstein criticized FDOT for not making money for the replacement arms in this year's operating budget, which begins in July. "We are a blighted community," Katz said at the meeting. "Why didn't we know about this for two years?"

When the CRA did not do its job, Katz said. "I personally am satisfied with their work and I do not see any action that requires it at this time. I wish the CRA a good future," he said.

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"Our business relies on tourists and create demand for economic development," he said. "Cash registers ringing. We think culture is important to downtown. He noted CRAs have been involved in redevelopment projects since the 1960s, thinks the funding of Arts Garage is permissible and a good way to attract people to a redeveloped downtown. He noted CRAs have been involved in redeveloped projects outside the redevelopment districts. The CRA do a better job documenting that the spending was proper. Abruzzo credits Delray's CRA with doing an "incredible job" revitalizing downtown. The CRA has addressed many of the auditor general's 19 findings, he said. "The state is trying to get those stoplights on the Intracoastal Waterway. That is why the state auditor general concluded it was not clear that the funding was appropriate on cultural facilities is economic development," he said. "There is no way to turn those communities around without a CRA," he said.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Marny Glasser

The arts have always been an important part of Marny Glasser's life. Growing up in Westchester County, N.Y., Glasser loved to draw, paint and create — so much so, that by the time she was 12, she began taking art lessons and later majored in fine arts at Boston University. After graduation and a short stint as an art teacher, she became an entertainment producer, which eventually led her to meet and work with her late husband, Harold, the long-time president of the Miss Universe and Miss USA pageants.

Now living in Highland Beach with her two Cavalier King Charles spaniels, Prince and Buddy, Glasser has returned to the arts, serving as chairwoman of the FAU College of Arts and Letters Advisory Board. “I’ve come full circle,” she said. “It’s interesting where my paths have led me, which is back to my art. My whole life, it seems, has revolved around the arts.”

Over the years, Glasser has crossed paths with country music stars and other celebrities, along with kings and queens and presidents around the world eager to host the Miss Universe pageant. Her adventures in the entertainment world started in the early 1980s, when she produced a show featuring the magician Blackstone in a long-empty Jersey City, N.J., movie theater. “I didn’t know a lot about producing but I figured I could do it,” she said.

She produced other shows — one featuring singer Melba Moore — before taking on her biggest musical challenge, transforming Miss Universe from a small pageant into a worldwide event. Harold Glasser led a fascinating life that included flying 62 missions in a B24 bomber during World War II. His story attracted the attention of FAU history professor Patricia Kollander, who wrote Courage Takes Flight: An Oral History of the Life and Times of World War II Bomberder Harold Glasser. The manuscript was finished in 2010, shortly before he died.

Marny Glasser later donated a huge collection of her husband’s memorabilia, including his World War II bombardier jacket and a Miss Universe Crown, to FAU, which is housed in the Special Collections and Archives Department at the university’s Wimberly Library. The collection will be featured during a three-day event, a celebration of Music and Arts at FAU beginning June 21. It will include a performance of Leonard Bernstein’s 1944 Broadway musical On the Town, featuring maestro Aaron Kalula’s 50-member Klezmer Company Orchestra.

Glasser is sponsoring a visit by Jamie Bernstein, who will speak about her famous father. As chair of the College of Arts and Letters Advisory Board, Glasser is playing a leadership role in raising funds as well as awareness for the programs and performances hosted by the college.

“They have lovely galleries and incredible performances and it’s all right here in our community,” she said. “It’s an amazing university and there’s so much there that people should know about.”

Today, Glasser finds time to mentor young students and share the knowledge she acquired over the years. “I feel very fortunate to have been able to do all that I’ve done,” she said. — Rich Pollock

Q. Where did you grow up and go to school? A. I grew up in Yonkers, N.Y., and went to Yonkers High School. Remember Hello, Dolly! I attended Boston University, where I received my bachelor of fine arts degree.

Q. What are some highlights of your life? A. My art background led me into promotion and producing concerts. I brought to the Northeast the largest country music festival. We had Roy Clark, the Oak Ridge Boys, Larry Gatlin and many more. It was held at Princeton University in Palmer Stadium. Great fun. Later on I pursued my creative side and became a stone sculptor. I showed and sold my sculptures in many galleries as they are owned worldwide.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Highland Beach? A. The beauty and tranquility, sunrises and sunsets. It is a safe, wholesome town, with its own post office, library, Fire and Police departments. I walk my two Cavalier dogs, Prince and Buddy, at all times of the day and night, feeling completely safe. Everyone is so friendly. We stop and meet and greet. Sometimes you know their names, other times not. It is a feel-good place to live.

Q. What music do you listen to when you need inspiration? When you want to relax? A. Cool jazz. It’s soothing and relaxing.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your decisions? A. “Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.”

Q. If they made a movie of your life, who should play you? A. My husband once said that Meryl Streep should play me. Who wouldn’t want her to play them? She is a talented, strong woman. I hope I am a little like her.

Q. Have you had mentors in your life? Individuals who have inspired your life decisions? A. My mother, Mildred, always saw the artist within. She gave me art lessons as a child, which did lead me on my path to the love of art.

Q. Who’s what makes you laugh? A. I love to laugh. My dogs have made me laugh all the time.
South Palm Beach

Clayman: Paragon preparing Plan B for oceanfront site

By Dan Moffett

South Palm Beach Mayor Donald Clayman says people shouldn’t be misled by the silence from the Paragon Acquisition Group since the developer pulled out of a March workshop on their Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn project.

Clayman says he fully expects Paragon to bring a revised proposal to officials and try again to win approval from the Town Council — and more importantly, from town residents later this year.

“They’re still in the game,” the mayor said. “I expect them to have something before too long. Though it has been quiet lately, it’s coming.”

Paragon CEO Gary Cohen gave residents a first look at his ideas for the troubled hotel property in February, when he proposed a 36-unit, eight-story condominium building that would require voters to approve an amendment to change the town’s charter.

That idea went nowhere a week later at the next Town Council meeting, when Clayman’s motion to put the amendment on the August ballot died for lack of a second.

Council members remembered how in 2011, after years of contentious debate over the property, voters approved the town’s current 60-foot height limit with a 78 percent majority.

There isn’t much appetite in South Palm Beach to fight another war over height limits.

After absorbing a barrage of criticism from residents at the initial workshop, Paragon pulled out of a second workshop in March and went back to the drawing board. The company has refrained from public comment since.

Clayman, who said he made his motion for the charter amendment change as a way of letting everyone know where things stood, says he thinks Paragon will keep its “wedding cake” design but will have to reduce the building’s height before it will have a chance at approval.

“I know they’re working on it,” Clayman said. “I think they’ll keep the same design — people like the design. They know what the problem is, and they’ve known how it is here since they bought the property.”

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Highland Beach

Town examines switching fire-rescue to Boca

By Rich Pollack

While Delray Beach considers whether to have Palm Beach County Fire Rescue provide its fire service, the town of Highland Beach is hedging its bets and planning discussions to determine the feasibility of having Boca Raton replace Delray Beach as its fire service provider.

Highland Beach has a $3 million-a-year contract for Delray Beach to provide around-the-clock staffing for the town’s fire station.

Highland Beach provides an aging fire truck and rescue vehicle that is used by Delray Beach Fire-Rescue for calls within the town limits.

“Our contract with Delray runs until 2017. However, if they consolidate, we will need to look at other alternatives,” Town Manager Kathleen Gottlieb said.

Delray Beach is scheduled for June 12 in a special meeting to discuss the county consolidation proposal.

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Highland Beach Mayor Cary Glickstein said the city will also continue to ask the Congress to provide states and cities “the authority and ability needed to weed out the unscrupulous operators from among those truly trying to help individuals with addictions.”

Along the Coast

Sober house bill scuttled by Florida Senate

By Tim Pallese

A proposed state law to require sober homes to get certified sober homes. But that would have required treatment certification program that would have required treatment centers to only refer patients to certified sober homes.

While Delray Beach Commissioner Elizabeth Arden was among the legislators who sought the state’s help.

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City seeking grants to help with Woman’s Club restoration

By Jane Smith

The grande dame of Boynton Beach is showing her age — again.

As the Boynton Woman’s Club nears its ninth decade, its 16 original windows and 20 sets of original French doors need to be redone. The cost would be between $300,000 and $400,000, said past-president Kay Baker. The group is soliciting bids to redo the windows and doors. Other repairs would bring the total renovation cost to about $500,000.

In early May at the Boynton Beach Historical Society’s annual gala, the organization presented a $1,000 check to the Woman’s Club for its building campaign. The city is helping by adding the building to its list of historic sites. If all goes according to plan, the building will go before the city’s Historic Preservation Board on June 9, says the city’s historic planner, Warren Adams. He also will help the club apply for grants from the city’s Community Redevelopment Agency and from the state’s historic preservation board. Both grants, though, require matching funds from the organization. In 1979, the Addison Mizner-designed building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Woman’s Club building is open to the public. It really is a Palm Beach County jewel, Walter said. “It’s the only Mizner building that is open to the public.”

The Woman’s Club building is the city’s grandest structure, Walter said. It is the city’s grandest structure, Federal Highway between Boynton Beach Boulevard and Woolbright Road.

To help with the building’s construction in the 1920s, the family of Maj. Nathan Smith Boynton, the city’s founder, donated $35,000 in his memory. Famed architect Addison Mizner did his design pro bono because the building would cost more than $50,000. It contains classic Mizner features, such as a barrel-tile roof, arched windows, turquoise trim, pecky cypress trusses on the ceiling and French doors. From the lobby on either side, two wide wooden staircases curve gracefully to the second floor, which is large enough to seat 400 people.

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Boynton Woman’s Club Installation Luncheon

The Boynton Woman’s Club, Boynton Beach – May 8

Michele Walter has been chosen to be the club’s president for the 2014-16 term. She takes over duties from Kay Baker. Above: The new Boynton Woman’s Club Executive Board (from left): Evelyn Weicker, Pat Waldron, Barbara Wineberg, Maria Forastiero, Joan White, Lillian Osti-guy, Michele Walter, Barbara Grimes, Barbara Erlichman, Chadda Shelly and Kay Baker.

Photo provided

The club leadership is hoping they can raise enough money to create an endowment that would allow the club to maintain the structure — and do some work on the interior. “Reupholster the furniture and do some work on the interior. We really love our club.”

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Boynton Beach is raising money from its membership. “One member has offered to match what other members donate,” Baker said. The club of about 80 members has not sought new members but that will change soon. “We’ve been passive about (recruiting),” said current club president, Michele Walter. “We will start advertising our activities, talk to them up more and possibly hold a reception for interested women later this summer.”

Celebrations at Boynton Woman’s Club — a catering company — schedules events and shares a percentage of the fees with the club. It uses the approximate $80,000 annually to pay for the east side, two wide wooden staircases curve gracefully to the second floor, which is large enough to seat 400 people. When the building was finished in the fall of 1926, it opened in time to house hurricane refugees. Then it housed the city’s first library.

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Boynton Beach

Ideas percolating for rejuvenating downtown core

By Jane Smith

About 50 Boynton Beach residents spent five hours on a recent Saturday to brainstorm ideas for the 17-acre Town Center. The area, bounded by Boynton Beach Boulevard on the north and Seacrest Boulevard on the west, houses many municipal buildings: City Hall, library, high school, police headquarters, a fire station, Kids Kingdom Playground, Schoolhouse Children’s Museum, Civic Center, Stage Left theater and the Tri-County center’s board and shuffleboard courts.

The library, said Dana Little of the Treasure Coast Regional Library, “has 300,000 visitors a year. It could act as the anchor for the community center area.”

Another asset, he said, is its proximity to the beach, a little over a mile away. “That’s a 20-minute walk or a seven-minute bike ride,” said Little, the council’s urban design director.

The city’s Community Redevelopment Agency paid the council $35,000 for a six-month contract, which included the workshop. Little and his colleagues will take the ideas and develop a plan to show the city commission in July. A more detailed plan is included in the workshop. Little also told the residents that the city is hiding its assets behind dense foliage and with building backs facing the streets. The morning of the workshop, he said, some of his colleagues drove around the area, trying to find the entrance to the library where the discussion was held. In addition, the various buildings lack connecting sidewalks, making it not very pedestrian friendly.

With that in mind, the residents, sitting at six tables, created plans for the municipal core.

Each team wanted to save the Boynton Beach High School by renovating it and adding the activities of the Arts Center, Civic Center and theater to it. The renovation cost was estimated to be $8 million to $9 million by Little. He suggested that the renovation could become part of a bond issue voters could decide.

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West said the CRA in March, just after Collage began work on the project near the marina’s fuel docks, which will include new restrooms, a ship’s store, new fuel pumps and landscaped open space.

West’s lawsuit claimed that the CRA’s stipulations in the invitation to bid — including a requirement that the bidders had not been a party to litigation or arbitration arising from a public project within the last two years — violated Florida law and are “arbitrary, capricious, vague, indefinite, uncertain, unclear and indefinite.”

During a May 5 hearing in Palm Beach County Circuit Court, Judge Thomas Barkdull denied the CRA’s motion to dismiss the lawsuit. The Harbor Master building and surrounding improvements are expected to be completed in January.
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**Obituary**

**Ingeborg Rand**

By Jane Smith

HIGHLAND BEACH — Ingeborg Rand’s last wish was to die at home. At age 90, surrounded by husband, John, and family, she died May 20 from complications from a fall. Known affectionately as Inge (IN-ga) to family and friends, Mrs. Rand was the consummate wife, mother and grandmother.

On Feb. 26, Mrs. Rand had gotten out of bed in the middle of the night, when she fell in the bedroom and fractured her ankle. She had to have surgery, then weeks of rehab, during which she contracted pneumonia. The couple met more than seven decades ago at James Monroe High School in New York City. She had just moved into the neighborhood and when John saw her, he said, “I felt goose bumps and thought, ‘God, she is gorgeous’.” She was born April 19, 1924, near Dusseldorf, Germany, to William and Frances Schmitz. The Schmitz family came to the U.S. when their daughter was 4.

Her future husband proposed to her when they were 19. He wanted her to wait while he went into the Army to serve in World War II, where he was assigned to the Signal Corps in Burma and China. He bought her an engagement ring from his family jeweler, paying $15 a month for 10 months.

They were married July 20, 1946, in St. Helena’s Church in New York City.

“She was a fabulous dresser and everyone complimented her sense of style,” said her husband.

After his career in banking in New York, they were ready to retire to Florida. His secretary suggested Highland Beach because she had a friend in Boca Raton who recommended it.

Mrs. Rand was preceded in death by her son, John Rand.

In addition to her husband, survivors are two daughters — Linda Ladokocita and her husband, Gary, of Princeton, N.J., and Ingrid Sornesen and her husband, Michael, of Cape May Court House, N.J., and six grandchildren — Michael Ladokocita of Ohio, Lauren Ladokocita of New York, and Susan, Elizabeth, Kelly and John P. Rand of California.

The Glick Family Funeral Home of Boca Raton handled the arrangements. Mrs. Rand’s funeral service was private.
Delray Beach Fish market a dream realized by lifelong angler

By Christine Davis

Captain Clay and Sons Fish Market at 308 NE Fourth St., Delray Beach is, as the name suggests, a real family deal.

Clay Brand, with his wife, Susan, started the business in 2006; son Reed, 20, started managing the store out of high school three years ago; eldest son Clay, 25, has just received his master's degree in international affairs, but you'll find him behind the counter while he's job hunting. And Zack, 12, a student at Odyssey Middle School, often hangs around the store.

They are a true family of fishmongers, says Reed, who is the easiest Brand to find because he's often minding the store (since Clay Sr. is out fishing).

"My father has been a commercial spear fisherman and fisherman for 40 years," Reed says. "He used to supply local fish markets and all the other local fishermen are his friends. He always had the idea of having his own market and now he and his friends supply his market."

Says Clay Sr., 56, "I have been fishing since I was out of diapers, but I didn't grow up in the fishing environment. I just enjoyed it. As a 3-year-old, I caught goldfish from a family friend's pond with a clothespin, piece of thread and a bamboo stick."

Clay's fishing style has changed a bit over the years.

"One of the ways I get cobia, we jump into the water when sharks are around. The cobias follow the sharks. The sharks go past us and we spear the cobia, send it up to the top and a guy picks it up. If the sharks get too active, we get out of the water."

"Maybe I'm getting a little too old to get cobias that way."

Cobia, of course, is not the only fish you'll find at Captain Clay's. "We get fresh local fish in every day. It's always a little different, depending on what's being caught," Reed says.

"This summer, we'll have snapper, snapper, cobra, jack, wild gulf pink shrimp, dolphin and swordfish."

And there's a huge variety of snapper, by the way. "There's mangrove snapper, mutton snapper, hog snapper, yellow cat snapper, cabra snapper, yellow eye snapper, vermillion snapper."

The Brands also import Portland, Maine, dry-packed scallops, golden corvina, wild Canadian king salmon, Chilean sea bass and sushi-grade tuna.

While fish aren't quite seasonal, there are times when they are more plentiful. "We get most of these fish in the winter, too," Reed says. "Wahoo starts more in the fall, and after Jan. 1, we get golden tilefish."

"Florida lobster season opens up Aug. 6, and my dad solely catches our whole supply," he adds.

"What a lot of people don't know when it comes to mildness and quality of fish, it has nothing to do with species and everything to do about when it came out of the water," Reed says. "Even if you're a good cook, if the fish is bad, it will taste bad."

Now, back to Clay. Here are some more interesting fish facts.

"Tilefish is a member of the wrasse family and is triple tail or leaf fish. They are delicious."

"Hogfish is not part of the snapper family. It's part of the wrasse family, and it's delicious, light and tender, a phenomenal fish."

Clay also runs a charter business. "I enjoy going out with people, showing them how to rig the baits, handle the lines, how far out to put it, how the bait swims. Sometimes, they have me go out with them over and over."

"They catch more when I'm with them." Now one last word from Clay about swimming with sharks: "If its fins are flat out to the side when it's swimming along, it's not dangerous. But if it's showing aggression, its back arches, the side fins point downward, and it has a jerky kind of motion. You'll have to shoot the shark."

"But I don't want to shoot the shark. I can't sell it. Why kill a beautiful big animal like that if you don't have to? I'd rather get out of the water."
Urban Outfitters moving to Delray’s Atlantic Avenue

The 1920s Gulfstream Hotel in downtown Lake Worth will have 90 rooms, a rooftop nightclub, restaurant and spa.

Business Spotlight

Urban Outfitters signed a 10-year lease with EASSA Properties LLP and plans to open by Nov. 1, according to Roxanne Register, CBRE’s vice president of retail, who represented EASSA.

Urban Outfitters’ new store will be at 306 E. Atlantic Ave., near the SunTrust building. With 10,954 square feet on two floors, the interiors as well as the façade will get a redo, though some architectural features will stay, Register said.

“The word has been out on the street, and other owners I’ve talked to want a good mix of national and local retailers here. It’s good for the street, and supports the restaurants. You’ll see a big change going forward,” she adds. “There will be more national retailers coming in. Urban Outfitters has been a catalyst in the past for that trend, and it will also be a frontrunner for Atlantic Avenue.”

The space is one of the largest on the avenue and had been vacant since 2010, said Laura Simon, the associate director of the Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority. “We are excited about them being here. With the loyalty of the customers and their demographics, Urban Outfitters is a good fit.”

Thanks to Hudson Holdings of Delray Beach and CDS International Holdings of Boca Raton, Lake Worth’s Gulfstream Hotel will finally undergo a much-needed renovation after standing empty for many years.

The two companies purchased the hotel in May. At an announcement conference, Hudson Holdings principal Steve Michael said that the revitalized hotel will have 90 guest rooms, lobby, rooftop nightclub, restaurant and spa. This project is a dream come true for me,” he said. “As resident of South Florida for 13 years, I visited the hotel many times. I imagined what an exquisite enhancement to Lake Worth and the world of historic preservation to see this property once again to be as magnificent a hotel as it was in the 1920s.”

On the National Register of Historic Places, the Gulfstream Hotel was built during the 1920s boom era. Designed by G.Loyd Preacher & Company, and financed by G.L. Miller Bond & Mortgage Company, the resort hotel, “with 135 rooms and 135 baths,” was advertised as “one of the finest fireproof hotels.”

It’s wonderful to welcome Hudson Holdings to the city of Lake Worth,” said Mayor Pam Triolo. “For such a notable company to recognize the economic opportunities in our city and the historical importance of the Gulfstream Hotel is an honor. It shows that Lake Worth is a good investment and is open for business.”

CDS is short for Carl DeSantis, the founder of Rexall Sundown vitamins and no stranger to bold ventures. His latest Delray Beach project is Atlantic Crossing, a $200 million blend of residences, offices, retailers and restaurants on the north side of Atlantic Avenue from Federal Highway almost to the Intracoastal.

Michael, a residential developer is recently venturing into resorts, hotels and combined use properties. He’s working the west end of Delray’s downtown, having just signed a contract to buy Tom Worrell’s holdings around Atlantic and Swinton Avenues – in other words everything Sunline Hotel and garden. Again the goal is to expand residential, shopping, hotel and dining space, but he intends to retain the area’s historic and artsy flavor.

This May, Lois Pope, philanthropist and former owner of the National Enquirer, bought an estate in Manalapan, her hometown for 27 years before moving to Addison Reserve County Club in 1999. Palm Beach County property records show that Pope paid $16.2 million for Amway co-founder and owner of the Orlando Magic, basketball team Richard DeVos’ ocean-to-Intracoastal estate at 1720 S. Ocean Blvd.

Built in 2004, the current estate features 280 feet of water frontage on both the ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway, a pool, cabana, subterranean garage, boat dock, beach house, and guest house. Meryl and Spero Michos of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Realty represented Pope in both the purchase of the Manalapan property and the sale of her Addison Reserve property. Listing agent for the Manalapan property was Pascal Liguori of Premier Estate Properties.

“This is a record-setting price for this year,” Liguori says. “Property values in Manalapan have surpassed $60 million, and in six out of the nine transactions, Premier represented both the buyer and seller.

Those six include 927 Hillsboro Mile for $17 million, along with South Country properties at 450 E. coconut Palm Road for $9 million, 700 Tern Point Circle for $6 million, 711 Seagate Drive for $3.285 million, 4040 S. Ocean Blvd. for $2.27 million, and 202 NE Eighth Ave. for $1.05 million. In addition, they were the listing agent for 1720 S. Ocean Blvd. that sold for $16.2 million, and 1080 Crescent Beach in Vero Beach that sold for $3.75 million and Fort Lauderdale’s 2501 Hibiscus Place that sold for $1.57 million.

More real estate: At 900 E. Atlantic Ave. in the strip mall between the Intracoastal Waterway and the strip mall, prospective homeowners can take their pick of real estate firms Tauriello & Company, Premier Estate Properties and Keller Poletto Sotheby’s International Realty, Re/Max Advantage Plus and Engel & Volkers. A brokerage owned by Boca Raton real estate attorney Rick Felberbaum, Engel & Volkers will occupy the old offices of William F. Koch Real Estate. Felberbaum also plans to open an Engel & Volkers’ Boca Raton office at 310 E. Palmetto Park Road.

On top of bringing the buyers to the table at 1920 S. Ocean Blvd. for a recorded $11.84 that The Coastal Star reported in the May issue, Bunny Hiatt and Jack Elkins, agents with Fite Shavel & Associates, recently made two more Manalapan sales totaling about $19.1 million.

Recorded on April 18, Massachusetts-based Celso Madera Land Trust sold a vacant ocean-to-lake lot for $11.17 million at 1020 S. Ocean Blvd., just north of the historic Harold S. Vanderbilt mansion, Eastover. Elkins and Hiatt had listed the 2.36-acre property for sale two years ago, first at nearly $16 million and most recently at $13.5 million.

Recorded on April 23, Ronald and Bernice Berman sold their custom home on 1.5 acres with 157 feet of beachfront on both sides of 1555 S. Ocean Blvd. to a trust named after the property’s address for $7.914 million. Hiatt and Elkins represented buyer and seller.

The Bermans paid $1.6 million for the property in 2002 and built an 11,800-square-foot Mediterranean-style house with five bedrooms.

A 15,000-square-foot estate in Highland Beach with 120-feet of beachfront sold on May 19 for a record $13.5 million. Jonathan Postma of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate’s Boca Raton office was the listing agent and Ari Albinder, broker/owner of Mizner Grande Realty, was the buyer’s agent.

With an underground 12-car garage, the home at 2445 S. Ocean Blvd. was built by NASCAR multiple Winston Cup race winner Jeff Gordon in 2000. He sold it in 2003 for
their dedication and excellence of the Nurse of the Year award are to Bethesda Hospital East for more than three years. Donning their graduation caps and gowns on May 9, 15 students at the Bethesda College of Health Sciences became the college’s first graduating class of nurses.

Giving back: On March 29, Evelyne & Arthur at its Plaza del Mar location in Manalapan, hosted a day of shopping to benefit Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation. The Shop & Share event raised $500, which will go to supporting the nonprofit’s efforts to bring advanced therapies to its patients. “We wanted to do something to support this wonderful organization that helps families at their time of need,” said Adrienne Weissman, president of Evelyne & Arthur. “We are especially grateful to our loyal customers for spending the afternoon with us and also supporting the organization.”

Recently, NCCI, a large repository of workers compensation information, was honored with three awards at the United Way of Palm Beach County’s signature event, the Simply the Best Awards. NCCI received a Top Ten Award, Spirit of the Campaign award, and the award for the Best Campaign Video. NCCI’s “Get in the Game” themed campaign raised more than $258,000 for the United Way of Palm Beach County last October.

The arts: The Armory Art Center, awarded a yearlong lease by the Lake Worth Community Redevelopment Agency, will open the Armory Art Center Annex, in downtown Lake Worth at 1211 Lucerne Ave. A schedule of exhibitions, events, workshops, and classes will be in place by June 23. Armory instructors will teach classes in drawing, mixed media painting, oil painting and photography for adults and drawing and BAK Middle School of the Arts and Dreyschool School of the Arts prep classes for youth. Exhibitions by local artists will include Bob Vail and MeiWei Goethe, Lisette Cedeno, Kenneth Grynmalza, Nune Asatryan and Lisa Solon.

Organized by Realtors Jessica Rosato, Nestor Poletto Sotheby’s International Realty promoted the arts in Boca Raton with its fourth gallery exhibition in April featuring Torino, Italy, native Luisa Comuzzi. Luisa’s love and appreciation for flowers is evident in her large paintings of them, Rosato said. “Living in Boca Raton has helped her build on and improve her artistic talent so that now her flowers on canvas appear three-dimensional and as through they could bloom to life right from the artwork.”

Rosato, who has art degrees from Dartmouth College. The Art Institute of Chicago and Pratt Institute, enjoys finding local talent. The “Living with the Artist” series will resume in November, 6-8 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Sotheby’s 200 E. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton.

Deborah Bacarella, broker owner of Elite Florida Real Estate, Boca Raton, with Cathy Lewis, Delray Beach resident and Realtor with Elite, and Bacarella’s sister, California resident Barbara Agerton, have co-authored a book, 7 F Words for Living a Balanced Life, which offers seven power strategies — focus, faith, freedom, family, finance, fitness and fun — for improved work-life balance. The book, which is on Amazon’s best-seller list for team management and leadership, also is the foundation for professional workshops and individual coaching the three offer nationally.

Bacarella realized her life was out of balance and she was not having enough fun, she said. “It was divine inspiration that I came up with the seven F words.” Bacarella recently led a workshop for the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, which sold out. A quick tip: “Start a gratitude journal and just list the things each day that you are grateful for. It takes away pressure, and forces you to focus on the positives in your life.”

The book can be purchased through Amazon, where a sample download is available.

Moving up: Long time Boca Raton resident, Fritz Miner, has been named manager of Boca Raton Mausoleum on Southwest Fourth Avenue in Boca. Formerly one of the mausoleum’s staff of service counselors, he brings compassion and caring to the position of manager. A graduate of Boca Raton High School and Mercer University, Miner has lived and worked in Boca Raton for 35 years. Following his law degree at Gold’s Gym as personal training director and 14 years as an investment adviser with Paine Webber.

Talk about a streak of luck! At Palm Beach Polo & Country Club on May 25, the only person to correctly select the six-winning horses on the final six races of Gulfstream’s Sunday afternoon program, won Gulfstream Park’s Rainbow Six jackpot totaling $6,678,932, the largest pari-mutuel payout in American racing history. Palm Beach resident Daniel Borislow — magicJack CEO and founder — spent a total of $15,206.40 on two separate tickets, each with a 20-cent base, which translates to 70,632 individual wagers. The winning six numbers were 1-8-6-1-6-5. The previous record payoff was $13,591,242 in July 2013. According to the Daily Racing Form, “Had the Rainbow Six jackpot survived one more day, and there was a mandatory payout on Monday (Memorial Day) as expected, the pool was estimated to exceed $15 million, which easily would have smashed the existing North American record for multiple-wager pools of $10,870,852 distributed July 2, 2007, at Hollywood Park.”

“Was very lucky for Mr. Borislow on his record-setting win,” said PBKC publicity director Theresa Hume. Thom Smith contributed to this column.

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WHAT’S DRIVING THE LUXURY REAL ESTATE MARKET?

The south Florida luxury home market is booming. It began in my estimation about a year ago, in August, when I and a few others high end real estate brokers started seeing a real uptick in buying and selling activity in the upper segment of the real estate market. Gulf Stream in particular may have been one of the hottest markets in South Florida. Surprisingly, that was during the late summer, traditionally a time when sales tended to slow.

That increased sales pace in luxury homes has continued through the New Year, and is being driven by three key economic factors that I have tracked over the years.

The first element is the trend of the stock market, which has recently been extraordinary, hitting new highs. This has provided wealthy investors with additional funds and the confidence to make major investments in new or second homes that satisfy their personal tastes for leisure activities like golf, tennis, beaches and boating. When consumer confidence is high buyers are willing to pull the trigger more often and in even some cases over-pay a bit to secure a property. This wouldn’t happen in previous years.

The next factor is the fact that almost 70% of investors and buyers of south Florida’s luxury real estate are from New York, particularly Manhattan and the Hamptons. According to the NY Corcoran Report, “Closed sales in the first quarter of 2014 increased 38 percent over the same period last year…sales volume rose by 27 percent…and [Hampton] properties that are unique and those that are priced well within their particular range are selling much more quickly than usual.” Some luxury apartments in Manhattan are exceeding over $2,000 per square foot numbers not seen since the last boom.

That information bodes well for ongoing purchases of higher end properties in our areas as those sales create a “trickle down” effect on purchases in south Florida. You will see a parallel when the New York/Hampton real estate markets are doing well, Palm Beach will follow.

The final element that influences the market is the economics of supply and demand. For example, in the highly desirable areas of Gulf Stream, Manalapan and Ocean Ridge, currently there are about 50% of the numbers of homes listed today, compared to just a few years ago. These home range in prices from $750,000 to over $39-million for a newly constructed, furnished Intracoastal to ocean Manalapan residence situated on approximately 2-acres. When inventory is low it helps create a sense of urgency in the market with buyers.

Until next month.

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Barb Schmidt introduced her book, *The Practice*, during an event at Florida Atlantic University last month.

**SCHMIDT**

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unhappy, alone … on the outside, looking in.”

Looking at television, too, lots of it, as a way of passing the hours. And she was attending the Catholic Church to which her family was devoted.

In high school, she worked four jobs, including her favorite, at a local McDonald’s. The fast food became a fast valve for her misery. She ate the fish sandwiches. She ate the french fries. She ate the hash browns. She ate and ate.

But maintaining her trim size — 5-foot-6, 125 pounds — was no problem. After eating, she’d duck into the ladies room and vomit. “I was very secretive then. I’d go into one of the cubicles and throw up.” She got so good at it, so fast, that no one ever caught her at it.

A decade passed before she realized that her unhealthy behavior — “I didn’t eat a meal that I didn’t throw up” — was a disease: bulimia. More years passed before she could look back, collect her thoughts and write a book about her path from there to here, about ending her binge-purge addiction, about learning to navigate beyond unhappiness, about finding a mooring that offered both physical and spiritual health.

In the preface of *The Practice*, Schmidt recalls how, on an October morning in 1984, she read a newspaper article about the death, a year earlier, of Karen Carpenter, one of her favorite singers, from anorexia.

Schmidt had stayed home from work that day, something she rarely did, and immersed herself in the paper. The story about the anniversary of Carpenter’s death, the reason for it, hit her hard: an eating disorder, a dangerous one. And on the other side of the printed page was an ad for a center that treated anorexia and bulimia.

“This voice just clicked within me,” she says. “It said, ‘You need help. You need to go and get help.’”

The very next day, her then-husband, Mickey — she’d married at 19 — drove her across the state, from their Coral Springs home to the treatment center in Naples. She stayed six weeks. Group therapy. A 12-step program. Inspirational reading. Spiritual instruction. And, yes, recovery.

“By the end of my stay,” Schmidt writes, “I had an incredible desire to live a more spiritual, more meaningful life.”

She had accomplished much by then, but those six weeks had led her to view her successes as the wrong ones.

“According to society’s measurements, I had achieved all the external things I could possibly wish: six (McDonald’s) franchises, a handsome husband, a social life, money, and an attractive appearance. However … I did not feel happy. Most of the time, I felt incomplete.”

The path to feeling “complete” had begun in Naples. The birth of her daughter, Michelle, in November 1985, extended that path. “I instantly felt more patient and more loving,” she writes.

Her spiritual search continued. She read inspirational books — M. Scott Peck’s *The Road Less Traveled* and Marianne Williamson’s *A Return to Love* — and went on spiritual retreats.

The push-pull puzzle of her Catholic childhood — “Should I be a nun or be rich and famous?” — snapped into clear focus. There needn’t be an either/or, she told herself. She needn’t listen to, as she says, “that little Catholic voice about going to hell.”

She could have material things. She didn’t have to “go live in a cave.” She could enjoy a balanced life.

Balance came in a number of ways. She and her first husband divorced. He later introduced her to Dick Schmidt, whom she married in 1992. By then, she’d sold her McDonald’s franchises and immersed herself in yoga and meditation, spiritual retreats and religious studies.

More years passed. She felt the completion she’d sought, the happiness. The next step was to share with others some of what she had learned. And share she did. In 1988, just a few years after her recovery, Schmidt co-founded Ronald McDonald Children’s Charities of South Florida. In 2001, she and Dick hosted a holiday party and asked guests to each bring a toy for a needy child. That request resulted in 600-plus toys, and those toys, over time, resulted in the Spirit of Giving Network, a non profit collaborative group, a forum for sharing information and resources to help children and families in South Palm Beach County. And there was more. The Schmidts and the Schmidt Foundation, already supporters of FAU’s Peace Studies Program, in 2005 helped launch a community-outreach series that has evolved into Bara Schmidt’s non profit Peaceful Mind, Peaceful Life, which is “dedicated to funding speakers, teachers and projects that spread peace and love throughout the world.”

“I’d been on a 30-year search,” she says. “I’m always a student, but now I’ve become my own teacher.”

And the teacher of others. She began giving workshops, giving back what she’d been given. *The Practice* was a natural outcome. Undaunted by the plethora of self-help books and spiritual advice in bookstores, Schmidt wrote her own.

“I felt like I needed to tell my story,” says Schmidt, who now lives in Boca Raton. “I felt I could connect in a very simple, direct way. We never take time to sit with ourselves for just a minute, to let thoughts come and go. Every day, you can connect with that spark inside, to know how capable you are, not at the mercy of the world.”

Her book presents what she calls “a set of practical tools that can be used throughout the day to guide us along our path … a compilation of the great Truths taught by authentic teachers and masters throughout the centuries from various religious and spiritual traditions.”

Meditation. Mantras. Readings. Reflection. The daily routine she titled “the practice” because, as she notes in the book, quoting the late modern dancer Martha Graham, “Practice means to perform, over and over again in the face of all obstacles, some act of vision, of faith, of desire.”

Schmidt’s desire is to share her experience and her path to fulfillment with her readers, to help them achieve what a friend told her, not long ago: “Your life is like Mission: Impossible, to go from where you were to where you are today.”

“The Practice: Simple Tools for Managing Stress, Finding Inner Peace, and Uncovering Happiness (Health Communications, $12.95) is available in bookstores and on Amazon.com and other sites.
**Friday, June 7**

- **Yoga Class** at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Held every Sat. Registration: 8:45 am; class: 9 am. Free. 393-7703.
- **Cardio Kettlebell Class** at Veteran’s Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Held outside. Ages 14+ every Saturday. 9:30-10:30 am. $60 residents for 8 classes; $65 non-residents for 8 classes. 243-7350 or www.mydelraybeach.com.
- **Qigong** at Veteran’s Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Held outside. Ages 14 and up. Every Saturday. 9:30-10:30 am. $5 residents per class; $6 non-residents per class. 243-7350.
- **Capoeira Fitness** - Ages 12 & up at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Held every Sat. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703.
- **Zumba Class** at the South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Held every Sat. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703.

**Saturday, June 8-14**

- **Chair Massage** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 10-minute routine focuses on neck, shoulders and back. Held every Monday. 10 am. Free. Reservations: 278-5455.
- **Tai Chi for Beginners** at Veteran’s Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. All ages. Every Monday. 10-11 am. $15 residents per class; $20 non-residents per class. 243-7350.
- **Meditation** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Monday. 7 pm. Free. 278-5455.
- **Zumba Gold** at Veteran’s Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Designed to improve the quality of life for active older adults. Tuesdays 3-4 pm; Thursdays 8:45-9:45 am. Fridays 9:30-10:30 am. $5 residents per class; $6 non-residents per class. 243-7350.
- **Yoga** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Bring your own mat. Held every Tuesday and Thursday. 10:15 am. 510-278-5455.
- **Modern Line Dance** at Veteran’s Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Learn line dances to Latin music, top '40s, country music, oldies and hip-hop music. Ages 18 and up. Every Wednesday. 2:30-3:30 pm. $4 residents per class; $5 non-residents per class. 243-7350.
- **Leg Aches and Pains… Addressing Vein and Vascular Issues** - Presented by George Daniel, M.D., Interventional Cardiology, at Bethesda Hospital East, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.
- **Qigong** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Ages 16 and older. Can be done while sitting down. Meets 7-8 pm Thursday through July 31. $18 residents, $22.50 nonresidents per class or 8 weeks for $120 residents, $150 nonresidents. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org

**Wednesday, June 15-21**

- **Love and Loss in Life and in Treatment** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Linda Sherby speaks about surviving grief and moving on while staying connected to the world. Free. 2 pm. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org

**Wednesday, June 22-28**

- **Healthy Living Series:** "Food Based Healing" - Presented by Bryan Weinstein at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-0798.

**Wednesday, June 29 - July 5**

- **Reactive Attachment Disorder and its Treatment:** Presented as part of the First Wednesdays mental health lecture series at the Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. Ileana Rodriguez-Ramirez, MA, presents. 11 am-noon. Free. 483-5300.

**Thursday, June 30**

- **Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium** at the Clayton Conference Center of Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn about laparoscopic gastric bypass and Lap-Band surgery can change lives. Held the first Thursday of each month. 6:30 pm. Free. 777-7733, Ext. 84448.
More than 600 Jews and Christians walked in solidarity on Holocaust Memorial Day, April 27 in Boca Raton. The march began at Boca Raton Christian School and ended at Temple Beth El. 

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“She wants to do community good by taking care of the children and the old people,” Al-Amin spokesman Sidney Mahbob said afterward. “We are all talking about the same thing.”

The love that St. Paul’s Episcopal gives to the Haitian neighborhood that surrounds its historic Delray Beach church now includes homebuilding.

Twenty volunteers, ages 16 to 68, helped Jean and Lila Cyril and their three children on May 3 to complete the required work hours to qualify for a new home through Habitat for Humanity.

“The three children are a delight to have in our after-school program,” said Kathy Fazio, the director of Paul’s Place, which provides a safe haven, a nutritious meal and tutoring for 27 neighborhood children.

“The parents are hardworking and determined to make a better life for their children,” Fazio said in explaining why the congregation pitched in.

Habitat for Humanity has empowered 111 South County families to achieve the dream of owning a home.

Two Boca Raton rabbis led a prayer circle in a Publix tomato aisle when they were hosted by the Coalition of Immokalee Workers last month.

Workers last month. Rabbis Greg Weisman and Jessica Brockman of Temple Beth El joined others from T’ruah: The Rabbinical Call for Human Rights on the three-day mission to Immokalee to learn how farmworker issues might concern Jews in Boca Raton.

The farmworker group helps prosecute farm slavery cases and works with corporations to eliminate exploitation of workers. The rabbis prayed in the tomato aisle because Publix won’t agree to farmworker requests for them to join their Fair Food Program.

The program asks companies buying tomatoes to pay a cent more per pound, which goes to the farmworkers.

The aborted attempt by the Journey Church to open at two new Boynton Beach locations for Easter has created intrigue over the fate of the unopened east campus on South Federal Highway.

The congregation worshiped at Park Vista High School when the aging members of Grace Community Church in 2012 gave them their church building at 715 S. Federal Highway to be their sole permanent location.

But while the congregation spent $1.7 million to renovate the east Boynton location, another ready-to-use church building at 6201 Military Trail became available.

“This property was ready to go, so it was all hands on deck for this opportunity,” Journey Church executive director Shawn Stafford said.

The congregation had announced in February that both locations would open for Easter.

“It was in God’s hands,” Stafford said. “We chose to slow everything down on the east campus and said ‘Let’s get up and running on our west campus.’”

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More than 3,500 people attended four Easter services at the west Boynton location. Nobody knows how many will worship at the east Boynton church when it opens later this year.

“Some folks are going to want to go to the east campus,” Stafford said. “But we’re not certain of that number.”

A teenage girl’s idea for a garden at First Presbyterian Church inspired a community to feed the poor.

Kalyn Buteyn, then 15, suggested a garden to feed the Boynton Beach poor after learning about urban gardens on a youth mission trip last summer. “I got thinking, why don’t we have a garden?” she said.

Kalyn applied for and received a $1,000 grant to grow a vegetable garden in a corner of the church playground in Boynton Beach. She chose Ebenezer Garden as its name.

Merchants such as Green Cay Farms and Home Depot donated lumber, composted soil and vegetable plants. Neighbors gave advice and support.

This spring, the youth group harvested a bumper crop of tomatoes, potatoes, beans, peppers and other vegetables that it donated to the Boynton Beach Soup Kitchen.

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Kalyn Buteyn, Aleishka Rodriguez and Marrisse Taylor show some of the bounty from the Ebenezer Garden at First Presbyterian Church in Boynton Beach. Photo provided

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The teenagers will buy a wheelbarrow and a garden tool to dig potatoes before they plant next year’s garden. “We’re going to work on the garden every year,” Kalyn promises.

Tim Pallesen writes about people of faith, their congregations, causes and community events.

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**Garden Calendar**

**JUNE 7**
Saturday - 6/7 - Growing Fabulous Fruits at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 551 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Learn how to grow tropical fruits in your backyard and in containers. 9 am - 12 pm. $35/member; $40/non-member. 233-1750 or www.mounts.org.

**JUNE 8-14**
Tuesday - 6/10 - Boca Raton Landscape Excellence Awards - Presented by the Boca Raton Beautification Committee at the Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road. Local businesses and their landscapers to be recognized. Free. Open to the public. To RSVP, contact Dick Randell at drmaper@ymail.com.

Saturday - 6/14 - Vegetable Growing Workshop - Presented by the Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service at 551 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Learn the secrets of vegetable gardening in South Florida with Palm Beach County Agricultural Development Coordinator Arthur Kirstein and Mounts Botanical Garden Horticultural Supervisor Mike Page. Tips and techniques and a tour of the Mounts Botanical Garden vegetable garden. 9 am - 1 pm. Free. 233-1792.

**JUNE 14 - You Can Re-Pot Your Orchid at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 551 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Bring in an orchid no larger than a 6” pot. Watch our pro demonstrate basic techniques and then practice with your own orchid. Cost does not include re-potting materials for specimens. Stock up on orchid supplies at the end of class. Class limit: 20. 10 am - 12 pm. $35/member; $40/non-member. 233-1750 or www.mounts.org.

**JUNE 22-28**
Saturday - 6/28 - Tropical Fruit “Taste of the Tropics” at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 551 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Join us on a culinary journey around the world as we explore delicious tropical fruit. Existing activities in the Garden include cooking demonstrations, guided tours, tropical fruit display featuring over 100 tropical fruits, tropical fruit samples, Whole Foods Market tasting table, plus fruit and fruit trees will be available for purchase. Palm Beach County Extension Master Gardener Booth, Family and Consumer Sciences food displays, food trucks and live music. Class limit: 20. 11 am - 3 pm. $35/member; $40/non-member. 233-1750 or www.mounts.org.

**Gardening**

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

Carol Brown, president of the Boca Raton Garden Club, had her hands full when she returned from two conventions in St. Petersburg in April. She was carrying five prestigious awards for the group, including two Garden Club of the Year certificates.

These were from the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, made up of almost 200 clubs statewide as well as the Deep South Region of National Garden Clubs that includes the clubs in six states.

“These awards show people how hard we’ve worked. I couldn’t be prouder,” says Brown, who finishes her two-year term as president this month. The club also received an award for the Town Hall talk it presented at the Boca Raton Historical Society and Museum in October to celebrate the group’s 60th anniversary. And it won top honors for its garden therapy program offered through FAU to those suffering Alzheimer’s disease.

Brown, who has been a club member since 2009, received a leadership award from the FFGC thanks to member Marion Tieniber, who filled out a 12-page application putting her name forward.

“We have really strong momentum now,” Brown says of the 160-member club that is attracting new people. “I’m hoping it will continue.”

**Birthday Honors**

Ocean Ridge Garden Club, Ocean Club - May 7

The Ocean Ridge Garden Club celebrated the 90th birthday of one of its long-time members, Dottie Morrison, at their year-end luncheon held May 7 at the Ocean Club of Florida in Ocean Ridge. Above: Club president Kristine de Haiseth presents Morrison with an orchid as member Julia Walker looks on. Photo provided

**Boca Raton Garden Club collects state awards**

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

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Sporting a ZIP code from Palm Beach County certainly makes you the envy of those stuck in lackluster locations, but when you look for a getaway, where do you go to find a paradise of equal or greater value? Key West. Especially if you are a fan of felines.

Admit it, the sunsets seem more stunning, the pace more leisurely and the margaritas more delicious in Key West than in any city in Palm Beach County.

Although this place draws people from all over the globe, locals tell me that Key West remains the go-to destination for South Floridians looking for a two- or three-day reprieve from I-95 traffic and work deadlines.

Recently, I returned to Key West to check out the multitudinous cats doggone lucky to live within the brick-walled compound known as the Hemingway House.

My guide was Jessica Pita, a fourth-generation “conch” (Key West native), who followed in the footsteps of her grandmother to be on staff at the Hemingway House. For me, this was a double treat. I have long been a fan of Hemingway’s succinct writing style and I’ve been a lifelong lover of cats. Love or loathe Hemingway for his hard-drinking ways, but this macho guy never hid his undeniable affection for cats.

His love affair with all things feline is rumored to have begun with a white cat named Snowball.

In the 1930s, when Hemingway and his second wife, Pauline, moved into this gracious island home, a ship captain gave him a special cat—one with extra toes. Most cats sport five toes on each front paw and four on each back paw, but Snowball had six on each front paw. Legend has it that cats with extra toes (referred to as polydactyl cats) were coveted by ship captains in the 1800s and early 1900s because the extra toes enabled these sea-faring cats to handle the ship’s rocking motions and thus, made them better mousers to rid the ship of disease-carrying rodents.

Today, about 45 of Snowball’s descendants live on the beautifully landscaped grounds to safely explore or ops with tourists and plenty of places inside the home and outside the compound, but the main door is usually open.

Rarely has any Hemingway cat opted to venture outside the premises. Seriously, why would they? They get stellar veterinary care, nutritious meals, lots of photo ops with tourists and plenty of places inside the home and on the beautifully landscaped grounds to safely explore or snooze without the threat of any d-o-g-s or other predators.

Polydactyl cats can be of any breed, but Maine coons for unknown reasons are more prone to having extra toes. They are also referred to as “mitten cats” and “cats with thumbs.” It is a gene mutation, but there have not been any medical problems associated with having extra toes.

The Hemingway cats I met were all laid back and happy to receive chin scratches and to pose for photos.

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bathrooms, new kitchen, new appliances, new lighting
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Trolling tips for wahoo and dolphin shared by IGFA experts

Most people who fish the Atlantic waters off South Florida have trolled for dolphin and possibly wahoo, too. But as anglers with decades of offshore experience know, there are many small tips to keep in mind that can make the difference between a dull day of trolling and a memory-making offshore fishing trip that produces delicious fish for dinner.

Fine points of offshore trolling were shared by instructors Mike Theis and Tony DiGiulian during a May 6 class on dolphin and wahoo fishing at the International Game Fish Association’s School of Sportfishing. Theirs said anglers should start by assembling the right rods for the jobs, trolling rods that hold 20- to 30-pound-test line and two or three spinning rods holding 6- to 20-pound-test line. (The spinning rods are for pitching baits to dolphin that appear near the boat.)

Also, choose the right size trolling bait. For dolphin, use a ballyhoo, squid or lure that is about the right size for the fish you’re expecting to find. If you troll an extra-large “horse” ballyhoo, for instance, an average dolphin might not hit it. If your goal is to catch the largest dolphin you can find for a tournament, however, troll some large baits.

Tie a loop in the end of the line on the trolling rod and tie a 40- to 50-pound leader to the loop, then connect the leader to the snap swivel that will attach to the bait. The extra leader length allows fish to be lifted into the boat without breaking the line. Use a few frozen trolling baits the night before you go fishing and salt their bellies with kerosen salt to make them tougher. Salted baits last longer before washing out, increasing fishing time. (Trolling baits made from bonito belly strips and squid also are effective for dolphin.)

Troll south against the north-flowing Gulf Stream current, but make loops to the east and west to find deep blue water that might even appear “purple.” Signs of good dolphin-trolling water include a slightly warmer temperature, mats of floating Sargasso weed and floating debris, such as tree branches. Floating objects that have small batfish around them are ideal. Troll by them. If that doesn’t work, stop and toss out a few chunks of sardine, squid or ballyhoo to bring the fish to the boat.

Consider ocean current reports by providers such as ROFFS (www.roffs.com) or Hilton’s Real Time Navigator (www.realtime-navigator.com). Ocean forecasts are not free, but neither is fuel.

Fish with only as many rods as you have anglers, Theis said. If three rods are hit by dolphin at the same time and you have two anglers ready to handle them, the result might be that you catch none of them.

Stagger baits at different distances behind the boat to avoid tangles in turns. A typical spread might include baits trolled at 100 and 150 feet behind outriggers, a short bait 50 feet behind the transom and a bait trolled on a downrigger or planer that takes it below the surface.

When trolling for wahoo, DiGiulian and Theis recommended a planer rig. The planer is attached to the rod to take the trolling bait below the surface. When a fish hits a line attached to a planer, it comes up to the surface.

DiGiulian likes to rig planers with 60 to 100 feet of line leading from the planer to the bait. He recommends 80- to 100-pound-test line for the “shock cord” but will fish as light as 60-pound to get more bites, despite the greater risk of losing a fish.

A key point: The line leading from the planer to the bait must be brought in by hand. That means one person on the boat needs to be ready to pull in the line holding the wahoo with gloved hands, being careful not to give it any slack, while the boat continues to move slowly forward.

When a wahoo nears the boat, bring it on board with a gaff and stand clear. A wahoo’s teeth can cause serious injury. Put the fish on ice for a few minutes and let it die before holding it up for photos. To make the strip bait, use double 6/0 or 7/0 hooks tied to about six inches of No. 6 fishing wire. Add a “sea witch” that will dangle over the bonito strip while trolling, then finish the rig with a swivel, which allows the strip bait to be tied to the trolling line.

Measure the hooks against the bonito strip before threading it onto the hooks. Make sure the hook is flat after the two hooks are inserted.

DiGiulian likes to poke the hooks through the meat side of the strip (as opposed to the silvery skin side) first. The first hook goes into the large part of the bonito strip, the second near the center. The thin, tapered end of the strip is what trails behind it as it moves through the water.

There’s no need to troll fast with the rig positioned behind a planer. Five to 7 knots (6 to 8 mph) is fine.

In South Florida waters, DiGiulian likes to troll for wahoo in summer. He trolls over structure such as drop-offs and wrecks, using a chunk of fish for wahoo around the full moon and likes to troll very early in the morning — and on an outgoing tide if possible.

Typical wahoo trolling depths are 100 to 300 feet. Some wahoo-fishing veterans focus their trolling time in depths of 150 to 250 feet. When a wahoo hits, note the depth and continue to fish in that depth.

Discover long-term fishing trends by writing down the details of your catches in a logbook.

The IGFA School of Sportfishing will begin a new round of classes in September. Look for the schedule in August on the IGFA website, www.igfa.org. Classes are limited to 24 students and are held at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum, just west of Interstate 95 at Griffin Road in Dania Beach. Tuition is $100 per class for IGFA members and $150 for nonmembers. It’s worth joining the IGFA at $40 for a regular membership or $15 for an e-membership to get the member discount. For more information on the IGFA School of Sportfishing, call Anthony Vedral at (954) 924-4254 or email him at: Avedral@igfa.org.

Noteworthy

• The Boynton Beach Fishing Club will hold its annual fishing tournament June 28 at the clubhouse building next to the boat ramps at Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park. The entry fee is $25. The captain’s meeting will follow the club meeting set for 7:30 p.m. June 24. Fishing will be from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m., followed by a weigh-in near the boat ramps from 1 to 2 p.m. and a barbecue. For details, go to www.bbfrc.org.

• The annual Lake Worth Fishing Tournament is scheduled for June 28. It begins with a captains meeting and late registration at 6 p.m. June 27 at Tuppen’s Marine and Tackle, 1002 N. Dixie Highway, Lake Worth. The weigh-in will be 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Palm Beach Yacht Center in Hypoluxo. The awards and barbecue will be from noon to 5 p.m. June 29 at Dave’s Last Resort in downtown Lake Worth. The entry fee is $175 per boat through June 22 or $250 thereafter. For details, go to www.lakeworthfishingtournment.com.

• Capt. George Mitchell will share tips for catching dolphin and tuna in the waters of South Florida and the Bahamas during the June 25 meeting of the West Palm Beach Fishing Club. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the club, 201 Fifth St., West Palm Beach. It’s free. Call (561) 832-6780.

Tip of the month: Fish over reefs for yellowtail snapper. The traditionally calm of early summer create good conditions for fishing offshore. Drift a chunk of cut sardine or ballyhoo on a 4/0 circle hook tied to 25- to 40-pound test fluorocarbon leader. Use just enough weight (1 to 2 ounces) to reach the bottom, and continue to let line out slowly to keep the bait near the bottom while drifting. Longer leaders tend to work better in strong current. If the current is too strong, move into shallower water. Alternatively: Anchor near a reef or ledge in about 50 feet of water. (Be careful not to anchor on the reef.) Hang a chum bag or two over the side so the chum draws in snapper from the reef. Drift back small chunks of ballyhoo or pieces of squid on small jigs (or small hooks) to catch yellowtail snapper on light spinning rods. The anchor-and-chum method is fun for kids and doesn’t require much boat fuel, though it often makes for a messy boat.

No boat? Try fishing from one of the drift boats that run out of Boynton Inlet such as the Sea Mist III, Living on Island Time or the Lady K.

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Along the Coast

A Life on the Water, from Bamboo Rod to Billfish Tournaments

By Willie Howard

Fishing around the Boynton Inlet helped Flip Traylor feed his family some 80 years ago, and the longtime Ocean Ridge resident still rises before dawn on fair weather mornings to run his boat through the familiar narrow passage to the Atlantic Ocean.

His introduction to fishing and the ocean started during the Great Depression, when young Flip and his friends fished with makeshift rods on the jetties at Boynton Inlet in hopes of bringing something home for their families to eat. His boyhood fishing rod was fashioned from a piece of bamboo, its wire line stripped from the windings of an electric motor.

Traylor remembers putting a steel rod on the end of his fishing pole and walking the jetty with a live fiddler crab in hand. He would scrape barnacles from the pilings with the metal pole. When a sheephead would come up to eat the scrapings, he would drop down a fiddler crab on a hook and catch it.

He and other boys dug clams from the little island they called the “sand bar” on the north side of the jetty — the island later named Beery Can Island, now known as Audubon Island.

During the winter months, Traylor’s father gathered fresh oysters from the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway where the Palm Beach Yacht Center is located today.

“We had no money, but we had fish, oysters, clams and sea turtles,” Traylor said during an April 28 reunion of aging turtles, “and Mel (My Little Boat), despite health problems related to skin cancer.

LEFT: Fishing has been a family affair as Barbara Traylor, with her husband,Flip, build a dock at Inlet Village near Boynton Inlet. While walking home, Traylor and a friend sold the string of about 20 fish to a passing motorist for 25 cents. He offered the money to the father to help feed the family and was delighted when his dad let him keep it.

If he caught pompano in his net, Traylor said, he sold the delicate, tasty fish. He and his family would eat moonfish instead.

Traylor attended high school in Key West. He learned to say the drums and played in Key West bars at age 15. Seeing young Flip work in bars didn’t please his mother, who sent Traylor to a parochial school in Mount Vernon, Ga., for four years.

“I thought I was in another world,” said Traylor, who still keeps a drum set in the garage of his home on North Harbour Drive. Traylor attended the University of Florida in the 1950s, but said he ran out of money and came back to Palm Beach County, where he returned his heft as a fisherman by working on boats in the Boynton Inlet charter fleet.

Traylor met his wife, Barbara, in the mid-1950s at the South Ocean Club, a live-music nightclub near Lake Worth Beach. They’ve been married for 58 years.

Boynton and the Caribbean

One summer, a wealthy man asked Traylor to run his boat. He wound up working as a captain for the boat owner for 20 years — a job that led him to billfish tournaments in the Bahamas and inspired him to learn to fly a seaplane.

After his wealthy employer died in the 1970s, Traylor became a real estate broker, selling resort property on the Caicos islands. The job allowed Traylor to capitalize on his skills as a seaplane pilot.

Traylor continued to sell real estate until recently, when he allowed his license to lapse for health reasons. Barbara is now a retired certified public accountant who founded the Boynton Beach accounting firm Traylor, Gratton & Beaumont in 1974. The Traylor’s son, Greg, and granddaughter Ashton Krauss, live in Boynton Beach. Their daughter, Pamela Anwyll, lives in McLean, Va. They also have a great-grandson living in Boynton Beach.

Still greeting the day

Traylor nourishes his thin frame with a feeding tube, his body ravaged by treatments for the skin cancer he has been fighting for decades.

He keeps his boat, MLB (My Little Boat) behind his house and, with help from a younger man, runs it out the Boynton Inlet to fish on the ocean every day.

On fishing days, he often dresses in denim shorts, a loose shirt, floppy hat and weathered deck shoes.

Traylor said he still enjoys seeing the sun rise up from the Atlantic Ocean when he heads out the inlet before dawn.

“It’s different every day,” Traylor said of the sunrise. “It looks like a cocktail glass.”

Outdoors Calendar

**JUNE 8-14**

Saturday - 6/7 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup
15200 N Ocean Blvd., Boynton Beach. Join a resident still rises before dawn to run his boat through the familiar narrow passage to the Atlantic Ocean.

**JUNE 15-21**

Thursday - 6/19 - Beach Treasures at Sunset
Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 2801 Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Meet at the center to learn about seaweeds and the animals that make them. Caracaras to Red Reefs Park, 1408 N. State Road A1A, and search for ocean treasures. For all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. 9-10:30 am. 544-8615 or www.sandowayhouse.org.

**JUNE 22-28**

Monday - 6/23 - Fourth of July Butterfly Count at Daggett Nature Center, South County Regional Park, 11459 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. For age 6 and older. 5:15 pm. Reservations: 629-8760.
SALE PENDING IN LAKESHORE, AN INTRACOASTAL COMMUNITY

This totally renovated and expanded villa with 2-car garage has over 2500 total square feet with a large, screened patio for year-round enjoyment. This gated, pet-friendly community has a heated pool and spa overlooking wide, East views of the Intracoastal waterway. Public marinas within walking distance for your boat. You, too, will love living in Lakeshore!

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HYPOLUXO ISLAND WATERFRONT – LANTANA

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

3 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHS, 2-CAR GARAGE $1,575,000 - ALSO AVAILABLE FOR ANNUAL/UNFURNISHED LEASE: $5,000 MONTH

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This 4 Bedroom 3 Bath Home on North Atlantic Drive has a private dock, ocean access and perfect privacy with a large, fenced yard and beautiful landscaping. A ‘Quiet Sale’ for this very lucky buyer! This one is Sold, but there are others! Call today for other available properties on Hypoluxo Island.

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This Boca Raton waterfront home has it all. It offers great style, direct Intracoastal Waterway access and is just blocks from the beach, shopping and restaurants. The home, which sits on Spanish River Road in the city’s Estates section, was built in 1994.

It offers four bedrooms, four full baths and two half-baths in 4,957 square feet of living space. The open floor plan is suited to entertaining in style, with a kitchen that has Gaggenau appliances. An office, loft and huge balcony and two-car garage round out the home’s features.

Outdoor entertaining is made easy with a resort-style pool with hot tub, gazebo/summer kitchen and a 24,000-pound boat lift. The home is offered at $3,795,000 by Joyce Marie Schneider of Castles By The Beach Inc.; 561-392-8770 or 561-212-4404.

**Above:** An elegant two-story foyer greets visitors. **Left:** Stylish waterfront living in Boca. **Left:** The resort-style pool area has a gazebo and a summer kitchen. **Below:** A large loft opens to the living room, which has water views and a fireplace.

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Luxurious 6BR/6.5BA waterfront estate with wide water views overlooking a large pool/spa and dock adjacent to new dock/fixed lift. $2,295,000

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Charming Hypoluxo Island waterfront home. 3,650 SF, one level 4BR/4BA. Updated home with French doors leading to the backyard with expansive water views. $1,895,000

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101 N. COUNTY ROAD, PALM BEACH
By Willie Howard

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Every Dad Has His Day

On the waves

Gifts that can help fathers relax and reinvigorate on the surf

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More gift ideas for Dad, AT2

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The power pod is turned on and off by a wireless wrist controller. It shuts down the WaveJet motors when the person wearing the wristband is more than 10 feet away.

When the surf was up at the Lake Worth Pier in March, professional surfer Peter Mendia of West Palm Beach demonstrated a 6½-foot WaveJet surfboard (a short board) by using the propulsion system to help him catch several waves.

The board’s thrust compensates for the extra weight of the power pod, Mendia said, noting that a blank power pod can be inserted to ride the board without power.

Mendia said having a powered surfboard allows him to reach prime waves that he wouldn’t otherwise reach. With the WaveJet system, Mendia said, he catches more waves and spends less time paddling.

“The more waves you catch, the happier you are,” he said. When he wants to catch a wave in a hurry, Mendia said, he paddles and uses the board’s power at the same time.

“You’re hauling butt,” he said. Prices for WaveJet boards range from $4,400 to $5,000 for a surfboard, bodyboard or stand-up paddleboard. The Power Pod can be moved from one type of WaveJet board to another, and all the boards can be used without power.

The WaveJet system is not recommended for surfers or board paddlers younger than 12. Because of the size of its lithium ion battery, the WaveJet power pod cannot be transported on a commercial airplane.

WaveJet boards come in 6.5-foot and 7.1-foot short surfboards, long boards ranging from 9 to 10 feet, longer stand-up paddleboards, short body boards and powered rescue boards for lifeguards.

The California-based company makes a fishing version of its paddleboard — the Hana Big EZ Fishing SUP — that comes with anchor points, a Seamount system for attaching coolers and a leaning seat.

For more information on WaveJet boards, go to www.wavejet.com.

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Fat Sand cruiser bikes feature oversized tires for riding on beach sand. They’re available in many versions, from the basic single-speed cruiser ($699) to the three-speed ($749) the 16-speed Ultimate Beast Cruiser ($1,899). The titanium-framed 16-speed version sells for $2,995. The company also offers electric-powered and children’s versions. Learn more at www.fatsandbikes.com. Willie Howard/The Coastal Star

Dining

Penne for our thoughts? Visit Al Fresco

The Plate: Penne Tomato & Basil
The Place: Al Fresco, at the Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course, 2345 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, 273-4130 or alfredscopb.com
The Price: $16.50
The Skinny: We had been wanting to check out the new clubhouse at the Palm Beach Par 3 for quite some time, and are sorry we did not go sooner, for the food is beautiful, and the Atlantic Ocean vistas are spectacular — all the better for a relaxing Sunday lunch. The menu has a solid mix of salads, sandwiches and entrees. But the pasta seemed refreshing on a balmy spring day. The penne were cooked al dente and tossed in a creamy, slightly savory tomato sauce that was redolent with basil. There were large, creamy chunks of mozzarella throughout. We also enjoyed the Gazpacho Al Fresco ($7), which was loaded with diced vegetables, a spinach salad ($12.50) that had beautiful bits of shaved Parmigiano, bacon and egg with a perfectly blended balsamic vinaigrette.

But in our mind’s eye, we keep coming back to that aromatic pasta.

The only downside? We got as much on us as in us.

Next time, we’ll wear a bib.

— Scott Simmons

Other gift ideas for Dad

Bluewater’s popular, smooth-riding 23t center console fishing boat, built in Fort Pierce, sells for around $80,000 with one engine and for under $100,000 with twin outboards. The ‘t’ stands for tournament edition, meaning it’s set up more as a fishing boat than the more family-oriented Bluewater 2350. Features include a 50-gallon circular live well, a transom door and insulated fish boxes. Prices vary depending on options. Bluewater’s offshore boats range in size from 21.5 to 35 feet. The company also builds inshore fishing boats. Learn more at www.bluewaterboats.com. Photo provided

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Dining

Penne for our thoughts? Visit Al Fresco

The Plate: Penne Tomato & Basil
The Place: Al Fresco, at the Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course, 2345 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, 273-4130 or alfredscopb.com
The Price: $16.50
The Skinny: We had been wanting to check out the new clubhouse at the Palm Beach Par 3 for quite some time, and are sorry we did not go sooner, for the food is beautiful, and the Atlantic Ocean vistas are spectacular — all the better for a relaxing Sunday lunch. The menu has a solid mix of salads, sandwiches and entrees. But the pasta seemed refreshing on a balmy spring day. The penne were cooked al dente and tossed in a creamy, slightly savory tomato sauce that was redolent with basil. There were large, creamy chunks of mozzarella throughout. We also enjoyed the Gazpacho Al Fresco ($7), which was loaded with diced vegetables, a spinach salad ($12.50) that had beautiful bits of shaved Parmigiano, bacon and egg with a perfectly blended balsamic vinaigrette.

But in our mind’s eye, we keep coming back to that aromatic pasta.

The only downside? We got as much on us as in us.

Next time, we’ll wear a bib.

— Scott Simmons

Other gift ideas for Dad

Bluewater’s popular, smooth-riding 23t center console fishing boat, built in Fort Pierce, sells for around $80,000 with one engine and for under $100,000 with twin outboards. The ‘t’ stands for tournament edition, meaning it’s set up more as a fishing boat than the more family-oriented Bluewater 2350. Features include a 50-gallon circular live well, a transom door and insulated fish boxes. Prices vary depending on options. Bluewater’s offshore boats range in size from 21.5 to 35 feet. The company also builds inshore fishing boats. Learn more at www.bluewaterboats.com. Photo provided

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$229,000 - Completely updated condo on the 2nd floor with open views of the 4th fairway of the golf course. Extended kitchen with Thomasville cabinets and quartz counters and recessed lighting. Master bedroom overbooks the golf course and master bath has been reconfigured to have a large walk in shower and dual sinks.

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$2,499,000 - Luxurious home in the secluded Seagate enclave, one block from beach and close to Atlantic Ave. This completely updated estate has a family room with two-story barn ceilings and is 30 X 30 with a bar and French doors leading to pool.

DELRAY DUNES C.C.

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Forget the blues: Bamboo Room owners looking for buyers with green

Bamboo Room …
Always full of surprises. For example, on Songwriters Night, when the guy at the microphone starts wailing a bluesy version of The Wanderer, a woman at the bar blurts out, “It’s supposed to be original material.” After a brief pause, Dion leans into the mic. “Yeah, no kiddin.”

Lots of originals have played the Lake Worth landmark: John Sebastian, Bo Diddley, Edgar Winter, Jorma Kaukonen, Big Bill Morganfield, Al Kooper, Marcia Ball, Tracy Nelson, John Hammond, Bukka White, Levon Helm, Marty Balin.

For nearly a decade and a half, the Bamboo Room has been Russ Hibbard’s musical sandbox. With the exception of being shuttered during the economic blues from 2008 to 2011, the club, beautifully decorated and filled with musical memorabilia, has been a haven for lovers of live music since 1999. But times are changing. Hibbard and wife and co-owner Karen McKinley are preparing for retirement in a couple of years and want the freedom that goes with it. They want to make a clean break from the club. But rather than just drop it, they want to find a solid buyer before that transition begins.

“Several people are interested; two of them are club operators,” Hibbard said, brimming with optimism. “We had four showings in one day.” But leaving won’t be easy. Every time he comes across an old clipping, he gets nostalgic about the entertainers he met and the customers he served. “It had an amazing run,” he said. “I hope someone will buy it and keep it going. I would hate to have to auction all of this off.”

If your idea of a beer is Bud Light or a really cold Miller’s … well, any old bar or mini-mart will do.

But if you like adventure — a Nitro Milk Stout, for example, a not-so-chilly Puppy’s Breath Porter or any of nearly 400 heirloom and craft beers, many in big, big bottles — head to Beer Trade Co., a new Delray watering hole (interesting eats, too!). Gene Playter and Chris Sanchez have totally reworked the old Crepes by the Sea location on Second Avenue a block and a half north of Atlantic. They promise to keep you occupied, maybe even amazed. (808-7304).

Another SunFest is in the books. Attendance at 175,000 was up about 5,000 and nary a peep about unruly customers or unruly entertainment. Rain barely was a problem. “The key is customer service and giving the customers the best experience possible,” SunFest President Carrie Bradburn said. “Most people had a great time.”

Bradburn is a second-generation SunFest president. Her father, the late Granville Webb, presided over the 1987 party that featured Wynton Marsalis and Lynyrd Skynyrd.
The People Upstairs are headed downtown. The Boynton Beach-based rock / funk / reggae stylers have a busy summer planned to push their new disc. Of course, their new disc, including a big June 7 show at Mizner Park Amphitheater in Boca Raton. Stewart's brother sang at the concert. Find more good music at www.theplazatheatre.net or The Wick Theatre Co. in Boca Raton. With Ain’t Misbehavin’ and its first season wrapped June 1, The Wick Theatre in Boca Raton will take a breather. Founder Marilyn Wick made the grand jeté from industry costumer to producer, taking over the former Caldwell Theatre Co. and, in the process, silencing a lot of skeptics. Next season, The Wick goes strictly musical, reopening Oct. 23 with Swing! and following with Mame, La Cage aux Folles, Mamma Mia!, Chicago, Side Show and Dames at Sea. Of course, The Wick’s costume museum, The Broadway Collection, featuring thousands of original costumes, remains available, with luncheons and/or high teas, if desired by appointment. (954-223-)

Not all theaters are dark this summer. At the Delray Beach Playhouse, Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning Doubt continues through June 8, and Randy 2nd Stage hosts Mamma Mia!, 2008’s Broadway hit, which draws a happy audience to play the musical. Of course, the musical stars Drew books she read as a girl. She has used her talents as a researcher to promote local history, as the first curatorial resident at the Boynton Beach City Library and currently as president of the Boynton Beach Historical Society. She has written or co-authored five books and is working on another scheduled for release next year.

Drivers heading south on Interstate 95 through Boca Raton can’t see it because of the high median wall, but just beyond the airport, northbound drivers are noticing a new construction project. Work has begun on the new interchange at Spanish River Boulevard. Old-timers who thought the Palmetto Pavilion (Palmetto Park Road at 12th Avenue) was complex will be dazzled.

The Boca Raton City Council represents a group of new faces from the Florida Department of Transportation are so excited about the $67 million project that they’ve even held a groundbreaking party. Designed to relieve traffic congestion at Florida Atlantic University, the project also will include modifications to the Yamato Road interchange, the construction of eight — that’s right, eight — new bridges and improvements to five existing bridges. Target completion date: late 2016.

Meanwhile, lanes on I-95 will be closed intermittently, but traffic will continue to back up. But if traffic backs up after football games, FAU officials will be thrilled to have the crowds, especially for the first Boca Raton Bowl at FAU’s new stadium Dec. 23. Featuring teams from the Mid-American Conference and Conference USA, of which FAU is a member, the game will be carried by ESPN. Needless to say, FAU’s new football coach Charlie Partridge, whose style resembles that of a tent revivalist, wants his team in the game.

FAU’s football program was traffic and will continue to Schnellenberger, who’s still around as the school’s goodwill ambassador, but “only working 60 hours a week and 80.” Schnellenberger first came to South Florida as a Miami Dolphins assistant under Bob St. John. The Hurricanes to a national title and rejuvenating Louisville’s program. Now, the Owls can boast another Miami Dolphins: The wide receivers coach is Dan Shula, grandson of legendary coach Don Shula.

Julius, Jefferson Starship, with originals Paul Kantner and David Freiberg, July 28 and 29, Sophie B. Hawkins, Aug. 5 and 6 and a different kind of music with Sandra Bernhard, Aug. 12 and 13.

Average White Band will pick up the pieces of summer Sept. 16 and 17.


And just to keep life on the verge of chaos, Arts Garage presents Ring of Fire, a musical version of the life of Johnny Cash. David Luketen, who designed and starred in the bamstorming Woody Sez, stars. A co-production with the Adirondack Theatre Festival, it may not be listed in Guide Michelin, but for a good party, it’s hard to beat the Taste of Boynton. Hosted by the Boynton Chamber of Commerce, this year’s Taste is set for 6:30 p.m. June 12 at Benvenuto. Menu samplings for just about every palate will be offered by the likes of Benvenuto, The Backyard, Banana Boat, Bonefish Grill, Cake Garden & Tea Kitchen, Carolina Ale House, Cathy’s Cakes, Culinary Solutions, Dean Anthony’s Pizzeria & Restaurant, East Ocean Cafe, Delilahs

Caffe Luna Rosa has earned a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence. “Credit for this award goes to our hard working staff in the kitchen, on the floor and behind the bar. It is their daily commitment to superior service and support that has earned this prestigious award for Caffe Luna Rosa,” said the restaurant’s founder/partner Fran Marincola. And here’s another announcement just in time for summer, Caffe Luna Rosa now offers brunch every day from 7 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. “We wanted to give everyone the opportunity to enjoy a greater variety of breakfast items along with our delicious gourmet lunches and dinners,” said the restaurant’s executive chef Ernesto Delilah.

Local research guru and Palm Beach State College librarian Janet DeVries is due kudos for winning the 2014 Society of Florida Archivists Award of Excellence for research in Palm Beach County. DeVries, who is working on her master’s degree in library science at Florida State University, was instrumental in founding the Schoolhouse Children’s Museum, the first history-based children’s museum in Florida. She also designed and installed exhibits to interpret Palm Beach County history. Her fascination with mysteries and historic sleuthing were fueled by all the Nancy Drew books she read as a girl. She has used her talents as a researcher to promote local history, as the first curatorial resident at the Boynton Beach City Library and currently as president of the Boynton Beach Historical Society.

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Jamie Bernstein to discuss her father’s legacy at FAU

As befits the daughter of an eminent man of music, Jamie Bernstein answers the first question by singing. “Don’t it always seem to go / You don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone,” she warbles, channeling Joni Mitchell’s 1970 classic, Big Yellow Taxi.

She’s answering a polite query about the legacy of her father, Leonard, composer, pianist, conductor, educator and world eminence, who in his Young People’s Concerts with the New York Philharmonic showed millions of young people — and their parents — that classical music could be not just fun, but edifying in an eminence, who in his Young People’s Concerts with the New York Philharmonic showed millions of young people — and their parents — that classical music could be not just fun, but edifying in an in several important ways, his legacy has only grown in the absence of his corporeality. Several of his works — West Side Story, the overture to his operaetta Candide and the choral work Chichester Psalms — are seen and heard regularly, and in recent years there has been more attention paid to his wonderful one-act opera, Trouble in Tahiti, his three symphonies, and the Serenade for violin and orchestra, a concerto in everything but name that may be his finest classical achievement.

Although it’s scheduled for another revival this fall at New York’s Lyric Theatre, Bernstein’s earliest Broadway score, On the Town, which premiered in the last days of 1944, has not established itself the way West Side Story has. But it is a marvelous piece, with among other things a famous opening number (New York, New York), a ballad revered by jazz players (Somewhere), and a standout comic number (I Can Cook, Too) that makes a great impression if the performer is brassy and high-spirited enough.

This month, as part of the inaugural Spirit of America Festival at Florida Atlantic University, Aaron Kula and his Klezmer Company Orchestra will mark the 70th anniversary of the musical’s premiere with a full concert version of the score, performed by six singers and the 50-piece KCO.

The show is set for 3 p.m. June 22, at the Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium on FAU’s Boca Raton campus.

The three-day festival also will feature Kula in conversation with Jamie Bernstein at 7:30 p.m. June 21, at the Wimberly Library, preceded by a meet-and-greet reception.

And on June 23 at 7 p.m., also at the library, theater critic Bill Hirschman, who operates the Florida Theater On Stage website, will provide commentary for a piano-vocal recital called Bernstein on Broadway.

The show is about three sailors on shore leave who have 24 hours to see the big city; it was made into a movie in 1949 with Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Jules Munshin as the sailors, and Vera-Ellen, Betty Garrett and Ann Miller as their love interests. But most of Bernstein’s score was replaced with far more conventional songs by MGM house hack Roger Edens, which was a sore point with the composer, and still is today with his daughter.

But the movie was a hit, and confusion about what was actually in that score may have hindered its acceptance in the way that the film of West Side Story, considered a cinematic masterpiece, helped secure that work’s place in the theatrical pantheon.

“Yeah, I know,” Jamie Bernstein says, adding that the Three Dance Episodes suit her father drew from his score remains one of her favorite pieces. The team of Betty Comden and Adolph Green wrote the book and lyrics for On the Town, and later worked with Bernstein on another score with New York at its heart, Wonderful Town. Their other collaborations include Bells Are Ringing, with Jule Styne, and the scripts for Singin’ in the Rain and The Band Wagon.

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“I think at the time people thought that maybe it meant a rounding of the corner for Broadway scores, and from now on, Broadway scores would be much more sophisticated,” she said.

Looking back, my father’s scores were more like a blip on the screen, and then everybody went right back to their old habits. I don’t think that, except for my father and [Stephen] Sondheim, anybody wrote Broadway scores that way. It was just kind of an anomaly.”

On the Town was developed from a ballet score called Fancy Free that Leonard Bernstein had composed for choreographer Jerome Robbins.

“That might be the engine of On the Town, that driving dance music, and the way my father was able to mix together the jazz genres with his own symphonic impulses,” she said, adding that the Three Dance Episodes suit her father drew from his score remains one of her favorite pieces. The team of Betty Comden and Adolph Green wrote the book and lyrics for On the Town, and later worked with Bernstein on another score with New York at its heart, Wonderful Town. Their other collaborations include Bells Are Ringing, with Jule Styne, and the scripts for Singin’ in the Rain and The Band Wagon.

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company so much. ... There is that element of delight that you can hear in the score of On the Town. You can practically hear them laughing together.”

Bernstein has been working for the past four years on a documentary about El Sistema, the social change-through-music program for impoverished Venezuelans that has spawned legions of imitators (70 such programs in the United States alone) and at least one world-class career, that of Los Angeles Philharmonic music director Gustavo Dudamel. The movie should be ready by the end of the year, she said, and in the meantime, she and her sister Nina and brother Alexander are heavily involved in plans for the celebration in 2018 of their father’s centennial.

And championing the life and work of Leonard Bernstein never gets burdensome, she insists. “Everybody should be so lucky to carry such a burden,” she said. “We are so proud of him, and so proud of his legacy. Who wouldn’t want to go out and share it with the world?”

Tickets for the Jamie Bernstein conversation are $25, and for the Bernstein on Broadway recital are $15; On the Town tickets are $20-$42. Call 800-564-9539 or visit www.fauevents.com.

If ever there were an art exhibit that screams baby boomers, it’s the Norton Museum of Art’s summer show, Wheels and Heels: The Big Noise Around Little Toys, which pays tribute to two iconic toys that made their debut in the 1950s: the miniature car and the Barbie doll. Much ado has been made about Barbie, of course, and 2009 marked a huge milestone in the toy’s 50th birthday of Mattel Inc.’s cultural bombshell. But last year marked the 60th anniversary of the appearance of Matchbox cars, an innovation from Britain’s Lesney Products and Co. that was to be followed 15 years later by Hot Wheels, a competing line of tiny cars from Mattel.

Opening June 19 and running through Oct. 26, Wheels and Heels features many objects related to these three products as well as hundreds of the dolls and cars themselves. Included are Barbie’s college dorm from 1964, Matchbox racecars, TV commercials, manufacturing films and marketing publications such as the Random House books devoted to Barbie’s backstory.

Matthew Bird, the guest curator for the exhibit, says Barbie hit the sweet spot of price, demand and cultural relevance when she was introduced in 1959, and helped usher kid power into consumerism. “Before Mattel came along, toys were only sold at the door or in the Sears catalog only had a toy section in December,” said Bird, 48, an assistant professor of industrial design at the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design. But Mattel’s Ruth Handler, who invented the Barbie doll, and Barbie realized that Mattel could not have a viable business for long by being busy for just part of the year, he said.

“Handler realized that the only way to do that was to appeal to the kids,” he said last month from Providence, R.I. Mattel almost bankrupted itself by borrowing large amounts of capital to take out advertising on The Mickey Mouse Club show in the early days of television, he said, but that helped establish the idea of the year-round appetite for toys.

“It steadied their business dramatically, but it also turned the kids into the ones who were making the decisions about what they wanted,” he said. “It was very engineered, and I think everyone else learned from the success of that effort.”

The Norton show also outlines the manufacturing breakthroughs that helped make the toys truly mass-market. Lesney’s Matchboxes, for instance, were created initially as a response to a school show-and-tell request by the nephew of Las Vegas engineer Jack Odell, who had to bring something to class that could fit in a matchbox.

“Both companies were amazingly innovative in how they changed manufacturing, and frankly, what it allowed the rest of the world to do was very exciting,” Bird said, such as the rotational-molding technique. But Mattel pioneered Matchboxes, which allowed Barbie to strike a pose rather than flop around like dolls of previous eras.

In the same thing with Lesney: They were brilliant machinists, and they were the only people able to make that level of detail in such a small metal part. They made all their own machinery, they made all their dies … and all the ways we mold metal since, and I would argue, plastic as well … all of that came out of Lesney and Mattel to make more efficient molding,” he said.

Greg’s List
Greg’s List: Some of the other things I’m looking forward to this month

**JUNE 7**

D.A.R.: This rock quintet from suburban Washington, D.C. (an acronym stands for D.C. Rock and Roll), made its mark by extensive touring early on, and it has developed an enviable fan base over the years, with songs such as “Shuttered,” “This Town” and “Love and Memories.” The group’s new recording, The Rockslide LP, is officially released June 19, and it has a long and busy summer ahead of appearances across the country. Somehow, the Metro Jupiter Theater landed one of these shows, and for one night the theater usually associated with music will be transformed into a rock palace. Should be very interesting, the FAS-based band The People Upstairs open for 9:30. Tickets for the 7 p.m. show range from $45 to $50. Call 375-2223 or visit www.jupitertheater.org.

**JUNE 19-JUNE 29**

**Avenue Q:** This rock musical that explores the problems of Avenue Q, the 2004 Tony winner for best musical, and the Muppets are, for legal reasons, purely coincidental. But this long-running examination of what happens to Sesame Street-inspired dreams when life intrudes is at turns filthy and hilarious, with such catchy classics as The Internet Is For Porn, Everybody’s a Little Racist and It’s a Fine Life. Stilo N Theme, who invested in the original production, produces this very good show for Exit/Steve Theatre this month at the Crest Theatre on the campus of the Delray Beach Center for the Arts. Tickets are $20-$42 for adults, $15 for students with ID and $10 for seniors. Call 243-7922, Ext. 1, or visit delraytheaterlive.com.

**JUNE 20-JUNE 29**

**Zorba:** This Greek musical by John Kander and Fred Ebb (Chicago, Chicago) was a modest success in its original run, and in 1983 revived with Anthony Quinn, who had played Zorba in the film version of the same story drawn from Nikos Kazantzakis’ 1946 novel (based on a real person Kazantzakis knew). Praise for the musical’s version of the Greek mas male dancer and pinup in the 1968 movie The Battle of Algiers, and the song “Is Life Worth Living?” remains timely, with scenes from samurai life. Admission to the museum’s current exhibit of the samurai, a class of fighter abolished in the late 1860s but that held on in the popular imagination of this country, focuses on speed rather than detail, and introducing a sense of imaginative fancy, such as is the not-found-in-nature Drugar, a racing-style Jaguar with a chrome engine sticking out of the hood and a bubble encasing driver and passenger. But Hot Wheels also had a frictionless wheel system, so that the cars would really move, Bird said, unlike the Matchboxes, which had metal wheels and axles, and so couldn’t get up much of a head of tiny steam.

Ultimately, Lesney went under in the 1960s but was bought out by several other companies and then by its old rival Mattel, which continues to make both car lines today.

The exhibit also will include an interactive playroom, but details of what it will contain are still being worked out by Norton staff, Bird said. He sticks up for the power of imagination, and kids’ ability to use it, as a counter to critics such as the familiar one about Barbie’s unrealistic body, or that a Matchbox truck and car can be exactly the same size, and therefore not fit to scale.

“I think that’s a great example of trusting kids’ ability to imagine,” he said. “I like that both companies were just not that worried technology was controlling the play scenario. They just were making the toy, with faith that the kids would figure it out.”

The Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $12 for adults, $5 for students with valid ID, and free for members and children 12 and under. Call 888-3199 or visit www.norton.org.
Arts

Conrad Pickel's art defined by his boundless imagination and enthusiasm

By Lucy Lazarony

Conrad Pickel in Boynton Beach came to America at the age of 21 after apprenticing and learning the art of stained glass at the famed Mayer Studio in Munich. Pickel started his own stained glass studio in Milwaukee in 1947 and it quickly grew to be one of the leading stained glass studios in the United States. In 1956, Pickel started a branch of his studio in Vero Beach. Pickel lived in homes in Vero Beach and in Pompano Beach before moving to Leisureville in Boynton Beach in 1974. Paul Pickel, who runs Conrad Pickel Studios in Vero Beach, spoke about his father's paintings, sculptures, mosaics and stained glass at the Boynton Beach City Library. He described his father as a very prolific artist who started his designs and sketches in the wee hours of the morning. "He'd wake up at 4 in the morning and start thinking about what he was going to do that day," Pickel said. He said his father wished he had a "mind camera" to capture all his ideas.

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Pickel called the oil painting 'I am the Light of the World', featuring a striking blue-eyed Christ figure, one of his father's best paintings. "Those are Pickel eyes. I love the eyes," Pickel said of the painting, which is on display at the Boynton Beach City Library.

For his stained glass designs, Conrad Pickel was known for his strong use of black for delineation and "Pickel blues," which his son described as "a certain range of blues, a soft cobalt blue, a little bit of gray, a little bit of purple, not hot." Pickel remembers his father saying, "Use more black, use more black. He liked to use black to make the windows stronger."

Conrad Pickel designed this stained glass window at St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church in Boynton Beach. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

"He designed and designed and his imagination just kept going," Pickel said.

Pickel said a lot of his father's ideas were "out of the box." As a businessman, Pickel "pooh-poohed" some of his father's ideas because of the cost the materials involved. But his father never listened. Pickel said having fun was very important to his father and that he enjoyed working with children.

Conrad Pickel's loaned From Heaven sculpture stands in the infant section of Boynton Memorial Park.

"They're very simple windows but you walk in and they're just so clear. They're just so beautiful," Pickel said of his father's stained glass designs. Pickel also spoke about Gallery Fantasia, an angular-shaped building with large columns of Conrad Pickel's decalike blocks, a mural, and a small tower located at 1000 S. Federal Highway.

From 1974 to 1983, Gallery Fantasia was home to Conrad Pickel’s Palm Beach Center for the Arts, a nonprofit artistic gathering place for the community. All programs were free. A sample program shows the opera guild performing, the drama guild performing, a performance from a pianist, and a lecture on stained glass.

"He had a grand piano and invited guests to perform," Pickel remembered. "They would hold concerts on Sunday." Paul Pickel concluded his presentation by saying, "My father was a talented, out-of-the-box designer and person. What I remember about him most was his enthusiasm, his enthusiasm for art, his enthusiasm for life."

Conrad Pickel said of artists, "People don't know how beautiful the world is. They have to learn about it. It's up to the artist to bring something very important to life. Otherwise, it's just an existence."

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The exhibition also showcases a sample of decraltie, a type of glowing, stained glass block designed for everyday architectural installations that Conrad Pickel developed in 1968.

"It's an honor to celebrate Conrad Pickel," said Debby Coles-Dobay, city of Boynton Beach public art manager. "He was such a visionary artist for the city."

During his two decades in Boynton Beach, Pickel brought his unique stained glass designs to city churches, the mausoleum at Boynton Memorial Park, a nonprofit center for the arts called Gallery Fantasia, a small tower located at 1000 S. Federal Highway, a tour group looks at Conrad Pickel's windows, which decorate Boynton Memorial Park and Mausoleum.

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Christine Lynn’s birthday was celebrated at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Christine E. Lynn Women’s Health & Wellness Institute. Lynn was accompanied by donors, hospital and city officials and hospital staff members. Her $10 million gift to establish the institute was made in honor of Gloria Drummond. When it opens in 2015, the 42,000-square-foot Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League Pavilion will offer a state-of-the-art environment. With a prominent location at the entry to the hospital campus, the Institute will serve as a new landmark for the community.

Above: Well-wishers honor Lynn with a cake.
Right: Barb and Irving Gutin, with Anne Green attend the groundbreaking.

Photos provided

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**Sandoway House Annual Gala**
Benvenuto, Boynton Beach – April 11

Sandoway House Nature Center’s ‘Where the Wild Things Are’ affair attracted 160 supporters who dined, danced, bid on silent-auction items and raised more than $44,000.

Photo: Jestena Bough-ton (left) gives Executive Director Daniela Sanborn a check for $3,000 toward student-outreach programs. Photo provided

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**Student Scholarship Awards**
Lynn University, Boca Raton – April 12

The National Society of Arts and Letters’ Florida East Coast Chapter selected 13 students to receive scholarships to colleges of their choice during an event chaired by Highland Beach resident Judi Asselta. Asselta introduced each student and presented all of them with a certificate and check. The winners represented such disciplines as dance, drama, literature and musical theater.

Above: Brian Edwards, Asselta, musician Yasmeen Ampuero and artist Patricia Burdette.

Photo provided by Barbara McCormick

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**50th anniversary celebration**
Ruth’s Chris Steak House, Boca Raton – May 5

The Boca Raton Woman’s Club rang in its half-century mark by installing a new slate of officers for 2014-15. Club officials, both past and present, gathered for the historic occasion, at which Mayor Susan Haynie presented a congratulatory proclamation.

Photo: District Director Joan Haros, with club members Kitty Kobilnick, Helen Babione and Buzz Lewis.

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**Culture & Cocktails**
The Colony Palm Beach – March 3

The popular series sponsored by the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County attracted more than 70 supporters to the fourth conversation of the 2013-14 season. The topic: ‘I Like America: Noël Coward in the U.S.A.,’ featuring an exchange between Barry Day, editor of The Letters of Noël Coward, and William Hayes, producing artistic director of Palm Beach Dramaworks.

Photo: Barbara Strom with Linda Rosenkrantz.

Photo provided by Corby Kaye’s Studio Palm Beach
Celebrations

**Junior League of Boca Raton Annual Dinner**
Delray Beach Club – May 13

More than 140 guests, including featured speaker Jean Chatzky, of NBC’s ‘Today,’ gathered to announce this year’s Jewish Women’s Foundation grantees and to honor foundation Chairwoman Mara Reuben for exemplary leadership. Trustees voted to distribute $170,000 to nine projects impacting Jewish women and children in South Florida and Israel. Photos: Alice Kemper, Sheila Fuente, Roxane Lipton, Ann Kelman, and Chairwomen Marlene Silver and Jeanne Fibus. Photo provided by Jeffrey Tholl Photography.

**Grantsing Wishes Cocktail Reception**
Boca Rio Golf Club, Boca Raton – March 24

**Old Salts Picnic**
Boynton Beach Inlet – April 28

Longtime fishermen gathered for a picnic to swap tales. Photo: Wally Alexander, Ron ‘Captain Hool’ Hamlin, Mike Fortier, Rick Lyman, Bob Nicholson, Jim Duncan, Butch Moser, Jimmie Zeak, Dr. Charles (Buddy) Moore, and two unidentified participants. Kneeling in front is Tom Bland. Willie Howard/The Coastal Star.

**Annual Chamber Luncheon**
Boca Raton Resort & Club – May 22

Richard Pollock, president and CEO of the YMCA of South Palm Beach County, walked away with the Business Leader of the Year Award from the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. The award celebrates those who give back to the community not only through generating economic prosperity but also through a commitment to philanthropy. Photo: Pollock with Chamber President Troy McLellan. Photo provided by Blankinship Photography.

Wedding

**Jon Filippi and Keriann Boone**

The wedding of Keriann Boone, daughter of David and Beverly Boone of Delray Beach, to Jon Filippi, son of Robert and Marlene Filippi Sr., of Churchville, Md., took place on May 3, at the Colony Cabana Club in Delray Beach. The bride and groom arrived by trolley moments after the rain stopped. As the clouds parted and the sun came out, the bride was escorted by her father down the aisle lined with aloe toward a bamboo and elephant ear archway with seashells and starfish. The bride wore an ivory silk dress and her bouquet with white roses and succulents was wrapped with burlap. Rebecca Bull served as her sister’s matron of honor. The maid of honor was Shannon Watson. Bridesmaids included Megan Bull, niece of the bride, Kerry Maki and Kristin Price, sisters of the groom, Jennifer Schrage, and Amy Stewart.

The bridesmaids wore navy blue dresses and carried bouquets of succulents. Charlotte and Amelia Bull, nieces of the bride, and Taylor Filippi, Adriana Maki and Meghan Price, nieces of the groom, served as flower girls and carried pails of white roses. Robert Filippi Jr., served as his brother’s best man. Groomsmen included Jacob Boone, brother of the bride, Rick Braun, Adam Donofrio, Patrick Dooman, Eric Miller and Doug Petrick. Payton Filippi, Branden Price and Nathan Price, nephews of the groom, served as ring bearers with the couple’s bulldog, Biscuit. A reception with dinner and dancing followed the ceremony with live music provided by Blankinship Photography.

**Engagement**

**Charlotte Anne Lozier and John Case Lundquist**

A June wedding is planned. The bride received a bachelor’s in French and writing and rhetoric from Pepperdine University. She earned a master’s in teaching English to speakers of other languages from the University of Southern California. She is employed at North Broward Preparatory School in Coconut Creek.

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JUNE 7 - Saturday 5:57  - Magnificent Rose Tetras at Orchid World  11304 N.W. 85th St., Miami.  305-341-8899.  30 min. rose talk followed by viewing.  $5.50.

JUNE 8 - Sunday  6:15  - Free Pancake Supper at Courtyard by Marriott.  $0.


JUNE 13 - Thursday  7:15  - Savor the City: Taste Atlantic Avenue at The Royal Palm.  $65.  $45 for Boca Raton Public Library members.  278-3675.

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JUNE 17 - Monday  10:30  - Boca Klub.  328-3800.

JUNE 19 - Wednesday  9:00  - Operational Homecoming: Home-Front Flight: 70th Anniversary of D-Day at Palm Beach International Airport, 1000 James L. Stanton Dr., West Palm Beach.  Free.  253-6500.

JUNE 20 - Thursday  5:00  - Join the Nature Center for a bike ride to learn about the natural ecology of the Royal Palm Island.  659-3810.

JUNE 21 - Friday  7:00  - The Boar: The Untold Story of a Florida Gator.  243-7922, Ext. 1.

JUNE 22 - Saturday  9:00  - Relax, Refresh, Renew.  393-7807 or www.myboca.us.

JUNE 23 - Sunday  11:00  - Briny Breezes - Presented as part of the Foreign Language Book Club.  276-9000.  Free.

JUNE 24 - Monday  10:30  - Book Club Luncheon.  328-3800.

JUNE 25 - Tuesday  9:00  - Boca-First Tuesday at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Boca Raton.  394-2240.

JUNE 26 - Wednesday  12:30  - Lunchtime Book Club.  328-3800.

JUNE 28 - Friday  6:30  - The Royal Palm.  243-7892.

JUNE 29 - Saturday  8:00  - Celebrity Speaker Series: Dr. Blaise Serrano.  328-3800.

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Friday - 6/13 - Father’s Day Special at Arts Garage, 130 NE 1st Ave., Delray Beach. Visit the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Visitors to the Beach Bookstore who purchase any book for Dad receive a free gift card on June 13. 278-0424 or email patty@delraybeach.com.


Saturday - 6/14 - Motown Friday at Sol Children Theatre, 3151 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. The seller of the award-winning Broadway musical of orphan Annie. 7-7:45, 8-9 pm. 848-9823 or www.solchildren.org.


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Tots & Teens
Catch a wave at Delray surf camp
by Shelley Gilkerson

Not many camps can boast this: No shoes needed.

In the Bahama Village section of Delray Beach, dozens of campers each year get their feet wet with an introduction to water sports at the Delray Water Sports Surf Camp. “Kids don’t need to be an athletic fiend five miles inland with socks and shoes on,” said Patrick Heaney, director of the camp. “We’re water people.”

The camp is not just for summer. This camp can be enjoyed year round as there is still up-and-coming paddleboarding, kayaking, boogie-boarding and skim boarding.

“It’s an introduction to all these water sports and a hands-on experience of water sports,” Heaney said. “Kids get fundamentals and supervision."

The camp has also ventured out to the historic Delray wreck, where they snorkel in 15 feet of water. The Delray wreck is the remains of a ship that sunken just offshore during a hurricane in 1903. In addition to the ship’s hull, campers may spot napper, lobster, leatherback turtles, stingrays or puffer fish.

“It’s kids having fun,” Heaney said. “Riding the waves and seeing marine life.”

Heaney said that the campers don’t have to be physically fit or strong swimmers, they do have to be able to swim, and some campers use life jackets. For children who are unsure whether they can make it through an entire week, Heaney offers a one-day option for children that want to see if the camp is a fit for them. Because of the camp’s location at the Seagate at Delray Beach, visitors from around the world.

While most campers are local, Heaney has said that he has signed up campers from France, Brazil and Canada. Heaney said the campers gain an understanding of their skills as the week goes on, or if they return for more than one week. Many of the campers do end up going to the beach, but everyone can excel on a boogie-board.

“Help them catch waves. I’m in the water pushing them,” he said. If campers are tired, they can take a break from the surf. The campers spend an average of two to three hours in the water in each session.

Also on the schedule are instruction on sand, as well as breaks to towel off, rehydrate and reapply sunscreen.

Parents get to see the days’ activities in daily posts to the camp’s Facebook page, and on Fridays, there’s another treat for parents. The camp hosts lunch, which is usually pizza or a cookout.

Occasionally, the meal is an overnight over a campfire.

“If they’re walking (at the Delray wreck), I pull out the lamps during camp and put them under the water,” Heaney said.

If going to the camp sparks a greater interest, additional programs can be purchased that coincide with school breaks.

That way, campers can enjoy summer fun in the water all year round.

For information on more area summer camps, please see our guide of thecoastalstar.com.
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