the dangers of storm surge.

Sandy, coastal residents often fill on weekends and holidays. Spaces at the Silver Palm Park ramp are Haynie said, noting that the parking ramps in the city for trailerable boats, "torpedoed it."

"Sales. I think that pretty much what (proposal) included a marina and fuel concerns," Haynie said. "But that and there were some environmental concerns," Haynie said. "But that (proposal) included a marina and fuel sales. I think that pretty much what torpedoed it."

Residents often request additional ramps in the city for trailerable boats, Haynie said, noting that the parking spaces at the Silver Palm Park ramp are often filled on weekends and holidays. Boca Raton resident Jason Naumann said he drives to Deerfield Beach to launch his 20-foot Sea Craft because the ramp at Silver Palm Park is "a zoo."

"A second ramp would be awesome," Naumann said. "It would give boaters another option. Silver Palm is always packed, and parking is very limited."

Boat captain Nick Cardella said Silver Palm Park is typically full "plus some" on weekends. The southern half of Palm Beach County has fewer boat ramps providing ocean access than the northern part of the county, said Alyssa Freeman, operations director for the Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County.

"More boat ramps in South County would be beneficial," Freeman said. Palm Beach County residents pay $55 for an annual permit (or $20 per launch) to launch at Silver Palm Park, which is open 24 hours a day. Boaters who live outside Palm Beach County pay $435 for an annual launch permit, or $50 per launch.

Of the 1,082 boat launch permits issued for Silver Palm Park during the latest complete budget year, 75 percent were issued to city residents who pay Beach & Park District taxes. Most of the remaining launch permits were issued to Palm Beach County boaters who live outside Boca Raton. Only five boaters who live outside the county paid for a $435 annual permit.

Haynie said the proposed Lake Wyman Park boat ramps could serve boaters from Palm Beach County and the city, while the existing Silver Palm Park ramps, which are closer to the inlet, could be set aside for Boca Raton residents only.

So far, building boat ramps at Lake Wyman Park is just an idea. Mayor outlines goals at 'state of the city meeting.' Page 5

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New boat ramp options being discussed

By Willie Howard

Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie wants to improve access to the water for boaters and relieve congestion at Silver Palm Park, the city's only ocean-access boat ramp.

In her May 6 state of the city address, Haynie said the city needs to investigate the possibility of building boat ramps with parking at Lake Wyman Park on Northeast Fifth Avenue, north of the existing ramp at Silver Palm Park.

"We looked into this years ago and there were some environmental concerns," Haynie said. "But that (proposal) included a marina and fuel sales. I think that pretty much what torpedoed it."

Along the Coast

Hurricane center will issue new surge warnings

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 9.3 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.
June 6, 1944.

For many of our readers this date needs no notation on a calendar or explanation in a newspaper. The date is forever burned into memory: D-Day, the Normandy Invasion, the day 156,000 Allied forces began one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history. The beginning of the end of World War II. It was also a day when more than 10,000 of those troops were killed, wounded, missing or captured. 70 years later, it is a day of remembrance and reflection.

When the war ended a year later, the survivors began returning home. Forever changed, they were united by their experiences and as Tom Brokaw wrote in his book The Greatest Generation, they were united by a common purpose and sworn to the common values of duty, honor, economy, courage, service, love of family and country — and above all, responsibility for oneself.

My father, Paul Leming, enlisted but never saw active duty during the war. Still, these were the values he lived by and taught his children.

During his years in service and during his 32-year career as a civilian instructor for the Air Force — he met people different from himself and became an advocate for civil rights.

He believed America was the greatest country in the world. He believed in freedom.

When I read news from places still struggling for freedom, I am grateful for his and subsequent generations who have produced individuals willing to sacrifice for their country so I can pursue my career and dreams.

Dad has been gone for almost 20 years, as have many of his generation. This year it’s estimated that 500-plus World War II veterans will die each day.

It’s with this thought that I share a photo of my father, two uncles (one his brother and one his future brother-in-law) and a friend enjoying life during their time at basic training at Chicago’s Navy Pier in 1942.

To me, it’s moments like this that define freedom.

Thank you to all, whether veterans of the war or the homefront, who trusted we’d have these moments for generations to come when you awoke that June morning 70 years ago.

— Mary Kate Leming
Editor
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Local Voices

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 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 this report not being correct.

A $2 million savings amounts to a potential property tax reduction of 32 cents per $1,000 of valuation. For a property valued at $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 Handen
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 week, 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, it's actually these misunderstood predators that are at risk of attack.

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

Blood in the water

- Was you are permitted to catch and release predators, 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 bycatch. 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 that conservationists and others supporting 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 line fishing unattended, as pelicans may be tempted to steal the line, then cut 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 or at 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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Boca Raton

Wildflower site, public safety cost and pension sustainability

Top city’s priority list

By Mary Thurwachter

Fresh out of a two-day goal-setting session, Mayor Susan Haynie outlined Boca Raton’s goals and priorities during a State of the City address to the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowners Associations on May 6.

Maintaining a financially sound city remains the city’s No. 1 goal, she said, followed by providing world-class municipal services, remaining a vibrant and sustainable city, and having strong partnerships with the community (for example: Florida Atlantic University, the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Parks District, Palm Beach County and Boca Raton Regional Hospital).

Wildflower top goal

From those goals, Haynie said, a policy agenda was established for the coming year. First on that list: the development of the Wildflower property.

“It’s been on the books for several years,” Haynie said. “We’ve owned that land for awhile. Recently, we put out an RFP and Houston’s did respond. They came to the council and we said, ‘Please, you need to go back to the drawing board and solve your parking and access issues.’

We understand that it’s a very sensitive location to the neighborhoods. We understand that there could be some traffic consequences to the intersection of Palmetto Park Road and Fifth Avenue. And we also need to protect the boat ramp from overflow parking. Hopefully, in the coming weeks, we will hear some more about the solutions they have identified.”

Public safety pensions

Next on the list are public safety cost and pension sustainability issues.

“Are we about to enter into negotiations with our police and fire unions and we hope to have a collaborative negotiation that both sides understand that we need to make some changes for the future fiscal sustainability of our city,” Haynie said. “Stay tuned for that. Those will be coming over the summer.”

Economic growth

The city’s economic development structure is third on the list.

“We (council members) really have no desire to raise the millage (tax rate),” she said. “We would like to balance our budget based on further economic growth. We’ve been very successful so far. We would really like to focus more on that. In the last three years, we have retained and created over 5,000 jobs just in our city alone. That’s an excellent track record and we could probably expand that.”

Improve permit process

The fourth priority is a development process improvement plan.

“We (council members) hear it from the big developers of complex structures to someone just trying to replace the air conditioner unit in their home,” she said. “It’s very difficult to get through that development process. We see room for improvement. We instructed the city manager and put it on this list with much discussion.

“You know, you don’t hire a consultant and put a report on the shelf,” Haynie said. “Do a peer review, go see what the county’s doing. Go see what other cities are doing. We’re not trying to reinvent the wheel, but when something isn’t functioning optimally and the customer service is failing, we really need to address it. And this really isn’t over- arching. It’s a threshold where we’re asking these businesses to come into our community, then they come in and they can’t get a building permit to do their interior improvements. It’s very vital to our future.”

20th Street plans

The 20th Street development and overlay district was part of the priority plan last year and is back again.

“This is a vision to work with Florida Atlantic University, collaboratively and create an overlay district for the redevelopment of 20th Street,” the mayor said. “It’s a corridor of industrial and aged retail, and we see that as possibly a gateway to the university with university-centered uses. FAU did a survey of their students as to what type of uses they would like to see there to integrate with the university. We can take advantage of a planning grant through the MPO that pays for a planner to come in and assist the city so there won’t be a fiscal impact to us.”

City staffing levels

Also under high priorities is city service level and staffing.

“This has become an issue,” Haynie said. “When the recession was so strong, Mr. [Lef] Ahnll suggested to the council to cut 200 positions. We’re still trying to play catch-up from that. It was the right thing to do, to cut our expenses to that degree, but we know our residents expect certain levels of service and we are now finding we may need to increase a little bit of staff to maintain those levels.”

She said city staff prides themselves on “delivery of service in the most economic, streamlined fashion, and we use technology whenever we can. However, there are certain staffing levels that need to be addressed.”

Renourishment, marketing

Rail safety, park access

Other priorities include annexation policies, finding funding for beach renovations, city branding and marketing, rail safety improvements, a Lake Wyman Park public access plan, the downtown pattern book, facilities at the airport and immediate and long-term solutions for downtown parking.

“Ten years ago, there was nobody in our downtown and now we are having a parking issue, which is a good problem to have,” Haynie said. “But we really need to address it or we’re going to lose our momentum and our vibrancy. There’s been talk of providing a centrally located parking structure. This is one of our high priorities to identify a location and come up with a funding scenario to make that happen.”

SILVER PALM

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As of late May, the city had not hired anyone to design the Lake Wyman Park ramps or produced cost estimates for building them. Assistant City Manager Mike Woika said.

Boat ramps are not in the city’s capital improvement plan, and there are no funds in the city budget for boat ramp planning.

Woika said the City Council could include money to design or study boat ramps at Lake Wyman Park in the 2015 budget when they discuss the budget this summer.

Meanwhile, boaters have expressed concern that a new waterfront restaurant planned on the former Wildflower restaurant site north of Silver Palm Park could encroach on parking used by boaters in the 3.7-acre park.

When the City Council reviewed the Hillstone Restaurant Group’s concept plan for a Houston’s restaurant in January, Haynie said she wanted assurances that the proposed restaurant would not affect the boat ramp or parking at Silver Palm Park.

After someone launched a Facebook page earlier this year urging boaters to “Save Boca’s Silver Palm Boat Ramp,” the council adopted a resolution Jan. 28 stating that space set aside for boat trailer parking at Silver Palm Park would remain the same, despite plans for the new restaurant.

Many boaters are concerned that development of the old Wildflower property north of Palmetto Park Road will impact Silver Palm Park to the south.

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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 new 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.”

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Ocean Ridge

Heritage book reprinted

The History of Ocean Ridge, Gail Adams Aaskov’s book on the town’s heritage, has been updated and reprinted. Originally published in 1995, this is the publication’s third printing.

The comprehensive guide includes a chronology of events, an explanation of the structure, function and financing of local government, description of municipal services and the public service department and a listing of past town officials.

Photographs of some of the town’s historic properties are included.

The book is available for $5 at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd., or at Ocean Ridge Realty, 5011 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge.

— Staff report
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.”

Gulf Stream rejects metal roof request — again
Ocean Ridge developing beach access plan

By Dan Moffett

It might be time for Ocean Ridge to think about adding a motto to the town seal. How about “World Leader in Beach Access Opinions”?”

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

Ask Prodigy Capital, a Palm Beach Gardens-based real estate investment group that pleaded for leniency over $24,255 in fines from the town for allowing a forlorn house at 17 Hudson Ave. to languish indefinitely.

Commissioner James Bonfiglio, former head of the town’s Planning and Zoning Commission, told Prodigy’s representatives they didn’t deserve a break because they went ahead with interior renovations to the 3,400-square-foot house, instead of heeding codes and laying out the ordinances for leniency over $24,255 in code fines.

“I’m going to tell you,” Bonfiglio said, as he exited the commission chamber. “The other businesses on the site are Colby’s Barber Shop and Bev’s Galley, so staff did not seek bids. Pugh said, ‘No, there’s no more houses in this town,’ she said as she exited the commission chamber.

In other business:

Owners get more time to revise plans for commercial strip

By Dan Moffett

Ocean Ridge commissioners have grudgingly agreed to give the owners of the town’s five-store business district a three-month extension to submit plans for overhauling the 60-foot deep strip at 5011 N. Ocean Blvd.

But they warned the Sivitilli family to make sure the renovation to the property is complete because the commission isn’t inclined to grant more time.

The town has 10 years to do this — to convert from commercial to residential — under a 2005 ruling by the State Supreme Court.

Town Commissioner Gail Adams Aaskov owns a real estate business in the building and does not vote on issues related to the town’s code.

The commissioners acknowledged the suitability of the building.

An April 5 meeting to allow the company to renovate the property is complete because the commission isn’t inclined to grant more time.

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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 about one 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 the public beaches in Delray Beach.

“There’s nothing good about shark fishing near a public beach,” Mayor Cary Glickstein argued that only the state can regulate fishing from the public beach.

Commissioner Lynn Allison puts it, “How many people want to be 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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Commissioner Lynn Allison puts it, “How many people want to be across from a Texaco station on A1A?”

Bontigio was irked that people who had sued the town now were coming forward to ask another favor from it. Why should the commission believe the Sivitills can deliver in the next 90 days when others haven’t over the last 14 years?, he asked.

Lisa Sivitilli blamed delays on the collapse of the real estate market and a family illness. She said that Marty Minor, a planning consultant with Urban Design Kilday Studios, would vouch that a complete mixed-use plan and application would be ready in time, at no cost to the town.

“You have our history,” Lisa Sivitilli said. “We’ve always paid our debt.”

In other business, commissioners gave unanimous final approval to a resolution that abandons the western right of way in front of the homes at 5516, 5514 and 5512 Old Ocean Blvd.

The town has no source of water to maintain vegetation on the 100-foot strip of land. Property owners will take over the strip, handle the landscaping, maintain the right of way and pay the town expenses. The property owners also have agreed to remove invasive, non-native plants. The town will retain an easement along the properties.
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going from 10 crimes in 2012 to 11 in 2013, South Palm Beach 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 liquorences 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 his 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

Palm Beach County recently received a $210,000 grant through Operation Stonegarden, which is run by the U.S. Border Patrol’s South Florida office in Pembroke Pines.

The money will be used to offset overtime and equipment costs for the Border Patrol and local law enforcement agencies, including the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office, along the county’s coastline.

"The waters off our shoreline are notorious for illegal activities, and those patrols are effective and necessary," said County Commissioner Steven Abrams when announcing the grant in early May. Abrams’ district includes 22 miles of the South County coastline.

The grant will aid the Border Patrol’s work with coastal law enforcement agencies to intercept anyone trying to get into the U.S. illegally.

"Palm Beach County is one of our best partners," said Robert F. Swathwood Jr., operations officer in charge of the Border Patrol’s Operation Stonegarden for the Miami sector.

The program started in Tucson, Ariz., in 1990, he said. "In early 2000, the program was formally called Operation Stonegarden and expanded into the Southwest."

"In 2009, the program expanded to include the coast and Puerto Rico," he said. "For that budget year, ‘nine counties applied in Florida to get $670,000. Palm Beach County was among the nine."

PBSO spokesperson Teri Barbera said how the money will be spent is a operational decision which PBSO is not willing to discuss.

Swathwood did not know the genesis of the Operation Stonegarden name, but theorized that it originated in the southern Appalachian Mountains, where ‘mountain folks referred to anything that was difficult or required work as ‘hoisting a garden of stone.’"
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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 last November, assertion Mattox and town officials deny.

“There is no retribution,” said Town Manager Linda Stumpf. “There is no retaliation.”

Hul has retained legal counsel through the Police Benevolent Association and is contesting the case.

In other business:

• The committee agreed with Mayor David Cheifetz’s proposal to create an ad hoc committee to oversee construction of the Audubon bridge project. Cheifetz appointed Commissioner Peter Isaac to head the panel of residents.

• 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.

• The Manalapan department 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.
Town manager’s contract renewed despite some criticism

By Rich Pollack

Despite early concerns expressed by one commissioner, Highland Beach town leaders agreed unanimously this month to renew the contract of Town Manager Kathleen Weiser and to give her a salary increase. During their June meeting, commissioners voted 5-0 to renew Weiser’s contract and to give her a 3.5 percent pay increase to her current base salary of close to $134,000.

Weiser, who has been town manager since February 2011, had been praised by the majority of the town’s five commissioners at a meeting in May but received an unsatisfactory review of her job performance from Commissioner Carl Feldman during a meeting last month. However, at the town meeting a week later, Feldman said he had met with Weiser for two hours in between the meetings and has since changed his views. “We both agreed on some things and disagreed on others,” Feldman said. “I’m a team player and if the rest of the commissioners want to keep Kathleen, I’ll go along with it.”

Feldman, in a written document distributed to other commissioners during the May workshop meeting, expressed concern with Weiser’s handling of the current $850,000 Town Hall renovation project, focusing largely on procurement issues. “This is a business that we’re running and we should be running it like a business,” Feldman said after the meeting. “I don’t have any animosity toward the town manager. I just don’t think she’s doing a great job.”

One of Feldman’s chief complaints was that the town did not follow its purchasing policy of getting three bids for a general contractor to handle the Town Hall renovations. Weiser, however, said the town had followed a recent request-for-qualifications process commonly used by governments for major construction projects, which was reviewed by the town attorney before being presented to the Town Commission for a vote.

“The issue Commissioner Feldman brought up was approved by the Town Commission,” Weiser said. Feldman said his concerns were not personal or political, but instead were driven by his effort to ensure that the town is run efficiently and effectively. “I’m in this to do the right job for the people,” Feldman said. “I just want to stay as the guy who is watching.”

Mayor Bernard Featherman, in voting to renew Weiser’s contract, said he hopes the town and town manager will adhere to principals of openness and transparency. During the May workshop, Vice Mayor Ron Brown said he was pleased with Weiser’s performance as did Commissioners Dennis Sheridan and Lou Stern. “Mrs. Weiser is the right person in the right job for the right time,” Brown said. “I think she’s done an outstanding job.”

“We’ve had a heck of a year,” he said. “She has the professional knowledge we need and the contacts both locally and statewide.”

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Delray Beach 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 after some residents voiced concern about the need and type of new parking.

In another project east of the Intracoastal, Krejcarek 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.

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 at 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.

Colonna 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.

Randal L. Krejcarek, Delray Beach director of 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, Krejcarek said, the city has hired Kimley-Horn and Associates to modify the intersections of East Atlantic Avenue with 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 developers project 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, 329-seat luxury movie theater; 42,869 square feet of Class A office space; 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 office building 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.
Town examines fire-rescue options by talking 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.

Currently, 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 personnel for calls within the town limits. Although the contract runs until 2017, Highland Beach could have several options for fire service providers sooner, should Delray Beach choose to have the county provide its fire service rather than maintain its own department. Our contract with Delray runs until 2017. However, if they consolidate, we will need to look at other alternatives,” Town Manager Kathleen Weiser said.

One option would be contracting with the county, but late last month Highland Beach Mayor Bernard Featherman spoke with Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie about the possibility of Boca Raton providing fire services for the town. Haynie mentioned the discussion during a workshop meeting and all Boca Ratón Council members were in favor of exploring the possibility.

Highland Beach Town Commissioner Lou Stern also has spoken to Haynie about the issue.

During a recent Highland Beach meeting, commissioners gave town officials the green light to contact Boca Raton staff members to study the feasibility of Boca providing fire service.

Weiser said that the town is interested in hearing from Boca even if Delray does keep its own fire-rescue service, since the current contract will expire in less than four years.

“This really is very preliminary,” she said. “It’s preliminary conversations between elected officials.”

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

Delray Beach Fire Rescue Chief Danielle Connor said that Delray Beach enjoys a collaborative working relationship with Highland Beach.

“Our service has never been an issue,” she said. “It’s only improved since we began working together in 1993.”

In earlier discussions with Delray Beach, Highland Beach officials have explored the possibility of having Delray also provide a fire truck and a paramedic vehicle for an estimated $130,000 a year.

Highland Beach’s 18-year-old fire truck has been repeatedly out of service in recent years.

“Our fire truck is on life support, and our rescue vehicle isn’t far behind,” Weiser said.

“Under this proposal, we would get out of the equipment business and would pay a vehicle maintenance fee in return for Delray Beach providing equipment.”

Hitch in town land sale may be smoothed over

By Rich Pollack

A proposed $3.5 million sale of Highland Beach town-owned property in Boca Raton, which has been mired in bureaucratic red tape for almost a year, may soon become a done deal. But until it is, the town will receive $3,500 a month from a private developer.

Last June, the town signed a contract to sell two parcels in northern Boca Raton (between Federal and Dixie Highways) — one used for a water treatment facility — to developer Douglas Durrett. He plans to build residential units on the larger property.

After the contract was signed, however, Boca Raton city officials discovered that while the larger parcel was properly zoned for residential use, Boca’s comprehensive land use plan had not been updated from the previous governmental-land usage, preventing the sale from closing.

“The town had approved a three-month extension of the agreement, but when a request from the developer for yet another extension came before the Town Commission last month, several commissioners had misgivings,” Commissioner Carl Feldman, who said that the value of the property had probably increased during the past year, suggested the town consider putting both parcels back on the market if the buyer couldn’t close right away.

“There might be someone out there who would be interested in the property at a higher price,” he said.

That led to heated exchanges between attorney Mitchell Kirschner, representing the developer, and town commissioners, with Kirschner reminding commissioners that Durrett had already put $70,000 in escrow to be taken out of the total sale price as a gesture of good faith.

Throughout the discussions Kirschner and Town Attorney Glen Torcivia explained that if a lawsuit were filed the property would probably be tied up in litigation for some time.

“If there’s a lawsuit pending no one is going to want to buy the property,” Kirschner said. Feldman, during the course of the discussions, suggested that the town grant the additional extension if Durrett were willing to pay $25,000 a month, which would not be refundable.

Mayor Bernard Featherman agreed. “I believe the $25,000 a month is fair,” he said. After Durrett balked at the amount, Torcivia proposed cutting it to $3,500 a month.

“We are almost at the finish line,” he said, after he and Kirschner explained that the necessary changes are expected to come before the Boca Raton City Council in the next few months. “Let’s get past the rhetoric.”

After hallway negotiations between Kirschner and Durrett with Torcivia, the developer agreed to $3,500 in monthly payments until closing in exchange for an extension until the end of November. If the closing doesn’t occur by Nov. 30, the contract will terminate.

“Neither side got exactly what we wanted, but in the end it was a fair accommodation to all involved,” Kirschner said.

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“The chosen resting place for Boca Raton’s founding fathers and leading families”
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 submarine, 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 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 been leading by instinct,” 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 documentaries including the Discovery Channel’s Titanic, Years of Living Dangerously, and National Geographic’s Deepsea Challenge, Cameron’s 35,000-foot dive to the deepest place on Earth. The film comes out in August.

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 electronic 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 stove’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 $20 million French research sub the Nautile.

He admits to some trepidation about that first dive to the shipwreck. “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 shatter ed 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.
Donations Keep Children's Museum going (for now)

By Sallie James

The financially struggling Boca Raton Children's Museum is hanging on by a thread, thanks to a stream of donations totaling about $7,500 that will enable the nonprofit to continue operating through June. Museum officials had hoped to raise $10,000.

Donations began trickling in after museum Executive Director Denise St. Patrick-Bell issued a plea for help on April 30 because the museum would run out of money on April 30 because donations have been sparse and grants scarce. The museum operates on a $300,000 annual budget, with three full-time and five part-time employees.

Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie said the city is prepared to take over the operation of the museum if no other solution can be found. Another nonprofit agency — so far not publicly unidentified — is evaluating the feasibility of partnering with the Children's Museum to continue operations, Haynie said. Discussions are ongoing.

“We are encouraged. These are tough times for everybody. We have gotten some donations as high as $500 but we are accepting whatever,” St. Patrick-Bell said recently.

Finding a parking space at Gumbo Limbo can be a challenge. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Red Reef Park, golf course and Gumbo Limbo to get improvements

By Cheryl Blackerby

Expanded ocean views on Red Reef Park Executive Golf Course, safer pedestrian crossing on A1A at Red Reef Park, and increased revenue for Gumbo Limbo Nature Center are just some of the improvements that may be in the works in the near future.

The Boca Raton Beach and Park District selected Miller Legg engineering, landscape and architecture consulting firm, to upgrade the park, golf course and adjacent nature center, all on A1A about 1 mile north of Palmetto Park Road.

The contract for the work should be finalized by mid-June, said district acting director Art Koski.

A master plan will be written after getting input from the public, district commissioners and the city, said Mike Kroll, Miller Legg vice president.

The company has no firm directives for improvements, which could include anything from a restaurant at the golf course to parking meters at Gumbo Limbo.

“Everything is on the table,” Kroll said. “We will be looking at existing parking, revenues generated from parking, the safety aspects of crossing A1A and many other possibilities including improvements at the golf course.

The nine-hole Red Reef Executive Golf Course stretches across A1A from the Intracoastal Waterway to the ocean, but houses obscure most of the water views on the Intracoastal side and trees and shrubs block views of the ocean.

Promoted as an ocean course, golfers are often disappointed when they don’t see the water except for several glimpses through the trees and shrubs.

“One of the things we want to do is to really embrace the oceanfront existence of the golf course,” he said. “That’s a unique element. Most courses on the ocean are private and not easily accessible. If you enhance the golf experience, you’re making it a more unique golf experience. All those things will be discussed. This is a great opportunity.”

Golf course architect Harry Bowers of Signature Design, who worked on the redesign of the 18-hole Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course, is on Miller Legg’s team and will be involved in the Red Reef course project, Kroll said.

The Palm Beach course, 19 miles north of the Red Reef course on A1A, has views of the ocean and Intracoastal from every hole. Players often describe it as a “mini Pebble Beach,” and Golf Digest magazine called it “one of the best par 3’s you can play anywhere.

The Red Reef course has limitations that the Palm Beach course doesn’t, said Kroll.

“We’re dealing with very different conditions at Red Reef. It’s not conducive to people playing championship golf, but it has a great clientele of junior and senior golfers.”

“Would be he in favor of a restaurant on the course? If the district said we should, we would,” he said.

The new restaurant on the Palm Beach course pays the city $150,000 a year in rent.

Meanwhile the Red Reef course loses a quarter of a million tax dollars a year, and has a dwindling number of players.

The time frame for the master plan is probably six to nine months, Kroll said, “depending on the amount of public involvement.”

“We have presented some ideas and opportunities,” he said. “Some of the other things we want to address is the safety aspect of crossing A1A. We would work with DOT and make it safer within the park itself. Gumbo Limbo relies on donations and admittance fees. We will look at opportunities for generating more revenue.”

And he wants to enhance the natural environment of the park, course and nature center.

“While I was there, a 500-pound leatherback was on the beach. That’s a fantastic resource. We want to retain animal habitats and integrate recreation along with natural resources. We’ve done that at other coastal parks,” he said.

Miller Legg’s projects have included Calypso Cove Water Park in Boca, Jensen Beach Riverwalk, Plantation Preserve and Golf Club, Rosemont Community Park in Orlando, Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club, and Sandy Ridge Sanctuary in Coral Springs.

Resort clients include the Four Seasons at Emerald Bay Resort in Great Exuma, Bahamas; Royal Palm Resort in Curacao; Sugar Bay Plantation Resort in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; and La Hacienda Resort in Egypt.

Established in 1965, the company has offices in Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Port St. Lucie, Winter Park, Saudi Arabia and Dubai.

Donations began trickling in after museum Executive Director Denise St. Patrick-Bell proposed the city share museum costs by providing an annual $150,000 grant. However, the city has made no decision on her proposal.

Donations are still coming in and we are still encouraging people to donate,” St. Patrick-Bell said recently. “We are encouraged. These are tough times for everybody. We have gotten some donations as high as $500 but we are accepting whatever.”

In mid-April, St. Patrick-Bell told city officials the museum would run out of money on April 30 because donations have been sparse and grants scarce. The museum operates on a $300,000 annual budget, with three full-time and five part-time employees.

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By 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.

Residents and business owners objected to the traffic danger for motorists and pedestrians during a May 6 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 temporarily removed until late 2015.

The removal of the stoplights was a “traffic and safety nightmare,” Delray Beach Marriott general manager Rick Konasavage agreed at the meeting attended by oceanfront business owners.

“Our business relies on guests who are arriving and driving the avenue,” Konasavage said.

“Removing the stoplights would be unsafe and an unfair burden on all of our beach tourists,” he said.

Delray Beach

"Collaborative" gets Pompano cultural development contract

By By Mary Hladky

The creative team behind Delray Beach’s successful Arts Garage is now breathing similar cultural life into Pompano Beach.

The nonprofit Creative City Collaborative, which led and managed Arts Garage, was selected to manage Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency in February to develop cultural programming.

In Delray Beach, the idea is that economic development in a blighted downtown can be spurred by cultural programs and events that attract tourists and residents and create demand for more restaurants, galleries and other types of businesses.

Creative City Collaborative is funding cultural programming for Pompano Beach’s newly renovated Bailey Hotel, known as Bailey Contemporary Arts, or BaCa, and the Ali Boarding House, a former boarding house.

The new organization will study for artists, art and music classrooms, galleries, concerts, plays and more.

The Arts Garage team began getting word out this spring to artists that studio space is planned.

Last year, the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency awarded the Arts Garage a $250,000 grant for more restaurants, galleries and other cultural programming.

"Culture is very important for economic development," Brown said. "It is not just about cash registers ringing. We think culture is important to contributing to the image of the city.

Arts Garage is "sort of a role model for us," he said. A resident of Delray Beach, Brown said Arts Garage "has done a fabulous job. It has really helped Delray. They are really becoming an arts scene."

Brown still has a link to Delray’s CRA. RMA was hired as a consultant by the CRA last year to update its redevelopment plan.

While hailed by many supporters for what Arts Garage has accomplished in Delray, the program has not been without controversy.

Last year, the Delray CRA came under fire for funding Arts Garage. Resident Gerry Franciosa challenged the practice, citing his interpretation of an opinion by state attorney general Bill McCollum as saying that CRA expenditures must be connected to "brick and mortar," capital improvements, not funding a cultural nonprofit. The CRA budgeted $310,000 to support Arts Garage in 2012-13.

CRA Executive Director Diane Colonna said at the time it was proper to give CRA money to nonprofits that enhance downtown development.

State Sen. Joseph Abruzzo, D-Wellington, chairman of the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee, approved an audit request by state Sen. Jeff Clemens, D-Lake Worth, and former Boynton Beach CRA executive director Lisa Bright.

The state auditor general concluded it was not clear that the funding was appropriate and recommended the CRA board ask Attorney General Pam Bondi for an opinion.

When the CRA did not do so, Abruzzo did. In a March 11 letter to Abruzzo, Senior Assistant Attorney General Gerry Hammond said the request had to come from the CRA, not Abruzzo. But in additional informal comments, he said that the CRA did not have his determination whether spending complied with the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969, although the CRA should 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.

“I personally am satisfied with their work and I do not see any major issues at the time. I wish the CRA a good future,” he said.

Brown said he never had second thoughts about launching a similar program in Pompano, noting that other CRAs across the state fund cultural projects.

“We think spending money on cultural facilities is economic development,” he said.

As in Delray Beach, the idea is that economic development for more restaurants, galleries and other cultural programming in a blighted downtown can be spurred by a CRA.

The city of Pompano Beach and its CRA used Broward County and the state on May 19 to get the county commission action effectively blocks the CRA from moving ahead with a $9.9 million bond issue for redevelopment projects that it had approved last year. The lawsuit seeks a ruling that the CRA can continue to operate and issue bonds through 2040.

Jail is a magnetic lure for personal watercraft renters

By By Tim Pallesen

A proposal to allow personal watercraft rentals at the Atlantic Avenue bridge has coastal residents in an uproar.

City commissioners will hear the proposal to rent vessels such as Jet Skis and Wave Runners at the Deck 84 restaurant and bar at their June 17 meeting.

This would result in a magnet for more noise in a residential area — and a volatile mix to have with a bar. Beach Property Owners Vice president Andy Katz told the city Planning and Zoning Board on May 19.

The meeting was packed by opponents who live along the Intracoastal Waterway.

“The noise is from idiots who have to scream when they jump waves,” Beach Drive resident Anita Casey said. “No one in Delray needs those noisy little things. I don’t need more wakeos in my backyard.”

The request to amend the city’s land development regulations to allow personal watercraft in the downtown business district comes from Delray residents Clair and Margaret Johnson, who have operated a Waverunner concession at the Boynton Harbor Marina for 20 years.

The Johnsons, who want to rent four Waverunners from a floating dock off Deck 84, say Delray residents requested the concession for their guests. Fueling would be at their Boynton location.

Delray Beach is a popular stop for coastal homeowners to say the Atlantic Avenue bridge was both noisy and dangerous, which would drive the line up to wait for the bridge to open.

“There’s the charm of downtown Delray Beach,” pleaded Don Dobson, who lives on a sailboat at the nearby city marina.

The Planning and Zoning Board recommended in a 6-1 vote that city commissioners deny the request. “It’s not the right spot for it,” board chairman Craig Spodak said.

“This is not an activity that every city needs to have,” Katz said. “It would be a basket of business in the heart of our downtown.”
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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 path has 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, producing a major country music festival at Princeton University’s Palmer Stadium.

Not long after the New Jersey concert, Glasser met her future husband at a Valentine’s Day party and soon she was working with him, helping to produce Miss Universe and Miss USA pageants.

A lawyer who helped transform 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 Bombsardier 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 Spirit of America Festival: 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 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 Pollack

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, sunsets and sunrises. 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. If you could change anything in your life, what would it be?
A. Meeting my husband, Harold, sooner. We had such an incredible life together, and had that one true love. We both felt so fortunate to have found each other.

Q. What was the best part of being married to the man who was president and executive producer of the Miss Universe and Miss USA pageants?
A. The adventure! I got to meet presidents and kings around the world. It was completely amazing, truly a fantasy. A country would roll out the red carpet. They invited Harold to come and view their country’s sites, so that they could host the Miss Universe Pageant. This was huge for tourism, live television that would feature the best that their country offered.

Q. What music do you listen to when you need 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.

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Above: Marny Glasser poses with a bombardier jacket her late husband, Harold, wore during World War II.

Left: Harold Glasser was presented with this taria in honor of his service to the Miss Universe pageant.

Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

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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 has 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.”

What’s certain is that nothing substantive will get decided until the fall when the snowbirds return to South Palm Beach and voice their opinions. “Right now, probably about half the town is gone,” Clayman said.

In other business:

• At its May 27 meeting, the Town Council unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance changing the quorum of the Community Affairs Advisory Board to nine members. The council agreed that it was too difficult to get a majority of the 25-member CAAB to attend meetings, but nine was a reasonable number.

• Councilman Robert Gottlieb proposed putting the town on Facebook, and the rest of the council agreed. The town’s page would allow officials to release timely information, but would not be a two-way link that would permit postings from residents. Town Attorney Brad Biggs said he would research potential legal issues that a Facebook page might raise and report back to the council.

“By fall, let’s get this going,” Gottlieb said.

• The Town Hall garage got a facelift with the installation of a new $12,000 fire bay door. Town Manager Rex Taylor said the old one was about 40 years old.

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 alternatives,” Town Manager Kathleen Weiser said.

One option would be contracting with the county, but last late month Highland Beach Mayor Bernard Feigher and Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie discussed the possibility of Boca Raton providing fire services for the town.

Haynie mentioned the discussion during a workshop meeting and all Boca Raton Council members were in favor of exploring the possibility.

Weiser said that the town is interested in hearing from Boca even if Delray does keep its own fire-rescue service, since the current contract will expire in less than four years. “This really is very preliminary,” she said.

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

Delray Beach Fire Rescue Chief Danielle Connor said Delray enjoys a collaborative working relationship with Highland Beach.

In earlier discussions with Delray Beach, Highland Beach officials have explored the possibility of having Delray also provide a fire truck and a paramedic vehicle for an estimated $30,000 a year.

By Tim Pallese

A proposed state law to regulate sober homes failed to pass the Florida Legislature, frustrating coastal residents who sought the state’s help.

“It’s deeply disappointing that certain legislators in Tallahassee did not take the widespread abuses associated with sober houses as seriously as many Floridians do,” Delray Beach Mayor Gary Glickstein said.


It would have required all sober homes to register annually and be inspected by the Department of Children and Family Services.

But the Senate bill died when it wasn’t called up by the Senate Appropriations Committee on April 12.

Two days later, the House approved a weaker voluntary certification program that would require treatment centers to only refer patients to certified sober homes. But Clemens wouldn’t sponsor that weaker House bill in the Senate and the legislation died.

“I did everything I could on that,” Hager told Delray Beach city commissioners on May 20. “Sober homes will continue to be a great problem. I’m going back next year to go right smack at it.”

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Boynton Beach

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 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. The group is soliciting bids to redo the building.

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. 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. 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.

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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, which is large enough to seat 400 people.

The Woman’s Club is so gorgeous that when people drive by, “they fall in love with the building and want to join,” Baker said.

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 things like that,” Baker said.

City of Historic Places.

The Woman’s Club 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 them up more and possibly hold a reception for interested women later this summer.”

Boynton Beach is showing her age — again.

Boydton 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.

A photo of the new Boynton Woman’s Club Executive Board (from left): Evelyn Weicker, Pat Waldron, Barbara Wineberg, Maria Forastiero, Joan White, Lillian Ostiguy, Michele Walter, Barbara Grimes, Barbara Erlichman, Chadda Shelly and Kay Baker.

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Boca Raton, FL
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 property is bounded by Boynton Beach Boulevard on the north and Seacrest Boulevard on the west, houses mainly municipal buildings: City Hall, library, high school, police headquarters, a fire station, Kids Kingdom Playground, Schoolhouse Children’s Museum, Civic Center, Stage Left theater, artists’ center and a cluster of restaurants and boardwalk apartments. The library, said Dana Little of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, "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 $58,000 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 would be prepared in an additional three to six months, he said.

Eight council staffers, along with Boynton Beach planning and CRA employees and the city’s mayor and two commissioners attended the Saturday workshop.

Little 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, 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 $8 million to $9 million by Little. He suggested that the renovation cost part of a bond issue voters could decide.

One group renamed the Town Center as Coquimbo Square, in honor of the Coquimbo ship that wrecked off Boynton Beach in January 1909. Several storms battered the ship in the next few months, sending lumber onto the shore. That lumber was used to build the Boynton Woman’s Club’s first home on Ocean Avenue and other structures in the city.

That group expanded on the nautical theme by creating a Maritime Museum with a lighthouse that would be a signature element. The members also proposed moving the city’s original gate, now on the other side of the interstate, to the corner of Seacrest Boulevard and Ocean Avenue.

The next team, presented by Kim Kelly, who co-owns the nearby Hurricane Alley restaurant, proposed having a fountain at the corner of Boynton Beach and Seacrest boulevards with a “Welcome to Boynton Beach” sign. Along Boynton Beach Boulevard, they propose buildings for national tenants, such as Starbucks and Dunkin’ Donuts, “to save money and cut costs,” she said.

The team’s other highlights included adding a water feature and lighting to the Kids Kingdom Playground and building a four-story City Hall with the police headquarters on the fourth floor.

Presenter Barbara Ready also proposed moving the CRA from Federal Highway to the area, next to a new Arts Center. She ended by saying her team didn’t come up with a fancy name for the area, as the previous team. The residents chuckled.

Another team proposed putting in a Trader Joe’s grocery store along Boynton Beach Boulevard to draw visitors to the area. Susan Oyer of the historic Oyer family presented for yet another group. For the new City Hall, her team recommended reusing the city’s last remaining 1960s-era facade from the Civic Center and creating a pavilion with sail shading on the west side of the high school as a permanent home for the city’s green market. Her group wants to keep the tree canopy and create identifiable meeting places near fountains with low benches.

The current City Hall should be replaced with mixed-use buildings for family-oriented businesses. They should be rented, “Oyer said, “because, if not, you will never get it back.” The reference, she said after the workshop, dates back to the 1920s, when Boynton Beach and Ocean Ridge were one community and Ocean Ridge split off in the ’30s.

Boynton Beach can make its challenges into opportunities, according to Little. “Ten to 15 years ago in Delray Beach, people got together to create a spending plan,” he said. “You have to think of creative ways to finance your plans.”

CRA critic won’t seek injunction in marina case

By Willie Howard

West Construction, the company that sued the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency over the contract for the new Harbor Master building under construction at Boynton Harbor Marina, will not seek an injunction that could have stopped the work on the marina renovation project.

Mayor Eric Jablin held the first hearing, West attorney Bruce Loren said the company will continue building in hopes of preventing the Boynton Beach CRA from using the same bid criteria that excluded the Lake Worth-based construction company from winning the Harbor Master job.

CRA attorney, the $1.6 million Harbor Master project to Lake Mary-based Collage Design and Construction Group. Collage was the second-lowest bidder, behind West. 

West sued 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 court-ordered arbitrations arising from a public project within the past two years — violated Florida law and are “arbitrary, capricious, vague, indefinite, uncertain, unclear and exclusive.”

During a May 5 hearing in Palm Beach County Circuit Court, Judge Thomas Barkdoll denied the CRA’s motion to dismiss the lawsuit. The Harbor Master building and surrounding improvements are not expected to be completed in January.
Obituary

Ingeborg Rand

By Jane Smith

HIGHLAND BEACH — Ingeborg Rand’s last wish was to die at home. At age 90, surrounded by her husband John and family, she died May 20 from complications of 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, Dr. John Rand.

In addition to her husband, survivors are two daughters — Linda Ladocketta and her husband, Garry, of Princeton, N.J., and Ingrid Sornesen and her husband, Michael, of Cape May County, New J., and six grandchildren — Michael Ladocketta of Ohio, Lauren Ladocketta 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.

Obituary
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 yellowTAIL snapper, cubera snapper, yelloweye snapper, vermilion 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:

“Tilapia is a member of the snapper family and is so 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 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 of the side when it’s swimming, 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.”


Business Spotlight

Delray Beach Fish market a dream realized by lifelong angler

The COASTAL STAR

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Urban Outfitters moving to Delray’s Atlantic Avenue

I t’s official. 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 a 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 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. Lloyd 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 stronger to hold 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 Sunny’s Hideaway, 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. With seven bedrooms, 10 bathrooms and three half-baths, the 33,000-square-foot home was listed at $24.9 million in 2012, and reduced to $19.9 million earlier this year. Built in 2004, the current estate features 200 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 continue to be strong, as it is one of South Florida’s most desirable communities.”

While Pope is moving back to Manalapan, the National Enquirer is moving back to New York City. Her husband, Generoso, brought the newspaper’s headquarters to a compound in Lantana in 1971. Generoso died in 1988.

On May 19, Premier Estate Properties reported an “epic week” with sales from May 9 through 16 that totaled more than $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, 771 Seasedge Drive for $1.05 million, and 1080 Crescent Beach in Vero Beach that sold for $3.75 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 25th 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 street, potential homebuyers can take their pick of real estate firms Taurolio & Company, Premier Estate Properties, Michael Poletto Sotheby’s International Realty, Re/Max Advantage Plus and now 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 Shavell & Associates, recently made two more Manalapan sales totaling about $19.1 million.

Recorded on April 18, Massachusetts-based Cezlo 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 2.86-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 U.S. 1 just south of the Intracoastal Waterway on both sides of 1555 S. Ocean Blvd. to a trust named after the property’s address for $7.914 million. Hanley, Fisher and Kahn 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 Albiner, 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 series winner Jeff Gordon in 2000. He sold it in 2003 for

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Organized by Realtor Jessica Rosato, Nestler 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 “Boca Art Week” 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, 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 family 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 34 years, including 12 years with 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 Beach 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-mutual payout in American racing history. Boca Palm 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 76,032 individual wagers. The winning six numbers were 1-6-8-1-6-5. The previous record payoff was $3,591,243 for a ticket in 2013. According to the Daily Racing Form: “Had the Rainbow Six jackpot survived one more day, and there was a mandatory payday 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.”

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

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Organized by Realtor Jessica Rosato, Nestler 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 “Boca Art Week” 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, 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 family 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 34 years, including 12 years with 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 Beach 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-mutual payout in American racing history. Boca Palm 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 76,032 individual wagers. The winning six numbers were 1-6-8-1-6-5. The previous record payoff was $3,591,243 for a ticket in 2013. According to the Daily Racing Form: “Had the Rainbow Six jackpot survived one more day, and there was a mandatory payday 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.”

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

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Barb Schmidt watches as her books roll down the line at HCI Printing and Publishing in Deerfield Beach. Photo provided

Boca author’s ‘Practice’ a daily guide for those looking for less stress, more confidence

By Mary Jane Fine

Like so many little girls whose role models were Cinderella and Princess Grace, Barb Schmidt grew up believing that happily-ever-after was a birthright. Would fairy tales lie? Would movies? Of course not.

So why, then, at the ripe old age of 18, was she still searching, searching for the elusive happiness that seemed always beyond her reach?

There were reasons; there always are.

“As a child, I grew up in a very dysfunctional home,” she says. “I was the oldest of five. Both my mother and my father were alcoholics. I felt disconnected.”

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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 other 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 $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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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 first solace 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: Simple Tools for Managing Stress, Finding Inner Peace, and Uncovering Happiness had its official launch last month at Florida Atlantic University’s Libby and Harry Dodson Auditorium in the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing.

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.

She 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.

“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 want: 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 needsn’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 Barbara 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 life’s 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. 

When the Dalai Lama came to FAU in 2010, Schmidt met him.

Photos provided

Barb Schmidt introduced her book, The Practice, during an event at Florida Atlantic University last month.
JUNE 7
Saturday - 6/7 - Saturdays @ Sanborn:
Yoga Class at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Held every Sat. Registration: 8:45 am; class: 9 am. Free. 393-7703.

6/7 - Cardio Kettlebell Class 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.

6/7 - Capoeira Fitness - Ages 12 & up at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Held every Sat. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703.

6/7 - Zumba Class at the South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Held every Sat. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703.

JUNE 8-14

6/9 - 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.

6/9 – Meditation at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Monday. 7 pm. Free. 278-5455.

Tuesday - 6/10 - 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. Every Monday. 9:30-10:30 am. 15 residents per class, 20 non-residents per class. 243-7350.


Wednesday - 6/11 - Yoga at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Ages 18 and up. Every Wednesday and Friday 9-10:30 am. 10 resident classes per class, 15 non-residents per class; $10 per class. 243-7350.

6/11 - Belly Dancing at Veterans 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.


6/12 - Zumba Gold 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. 55 residents; 60 non-residents. 243-7350.

6/17 - 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. 14 residents per class; 20 non-residents per class. 243-7350.

6/18 - 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

JUNE 22-28
Wednesday - 6/25 - Healthy Living Series: “Food Based Healing” - Presented by Bryan Weinstein at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-0798.

JUNE 29 - JULY 5
Wednesday - 7/2 - Reactive Attachment Disorder and its Treatment: Can the Damage be Undone? by Ileana Rodriguez-Ramirez, MA - Presented as part of the First Wednesdays mental health lecture series at the Faulk Center for Counseling, 2435 Boca Raton Rd., Boca Raton. 11 am-noon. Free. 483-5300.
Christian and Jews walk to remember Holocaust

More than 600 Jews and Christians walk 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. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

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. Rabbi Greg Weisman and Jessica Brockman of Temple Beth El joined others from Temple Beth El and 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 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.’”
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.

Adults at First Presbyterian say the youth project has helped their congregation bond and has also pointed more people toward Christ.

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. Email him at tcpallesen@aol.com.
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 a.m. - 12 p.m. $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 Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road.

JUNE 8-14
Wednesday - 6/11 - Florida Federation of Garden Clubs awards presented.

JUNE 10
Saturday - 6/13 - Growing Fabulous Fruits - 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 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free. 233-1792.

JUNE 14
Saturday - 6/14 - You Can Re-Pot Your Orchid at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 551 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Bring an orchid no larger than a 6” pot. Watch our pro demonstrate basic techniques and offer 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 a.m. - 12 p.m. $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. In collaboration with the Palm Beach Chapter of the Rare Fruit Council International & sponsored by Whole Foods Market. Join us on a culinary journey around the world as we explore delicious tropical fruit. Exciting activities in the Garden include cooking demonstrations, guided tours, tropical fruit display featuring over 150 tropical fruits, tropical fruit samples, Whole Foods Market sampling 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 a.m. - 3 p.m. $35/member, $40/non-member. 233-1750 or www.mounts.org.

Boca Raton Garden Club collects state awards

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 annual 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
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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 multi-toed cats degenerate 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 inside the Hemingway House. Sure, there is nearly invisible netting draped above the brick wall encasing this one-acre compound, but the main door is usually open. Rarely has any Hemingway cat opted to venture outside the premises.

If you bring your well-mannered dog, you're in luck as there are many pet-welcoming eateries and lodgings. Go to www.bringfidosfor spécifics. Also, consider taking in a movie with your cool canine at the Tropic Cinema located downtown at 416 Eaton St. Save time to tour the Hemingway House, open 365 days a year from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For ticket info and more details, visit www.hemingwayhome.com or call (305) 294-1136.

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 inside the Hemingway House. Sure, there is nearly invisible netting draped above the brick wall encasing this one-acre compound, but the main door is usually open. Rarely has any Hemingway cat opted to venture outside the premises.

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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.

It is tradition for these cats to be given names of famous people, which explains why I got the chance to hang out with Greta Garbo, Lionel Ritchie, Etta James and my personal favorite, Harry Truman (not a typo). Before I bade adieu to Jessica Pita and the Hemingway cats, I made a stop in the gift shop and left with a unique T-shirt sporting a watercolor rendering of a polydactyl cat with a raised front paw declaring "Gimme 6!"

Mizner Country Club ~ $1,150,000
Expansive 6 BR, 6 1/2 BA courtyard pool home with golf course views.  4,532 sq. ft. of living area with ensuite bedrooms, loft, open floor plan and luxurious appointments throughout. Golf equity membership included. Judy Sartor, 561-445-6009

Grande Orchid Estates ~ $975,000
Impeccably maintained 5 BR, plus den, 4 1/2 BA pool home with a 3 car garage.  4,483 sq. ft. under air.  30' ceilings, Brazilian hardwood and marble floors, all gas appliances, and turnkey with all furnishings. Club membership community. Sandra Champagne, 561-414-6213

Lake Ida Pool Home ~ $955,000
Beautifully updated 3 BR, 4 1/2 BA home on an oversized corner lot.  Gourmet kitchen with butlers pantry, ensuite bedrooms, his & her baths in the master suite, impact windows and doors, plus many upgrades. Sue Tauriello, 561-441-4200.

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Lake Ida ~ $625,000
Well maintained 4 BR, 2 BA with a 2 car garage and circular driveway situated on a deep 109' x 167' lot.  Ceramic tile floors in the living areas and newer kitchen with wood cabinetry, 3 blocks to Atlantic Avenue. Cheran Marek, 561-870-8855

Just Like Brand New ~ $175,000
Completely remodeled 5 BR, 2 BA situated on a 68' x 138' fenced lot in Delray Beach.  New tile floors, new bathrooms, new kitchen, new appliances, new lighting and new calling fans.  Newly painted inside and out!  Tania Agran, 561-376-1010

Cannery Row ~ $785,000
3 BR, 3 1/2 BA tri-level townhome with a 2 car garage overlooking the pool.  2,699 sq. ft. under air.  Hurricane impact windows, ensuite bedrooms, great living space and pre-wired for an elevator.  May be sold furnished. Tania Agran, 561-376-1010

Seagate Towers ~ $629,000
Views from every room!  Rarely available 2/2 southeast corner unit on the 8th floor offering Intracoastal and Ocean views, plus a desirable southern exposure. Impact glass windows and sliders throughout. Erik Ring, 561-441-6860.

Lake Ida ~ $625,000
Well maintained 4 BR, 2 BA with a 2 car garage and circular driveway situated on a deep 109' x 167' lot.  Ceramic tile floors in the living areas and newer kitchen with wood cabinetry, 3 blocks to Atlantic Avenue. Cheran Marek, 561-870-8855

Seagate Towers ~ $569,000
Very desirable 2/2 corner unit on the 7th floor offering 2 balconies with Intracoastal and Ocean views both north and south!  Updated kitchen and baths, plus hurricane impact windows and sliding glass doors. Pat Callinan, 561-703-6918

Polo Trace ~ $485,000
Well maintained 3 BR, plus den, 2 1/2 BA pool home with golf course and lake views.  Split bedroom plan with 2,229 sq. ft. under air, volume ceilings throughout, tile and wood floors, plus many upgrades. Non-equity golf membership. Judy Sartor, 561-445-6009

Sherwood Forest ~ $285,000
Pride of ownership is evident in this 3 BR, 2 BA home with a secluded back porch surrounded by lush tropical landscaping in a serene setting. Beautifully renovated kitchen with wood cabinets and many upgrades. Judy Sartor, 561-445-6009

Tropic Isle Waterfront ~ $324,900
Completely remodeled 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA two story waterfront townhome with impact windows and sliding glass doors.  2,229 sq. ft. under air, new A/C, upgraded second floor bath, plus master balcony with a great view!  Ellen Starck, 561-414-1514

Waterfront Pied-a-terre ~ $279,000
Wonderful 2 BR, 2 1/2 BA two story townhome with a boat slip, hurricane impact windows, plus front and back patios.  Interior features include an open kitchen, plus master suite with balcony.  Just minutes to the Boynton Inlet. Tania Agran, 561-376-1010

45 Ocean ~ Highland Beach Oceanfront
Just Listed!  2/2 southeast oceanfront corner.  $425,000  Completely renovated 2 BR, 2 BA penthouse.  $379,000  2 BR, 2 BA northwest corner with 2 balconies.  $295,000  Sue Tauriello, 561-441-4200

East Wind Beach Club ~ From $300,000
Very desirable location right across the street from the beach and one block to Atlantic Avenue. All units are 1/1 with a porch.  Two first floor units and one second floor unit are currently available. Call me today! Elizabeth Runey, 561-502-1552

Golf Course Views ~ $349,000
Very open 3/2 villa in Delray Dunes with a 1 1/2 car garage and 2,265 sq. ft. of living area.  Great room with volume ceilings, ceramic tile floors, plantation shutters, built-in cabinetry and many custom appointments. Club membership is required. Stacey Hamilton, 561-441-4681

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Matching People With Properties
Trolling tips for wahoo and dolphin shared by IGFA experts

Most people who fish for wahoo in 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 job: trolling rods that hold 20- to 30-pound-test line and two or three spinning rod holders to 20- to 30-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-long “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 the line on the trolling rod and tie a rig with a swivel, which allows the boat continues to move slowly forward.

When a wahoo nears the boat, put 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 6 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 rig is flat after the two hooks are inserted.

DiGiulian likes to pole the hooks through the meat side of the strip (as opposed to the silver 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 strip tied to 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 or planer that takes it below the surface.

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 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 Hobe Sound, 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.

On the Water

Angler Rich Slippis holds one of three wahoo caught aboard the Wish List last July using bonito strips pulled behind troll- ing rods. The wahoo were found of water just north of Hillsboro Inlet. Photo courtesy of Tony DiGiulian, IGFA School of Sportfishing.

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.bibc.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.lakeworthfishingtournament.com.

• Capt. George Mitchell will share tips for catching dolphin and runs in the waters of South Florida and the Bahamas
A life lived 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 longterm 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 Boynton Inlet fishermen at Ocean Inlet Park.

A youth of fishing and music

Philip Bryan Traylor was born in a bridge tender's house in Deerfield Beach where his father was working in July 1929 — three months before the stock market crash that led to the Great Depression.

Traylor said he remembers fishing all day for sailor's choice (pinfish) while his father, Burt Traylor, 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 his 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 play the drums and started playing in Key West bars at age 15. Still greeting the day the weather permits.

Traylor continued to sell real estate until recently, when he returned to his roots as a fisherman and real estate broker, selling resort property on the west side of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

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 Caribbean and helped him learn to fly a seaplane.

After his wealthy employer died in the 1970s, Traylor became a real estate broker, selling resort property on the west side of the Turks and 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 Traylors' son, Greg, and daughter Ashley Grana, live in Boynton Beach. Their daughter, Pamela Amwyl, 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 the weather permits. 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 at Intracoastal Park, 4475 S. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 8-10 am. Free. Contact Jeff Kofta, 772-307-3070 or jeffkofta@comcast.net. 6/7 - Boardwalk Tours at Green Cay Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. 8-10:15 am. Free. Contact 544-8605 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

Saturday - 6/21 - Decoding Beach Cations at Sandy Cove Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Join a beach adventure, hunting and decoding the mystery of the various critters washing up on our shore. For all ages. 11 am-noon. 274-7227 or www.sandowayhouse.org.

6/22-28
Monday - 6/25 - Fourth of July Butterfly Count at Dogwood Nature Center, South County Regional Park, 11409 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. For ages 6 and older. 3:45 pm. Reservations: 629-8706.
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!

SALE PENDING IN HYPOLUXO ISLAND IN LANTANA
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.

PRICE REDUCED
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

HYPOLUXO ISLAND TROPICAL PARADISE
Tucked away on ultra-private Pelican Lane, this exceptional pool home offers resort-style living in its designer renovated and expanded 4,900 SF with an attached 650 SF Guest House and 3-car garage. Live exquisitely in this Zen Retreat walking distance to Ocean Beach in Lantana! Supreme privacy and exceptional quality throughout. A Must See!

5 BEDROOMS, 4 BATHS, 3-CAR GARAGE
PRICE REDUCED $1,179,000

JUST SOLD – $1,000,000
JUST SOLD ON HYPOLUXO ISLAND IN LANTANA
This 4 Bedroom 3 Bath Pool 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.

JUST SOLD – $1,000,000
JUST SOLD ON HYPOLUXO ISLAND IN LANTANA
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.
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.
NEW LISTING
1550 SOUTH OCEAN BOULEVARD
Spectacular 4864/2.8BA. 9810 SF estate home extensively renovated 5 years ago. Ocean to Intracoastal with 220’ direct Ocean frontage with availability to create a dock. $12,495,000

NEW LISTING
7548 SF gated Intracoastal 5BR/6.2BA estate on oversized property with 102’ of direct waterfront. Outdoor kitchen, covered lanai and pool with expansive Intracoastal views. $2,999,999

SOLD
1457 ISLAND DRIVE
Prestigious Everglades Island 21600 SF lot. 135’ feet of water frontage with expansive wide water views. Approved plans available for modern home and private dock included in sale price. $9,640,000

NEW LISTING
1200 SE ATLANTIC DRIVE
5BR/6BA 7,754 SF European custom waterfront estate. Old world charm with modern luxuries. Heated pool/spa and dock. Offered fully furnished. $5,299,000

NEW LISTING
1690 LANDS END ROAD
Beautiful 4BR/5BA Waterfront home with large covered patio, lap pool and private dock. 170’ feet of beautiful view of Intracoastal Waterway. $2,950,000

NEW LISTING
1430 LANDS END ROAD
Luxurious 6BR/6.5BA waterfront estate with wide water views overlooking a large pool/spa and dock adjacent to new dock/flood lift. $2,295,000

NEW LISTING
920 SE ATLANTIC DRIVE
Beautifully renovated 5BR/5BA waterfront home with large covered patio, lap pool and private dock. 110’ feet of beautiful view of Intracoastal Waterway. $2,950,000

NEW LISTING
1206 N ATLANTIC DRIVE
Luxurious 6BR/6.5BA waterfront estate with wide water views overlooking a large pool/spa and deck adjacent to new dock/boat lift. $2,295,000

NEW LISTING
1026 N ATLANTIC DRIVE
Beautiful 4BR/5BA Waterfront home with large covered patio, lap pool and private dock. 110’ feet of beautiful view of Intracoastal Waterway. $2,950,000

NEW LISTING
657 ISLAND DRIVE
Prestigious Everglades Island 21600 SF lot. 135’ feet of water frontage with expansive wide water views. Approved plans available for modern home and private dock included in sale price. $9,640,000

NEW LISTING
105 CHURCHILL WAY
Newly built 5BR/6.5BA home with over 8,500 total SF on over half an acre. Most every room looks out at the tropical pool area with large mature trees, loggia and summer kitchen. Separate guest suite with private entry and a large four car garage. Offers every amenity. $2,390,000

NEW LISTING
1480 LANDS END ROAD
Exceptional 4BR/3.5BA Bermuda style waterfront estate with double lot. This home is in prime condition and offers every amenity including few beach club membership to the 5 Star Eau Resort, just five minutes away. $2,900,000

NEW LISTING
1017 SPOONBILL ROAD
Beautifully renovated 3BR/3.5BA waterfront home with great water views and Ocean access within minutes. Gratis beach club membership with EAU Palm Beach Resort & Spa. $1,950,000

NEW LISTING
DUNES OF OCEAN RIDGE
Boutique style 3BR/2.5BA Oceanfront enclave with over 3,000 SF. Wonderful amenities including large pool, gym, lush grounds and wide sandy beaches of the Ocean. $904,500

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101 N. COUNTY ROAD, PALM BEACH
561.655.6570
With Father’s Day approaching, consider a water-oriented gift for Dad — something that will help him get in shape, relax and soak up the sun. We found the WaveJet propulsion surfboard system and other water-oriented toys at this year’s Palm Beach International Boat Show.

WaveJet boards offer the convenience of power thrust in a surfboard, body board or stand-up paddleboard. Controlled by a Seatooth-enabled wristband, the WaveJet power pod provides up to 20 pounds of thrust and will run about 35 minutes continuously before it needs to be recharged. Because the motors are not typically in use all the time surfers or paddlers are in the water, that translates to about 90 minutes of surfing or paddling time.

It takes about three hours to charge the WaveJet power pod. The pod adds about 16 pounds to the weight of the board, but the weight is centered underfoot to ensure the boards are still maneuverable.

Gifts that can help fathers relax and reinvigorate on the surf

By Willie Howard

Professional surfer Peter Mendia, of West Palm Beach, rides a WaveJet surfboard near the Lake Worth Pier. Mendia says the propulsion system allows him to spend less time paddling and more time riding waves. Photos by Willie Howard/The Coastal Star

EVENY DAD HAS HIS DAY

On the waves

More gift ideas for Dad, AT2

Peter Mendia shows the tear-drop-shaped propulsion system on the bottom of a 6¼-foot WaveJet surfboard.
The Power Pod can be moved for a surfboard, bodyboard or a wakeboard in a hurry, Mendia said, he paddles and uses the WaveJet system to help him catch several waves.

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.

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

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

A wireless wrist controller is used to turn the WaveJet surfboard propulsion system on and off. People sitting in Airchairs are literally hanging out. They’re suspended from ropes that can be hung from tree limbs, a porch overhang or a supporting structure on a boat. Built in New York, Airchairs range in price from $140 for the original version to $900 for a love seat with a supporting arch. Footrests, magazine holders and drink holders are available. Learn more at www.airchair.net. Willie Howard/The Coastal Star
$7,995,000  - Spectacular Estate with breathtaking ocean and beach views. Walk thru a path of seagrapes to your private beach. Detailed moldings and Brazilian cherry floors complement the understated decor. 12,000+ sq ft! 8 beds, 8.5 baths, and at least 8699 of living space under air.

DELRAY BEACH
$740,000  - 3/2.5 townhome on Intracoastal, deeded dock included in sale. 2 large decks. Recently updated. 2 blocks to beach and close to Atlantic Ave shops & restaurants.

DELRAY DUNES C.C.
$498,000  - Outstanding golf course home overlooking the 8 & 9 holes. Boarding the water, this private oversized lot is set back from the golf course. The home has a large lanai area that open to the pool with a waterfall. It has a split floor plan with large oversized rooms.

$679,000  - Stunning lake views from this 3 bedroom home on a lot and a half. Recently updated with a gourmet kitchen, Saturnia marble floors, wood burning fireplace and new baths. The indoor/outdoor living is expanded with a large lanai and a summer kitchen.

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

$885,000  - Just completed, this home was completely redone and extended. Stunning golf views overlooking the 12th, 13th & 15th holes. This southern exposure home is on an oversized lot with large pool area with lanai. All top of the finishes and appliances.

$899,000  - Great 3 bedroom townhouse steps from the sand. Two 2nd story balconies from the bedrooms that overlook the ocean. Updated interior ready for immediate move in. Seaside Dunes is a gated community on the ocean & only a few blocks from Atlantic Ave, shops & restaurants.

$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.

$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 overlooks the golf course and master bath has been reconfigured to have a large walk in shower and dual sinks.

$699,000  - Completely updated villa overlooking the 2nd fairway of the golf course. 2/2 with an office in move in condition. Large master bedroom with golf course views. Master bathroom has a Jacuzzi tub and walk in shower. Open floor plan with great storage.

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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!).

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.
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GFS Marketplace, Hurricane Grill & Wings, Jimmy John’s Gourmet Sandwiches, Longhorn Steakhouse, Prime Catch, Secret Garden, Trulhotts Bar & Grille and Village Tavern. The Wine Cellar Boynton Beach will provide accommodation. Tickets are $35 online and $50 at the door. Call 732-9501.

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 another announcement just in time for summer, Caffe Luna Rosa now offers brunch every day from 7 a.m. to 3:30 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 / Ernto DeBlassi.

Local research guru and author of five books and is working on another scheduled for release next year. Thon Smith is a freelance writer. Contact him at thonsmith@ymail.com.

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, most recently as the artist 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.

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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,
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 a first question by

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Jamie Bernstein (right) says when her father, Leonard (above), was alive, she took him for granted. Now she realizes his impact on generations of music lovers. Photos provided

1990, nearly 25 years ago, but 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 (Some Other Time) 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.

“It’s a more lightweight story,” Jamie Bernstein says of On the Town. “It’s three sailors on shore leave, it’s very humorous, and it doesn’t have the gravitas of the Romeo and Juliet template that West Side Story has. It’s just in a different category.”

But the music itself is anything but frivolous. “Musically, boy, that score has so much going on in it,” she said. “It was one of the first, and one of the few, through-composed Broadway scores. My father, with his classical training, really brought a symphonic and through-composed approach to writing show music, where he would take motives and work them all the way through …”

“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 suite his 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.

“I couldn’t begin to appreciate them when they were in my life, and now I miss them so much,” said Bernstein, who at 61, Green died in 2002. Betty and Adolph really made my father laugh, and that was no small thing. They just had this bond where they enjoyed each other’s
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 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. “Everyone should be so lucky to carry such a burden,” she said. “We are so proud of his legacy. Everybody is so proud of what they wanted,” he said. “It was very exciting for him, 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 father of engineer turned designer Jack Odell, who had to bring something to school that could fit in a matchbox.

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

“I think they’re waiting for us,” 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 with making more efficient molding,” he said.

Mattel changed the toy car game in 1968 with Hot Wheels, focusing on speed rather than detail, and introducing a sense of imaginative fancy, such as the not-found-in-nature Draggua, a racing-stlye Jaguar with a chrome engine sticking out of the hood and a plastic 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 steam.

Ultimately, Lesney went under in the 1990s and 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, 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 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, or you can control 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 through Sunday 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 832-1996 or visit www.norton.org.

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 & Roll Evolution), made its mark by extensive touring early on, and it has developed an enamele face over the years, with songs such as “Shuttered,” “This Town” and “Love and Memories.” The group’s debut recording, The Rockstar LP, is officially released June 16, and it has a long and busy summer ahead of appearances across the country. Meanwhile, the Marriott Theater lined up one of these shows, and for one night the theater usually associated with musical will be transformed into a rock palace. Should by very interesting, the Fan Band: The People Upstairs opens for 0.A.R. Tickets for the 7 p.m. show range from $14 to $50. Call 575-2223 or visit www.jupitertheatre.org.

JUNE 19-JUNE 29
American & Indian Art: A major exhibit, Art in Progress, is open through August 6 at the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach. Features include: Opening Saturday, June 19, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $12 for adults, $5 for seniors, $10 for students and free for members. Call 832-1996 or visit www.morikami.org.

JUNE 20-JUNE 29
Zorba: This musical by the team (John Kander and Fred Ebb) that created Cabaret, Chicago) was a modest success in its original, 1968 run with Anthony Quinn, who had played Zorba in the film version of the same story drawn from Nikos Kazantzakis’ 1923 novel (based on a real person Kazantzakis knew). Praise was a smash, and introducing a sense of sensibilities in concert format with this musical, which will be directed by Dave Cote, former of the Central Theatre. There are 14 performances in all, along with Q&As, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., or visit www.palmbeachdramaworks.org.

JUNE 25-JUNE 29
It Sucks to Be Me: Any resemblance between the puppet 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 Sucks to be Me. Trio Nemen, who invested in the production, produces this very adult show for Ein’acte Theatre this month at the Crest Theatre on the campus of the Delray Beach Center for the Arts. Tickets are $20, $15 for seniors, $20 for students and $10 rush tickets half an hour before curtain. Call 243-7922, Ext. 1, or visit delraycenterforthearts.org.

ALL MONTH
Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens: This 60,000 square foot exhibit pays tribute to miniature cars and the Barbie doll, two iconic ’50s toys. Photo provided

The Norton Museum’s Wheels and Heels exhibit pays tribute to miniature cars and the Barbie doll, two iconic ’50s toys. Photo provided

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By Lucy Lazarony

Visionary and stained glass artist Conrad Pickel lived in Boynton Beach from 1974 to 1994.

A six-month-long exhibition celebrating his art and his imprint on Boynton Beach is on display on the second floor of the Boynton Beach City Library. The exhibition, which opened May 24, features more than 36 pieces of art, including stained glass, colored sketches, charcoal prints, pen and ink drawings, oil paintings, a self-portrait, a wood carving and a mosaic.

The exhibition also showcases a sample of decraille, a type of glowing, stained glass and he even had plans for a city water tower.

"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, an industrial building that he had a studio and he even had plans for a stunning, stained-glass-encased city water tower.

In addition to the art exhibit, which was curated by Coles-Dobay and Paul Pickel of Conrad Pickel Studios, the May 24 kick-off celebration featured a guided bus tour, a stained glass demonstration and presentations on Conrad Pickel's art and career.

About Conrad Pickel
 Born in 1906 in Germany, Conrad Pickel came to America at the age of 21 after apprenticing and learning the art of stained glass at the famed Mayer Studios 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 stained glass studio in Vero 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 designed and designed and his imagination just kept going," Pickel said.

"He had a grand piano and invited guests to perform," Pickel said. "They're very simple windows but you walk in and they're just so clear. They're 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 decraille 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."


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

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 Danica Sanborn a check for $3,000 toward student-outreach programs. Photo provided

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 Yasmine Ampuero and artist Patricia Burdette.

Photo provided by Barbara McCormick

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 Kobulnicky, Helen Babione and Buzz Lewis.

Photo provided by Barbara McCormick

Fashion fundraiser
Neiman Marcus, Boca Raton – April 16

Wells Fargo Private Bank sponsored an event to benefit and bring awareness to Boca Helping Hands, which provides food and emergency provisions to the needy.

Photo: Jason Freeman, Karen Swedenborg, Bonnie Koenig, Kelly Thill, Pattie Damron and Jonathan Bernstein. Photo provided by Janis Bucher

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

The Junior League of Boca Raton celebrated the end of the 2014 season during a meeting, at which Andrea Garcia was sworn in as new president. ABOVE: Woman Volunteer of Year Co-Chairwoman Kirsten Stephenson, Honorary Chairwoman Marta Batmasian, Co-Chairwoman Yvette Drucker and past President Crystal McMillian. Photos provided by Jeffrey Tholl Photography

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

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. Photo: Alice Kemper, Sheila Fuente, Roxane Lipton, Ann Kelman, and Chairwomen Marlene Silver and Jeanne Fibus. Photo provided by Jeffrey Tholl Photography

Old Salts Picnic
Boynton Beach Inlet – April 28

Longtime fishermen gathered for a picnic to swap tales. Photo: Wally Alexander, Ron 'Captain Hook' 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. Photo: Pollock with Chamber President Troy McLellan. Photo provided by Blankinship Photography

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 bamboo arbor 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 bride wore a navy blue dress 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 The Coastal Star

Engagement

Charlotte Anne Lozier and John Case Lundquist

A June wedding is planned. Photo: Wally Alexander, Ron ‘Captain Hook’ 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

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Girlfriend Material.

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.

The groom received a bachelor's in mechanical engineering from Pennsylvania State University and two master's degrees from the University of Florida. He is employed at Lockheed Martin in Riviera Beach. The couple will reside in Palm Beach Gardens.

The couple agreed to divorce. Photo: Pollock with Chamber President Troy McLellan. Photo provided by Blankinship Photography

Mr. and Mrs. William Harry Lozier of Des Moines, Iowa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlotte Anne, to John Case Lundquist, son of Mr. and Mrs. David John Lundquist of Ocean Ridge.

Charlotte graduated from Northwestern University, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She is director of marketing and communications for The Shelter Corp, a real estate development firm. John graduated from Pepperdine University and was a member of the tennis team. He received his MBA from Cornell University, where he was a Park Fellow. John is an investment professional for Värde Partners, an alternative investment firm headquartered in Minneapolis, Minn. A June wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Minneapolis.

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**Municipal Meetings**

**6/7-6/23 - Lantana** - Second and Fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Gingerlilly Circle, 7 pm. Agenda: www.lantana.org

**6/7 - Boca Raton** - Third and Fourth Tuesdays at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 S. Palm Park Road, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Agenda: www.cityofboca.net. Boca Raton Library. 4 pm.

**6/11 - Gulf Stream** - Second Friday at the Gulf Stream Town Hall, 201 Sea Road, 9 am. Agenda: www.mygulfstream.org

**6/17 & 7/1 - Boynton Beach** - First and Third Thursdays at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E. Ocean Boulevard. 4:30 pm. Agenda: www.boyntonfl.gov

**6/17** - Relay for Life - First and Third Thursdays at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 N. Ocean Blvd. Free admission. 5 pm.

**6/18** - Roar & Pour - Hosted by the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm-9 pm. $30 per person. www.gumbolimbo.org.

**6/26 - 8/12 - Business In-Brief** - Presented by the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, 1950 North County Road, 7:30 am. Free. 334-4590.

**6/30 - 7/7** - RPGs and Collectible Card Play - Exclusively for adults and meets on Wednesdays. First Tuesday it's the board's travel comic book and key tournament games at 5 pm. Dinner on the third Friday of every month and all day on the last Sunday of every month. 7:30-10 pm. 549-0300.

**6/7** - BCAA Book Club - Presented by the Boynton Beach Library. 2nd Monday of each month at 6 pm. Free. 376-1495.

**6/11 - Silver Science Days** - Hosted by the Palm Beach Photographic Center, 415 Clematis St., Delray Beach. 9 am-3 pm. Free. 395-1800.

**6/12** - Good Times - A support group for adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). First Monday of each month at 6 pm. Free. 398-5280.

**6/12** - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S. Ocean Blvd. 9:30 am. www.manalapantownhall.com

**6/12** - Wednesday Afternoon Book Club - Presented by the Palm Beach County Library. Martis Library. 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2 pm. Free. 398-5280.

**6/12** - Second, Fourth, and Sixth Saturdays at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am. Free admission. 272-1281.

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**June 14-18** - Monday - Friday - World Oceans Day at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 1001 North 40th St., West Palm Beach. Celebrate World Ocean Day with activities to celebrate the sea. Touch tank demos, aquatic conservation, and more! $5 per person. $4 for Boca Raton library cardholders. 9 am-3 pm. 

**June 21-27** - Monday - Sunday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**July 5-9** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**July 10-14** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**July 15-19** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**July 20-24** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**July 25-29** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**July 30-August 1** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**August 26-30** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**September 2-6** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**September 7-11** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**September 12-16** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**September 17-21** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**September 22-26** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**September 27-30** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**October 1-5** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**October 6-10** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**October 11-15** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**October 16-20** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**October 21-25** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**October 26-30** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

**October 31-November 4** - Monday - Friday - The Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free.

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Thursday - 6/19 - Safari Nights: The Zoo Comes Alive at the Delray Beach Public Library, 1111 S. Federal Hwy., Delray Beach. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 7-9 pm. Free. 263-7456 or www.delraylibrary.org.

Friday - 6/20 - Replacing Lost Photos & Images: A Daytime Photography Workshop - Sponsored by Eleven Artists' Cooperative at the Delray Beach Center for the Arts, 245 S. Swinton. 9-4 pm. $160. 393-7968 or www.elevenartistsdelray.com.

Saturday - 6/21 - Father's Day Brunch Cruise - Sponsored by Showtime Cruises at the Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. For adults. 10 am-3 pm. $58-79. 848-6866 or www.delraylibrary.org.

Saturday - 6/21 - Handyman Workshops: Join us at the Coastal Star for hands-on projects that contribute to the betterment of our community. The six weekly workshops are 1-4 pm. 561-337-1553.

Sunday - 6/22 - Father's Day at the Delray Beach Library. Come to the library to thank Dad for all he does. Saturday and Sunday, 10 am-5 pm. Free. 266-0198 or www.delraylibrary.org.


Thursday - 6/26 - Great Books Discussion Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Reading of Madam Europe. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 266-0796 or delib gearbox.

Thursday - 6/26 - Chess at Victorian Park - 802 NE 4th St., 7-9 pm. Free. Bring your favorite chess sets and join other chess enthusiasts. All levels welcome. 9-11 pm. Free. 266-0796 or delib gearbox.

Friday - 6/27 - Movie Friday: ANYA at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 7-10 pm. Free. 278-4474.

Saturday - 6/28 - Safari Days: The Zoo Comes Alive at the Delray Beach Public Library, 1111 S. Federal Hwy., Delray Beach. Saturday and Sunday, 10 am-5 pm. Free. 263-7456 or www.delraylibrary.org.

Saturday - 6/28 - Sushi & Sake at the Victorian Park - Sponsored by the Boynton Beach Public Library at the Victorian Park, 802 NE 4th St. 5:30-8 pm. Free. Bring your favorite sushi set and join other sushi enthusiasts. All levels welcome. 278-4474 or www.bocapark.com.


Saturday - 6/28 - Fort Lauderdale Cruise to the Bahama Islands - Sponsored by Showtime Cruises at the Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. 8 am-10 pm. $79. Showtime Cruises by appointment. 848-6866 or www.showtimecruises.com.

Saturday - 6/29 - Fonzie Friday in the Park - Sponsored by the Delray Beach City Library at the Presentation Grounds, 1111 S. Federal Hwy., Delray Beach. Free admission. 9-11 am. Free with paid admission. 263-7456 or www.delraylibrary.org.

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Monday - 7/7 - Doug Carter: Father's Day Special at Arts Garage, 190 NE 1st Ave, Delray Beach. Free admission. 231-3777.

Tuesday - 7/8 - Free Tickets for Fourth of July Fireworks at the Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. Free admission. 266-0198 or www.delraylibrary.org.

Wednesday - 7/9 - Birthdays on the Beach at the Delray Beach Public Library, 1111 S. Federal Hwy., Delray Beach. Tuesday and Thursday, 9-11 am and 1-3 pm. Free with paid admission. 263-7456.


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Thursday - 7/10 - Summer Concert Band - Sponsored by the Boynton Beach Outdoor Concerts at the Boynton Beach Municipal Center, 110 NE 2nd Ave. Free admission. 253-2000 or www.boyntonbeachfl.gov.

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FAMILY EVENTS

6/8 - 6/23 - "Cultural Significance in the Arts" at Crane’s Art House, 515 SW Military Trail, Boca Raton. Hunt for a loss of art and culture. Many families know the title Johnny Cash with this unique musical love story. Learn about art and culture and redemption and home family. 7:30 pm Fri. 4/25, Sat. 5/2. 5-10 pm. shuts down at 10 pm.

6/9 - "The Orphan Master’s Son" at the French American School of Naples, 420 2nd Street, Naples. Read the book by Maxine Hong. The play opens at 8:00 pm. 7:30 pm Fri. 4/25, Sat. 5/2. 5-10 pm. shuts down at 10 pm.


6/11 - "Demonstrations of the Way" at the Delray Beach Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. A forget and learn all about the habitats in which they work out their relationships following the mysterious disappearance of their family. 7:30 pm. $20. 718-6357 or www.artsgarage.org

6/12 - "Juggling & Illusion Show" at the Delray Beach Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. A forget and learn all about the habitats in which they work out their relationships following the mysterious disappearance of their family. 7:30 pm. $20. 718-6357 or www.artsgarage.org

6/13 - "The Thirty-Hour Days of John Rechac" - Presented as part of the Summer of Sages Book Discussion Group. Featuring author John Rechac, King Library, 4 Fearless Plaza, Palm Beach. 7:00 pm. Free. Proceedings benefit the Palm Beach County Library system.

6/14 - "Life on Broadway, West End and Hollywood with Barry Ingham" - Presented by Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Outreach at the South Florida Science Center & Aquarium. 7/3-5 pm. Free. Ages 18 & up. 8 pm. 833-1811.

6/15 - "How to Tame a Laser" at the Delray Beach Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. A forget and learn all about the habitats in which they work out their relationships following the mysterious disappearance of their family. 7:30 pm. $20. 718-6357 or www.artsgarage.org

6/16 - "Fathers Day" at the Delray Beach Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. For Fathers and their fathers, children #250, West Palm Beach. One of the top young Filipino pianist Jovianney Emmanuel Cruz performs Leonard Bernstein’s transcription of "Cool" from West Side Story. "Tond" and "Easy" secrets also included by Bernstein. 6/16 - 6/23. 9 am-1 pm. Member $20; Member child $10. For more information visit www.faualumni.org.

6/17 - "Ring of Fire" at the Boynton Beach City Library, 15 S. Ocean Ave. Master pianist and conductor Leonard Bernstein, for a one-on-one conversation about family and career among the Bernstein legacy. The presentation will include memorabilia of the family’s "big band" era and Bernstein’s great reputations. 7:30 pm. 805-464-9539.

6/18 - "Beach Days" at the West Palm Beach Public Library, 4000 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Presented as part of the Summer of Sages Book Discussion Group. Featuring T. J. Mandell, King Library, 4 Fearless Plaza, Palm Beach. 7:00 pm. Free. Proceedings benefit the Palm Beach County Library system.

6/19 - "Jazz on the Palm at West Palm Beach" at the Coubertin Center. The free jazz concert on the classic pop town and bands of multi award winning vocalist Doris, Paula Davis and her world class with her bills show at the West Palm Beach Waterfront. Guests encouraged to bring blankets and chairs. 8:00 pm. Jazz every third Wednesday of the month.


Tots & Teens
Catch a wave at Delray surf camp
By Shelley Gilken
Not many camps can boast this: No shoes needed.

The shores 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 field five miles inland with socks and shoes on," said Patrick Heeney, director of the camp. "We’re water people.

"The camp is not just about surfing. There is also stand up paddleboarding, kayaking, boogie-boarding and skim boarding.

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

"We’d like to introduce out to the historic Delray wreck, where they snorkel in 15 feet of water. The Delray wreck is the best wreck along the East Coast that sank just offshore during a hurricane in 1903. In addition to the ship hull, campers may spot a lobster, leatherback turtle, stinger ray or puffer fish.

"It’s kids having fun," Heeney said. "It’s a great day at the beach and they get to swim with some fish behind the curtain from visitors around the world. While most campers are local, Heeney has said he has signed up campers from Europe, France, Brazil and Canada.

"I want to make sure 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 want to do an entire week, Heeney offers a one-day option for children that wants to give it a try.

"They catch waves. I’m in the water pushing them," Heeney said. "I’m at the age that the campers spend an average of two to three hours in the water in each session.

"I also assess on the sand, as well as breaks to towel off, rehydrate and reapply sunscreen.

Parents get to see the day’s activities in daily posts to the camp’s Facebook page. And, there’s another option for trea for parents. The camp hosts lunch, which is usually pizza or a cookout. Occasionally, the meal is an excursions too.

"If the campers are water people, I pull out the campers during camp and put them on the beach.

If going to the camp sparks a greater interest, additional camps are held at the site that coincide with school breaks. That way, campers can enjoy summer fun in the water all year.

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

JUNE 1-15


Tuesday - 6/17 - Family Summer Kick-Off Party at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 129 NW 2nd Ave. Cost $5. Includes books, snacks, and games. 5:30-7 pm. Registration: 262-0450.


Thursday - 6/19 - Theatre Camp at the Beach Boys and Girls Club of Delray Beach, 305 SW 1st Ave. Cost $275. Includes book bag and lunch. 9-4 pm. Registration: 262-0450.

Friday - 6/20 - Summer Teen Camp at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 129 NW 2nd Ave. Cost $325. Includes book bag, lunch and snacks. 9-4 pm. Registration: 262-0450.

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