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Countess set the bar for gift-giving

Philanthropist donated millions to Boca causes

By Mary Thurwachter

Difference-makers support causes large and small and wear a variety of hats. Some even come with tiaras.

Henrietta, the Countess de Hoernle, known as The Countess, was one of them. She possessed a bedazzling collection of the ornamental crowns, some of which are on display at the Boca Raton Historical Society with more of the philanthropist’s memorabilia.

The countess died July 22 at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. She was 103. With or without bejeweled head wear, the countess sparkled.

“Her eyes were so animated when talking about her favorite causes,” said Boca Raton native Doug Mummaw, an architect and Rotary Club president who worked with the countess on various causes. “I always think of her as this dignified, caring individual, much like her friend Flossy Keesely, who died in January at 101. These were special people.”

The countess and her late husband, Adolph, the Count de Hoernle, moved to Boca Raton in 1981. With their philanthropy, the couple donated millions to Boca causes.

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Local actions can have global impact

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Outside of the office you might hear us voice opinions on broader topics, but you won’t see us write about issues that don’t directly impact our geographic area. Plastics in the ocean may seem like a global issue, but if you walk the beach like I do, you have seen the local effect of a growing global problem.

On a recent family trip to Bolivia and Peru, I was hit hard by the scope of this issue. I had visited these countries when I was teenager (long, long ago) and although many of the socioeconomic changes I observed this summer were positive, the plastic pollution had grown to an alarming level.

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By Amy Woods

He served in the Marine Corps for eight years and has several belts in the martial arts — dual disciplines that have given him a proverbial leg up in this month’s feisty and fun charity dance-off, Boca’s Ballroom Battle.

Peter Gary, a 52-year-old Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club resident, has a hankering to hoof.

Gary’s goal is $200,000 for the George Snow Scholarship Fund, an organization that helps students in financial need attend college.

His dance partner, Pam Casanave, owner of Fred Astaire studios in Boca Raton, which has sponsored the fundraiser for nine years.

Proceeds from the event benefit the George Snow Scholarship Fund, an organization that helps students in financial need attend college.

A total of eight dancers, backed by devoted donors, will break out their best moves in a quest for the coveted Mirror Ball trophy.

Gary, the founder and CEO of Pinnacle Advertising and Marketing Group, was approached by 2015 contestant Donna Parlapiano for a donation. He made one and was so impressed with the Dancing with the Stars-style extravaganza that he asked to participate.

“He is a man without ego, from my perspective, who just puts himself out there,” said Debi Feiler, the fund’s vice president of program services.

Gary’s goal is $200,000 — a lofty one. He will rock a pinstripe suit during the evening, whose musical theme is “Gals vs. Guys.”

“Let’s not mince words. You could make a fool of yourself out there,” Feiler said. “We all think we know how to dance. But to have the nerve — my hat’s off to him.”

Ex-Marine on mission to dance, raise scholarship money in Boca
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Open space policy update getting another review

By Mary Hladky

After months of effort, Boca Raton now has a stopgap policy intended to make its downtown more visually appealing.

But a final policy won’t come for at least four more months as a city subcommittee studies the issue and makes additional recommendations on how developers should include open space in projects they submit to the city for approval.

The City Council, sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency board, approved the open space policy by a 5-0 vote on July 26.

It pushes developers to include open space that can be seen by the public, usually at the front of buildings. But it is more flexible than an earlier proposal that would have required open space to be at the front of buildings.

Local architects at a May meeting opposed the idea, complaining that it would limit their design creativity and would not let them count as open space attractive features such as interior courtyards.

“It should be predominantly visible [to the public] and connect to the public realm,” CRA Chairman Scott Singer said of the policy’s open-space intentions.

Commissioner Robert Weinroth sought and received assurances that the city was not opening privately owned open space, such as a condo swimming pool and deck, to the public.

The intent of the policy is to improve the appearance of downtown by requiring that building projects have open space that residents and visitors can see as they walk or drive downtown, even if they don’t have access to it.

The matter now goes to a subcommittee of the Boca Raton Advisory Committee, which will conduct a thorough review and recommend further refinements.

Committee members asked to be allowed to conduct the review and wanted six to nine months to complete it, but the CRA board limited them to four months.

The board’s action is the result of the most recent controversy to erupt over downtown development.

City officials in December discovered a 2003 memo of which they were unaware that had been used as a guide by planning staff evaluating proposed projects for their adherence to open-space requirements. They said the memo was partially erroneous and could have allowed developers to skimp on providing open space.

Downtown activists were outraged that a potential mistake could have gone undetected for 13 years, and branded accusations of “corruption” and “conspiracy.” That prompted an exhaustive four-month review of downtown projects approved since 1998. But rather than include too little open space, the review found that developers had delivered 26.3 percent more than required under city ordinance.

Even so, city officials wanted to make sure the city’s open-space requirements are clear and unambiguous. That led to the recommendations to which the architects objected.

The open-space issue is sensitive because downtown construction is booming, and many activists don’t like the appearance of new buildings they say are too massive and are changing the character of their city.

These include the Mark at Cityscape, a mixed-use project at the southeast corner of Federal Highway and Palmetto Park Road; the Palmetto Promenade, a mixed-use project across the street; and the huge Via Mizner development at the corner of East Camino Real and Federal.

Shifting sands clogging Boca Inlet

By Steve Plunkett

Boaters already watch out for snorkelers, rocks and paddleboarders in the Boca Raton Inlet. This summer they face a new danger: shoals in the middle of the channel.

“The inlet is in real dire shape right now. At low tide it’s really a hazard getting out to the ocean,” said Tom Thayer, a boater and former member of the city’s marine advisory board.

“You get out about a hundred yards past jetty, and it has gotten very, very shallow, even almost impassable for smaller boats,” resident Lee Babey told the City Council at its July 26 meeting. “This summer I’ve really seen a lot of boats get stuck.”

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“Literally there’s an island out in the middle of this thing,” Coulter said. “You either have to cut real hard to the south and go straight down probably about four or five feet, and then come back around to get away from the shoal, or cut to the north.”

Both sides have their dangers, he said.

“The problem with cutting to the south is there’s a group of rocks there that people put out there and there’s a whole bunch of boats out there, so you’ve got a choice — run over a snorkeler or go beach your boat on the sandbar,” he said.

“Same thing on the north side — you’ve got the swimmers at the Boca Resort and Cluh, kayaks and paddleboards and all that stuff coming out.”

Coulter asked that the city dredge what he called the southeast corner of the inlet to clear an alternate channel.

“We’ve got commercial fishing boats that won’t use the inlet anymore because of the fact that it’s so shoaled up,” he said. “They’ll go down to Hillsboro or even go out of Boynton, which is even kind of worse when it comes to … being rough.”

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The Coastline

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Support evaporates for barrier island fire district plan

By Dan Moffett

Concerns about cost have stopped six coastal communities from forwarding with a plan to create a barrier island fire district.

Robert Finn of Texas-based Matrix Consulting Group, which completed a feasibility study on the idea last spring, said he has no meetings planned with representatives of Gulf Stream, Highland Beach, Briny Breezes, Manalapan, Ocean Ridge and South Palm Beach.

Gulf Stream Town Manager William Thrasher, who organized the group, said the plan stalled over the higher costs the towns would have to pay to provide their own fire-rescue services. Several town managers who participated in the study initiative said they could not support anything with a higher price tag.

"It seems like it's dead to me," Thrasher said. "Every formula that we came up with causes a situation where someone would have to pay more money. That immediately eliminated the prospect of this thing." It came down to taxable values, several group members said. Towns with high valuations were capable of moving forward with the plan but those on the other end of the spectrum couldn't afford it.

Consider that Highland Beach's tax base is roughly 50 times that of Briny Breezes and seven times that of South Palm Beach. Gulf Stream and Manalapan have valuations that are about three times that of South Palm and 25 times Briny's. Thrasher said all six communities would have to participate for the plan to succeed. But the numbers wouldn't allow it. South Palm and Briny Beach would be dealing with an "almost improbable rate increase," he said, no matter what formula for participation was used.

"I think the district is a great concept that serves a great purpose," he said. "But it deals with entities that have different parities of taxable values. Your hands are tied as to what you can do when your revenues are so restricted."

Besides there, were worries from public safety officials about the difficulties of having first responders in position to efficiently cover a district that would be about 20 miles long.

"There were a lot of things that are potential problems besides financial problems," Thrasher said. "There are a lot of moving parts." Finn said he expects the six town managers to discuss individually his 130-page report with elected officials. The study cost the group $39,000.

City and town reach new fire rescue agreement

Delray Beach/Highland Beach

By Rich Pollack

When Capt. Tom Mitchell started in law enforcement close to three decades ago, the only cameras available to help police do their jobs were regular film cameras and Police Officers who could instantly develop a crime scene photo or a suspect's mug shot.

Fast forward to today and you’ll find cameras have become an integral part of law enforcement’s effort to prevent crime and apprehend lawbreakers.

"Look at what cameras have done for the profession of security," says Mitchell, who is leading the Delray Beach Police Department’s initiative to use cameras to do everything from streamlining live images from a crime scene to capturing license plate numbers.

"Cameras tell people accountable. They’re making us more responsible for our actions. They’re making citizens more responsible for their actions," he said. They’re also helping police better prove their cases in court.

"Today, you’d better be able to

Delray Beach expanding cameras’ use in law enforcement

Officer Gerry Ricco demonstrates the body cameras that Delray Beach Police will be using. Photo provided to show the picture, not just paint it," Mitchell says. While other police departments in the area are using cameras, few can match the effort Delray Beach is putting into using the latest video technology.

Last month the department became the most recent law enforcement agency in Palm Beach County to use body cameras. It assigned the cameras to 20 officers, mostly sergeants, lieutenants and canine officers. However, it could be outfitting all of its more than 150 officers with cameras within three to five years.

In August, Mitchell and others are expected to go before the City Commission to request the go-ahead to install license plate recognition cameras in five locations, all east of the Intracoastal Waterway.

Not long after that, Mitchell said in the department hope to have its new video intelligence center up and running. The center will make it possible to monitor cameras on public buildings in real time. It will also enable the department to make cameras available by private businesses that give the city permission. "We’re hoping to form partnerships to allow us to stream their video," Mitchell says.

"It is intended to be proactive when it comes to the actions of individuals. It is intended to be accountable for the actions the people take. But cameras will also be used for accountability, not just the things it does to the actions of the officers but when it comes to the actions of individuals.

"This organization will always be accountable," Chief Jeff Feldman said. "The community is seeing it as an unifying the body cameras."

He was quick to point out that the body cameras are not perfect because they offer only a limited view. Still he believes they can provide valuable information.

Police are also becoming proactive as it comes to the use of cameras by businesses and residential communities. The Delray Beach Fire Department works closely with the city’s planning and zoning department to recommend locations where businesses could benefit from having closed-circuit monitoring systems.

"We’ve been recommending closed-circuit strategic locations," Mitchell said. While there may be privacy concerns, Mitchell says the exams of the technology have taken away the expectation of privacy on public streets, especially when someone with a cell phone can instantly record anything he or she sees.

In fact, Mitchell, says he was recently working in a neighborhood and using a police camera and a cell phone can instantly record anywhere he or she sees.

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"Today, you’d better be able to provide their own fire-rescue services. Several town managers who participated in the study initiative said they could not support anything with a higher price tag.

"It seems like it’s dead to me," Thrasher said. "Every formula that we came up with causes a situation where someone would have to pay more money. That immediately eliminated the prospect of this thing." It came down to taxable values, several group members said. Towns with high valuations were capable of moving forward with the plan but those on the other end of the spectrum couldn’t afford it.

Consider that Highland Beach’s tax base is roughly 50 times that of Briny Breezes and seven times that of South Palm Beach. Gulf Stream and Manalapan have valuations that are about three times that of South Palm and 25 times Briny’s. Thrasher said all six communities would have to participate for the plan to succeed. But the numbers wouldn’t allow it. South Palm and Briny Beach would be dealing with an "almost improbable rate increase," he said, no matter what formula for participation was used.

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Boynton Beach

City to use reserve funds to add two firefighters at Station 1

By Jane Smith

Boynton Beach will dip into its reserves to bring Fire Station No. 1 up to staffing levels set by state guidelines. Standards call for six firefighters at each station.

Boynton Beach has had enough money to keep four workers at the station with a fire truck and a rescue vehicle. Standards call for six firefighters per shift. To meet the requirement of dispatching three-person teams on medical calls, the station has been deploying two, two-person teams to each call.

Since May 1, Fire Station No. 1 — located on Boynton Beach Boulevard near City Hall — has responded to the lowest number of calls among the five stations in Boynton Beach, according to the city’s Fire Rescue 2015 report.

Station No. 1 also serves the island communities of Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes.

City Manager Lori Lariviere advised against dipping into the reserves to pay for operating expenses. “It’s not an unsafe situation,” she told city staff and elected officials on the second day of budget hearings in mid-July.

City commissioners decided to keep the city’s $790 per $1,000 of assessed property value tax rate and its $100 fire assessment the same for the next budget year and dip into reserves to cover the estimated $420,000 needed to staff six workers at Fire Station No. 1. $300,000 is red to the greens at the golf course and $425,000 needed to balance its budget.

Ocean Ridge Town Manager James S quot said the town has not noticed an increase in response times or logistical problems. Fire Station No. 4, on South Federal Highway, the city’s third busiest, also responds to calls on the barrier island. “They just deploy from other stations if the vehicles are all out,” he said. “We have no complaints.”

His town will renew its fire-rescue contract, which expires at the end of September.

Ocean Ridge police officers are certified first responders and carry portable defibrillators in their cruisers to assist those with heart problems until rescue personnel arrive. Two police officers are also certified emergency medical technicians, Ticcomb said.

Briny Breezes officials could not be reached for comment.

Briny Beach Town Manager Joe Casello, a retired firefighter from Massachusetts, brought up the staffing situation as inefficient use of city equipment by sending out two vehicles. “We are putting wear and tear on the apparatus,” he said.

The city rescue personnel also have more exposure to accidents with the second vehicle on the road. “The Fire Department is understaffed,” he said. “We need to do what’s important for safety.”

He suggested raising the fire assessment by $5 to pay for the extra staff needed at Fire Station No. 1.

That would be cheaper than paying $712,926 in overtime costs to staff the station fully, according to Fire Chief Glenn Joseph.

Mayor Steven Grant suggested raising the tax rate slightly to 8.0, and then lowering it if warranted during the September budget hearings. The other commissioners wanted to keep the tax rate the same, although most property owners will pay more in taxes because of increased taxable property values. That motion passed 4-1, the mayor voting no.

Commissioner Justin Katz, who also was against raising the fire assessment, said he wants residents to vote yes in November for the sales tax increase, which would give Boynton Beach enough money for the next 10 years to tackle some of its deferred maintenance. He also was concerned about the effect on the proposed Town Square, should the city seek voter approval in March for a bond referendum to build a police headquarters and new Fire Station No. 1.

“We should tighten our belt now,” Katz said. “We’re in a good position to wait.” He suggested dipping into the reserves this year. Then if the sales tax doesn’t pass, raise tax rates for the next budget year.

The city Fire Rescue Department’s budget runs about $22.5 million, or nearly 29 percent, ranking it second in the general fund. The Police Department, with a budget of $30 million, comes in first.

Briny Breezes

Briny sets terms for police, fire-rescue contracts

By Dan Moffett

Briny Breezes moved closer in July to locking in long-term contracts for police and fire-rescue services.

Boynton and Briny Breezes have agreed to a 12-year fire-rescue pact that will cost the town $356,725 for the first year and includes an adjustment formula for annual cost increases of at least 4 percent. Boynton Beach city commissioners unanimously approved the terms in July after Briny Town Council members signed off in June.

Ocean Ridge town commissioners also gave their blessing to a new deal with Briny — a three-year contract to provide police service that will cost $221,167 annually beginning in October. The contract includes a yearly 4 percent cost-of-living increase, a new provision in the long-standing agreement between the municipalities.

“We had heard that Ocean Ridge was going to increase the cost,” said Briny Town Council President Sue Thaler, “so we were pleased to see that it was less than what it might have been.”

Thaler said the agreement will go to the Town Council for final approval on Aug. 25. The Briny corporation typically pays about 40 percent of the cost of the police and fire contracts.

Ocean Ridge Mayor Geoff Pugh said the working relationship between his town and Briny has been good for both communities. “I appreciate the Town of Briny Breezes entrusting Ocean Ridge with this contract,” Pugh said. “Thanks for your business.”

Along the Coast

Property values end higher than appraiser estimated

By Mary Hladky

The taxable values of Palm Beach County properties have jumped higher than Property Appraiser Gary Nikolits forecast in late May.

Countywide, the amount grew by about 8.4 percent from 2015 to 2016, above the earlier estimate of 7.8 percent, according to the updated tax roll numbers Nikolits released in late June and sent to the state Department of Revenue.

The county’s total taxable value is now $165.1 billion, very close to the record high of $169.5 billion set in 2007 before the real estate market collapse.

Since 2012, Fire Station No. 1 in Delray Beach outpaced other cities and towns, with taxable values increasing by about 10.4 percent.

Boynton Beach showed an 8.3 percent gain and Boca Raton was up about 7.5 percent. Taxable values increased by 8.1 percent in Briny Breezes, 5.9 percent in Gulf Stream, 6.7 percent in south Palm Beach, 11.7 percent in Lantana, about 10.1 percent in Manalapan, 8.2 percent in Ocean Ridge, and 9.7 percent in South Palm Beach.

All the South County cities and towns showed greater increases than what had been estimated in May.

Elsewhere in the county, Loxahatchee Groves posted the biggest increase — 16.8 percent. Tiny Cloud Lake showed the least improvement, with a gain of only 3.2 percent.

Nikolits has predicted the county and its 38 cities and towns will wipe out the losses of the 2007-2009 recession within about two years.

While taxable values continue to move up, the growth has slowed in recent years to what Nikolits considers a more normal market.

Local governments use his estimates to calculate how much property tax money they can expect and to set their annual budgets and 2016-2017 tax rates.

An increase in taxable values means the county, cities and towns will collect more property tax dollars if they keep tax rates the same as last year.
Town to hire full-time code enforcement officer

By Rich Pollack

After months of complaints from a handful of residents who say town codes are not being properly enforced, frustrated Highland Beach town commissioners agreed in July to revamp the code inspection process and hire a full-time code enforcement officer.

Currently, the town has a building department office manager who spends about 10 hours a week investigating code violations. She passes the results of her investigation to the town’s contracted building official, Mike Desorcy, for follow-up. For the past several months, the firm that provides building inspection services — SAFEbuilt — has also provided a part-time code enforcement inspector who works three days a week. During a workshop late last month, however, commissioners learned the town was paying $48 an hour for the part-time code enforcement inspector and also paying additional fees when Desorcy provided code enforcement services.

“We’ve been misled here,” Vice Mayor Bill Weitz said. “Our code enforcement person was an office manager? And we’ve been getting complaints for years! No wonder we don’t get code enforcement.”

Commissioners said they were under the impression that SAFEbuilt was providing the part-time code inspector at no charge. “This is incredible to me,” Weitz said. “This is not a failure to communicate, this is miscommunication.”

Commissioner Rhoda Zelniker, who has been speaking out for weeks about concerns with how town codes are enforced — specifically when it comes to new construction — said she, too, was upset to discover that the town didn’t have a full-time code enforcement inspector.

“This really is unbelievable,” she said. “It’s disheartening to me.”

During the meeting, commissioners heard that before the recession, the town had a full-time building official and a full-time code enforcement officer. During the building slowdown, however, the town decided to outsource building inspection services.

“Somewhere we went from a department that had two functional people in it to a department that is dysfunctional,” Weitz said.

In a recent follow-up meeting, commissioners agreed to begin the process of hiring a full-time code enforcement officer immediately.

“For $48 an hour, we could certainly get a very fine person,” said Commissioner Lou Stern, who earlier had brought up the need for a full-time inspector. “We need to make sure people know we mean business.”

Commissioners recommended the new code enforcement officer report to the Police Department. Police officers already assist with code enforcement during, after or before regular business hours.

In addition to discussing code enforcement, the commission also discussed renewal of the SAFEbuilt contract. SAFEbuilt receives 50 percent of building permit fees collected by the town. It also receives $48 an hour for planning and zoning consultation and any after-hours meetings or inspections.

Commissioners agreed to the contract after being assured by Town Attorney Glen Torcivia that it could be terminated without cause by either side with 30 days’ notice.
If you live, work, dine or shop in Boynton, YOU have a vested interest in their future development.

There is a plan to dramatically increase allowable building heights and density (the number of residential units) throughout the City, especially at the intersections of Ocean Avenue and Woolbright Road bridges.

Boynton’s Community Redevelopment Agency envisions 10 to 15 story buildings at the foot of all bridges lining the intracoastal and Federal Highway.

Is this YOUR vision?
Everyone supports a vibrant, growing City. But Boynton deserves RESPONSIBLE growth, NOT high rise towers!

Who decides the future?
The City Commission will vote on this “Future Vision” of densely populated, 100 to 150 foot tall buildings later this month. If approved, Boynton and surrounding areas will be changed forever.

Developers are chomping at the bit to start building tomorrow, including a 100+ foot apartment building on the old Winn Dixie site at the base of the Woolbright bridge!

Please email the Mayor and Commissioners and let them know that Boynton needs to grow and be developed in a RESPONSIBLE, COMPATIBLE manner. Building heights need to remain 4 stories and they need to respect citizen’s rights to guide their City’s future.

Mayor Steven B. Grant ........................grants@bbfl.us
Vice Mayor Mack Cray .......................mccraym@bbfl.us
Commissioner Justin Katz ..................katzje@bbfl.us
Commissioner Joseph Casello .............caselloj@bbfl.us
Commissioner Christina Romelus ........romelusc@bbfl.us

Please plan on attending crucial meetings where Boynton’s future will be set in stone.
Date: August 9, 2016
Time: 5:45pm Public Rally
6:30pm Meeting
Place: Boynton’s City Hall
100 East Boynton Beach Blvd.
~ Please Wear White ~
For notifications for future meetings email Boynton4ResponsibleDevelopment@gmail.com

“"You have a voice! Use It!""
Highland Beach
Town’s civilian employees prepare to unionize
By Rich Pollack

Concerned about cuts to their benefits and the potential for more, Highland Beach’s civilian town employees have begun the process of forming a union.

“On behalf of all the non-sworn and civilian employees, we are very upset at the fact that the town has not given us anything,” said Army veteran Joe Puleo, who represents similar groups in Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

Town commissioners have been chipping away at employee benefits for several months, beginning last year when they cut employee raises.

“The benefit reduction is uncalled for and has left all employees of the town no choice in forming a union,” Puleo wrote.

Since 1992, non-union employees received an annual 5 percent merit raise and a cost-of-living adjustment. Beginning in October, the salary increases for this fiscal year were limited to 3 percent with no cost-of-living increase.

In addition, commissioners previously agreed to eliminate an education bonus employees received for having college degrees.

As of early this month, commissioners agreed to eliminate deferred compensation ranging from $250 to $500 given to employees who do not have family members enrolled in the town’s health insurance plan.

That change goes into effect Oct. 1.

Commissioners this month also adopted a personal time off policy that would combine sick days, vacation days and non-federal paid holidays into a fixed number of days off calculated for each employee based on their longevity.

That change goes into effect Jan. 1.

The next step, according to Puleo, is for the employee’s cards to be submitted to the state Public Employees Relations Commission, which is authorized to host the election.
Delray Beach

Beachgoers with dogs now face fines

By Rich Pollack

The honeymoon is over for people who violate Delray Beach’s ordinance prohibiting dogs on the beach — or other animals on the city’s public beach.

Beginning this month, police and code enforcement officers will be writing citations to violators, with those citations carrying a $50 fine for unsecured dogs or a $125 fine if the citation is disputed.

As part of a stepped-up effort to reduce the number of animals on the beach — mainly dogs — code enforcement officers and police officers issued 11 written warnings to violators through the first two weeks of the month, according to city records.

Several of those citations have been written by Joe Lucarelli, a Delray Beach code enforcement officer who is on the beach shortly after sunrise several days a week in an effort to ensure dogs don’t get to the public beach where kids could be playing or others could be sunbathing.

“This phase is an educational phase,” Lucarelli said late last month.

While there have been one or two dog owners who were unhappy with increased efforts to enforce the local ordinance, Lucarelli said the majority of violators have been cooperative.

"Most of the people take the warning without attitude," he said.

Some beach visitors are accompanied by service dogs, which are permitted.

During the current enforcement effort, Lucarelli has heard a variety of excuses, with some residents telling him they were unaware of the pet ban.

To ensure awareness, the city has placed signs along State Road, at the end of the walkways leading to the beach. Some residents, however, still say they didn’t know about the rules.

One of those residents is Laura Santos, who brought her 7½-year-old miniature pincher, Isabella, to the beach shortly after Lucarelli and another code enforcement officer, Robeson Dejardian, had left.

Santos said she was aware of efforts to step up enforcement of the ban, but had been told by other residents that it was OK to bring her pet to the ocean.

When she learned that the ordinance was indeed in effect and that citations will be issued, Santos decided to leave.

"I want to be able to bring my dog to the beach but if I can’t, I won’t," she said. "I’m not going to come here and get a ticket."

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**District wants say in city's waterfront plan**

By Steve Plunkett

The Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District has alerted the city in writing that it wants a voice in developing Boca Raton's comprehensive waterfront plan.

“As stakeholders of vacant beachfront and development property, the district would like to request a cooperative role with the city in the development financially and also with regard to the preparation of the plan and its implementation,” Robert Rollins, the district's chairman, said in a July 18 letter to Mayor Susan Haynie.

The district owns Ocean Strand, almost 15 undeveloped acres between the North Beach and Red and Silver parks. District commissioners fretted that they were not updated on the city's request for proposals from consultants, which were due June 1.

Boca Raton seeks “an experienced firm to develop a waterfront master plan” for “city-owned properties adjacent to the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean.” A contract has not been awarded. Rollins' letter follows his appearance at a May 9 meeting where he told City Council members the same thing.

**District may freeze CRA contribution**

By Steve Plunkett

The Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District is poised to freeze its annual contribution to the downtown Community Redevelopment Agency, meaning the CRA would get at least $132,000 less each year to keep the area pretty.

“This is a business decision. I want it to be emphatically clear, that we're looking at it from the standpoint of what's fair for our community,” District Chairman Robert Rollins said.

“If we don't have to pay the money, why are we going to pay the money? Because we can use it for other projects,” Commissioner Dennis Frisch said.

“I as a taxpayer would take offense at the district paying more money than we're required to,” Commissioner Frank Richter said.

This is strictly a financial decision; it's not a relationship decision,” Commissioner Earl Starkoff said.

The beach and park district gave the CRA $894,000 last year and has been making contributions to its redevelopment trust fund since 1992. State law governing CRAs allows the district to freeze the amount it pays after 24 years. This is the first year it had the option to do so.

The Beach and Park District money can be used only to beautify and maintain parks downtown, not to pay off debts.

Arthur Koski, the district's interim executive director, cautioned commissioners that while they are permitted to freeze the payments, Boca Raton officials might take offense.

“I'm not quite sure if it's an appropriate way to try to gather cooperation from the city, but it certainly is an opportunity for us,” Koski said.

Commissioner Frank Richter said there was not enough public hearing Aug. 22 on whether to use the freeze option on CRA payments.

“If we exercise it now we will save our constituents over $1 million by 2024,” Starkoff said.

**Elections supervisor moves polling place from Boca mosque**

By Sallie James

A decision by the Palm Beach County supervisor of elections to remove a mosque from a list of polling places and switch the locale to a public library has riled voters, both pro and con.

Supervisor of Elections Suzie Buceh made the decision to move the polling place from the Islamic Center of Boca Raton and designate Spanish River Library as the Precinct 4170 polling place after receiving complaints from voters.

Bucher said in an email that she received a call that “individuals planned to impede and maybe even call in a bomb threat to have the location evacuated on Election Day,” so she moved the site about two miles away to the library, at 1501 Spanish River Blvd.

“My responsibility as the supervisor was to open 445 polling places on Election Day that were adequate and accessible to the voters,” Bucher wrote.

“I was not in a position to address world issues.”

Bassem Alhalabi, president of the Islamic Center of Boca Raton, could not be reached for comment despite several phone calls.

The Islamic Center of Boca Raton is at 3400 NW Fifth Ave.

The switch upset many who said the move smacked of racism, with many voters emailing Bucher asking why churches and synagogues were acceptable polling places but a mosque was not.

“How is this not the definition of discrimination?” wrote Samir Kaki in an email. “I urge you to do the right thing and re-open ICBR. . . as a polling station in the upcoming elections.”

“Many of the mosques have been moved,” Commissioner Jeff Kerner said.

“Re-open the Islamic Center of Boca Raton in its place,” Commissioner Dennis Frisch said.

“I am saddened and disgusted by your Islamophobia to be concerned about public statements supporting Sharia law which is contrary to the basic tenets of democracy as practiced by our nation,” Bucher wrote.

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**City residents to vote on two council issues Aug. 30**

By Henry Fitzgerald

In addition to voting for their choice of mayor and council candidates in the Aug. 30 primary election, Boca Raton voters will be deciding how to fill council vacancies or whether council members should get a raise.

One referendum question was added to the ballot at the request of Councilman Scott Singer. He said council vacancies take too long to fill and that voters should elect the person for the open seat immediately.

Under the current rules, the council selects a person to fill the seat, but Singer has said an unelected person could hold the seat for two years of a three-year term.

“Shouldn't residents have the greatest say?” he asked.

Councilman Mike Maulugh said after the special town hall, saying better-paying jobs might attract a wider field of candidates. The proposed amendment would increase pay to $38,000 a year from $9,000, and a council member's pay to $28,000 a year from $7,200. If approved, the pay hikes would become effective in October 2017.

The questions read as follows, with “yes” and “no” options for voters:

**City of Boca Raton Referendum Questions No. 1**

Proposed charter amendment filling of vacancies in the City Council

The city charter provides: vacancies on City Commission are to be filled by appointment until the next regular election. The proposed charter amendment would change Vacancies on City Commission, including the office of mayor, will be filled by special election for the unexpired term. The special election will generally be no later than the Tuesday following the 90th day after the vacancy (or on a scheduled election date if within 150 days of the vacancy). Shall the charter be amended?

**City of Boca Raton Referendum Questions No. 2**

Proposed ordinance and law in council salaries

The proposed ordinance provides that the annual salary of the mayor shall be $38,000 or $50,000, and the annual salary of the other council members shall be increased to $28,000. Shall the above described ordinance be adopted?
Beach and Park District Commission Seat 1

Craig F. Ehrnst
Age: 52
Occupation: corporate treasurer, NCO in Boca Raton
Education: Master’s in business administration, University of Michigan
Marital Status: Married, two sons, one daughter

Political/Community Service Experience: Board of directors, Boca Raton YMCA and Boca Raton Children’s Museum; three years on the city’s Financial Advisory Board; unsuccessful run for City Council in 2014

Biggest challenge? “Communication. … The district and the city are simply not communicating. Each part has its own priorities and their own direction. A good example is the closed Sugar Sand playground. The district closed the community-built playground abruptly in January 2015 and did not start construction work until later that year (actually I believe sometime in 2016). … Because neither party is communicating, my 9-year-old son will miss 2 years of playing on one of the best playgrounds in the area.”
Website: craigehrnst.com

Shayla Enright
Age: 26
Occupation: medical physicist
Education: Dual bachelor’s degrees in physics and chemistry, Florida Atlantic University; Professional Science Master’s degree in medical physics, FAU; master’s in biomedical engineering, University of Miami
Marital Status: single

Political/Community Service Experience: first run for office

Biggest challenge? “The biggest challenge is the communication issue with the city which prevents projects from getting completed and budget goals from being met. They need to have a face-to-face meeting, which hasn’t happened in over a year. Additionally, the district is constantly backpedalling on ideas discussed and decisions made during City Council meetings. Representation in the city meetings would help prevent this and keep the district in the loop before it’s too late. I would be proactive about keeping communication up and attending city meetings. Finally, the residents need to be more aware of the district in order to hold the commissioners more accountable. This can be achieved by having a district online blog or discussion site, Facebook page, or having the meetings at times which are more convenient for working residents.”

Dennis R. Frisch
Age: 61
Occupation: podiatrist
Education: Medical degree from Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine, North Chicago
Marital Status: Married, two adult children, one grandchild and another due in November

Political/Community Service Experience: commissioner, Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District, since 2008; member, Boca Raton Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, since 2007

Biggest challenge? “My opponents have both declared that they will improve relationships with the city of Boca Raton. Neither has been involved enough to fully understand this issue nor others facing the district. They have made only token appearances at our district meetings and are basing their election campaigns on issues that are not nearly as great as believed. I have eight years of experience in this position. During that time we have upgraded our current parks and had countless successful interactions with the city. I have the desire to continue, and pledge to work effectively on behalf of ALL people living in the Beach and Park District which includes people that live outside Boca Raton.”
Website: www.electdennisfrisch.com

Beach and Park District Commission Seat 2

John F. Costello
Age: 47
Occupation: accountant, Bacher’s in forest resource collection and conservation, University of Florida
Marital Status: Married, one son, one daughter

Political/Community Service Experience: first run for office

Biggest challenge? “I want to bring people out to the park and engage our youth especially in activities away from cellphones and computers. The parks should be real destinations that provide people and families a way to have connected and vibrant lives.”

Earl Starkoff
Age: 67
Occupation: information technologist
Education: Master’s in business administration, University of Miami
Marital Status: Married, two children, two grandchildren

Political/Community Service Experience: commissioner, Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District, since 2004; past president, Soccer Association of Boca Raton

Biggest challenge? “The district has a broad agenda to improve and upgrade several of our older parks, build new parks and facilities that are needed and as thousands of new residents arrive in the next few years, and have funds available for beach renourishment. We must continue our steady, responsible fiscal management to balance all of these projects with annual maintenance and operating expenses, so we pay as we go and remain debt-free.”
Website: EarlStarkoff.com

Erin A. Wright
Age: 37
Occupation: co-owner, home inspection service, Rollins Home Inspection; co-owner, enviromental health and safety specialist, Florida Atlantic University
Education: Master’s in exercise science and health promotion, FAU
Marital Status: Married, two sons
Political/Community Service Experience: past member, Boca Raton Green Living Task Force/The Board of Directors

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Incumbents, challengers stake out positions at forum

By Steve Plunkett
Candidates for the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District took off the gloves Aug. 2 in their first public forum. “How can we expand our green space?” … “We need to focus on this district on things that are bigger picture,” said Craig Ehrnst, who is running Dennis Frisch for Seat 1.

“The best playgrounds in the area. … We will miss 2 years of his life not playing on one of our own direction. A good example is the closed Sugar Sand playground. The district needs to not be against it if the right opportunity came up,” Enright said. “I have no problem with communications with the city,” he said. “All of our green space is not as troubled as the current ones,” Wright said, “Our relationship with the city is not as troubled as the current ones.”

Wright’s behalf for her absence called for development of an executive director and the city manager. “I’ve taken any call. We are constantly backpedaling on meetings, which hasn’t happened in over a year. Additionally, the district is constantly backpedalling on ideas discussed and decisions made during City Council meetings.”

Ehrnst said he wants three council members. “I want to bring people out to the park and engage our youth especially in activities away from cellphones and computers. The parks should be real destinations that provide people and families a way to have connected and vibrant lives.”

Beach and Park District Commission Seat 3

Shayla Enright
Age: 26
Occupation: medical physicist
Education: Dual bachelor’s degrees in physics and chemistry, Florida Atlantic University; Professional Science Master’s degree in medical physics, FAU; master’s in biomedical engineering, University of Miami
Marital Status: single

Political/Community Service Experience: first run for office

Biggest challenge? “The biggest challenge is the communication issue with the city which prevents projects from getting completed and budget goals from being met. They need to have a face-to-face meeting, which hasn’t happened in over a year. Additionally, the district is constantly backpedalling on ideas discussed and decisions made during City Council meetings. Representation in the city meetings would help prevent this and keep the district in the loop before it’s too late. I would be proactive about keeping communication up and attending city meetings. Finally, the residents need to be more aware of the district in order to hold the commissioners more accountable. This can be achieved by having a district online blog or discussion site, Facebook page, or having the meetings at times which are more convenient for working residents.”

John F. Costello
Age: 47
Occupation: accountant, Bacher’s in forest resource collection and conservation, University of Florida
Marital Status: Married, one son, one daughter

Political/Community Service Experience: first run for office

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Earl Starkoff
Age: 67
Occupation: information technologist
Education: Master’s in business administration, University of Miami
Marital Status: Married, two children, two grandchildren

Political/Community Service Experience: commissioner, Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District, since 2004; past president, Soccer Association of Boca Raton

Biggest challenge? “The district has a broad agenda to improve and upgrade several of our older parks, build new parks and facilities that are needed and as thousands of new residents arrive in the next few years, and have funds available for beach renourishment. We must continue our steady, responsible fiscal management to balance all of these projects with annual maintenance and operating expenses, so we pay as we go and remain debt-free.”
Website: EarlStarkoff.com

Dennis R. Frisch
Age: 61
Occupation: podiatrist
Education: Medical degree from Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine, North Chicago
Marital Status: Married, two adult children, one grandchild and another due in November

Political/Community Service Experience: commissioner, Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District, since 2008; member, Boca Raton Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, since 2007

Biggest challenge? “My opponents have both declared that they will improve relationships with the city of Boca Raton. Neither has been involved enough to fully understand this issue nor others facing the district. They have made only token appearances at our district meetings and are basing their election campaigns on issues that are not nearly as great as believed. I have eight years of experience in this position. During that time we have upgraded our current parks and had countless successful interactions with the city. I have the desire to continue, and pledge to work effectively on behalf of ALL people living in the Beach and Park District which includes people that live outside Boca Raton.”
Website: www.electdennisfrisch.com

Erin A. Wright
Age: 37
Occupation: co-owner, home inspection service, Rollins Home Inspection; co-owner, enviromental health and safety specialist, Florida Atlantic University
Education: Master’s in exercise science and health promotion, FAU
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Detrimental effect plastic has. The world has finally seen the durability and inexpensive cost for packaging. Ease and efficiency, it could become the new industry standard, many companies as possible, “it was what we always wanted to believe would happen, but did not have full faith that everyone would get on board,” said Chris Gove, Saltwater Brewery’s president and co-founder. “It was overwhelming and still is overwhelming and surreal.”

Working with creative agency We Believers, they developed a prototype that proved their concept would work and are now improving it. Final patents are in the works. Gove’s parents, who invested in the idea and owned an old barn, Delray Feed Store, that could be converted into a brewery, actively helped out.

In short order, the co-founders moved beyond brewing beer that could be consumed in the bar that fronts the brewery, at 1301 Atlantic Ave., just west of Interstate 95, or taken home in growlers. Their first move was to get their beer on tap at South Florida bars and restaurants. They then began canning two of their core brews, Screamin’ Reels IPA and Sea Cow Milk Stout, which are now available at several liquor stores, Whole Foods and The Fresh Market. Next up was getting their beer in more markets. They now have five distributors that have made their beer available everywhere in Florida except the Panhandle.

Production has skyrocketed. Gove said they will produce 5,500 barrels this year, and plan to increase that to about 12,000 barrels next year. They have outgrown their brewing space and plan to contract with a brewery to increase output. At some point, Gove expects to build a new brewing facility. International sales are also in his sights.

And they are not done with sustainable and environmentally friendly projects. Gove said they have begun considering making biodegradable straw, since straws also often end up in the oceans.

“Tons of trash reach ocean.”

Six-pack rings for beer and sodas have been made with plastic for years. But plastics are a huge problem. They end up in landfills, where it will not biodegrade at all. Vast amounts make their way into the oceans. A study published last year in Science reported that in 2010, 8 million tons of plastic trash ended up in the oceans from coastal countries, with that tonnage expected to increase tenfold in the next decade unless a way is found to improve how garbage is collected and managed.

The world has finally seen the detrimental effect plastic has had and now they are waking up and wanting to support the companies that want to reduce waste.”

The Saltwater Brewery team donates the beer byproduct to cattle ranchers to use as animal feed or fertilizer, but that has proved to be time-consuming and not the best ecological solution. “Instead of getting rid of the byproduct, it becomes an asset,” Gove said. He has tasted a prototype ring, and pronounces it as “very plain, with a bit of a grainy finish.” Hot sauce works wonders, he said.

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As the pressures of rapid growth have ended many a business, but Gove said and his co-founders are as tight as ever. “It is a family here,” he said. “Anyone anytime has a problem, we are all here. We drop everything. It has actually gotten us closer.”

ABOVE: Chris Gove, president and co-founder of Saltwater Brewery, hopes the new edible six-pack rings will reduce the amount of plastics in the ocean. Tim Stepien / The Coastal Star

LEFT: Fish eat one of the biodegradable six-pack rings in an illustration provided by Saltwater Brewery.
Federal judge rules plaintiffs fail to show damage from Chabad project

By Sallie James

The controversy surrounding a proposal to build an Orthodox synagogue and Israel museum east of the Intracoastal Waterway continues to swirl in a legal game of back-and-forth. The winner in the latest round: Chabad of East Boca. But it’s likely not over yet.

The saga took another twist in late July when a federal judge dismissed a lawsuit that claimed the city gave Chabad of East Boca special treatment when it approved plans for the ambitious project, at 770 E. Palmetto Park Road, in May 2015.

The lawsuit, filed by city activists Kathleen Barr MacDougall and Gerald Gagliardi, said in February 2016, accused the city of ignoring parking deficiencies and approving a building that exceeded allowed sizes and approving deviations and variances that did not meet legal criteria.

“This is just one step in what will probably be a lengthy process,” MacDougall said. In his ruling on a motion to dismiss, U.S. District Judge Kenneth A. Marra said MacDougall and Gagliardi had no standing to challenge the city’s decision because they failed to prove that they had suffered an injury as a result of the city’s actions. The duo specifically failed to demonstrate how the change in zoning laws harmed them and failed to prove how a building can be “insurmountable” without stating how it causes injury, according to the ruling.

“Plaintiffs failed to prove any injury at all, let alone one that is concrete and polarized,” Marra wrote in the July 21 decision. “Plaintiffs’ argument that they have established injury in fact lacks merit.”

Arthur Koski, attorney for MacDougall and Gagliardi, said he planned to file an amended complaint.

Rabbi Ruvi New acknowledged the possibility of facing an amended complaint in the federal lawsuit but said he is confident Chabad of East Boca will prevail.

“It’s not ending as quickly as we would have liked. We would have preferred to not be in any litigation. It will, God willing, come to an end and we will build,” New said.

In early June, a separate lawsuit went against the Chabad when a three-judge Palm Beach Circuit Court panel ruled that Chabad officials erred in giving official permission to build. The judges said the city should have dissolved the project outright or followed a city code requiring 239 parking places.

“The City may not pick and choose which sections of the City Code will apply to the Chabad project,” according to their June 6 decision.

David Roberts, the owner/broker of Royal Palm Properties across the street from the proposed synagogue, asked the court in the August 2015 lawsuit to review the City Council’s approval of the site plan, saying it “departed from the essential requirements of the law.”

Plans for the sprawling 18,000-square-foot synagogue and museum have been a sore spot with homeowners who live on the barrier island and complain the project provides too little parking and will snarl traffic. Residents are also upset that council members voted to allow the proposed synagogue’s height to exceed the 30-foot limit allowed by city code and rise to 40 feet, 8 inches, claiming the project’s increased height would set a precedent for future, taller developments that could spill into the ocean. The Chabad has been trying to find a larger place to meet for years, and Roberts’ lawsuit was the second time parking triggered the effort. In 2008 the congregation wanted to move into a 23,000-square-foot building near Mizner Park, but was not able to meet parking requirements there.

Proponents claim the open space on East Palm Beach Road is perfect for Chabad of East Boca’s state-of-the-art synagogue and world-class, indoor museum and will increase area property values. They disagree with claims of increased traffic, who use Chabad members walk to services per their religion.

Opponents insist that such a facility’s use will be too intense for the site and will drive extra traffic into an already congested area and will be spuriously affected by the ups and downs of the Palmetto Park Road drawbridge. They also claim the height will be intrusive.

A wheelchair proved to be the key to liberation, allowing her to better move around and take care of her daughter.

Now, explaining her mission as Ms. Wheelchair Florida, she said she helps other women who are afraid that using a wheelchair means they have limit themselves.

“Nothing matters, what I want women to know they have support,” she said. “I tell them, ‘Never give up on the life you have.’ There is beauty on earth. If you give up, you’ll never know what’s going to come up next.”

Taylor passed her message in some innovative ways. She has created a positive mantra based on the acronym for her condition.

“I don’t consider POTS to be something that can take away my life or my quality of life. Instead, I consider it a Perfect Reason To Stay — P-O-T-S.”

She tells people, “Don’t go into self pity. Every breath you take is a reason to make your life better. You need to get up every morning. What you have is freedom, not scary. They are a way to access the world.”

Taylor’s brief talk inspired everyone listening.

“She is doing wonderful things,” Mullagh said. “She needs to reach an audience out there, and she can do something about it. She’s a bright, articulate and intelligent person.”

Next for Taylor comes Ms. Wheelchair America, Aug. 8-14 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The parent organization was formed in 1972 to recognize the accomplishments of women who use wheelchairs for mobility.
Delray Beach

Beachfront improvement designs impress residents, get city’s OK

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach will soon have upgrades to its best asset: the beachfront.

The $3 million project will create a 12-foot-wide promenade on the west side of the dunes. Improvements will include new benches, waste/recycling containers, bike-sharing racks, water fountains combined with refillable water bottle stations and surfboard/paddleboard racks.

The main pavilion at Atlantic Avenue and A1A will be opened on the north end to make it more usable.

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The area from Casuarina Road north to the end of the public beach, about 1.3 miles, will be redone in this project. EDSA will be paid $425,350, plus $35,000 for expenses.

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Commissioners like the idea of walking under the sea grape canopy to get to the beach. But Morgan reminded them that the sea grapes were dominating the beach plantings, creating a "monoculture" and not allowing other plants to survive. "We want to see sea grape trimmed and dune management consultant should determine areas where the trimming needs to be done and consider the health of the dune first.

"I’m excited about the project,” Petrolia said. "But we will get pushback (from residents) when the sea grapes are trimmed.

In other business on July 5, the commission approved:

• Hiring the Wantman Group of West Palm Beach to do a structural engineering design, engineering and permitting needed to raise the seawall height by approximately 3 feet and replace the public docks on the east side of Veterans Park. Both have been damaged by many years of seasonal high tide events. The firm will be paid $57,830.84 for the work, which also will include overseeing the construction.

• Creating a pilot employee parking program at the South County Courthouse Parking Garage.

Business owners would pay $20 per employee monthly for their workers to park there, with the goal of getting their vehicles off Atlantic Avenue and side streets to allow customers or dinner to use the parking spots.

The program, which had a soft launch Aug. 1, will have a full launch in November and last for one year.

Weekdays, 200 spaces will be available between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. additional 150 spaces available from 6:00 p.m. to 3 a.m. Weekends and holidays when the courthouse is closed, 350 spaces will be available between 11 a.m. and 3 a.m. the next day. All vehicles must be removed before the next court business day.

The Delray Beach Police Department will enforce the rule.

The Downtown Development Authority is working on finding a partner to provide transportation to downtown for employees and back to the garage when their shifts end.

The garage also will be open for special-events parking at a cost of $5 per vehicle.

Along the Coast

Aug. 30 primary to feature federal, state and county candidates

By Steven J. Smith

A very big 2016 election year offers candidates at nearly every level, and the Aug. 30 primary ballot promises some hot races.

At the federal level, candidates will vie for seats in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

For U.S. senator, the Republicans will pit Marco Rubio against Carlos Beruff, Ernie Rivera and Dwight Mark Anthony Young, while Democratic candidates Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente, Brian Mast, Rebecca Kozell, Augustus Invictus and Paul Xuna will all vie for their party's slot.

In the U.S. congressional races, Republicans Carl J. Domino, Mark Freeman, Rick Kozell, Brian Mast, Rebecca Negrón and Noelle Nikpour, and Democrats Jonathan Chane, Randy Perkins and John "Juan" Xuna will be on the ballot.

At the state Senate level, District 29 will see Democrats Mindy Koch and Kevin Rader face off, Democrats Bobby Powell and Michael Steininger will compete for District 30 and District 39 will be decided among Democrats Jeff Clemens, Emmanuel G. Moore and Irving "Irv" Slossberg.

State House races are as follows for District 85, Republicans Rick Roth and Andrew Watt; District 86, Republicans Laurel S. Bennett and Stuart W. Mears; District 86, Democrats Tinu Pena and Matt Willhill; District 87, Democrats Darren James Ayoob, Virginia Savietto and David Silvers; District 88, Democrats Edwin Ferguson, Angie Gray and Al Jacquet; and District 91, Democrats Kelly Skidmore and Emily Slosberg.

Other state offices include Republican state committeeeman and Groups 1 and 4 in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

A constitutional amendment is also on the ballot, which would “authorize the Legislature, by general law, to exempt from taxation the value of solar or renewable energy source devices.”

In Palm Beach County, primary races will take place for county court judge, county commissioner, School Board members, sheriff, property appraiser and supervisor of elections, special taxing districts and committeemancommitteewoman officers in 12 precincts.

Early voting for the primary election runs Aug. 15-28. Early voting sites will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Voters must bring a current picture signature ID.

The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot is Aug. 24. All vote-by-mail ballots must be received at the Supervisor of Elections main office (at 240 S. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415) by 7 p.m. on Election Day.

For a list of the 15 early voting locations, contact Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office at 656-6200, or by email at mail@miso elections.org. Or provide to: www.pbcelections.org.
By Steve Plunkett

Lake Wyman’s restoration plans worry Golden Harbour residents

Lake Wyman is a beloved park in Boca Raton, offering scenic views and recreational activities to its visitors. The park is currently undergoing a major renovation that includes improvements to the park’s facilities and landscaping. However, concerns have been raised by residents about the project’s impact on the environment and the community.

Lake Wyman is known for its natural beauty and diverse wildlife. The park is home to several species of birds, fish, and other wildlife, making it a popular spot for birdwatching and nature enthusiasts. The renovation project includes the addition of a new boardwalk, improved trails, and landscaping to enhance the park’s aesthetic appeal.

However, some residents are concerned about the potential impact of the project on the park’s natural environment. They fear that the project may disrupt the park’s ecosystem and harm the park’s wildlife. One resident, who requested anonymity, said, “I’m worried about the project’s impact on the park’s wildlife. The natural beauty of the park is what makes it special, and any changes could have negative effects.”

The park’s renovation plans also include the addition of new amenities, such as restrooms and parking areas. Some residents are concerned about the increase in traffic and noise that could result from these improvements. One resident said, “The park is already busy, and I’m worried that the project will make it even more crowded.”

Golden Harbour, a community located near Lake Wyman, has expressed concerns about the project’s impact on the neighborhood. They fear that the project could increase noise and traffic, affecting the quality of life for residents.

Rebecca Allen, a resident of Golden Harbour, said, “I’m worried about the project’s impact on the neighborhood. The noise and traffic could be disruptive, and I’m concerned about the safety of my children.”

The project’s impact on the community is a concern for the Golden Harbour Homeowners Association. They believe that the project should be carefully planned to minimize its impact on the neighborhood. One association member said, “We need to make sure that the project is done in a way that is respectful of the neighborhood’s needs.”

The park’s renovation plans are part of a larger effort to improve the city’s parks and recreation areas. The project is expected to be completed in 2022, and the final plans are still under development. The city’s Parks and Recreation Department is working with residents and other stakeholders to ensure that the project meets the needs of the community.

Bruce Hurley (rear) and his son, Grayson, forge into the wooded area at Lake Wyman Park. Hurley and nursery owner Brent Robinson organized a cleanup to collect trash from the park’s cluttered path and lagoon. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

CLEANUP

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boardwalk. They also saw a remarkable number of hermit crabs and birds, to the delight of Hurley’s son. But when they reached the shoreline, they were in for a big surprise.

"The only downside of our day was the shameful amount of garbage," Hurley said. "We even found a shopping cart filled with garbage and junk."

This debris marred the natural beauty of the shoreline, and Hurley was both incensed and inspired.

He immediately decided to organize a Lake Wyman natural area cleanup — as his parting gift to the city and an exercise in environmental activism.

Little did he know how much effort it would take. Just a few people came forward after his call to action — perhaps because the July heat was already in the high 90s in the morning.

One dedicated soul was Brent Robinson, the owner of Robinson’s Nursery and Landscaping, who volunteered to get permits from four agencies so the cleanup could proceed.

Robinson contacted the state Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Inland Navigation District, the Boca Raton Recreation Services Department and the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Gumbo Limbo provided the insurance release forms and cleanup equipment.

"Gumbo Limbo was very supportive," said Robinson as he unloaded his truck. "They contributed garbage bags, grab-bags and gloves. And they will pick up the garbage at the end of the day."

Robinson showed up early for the cleanup, accompanied by his young daughter. He joined Hurley, Grayson and Mary Ellen, plus another volunteer, Mahesh Neelakanta.

Neelakanta had seen Hurley’s “call for action” on a Facebook page. He decided to participate because Lake Wyman Park’s wilderness is a place to go exploring with his young son, Tenzin.

"This is as close as you can come to a wooded area in Boca," he said. "You have to get that area cleaned up so that parents can take their kids in and go exploring."

This small but dedicated group set out southward to find the overgrown entrance to the path. They struggled through the brush, finally reaching the shoreline of Lake Wyman, where they started bagging refuse in earnest. They found garbage ranging from bottles and beer cans to plastic bags and Styrofoam pieces. As they picked up more and more debris, the bags kept getting heavier and heavier.

Mary Ellen Hurley and Neelakanta decided to turn around and walk out of the park with three large bags each. The rest of the group walked on. By the time they reached the central part of the shore and spied the end of the Rutherford Park boardwalk, they realized they had had enough.

"We decided to leave some bags behind and come back later. They had just gotten too heavy for us to haul back," said Bruce Hurley, as he emerged from the shore with his tired companions.

Robinson offered to bring a crew in from his company to haul out the remaining bags in the next day or two into the parking lot.

But Hurley wasn’t satisfied. "There is at least 30 bags’ worth of garbage still there to get, plus two shopping carts to haul out," he said. "More debris had accumulated than Hurley remembered from a month ago. Some of it, such as the Styrofoam, seemed likely to have floated in from boats on the Intracoastal. But other items looked like they had come from people passing through and just leaving garbage behind."

Not willing to give up, Hurley started calling upon friends and neighbors right away to join him for another possible excursion to finish the cleanup before his August departure. He was also determined to find someone with a boat to help haul away the bags and shopping carts.

"But that won’t be the end of it," Hurley said. "More garbage is bound to accumulate. The challenge will be to keep the place cleaned up. It is a great piece of wilderness. I’m hoping people will go and visit it, and then come out carrying garbage bags with any refuse they find." Hurley talks about his departure wistfully, even though he’s looking forward to settling in a new region after living in Boca Raton for 50 years. He recently wrote to friends online that, “My home is wherever my family is, but a big part of my heart will always belong to Boca.”

A cleanup crew discovered garbage strewn all over Lake Wyman Park’s little-used boardwalk.
Delray ‘basics’ budget would afford more public safety staff

By Jane Smith

The city’s public safety departments this year to hire 12 staff to assist with the growing drug-overdose problem, under a proposed tax rate increase to the Delray Beach City Commission.

Police and fire-rescue staff have reported this year to 293 heroin overdoses as of July 27, compared with 195 for all of last year, according to the Delray Beach Police Department. The overdoses are increasingly fatal, despite police and fire-rescue’s use of Narcan to counteract the high.

In all of 2015, 10 people died from heroin overdoses compared with 28 so far this year.

City Manager Don Cooper described the $10.04 million budget as having a few basics focus, in his executive summary of June. From the city’s goal-setting sessions of October and January, he had a list of priorities: police, fire, rescue, code enforcement and parks.

Repairing and replacing city assets is underway, with work started on Old School Square, a contract awarded to determine the cost of the work on public buildings and vaults at Downtown Park, and work started on the beach pier.

The proposed tax rate of $7.21 per $1,000 value is lower than the current year’s rate of $7.34, according to the city’s finance department. The tax rate will go into effect in the budget year that starts Oct. 1.

Most Delray Beach property owners won’t see a reduction in their property taxes because property values are increasing at a faster rate. The rates can be lowered but not raised during the city’s budget hearings in September, Cooper said.

July 8 commission meeting, Mayor Cary Glickstein asked whether the city could look for federal growth when the city’s financial officer: “Are we going to regret setting that number?”

No, he told Glickstein, chief financial officer.

Most of the city’s property value increased over the city’s Commission re-Development Agency district that covers more than 1,900 acres from the interstate to the beach. The CRA, which gets a percentage of the city tax dollars over a base rate set in 1995, and the three tax rates are fixed, aiming goals closely aligned.

As an example, the CRA will pay for two new officers dedicated to property values budget year to allow 24/7 coverage of that district. The CRA estimated this year that $3.5 million in salaries and benefits.

The city would pay for two additional police officers and two fire-rescue employees in next year’s budget.

The city also is relying on the CRA to pay for the public safety improvements at Old School Square, estimated to cost $1.1 million. The repairs should be finished by December.

Frankel pursues federal options

By Jane Smith

The feds may be coming to the rescue of South County coastal cities beleaguered by the proliferation of sober homes.

Their chief is U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel.

In mid-July, she met with one of the original authors of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the 1988 law that added disability status to the Fair Housing Act. Recovering drug users living as a family while maintaining their sobriety are considered a disabled class that is protected under federal law.

The law’s author suggested that Frankel reach out to individuals in the disability rights community to help make the case that “over-concentration of sober homes creates de facto segregation and violates the long-standing principles of integrating disabled individuals into the community,” according to Frankel’s July 15 letter.

Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie appreciates Frankel’s efforts. “She really is attacking this on all levels. It’s really a federal issue,” Haynie said. “We tried on the local level and failed. Statewide, the voluntary certification is a step in the right direction. But the ruble meets the road on the federal level.”

In addition, Frankel and 16 congressional colleagues sent a letter in early July to the U.S. Government Accountability Office asking for help in determining the number of sober homes nationally, statewide and locally.

The letter also asks the GAO to determine the regulations that cover sober homes, the range of services they provide, and how they train their kids to sober homes to recover from addiction don’t know if they are effective. Federal and some local governments do not know how to regulate and address community concerns.

Delray Beach Mayor Cary Glickstein marveled at the coast-to-coast support for the sober homes issue. “It illustrates the fact that we are getting national support from both sides of the aisle and reiterates (that sober homes are not a parochial problem),” he said. “If there ever was a bipartisan issue, (this) is one.”

The city’s public safety departments spend an increasing amount of time responding to overdose calls. In the first six months of 2016, Delray Beach saw 242 overdose calls from heroin alone. In 2015, it responded to 195 heroin overdose calls in 2015.


Warren’s office publicist said the office would let her letter speak for itself. A call to Rubin’s office was not returned.

The GAO said it has accepted the request, “but the work is not expected to get under way until late this year. Once it begins, the first steps will be to determine the exact scope of what we will cover and the methodology to be used.”

Boynton Beach Mayor Steven Grant said his city would not wait until the feds can act. The city will proceed with its local certification program to identify all home-based businesses and ensure the city is collecting the appropriate tax from the business.

Meanwhile, Haynie and Glickstein are waiting for the joint statement promised by Frankel after attending a sober homes forum in May. Before the forum, Frankel and an assistant HUD secretary toured sober homes location in Delray Beach. They saw luggage, clothing and furniture on front lawns, indicating evictions.

The voluntary certification program was shut down and said he would go back to Washington and secure a joint statement from HUD and Department of Justice lawyers that cities could use as a basis for local regulations.

In mid-July update, Frankel said, “The agencies have assured us that they are working hard to release the new joint statement in the near future, possibly as soon as August.”

With $275,000 in hand from the Florida Legislature, Palm Beach County State Attorney Dave Aronberg led the first meeting of the Sober Homes Task Force in mid-July at the West Palm Beach police station’s community room.

His chief assistant, Al Johnson, had spent the past three months brainstorming the group that includes elected officials, industry workers, advocates, prosecutors, fire-rescue workers and town attorneys.

At the second session, held two days later, nearly had concluded with South County coastal cities. At this meeting, Aronberg gave each task force member a business card with a toll-free hotline (844-324-5463) for the public to report questionable business practices of recovery industry providers.

The task force is finding ways to clean up the sober home industry by the end of the year. It will focus on four areas: regulation, clarifying laws, policies and marketing plans.

“This is not a parochial problem,” Johnson said. “This is not about shutting down sober homes or recovery residences. But it’s about protecting the vulnerable patients.”

He ratted off overdose data for Delray Beach. For all of 2015, the city had 195 heroin overdose calls compared with the first six months of this year, when the city recorded 242 overdoses from heroin.

Justin Chapman, a prosecutor with the Southwest Florida State Attorney’s Office, was hired to run the task force. He talked about stopping rogue treatment centers from giving kickbacks to sober homes to get patients on the centers’ treatment plan and run up insurance bills.

Ted Patchik, formerly with the state Division of Insurance, is another new hire. Both also will be involved with the law enforcement group of the task force.

Rogue providers will find the loopholes, said Suzanne Spencer, executive director of the Delray Beach Drug Task Force. The group has encouraged strong enforcement of the rules.

Former Delray Beach City Commissioner Adam Frankel said he was from the “rehab capital of the world where not a day goes by when you don’t see a recovery business.” The sale of the city was the single indicator that the person was just evicted from a sober home. He wants to see a non-nonsense approach to clean up the recovery industry.

Boca Raton City Councilman Scott Singer simply asked for help maintaining the quality of life in his city’s communities.

Most agreed that stronger regulations are needed, and that sobriety is a bipartisan issue, (this) is one.”

The voluntary certification provided by the Florida Association of Recovery Industry Providers has fallen behind, even though providers pay a fee to be certified. The certification just became mandatory July 1 for state licensed treatment centers that send their patients to sober homes.

Treatment centers can bypass the law by paying kickbacks to addiction services or patients can choose on their own to live in a noncertified place, said a DCF spokesman.

Some attendees, including Andrew Burki who heads the Life of Purpose Treatment at Florida Atlantic University, said third-party brokers play a role in the problem. He thinks the task force needs to define “brokering” so that the law is better enforced.

“We can’t prosecute our way out of a systematic problem,” Johnson said. “Once the lights go out, the roaches come back out.”

George Lahn, who runs Sober Living in Delray Beach, said brokering was a criminal enterprise. “People are doing it for the money, not the heart,” he said. A county prosecutor, Matt Willhite, suggested that standards need to be written for who can run sober home, and that the state needs to oversee sober homes.

Johnson said he’d like “to stop the commerce between recovery residences and marketing providers, the flip houses who give addicts fake addicts to get them back into rehab.”

The task force has a schedule that calls for two or three meetings in Old School Square, estimated to cost $1.1 million. The repairs should be finished by December.
T he popularity of tennis in the 70s and 80s was such that many of its stars were recognized by their first names: Chrisie, Martina and Billie Jean were among those whose surnames seemed an afterthought.

Not far behind was a Wendy — to be precise, Wendy Overton, who rose to as high as No. 4 in the U.S. and No. 10 in the world, and since has climbed high in the ranks of the south Palm Beach County real estate elite.

A top seller with Corcoran Realty of Delray Beach, Overton is not far from amassing 30 years while ranking up hundreds of sales — a good number of which involve properties east of the Intracoastal.

As far as in the game, Doris Hart, who used to be director of tennis at a club down around Lighthouse Point, helped me a lot. I knew her for years and we became good friends.

Q: What influence has your success in tennis had in your real estate career?
A: I’d say almost all of my clients knew what I accomplished in tennis. It was my wonderful connections and friends I still have to this day. Jeanne Evert Dubin has been my best friend going back 48 years, and I’ve sold 11 houses to the Evert family.

A few years back I got the listing for Greg Norman’s house in Jupiter, largely through Chris Evert at the time they were together. It was overpriced and didn’t sell.

Q: What book are you reading now?
A: Killing Lincoln, by Bill O’Reilly. I majored in history and public affairs in college and have always had a love for history. I think Lincoln was a great president, and his term came at a hard time.

Q: Who would you have play you in a movie?
A: Candice Bergen. She’s about my age and I always liked her in that sitcom Murphy Brown. She has a great sense of humor.
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time and money, the couple supported numerous charities, including the Red Cross, YMCA, Museum of Art and The Railway Station. They donated an estimated $4 million to local organizations.

While volunteering at a hospital as a young woman, I marveled at buildings that carried the names of people who gave money for people they didn’t know,” the countess said during a 2013 Coastal Star interview. “I wanted to do the same one day. I felt it was my obligation.”

And give she did. Over and over again.

The de Hoernles’ commitment to local philanthropy was unequalled, as they lent their name and resources to numerous charities in Boca Raton and the surrounding area.

After Adolph de Hoernle died in 1990, the countess pressed on with her philanthropic work. She was active in the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and Knights of Malta, and is holder of the Grand Cross, Dame Commander of Justice and Ambassador at Large. Four years ago, she became one of just three people in the world to receive the Order of St. John’s highest award, the Cross of Merit.

She gave her time, too, and served on more than 30 charitable boards. Her motto: Give while you live so you know where it goes.

Henrietta, Countess de Hoernle, was one of the most remarkable ladies I have had the pleasure of knowing,” said her friend Isabelle K. Paul, commander, Order of St. John of Jerusalem. “Right up to the end she was still thinking of her beloved order, whose mission is to take care of the sick and the poor. She was the most selfless person I have ever met, selfless perhaps more than the universe. She was truly a blessing not only to the order, but to thousands who she never knew or faces she never saw. But her legacy will go on.”

Another friend and philanthropist, Alyce Erickson, said she especially appreciated the countess’ support of the arts and the building of the Mincer Park Amphitheater, the construction of state-of-the-art theaters for dance, literature, drama, musical theater and music, and her financial support to exceptional young artists.

“Because of her philanthropy, lives have been changed, hungry people fed and clothed, countless buildings have been built, education promoted, plus making available the Lynn University bachelor’s and master’s online degree programs, construction of dormitories, student life centers, recreational centers, athletic facilities and parks for one and all,” Erickson said.

Mary Cae, executive director of the Boca Raton Historical Society, said she misses the countess already. Cae said that when the count and countess made a $500,000 donation to restore the 1930 train depot in 1985, it was the largest gift ever made in the state for historic preservation.

The countess told The Coastal Star for a 2012 story connected to her 100th birthday celebration that her husband wasn’t thrilled with the idea of supporting the train station.

“He said he could build a new one for less money, which he could, of course,” the countess said. “But it wasn’t about that. It was about preservation. So I did it and we gave it (The Count de Hoernle Pavilion) as a present for his birthday.”

From the Black Forest to Brooklyn

The countess was born Sept. 24, 1912, in the German Black Forest town of Karlsruhe. Her parents, George and Theresa, were musicians. She moved to the United States in 1931 to live with her grandparents in Brooklyn, N.Y.

She married the first of three German husbands, Karl Heinz Bisping, after meeting him at the Liederkranz Club, a Manhattan social club founded by German-Americans to promote social interaction and instrumental music. After Bisping died in an accident, the countess later married Jeff Gass, who died in 1949 from malaria he contracted while serving in the U.S. Army during World War II.

In 1950, the countess married businessman and engineer Adolph, the Count de Hoernle. They met at a Liederkranz masquerade ball.

The couple lived in Bronxville, N.Y., where the countess began volunteering at the Lawrence Hospital thrift shop.

Adolph de Hoernle made his fortune manufacturing stamped metal products. After he sold his company in 1965, the couple traveled the world. They began using titles before moving to Florida, and there was some controversy about how they acquired them. In 1992, a story in The Boca Raton News accused the de Hoernles of buying their titles in 1981 for $2,000,000. The countess, forcefully denied the claim and disowned the city’s charities to the tune of $2 million.

She had a change of heart after residents resolutely supported her, stuffing her mailbox with letters of gratitude. Fans wore orange buttons and carried posters that read “I love Countess de Hoernle.” She felt the love — and she returned her money to the Boca Raton charities.

She claimed the Knights of Malta, a European chivalric order to which the de Hoernles belonged, let them know that her husband, through his family, had a legitimate claim on the title and encouraged the duo to start using the titles, Count and Countess de Hoernle.

The countess continued to help others. It was her passion, after all.

“Pittsburgh had the Carnegies; New York, the Rockefeller’s; Seattle, Bill and Melinda Gates. Boca Raton was fortunate to have the de Hoernles,” said County Commissioner and former Boca Raton Mayor Steven Abrams.

“The countess changed the philanthropy scene here by donating to a lot of different causes, not just a few pet projects, and also always challenging others to contribute along with her,” he said. “She was also known for volunteering for the charities she supported.”

Henrietta, the Countess de Hoernle is survived by two daughters, Carol (Richard) Wagman and Diana (Alan) Burgess; grandchildren; great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 6 at St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Public viewing and paying of respects will begin at St. Gregory’s at 9:30 a.m., before the funeral service.

At her request, instead of flowers, family and friends are encouraged to make contributions to the Knights of Malta, a European chivalric order to which the de Hoernles belonged.

To read a Q&A with Countess de Hoernle on her 100th birthday, visit www.thecoastalstar.com

In 1985, the countess donated $500,000 to restore the train depot as a gift to her husband, Count Adolph de Hoernle. Photo provided by the Boca Raton Historical Society

The countess gave to and enjoyed the arts, here at Lynn University with friends Ruth McGoldrick (left) and Madelyn Savarick. Photo by Barbara McCormick

By Henry Fitzgerald

Boca Raton property owners will see a slight decrease in their tax rate after the City Council tentatively approved a rate of $3.6789 per $1,000 of taxable value, down just a tick from the current $3.6799 per $1,000.

But with that reduction comes a proposed $20 increase in the fire assessment fee for homeowners, from $85 to $105.

“As you know, costs increase each year for public safety services,” City Manager Leif Ahnell told council members July 26. “Fire services cost about $18 million a year, and with the fee the city will recoup nearly 50 percent of that cost, or about $8.9 million.”

The last increase was five years ago, he added.

If the proposed tax rate is approved, the owner of a $500,000 home would pay $1,839.45 in property taxes, down 50 cents from $1,839.95 under the current rate.

The proposed tax rate can’t go higher, but the council could lower it before final approval.

The first 2016-2017 budget hearing is set for 6 p.m. Sept. 12 at City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road.

City residents also pay the beach and park district about 91 cents per $1,000 in property taxes.
Business Spotlight

Couple takes personal approach in providing caregivers

By Christine Davis

A move from Manhattan to Gulf Stream two years ago marked the start of a new business venture for Lisa and Chris Ruth. They opened nonmedical homecare franchises, FirstLight Home Care of the Gulf Coast and FirstLight Home Care of the Palm Beaches.

This year, they opened a third location in Deerfield Beach to serve communities south of Palm Beach County, and they now employ 150 caregivers.

“The business answers a community need — providing home care for people, mainly seniors, who require assistance to stay at home,” Lisa said.

Good caregivers are crucial. “Both of us had grandparents with Alzheimer’s,” Chris says. “We’ve seen good and not so good caregivers, and we are always looking for great caregivers to provide exceptional care, and it’s satisfying to see the difference they make in our clients’ lives.”

Their business services the-gamut from offering a bit of respite to family caregivers by taking over driving or grocery shopping to advanced care for clients who have suffered strokes and need mobility assistance, for example.

“Our typical clients are the parents of kids with health issues,” Chris says.

When choosing employees, the Ruths carry out background checks and consider the vendors’ ability to ensure licensing, insurance and bonding. They provide special training when necessary.

Lisa and Chris Ruth have expanded their FirstLight Home Care franchise to include a location in Broward County. Photo provided

Delray Beach

Federal court tosses Atlantic Crossing suit

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach won’t have to pay more than $25 million in damages to the developers of the stalled Atlantic Crossing project after a federal judge dismissed the case and sent the remaining seven claims back to state court.

“I’m very pleased with the court’s ruling, which dismissed all federal claims against the city,” said Mayor Cary Glickstein. “As it stands, the remaining seven claims will be handled in state court.”

The coalition recommends that the litigation be dropped and the time be spent on making Atlantic Crossing work better.

The coalition consists of the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, the Delray Beach firm chosen to renovate arts warehouse, the Delray Beach firm chosen to renovate arts warehouse, the Delray Beach firm chosen to renovate arts warehouse, the Delray Beach firm chosen to renovate arts warehouse, and the Delray Beach firm chosen to renovate arts warehouse.

Artists, videographers and other creative types can look forward to next June’s opening of the Arts Warehouse, after Hatcher Construction & Development won the bid to convert the vacant building into an arts incubator.

The Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency paid $81,511 million in 2010 for the 15,000-square-foot warehouse in Pineapple Grove with plans to turn the space into a building where artists and businesses can work side by side.

Like the CRA, Hatcher Construction, Delray Beach firm chosen to renovate arts warehouse, and Delray Beach firm chosen to renovate arts warehouse, the Delray Beach firm chosen to renovate arts warehouse also said in a statement that the developers’ attorneys “attempted to overwhelm private citizens (including the coalition) for both public and private communications about the project.”

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Delray Beach firm chosen to renovate arts warehouse

By Christine Davis

The couple decided to get into the home care business after moving to Gulf Stream. They have two children, 7 and 10, and chose to live in the coastal town because of the schools, Chris says.

“We made that decision first and then answered, ‘What should Lisa and I do?’” Chris says.

A venture capital investor, Chris had started Haylard Capital, investing in media companies that responded to weakening customers’ business services, before owning and running Northern Gulf Partners, a business focused on redevelopment opportunities in Iraq. Lisa ran leadership development for Raytheon before the two married.

So, they have finance and human resources covered, and after catching up with an associate, Bernard Marky, now director of FirstLight Home Care, they settled upon their niche.

“What sets them apart is their hands-on attitude, according to Chris.”

“We focus on quality. We have an online portal, for instance, that allows our clients to review caretakers’ daily notes. For employees working hourly, they call an 800 number no,” Chris says.

“We have a very personalized custom approach. I’m often the one going out meeting with the clients to get a sense of what kind of caretaker would be the best fit. That’s a pretty distinctive feature.”

Costs depend on the level of care, from $75 a visit on up, and sometimes clients don’t realize that some financial help is available.

“Our typical clients are the parents of kids with health issues,” Chris says.

“The field of home care is huge and their needs are different, and they now employ 150 caregivers.”

“We love helping people like that.”

For more information, visit www.firstlighthomecare.com/home-healthcare-boca-raton-delray-beach or call 271-4644.
Summer boosts median home prices

According to Florida Realtors’ June report, Palm Beach County’s median home price in June was $330,000, compared with $284,500 in January, but the report noted, median home prices are historically high around June and low around January. Last year in June the median home price was $303,000. During the same time frame, the county’s non-foreclosure/non-short sale inventory has remained constant.

Causing fluctuations in the median home price numbers is the rising price of foreclosures/short sale inventory. In this segment of the market, the number of foreclosure and short-sale homes sold has decreased to almost half (45 percent for foreclosures and 48 percent for short sales), their median prices have risen, year-over-year. The median sales price for foreclosures has risen to $333,000, a 16.5 percent gain, and for short sales, it’s risen 23 percent and is now $270,000.

Real Trends released its list of 1,000 top-performing real estate agents as advertised in The Wall Street Journal, and a number of the agents named are connected to real estate transactions in The Coastal Star’s readership area.

In the category “individuals with highest total sales volume,” local realtors included:

No. 180 Pascal Lignori, Premier Estate Properties, Delray Beach ($119,190,000).

In the category “individuals based on highest average sales price,” Jilly Cammisa, an agent with Premier Estate Properties, Delray Beach, was ranked No. 28, with $11,909,550.

For teams in this category, Nicholas Malinosky and Randy Ely, agents with The Corcoran Group/NRT, Delray Beach, ranked No. 29, with $5,258,303.

The $35.1 million sale of TGM Oceana, a 160-unit complex at 2519 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, was recorded on July 5. And while the previous sale is recorded as $14.5 million in 2010, don’t jump to the conclusion that those numbers represent a 255 percent gain.

Here’s the back story: According to 2008 newspaper articles, Chicago-based Laramar negotiated with Ocean Bank of Miami and NRW Development to complete a foreclosure on the property, which was approved by the court six months later at $70.13 million. At that time, it was estimated that Laramar paid somewhere around $35 million.

The complex, originally built in the 1960s, was bought by NRW in 2006 with the intent to convert the units into condominiums. Plans went south within six months, and hence the foreclosure.

After the dust settled, Laramar intended to sink money into the property — at about $40,000 per unit — keeping it as luxury rentals, and Laramar did complete a number of upgrades. The complex’s new owner, TMG Associates, plans to further renovate.

Laramar Group was represented by Hampton Beebe, Avery Klaan, Jonathan Senn, Dick Donohue, and Marc dell’apiste of ARA, a Newmark company.

Situated on 4.7 acres, TGM Oceana has more than 100 feet of ocean frontage as well as a 10-slip marina on the Intracoastal Waterway. Only a handful of units are currently available. Prices start at $1,620 a month for a one-bedroom unit with 700 square feet. Three-bedroom units, with 1,500 square feet, start at $2,475.

Recorded June 27 by the Palm Beach County Clerk’s office was the $5.23 million sale of the 2005 custom six-bedroom, 7,225-square-foot home at 2510 N. Ocean Blvd., South Palm Beach. The owner is listed as EFN Family Limited Partnership, with the warranty deed signed by general partners Edward F. and Katherine R. Napleton. The buyer was M. Rahat Faderani. Agents Jim McCann and Camron Sydenham of the Corcoran Group represented both parties in the deal.

Caspian Delray, at 190 S. Federal Highway, Delray Beach, is a residential-use development with 146 rental apartments, developed by NCC Development Group in conjunction with Monogram Apartment Collection. Completion is slated for this fall.

Four retail bays, ranging in size from 795 to 930 square feet and with 14-foot ceilings, are available through Roxanne Register of Katz & Associates. For pricing, call Register at 869-4346.

HCA East Florida, a division of Hospital Corporation of America, recently embarked on a major capital investment initiative to invest $650 million in health care facilities in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and St. Lucie counties.

As part of this initiative, JFK Medical Center in Atlantis will receive $180 million to add a new three-story building, expand its emergency room, complete renovations of patient units, and expand and upgrade its parking facilities.

Teresa "Terry" Fedele, a member of Florida Atlantic University’s Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing advisory board since 2013, is now its chair. Formed in 2012, the advisory board leads the college’s advocacy and fundraising efforts, and recently assisted in the launch of its Lamplighter scholarship program, which provided half of the 2015-2016 freshmen with $500 scholarships.

For the fourth year in a row, Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. research firm noted that out of the county’s hospitals, Boca Raton Regional Hospital had the most primary-affiliated physicians. For a complete list of the hospital’s physicians who made the research firm’s “Top Doctors” list, visit castleconnolly.com.

In other news from the hospital, Melissa Durbin, its vice president and chief nursing officer, was elected to the board of two Florida nursing organizations. She
is president of the South Florida Organization of Nurse Executives and secretary of the Nursing Consortium of South Florida.

Dr. Jeffrey Newman, a thoracic and cardiac surgeon, is the new medical director of the Comprehensive Arrial Fibrillation Institute at Delray Medical Center. The institute offers those living with an irregular heart rate a multidisciplinary approach that includes interventional cardiology, electrophysiology and cardiac surgery.

Other news: Geeta Karat, a registered nurse of Delray Medical Center’s Surgical Orthopedics Unit, received the Daisy Award, after being nominated by a patient, also a nurse, who described Karat as “very special, showing empathy, compassion and understanding.” The Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses was created by the Daisy Foundation, founded in memory of J. Patrick Barnes by his parents after they remembered of his love and care of their son’s nurses.

On July 7, Boca Helping Hands, a charity with a food center that gives hot meals to its clients, named Whole Foods Market, 1400 Glades Road, Boca Raton, as a key partner for its donation of more than 500,000 pounds of food in the past five years. That adds up to 384,615 meals to local families.

In 1921, the institute has educated chamber and nonprofit leaders on how to build stronger organizations and become strong business advocates.

In August, the Boca Chamber offers its Festival Days, with 28 events that connect its 100-plus nonprofit members with its for-profit community, as a show of support for their contribution toward improving the quality of life in Boca Raton.

The Chamber and JM Lexus’ “Wine & All That Jazz,” the festival’s signature event, will feature a large variety of fine wines and food from some of Boca’s restaurants. Set for 7 to 10 p.m on Aug. 27, it will be held at the Boca Raton Resort and Club. A portion of the proceeds will support the efforts of the Chamber’s Golden Bell Education Foundation. To register for this event, and to see more about other events, visit the Chamber’s website: www.bocachamber.com/events.

On July 20, Keyes Co. and Illustrated Properties announced their merger. Combined, they form the largest independently owned real estate firm in Florida. Illustrated Properties dates to 1930s, when F.F. “Bud” Adams Sr. began selling land in Hobe Sound and on Jupiter Island. Bud Adams Jr. moved to Palm Beach and founded Illustrated Properties along with Rodney Dillard.

Keyes has remained independently owned and operated since its founding in 1926. In Palm Beach County, the companies have more than 1,100 sales associates and generate more than $6 billion annually in revenue from their real estate service lines. Both companies will operate under their existing brands and will maintain their management teams and employees.

On June 30, at the 2016 Golden Bell Fundraiser, 300 people gathered at the Pinot’s Grill in Boca Raton to raise money for Boca Raton’s public schools and local educational programs. That night, Golden Bell and Inner Circle Executive Club raised more than $5,500. In addition to the Pinot fundraiser, the Boca Chamber’s Golden Bell Education Foundation announced that nearly $60,000 was granted to Boca Raton public schools and scholarship programs for the 2016-17 academic year. Looking ahead, applications are open for the 2016-17 Young Entrepreneurs Academy. Contact Jenna Reed at 954-4433, ext. 232, for information.

In June, Caffe Luna Rosa, at 34 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach, donated $1,000 to Steve Weagle’s Rule for the Red Cross. Money raised for the rule is used to help educate local residents on preparing for the hurricane season.

For the fourth consecutive year, the city of Delray Beach’s Campaign for Grade Level Reading received $5,000 from Amtrust Bank to purchase books for the 2016 summer reading program. This donation will provide reading material for local students at Title I schools.

Mary G. Hart, executive director of the Women’s Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County, accepted the position of executive director at Lantana-based Dress for Success Palm Beaches. She succeeds founder and CEO Diane Wilde. Also, Colleen Fitzgerald was promoted to director of operations.

This month, two Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce presentations will be offered to the public. At 8 a.m. on Aug. 11, its Celebration Breakfast, featuring guest speakers Jeff Robin, founder of It’Sugar candy store, and Kiwana Alexander-Prophetne, Carver Middle School principal, will be held at the Delray Beach Golf Club on 2200 Highland Ave. Cost for nonmembers is $35. Also, its four-hour Civic Engagement Training Program, geared toward residents interested in serving on boards or running for office, will be presented on Thursdays starting Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. To apply, email advocacy@delreybeach.com.

Other news from the Chamber: Joel Beiler, a financial services professional with New York Life Insurance, was selected as its Ambassador of the Month in June. Ambassadors serve as the greeting arm of the chamber to promote new member participation and retention.

Want to get her (or him) to say “yes” and are you planning to use Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa on your big day? Meet with the resort’s engagement specialist, Courtney Poston, through its new Ring Master concierge services and come up with a totally engaging proposal experience.

Matchless settings for the big question run the gamut from heart-racing networking and skydiving encounters to laid-back luxurious fantasy yacht excursions. Then, following down the path to matrimonial bliss, the resort’s got the bride’s feet covered. Brides who spend more than $50,000 on their wedding package at the resort will receive a pair of wedding shoes of their choice, up to $800, from Neiman Marcus Palm Beach. Wedding experts Stacie Hallinan and Linsey Bruce “stand ready to assist the brides every step of the way,” said the resort’s public relations director, Nick Gold.

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Kikeys CEO Mike Pappas and Illustrated Properties Chairman Francis Fiske ‘Bud’ Adams Jr. have merged their companies to form the largest independently owned real estate firm in the state. Photo provided

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Survivor inspires

Saved by an experimental treatment, Boca Raton woman works for a cure for multiple myeloma

By Lona O’Connor

She is a striking woman who turns heads when she walks into a Boca Raton Starbucks. But there is something else that makes Lori Alf stand out, and it cannot be seen.

“Lori is a force of nature,” said Dr. Carl June. Like others who know her, June is referring to her energy and tenacity. But it may also turn out that she is a force for the cure of multiple myeloma, one of the most devastating cancers.

Alf, 50, of coastal Boca Raton, was the first person to volunteer for a medical trial at the University of Pennsylvania in 2014, using an experimental treatment to fight the blood cancer called multiple myeloma.

Lori Alf was the first volunteer for a clinical trial using immunotherapy to fight a blood cancer called multiple myeloma. Tim Stepien/ The Coastal Star

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Finding Faith

Mother Teresa canonization trip seats available

It’s the trip of a lifetime, Vatican City. The Sistine Chapel. The Vatican Museums. St. Peter’s Basilica. Michelangelo’s heart-swelling Pietà. But what puts this trip over the top and makes it a one-time-only experience is the chance to attend the canonization ceremony for Mother Teresa, which takes place Sept. 4.

Pope Francis put the nun called “the saint of the gutter” on the fast track to sainthood. Called “the saint of the gutter” for many years, Mother Teresa, who was born in Skopje, Montenegro, and lived a holy life and is to be honored, has been authenticated, one for beatification (recognition of a person’s entrance into heaven) and the second for sainthood, which means the person has lived a holy life and is to be honored.

For Annie Davis of Palm Beach Travel, who is organizing the trip, Mother Teresa is one of her heroes. When she heard that Sky Tours was offering the trip seats available, she knew it would be a trip of a lifetime.

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Music at St. Paul’s

Music at St. Paul’s, Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, is taking 20 people to the Holy Land in April. The all-inclusive cost of the trip is just under $2,500 for double occupancy; for a single-person room add about $600. A stop in Portugal to see Our Lady of Fatima, which is celebrating 100 years since the apparition appeared, is also planned. A complete itinerary is available online.

For more information, call 772-6338 or visit www.firstdelray.com.

St. Gregory’s 2016-17 tickets go on sale in September for St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church’s 2016-17 Concert Series. Shows include: Phantom of the Opera (Oct. 22); A Seraphic Fire Christmas: On a Winter’s Night (Dec. 18); An Evening with Tim Brumfield and Friends (Jan. 14); Wycliffe Gordon (Feb. 12); The Florida Singing Sons and The Girl Choir of South Florida (March 5). St. Gregory’s is at 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Call 561-395-8339 or visit www.stgregoryepiscopal.org.

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What started with a handful of people is now a thriving fellowship led by the Rev. Nancy Norman, who teaches a chapter from whatever book they’re reading — they’re currently discussing Think and Grow Rich — then leads a discussion. There’s time for conversation, encouraging words and warm greetings.

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new technique developed by June’s research team. Within weeks, she was free of cancerous myeloma cells, which were crowding out her healthy blood cells and well on their way to killing her. Scientists are now studying her tissue samples, because finding the reason for her remarkable recovery may lead to a cure for others.

Alf was 43 in 2009 when she got her diagnosis. She had three young children, a husband and a busy life. She was running Palm Beach Ice Works in West Palm Beach, a facility for competitive and recreational skaters. Her daughter, Caterina, 18, is a competitive skater and her son Christer, 16, is a hockey player. Multiple myeloma starts in the bone marrow, where lethal “mother cells” send “daughter cells” into the blood. As the disease progresses, healthy blood cells dwindle almost to nothing.

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- Yoga at the Beach at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Boca Raton. Every F 7 am. $18/class. 396-7901; myfairhills.com
- Yoga for Mental Health at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22451 Boca Rl Rd, Boca Raton. Every M 6:15-7:15 pm. $8/session. 483-2510; myboca.us

AUGUST 21-27 
Monday - 8/22 - How to Mindfully Create Your Best Life with Bark Schmidt at Bethesda Regional Hospital Education Center Classroom B, 800 Meadows Rd. Materials: 6-7:30 pm. $35. Register: 955-7227; WIPprograms@bher.com

Tuesday - 8/23 - Exercise Activity with Women's Health Center at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22451 Boca Rl Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4 pm. $15-30/class. bark@bethschmidt.com

Wednesday - 8/24 - Baby Boot Camp for Newads at Bethesda Regional Hospital Education Center Classroom B, 800 Meadows Rd. One-day program prepares couples for the birth of their first child by discussing birthing options, practicing birthing drills. 9-4 pm. $525. Takes registration. 955-4466; brrh.com

Thursday - 8/25 - Save to 50% at My Salon Social at two Delray Beach Marriott, Palm Beach. 800 South Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. 10-11 am. Free. Register: 772-344-9000; plicelinks@lhc.com

AUGUST 30-28 
Saturday - 8/31 - Yoga at the Beach (Intracoastal side) at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Boca Raton. Every F 7 am. $18/class. 396-7901; myfairhills.com

Health & Harmony Calendar

AUGUST 6 
Saturday - 8/6 - Saturdays at Sandbar: Yoga at Lake Worth Beach. Every M 10-11 am. $5/session. 735-7778; lakeworthplayhouse.org

Sunday - 8/7 - Yoga on the Beach at Red Reef Park West (Intracoastal side), 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. How laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery, presented by Dr. Peter Waddell, will be performed, types of medical interventions, postpartum and infant discharge overview, teaching. Held again 8/17 & 27 (9-11 am). 6-8 pm. $45/resident; $56/non-resident. Reservations: 966-7000; publicrelations@bhinc.org

Monday - 8/8 - Chi Kung & Meditation at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22451 Boca Rl Rd, Boca Raton. Every F 7 am. $18/class. 396-7901; myfairhills.com
- Yoga at the Beach at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Boca Raton. Every F 7 am. $18/class. 396-7901; myfairhills.com

Wednesday - 8/10 - A Gentle Yoga Workshop for Healing and Balance with MaryAnn Fred at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Lynn Women’s Institute, 1000 Intracoastal Dr. The practice of yoga is a very personal yoga art form as an artistic expression required. Bring yoga mat, wear comfortable clothes suitable for yoga. Held again 8/17 & 27. 9 am-noon. $55. Register: 955-7227; WIPrograms@brrh.com

Thursday - 9/1 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium at Bethesda Memorial Hospital Education Center Classroom C, 800 Meadows Rd. Friday - 9/2 - Divorced and Separated Support Group at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22451 Boca Rl Rd, Boca Raton. Free. 7:30-9:30 pm. $40/couple. Register: 955-7227; WIPrograms@brrh.com

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At 92, William Finley certainly doesn’t need the work or the frustrations. He distinguished himself first as a B-17 pilot in World II and then as one of the country’s leading urban planners. But ask Finley why he has challenged the nation’s top 80 billionaires with his new book, A Bold Proposal for American Cities, and you get a cold stare from the normally affable Boynton Beach resident.

“After the service I went back to being Catholic,” Finley said. “The priests were good people but they didn’t have the answers. So I figured I’m on the Earth for X number of years and I owed something to the larger society if I can do it.

“It’s purely personal drive. I don’t want to just sit around. I’ve given this (project) 10 years and I’m two years into it.”

Bold Proposal is the follow-up book to Finley’s 2008 book, Curing Urbanitis: The Metropolitan Disease, in which he mapped out ways America’s cities can be rejuvenated. In Bold Proposal Finley and co-author Robert Tennenbaum seek to tap into the billions of dollars in funds America’s billionaires have pledged for philanthropic purposes. The authors propose a joint action program that combines assistance to older cities and a building of a “new city” at the 500,000 population level.

The latter is not without precedent, as Finley spent a decade as senior project director for the Rouse Company, which developed the “new city” of Columbia, Md., nearly 50 years ago.

“I want to find the mechanism and the money to start the process in several cities so there is confidence and places like Topeka and Toledo that there is hope and we’re not going to be worse off in 10 or 20 years,” Finley said.

Finley, who founded the nonprofit Partnership for Community Building to operate the project, sent copies of Bold Proposal to the people Forbes magazine identified as America’s top 80 billionaires — those with fortunes of at least $4 billion.

The only response he has received so far is from, well, a galaxy far, far away.

“George Lucas wrote me a note that said, ‘Thanks, but I’m not in your world.’”

But that hasn’t deterred Finley.

“There is plenty of land” to build new cities, he said. “But it’s impossible to finance because there is no ‘patient’ money in America. Wall Street wants a payoff in 90 days and HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) doesn’t do anything. But there is a source of funds if people will pay attention to it.

“What I’m doing is challenging the billionaires — who have more money than they know what to do with and have already agreed to give it away — to build new cities and set an example to the world with modern technology.”

A bold proposal, indeed.
The Ana Cecilia begins taking on water off Singer Island on July 13, when it was intentionally sunk to become the county's 151st artificial reef. Watch videos of the Ana Cecilia's sinking at www.thecoastalstar.com. Willie Howard/The Coastal Star

**Pair of cargo ships sunk, expanding local dive and fishing sites**

A 170-foot cargo ship that delivered humanitarian goods to Cuba in 2012 and was later used to smuggle cocaine became Palm Beach County's newest artificial reef on July 13. A tugboat's horn blasted and cheers rang out from a gathering of boaters and county officials as the M/V Ana Cecilia slipped below the surface in calm seas off Singer Island to become the county's 151st artificial reef.

The Ana Cecilia is resting in 85 feet of water at the southern end of a line of 11 artificial reefs, about three-quarters of a mile long, that includes other ships, limestone boulders and debris from bridge demolitions. That means scuba divers should be able to begin at the Ana Cecilia and drift north in the current over several other artificial reefs during a single dive.

The newly scuttled ship is resting just south of another ship, the 185-foot Mizpah. Coordinates for the Ana Cecilia are 26°47.118 N and 80°00.96 W. The ship is expected to attract goliath groupers later this summer, and parts of the vessel are expected to become sleeping quarters for endangered hawksbill sea turtles, said Julie Bishop, a biologist with the county's Department of Environmental Resources Management.

The Ana Cecilia will soon become a diver's dream, bustling with underwater activity as she is colonized by algae, sponges and corals to support a diverse community of colorful marine life,” Bishop said.

The ship faces south, into the prevailing current. The top of the ship rises 35 feet above the surface and the upper parts of the ship are expected to become sleeping quarters for endangered hawksbill sea turtles, said Julie Bishop, a biologist with the county’s Department of Environmental Resources Management.

Lady Luck scuttled off Pompano Beach pier

A 324-foot retired New York sludge ship was scuttled July 23 off the Pompano Beach fishing pier to create what promoters are calling the world’s first underwater art gallery.

Formerly known as the Newtown Creek, the new artificial reef joins 16 other wrecks in an area off Pompano Beach known as Shipwreck Park.

Marine artist Dennis MacDonald created a faux casino on the Lady Luck’s deck, including giant dice, poker tables, a mermaid serving drinks and “card sharks.”

The bottom of the ship sits about 40 feet below the surface. For details, go to the website shipwreckpompnovo.org.

Larger size, smaller limit for mutton snapper proposed

State regulators have recommended an increase in the size limit for mutton snapper, a popular South Florida reef fish.

A draft rule approved in June by the state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission would increase the minimum size for mutton snapper by 2 inches, to 18 inches.

The proposed daily bag limit is three mutton snapper per person (as part of the 10-fish aggregate snapper bag limit). Currently, recreational anglers can take 10 mutton snapper a day.

The mutton snapper rule changes would not take effect until after the FWC’s final public hearing and vote, scheduled for early September.

Prizes awarded in Lake Worth Lagoon tournament

Participating in the first Lake Worth Lagoon Fishing Challenge were 84 fish of 17 species during the monthlong tournament, held until after the FWC’s final public hearing and vote, scheduled for early September.

Fishermen won a $110,000 to clean, tow and sink the 1972 ship after it was donated it to Palm Beach County:

- **Lady Luck** scuttled July 23 off the Pompano Beach fishing pier to create what promoters are calling the world’s first underwater art gallery. The ship is now an artificial reef.
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- **Lady Luck** scuttled off Pompano Beach pier.
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**Coming events**

Aug. 6: Regular spiny lobster season opens and remains open through March 31. Daily bag limit: six lobsters per person. Head section must measure at least 3 inches. Lobster must be measured in the water and landed whole. No egg-bearing lobster may be taken. Saltwater fishing license with lobster permit required (unless exempt). Details: www.myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/ recreational/lobster.

Aug. 13: REEF Palm Beach County Lionfish Derby based at the Loggerhead Marinelife Center in Juno Beach. Late registration and mandatory captain’s meeting Aug. 12 at the Loggerhead Marinelife Center. Teams hunt lionfish all day Aug. 13, then bring them to the Marinelife Center at noon Aug. 13, then bring them to the Marinelife Center at noon. A $1,000 first prize and $500 second prize will be awarded. For details, call (305) 852-0030 or go to www.reef.org/lionfish/derbies.

**Catch reports**

Catch reports are expected to help Palm Beach County environmental regulators track the whereabouts of fish and the condition of fish habitat in the lagoon, which stretches 20 miles from North Palm Beach to Ocean Ridge.

**See WATER on page H10**
Note: Events are current as of 7/29. Please check with organizers for any changes.

**OCTOBER CALENDAR**

**August 16**
Saturday 8-10: Coastal Star 10 Outdoors
at Due South Brewing, 2900 SE 20th St, 6-8 pm. Free. 963-7050; blog.due-south.com

**Wednesday 8-10**
Mark Gerretson, **Tip of the month**

**August 17-31**

**August 26**
Saturday 8-10**
Beach Treasures
at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Limpets and topshells are a few of the shells that can be found on Florida’s beaches. Learn about seashells and the animals that make them. Call 331-2429.

**August 27**
Coast Guard Auxiliary offers basic boating safety classes, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at classroom next to the boat ramps, Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park, 2010 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. It’s free. Class fees covered by a grant from the Ferry J. Cohen Foundation. Registration at the door. Call 331-2429.

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**September 1-4**
Sandlakes Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6991 Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Middle School aged children (grades 6-8). Call 963-7050; seaangels.org

**September 1-30**
Loaner life jackets are available at each Vero Beach Police Department Station. Call 772-257-3100.

**September 8-10**
Birds & Breakfast at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 12000 Hagen Ranch Rd., Boca Raton. Join a Docent-guided tour of the beach, identify shorebirds and discuss the changing seasons. Call 703-5638.

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**September 15**
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**Loans for life jackets**

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**September 18-20**
Daylily Days to benefit youth causes in south Palm Beach County.

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You may hesitate about the legal ramifications before you smash the vehicle's window to unlock the door, retrieve the dog and deliver pet first aid. Fortunately, you now have the law on your side. Florida legislators enacted a law this spring that allows you to break into locked vehicles to rescue animals or people who are in imminent danger of suffering harm. It is designed to protect good Samaritans and to save the lives of the most vulnerable — children and pets.

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**Paws Up for Pets**

Heat, cars and pets a dangerous combination

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“Do only what is necessary to reach the trapped pet or child by breaking a window and not damaging the entire vehicle. Stay with the pet or the child until first responders arrive on the scene. Far too many times, Burnell has had to respond to calls of pets locked inside cars on hot days. Some have survived; some have not. I don’t buy that excuse that the person left their pet inside a hot car for ‘just a minute’ to go inside a store,” says Burnell. “They may run into a friend and the five minutes becomes 15 minutes, or they run into a big line at checkout. Even if a person leaves windows partially open and parks the car in the shade, there is still a greenhouse effect. It is almost like the dog is inside a prison of heat with no way out.”

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Dog trainer Bob Burnell is an advocate for responsible care of pets, including not locking them in vehicles. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

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The next edition of The Coastal Star will be delivered the weekend of Sept. 2.
Tots & Teens

Find keep-cool activities for the hot summer months

By Janine Fontaine

It’s hot out there. Weather experts recommend you (and your kids) stay in during the hottest part of the day. We offer ideas for things to do with the A/C running.

By the way, these suggestions work on rainy days, too!

Go to a museum

The Boca Raton Children’s Museum helps children become critical thinkers and stresses the importance of learning science, technology, engineering and math through exposure to history, sciences, humanities and the arts.

Ages 3-5, 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org/cobra

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entry 9/23. $5/film. Entry forms online: 347-
Tr, Boca Raton. Young filmmakers invited to

See a movie

Theaters have always been a cool, dark place to escape the elements (and your life) and grab some snacks before you eat yourself into a food coma while you’re bombarded with incredible sensory input. At the renovated Old Pic Theater, 301 Plaza Real in Boca Raton, you’ll get lounge chair seating with a 1950s table in front of your food, which can be delivered right to your seat. Call 299-3000 or visit www.ipic.com.

Be a filmmaker

Sugar Sand Park is looking for kids ages 6-17 who love to make movies to enter the fifth annual Kids’ Scary Film Festival. Filmmakers need to submit their films on DVD with an entry form and $5 fee by Sept. 23.

The grand prize is a GoPro camera, plus having your film screened during Shriek Weekends 2016, Oct. 21-22 and 27-29. This year’s theme is “Florida’s Terrifying Territorial Traps.” Awards and prizes will be presented at a November ceremony at Sugar Sand Park Community Center.

For more information, visit www.SugarSandPark.org/shriek-week-film-festival.

Arcades and bowling alleys

Stikes at 21046 Commercial St rikes, Boca Raton, opens at 9 a.m. and offers free bowling for kids who sign up. It also has an arcade and pool tables. Call 368-2177 or visit www.stikesarcades.com.

Boomers, 3100 Airport Road, Boca Raton, is the epitome of play lands for kids of all ages. You can easily waste an afternoon indoors at the game stop. Call 347-1888 or visit www.boomersparks.com.

Indoor playgrounds

Children 6 months to 6 years are welcome to come for air-conditioned fun at the Boca Play Station, 2240 NW 19th St., Boca Raton.

Monkey Joe’s at 1141 W. Palmetto Park Road is an indoor inflatable play center for ages 6 and younger with a large toddler and kid area. Walk-ins are welcome. Kids must wear socks.

Call 488-2272 or visit www.monkeyjoes.com.

Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are correct as of 7/29. Please check with organization for last minute changes.

AUGUST 6


The Publix Apron Cooking School offers Creative Kids Cooking Classes for ages 8-12 and Creative Cooking for Teens for ages 13-18 at the Publix at Polo Club Shops, 3050 Champion Blvd., Boca Raton. Call 994-4883 or visit www.publix.com/aprons/school.

Visit a nature center

Much of the charm and appeal of the 20-acre Gumbo Limbo Environmental Complex is outside, but the center has indoor exhibits as well, including the Sea Turtle Garden and a gopher tortoise exhibit.

Outdoor aquariums are a perfect place to stop at 2:30 p.m. every day. There’s also a gift shop run by the Friends of Gumbo Limbo perfect for browsing. Gumbo Limbo is at 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Call 544-8865 or visit www.gumbolimbo.org.

The Sandoway House Nature Center’s sole purpose is educating people about the marine environment, its plants and animals, challenges and treasures.
If you’ve never seen The Albert and Anne Becker Shells Collection, it contains nearly 10,000 museum-quality shells, only 3,000 of which are on display. The shells were donated to the Sandoway House by the Beckers’ niece when they died.

The second-floor library has books on nature for readers of all levels, plus a place to draw or use the computer. The museum is at 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Call 274-7263 or visit www.sandoway.org.

The giant game room at Boomers in Boca Raton contains activities for children young and old, from mazes to video games to dance jams to redemption games. Photo provided

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The Boca Raton Boys & Girls Club hosted the Tower Hill Youth Soccer Tournament, a new youth program in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Florida and Tower Hill Insurance. Tower Hill committed to conducting tournaments and soccer clinics featuring pro athletes at no cost to the players, and will also donate space to the Boca Boys & Girls Club won the under-13 and under-10 divisions. The top teams will go to Gainesville to participate in the Tower Hill Cup Soccer Championship. RIGHT—Under-10 team members (r-l) Colin Dobbins, Josiah Grajales, Gabriel Hernandez and Adrian Moreira show off their trophy.

**ABOVE:** The under-10 team in action. Photos provided

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- **Teen Advisory Board Meeting** at Delray Beach Public Library, 11917 SW 6th Ave, Boca Raton. Ages 13-18. 3:45-4:30 pm. Free. Register: 231-3880; pbclibrary.org
- **Sensational Story Time** at Main Library, 3650 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 10 am. Free. Register: 688-4763; wpb.org
- **A Day at the Museum** at Schoolhouse Children’s Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Children’s books come to life through interactive performance, singing, movement, props. Ages 2-5. Every 10/10 & 2 W pm. Free. Schoolhouse at no cost to the players, and will also donate space to the Boca Boys & Girls Club won the under-13 and under-10 divisions. The top teams will go to Gainesville to participate in the Tower Hill Cup Soccer Championship. RIGHT—Under-10 team members (r-l) Colin Dobbins, Josiah Grajales, Gabriel Hernandez and Adrian Moreira show off their trophy.

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August 14-20
Monday - 8/15 - First Day of School: Palm Beach County Schools
8/15 - Playhouse at Lantana Road Branch Library, 4200 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth
Ages 5-11. 10:30 am. Free. Registration: 586-7954; bocalibrary.org
Tuesday - 8/16 - Nature & More: Bay at the Beach at Deerfield Nature Center, 14355 Park Rd, Boca Raton.
Experience existing nature topics through stories, puppets, games, nature walks, crafts. Ages 2.5+ (guardian). 10:30 am. $5 (members), $7 (non-members). Registrations:
629-8976; pbc.gov/parks/nature
Wednesday - 8/17 - BeTEEN the Lines: A Reader’s Club
8/17 - DFMP Art Project at Deerfield Beach Library, 4000 N Military Tr, Deerfield Beach.
Mural artists will work with participants to produce a mural at the library. No pre-registration needed. Free. Registration: 586-7954; bocalibrary.org
Thursday - 8/18 - Tenon Book Discussion at Boca Raton Community Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd.
Bring the book, bring the lawn chair. Free. Registration: 586-7954; bocalibrary.org
Sunday - 8/21 - Yoga Time in Park at Deerfield Beach Library, 4000 N Military Tr, Deerfield Beach. Free. Registration: 586-7954; bocalibrary.org

Every Month

AUGUST 21-27
Monday - 8/22 - Baby Bookworm at Boca Raton Public Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Storytime for infants accompanied by an adult. Ages 0-12 months. 11:45 am-noon. Free. Registration: 586-7954; bocalibrary.org
Thursday - 8/25 - RPCM Art Project at Deerfield Beach Library, 4000 N Military Tr, Deerfield Beach.
Mural artists will work with participants to produce a mural at the library. No pre-registration needed. Free. Registration: 586-7954; bocalibrary.org
Friday - 8/26 - Chess Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Monday - 8/29. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 586-7954; bocalibrary.org

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This spectacular Mediterranean-style manse is a rarity, one of only 15 in this special subdivision, on the grounds of the prestigious Boca Raton Resort and Club. The home has more than 6,000 square feet under air.

Four luxury en suite bedrooms include a dazzling master suite with his-and-hers baths and a private guest suite perfectly suited for privacy. In addition are a four-car garage and heated pool and spa. Breathtaking golf course and lake views are available throughout the house through floor-to-ceiling windows.

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Living Legend in Delray - 1937 one-of-a-kind cottage in the beach area! Lovingly restored over the years. 5 bedroom, 5.5 bath + den/study. Spacious rooms, exquisite details, lush tropical gardens and pool. One block to beach and Atlantic Avenue. $2,195,000

Ideal Location & Ideal Property - In the heart of Delray’s beach area, near Atlantic Avenue and the Ocean. Tropical indoor and outdoor living. Private pool. Spacious rooms with 10' ceilings. Impact glass. 2-car garage. $1,695,000

Seagate Manor in Delray - Spectacular views and stunning, elegant appointments and finishes in this complete renovation, including impact resistant windows, solid core doors and crown moldings. Intracoastal views surround you from this unit. $895,000

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Gulf Stream with Private Tennis Court - One-of-a-kind property seamlessly integrating indoor and outdoor living spaces. Entertaining friends & family is a breeze in this well designed, beautifully remodelled 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath main house. Newer roof, large summer kitchen, impact glass and generator. Serene private backyard with nearly 1 acre of lush landscaping and entertaining areas complete with a heated pool and a personal tennis court. Enhancing this unique oasis is the charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath guest house. $1,290,000

SOLD

The Villas of Ocean Ridge - Stunning direct Ocean and pool views from this spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath remodeled condo. Generous living area opens up to a large balcony. Garage parking within the building. Bring your small pet. $845,000

Gulf Stream Charmer – This charming property will captivate you. Arched courtyard openings and new clay tile roof. Fully renovated, with a 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath main house and a wonderful 1 bedroom, 1 bath detached guest cottage. $695,000

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SUMMER DINING DEALS

With winter residents away and crowds thinned, reservations are a piece of cake at some of our favorite restaurants. To sweeten the eating-out allure, promotional rates are offered, too.

By Janis Fontaine

Summer is the perfect time to go out to eat, to try new restaurants, to savor new flavors. Many restaurants offer summer savings ranging from half-price wine and three-course prix fixe meals to lobster dinners, pizza specials and, in one case, 20 percent off the entire menu.

Our guide, AT6

Breeze Ocean Kitchen at Eau Palm Beach. Capehart Photo

Workers from Office Depot enjoy lunch at Deck 84, Delray Beach, which offers $10 lunch deals. Tim Stepies/The Coastal Star
Celebrations

Luncheon meeting
City Fish Market, Boca Raton – May 11

WPTV-TV news anchor Michael Williams was the featured speaker at the Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club’s May program, which addressed the state of politics in America. The club meets monthly, disseminating information ‘straight from the tiger’s mouth.’ ABOVE: (l-r) Lawrence Greenberg, David Schwartz, Eric Kaplan and Timothy Louzy. Photo provided

Installation luncheon
Delray Sands Resort, Highland Beach – June 7
The Boca Raton Garden Club installed Patty Mourn (left) and Emilie Palmieri as co-presidents for a two-year term. Donna Benger, the District 10 director of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, conducted the ceremony, which included the installation of seven new officers. Outgoing President Grace Johnson thanked club members for their hard work and commitment. The mission of the club, established in 1953, is to improve and beautify Boca Raton’s parks and landscape as well as share members’ knowledge of and passion for gardening.

Grant awards
Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, West Palm Beach – July 19

Evaluating and equipping citizens with opportunities to help themselves is one of the organization’s guiding principles, and its board did just that when it approved $1.2 million in community-impact awards to 23 area nonprofits. ABOVE: (l-r) Recipients Patricia Salamon, Sharon Blake, Gina Burks, Deidra Kinneman, Matthew Constantine, Maria Bond, Glenn Mueller, Val Santiago Stanley, Ray Morse, Terri May, Megan Keenan Clemmons, Donna Blase, Keri DeBowes, Debbie Ellman, Anne Henderson, Lauren Butcher and Pamela Minelli. Photo provided by Tracey Benson Photography

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Donation ceremony
Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce – June 7

The Woman’s Club of Delray Beach once again distributed more than $10,000 to city-based organizations that serve women and children, high-school and college students and organizations supporting the arts. During a ceremony, club members distributed each monetary donation to the recipient. The 100-year-old nonprofit’s mission is to improve the community by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. ABOVE: (l-r) Rob Steele, Old School Square; Shellie Labell, Delray Beach Historical Society; Juanita Bryant Goode, CROS Ministries; Emma-Jane Ramsey, Achievement Centers for Children & Families; Trish Jacobson and Joann Haros, Woman’s Club; Ana Neira and Nicole Rodriguez, Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County; Glenn Mueller, Milagro Center; and Alan Kornblau, Delray Beach Public Library. Photo provided.

Sip, Shop & Savor
Mizner Park, Boca Raton – July 21

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Dada chef’s expertise the hidden ingredient for Dine Out Delray

Bruce Feingold, executive chef at Dada in Delray Beach, takes a break from the kitchen on the restaurant’s front porch.

Photo by Thom Smith

Sub Culture Group, whose principals include Rodney Mayo and Scott Frelich, who have steadily developed a multiformatted restaurant nightlife empire from West Palm Beach to South Beach, including Dada in Delray and Dubliner in Boca.

Nevertheless, restaurant broker Christian Prakas said the partners wanted to pursue a different course. Asking price for the name is $350,000.

A couple of blocks away, Max’s Harvest is hitting with a revamped menu for summer and its popular chef versus chef competition every Wednesday. ... 50 Ocean has introduced prix fixe offerings at lunch ($21 for two courses) and early-bird dinner ($35 for three courses) and a new chef. Joseph Bonavita Jr., a veteran of West Palm Beach’s and Boca Raton’s most popular spots in Delray, including Dada in Delray and Dubliner in Boca.

Dada chef’s expertise the hidden ingredient for Dine Out Delray

T he earnings money in junior high, Bruce Feingold found an ideal job in a New Jersey bakery — $4 an hour and time off to wrestle. His experience around the ovens and on the mat still stirs up memories of being aseeking chef at Dada in Delray Beach.

After 16 years at Dada, Feingold believes the teamwork he experienced years ago and still nourishes in his kitchen will help make the inaugural Dine Out Delray a success. A weekend (Aug. 13-17) of drink and dinner deals and special events at many of the city’s top restaurants will benefit Heart4Harvest, a community program Feingold and his wife, Amanda, created with the Delray Beach Achievement Center to promote education and nutrition for underprivileged children and families.

The boy in the bakery has learned a lot. We’ll never know what I wanted to do,” he confessed. “I liked the bakery, but I also liked music, took art classes, economics, marketing. I even thought about being an electrical engineer because my uncle was.”

But even though he showed scholarship potential on the mat, he decided to be the best chef possible... and to study at the best school. With two years left in high school, Feingold told his parents he wanted to apply to the Culinary Institute of America.

What if you’re turned down? I’ll apply again.”

If you’re turned down again? Then I won’t go to school. They went through the roof, but they came around.”

Their support and the discipline he developed as a champion wrestler helped him cope with the culinary institute’s military academy-style regimen of 14 hours a day in classes, not only in culinary arts but also management, people skills and economics, coupled with the constant pressure to be creative.

Invigorated, Feingold completed his first externship at a small New York establishment. The area was warmer than New Jersey and New York and bubbling with restaurant opportunities.

After graduation he returned, eventually landing at the Jupiter Island Club, winter home to golfers like Palm Beach’s Worth Farms, and Palm Beach’s Worth Farms, and Palm Beach’s Worth Farms.

It was a plum job but hardly challenging. Dada’s concept was, and still is, a restaurant that loves the job thanks to the camaraderie among his veteran staff and within the restaurant community.

“We’re all in it together,” he said. “We like to compete, but a lot of us have been around for quite a while and we like each other. A good restaurant benefits every other restaurant because it draws more customers to the area.

“Like I lived when I was wrestling, you only lose by submitting yourself.”

For Restaurant Week details, go to downtowndelraybeach.com/restaurantweek.

The agony of defeat. The Olympic trials in track and field are over; sisters Stephanie Schappert and Nicole Tully, the Bread of Delray Beach, will not be going to Rio.

Stephanie’s 4:41.44 in the 1,500-meter semifinal was less than 5 seconds behind the winner but good for only 19th place.

Just past half- mile in the 5,000-meter final, a trailing runner’s spikes caught Nicole’s toe. The 2015 national champion stumbled, striking her head on the track and bruising a knee. She didn’t continue.

Both girls live and train in New Jersey. Stephanie, 23, is running in Europe while Nicole, 29 and married just two months ago, raced in the trials in ’72 and ’76. “So many great runners I knew never made an Olympic team. You just keep working at it.”

Another winner on the track is back in the news after a long layoff.

On Dec. 29, 1993, Pat C. Rendezvous broke from the gate at Palm Beach Kennel Club and changed grayhound racing. Her 3% length victory was the first of a world record 36 in a row that made “Rhonda,” so to her legion of fans, a celebrity. She eventually lost 18 months later but still won 52 races in 1994.

Pat C. was retired in 1996 and spent her remaining days on the Colorado farm of her owner, Pat Collins. She died one litter and died in 2000, but her legacy continued. In 2002, her male pup, Pat C Lookahere, won the James Thomas W. Paul Derby, and in October in Ashland, Kansas, she’ll be inducted into the Greyhound Hall of Fame.

“All of us who were part of this superstar we called Rhonda will never forget the excitement that was”, the Kennel Club’s Theresa Humen said. “Our track had record crowds and mutual handles. She is beloved by many.”

Nat King Cole’s voice was “unforgettable.” Fortunately for the contestants and the audience, the 2015 and annual Nat King Cole Generation Hope Lip Sync battle, voice quality won’t matter…style and attitude.

Generation Hope was founded by Nat’s daughters, Casey and Timolin, to support music programs in underfunded schools. The synching (6:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at Blue Martini in Boca Raton’s Town Center) will feature junior Leaguer Karlaz Vasquez-Mendez, real estate broker Peg Anderson, Nantucket and small plates area broker Andrew Thegrove.

Lips happening at The Wick. With $5 million mortgage inked in April, Marilyn Wick’s theater company enters its third season as owner of former Caldwell Theatre Company building on North Federal in Boca. The Wick’s Costume Museum, stocked with $20 million in Broadway finery, reopens in September with a new display, “Where Runway Meets Broadway.”

On stage, five musicals are set: They’re Playing Our Song, beginning Oct. 15 with Andrea McArdle, followed by Sister Act Nov. 25, West Side Story Jan. 12, Guys and Dolls March 9 and Beetlejuice April 20.

The renovation goes on and up at the Norton Museum of Art. Donors already have committed $60 million to the project, but costs are now expected to reach $100 million. As the massive project proceeds, admission is free and the museum has added a new program marked by the return of an old friend.

Three decades ago, Lou Tyrrell arrived from New York with creative and provocative drama. Before establishing Theatre Club of the Palm Beaches, Florida Stage and the S. S.收割机’s theater, he mounted his first three productions at the Norton.

Risen from Florida Atlantic University’s new Theater Lab as “Visiting Eminent Scholar in the Arts,” Tyrrell must now rig and reconfigure the production, in reading format followed by audience discussions with cast and crew, to the Norton’s long-standing Art After Dark program.

The first, 13 Things About Ed Carpalotito, was performed July 21. Next up is By and By, a drama about human cloning by Lanford Wilson Award winner Lauren Gunderson, Aug. 18. Love Is, a musical set for Sept. 15, features South Florida veterans Angie Rodush and Caryl Fanel. Shows at 7:30 p.m., and again – no charge.

Will any venture ever succeed at 116 NE Sixth Ave, in Delray Beach? It just can’t seem to catch on as a restaurant.

Originally a residence, built in 1925, it was bought by the Falcon family in 1941 to use in part as a pharmacy.

In 1992 Andrew Bennard took the leap, with an Italian restaurant for nearly a decade. Karl Alterman opened Falcon House, a tapas bar, in 2006, then renamed it Triple Eight at Falcon House, with a tie to Triple Eight Vodka in Nantucket and small plates for $8.88. Next came Ceviche, a venture from Gulf Coast entrepreneurs, and then Dennis Max stepped in to blend high-tech libations with old-style architecture at Max’s Sofia, short for Social House.

It was social, but not enough to pay the bills. Sofia is no more.

More change in downtown Delray... Tryst is for sale! Even though the bistro just east of Swinton remains one of the most popular spots in Delray, its owners believe it is time to move on... to a different concept at a larger, but as yet undisclosed, location farther east on Atlantic.

Tryst is a concept of The
The City of Boca Raton invited the public to welcome the USA National Miss Scholarship Pageant contestants during a Parade of States at Mizner Park on July 12. More than 200 delegates competed for more than $300,000 in scholarships. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

FAU’s ambitious plans included a high-tech library where research documents would be stored on film, and TV cameras in classrooms so students could access lectures at any time, even from dorm rooms. The concept was so uncharacteristically progressive for a Florida university that the opening address was given by President Lyndon Johnson. FAU, he drawled on Oct. 25, 1964, symbolized “a new revolution in education” that could “vastly enrich life over the next 50 years.”

Laurenti, then Lynn Klein, applied, was accepted and received some financial aid, but she had to wait a week for her first class because Hurricane Cleo left $100,000 in damage and a bent flagpole.

Her arrival was hardly breathtaking. After driving two hours from Miami — no I-95 then — she found the airport, the long-abandoned Boca Raton Army Air Field, and a skeleton of a campus — two classroom buildings, a library and a TV center. “I made that trip three times a week. Gas was cheap.” She graduated cum laude in English in 1966, wrote for newspapers, including the Sun-Sentinel and Miami Herald, then tried her hand at public relations.

In 1990 she returned to campus as media relations director and university spokesperson, becoming, as then-FAU President Frank Brogan described in 2003, “a walking encyclopedia of information about the university.”

Today the two-lane roads are memories. Campuses dot the landscape from Broward County to Fort Pierce. As FAU and Boca grew in size and prominence, presidents — from Tony Catanese in 1990 to Kelly today — relied on Laurenti’s knowledge and her way with words to craft their speeches. Summing up Laurenti’s life as student, alumna and employee, Kelly called her an “indispensable asset to her colleagues, community associates, industry peers, and to the institution as a whole,” noted her “exceeding levels of achievement, dedication and professionalism at FAU,” and her “steady hand and abiding force of calm and humor during mercurial administrations” in proclaiming her an “FAU Owl forever.”

Kelly spoke at Laurenti’s retirement party in June. Don’t be surprised if Kelly’s office calls or if someone needs an anecdote from half a century ago.

Pokémon seemed harmless enough as a video game, but devotees of the neighborhood Pokémon GO extension are stressing more responsible behavior by players. In mid-July, three Baltimore police officers barely escaped serious injury when a young driver sideswiped a patrol car.

“That’s what I get for playing this dumb game,” the kid said as he showed the cops his phone.

A man and woman were arrested for trespassing after they broke into the tiger cage at the Toledo Zoo. “It was all fun and games until the cops showed up,” the clueless said.

Because Pokémon is a Japanese creation, the Morikami Museum and Gardens is attracting players who might never visit otherwise. Museum staff is, or was, thrilled until some players left white graffiti on trees and benches: “Team Instinct Rocks,” “ Valor Is Trash” and “Mewtwo wuz here.” The Pokémon GO Fan Club of Fort Lauderdale, 222 members strong, has announced a social event at the Morikami for 11 a.m. Aug. 21, and has already urged its members to “be extra courteous to (employees) and all the other people in the park.”

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Dining

Talking turkey at Flakowitz

The Plate: “Mile High” turkey sandwich
The Place: Flakowitz Bagel Inn, 1999 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton; 368-0666.
The Price: $10.95

The Skinny: I’ve been going to the place that is Flakowitz Bagel Inn since it was the Bagel Queen back in the ‘90s. That was good, but my experiences have been consistently better over the couple of decades that Flakowitz has ruled that corner, at Federal Highway and 20th Street in Boca Raton. Great breakfast and lunches, too.

Check out this turkey sandwich. At first glance, it’s ordinary enough. But it’s not.

The menu says it’s made with meat fresh off the frame, and it tastes that way, too. Not too salty, with a dense texture — nothing soggy or spongy. Beautiful fresh rye bread, with crisp lettuce and a slice of tomato that tastes like an honest-to-goodness vine-ripened fruit.

The slab was crisp and cold, with a tangy dressing that was not too sweet, and the jumbo-cut steak fries were crisp on the outside and tender on the inside.

— Scott Simmons

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Here are some of the area’s dining deals:

32 East — 32 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 278-3836; www.32east.com  Sunday: $15 off any bottle of wine under $100 or $30 off any wine over $100. Until Thanksgiving.

The view at 50 Ocean.

50 Ocean — 50 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. 278-3836; www.50ocean.com  Lunch special: Get an appetizer and an entree for $21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner special: Prix fixe course-meal for $35.

Angle at Eau Palm Beach, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. 540-4924; www.eaupalmbeach.com  Angle Uncorked: 6-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 27. A wine tasting and class with sommelier Tim White, by reservation. Stay for dinner at Angle and receive 50 percent off select bottles of wine.

Temple Orange Mediterranean Bistro at Eau Palm Beach, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. 540-4924; www.eaupalmbeach.com  Prix fixe summer dining: Three-course prix fixe lunch for $28; three course prix fixe dinner for $55, except in September during Flavor Palm Beach, when it’s less. Vive Yeux Rich brunch: Noon-2:30 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 30. $42; $16 for ages 4-12; free for younger than 4. Add “entertainer” dressing at Clicquot Champagne Garden, where you create your own cocktails, or a “bottomless” glass of Yeux Bach is $18.

Breeze Ocean Kitchen at Eau Palm Beach, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. 540-4924; www.eaupalmbeach.com  Lunch special: Three-course prix course menu available for $28 per person (à la carte menu also available). Daily from noon to 2:30 p.m. Available through Oct. 31.

Bogart’s Bar & Grille at the Cinemakar 20 Theatre, 1200 Airport Road, Boca Raton. 544-3044; www.bogartsofboca.com  Ten for lunch menus: Your choice of 10 items priced at $10 each, including coffee, tea or soda, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday.


Cafe Frankie’s, 640 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 732-3834; www.cafefrankies.com  Daily appetizer specials, $5—4:30-5:30 p.m. Fifty percent of bottle of wine daily, 8-10 p.m. Take-out pizza special: Get an 18-inch cheese pizza for $8.99. An 18-inch margherita pizza is $9.99.

Caffe Luna Rosa — 34 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. 274-9404; www.caffelunarosa.com  Late evening special: Half-priced select wines by the glass or bottle, all beer and liquor drinks with dinner after 9 p.m. Ask about special pours like Johnnie Walker Blue. $18 for a 1.5-ounce pour.

Deck 84 — 84 E. Atlantic Ave. Delray Beach. 665-8484; www.Deck84.com  Three-course prix fixe menu: $22 from 4-6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Wednesday: Half-priced bottles of wine with the purchase of an entree.

Thursday: Lunches. Choice of 10 lunches priced at $10 each, including coffee, tea or soda, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Monday-Friday.

Gary Rack’s Farmhouse Kitchen in Royal Palm Plaza—399 SE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton, 826-2625; www.farmhousekitchenbo.com

Wine Down Mondays: Get 50 percent off bottles of wine and champagne, 25 percent off reserve wine list.

Gary Rack’s Farmhouse Kitchen — 204 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 266-3643; www.farmhousekitchendelray.com

Wine Down Wednesdays: Fifty percent off all bottles of wine and champagne on the regular beverage menu and 25 percent off bottles on the reserve wine list.

Josie’s Ristorante — 1602 S. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. 364-9691; www josiesristorante.com  Summer deal: Take 20 percent off the entire menu, dine-in only. Through September.

Max’s Grille in Mizner Park, 404 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 368-0080; www.maxgrille.com

The Q & Brew menu: Every Wednesday from 5 p.m. to closing, try the new “Smalls & Sandwiches” (8-15) including N’awlins BBQ shrimp, pulled pork sandwich, Texas smokehouse brisket, and a Q salad. On the main course ($18-29): baby back ribs, wood grilled chicken, brisket, and the Q Combo comes with a choice of two. Endless craft beer is available for $15 with the purchase of dinner. Until Labor Day.

The scene at Tryst.

Tryst — 4 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 921-0201; www.trystdelray.com

Sunday: Fried chicken and a glass of beer for $18. Tuesday: Wine Not nights, with 40 percent off bottled wine and $10 charcuterie and cheese boards.

Wednesday: Burger and hot dog specials.

Friday and Saturday: Late-night food specials from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Downtown Delray

There’s still time to cash in on the inaugural Dine Out Downtown Delray Beach, which began Aug. 1 and continues through Aug. 7. It’s part of Restaurant Week 2016, when local culinary hotspots join to celebrate food with special savings, wine tastings and, even ‘til East. 50 Ocean, Atlantic Grille at The Seagate Hotel, Big Al’s Steaks, Bruke, Caffe Luna Rosa, Caffe Martier, CENA, Dada, Deck 84, Eat Market, Gary Rack’s Farmhouse Kitchen, Honey, Juice Buzz, Juice Papi, Luigi’s Coal Oven Pizza, Max’s Harvest, Mellow Mushroom, Piza Rustica, Prime, Rack’s Five House, Ocean Avenue Bistro, Salt?, Smoke BBQ, Solita & Mastino, The Office, The Old Angler, Tryst and Windy City Pizza.

For details, visit www.downtowndelraybeach.com.

Romance, anyone?

At the Four Seasons Palm Beach, you can have a romantic dinner date for two in a private candlelit cabana overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Add fresh flowers and live music. You can dine on a three-course dinner for $150 per person or a four-course dinner for $180, plus the cost of wine, champagne and cocktails, and tax and tip.

For folks who have the leaving the kids at home, the resort also offers cabana dinners for the entire family. The Four Seasons is at 2800 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. For reservations, call 582-2800. ■

September dining deals in Palm Beach

Make a short drive up AIA next month to take in on specials offered by participating restaurants at 14 Palm Beach restaurants during September’s Flavor Palm Beach. The restaurants will serve three-course lunch menus starting at $20 and/or three-course dinner menus from $30.

Participating restaurants:

Al Fresco, 2245 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, 273-3330; www.alfrescoofpb.com

Brandon’s by the Beach at Tidelane Ocean Resort, 2842 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, 540-6440, www.brandonspalmbeach.com

Cafe Boulud, 301 Australian Avenue, Palm Beach, 655-6060, www.cafeboulud.com

Charley’s Crab, 456 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, 659-1500, www.cruzer.com

Echo, 230 Sunrise Ave., Palm Beach, 802-4222, www.ecochapelamboutique.com

Graze at the Four Seasons, 2800 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, 582-2800, www.foursouseasons.com

Imoto, 350 S. County Road, Palm Beach, 833-5522, www.imotopalmbeach.com

Jove Kitchen & Bar at the Four Seasons, 2800 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, 582-2800, www.foursouseasons.com

The Leopard Lounge at The Chesterfield, 363 Coconut Row, Palm Beach, 659-5800, www.chesterfield.com

Meat Market, 191 Bradley Place, Palm Beach, 354-9800, www.meatmarket.net

Mizu at Tidelane Ocean Resort, 2842 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, 540-6440, www.tidelaneresort.com

PB Catch, 251 Sunrise Ave., Palm Beach, 655-5558, www.pbcatch.com

Remy’s, 2916 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, 655-9752, www.remyspalmbeach.com

The Italian Restaurant at The Breakers, 1 S. County Road, Palm Beach, 655-6611, www.thebreakers.com

Flavor Palm Beach debuted eight years ago as a monthlong, off-season discount dining promotion. Restaurants from Boca to Jupiter participate. For a list of restaurants, visit www.flavorpb.com. — Mary Thurwachter

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AT6 Around Town
Photographer does aqueous take on the glam fashion shoot

By Lucy Lazarony
ArtsPaper Art Writer

Harry Martin, an Emmy award-winning New York TV news anchor and journalist, began doing underwater glamour photography about three years ago.

“Basically, think of it as a fashion shoot underwater,” Martin says. “Martin’s dream-like underwater images are on display in an exhibition at the Boynton Beach Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd., through Sept. 9.

His first model was his wife, as she swam by coral reefs during a scuba-diving vacation.

“You can just get such amazing shots under water,” Martin explains. “I started to get an inkling that this would be a cool genre to pursue.”

Working with mostly female models in his 8-foot-deep, backyard pool in New York, Martin opens a stretch extension ladder across the pool, selects and drops a backdrop into the water and “that’s how I try to make an underwater studio.”

He says he shoots “what people do every day and puts it under water,” and the models he works with “share in the creative process.”

Martin and the model will practice the shoot in an above-ground studio before hitting the water.

“You have to establish a rapport. There has to be co-creative spirit,” Martin says.

He also likes to see how the costume will likely fall when the model moves under water.

“I use a fan to try to stimulate the water flow to see how the fabric and the outfit will react,” Martin explains.

In Sally Flying, model Sally Wilson looks like she is in a freefall under water.

She wears pearls in her deep red hair, deep red lipstick and rhinestones on her eyelids, and a bright yellow dress that billows above her.

Lots of ideas for photos happen on the spot. Martin may find things from around the house to throw in as well.

“I appropriate things from my kids and my wife,” he says. “If it’s not nailed down, it probably ends up in the pool.”

Model Zoe West showed up for her modeling shoot wearing a bubblegum pink Halloween costume.

“We added some boots and a guitar and we ended up with Guitar Girl,” Martin explains.

Once Martin feels ready, he and the model will move to the ground studio before hitting the water.

Erstein about the film, director James Schamus and Roth’s characters.

Question: Logan, on your résumé are supporting roles in Noah and Fury, as well as the title role in the two Percy Jackson movies; nothing even close to your part in Indignation.

Lerman: I think that if I was the obvious choice, this wouldn’t be as fresh or interesting. If this was something I’d ever done before, then why would that be interesting for me, James or the audience?

But there are similar themes as characters I’ve portrayed in the past. Young men trying to figure out who they are. It’s a universal theme for people my age, something young men go through.

Anyway, the script arrived one day, I read it and I just had a visceral reaction to the material. I met with James Schamus the next day and just started working on it, about six months before we started filming.

Q: Sarah, it didn’t go as smoothly for you, did it?

Gadon: I auditioned for the part and James said it was a real struggle to get me cast. I think he had wanted me for the part, but had to convince a lot of people that I would be the right person. So he went to battle for me.

I think I’ve had a history of doing a lot of indie think films (Belle, A Dangerous Method, Charlie Bartlett), so...
Winning playwright Tracy Letts)

actor and Pulitzer Prize-

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there’s a specific scene that was

knew that I wanted to try.

didn’t know I could do it, but I

didn’t know I could do it, but I

such delicious dialogue and

me where you can have

opportunities like this for

this fantastic dialogue.

could be and I was caught up in

focused on what the movie

The first time I read it, I was

focus in on my own character.

just looking at Marcus. I had to

read it just as a whole, not really

read it as an audience member, I

playing against type.

complex. And so she is kind of

she’s quite broken and very

liked most about Olivia is that

had thought of me.

come from that world, that he

maybe that’s why, because I

Marcus, I’d say. But there’s a lot

something I really related to,

and knowledge and poetry is

that is depicted very honestly in

sexual burgeoning. I think that’s

especially surrounding their

shame and embarrassment,

probably go through a lot of

character.

What spoke to you two

between yourself and your

Olivia and Marcus had. My

response to the viewing was

just gives it an-

There is some-

enchanting about water. It just
gives it another

character,”

says Harry Martin.

Martin’s dream-

like underwater images are on
display at the

Boynton Beach

Library, 208 S.

Seacrest Blvd.,

through Sept. 2.

Photos provided
Music

Jupiter club’s Noche Latina brings fresh vibe

By Bill Meredith
ArtsPaper Music Writer

Since 2008, Guanabanas (www.Guanabanas.com) in Jupiter has stood out among South Florida nightclubs through the mix of its tropical atmosphere, a gourmet menu featuring fresh local seafood, and an emphasis on live music that includes bookings of unique artists from local to international — plus a state-of-the-art sound system that limits volume to accommodate the city’s strict noise ordinances.

Talent buyer and sound engineer Matt Cahur, already well-known in the area for his long-standing tenure as guitarist in Jupiter rock band Boxelder, has booked high-profile performers including reggae icons Pato Banton and Julian Marley; regional stars in blues guitarist Jeff Prine and jazz guitarist Bobby Lee Rodgers, and pop stars Less Than Jake and Rob Thomas (of Matchbox Twenty).

The waterside venue is often particularly crowded for weekend happy hour and evening sets, with audiences spanning a variety of ages and ethnic groups. But on certain nights during the past 10 months, the participants have been even more varied, both on stage and off.

Last October, Cahur teamed with Miami-based musician and publicist Michael Mut to create a Latin music night called Noche Latina, with artists from Miami-Dade County to Cuba to Chile appearing one to three times per month at Guanabanas. And if the shoulder-to-shoulder crowd there on June 24 for renowned veteran (Chilean reggae band Gondwana hadn’t toured the United States for close to 10 years, and Danay may be my favorite show of the entire series so far,” Cahur says. “She appeared on April 9, and people came out of the woodwork for her. Some even brought her flowers. Danay doesn’t appear in Florida very often, so her return to Guanabanas qualifies as a special treat for a lot of people, I’m anticipating, after her first time through.”
Provocative ‘Captain Fantastic’ comes in from the grid; Dramaworks’ ‘1776’ reveals thinness of show; new American music at PB Chamber Festival

Viggo Mortensen plays an unconventional father who has raised six children off the grid in the Pacific Northwest, in Matt Ross’s new film Captain Fantastic. Photo provided

Captain Fantastic (opened July 22)

To say that Captain Fantastic is one of the finest counterculture road movies since Easy Rider is both accurate and revealing. It’s about biscuit instead of two bikers searching for meaning and literally burning out in the American heartland in the turbulent ’70s, Captain Fantastic is about a father traveling with his six children in a Winniebago in Obama’s America. Instead of Steppenwolf, it features the ambient Icelandic soundscapes of Sigur Ros collaborator Alex Somers, which get nobody’s motor running.

But in the film does contain a memorable encounter with a police officer, an awkward scene in which the father’s earliest child dies from cancer in a hospital bed, and the inescapable reference embedded in the name: Captain Fantastic, to which the father’s grizzled patriarch is once referred, conjures Captain America, Dennis Hopper’s ironic moniker for a puppy.

Most of all, the films are linked by a kind of fizzle feeling, which Captain Fantastic’s case seems to hit its protagonist about 50 years too late, and which requires a blunt reckoning to accept that the times are, you know, a-changin.

Viggo Mortensen, unrecognizable behind a Upper West Side foppish Richard Henry Lee and a feckless Captain Fantastic, is one of the finest actors of his generation. His performance as a man who isn’t a Trotskyist anymore—’I’m a Maoist!’ His youngest daughter can mount an effective rhetorical argument against the Citizens United Supreme Court decision, while her suburban, public-school cousins, six grades advanced, have trouble articulating what the Bill of Rights is.

Musty anthems like “stick it to the man” and “fight the power”—phrases evoking, well, the days of Easy Rider — roll off the children’s tongues with the automation of evening prayer. And in a scene almost too precious to accept even in this movie’s universe, they celebrate Noam Chomsky’s birthday every year instead of Christmas (it’s Dec. 7, in case you were wondering).

This bubble of left-wing intellectual purity must eventually pop, and it does, when a tragic incident prompts Ben and his offspring to decamp from their self-imposed isolation and see, for the first time, the fruitied plains. There is much humor in these revelations: the kids’ faces, agast at the violent video games of their peers and the unhealthy bodies of so many Americans; a brief dinner stop that prompts a child to inquire, “Dad, what’s a six-pack?”; eldest child Bodevan’s (George MacKay) sweet and embarrassing courtroom attempt with a girl at a campground.

Though writer-director Matt Ross is sympathetic to Ben’s ideals, he’s clearly no hero, for reasons that accumulate during the dramatic sojourn. All of Ross’ characters are three-dimensional, and his compassion is prismatic. He allows for valid rebukes even from Leslie’s stubborn Christian traditionalist father (Frank Langella), who emerges as Ben’s chief antagonist. – Palm Beach ArtsPaper staff

1776 (Palm Beach Dramaworks, closed July 24)
Lin-Manuel Miranda’s Hamilton, the hip-hop hit musical about the first secretary of the treasury, with its massive success has forever relegated Sherman Edwards and Peter Stone’s 1776 to be “that other show about our Founding Fathers.” Yet this tale of the Continental Congress debated declaring independence from Great Britain is Palm Beach Dramaworks’ pick for its summer show, in part because of its contemporary resonances.

It was chosen long before Brexit made 1776 even more timely, and director Clive Cholerton tacks on a noverbal prologue depicting the combative 2016 presidential campaign. Unspoken is the message that if you think of America as a country that was born.

Although it is not as elaborate as its Broadway counterpart, the added handicap of being led by 13 performers, the show’s 26 roles are handled by only 13 performers, which usually involves reading heady science texts and classic literature by filmed.

He also teaches them how to survive post-apocalyptically — to fight off invaders with knives and spears while being home-schooling by Ben, which usually involves reading heady science texts and classic literature by filmed.

Dramaworks decided to give 1776 a full production, rather than the concert format of past summers where the drastically reduced cast led could have been more easily accepted. Cholerton’s stripped-down approach looks like a cost-cutting move, which it probably is, but his staging emphasizes the show’s shortcomings. – Hap Ernst

Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival (July 17, Crest Theatre, Delray Beach)

Over the past 30 years, the world of contemporary classical composition has moved, like so many things in our digital culture, into niches. There are handful atonalists, minimalist, New Romantics, and eclectics of every description vying for the ears of a busy audience. But in the United States, this flowering of different styles comes after the establishment in the mid-20th century of a distinctive American tonal style, harmonically compelling but melodically strong, and structured along Germanic lines in keeping with centuries of tradition before it.

Many eminent American composers in this category come to mind, such as Walter Piston, Vincent Persichetti, Wallingford Riegger and others, and at this concert, the Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival series introduced a new work that was recognizably part of the tradition.

Clare McAlister, a Boca Raton-based composer and music executive who was responsible for the festival’s six recordings on the Kluz label, unveiled his new Concerto, a short work for wind quintet and trumpet, at the three concerts. As usual with McAlister, this was a well-crafted, expertly scored piece, with distinct melodic phrases, a mildly spiky harmonic language and a rhythmical tattoo that worked to build the ensemble.

Although it is not as elaborate as other McAlister pieces the festival has premiered, such as Agrestic and my personal favorite, Louis’ Mountain Bird, it is a fine little work, akin perhaps to the music of William Schuman, and at that it fit quite well on this program.

The concert opened with the largest ensemble that has ever been assembled for the festival, a 16-piece chamber group playing the Siegfried Idyl by Richard Wagner. This came off very nicely, starting gently and slowly and slowly unfolding. The balance was well-maintained, as was the time of a conductor, and you could hear how Wagner’s expert scoring made the music so ideally perfectly suited to this tender music.

Leo Janáček’s wind sextet, although one of the many inspired works of the Czech composer’s late years, came next. Janáček’s constant shifting of rhythms, tempos and textures makes this piece a challenge to put together, but the six musicians handled it well, though some of the individual moments — the slower sections of the first movement, for instance — could have been smoother.

The concert closed with a true rarity, an octet for strings by the German composer Max Bruch, written in 1919 and at his death in 1920. Scored for four violins, two violas, cello and bass, its central character is the Mendelssohn Octet, and it has in common with that piece a confident vigor in the music. The first movement of this period piece is a compositional craft with all its elements in balance.

This music was, well worth hearing again on any chamber music program, and the musicians brought out its contrasts with very style and beauty. – Greg Stepanich

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August 2016
Even the revue is beautiful: Kander and Ebb, at Kravis

By Hap Erstein

Busy as an adjunct theater professor at Florida Atlantic University, Lynn University and Broward College during the school year, Bruce Linser has to confine his freelance directing to the summer months.

No sooner had he opened his production of Once Upon a Mattress at FAU’s Festival Rep, than he began rehearsals for The World Goes ‘Round, MMN Productions’ revue of songs from the stage and screen by John Kander and Fred Ebb.

The show, which premiered in 1991, spans the composer-lyricist team’s work from its Broadway debut, The Act, in 1960, to the original vocal arrangements for the stage and screen by Kimberly Dawn Smith, an industry veteran. “We all knew it, but not in this halfway through, and then it gets syncope, I call it Manhattan Transferred, that sort of tight harmony jazz thing,” says Linser.

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Bookings

Friday, Aug. 12

Elaine Vietel: The veteran South Florida mystery writer signs A Storm from Nowhere, the first book in her Angeliki Fischer series. 7-9 pm. Marine on the Beach, Delray Beach. Call 561-279-7790 or visit www.marineonthebeach.com.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Diana Abu-Jaber: The author of Life Without A Map will sign her book. Written as a wedding vow, in the South Florida Chapter meeting of the Women's National Book Association. 7 pm. Open to members. 1507 E. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach.

Friday, Aug. 11

NEWS

Miami Museum of Art and Culture

through Aug. 28. A group show by 16 artists who have used light in their creative work. Open Saturdays through Thursdays, 11 am to 6 pm; Sundays, 11 am to 5 pm. Call 305-376-3701 or visit www.miamism.org.

Lighthouse Art Center

through Aug. 17. Sixth Art of Association, more than 160 works by artists from art associations from Boca Raton to West Palm Beach. 10 am to 6 pm. Saturdays, 11 am to 5 pm. Call 561-395-2080 or visit www.lighthouseart.org.

Norton Museum of Art

and Japanese Gardens: The summer months. 16ального s the Stormfront World, paper cutts by Hiroshi Moonen, transforming forms, modern interpretations of traditional Japanese bamboo baskets. Museum tickets: $15, $10 for seniors, 19 and children for five days, $15, 19 and children for five days, $10; Saturdays through Sundays. Call 495-0231 or visit www.norton.org.

Norton Museum of Art: June

of the Arts. The museum presents an exhibit of works by Edward Hopper, Edward Hopper's California. Museum tickets: $10, $8 for seniors, 19 and children for five days, $8; Saturdays through Sundays. Call 495-0231 or visit www.norton.org.

NEWS

Miami Museum of Art and Culture

From left: Shellley Keeler, Michael Scott Ross, Jinon Deb, Clay Carlltand and Leah Sessa. Photo provided

Kander and Ebb, at Kravis

motivational, the dramatic arc of a song.”

“I’ve always said that Kander and Ebb’s work is a double-edged sword. One is show biz. You can’t distance yourself from the world of Kander and Ebb, says Linser. “But that other side is the thing that I like, the crack in the veneer, of what’s going on underneath the razzle-dazzle. That’s what I thrive on, looking for that double edge of hope and despair, living simultaneously. Because that’s what I think Kander and Ebb are so good at.”

Ask Carlltand what the hallmark of a Kander and Ebb song is and he responds without hesitation, ‘‘Really hard harmonies. It’s deceptively difficult stuff.”

That is particularly so with the original vocal arrangements by David Loud, which the MNM cast will be performing. “Songs that are normally solos are now written for five people,” says Linser. “We spent three hours rehearsing ‘Cabaret’. We all knew it, but not in this arrangement. It gets jazzy halfway through, and then it gets syncope, I call it Manhattan Transferred, that sort of tight harmony jazz thing,” says Linser.

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With Maddie & Tae and Tyler Farr. 7:30 pm, Perfect Vodka Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach. Tickets: $54-220. Call 561-795-8884, or visit ticketmaster.com or call 561-795-8884.

Saturday, Aug. 13

Brad Paisley: The dismal country singer-songwriter, on his Life Amplified World Tour With Highway And Tyree Fan. 7:30 pm, Perfect Vodka Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach. Tickets: $54-220. Call 561-795-8884, or visit ticketmaster.com or call 561-795-8884.

Friday, Aug. 12

Our Little Sister: Hennessy Kenney Eidi’s 2011 film about three sisters in the Japanese city of Kamakura who discover at the funeral of their long-abandoned father that he had another daughter, and invite her to live with them. In Japanese with English subtitles. At Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. Call 561-549-6600 or visit fau.livingroomtheaters.com.

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Friday, July 15

Equity: A hard-fisted female investment banker gets possessed over a promotion and reacts by trying to steer a promising company into a joy-money (PG) with unexpected consequences. Directed by Moosa Mouei, with Asia Gans, James Paphitis and Sarah Meghan Thomas. In Chicago from an actor’s written. Fortunately, most of Kander and Ebb’s work is double-edged sword. One is show biz. You can’t distance yourself from the world of Kander and Ebb, says Linser. “But that other side is the thing that I like, the crack in the veneer, of what’s going on underneath the razzle-dazzle. That’s what I thrive on, looking for that double edge of hope and despair, living simultaneously. Because that’s what I think Kander and Ebb are so good at.”

Ask Carlltand what the hallmark of a Kander and Ebb song is and he responds without hesitation, ‘‘Really hard harmonies. It’s deceptively difficult stuff.”

That is particularly so with the original vocal arrangements by David Loud, which the MNM cast will be performing. “Songs that are normally solos are now written for five people,” says Linser. “We spent three hours rehearsing ‘Cabaret’. We all knew it, but not in this arrangement. It gets jazzy halfway through, and then it gets syncope, I call it Manhattan Transferred, that sort of tight harmony jazz thing,” says Linser.

The choreography will be by Kimberly Dawn Smith, an MNM favorite, whose ingenuity will be on display on the title number from The Rink, a family drama set in a roller rink. Yes, the cast will be dancing on skates.

“We put ‘Skating Required’ in the original audition ad, but we did not have skating auditions,” says Linser.

Carlltand probably speaks for the entire cast when he explains, “I wasn’t bothered by the skating until we realized how little room we have on the Rinker Playhouse stage.

Let’s hope the performers on skates will not collide with each other, but colliding is a central theme of the show. “What we’ve done is connect who these people are to each other and why these songs relate, how these worlds are colliding,” says Linser. “To me, that’s one of the main metaphors of this show — worlds collide, but the world goes round.”

THE WORLD GOES ROUND

MMN Productions at Kravis Center’s Rinker Playhouse

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9/6-30 - 2009 SPCA of the Treasure Coast Golf Classic at Tradition

Monday - 8/22 - Drawing in the Museum at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Presented by the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Th through 9/22. $10 Full & $7.50 Reduced. 10-12 pm. Registration: 556/member; 495-6833, members/12;

9/24-25 - US Open at Palm Beach International, 1141 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Benefits Junior Achievement of the Beaches. $45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

8/27 - Draw Like an Artist Class at The Palm Beaches Art School. Presented by Middleburg Academy, 813-632-3742; fsga.org

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