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Shank wins commission seat in Oakland Park

By Judy Vik

PELICAN WRITER

Oakland Park - Voters in Oakland Park chose an accountant and audit specialist for commissioner in a special election Tuesday.

Jed Shank received 55 percent of the vote to top John Adornato at 39 percent and Jairo Aragon with 6 percent. Shank will be sworn in Sept. 1 at the regular commission meeting. He will complete the term of Vice Mayor Anthony Niedwiecki, who resigned to move to Chicago to teach at John Marshall Law School.



Shank

With all 23 precincts counted, the vote was Shank, 1,933; Adornato, 1,351; and Aragon, 216.

Shank, 31, attributed his success to his financial background and the type of experience he has had. "It's an ideal fit for the position and needed now

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State Representative Gwyn Clarke-Reed gets news of victory. Clarke-Reed's niece, Faatimah Jones jumps for joy at Eagle Pointe, Pompano Beach, where campaign workers gathered to watch the results of the primary race, Aug. 24. [Photo by Michael d'Oliveira]

JM grant a step toward counteracting violence in schools

Foundation offers \$321,000 to fund three school resource deputies for five schools

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN WRITER

Deerfield Beach - Five elementary schools in the Deerfield school zone will have BSO resource officers on campus thanks to a \$321,000 grant from the Jim Moran Foundation. The funds will pay for three police officers who will schedule their time between Deerfield Beach Elementary, Deerfield Beach Park Elementary, Quiet Waters, Parkridge and Tedder.

Melanie Burgess, Executive Director of the Foundation, said violence on the school grounds became a special concern of the Foundation's directors who wanted to do something significant and quickly to help combat the problem. Knowing that the school

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Gwyn Clarke-Reed holds District 92 seat for a second term

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

It was a fight between two Broward Democrats in District 92, but State Rep. Gwyn Clarke-Reed defeated her challenger, Wilton Manors Vice Mayor Justin Flippen.

"It was a real grassroots effort," said Clarke-Reed. "We didn't do anything fancy but we worked hard." Clarke-Reed took 55.67 percent of the vote to Flip-



Clarke-Reed

pen's 44.33 percent, with Clarke-Reed winning most of the precincts in Pompano Beach and Deerfield Beach.

Flippen took all the precincts in Wilton Manors and most of Fort Lauderdale and Oakland Park. Democratic voter turnout in Dist. 92 was 16.6 percent. The overall turnout in Broward was 14.71 percent.



Flippen

Flippen sent out multiple mailers criticizing Clarke-Reed's stance on gay marriage [she says she supports domestic partner-

ships over gay marriage], campaign contributions from high profile "anti-gay" Republican donors and other issues. Flippen also claimed he was the only real Democrat running and compared Clarke-Reed to Republicans Sarah Palin, George W. Bush and Jeb

Bush on his campaign website and mailings.

"I've never experienced such negative campaigning," said Clarke-Reed. "The negative campaigning did not help my opponent at all." One voter in

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District 7 School board winners Rupert and Williamson take stock

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN WRITER

With Tuesday's primary voting numbers firmly in hand, school

board candidates Nora Rupert and Travis Williamson will be vying in November for the 6,666 votes that went to the losers in the race.

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Cove parking lot may be back on track thanks to new construction schedule

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN WRITER

Deerfield Beach - A “hybrid plan” hatched this week may save the Cove Shopping Center parking lot renovation, a project that appeared, after years in the making, to be headed for a ‘no’ vote of the city commission.

Dist. 1 Commissioner Joe Miller and Bob Riebe, a spokesperson for the center, have agreed that work on the nine-month project would pause in December and resume after Easter next year. Business people in the center have been uncooperative in signing the temporary easements needed to construct new sidewalks because they feared a major disruption of business during the tourist season.

Consulting engineers, Keith and Associates, had already reduced the estimated time

frame for construction from 18 to nine months, and the work phases from 10 to four and want the work to begin next month.

The commission is scheduled to meet Tuesday, Aug. 31 as the Community Redevelopment Agency to grant West Construction the contract. In recent discussions, the commission seemed to be doubtful about the worth of the project. Commissioner Miller wanted to wait until after the season. Mayor Peggy Noland complained the redesign provided no more parking spaces and Commissioner Sylvia Poitier said she had never favored spending money to improve the parking lot.

Miller’s hybrid plan, splitting the construction schedule, may ease tensions on both sides. Riebe said he is sure he can “sell” it to hold-outs in the shopping center.

Within hours of his meeting with Miller, he had obtained signatures on some easement forms and had convinced another dissident to be “100 percent behind the idea.”

Miller said it was the 18-month-construction plan that was the deal breaker. He said this week he feels the commission will accept the alternative which means doing Phase I — an area from the

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LBTS Commission chooses interim town manager as permanent replacement

Judy Vik

PELICAN WRITER

LBTS - On Wednesday, town commissioners soon realized there was no need to hire a search firm to find the next town manager.

And no need to select their top choices from a stack of 63 applicants from around the country.

Commissioners unanimously agreed their top choice was the manager they already had: Connie Hoffmann, the interim town manager they selected April 26 to replace fired town manager Esther Colon.

“In lieu of going through all of these,” Commissioner Scot Sasser said, holding up a foot-high stack of applications, “let’s poll the commission on their top candidate. If everyone agrees, let’s negotiate from there.”

“We have an outstanding number of highly, highly qualified candidates,” said Commissioner Birute Clottey. “Now that the current acting

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Woman shot by assault weapon remains in hospital

A Pompano Beach woman was wounded by gunfire when a round from an assault-type rifle pierced her door and struck her Tuesday night.

Multiple 911 calls about 6:30 p.m. led BSO deputies to the 2900 block of NW 4 Ct. in Pompano Beach where a fight among several adult males had escalated in the street. When Albert B. Stanley, 19, brandished an AK-47 assault rifle, the crowd coaxed him to "shoot the [expletive]."

After Stanley allegedly opened fire on the crowd, the participants scattered quickly. But the bullets found an innocent victim, a 36-year-old mother of four children, Norma Mancilla, who had been inside her home watching television.

Bullets from Stanley's rifle pierced the front door of Mancilla's home and struck her. She was transported to North Broward Medical Center where she was listed in critical condition on Wednesday.

BSO Violent Crimes Unit detectives interviewed witnesses to the shooting and

recovered the suspect's weapon. With community cooperation, detectives were able to identify Stanley as the shooter. Stanley, who goes by the street name of 'Fat Albert,' has no known address.

On Wednesday, Stanley turned himself in to BSO. He has been charged with attempted murder.

State budget cuts won't prevent Palmview principal from offering arts and more

By Marise Estime

PELICAN WRITER

Pompano Beach – Palmview Elementary School's principal, Robert Gibson, is going to use art, drama, chess and other activities this year to help his students reach high academic standings.

And these activities with the

help of volunteers from the faculty will take place after school.

Gibson enlisted the help of teachers and counselors who were willing to donate their time and talents to form nine after school clubs. "This is basically an opportunity to help develop the whole child. These clubs are pretty

much activities that will help balance the children," said Gibson.

Gibson's first implemented the camps last year with 160 students taking part in the various clubs. Club meetings are after school daily for one hour.

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Dr. Paula Roberts suggests back to school dental checkups, a healthy start for children and adults

By Phyllis J. Neuberger
PELICAN STAFF

Interviewed in her suite of offices at 2324 N.E. 53rd Street, Dr. Paul Roberts smiles and talks about choosing dentistry as a career. "When I was in high school, I worked in a dental lab and liked it

so much, I decided then and there to work in this field. I began as a dental hygienist in 1987 and continued with my education while working eventually earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Lynn University. After years of study and working in dental offices, I finally reached my

goal and became a dentist in 2003, graduating from Nova Southeastern University School of Dentistry. At graduation I received an award for outstanding achievement in Periodontics from the American Academy of Periodontology. One year later in 2004, I opened my own practice in this location."

Asked if female dentists were well accepted in this field, she replies, "I've never known of a problem in my generation. In fact I think women have a distinct advantage. Their hands are smaller. They appear to be more gentle and less intimidating to children who relate easily to mom figures."

She believes that after a long hot summer, the fall season seems to be the time for a good dental check up so she offers a back to school special for children and adults including an oral exam, cleaning and bite-wing x-rays for a special \$50 price. "Prevention is the first goal," she says. "Teeth should be cleaned at least once every six months. At that time we do an oral exam including a cancer check and bite-wing x-rays to determine any problem areas."

Restorative work includes fillings, replacing missing teeth with bridges, dentures, partial dentures. "If I feel a patient can benefit from implants, I recommend working with a periodontist to plan the case for optimal results," she says. "I place the final



Dr. Paul Roberts has her dental offices at 2324 NE 53rd street in Fort Lauderdale where she offers preventative, restorative and cosmetic dentistry. [Photo by Phyllis J. Neuberger]

crown restoration. The goal of a healthy mouth is to prevent gum disease and eliminate uncomfortable chewing and digestive problems."

Surprisingly, Roberts sees a growing need for fluoride treatments in both children and adults. This is done to prevent decay in children and in adults who are experiencing gum recession. She says, "Even though our water system is treated with fluoride, so many people are drinking

bottled water instead of tap water, they are losing the advantage of fluoridation."

To protect the teeth in athletic children, Roberts suggests they be fitted for a mouth guard. Sealants are still another worth while option for preventing decay in children. This procedure fills the groove on the biting surface and is effective for many years.

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Town commission to put up \$1,000 to help bring back theater to Jarvis Hall in LBTS

By Judy Vik

PELICAN WRITER

LBTS - Community theater will return to Jarvis Hall in November.

In a 4 to 1 vote, Mayor Roseann Minnet dissenting, town commissioners on Wednesday approved an agreement with Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Community Performing Arts Center, Inc., or CPAC, to present a series of three plays.

In turn, the town will provide \$1,000 in financial assistance and other help. The agreement is between the town and Vincent J. Ragusa, producer and executive direc-

tor of CPAC, a non-profit group. CPAC will not be required to pay the money back. CPAC can't start work until required liability insurance is in place. CPAC is an independent contractor and not a town employee.

Minnet said she has concerns about the town paying for insurance for CPAC. She wants to see that amount paid back to the town. "We're stewards of taxpayers' money. Who else will ask us for the same thing?"

She requested "a minimal amount of [financial] reporting [by CPAC]," and said to Ragusa, "I commend you for what you're doing."

Connie Hoffmann, town manager, said she met with Ragusa, and he reduced a proposed schedule to three plays. He will not be producing musical performances as in the past. He also reduced a request for funds from \$8,000 to \$1,000. The \$1,000 is for required liability insurance.

Ragusa said he raised \$3,000 in donations from supporters, enough to put on the three plays. His is an all-volunteer operation. Nobody gets paid.

"The insurance threw me for a loop," he said, explaining the request for town funds.

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Roberts

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John Knox Village residents are telling them. They have donated 125 backpacks filled with teacher-approved supplies for grades kindergarten through fifth grade. The backpacks were donated to JKV employees' children.

Hat's off to that! Everyone needs the right equipment to head off to his or her quest, whether it's the brief case, the plan or the books. These kids are starting out with the right equipment. Many children are starting out with none. We urge all groups to contact schools to see if they can help with supplies this year. It's not too late, and each child who gets those needed supplies has a better chance to be successful.

Follow the lead of the John Knox Village residents.

[Left] Jhamali McCalla and brother Giovanni McCalla check out the backpacks. [Center] Tristan Howell with mother Paula Howell and brother Hopetan. [Bottom] Volunteer residents who made it happen: Betsy Bousfield, Jeanne Russack, Dee Davis, Pat Costigan, Ava James, Ginny Horn, Kathryn Viau, Jean Kramer, Mary Alice Elkins, Pauline Ulitsch, Sonia Bartley.



Community interest

Alzheimer's support group

Deerfield Beach - The NE Focal Point Alzheimer's Day Care Center, 301 NW 2 Ave. in Deerfield Beach, offers a weekly Caregivers Support Group every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to Noon. On Sept. 22, Asa Hochhauser, CSI Caregiver Services will discuss "Fall Prevention." The meetings allow caregivers to share their experiences with each other, learn from each other and gain valuable information. Mary Jo Bodnick, case manager, facilitates the support group, 954-480-4460.

Auditions

The Tamarac Theatre Of Performing Arts is hosting auditions for productions of *I Hate Hamlet* by Paul Rudnick and *They're Playing Our Song*, music by Marvin Hamlisch, Lyrics by Carol Bayer Sager, Book by Neil Simon. Thursday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. and Sept. 11 at noon at the Tamarac Theatre of Performing Arts, 7143 Pine Island Rd., Tamarac. For more information, Non-Equity Paid email matt@vervecentralproductions.com

Boca Singers

The Boca Raton Singers begins its sixth season at the end of this month. Auditions are scheduled in Boca Raton for Aug. 30 at 6:30 at The Grace Community Church, 600 W. Camino Real and on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at The Mizner Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real.

The chorus which sings in four part harmony is currently seeking talented singers in all four voice parts: Alto, Soprano, Tenor and Base.

The Boca Raton Singers is a non-profit group that performs all genres of music from classical to Broadway and has been enthusiastically received at various venues throughout South Florida including the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach, The Crest Theatre in Delray Beach, and The Willow Theatre in Boca Raton.

The group performs under the direction of Dr. Gerald J. Lungo, a graduate of the Julliard School of Music. Call 561-866-1868.

Letters to The Editor

Judge Merrigan's victory wins congratulations from his challenger

To the editor,

We aren't allowed to talk about much during the campaign, so now I have the chance.

First, I'd like to congratulate Judge Merrigan and his family. I wish only good things for them. I have publicly said on many occasions that whoever won in my group, whether it be Judge Merrigan or myself, Broward County gets a good Judge. I still believe that's true and what is ultimately most important.

Second, I'd like to say *THANK YOU* to everyone who supported my campaign, who showed me so much love and affection and friendship, and who have said and written so many wonderful things to and about me.

Third, I would like to thank the almost 34,000 people who voted for me. That's pretty cool.

Certainly I would have preferred to win the election, but I'm not at all sad today. I am optimistic about my future and about the future of our Judiciary. In fact, I would like to offer my congratulations to and express my pleasure about the retention of the Judges I know well; i.e., Rebollo, Williams, Gillespie, and Robinson and to those whom I met during the campaign and grew to know as really good people like Judges Rodriguez, Skolnik, Lebow, and Porter and in-coming Judges Solomon and Gottlieb. I offer encouragement and friendship to some other great people I've become friends with along the way like Steve Schaet, Melissa Donahoe, and Roshawn Banks. Don't give up. Each of you is worthy.

Finally, I am grateful for the priceless education I've gained over the course of my campaign and humbled by the overwhelmingly positive responses I've received from all types of people about the way I ran it. My heart is full as the result of all of the new friends I've made, and I'm truly excited to get back to work.

Lloyd H. Golburgh, P.A.

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Palmview

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are drama, art, dance, poetry, media, chess, basketball, softball, etiquette, and technology. Students in grades three to five are enrolled in each class.

And Gibson has the support of his parents.

When students went home with newsletters and consent forms advertising the program, the camps got great reviews.

“The parents have told me that their kids are enjoying the camps. We are not only teaching them skills, we are building a bond between student and teacher,” said Gibson. “The kids get to see a classroom teacher coaching softball, an ESC Specialist teaching kids how to play

chess – so the students get to see them in different roles.”

Gibson says the after-school programs complement what the children are learning in schools. “My focus primarily is to put programs and our resources in place to maximize learning and provide for them socially, psychologically and emotionally,” he said.

He adds that the students will benefit in other areas such as behavioral adjustments and school performance.

“Any type of discipline helps academically. You have to understand, practice and prepare with these after-school camps. That discipline translates into the student’s academic performance. I hope that this is another means to help our students enjoy school.”

Moran Grant

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board and BSO are no longer budgeting resource officers for the elementary grades, she contacted Police Chief Pete Sudler with her proposal.

“These resource officers provide more than security,” Burgess said. “They are a frontline to problems, a safe adult that can provide good guidance.” Burgess said the Foundation is committed to providing other services in

Deerfield Beach in the future that aid children and families.

Mayor Peggy Noland, who instituted a series of public workshops on teen violence after the severe beating of a Deerfield Beach Middle School teenager said, “It’s like winning the lottery. We are so fortunate to have JM Family and their resources to help us out.”

JF Family Enterprises is Deerfield’s largest corporate employer. The Foundation was established in 2000.

School Board

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Rupert polled 5,300 votes. Williamson trailed with 3,966. Jim Lansing and Russell Kaufman almost evenly split the remaining ballots.

Rupert, a reading teacher and Coconut Creek resident, was solid in her community gaining a large percentage of her votes there and won the precincts on the barrier island. Williamson was strong in mainland precincts in Deerfield Beach, Pompano Beach and Lighthouse Point. The fact that both Lansing and Kaufman are Pompano Beach residents, as he is, could bode well for him.

“I believe I am in good shape,” he said this week. “I need to work hard to capitalize on the votes I lost to Lansing and Kaufman. We need to make amends quickly.”

Rupert said that the low turnout in Wynmoor Village where she was on all the palm cards was the key to her not winning the election outright. Less than 20 percent of Wynmoor voters turned out, a huge gap from the 80 percent that normally vote. Rupert said, “It was important for me that they show up in normal numbers.”

She does not concede the



Rupert



Williamson

votes Lansing and Kaufman won to Williamson. “Kaufman got the teachers’ vote and I’ll get those, and Lansing was supported by the old-line Democrats that would have supported me if he had not run,” she said.

Williamson raised \$37,000 to Rupert’s \$20,000, much of it his own money. She is backed by the Broward Teacher’s Union which is expected to contribute generously in the new election cycle. “Money is always an issue,” Williamson said. Rupert said her financial plan was “sweat equity.”

She was back on the campaign trail Wednesday afternoon.

Williamson said the main difference between himself and Rupert is his business experience.

He manages a family business comprised of an irrigation company and numerous real estate properties. “My tremendous financial background and my two business degrees give me an edge,” he said.

Rupert believes her strength as a candidate is in her commitment to children and her connection to agencies that are concerned about children and “people who really want to make a change.”

Rupert won in 57 precincts, Williamson in 29, Lansing in 12 and Kaufman in nine.

Suzanne Jones Palmatier has been the well known writer of the “You Asked For It” food column in the Sun-Sentinel. For the past 11 years, Suzanne has called John Knox Village, “Home.” **AND SO CAN YOU!** Call and make an appointment to learn about the Village and then join us for lunch. Call 783-4040 for details.



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District 92

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Deerfield said he was turned off by Flippen's mailings. "I didn't like some of the mail that was detracting against her. I didn't like the tone," said Geoffrey Johnson, who voted for Clarke-Reed.

Two voters in Wilton Man-

ors, Steve Adams and Kevin Powell, saw Flippen as more in tune with the gay community. "I'm sure she's a good candidate, but she's more status quo," said Adams, adding, "I think that Tallahassee needs some different perspectives."

But at least three members of the gay community in Wilton Manors – Steve Zollo and former commissioners

Joe Angelo and Julie Carson – supported Clarke-Reed. "Two years ago I didn't know you," said Zollo, who praised Clarke-Reed for reaching out to voters in Wilton Manors. "We can't even get Justin to return calls in his own city," he added.

"No matter what city you were in your message was the same," said Angelo, speaking

to Clarke-Reed on Tuesday night.

Clarke-Reed says she'll continue to support pro-gay legislation, including the push to allow gay and lesbian couples the right to adopt. State law currently allows gays and lesbians to be foster parents but not adoptive parents on a permanent basis. Clarke-Reed says she also supports the right of the transgender community to have their changed gender recognized by the state on legal documents.

She wants Tallahassee to take another look at FCAT. She also wants public education to provide a two-track system which would offer different courses for students who want to go to college and those who want to learn a trade or enter the workforce right after high school.

But Clarke-Reed adds she isn't celebrating her return to the district just yet. She still faces write-in candidate Arthur Williams in the general election in November. "I'm not going to take anyone for granted." *The Pelican* was unable to reach Williams or Flippen for this article.

In the Broward County Commission races, Broward County Mayor Ken Keechl defeated Beverly B. Kennedy. Keechl, a Democrat, will face the Republican challenger, Lighthouse Point Commissioner Chip LaMarca in November.

Keechl represents Dist. 4, which includes Deerfield Beach, Pompano Beach, Wilton Manors, Oakland Park, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Lighthouse Point, Hollywood, Hillsboro Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Dania Beach.

Republican Christopher Max Ziadie defeated Jose Helio Lopez and will face Democrat Barbara Sharief to be the next county commissioner from District 8 [Western Broward]

In the District 9, Dale V. C. Holness defeated four opponents, including Albert Jones, who was temporary appointed to the seat.

OP Winner

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because of the budget issues we're facing, the way the economy is and the challenges we'll face over the next few years."

Shank supporter Roger Mann liked his experience as a CPA and audit specialist



Adornato

with Broward County. "We have to do a budget review. He could go in and cut out fluffs. He will pull the budget apart," Mann said, campaigning outside Collins Community Center.

Shank greeted voters on election day at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, with his daughter Carrie, 8, by his side, Shank said there had been a steady flow of voters.

Shank lost in his first bid for the commission in 2009. Mayor Allegra Webb Murphy and Commissioner Steve Arnst endorsed Shank, along with the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale and Metro Broward Firefighters.

Shank won in nearly every precinct. Results of the early vote and absentee voters made him pretty confident from the start.

On Wednesday, Adornato said he is very proud of his first campaign ever. "I feel really great about the experience and really proud of my supporters and volunteers who worked so hard over the past four months to help me get to where we got."

While disappointed not to be the winner, he said, "I had the opportunity to meet quite a lot of people and earn their trust and vote. That's incredible. If the campaign had been longer, I think I would have earned even more."

Adornato was the top fundraiser in the campaign, raising \$14,471. Shank raised \$11,820 and Aragon \$1,355.

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Cool sites for hot summer nights: The sand, sea and sweet sounds in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

The rain barrel, a fixture at the Village Pump; Drinkers love the sidewalk seating at 101 Ocean; Diners at Aruba get sand in their shoes

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN WRITER

It's not your father's Village Pump anymore. This bastion of relaxed decadence in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea since 1949 looks new and is probably improved, although removing the outdoor rocking

chairs seems like a mistake to this old-timer. They've been replaced by high-tops which seat more customers, but those old rockers were great for observing the passing scene.

And a scene it is at the East end of Commercial Boulevard and El Mar Drive. While the

Village Pump holds the record for longevity, there are at least three other venues within a very short stroll that offer the great outdoors and music too. The affiliated Village Grille has some outdoor seating and offers an upscale menu to patrons of the Pump.

Across the street is 101 Ocean, the former Mulligan's location, where happy hour drinkers seem to prefer the outside bar smack on the side-

walk to any of the air conditioned rooms inside. And half a block east is the venerable Aruba Beach Cafe, one of only three restaurants we can think of where diners have direct views of sand and sea.

The unique feature of this beachside town is the music offered outdoors on weekends. The streets are closed to traffic and entertainers play everything from jazz to rock and roll.

Owners of the Village Pump and Grille stage Jazz in the Square on Fridays on El Mar Drive that, according to Chamber Executive Director Judy Swaggerty, is "hugely popular." The street dance, from 6 to 10 p.m. attracts both visitors and locals who arrive early to snag one of the outside tables. The dances have been suspended until Oct. 1 which marks the kick-off of

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Turkish coalition donates \$25,000 grant for Haiti relief

Pompano Beach-based group chose to wait

By Marise Estime

PELICAN WRITER

Pompano Beach - Cross International Catholic Outreach, or CICO, a Pompano Beach-based charity, has been helping Haitians for more than nine years. The group has been instrumental in the relief and rebuilding efforts in Haiti after the island was hit with a 7.0 magnitude earthquake on Jan. 12.

On Wednesday, CICO hosted an event to accept a \$25,000 grant from the Turkish Coalition of America, or TCA, to assist in the group's relief to Haiti.

"Having been struck by a catastrophic earthquake in 1999, the people of Turkey

and Turkish Americans know all too well the impact of natural disasters," said G. Lincoln McCurdy, president of TCA. "We hope that this grant will both establish a lasting bond between Turkish Americans and the people of Haiti as well as send a message to the public that Haiti is still in dire need for relief efforts."

Congressman Alcee L. Hastings, who attended the event, was instrumental in helping CICO connect with TCA.

"I commend the Turkish Coalition for their generous donation to Cross International," said Hastings.

"This donation will undoubtedly help the people of Haiti in their daily struggles

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East CRA meeting, Sept. 2

Pompano Beach - The East Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, or CRA, is holding a public meeting to present and discuss proposed improvements along Pompano Beach Boulevard on Sept. 2, at 6 p.m.

The public forum will coincide with the meeting of the East CRA Advisory Committee and will take place at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center located at 1801 NE 6 St..

EDSA, Inc., a landscape architecture firm under contract with the CRA, will give a presentation and will have a question and answer session. All residents are encouraged to attend this community meeting.

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Local briefs

Attention Broward County Transit Riders

Pompano Beach - The Broward County commission is scheduling a public hearing at 2 p.m., Sept. 14 to receive public comments on proposed service reductions, eliminations and bus fare increases. Prior to the meeting, on Sept. 1, a public meeting will take place at the Northwest Branch Library, 1580 NW 3 Ave, Pompano Beach at 6 p.m. to receive public input.

Special Commission workshop

Pompano Beach City Commission will hold a special meeting to amend and finalize the recent water, wastewater and reuse rate increase. Immediately after the special commission meeting there will be a commission workshop on statutory requirements for tree

maintenance. The meeting at the city chambers at 100 W. Atlantic Blvd on Sept. 2 at 9 a.m.

Downtown Pompano Beach Workshop Series

The Pompano Beach CRA will continue its Downtown Pompano Beach Workshop Series on Sept. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the E. Pat Larkins Civic Center, 520 MLK Blvd., Pompano Beach.

Green market operator needed in Deerfield Beach

Deerfield Beach - Mayor Peggy Noland's vision of a green market operating in Sullivan Park may come to pass. The Community Redevelopment Agency, or CRA, is advertising for someone to manage the market which will be open Sundays beginning Oct. 17 through May 1. Bids are due by Sept. 3 at 2:30 p.m. in the purchasing department. For information and bid application, call 954-480-4381. The winning bidder will have to be approved by the city commission.



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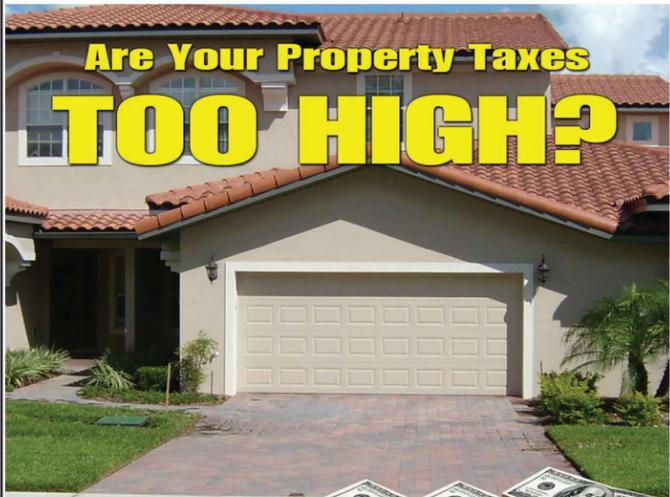
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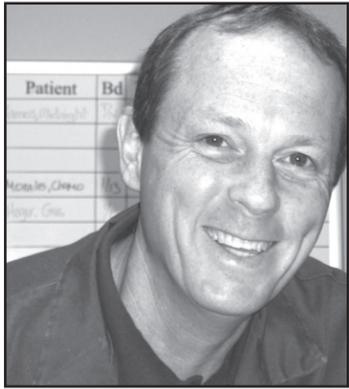
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The H3N8 equine influenza virus has been known to exist in horses for more than 40 years. In 2004 cases of an unknown respiratory illness in dogs were reported. An investigation showed that this respiratory illness was caused by the equine influenza. Scientists believe the virus jumped species (from horses to dogs) and has now adapted to cause illness in dogs and spread efficiently among dogs. This is now considered a new dog-specific lineage of H3N8. In 2005, this virus was identified by experts as "a newly emerging pathogen in the dog population" in the United States.

*Centers for Disease Control

After 15 years, Beth Shires bids a fond farewell to the residents and staff of John Knox Village

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Activities director and public relations manager Beth Shires has been a pivotal person in this CCRC or continuing care retirement community.

In the past 15 years she has created an incredible department which keeps over 700 independent living residents healthy, challenged and entertained. Accolades rain down upon her from the residents who call her amazing, fantastic, unique and one of a kind as they prepare to say goodbye on Monday, Aug. 30.

She says, "I have mixed emotions. John Knox Village, or JKV, has been much more than a job to me. It has been a major part of my life, but now I want to work with my husband, Bo, who is an Episcopal Priest with a parish in Palm City, 80 miles from here. It's just too far to commute, so we're moving there and I will be working part time at the church. I've already begun writing a monthly newsletter for the church which I do here as well, but I will actually be publishing the new one on the computer. I look forward to new challenges and more time with Bo, who has supported my extensive involvement here over these many years."

She still remembers her interview with Bob Milanovich and her first exposure to the



Beth Shires [Photo by Marty Lee]

Village.

"I had a sense of the specialness of this place because of the intensity of his feelings for the people and their welfare. I was totally intrigued with the idea of working to make a difference in peoples' lives and to be able to offer them a quality of life beyond their expectations."

Shires has done that. She has just returned from her last trip, this time escorting 21 residents on a Rhine River Cruise, and she admits she can't begin to count the number of trips she has arranged for residents all over the United States, Caribbean, Mexico and Europe.

She considers fitness goals

for this age group one of her priorities. When Shires arrived, there were just a few pieces of equipment and no program. Now, there are three qualified professional staff members, all new state of the art equipment and a comprehensive fitness program with over 300 residents actively involved.

Shires says, "We know that this is the way to improve quality of life physically and psychologically."

She and her nine person activities team have created programs for every holiday plus movies, and professional entertainment three times a month. Every month there are day trips, dinner and cultural outings to theaters, concerts and places of interest. Educational and informational lectures are scheduled every month. They schedule and coordinate room use for

residents, staff and non profits outside of the Village.

"Our programs are seven days a week because life goes on seven days a week," Shire says. "I've never counted my hours here because I do what it takes to make these plans happen for the residents."

One resident said, "It will take at least two people to do what she does." After telling the residents how much Beth Shires will be missed, President and CEO of the Village Robert P. Scharmann announced, "We have just hired Laura Tingo, who will be handling public relations, and we are interviewing people for the job of activities director."

Kaycee Findlan, a seven year member of the activities team and activities coordinator, found it difficult to talk about her boss's departure. "I've learned so much from

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Greight Spaces reels in local artists, musicians to heat up the party on East Atlantic Boulevard

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

William Meleski became a true Pompano Beach supporter during the Centennial year of celebration, donating his time and energy to make it a success. And his involvement in the city's past and future has become part of his life.

Meleski has remained active in the Pompano Beach Historical Society, and he has even relocated his business from Sample Road to 2611 E. Atlantic Blvd. to become part of the renovation beginning to happen on the Boulevard.

"We love it here," he says as he shows off his new quarters. "We're surrounded by good restaurants, businesses and boulevard strollers. I wanted my company, Greight Spaces, to be part of the new downtown."

His company specializes in residential renovation which is the art of interior design, so it's no surprise that owner, Meleski, is drawn to the works of fine artists. He's turned his store front business into a gallery featuring local artists whose work is on display to be enjoyed by clients and the visiting public.

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Amanda Carpenter, office manager, and William Meleski, owner of Greight Spaces at 2611 E. Atlantic Blvd., show a Doris Schwartz painting, the work of one of nine artists featured currently in the storefront business/gallery. The public is invited to the gallery reception this weekend, Aug. 28 and 29 from 6 to 10 p.m. [Photo by Phyllis J. Neuberger]

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Haiti

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for survival as they rebuild their country." McCurdy says his organization opted not to donate immediately when the earthquake struck.

"We intentionally waited to help. After a natural disaster people normally give, but that tapers off," said McCurdy. "We are hoping the money will go towards the rebuilding of collapsed schools."

Hastings who represents a large number of Haitian American constituents acknowledges that there is more work to be done in Haiti. "I don't see geographic lines as it relates to problems that people have," said Hastings. "They have to build schools, housing and sewage systems in the city, and they should not forget rural areas."

CICO's aid to Haiti began years before the earthquake. "Haiti is the biggest source

of our work. We send resources to the people run schools and orphanages. We rescue women from human trafficking," said James Cavnar, president of CICO. "When the earthquake struck some of the staff were in Haiti helping our church partners,

and we flew additional people there to help."

After the earthquake, people around the world pledged donations to the poor country. So far many of those pledges haven't been honored. "I am still not satisfied with the donations," said Hastings. "I

will say that the most critical thing needed in Haiti today is a stable government."

Cavnar, who thanked McCurdy for the donation "The funds will be used to support rebuilding of schools and other infrastructure. We are committed to rebuilding

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Deerfield Beach briefs
Deerfield Beach pulls Butler House funding

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN WRITER

Deerfield Beach – The historic Butler House is another victim of the city's financial crunch. The house, maintained by the Deerfield Beach Historical Society, was given \$50,000 annually by the city for operating expenses. In the proposed budget those funds have been cut completely.

Faced with a diminished salary, Executive Director Carolyn Morris said, "We're not going to close our doors. We are working hard to gather outside support."

Ironically, the State of Florida erected an official-looking sign on Hillsboro Boulevard last week that

reads "Butler House Museum and Pioneer House." The Old Schoolhouse adjacent to city hall is due a similar sign, Morris said, as is the Railroad Museum at the Seaboard Railroad Track.

The city contribution was the major share of the Historical Society's \$65,000 annual budget. Morris said to stretch the dollar, she may have to close down a few days a week. "We are not down for the count," she said. "Hopefully, the community will care."

She has had the free services of interns from FAU and the JM Foundation to help with the archives, but for the last several years has had no state grants.

Morris said she proposed a

three-year transitional period to the city and also tried to get maintenance services from the city, but was unsuccessful. "This is a very challenging time," she said.

Budget talks reveal interesting tidbits

While budget discussions can be tedious for the audience, some interesting facts emerged in Deerfield Beach.

On Tuesday, fire, police, public works and environmental services personnel laid out their spending plans for the 2010-11 fiscal year to city commissioners.

Among the nuggets: BSO has eliminated 12 jobs for a savings of \$1.82 million without cutting road patrol or code enforcement positions. The department's 126 sworn officers answer 187 calls in 24 hours. The ratio of deputies to residents is 1.6 per 1,000 residents.

In Pompano Beach the ratio is 2.4 deputies per 1,000 residents; in Boca Raton, 2.3 per 1,000, in Boynton Beach, 2.2. Part I crimes are up 4.1 percent, due to a rise in burglaries and grand theft. Property crimes in Deerfield Beach are 27 percent of the docket compared to the national average of 14 percent. BSO has the largest budget in the city, \$21 million.

Fire Chief Chad Brocato expects transport, inspection and other fees to account for 69 percent of his \$18.7 million budget. He is operating with 12 fewer people largely due to attrition. His department now trains its own personnel, a savings of \$60,000, Brocato said. The commission faces another issue on the horizon, whether to continue maintaining a badly out-of-date dispatch system or turn that function over to BSO. Some thought the sheriff would locate a central communication system from the Hurricane Survival House, but Coconut Creek was chosen instead.

New fire station

Firehouse 111 will open in the next week. The facility, a trailer converted into living and working quarters for fire/rescue personnel, is located at the old public works building on Goolsby Boulevard, allowing for more efficient west central Deerfield Beach. The department already owned the trailer and moved it to the site. With the addition of 111, the only area still in need of a fire station is Crystal Lake, the chief said.



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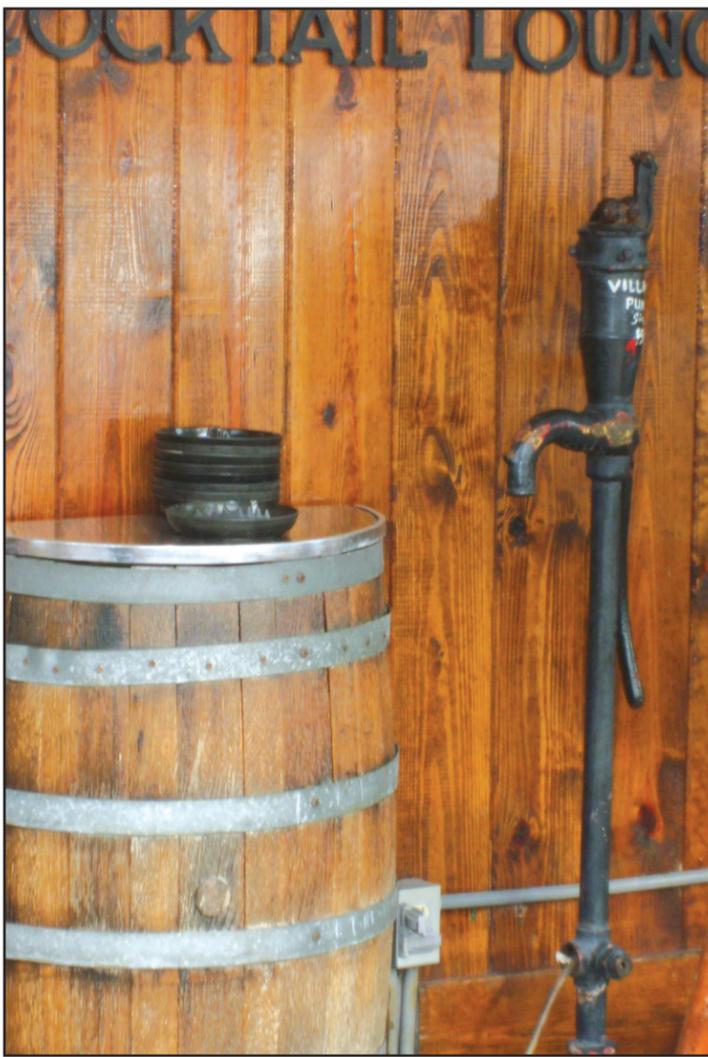
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entrance off Hillsboro Boulevard around the row of businesses including the Admiral Building and roadway leading to the Cove Restaurant - in September, October and November. The work would pick up again with Phase 2, beginning with the Fiesta Ballroom, sometime in May and continue probably through the following September.

Reibe said if the empty lot where Pal's once stood could be used for parking and shuttles provided to move people around the shopping

center, it would show the "city is willing to work with the people."

At a meeting that took place earlier in the week, retailers in the Cove urged the city not to start the \$2 million project until next May to give them time to plan and to take advantage of the season. In view of what some believe is a pending double dip recession, starting work now would be "throwing us under the bus" they said.

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"Fill the Boot" barbecue Sept. 4 in Pompano

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BSO officers have donated the grill and volunteered for barbecue duty and fire rescue personnel will be collecting funds through their "Fill-the-Boot" campaign.

Other supporters include 97.9 WRMF. Among the raffle prizes will be available will be six months of free storage. And Security Self Storage will donate the first month's rent from rentals purchased on Sept. 4 to one of the charities benefiting that day. Everyone who attends can enjoy free food, music, networking and giveaways.

"We are delighted to invite the community to support the important work of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Cell Phones For Soldiers and Toys For Tots," said Stephen Block, president of Security Self Storage. Other supporters include Pac n' Send of Lighthouse Point, Hooters Restaurant and 97.9 WRMF. For more, visit www.securityselfstoragefl.com.

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Hoffmann

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manager has thrown her hat in the ring, and we're all very satisfied with her, if we all agree let's leave it at that. The town needs a certain amount of stability."

Vice Mayor Stuart Dodd agreed there were many qualified applicants. "I noticed lots want to get out of Texas," he noted.

"I'm thrilled to finally experience working with a true professional team," Dodd added. "This town is lucky to have the team of Ms. Hoffmann and Bud Bentley," [acting assistant town manager], working with this commission to move the town forward in the direction we need to go."



Hoffmann

Dodd said the commission should draw up a contract with Hoffmann at a salary commensurate with the duties, along with a reasonable benefits and severance package. Commissioner Chris Vincent said he had reviewed every application and was very impressed with many of the resumes.

He said the commission had learned a lot by working with Hoffmann and Bentley. He said it would be prudent to save the town time and money by choosing Hoffmann. "We already have the best there is," he said of the team. The commission unanimously agreed to conduct contract negotiations with Hoffmann and appointed Minnet as commission liaison to work with the town attorney in the process.

Clotey urged Minnet to keep in mind the problems they had with Colon's contract. Colon who received \$296,188 in severance pay and accrued vacation and sick pay, an amount later determined to be an overpayment of \$69,308.

"I will make sure we're not held hostage by a contract," Minnet said.

As Hoffmann came back in the room, Minnet informed her the commission voted to accept her application. "Thank you for all you have done to pull this town together. Thanks for putting your resume in and wanting to stay here. The commission, vendors and residents are all pleased," Minnet said.

When she was asked in the interview for the interim position whether she would want the job on a permanent business, she hedged and said she viewed the interim assignment as a great opportunity for both parties to determine if they are a good fit in terms of style and vision.

"From my standpoint, who I work for is as important as the work I do," she wrote in her application letter.

"I have enjoyed working with this commission and am in sync with your commitment to looking at the big picture before acting on major capital projects, your ethical approach to governing and your belief in the value of public participation and transparency." Hoffmann said she also is impressed that town residents are so involved in their government and community and don't hesitate to speak up.

She expressed her thanks to Bentley. "Bud Bentley saved my rear end by coming in on my second day here. Hopefully, he will stay."

As she struggled with her decision of whether she wanted to stay in LBTS or work in a bigger city, Hoffmann, former city manager in Fort Lauderdale, said she talked openly with her family. Her 13-year-old nephew joined her for the town's July 4 activities, helping to clean the beach and riding with her in a golf cart. He told her, "Connie, you'd be crazy not to take this job. This town is so darned cute. And the golf cart is really cool," she said.

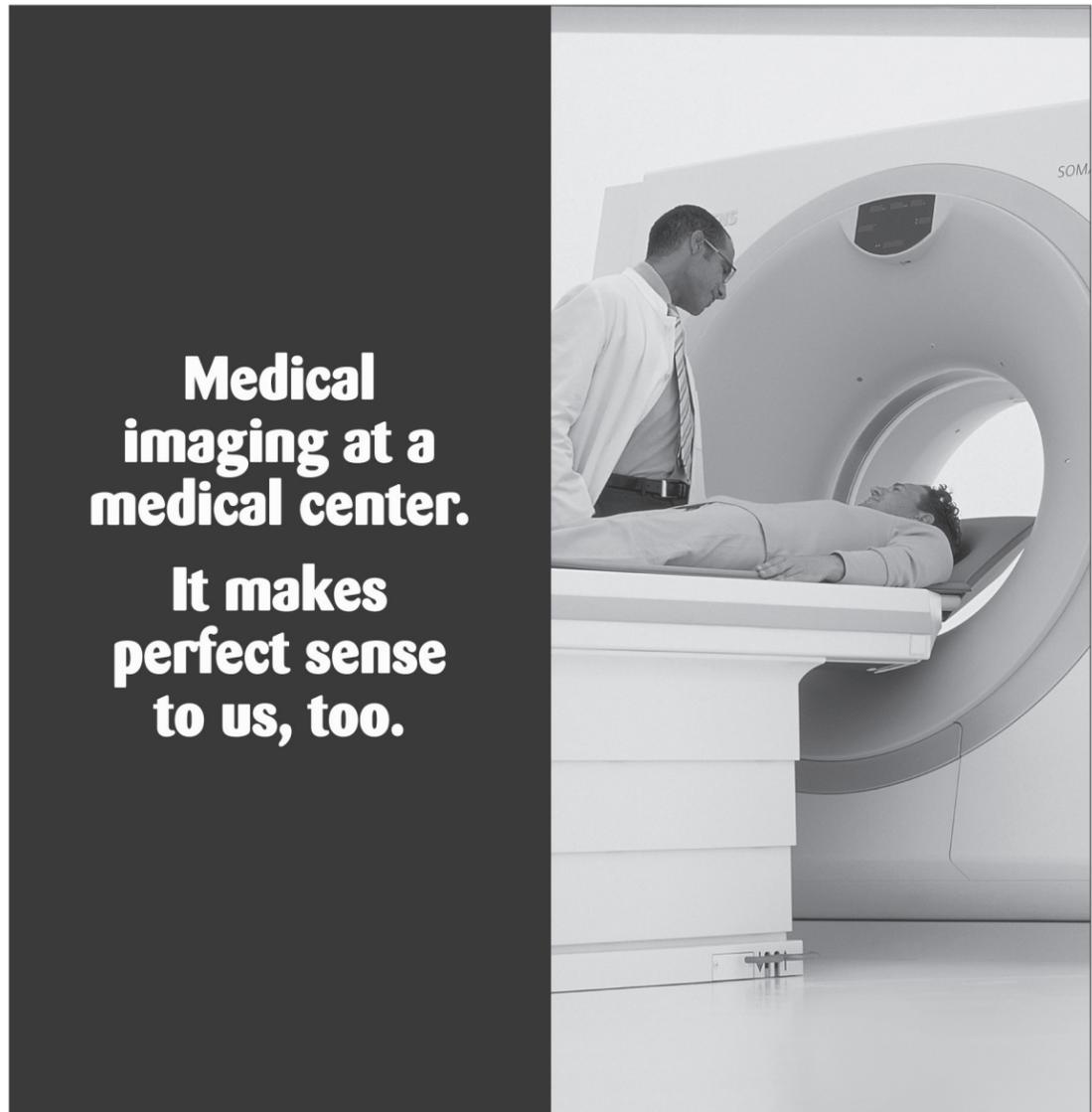
It wasn't only the cuteness and the golf cart that sold

her. In her application letter, Hoffmann said, "I like solving complex problems, and, to my surprise, I have found that Lauderdale-By-The-Sea has plenty of challenges and problems to solve. What I am most energized by is the opportunity to participate in the visioning process for the town's future and have a hand

in the strategic plan to make that vision a reality. The town already has a sense of place that other cities spend billions trying to create. We have such a great foundation to build on."

Bentley also applied for the town manager position, noting his experience as both a city manager and assistant

city manager. He wrote, "This is a unique experience for me to apply for a position and hope that I come in second to the interim town manager. I am totally supportive of Ms. Hoffmann for the town manager position; however, if she is not available, I want to offer the commission an in-house candidate."



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Column

How to do Sudoku
Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above. For strategies, go to csmonitor.com/sudoku.

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Greight Spaces

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Amanda Carpenter, office manager, is in charge of the exhibiting artists. "This is William's gift to the community," she explains. "We do not charge the artists featured, nor do we take commissions when they sell. We change our exhibit every two months to give different

local artists a chance to have their work seen. This is our way to support local talent in Pompano Beach."

Meleski adds, "We have open house with coffee and sweets every Wednesday morning from 7 to 9 a.m. People stop in on their way to work or shop and see what we're all about. And every two months we have an evening gallery reception to give our artists exposure. Our

next event is this weekend. On Saturday and Sunday evening, Aug. 28 and 29, from 6 until 10 p.m. we will be serving refreshments, and displaying all new art in our gallery. And for the first time, we will even have music from eight on, provided by Christopher Siren. This is our way to stay in touch with the community. We hope we are providing an attraction on the boulevard as we introduce

ourselves and make new friends."

Evidently it works for Greight Spaces as well. Mike and Marie Connelly stopped in to see what the company was all about after dining at famous Café Maxx, just a few doors away.

"We were about to do two rooms over in our beach condo," Mike explains, "and because we travel and live in Pompano Beach and in Las Vegas, we knew we could use an interior designer such as William who would manage the different aspects of the redo. We're thrilled with his work. To us, the worth of the decorator is often the fresh ideas he brings that we have not even thought about. William and Diana did that. We're very pleased with their recommendations and the coordinating of other professionals they brought to the project."

Pleased to have made a new client happy, Meleski says, "There's no job too simple or complicated for us. Currently we're doing an entire house in Davie. Embellishments include a private saloon in the interior. It involves a 30-foot long

and 5-foot high Everglades mural which will be created by one of our exhibiting artists. Another challenge is a 20-foot cast stone fireplace. We're bringing in the gas lines, putting in a full home generator and new impact windows. The client is a traveling executive who has no time to deal with all of the individual providers for each step of the renovation. As owner's agent, we keep the project organized, get permits, insurance documents and hire the experts in each area needed. Weekly meetings with the client keep him up to date but not bothered by the myriad of details that go into a remodel.

The client, John David Perez says, "Meleski came to me on a recommendation, and I'm pleased with his professional handling of my renovation. He's a relief to me. He's staying on budget, and my home is going to be beautiful."

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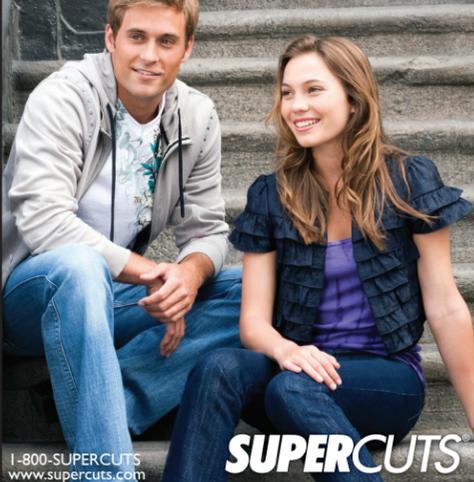
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Senator Jeremy Ring guest at Rotary Club

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Senator Jeremy Ring was the featured speaker at the Aug. 17, Pompano Beach-Lighthouse Rotary Club. Ring said several items are out of control and causing the State of Florida to be in financial bind.

He said 50 percent of all funds raised by the state go to medical costs.

This does not leave enough funds to operate the school systems or make improvements to the infrastructure of the state.

Some time ago, Ring explained, state leaders planned for a population of 12 million. The state is now at 18 million.

Ring said Florida will have a high speed rail system in about three years. Routes

from Orlando to Tampa, Orlando to Jacksonville, Miami to West Palm and on to Orlando are all possible.

Senator Ring's District 32 covers Margate, Coral Springs and Parkland. Ring

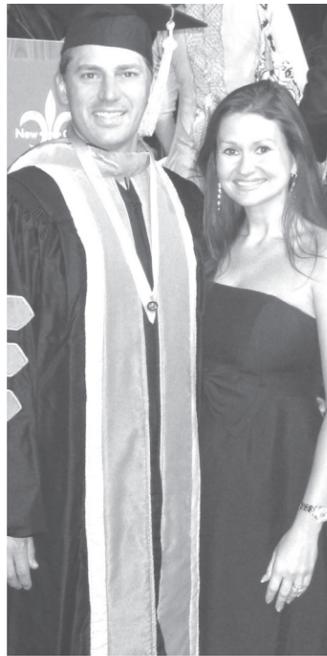
moved to Florida in 2002 after developing several Internet programs that grossed \$5 billion in 5 years. He graduated from Syracuse University and is married with three children.



ADG honors local dentist

Dr. Brian Rask recently received the Fellowship award from the Academy of General Dentistry, or ADG. To be considered, Dr. Rask completed 500 hours of continuing education, passed a written exam and completed three years of continuing membership with the AGD.

Dr. Rask graduated from the University of Florida, college of dentistry in 2004 and practices dentistry in Pompano Beach.



Shires

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Beth about dealing with people and the challenges of keeping this large community active and interested in the activities we have planned."

Cindy Kern, activities assistant, adds, "We will miss Beth's leadership, but we are committed to continue our traditional programs and stay open to new ones. Judy Dahl has worked with Shires

since 2004 and says, "Beth gave me the opportunity to be an activities assistant and now administrative activities assistant. I've enjoyed serving the residents under her leadership. She's taught me a great deal about organization and getting along under stress."

"The hardest part of leaving is leaving the relationships that have been built over 15 years," Shires says. "That includes staff, residents, entertainers and vendors

who have all turned into a community of friends. This has been a fabulous opportunity for me to have so many wonderful people in my life. I've become part of this Village which aspires and often succeeds in making this last chapter of residents' lives fun, stimulating and even exciting. But change brings new opportunity. I added to what existed and I trust my successor will do the same."

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Theater

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Commissioners agreed to provide \$1,000, payable in three increments of \$333.33. Payments will be made after the performance series for each play.

Responding to commissioners' concerns about an accounting for funds, or seeing a balance sheet, Hoffmann said, "The sum is so small. Do we want to require reports in the contract?"

Ragusa said in previous years, he was asked for a spreadsheet, and an accountant charged him \$2,000.

He said he has already spent \$800 out of his pocket to keep the organization alive. "I will hand you the books. I'm not an accountant," he said. "I think the books will be simple enough that we don't need a CPA to audit them," Hoffmann said.

The first play will be *Murder at Howard Johnson's*, set for Nov. 18 to 20. The play is a fast-paced, suspense-comedy about a love triangle, a husband and wife and their dentist, with many twists and turns during three acts.

Other proposed plays are *Saint or Sinner*, Feb. 3 to 5, 2011; and *Horowitz and Mrs. Washington*, April 5-9, 2011. All scripts will be submitted to the town six weeks in advance for review and approval. Commissioner Birute Clotney had one request of Ragusa. "If the subject matter and language of the play are not suitable for a general family audience, would you mention that in the promotion?" He agreed he would.

In the agreement, CPAC provides the play, actors and support personnel, stage and scenery. It will charge an admission price of no more than \$20 per person. The town will have no right to the revenues.

The town will provide Jarvis Hall at no charge, provide chairs and storage space. The arts center group

will occupy Jarvis Hall for a five-day period for each show. The hall can still be used for senior program activities for the first two days during set up and dress rehearsal. The agreement is for one season, from Nov. 1 to Oct. 31, 2011.

"It's quite exciting. I'm 100 percent behind this exercise,"

said Vice Mayor Stuart Dodd. The Performing Arts Center, under Ragusa's leadership, started in 1998 at the Community Church and operated until late 2008 when Ragusa resigned over lack of cooperation from the previous administration and town commission.

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Christina's Café continues to provide the tastiest Greek fare in Pompano Beach

By Malcolm McClintock

PELICAN FOOD WRITER

Located near the corner of US 1 and Atlantic, perennial hot spot Christina's Café lies the benchmark for scrumptious Hellenic delights in Pompano Beach.

Owners Christina and Pascal Rapi have worked hard over the past 5 years to replicate the enchanting flavors of their native homeland. "We bring Greece to Pompano Beach," says Christina as she prepares an eye-catching order of Saganaki.

Drenched in Brandy and flambéed tableside, the Saganaki features a generous portion of Kefalotiri cheese engulfed in flames and served with crispy pita bread. "This is a very popular appetizer," states Christina from behind a mesmerizing wall of fire.

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Owners Christina and Pascal Rapi show off a few of the enticing Greek wines available at Christina's Café.

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Christina's

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Pleasantly pungent, this sheep's milk cheese attains new heights of delectability once the flash fire subsides and a dash of lemon juice is added.

In fact, this dish yearns to be paired with one of the many delightful Greek wines available such as the 2008 Kretikos Boutari – an aromatic red blend of Kotsifali and Mandilaria grapes from the island of Crete. If cheese fueled bonfires are not your cup of tea, Christina's offers a wide selection of alternate Greek specialties. The Dolmades showcase handmade grape leaves stuffed with rice and herbs, the Keftedes involve zesty meatballs with garlic and parsley and the Melitzanosalata features roasted eggplant blended with garlic, onion and lemon.

The Spanakopita is a quintessentially Greek savory phyllo pastry stuffed with chopped spinach, feta cheese, onions and seasonings.

The highly addictive Tzatziki sauce and hummus preparation are made fresh daily with the singular authenticity only a native Greek chef can produce. "I make only authentic family Greek food," says the soft-spoken Pascal who immigrated to America with wife Christina some 10 years ago.

The menu is replete with all the classic dishes that conjure up romantic images of this culturally rich and historically significant Mediterranean nation.

Seafood lovers will find satisfaction in the grilled marinated octopus with white wine, oregano and olive oil, or the grouper filet in wine lemon sauce with rice and vegetables. "Our calamari is also great. It is always made fresh to order," says the affable Christina.

Fish, shrimp, crab and even smelts can be found in one form or another on the menu. Zesty handmade raviolis



Loaded with succulent lamb slices, tomatoes, lettuce, onion and homemade tzatziki sauce, Christina's gyro sandwich is the most authentic in Pompano. [Photos by Malcolm McClintock]

stuffed with mixed seafood and accented with creamy tomato vodka sauce also make a welcome appearance.

For meat enthusiasts, the crowd pleasing Pastichio is a kind of Greek lasagna in which baked seasoned ground beef and layers of macaroni are topped with a rich béchamel sauce.

"My favorite dish is the lamb chops. We marinate them for 24 hours before grilling them," says Pascal with a knowing smile. Lamb shanks with orzo and herb marinated lamb are also available. For added variety, a few Italian specialties are provided. Chicken and veal can be enjoyed Marsala with mushrooms or Piccata with capers and wine lemon sauce.

But the most popular fare at Christina's is the famous gyro sandwich. Available as a platter or lunch special, this wholesome pita pocket stuffed with juicy lamb slices, tomatoes, onions, lettuce and Tzatziki is the most requested item on the menu. Chicken and beef kebobs are also good choices.

"Everything is made on the

spot. We keep our customers healthy because our food is fresh and nutritious," says Christina with a wry smile as she unveils a wonderfully sweet baklava dessert dish.

Christina's Café offers takeout, delivery, catering and will also accommodate larger groups for private functions.

Early bird specials and dinner deals are a great way to enjoy the full breadth of this tasty Mediterranean culinary experience. The fully loaded lunch special is \$9 and a 3 course dinner with extras can be obtained for under \$20. Wine and beer start at \$4 a glass.

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This Greek stalwart earns high marks for the rich flavors and authenticity it delivers.

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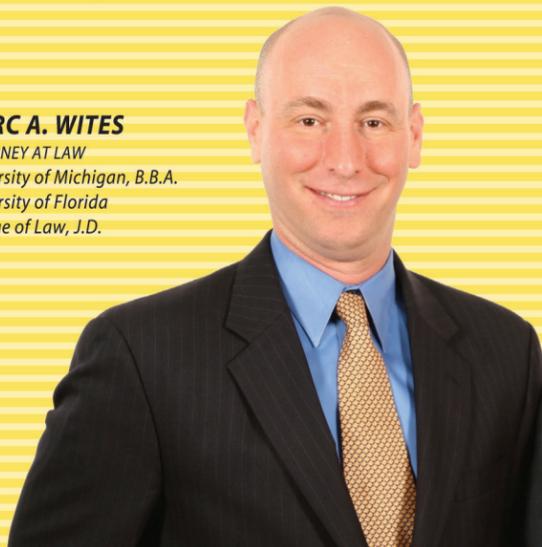
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