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Plenty of people came to South Florida in the early days to play golf in the '30s, but not all of them built their own golf courses on their own properties. But then, not all of them were builders of golf courses like George Richardson. Above is the landmark Richardson House in Wilton Manors. It is now city-owned and serves the residents as a museum while its grounds serve as recreation space. Read the story of The Richardson House in Wilton Manors on page 4 in the Pelican's second volume of local history.

Commission set to merge fire/rescue with BSO

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach- Driven by the numbers and a trend toward regionalization, city commissioners voted Tuesday to merge Deerfield Beach Fire/Rescue with the Broward Sheriff's Office.

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City seeks legal help to counter drive against utility tax

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – The city will hire outside counsel to research the legality of holding a public referendum aimed at rescinding the newly-

See TAX on page 19

Real estate visionaries took a gamble on Anglin's Pier and created Lauderdale-by-the-Sea landmark

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea – After 70 years in operation, Anglin's Fishing Pier remains a major tourist attraction and focal point in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

Melvin Anglin, the town's first mayor and a town founder, built the first fishing pier in town in 1941. The 800-foot pier with its 100-foot T was built with the help of his two sons.

In December 1962, real estate agents, Everett Sorensen and Frank Myatt, bought the pier from the Anglin

family. First they had attempted to sell it for the Anglin family.

Then they said, "Let's look at this," Sorensen recalled. The pier was in a dilapidated condition at the time. They took the money they had, got some family members on board and obtained a bank loan.

"At first the bankers weren't sure about loaning money for a pier out in the ocean," Sorensen said. But when he and Myatt agreed that if the loan were granted, they wouldn't take a salary or dividend until the loan was paid in full, the loan was granted.

"The board said if we had that

much confidence, they would approve it," he said. The partners repaid the \$60,000 loan in four and a half years.

Sorensen remembers going to the mayor, Gilbert Colnot, with their rendering of plans for the pier.

"I've never seen a man so excited. He said this is the greatest thing that's happened in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. He was a big man, about 6-foot 1. But he got up and gave us a big hug," Sorensen said.

The partners hired a bridge and pier contractor to engineer and re-construct

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At \$399,000, old chamber building is no bargain commission says

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – City commissioners balked at the \$399,999 price tag the Community Redevelopment Agency, or CRA, was willing to pay for the Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce building at 1600 E. Hillsboro Boulevard last week.

They cited appraisals they said were far too high for the property which is deed restricted to non-profit, community use, and the condition of the 50-year-old structure.

Commissioner Bill Ganz said the appraisals were based on the assumption the property would be zoned for commercial use. “The prices reflect a non-reality,” he said. “Something seems wrong



Located in the center of eastern Deerfield Beach, the Chamber building is looking like a bargain.

with these estimates. We always end up paying more. We should go with a price we are comfortable with. We are in the driver’s seat.”

City Attorney Andy Maurodis said appraisals are generally made on the “highest and best use of the property.” The situation at the Chamber is that the original owner deed-restricted it for non-profit use only. Three appraisals came in averaging \$418,000. Commu-

nity Redevelopment Agency Manager Keven Klopp countered the Chamber Board’s first offer of \$425,000 with the \$399,000 figure.

Commissioner Joe Miller was concerned over the cost of making the building usable for the Klopp’s staff. Klopp

said no inspection had been done and he could not estimate what it would cost to rehab the building.

“I wouldn’t buy without a full inspection,” Miller said. “We want the property, but there’s no open check book.”

Ganz added, “We all agree we’d like to have the property, but we don’t want it to be ransomed.” Ganz said he had a number in mind and eventually said it was \$250,000. Mayor Peggy Noland replied that she had that same figure written in her notes.

Vice Mayor Marty Popelsky said he would be more favorable to the purchase if the building were to be demolished.

Making a pitch for the purchase, City Manager Burgess Hanson told the commission, “This is the gateway to the

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On Hammondville Road, the Ali House faces its future as a memory.

Historic Ali House's Future Uncertain

By Andrew Scott

PELICAN WRITER

Pompano Beach - What lies in the future for the Ali house? That's the burning question many are asking about the building at 353/357 Hammondville Road, one rich in African-American history but terribly neglected over the years and in gross disrepair. Recently, hope emerged for the two-story structure built in 1933 and home to Pompano's first black-owned business—a

hair salon and barber shop—when a fraternity of professional African-American men eyed the building for renovation to it turn into an activity center to help local youth.

"We were going to try to renovate the building and use it for some of the programs we run in the community," said Harry Harrell, director of Eta Nu, a chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. "But over the past two years, after spending a lot of money, we found out that the building has

serious structural problems, so the cost to renovate it was going to be over twice what we had estimated."

Eta Nu had originally planned to spend \$400,000 to renovate a building from which it could continue its work of tutoring and mentoring underprivileged youth and offer community services. "At last estimate, [the Ali house] was going to cost \$780,000 to renovate," Harrell said.

In 2009, Eta Nu entered into a 50-year lease with the city's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to use the Ali house.

"We're working with the CRA to try and find another location," Harrell said.

The group has since set its eyes on a vacant lot on the corner of 10th Avenue and

Martin Luther King Boulevard where the Melody Bar once stood and which was once the location of a black cinema.

As for the Ali house, Hazel Armbrister of the Pompano Beach Historical Society said she had asked the City Commission in 2007 "not to destroy it, because they had destroyed everything else on Hammondville Road that had been there from the '20s and '30s."

The approximately 3,000 square-foot building once owned by Frank Ali "is still standing because I interceded to ask that it was not pushed

down," Armbrister told the Pelican.

According to Floyd Johnson, director of Pompano's Northwest CRA, the Pompano Beach Historical Society has recently inquired about the CRA's plans for the building and has shown interest in having it placed on a local registry of historical places.

"I think what's being considered by the Historical Society folks is that the building be used in a way that it will still have the structure representing the era in which it was built, lending credence

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Richardson's luxuries pass on as serene city park in Wilton Manors

By Cindy Thuma

PELICAN WRITER

The grandest home in Wilton Manors is built on the footprint of the home of its founding father, Edward John "Ned" Willingham.

In the mid-1930s, George Richardson, Sr., moved his family to a 40-acre plot of land along the south fork of the Middle River. There were only three other homes in the vicinity.

Richardson, an Irishman who lived in Pennsylvania, built high-end golf courses around the country, working with some of the nation's premier golf course architects, such as Donald Ross and Albert Warren Tillinghast.

He wanted to build a course of his own for his retirement to, a course he and his family would operate. He knew just where he wanted to build. He had come to Broward County to help build Fort Lauderdale Country Club's South Course for architect Francis Abreu, and loved the terrain and the



George Richardson puts his putter to work only a few feet from his home [Seen in background] [Photos of Richardson House courtesy of the Wilton Manors Historical Society Collection]

area's climate. Ironically, Abreu had a tie to Wilton Manors, too. He designed the entryway to the city.

While George Richardson Sr. was away building golf
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Richardson House

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courses, his wife Rachael and son George Jr. stayed home and supervised construction of the family's nine-hole course. The golf course opened in the winter of 1937. It was a 2,820-yard, par-34 layout. At the time it opened, it joined Fort Lauderdale Country Club, reconstructed after the hurricane of 1926, and Hollywood's Orangebrook Country Club as the county's only golf courses. Unlike FLCC and Orangebrook, the Richardson course was closed during the summers.

The golf course operated for more than 20 years. The course property, to the west of the family home, running all the way to Andrews Avenue, was eventually sold and leveled for apartment development.

The Richardsons originally lived in the Willingham home, built in 1925, and had hoped to restore it to its original grandeur, but found "it was too far gone," said Diane Cline, president of the Wilton Manors Historical Society. Only the carriage house, built in 1926, survives from the Willingham era. The Richardson family's manor house, built in 1958, now serves as the main building of

the Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve, at 1937 Wilton Drive.

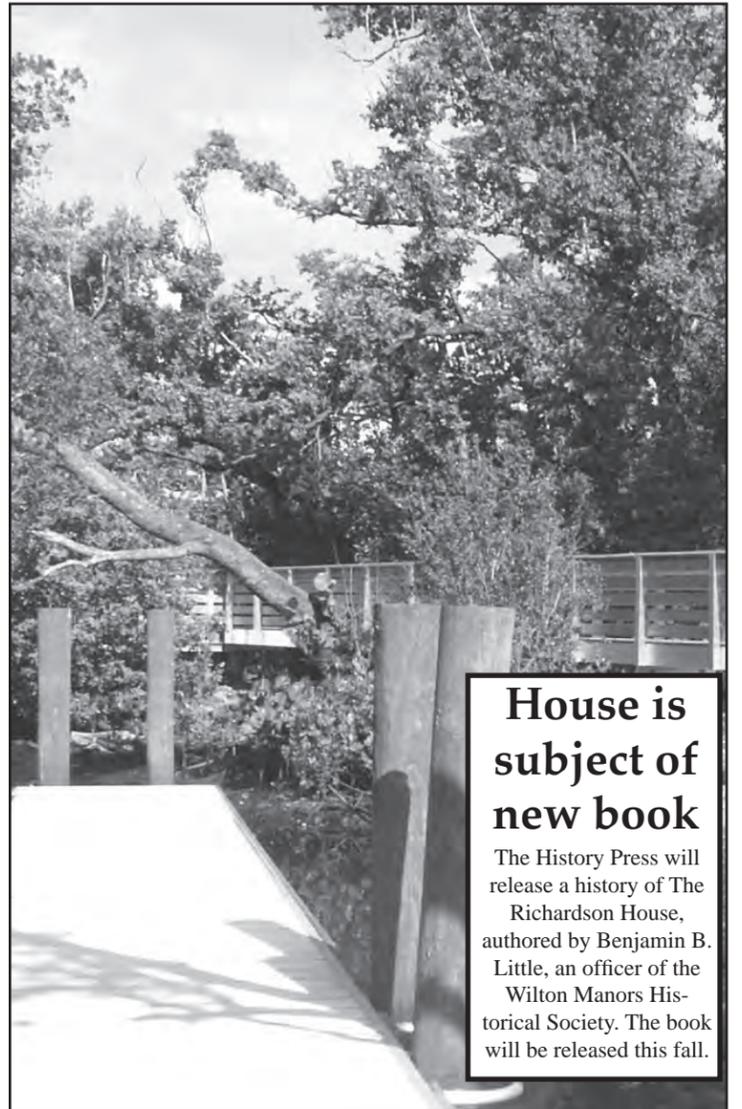
In 2002, the family sold the house, carriage house and property to Wilton Manors for use as a park. Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve, a certified nature preserve, was dedicated on September 18, 2007.

The Richardson Preserve is a 5.4 acre park featuring river board walk, boat dock, observation pier, pavilion area, nature trails, restrooms, court yard, natural habitat areas and parking lot. The park contains 2.3 acres of red and white mangrove forest.

The manor house provides office space to house the Wilton Manors Historical Society and Broward Urban River Trails. The manor house is said to be haunted, but its resident spirit is friendly.

The manor house is also available for rental.

The park is open Monday through Friday from 8 to 7 p.m. On weekends and holidays, it is open from 8 to 6 p.m. The park is closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.



House is subject of new book

The History Press will release a history of The Richardson House, authored by Benjamin B. Little, an officer of the Wilton Manors Historical Society. The book will be released this fall.

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Lower tax millage sounds good but new utility tax still hits a sour note

To the editor,

Today the stock market took a 420 point plunge with the prediction that the economy is headed to a double dip recession. On September 6th at the first reading of the budget, the Rescind Unfair Taxes Committee will have presented to the Supervisor of elections 6,000 signatures asking this commission to rescind the action taken on June 7th.

The fact that you want to lower the millage rate to 5.67 is admirable; however, you don't do it by introducing a whole new tax.

At a recent meeting, the finance director indicated the \$6 million to be generated by this tax was already plugged into the budget. \$4,622,065 of that money is to lower the millage rate by 1 mill. Unless the commission has a plan B, the tax cannot be rescinded on Sept. 6 without a viable alternative.

Last year the budget passed with \$8 million in the undesignated reserve. At present there is \$10,596,455 in that fund. \$2, 596,455 can be utilized to reduce the millage rate. The city would still maintain its bond rating since the \$8 million 10 percent of the general fund which stands at \$74 million.

We have been told that the savings for the Fire merger with BSO would save \$2.9 million this year. However the figures in this year's budget is \$18 million \$192,000 which is merely \$577,000 less than last year's budget. Where is the \$2.9 million?

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Church scene, housing appointment not right for city

To the editor,

On Saturday, July 30, Mayor Peggy Noland had the nerve to invade the sanctity of St. Ambrose Church by getting up at the end of the 4 o'clock Mass to question the motives of the Rescind Unfair Taxes Group who had previously collected signatures at the church. She also brought with her the yellow sheet the city had put out in opposition to the repeal of tax. How did this come about?

Later she took it upon herself at the next commission meeting to reappoint to the Housing Authority Chaz Stevens who has used his blog to denigrate the Catholic Church, its priests, St. Ambrose and Father Dalton in particular.

Shame on the members of the commission who allowed this appointment to go unchallenged. Their reasons for their voting to approve are questionable at best.

I have been a collector in the rescind movement, and if the mayor were aware of the feelings of the electorate toward her and the other two commissioners who voted for this 10 per cent in taxes, she and they would think twice about the action the took place on June 7. Let's just say that if there were a simpler method of recall, the three of them would be long gone. Call City Hall at 954-408-4263 to tell the mayor what you think of her actions.

Lillian Lorraine
Deerfield Beach

Letters

President Barack Obama's advice to students for this school year



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But at the end of the day, the circumstances of your life -- what you look like, where you come from, how much money you have, what you've got going on at home -- none of that is an excuse for neglecting your homework or having a bad attitude in school. That's no excuse for talking back to your teacher, or cutting class, or dropping out of school. There is no excuse for not trying. Where you are right now doesn't have to determine where you'll end up. No one's written your destiny for you, because here in America, you write your own destiny. You make your own future.

The truth is, being successful is hard. You won't love every subject that you study. You won't click with every teacher that you have. Not every homework assignment will seem completely relevant to your life right at this minute. And you won't necessarily succeed at everything the first time you try. That's okay. Some of the most successful people in the world are the ones who've had the most failures. J.K. Rowling's -- who wrote Harry Potter -- her first Harry Potter book was rejected 12 times before it was finally published. Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team. He lost hundreds of games and missed thousands of shots during his career. But he once said, "I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that's why I succeed."

These people succeeded because they understood that you can't let your failures define you -- you have to let your failures teach you. You have to let them show you what to do differently the next time. So if you get into trouble, that doesn't mean you're a troublemaker, it means you need to try harder to act right. If you get a bad grade, that doesn't mean you're stupid, it just means you need to spend more time studying. No one's born being good at all things. You become good at things through hard work.

I expect you to put your best effort into everything you do. I expect great things from each of you and so do your parents. So don't let us down. Don't let your country down. Most of all, don't let yourself down. Make us all proud. Thank you very much, everybody. God bless you. God bless America. Thank you.

School Supplies Needed

Assumption Catholic Church and the LBTS Chamber are sponsoring a drive to collect school supplies to get local homeless/needy elementary students off to a great new school year. We would like this to be a true community effort throughout Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. Please join us by donating new supplies such as: pens, pencils, rulers, scissors, glue, highlighters, crayons, water paints, paper, notebooks, pocket folders, backpacks, calculators and dictionaries. Collection boxes are available at Assumption Church, LBTS Town Hall and the LBTS The Aug. 20 - Friends of the Pompano Beach Library invite you to attend

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Ali House

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to its historical significance, while being a usable facility," Johnson said.

From the CRA's standpoint, "clearly if there were some use [of the Ali house] to allow for the generation of revenue that would be helpful as we're trying to economically revitalize the whole area," Johnson said.

Meanwhile, the Secretary of the Interior's guidelines for preserving historic buildings like the Ali house recommends, among other things, that the "historic character of a property be retained and preserved" and that "deteriorated historic features be repaired rather than replaced."

That may be a tall order for the next prospective occupant of the Ali house.

Merchants rally to allow 'Open' signs in their windows

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Lighthouse Point – Merchants here are gearing up to attend Tuesday's city commission meeting to protest a recent crackdown on lighted, neon "open" signs. The signs, they say, should be considered informational, not advertising, and in shopping centers where there are many vacancies, 'Open' signs show passersby a space is open for business.

Their 'protest' may have already been heard by city officials.

This week Mayor Fred Schorr said the "open" signs have never conformed to the code, but he and the city administration thought the commission was asking that sign code infractions be cleaned up.

"We thought it a bit of a joke."

– Kane, referring to recent code enforcement messages

"We went along Federal Highway and handed out a warning letter," he said. That letter caused a lot of concern. Now he is willing to revisit the matter. "This is not the time to make this an issue," Schorr said, "or to take the time of the code ordinance official."

The mayor does not think anyone has actually been cited with a violation.

City Administrator John Lavisky said all signs must be approved by the Community Appearance Board but the commission has relaxed the rules to allow one temporary window sign without CAB okay. "They have to choose which sign they want in the window," Lavisky said.

Penni Morris, owner of the Pac 'N Send in Venetian Isles, received a warning letter about her lit "open" sign. She was told it would pass muster if she unplugged it,

so she did, but found that it could not be seen easily from the street. Moving it four feet back from the window (another provision of the code) is, in her space, not practical, she said. Adding to her visibility problem are tinted windows that make it difficult to see inside her store. Morris says she has no objection to the other rules that regulate the size, style, color of signs, but said, "I just need my 'Open' sign."

"A community that does not support its small businesses is not a desirable place," she said. "We are the ones who support the churches, charities and schools in our city with donations," she said.

Chris Kane, manager of the Daily Grind, also in Venetian Isle, has a similar situation. His darkly tinted windows reflect the sunlight making it impossible to see inside the coffee shop. When the matter of enforcing the code came up several months ago, Kane said "we thought it a bit of a joke."

Now he says, "Have a look at the 'ghost towns' along Federal Highway," Kane said. "The least they can do is let you show people you are open for business." Kane said the shop's owners, Andrew and

Graham Donald, plan to attend the commission meeting.

Morris also thinks code enforcement has been spotty. When one merchant was cited for tying two balloons to her car parked in front of her store, Morris pointed to J.D. Wahoo's in the same shopping center, which is festooned with banners and other materials to attract customers.

The small merchant is handicapped in other ways, Morris said. In the large centers, only the names of the anchor stores appear on the monument signs alongside the highway. The commission has relaxed some signage rules to give business advertising options. It has also extended the deadline for replacing pole signs with monument signs.

Schorr said the merchants' concerns have led him to consider tweaking the sign code to make it more realistic. As an example he pointed to a weekend sale sign which now requires approval from the CAB.

"We thought what we were doing was right. We made a change, but now I think we may have to back off," he said.

Morris is distributing "Let Our Voices be Heard" flyers that urge business people to attend the commission meeting Tuesday, August 23, 7:30 p.m. Commission President Susie Gordon has placed the "open" sign discussion on the agenda.

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Briefs

Sunshine Stand-up Paddle races on for Aug. 20

Fans of paddle board racing will get a treat with the addition of the Mai Kai Polynesian show tomorrow just north of the pier in Pompano Beach from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The race is a benefit for Surfers with Autism.

The Sunshine Stand Up Paddle, or SUP, series consists of 4 stand up paddle boards races that take place in the ocean in Pompano Beach. The fourth and final stand up paddle board race will determine the overall series champion. The race course is made up of .75 mile laps with a challenging series of turns and a beach run in between each lap. The stock class completes 3 laps / 2 runs and the Elite class does 5 laps / 4 runs. The show is free and open to the public. There will also be chances for people to come try stand up paddling for free, during the SUP Demo presented by Surf World. There will be games for the kids and a raffle with proceeds benefitting the charity. Call: Randy Skinner 954-545-7873.

Book sale in Oakland Park

Oakland Park – The Friends of the Library plan a used book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Oakland Park Library, 1298 NE 37 St.

For more information about the group or upcoming programming, call 954-630-4370.

Diane Dennison volunteers at N.E. Focal Point with the same diligence she gave to the BSO for 25 years



[Top] Diane Dennison is ready to fill a cup for Donna DeFronzo. Volunteer Diane's coffee shop at NE Focal Point Center is a morning social hub Monday to Friday. There's a constant flow of staff, volunteers and clients taking a break in the serene garden setting for a cup or a snack.

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Diane Dennison presides over the outdoor coffee shop at NE Focal Point, 227 NW 2 Street in Deerfield Beach from Monday to Friday.

She's having fun as she pours regular or decaf and maybe toasts an English muffin or bagel for staff, other volunteers or clients who are at the center taking a break from a bingo game, computer class, fitness and exercise or any other of the many Senior Center activities.

One client, William Hoffman, calls Diane's coffee shop 'the hub' and adds he never misses a chance to have a cup and chat with whomever he finds in the shop. "I might be here to catch a bingo game or a movie, or jazz, but if it's in the a.m. I always stop here to enjoy coffee and find out what's going on in Diane's café."

Susan Vorrias, another volunteer who was just finishing up a morning snack, stepped behind the counter to relieve Dennison while she was being interviewed.

"I've been running the coffee shop in the morning for five years," Dennison says, "and I love it. I begged to get this spot. The work is easy. I like being outside even when it's hot. The fans keep the air moving. I like the action and all of my morning visitors. This job gives me a reason to get up and get going every morning."

And that's not all she does at the Center. Every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., she leads a discussion group



the Deerfield Beach Police Department and then the BSO when it took over. She says, "My husband passed away the year before I retired. When I retired I needed to fill my time constructively. I did hospital work at North Broward Medical Center until I turned 60 and became qualified to become a volunteer here in the Senior Center. I'm so happy here because the garden atmosphere is lovely. It's a constant changing social scene and it's fun for me. I have three adult children, all living far away. They have their lives and I have mine. We're in constant touch on the computer."

Asked if she has any hobbies, she nods yes and says she's a quilter. "I belong to the East Sunrise Quilt Guild which does a lot of charity work. In a Create and Share Program, our Guild makes quilts which we donate to good causes. Our Quilts of Valor program donates quilts to injured returning service people. I was pleased to donate one of my quilts to the silent auction fundraiser for this Center's Cuisine of the Region Event."

If there's any time left for Dennison's busy hands, she might be amusing herself with computer games or touching base with far away children.

Senior Center Director, Donna DeFronzo calls Dennison, "a dedicated, compassionate and wonderful volunteer who contributes her time, talents and treasures to make a difference in other peoples' lives here in our N.E. Focal Point Senior Center and elsewhere. Volunteers like Diane enrich all of our activities, adding their support and talents to our salaried staff."

Thank you, Diane Dennison for your service to the community.

To become a volunteer at N.E. Focal Point Senior Center, call 954-480-4447.

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called Hot Topics. She says, "We all bring articles of interest and share our thoughts. I steer this group away from politics because people get too emotional and out of control."

For Meals on Wheels, she is a personal shopper. Explaining, she says, "I'm assigned to two different housebound ladies. Both of these women are stuck at home, so I do their grocery shopping for them. I stop by their apartments, pick up their lists and their Publix Shopping Cards. I return with their groceries and help them put them away if they need me to do so. It's my joy to help. It could be me needing the help."

Volunteer Coordinator at the Center, Claire Riccardi says, "We always need more Dianes and I hope your readers will join our dedicated team of volunteers. The Center has so many activities that each volunteer can find the perfect time slot and area of interest."

Before making a career out of volunteering, Dennison was a police dispatcher for twenty-five years with

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In a hurricane, find shelter with friend west of the Intracoastal storm experts say

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

LBTS -- After a hurricane, there's still a lot of expectation that government will be the end all and be all.

"Government will do what it can, but there's a limit to what we can do," Chuck Lanza, Broward County emergency management director, said at a hurricane seminar Wednesday, sponsored by the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Chamber of Commerce and the town.

Lanza stressed the importance of residents having a

plan and being prepared in case of a big storm.

"You're living in paradise, but a storm surge can be a significant event here," he said.

In case of a Category 1 storm, a mandatory evacuation order would be ordered from the ocean to the Intracoastal Waterway. For larger storms, the evacuation area extends out to U.S. 1.

Lanza suggested residents in those areas identify ahead of time friends or relatives in western Broward they could stay with in case they have to leave home.

Broward County has 25 storm shelters. "But conditions are austere, and it's not the best place to be if you don't have to be," Lanza said.

"The only place worse than being in a storm on the coast is being in your car. You don't want a storm to chase you to Orlando," he said.

For those with special needs who need shelter or

those who want to be checked on after a storm, Lanza recommended calling 3-1-1 to pre-register.

If an evacuation order is issued, the county will send buses up and down key thoroughfares to pick up those headed for shelters. "Flag down the bus, and we will get you west until winds reach 40 mph," he said. Paratransit buses will be sent for those who signed up for the special needs shelter.

Lanza recommend that LBTS create and train a volunteer CERT team, as many communities have to help with basic first aid and fire suppression after a storm.

He stressed the importance of heeding evacuation orders.

"Once you make the decision to stay, you've made it, and you can't undo it. "This is the most dangerous place to be in a hurricane. You will get

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A charter member of VFD, former mayor Joe Barbara celebrates 100th

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

LBTS – When Joseph Barbara first moved to Lauderdale-By-The-Sea in 1960, there was no Commercial Boulevard bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway. And many residents didn't want the bridge constructed.

There were lots of empty lots on Bombay Avenue in Silver Shores, where Joseph, his wife Betty and son Louis lived. Louis recalls camping with a friend across the Intracoastal, where there weren't any homes.

Recently, the town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea honored Joseph Barbara with a proclamation declaring July 25, his 100th birthday, as Joseph Barbara Day.

"When you get to 100 years old, you can't believe you got there," Barbara said a few days after his birthday during an interview at his home.

His family marked the occasion by taking him to lunch and for a visit to the beach portal at Hibisbus Avenue, named for him and his wife.

Shortly after moving to



Still arm-in-arm, Joseph and Betty Barbara, enjoy life in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

town, Joseph became one of the 22 charter members of the town's Volunteer Fire Department in 1961 and was promoted to captain three years later.

Today he is the only remaining charter member of the department. The VFD also recently recognized him with a plaque and a place of honor during the town's July 4 parade. He is a lifetime member of the VFD.

His plaque reads, "Thank you for the legacy you left us as we celebrate 50 years. We

are honored by your presence."

Barbara has several plaques noting his service to the community.

He clearly enjoyed his time spent with the VFD. He retired from the department in 1993.

"They were good guys. We enjoyed hearing that siren." Not that they wanted any disaster, he quickly adds. "But it was fun getting together and

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Play golf with BSO to help Cody's Angels

Broward Sheriff's Office motormen are chairing a charity golf tournament for Cody's Angels on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Boca Lago Country Club in Boca Raton.

The mission of Cody's Angels is to help Cody Meiers and his family with medical expenses. Cody, 16, was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma, a rare disease in which cancer cells are found in the bone or soft tissue. It occurs most frequently in male teenagers. Cody's father John Meiers is a BSO motorman in Weston.

Cody is a junior at Palm Beach Central High School. He is an athletic young man who plays recreation league basketball.

Registration for the tournament starts at noon followed by a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. A buffet dinner with awards is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Various sponsorship levels are available ranging in cost from \$100 to \$5,000. Contests are planned for hole in one, closest to pin and longest drive. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams.

Golf chairs are Lt. Larry Akers, Sgt. Lloyd McElhaney and Sgt. Ian Doriot, all BSO motormen.

Golf tournament coordinator is Linda Brown of Coconut Creek. Call 954-288-7201. Boca Lago Country Club is at 8665 Juego Way, Boca Raton.

Pompano contractor's forum, Aug. 23

Pompano Beach officials will host a Contractor's Forum Aug. 23 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at city hall, 100 W. Atlantic Blvd.

Residents, contractors, developers, business owners will meet with staff and ask questions about permitting procedures, requirements and policies and provide feedback to improve the process. Call 954-786-4670.

Pompano Chamber revving up for 2011 Business Expo, 9/13, in an air conditioned setting in Citi Centre

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Come rain, shine or sizzling heat, Pompano Beach business and residents will be comfortable in an air conditioned, indoor setting on the second floor of the Citi Centre.

This stimulating Business Expo on September 13 will be the 28th annual Business to Business Expo sponsored by the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Dedicated to showcase businesses, their products and services, this event gets bigger and better every year as participants recognize the opportunity the Expo gives them to reach each other and the buying public. Over 400 people attended last year's event where at least 80 exhibitors had booths and tables to show their stuff. Each exhibitor donates a prize worth \$50. Prize winners names will be drawn throughout the evening.

Lisa Spinelli, director of special events at the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce, is the person making it happen. Well known in the city for her fund raising and skill in coordinating special events over the past 10 years, she says, "I'm honored to be coordinating this event which brings all of the participating members and potential Chamber members to this great net working opportunity. We're looking forward to the most successful Expo in our history."

Chamber President and CEO Ric Green says, "The Chamber sees this wonderful event as an opportunity for members and potential members to exchange information about their products and services. Funds raised at this Expo support the Chamber's mission statement to provide a forum for an effective voice for the business community."

"Pompano Citi Centre is pleased to welcome the Chamber back to the property for this year's Biz to Biz Expo," said Julie Katz, director of marketing for the outdoor shopping center. "We look forward to making this year's event bigger and better and we invite the public to come and get



Fay Bruner, Balistreri Realty welcomes a guest to this booth.



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Expo

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Living a dream: Mixed martial arts champ Mike Brown thrives in the cage and loves what he does

By Bill Johnson

PELICAN WRITER

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Mark Brown in the act of Living the Dream

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He is Mike Brown. And he is one of the very best extreme cage fighters in the whole wide world. In fact, he earned a prestigious championship belt to prove it. His professional combat requires skill in four different martial arts – boxing, kick-boxing, wrestling and jiu jitsu.

Brown is now a local guy who moved to Florida in 2005 to train at the American Top Team Martial Arts Academy in Coconut Creek, which trains, coaches and manages fighters from all over the world. He settled in Boca Raton with his girlfriend Leia Culoso, a small dog and two cats.

Considering the way he earns a living – pummeling opponents on the ground and rendering them unconscious with a rear naked choke – you may be surprised that he describes himself as laid back, easy going and non-confrontational.

That is not true when he's in the cage, of course. He has won 25 of 33 fights. Five times he has knocked out his opponent. Thirteen times he has won by "submission" – his opponent, in pain or in danger of passing out, gave up. His other victories were by decision. On the losing end, Brown has been knocked out once.

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Events

Sept. 2 - East Village Uncorked 6 to 9 p.m. Over 15 restaurants and 7 food trucks featuring international cuisine, wine tastings from around the world in participating shops, artist exhibits throughout Harbor Village and live entertainment in three locations at this free event open to the public. Parcels Plus will be offering free children's fingerprinting and Harbor Village Cleaners will be celebrating 44 years in business! The event is located just west of the Intra-coastal on East Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach. Visit pompanobeachcra.com or call 954.786.7824 for more details.

Classes

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Martial Arts

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Brown has won a number of minor titles, but the most prestigious – the one he’s proudest of – is the WEC (World Extreme Cagefighting) championship. He won it in November of 2008 by knocking out Urijah Faber, known as the California Kid. He later defended his title against Faber and won a decision against him. He held the title for about a year before losing to Jose Aldo.

On his way to a world championship, Brown never

really had big ambitions. He always set small goals.

In 2001 he fought “just for fun.” There was no money in the sport to speak of, especially for “little guys.” Interest focused on heavyweights, and Brown is about 5’6” and weighs about 145 pounds.

But one fight just for fun led to another, and another, and another. Brown was good enough to enter what you’d call the major league of this warrior’s world. He wanted to be in the top ten, then in the top three, and then the world championship.

Along the way he suffered

damage to an eye (corneal erosion), the injuries to his leg, neck, bicep, ear, hands, and more, putting him out of action for months while recovering from those seven surgeries. Fortunately for him, the UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championships) covers medical bills for fighters injured while fighting.

Brown’s worst injury occurred in a fight in Japan when a leg-lock artist destroyed his knee. “My knee was garbage,” he says. “Everything was torn.”

Despite the danger, he sees beauty in the sport. He respects his opponents, never talks “smack,” is modest and

courteous.

The world-class training center in Coconut Creek seems a long way from Maine, where he grew up and was the 1992 state high school wrestling champ before studying biology and wrestling at Norwich University, in Vermont.

As a kid, he never dreamed of a life as an athlete. “I grew up thinking you had to work at a job you didn’t like,” he says. He’d watch fights on television and think it must be an amazing life but one that was beyond his reach. He just never thought it was possible to be a pro.

But he has realized a dream. At 35 years old, Mike

Brown figures he has a couple more years of fighting, if his body holds up and he keeps winning.

After that, he plans on coaching. As a former world champ in mixed martial arts, he should be in demand.

Has he ever second-guessed the career path he chose? “No, sir. It’s my dream come true.”

To follow Mike Brown and his career, visit his website at www.mikebrownmma.com.

Sightings

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The NE Focal Point Alzheimer’s Day Care Center, located at 301 N.W. 2nd Avenue in Deerfield Beach, offers a weekly Caregiver’s Support Group every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Clubs

The Pompano Beach Republican Club will meet Thurs, Aug. 25, 7 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Community Center, 1801 NE 6th St. FAU student, Brittney Deoliveira, author of the blog TruthforAmericasYouth.WordPress.com, will discuss Right to Life. Other topics to be discussed are: redistricting and Presidency 5. The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Call 954-786-7536.

Democratic Women’s Club is co-chairing the State Convention, Sept. 15 to 18. At the Hilton Deerfield Beach, 100 Fairway Drive, Deerfield. Democratic Club members who wish to participate as delegates or alternates should call Maggie Davidson at 954-942-8711.

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Barbara

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doing the work we had to do," Joseph recalls.

"Once that siren sounded, everyone dropped everything," his wife, Betty said. The VFD got right to the scene quickly. "Most of the members were retirees, who wanted to do something."

Joseph was elected to the LBTS Town Commission from 1985-1994, serving as mayor from 1990-1992.

"Things were friendlier then," Louis noted. "It was less political and more like he was one of the elder statesmen, and people kind of took their turns serving on the commission."

Betty recalled how the commissioners and their wives went out to dinner once a month.

Joseph couldn't recall any pressing issues of the time, except that residents of LBTS worried they would be annexed by another city. (Instead, the town later annexed the north beach area.)

"He was always a staunch supporter of the town and always put the town first," said Jim Pollock, another lifetime VFD member, who followed Barbara on the Town Commission. "I always respected him for that and for who he is."

Born in 1911 in Newark, N.J., Barbara started his schooling there and then moved to Fort Lee, where he started high school but never finished. He worked as a hairdresser in a beauty salon, following after his father and brother, who were barbers.

Barbara served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He attended flight school in Boca Raton and radar school. Then because of his knowledge of radar and Morse code, he was sent to radar stations in India and China. "I was glad. I didn't want to get near guns," he said.

Flight school was his introduction to Florida, which he decided he liked. After the war, he returned to hairdressing, and the company he worked for sent him to Kansas City and then to Indiana. He and Betty first met in Fort Wayne, Ind.

They shared a love for dancing. She says she noticed his dark eyes and what a good dancer he was. She loved to dance and had volunteered at the USO during the war, dancing with soldiers. Betty and Joseph married in 1947.

He continued working as a hairdresser, and every year they traveled on their two-week vacations. Sometimes they went to Europe, and frequently they came to Florida, to Pompano Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

After his retirement, they first moved to LBTS, building a home on a vacant lot at 232 Bombay Ave. They stayed 4-1/2 years and then decided to return to Indiana for their son Louis' schooling. Joseph went back to work, running a beauty salon with a partner.

About the time Louis was finishing college, the Barbaras returned to LBTS, first living on Avalon Avenue, still in Silver Shores, and later moving to the house they live in now.

Their son Louis, a retired physician, and his wife Janette, live right next door. Their back doors are 10 steps apart, and they get together for coffee at the pool most evenings.

"We're all very happy," Joseph said.

Joseph also served as president of the Young at Heart Club from 1984-1985. The group planned social activities for the town's senior citizens.

It wasn't until about 10 years ago that he and Betty slowed up on the dancing, Betty said. Through the years, they traveled to Europe and China and on many cruises. Sometimes several local

couples traveled together, including the late Bill and Eva Karley.

They lament the fact that they have outlived most of their friends and traveling companions.

The Barbaras took dance lessons and danced the Peabody and jitterbug. She recalled one cruise where they won the prize as "best couple on the dance floor."

Chamber

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barrier island. It connects to other improvements there. Don't lose the big picture, don't get caught up in the details."

Purchase of the building is on the CRA's priority list and is considered important to any major redevelopment of Sullivan Park.

A recent study by a panel supplied by the Urban Land Institute suggested Sullivan Park and the east end of the Cove Shopping Center could be developed as a marina village.

John Lombardi, current chair of the Chamber Executive Board, said this week the board has had no further contact with the city. As to the Chamber's future plans, he said, "The only thing I want people to know is that the Chamber is going forward." Lombardi said the Chamber's mortgage payments on the building are less than paying rent elsewhere and that if the building needs repairs, the board will do them. "They (the city) did what they needed to do," he said.

Currently, the Chamber is staffed on a part time basis by volunteers. The paid staff was dismissed a year ago due to financial constraints. Today, Lombardi said, the organization is "debt free except for the mortgage."

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Zonta International is a classified service organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women locally and worldwide through service and advocacy. Call 561-392-2223.

The Greater Pompano Beach Senior Citizens Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Emma Lou Olson Community Center on NE Sixth Street Pompano Beach at 10 a.m. (No meetings during the months of July and August). Activities focus on the general welfare, health, education and security of senior citizens. We welcome people of all ages.

Sept. 1 - The North Broward Senior Citizen's Club, a

non-profit organization, will meet at 1 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach. From 12:30-12:45 Blood Pressure readings will be taken. Following the business meeting, there will be entertainment and refreshments. All Senior Citizens are welcome.

Health

Yoga class for all levels at Hagen Park, behind the City Hall at 2020 Wilton Drive in Wilton Manors on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8 PM and Saturday mornings from 10:30 till noon. Cost is \$7! Call 305.607.3520 with any questions. Parking is free on Saturday morning class. Bring a mat and water.

Lectures

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Oct. 12 - Beverly Feren "Intellectual Smorgasboard" - Myrna Golberger "Scandalicious!" - Discussions of scandals in politics, society, business and personal lives. First of a series of 12. Tickets \$10. Tamarac Theater of The Performing Arts, 7143 Pine Island Road, Tamarac Square West Shopping Center. Call 954-724-1110

Outdoors

Sept. 1 - Broward Sierra Club Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

at Fern Forest Nature Center, 201 Lyons Rd. S., Coconut Creek Open to the public: Free Barbara Curtis 954-946-7359 or legalbarb2@yahoo.com

Yoga in the Forest, an ongoing program for ages 18 and up. Sessions are at 6 p.m. on Thursdays and cost \$10 per person per session. Call 954-357-5198.

Theater

Thru Aug. 28 - Sol Children Theatre Troupe presents The Marvelous Land of Oz an adaptation of the L. Frank Baum classic. Call 561-447-8829.

Thru Aug. 20 - Four-day theater event Conundrum Stages is hosting an inaugural independent theater festival featuring eight stage troupes; also included will be musical and comedic interludes.

Conundrum will showcase 2 different troupes each night, representing Miami-Dade,

Broward, and Palm Beach, in guises of performance and/or play readings. Call 954-673-5124.

Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 - "Bye Bye Birdie" at the Tamarac Theater of the Performing Arts, 7143 Pine Island Road, Tamarac Square West Shopping Center. Tickets sold at box office. Call 954-726-7898.

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Pompano Has Heart, a volunteer group that assists people impacted by disasters meets monthly. Volunteers

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My aunt, Sue Beall, is the very capable administrator of both residences and Suzi Mautner is our director of marketing. These two people are my life savers."

Mautner, who is a seasoned executive in this field, was asked how these Inns differ from other rental assisted living residences.

She replied, "We do all of the services one expects. The difference is in the exceptionally caring staff. We're intimate residences with a capacity of 33 in Lighthouse Inn South and 43 in Lighthouse Inn North. We're small enough to give personal attention.

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Continuing, she adds, "Our case manager/social worker

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Both facilities have activity directors who keep residents busy with walks to the ocean, bingo, card games, jewelry making, painting and other crafts. There's an exercise class every morning.

Ivan Lozada has lived at Lighthouse Inn South for four years. "I like the staff. They

take good care of my room and me. The food is good and always fresh. Ribs, chicken and meat loaf are my favorites. They bake the cakes and pies right here too, but butter pecan ice cream is still my favorite. I often walk the beach with my friends and I like bingo."

Cindy Ryan, thinks these Inns as life savers. "My dad lived at Lighthouse Inn, North for six years. I was impressed with the quality of care he received. When my husband needed assisted living, I moved them both to the South Inn. And I, unexpectedly ended up here too. They are very good to us. My husband needs constant attention and it is provided by willing and pleasant staff."

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Merger

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The immediate savings to the city is projected to be \$1.3 million. Other benefits promised by Sheriff Al Lamberti are an improved communication system, a new fire station to serve the Crystal Lake area and a buyout of the fire fighters' comp time which results in a \$650,000 savings over two years.

In return, the sheriff gets a boost in his efforts to bring other municipalities under his domain. Deerfield's fire/rescue services, budgeted this year at \$18 million, will be a major boost to Lamberti's command. BSO currently provides fire/rescue service in Weston, Dania Beach, Cooper City, Pembroke Park, SW Ranches, unincorporated Broward and at the airport and port. Budget for 2011 before the merger was \$67.6 million.

After the 4-0 vote of approval (Mayor Peggy Noland abstaining due to the fact her husband and son work for fire/rescue) Lamberti told the

commission they had done the visionary thing. "You have sent a message to the rest of Broward County. There is not enough money to do everything."

Lamberti said cost-sharing is the future and used as one example of the city's need for a \$1 million hook and ladder truck which now possibly may be obtained through some sharing mechanism.

Reassuring the commission and residents that public safety is government's number one priority, Lamberti said, "The patch may be different, but the mission is the same."

Afterward, Lamberti told the Pelican that he would start transitioning the department "tomorrow" in order to be ready for the new budget year which begins Oct. 1. Such a move would normally take 60 to 90 days, he said.

Lamberti served as Deerfield's Police Chief for 10 years and was with the department when the commission voted to merge police services with BSO 21 years ago.

"We are turning ourselves over to an excellent leader. We'll get good service. This is five years of savings. It's the right move."

Ganz

In the discussion preceding the vote, Vice Mayor Marty Popelsky said he had concerns with 50 percent of Deerfield's budget being controlled by BSO and said he was still in a "quandary" as of Monday. An hour meeting with Lamberti's team convinced him, the vice mayor said.

Commissioner Joe Miller said he was sold on the idea because among other things it "takes politics out of the fire department and the five-year agreement with BSO allows the city to take back its services at any time."

Two of the commissioners called Tuesday's action "the

biggest decision in the history of the city." Commissioner Ben Preston, a retired firefighter, said because he was elected only recently, he had to "reach out" to the churches in District 2 to get a gauge on the feelings of their members. Once he did that, he was in support of the merger, he said.

Commissioner Bill Ganz termed the BOS merger, "the single most important decision" the commission would make. Ganz had called for a referendum on the issue, but got no support. He said this week it was "unnerving to give up that much control to the Broward County Commission." But, Ganz said, the city is "saddled" with costly pensions that the merger resolves. "We are turning ourselves over to an excellent leader. We'll get good service. This is five years of savings. It's the right move."

After the vote, Mayor

Peggy Noland said, "The men from BSO go above and beyond and will treat our men with respect. They will still be our hometown boys."

The BSO agreement calls for the unformed fire/rescue personnel to stay within the district.

It also gives the city revenues from the fire assessment fee, plan reviews, inspection and ambulance transport fees and code violation penalty fees.

The city realized another \$1.2 million in fire department expenses when the commission approved a three-year collective bargaining agreement with Local 1873 which represents the rank and file employees of the department.

After months of negotiation, the union voted for a contract that mirrors the one approved for the non-uniformed employees: a five

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percent pay cut, no cost of living or step increases and 10 percent contribution to health insurance premiums. City Manager Burgess Hanson had written those savings into his proposed budget for 2011-12. With the merger, the city no longer will need to negotiate with this union.

Another change will be the elimination of a dozen civilian employees in dispatch, fleet and administrative clerical services.

Tax

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imposed public service tax.

City Manager Burgess Hanson made the request Tuesday saying the future of the city is based on its revenue options which are decreasing as the cost of operations are escalating. The city manager said those who oppose the tax are using arguments not based on facts to get signatures on petitions calling for the commission to rescind the tax. He said the research is needed to "protect this revenue." The main goal of the utility tax

is to lower the millage rate, Hanson said, something he has done in his proposed budget.

Key to the research will be a state statute which may prohibit a vote being taken that would curtail the city's ability to impose ad valorem and/or public service taxes.

The rescind effort is headed by former mayor Jean Robb and a crew of volunteers who are seeking to bring the signatures of 6,000 registered voters who oppose the tax before the commission in September. The number needed to force a referendum is around 4,200.

While Robb has said the city is using unfair tactics to thwart her efforts, Hanson said they are inflating the annual cost of the tax and saying TV cable service would be

included which is not true.

FP&L projects the average annual increase on the homeowner's electric bill at \$100.

Commissioner Bill Ganz said he overheard a waitress at a local eatery tell a customer bills would be \$300 to \$400 higher as she solicited a signature.

Mayor Peggy Noland, who has been criticized for speaking in favor of the tax at a local church service, said teenagers are being paid to obtain signatures and the collection process is not being done according to the rules.

City Attorney Andy Maurodis said he could give no estimate of what the cost for outside counsel might be except that the charges would be hourly.

Hurricane

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significant storm surge here."

"The worst part of a hurricane is after the hurricane," said David Bernard, chief meteorologist at CBS4. "If there's no water or power and your generator is not working, you don't want to be here. There's a quality of life issue."

Bernard noted that 90 percent of storm activity in the Atlantic occurs from Aug. 15 to Oct. 15. This year there have been seven storms but no hurricanes for the first time on record.

Hurricane watches are issued 48 hours in advance and hurricane warnings 36 hours in advance of a storm.

"Kudos to the National Hurricane Center. Their forecast tracking areas are improving, and errors have been cut 60 percent since 1990," Bernard said.



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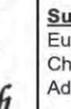
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the pier with concrete pilings and a 20-foot wide wooden deck. Total cost of construction was \$137,000.

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The pier has held up well through the years and weathered a few storms. The deck was ripped up by Hurricane Wilma in 2005 and the entire pier was refurbished with new railings, electrical and water.

Sorensen came to South Florida in 1959. He had been working for the head of the chemical division of Quaker Oats Co. in Omaha, Neb. when he had a yearning to go to Florida.

His boss told him to go ahead, that he'd give him a two-year leave of absence. And if he didn't like it, they'd take him back.

"I did go back, but only to say hello," Sorensen recalled. Once in Florida, he could see the opportunities. "I loved real estate," he said.

He lived in Wilton Manors and in Fort Lauderdale before moving to Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. "It's a charming village. It really is," he says.

Sorensen and Frank Myatt have been partners in business since 1962. At first they worked for Myatt's mother Alice Lord at Lord Realty. The office was in a little cypress building next to the pier.

In September 2006, Sorensen and Myatt sold the pier and other properties in town to Louis and Spiro Marchelos.

"The pier is the focal point of the town and helped put the town on the map," Louis said in a recent interview. "It's the biggest tourist attraction. All the hotel websites mention the pier."

Louis said he and his brother have tried to keep the nice, quaint image at the pier. "Now people thank us for keeping the ambiance and tradition there."



Louis Marchelos and Everett Sorensen meet at Anglin's Pier. The pier, above, is a destination in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

They have made some changes, including the renovation of the pier coffee shop into Anglin's Beach Café. They recently added an outdoor deck.

A coral reef just offshore helps attract fish to the pier area. Visitors and local fishermen bend their rods to snag snapper, pompano, amberjack, mackerel and snook.

Many area children have learned to fish at a young age at the pier. Many 40 to 50-

Year-olds who learned to fish there are now returning with their children.

Sorensen smiled as he remembered how much his children, Gregory and Cheryl, loved the pier and learning to fish there. "They always called it Daddy's Pier," he said.

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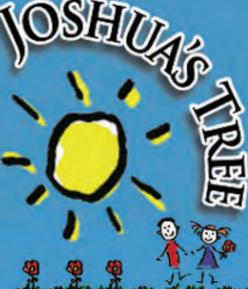
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Phil's Heavenly Pizza, your neighborhood pizzeria in Pompano Beach, Bible studies open for all every morning at 10 a.m. and all day Sunday

For those unfamiliar with Phil's Heavenly Pizza, known to some in the past as Phil's Calzone Factory, this Pompano pizzeria has been delivering the message of repentance and mouth-watering food since 1994. Located on Atlantic Boulevard near the Intracoastal, this welcoming "Church in a Pizzeria" is truly unique in its vocation.

"Not that the building is a church. It's not," says owner Phil Kassees. "But we are the Body of Christ in a pizzeria."

Be it lunch or dinner, this ethereal pizzeria strives to provide quality food in an environment that is truly serene.

In addition to thin crust goodness, Phil's gladly offers strombolis, calzones fresh salads, subs, sandwiches, lasagnas, burgers, chicken wings and even desserts. "People love the food," says Kassees. "But we are here first and foremost to spread the Gospel and have been doing so since 1994."

Originally from Delaware, Kassees has been in the pizza business for the last 30 years. He moved to Florida in 1989 and, a few years later, sought to own his own shop. Unfortunately, at the time, he had limited financial means to make this a reality.

Simultaneously, the owner of a small Pompano Beach pizzeria was looking to sell his business. Although he had received some interesting offers, one potential buyer in particular had left an indelible impression.

"Lord, if it is your will for me to have this pizzeria, then let it be known by having the owner call me and offer me this pizzeria for no money down," recalls Kassees. Shortly thereafter, his prayers were answered.

Incredibly, the owner had contacted Kassees and agreed to relinquish his restaurant for no money down, only regular monthly payments!

Today, in their new location, the fellowship continues to grow. With daily studies including four on Sunday, there are ample opportunities to hear the Word of God.



Heavenly Pizza owner Phil Kassees shows off a classic cheese pizza. His Pizzeria Ministry has also been "spreading the good news of Jesus Christ since 1994." Pictured with Phil are Haley Russell and Kate Williams. [Below] Two regular customers are ready to enjoy this cheese pizza for lunch. [Staff photo]

"The Word of God cuts like a double-edged sword. The Holy Spirit brings joy and brings conviction. Many people misrepresent God and that is why it is important to uphold His Word as Truth," says Phil.

"Everyone comes to a crossroad in life, and we have to trust in His Word. That's what faith is. We either yield to the Holy Spirit for the renewing of the mind or we reject God's Word as Truth," adds Kassees.

"If the Word is not threaded, woven, stitched and intertwined with love, then it means nothing. Love is the glue and God is love," says the unpretentiously

charismatic entrepreneur who has made it his life's mission to spread the good news about Jesus.

"We are here standing as a rock of hope in a diminishing world offering the one and only answer – Jesus Christ. It's not about what we do; it's about what he did for us on the cross. For it was not the nails that held Christ to the Cross but his love for you and me."

When asked about the fellowship over the years, Kassees replies that "hundreds of people stop by for the studies every week. If you are ready to receive the Word of God then you are welcome to join us."

This pizza maker is undeniably genuine in his beliefs. He looks forward to sharing the message of the Old and New Testament to anyone willing to open their hearts to God's message.

"God loves us so much. His love transcends anything that Man can conceive in his mind," says this teacher of the Word. "He is omnipresent. He is omnipotent. He is *everything!*"

Additional information can be found on Facebook/Phil Kassees or on YouTube.

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Pet grooming salon owner sees growth and opportunity in her industry



Sisters Princess and Martini, are always on hand with their owner, Maria Redman, of Pup'e Cutz in Pompano Beach to welcome fellow canines for a day of beauty, health and puppy play.

Clip. Clip. Snip. Snip. A little here. A little there. The scissors click in Maria Redman's hands as she sculpts a shaggy mane, and another client trots out the door looking well groomed,

neat and spiffy, and sporting a colorful bandana. It's another day at PUP'e CUTZ, a pet grooming salon at 124 S. Federal Highway, in Pompano Beach, near Atlantic Boulevard. Redman, a licensed pet

groomer, is in her fourth year as the owner and operator of the salon. A self-described spiritual woman, Redman talks passionately about the feelings of the animals she grooms. "Every living thing has feelings," she says. "And they feel

what you're feeling."

She takes pride in what she calls a holistic approach to her service and in grooming pets whose owners say other groomers won't take. That's why some of them call her the "dog whisperer."

At PUP'e CUTZ the animals aren't caged as they wait their turn to be bathed and groomed. Redman tries to create a homelike atmosphere. She often plays dance music on the radio and engages pets in a dance routine. "I don't see the pets as possessions of their owners, but as members of their families," she says.

Redman began the business in her fifties, after decades of varied work and travel. As she tells it, her courageous father brought the family from Columbia to the United States – to Illinois -- to give his children a better education and the prospects of a better future. She went on to manage officers' clubs at U.S. military bases in Europe and Panama, own and manage a restaurant in Alabama, operate a 1700 acre farm in Honduras, where she did development work with the World Council of Churches. Along the way she also worked in catering and construction.

She took a new direction when a friend suggested that she think about the pet grooming business. After immersing herself in research, she was confident that there was a need for pet groomers.

Since opening her doors, she has built a family of clients including cats and ferrets who need their nails clipped, and dogs of all shapes and sizes, from Shih tzus and Yorkies to dalmations and poodles. She

has learned that the little ones can be the most difficult to groom. "Shih tzus – because of their personality – want to have it their own way," she says. "And Yorkies let their curiosity get them in trouble, and they're fast."

Besides grooming pets, she "baby sits" for some of them, providing doggy day care. She also provides pick-up service for elderly clients and those who can't travel.

When she launched her salon about four years ago, pet grooming was a multi-billion dollar industry in the United States, she says, and it has grown dramatically since then.

Increasing opportunity in the field fuels a professional dream. She recently was given a trademark for PUP'e CUTZ and thinks about expanding the business, opening other salons that would operate her way. This would give others an opportunity to manage their own business and be their own boss, she says. Energetic and ebullient, Maria Redman bubbles with enthusiasm when she talks about her business and the pets that trot through her door. She is equally enthusiastic about her community.

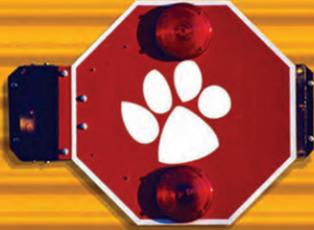
Right now, she is content in Pompano Beach. She enjoys the "small town feel" of the community and the camaraderie provided by the Chamber of Commerce. "Other merchants are very helpful," she says. "It's like a family here. It's just an amazing community."

Note: You can learn more about the pet grooming salon from the web site www.pupecutz.com or on Facebook at [PupeCutz Pet Grooming Salon](https://www.facebook.com/PupeCutzPetGroomingSalon).

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“The key to maintaining a loyal client base is dependable, talented, employees,” Goodrich says. “We are very selective with our personnel and make continuing education classes a job requirement. We want our customers to always know they are receiving top skills and outstanding value when visiting Body and Soul Retreat.” Ghirca believes technician education is the best tool to cultivate business strategies to make his spa both irreplaceable for clients and an enriching work environment for his employees.

Twelve technicians work in the 3,200 square foot spa and salon which includes hair services, extension services, nail services, state of the art facials, massages, body scrubs and wraps, and healing therapies such as reflexology and Reiki. Body and Soul offers all of the tried and true treatments along with the newest trends in the industry.

“If you are seeing it on TV and in magazines, you can believe you will see that new trend here at our spa” Ghirca says. “Staying up to date with the new trends and crazes helps us stand apart from the rest”.

Goodrich, Ghirca’s fiancé and co-owner, both make it their mission to help team members identify what makes



Ovi Ghirca and Kristin Goodrich have been welcomed in Lighthouse Point. The 3,200 square-foot spa offers hair services, extension services, nail services, state of the art facials, massages, body scrubs and wraps, and healing therapies such as reflexology and Reiki. Body and Soul offers all of the tried and true treatments along with the newest trends in the industry.

them unique so they can focus on what they do best to make people want to continue visiting their spa.

Inside Body and Soul Retreat, the lights are dimmed low and candles are lit everywhere giving you an instant feeling of calm.

Fresh tea and water, along with small snacks are available, and a helping staff member is always eager to get whatever you would like.

“In today’s world, people forget that it’s okay to be kind to each other. Help each other. Show each other that we all do care. Everyone at Body and Soul Retreat strives to make each clients experience as luxurious, stimulating and

exciting as their first visit.” Goodrich says.

Pleased with the reception his business received from the community, Ghirca said, “We want to thank our clientele. They are all very supportive and important to us as not only customers, but as friends.” “Our goal is to become a trademark here in Lighthouse Point,” Goodrich said. “Stop by, visit our spa, and become acquainted.”

Clients get a chance to relax on the patio complete with a three-tiered fountain, topped with a pineapple, the universal symbol of “welcome.” The water’s flow adds to the relaxation of Body and Soul Retreat in Lighthouse Point.



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The Shoppes at Beacon Light

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Shopping center grew up with the City of Lighthouse Point

Conceived in 1952, The Shoppes at Beacon Light (then called Beacon Light Shopping Center), was the first commercially developed property in Lighthouse Point. The first building was the realty office of Williamson-Tunison located on the corner of NW 24th Street and Federal Highway. The center continued to expand over the next few years and in 1956 was the home to the area's first grocery store, an A & P. The municipal offices for the newly incorporated city of Lighthouse Point were initially housed in a storefront in The Shoppes at Beacon Light and in 1965, the Beacon Light Shopping Center donated a storefront to the city to use as their first library.



Take a stroll through the Shoppes at Beacon Light and get whisked back to a simpler time when store owners were your neighbors and all your needs, from dining, fashion and salons to finance and real estate could be found in one shopping center – The Shoppes at Beacon Light.

Join the merchants for fun events held throughout the year including their Charity Car Show held every Spring in partnership with The Pompano Beach Exchange Club benefiting local children's charities. Another much anticipated event is the Sidewalk Sale held the end of every January. It's a fun day of shopping with one-day only bargains throughout the center.

Mark your calendar for the first annual Moonlight at Beacon Light on Thursday, November 10, 2011. Join us for a festive night under the full moon with food, wine and tropical music. Stroll thru the shops and enjoy a sampling from each of our eight unique restaurants and toast in the holiday season with all of our merchants.

When you drive by the Shoppes at Beacon Light any Saturday in October it's hard not to notice the pink ribbons filling the grassy area around the fountain. The ribbons can be purchased for a small donation to the Susan G. Koman Foundation to honor those we love who have been stricken with Breast Cancer. So stop in any of our stores in the month of October and be included in the annual donation the Shoppes at Beacon Light makes on behalf of our community and those we love.



The Shoppes at Beacon Light store owners gather at the annual meeting to discuss the upcoming year and plan their annual events.

Several of the stores currently in The Shoppes at Beacon Light opened over five decades ago, including The Buccaneer Lounge & Liquor (1957), Worden's Art & Frame (1958), Beacon Light Jewelers and Engravers (1958), and Milbern's Shaver Center (1958). In 1997 the Shoppes at Beacon was purchased by Beacon Light Partners and in 2000 was completely renovated giving the center a fresh upscale appearance. Publix is the current anchor of the shopping center and is surrounded by over 35 stores most of which are owned and operated by local residents.



The Shoppes at Beacon Light Annual Classic Car Show is a charitable event held with the Pompano Beach Exchange Club to benefit local children's charities.

Ribbons are displayed every Saturday in the month of October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month.



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Nelson's Diner at 438 S. Cypress Rd., Pompano Beach - 954-785-3646

The success of Nelson's Diner starts with the history of Greg Nelson's lifetime love of cooking



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at church or any party that came my way. And now I'm cooking in my own restaurant and loving it. When you're a small business owner you do it all," he says with an easy smile. "I buy the food, cook the food, plan the menu, handle the personnel, do customer relations, advertising, and I often mop the floor. The hours are tough but if you like what you're doing, even that doesn't matter."

Nelson comes in at 4 a.m. to begin food preparation and although the restaurant closes at 3 p.m. his day often lasts until 6 p.m.. He says, "I'm lucky that my wife, Elyse and I live just a few blocks away. Elyse is my bookkeeper, accountant, my everything. Our two children, Hailey, 15 and Grant, 13, drop by to eat and sometimes they will even lend a hand."

Business is good. Nelson's has become the place to meet and eat. At any given time from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. one might see the mayor, Frank

Furman and his gang, city hall employees, BSO, fire rescue and the folks from nearby John Knox Village and neighborhood businesses. Customers are often greeted by name and if they're regulars a cup of coffee, their way, is at the table before they sit down. Nelson says he never thought he'd need a staff of 11, but finds that they all keep busy.

The menu is extensive, but it's the \$5.99 daily specials that are the best sellers. Monday is pot roast, Tuesday is meat loaf, Wednesday is open face roast beef and sloppy Joes, Thursday is turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, Friday is tilapia or shrimp. The soup and half sandwich combo is another big seller. Nelson faxes daily menus to his take-out customers and says that meals to go make up about one third of his daily business.

Steve Tidwell, owner of Body Spot says, "I'm here every day to pick up lunch or

dinner for my employees."

Another regular is Marge Muth, director of community outreach for Dignity/Kraer Funerals who says, "I'm a regular here because the place is so friendly. They greet me by name. The food is great and the price is right. It's a great spot to meet a friend."

"When we're filled to capacity, I bring out coffee or juice to those who are waiting. Many come in, look around for someone they know and join them," Nelson laughs.

"We're like cheers. Our customers get to know each other and sit together when we're crowded and often when we're not crowded."

Besides food and fellowship, Nelson's Diner offers a little nostalgia with Elvis, baseball and 50s memorabilia decorating the walls while 50s and 60s records play quietly in the background.

Nelson's is open 7 days from 6 a.m. until 3 p.m.; Call 954-785-3646

Greg Nelson, owner of Nelson's Diner at 438 S. Cypress Rd. in Pompano Beach, is also the chief cook and like all small business owners does any job that needs to be done. Caught mopping the floor before sitting down to be interviewed.

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Nelson's Diner at 438 S. Cypress Rd. is the breakfast and lunch destination for many of the movers and shakers in Pompano Beach. Opened in June of 2009, the restaurant's success traces back to its owner, Greg Nelson. His love of cooking and his knowledge of running a commercial kitchen is legend with those who know him.

"For me it all began at Capri's, a 200 seat Italian Restaurant in Greenwood, South Carolina," Nelson says. "I was hired as a bus boy when I was 12 years old. I was paid \$1.08 per hour. I had 10 hours on my first check, which after deductions, was \$8. That and a free cheeseburger made me a happy employee," he smiles still remembering that check. "I progressed from bus boy to

dishwasher to slicer and dicer and at 15, I began to cook and loved it."

At 17 he traded his kitchen experience for a spot on the diamond with the Greenville Braves baseball team. "On a Florida trip, my back gave out. I left the team and stayed in Florida to become kitchen manager for a Bobby Rubino's, and later did the same for Tommy Norris so I was well equipped to run my own restaurant.

However, he got side tracked for 20 years while he worked for Lou Bachrodt Chevrolet Dealership as desk/fleet/commercial manager. "When I left Lou, we both had tears in our eyes," Nelson admits. "I was ready to do something else and he understood that. Lou comes to lunch here at least once a week and we remain best of friends."

"In all those years working for Lou, I still cooked at home,

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The newly opened Dawg House eatery is Pompano Beach's only source of authentic Chicago style hot-dogs



Two Dawghouse favorites: the zesty NY Style Dawg with mustard, "pushcart" sweet onions and sauerkraut accompanied by a classic Chicago Chili Dawg with cheese.

Located directly across the street from the Pompano Country Club, the recently opened **Dawg House** restaurant has one primary objective: to provide high-quality, authentic, all beef, Vienna brand hot-dogs.

"Vienna dogs are the only true Chicago hot-dog. In fact, all our ingredients, including the sauerkraut comes from the Vienna Company," says co-owner Dennis Pearl, an affable entrepreneur with over 20 years experience in the restaurant industry.

His business partner, Steve Mack, is a retired New York City police sergeant who jumped at the opportunity to open a restaurant specializing in this classic all-American specialty. "We also serve the N.Y. Style Dawg with mustard, "pushcart" sweet onions and

sauerkraut," says Mack with a friendly nod to his former Big Apple stomping grounds.

"The response we have received from the community has been unbelievable. We were hoping to get maybe 25 customers our first day and ended up with well over 100. The next day we had nearly 250!" says Pearl who was amazed to discover that the Pompano crowd has a serious soft spot for good hot-dogs.

"This is my newest fast food place. I have been here four times already this week," says local resident Brian Doyle, president of the Dog Pack of Pompano Beach, a group that helped establish the first exclusively-for-dogs park nestled in the south-east quadrant of the golf course parking lot.

The most sought-after hot-dog is, of course, the

Chicago style Dawg. Loaded with mustard, pickle, tomato, onion, neon relish, celery salt and sport peppers on a soft poppy seed bun, this work of art instantly transports the diner to the streets of the Windy City.

"I play regularly at the nearby Pompano Beach Tennis Center and am often quite hungry after a match. I have been here 3 times in the last 2 weeks because the Chicago style hot-dogs are quite authentic and very tasty," says Hillsboro Beach resident Stuart Simmonds.

Other variations include the Chicago Chili Dawg, the Jalapeno Cheddar Dawg and the homemade Coleslaw Dawg. Available alone or as part of a combo meal with fries and a fountain drink, these mouthwatering dishes are sure to please even the most discriminating frankfurter aficionado. The newest addition to the lineup

is a vegetarian dawg, topped any way the customer desires.

For the truly voracious, the Maxwell Street Polish features a deep fried Vienna Polish sausage topped any way desired, including chili.

This brightly designed eatery is impeccably clean and welcoming. Simply place your order, give your name and, a few minutes later, your food is brought to your table. Proprietor Dennis Pearl is profoundly attentive to customer needs while business associate Steve Mack works the kitchen.

"I work the front while Steve is the artist in the back of the house. For example, we will soon be offering a fried pork sandwich with hot sauce," says Pearl who also highlights the popularity the Italian beef sandwich.

Made with Vienna domestic roast beef top round, the sandwich meat is pleasantly spiced and thinly sliced Chicago style. It is then improved upon with au jus and topped with hot or mild giardiniera pickled vegetables. A hot pastrami sub is also available.

The Dawg House also offers hearty burgers, grilled chicken sandwiches and even Chicago Supreme Tamales.

The Dawg House is much more than just a hot dog establishment, they also serve a very traditional Italian Beef Sandwich made with Vienna domestic roast beef top round, the sandwich meat is pleasantly spiced and thinly sliced Chicago style. It



is then improved upon with au jus and topped with hot giardiniera. A bevy of new sandwiches are available, including an Indianapolis Fried Pork, Philly Cheese Steak, sausage and pepper, chicken tender and grilled chicken. A special treat is the hot pastrami on pretzel bread.

The Dawg house is proud of its quarter-pound and half-pound hearty hamburger's, as well as a new specialty burger called the Juicy Lucy which consists of a one-half lb. burger stuffed with cheese, onion and bacon, all deliciously sealed yielding intense juiciness and flavor. They also have daily specials posted on their special board.

For dessert, brownies or cake will accommodate a determined sweet-tooth. Most hot-dogs are priced around \$3 and combos are in the \$5-\$6 range. "We will soon be offering beer and wine as well," says Pearl.

There is ample free parking, all major credit cards are accepted and, the Dawg House is open on Sundays as well.

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Deerfield's Tipperary Pub serves up Irish fare with neighborly flair

Welcoming thirsty patrons since 1975, the old Tipperary Pub is practically a landmark in the Deerfield Beach community.

"We took over from Big Ron in April of 2003," says current owner Dick Maggiore as he reminisces about the persistence it required to finally procure this well-established tavern and eatery from its previous proprietor.

Along with the help of business partner Danny O'Connor, Maggiore has continued the tradition of offering typical Irish pub fare in a friendly neighborhood bar setting.

The New York native has been in the food industry since 1976 when he opened his first deli in the Rockaway district of Queens.

Now, Maggiore focuses his energies on his two core businesses: Tricky Dick's in West Boca and the Tipperary Pub. "I absolutely love it here in Deerfield. I used to live in Ft Lauderdale but moved up here because it is so much more enjoyable," says the dedicated restaurateur.

The menu is quite straightforward with all-day



Tipperary Pub owner Dick Maggiore shows off a couple of the house breakfast and lunch specialties.

breakfast and a good selection of appetizers, grilled specialties and sandwiches.

"Our Irish Farmhouse breakfast features bangers, sausage and blood pudding all imported from Cork in Ireland," says Maggiore.

For those who have visited the Emerald Isle, this meal will definitely bring back memories. In addition, a nice portion of

zesty home fries accompanies most traditional breakfast dishes.

Omelettes, pancakes, smoked salmon and made-from-scratch biscuits and gravy are some of the other good options.

"Some days people are waiting in line outside the door when we open. The locals really enjoy our food," says smiling bartender Michelle. For

the lunch and dinner menu, The Tipperary Pub offers up all the classics one could expect to find in a good sports bar. Grilled fish Caesar salad, chicken wings, mozzarella sticks, smoked fish dip and hearty clam chowder are just a few of the starters to whet one's appetite.

"We've got just about everything from scratch," says Tipperary's Chef Frankie as he brings out a sizeable half-rack of ribs smothered in a tangy house BBQ sauce. He is joined by Chef June in the kitchen.

Other favorites from the grill include the O'Bacon Burger with cheese, the 10 ounce New York Strip steak, the grilled tuna steak and the filet of sole.

"Our baby-back ribs, meatballs and chowder are all excellent," says Maggiore. There is also a good choice of subs and sandwiches such as Philly cheese steak, chicken breast, dolphin, stacked Irish ham and even liverwurst.

But the Tipperary is also very much a pub. With pool tables, dart boards, table shuffleboard, umpteen flat screen TVs with sports packages and a well-

stocked bar, there is plenty of entertainment for patrons.

"We have dart teams, a pool league and even a softball team. We also have a pig roast on the fourth Sunday of each month during high season," says Maggiore. Happy hour is from 4 to 8 p.m. daily. Ladies night is on Monday from 8 p.m. to midnight.

There is free wi-fi and discount coupons can also be printed directly from the pub's website at www.tipperarypub.net. The average dish costs about \$6 and breakfast starts at \$2.99. Daily lunch specials are posted on boards. Take-out is popular and free parking is plentiful.

"We have an emergency generator to make sure we never close during hurricanes. People travel from far away to come see us at those times," chuckles Maggiore.

"We also have a stimulus special featuring a 16 oz Pabst Blue Ribbon for \$1.75," adds the wily entrepreneur.

Reminiscent of Cheers, the little Boston bar so famously depicted on television, the Tipperary is the kind of pub where everyone remembers your name. "Everybody knows everybody. This is a very friendly place," says Maggiore.

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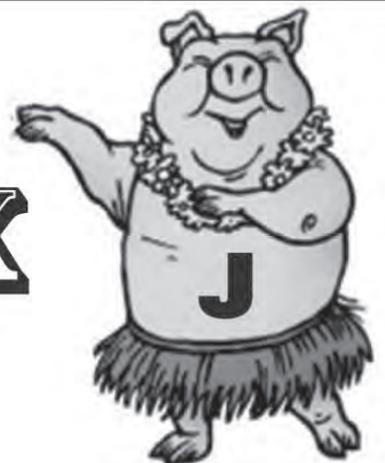
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Ari and Daphna Shahar in their Deerfield Beach showroom

When Ari Shahar came to South Florida in 1987 he saw a big opportunity. An engineer by training, Shahar noticed most homes and businesses had tile flooring, and he decided to build a company that cleaned and restored tile.

Then he went a step further and became an inventor, developing a bonding agent that fills hollow tiles and prevents cracks.

For 10 years Universal Tile Restoration Inc., was the sole provider of the bonding system. "When we started nobody did restoration," Ari's wife Daphna said. "We specialize in repairs of tile, marble and shower walls as well as the refinishing of most surfaces."

That original invention was a key element in the growth of Universal Tile Restoration, a highly successful business that operated with other innovative ideas.

From day one, Daphna put every customer into a database and today has 35,000 names and addresses. She also believes that no job is too small and says, "Sometimes things just need perking up."

Those perk ups are what the technicians at Universal Tile do so well, from repairing tiles from re-grouting, to finding out-of-stock replacement tiles under a stove or washing machine.

When tiles buckle due to flooding, extreme heat, or because they were never bonded properly, the efficient way to repair them is by

injecting the bonding agent and resetting the tile. This is a permanent repair. The holes are then patched with the same color grout. If the grout is dirty, the technicians clean all the tiles, grout, stain and seal the grout back to its original color. Of course, grout color can now be changed to one of the new designer shades giving the floor a whole new style.

"The mainstay of our business is the repair issues people have that they cannot get anyone to address. They are then faced with replacing the floor. A dirty grout problem is easily corrected with our procedure and 10-year warranty, but it is the repair part which differentiates us from other "cleaning" companies.

"People often think total replacement, costing thousands of dollars, is the only solution, but we can make floors look like new for just hundreds of dollars," Daphna said. "We find solutions and are very creative using existing materials. I like to think we are problem-solvers."

Universal Tile Restoration serves customers from Key West to Stuart and works with all types of tile and stone. If no job is too small, then no job is too big. Among their corporate clients are the JM Lexus showroom and Office Depot's headquarters. Also among their client base are many insurance companies and Realtors who call for advice and repair estimates.

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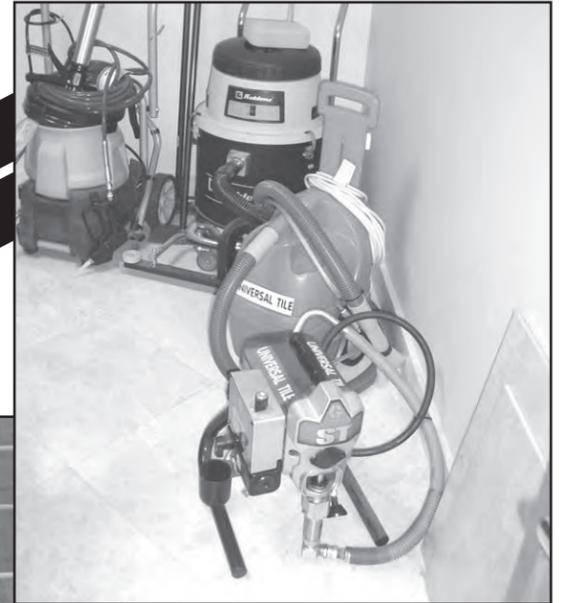
Universal Tile Restoration enjoys great success in restoration of Mexican tiles, common in older homes.

Tile Restoration includes polishing marble, honing, sealing and cleaning all makes of stones, limestone, travertine and saturnia.

"Our customers continue to call on us to solve

their problems. We build relationships, and our business is based on loyalty as well as professionalism," Daphna said.

The Shahars live in Boca Raton where they raised their two daughters, Tamar, who



The equipment used to restore tiles is studying for her masters in clinical psychology, and Lauren Levy, a MBA, who handles the business side of Universal Tile Restoration along with handling the Shahar's two little grandsons.

Ari, Daphna and Loren work out of their showroom/office in the Newport Center where they relocated five years ago. They are licensed and bonded contractors and every one of their 12 employees is full time. "We're a rather big company for a small family-run operation," Daphna said.

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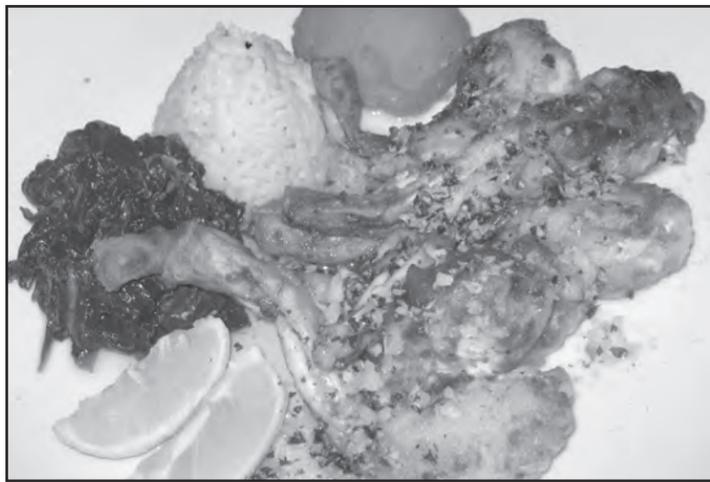
Longtime fixture Le Val de Loire offers a taste of France in Deerfield Beach



Owner of Le Val de Loire, Chef Fabrice Laurent shows off one of his many dessert crêpes.



The "Soupe de Poisson" is a rich and aromatic fish based soup served with grated cheese, toasted bread and smooth garlic sauce.



Sautéed frog legs smothered in a flavorful garlic butter sauce. They are served here with nutmeg infused mashed carrots, rice and spinach.



The Tropical crêpe with fresh strawberries, bananas and mango sherbet is a sweet and light way to cap off a typical French meal.

Authenticity is the name of the game at Le Val de Loire in Deerfield Beach. Located just off Hillsboro Blvd near the Intracoastal, this cozy restaurant oozes everything that is French gastronomy.

From crêpes to quiches, foie gras to frog legs, Le Val de Loire is the perfect place to take a virtual culinary journey to France. Owner and Chef Fabrice Laurent has parlayed his many years of experience into his own thriving bistro. "I've worked in Paris, Geneva and Miami. I then decided to open my own place a couple of years ago here in Deerfield Beach" says Laurent.

The lunch menu offers a host of options. The quiche Lorraine, a marvelous mélange of baked egg, Swiss cheese, bacon, and onion, is a perennially reliable choice. The salad d'Auvergne features blue cheese, apples, walnuts and tomatoes with a tangy dressing.

Of course, a cavalcade of crêpes is always available. A fan favorite is the seafood crêpe stuffed with mussels, sea scallops, shrimps, lobster sauce

and cream with cheese on top. The Bergère conceals a wealth of goat cheese, fresh tomatoes and basil. The decadent Campagnarde overflows with sautéed potatoes, sausage, caramelized onions, Swiss cheese and garlic butter.

For a quick meal, one can opt for a homemade soup & sandwich combo. For the full experience, the "gourmet complete" lunch section offers large entrées with soup du jour or house salad. From the tender Beef Bourguignon braised in red wine to the Sole Meunière topped with a brown butter and lemon sauce, the experience is unmistakably French.

In the evening, appetizers continue to include escargots in garlic butter, crab cakes and French onion soup. Adding themselves to the list are the warm foie gras with raisins and the endive salad.

An outstanding "soupe de poisson" also appears. This tasty fish soup is a deeply flavorful potage composed of leeks, tomatoes, onions, carrots, fennel, celery and, of course, white fish. It comes with grated cheese, crispy toast and the quintessential

"rouille" – a thick, garlic laden bread and oil sauce that is considered a natural companion to seafood soups in France.

The entrée section now showcases more tantalizing offerings. Roasted duckling à l'orange, filet of trout almandine and herb encrusted rack of lamb are just a few of the attractive choices.

A noteworthy option is the frog legs Provençale. This delicacy is très Français and should be tried at least once in a lifetime. Seared and smothered in a zesty garlic butter sauce, the meaty amphibians really do taste like chicken. It is a thoroughly enjoyable dish for aficionados as well as the curious.

Le Val de Loire also boasts a solid wine list of mostly French vintages. Starting at \$21, a bottle of red or white will be a good complement to any meal.

For the pièce de résistance, a full array of mouth-watering French desserts is on hand. Chocolate mousse, sorbet, crème brûlée and Napoleons are all enticing entries.

Of course, sweet crêpes abound. The Melba comes with peach and vanilla ice cream while the popular

crêpe Suzette is flambéed with Grand Marnier. These specialties are the ideal way to conclude a culinary voyage to France.

For the early crowd, Le Val de Loire offers a sunset special until 6 pm and regular specials the rest of the time. "We do 2 or 3 different fish and meat specials every day so that our regulars get even more variety" states Laurent.

Lunch plates start at \$7.50 and dinner entrées at \$12.95. All major credit cards are accepted and there is ample free parking. Bon appétit!

Malcolm McClintock holds an MBA and has lived in Thailand, Spain, France, Mexico, Canada and the US where he has developed a deep appreciation for world gastronomy.

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Lighthouse Point – When Bill and Maxine Worden moved from Toledo, Ohio to South Florida in 1958, they had four young boys ages 3, 5, 7 and 9. They only knew one family here.

“We had more nerve than sense,” Bill says, reflecting on their decision to move to Lighthouse Point to open Worden’s 5 Cents to \$1 store at Beacon Light Shopping Center.

Bill had owned a dime store in Toledo, and a friend who worked for the same chain had moved to Florida and encouraged him to follow. He and Maxine came down to visit the area, and three days later he signed a lease for the store. Meanwhile, she looked at homes and found one in Lighthouse Point where the population was 900.

Not long after their move here builders went on strike causing a delay in completion of the building, located where Publix is today. Their store opened in September 1958.

For the first few years they sold housewares, clothing, bulk candy, toys, greeting cards, yard goods and sewing notions plus birds and fish.

Maxine helped out with inventory at night, while their youngsters played in the store with all the toys.

Don Worden, the youngest son, remembers sweeping the floors when he was a third-grader, riding to the store on his bike. He began working full time with his dad in 1973. All the boys, at some time, worked at the store.

Gradually, as more dime stores opened in the area, the Worden store evolved to crafts and added knitting yarns, beads, flowers and a Trim-a-Tree area.

Business was so good that they moved to Shopper’s Haven at U.S. 1 and Sample Road in 1981. “With the crafts, we did five times as much business,” Bill recalls, though some criticized the move at the time.

In its heyday, the store, renamed Worden’s World of Crafts, had 65 employees. Twenty five classes were of-



Bill and Maxine Worden join their son Don in reminiscing about the early days at what was Worden’s 5 Cents to \$1 Store in Lighthouse Point. Today Don and his wife Alice own the family business, Worden’s Art & Frame at the Shoppes at Beacon Light. (Staff photo by Judy Vik)

fered each week in watercolor painting, oil painting, stitchery, needlework, beadwork and floral arranging. One of the most popular was in 3-D framing, or shadow boxes. Worden’s manufactured 3-D kits and sold them all over the country.

The store was widely known for its Christmas trees and trim- a- tree area. Many people came in to have their family Christmas photos taken there.

Then the Worden’s added a frame department. “They added framing because they sold so many stitchery kits and the customers wanted to frame their work,” Alice Worden, Don’s wife, explains. “So Don and his brothers learned about framing.”

Asked if they are artistic, Bill laughs and admits, “No, none of us is, but we were good at hiring people who were good at it.”

Bill and Maxine had a fifth son after the move to Florida and now have 15 grandchildren

and 15 great-grandchildren.

When their 20-year lease was up in 2001 and rents increased at Shopper’s Haven, they returned to the Shoppes at Beacon Light and a smaller location not far from the original site. Bill retired in 1991.

Don and Alice own and operate the business today, which has been scaled back to custom picture framing and the sale of framed art.

They downsized the business so Alice could run the store, while Don went into ministry at First Baptist Church of Pompano Beach. He is church business administrator and missions pastor. Missions are his passion, and he has led mission trips to the Dominican Republic, Honduras and the Bahamas.

Much of the demand in the store today is for framing prints, needlework and art canvases. They offer choices of more than 1,000 moldings, cut mats and glass to order.

Asked about any unusual

requests, Alice remembered a man who wanted a boot with spurs framed, a customer who wanted the handles from her grandmother’s casket framed and another with a World War I pilot’s helmet with goggles. Using the 3-D shadowbox technique, they handled them all.

“Sometimes it’s precious memories, such as a seashell or starfish, a customer wants preserved,” Alice said. She’s currently framing a collection of kachina Indian dolls from Arizona. They’ve framed numerous sports jerseys.

Most of their customers are local residents who wind up becoming friends. Some are snowbirds, who leave items with them for framing for months while they are up north. “They know all the work is done here, and only my husband or I will touch it,” Alice said.

Don teases that sometimes he thinks Alice must have a “talk to me sign,” since many neighborhood people come in

mainly to talk to her.

They try to fit everyone’s price range, offering metal and wood frames ranging in cost from \$5 to \$65 a foot. The highest price frames are made of imported woods from Italy and Spain. There are many choices in mats and glass, including a conservation glass, which keeps out 97 percent of the sun and is good for preserving family photos. Alice uses a computerized mat cutter, easing the work.

Alice occasionally makes house calls for people she knows in the immediate area. By seeing what they have in mind she can offer framing ideas. In meeting with customers, she tries to get a feel for their taste, asking where the piece is going, what colors they like, do they like wood, etc.

Don and Alice, married 33 years in September, have lived in Lighthouse Point for 29 years. They have two children, Kevin, a firefighter/paramedic with the city of Pompano Beach, and Laura, whose husband Danny Slavich is pastor at Pembroke Road Baptist Church. Laura and Danny have a daughter, Adalyn Hope.

Bill and Maxine, both 83, now live at Covenant Village in Plantation, where he is president of the residents’ council, and she volunteers in the gift shop and on the hospitality committee welcoming new residents.

“We told him he would be mayor there before long,” Alice teased.

Bill coached baseball and T-ball in Lighthouse Point and Don remembers being on the first T-ball team. Bill served on the recreation committee that recommended hiring John Trudel, longtime Parks and Recreation Department Director. Bill previously served as president of the board of Woodhouse which houses those with Cerebral Palsy.

Hours of the store are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. They’re closed on Sunday.

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Steina Steingrimsdottir is enjoying her new career as owner of the Flower Cottage in Pompano Beach. The shop has been completely renovated, and a coffee shop is a new addition. [Staff photos by Judy Vik]

The Flower Cottage has undergone a transformation.

The shop, just east of City Hall on Atlantic Boulevard, has been completely renovated under its new ownership and customers who haven't been in for a while are amazed at the difference.

Steina Steingrimsdottir, a native of Iceland, bought the 35-year-old flower shop at the end of January 2009.

Previously, Steina worked as a landscape architect in Palm Beach County designing luxury communities including Mirasol and Addison Reserve. "When the economy crashed, I found this business, and I loved the building," she says.

The building looks like a small cottage from the outside but is much more spacious than it appears. Years ago it housed a laundromat Steina learned in researching town records.

The shop is known for flower arrangements for any occasion from funerals to weddings to parties. Flowers are imported from Colombia, Ecuador and Holland. A dozen, long-stem roses can be purchased for only \$19.50.

With her landscape background, Steina advises clients on both flower arrangements and outdoor plantings.

Landscape architecture isn't taught in her home-

land, but her late father managed nurseries for the capital city of Reykjavik, and she was always interested in the texture and composition of plants. She attended the University of Georgia to obtain her degree and moved to South Florida to find employment.

It's tough competing in a market where it seems everyone is selling flowers and plants, she says, mentioning chains such as WalMart and Kmart.

"The large chain stores are killing the mom and pop shops," she says. "While we can't compete with them price-wise, my flowers will last much longer," she adds. And what sets her shop apart from local competitors are "quality and expertise. My designers have worked in this field longer, and they can do anything for any event," Steina says proudly.

Business was slow in 2009 but has picked up lately due to word-of-mouth referrals, internet sales and advertising. Valentine's Day and Mother's Day are always the busiest times.

Even in these tough economic times, people are still ordering flowers, especially for special occasions and holidays, but they're spending less, Steina says. Her shop provides flowers for many beach weddings where colorful tropical flowers are in demand.

Coffee is a hobby with Steina, and now she's com-



binated her love of flowers with her love for coffee. In late January, as part of the overall renovation, she opened a coffee shop within the flower shop.

Customers find the coffee shop a great place to sit, relax and enjoy a delicious cup of coffee among the flowers.

"It's a beautiful blend," Steina. Our coffee beans are locally roasted. We have the beans packaged as Cottage Coffee which is available for sale in the shop. We also offer locally baked

fresh pastries and cookies plus sandwich wraps and paninis."

The shop offers a very nice selection of gift items, including vases and candles.

The Enterprise Group, a networking branch of the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce, meets at the Flower Cottage at 8 a.m. on the first and third Friday each month. Game board groups also have discovered the shop for meetings.

Flower Cottage wel-

comes inquiries from other groups. The Flower Cottage could be their perfect meeting place.

Steina clearly is enjoying her new career. "It's fun," she says. She hopes to incorporate more of her design skills in her work at the shop in the future.

Flower Cottage hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. E-mail: flower-cottage@att.net or check the website flower-cottage.com.



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After twenty years, Pompano Beach's Calypso Restaurant continues to serve up tasty Caribbean and seafood favorites

“We've been a big part of Pompano's history,” says Executive Chef Chuck Ternosky who, with the invaluable help of his wife Lora, opened this popular eatery in 1990.

Originally from New Jersey, this sun-seeking couple decided to forego the chilly climes of the Northeast in order to pursue the dream of owning and operating a restaurant in Florida. “We actually had 2 other restaurants first, Fitzwilly's in Fort Lauderdale and London Pub in Margate,” says a reminiscent Chuck. “But we noticed that there was a serious need for a good Caribbean and fresh seafood place. So we used the experience gained from our first two ventures to create Calypso.”

“Also, our former business partners were from Barbados, so it made a lot of sense,” adds Lora who is always on hand to greet customers by their first names. “But make no mistake; it has been a lot of work. We would typically work over 100 hrs a week. That's why we are now closed on weekends so that we can enjoy life a little bit!”

Initially opened a few blocks south in the busy Cypress Plaza, Calypso moved to its present locale after the plaza was sold to condo developers. The décor and ambiance exude Caribbean tranquility as Bob Marley's musical wisdom gently permeates the room. To complete the relaxing tableau, the walls are adorned with myriad Island-themed bibelots and curios collected over the past 2 decades.

The tiki bar features over 45 different bottled beers and 7 on tap. A good selection of wines is also available. “By the way, we are also known for serving a proper pint of Guinness,” says Chuck with an ale lover's smile.

But the main draw at Calypso is, undeniably, the food. Calypso restaurant has



[Above] Serving the finest seafood and Caribbean fare in Pompano Beach, Lora and Chuck Ternosky are proud to welcome locals and visitors alike to their friendly eatery. [Right] A Calypso classic: the mouth-watering Bahamian diced conch fritters with homemade cocktail sauce. [Below] Freshly caught Caribbean style grilled Wahoo with fried plantains and pigeon pea rice is just one of the many fish dishes available at Calypso.



always maintained a strong focus on providing unique, zesty dishes using an arsenal of Island flavors such as curry, Jamaican jerk, lime juice, pepper sauces, allspice, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, garlic, onion and thyme. The term Tropical fusion has often been used to describe original creations such as the conch chowder, the Caribbean shrimp bruschetta, and the palate-tickling British West Indies burger with bacon and jalapeno peppers.

“We've just come out with our new shrimp and scallop burger as well. People really

love it,” says Chuck, the creative mind behind the innovative recipes.

“But I must say that conch is definitely one of our specialties,” adds the friendly restaurateur. “Many places have dropped it from their menus because the cost has gone up substantially over the years. We have kept it at prices that are very fair to our customers.”

Fresh oysters, clams, shrimp, fish and, of course, conch are always available and prominently featured on the big “specials” board.

“We receive fresh fish

every morning and cut slices to order. We go through about 300 lbs a week and use only local warm water species such as Dolphin, Cobia, Wahoo and Yellow Fin Tuna,” says Lora who also makes every single dessert in house daily.

But many other mouth-watering classics are also on the menu. For example, the plump chicken wings can be enjoyed in a plethora of fashions such as Jerk, Habanero, Curry, BBQ, Teriyaki and Basil Mustard.

Sandwiches, known in Island lingo as Cutters, are also

quite popular with the lunch crowd. Thin sliced roast beef, Cajun pan blackened chicken breast, smoked pork and fresh fish Cutters with fries and salad are a great way to calm a gnawing midday hunger. The most famous Cutter on the list is undoubtedly the Calypso, loaded with sautéed shrimp, mushrooms, fresh garlic butter, parsley and cheddar on a locally made Kaiser roll.

Spiced curry Rotis are an equally attractive option. Similar to stuffed soft flour tortillas, the delectable Rotis come in chicken, lamb, dolphin or shrimp varieties and are a true joy for curry aficionados.

“We do about 100 lunches a day and, at night, we are very popular with the area residents. In fact, our first customers now come in with their grandkids!” says the ever enthusiastic Lora. “In reality, this isn't a job for us. It is fun. We love what we do.”

Let us hope they keep doing it for many years to come. Enjoy, mon!



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Seiler and Acacia veterinarians have been caring for generations of pets since 1986



Douglas Thieme, DVM

The mission at Seiler Animal Hospital and Acacia Animal Hospital is to provide quality veterinary care for companion animals combined with friendly service and convenient hours.

Both clinics are full-service veterinary medical care facilities. Patients receive modern medical, surgical and dental care. Pet owners are educated on preventive health care, responsible pet ownership, animal behavior and benefits of advanced nutrition.

Goals are to promote healthy, happy pets and foster long-term client/patient relationships.

Asked what sets these clinics apart, owner Dr. Douglas Thieme said, "The degree of interest that staff takes in clients and patients. We have very little staff turnover. Many clients have been with us for years. And in many cases, we're seeing the fourth generation of pets."

Dr. Thieme moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1986 where he worked as an associate veterinarian for Dr. E.E. (Pete) Seiler.

In December 1988, Dr. Thieme purchased the practice from Dr. Seiler on his retirement.

What did he learn from Dr. Seiler?

"That's a good question," he said, "He made friends with his clients, and many came here for years. He took a personal interest in his clients and their pets."

Dr. Thieme grew up on a farm in southern Indiana, graduating from Purdue University in 1983.

In Indiana, his patients included beef and dairy cattle and backyard pleasure horses. "It's difficult to be competent at every level," he said, explaining how he changed to working mainly with dogs and cats with his move to Florida.



Christina O. Stevens, DVM

He occasionally treats birds or exotic animals for simple procedures.

Dr. Thieme enjoys general practice and surgery, including dentistry.

Both hospitals utilize state-of-the-art laser techniques for most surgical procedures. A laser beam is used instead of a steel scalpel, resulting in less bleeding, inflammation and pain. This leads to more rapid healing.

Cold therapy laser is used for inflammatory or painful conditions in dogs and cats. The laser therapy can reduce symptoms of arthritis, degenerative joint and disc diseases, hip dysplasia and various other conditions also. Used post-operatively, laser therapy can speed healing and reduce swelling of incision by increasing blood flow to the area.

Some pets with chronic arthritis come in for the therapy procedure twice a week. In fact Dr. Thieme recently treated his son with the cold therapy laser for a sprained ankle from playing basketball.

The clinics also offer dental care, including ultrasonic teeth cleaning. Advanced care is available. Both hospitals also offer effective anesthesia-free dental cleaning.

Illness doesn't always have a physical cause. The clinics employ trained animal



Boaz Man, DVM

behaviorists who help determine the cause of such disorders as separation anxiety and obsessive behavior and develop a treatment regimen.

Obsessive behavior in dogs might be chewing, barking or licking so obsessively they develop sores. If experiencing separation anxiety, they may chew the door or sofa. Medical help is available.

Dr. Thieme advises pet owners to be consistent and persistent with preventive care. For example, controlling fleas and ticks on a pet can be easy if you're consistent. "Sometimes, for whatever reason, maybe financial, owners may give the treatment intermittently. If you're not consistent, you don't break the life cycle of the ticks and fleas."

The clinics also offer luxury boarding facilities and daycare. Kennel attendants provide tender loving care and supervised outdoor playtime to keep them happy and active. Cats and dogs even have a TV with DVDs.

Dr. Thieme and his wife Erin have four children, Mitchell, Maureen, Ryan and Kathleen. Maureen is a junior majoring in biology at the University of Florida. Now working at the Seiler clinic, she may apply to vet school.

Kathleen, a high school freshman, also is showing an



Laurie Phillips, DVM

interest in veterinary medicine. "There could be two more Dr. Thiemes," he said. If they chose to work with him, "It would be a blast for me," he said.

He is a past president of the Executive Association of Fort Lauderdale and a member of many professional veterinarian organizations.

Meet the Seiler staff

Two other veterinarians are on staff at Seiler Animal Hospital.

Christina O. Stevens, DVM, graduated from Auburn University in Auburn, Ala., in 1993. She completed a prestigious small animal medicine and surgery internship. She joined Seiler Animal Hospital in 2005. She has a passion for internal medicine, dermatology and ophthalmology.

Christina is married to Mark Stevens, DVM, who practices at Acacia Animal Hospital. They have two children, Kyle, 11, and Danielle, 8.

Boaz Man, DVM, joined the staff in September 2009. He graduated from the University of Miami and completed a doctorate in veterinary medicine at Ross University in St. Kitts in 2004. He completed his clinical training at Oklahoma State University and an internship at Palm



Mark Stevens, DVM

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Dr. Man's professional experience includes working at several South Florida clinics.

Meet the Acacia staff

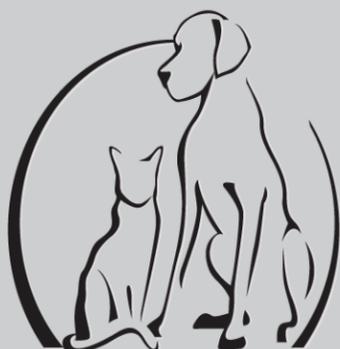
Mark Stevens, DVM, graduated from Auburn University in 1993. He came on board at Acacia in 2005 after seven years at Seiler Animal Hospital.

Mark enjoys using his superior surgical skills and has a passion for client communication.

Mark likes to spend his spare time with his family exploring the great outdoors. He also enjoys playing guitar and singing.

Laurie C. Phillips, DVM, graduated from the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine in 1989. She and her husband Dr. Kelly Phillips (also a veterinarian) moved to Boca Raton following graduation. She joined Acacia as an associate veterinarian in 1998.

Dr. Phillips has a special interest in challenging internal medicine cases but thoroughly enjoys general practice and surgery. She thinks of Acacia as her "home away from home" as she has grown close to so many clients and their pets through the years. She stays busy outside the practice with her two teenage children, Carter and Mallory.



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In Deerfield Beach, great seafood and cold beer have been the Crabby Jack's trademark for over 20 years



Fried shrimp and catfish galore on a bed of crispy fries with hush puppies. These crispy classics come with choice of cocktail, spicy Habanero or tartar dipping sauces.



Smothered in a zesty piccata sauce, the Caribbean white fish plate comes with yellow rice and healthy veggies.



Assistant manager Dana Levine shows off the tasty Caribbean fish dish while standing next to the iconic Crabby Jack's surfboard.

“We are a local institution with a very loyal following. Our customers are like family to us,” says Texas native Ed Alfaro, Crabby Jack's diligent General Manager.

Indeed, this stalwart of the Deerfield Beach restaurant scene has been welcoming legions of beer and seafood lovers since 1990. “Where else can you get a whole meal for under \$10? We offer great value for your money and the food is genuinely good. In fact, the food quality is what has kept us in business all these years,” says the transplanted Texan who actually got his first taste of Crabby Jack's at the San Antonio locale.

The privately owned Deerfield Beach fixture has been delighting patrons for more than 20 years with its exhaustive menu, affordable libations, fun ambiance and, of course, its overwhelmingly amiable and curvaceous waitresses.

“We really have the nicest staff in town,” says assistant manager Dana Levine. “Everybody feels comfortable and welcomed. People really love that about us.”

Steeped in tradition with custom art work on just about every square inch of the walls, this 3 bar eatery, including

the popular outdoor one, is the destination of choice on Federal Hwy for the thirsty after-work crowd and vacationers alike.

“Although we are first and foremost a seafood and steak restaurant, we also have a very extensive menu with many other specialties. Believe me, as a friendly neighborhood bar, we sell a lot of chicken wings!” says the affable Alfaro. “There is something for everybody, including the kids who, by the way, eat free on Tuesday nights.”

Fundamentally, Crabby Jack's is the kind of laid-back, easy-going neighborhood joint where everybody knows your name. “We are a bit like the TV show Cheers in that respect,” says a perpetually smiling Levine. With tasty food, cheap drinks and the loosest of dress codes, this is one Florida raw bar that fully delivers on its stated promise.

“We are about value. Your dollar goes a long way here. The economy is tough right now so we really want to offer an affordable dining experience to our customers,” adds Alfaro who spends his time coming up with new and enticing food and beverage specials.

Fresh oysters, middleneck clams, crabcakes, calamari, conch fritters, beef sliders, ga-

tor bites, smoked fish dip and coconut shrimp are just a few of the mouthwatering appetizers that keep the clientele coming back for more.

On the entrée front, slow cooked Danish ribs, chicken Marsala, grilled 8 oz. New York strip, blackened Pacific white fish and Key West shrimp are just a few of Crabby Jack's classic menu items. Of course, as the name would imply, Crabby Jack's is also the ideal spot to get one's fill of the popular crustacean.

Be it Snow, Dungeness or King crab, the portions are ample and eminently affordable.

“Our crab is really our signature dish,” says Alfaro. “But we also have phenomenal sirloin steak and an amazing dolphin sandwich.”

Meat aficionados will enjoy the sirloin special. Topped with garlic butter and parsley, the delightfully tender steak is always cooked to one's liking and served with a sizeable portion of crunchy onion rings.

Sandwich experts will appreciate not only the blackened dolphin but also the Angus rib-eye, the Philly cheesesteak, the mushroom Swiss burger, the chicken club wrap and the tuna melt. “We also make food quickly so that people can get back to work fast,” says the pragmatic Alfaro.

“Our customers are very invested in this bar. For example, if we have a plumbing or electrical issue, there are always professionally qualified patrons who volunteer their time and expertise to fix the problem. It is a very neat thing to see.”

Daily lunch and dinner specials start at \$5. Most large steak or seafood entrées are in the \$10-\$15 range. Draft beer begins at \$1.50/pint and various wine and liquor specials are available daily. There is ample free parking, courtesy wi-fi, and all major

credit cards are accepted. There are pool tables, darts, video games and all forms of entertainment for young and old alike, including Karaoke on Thursday nights. “We really do have the coldest beer in town!” adds Alfaro with unbridled exuberance.

Thanks to multiple Happy Hours per day, beer bucket specials, outstanding fare and frequent live music, Crabby Jack's is the ideal spot to kick up one's heels and let the stress of the day just melt away. Enjoy!

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Second generation takes over Frank's Ristorante's 38-year business success in Pompano Beach



Rosaly Olortegui, Frank DiMaria and Guy DiMaria lift their glasses to the future in Pompano Beach.



Dining at Frank's Ristorante has become a tradition in Pompano Beach for its authentic Italian fare served in the ambiance of Old Italy.



1974 original store



'79 to '80, Frank's Upstairs was added for private parties up to 125 guests. The private banquet hall offers a wide ocean view for weddings, parties, clubs, corporate affairs has ocean views, a dance floor and its own bar.

For 38 years, Frank DiMaria has been offering the area the best of Italian food from the same location at 3428 E. Atlantic Blvd. in Pompano Beach. And he's been rewarded with a loyal and flourishing following. Now Frank is gradually passing his 'stove and chef's hat' to his two children. Daughter, Rosaly Olortegui is the daytime general manager and son, Guy DiMaria, is the night general manager.

Rosaly laughs and says, "Dad may say he's semi retired, but he's here every day to stir the pot and check on how Guy and I are doing. The truth is this has been our second home all of our lives and much of his. He likes to greet old and new friends when they come to dinner."

"She's right," Frank says. "We've had people who got married here come back for their 25th anniversary party,

and we hope they will come for their 50th. I've always cooked for my customers as if they were my family and my son, Guy, is doing the same. It has been a wonderful experience to see the same families grow and celebrate their special occasions with us. I'm Uncle Frank to many of them."

Frank and his wife, now deceased, were both born in Sicily, but they met and married in Westchester, New York. They came to sunny Florida, which reminded them of home, 38 years ago and opened Frank's near the ocean. They became one of the first authentic Italian restaurants in the area and were warmly welcomed.

Guy says, "We're not only a favorite with our loyal patrons but also with many visiting celebrities. We've cooked special requests for Frank Sinatra, Frankie Avalon,

James Darren, Yogi Berra, Jeff Fahey, Junior Seau, Rickie Henderson and many more younger celebrities."

What started as one small-store front has expanded into three storefronts and Frank's Upstairs, a very attractive setting to accommodate private affairs for up to 125 people. The hall boasts ocean views, a dance floor and its own bar. Rosaly says, "We book parties into Frank's Upstairs weekly so space should be reserved well in advance of an event. We've hosted weddings, parties, clubs, corporate - you name it. We recently did a party for a large group honoring one gentleman. The room was transformed into a casino with Roulette tables and other authentic accessories. It was a big hit."

The original storefront is now a pizza parlor, serving lunch and dinner. Open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., everything is cooked to order and can therefore accommodate people on special diets. Chef Guy says, "Being a beach location,

we have people dropping in on their way to and from the beach for Beach Boxes. Some of our best sellers at lunch and dinner are pizzas thick and thin with tomato Bruschetta, vegetarian delight and meat lovers pizza. We also serve strombolis, pastas and more."

The dress code is everything from shorts and flip flops to shirt, tie, and jacket. Dinner can be casual or more formal. There's a full bar, fine wines and beer. The dinner menu includes pastas, veal chops, chicken, seafood specials and steak. Guy says the most popular menu items are seafood pescatore over linguini, stuffed veal chops with Portobello mushrooms, and lobster raviolis."

Frank and his children are delighted that the revitalization of Atlantic Boulevard has begun. Rosaly describes their plans. "We want people to think, 'Why go elsewhere when this is the area for the future?' We will have a covered sidewalk café to seat

up to 50 people. When it's cool in season, we will have music. Our guests will feel as if they are at an outdoor café in Capri."

She goes on to say, "We have regular customers who drive south from Palm Beach County and up from Dade because we're the real deal. There are no cooking short cuts here and nowhere will patrons experience warmer hospitality."

George Vitale, Deerfield Beach, is such a frequent diner at Frank's that other diners think he's a member of the family. He says, "It's true. I'm here all the time. Rosaly and Guy call me Uncle George. My favorite dinners are Veal Francaise and Veal a la Frank."

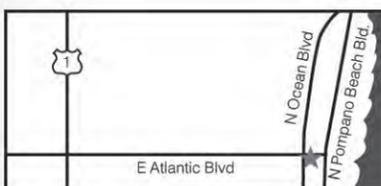
Rosaly and husband, Gerard, have two sons. She calls herself, "a full time wife and mother and the daytime general manager of Frank's. I juggle like many other women and I wouldn't have it any other way. It's a demanding, but very satisfying life. I still make dinner for the four of us. I learned to cook from both parents. My mother is no longer with us, but her recipes live on."

Guy says he's earned his chef's cap and general manager credentials. "I've been a go-for, a bus boy, dishwasher and pain in the neck to Dad, but I've learned at his side. He's taught me most of his secrets, but he still holds on to a few. I grew up in this place, and have known many of the customers since I was a kid. I even met my wife, Laraine here and we married just a few years ago."

Asked if he cooks at home, too, he says, "I'm seldom there for the dinner hour and when I am, I either bring something from here or Laraine cooks steaks or chicken."

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then – when the drinking age was 18 – some high school kids riding bikes home from school would stop in for a beer. Forty or fifty years later, they're still coming.

Still, there are promotions to bring in new patrons. Friday night is "Lingerie Night" when a woman models lingerie, and patrons can buy raffle tickets to win the lingerie. Saturday is a bargain-priced cookout of burgers and beans, from 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Karaoke fills the place on Wednesday nights. And Beth Schotanus is promoting birthday parties.

Wilkinson wants new patrons, of course, but doesn't pay much attention to the competition. "We don't care about the competition," he says, "We just do our thing."

Now in his 70s, King Wilkinson is animated, energetic and enthusiastic when he talks about his businesses, and he shows no signs of slowing down.

Has he thought about the future of World Famous Red's Bar?

Has he thought of selling this valuable plot of real estate?

Oh, it's crossed his mind, of course. But he says, "It's been here since 1949. People who have come for many years tell me I can't sell it. They just say, 'You can't sell Red's.'"

King Wilkinson, owner of World Famous Red's Bar, gathers his team together for another day of historical fun. [Below] In 1956, Red's World Famous Bar and Barton and Miller's Cleaners were two of the early businesses in Wilton Manors at Five-Points.

we know what they want, and we have it in front of them before they sit down," she says. "I've known many since high school. It's like a big happy family. It's homey. I'm up at the crack of dawn to be here because I love it, and I love people."

One group of patrons are labeled "Old School Red," the folks who grew up here in the 50s and 60s and have been coming ever since. Wilkinson says way back



Wilton Manors - "To me, every day is Christmas Day and every night is New Year's Eve." That's how King Wilkinson sums up his philosophy of daily living these days. And he's lived a lot – owned a construction business, owns a real estate business, and served as mayor of Wilton Manors from 1994 to 1998. He used to box and once handled the business affairs of legendary boxing champion Rocky Marciano.

Now, he sits on a stool at the u-shaped bar in the small and intimate neighborhood bar he owns and explains the history of the place. And it's quite a history.

He banter with patrons who pass by, displaying a quick wit and good humor. He knows most of them by name and has known many of them for years.

The place is, indeed, historic. You could say it's an institution.

You might call it Red's Bar and Package Store, but Wilkinson, with a twinkle in his eye, might correct you and say the name of the place is really World Famous Red's Bar and Package Store.

It's an old red brick building that stands out among the others near the intersection of Dixie Highway and Wilton Drive, at 2610 N. Dixie Highway, in Wilton Manors. It has sat there since 1949, when the original owner hauled it there from Boca Raton, where it had been a barracks at a Navy base.

Operating a real estate business and knowing the value of real estate, Wilkinson says he bought it in 2005, primarily for the property. He closed for a year, re-modeled it, and re-opened it as a "no smoking" bar, "a much cleaner environment," he says.

You could say that Red's

Bar – no, World Famous Red's Bar – almost never sleeps. It's open every day. No kidding. It's open seven days a week, every week – 365 days a year. Doors open at 7 a.m. and aren't closed until two o'clock the next morning, three o'clock on Fridays and Saturdays.

There is country music on the jukebox, the walls are crowded with black and white photographs of sports figures and celebrities, and a row of firefighter's helmets hangs above the bar. Having served as mayor, Wilkinson knows many of the local firefighters, and when they retire, their helmets have a place at Red's, a friendly hangout for many city workers.

Working seven days a week is a bit of a stretch, so Wilkinson appointed Beth Schotanus co-manager a few years ago. She grew up in the area and is no stranger to the patrons. "When regulars come in,

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Oceans 234 owners replaced old standby with vibrant new restaurant



Oceans 234's popularity is so much more than just the view in Deerfield Beach.

Oceans 234 is one of Deerfield Beach's signature beachfront restaurants today, and in its place 40 years ago was another signature eatery, The Ranch House, which given its location lasted far longer in this area than any other store in the chain.

The metamorphosis could not be more extreme. From beach burger shack to sophisticated restaurant, Oceans has come a long way.

The vision began with Lois and Joseph Pallaria who bought the Ranch House in 1999 and operated it for three years. Then they oversaw a complete rebuild of the structure

which resulted in a complete change of identity.

The new restaurant offers oceanfront dining, indoor/outdoor bar, a menu that features fresh local fish, live music and more recently a series of later night events to attract a young crowd.

"We work on keeping our ideas fresh and try to reinvent ourselves every few years so that we always have something exciting to offer our clientele," said operations manager Danielle Williams.

This summer, two "exciting" events were on the calendar, a Havana White Night Party featuring salsa dancers, hand-rolled cigars, Cuban treats and

\$5 mojitos and Thursday Night Fever where the music of the '70s reigned and customers won prizes for best costumes and best twisting.

Two years ago, Oceans was slightly reinvented inside and outside with a new color scheme and the addition of a sushi bar. Menu changes were made also.

"I was very excited to give Oceans 234 a fresh face so that our guests had a great experience and something new to look forward to. The creation of the sushi bar was an addition that was prompted by the growing trend in sushi. I felt that it was a nice dynamic to add to a beach-



Honey soy glazed salmon

front restaurant," Williams said.

Oceans is approaching its 10-year anniversary

and Williams and her team have many new parties, concepts and additions in mind for the coming year.

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John Knox Village Has Been An Integral Part of Pompano Beach Since 1967

Forty-four years ago, Dr. Mack R. Douglas, a minister from Margate gathered a few friends and proposed to develop a retirement community for senior citizens. The plan called for the construction of a group of cottages to be leased to a senior individual or couple for the balance of their life. The community was formed and opened in Pompano Beach.

Early press clippings from the Miami Herald stated that The Village began with nine residences. Shortly after, another 72 garden villas were built. That was followed by the completion of 90 apartments in East Lake.

The early years of The Village were quite successful. At the time, there were very few continuing care communities in the country, and many seniors had tired of caring for their own homes and wished to have the security of life-care.

By 1973, The Village spanned 50 acres with approximately 370 independent living residences in East Lake, Cassels Tower, as well as Lakeside and Garden Villas. The East Wing of the Health Center was added shortly after to care

for residents who needed full-time nursing assistance.

On February 6, 1978, John Knox Village was officially incorporated under the leadership of Dr. Kenneth P. Berg and the oversight of a Board of Directors.

In 1980, expansion included 60 additional beds in the Health Center, rooms for Assisted Living, and space for therapy treatments. Village Towers was completed featuring another 200 independent living residences and The Village continued to grow through careful and controlled planning.

In 1992, a new Assisted Living facility opened, and the Health Center was rededicated with 55 additional beds, dining and activities space, and nursing stations on the second floor of the west wing. The Lakeside Dining Room, the Village Auditorium and additional facilities were added to the community.

The most recent major addition to The Village, Heritage Tower was completed in October 2004. The ten-story Tower features a total of 120 spacious one and two-bedroom apartments, plus meeting areas for resident gatherings.



The Village community provides for healthy living through an integrated Wellness Program with emphasis on exercise and fitness, health screenings, 24-hour nursing, and proper nutrition.

Presently home to almost 900 residents with a staff of more than 600 employees, the 64-acre Village campus of peaceful lakes and tropical landscaping offers a continuing care retirement environment for those aged 62 and greater.

From carefree independence, through assisted living, even on-site nursing care in the Village Health Center, John Knox Village has been the life-care home for thousands of residents since its opening. It has been the choice of perceptive adults who want a stress-free and maintenance-free life that's inspired with enriching activities and a zest for living that cannot be diminished.

The Village has been an integral part of the fabric of Pompano Beach for the past forty-four years. In fact, most anyone who has lived in Pompano Beach probably knows someone who either lives or works at John Knox Village, but many are not aware of all the services provided to the greater Pompano Beach community including home health and nursing home care.

As part of The Village's commitment to well-being, the John Knox Home Health Agency has provided specialized medical services as well as home based assistance since 1987. The Home Health Agency is highly rated by the Agency for Health Care Administration and provides complete "at home" services for those who wish to remain in the comfort of home for convalescence or extended care: from 24-hour a day nursing, to weekly check-ins, medical reminders, and light housekeeping.

The John Knox Village Health Center, a fully licensed, Medicare/Medicaid Certified, skilled care facility, is also available for those from outside The Village. The Health Center is highly rated by the Agency for Health Care Administration.

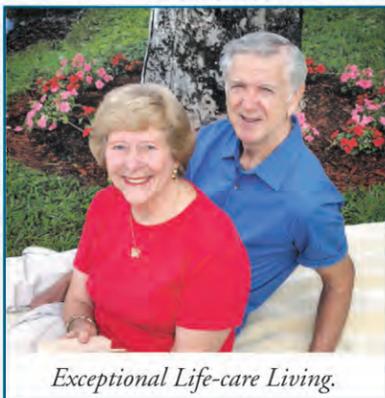
For those recovering from illness or injury, the Health Center offers comprehensive rehabilitation services to help them regain their highest levels of functioning and independence, and to speed recovery for the return home.

The Health Center provides post-hospital care to those recovering from stroke, orthopedic procedures (including fracture or joint replacement), pain management, IV therapy, as well as many other medical conditions.

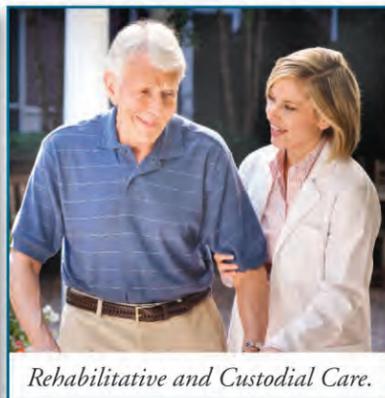
The future is bright for The Village. The Administration and Board of Directors are developing a comprehensive plan for the coming decades including a new Health Center, plus extensive renovations throughout The Village.

You are invited to prepare for your future and get to know your friends at John Knox Village. Call or write for information about the life-care opportunities available to you. The marketing department will answer your questions at 954-783-4040.

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Take a closer look at all the retirement and health care services of John Knox Village,

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John Knox Village is proud to be part of the Pompano Beach community since 1967.



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Chick-fil-A puts fresh food and guest service first



On Grand Opening, Broward County fans of Chick-fil-A gave the new business in town a hearty and "all-night" welcome.

Pompano Beach – An estimated 150 people camped out overnight before the grand opening of the Chick-fil-A restaurant Dec. 10, 2009. By 6 a.m. the day before, 150 would-be diners already were in line to receive a one-year supply of free Chick-fil-A meals (52 certificates.) By raffle, organizers pared the line down to 100, the number of giveaways available at the restaurant- opening "campout."

The customers, known as "guests," have been returning ever since. "The response has been incredible. We were embraced by the local community," says Seth Poor, owner-operator of the franchise at 2250 N. Federal Highway, just east of Pompano Citi Centre.

The original Chick-fil-A boneless breast of chicken sandwich was developed by Truett Cathy who opened his first restaurant in Atlanta's Greenbriar Mall in 1967. The chain has grown to include locations in 38 states and Washington, D.C. The company reported sales of \$3.58 billion in 2010, an 11.37 percent increase over its sales performance in 2009.

The Pompano Beach

restaurant, one of eight in Broward County, is the only Chick-fil-A east of University Drive.

Poor managed branch offices for Merrill Lynch before moving to Chick-fil-A. Explaining the change, he said, "I had a desire and passion to run my own business. I'm very entrepreneurial, and I love restaurants -- the pace, energy, people and the product."

He says Chick-fil-A stood out for its pursuit of excellence.

"They focus on the best product all made fresh. Our produce is delivered fresh every morning and prepared here. There's no pre-cut lettuce. We hand file and bread every piece of chicken. It's exceptional. You don't find that elsewhere (in fast food restaurants)," Poor said. "There is no microwave. Everything is made fresh and made to order."

Chick-fil-A's business philosophy also resonated with Poor. "They're all about people and putting people before profits. We treat every guest with honor, dignity and respect. Without them we wouldn't be here. We strive to go beyond guest expectations," Poor said.



Chick-fil-A on Federal Highway in Pompano Beach has already become a landmark for friendly service and fine food.

Fresh flowers are on each table, and an employee is assigned to make sure the dining room is kept clean and guests' needs are met.

'Back stage' tours

Poor frequently gives tours of the restaurant, inviting guests "back stage" to see the food preparation area. "People are always blown away," he says.

Every Tuesday evening from 5 to 8 is family night and children eat free when dining with parents. The kids get to make their own milkshakes. Banana pudding is a popular new flavor.

In May the restaurant staged a PJ party. Anyone who came in pajamas could eat free from 5 to 9 p.m. They served breakfast foods to raise awareness of the breakfast menu, now including a spicy chicken

biscuit.

Poor has partnered with many non-profit organizations. For two Christmases the restaurant has teamed with the Broward Children's Center by buying toys for 125 kids, taking food from Chick-fil-A and the cow mascot to the center.

Now he's planning a 5-K fun run, with every employee taking part, to also benefit the Broward Children's Center. The restaurant also has worked with United Way and Habitat for Humanity.

"Sometimes we give money, sometimes food. Mostly I love giving food away," Poor said with a big smile. "I prefer to partner in a way that's helpful and meaningful for the organization."

Poor lives three minutes away from his work in Pompano Beach with his wife Carrie and a son, 3, and daughter, 16 months. "This is my community, and I have skin in the game," he says.

Poor says he's not one to be owner in name. He works a 60-hour week and the restaurant is a second home.

Chick-fil-A, with 68 employees, is open six days a week but never on Sunday in keeping with the corporate philosophy. "It's important for the team to have that day, and it's great to have one day where you don't have to think business," Poor said.

Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Breakfast is served until 10:30 a.m. Call 954-943-5855 or visit chick-fil-a.com for more information.

The Dance Closet 5012 N. Federal Highway, Lighthouse Point 954-531-1344

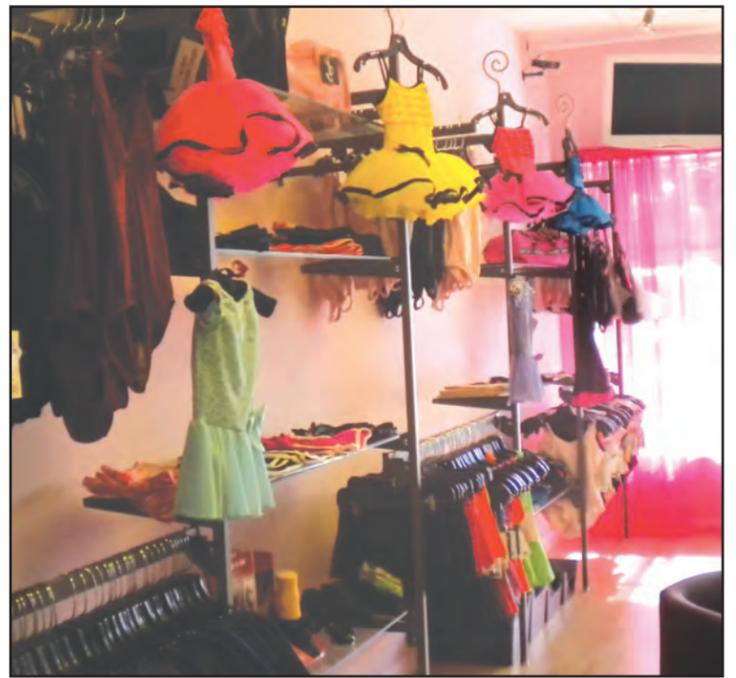
Busy mom took the right steps in opening dance apparel store



Here in Lighthouse Point dancers can find dance clothes from workout to recital events.



Sklyer lends a hand at the register at The Dance Closet in the Georgetown Shopping Plaza in Lighthouse Point.



Lighthouse Point – As the mother of two young dance students, Lara Sarafianos saw the need for a dance apparel shop closer to home. She was tired of having to travel for miles to shop for the dance clothes and shoes her daughters needed.

That's why she opened The Dance Closet in the Georgetown Shopping Plaza in March at 5012 N. Federal Highway in Lighthouse Point.

"We can fill the needs of any dancer from ages three to adult," says Sarafianos.

She said there was definitely a need. "When I opened the doors, other moms said thank-you. This makes sense. It's convenient for busy moms in this area."

On its website, The Dance Closet is billed as "South Florida's shopping destination for the trendsetting dancer."

The shop carries dance shoes for ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, hip hop and Zumba, as well as a variety of foot care products.

The selection of dance and fitness apparel includes

everything from the basic leotard and tights to cutting edge trends from brands like Peace Love World, Capezio, Malibu Sugar, Balera, Mirella, Wear Moi, Urban Groove, Little Stars and more.

Peace Love World, based in Miami, became well known when Jeanine Mason, the Season 5 winner on "So You Think You Can Dance" wore their clothes.

"We're obsessed with that program," said Jessica Friedlander, manager and dance instructor at Realdance, who works parttime at The Dance Closet.

"This is an enthusiastic, loving dance kind of atmosphere," Jessica said.

She says Lara works from the perspective of both store owner and mom. For example, "It's important to have people who know how to fit dance shoes properly. The kids are growing, and you don't want to have to buy new shoes every two months. And when selecting the right fit, you need to keep in mind that leather and ballet shoes stretch. Knowledge of the art

and the product are important in selecting the right shoe for the style of dance," Jessica said.

Some have asked Lara why she didn't do this business online, but Lara says, "You can't order tap shoes online. This is the type of retail where you need to be there. You need to try on the shoes."

With apparel, "It's not just the simple leotard and tights that it used to be. Now it's

fashion," Jessica said. "We're constantly updating merchandise with a variety of colors and cutting-edge style," says Lara was a stay-at-home mom for the past 10 years before starting this business."

She says her daughters love to dance. "It's fun, and they're exercising," Lara says.

Julia Sarafianos, 9, has been taking classes and dancing since she was three. She's now enrolled five days a week. Sklyar, 4, started dance

classes at age two, when she was still in diapers.

Lara and George Sarafianos also have a son, Camden, 11. He enjoys football, baseball, basketball and other outdoor sports," says his mom.

Hours of the shop are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Call 954-531-1344 or check the website at shopdancecloset.com and follow on Facebook.



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