Along the Coast

Developer assembles properties in Delray, Lake Worth

By Jane Smith

Over the past year, developer Steve Michael parlayed his connections to assemble a portfolio of historic properties from Lake Worth south to Delray Beach.

In Lake Worth, his company Hudson Holdings teamed with Carl DeSantis, founder of Rexall Sundown vitamins, to buy the historic Gulfstream Hotel for $7.22 million in May. The two met nearly a decade ago when Michael had an option to buy DeSantis' Atlantic Plaza (now called Atlantic Crossing) in Delray Beach.

In Delray Beach, Hudson Holdings partnered with Marshall Florida Holdings in July to pay $17.5 million for several tracts of land that includes the historic Sundy House. When Michael worked for a hedge fund, he met Rick Marshall, a North Carolina developer who trades in oil futures. "I'm looking to add value," Marshall said. "We just have to see what happens." Michael, 50, said of his development strategy. He's not a newcomer: He points out that he has lived in Delray Beach for 14 years. His most recent success came in July when his Hudson Holdings partnered with CRA to buy the 55-year-old building since 1982.

Two major developments will bookend Delray Beach's downtown core in the coming years. The developer of the 9-acre Atlantic Crossing (1) say construction of the mixed-use project will begin this year, despite an unresolved lawsuit. And while construction might be years down the road, another developer has assembled several properties in the Old School Square Historic Arts District, including the landmark Sundy House. Plans call for an "historic village" (2) across the street from Sundy House and a lane of one- and two-bedroom apartments (3) on Swinton Avenue leading south from Atlantic Avenue.

GRAPHIC: Bonnie Lallky-Seibert, renderings provided by developers

Atlantic Crossing construction to begin despite pending lawsuit

By Tim Pallesen

The developer of Atlantic Crossing vows construction will begin this year despite a lawsuit to force redesign. The $200 million mixed-use project on East Atlantic Avenue got its final city approval in January, prompting residents at the nearby Harbour House condos to sue to force the developer to build an east-west access road off Federal Highway to relieve traffic. A favorable court ruling for the neighbors could stop Atlantic Crossing construction after it begins.

"I would be surprised if the developer took the gamble," Harbour House condo president Bruce Leiner said. "We've still got a significant debate."

But Atlantic Crossing project manager Don DeVere said starting construction this year isn't a gamble at all. "Our viewpoint is that this is a frivolous lawsuit that will be dismissed," DeVere said. "We're eager to get it resolved, but it's not impacting our timetable." The Harbour House lawsuit names both the developer and the city as defendants. It claims the developer is obligated to build the access road because

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Ocean Ridge

Clock runs out on last remaining commerce in town

By Dan Moffett

After more than a decade on life support, the end appears near for the last commercial district in Ocean Ridge.

The Town Commission has rejected an amendment that essentially would have grandfathered the five-store strip at 5011 N. Ocean Blvd. into compliance with the town's code and allowed it to stay in business.

Town Manager Ken Schenck said the reprises appear to have run out for the Sivitilli family, owners of the 55-year-old building since 1982.

"If nothing else happens," Schenck said, "then obviously they're going to have to close down the businesses on the lower floor." The town has not set a timetable for the businesses to shut down, however, leaving the three remaining shops at 5011 in an uneasy limbo.

"I don't know what we're going to do," said Christian Riera, owner of the Transition Area triathlon shop who lives upstairs. "We just have to see what happens." Commissioners said they were expecting a detailed plan for the property's renovation from Lisa Sivitilli, daughter of the owners, Orlando and Lilianne Sivitilli. But what they got during the Aug. 11 meeting was a one-

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Editor's Note
Ocean Ridge ‘main street’ should include commerce

F or two years after we moved into our office complex at 501 N. Ocean Blvd, people would stop in asking where the dry cleaner was. The building had been sold and when I explained the locations of two businesses across the bridge, they would ask in the direction of Qufu, China.

Then about two weeks ago, I received a call from a property owner saying that we were looking for a bicycle repair shop. Once the triathlon shop became online only, we would direct them to Federal Highway in Delray Beach.

Every day outside our office window we marveled at the mix of vehicles coming and going. From beach cruiser bicycles to tricked-out golf carts to Bentleys and cruiser bicycles to tricked-out golf carts to Bentleys and everything in between.

“TypeName” turn around and buy or visit Colby’s Barbershop. At the mix of vehicles, we would direct them to Federal Highway in Delray Beach.

The Boynton Beach Commercial Association’s focus is to create a commercial overlay along its A1A corridor, but that was an action of the town. It will take a vote of the corporate shareholders to make that sort of large-scale change a reality, and if you’ve ever sat through a Briny corporate meeting, you know this isn’t going to happen anytime soon. Change is slow in Briny Breezes and the residents seem to like it that way.

Ocean Ridge should reconsider a request for grandfathering the 501 building, or better yet, build a commercial district into the next comprehensive plan update. Yes, this will cost the town some money — and code enforcement will need to become a priority — but the future planning will be worth it.

A successful plan would create a commercial overlay area that would be attractive to developers and small businesses. Keep it human-scaled and easily accessible by foot, bike, golf cart and vehicle, and create a tiny gem of an area that would enhance the allure of our already appealing A1A corridor regardless of who owns the property today.

— Mary Kate Leming, Editor

Correction
An article in the August edition about the Delray Beach Historical Society’s 50th anniversary events contained two errors. Winnie Diggins Edwards is the society’s executive director, not its CEO. Also, the society’s archives are home to 10,000 items, not 1,000 as reported.

Coastal Star
Proponent of Sister Cities inspired by travel

By Jane Smith

The owner of the defunct Dolphin restaurant in Boynton Beach likes to think globally. “I like the idea of finding out about other cultures,” said Christiane Francois of Ocean Ridge. Plus, she loves to travel. She became involved with the Sister Cities program in 2000 through a then-planner with Boynton Beach, Dan DeCarle.

He had stopped in Qufu, China, while adopting his second Chinese daughter. He started to develop a friendship with Qufu residents and that eventually led to the start of Boynton Beach’s Sister Cities committee.

“I feel like I have a connection with China,” DeCarle said. He points to the adopted Chinese daughters, claims that he likely was Chinese in a past life and now teaches at the Confucius Institute in Miami. His business card front is in Mandarin, the official language of China.

Boynton Beach is a member of Sister Cities International, which boasts 500 cities with 2,000 connections in 140 countries. Delray Beach has two, while Fort Lauderdale has 18.

Francois served as a board member since 2003, when the Greater Boynton Beach Sister Cities Committee gained nonprofit status. In 2012 and 2013, she was president. She is still involved with the organization and recently picked up some items at Costco to send to her Chinese friends.

The first time the Boynton Beach delegation visited Les Cayes (lek-KAY), Haiti, in spring 2012, the group received a military escort into the town, Francois said.

The Haitian delegation had to cancel its most recent trip when the central government in Port-au-Prince did not send the money needed to buy the plane tickets, she said. The group has not rescheduled the trip, but she is hoping the members will come soon.

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Christiane Francois has traveled to Boynton Beach’s sister city, Qufu, China. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

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The Boynton Sister Cities group donated hundreds of wheelchairs to disabled residents of Qufu. When they delivered 200 wheelchairs in May 2007, Francois was there. “They really needed those chairs. They are very poor and couldn’t afford them,” she said at the time. “It was a very moving experience for all of us.”

Francois, who has one adult daughter who lives in Santa Monica, Calif., speaks proudly of the Young Artists Showcase they created with Qufu to honor artwork of middle and high school students. The artwork is displayed each Spring at the Boynton Beach Mall.

In October 2011, Boynton Beach adopted Les Cayes, Haiti, as its second sister city. “We always wanted a sister city in Haiti,” Francois said at the time. Boynton Beach has a large population of ethnic Haitians and there’s potential for student exchanges and business partnerships with the 500-year-old city, said Francois, who was married for a few years to an engineer from Australia.

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Safe roads promotion set for four days in September

By Rich Pollack

Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians along A1A beware: Law enforcement officers from several departments will once again be out in force this month in a concentrated effort to promote the need for bicyclists, motorists and pedestrians to safely share the road.

In an effort coordinated by the South Florida Safe Roads Task Force, police officers from several departments along the coast — as well as Sheriff’s Office deputies and Florida Highway Patrol troopers — will be conducting a saturation effort on four separate days in September.

The first of the stepped-up enforcement efforts — designed to promote awareness of rules designed to improve safety for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists — will take place from 7 to 9 a.m. Sept. 13 and Sept. 14.

There will also be stepped-up enforcement from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18.

As part of the effort to promote the importance of sharing the road, the task force will conduct a Back to School Safety Fair from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 18 at Boynton Beach Oceanfront Park. It will feature free food and music, as well as demonstrations from the Florida Highway Patrol that include a rollover simulator and a seatbelt-convincing slide.

Supported by the Florida Department of Transportation and the Dori Slosberg Foundation, the Back to School Safety Fair will also include free bicycle helmets for children and adults as well as helmet fitting, along with other giveaways.

“Our goal is to educate motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians to help improve their own safety as well as the safety of all those who are sharing the road,” says Tara Kirschner, executive director of the Dori Slosberg Foundation and a spokeswoman for the task force.
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Grandson, attorney William that nothing was so permanent year. Chronicling the city’s past and of more than 10,000 items for preservation — an archive and Southeast Sixth Avenue from Northeast Fifth Avenue homes — two moved to the site comprised of three historic Society has a bucolic campus Delray Beach Historical 1964, and a dream to fulfill. Williams was named the Delray Beach Historical Society holds keys to city’s past, dreams for its future. “My grandmother realized that nothing was so permanent as change,” Williams’ grandson, attorney William S. Williams, told the crowd. “But she also realized how a historical society should link the past and future. She wanted this town to have a sense of place.”

Later, as guests greeted each other, sipping punch and enjoying what was touted as “the largest pineapple cake in the world” — 6-by-2 feet — Williams recalled his grandmother. “I remember her well,” he said. “She was a very independent thinker, and she wanted Delray Beach to be a viable community that didn’t look like the rest of South Florida. She didn’t have much use for chain stores or malls. She thought they didn’t have a sense of place. She had no use for Starbucks, and she would not put up with high rises on the ocean. She called them filing cabinets.”

Also present at the charter’s signing in 1964 was the society’s first recording secretary, architect Roy M. Simon. He’s 84, and still working every day. “I had an eight-page speech,” Simon confessed, “but they told me I had to cut it down to a few seconds.”

The crowd chuckled. “And then the mayor gave my speech.” And the crowd laughed. But how do you share a lifetime of memories in just a few seconds? Simon was born on Southeast First Avenue — “second floor, room on the right” — and raised here.

“At one time, this was a beautiful village by the sea, with Atlantic Avenue lined with palm trees,” he said. “Then that disappeared with progress. So we wondered what can we do to save this place.”

What they had done, he noted, was help spare Old School Square from commercial development and start the city’s preservation board, which led to the establishment of the historic district. The historical society was already two years old when Simon’s daughter, Laura, was born in 1964. Now she serves on the board her father helped found.

One of the first motions approved that day in 1964 was a resolution extending an “honorary lifetime membership” to Kenneth Ellingsworth, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, for his “extraordinary services in initiating the formation of the society.” Ellingsworth was born at home here in 1926 and died in 2010.

Now his son, Howard, serves as the board’s treasurer. “I was born at Bethesda Memorial Hospital in 1960, the year after it opened,” Howard Ellingsworth said, “so I’m sure I was one of the first 100 babies born there that year. I’d hear stories from my dad about tumbleweeds blowing down Atlantic Avenue when he was a boy, but it was always an awesome place to grow up.”

At Atlantic High School, he remembered, there was a history teacher who told his class, “If you don’t know where you came from, how do you know where you are, or where you’re going?”

For now, the Delray Beach Historical Society is going to keep celebrating 50 years. In late October, there will be a Halloween Fall Fest. On Dec. 6 comes a “Golden Pineapple Jubilee,” the society’s big fundraiser.

Next February it will host a “Winter Harvest,” the Delray Beach Historical Society, which began with a small group of caring and compassionate citizens a half century ago, now has about 300 members and a new drive to reach 1,000 by the end of the year.

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**Manalapan**

**New rules in the works for ‘residential’ events**

By Dan Moffett

After the furor over the Red Cross plan for a Designers’ Show House on Point Manalapan, town commissioners are working to draft a new ordinance that would prohibit large, multiday special events.

“This is the result of the recent effort to have a monthlong event in our community,” Mayor David Cheiftz said of the Red Cross debacle. “To prevent this problem in the future, we thought we’d have a simple section added to the code.”

Dozens of angry residents complained to Town Hall in July after finding out commissioners had approved a plan to hold the Show House fundraiser on Audubon Causeway next February. The backlash from the public was enough to make the Red Cross forget the idea and move the fundraiser elsewhere.

The proposed new ordinance is similar to those on the books in Gulf Stream and several other South Florida coastal communities. Special events, no matter how charitable or well-intended, are discouraged before the town and must have approval in advance from town officials.

Town Attorney Keith Davis, who drafted the changes, said he tried to keep the language as simple as possible and keep the new “residential special event” rules informal and without requirements for permitting. The town will still allow residents to hold events that are expected to generate traffic of 20 or more vehicles, but their duration must not exceed two weeks.

Residents can hold multiple events on consecutive days, however, as dinner parties on successive nights, Davis said.

Property owners are required to notify the town at least two weeks in advance of the events, so police and officials can prepare for the traffic and parking difficulties.

The commission gave its blessing to Davis’ draft and will consider a first reading of the proposed ordinance at its Sept. 23 meeting.

**In other business:**

• Commissioner Peter Isaac, the commission’s point person on the Audubon Causeway Bridge project, said permitting is on schedule, 90 percent of which is done and the engineers think the projected costs will be “fairly spot on.”

• Isaac said a definitive assessment of the costs should be ready by September, and the $780,000 project will be advertised in size and the town has prevailed, has been upheld.

The town isn’t going to be as frivolous grievances filed.

• While it’s unlikely the union will easily consent to that, town commissioners are sending a message with the proposal.

• The town was extremely generous with the last contract,” Stumpf said. “The commission was only wanted to make the point now that there have been many frivolous grievances filed. The town isn’t going to be as generous.”

• Stumpf has allocated money in the 2014-2015 budget for two other cases.

• The town fired police Officer David Hul after complaints about his handling of a disturbance at Manalapan Pizza. Hul, who filed a grievance with the union, is scheduled to have an arbitration hearing with the town in December.

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**Costly police grievances irk Manalapan commissioners**

By Dan Moffett

Manalapan commissioners are grumbling about the high cost of litigating grievances with the Police Benevolent Association, and that could mean tougher contract negotiations between the town and union next year.

Since the current three-year contract went into effect in September 2011, Manalapan police have filed about 10 grievances through the union, according to Town Manager Linda Stumpf. None of them has been upheld.

Though the department and town have prevailed, taxpayers have gotten stuck with the bill for hiring outside counsel to work the cases. In the last fiscal year, it cost Manalapan $37,082 in legal fees to fight the grievances and deal with the complaints filed by resident Kersen De Jong, who has accused the department and Chief Carmen Mattox of misconduct and racial profiling — charges that independent investigations did not substantiate.

Earlier this year, Officer Paul Williams, who helped the Manalapan Police Benevolent Association represent a police grievance accusing a fellow officer of creating a hostile work environment, Williams lost the case and then left the department in May. The town got stuck with the bill for his complaint, however.

Beyond paying legal fees for that grievance, Stumpf said hiring an outside investigator to conduct the internal affairs review of Williams’ allegations cost about $10,000.

Mayor David Cheiftz, annoyed about paying to litigate cases the town wins, said he has floated the idea of insisting on a “loser pay” provision for grievances when negotiations on the next PBA contract begin in the spring.

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**Lantana**

**Town seeks solutions to bulky beach parking kiosks**

By Mary Thurwachter

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Town working overtime on public records requests

By Dan Moffett

In waging their legal wars against the town of Gulf Stream, residents Chris O’Hare and Martin O’Boyle have used Florida’s public records laws hundreds of times in the last 18 months to challenge how their community is governed.

As of mid-August, the town had responded to 1,252 public record requests filled in roughly equal numbers by O’Hare and O’Boyle, according to Town Clerk Rita Taylor.

The requests touch most every imaginable tangent of the dispute. O’Hare and O’Boyle have had with the town: fights over the architecture of home entrances and roofs, elections, Americans With Disabilities Act compliance, parking regulation, constitutional protections and general governmental procedures.

The two have sought documents, emails, phone texts, receipts, expense vouchers, transcripts and recordings. Between them, O’Hare and O’Boyle have filed dozens of suits and complaints against the town in the circuit and federal courts during the last two years.

Taylor, 83, said she has been working seven days a week since last year and her assistant works Saturday mornings.

The town also has added a full-time temporary office worker, solely to help satisfy the requests.

“Even with the extra temporary worker,” Taylor said, “a lot of our other work is undone because we’re working on public records.”

Since mid-2013, Taylor says the clerk’s office has logged 4,650 hours handling the public records requests from O’Hare and O’Boyle. She says the office currently is logging about 145 hours per week, or 72 percent of its total work time, dealing with the requests.

Gulf Stream spent about $360,000 in legal fees during the last fiscal year to fight the lawsuits of O’Hare and O’Boyle, and the related clerical work at Town Hall has cost at least another $100,000, officials say.

In recent months, the town has added a folder on its website just to keep track of public records requests and make them accessible to the public.

O’Boyle and O’Hare accuse town officials of creating their own problems. O’Boyle blames the town for being unwilling to negotiate and choosing a “legal slugfest” over a settlement.

“If you really want to get the legal fees under control,” O’Boyle told Mayor Scott Morgan during the July Town Commission meeting, “you have to really want to get the legal fees under control.”

O’Hare has accused the town of violating the very public records laws it claims to be upholding.

“If you tell your staff to follow the law,” O’Hare told town commissioners during the same meeting, “all this stuff would go away and go back to normal.”

The town has installed a $3,500 video security system at Town Hall after an incident on July 24, when O’Boyle and two associates entered the clerk’s office and asked for records during a meeting of the architectural review board, officials said.

The new system allows staff to use a video monitor to identify people at the door, talk to them through an intercom and then release the lock electronically — or not.

In other business: The Aug. 8 Town Commission meeting was canceled because of a lack of a quorum. Commissioner Donna White was ill, and Morgan and Commissioner Joan Oribhein were on vacation.

County Pocket

Resident posts video on development proposal

By Jane Smith

Boynton Beach real estate broker James Arena wants to preserve the funky Florida lifestyle where beach access is everything.

In mid-August, he starred in a 3-minute video to make surfers and other beach-goers aware of how a nearby proposed development might lower their quality of life.

“I wanted to raise awareness, because a lot of people are not aware of what is happening,” said Arena who lives in Briny Breezes. “I haven’t seen anything done since the late May meeting, so I put the video together.”

That meeting brought together Briny Breezes residents with residents of the “surf pocket” over development of the former “dog beach parcel” that lies between them.

Developer Joseph Basil Sr. met with Villas of Malibu property owners in April to discuss his plans to have a stretch of Old Ocean Boulevard and Seaview Avenue abandoned. Old Ocean sits between his property and the beach. In exchange, he would provide an access road through his property to the Villas of Malibu.

If the roads were abandoned, Basil’s group could build as many as 36 townhomes, he said. Neither O’Hare nor O’Boyle could not be reached.

Kristine de Haseth, executive director of the Florida Coalition for Preservation, ran the May meeting and encouraged property owners to check their deeds for easements to the beach. She is monitoring the proposed development. So far, she said in late August, no new plans have been submitted.

“That’s why Arena made his YouTube video.”

“I just feel that if the property goes that way, the area will be changed forever,” he said. “Financially it would be good, property values would rise. But the quality of life would go down.”

The video begins with Arena driving a golf cart down Old Ocean Boulevard while music with a pulsing beat plays in the background. He points out where the gates would go in, restricting access.

The video has a few errors. He calls the road Old A1A, instead of Old Ocean Boulevard. And says the developer owns the road when the county actually still owns it.

Even so, his production has an emotional appeal. On the video, Arena says he grew up in Boynton Beach and has been coming to this patch and the Nomad Surf shop since he was born.

He asks viewers: “If you want to stop it, I want to know. Or if you want to let it go so that you can increase the value of this land, I want to know.”

See the video, at www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-BYldmGo0E or visit www.thecoastalstar.ning.com.

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The new iPic and its related parking may create traffic issues. Rendering provided by project planner. In a letter, requested by Pape from George after the meeting, George outlined the concerns.

"We are deeply troubled in regard to specific elements of the proposed redevelopment of the Old Public Library site and other nearby properties," the letter said.

City commissioners have imposed a six-month moratorium on allowing new puppy stores into Delray so city officials have time to study the controversy.

The furor struck locally last December with a protest march outside Wagg's to Riches, the only pet store in the city that sells puppies and kittens. "We create a moratorium going after one lady when there are far larger issues in the city than dogs and cats," he said.

"Where is the problem that we're stomping out?" Jacquet asked. "I think we're going to have such perspective of our town, has valuable and relevant insight to our past that still play an active role in our city."

"I think Dr. George, as do others like him with such perspective of our town, has valuable and relevant insight. I also believe there was, and remains, a disconnect between the notice provided of what may happen in a complicated project and what stakeholders understand about the complexities and ramifications of the RFP process and the RFP winner's plans and how those plans may impact their property/business," Glickstein said.

Glickstein said he was meeting during the first week of September with iPic developers and planning and zoning staff to address the concerns.

iPic did not respond to questions. A spokesperson for a public relations firm representing the company said the firm had no comment.

According to the CRA, after the Delray Beach Public Library moved to West Atlantic Avenue, its former site on Southeast Fourth became available for redevelopment. The CRA issued an RFP to solicit development proposals in 2006, but it all stalled during the recession. In February 2013, the CRA issued another RFP. In August 2013, the CRA awarded the RFP to Delray Beach Holdings LLC — a limited liability entity created for development purposes by iPic Holdings LLC of Boca Raton.

In April, the associated development application was submitted to the city and are under review. The CRA says completion of the project is anticipated in 2016.

Glickstein noted the growing pains that can come from long-time businesses affected by development.

"I think we're going to have such generational connections to our past that still play an active role in our city."
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Beautifully renovated 4 BR, 3 ½ BA pool home with a 2 car garage and situated on an oversized tropically landscaped lot. 2,900+ sq. ft. under air. Very open floor plan with many upgrades, plus impact windows. Erik Ring, 561-441-6880.

Cannery Row ~ $749,000
3 BR, 3 ½ 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. Tania Agran, 561-376-1010

Golf Course Pool Home ~ $595,000
Seagate Country Club at The Hamlet - Delray Beach. Beautifully renovated 3 BR, 3 BA pool home overlooking the 4th green. 2,200 sq. ft. plus added Florida Room. Club membership optional. Mary Jane Masella, 561-213-8422

Delray Dunes Pool Home ~ $579,900
Immaculate 4 BR, 3 BA two story home with loft and a 2 ½ car garage. Open and spacious floor plan boasting 3,336 sq. ft. under air. Great outdoor space with pool, spa and porch. Club membership required. Boyd Schoeller, 561-702-5159

Marina Del Rey ~ $575,000
Light & airy 2 BR, 2 ½ BA two story townhome with direct Intracoastal views. This northeast corner unit features ceramic tile floors throughout, kitchen with granite and stainless, plus 2 balconies with water views. Susan Ring, 561-441-4150

Seagate Towers ~ $559,000
Very desirable 2/2 center unit on the 7th floor offering 2 balconies with Intracoastal and Ocean views both north and south. Club membership optional. Hurricane impact windows and sliding glass doors. Pat Callnan, 561-703-6918

Bexley Park - Delray Beach ~ $449,000
Built in 2005, this 4 BR, 3 ½ BA with a 2 car garage offers a huge bonus room above the garage. 1,920 sq. ft. under air. Beautiful kitchen with granite, plus a fenced yard with lake view. Cherian Marek, 561-870-8855

Sherwood Forest ~ $395,000
Well maintained and updated 3 BR, 2 BA home with a 2 car garage and green enclosed lanai overlooking the golf course. Open and bright floor plan with a beautiful kitchen. Judy Sarto, 561-445-6009

Brand New Construction - Delray Beach
3 BR, 2 ½ BA, 2 car garage two story townhomes in Tropic Isle. 1,800 sq. ft. under air. Top of the line finishes and hardwood floors. Now accepting pre-construction reservations. Prices starting at $559,000. Michael Weiss, 561-573-7592, Boyd Schoeller, 561-702-5159

East Wind Beach Club ~ From $280,000
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 Rurey, 561-302-1552

Quail Run Lakefront ~ $185,000
Well maintained 2 BR, 2 BA first floor coach home with a 1 car garage and green enclosed lanai offering an exceptional view of the lake. Split bedrooms, central vacuum system, plus tile floors in the living areas. Linda Welch, 561-951-6433
Hudson Holdings
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Holdings team persuaded the Delray Beach City Commission to permit a Commons Business District overlay on five parcels in the Southeast section of the Old School Square Historic Arts District. That would allow his group to build taller structures, reduce setbacks from the street and have hotel.

“It was the right timing,” Michael said. “(Tom) Worrell would just not sell to anyone if he didn’t agree to what we wanted to do.”

Thomas Worrell, a reclusive developer, used to own the historic Sundy House inn, restaurant and gardens and other nearby properties on South Swinton Avenue all within the city’s Community Redevelopment Area.

“We have invested millions without any return,” said Kim Goodyear, president of Worrell Properties, when she spoke at the second commission meeting in support of the overlay. “We need you to support this plan to trigger projects and jobs on the south side.

When asked for a comment from her boss, Goodyear replied, “I don’t know Mr. Worrell and it is not something that he wants to discuss.”

John Szerdi, Worrell’s architect and a Lake Worth city commissioner, confirmed that Worrell spent considerable sums to renovate the houses but “could not get the rents to offset the renovation costs.”

Delray Beach Mayor Cary Gloria, who was on the losing side of the 3-2 vote approving the overlay, called the condition of the houses “self-imposed blight.” It would be like Morikami Gardens turning off the sprinklers, letting the gardens go to weeds and reducing the county for approval to build condos, he said at the second hearing in early July.

“It’s sad to me that we are in this situation because the city didn’t do its job (protecting historic buildings).”

Despite pleas from historic preservationists that this decision would set a precedent-setting for the city’s four other historic districts, commissioners approved the overlay.

That allowed Rick Marshall to invest in the overall project which includes Worrell’s property and other acquired parcels.

“The community of Delray was very happy,” said Marshall, president of Florida Marshall Holdings in Fort Lauderdale. “The Sundy House has a lot of charm, it’s a project I’d like to be associated with.”

Michael plans to expand the Sundy House offerings and move the historic Cathcart House next to it to allow the Sundy House to hold weddings for up to 100 people.

He also plans to create a

Sundy House Historic Village. That village would sit at the southeast corner of Southeast First Street and South Swinton Avenue. The historic Recort house would move down a block and anchor the village.

The village would back up to a four-story boutique hotel. “We want to take Hyatt to the next level,” Michael said.

His group also purchased other nearby properties from Worrell to create a total investment of $21 million in 7.5 acres. Those properties include the check-cashing store at 52 W. Atlantic Ave. and three homes along Southeast First Avenue.

Hudson Holdings’ master plan includes two hotels, ‘residential inn’ units, retail space, a 175-car garage and a park.

They still need City Commission approval for their site plan. Michael has hired Szerdi to be the project manager. A proposed site plan is in the hands of eight architects around the country in a “conceptual charade,” Szerdi said.

“We’re in no hurry,” Michael said.

When questioned about Hudson Holdings’ track record with historic properties, Michael said he worked on some he called “locally historic” in his native Chicago area while South Florida was in a real estate recession.

He wasn’t always successful with developments in Delray Beach. Nearly a decade ago, when he had an option to buy Atlantic Plaza, he kept downsizing his plans to appease city residents. His proposal in mid-2006 called for 239 dwelling units and 110,000 square feet of office, retail and dining space on 7 acres.

“But the city turned him down because we thought it was just too much development for that property,” said Jeff Pearlman, who was then mayor of Delray Beach.

Atlantic Crossing, with two additional acres, received approval earlier this year. Although a lawsuit filed by a nearby homeowner’s group over an abandoned road is pending, the developers say they will begin demolition of existing buildings late this year or early next year to begin construction of a 440-space underground parking garage project — part of a master plan of 86,000 square feet of restaurants and shops along with 79,000 square feet of office space and 356 luxury condos and apartments to be completed by 2018.

Lake Worth has ‘potential’

Seeds told Michael about the historic Gulfstream Hotel in Lake Worth. It sat vacant for 10 years, stuck in foreclosure litigation for the past four years.

Michael and partner Andrew ‘Avi’ Greenbaum pitched the project to DeSantis, who fronted the complex deal, acquiring the delinquent $16.7 million mortgage and selling the hotel for $2.2 million to HH Gulfstream Land Holdings. The mortgage was released and another for $5 million taken out from Florida Community Bank. DeSantis personally guaranteed the loan.

“Outside of Delray Beach, (Lake Worth) has the next best downtown,” Michael said. “I believe it will follow Delray.”

DeSantis apparently agrees. “We like Lake Worth, it’s got a lot of potential,” said Pearlman, now executive vice president of business development for DeSantis’ CDS International Holdings. “We see the Gulfstream as the catalyst to revitalize the downtown. It just needs to be polished.”

The hotel is in the city’s Community Redevelopment Area and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The renovation plans would need to go through the city’s review process to allow the owners to claim a 28 percent rebate on the value of approved renovations for federal income tax purposes, or have the taxable value frozen for 10 years for city and county property taxes, said William Waters, community sustainability director for Lake Worth.

No plans were submitted as of late August, Waters said. The hotel also has an adjacent vacant 1-acre parcel that Michael said they would use to create an additional 125-150 rooms. The overall plan would be submitted soon, he said.

Along South Federal Highway in Lake Worth, Hudson Holdings has purchased 150 dwelling units, primarily in one-story motels, with a goal of buying 505 over the next two years. Early last June, Greenbaum said in a news release, “Hudson Holdings believes in the vitality and long-term growth of Lake Worth and feel the South Federal Highway corridor will be a primary beneficiary.”

Greenbaum, 41 and originally from New York, was the inspiration for the Hudson Holdings name. “I was commuting back and forth between New York City and Miami. My office in New York overlooked the Hudson River,” he said. That’s why the Hudson Holdings’ website shows an aerial of Miami and one of Manhattan.

Along South Federal Highway, Hudson Holdings is a major landlord for Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, based in West Palm Beach, Michael said. “We support their programs,” he said.

Gulfstream Goodwill declined to talk specifically about Hudson Holdings or any of its businesses. “We’re still working with Steve Michael,” said Kathy Spencer, program services vice president. Gulfstream Goodwill serves the homeless and disabled in five counties.
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By Tim Pallesen

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Paragon wins approval for new design of hotel property
By Dan Moffett

After a false start last winter, Paragon Acquisition Group is moving forward with plans to build condominiums on the site of the Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn.

This time, however, Paragon isn’t proposing a project that requires changes in South Palm Beach’s height limitations.

At an Aug. 25 meeting of the town’s Architectural Review Board, the town manager unveiled a scaled back — and scaled down — version of the design it showed residents in February. Instead of 66 condos, the developer presented the town a plan for 33, and instead of an eight-story building, Paragon is proposing six stories over a parking garage.

The changes put the project in compliance with the town’s building rules, and the review board unanimously approved the plans on a 3-0 vote.

“They’re headed in the right direction now,” said Councilwoman Stella Jordan, one of the town’s most vocal advocates for height restrictions. “It’s a very good design, and the changes were necessary.”

With an approved site plan, Paragon can begin applying for the permits needed to start construction. However, several council members said they were skeptical about work on the property beginning any time soon.

Vice Mayor Joseph Flagello says the revised design moves the building a couple feet farther to the east, which may complicate getting the federal and state permits necessary to build the seawall.

Flagello also questions how serious the Delray Beach-based developer is about doing the building itself. “They certainly could sell the property to someone else now that they have an approved plan,” he said. “That wouldn’t be surprising.”

In February, Paragon CEO Gary Cohen asked the Town Council to put a referendum on the August primary ballot that would change the town’s charter and land development regulations to allow an eight-story structure where the old Hawaiian hotel now stands at 3550 S. Ocean Blvd.

The council unanimously rejected Cohen’s proposal, and told the developer to work with residents to come up with a plan they would accept. Cohen bought the property for $8.25 million in November 2012 and has repeatedly said its future is not as a hotel and restaurant, but as a multifamily complex.

Before Cohen arrived, the previous owner, Pjeter Palace Kosova Realty, proposed building a 14-story condo project, an idea that touched off a backlash among residents which ultimately led to voters approving new height limits in 2015.

Paragon’s revised design, by Kobi Karp Architecture and Interior Design of Miami, features a saw-tooth layout with staggered floors. To satisfy parking requirements, the plan calls for using mechanical lifts to stack cars in the garage.

In other business, Leanne Welch, Palm Beach County’s environmental program supervisor, told the Town Council on Aug. 26 that preliminary work on a plan to help prevent erosion of the town’s shoreline is running behind schedule.

Welch said an Environmental Impact Statement that was supposed to be ready early next year might not be ready until May or June. Until the Army Corps of Engineers completes the EIS, the plan to install buried groins along the beach can’t go forward.

“It is frustrating,” said Councilwoman Bonnie Fischer, the town’s liaison on the $5 million project, “but I guess it’s expected.”

Welch said the plan still calls for the town paying 20 percent of the cost, the county 30 percent and the state 50 percent. About 75,000 cubic yards of sand would be used with the groins to help stabilize the shoreline.

Ambulance rates rising, in line with area market
By Jane Smith

Starting Oct. 1, residents in Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes will pay more for an ambulance ride provided by Boynton Beach Fire Rescue.

For a basic ambulance ride, the transport fee will increase by nearly 26 percent to $640, and the mileage rate will increase by 50 percent to $12 a mile.

Intermediate life support rides also will rise to $610, up 43.5 percent, and the most advanced support will increase to $770, or 33.9 percent.

The increase will raise $200,000 for the upcoming budget year that is still tight for Boynton Beach. “The new rates are identical to the rates Palm Beach County has adopted that will go into effect Jan. 1, 2015,” Boynton Beach Fire Rescue Chief Ray Carter told city commissioners in early August.

City commissioners peppered him with questions, such as would the increase prevent someone who needs a ride to the hospital from going in an ambulance. “Absolutely not,” Carter said. The department is trying to update its rates, which have been in place since 2007, he said. He assured the commissioners that the city’s increased rates would not be at the top or the bottom of the county but in the middle compared with other fire rescue departments.

“The point here is to capture the revenue from secondary insurers,” Carter said. “They are willing to pay these amounts. Everyone else is collecting them. We felt it was time to get in line with that.”

No members of the public spoke on the issue at both hearings. City commissioners passed it unanimously twice.

Delray Beach charges $650 for a basic ambulance ride, that same transport costs $750 in Boca Raton.

Boynton Beach’s increase also applies to people using the St. Andrews Club and residents in the county pocket between Briny Breezes and Gulf Stream, areas served by the Boynton Beach Fire Rescue department.

Ken Schenk, Ocean Ridge town manager, said his residents should be able to pay the increase because they have health insurance.

“It’s not cheap,” he said, “but it sure beats the alternative.”

Residents seek vital, visible city center, consultant says
By Jane Smith

The municipal core of Boynton Beach needs a distinct identity with a signature entrance, according to a Treasure Coast Planning consultant told city commissioners.

“Columns like they have in Rollins College,” said Marcela Cambor, an architect, at her presentation in early August.

Cambor presented a vision of an amalgamation of what city residents had suggested at a May workshop. She took suggestions and will come back in October with a refined plan, said Vivian Brooks, executive director of the city’s Community Redevelopment Agency. It had paid the council $58,000 to help plan the area.

Residents want to create an active, lively city center that is visible, Cambor told a joint meeting of city commissioners and CRA board members.

First, residents want to build on history and preserve the old high school by moving all activities from other civic buildings to it. That high school-turned-civic center could serve as an anchor for the Town Square complex, Cambor said. The City Hall should be moved south of Ocean Avenue with a plaza in front of it, she suggested in one scenario.

The complex should be connected to Ocean Avenue with pavers or other colors on the street.

And to help pay for it, the city should consider public-private partnerships with developers building mixed-used properties along Boynton Beach Boulevard, Cambor said.

At least one commissioner, Mack McCray, wanted to know what the area would look like without the historic high school. Another commissioner, David Merker, said, “If we keep the high school, we need an exact plan of how to use it.”

Commissioner Michael Fitzpatrick, a retired city firefighter, pointed out a problem with moving the fire station to Town Square. The response times could increase when All Aboard Florida trains start running and live up to the reported 32 train trips daily.

Former city commissioner Woodrow Hay, who is a CRA board member, said he likes the walkability of the plan and moving City Hall to the south side, but the plan brings up “hot potatoes,” including the width of Boynton Beach Boulevard sidewalks.

Lawyer Michael Weiner, who owns the land under the nearby Postal Service branch, cautioned commissioners against a build-it-and-they-will-come philosophy.

“Retail is hobbled in the 21st century. Little shop spaces can’t be filled,” he said. Dry cleaners and bank branches that serve the neighborhood do well, he said.
5011

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By Dan Moffett

Sometime in the next couple months, Circuit Judge Catherine Brunson is expected to settle a three-year legal battle between Palm Beach County and 14 municipalities when she will rule on county officials’ request for the Inspector General’s office.

Around town hall water coolers and at the commission daises, from Boca Raton to Gulf Stream, it’s been all“inspectorgate.” The case has raised more than its share of issues and hyperbole — about home rule, the will of the voters, and a vocal critic of government itself hangs in the balance.

Susan Whelchel went so far as to call the case as engaging in "double taxation without representation.”

County attorneys and commissioners, meanwhile, have countered what they view as a mischaracterization of the fundamental issue.

"It’s about democracy and government by the people,” Assistant County Attorney Holaday argued in court in August.

It all started in 2009 when the Commission endorsed the creation of an inspector general’s office, and then county voters overwhelmingly approved it in the 2010 election. It was a warranted response to a historic run of embarrassing disgrace during which three county commissioners and two West Palm city commissioners wound up behind bars for abuses in office.

"Every time I come before the commission, we clearly asked you for over 50 years” after the Taj Mahal there,” Sivitilli told Pugh it was impossible to present a more detailed plan until the commission ruled on the issue. He said the town wanted 10 years ago and has done nothing to continue.

"We have nothing in the record that says you will follow through with your agreements,” Bonfiglio said.

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Along the Coast

Judge to rule on inspector general lawsuit

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Ocean Ridge

Commissioners approve proposed amendments for beaches and rentals

By Dan Moffett

Ocean Ridge commissioners have given unanimous preliminary approval to two measures intended to resolve two of the town’s most contentious and complicated issues.

At the Aug. 11 meeting, the commission approved the first reading of an ordinance amendment that regulates use of the town’s public beaches. The proposed law comes in response to complaints from beachfront property owners about the misbehavior of out-of-town beachgoers.

And commissioners also are attempting to repair a troublesome rental registration ordinance that was passed last year. An amended version of the law shifts the focus from registering tenants to registering property owners, and it reduces fees.

Both of the proposed amendments are scheduled to come up for a second reading at the commission’s Sept. 8 meeting, and commissioners admitted it might take a third reading in October to finish work on the much-debated beach amendment.

Town Attorney Ken Spillias brought the commission a draft for beach regulations that contained language and provisions drawn from other waterfront communities around the state.

“We put a smorgasbord in here and tried to distinguish private from public,” Spillias said, allowing that not all the measures would appeal to commissioners.

The amendment does not attempt to draw a specific line between private and public beach property. The commission had considered using several possible boundaries — the wreck line, or erosion control line, or simply the wet sand, dry sand line — but had drifted away from making precise definitions.

With the proposed amendment, the line between public and private would be left more in policy than in legal language, leaving enforcement up to police discretion. Similarly, the amendment prohibits excessive noise but does not define it in decibel levels. Generally, police will make the call on what constitutes misbehavior and what doesn’t.

“Most of the provisions that are there are for when police see egregious violations,” Spillias said.

Explicitly banned on the public beaches are glass containers, pets — and excretion of bodily wastes, which many beachfront residents complained to the commission they have seen too often.

Commissioners decided against banning alcohol consumption on the beaches, believing prohibition would be an infringement on residents. The proposed fixes to the rental registration amendment are attempts to remedy complaints that the existing ordinance violates privacy rights and is too costly for landlords. The commission passed it last year in an attempt to rein in the nuisance, short-term rentals of single-family homes.

Spillias offered a revised version of the law that does not require tenants to provide personal information. Instead, landlords are required to register their properties with the town and pay a $35 annual fee for each property. In the current version, landlords are required to pay $50 for each lease.

“I don’t have a problem with registering properties,” said Commissioner Richard Lucibella. “I do have a problem with registering people.”

Several commissioners agreed that the ordinance has been effective in deterring the nuisance rentals and helping police keep track of neighborhoods. As of August, the town had registered 97 rental units and houses.

Commissioner Lynn Allison said she had grown skeptical about the value of the ordinance, however.

“When we started last year, it was about safety,” Allison said, “but I’m not even sure we’re doing it any more.”

Ocean Ridge commissioners cut purchases from budget

By Dan Moffett

Faced again with dipping into reserves to balance the budget, Ocean Ridge commissioners aren’t buying some things that town officials wanted for the next fiscal year.

Police Chief Clay Yannuzzi isn’t going to get two new patrol cars, a savings of about $76,000. The commission wants the chief to find a way to keep the 5-year-old Ford cruisers scheduled for replacement running for one more year.

Yannuzzi also isn’t going to get $38,500 to replace the outdated alarm system that connects 300 homes to the town dispatch center. Commissioners are hoping they can get a new system for $20,000 and save $18,500.

The town’s maintenance workers are taking a hit, too. Commissioners said no to the purchase of a $3,000 golf cart for picking up trash.

Down the road, no-see-ums might be getting a reprieve, too. The commission said yes to renewing a $49,972 contract with Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management to spray against the pesky bugs.

But Commissioner James Bonfiglio questioned whether that’s too much money, considering other budget demands.

“I don’t mind spending money to keep my neighbors comfortable,” Bonfiglio said, “but when you start talking about budget items and saying I want to save $3,000 here, I want to save $5,000 there and $10,000 there, we’re spending an awful lot of money to make your lives a little more comfortable, just with the no-see-ums.”

Mayor Geoffrey Pugh said it was unfortunate that the town has been unable to find another company willing to submit a competing bid for the spraying, and he criticized Clarke’s performance.

“The efficacy of what they’ve been spraying was poor last year,” Pugh said. “The service was poor. If there was somebody else we could go with, I’d probably want to award them the contract.”

What stayed in the budget was $85,000 to hire another police officer — a response to complaints from some waterfront residents that misconduct on the town’s beaches warrants stricter enforcement. The additional officer won’t be assigned exclusively to beach patrolling, but will give the department more flexibility and manpower to watch over the beaches, commissioners believe.

Commissioner Richard Lucibella opposed the hiring, saying he believed the department had adequate staffing. Lucibella also objected to spending $28,500 for a pickup, arguing that the town’s current truck still had life left in it. “I may sound like the Grinch that stole Christmas,” said Lucibella, “but we need to make those hard, $20,000-at-a-time decisions.”

But Pugh said the truck was “all rusted out underneath” and the town needed one four-wheel vehicle it could depend on during emergencies.

The commission agreed and decided to buy a new one. Even with all the slashing and postponing purchases, Ocean Ridge will have to pull about $317,000 out of its reserves to balance the 2014-2015 budget.

Commissioners kept the tax rate the same as last year at 5.35 during the Aug. 11 workshop, meaning a homeowner would pay $535 for each $100,000 of assessed property value.

Because property values have gone up about 6 percent in the town over last year, total revenues for the new budget are up about $160,000.

Public hearings on the proposed 2014-2015 budget are scheduled for 5 p.m. Sept. 9 and Sept. 16.
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When he’s not pondering America’s health care challenges, Dr. James DeGerome works to maintain his own good health by jogging from the Dune Deck Cafe in Lantana to the Lake Worth Bridge and back several days a week. At 74, the Hypoluxo Island resident is a retired gastroenterologist who practiced in Palm Beach County for 31 years, as well as a former president of the Bethesda Memorial Hospital medical staff and the Florida Gastroenterologic Society. He built the first ambulatory surgical center dedicated solely to gastroenterological endoscopy, at the corner of Golf Road and Seacrest Boulevard in Boynton Beach, and currently serves as president of the nonprofit Digestive Disease National Coalition in Washington, D.C.

In 2009, Dr. DeGerome published The Cure For The American Healthcare Malady, a critique of socialized medicine and prescription for reform that then future Gov. Rick Scott said “does an outstanding job explaining the life and death consequences of government-run health care and delivers a carefully thought-out path to high-quality, affordable health care for all Americans.” Now the book has just been republished in an updated paperback edition, incorporating the results of the Massachusetts Medical Society’s survey of that state’s system.

DeGerome and his wife, Carol, have been married for 24 years. She is a former vice president of Carteret Mortgage Co. in Delray Beach, and the couple have three children: James, the director of communications at the University of South Florida; Alison, a documentary filmmaker; and Julie, a regional manager for Cigna/Christie Healthcare in Boston, Mass.

— Ron Hayes

Q. Where did you grow up and go to school? How do you think that has influenced you?
A. I grew up in a bedroom community in New Jersey. My dad was the local family physician, and he came from a family of eight kids. My grandfather was a full professor of Romance languages at New York University. In those days, I watch “Josey Wales” every now and then when I want to get rid of frustration.

Q. What advice do you have for a young person entering the workforce today?
A. I’ve studied health care delivery throughout my entire career by going on rounds and interviewing patients in Canada, the U.K., France and Italy, and gathered my basic data over my career on my vacations — which was somewhat boring to my wife. I’d run off to the local hospital and talk to the doctors. My initial intent was to reveal that socialized medicine is not all it’s cracked up to be, and I exposé the flaws in my book. I believe that it’s not less costly and does not really cover everybody and does not lead to higher quality health care. Those are my three conclusions. Then I realized if I was going to criticize socialized medicine, I better have a better cure, so I laid out a nine-point plan based on a lot of ideas that have been around for a long time.

Q. How did you choose to have a home on Hypoluxo Island?
A. In 1988, I was shown an old, small house by the mayor of Manalapan, Dr. Kent Shortt, an orthopedic surgeon and a friend at Bethesda. I was president of the medical staff and he was the preceding president. He said I have a piece of property I must sell and he showed me this property on the lagoon and I fell in love with it.

Q. What is your favorite part about living on Hypoluxo Island?
A. All! I would say the view. It’s gorgeous. I look out on the lagoon and I can see the ocean from my porch upstairs. A beautiful piece of property I lucked into, and my neighbors are fabulous, wonderful people.

Q. What book are you reading now?
A. Castles of Steel, by Robert Massie. It’s about the birth of the German navy before and during World War I. It’s meticulously researched.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your decisions?
A. From William Shakespeare, “Julius Caesar,” Act III, Scene 2: “There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and miseries.”

Q. Have you had mentors in your life? Individuals who have inspired your life decisions?
A. A colonel M.D. named David Langdon. I was at Little Rock Air Force Base, and then Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, where I did two years of gastroenterology training under Dr. Langdon. I went in as an internist and he convinced me to be a gastroenterologist.

Q. If your life story were made into a movie, who would you want to play you?
A. Probably Clint Eastwood. I watch “Josey Wales” every now and then when I want to get rid of frustration.


Dr. James DeGerome of Hypoluxo Island practiced gastroenterology in Boynton Beach for 31 years. Tim Stepnien/The Coastal Star
Developers were able to persuade a majority of Lantana Town Council members that rezoning the Cenacle property to make way for a 319-unit apartment complex was a good idea. On the other hand, a request for four variances to the code failed to pass muster.

The Cenacle, 10 acres of prime waterfront property that has been home to the Cenacle Spiritual Life Center in Lantana for 60 years, is slated to become Aura Seaside, a luxury apartment complex proposed by Ocean Ridge developer Jerry Goray and Trinsic Residential Group (a Dallas-based company with an office in Miami). On July 14, the council gave final approval for zoning and comprehensive plan changes for the 1400 S. Dixie Highway Cenacle property from commercial low density to waterfront mixed use.

"This (apartment complex) will not create a destination for our town," Stewart said. Council member Malcolm Balfour suggested a restaurant would benefit the site, too. But no restaurant has been proposed.

The plans for the site would have two-story commercial buildings line Dixie Highway and multi-story residential buildings behind gates.

Developers sought variances on building height, size of parking spaces, fencing changes and decreasing the number of parking spaces from 2.5 per unit to 1.87.

But the council wasn’t having any of that. Both council member Tom Deringer and Stewart disliked the plan to making parking spaces smaller.

"I drive an SUV," Deringer said, adding that many others do, as well.

Stewart said the town has a parking problem already and “not everyone drives a Smart car.”

The height limit variance for buildings behind gates was frowned upon, too. "I’ve lived in Lantana for 31 years," council member Phil Aridas told the project’s planners. "It’s always been a small seaside community and I want it to stay that way. You knew about this height limit when you came in. I hope you saw a little bit of just how this council is working, so when you go back to finesse the next proposal, please keep in mind our codes and how we deal with them in Lantana.”

After the four code variances were shot down, Aura Seaside’s developers withdrew the site plan, which was also up for a vote at the July 14 meeting.

Manny Martinez, managing director of Trinsic, said plans are being reworked since the variances were not approved.★
Briny Breezes

Briny approves new lineup of town workers

By Dan Moffett

The Briny Breezes Town Council has unanimously approved the hiring of three employees to complete the town’s transition to a team of independent contractors.

Carol Lang, who worked in Briny’s corporate office for three years, will take over as the deputy town clerk; Sue Thaler, the council president, will become the new bookkeeper; and Jim Phillippi will stay on as the town’s meter reader, doing what he has done for years, but under a slightly modified job description.

Town Attorney John Skrandel had urged the council to change the positions to independent contractor status, instead of town staff employees, to ensure compliance with Internal Revenue Service regulations.

Lang replaces Lesa Shoeman, who held the part-time job since September 2012 but did not want to continue under the new rules. Lang, who moved to Florida five years ago from Long Island, N.Y., where she worked as an education program manager for historical properties, will earn $15,200 per year and work in the town office. Last year, Shoeman earned close to $29,000, according to Alderman Barbara Molina.

“Carol has done an exceptional job cleaning up all the files,” Molina said of Lang’s performance as a temporary worker in recent weeks. She was the only applicant for the position.

“Everything is working out nicely,” Lang said. “I think it and I work well together.”

She said Briny’s office will be open from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, under the restructured clerk position.

Thaler, a certified public accountant with 35 years’ experience in the field, was an easy choice over another bidder for the bookkeeping job vacated by Linda Harvel, Shoeman’s mother. Thaler will earn $10,200 annually; Harvel earned $9,573 in 2013.

“She’s well-acquainted with what needs to be done,” Molina said of Thaler, “and well-equipped to do the job.”

She does spend an enormous amount of time in here already,” said Alderman Karen Wiggins of the council president’s efforts to keep track of Briny’s bookkeeping.

In other business:

- Council members unanimously approved the tentative tax rate of $10 per $1,000 of assessed property value, the same as the last two years, at the Aug. 28 meeting.
- Public budget hearings are scheduled for Sept. 11 and Sept. 25, both meetings starting at 5 p.m.
- The council gave unanimous approval to the first reading of an ordinance that gives Briny’s corporate arm the authority to issue A Row parking permits.
- The 5-0 vote endorsed the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Board.
- State Sen. Maria Sachs, D-Delray Beach, has scheduled a property insurance workshop for Oct. 7, beginning at 1 p.m. in the Briny Breezes Clubhouse.

Consumer advocates and representatives from several state agencies, including Citizens Property Insurance Corp., are expected to participate in a panel discussion that should be of particular interest to Briny residents. As Citizens has tried to rid itself of high-risk properties in recent years, thousands of trailer park residents across the state have found themselves with soaring insurance bills or no coverage at all.

Sachs says Briny residents will get the chance to question state officials directly about insurance issues during the workshop.

Obituary

Helen Deniston

By Emily J. Minor

BRINY BREEZES — Helen Deniston — a widow who lost her first husband to cancer, took up square dancing to ease her grief, then fell in love with the partner of her dreams — died July 21 from complications of Alzheimer’s disease. She was 77.

Mrs. Deniston was born Feb. 4, 1937, in the tiny town of Sheldon, N.D., the youngest of five.

Her father never had the opportunity to complete school past the third grade. “But he learned that an education was important,” said Lynn Deniston, Mrs. Deniston’s husband. “He had four daughters, and he got them all through college.”

After graduating from the University of North Dakota with a degree in medical technology, the former Helen Weg moved to Detroit on her own, staying with the daughter of a former UND president from whom she had sub-leased a basement apartment. “He told her, ‘That’s kind of a dangerous city, but I have a daughter who lives there,’” said Lynn Deniston, retelling the story.

Once in Detroit, Mrs. Deniston quit her job to work as a stay-home mother — a routine she continued when the family moved to Chelsea, Mich.

In Chelsea, Mrs. Deniston stayed active and fit, always enjoying golf, yoga, jogging and swimming. After her husband lost his battle to pancreatic cancer, Mrs. Deniston took up square dancing classes.

Lynn Deniston lost his first wife to brain cancer in 1990, and also took up classes in an attempt to move on, even if just a little.

As it turned out, the two grieving spouses moved forward a lot. They fell in love, and by 1992 they were spending the winters in Briny Breezes — a place they found through mutual square-dancing friends.

Lynn Deniston is a retired professor who taught public health at the University of Michigan. For the past two years, they’ve lived full-time in Briny, he said.

About nine years ago, Helen Deniston began showing signs of early Alzheimer’s. They changed to “round dancing” because the steps were easier to remember, but had to give up the travel they loved.

“For our first 15 years, we used to travel a lot and see many different places,” he said. “About two years ago, Mrs. Deniston gave up all the activities that she so loved. Lynn Deniston cared for her at home until the very end.

One daughter, Kristin Rahenkamp, of Niwot, Colo., survives her. Mrs. Deniston said they will announce plans for a memorial during Kristin’s visit over the winter holidays. Any donations in her memory can be made to the Briny Breezes Memorial Fund, to keep the chime music going.

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Evelyn & Arthur marks third decade by reopening Boynton Annex

By Scott Simmons

Walk into Evelyn & Arthur’s Manalapan store and the thing that sticks in your mind is the laughter. It’s constant. And judging from visits to some of the eight-store chain’s other locations, it’s to be expected.

“We have great crews in the stores,” said Fred Weissman, the company’s chief financial officer and son-in-law of founders Evelyn and Arthur Lewis. “You want your customers to feel welcome in a space, and if that’s the attitude and the vibe the store is giving off, then that’s great to hear.”

Weissman met the Lewises’ daughter, Adrianne, while the two were working at Macy’s in New York. They soon married, then joined the family business.

“We moved down in February ’86 and joined what essentially was a four-store chain,” he said.

The Lewises founded the store in 1985, after Evelyn Lewis retired to Florida and found she had nothing to wear. Arthur Lewis had been in the garment business in New York. “He figured how hard can retail be?” Weissman said. They had opened a store in Palm Beach, and when winter season ended, they added a swimsuit shop around the corner.

Then that led to another store at Plaza del Mar next to the Ice Cream Club,” he said. The chain has stores along both coasts of Florida and plans to mark its 30th anniversary by reopening its Annex on Woolbright Road between Congress Avenue and Military Trail in Boynton Beach.

“We actually were there between 2007 and 2010. It’s in exactly the same spot,” Weissman said. “When the economy got a little soft we decided to pull the outlet into our Manalapan store. It did well there, but we’re ready to have it as a free-standing location. It’s exactly the same as we left it, so we’re going to move back in.” The Annex will offer merchandise from the previous season at a discount, as well as handbags, jewelry, hats and gift items.

Evelyn Lewis died about a decade ago; Arthur Lewis is alive and well and living in Boca Raton. No doubt both were pleased at the atmosphere their stores engender.

“I go in there as the lone guy in the company, taking care of operations and learning how to be handy,” Weissman said. “I don’t get, ‘Hello, Fred, how are you?’ I get, ‘Fred, the light bulb has a problem.’ They usually see me as the guy who helps them with their problems. It’s sort of the role that I’ve taken.”

Fred and Adrianne Weissman of Evelyn & Arthur are reopening their Annex in Boynton Beach. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star
The new Trader Joe’s at the corner of Linton Boulevard and Federal Highway in Delray Beach opens on Sept. 5. RIGHTS: Barbara Arnold and Sandra Shinn stock shelves under the watchful eye of a surfing cow. The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce held its annual fundraiser in August. The Chamber of Commerce has expanded to more than 400 stores in 40 states. (Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star)

Trader Joe’s opens

The new Trader Joe’s at the corner of Linton Boulevard and Federal Highway in Delray Beach opens on Sept. 5. It’s the 400th anniversary of the town named Florida by the Spanish. The company, founded in 1958 in the Los Angeles area, has more than 250 stores in 40 states. (Sandra Shinn)

Delray wins high praise for marketing efforts

The Florida Festivals & Events Association has more than 415 members — representing 750 events statewide — and at its 30th anniversary conference, Delray Beach cleaned up. The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce received the following seven SUNSational Awards:

• 100 Foot Christmas Tree — five awards total in the $50,000-$249,999 range: first place for promo video, first place for tickets and invitations, and third place awards in brochure/postcard, social media and T-shirt categories.

• On The Ave — one award in the $49,999 and under range: second place in best website for On The Ave Light Up The Night.

• 4th of July Celebration — one award in the $50,000-$249,999 range: first place for photography.

The Delray Beach-based Festival Management Group won two of six awards for two events:

• Delray Beach Garlic Fest — three awards in the $250,000 and over range: first place for best social media site, second place for best website and third place for best poster.

• Delray Beach Chamber’s Delray Affair — three awards in the $50,000-$249,999 range: first place for best mobile app, second place for best T-shirt and second place for best promotional poster.

At the same conference the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency received 1st place in the $49,999 and under Promotional Poster category. A collaboration between the CRA and Maas Media, the poster highlighted the calendar for Movies in the Park and Music on the Rocks.

Wall’s up in August: The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce unveiled its new logo for the Chamber’s new office space at 140 NE First St. in Delray Beach, which Emiliono Brooks of Emiliono Brooks Productions assisted the chamber by creating the design themes used on the donor wall and Signarama contributed to the design and installation of the Donor Wall.

Stay tuned for more: WestFest Delray 2015 announced that Serena J. Dyer will be a featured speaker at the March 2015 event, which will be held at the Delray Center for the Arts. A South Florida native, she co-authored a book about growing up with her father, Dr. Wayne W. Dyer. Don’t Die With Your Music Still In You. Also, Tesla Motors will participate in 2015, showcasing its vehicles and conducting scheduled test drives.

A renovation project that offers needed housing: According to the National Housing Conference/Center for Housing Policy, 40 percent of households ages 65 and older have incomes that are less than half of the local area median income, and almost half of the poorest of these households pay 50 percent or more of their incomes for housing. Currently the Delray Beach Housing Authority has more than 250 seniors waiting for affordable housing in the city.

But it is taking steps to alleviate the problem. In July, the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency closed on a $2.7 million loan to Village Square Elderly Ltd. to help fund 84 new housing units for low-income elderly residents, which is scheduled for completion in fall 2015. The Village Square project, a partnership between the Housing Authority and Roundstone Development, was created to redevelop the 18-acre Carver Estates site.

The Village Square project also is constructing a 144-unit affordable apartment complex for lower income families and approximately 24 single-family homes that will be offered for sale.

A Boynton Beach restoration: The restoration of the Addison Mizner-designed headquarters for the 102-year-old Boynton Woman’s Club is nearing completion. The work was financed by a matching grant from the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency and a contribution from the Boynton Beach Historical Society. The club’s historic preservation committee co-chairwomen, Pat Waldron and Barbara Wineberg, oversaw the project.

Boca Raton news: In cooperation with Enterpise Florida and the city of Boca Raton, the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County announced that it has assisted Victinitas Cancer Care, Cancer Treatment Centers of America Preferred Provider Alliance, to locate its headquarters in Palm Beach County at 1200 N. Federal Highway in Boca Raton. The Business Development Board assisted Victinitas with site selection, incentive package coordination, and workforce and training needs. The company received a $360,000 training grant from the State of Florida, as well as Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund and Quick Action Closing Fund incentives totaling $1.45 million, with $1.1 million from the state of Florida and a $350,000 contribution from the city of Boca Raton. Over the next five years, the company will have 200 full-time employees and will occupy 5,000 square feet of office space. Victinitas projects a capital investment of approximately $4 million to renovate and equip its space. Victinitas, a nation-wide network of physicians and other oncology care providers, offers each of its patients a dedicated care manager to schedule all appointments, facilitate understanding of treatment options and coordinate communication among providers.

Saks Off Fifth signed a 10-year lease for the 23,434-square-foot space that used to be Loechmann’s at Saks Off Fifth Shops at Lyons Road and Glades Road in Boca Raton. Saks is under construction and is expected to open in the first quarter of 2015. Randy Tulepan, vice president of New York-based Roberts Equities, represented the owner and David Emohovich from Katz and Associates represented the tenant.

For sales recorded Aug. 17, Senada Azdem, director of Luxury Sales for Douglas Elliman, represented the sellers of two units at One Thousand Ocean condominiums in Boca Raton. The warranty deed of the first property, apartment 501 owned by David Cohen, was recorded on Aug. 12 and sold for $6.5 million. The buyer’s agent was Nikki Higgins of Douglas Elliman. The second property, which is warranty deed, apartment 105 owned by Jeffrey and Patricia Schneider, was recorded on Aug. 18 and sold for $4.2 million. The buyer is listed as Casey Taryn Scherr, who was represented by Don Kealy of Westpark Realty of Broward Inc.

According to Palm Beach County records, a company tied to the Blackstone Group, BRE Newton Hotels Property Owner, acquired the Residence Inn Boca Raton, at 525 NW 77th St., in a transaction recorded on Aug. 18, for $12 million. LES Res Boca Raton of Dallas sold the 120-room hotel to B&RE.

In August, Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, a partner of Boca Raton Regional Hospital, was named one of “100 Hospitals and Health Systems With Great Oncology Programs” in 2014 by Becker’s Hospital Review, which recognizes hospitals for quality patient care, cancer outcomes and research. Boca Regional’s Eugene M. & Christine E. Lynn Cancer Institute joined the Moffitt Oncology Network in June 2013.

Also, Boca Raton Regional Hospital is the recipient of the 2014 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence for the 10th year in a row and was named one of America’s 50 Best Hospitals in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, by Healthgrades. The hospital was also recognized for the third consecutive year in U.S. News & World Report’s 2013-2014 Best Hospitals listing as a top-ranked hospital in the South Florida metropolitan area. Concerning financial successes, on Aug. 26, officials at the hospital announced that both Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services have raised the hospital’s investment grade credit rating from BBB- to BBB. Concurrently, both Fitch and S&P gave the hospital a “stable” ratings outlook.

Also in the county: In August, Engel & Völkers announced the openings of its three new South County brokerages owned by Boca Raton real estate attorney Rick Selberbaum. The locations are at 900 E. Atlantic Ave. in Delray Beach, 310 E. Palmetto Park Road in Boca Raton, and 4855 Technology Way in Boca Raton. The designated broker is Boca Raton resident Claire Collins. Selberbaum also announced that he plans to open three more offices in South Palm Beach County within the next 12 to 18 months.

YMCA of South Beach County’s annual report announced support from organizations; an award, and new developments of its drowning prevention, diabetes prevention and YBike programs. A $350,000 grant from The Lost Tree Village Charitable Foundation, a $30,000 grant from the Town of Palm Beach United Way.
and the Baker Summer Camp Scholarship Program grant through Autism Speaks will support the Y’s services to individuals with special needs. The running of the Baker Summer Camp Scholarship Program grant through Autism Speaks will support the Y’s services to individuals with special needs.

The Peter Blum Family YMCA of Boca Raton has raised $35,000 to live out five stars by Family Central’s Palm Beach County Quality Counts program.

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Each month at the not-for-profit Secret Garden Café’s Appetite for Art, “Hungry Artists Feed Hungry People,” September’s theme, Mango is King of Fruit, will celebrate island music and cuisine, featuring grilled red snapper and mango salsa. Music will be by Dymin and September’s featured artist is Nicole Persley. Her distinctive style is bold, eccentric and primary. Appetite for Art will be held at the Secret Garden Café, 100 E. Boynton Blvd. in Boynton Beach, from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 27. The price is $40. Also, the public is invited to attend an artist’s reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26. Cost is $20.

It’s September and Flavor Palm Beach time, when food and wine enthusiasts can take advantage of special discounted prices for prix fixe menus at 50 of Palm Beach County’s finest restaurants. Two-course lunches are priced at $20 and dinners are priced from $30. Each reservation made through FlavorPB.com benefits the Palm Beach County Food Bank, which aims to eradicate hunger in Palm Beach County. For a full list of participants and to make reservations, visit FlavorPB.com.

Palm Beach’s Colony Hotel will close for the first time in 40 years. According to Roger Everingham, the hotel’s vice president and general manager, The Colony’s front doors will be locked Sept. 2 so that developer Carole Varney, president of Dorothy Draper & Company, can complete the multimillion-dollar transformation of the Palm Beach landmark. A gala celebrating its reopening will be on Oct. 24. “Carole Varney and Brinsley Matthews have done an amazing job of breathing new life into our guest rooms to new life,” Everingham said. “Lively may even be an understatement considering the variety of colors; our just finished fourth floor, for example, has 19 different paint colors. Each room and suite is different — no cookie-cutter rooms here — put together with a lot of old furniture and those with special needs. The

Peter Blum Family YMCA of Boca Raton has raised $35,000 to live out five stars by Family Central’s Palm Beach County Quality Counts program. Nixon aide Roger Stone, will reveal the dark secrets of Washington, Ford pardoned, and the famous 18½-minute tape gap, which he’s covered in his recently released book, Nixon. The book will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 10, at the
Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club’s monthly luncheon held at the City Flats, 2857 S. Ocean Blvd., Suite 108, Palm Beach. Also the spa is now offering to bring a full-service list of its spa treatments to private homes, businesses and yachts. For information, call 585-9788.

Classes in drawing, painting, mixed media and photography at the Armory Art Center’s Lake Worth Annex, 1121 Lucerne Ave., will start Sept. 2. Also, four studio spaces are available. For information, visit www.armoryart.org/annex or call 832-1776, ext. 33.

Six summer interns of the 11-week Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for the Everglades’ summer internship program celebrated their graduation E.R. Bradley’s Beach Club in Lake Worth on July 31. The interns, who focused their research project on strategies to counter sea level rise, including Everglades restoration and recommendations for the U.S. Coast Guard, presented their research at the second annual Sea Level Rise Symposium, July 25, hosted by the Marshall Foundation, League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County and Osxbridge Academy. At their graduation, the interns gave brief presentations Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for the Everglades’ summer internship program about their interests and experiences. “The program opened my eyes to how many different disciplines are involved in Everglades restoration and environmental issues,” said intern Morgan Mooney of Boca Raton. “It has inspired me to be part of the solution.”

Suzanne Ross was promoted to executive director for the Schoolhouse Children’s Museum & Learning Center, Boynton Beach. She had served as the museum’s development director before assuming the role of interim executive director after Judith Klinek retired in June. Ross also has held positions with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Easter Seals and the Florida Oceanographic Society.

Carolina Zerbini, managing partner of Seasons 52 in Boca Raton, has attained Darden Restaurants’ Diamond Club status for showing strong and inspiring leadership while also achieving top financial performance. The Boca Raton Seasons 52 is at 2300 NW Executive Center Drive.

New-hire announcements: Officials at Boca Raton Regional Hospital’s Marcus Neuroscience Institute announced the hiring of cerebrovascular specialist Shaye Moskowitz MD, who will serve as director of cerebrovascular and neuroendovascular surgery. In that capacity, he will spearhead the institute’s treatment of aneurysms and vascular disorders of the brain. The Chamber of Commerce of The Palm Beaches appointed Jamie Walton to the position of director of special events. She will also be responsible for driving sponsorship revenues. Formerly, Walton served as director of development for Easter Seals Florida.

Brandon Rosen, founder of the Boca Raton-based BMI Elite marketing agency, announced the appointment of Fred Zuckerman to the position of chief marketing officer and Mike Schweiger as CFO. BMI Elite, which started with two employees in 2010, now has 135 employees and continues to grow. Its office is just west of I-95 on Yamato Road.

In June, Kim Rae Greenberg joined Chapin, Ballerano & Cheslock, a law firm with offices in Delray Beach and Boca Raton, as an associate attorney. She will focus her practice on transactional real estate and corporate law. Before joining the firm, she represented clients as a real estate attorney in her Coral Gables firm and title agency, Kim R. Greenberg, P.A., handling the acquisition, disposition, financing of residential, commercial and institutional properties.

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After seven years in Boynton Beach, Debbie Brookes of Beachcomber Art, has decided to take her talents to Delray Beach. Come and see the most unique home design studio on the Avenue.

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 restaurants and the... and they fervently hoped— listeners had learned a thing or two about their nonprofit organization, the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation.

Then they got the phone call. On the line was Holly, who heard their broadcast (The Gift of Life with Gregg, 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays on 1470 AM/WWNN) and desperately needed their help.

Her 6-year-old niece, Sami, has Fanconi anemia, a rare, inherited blood disorder that leads to bone marrow failure. Her best chance for a normal life! A bone marrow transplant.

Her family anxiously—and continuously—scans the international database of registered donors. So far, no match for the adorable little girl with a condition that affects one out of every 350,000 people.

But that daunting challenge doesn’t deter this Boca Raton-based registry that facilitates bone marrow and blood stem cell matches and transplants for patients with leukemia, lymphoma and other blood-related diseases.

They sent out a S.O.S. — Save Our Sami.

“We made a promise to her family that we would do whatever we could to make sure she lives a fruitful life,” Francis, the foundation’s chief operating and financial officer, told listeners during a recent radio show.

He, Kaplan and Lieberman are in touch with Sami’s family regularly. They adore the spunky, tutu-wearing, chicken-farming South Florida resident and self-proclaimed princess.

“We’ve met Sami’s family, we’ve seen that smile, we’ve loved that energy. We’ve seen the worry in her parents’ eyes, and we’ve seen the fear of what the future holds,” Lieberman wrote on the foundation’s website, www.giftoflife.org. “But we know what to do. We know how to help. It starts with us, it continues with you, and it ends in Sami living the long, fruitful life she deserves. There are moments in life when you can make a difference. Now is your chance. Now is that time. "No match exists for Sami yet, but her match is out there. Her lifesaving chance is waiting to be found. This is one of those moments when someone’s life is in our hands, when Sami’s life depends on our efforts, on your efforts.

Want to help Sami — and thousands of others who need blood stem cell or bone marrow transplants! (Amazingly, one in 200 Americans will receive a transplant.) You can volunteer, become a donor or donate to the cause.

Donors, who need to be between 18 and 60, can get their cheek swabbed to see if they are a match for someone in need. These tests cost $60 each to process — and the non-profit foundation, which relies on donations for operating expenses — is grateful for any contribution for their lifesaving mission (they have tests awaiting processing but need money for the lab fees).

The foundation says it has saved about 2,810 lives since 1999. But, that’s not nearly enough, Francis says. “Our mission is to find a match anytime. Anywhere. For anyone,” he emphasizes. “We save lives. Plain and simple. We’re here to give people a second chance.”

Those who work and volunteer at the foundation’s 11,000-square-foot Boca Raton headquarters are passionate about their cause. That carries over to their radio talk show, which was named the No. 1 show on 1470 AM/WWNN after only five weeks.

The interactive show—which began July 8 and can be heard from North Miami to central Orlando — features inspiring interviews with people who have had life-saving bone marrow transplants, donors, medical doctors, celebs who support the cause and listeners who call in to the station. Their stories will make you laugh. And cry.

“We want people to appreciate the life they have. And we want them to know there is an organization like this in their backyard and that we would love for them to come take a tour and see what we do,” explains Francis. “We’ve met a lot of people who are willing to save a perfect stranger’s life, a lot of very selfless people. It’s very gratifying.”

Kaplan, the foundation’s business development coordinator, says the radio show will also offer a chance to clear up “the big three” misconceptions about being a bone marrow transplant donor: that it is painful, that the bone marrow won’t regenerate and that there is a lengthy recovery period.

It’s a serious subject, but they plan to infuse humor and a bit of bantering. “We are trying to get out the message without being morose,” Kaplan says. “We want listeners to understand the gravity of the situation, but realize there is hope, there are second chances, and there’s a way to give others a most precious gift: the gift of life.”

Linda Haase is a freelance writer on a quest to learn — and share — all she can about how to get and stay healthy. You can reach her at lindawrite76@gmail.com.
**SEPTEMBER 6**

**Saturday - September 6**
- **Sundance Yoga Class** at Sundance Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Saturdays. Registration: 8:30 a.m. $15-$20. 773-9791.
- **Jazzercise** at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 22455 Boca Rio Rd., Boca Raton. 12:15-1:15 p.m. First class is free. 393-7807.
- **Back to Fitness Exercise at all ages for veterans** at Veteran Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Learn and practice ancient breathing and stretching techniques. Saturdays. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Per class: $15/20-60 residents. 243-7350.
- **Yoga Class** at the Train Depot, 475 S. Ocean Hwy., Boca Raton. Monday - Friday 9-11 a.m. & 12-1:30 p.m. $6-$15 residents, $8-25 non-residents; 20 classes: $80 residents, $100 non-residents. 323-2350.
- **Yoga at the Beach** at Sugar Palm Park, 300 S. County Road, Boca Raton. Military style exercise, stretching, running, sprints, lunges, push-ups, abdominal work and group fitness. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Per class: $10/20 residents, $12/24 non-residents. 243-9970.

**SEPTEMBER 7-13**

**Monday - 9/8**
- **Jazzercise: Strength/45 at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. County Road, Boca Raton. Workout incorporates cardio exercises, strength training, running drills, body weight resistance training, agility drills and core strengthening. Methods for all levels of fitness every Thursday. 9:30-10:20 a.m. 4 classes: $16/residents, $45/non-residents, 8 classes: $66/residents, $82.50/non-residents; 15 classes: $110/residents, $120.25/non-residents. 243-7350.
- **Flu, Shingles and Pneumonia Shot Clinic** at Alzheimer's Community Care Center, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1455 Lake Ave. Lake Worth. 10 a.m.-noon. Get all your vaccinations in one convenient location. Also held 9/7 at Phyllis & Julius Siegel Alzheimer's Care & Service Center at Advent Luther Church, 6800 N. Haver St., Boca Raton. Free. 773-2877.
- **Yoga at the Highland Beach Library, 3675 S. Ocean Blvd. Participants should bring their own yoga mat. Every T&Th at 10 a.m. 278-4095.
- **Big & Loud: Parkinson’s Disease Exercise Program at BirtleHeart Hospital, 3155 SE Bear Boulevard, Boynton Beach. Held again 9/12. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free. 295-2778.
- **Breastfeeding Support Group** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadowlands Blvd. Tuesdays. 10-11 a.m. Per class: $10. 243-7350.
- **Boot Camp at Your Neighborhood at Hester Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Military style exercise, stretching, running, sprints, lunges, push-ups, abdominal work and group fitness. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Per class: $10/20 residents, $12/24 non-residents. 243-9970.
- **Fly Me to the Moon Social Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 24255 Boca Rio Rd., Boca Raton. Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. First session free, $5 thereafter. 483-8000.
- **Yoga at Watermark** at Sugar Palm Park, 300 S. County Road, Boca Raton. All ages. Every Monday. 7-8 p.m. Per class: $12/15 residents, $14/17 non-residents. 243-7350.
- **Vet Exercise Program** at Bethesda Hospital East, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Workouts target multiple muscle groups to build lean muscles. Modifications for pregnant moms as well as beginner to advanced fitness levels. Every Thursday. 6:30-7:30 p.m. 4 classes: $16/residents, $45/non-residents; 8 classes: $66/residents, $82.50/non-residents; 16 classes: $110/residents, $120.25/non-residents. 243-7350.
- **Parkinson’s Exercise Class** at Sugar Palm Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Focuses on improving balance, flexibility and coordination. Classes are $15/residents; $20/non-residents. 243-7350.
- **Seniors’ Issues Support Group at the Faulk Center for Counseling, 24255 Boca Rio Rd., Boca Raton. Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. First session free, $5 thereafter. 483-8000.
- **Tai Chi Class** at the Faulk Center for Counseling, 24255 Boca Rio Rd., Boca Raton. Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. Free. 483-8000.
- **Parks & Recreation** at Veteran Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Enhance quality of life through music and dance. Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m. Per class: $5 residents, $10 non-residents. 243-7350.

**SEPTEMBER 9-15**

**Sundays**
- **Flu, Shingles and Pneumonia Revisited** at Alzheimer’s Community Care Center, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1455 Lake Ave. Lake Worth. 10 a.m.-noon. Get all your vaccinations in one convenient location. Also held 9/8 at Phyllis & Julius Siegel Alzheimer’s Care & Service Center at Advent Luther Church, 6800 N Alhambra Ave, Boca Raton. For ages 16 & up at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadowlands Blvd, Boca Raton. Every T & F 6-7 p.m. Per session: $15 residents, $20 non-residents. 483-8000.

**SEPTEMBER 14-20**

**Monday - 9/15**
- **Breastfeeding Exercises for Health, Vitality and Stress Management at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St.** Charlene Wilkinson teaches the theory and practice of breathing techniques. 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Love offering. 276-1076.
- **Healing Hands for Arthritis at various Palm Beach County locations of Massage Envy to benefit the Arthritis Foundation. This in one day event.** $10 from every massage or facial will be donated to the Arthritis Foundation. www.massageenvy.com.
- **Emotional Support Group for Spanish Speaking Adults at Faulk Center for Counseling, 24255 Boca Río Rd., Boca Raton. Thursdays, 4-5:30 p.m.** Each session: $10. 483-8000.
- **Qigong Class for ages 16 & up at Sugar Palm Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Bring a yoga mat or towel and wear comfortable clothing and athletic shoes.** Thursdays through 11/20. 7-8 p.m. Per session: $15 residents, $20 non-resident. Full eight weeks: $120/resident, $150/non-resident. 478-9400.

**SEPTEMBER 28-OCT. 4**

**Monday - 9/28**
- **Support Groups at Bethesda Hospital East, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach.** Internal training with a dance component for adults. 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 7-8 p.m. Per session: $12/15 residents, $15/non-residents. 742-6440.
- **Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium - Presented by Miguel A. Lopez-砻ga, M.D., at Bethesda Hospital East, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach.** Learn how laparoscopic gastric bypass and Lap-Band surgery can change lives. First Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Free. 737-7733, Ext. 84608.
First Baptist of Delray tries a softer approach

Eight of his protégés have married fellow Jews and committed to an Orthodox Jewish lifestyle this year. Three more are seriously dating.

"Marriage is everything when we do our work," Goldstein explains.

Goldstein works for the Jewish Education Center of South Florida, located in a single-family home near an Orthodox Jewish synagogue in east Boca Raton.

His mission is to educate FAU students about their heritage and connect them to other young Orthodox Jews.

Goldstein, 36, spent 13 years in rabbinical school. But he looks the age of most college students and has no trouble striking up conversations at Starbucks.

He counsels 75 to 100 students, offering the center as an oasis where they can study and stay once a week if they commit to orthodox lifestyle, which doesn't allow driving automobiles on the Sabbath, among other things.

Marriage is appropriate only after two or three years of serious study and commitment, Goldstein said.

About 25 young couples have purchased homes within walking distance of the synagogue, Goldstein said. Since Goldstein began his work at Starbucks five years ago.

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church is celebrating its 100th anniversary by transforming the country for 20 years to highlight social justice issues. St. Andrew’s already is the home for People Engaged in Action and Community Effort (PEACE), which works with the Sheriff’s Office.

Artists in Residence organizer Margot Emery said St. Andrew’s wants to provide a quality cultural environment that develops Lake Worth’s image as a cultural destination.

"On our 100th anniversary, St. Andrew’s is firm in its belief that culture and the arts are essential to human development and well-being," Emery said.

The picturesque little church on the corner of Lucerne Avenue and North Palmway was built a year after the 1928 hurricane blew down the original 1914 church building.

Temple Emeth, a Conservative Jewish erdir nysnagog, has closed after 40 years west of Delray Beach.

The congregation thrived in the 1970s to the 1990s when many World War II-generation Jews retired to western Delray.

But Temple Emeth proved to be a one-generation congregation. The 355 remaining members are mostly in their 80s.

Membership had reached 2,000 members in 1996. About a third of Jews in Palm Beach County are synagogue members. A recent study found that 18 percent of American Jews identify with the Conservative movement, down from 23 percent in 1991.

The Temple Emeth congregation will merge with Temple Torah west of Boynton Beach. Temple Emeth buildings and land on West Atlantic Avenue will be sold to a Christian congregation for a church.

Monseigneur Thomas Skinderelski of St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church in Delray Beach has just returned from leading an expedition into the jungles of Guatemala.

Father Tom and 14 Catholic men of the Knights of Columbus spent nine days building and repairing classrooms at a school that the church supports. He also served Mass in remote villages that seldom see a priest.

The St. Vincent congregation sent school and medical supplies, rosaries, holy cards, clothing, tools and candy for the children.

Tim Pallesen writes about people of faith, their congregations, causes and community events. Email him at tepallesen@aol.com.
Family-friendly church generates new excitement

The older members of Grace Community Church wanted to see more children when they gave their church away two years ago. The church at 715 S. Federal Highway in Boynton Beach was given to the Journey Church, a growing congregation of young families who had been worshipping on Sundays at a west Boynton Beach high school.

After two years and a $1.7 million makeover to raise the roof and become more kid-friendly, the grand opening of Journey Church East was celebrated by nearly 700 people on Aug. 24.

"Isn’t this fantastic? You must see the children’s church," Elwood Holley, a former Grace Community member, greeted old members as they arrived for the first Sunday.

Holley had been Grace Community’s spokesman in 2012 to explain the giveaway. "We want to see a happy growing church instead of one that is shrinking," he said at the time.

The former Grace Community members experienced that happiness Aug. 24 as new faces — many of them young families with excited children — poured through the doors.

"We were going down the hole. The Journey Church came in and saved us," Holloway said. "This is amazing." The remodeled Journey Church East is unique whichever way you turn when you walk through the door. To the right is a beautiful Starbucks-style coffee shop with a fireplace where families can enjoy coffee and snacks before church.

To the left is the elaborate Journey Kids arcade built by volunteers to look like a miniature village. Herbie the life-sized Volkswagen sits in one doorway. Elwood’s Barber Shop (named in honor of Elwood Holley, who was at the church every day during construction) has a real revolving barber pole.

"We are all so excited to be back in our home church and to see it so filled with new members," Holley said. "We definitely look forward to seeing all the kids and excitement."
Paws Up for Pets
To endure first year with a young cat, embrace kitten’s viewpoint

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id you just adopt a kitten? To maintain your sanity, please repeat after me: I will survive. Yes, you will survive all the fun, folly and frustration that characterize a feline in his first year of life. I promise. And I’m living proof.

Recently, I adopted a spirited and affectionate male orange tabby from my local humane society. Casey is just 4 months old and weighs less than 5 pounds. As I was bringing him home, I realized that is has been 15 years since I’ve adopted any feline well under 1 year old. The last time occurred in 1999 when I rescued an abandoned kitten from an apartment complex and named her Murphy Brown (she is now a spunky 15 years old). To put that time duration into perspective, consider that in 1999, gasoline averaged just $1.22 per gallon, Mattel’s Barbie Doll turned 40, the hot movie was American Pie, and impeachment proceedings were being brought against President Bill Clinton.

Facebook and selfies did not exist in our vocabulary. Paralleling my crazy kitten antics are The Coastal Star’s publishers, Mary Kate Leming and Jerry Lower, who recently plucked a tiny orphaned kitten from a street near their Feline Officer.

After being given a clean bill of health at the veterinary Ridge home.

“Repeating after me: I will survive,” I promise. And I’m characterized a feline in his first year of life. Feline Officer.

For Leming, Lower and me, life for the next year will be anything but boring. Welcome to what I call the Wonder Year.

During the first 12 months of a kitten’s life, you will wonder where your tabby gets so much energy, why this surprisingly agile and acrobatic youngster decides to leap from the sofa to the recliner and, most importantly, if you will be able to maintain your sanity.

Repeat after me: I will survive. This magical first year may be filled with feline mischief and mayhem. But kittens do a body (and mind) plenty of good. Along the benefits kittens bestowed upon us:

• They tap into our nurturing side. Fast-growing kittens need us to feed them healthy meals many times per day and to tutor them on proper litter box etiquette. In the case of Pippi, it has meant thinking literally outside the (litter) box for Leming, who has resorted to using a deep plastic storage tub as Pippi’s bathroom because of the feline’s quirky habit of standing up in the bathroom because of the feline’s quirky habit of standing up.

Pippi relaxes atop a lunchbox.

• They are not influenced by affluence. Anything and everything seems to be a prized toy for Casey. Sure, he enjoys the store-bought feather wand and trackball (a ball is inside a donut-shaped plastic toy with openings for a feline to paw to push the ball around in circles). But Casey equally loves flying in and out of a brown paper grocery bag and swatting any ice cube that drops onto the kitchen floor with the moves that would rival an all pro hockey player. A crumpled paper wad is fetching fun for Pippi. She snoozes in a wicker basket under Leming’s office desk.

• They embrace the power of play. Good luck trying to work for hours on the keyboard or engaging in marathon texting sessions on your phone. Kittens like Pippi and Casey will have none of that. Often without warning, they will drop across the keyboard, interrupting our thoughts and displaying gibberish on the computer monitors. But it is their reminder for us not to all be work.

As Leming notes, “I think Pippi is good for me because of the trips to the computer screen to manage for a long time. I can’t do that anymore with Pippi around. She reminds me that I need to take breaks away from the keyboard.”

• They make us tidier in the office and at home. Since Casey’s arrival, my kitchen counters and office work spaces are void of any lightweight object that can be swatted and sent soaring. Bathroom doors are kept closed to prevent Casey from unrolling the toilet paper down the hallway.

And in Leming’s case, she can no longer enjoy the simple pleasures of sipping water from a glass or trying to eat a sandwich at her desk. “If you aren’t looking Pippi will stick her nose in my water glass or try to steal my sandwich,” notes Leming. My advice: Switch to spill-proof beverage containers with lids and feed your kitten before bringing out any lunch food to limit this feline thyvery temptation.

Pippi, Casey and irks, fun-loving kittens everywhere view each day — heck, each moment — as opportunities to be enjoyed and embraced. The biggest lesson I’ve learned from Casey is to live in the me-now and not fret over past mistakes or ponder future possibilities. Thinking like a kitten offers more values than one may realize. And I promise: You will survive the Wonder Year.


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Sunshine Cat Room Dedication
Tri-County Animal Rescue, Boca Raton — July 25

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Tri-County Animal Rescue’s dedication of a new Sunshine Cat Room and screened-in patio was ‘purrrfect’ for the 70 cats and kittens living at the shelter. The event drew a crowd that comprised animal advocates, Boca Raton city officials, business leaders and firefighters. The $10,000 renovation project included installation of new drywall, flooring, air-conditioning and a washer and dryer. ABOVE: Robert Weinroth, Kim Spencer, Ardash Rosengarden, Tri-County Animal Rescue co-founder and executive director, Susan Simmons, Sandy Greenblatt, Sharon DiPietro and Frank Occhigrossi. Photo provided
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Hundreds of noteworthy products were on display at the American Sportfishing Association’s annual ICAST trade show, an international gathering of producers of fishing- and boating-related gear held this summer in Orlando.

Here’s a small sampling of water-related products spotted during a whirlwind tour of the ICAST show:

**Osprey inflatable paddleboard:** This fishing paddleboard measures 11 feet, 2 inches. It’s 36.5 inches wide and 6 inches thick when inflated and has tie-down rings for mounting coolers, footrests and a seat. But the real beauty of this paddleboard is transportability. It weighs 36 pounds and rolls up into a duffel bag, meaning you could carry it in the trunk of a car or check it as baggage on an airline flight. Offered by The Creek Co., the Osprey fishing paddleboard sells for about $1,500 with a pump and case. Details: www.creekcompany.com.

**Olukai water shoes:** This California company enlists Hawaiian lifeguards to test its sandals. Olukai’s Nohea mesh boating shoes looked cool, comfortable and water-friendly. Their removable footpads can be machine washed. The Nohea men’s boating shoes sell for about $85. Details: www.olukai.com.

**Borboleta fishing lures:** These brightly colored lures come straight from Brazil with names such as Perversa, loosely translated from Portuguese as “nasty girl.” They’re designed to catch snook, tarpon, largemouth bass and are known in Brazil for catching peacock bass. Hand-painted Borboleta lures are available for about $13 through Fishfreak Online, a Palm Beach County tackle retailer. Details: fishfreakonline.com/perversalures.html.

**Hot-Spot flashers:** These colorful pieces of metal made in Canada are designed to reflect light and attract fish. In the ocean, spear fishers use flashers to attract fish such as dolphin and wahoo. They’re also becoming popular among anglers fishing from boats. Dangled under a boat, flashers have been known to attract wahoo. They sell for $10-12 each. Details: www.hotspotlures.com.

**Engel live-bait cooler:** This small cooler has a tight-sealing lid, meaning it can roll over in your car, full of shrimp and salt water, and it won’t spill. This bait cooler comes with an aerator and can be used as a regular cooler. The 13-quart bait coolers are popular with anglers fishing from kayaks and paddleboards because they can double as a seat. The Engel bait cooler sells for about $75. Details: www.engel-usa.com.

**SnowLizard waterproof cellphone case:** The company’s cellphone cases keep water out, have built-in batteries and solar panels that can help keep a phone charged when you’re out there. The SLXtreme 5 for the iPhone 5 sells for about $150. Details: www.snowlizardproducts.com.

**Vigor sunglasses:** Ever broken a pair of expensive sunglasses? It hurts. The frames of Vigor sunglasses are flexible, meaning they’re less likely to break when you sit on them. The polarized versions come with a one-year warranty and sell for about $65. Details: www.vigoreyewear.com.

**Mustang Elite inflatable life jacket:** This next-generation inflatable life jacket has a back panel that reduces strain on the neck. It provides 26 pounds of buoyancy when inflated. The company says the hydrostatic trigger won’t blow up the jacket until it enters the water, meaning it should not inflate when drenched by rain. The new life jacket is scheduled to be available in January and will sell for about $260. Details: www.mustangsurvival.com.
Tip of the month
Walk the beach with a fishing rod.

Casting from the beach is an enjoyable way to catch snook and other fish as bait schools move close to shore in September. By later in the month, the annual fall mullet run might have started.

Watch for the dark brown “clouds” of mullet in the surf. Schooling mullet often leap out of the water as they are chased by tarpon, bluefish, snook and other predators.

Throw a heavy casting spoon or a plug rigged with 40- to 50-pound leader around the edges of the schools. If the mullet have not arrived yet, try fishing for snook along the beach in the morning. Consider bending down the hook barbs to facilitate the release of snook.

Even though snook season opens Sept. 1, snook must be 28 to 32 inches in total length to be legal, meaning many will be released.

Try fishing for snook with a soft-plastic bait such as a D.O.A. CAL Shad Tail or hard lures such as MirrOlure’s MirrOdine or the Yo-Zuri Crystal Minnow. If the water is clear, try tying your snook lure to 30-pound-test fluorocarbon leader.

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The International Coastal Cleanup is set for the morning of Sept. 20 and will include waterfront cleanup locations in Boca Raton, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach. Participants are asked to preregister at most locations by contacting the site coordinator. Most cleanups begin at 8 a.m. A list of locations and site coordinators can be found on the Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful website, www.keeppbcbeautiful.org.

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By Cheryl Blackerby

Sick sea mammals that land on Florida’s beaches are a sad fact of coastal living. Florida is the No. 1 state for marine animal strandings.

Sympathetic humans want to help, but they often cause more stress to already stressed-out animals:

• They crowd around a beached dolphin, posing for selfies.
• While pouring water on dolphins and whales to cool them, they pour water into their blow holes.
• They stroke and talk to them, which frightens a wild animal.
• Many people touch the animal, which greatly increases the chance of transmitting diseases to the sick marine mammal (and also increases the chance of the animal giving diseases to the sick marine mammal and also increases the chances of the animal giving people — especially children and persons with compromised immune systems — diseases, bacteria and fungi).
• They push the animal back to sea because it looks OK, but if a marine animal is on the beach, it’s sick or injured.

These were some of the points made during a Marine Mammal Rescue Workshop Aug. 20 at the Intracoastal Club House in Boynton Beach. About 100 law enforcement officers, first responders and Marine Animal Rescue Society volunteers attended.

Speakers included scientists from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University.

There are only three things you should do when you see a stranded whale, said the experts: Call for help (888-404-FWCC or local law enforcement), keep the animal upright and stay quiet.

And if you’re really serious about helping, prepare for a long stay; it may take five or six hours for a rescue crew to get there, so organize shifts to stay with the animal.

Most importantly, listen to law enforcement who will arrive on the scene and set up perimeters. In mass strandings, the situation can quickly get out of control when crowds gather.

Other things to remember when you see a stranded whale, dolphin or manatee, said Pamela Sweeney, Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserves Manager: Tell the dispatcher at the wildlife hotline as much information as you can, including the estimated length of the animal, the precise location (including GPS coordinates), and any human interaction such as propeller injuries and nets binding the animal.

Take photos to send to the dispatcher and include the name and phone number of the person who took the photos. Look for scientific tags and record the number on the tag. Dead animals should not be disposed of. Officials will want to perform necropsies to determine the cause of death.

“When a marine mammal is on the beach, we need all hands on deck,” said Steve Burton, stranding coordinator and marine mammal specialist at Harbor Branch. “You need to stay calm and quiet. Help is on the way.”

Burton showed photos of 22 pilot whales that stranded at Avalon Beach near Fort Pierce on Sept. 1, 2012. The whales needed constant care by volunteers under the direction of rescue supervisors from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Florida Fish and Wildlife and Harbor Branch. Local law enforcement and lifeguards helped manage the situation.

A complicated scene with many bystanders quickly became organized with tents providing shade for animals and volunteers, and water and food for volunteers until transportation could arrive for the animals to be moved to wildlife hospitals.

Topics at the workshop included mass-stranding event coordination, rehabilitation protocols, necropsy techniques, and in-water training and exercises. On-the-water mock manatee rescue and rehabilitation and rescue techniques with dolphins and whales were demonstrated.

The workshop was presented by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection/ Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserves along with the county’s Department of Environmental Resources Management, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, MARS and FAU’s Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute.
**Outdoors Calendar**

Note: Events are current as of 8/29. Please check with organizers for any changes.

**SEPTEMBER 6**
Saturday - 9/6 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., just north of Ocean Avenue in Ocean Ridge. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot 8-10:30 am. Free. Contact Jeff at JeffLev02@gmail.com.

**SEPTEMBER 7-13**
Sunday - 9/7 - Bird Walk at Green Cay Wetlands, 12800 Hagen Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Hosted by the Audubon Society of the Everglades. Meet at the nature center 9:30 am. Also held Sept. 20 at 8 am. Free. 385-7972.

Tuesday - 9/9 - Seining the Lagoon at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1081 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Hand-held dip nets and large seine nets allow participants to catch and release a variety of fish, shrimp, crabs and marine life. Wear clothes that can get wet. Old sneakers or water shoes only. Ages 10 to adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30 pm. $12 members, $15 non-members. Registrations: 544-8615.

**SEPTEMBER 14-20**

Monday - 9/15 - Wokadahatchee Wetlands Bird Walk at 13200 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Meet leader at the top of the boardwalk 7:30 am. Free. 385-7975.

Wednesday - 9/17 - 2014-15 Boynton Beach Fishing Club meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Join other fishermen to discuss hot topics and learn new tricks of the trade. 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5638 or www.boyntonbeach.org.

**SEPTEMBER 21-27**
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9/18 - International Wetlands Bird Walk at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1081 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy and locally by Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc. Groups and individuals must pre-register; community service hours awarded. All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. 385-7975.

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This classic four-bedroom, 4½-bath center-hall colonial waterfront home has a pool/spa and a dock that can accommodate a 52-foot yacht, complete with 65 feet of canal frontage that leads to the Intracoastal Waterway in Gulf Stream’s Place Au Soleil.

Completely renovated and expanded in 2010 with impact glass windows throughout, this gracious two-story residence boasts 5,297 square feet of living area with Brazilian cherry and marble floors, central vacuum system, formal living room with fireplace and large custom gourmet chef’s kitchen with granite and stainless.

The first-floor guest suite has a mini kitchen, and each bedroom offers an elegant private bath.

The home offers desirable southern exposure, an open pool, a huge second-floor covered balcony with wood ceiling, travertine marble decking and large side yard on an oversized lot.

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LEFT: This home has 65 feet of canal frontage and can accommodate a 52-foot yacht.

BELOW: A luxurious pool and spa area overlooks the water and offers plenty of space for outdoor entertaining.

ABOVE: The gourmet kitchen overlooks the pool and waterfront. It offers plenty of prep space, as well as custom cabinets and granite countertops.

LEFT: The formal living room has a fireplace and plenty of windows to take advantage of the home’s southern exposure.
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TOP: Grandview Preparatory School ninth-graders Albin Engstrom, Bennett Kubach, Tasman Rosenfeld and Alexander Abbasi demonstrate their invention, Shark-X, at Sandoway House Nature Center in Delray Beach. ABOVE: The magnetic device, on a fake hand, repels nurse-sharks in the center’s pool. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

By Ron Hayes

Students’ invention purports to keep the marine carnivores at bay

Shortly before 10 a.m. on a recent Saturday, four ninth-graders from Grandview Preparatory School in Boca Raton presented themselves at the Sandoway House Nature Center, ready to battle three sharks. Or baffle them, anyway.

Bennett Kubach, 14, of Ocean Ridge; Albin Engstrom, 15, of Boca Raton; Alexander Abbasi, 14, of Delray Beach; and Tasman Rosenfeld, 14, of Pompano Beach were neatly dressed in the school’s white polo shirts and khaki pants. Bennett was holding a human arm on a 6-foot pole.

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SHARKS

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Not an edible human arm. This was one of those gag rubber hands with sleeve and cuff attached, made to be dangled from closed car trunks for the entertainment of fellow motorists and law enforcement officers.

“We ordered it from Amazon,” Bennett explained.

This morning, the wrist wore a waterproof neoprene bracelet enclosing three magnets. The magnets are small, only three-quarter-inch in diameter and eighth-inch thick, but still capable of lifting about 12.5 pounds each. Powerful enough that a single anklet, the boys believe, emits enough magnetic energy to deter sharks.

They have dubbed their product “Shark-X.”

If Shark-X works, and they are certain it does — those magnets will override the electromagnetic sensors in a shark’s nose, disorient the swimming beast and steer it away from tourists, swimmers and surfers.

Tasman Rosenfeld, 14, who describes himself as “the inventor of Shark-X,” is a surfer.

“The ampullary glands on a sharks’ nose are electro-receptors,” he told the members of the press. “It’s an inner compass, really, and sharks use it for navigation.

Their nose knows where north is.

Wear one of his Shark-X anklets, Tasman promised, and its subtle magnetic pull will baﬄe the shark’s sense of direction and steer it away.

“We haven’t tested them on a Great White yet, but they’re incredibly effective on stingrays,” he added. “It’s not going to keep you 10 feet away from a shark, but it’s going to keep you from losing a limb.”

In at least one test, Shark-X has already proved itself a stunning success, bеsting a sock-monkey purсе, gender-specific emergency kits and other inventions, to take first place in the school’s Entrepreneurial Fair.

“We’re trying to tie our curriculum to real-world results, and this is a great example of that,” said Jackie Westerfeld, Grandview’s head of school, watching proudly from the edge of the crowd.

Recently, the four entrepreneurs tested Shark-X on some stingrays at what they describe as “an undisclosed location in Miami because it wasn’t pre-approved.”

The stingrays responded dramatically, they reported, opening their mouths wide and changing direction almost immediately.

“It’s like a flashlight shining in your eyes,” Bennett Kubach explained. “It’s really irritating, so they want to turn away.”

Now they would demonstrate the product on the three nurse sharks that rule in the Sandoway House pool.

“Not a lot of people die from sharks, but a lot lose their arms and stuff,” Alexander Abbasi noted. “Would you like to take that chance?”

As about 50 fathers, mothers and children gathered around the kidney-shaped pool for the morning shark feeding, Valentine Fine, the center’s weekend manager, confirmed Alexander’s assertion.

“Sharks don’t eat people,” he assured the crowd. “They bite us by mistake. So it’s important not to confuse them. Do not pet sharks.”

And they don’t bite us at all that often, either, Fine agreed. Last year, he said, there were only 23 shark bites in Florida, and no deaths at all. In an average year, there are only five shark deaths worldwide.

“However, there were 10 last year,” he noted.

The trio of nurse sharks at Sandoway House would not require a bigger boat. They are only about 5 feet long, but frisky and sleek. As Fine dropped shrimp into their mouths, they sucked them in with a startlingly loud popping sound.

“They’ve been around about 400 million years, and they haven’t evolved at all,” Fine marveled.

At last the entrepreneurs were introduced as “the gentlemen of Grandview Preparatory School.”

Tasman Rosenfeld, equipped with a headset microphone, acknowledged the applause.

“I’m the inventor of Shark-X,” he told the crowd, and delivered a brief discourse on the science behind his invention.

The arm was lowered into the water.

The sharks approached, slid within 2 or 3 feet of the hand, and turned away.

The Shark-X bracelet was removed from the rubber wrist and dropped into a netted pool skimmer.

The skimmer was lowered into the water.

Again the sharks approached and retreated.

A skeptic might wonder if perhaps it was the hand or skimmer that discouraged the sharks, but Tasman’s mother, Janelle Rosenfeld, had no doubts.

“I think it does work,” she said. “Seeing the stingrays’ reaction was amazing, but for me, as a mom, the exciting thing is to see how he was able to take a scientific idea and turn it into a product.”

She wants to solve the problems of the world, she said — and make a lot of money so he can be a professional surfer.

Shark-X should sell for about $15-20 apiece, Bennett Kubach estimated. Beyond that, the boys’ marketing plan is still being developed. They’re in the process of having the name “Shark-X” trademarked, but won’t be able to patent the product because the use of magnets and neoprene is not considered “novel” under current patent law.

“I live right near Nomad’s Surf Shop,” Bennett said, “so I may ask them to carry them.”

He doubted he’d be wearing one much, though.

“I don’t swim a lot, but I like to run on the beach,” he said. “I’m more of a sand person. But I’m proud of what I’ve learned about sharks.”

Albin Engstrom also was pleased with what he’d learned about sharks and magnets.

“I want to become a doctor,” he said, “but if you have this product, you won’t have to come to the hospital with a shark bite.”

He paused to consider his words.

“But it’s not shark-proof. It’s shark-repellent,” he added.

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— Scott Simmons
Delray native Vance Vlasek plays Liam, one of the movie’s three main characters. A 2010 graduate of Florida Atlantic University, Vlasek, 26, has performed at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts in Miami and the Broward Stage Door Theatre in Coral Springs, among other venues. He said the movie will have a real Florida feel to it.

“The movie is about three friends who grow up together in a small town called Seaside,” Vlasek said. “It takes place in 1972. The friends are bumming around, not knowing what to do with their lives. They’re working lousy jobs in a restaurant. Then one of the friends gets an opportunity to open a bar up for young people. It’s a fun and touching story.”

LaQua said Fitzsimmons and former partner Tyler Ford, who now works in Los Angeles and New York, co-founded Brave Man Media six years ago.

“We mainly do commercial work, documentaries and short films,” he said. “This is our first feature film, but we’ve been steadily moving toward this for the last five years.”

After Midnight has a budget of about $500,000 and features a cast of unknown actors culled from south and central Florida talent and modeling agencies, as well as friends or people the producers saw on the street that they liked and auditioned. However, LaQua said the entire cast is very talented.

“We’ve got great principals and a terrific supporting cast,” he said. “We’re really excited to see how it all comes together.”

Vlasek agreed. “It’s been amazing,” he said. “Everyone is so professional. The director is super knowledgeable. We have a fantastic director of photography. And everyone is so friendly. It’s a great atmosphere, because everybody believes in the movie and wants to get it done. They’re relaxed but focused. The perfect balance.”

The production is scheduled to film in the Delray area until the middle of September and post-production should be finished by the end of January, in time for the producers to start shopping it around the film festival circuit by next summer and fall.

“At the end of the day we’re just happy to be doing a film here in Delray, which most of us call home,” LaQua said. “We’ve been really happy with all the support we’ve had from local governments, local businesses and local talent. We’re really excited about this project.”

Around Town

Cameras roll in Delray Beach

By Steven J. Smith

Delray Beach has been selected as the setting and filming has begun for a new independent film called After Midnight, produced by Delray Beach production company Brave Man Media.

Damian Fitzsimmons is directing the film, which is based on a true story, according to production manager Ian LaQua.

“The two writers grew up on Long Island,” LaQua said. “It’s based on events from their childhood to the age of about 22. It’s kind of timeless coming of age story, with comedy moments and dramatic moments. It’s true to life, about growing up in a small town in America.”

LaQua added the film will primarily shoot at 3rd and 3rd, a restaurant and bar at 301 NE Third Ave. in the heart of the Artist District.

Other locations include Delray Beach Memorial Gardens Municipal Cemetery, several residential homes in the West Atlantic Avenue area of Delray Beach and a home owned by the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency.

Michael Pisano of Boca Raton, a sound mixer, listens to a scene between takes as actors prepare for action at the restaurant 3rd and 3rd during the shooting of After Midnight, an independent film being produced in downtown Delray Beach. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star
Surfers, however, are perennial optimists and Aho knows he’ll have other chances to catch waves, plus he’s stoked that his book, Surfing Florida, a chronicle of the sport and lifestyle in the state that was published last spring, is selling a few copies.

“Sales are going as they should be,” Aho said, knowing it’s a niche market.

While his passion is surfing, the former Ocean Ridge resident is professionally an artist who has been recognized locally and internationally. He was the first recipient of the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County’s Ubertalli Award for Artistic Achievement. He twice received fellowships from the South Florida Cultural Consortium.

For two years, he has served as dean of Paducah School of Art and Design at West Kentucky Community and Technical College and recently completed his first capital project, raising $2.5 million to match a state grant.

So Aho is positive. “I like it fine here,” said Aho of the campus that’s only a couple of miles from the Ohio River, “although I’d like it better if we were a thousand miles closer to the ocean.”

Aho’s previous recognition includes the All Florida Juried Exhibition, the oldest juried event in the state, that runs through Oct. 18 at the Boca Raton Museum of Art.

His work is not included this year, but among the nearly 100 entries are several from local artists Donna Hixson, Malanie Hurwitz and Florence Roghaar from Boca; Sharon Lee Hart (Boynton Beach); Lynelle Forrest, Isabel Gouveia and Clarence “Skip” Measelle (Lake Worth) and Suzanne Scherer and Pavel Ouporov plus Robert Vail (Lantana).

Wayne Thoerburgh, also from Lantana, claimed one of five merit awards and $500 for his entry “Looking In,” Miami artist Tony Vazquez won best in show for his 460-pound sculpture depicting deject aluminum espresso pots made from bitumen, a petroleum byproduct.

Surprisingly, Sundy House in Delray Beach hasn’t come up with a dish that includes sawgrass, but the abundant sedge did get a mention recently. New owners Steven Michael and Rick Marshall hosted a reception for the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for the Everglades to introduce its new boss and announce plans for its annual gala.

Marshall CEO Mark Pafford is best known now as a member of the Florida House of Representatives for West Palm Beach. Previous jobs included senior coordinator for the village of Royal Palm Beach, legislative assistant to then Florida Rep. Lois Frankel and CEO of the Alzheimer’s Association Southeast Florida Chapter.

Early in his career, he worked as a naturalist at a Miami public park and he’s ready to fight the good fight to protect Florida’s fragile environment. That means raising money, much of which comes from the River of Gras Gala, which this year will be held Dec. 6 aboard the 167-foot yacht Lady Windridge (233-904-3 email info@marshall.org).

Unless you just have to shop in the vicinity, you might save some aggravation by avoiding the area in Delray Beach around Federal and Linton on Sept. 5 and for a few weeks after. That’s the day Trader Joe’s arrives, and if everyone shows up who said they would, the streets will be impassable. The soon-to-open Boca Raton store is still accepting crew member applications through Sept. 13. Interested individuals must apply in person at the store, 855 S. Federal Highway, Boca Raton, and can obtain an application on site or online at www.traderjoes.com/pdf/employment_application.pdf.

At the age of 9, Leslie Uggams was the opening act at Harlem’s legendary Apollo Theater for the likes of Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald and Dinah Washington. As a teenager, she won a ton of cash — $12,500 — on Name That Tune and caught the eye and ear of Mitch Miller who put her on Sing Along With Mitch. She won a Tony for Hallelujah, Baby! and her own show on CBS and received Emmy and Golden Globe nominations for her role as Kizzy in Roots. And beginning Dec. 4, at the perfect age of 71, she’ll play the legendary Mama at The Wick in Boca Raton. Tickets will go fast (995-2323).

“It will be bittersweet… it will be filled with fun… we will laugh through our tears,” proclaimed a Facebook statement from Evening Star Company for opening night (Aug. 22) of its production of Shakespeare’s The Comedy of Errors at Sol Theatre in Boca Raton. The show opened as planned, just as director Laura Ruchala intended. A mainstay in local theater with the Miami Shakespeare Company, Florida Shakespeare Festival and Outre Theatre Co., Ruchala collapsed during an Aug. 10 rehearsal and never regained consciousness. She died from a brain aneurysm a day before her 16th birthday. “This is a terrible blow,” said friend and fellow thespian Missy McCardle, “especially after losing Kevin Crawford (a founding member and director of the Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival) last December. We’ll miss her.”

On Sept. 13 Arts Garage will present “Havana Nights,” a celebration of Cuban music and mojitos, plus dancing and hors d’oeuvres to benefit Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse. Reservations at 450-6357.

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Her colleagues in the music industry had suggested for years that she consider performing the songs of Joni Mitchell, but when Sutton finally did, it jazz singer Tierney Sutton found the idea somewhat daunting. "I love how great she was, and then I was intimidated ... it was not an easy thing to go about doing," Sutton said. "Once I was into it, it was pretty clear what to do and how to go about it." But tackling the music of the great Canadian songwiter turned into a joyful process for Sutton, which resulted in an elegant album released last year called After Blue, which she recorded not with her longtime band but with guest collaborators such as the Turtle Island String Quartet, singer Al Jarreau and flutist Hubert Laws. After Blue was nominated for a Best Jazz Vocal Grammy Award this year, Sutton's sixth such honor.

This month, Sutton will perform songs from her Joni Mitchell project at shows at Jazziz Nightlife in Boca Raton, two each on Sept. 9 and 10. She will be accompanied by guitarist Serge Merlaud and bassist Kevin Axt, who play with her on her newest album, Paris Sessions, which came out a week after the Boca Raton concerts.

A native of Milwaukee who grew up to the Red Speedwagon era but fell in love with jazz via artists such as pianist Bill Evans instead, Sutton, 51, said she was familiar with some of Mitchell's music — the Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young staples — for instance — and knew there were some songs that had already been covered by many other artists, such as A Case of Sorrow)."I wanted to do it in my own way, I think she's an underappreciated figure," Sutton said. "She really is up there in the pantheon of great songwriters and great artists, at the very, very top. I really can't think of anybody anybody — anybody — who has her combination of compositional skills, lyrical skills, and skill as a performer and singer."

All of those things together in one person: I think she's the complete package.

Tickets for the shows, which begin at 7 and 9 p.m., range from $35 to $75. Call 300-0730 or visit www.jazziznightlife.com.

More jazz: September is shaping up to be quite a month for jazz in the southern part of the county, with Todd Barkan, who ran the Keystone Korner jazz club in San Francisco in the 1970s and since 2001 has been the director of Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola at Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York, joining the staff of Delray Beach's Arts Garage as its programming chief.

Barkan's imprint has turned the Garage lineup into a powerhouse September, beginning with the English jazz singer Polly Gibbons, who makes her North American debut at Arts Garage on Sept. 12, accompanied by a trio helmed by the terrific jazz pianist Shelly Berg, whose day job is as head of the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami.

Gibbons, who follows her appearance in Delray with concerts in New York and Boston, was nominated for a BBC Jazz Award in 2006 and her first album, My Own Company, was released last month. Gibbons has a bluesy, smoky alto (you can hear her do a good wee-hours reading of Avery Parish's After Hours on her website) and a stellar sense of swing, and likely has a long career ahead of her.

A week later, the jazz-fusion pioneer Larry Coryell plays two dates (Sept. 19 and 20) at the Arts Garage. One of the finest guitarists in jazz history, a confidante of Jimi Hendrix, Miles Davis and Gary Burton, and a prolific composer whose opera, Scenes from War and Peace, is scheduled for a December premiere in Slovenia (of all places), he's made more than 100 recordings, and also is the author of an excellent book about improvising that jazz students should hold close to their hearts. Now 71, Coryell is as busy as he ever was, and being able to see him in the confines of the Arts Garage offers an opportunity to see a fireboard legend in an intimate space.

Finally, the Garage has scored a big win with the splendid jazz pianist Cyrus Chestnut, affectionately known as "The Nutman," who will appear Sept. 27. Chestnut, a native of Baltimore, is because of the most important jazz pianists currently working, a virtuoso with an Oscar Peterson-style feel for melodic improvisation and a rock-solid sense of swing.

Tickets for all these shows, all at 8 p.m., begin at $25, and patrons can bring their own refreshments. Premium seating for parties of six from range from $190 to $240. Call 450-6357 or visit www.artsgarage.org.

Music note: Joanna Marie Kaye, who was known simply as Joanna Marie in her years as host of Classical Music Notes on WXEL radio, has returned to South Florida after two years at WQED in Pittsburgh. Newly married to the Symphony Boca Raton artistic director, Jeffrey Kaye, she has been named director of the Festival of the Arts Boca for its ninth iteration, which will be held March 5-15 at Mizner Park in Boca Raton. No word on who might be coming to the festival, but the lineup will be officially announced Nov. 14 with a media event that will feature Time for Three, the string trio that bills itself as "a classically trained garage band."

Art note: Last month, the National Press Photographers Association held a two-day conference in West Palm Beach in which winners of the association's 2014 best photo contest were honored, and some 60 of the nation's top photojournalists were on hand to meet with fellow members of the camera-wielding "tribe," as the group likes to say.

An exhibit of their work, Best of Photojournalism 2014, was scheduled to close Aug. 30 at the Palm Beach Photographic Centre, but organizers have decided to extend the free exhibit until Oct. 31.

"It's become one of the most popular exhibits we have had in the museum. People are just coming out of the woodwork to see this show," said Fatima Nelame, the center's CEO. "We're attracting people that have never been here before, and they're leaving us comments like, 'How long is this show going to be here, because I want to bring my friends.'"

"When you have a winner like that, why not make more time for it?" she said.

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Greg's List

THROUGH SEPTEMBER
Re-Purposed-It: Seen - The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County presents this exhibit of industrial effluvia reworked as art, including several things made from suitcases and clock parts, as the council points out. Eight artists including Bertrand Judier, Deborah Mitchell and Lee Curry exhibit. Recycled materials present works fashioned from societal throwaways through Oct. 18. The show is a collaboration between DesignWell, a West Palm Beach nonprofit, which helps salvage supplies for schoolteachers and students. Galería de la Raza offers art that speaks to our societal malaise. Check it out; this exhibit is free to everyone. Call 832-5196 or visit www.norton.org.

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 14
Brice, Canter & Jolson: The local theater company doesn’t really get going again until October, but some venues are still carrying the past month of photojournalist James Foley at the hands of the murderous Islamic State. Although journalists have come in for decades of politically motivated criticism that has served to weaken the public’s sense of that profession’s importance, people like Foley and his colleagues risk their lives to expose the absolute worst of the world so that vital information can be brought to the rest of humanity. It’s not for nothing that showing exemplary photojournalism seems especially important now, with the brutal execution this past month of photojournalist James Foley at the hands of the murderous Islamic State. Although journalists have come in for decades of politically motivated criticism that has served to weaken the public’s sense of that profession’s importance, people like Foley and his colleagues risk their lives to expose the absolute worst of the world so that vital information can be brought to the rest of humanity. It’s not for nothing that intellectuals such as that of Russia’s Vladimir Putin make sure they muzzle information they don’t like — especially now, with the murderous Islamic State. It’s not for nothing that intellectuals such as that of Russia’s Vladimir Putin make sure they muzzle information they don’t like — especially now, with the murderous Islamic State.
Celebrations

Back 2 School Bash
Caridad Center, Boynton Beach — Aug. 9

An estimated 1,200 children received school-supply-filled backpacks at the nonprofit healthcare center’s Back 2 School Bash. The children, all of whom are patients at the center, set an attendance record at the 20-year-old event, which served 1,100 in 2013. “We are so appreciative of the community support that enables us to help so many children start their school year off right,” Laura Kallas, the center’s executive director, said. “Scarlett Fave (right) has done an outstanding job of organizing this event for the past 12 years.” Photo provided

Diaper Bank/Board of Directors
Junior League of Boca Raton — Aug. 16

The league’s board of directors and other active members came together for the annual summer project of distributing baby diapers to the communities of south Palm Beach and north Broward counties. This year, nearly 38,000 were given to 16 agencies, which loaded them into trucks to take back to their headquarters. In other news, the league installed its new board of directors for the 2014-15 season at the Delray Beach Club. “This year, we will continue the legacy of service by providing more than 35,000 volunteer hours and more than $250,000 to support our mission of training volunteers, developing the potential of women and improving the South Florida community,” President Andrea Garcia said. TOP: Audrey Morris, Jennifer Gene, Kirsten Stanley, Andrea Garcia, Nikki Stelzer, Meghan Shea, Sarah Doyle, Margi Cross and Samantha Vassallo distribute diapers. Photo provided by Downtown Photography. ABOVE: (in front) League board members include Vice Presidents Margi Cross and Elizabeth Kelley Grace; Andrea Garcia; Kirsten Stanley; committee member Nikki Stelzer; (in back) public-relations/marketing Chairwoman Audrey Morris; recording secretary Melissa Whelchel; Vice President Jackie Reeves; Sherry Winter; and Vice Presidents Terri Williams and Meghan Shea. Photo provided

White Coats-4-Care
Waterstone Resort & Marina, Boca Raton — July 31

The fourth-annual reception raised more than $60,000 to benefit Florida Atlantic University’s Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine’s incoming class. More than 220 business, civic and healthcare leaders attended, each giving a donation for underwriting white lab coats and other equipment, funding scholarships and naming auditorium seats. ABOVE: Dr. Richard and Alisa Cohen, with Dr. Alan Bauman. Photo provided

Wine & All That Jazz
Boca Raton Resort & Club — Aug. 23

One of Boca Raton’s largest wine-tasting parties drew more than 350 guests who had the opportunity to sample 100-plus vintages, enjoy hors d’oeuvres provided by local restaurants and listen to live music. The extravagant event was sponsored by the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce and served as a signature highlight of this year’s Boca Chamber Festival Days, a series of citywide activities that take place throughout August. ABOVE: Sally Dixon and Stephen Klingel. Photo provided

Contacts & Cocktails
Eleven Salon Spa, Delray Beach — Aug. 5

More than 100 attendees at the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce’s informal networking event enjoyed a tour of the salon and spa while sipping cocktails. “It was a pleasure having members of the Delray Beach Chamber group here,” the company’s Frank LaDuca said. “We enjoyed showing off our space to those who had never been here before.” ABOVE: Lori McInerney, Mary Bagdasian and Eleven Salon Spa owner Nicole Oden. Photo provided by Janis Bucher
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26 at the Delray Beach Civic Auditorium, 267 SW

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387-1198.

9/10 - Ride & Remember Trolley Tour begins at Old School Square, 51

N. Federal Hwy., Delray Beach. Learn infant CPR for

all ages, minors accompanied by an adult. W & F.


9/9 - Sushi & Stroll Summer Walk at the Willow Theatre, Sugar

Blvd., Boynton Beach. Free for spectators. 773-

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9/12 - Reed Farrel Coleman signs his book,allbackwards in breadcrumbs.

at the Boynton Beach Library, 100 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Third

Saturday - 9/13 - EVP (Extreme Volleyball

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Saturday - 9/13 - Everything Orchids: A Shady Bedazzling July

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9/20 - Honor Flight Southeast Florida - American veterans by transporting them to Washington D.C., to visit memorials dedicated to their service. Held the first & third Friday of each month. Reservations: 659-3884.

9/21 - The Sunday Sleuth Book Club - Group at the Boynton Beach City Library. Noon-3 pm. Free. 742-6886.


9/22 - Fall Lecture Series: American Painters: Impressionism - Lecture Series at the Gazebo & Theater at FAU Barry and Florence Family Regional Hospital, Education Center, 800 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Intersection of eight lectures presented as part of the Fall Lecture Series. Registration: 496-6228.


9/22 - Japanese Reading and Writing - Presented by the Boca Raton Library at the Gazebo & Theater at FAU Barry and Florence Family Regional Hospital, Education Center, 800 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Ages 21 and over. 5:30-7:30 pm. $25. 742-6886.

9/22 - Clean Teen Comedy and Cabaret - Presented by the Boca Raton Library at the Gazebo & Theater at FAU Barry and Florence Family Regional Hospital, Education Center, 800 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Ages 21 and over. 5:30-7:30 pm. $25. 742-6886.


9/23 - Cultural Gauche - Dance from France to Italy - Workshop at the JCC at 5645 N. Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens. Presented by Arturo Baptista, a choreographer and dancer from Italy. Registration: 488-2333 or www.jccpbg.org.


9/23 - Quirky Comedy - Group at the Boca Raton Library at the Gazebo & Theater at FAU Barry and Florence Family Regional Hospital, Education Center, 800 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Registration: 496-6228.


9/23 - Cocktails in the Square - Group at the Gazebo & Theater at FAU Barry and Florence Family Regional Hospital, Education Center, 800 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Registration: 496-6228.


9/24 - Rosh Hashana Morning Services - Service at Mt. Sinai Jewish Center, 901 NE 3rd Ave., Boca Raton. Registration: 496-6228.

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9/24 - Family Splash Games - Presented by the Palm Beach County Children's Museum at the Chabad Center, 7495 W. Atlantic Ave., Boca Raton. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 347-0000.

9/24 - Fall lecture series - Group at the Boca Raton Library at the Gazebo & Theater at FAU Barry and Florence Family Regional Hospital, Education Center, 800 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Registration: 496-6228.


Inspiration by Rod MacDonald
10/1 - Music Americana: In Search of
276-6347. $48/residents, $60/non-
James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch
10/1 - Intermediate Line Dancing
at FAU Lifelong Learning Society.
Lecture Series
of eight lectures presented as part of the
Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. First
10/1 - Charmed Circles in the Arts:
free concert by West Boca Raton High School
Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Official
805-8562 or www.fourarts.org.
celebrate the fall harvest. 10:30 am-2 pm. Free.
invites a panel of world-renowned artists to
at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777
Brown-bag lunchtime program. 11:30
10/2 - Practical Planning for Art Collectors
1/11. T-W, F-Sat.: 10 am-5 pm; Th: 10 am-9 pm;
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Plaza, Palm Beach. A unique “greenmarket” at
10/2-4 - 94th Annual Florida State
at Lynn University,
10/2 - From the Studio of Lisa Leonard:
6:30 am-11 pm; Sat.: 7 am-2:45 pm. Tickets:
SUNDAYS, 5/5-21, first floor suites. 522-7176 or
www.concerts.org
The Heart of Russian Music, Part
One: Masterpieces from the Orchestral,
Mozart and Beethoven. at Lynn University.
Neirnan Goldstein Concert Hall, 3001 N.
Military Trail, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Free. 237-9008
10/2-4 - 94th Annual Florida State
Bookkeepers Association Conference
at the Embassy Suites, 1601 Belvedere Rd., West
Palm Beach. Features nationally-recognized speakers, free-luncheon demonstrations, vendors
and exhibitors, hony tasting and judging, bookkeepers dinner and auction, plus the latest bookkeeping innovations. Th.: 4-9 pm; F: 8-9 pm; Su: 10 am-11 pm, Sat. 7-2:45 pm. Tickets: 50-2480, www.beekeepingconference.com.
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Shark feeding a frenzy of fascinating facts

By Shelley Gilken

Who needs Sharknado, modern-day megalodon attacks, or a submarine shark lurking off the coast of South Africa? Nature’s need for fictitious shark attack “facts” when the real-life creatures are fascinating enough.

Take, for example, the three nurse sharks swimming at the edge of their tank at Delray Beach’s Lighthouse Nature center. They each have row upon row of teeth in the thousands, to the point where, in fact, sharks lose and regrow up to 30,000 teeth in a lifetime. But this particular species is not threatening unless it is in defense. Despite their reputation on television, shark attacks are quite rare.

“Dogs, pigs and vending machines are far more dangerous,” said Jennifer Urbanek, a Lighthouse Nature Center assistant, who narrates such interesting tidbits as the calmly places pieces of crab, squid, and sardine in the tank using a pincer. Children and adults line the edges of the tank and watch closely, snapping pictures as the sharks move about.

Daily shark feedings are a popular draw at the Sandoway House. On an average day in the summer, there are more than 200 people.

The feeding is geared to visitors of all ages from infants equipped with adult lap sitters, to families to senior citizens.

“I try to get the kids engaged and ask them questions,” Urbanek said. “I try to impart a lot of information even adults don’t know.”

The nuggets of information combined with the experience of seeing real-life sharks makes it a fun, educational experience for all.

Urbanek said children respond to the sharks with a combination of amazement and a bit of fear and wonder: “Everything from kids who are very frightened to others who want to bend over and pet the sharks.”

The Sandoway House is also launching a new outreach program this school year that entices children to catch a main fish on location to schools.

The school programs in 2014-2015 will cover topics such as the shark family, habitats, reptiles, birds and insects. It’s a way for more children to be able to get a glimpse of all that Sandoway has to engage people.

“Sandoway is such an unique place — a historic house, all-natural aquarium, that’s a converted swimming pool. You can still see the steps to the old swimming pool,” Urbanek said. “While sharks are the in Shoes and Socks Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 8/29. Please check with organizers for any changes.

**SEPTEMBER 6**
- **6/9 - Basketball Clinic** at Delray Beach Community Center, 505 NW 1st Ave. Learn shooting, ball handling, passing, rebounding, defense, post moves and proper footwear. Sept. registration: July 27, 9-10:30 am. Cost: $15-10:30 am, ages 5-11; 10-12 pm, all ages. Register online. Non-residents: $15-10:30 am, ages 5-11; 10-12 pm, all ages. Register online.
- **6/9 - Group Swim Lessons** at the John D. MacArthur YMCA, 22330 NE 200th Ave., Boca Raton. For ages 4-6. 30-minute class. 9:45 am - 10:45 am class per session is $40/45, non-residents: $50.
- **6/9 - Piano Classes** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 1281 Ocean Ave. Participants learn the basics of keyboard and piano without the high cost of private lessons while still enjoying individualized attention. For ages 6-12. All students should bring a keyboard. Saturdays through 10/13. Beginners/Intermediate: 10-11:30 am. Age Advanced/Adult: 10:30-12:30 pm. Saturdays, 520-6445.
9/15 - Miss Santa Dance Class for ages 2 at the Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Class teaches children about Santa and his toys. $10, $5 for siblings. 2-3:30 pm. 370-7035.
9/8 - Teen - Bali Ballet Class for ages 9-14 at the Rutherford Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton. Free. 370-7035.}

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