New president brings spirit of urgency to FAU

By Thom Smith

John Kelly could have worked in a cotton mill or driven a tractor under the hot — much hotter than Boca Raton — South Carolina sun. Folks in Easley, originally a town of cotton mills in the foothills between Greenville and Clemson, are anchored in the soil. They tend to stay put. Kelly, too, has spent most of his 59 years in an area smaller than southern Palm Beach County, but the new president at Florida Atlantic University, is anything but typical.

"Luckily I had a dad who had gotten an education — GI Bill — and no way would he let me go to work in the mill," Kelly said. "I could do anything else, but I could not go to work in the mill.

"At least half of the guys I went to school with dropped out. The mill strategy was designed to

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FAU President John Kelly (left) speaks with Dennis Gallon and Bill Berger during a recent event. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

OCEAN STRAND:

After 20 years, the wild green wedge of Boca Raton public land awaits use

By Cheryl Blackerby

The Ocean Strand, a spectacular swath of green real estate stretching from the ocean to the Intracoastal, is public land. But for 20 years, it has not been used by the public.

Only sanderlings play in the foam of waves lapping a wide white-sand beach, where five sea turtle nests are roped off with protective orange tape.

On a gentle ridge above the sand, wood steps — apparently built in the hopes that someday people would walk on them — lead into the dense shade of tall sea grapes and buttonwoods, their twisting trunks gnarled and thick with age. The traffic noise on A1A fades beyond the urgent squawk of a blue heron, the hissing scream of a barn owl and the hum of cicadas.

The 15 acres of Ocean Strand is an incongruous sweep of wild green land wedged between the high-rise Boca Towers condos to the south and more condos to the north.

The last undeveloped real estate of its kind in Boca Raton has sat eerily undisturbed for two decades. Bought for $11.9 million in 1994 by the city of Boca Raton, Ocean Strand is now owned by the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District, which reimbursed the city.

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16-story condo plan draws opposition from residents

By Rich Pollack

A developer’s request for permission to build a 209-foot-tall, 16-story luxury condominium with 45 units on one of Highland Beach’s last vacant parcels — despite a 35-foot height limit — is drawing concerns from residents who fear it will disrupt the tranquility of the small town.

In a request to the town’s board of adjustment and appeals, representatives of Golden City Highland Beach, LLC, are asking for a variance from the town’s maximum building height restriction of 35 feet, claiming special circumstance exist with the 7.35-acre parcel they own at 3614 S. Ocean Blvd.

In a letter to the town, attorney Nathan Nason said the property is primarily wetlands and that only about 10 percent of the parcel is usable for development of a building.

"With the current buildable area, only eight units would be permitted," the attorney wrote. "Eight units on a 7.35-acre parcel is approximately one unit per acre. That is an unreasonable restriction on the development of the property."

Nason said that the property is surrounded by condominiums that are taller than the current height limit. "Directly to the north, the Toscana condominium"

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I n 1994, when Boca Raton bought the Ocean Strand property for $11.9 million, many praised the city for preserving green space. Twenty years later, the 15-acre property between high-rise condominiums and homes remains blissfully undeveloped. It’s refreshing to see such a beautiful slice of old Florida protected, but it’s also a shame that there is no public access to the public land, which stretches from the Intracoastal Waterway to the Atlantic Ocean.

Boca Raton has several beautiful seaside parks, including Spanish River, Red Reef and South Beach. But perhaps the city and the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District, which owns the land, should revisit the idea of making Ocean Strand a passive park, as Joe Pedalino, chairman of Keep Your Boca Beaches Public, suggests in Cheryl Blackerbery’s Page 1 story.

Pedalino said he thinks Ocean Strand should be designed as a park for people with disabilities and their families, allowing all to have use of park facilities and the ocean. In fact, only three years ago the Ocean Strand District spent $20,000 for a landscape architect to draw plans for a passive park. But nothing ever became of those plans.

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 president. Also, the society’s archives are home to 10,000 items, not 1,000 as reported.

Editor’s Note

Ocean Strand could make a great accessible public park

Jay Van Vechten, founder and now executive director of the annual Boating & Beach Bash for People with Disabilities, likes the idea of a seaside park being developed for people with disabilities. “It would be great if the Strand had a universally designed playground, spending $1 million to make it accessible for all. And that’s very good news indeed.” He’s not interested in basing the Bash at the Strand, however. “We love Spanish River Park,” he said. “It is the ideal location for the Bash, offering plenty of parking, accessible paths, shaded picnic areas, and both beach and Intracoastal access. If the city continues to allow us to use it, we’re staying!”

Regardless of where the Bash is held, Ocean Strand seems to be a perfect place for a passive park designed to welcome all, including those with disabilities. It’s too beautiful for no one but the birds and sea turtles to experience.

— Mary Thurwachter, Managing Editor

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 2010 through a then-plainner with Boynton Beach, Dan DeCarlo.

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,” DeCarlo 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 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 Qufu (pronounced CHOW-fu) sent a delegation to Boynton Beach, it was a day before Q11. Delegates from Qufu, a city of 500,000 in Shandong province, made their sister city relationship official at a welcoming ceremony, according to news reports.

Led by Qufu Vice Mayor Liu Zhi Feng, they traded gifts with Boynton Beach leaders. The delegates received Boynton Beach golf shirts, while city commissioners received gift bags of Confucius souvenirs. Qufu is known as the birthplace of Confucius.

They had planned to visit other cities in USA before returning to Qufu, but had to return directly to China (after Q11 happened),” DeCarlo said. The Boynton Beach Sister Cities committee of eight, which included Francois, flew to China later that September.

Zhu Ben Sheng, manager for the China International Travel Service and part of the Chinese delegation to Boynton Beach, arranged their trip and served as the tour guide and interpreter. They met the mayor of Qufu, toured the city of 60,000 and feasted on banquets with 25 or 30 entrees.

The Boynton Sister Cities group donated hundreds of wheelchairs to disabled residents of Qufu. When they delivered 260 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.

The first time the Boynton Beach delegation visited Les Cayes (leh-KAI) 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.

She likes that Boynton Beach has more than one sister city and hopes it adds more. “That would give us more people on the board and from diverse backgrounds,” she said.
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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 of those who are sharing the road,” says Tara Kirschner, executive director of the Dori Slosberg Foundation and a spokeswoman for the task force.
Boca Raton

$4 million reimbursement a welcome surprise

By Cheryl Blackerby

The city of Boca Raton got a big surprise July 28 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — a check for $4 million for reimbursement of the 2010 beach dredging project at the city’s north beach.

“We had been hoping for it. We put in a request for reimbursement,” said Jennifer Bistyga, Boca Raton engineer and coastal program manager. The money was for the work required for the 2010 beach project, regular beach maintenance done about every 10 years, not storm damage.

Back in 2010 after the beach project was completed, we submitted our reimbursement request, and an outside auditing firm was hired to go over all of our invoices,” she said.

“The reimbursement was actually for work done from 2003 to 2010 — the engineering, design and permitting needed in addition to the dredging. “There were a lot of invoices,” she said. “The agreement for reimbursement was that it would be paid upon completion.”

“The money will be passed along to the Boca Raton Beach and Park District, which had agreed to cover the $4 million beach renourishment bill and had already paid $2 million. The district also had approved another $2 million for reimbursement to the city in the 2014-15 budget.

Mike Woika, Boca Raton assistant city manager, told district commissioners about the Army Corps windfall at the district’s Aug. 4 meeting. Commissioners were relieved to hear that the city doesn’t expect the $2 million reimbursement in the district budget. After the city has reconciled its statements, Woika said, the district will receive about $1.5 million refund from the district’s initial $2 million payment.

Learning that the district wouldn’t have to pay the $2 million in the proposed budget, Commissioner Earl Starkoff suggested a budget revision of an increase in the cash balance brought forward by $2 million to $17,994,200 and an increase in the capital reserves by $2 million to $3,845,000. The revisions would increase the total appropriated expenditure and reserves to $41 million.

“It is probably the most delightful gift that has fallen into our laps in a long time,” said Commissioner Bob Rollins as he thanked Woika for the presentation.

Meanwhile, another beach renourishment project on Boca’s north beach, needed after Hurricane Sandy, will resume in November. The project, paid for by the Army Corps and the city, was delayed and eventually stopped by strong winds and rains in the spring. The work, about 50 percent of the project, is expected to take about six weeks.

That project, too, cost $4 million — the Army Corps paid 58.8 percent and the city 41.2 percent, said Bistyga.

The north beach renourishment project was one of three U.S. Army Corps of Engineers beach projects after Sandy, which also included Ocean Ridge and Delray Beach. A south Boca Raton beach renourishment project was not an Army Corps project but the city used the same contractor to save money, said Bistyga.

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Historical Society holds keys to city’s past, dreams for its future

By Ron Hayes

On Aug. 26, 1964, the Delray Beach Historical Society was born.

On Aug. 26, 2014, it threw itself a birthday party. In 1964, a group of caring and compassionate people got together to keep the Delray Beach story alive by preserving and protecting our city’s DNA, Mayor Cary Glickstein told the crowd of about 100 gathered on the society’s campus at Swinton Avenue and Northeast First Street.

One of the most caring and compassionate was a woman named Ethel Sterling Williams, who arrived in 1896 from Chester, Pa., when she was 5 and Delray Beach was still a little “village by the sea” called Linton.

Sixty-eight years later, when Delray Beach Historical Society president Leslie Callaway addressed the crowd during the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Delray Beach Historical Society charter signing, A

A big fundraiser. Pineapple Jubilee,” 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. “So 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 save Old School Square from commercial development and start the city’s preservation board, which led to the establishment of the historic district.

The society was almost 2 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 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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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 rules on how taxpayers should pay for the Inspector General’s Office.

Around the town hall water coolers and at the commission daises, from Boca Raton to Gulf Stream to Jupiter, the case has raised more than its share of issues and hyperbole — about home rule, the will of the voters, overreaching governance, power grabbing, corruption deterrence, ethical vigilance, illegal taxation and plain old political intrigue.

Former Boca Raton Mayor Susan Whelchel went so far as to describe the case as the county engaging in “double taxation without representation.”

County attorneys and commissioners, meanwhile, have countered that nothing less than the moral foundation of government itself hangs in the balance with Brunson’s ruling. It’s about “democracy and government by the people,” Assistant County Attorney Helene Hvizd argued in court in August.

It all started in 2009 when the County 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 Beach city commissioners wound up behind bars for abuses in office.

While voters spoke clearly on having an inspector general, they weren’t asked to decide how to pay the $3 million it would cost each year. So, county officials met with municipal officials and came up with a formula: The county charged itself about $2 million and then sent each of the 38 municipalities a bill for a proportionate share of the remainder — ranging from about $95 for Cloud Lake, $3,800 for Manalapan, $125,000 for Delray Beach, $250,000 for Boynton Beach, $149,000 for Boca Raton and $381,000 for West Palm Beach.

Local officials screamed foul. They complained they were not consulted, never mind the meetings the county called. They argued that the county imposed the charges unilaterally and arbitrarily. They said the county should negotiate more and sign interlocal agreements with each municipality if it wants to dip into local coffers.

Perhaps worse, local officials argued that their residents were victims of double-taxation — paying once as county residents, and then again through their cities and towns. And, moreover, a small community might go years without even benefiting from the inspector general’s services, opponents claimed.

In 2011, 15 municipalities joined together and sued the county (Wellington subsequently withdrew from the group).

“It’s not a challenge to the inspector general itself,” said Boca Raton City Attorney Diana Grub Frieser. “It’s about the funding.”

Gulf Stream Town Attorney John Randolph, who’s played a leading role on the plaintiffs’ legal team, says the suit does not question the legitimacy of the inspector general. “That’s water over the dam. We have an inspector general.” But the suit does question the fairness of the county’s implementation of the voters’ will through a “tax that is disguised as a fee.”

Several attempts to reach a settlement with a new funding plan more to the municipalities’ liking have run aground.

County commissioners have argued that changing the current method would weaken the inspector general’s office and diminish its autonomy.

Brunson said she will begin deliberating the non-jury case after attorneys present final written proposals for resolution on Sept. 2.

The 14 plaintiffs are West Palm Beach, Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Gulf Stream, Manalapan, Riviera Beach, Lake Park, Jupiter, Palm Beach Gardens, Highland Beach, Ocean Ridge, Tequesta, Palm Beach Shores and Mangonia Park.
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 as a weapon, and 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 filed 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, concerns about possible accessibility issues, the buildings’ quality of life.

“Most of these requests go unanswered,” O’Boyle said, “because a lot of people are not aware of what is happening.”

She said in late August, no new requests had been submitted. So far, she said, about 26,000 public record requests have been made by town residents. Many more have been made by O’Hare and O’Boyle, according to Taylor.

Taylor, 83, said she has been working seven days a week since last year and her assistant works Saturday mornings. “Even with the extra temporary worker,” Taylor said, “a lot of our other work is undone because we’re working on public records.”

York video. Disclaimers for the architectural review board, 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, “property values would rise. But the quality of life would go down.”

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 Orithe 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 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, and the beach. I want to know.”

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-BY4mGoGcE or visit www.thecoastalstar.ning.com.
Boca Limbo makes temporary fixes

By Cheryl Blackerby

After fish and a moray eel died at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center when a pump failed in early August, Michele Peel, spokesperson for Friends of Gumbo Limbo, asked the city of Boca Raton and the Boca Raton Beach and Park District for help.

That help came in late August when the city promised temporary fixes that would be done within the next three months. At the Aug. 4 district meeting, Peel told commissioners that Mike Wosika, assistant city manager, promised repairs that would include 8-inch lines that would be installed within 30 to 60 days and saltwater pumps that would be installed within 12 weeks.

Peel emphasized that the pumps and pipes were short-term solutions, but would keep the marine life at the center safe and give the city time to do an in-depth review of the current and future long-term system requirements for the health of the center’s marine life. Peel said more animals may die if the city continues to delay on making needed repairs at the center.

“Two years ago, the city decided to take on the project to address that system,” she said. But the city still has not given the center a timeline for long-term solutions. The aging pumps circulate saltwater from the ocean through four tanks, and are crucial for the survival of the center’s marine life, which includes sea turtles.

The problems with the piping and pumps had been identified four years ago, she said.

The district spent $67,000 last fall for pipes that were a temporary fix to make sure the proper mix of saltwater was delivered at the times and quantities necessary. But still, there were “catastrophic failures of all the pump systems that were band-aid systems,” Peel said, that caused the recent loss of fish.

Peel asked for the district’s continued support in “finding a way to help the city turn this project into a reality so that we stop losing wildlife in the tanks.”

She urged the district to work with the city to fix the problems, and promised support from the Friends of Gumbo Limbo in order “to make sure that the project remains a priority.”

More help for Gumbo Limbo is on the way from the district: $1.5 million for fixing the facility’s equipment problems is included in the district’s proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. But that money is dependent on the city’s plans for the center.

Fuller Center studies acquisition of children’s museum

By Sallie James

The financially strapped not-for-profit Boca Raton Children’s Museum may have a savior. Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, a Boca Raton-based nonprofit organization, has expressed interest in taking over the struggling 34-year-old entity and promised support from the Friends of Gumbo Limbo in order to make sure that the project remains a priority.

The idea of a merger or acquisition came up as an alternative and long-term solution. "The Children’s Museum needs to have donors at the ready who are making the contributions necessary to give them the programming," said council member Robert Weinroth, who helped put the two groups together. "I think between the two we will have a much better operating facility."
Seagate Waterfront ~ $2,249,000
Completely renovated 3 BR, 2 BA pool home with dock and desirable southern exposure offering 100' on the water. Impact windows and doors, marble and wood floors, plus quality craftsmanship throughout. New everything! Emily Roberts, 561-441-1723

Portofino - Ocean Ridge ~ $1,395,000
Rarely available 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA first floor condominium with private elevator, 2 car garage and large covered porch offering ocean views. 2,700+ sq. ft. under air. Custom appointments. Sue Tauriello, 561-441-4200

Beach Area Duplex ~ $1,250,000
Ideally situated 2 blocks to Atlantic Avenue and 2 blocks to the beach, this 1 BR, 1 BA duplex may be converted to a single family home, per city approval. Each unit has 1100 sq. ft. of living area. Vince Wooten, 561-809-8277

Villas Of Ocean Ridge ~ $949,000
A remarkable seaside retreat; this beautifully renovated 3 BR, 2 BA on the second floor offers direct ocean views. Impact glass windows, private elevator, two large balconies, upgraded baths, and updated gourmet kitchen. Mary Renaud, 561-441-0634

Lake Ida Pool Home ~ $899,000
Beautifully renovated 4 BR, 3 1/2 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.

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Private plan nixed

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“A metal gate with a ‘No Trespassing’ sign blocks the entrance and for good measure another sign warns ‘Do Not Enter,’ even though a yellow sign denoting a bicycle path can be clearly seen on the land in the distance.”

No families roam its shady paths or bike on the inviting asphalt that dissects sweeping green lawns and thickets of trees and sabal palms between A1A and the Intracoastal.

Although the district paid $20,000 to the landscape/architecture firm of Curtis + Rogers for plans for a passive park in 2011, and heard suggestions for a park from architect Richard Brooks, the district has never acted on those plans.

Landscape architect Aida Curtis of Curtis + Rogers told district commissioners in her proposal in 2011 that Ocean Strand naturally divides into three zones — the oceanfront, a central meadow and the Intracoastal — and that each area could support different uses.

An outdoor space such as one for yoga could go on the beach portion; lawn games, a garden center or outdoor concerts on the meadow; and rowing, sailing or a bicycle club on the Intracoastal, she said.

The district, however, was more interested in allowing a private members-only beach club on Ocean Strand in 2011. There was an uproar that ended in court. Keep Your Boca Beaches Public, a citizens group, sued the city and the district over plans to allow the development of the beach club. The court sided with the citizens, and the city passed an ordinance that prohibits private use of the city’s public beaches and waterfront lands.

Although the Ocean Strand has yet to be opened to the public, the land could have had a far worse fate. The city bought it from a developer who was planning to put eight to 16 housing units on the ocean side of A1A and 200 units on the Intracoastal side, said Art Koski, district acting director and legal counsel.

“Buying the land showed a lot of foresight by then Mayor Bill Smith,” said Koski. “It was going to be a very dense development, and Mayor Smith made it a personal mission to save it. It was the last available ocean property in the city.”

No big demand

The reason the commission hasn’t developed it into a park, he said, is simple: “The public hasn’t asked for it.”

“There has been no immediate demand from the public for it to be developed,” he said. “The general consensus was to let it stay there and be maintained, so the appearance was acceptable and plans could be made at some future date.”

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Joe Pedalino, chairman of Keep Your Boca Beaches Public, who spearheaded the suit to stop private use of Ocean Strand, has proposed to build a park accessible for the disabled.

“We always thought it should be designed as a park for people with disabilities and their families, so everyone would have the ability to have use of the ocean and park facilities. Many disabled people are able-bodied, such as wounded vets from Afghanistan, who want to be outside and do things. This is what we proposed to the district,” he said.

Pedalino said he was inspired by Boynton Beach’s 1.3-acre Congress Inlet Barrier Free Park, built on undeveloped land two years ago for $2 million.

“We want to be faithful to the Americans With Disabilities Act standards. It’s not just for those with disabilities but for everyone. It’s for those with cerebral palsy and their families, it’s for the vet coming back from war who wants to play with his child,” said Wally Majors, Boynton Beach Recreation and Parks Director.

The park, for example, has playgrounds accessible to those in wheelchairs. “Usually, if you’re a parent in a wheelchair, you have to sit on the sidewalks and watch,” he said.

Pedalino’s condo at Boca Towers overlooks the green expanse of Ocean Strand, a constant reminder of the land’s potential as a natural haven where those in wheelchairs, or those who are deaf or blind, could navigate wide paths through the woods and down to the beach, use accessible bathhouses, and work out at fitness stations designed just for them.

“We’re not saying they should do something for the sake of doing it,” said Pedalino. “In the district’s view, it doesn’t fit a need, but we think it does fit a need.”

Meanwhile, joggers run on the sidewalk by busy A1A and most of them probably assume the land with the ‘Do Not Enter’ signs is privately owned and awaiting development. They likely have no idea the land belongs to them.

Wish come true

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, Boca Raton – July 30

Astraea Quesinberry came a long way to see baby sea turtles march into the sea. Astraea, a 5-year-old from Portland, Ore., has been fighting leukemia and wanted to see the turtles at Gumbo Limbo. The Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Gumbo Limbo, made it happen on July 30. She got to spend the day checking out the shipwreck tank and turtle rehab hospital before watching 33 hatchlings released on the beach. She waved and wished them luck. Contributed photo
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get young people, pay them lower wages and keep 'em. The more education you got, the more likely you were not to work in the mill.’

Yet, except for a couple of little trips, Kelly's life wasn't much different from those old schoolmates.

"When I was 9 years old, I went to work for my grandfather, pumping gas in his little grocery store on the road between Greenville and Clemson. I think there were four businesses on that road.

He co-captained Easley High School's championship football team, then headed just a few miles west to Clemson to earn his bachelor's in horticulture. He did take off... to earn his bachelor's in agriculture.

Kelly expected similar success. Above all, he says, FAU must make a name for itself:

"We have to differentiate ourselves. For example, we're sitting between the Everglades and the ocean, two environmental hotbeds of great importance to the state — water supply, potential flooding problems, the tourism resource. Ocean engineering — we're the only university in the nation that has an offshore leased site for testing in the Gulf Stream. So how do we use that 1,000 acres to build partnerships with companies and other universities to use that test bed?"

The first 100 days were hectic 18-hour marathons, Kelly concluded, but he'd back off now that his wife, Carolyn, a marine biologist, and their two younger children, 11-year-old Carly and infant Stella, have moved into the president's mansion. He also has two grown children from a previous marriage.

True to form, Kelly first came alone, driving a rental truck filled with household goods but mostly plants. He remains, after all, a man of the soil... "They're still in their pots," he conceded. "It's gonna take more than a day, just like the school. So much in academia takes a long time to get results. If you love nature, you can see results real fast. In a weekend, you can see something transformative and in a year, you've got something magnificent."

I'm not the most patient person in the world. I like results and I love being responsive, getting things done, a sense of urgency. That's what I hope I can impart to the campus. Urgency, but not panic. Urgency lets you look at things and say let's get this done. Let's don't talk about this for five more years.

"A lot of things around here we've talked about for too long. Are we gonna do 'em or not? If not, let's quit talking about 'em. That wastes time."
Highland Beach

Commission must reduce own spending limit

By Rich Pollack

In wake of a finding by the Palm Beach County Inspector General’s Office, Highland Beach town commissioners have agreed to undo an ordinance giving the commission the authority to spend more than $1 million on an individual project without voter approval.

Approved on first reading by the Town Commission this month, a new ordinance nullifies legislation passed in 2012 raising the spending limit to one-tenth of the town’s operating budget, or about $1.1 million.

If passed on second reading next month, the new law will require a referendum on any project with a price tag exceeding $350,000.

The commission tentatively restoring the $350,000 spending cap set in 1991, is following the recommendations coming from the office of Palm Beach County Inspector General John Cavanagh.

Responding to a complaint from an unidentified resident, the IG office determined that the town violated state law in 2012 when it passed the ordinance raising the limit. By law, the report said, the town could only raise the cap through a referendum.

The ruling also called into question the decision by the Town Commission to fund an $850,000 police department and commission chambers renovation project that is currently underway.

"Because the increased funding limitation provision was never approved by public referendum, initiating the project violated the town’s charter," the report said.

In meeting with town officials, representatives of the IG’s office recommended, however, that the town continue with the renovations, according to Town Attorney Glen Torcivia.

The inspector general also concluded that there was no criminal wrongdoing in the matter.

"The report has launched a firestorm of public outcry from some residents asking for resignations from Torcivia and Town Manager Kathleen Weiser, who they say should have known that the 1991 spending cap could only have been changed by referendum. At the same time, the report has caused a backlash from another group of residents who believe others have gone too far in their criticisms.

Among those expressing outrage over the town’s decision to fund Town Hall renovations was resident Gerald Block, who recently sent a letter to commissioners.

"Over $900,000 was spent on renovations of Town Hall when the spending limit without approval by referendum was $350,000," Block wrote. "This was an illegal act and should be punishable."

Others have spoken out in agreement with Block.

"The bottom line is any violation of the law and misappropriation of funds requires accountability," said resident Bill Weitz.

During a recent commission meeting, Commissioner Carl Feldman echoed the feelings of some residents and asked for resignations from Torcivia and Weiser, but there was no further discussion and no action was taken.

Both Torcivia and Weiser have said that the oversight was the result of an honest mistake during the researching of records related to the issue.

Torcivia said his office repeatedly asked for records from the town clerk’s office to be sure that spending cap could be increased by ordinance and received nothing to indicate otherwise.

Weiser, during a recent meeting, told commissioners that she was prohibited by state law from getting involved in the researching of records, with that responsibility designated by law to the town clerk’s office.

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CONDO

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is a luxury residential development with three 17-story condominium towers, according to the letter. "Further, to the south, there is a 14-story condominium along the Intracoastal Waterway. Toscana, according to records, was only built after years of lawsuits and legal wrangling over the height issue. In that case, courts found that the height restriction did not apply because it was imposed after the then owner had acquired the property. During a recent Town Commission meeting, Toscana resident Marny Glasser, acknowledged that there are indeed tall buildings along A1A, but said that an additional building would only create more congestion and disrupt the peaceful nature of Highland Beach.

"Toscana is a wonderful place to live but in retrospect maybe it should have been built," she said. "But that was in the past, what’s here is here. The town doesn’t need another large building."

Glasser, who serves as secretary of Toscana West, said she is also concerned about the impact the project will have on endangered wildlife that use the dense mangroves on the property as shelter.

"This is the last sanctuary we have for wildlife," she said, adding that she has seen a variety of birds as well as manatees and other species in the area. "There’s no place else for them to go."

Nason countered, saying that plans for the project call for most of the mangroves on the property to be preserved.

"We will be impacting a small amount of the mangroves," he said.

In urging the commission to deny a variance for the property, Glasser said that the height restrictions were in place when the current developer bought the property.

"The new owner knew, or should have known, what the town code is when they bought the property," she said.

Under the developers’ plans, the 16-story building would include parking on the first floor and second floors, a pool and two units on the third floor and four units each on floors four through 13. The 15th floor would have two units while the 14th floor would be the penthouse. The top floor, according to Nason’s letter, would be a roof dedicated to mechanical and electronics equipment.

"The building will be designed to minimize the impacts to views and other potential impacts to the neighboring properties," Nason said in his letter. Further, he said the developer’s representatives have met with Toscana residents and are listening to their concerns.

The request for a variance will be considered by the town’s board of adjustment and that was prohibited by state law from getting involved in the researching of records, with that responsibility designated by law to the town clerk’s office.

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If approved, the new condo would be built where mangroves stand between Regency Highland (left) and the three towers of Toscana on the right. Bing Maps photo
New beach concessions greeted as convenience by some, clutter by others

By Sallie James

When Boca Raton resident Elle Tate takes her two young daughters to the beach, she travels light because she has to lug all the gear across the hot sand. So when Tate learned that a concessionaire will soon be renting beach furniture and selling drinks and snacks at the beach, she was all smiles. "Good idea! Very good idea," said Tate, of Emma, 8, and Emily, 3, splashed in the surf at South Beach Park. "It will be a big help. We've only been here an hour and they are already asking for something." A business owner who lives two miles from the beach, Tate has limited capacity for beach gear because she drives a tiny sports car. Beach rentals will be a lifesaver, she said.

Starting Oct. 1, Oceanside Beach Service will be renting beach furniture and selling water and snacks at South Beach Park, Red Reef Park and Spanish River Park.

City Council members unanimously approved the concession with Oceanside Beach Service in early August. It is a service residents had been seeking for years, said Boca Raton Deputy Mayor Constance Scott. "This has been a long time coming," Scott said after voting "yes" for the concession. "We're delighted. We can hardly wait. I am certain those umbrellas and lounge chairs are going to be full as soon as they are available."

Under the one-year agreement, Oceanside Beach Service will pay the city $54,000 for the rights to rent beach furniture and sell snacks and drinks at Boca's three beaches. The city has an option to renew the contract for three subsequent years. The city is also entitled to revenue sharing if Oceanside's profits exceed $350,000, according to the contract.

For hogsheads, beach furniture rentals, snacks and water will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at all three beaches. So if you're planning a beach day and don't feel like packing a lot of gear, you don't have to. Just bring your wallet. You will have to pay:

- Hour/day:
  - Beach chairs:
    - $10
  - Umbrellas:
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Anthony Romeo of Boca Raton stretches out in a folding chair at Boca Raton's South Beach. He brings his own chair and is content with that. Sallie James/The Coastal Star

Boca Raton

Budget enhances staffing, but holds line on tax rate

By Sallie James

The city will be extending lifeguard hours, hiring a full-time building inspector and increasing parking enforcement staff under a proposed $135.8 million 2014-2015 general fund budget. The overall city budget includes money for 22.5 new positions.

"We have been able to get through a very difficult period of time over last five to six years and essentially not had to cut back our services," said Boca Raton City Council member Robert Weinroth. "As the value of the tax base improves, we are going to have some extra money to start replenishing some of the positions. We have been working with less than the ideal amount."

The city will give final approval to the proposed tax rate in September when the city budget is adopted. A budget hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Sept. 11.

Under the proposed tax rate, a taxpayer with a $150,000 home and a $50,000 homestead exemption would pay $743 in municipal property taxes. The city's non-ad valorem fire services assessment will also remain at the current sum of $85 per residential property.

Assistant Boca Raton City Manager Mike Woika said the city made a number of changes early in the past recession, such as cutting positions and trimming other costs, which enabled the city to hold the line on property taxes. "We have a very efficiently-run city," conceded council member Scott Singer, crediting City Manager Leil Ahnoll for his management of Boca Raton through tough economic times. Singer said the city eliminated more than 190 full-time positions over the past several years because of the recession, and is slowly filling some of them again.

The general fund makes up only a portion of the city's overall $569 million budget, which also includes the Economic Development Fund, Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, Sanitation Fund, Right of Way Beautification Fund, Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District Fund, Cemetery and Mausoleum Fund and the Gold Course Enterprise Fund. For 2014-2015, those funds include the addition of 16.5 new positions and several new programs. Among those positions are 3 groundwater keepers, a wastewater treatment plant operator, five information technology-related positions, a downtown marketing coordinator and an economic development director.

One of the most discussed positions is the economic development director. Sentiment on the council for such a position is mixed. A sum of $322,700 has been allocated for the position's salary and benefits, but the future of the position is uncertain.

According to the budget, the job would entail developing, implementing and coordinating economic development activities, policies and programs to attract new businesses to the city, and retaining and growing businesses currently in the city. Singer, chairman of the Community Redevelopment Agency, believes the city needs an advocate, and that a full-time economic development director would be that and more.

Having an in-house person available to act the virtues of Boca Raton and shepherd the progress of projects could make a huge difference, he said. "I think it is a relatively small investment and we could get a large return on our investment," Singer said. "I would like to see us move forward with some kind of position."

Deputy Mayor Constance Scott has expressed uncertainty. "I am not sure that ramping up in a city where we need to," she said at a recent council meeting. Scott suggested using funds for programming instead of spending it on additional staff.

Other points of interest:

- Taxpayers' sanitation fees will not increase for curbside collection or for container/dumpster collection.
- Water and sewer fees will increase only slightly, with residents paying an average of $1.06 more per month for water and sewer service, according to the proposed budget.

Property values have increased 5.63 percent in Boca Raton, with 4.71 percent going to be full as soon as they are available. "We are delighted. We can hardly wait. I am certain those umbrellas and lounge chairs are available," Scott said after voting "yes" for the concession. "We're delighted. We can hardly wait. I am certain those umbrellas and lounge chairs are going to be full as soon as they are available."

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double lounges, cabanas and umbrellas, as well as snorkel gear, boogie boards and paddle boards. Bottled water will be available for $2 and assorted chips, $1.

Annual and monthly memberships will also be offered. Annual or unlimited use of the beach equipment will cost $500 and 30-day passes, $450.

The city is requiring the concessionaire to be mindful of nesting turtles, so the nests are not disturbed. Sea turtle nesting season is between March 1 and Oct. 1, annually. "They will have to make sure the (beach equipment) is not a hindrance to our turtles," Haynie said. ★

★ 561-445-1559
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.

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 Chris 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 their current truck still had life left in it. “I may sound like the 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 too much money, considering other budget demands.

“We don’t mind spending money to keep our 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 had 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 $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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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Dr. James DeGerome

Dr. James DeGerome of Hypoluxo Island practiced gastroenterology in Boynton Beach for 31 years. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

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 Café 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 Gastroenterology 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.

Dr. 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 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 mother was a full professor for 24 years. She is a former president of the American Medical Association.

**Q.** What advice do you have for a young person entering the workforce today?

**A.** 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.

**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 is your favorite book you are 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.

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Lantana

Project for Cenacle land wins zoning, but not variances

By Mary Thurwachter

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. Vice Mayor Lynn Moorhouse was absent and Mayor Dave Stewart alone voted against the zoning change.

Stewart said the property was some of the last prime waterfront land available in the town and he preferred the site to waterfront mixed use. Vice Mayor 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 the property was approved.

“I’ve lived in Lantana for 31 years,” council member Manny Martinez, managing director of Trinsic, said plans 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 were being reworked since the variances were not approved.
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 five 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 Wieg 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 worked in the research lab at Abbott Laboratory. She met a GI, fell in love, and the couple moved to Ann Arbor, Mich.

Lynn Deniston said the couple eventually moved to Illinois, where their daughter was born. At that time, 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 with a shared purpose. They changed to “round dancing” and also took up classes in an attempt to move on, even if just a little.

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 got 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. Mr. Deniston said they will announce plans for a memorial.

Alyce C. Reizes

HIGHLAND BEACH — A memorial service for Alyce C. Reizes was held Aug. 5 at the Delray Beach Club. She was 71 when she died on July 28.

“There was about 60 people there. We had a few readings and celebrated her life.”

Besides Thomas Reizes, she is survived by her two sons, Gwyn, and son, Henry, of Albany, N.Y.; her partner, Jerry Kozierow; her brother, Thomas Robert Callahan, and his children.

Ms. Reizes was born in White Plains, N.Y., on Aug. 5, 1942. She grew up in Great Neck, N.Y., amidst the women’s shoe business, in which her father and grandfather were early pioneers. After attending Harcum Junior College in Bryn Mawr, Pa., and the NYU School of Retailing in the late 1960s, she embarked on a remarkable career of her own in that field.

Ms. Reizes quickly rose through the ranks at such companies as Delman I. Miller and Bonwit Teller in New York City, overseeing total market coverage both in the U.S. and Europe for footwear and handbags, determining vendor structure for stores, negotiating deliveries and planning and scheduling advertising for individual markets — including direct mail, catalogs and newspapers.

By the time she retired, Ms. Reizes had attained the enviable title of director of the shoe and accessory group for Van Buren/ Carr, the premiere buying office for women’s specialty and specialty department stores — a noteworthy position for a woman at that time. She moved to Florida in 1997.

“My mother had incredible energy,” said Reizes. “Always a smile. A real manager and producer, able to bring out the best in the people she worked with. Her passions were her family, her friends and summers at the Hamptons. She enjoyed dancing and playing cards. She was a card player, excelling at canasta, gin and bridge. Also, she never lost someone’s birthday. She was uncelebrated and never would allow someone to be alone.

“She was a positive person. Even at the end, she was very much in pain from complications due to Crohn’s disease and colitis, when asked by the nurses what she would wish, she would always say she was doing great.”

Ms. Reizes will be laid to rest at Arlington Cemetery, Drexel Hill, Pa., with her mother and maternal grandparents. In lieu of flowers, contributions have been requested in her name to the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America, Florida Chapter, 21301 Powerline Road, Suite 301, Boca Raton 33433.

Richard W. Dudley

The lecturers are Boca Raton Historical Society & Boca Raton 33487).

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Barry and Florence Friedberg

By Steven J. Smith

BOCA RATON — When Richard W. Dudley and his wife, Elizabeth, moved to Boca Raton from Mountainside, N.J., 22 years ago, they sought a tranquil life in the Florida sunshine.

“We led a quiet life when we moved here,” Elizabeth Dudley remembered. “Richard loved to cook. He made the most wonderful meals, with a master’s eye for presentation. Everything he cooked had a very unique and wonderful taste,” she said.

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Remembrances are asked in Mr. Dudley’s name for the Boca Ballet Theatre (BocaBallet. org; 7630 NW Sixth Ave., Boca Raton 33487).
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.

“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 is out. Fred, the door handle 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.”

There’s that good humor again, tempered with a dose of reality.

“One of the things that we obviously recognized, was that when the store was founded in ’85, Evelyn was about the same age as Adrianne is now,” Weissman said. “People today, even if they’re 70 or 80, don’t think of themselves as old. They don’t aspire to look matronly.”

He’s proud of the quality of the company’s clothing lines.

“One of the things we do hear back from folks is, ‘Your clothes last too long,’ ” he said. That longevity is part of what keeps customers coming back, along with that good-humored staff.

“Of the gals in Manalapan predate Adrianne and I by a month,” Weissman said. “People today, even if they’re 70 or 80, don’t think of themselves as old. They don’t aspire to look matronly.”

Fred and Adrianne Weissman of Evelyn & Arthur are reopening their Annex in Boynton Beach. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star
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Blaze Your Trail  
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. RIGHT: Barbara Arnold and Sandra Shinn stock shelves under the watchful eye of a surfing cow. Other store walls are covered with similar murals celebrating South Florida.

INSET: Known for specialty products like cookie butter, Trader Joe’s began in 1958 in the Los Angeles area. Since then, the company has expanded to more than 400 stores in 40 states. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

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 Maas Lady Co. received the following seven SUNNational 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 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 first place for 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 promotion. • 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 commemorative poster.

At the same conference the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency received first 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 the 18-acre Carver Estates property with a dedication ceremony honoring 80 donors who contributed between $1,000 and $50,000 toward creating the chamber’s new office space at 140 NE First St. in Delray Beach. Emilianos Brooks of Emilianos 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: Wallfest 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.

Saks Off Fifth signed a 10-year lease for the 23,343-square-foot space that used to be Lockmann’s at Somerset Shoppes 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 Emohovitz from Katz and Associates represented the tenant.

For sales recorded Aug. 18, Senadna 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 Niki Higgins of Douglas Elliman. The second property’s 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 at 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&I.

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. & Christie 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 Felberbaum.

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. Felberbaum 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 $35,000 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 underprivileged children and those with special needs.

The Peter Blum Family YMCA of Boynton Beach celebrated its reopening will be Palm Beach landmark. A gala dollar transformation of the Varney so that decorator doors will be locked on Sept. 24. According to Everingham 40 years. According to the Colony Hotel, which aims to eradicate lunches are priced at $20 Palm Beach County’s finest for prix fixe menus at 50 of advantage of discounted prices and wine enthusiasts can take music will be by Dymin and September’s featured artist is Nicole Persley. Her distinctive style is bold, eccentric and primary. Art for Art will be held at the Secret Garden Café 10 R. Boynton Beach Blvd. in Boynton Beach, from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 27. 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 discounted prices for prix fixe menus at 50 of Palm Beach County’s finest restaurants. Three-course lunches are priced at $20 and dinners are priced at $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 on Sept. 2 so that director Carleen 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. 10. “Carleen Varney and Brinsley Matthews have done an amazing job of bringing 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 children and those with special needs.

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 appointments 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 152 employees and continues to grow. Its office is just west of I-95 on Yamato Road.

In June, Kim Rae Greenberg joined Chapin, Ballerano & Cheslack, 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.

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Helping to save lives, one donor at a time

Gregg Francis, Barry Kaplan and Leora Lieberman wrapped up their inaugural radio talk show with a sigh of relief. They'd made it through the hour without a single faux pas 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 is waiting to be discovered.

Her S.O.S. — Save Our Sami. "We made a promise to her 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.

"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, 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 to their radio talk show, which was named the No. 1 show on 1470 AM/WWNN after only five weeks.

The interactive show — "The Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation" — features inspiring interviews with people who have had life-saving bone marrow transplants, donors, medical doctors, celebrities 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. "They 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.

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### September 6

**Pavilion, 400 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton.** Every Sat. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703.

- **For ages 12 & up at** $21.50/resident, $27/non-resident. 393-7807.
- **Saturdays - all groups: 10am-noon. Per month:** Two sessions: Wednesdays - Mixed ages (unlimited classes) for $65/residents, $81.25/non-residents; 2-3 pm. 487-7350.

**East, 1400 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton.** Build Red Reef Park West, 1221 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Workouts target multiple muscle groups and core strengthening. Modifications for pregnant moms as well as beginner to advanced fitness levels. Every T&Th. 6-8 pm. First session free. 512-6350.

**West, 1221 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton.** Free vision testing, massages, and blood pressure and cholesterol screenings. 9 am-noon. Free. 742-6640.

**Saturday - 9/20 - Let's Get Physical at Meadow Park, 4501 E. Congress Ave., Boca Raton.** CrossFit of Boynton Beach and 49 sports conduct outdoor activities. Learn new exercises, enjoy snacks and win prizes. All ages. 9:30 am. Free. 742-6640.

### September 7-13

**Monday - 9/8 - Jazzercise/Light at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 100 S. Military Trail, Boynton Beach.** 50-minute muscle training workouts feature a combination of weight training and stretching. M-W: 8-9:30 pm. First class free. 6 classes: $56/resident, $65/non-resident. 914-917-3639.

**Tuesday - 9/9 - Women's Issues Support Group at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 W. 1st St., Highland Beach.** Held again 9/23. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 295-8905.

**Wednesday - 9/10 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 500 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton.** Building strength and flexibility, improves postural alignment and stabilizes the core. Registration at the Boca Raton Community Center, 500 Crawford Blvd., or on-site before class. Cash not accepted on-site. Sat: 10-11 am, M-W: 12-1 pm. 65 non-resident per class, or 60-day membership (unlimited classes) for $65/resident, 58.125 non-resident, 150.787.

**Thursday - 9/11 - Tai Chi Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 500 Crawford Blvd.** Emphasis moving meditation for focus, concentration, release of stress and attention skills. 2-3 pm. 487-7300.

**Friday - 9/12 - Breastfeeding Support Group at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 100 S. Military Trail, Boynton Beach.** All ages. Every day. Sessions: 6 classes: $42/resident, $54/non-resident. 16 classes: $66/residents, $75/non-resident. 2-3 pm. 487-7300.

**Saturday - 9/13 - Get Fit Mom's Boot Camp at Sugar Sand Park Field House, Boca Raton.** Workouts incorporate cardio exercises, strength training, running drills, body weight resistance training, agility drills and core strengthening. Modifications for all levels of fitness. Every T&Th. 9:30-10:20 am. Per class: $15/resident; $20/non-resident. 347-9350.

**Sunday - 9/14 - Yoga at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 State Blvd.** Participants should bring their own yoga mat. Every T&Th. 10 am. 378-2455.


**Tuesday - 9/9 - Women's Issues Support Group at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 W. 1st St., Highland Beach.** First class free. 8 classes: $32/residents, $40/non-residents. 56 classes: $180/residents, $250/non-residents. 243-7350.

### September 14-20

**Monday - 9/15 - Yoga at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach.** Begin 9/15. Every T&Th. 7-8 pm. First session free. 512-6350.

**Tuesday - 9/16 - Moving Forward: Support and Discussion Group at the Wellness Center for Counseling, 22450 Boca Roca Rd, Boca Raton.** Wednesdays, 1-2 pm. Free. 451-5900.

**Wednesday - 9/17 - Healing Hands for Arthritis at various Palm Beach County locations of Massage Envy to benefit the Arthritis Foundation. www.masseusey.com.**

**Thursday - 9/18 - Emotional Support Group for Spanish-Speaking Adults at the Highland Center, 150 SW 1st St, Highland Beach.** Interval training with a dance component. For adults. 10h. Thursday through 11/16. 7-8 pm. 65 non-resident, 57.50 non-resident. 742-6640.

**Friday - 9/19 - Parkinson's Exercise Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 500 Crawford Blvd.** Interval training with a dance component. For adults. 10h. Through 11/16. 7-8 pm. 65 non-resident, 57.50 non-resident. 742-6640.

**Saturday - 9/20 - Secret of Blood Tests Revealed: Why Are They So Important?** - Presented by Marty Jacob, M.D., Internal Medicine, Bethesda Hospital East, at the West Boynton Branch Library, 401 S. N. 1st St., Boynton Beach. Learn how laproscopic gastric bypass surgeries can change lives. First Thursday of each month. 6 pm Free. 717-7773, Ext. 84608.
Finding Faith

First Baptist of Delray tries a softer approach

N o matter what you might have heard, Southern Baptists in Delray Beach are not to be feared.

The first evidence of this personality change is the sign in front of First Baptist Church — it now simply says FBC Delray without the word Baptist.

“We’re proud to be First Baptist,” senior pastor Steve Thomas explains. “But historically Baptists are known for what we’re against. We don’t want you to think we’re going to beat you up if you don’t think like us.”

The new, softer approach is a big change for the Baptists who began worshiping at the historic Sunday House in 1912. The congregation had 500 members back when IBM and Motorola were South County employers. First Baptist moved to its impressive fifth location on Military Trail south of Linton Boulevard in 1992.

The Rev. Thomas is known on Delray’s beach as a surf fisherman who sails the only green, yellow and blue trimaran sailboat. He arrived in 2008 when First Baptist membership had dipped to 120 people. Membership is up since then.

The softer tone is evident in Sunday worship, which Thomas describes as “less judgmental and prudish.” The music has a contemporary feel.

“People should know we preach everything the Bible says. The message is not what most people would call fire and brimstone,” he said. “But we still say there’s a hell.”

Members of FBC Delray now are frequently seen at the beach wearing “Free Prayer” T-shirts giving out water bottles to share God’s grace.

“Do we want the name Baptist to be a stumbling block. For some people, it almost becomes a negative thing,” associate pastor James Brown said. “We’re just trying to drop some of the baggage.”

He sits six hours each day in the Starbucks at Florida Atlantic University. Rabbi Moshe Goldstein is a counselor, but he’s also the most successful matchmaker on campus.

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 11 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 east of Florida, since Goldstein began his work at Starbucks five years ago.

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church is celebrating its 100th anniversary by transforming itself as a cultural destination for downtown Lake Worth.

The historic congregation is hosting its new Artists in Residence group as the Core Ensemble, a music theater company that has toured the country for 20 years to highlight social justice issues.

St. Andrew’s is also 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 synagogu e, 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 43 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 Skindelski 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.

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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.

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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.

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Projection system displays and modern music are part of the attraction at the Journey Church.

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A lot of us are coming back, I’ve seen some of our ushers, ladies from the nursery and people from our band,” said Staci Holloway, another Grace Community member who left before 78 remaining members voted to give away the church. “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.”

Dealing with the emotion of the first day of school for kindergarten students can be handled in a variety of ways.

ABOVE: Daniele Murphy of Hypoluxo relaxes daughter Rylee with a quick ‘phone call’ at St. Vincent Ferrer. RIGHT: Ann Rodriguez of Boynton Beach uses the timeless method of a comforting hug before leaving daughter Clara with teachers and staff.

Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star
Paws Up for Pets

To endure first year with a young cat, embrace kitten’s viewpoint

Did 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 this 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 spry 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 vocabularies. 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 Ocean Ridge home.

After being given a clean bill of health at the veterinary clinic, this 4-month-old brown

Pippi relaxes atop a lunchbox.

striped tabby named Pippi has soared up the ranks from mere office cat to become the newspaper’s CFO (that’s Chief 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 athletic 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.

Among the benefits kittens bestowed upon me:

• 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 while urinating. The walls of conventional litter pans would not be high enough to contain this odiferous spray.

For Casey, I quickly switched to litter boxes with lids to keep him from gleefully creating litter confetti all over the floor.

• They are not influenced by affluence. Anything and everything seems to be a prized toy. 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 move across the keyboard, interrupting our thoughts and displaying gibberish on the computer monitors. But it is their reminder for us to not be all work.

As Leming notes, “I think Pippi is good for me because I have a tendency to stay at the computer screen intensely 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 countertops 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 thievery temptation.

Pippi, Casey and irksome, 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 Room Cat Dedication

Tri-County Animal Rescue, Boca Raton — July 25

Tri-County Animal Rescue’s dedication of a new Sunshine Cat Room and a screened-in patio was pristinely for the benefit of 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

Patti Morrell, 47, from Seabrook is new to Boca. She was referred to Boca Nursing Services by a friend who had a family member that was a patient. She heard such a positive report that she immediately called and scheduled an appointment.

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As a boater and angler, I’m always on the lookout for products that make my outdoor experiences more frequent, fun and successful.

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.

**On the Water**

Great new gear debuts for water enthusiasts

![Osprey inflatable paddleboard](image)

The Osprey inflatable paddleboard sells for about $1,500 with a pump and case. Photo provided by Willie Howard, The Coastal Star

Willie Howard/ The Coastal Star
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.

Daily bag limit: One snook.

Reminder: Stay away from swimmers, and don’t fish in guarded swimming areas when fishing from the beach.

Flotsam

Joe Lucas of Delray Beach and his son, Ryan, won the 20th Annual Mark Gerretson Memorial Fishing Tournament with a 34.2-pound kingfish caught using live bait off Highland Beach. Lucas and his son were fishing with another father-and-son team — Tim Knapp and his son, Miles — in the Aug. 9 tournament. Craig Elmore won the dolphin award with a 27.6-pound mahi mahi. Steve Sasso’s 14.8-pound bonito won the mystery fish award. Nicholas Samousakis won top junior angler with a 13.8-pound kingfish. Joan Vertefeuille’s 16-pound kingfish won top lady angler. No wahoo were weighed in this year’s Gerretson tournament.

Mark’s brother, Jim Gerretson, won the Family Fun Award for fishing with his daughters and their husbands.

X Generation 440 Challenge fishing tournament is set for Sept. 13 based at Palm Beach Yacht Center in Hypoluxo. Cash prizes will be awarded for the heaviest kingfish, dolphin and wahoo. A $500 award is being offered for the largest cobia, mutton/yellowtail snapper, bonito and blackfin tuna.

Organizers guarantee $5,000 for the heaviest kingfish. The entry fee is $225 per boat through Sept. 9 and $250 by Sept. 12. The captain’s meeting and final registration are set for 6-8 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Palm Beach Yacht Center.

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How to help stranded marine mammals? No selfies or talking!

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:

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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.

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**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 am. Free. Contact Jeff at Jeffrdc@gmail.com.

**SEPTEMBER 7-13**
- Tuesday - 9/9 - Seining the Lagoon at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Hand-held dip nets and large snare 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. 3-4:30 pm. $7/members, $10/non-members. Reservations: 544-4855.
- Thursday - 9/11 - Native Treasures at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Meet at the center to learn. Cavanas to Red Reef Park, 1400 N. State Road A1A, and search for ocean treasures. All ages, kids must be accompanied by an adult. 3-4:30 pm. $5 members, $10/non-members. Reservations: 544-4855 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

**SEPTEMBER 14-20**
- Wednesday - 9/17 - 2014-15 Boynton Beach Bay/Clear Dewater Decals go on sale at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., (Sat. 9 am-2 pm) and City Hall, 100 E. Boynton Beach Blvd. (M-F 8 am-5 pm) Beach decal $50. Boat decals $50, 742-6650.
- Saturday - 9/20 - International Coastal Cleanup at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 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, children must be accompanied by an adult. Under the age of 10 need to be accompanied by an adult. 10 am-1 pm. Free. Reservations: 544-4855 or www.gumbolimbo.org.
- 9/20 - International Coastal Cleanup at Sandoway House Nature Center, 165 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Presented by the city of Delray Beach and the Sandoway House as part of the 29th Annual Ocean Conservancy’s International Coastal Cleanup. Supplies will be provided. Registration form available online. 8-10 am. Free. 243-7277 or blaread@delraybeachfl.gov.

**SEPTEMBER 21-27**
- Tuesday - 9/22 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at Harvey O. Gray, Jr. Park, 25010 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Join other fishermen to discuss hot topics and learn new tricks of the trade. 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5569 or www.boynton-beach.org.

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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.

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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

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.

Students’ invention purports to keep the marine carnivores at bay.
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 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 glads 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 ankle straps, 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 tourists, swimmers and surfers.
Engstrom hold the magnetic ankle strap. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

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— Scott Simmons
**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 a 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.

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.

"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."
Pine Crest grooms a ‘Teen Jeopardy’ champ, and surf’s up for artist Aho

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.

“If we’re going as they should be,” Aho said, knowing his niche is a 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 17-minute drive toward the ocean. “Although I’d like it better 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 Hisson, Malanie Hurwitz and Florence Roghara from Boca; Sharon Lee Hart (Boynton Beach); Lynelle Forrest, Isabel Gouveia and Clarence “Skip” Meassell (Lake Worth); and Suzanne Scherer and Pavel Ouporov plus Robert Vail (Lantana).

Wayne Thourbourough, also from Lantana, claimed one of five merit awards and $500 for his inkjet print “Looking In.” Miami artist Tony Vasquez won best in show for his 160-pound sculpture depicting deject aluminumm espresso pots made from bitumen, a petroleum byproduct.

Surprisingly, Sunny House in Delray Beach hasn’t come up with a dish that includes sawgrass, but the abundance seed did get a mention recently. New owners Steven Michael and Rick Marshah 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 Grass Gala, which this year will be held Dec. 6 aboard the 167-foot yacht Lady Windridge (233-9045 or email info@marshah.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.traderjoees.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! She even had 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 (954-2428).

“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 66th birthday. “This is a terrible blow,” friend and fellow thespian Missy McArdele said, “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 horas d’oeuvres to benefit Aid To Victims of Domestic Abuse. Reservations at 450-6357.

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and Bloomin’ manager Paula Pianta, the 10 competitors in the seventh annual Boca Ballroom Battle raised more than $210,000 for the George Snow Scholarship Fund. Boca’s answer to Dancing With the Stars was held Aug. 16 at the Boca Raton Resort and Club. For their performance, each contestant was paired with a professional dancer from Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Boca, but unlike previous years, no awards were given for footwork, only for legwork in raising money.

“Everybody had a great time and the money’s still coming in,” fund spokeswoman Gabriella Snow said. Once again former WPTV reporter coming in,” fund spokeswoman Gabriella Snow said. Once again former WPTV reporter

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The ALS Bucket Challenge has dominated the headlines in recent weeks, in some cases pushing other causes that also need to raise millions into the shadows. Alzheimer’s is one. As with ALS, the suffering is eased only by death. For the first time, the National Walk to End Alzheimer’s will be held in Boca Raton. The walk, set for Oct. 11, starts at Mizner Park Amphitheater. To register or to volunteer, go alz.org/walk or call 496-4222. Unless it rains or you choose to jump into a fountain, you won’t get wet.

Tony Dovolani of Dancing with the Stars.

July 2014

From water to wok!

Long-vacant Old Calypso, on the east side of the Intraoastal in Delray Beach, will reopen in mid-October as Hudson at Waterway East. Concept: classy, casual, contemporary American with a menu featuring seafood, steak, and pasta, washed down with craft beer, spirits and wine. The proprietor, new to the area, is identified as Sam Bonasso, former proprietor of an Outback Steakhouse in Mason, Ohio, a bedroom community about 20 miles northeast of Cincinnati.

According to county property records, the property was bought in July 2013 for $2.75 million by Walnut Grove Investment Partners in Boyton Beach. Walnut Grove’s address is the same as that of Bevan Behn Wilson, known to hockey fans as Behn Wilson, a defenseman for nine seasons with the Philadelphia Flyers and Chicago Blackhawks. He retired in 1988.

Restaurant wizards Dennis Max and Rodney Mayo are at it again. Max has been cooking up a storm in one form or another since the ’80s, Mayo followed suit a few years later and both are expanding their operations in Delray Beach.

Max’s Harvest, the popular farm-to-table spot on Northeast Second Avenue, will be joined by Max’s Social House in the old ’20-era cottage at 116 NE Sixth Ave. Head chef will be Scott Pierce, presently sous chef at Max’s Grille in Boca Raton. Max grabbed it after Tampa-based Civiche closed July 31. An upscale gastropub, it will feature four “Fusion Towers” — large chrome-and-glass drink-making machines that can infuse a beer or cocktail with just about anything a customer might desire.

For Mayo, who also has a stake in Tryst and Dada in Delray Beach, the concept is much simpler — coffee and doughnuts. He’s teaming with Boca restaurant broker Tom Prakas to turn the former Atlantic Smoothies shop at 123 E. Atlantic into Subculture Coffee. The big difference: the coffee beans will be fresh-roasted and the pastries from Prakas’ new venture, Rhino Doughnuts. Prakas sells fresh-fair-trade coffee at his Rhino shops, but the beans aren’t roasted in-house.

Rhino’s website lists a future location at 126 NE Second St. in Boca’s Mizner Plaza, formerly Beany’s sandwich shop. It’s just a short walk from Mayo’s Dubliner pub and Kapow! Noodle Bar in Mizner Park and even closer to another new Mayo-involved venture, Shaker & Pie. An Italian gastropub, anchored by flying pizzas and hip cocktails, it’ll be next door to Ipic and its hip Italian bistro, Tanzy.

And another: This establishment used to be the Cleareview Lounge. Then it was Ted Teddy Bear’s. Now, after a transformation by its new owner, Ryan O’Riordan, it opened up in July as the Vintage Tap, a “juke joint” beer garden featuring live music, 20 craft brew taps and full bar. It’s at 524 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach.

It was inevitable that football fans would be reminded permanently that Howard Schnellenberger played a major role in establishing the football program — actually the entire athletic program — at FAU. On Aug. 20, the school’s trustees voted to name the field at FAU stadium in his honor, made possible by a contribution from an anonymous donor. Dedication will come Sept. 13 at FAU’s home game, against Tulsa.

Too bad they couldn’t name the stadium for Howard, although S-C-H-N-E-L-N-E-H-M-R might not fit on the wall facing I-95.

Plus, stadium naming rights are a different animal. Remember the fuss last year when the trustees tried to cut a $6 million deal with private prison operator GEO Group. Big embarrassment that cost FAU President Mary Jane Sanders her job. If only IBM hadn’t packed up and left, but Boca is home to other big companies. How does Office Depot Stadium sound? Howard, whose autobiography, Passing the Torch, was published Sept. 1, calls it the highlight of his coaching career, although he’s still short one milestone — the College Football Hall of Fame. The sticking point: his won-lost record. At Kentucky and Alabama, where he was responsible for signing Joe Namath, he was an assistant coach, so “credit” went to Bear Bryant. No credit either for helping Don Shula build the Dolphins.

The University of Miami, formerly known as “Suntan U,” became a national powerhouse, as his teams went 41-16 and won its first national championship. He turned also-ran Louisville into a contender and built FAU from no program to bowl-bound in five years.

But as a head coach, his teams were 158-151-3, barely .500, and National Football Foundation rules require a hall-of-fame candidate to have a .600 winning record.
Sutton set to sing Mitchell’s blues on jazzziz

Heather Green

Her colleagues in the music business had suggested for years that she consider performing the songs of Joni Mitchell, but when she finally did so, it jazz singer Tierney Sutton found the idea somewhat daunting. “I think it was great that 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 she chose to revisit it literally the 20 years leading up to it were intimidating, because I thought, ‘I want to do this right of it if I can.’

But tackling the music of the great Canadian songwriter turned into a joyful process for Sutton, who released her in an elegant album released last year called After Blue, which she recorded not with her long-time 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 nomination in 10 years.

This month, Sutton will perform songs from her Joni Mitchell project at various shows at Jazzziz Nightlife in Boca Raton, two each on Sept. 9 and Sept. 10. She will be accompanied by guitarist Steve Merlau and bassist Kevin Axt, who play with her on her newest album, Paris Session, which came out the week after the Boca Raton concerts. A native of Milwaukee who grew up in 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 confidante of Jimi Hendrix, who ran the Keystone Korner jazz club in San Francisco in the 1960s and likely has a long history of compositional skills, lyrical and singer.

Mitchell’s work has come in for serious scholarly study in the past two years (McCull Musicologist Lloyd Whitwells’s The Music of Joni Mitchell, from 2008, is particularly notable), chiefly because Mitchell writes complex, jazz-influenced harmonies that make this music ideal for jazz exploration. Sutton’s version of Woodstock, with pianist Larry Goldings, is treated moody, with Goldings providing a Deus-by-us-a beat accomplishment, and in Big Yellow Taxi, she scats the tune over drummer Ralph Humphrey’s light brushwork. In Be Cool, she joins Jarreau for a charming, witty duet, decorated by Laws and Goldings’ Funky Hammond B3.

It’s a tasteful, intelligent way to treat these songs (the record includes two standards Mitchell sang on her 2000 orchestral album, Both Sides Now: Don’t Go to Strangers and Answer Me, My Love), and sheds fresh light on the work of this artist. Mitchell, 71, who has concentrated primarily on her painting for the past two decades, is, like Sutton, a resident of Los Angeles, though the two haven’t met. But Sutton already knows what she thinks about her fellow singer’s legacy. “I think is honored and respected as she is, she’s an underappreciated figure,” Sutton said. “She’s really up there in the pantheon of great songwriters and great artists, at the very, very top. I really can’t think of 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 singing the blues.”

Tickets for the shows, which begin at 7 and 9 p.m., range from $35 to $75. Call 305-0730 or visit www.jazzziznightlife.com.

More jazz: September is shaping up to be quite a month for jazz in the southern part of the country, 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 firebrand 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 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 the host of Classical Jazz on WXEL radio, has returned to South Florida after two years at WQED in Pittsburgh. Newly married to theSymphony 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: 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 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 Nofna, 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.

The show contains about 100 images from more than 60 photographers, and touch on subjects such as the Boston Marathon bombing and the fracking boom that has transformed North Dakota.

Nofna said, adding that the exhibit also has been remarkable for another reason. “It’s so amazing: Usually, there is a clear favorite in the exhibit, but with this, they are going through the whole show, and they’re saying it’s the best show we’ve ever had.”

Nofna said the center is talking to the NPAPA about holding the Best of Photojournalism conference annually in West Palm Beach, perhaps moving it to May or June rather than August (the awards are announced in March). The exercise is about touching people’s lives, and people are able to relate to these images,” Nofna said. “It’s current, it’s topical and it touches them.”
**Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival**: The chamber players mount these annual series of winter programs, set for Sept. 18, Oct. 10-11 and 21, and Nov. 7-8. The 7:30 p.m. concerts are at Lynn University’s Aventura-Goldstein Concert Hall (Thursday), St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Lake Worth (Friday) and the Lighthouse Community Center in Tequesta Saturday except for Nov. 5, which is Wednesday! September’s concerts will include Bohuslav Martinů’s La Veu de Gascue, Aaron Copland’s Suite for Violin and Piano; other planned pieces for the series are Beethoven’s Symphonie No. 5 and a new wind quartet by Marshall Turkin, the retired orchestra executive and Boca Raton resident who has returned to composition in his late 80s. Call 800-280-6704 or visit www.pbmf.org.

**SEPT. 21**

Trillium Piano Trio: This Custer-based group’s return to the concert stage every September is the infallible sign that a new music series is underway at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Delray Beach. Pianist Yuta Koda trunks, joined by violinist Ruby Bethel and cellist Christopher Arndt, will perform music by Beethoven, Czech late Romantic master Josef Suk (who married one of Dvořák’s daughters), and English composer John Ireland (who taught Benjamin Britten). This concert will open the 27th season of the West Palm Beach Symphony, and other concerts coming up this year include a concert by violinist Tomas Czek and pianist Liu Lin in music by Piazzolla; the Baroque ensemble Fuso e Cene in Vivaldi’s Four Seasons; and the Miami Chamber Players in Mozart pieces curated as performed with strong quartet. Call 278-6003 or visit www.stpaulsdelray.org.

**SEPT. 27-28**

Lynn Philharmonic: There is a number of orchestral ensembles in the area that enjoy regular followings, and one of the first to play every season is the Lynn Philharmonic, the student orchestra of the Lynn University Conservatory of Music. Music director Gaetano Figueroa, in his first full season with his student charges has scheduled at least one piece of contemporary music on each of his six programs he’s presenting this year, including works by Marshall Turkin (in Memoriam), Christopher Rouse (Der Jeretzer Abend), Berland and cellist Christopher Glansdorp, from his concert and the Lighthouse ArtCenter in Tequesta (Fridays), Concert Hall (Thursdays), St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Lake Worth (Friday) and the Lighthouse Community Center in Tequesta Saturday except for Nov. 5, which is Wednesday). September’s concerts will include Bohuslav Martinů’s La Veu de Gascue, Aaron Copland’s Suite for Violin and Piano; other planned pieces for the series are Beethoven’s Symphonie No. 5 and a new wind quartet by Marshall Turkin, the retired orchestra executive and Boca Raton resident who has returned to composition in his late 80s. Call 800-280-6704 or visit www.pbmf.org.

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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

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**Sunday - 9/28 - Post Modern META Book Club: The September Issue**

10 am-noon. $25/Mounts members, $35/non-members. 483-5300.

**Monday - 9/29 - A Pedestal: Scuplting Class at the Art Center**

12-3 pm. $55. 237-9000.

**Tuesday - 9/30 - A Day of Remembrance**

Ceremonial observances to commemorate the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

**Wednesday - 10/1 - The Boca Raton Children’s Museum (Sanborn Hallway) - Art Museum: Arrival of the Subjunctive and the Occasion of Being**

Presented as part of the Fall One-Time Event Series. Free admission. Annual membership: $3. 463-3130 or 483-5300.

**Thursday - 10/2 - OC & The Boca Raton Children’s Museum (Sanborn Hallway) - Art Museum: The September Issue**

Presented as part of the Fall One-Time Event Series. Free admission. Annual membership: $3. 463-3130 or 483-5300.

**Friday - 10/3 - OC & The Boca Raton Children’s Museum (Sanborn Hallway) - Art Museum: The September Issue**

Presented as part of the Fall One-Time Event Series. Free admission. Annual membership: $3. 463-3130 or 483-5300.
3rd Annual Pearls, Hats, and Hens Debrai Club—Oct. 2

Enjoy an afternoon of shopping with the latest fashions in shoes and accessories from top designers along with silent auctions, lunch and complimentary bubbly. Proceeds benefit the Delray Beach Public Library and the Bethesda Beach Foundation for breast cancer treatment and educational programs. 11 am-2 pm. $54 in advance, $50 at the door. 266-7059.
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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 Center's no need for fictitious shark attack "facts" when the real-life creatures are fascinating enough.

Take, for example, the three nurse sharks swarming at the edge of their tank at Delray Beach's Sandoway House.

Shark facts, such as the number of teeth in the tank using a pincer. Children and adults line the edges of the tank and watch closely, snapping pictures as the sharks move around.

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, emphasizing the importance of a marine animal at the center of public awareness.

Jennifer Urbanek leads a shark feeding at the Sandoway House.

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in the tank using a pincer. Children and adults line the edges of the tank and watch closely, snapping pictures as the sharks move around.

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President: $80/residents, $108/non-residents. Registration: 742-6550.

and a bottle of beer docked in a glass near their table.

8/31 - Shark Week Trivia at the Children’s Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Kids improve social skills, self-discipline, confidence and respect, all while staying physically and mentally active. M-F (6:30-8:30 pm); 9/1-10/30, $60/residents, $75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6400.


9/8 - Senior Drop-In Storytime at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Listen to stories, sing along and learn about new books. M-F (9-10 am); 393-7968.


9/9 - Intermediate/Advanced Fencing/Epée Class of Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Kids improve fencing skills, learn self-discipline, confidence and respect, all while staying physically and mentally active. M-F (6:30-8:30 pm); 9/1-10/30, $60/residents, $75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6400.

9/10 - Family Storytime at the Boynton Beach Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Listen to stories, sing along and learn about new books. M-F (9-10 am); 393-7968.

9/10 - After School Science Series: Let’s Be Scientists! at the Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Kids spend an hour exploring and experimenting to try something new every month. Ages 5-6 (with parent); W/ Ages 7-8: Both days 4-5 pm; S/ Ages 50-54, $137.72, 347-3900.

9/11 - Junior Tennis Clinics at Boca Raton Tennis Center, 3115 S. Ocean Blvd. Ages 3-5 for $100; Ages 6-8 for $150; Ages 9-12 for $200. Register: 742-6454.

9/11 - Entertaining: Lamb and Lentil at the Children’s Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Kids learn how to entertain guests, make decisions, accommodate others, and handle changes. Ages 5-6 (with parent); W/ Ages 7-8: Both days 4-5 pm; S/ Ages 50-54, $137.72, 347-3900.

9/11 - September Art Classes at the Children’s Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Kids learn about new media, explore rhythm, melody, and other musical building blocks. Class fees include a variety of musical styles for a fun and positive experience for both parents and children. Materials fee is paid to the instructor. Available either a one-week (through 10/10) or two-week (through 10/17) session. Ages 6-9. Registration: 347-3910.

6/20-23) session. Ages 15 mos-2.5 yrs.: 10:30-11:15 am; 2.5-4 yrs.: 11:30-12:15 pm. Twelve-week session: $204/residents, $248/non-residents. Registration: 742-6400.


## The COASTAL STAR

### Tots & Teens Calendar

- **SEPTEMBER 14-20**
  - **Tuesday-Wednesday: A Day at the Explorium**
  - **Thursday: 9/18 - Lego Club**
  - **Sunday: 9/18 - Rainbow Looms**

- **SEPTEMBER 21-27**
  - **Monday: 9/22 - Acting 101: SuperHeroes**
  - **Tuesday: 9/23 - Lego Club**
  - **Wednesday: 9/24 - Fashion Design Class**
  - **Saturday: 9/26 - Super Hero Science Night**

- **SEPTEMBER 28-OCT. 4**
  - **Monday: 9/29 - Make and Take**
  - **Tuesday: 9/30 - Girls Excelling in Math and Science (GEMS)**
  - **Thursday: 10/2 - Game Day**

- **OCT. 5-11**
  - **Tuesday: 10/7 - Craft Fair**
  - **Wednesday: 10/8 - The Lego Movie**
  - **Thursday: 10/9 - School's Out: Bright & Bold Robotics Workshop**

- **OCT. 12-18**
  - **Monday: 10/13 - Teen Gaming**
  - **Saturday: 10/18 - Story and Play with Miss Cathy**

- **OCT. 19-25**
  - **Saturday: 10/25 - School’s Out: Bright & Bold Film Experience**

### Drop-In Story Time
- Ages 3-5: 11:15-11:45 am; 2.5-4 yrs.: 10:30-11:00 am. Free.

### Fashion Design Class
- Ages: 9-14.

### Teen Chess Club
- Ages: 9-14.

### Tween Book Club
- Ages: 10-16.

### Tween Yoga Class
- Ages: 10-16.

### Teen Yoga Class
- Ages: 10-16.

### Patch Reef Park
- Ages: 2-5.

### Saturday 10-10:30 am
- Ages: 2-5.

### After School Care
- Ages: 3-5.

### Screen Time Management
- Ages: 4-5.

### Health and Safety
- Ages: 6-12.

### Youth Archery Class

### thru 10/8.
- Ages: 2-5.

### Through Fun and Engaging Activities
- Ages: 2-5.

### Rhythm, Coordination, Strength and Creativity
- Ages: 2-5.

### Free with paid admission.
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### High school girls can volunteer.
- Ages: 15-19.

###LED Robots Workshop
- Ages: 8-14.

### High school students can volunteer.
- Ages: 15-19.

### The Lego Movie
- Ages: 8-14.

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