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Pompano Boat Parade
Dec. 11



Pompano Beach - Pompano Beach Commissioner Charlotte Burrie gives Santa a hug in hopes of something under the tree. Burrie and Pompano Beach Mayor Lamar Fisher joined the Pompano Beach Fire Fighters and BSO deputies to be with the children who live at Broward Children's Center when Santa arrived on a fire truck. At the party following Santa's arrival, the children received special gifts. [Photo by Anne Siren]

Big business versus homeowner Officials wrestle with industrial zoning code

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach - City officials want to prevent development of certain industries they consider noxious to residents of Independence Bay and The Waterways, but the land owners say their holdings would be so devalued that they would sue for compensation.

Tuesday, Planning and Zoning Director Jerry Ferguson presented new zoning category I-2 for the city's southwestern-most acres. It would

replace the current M-3 and M-4 categories that allow heavy industry such as rock quarries and the metal shredding plant approved several months ago.

"That was the last straw," said Independence Bay resident Syl Melone. Melone and his neighbors have complained for years about dust and air pollutants coming onto their properties from the landfill and other nearby operations. "We've endured

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City withdraws from Florida House debate

Will allow detox center to avoid ADA lawsuit

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach - Faced with a potential civil rights lawsuit, city commissioners agreed this week that a detox center could be added to an existing drug treatment facility. Attorneys for Florida House argued two weeks ago before a special master that the American Disabilities Act and fair housing laws prohibit discriminating against the disabled. The courts, he said, have ruled drug addiction a disability.

"I doesn't make sense to test the waters here ... the courts are sensitive to the rights of the disabled," City

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LBTS outsourcing two departments; considering a third

By Judy Vik

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LBTS - Town commissioners unanimously approved acquiring code enforcement services from Calvin Giordano & Associates Inc. at the Nov. 29 meeting at an annual cost of about \$114,000.

The firm will start providing services in January with a one-year contract.

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Santa to land at restaurant Dec. 14 to greet, meet and collect toys for another ride

By Anne Siren

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Pompano Beach - In case there are any non-believers out there, word is that Santa Claus is arriving in person on Dec. 14 at Galuppi's Restaurant, 1103 N. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach.

Transported by a BSO helicopter, Santa will land at 5 p.m. to meet with children, hear their wishes for the season and fly back to the North Pole.

Pat Galuppi, owner of the restaurant, says the event is not only for the children who show up to see the helicopter land, but also for other children who may not have gifts to unwrap on Christmas morning.

"This year, we are partnering with the Pompano Beach Fire Department, the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce and Broward Sheriff's Office to collect new, unwrapped gifts for the Santa Express," Galuppi said.

Those gifts will be distributed to children in



New toys collected at the Galuppi Helicopter Santa visit will be distributed through the Pompano Beach Fire Department and Broward Sheriff's Office to children in Pompano Beach. [Photo courtesy of Firefighter Jason Aucoin]

Pompano Beach on Dec. 25.

But on Dec. 14, Galuppi suggests that the children, accompanied by an adult, try to arrive before 5 p.m. so they can see the helicopter land. Santa and Mrs. Claus will disembark the helicopter and settle into a special "throne" so they can chat with the children and give out some small stuffed animals.

Mayor Lamar Fisher will

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George Brummer Park opens Dec. 12

Pompano Beach - The city is holding a grand opening for the new George Brummer Park, 3500 W. Palm Aire Drive, Monday, Dec. 12, at 9:30 a.m. Palm Aire United requested the City Commission name the park after long time Commissioner George Brummer.

Now serving as vice mayor, Brummer was elected to the city commission in a special election in June 2003 and was subsequently reelected in 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2010.

The city purchased the five-acre parcel of property in 2009 with the help of an \$87,779 Land and Water Conservation Grant. The property was the former location of the Oaks Tennis Club

The park consists of two playgrounds, a basketball court, picnic tables, state-of-the art exercise pavilion with nine exercise stations, six tennis courts, two bocce ball courts, sand volley ball court, two hand ball courts, 28 benches and three water fountains.

George Brummer Park has been under construction since May of 2011 and was scheduled to be completed before the end of the year.

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Green market opens Sunday with organic and homegrown products

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – A new green market is opening Sunday in the Cove Shopping Center and 60 vendors have agreed to show their wares – all homegrown or homemade foods and crafts.

Vendor Chairman Sally Potter has gathered so many ‘green’-oriented entrepreneurs that market customers will be able to buy enough organic and fresh-grown products to put on a feast.

The green market is being

coordinated by the Deerfield Beach Cultural Committee headed by Judi Standich.

This week, Standich said, “It is amazing what a group of dedicated volunteers can do when they work together.”

Standich and her volunteers have accomplished what a private company, hired last year, failed to do. They will fill the Cove Shopping Center with vendors selling items including free-range chicken eggs, fresh fish and gluten-free breads.

Opening ceremonies featuring musician Marcus

Howell and a BSO color guard will be held at 10 a.m. The market opens at 8 a.m.

Goal of the Cultural Committee is for the green market to become self-sustaining. This year, the Community Redevelopment Agency gave the committee \$10,000 in seed money. Any profits this year will go toward scholarships, Potter said.

Vendor fees are modest: \$20 a day or \$120 for the eight markets which will be held the second and fourth Sundays in January, February and March with a final one

in April. Civic organizations can participate for free and can offer store-bought goods. Each green market will be themed to attract special vendors.

“This is a green market with a serious green bent,” Potter said.

Products being offered: homegrown yogurt and goat cheese, farm produce, rare fruit trees, French pastries, organic teas and spices, grass-fed beef, imported cheese from Wisconsin, olive oils, jams and jellies, sun dried tomatoes and

other fruits, pecans, Amish peanut butter and apple pies, soy candles, handmade soaps, homemade skin care products, doggie treats, rum cakes, vegan cupcakes, orchids, garlic and spice graters, a hamburger press, books on green products, custom-made Christmas floral arrangements, jewelry, dip mixes and children’s organic clothes.

Free parking is available at the east end of the Cove and across the street at the Chamber of Commerce parking lot.

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Commissioners continue their review of downtown redo

By Judy Vik

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Oakland Park – Priorities must be established for downtown redevelopment city commissioners were told this week by RMA, consultants hired to create a five-year plan for renewing the area. The city has \$10.2 million remaining in the Broward Redevelopment Capital Program and must allocate the funds by June 2012.

City staff and RMA will now go to the county to obtain a broader approach to the funding. “Their normal contract is one project on one site. We want to talk about the whole downtown a project with multiple sites,” said Chris Brown, an RMA principal.

RMA has presented its vision for a culinary arts center as the proposed brand for the city and all five commissioners support the

concept.

In the northern gateway area, RMA recommends leasing Oakland Station to kick-start a central market and provide incentives, including a façade program. “The landlord will participate in some way or other. The landlord may want to run this thing,” Brown said. He said the property will need exterior façade and interior infrastructure improvements.

In the central downtown area, RMA recommends offering façade improvement incentives to property owners and tenants.

Vice Mayor Anne Sallee said, “We’ve heard from many business owners if they could make façade improvements, it would make an enormous difference.”

RMA also recommends looking at centralized parking. “You have done a study that says you don’t have enough parking, and now all the retailers are underperforming,” Brown said. “With a culinary

arts district, when the fire starts, you will run out of parking quickly.”

Later this month, after demolishing a strip center, the city will start work on a parking lot in the 3700 block of Northeast 12 Avenue

(Main Street), just north of City Hall. That project is expected to take three months to complete.

The city owns several other lots in the downtown area. Commissioner Jed Shank asked if they own enough for

parking in the future.

Mayor Suzanne Boisvenue said she would rather see the money spent for a parking structure than on more land. She said the city’s goal isn’t to hold parcels all over the

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When the storms churn in the Atlantic, boaters have a little more to think about when preparing for strong winds and high water.

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New York to Pompano Beach

Dave came here from upstate New York where his boating centered on the fresh waters of the mountain lakes. The auto industry was booming then, and Dave left high school in 1977 to study



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Anne Siren, publisher

Turn off the timer?

It would be a disaster.

By Judy Wilson

COMMENTARY

Deerfield Beach City Commissioner Ben Preston is new to the game. Elected in June, he has had just six months in the seat so maybe he should be forgiven for suggesting this week that the three-minute rule for public comments is obsolete.

Preston began his remarks by saying he was embarrassed because last month he had insisted his constituent David Cody conclude his thoughts because his three minutes were up. Then he noticed that many speakers rambled on beyond the time limit despite the mayor's efforts to seat them.

Tuesday night, was an example. Weighty thoughts continued to be spoken regarding a difficult rezoning matter even though the timer had gone off. More confusing Preston said, people were being stifled in mid-sentence.

Shouldn't the rule be enforced? he asked. Better yet he said, maybe it is time to change it.

Then the commissioner took a big leap. He seemed to suggest that under our Constitutional Rights, the people can speak as long as they please on whatever they please. Preston said Tuesday he even believes the public has the right to attack their commissioners publicly, and that he is willing to take the heat.

We're going to disagree.

Firmly on the side of the First Amendment, we can't help but cringe when we contemplate public comments untimed and unleashed. As a member of commission audiences for more decades than most people admit to having lived, we have come to believe in Rules of Conduct for both the officials on the dais and the public out front. Commission meetings are not for stump speeches. They are not meant to be entertaining, nor an opportunity for repeated rhetoric.

Unfortunately, Deerfield Beach is infamous for its rowdy commission sessions. In the past, they have brought the city ridicule and scorn. Even recently, during debate over the utility tax, a newcomer to the scene was appalled at the antics of the speakers opposing the tax.

(Having been through much worse, we were surprised at his reaction.)

What needs to be remembered is that government meetings are business affairs. Important issues must be decided with outcomes that affect people's health and welfare for years to come. So the proceedings need to be orderly and the decisions thoughtful and reasoned. Need we say, intelligent?

That's hard duty for five mere mortals if they have had to listen to the public ramble for hours before they get down to the business of the agenda.

So let's keep the three-minute public-speaking rule. And let's enforce it reasonably well. Those skilled in the art, can easily deliver their message in three minutes. Others, not so well prepared, are just getting launched. A spoken reminder before "written requests" might be helpful for those approaching the podium.

We'd apply the three-minute-rule to elected officials too although we know that will happen when pigs fly.

Don't flush or the ethics code may apply

To The Editor,

According to the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea town attorney, it would be illegal for a commissioner to accept a bottle of water at Pompano Beach City Hall because of the new [Broward] county code of ethics.

By the same token, I guess it would be illegal for the same commissioner to use a [Pompano Beach] drinking fountain or flush a toilet.

Michael L Cooks
Pompano Beach

Ed. Note: Yep. That code will haunt all of us for a long time. We are settling in for the ride.

Stop the war on women

On Jan. 22, 1973, the Roe v. Wade decision legalized abortion in the United States. Women were given the freedom to make decisions in their reproductive lives. That day, armed with Roe v. Wade and birth control, women went about claiming their lives and making decisions about work, family, politics, and sexuality. Women didn't give it another thought, because they thought they were safe and set for life.

But Roe v. Wade didn't stop the anti-choice forces. On Jan. 23, 1973, they recommitted themselves to making abortion illegal. On September 30, 1976, the Hyde Amendment was passed which eliminated Medicaid funding for low-income women. Later, funding also was banned for federal employees, servicewomen, Peace Corps volunteers, and other federal agencies. Over the years, federal and state legislatures have made laws restricting abortion around the edges, making it harder to obtain abortion healthcare.

As the Florida legislature became more and more conservative, there were more and more bills introduced and laws passed to make it harder and harder for women to get abortions. The restrictions place a greater burden on poor and minority women who don't have the means to travel far distances, stay for longer periods of time, or pay for additional services. Nearly 90 percent of U.S. counties don't have abortion clinics.

In 2010, the Republican juggernaut took over elective offices in Florida. Every one of the statewide offices is filled with anti-choice officials, except for Senator Bill Nelson. There is a majority in both the Florida House and Senate. Democrats are basically irrelevant. The U.S. House of Representatives' control went back to Republicans. In 2011, they and the Florida legislature immediately went to war on women. They were elected to create jobs, but they instead concentrated on bringing every imaginable restriction on abortion.

The Florida legislature alone had 18 bills introduced. Five bills passed, one of which is a Florida Constitutional amendment removing privacy restrictions for women who have abortions; its language is being reviewed by the Florida Supreme Court to determine if it can be placed on the 2012 ballot. Provisions of the other bills required that women must first have an ultrasound, tightened parental notification laws for teens seeking an abortion, prohibited state funds to pay for abortions, and diverted Choose Life license plate funds to Choose Life instead of to local governments for adoption or other pregnancy counseling services.

Florida women need to know about the risks to their reproductive rights that are posed by the Florida legislature and governor. It's all about freedom of choice. If a woman is forced by law to carry a fetus to term, even if the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest, she has lost the ability to make choices about her very life. We need to engage women, especially those who stayed home in 2010, to vote for their lives in 2012.

Maggie Davidson

On the Pearl Harbor Anniversary, Salute the Women Who Served

Seventy years ago, the United States suffered a devastating attack upon Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In the aftermath, Americans of all stripes volunteered for necessary duties to meet the new challenges of living in a nation at war.

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Today, as we remember Pearl Harbor, let us also remember our mothers and grandmothers who saw America's desperate need for nurses and filled it. Thousands of nurse cadets still live, and they and the families of those no longer with us deserve the honor and recognition of veteran status.

To send a message asking your member of Congress to cosponsor the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Act (H.R. 1718), simply click the "Take Action" link or visit AAUW's Two-Minute Activist page.

Jaco's park brings musicians, city together



John F. Pastorius IV, son of Jaco Pastorius, addresses the crowd, as his son John F. Pastorius V, looks on.

About 100 guests turned out for a "Celebration of the Arts" and plaque dedication recently at Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center in Oakland Park.

The Oakland Park Main Street group commissioned the plaque to be placed on the east wall of the community center.

Guests heard from the mural artist, Bill Savarese, on what inspired him to select the images of Pastorius for the walls outside. And they heard about a film documentary in progress chronicling Jaco's life, triumphs and sorrows.



The Gary Mayone Trio, including Maone, Jeff Carswell and George Mazzoe, played Jaco's music to the delight of the guests.

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Ms. Florida Senior, M.E. DePalma vists with Jane Lusk Smith, Sally Loree, and Paul Loree. DePalma had just completed a slide presentation for the Garden Club of John Knox Village.

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

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It's amazing that this vibrant lady sat still long enough to be crowned Ms. Florida Senior by the National Ideal Miss Pageant. This pageant, founded in 1995, honored M.E. DePalma for making a difference in the lives of the people around her with her philanthropy and her advocacy for NatureScape.

Shortly after being crowned, DePalma flew to Branson, Missouri where she emceed a fashion show to benefit the Community Hospices of America Dream Team Fund. She went on to participate in several Branson events honoring veterans including a ride in the city's

Veterans' Day Parade.

The Pelican caught up with DePalma doing a slide presentation, titled "Take a Walk in the Park" for the Garden Club at John Knox Village. The park she refers to is the M.E. DePalma Park which was dedicated to her by the city of Wilton Manors in 2010. Located at 686 NE 20 Drive, it is one of over 200 properties in the city registered with the National Wildlife Federation as Wildlife Habitats. Her slide presentation includes a folding travel exhibit with comprehensive descriptions of over 150 varieties of native plants in her park.

Reminiscing about her life, she says, "I wanted to be a doctor and became a mortician.

But life was too exciting for me to deal with dead people so I continued my education. I earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and criminal justice, followed by a master's degree in industrial and organizational psychology from the University of Kansas."

Her degrees have served her, Wilton Manors and the larger Florida community well. She is proud to have designed the first web site for Attorney General, Bob Butterworth's, Senior vs. Crime project. Next, she created the first web site for the city of Wilton Manors with Bill Mattax of DePalma Mattax Inc. *The Florida Business Journal* recognized their company as one of the top 25 Design and

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DePalma is currently the webmaster for the National Garden Club's Deep South Region, the Florida Urban Forestry Council and her own club, The Moringa Garden Circle.

Bursting with enthusiasm, this stunning woman is too busy to worry about turning 70. "I've done so many things," she says and lists a few from her many faceted career. "I've been a model, an industrial consultant and a private investigator. I've co-authored *A Garden Diary*, appeared on television promoting garden issues, lectured and have been a two time Emerald Award winner for my environmental work in this field."

Continuing, "Everything I've learned is integrated into my life now, and that includes operating DePalma Enterprises, my design, marketing and hosting corporation. I'm still the CEO of my deceased husband's business, Multilock,

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Broward rebates close to \$200,000

This week, Broward County dispersed more than \$180,000 in rebate checks to residents who participated in the County's Appliance Rebate Program

The ENERGY SENSE Appliance Rebate Program is part of a \$1.24 million Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant awarded by the state and funded through the U.S. Department of Energy. The goal is to reduce the County's overall energy consumption, stimulate the economy, and save participants money on their utility bills.

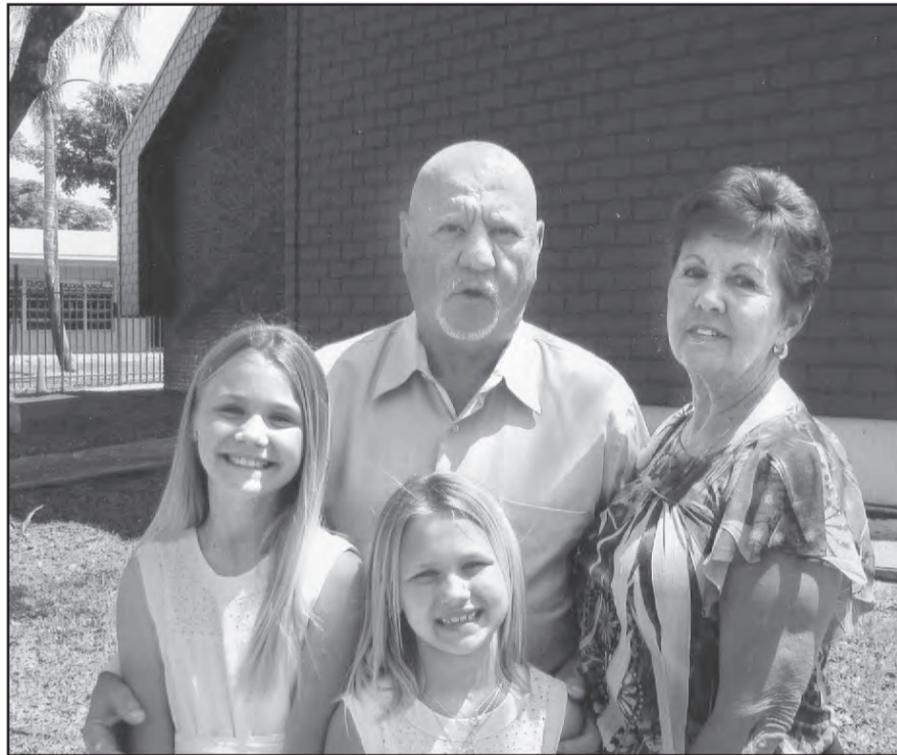
To date, the County has issued 885 rebates to residents, ranging from \$150 to \$250. The rebate program is saving participants approximately 22 percent off the purchase price of an Environmental Protection Agency ENERGY STAR refrigerator or washing machine.

To date, the County's Appliance Rebate Program has generated:

- \$825,000 in economic stimulus and \$49,000 in tax revenues in the south Florida economy
- an energy savings of 2 million kilowatts hours (kWh) this year in the County
- a water savings of 2.2 million gallons per year

Residents who pre-registered for the rebate program by October 10, still have an opportunity to receive a rebate by submitting an application packet to the County by December 16, 2011. For program-related questions, email ENERGYSENSE@broward.org

Big savings on sweet dreams at Mattress Mart, a clearing center for 25 years in Pompano Beach



Bob and Sandy Johnson enjoy spending time with their granddaughters, Summer and Madison. The Johnsons are owners of Mattress Mart in Pompano Beach.

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

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If Bob Johnson isn't batting 1,000 in his Sunshine Seniors' softball team, he's focusing on Mattress Mart, his successful business for the past 25 years. "My wife, Sandy, and I worked for a mattress place in Houston and liked the business," he says. "When we moved from Texas to Florida, we decided to open up our own mattress business. We became the first of our kind in Florida carrying only mattresses, box springs and

bed frames. We've been at 1301 W. Copans Rd. right here in Pompano since we began. It was just the two of us then and we handled every phase of the business including sales and delivery, the whole nine yards."

"We've grown quite a bit since and now have seven Florida stores, all family owned and operated. Cindi Pollack, who has been with us since we opened, is our store manager here and I dare say she knows as much as we do. We wouldn't know what to do without her."

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When reminded that competitors often make similar claims, Johnson replies, "Well, I can only answer for us. Our customers know we're giving them the straight story and that's why the bulk of our business comes from repeats and referrals."

Proof of the pudding is Don Schaffer, Boca Raton, who says, "Not only am I a satisfied customer, so are the many friends I've sent over to Bob Johnson's store. I tell them to go to any store, find the mattress of their choice, check the price and then go to Mattress Mart. Now they are sending their friends because the price was so good and the quality was as well."

Frank Payne, Fort Lauderdale, agrees. The sales people at Mattress Mart are customer friendly and they know their business. I've checked out the mattress prices on web sites so I know I saved a lot for the identical quality."

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“My garden is filled with native plants, orchids and butterflies,” she says. “I’d like everyone to know that Wilton Manors, where I’ve lived since 1992, has more employees as Certified Stewards of natural wild life than any other city in the United States. I’m proud of that fact. We were the 17th city in the nation to become a Wildlife Habitat.”

Asked if she has any future

goals, she says, “I’m still learning and still very excited with living lecturing and being a National Wildlife Steward. I want to help others turn their gardening aspirations into realities. I’ve learned so much from others, my theme in life has become, ‘Pass it forward’, and that’s what I try to do.”

Congratulations, Ms. Florida Senior, and thank you for your dedication to the beauty and preservation of the environment in the world around you.



Vote for Stephanie

Correction

The website to vote for Pompano Beach resident Stephanie Lynn Benota in her quest to be chosen for the Sports Illustrated Swim Suit Edition is Kru82.com, not 83 as published last week in the Pelican. Benota is one of three girls competing to be featured in the magazine’s annual swim suit issue. Winner is the girl receiving the most votes.

Lauderdale by the Sea diver sets new record

LBTS -- Florida diver Allen Sherrod set a new world’s record Dec. 3 off Lauderdale-By-The-Sea for the longest scuba dive in saltwater: 48 hours and 13 minutes.

Sherrod broke the former world record by just under five minutes.

Sherrod started his dive in front of the Windjammer Resort at 10:12 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1. He surfaced at 10:25 a.m. on Saturday.

The seas were calm when he entered the ocean, but conditions worsened on Friday and Saturday. He had planned to break the record by 24 hours, but scaled back that goal twice. Sherrod wanted to stay in the water until noon

Saturday, but then decided to even cut that goal short.

Divers with his safety team were pounded by the surf and sea conditions overnight as they carried fresh air tanks out to him. Some divers lost gear; others returning to shore were swept far south of the Windjammer by strong currents.

A crowd of supporters and members of his dive safety team applauded when Sherrod emerged from the pounding surf. Divers helped him walk up to the beach, where Volunteer Fire Department Beach Patrol members and paramedics were waiting to transport him to his Windjammer hotel room. Once there, paramedics with

American Medical Response checked his blood pressure and other vital signs.

The back of Sherrod’s knees were bruised from the ordeal. His hands were visibly puffed up from two days of exposure underwater. As he emerged from the ocean, he needed assistance walking.

He spoke to the media and thanked his dive safety team and Gold Coast Scuba, a Lauderdale-By-The-Sea dive shop which supported his efforts.

Sherrod first attempted to break the record on Oct. 25. He cut short the effort after just 12 hours, when worsening sea conditions posed a threat

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Attorney Andy Maurodis said.

He "recommended strongly" that the city allow Florida House owner Sharief Abu Moustafa to proceed with his plans to build a 24-bed detox center at 504 S. Federal Highway, across from his treatment facility at 505 S. Federal Highway.

The city will also expedite permitting of the center due to the delay created when city planners ruled in September that Moustafa could not proceed because the new center, within 1000 feet of the present treatment campus, would be in conflict with the zoning code.

In light of the settlement, the city will withdraw that issue, Maurodis said and

will sign an agreed order with Special Master Jeffrey Siniawsky.

Moustafa has agreed to build a 10-foot-high concrete wall behind the detox center, install security cameras and landscaping.

Gretchen Thomas, whose home is within 500 feet of proposed detox facility, said after the settlement, "It seems to me our due process has

been ignored." Thomas, and a protest group she organized, were banking on a decision from Siniawsky that would determine whether or not the detox center was an extension of the Florida House, or a new facility. She questioned the city's decision to ignore its own code.

But Maurodis said the special master hearing did provide everyone due process. "Everyone was heard and now

a reasonable accommodation has been granted," he said.

"Now we have no choice but to believe everything he (Moustafa) says... I hope he is sincere," Thomas said. Moustafa has said security at the detox center will be tight.

Thomas and her group spoke against the detox center at a planning and zoning board meeting in June. The board voted not to recommend the center.



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Diver

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to his safety divers.

The previous record for the longest saltwater dive was held by William Gordon, a United Kingdom diver who set it in January 2010 in Lombok, Indonesia. Gordon's record was 48 hours, 8 minutes and 7 seconds.

Nicknamed "the grouper"

by Windjammer Resort General Manager John Boutin, Sherrod recently set a world record for the longest freshwater scuba dive in Central Florida (five days). During the attempt, he said he lost six pounds.

During the LBTS dive Sherrod limited his food intake to Gatorade and chocolate Ensure. He also slept, but not for very long.

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Sounds of Christmas

The Gold Coast Youth Orchestra presents a Christmas Concert, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 2331 NE 26 Ave., Pompano Beach. The program includes Corelli Concerto Grosso, Op. 6, No. 8 and selected movements from Handel's Messiah. A free-will offering will be taken at the door.

Jazz it up

The Hot Jazz & Alligator Gumbo Society, or HAGS, present a Dixieland Jazz Session Dec. 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Henry's Hideaway, SE corner Andrews Ave. & McNab Rd., Pompano Beach, Adm. \$10. (954-563-5390 or 561-394-0269)

Join the carols

The Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church, 2331 NE 26 St., Pompano Beach, hosts a Christmas Concert Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. The concert features the popular Harry Simeone "Sing We Now of Christmas" and other seasonal favorites including "The Little Drummer Boy", "O Come, Little Children" and traditional carols for the audience to sing along accompanied by the Great Pipe Organ and Harp!. Call 954-941-2308.

Hallelujah

Handel's Messiah will be performed at 2 p.m. at the New Presbyterian Church, 600 NE 13 Ave., Pompano Beach [Pompano Beach High School Gym]. The Concert Choir is directed by Dr. John L. Wilson. The concert is free. An offering will be taken. Call 954-946-4380.

Party welcomes holiday season with fast foot work



Elaine Fitzgerald, owner of Pineapple Place and other cottages near the beach in Pompano Beach, gathered a few of her friends together to celebrate the oncoming season cheer and to bid adieu to the former hurricane season that stayed offshore. Guests enjoyed a buffet dinner on the amenities floor of the Plaza at OceanSide and then showed off their dancing "fool" spirits on the outdoor deck in spite of strong winds that only added to the madness. [Photos by Anne Siren]



Elaine with and Andrea Zanzuri and Diane Hurwit.



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Perfect Party



The best parties are the ones you throw for yourself and Sunday night Carmen McGarry proved the point. Forty friends gathered at The Fifth Avenue Grill to salute her, drink, dine and dance to the music of Miguel Reynes and the songs of Richard Thomas. For the former mayor of Hillsboro Beach, it was a festive night, filled with fun and laughter.

Music Makers



When Iris van Eck [Center] adjusts her chair to her cello, the audience can expect a fantasy of delight. This week, van Eck joined Kernal Gekic, world renown pianist, finalist at the Chopin competition and Artist in Residence at Florida International University, to perform Fredrick Kaufman's [left] Sonata for Cello and Piano. Kaufman composed the piece when he was 19 and a student at Julliard. Chameleon Musicians perform chamber music at the Leiser Center in Fort Lauderdale. The next performance, "Clariant Trio," features van Eck, Dacic and Michael Norsworthy Jan. 29. Call 954-761-3435.

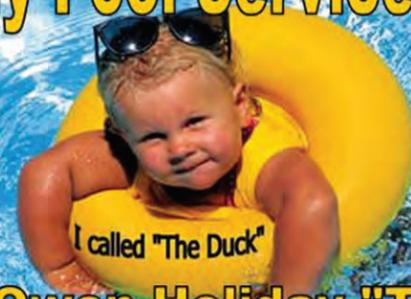
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Classical South Florida Radio gets spirit and funding to add holiday classic on air

By Anne Siren

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The holiday season is synonymous with gift-giving whether it's a cheery smile or a homemade jar of preserves.

But Pompano Beach resident Roger Hinkley's gift is available for nearly everyone in South Florida.

Here's how to start



Hinkley

unwrapping it. Tune your FM radio to Classical South Florida, 89.7. Or if you are reading this in the Palm Beach area, tune into 90.7.

On Dec. 5, the series began at noon with "Advent Vespers," with seasonal choral and instrumental works. The holiday music will continue throughout the month on weekdays at noon and repeated at 9 p.m.

Hinkley, a long-time supporter of classical music and former president of the Florida Grand Opera, was one of the earliest supporters of Classical South Florida which came on the air in 2007.

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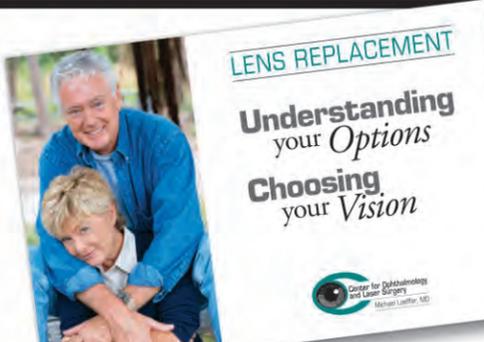
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Mattress Mart

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How does a buyer know what to choose? Johnson's response is: "The best way to decide on what to choose is to

lie down and try it out. Please remove shoes before doing so."

The Johnsons have three children, two of whom are in the business. Their father laughs and says, "The third wanted nothing to do with mattresses. He's in the book business."

Every Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Johnson can be spotted playing softball with the Sunshine Seniors. I'm playing second base right now, but I've played every position. You fill in for those who show up limping. Our youngest player is in the mid 50s and our oldest is 83. I always say, "The older I get, the better I was."

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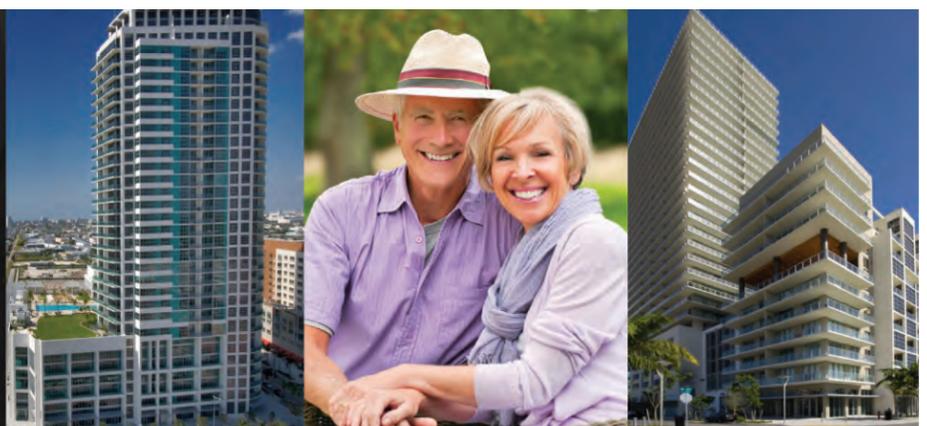
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Zoning

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fire and brimstone," Melone said urging the commission to adopt the new land use regulation. "Our residents are entitled to comfort and relief."

But attorney Dennis Mele, representing the Mancini family, owners of 81 acres in this industrial zone bounded by Green Road, Powerline Road and the Florida Turnpike, evoked their property rights. "If you soften the zoning, we can charge you for the reduction in value," he said. "A number of uses will be gone. If you take away our rights, you will pay."

The Bert Harris Act (property rights legislation) favors the property owner, not the government, Mele warned the commission. "We're talking about you writing a check," he said.

Said Phil Medico, director of government affairs for Southern Waste Systems, the contractor for the city's recycling program, "We've invested millions and millions. You need to scrap this. It is not in the best interest of the community." Medico said the new zoning category would reduce land values from \$20 a foot to \$3 a foot. "We relied on zoning that allowed our businesses," he said.

Dan Mancini said over the last 20 years his family has invested in 200 acres in the city and has built one million square feet of buildings for light and heavy industry. The heavy industry zoning came before the residential zoning, he said. Mancini said he halted several of his projects due to the economy. Downzoning now would make

it hard for him to develop these parcels, he said.

Ann Trent of Independence Bay said when she purchased her home, "We were told the dump would be closed. We weren't stupid. We were deceived." Her neighbor Sandy Strum, complaining of the lead and metal particulate she has lived with for years said, "If we can't sell our properties, do we have the right to sue also? Do we need an attorney too?"

The industrial acreage was annexed from Broward County in 1990 under an agreement that gave the

county development approvals until 2002. The city took no action in 2002, but was urged to look at its code earlier this year when the metal shredding plant was proposed. Those owners later took their business to Pompano Beach.

Ferguson said the new land uses are more flexible and his staff has attempted to make the categories more compatible for nearby residents.

He said existing businesses not allowed in the new zoning could forever remain in place. "We have met with the (business) owners

to address their issues. We don't want to unduly burden them. The ordinance has been modified to meet their concerns," Ferguson told the commission.

While the new code is extensive, in brief it would not permit auto salvage, metal shredding, fuel tank storage, crematories, medical waste incineration or storage, penal institutions, quarries, fertilizer storage and distribution.

Commissioners decided to set a workshop to address the concerns of everyone in the room sometime in January.



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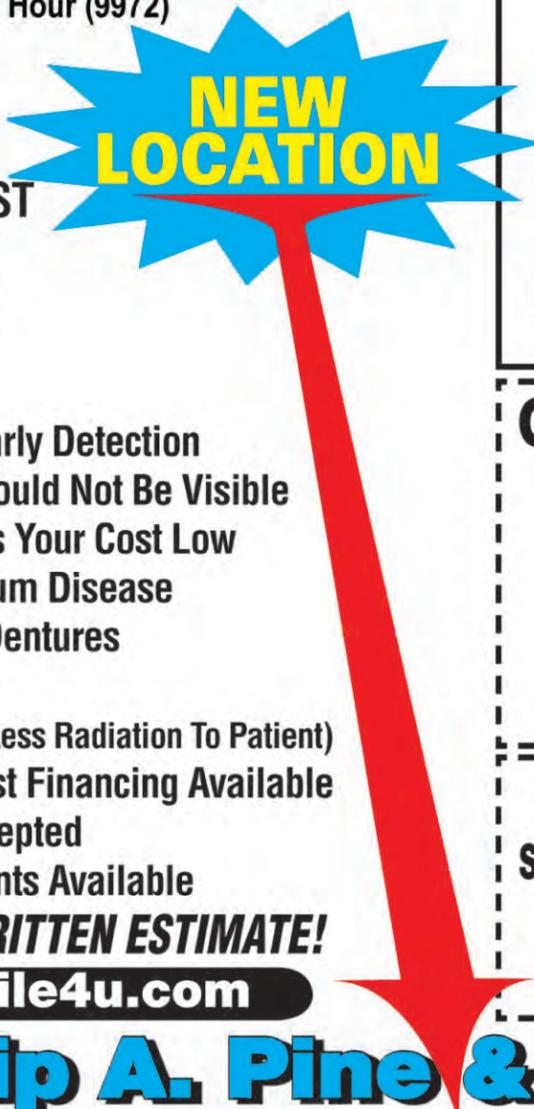
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Santa

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welcome the Claus couple on behalf of the city and those present.

Families who plan to stay for dinner should make early reservations. Children under 10 will have free dinners.

“Last year we had a big crowd,” says Galuppi. “We’ll be setting up tables on the patio and inside.”

The ‘Santa’ event is free. But Galuppi hopes to see a generous crowd this year to help the Santa Express.

For information on the event or to make dinner reservations, call 954-785-0226.

Santa Express

The Express has been a tradition for 20 years in Pompano Beach. What began as a small group of teachers and Pompano Beach police officers who distributed gifts on



Waiting for Santa on Christmas morning in Pompano Beach has been a tradition for nearly 20 years.

Christmas morning has turned into a huge tradition to make sure children in Pompano Beach have presents to open on Christmas Day.

Assistant Fire Chief John Jurgle says those trips create “some of the best feelings I have ever had. This is the spirit of Christmas, and it’s what we do. We take care of

people.”

But collecting the gifts, wrapping them and loading the truck in order to pull out on Christmas Day, calls for hours of work and organization.

Jurgle calls it “Good chaos.”

Lt. Rich Sandell, Pompano Beach Firefighter and president of Local 1549, will be out in the streets Christmas Day to meet hundreds of children who will be waiting at specific stops for the Express. He explains that family

members of the fire fighters often do the toy shopping for the event.

Jason Aucoin, fire fighter and vice president of Local 1549, recalled a few stories of the Express in past years.

“We have one man who comes to the fire station every year with his two daughters. They just park, open up their car and bring in about \$1,500 worth of toys that they purchase from Toys R Us,” he says.

Another man delivers

several bikes to the station every year. On the day of the Express, he follows the fire trucks on their delivery routes for an hour or more and then goes home.

Neither of these two donors have identified themselves, but they are regular givers.

Employees of Advanced Fire Company in Pompano Beach make donations to the Express all year. At the end of the year, the company matches the donation for more gifts.

For crowd control and safety, BSO deputies accompany the Express.

To drop off new, unwrapped toys, visit one of the six fire stations in Pompano Beach. Here are the addresses: Station 1, 180 SW 3 St.; Station 2, 3264 NE 3 St.; Station 3, 2001 NE 10 St.; Station 4, 10 SW 27 Ave.; Station 5, 2121 NW 3 Ave. and Station 6, 3500 NE 16 Terrace.

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Located in the heart of the downtown action, this bustling trattoria welcomes hungry customers 24 hours a day during the weekend and into the wee hours of the night the rest of the time. "We are right in the middle of the night life and people love our homemade food. This place is really hopping at 3 am!" says kitchen manager Chuck Nelson who is as reliably amicable as the rest of the attentive wait staff.

Indeed, this unpretentious diner has built its reputation on providing made-to-order comfort food in a light-hearted atmosphere. In addition, there is practically always some kind of great deal going on.

For example, Burger Madness on Monday nights is particularly popular with the locals as the Courtyard Café ups its regular 12 burger offering to a whopping 26 varieties. From the Mexican

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The sizeable baked stuffed haddock features a large filet of the flaky white fish loaded with lobster stuffing, healthy fresh veggies and wild rice. [Photos by Malcolm McClintock]



Co-owner Shawn Bombard is always on hand to welcome hungry patrons to Wilton Manors popular Courtyard Café.

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with jalapeno peppers to the Butter Bleu Cheese with onion ring to the Sweet Tooth with fried egg and bacon on a grilled glazed donut, there is a novel flavor profile for just about every palate.

“What is nice about our burger night is that they are all about the same price whether you want a veggie, a turkey or a fully loaded ½ lb. cheeseburger!” says the creative Shawn who is continuously looking for new ways to please his clientele. “We are always innovating.



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Another customer favorite is the baked stuffed haddock. This gargantuan portion of flaky white fish is brimming with lobster stuffing, wholesome fresh veggies and toothsome wild rice.

“The stuffed haddock is a very popular dish,” adds the entrepreneurial Shawn who is also visibly quite proud that, for its many contributions to local charities, his establishment was recently voted “Business of the Quarter” by the Wilton Manors Main Street organization.

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Santa visits

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Schedule and locations for Santa's arrival with the fire truck are: Friday, Dec. 9 starting at 6 p.m. - Federal Highway west to I-95 and north of SW 10 Street, including the Tivoli complex

Saturday, Dec. 10 starting at 3 p.m. - From I-95 east to Dixie Highway north of Hillsboro Boulevard and at then to the city tree lighting at the Cove Shopping Center, 1600 block East Hillsboro Boulevard from 6 to 9 p.m.

Sunday, December 11 starting at 3 p.m. - Federal Highway to the Tri-Rail Station and between SW 10th Street and 48th Street.

Monday, December 12 starting at 6 p.m. - West of Dixie Hwy to the Tri-Rail Station between Sample and 48th Street

Tuesday, Dec. 13 starting at 6 p.m. - East of Federal Highway to the Intracoastal Waterway including the Deerfield Beach Pier and beach area.

Wednesday, Dec. 14 starting at 6 p.m. - Century Village, Deer Creek, and East Hillsboro.

In order to make travel efficient for Santa and Mrs. Claus, the route through the major complexes will be limited to the main roadways. This includes Deer Creek Country Club (Country Club Boulevard), Century Village (Century Boulevard), Waterways (Waterways Boulevard),

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Classical

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Before that, South Florida was without a classical station, and since that day its membership has grown to 12,000 and reports over 350,000 listeners.

Hinkley, who is concerned about the absence of classical studies in local schools, says he is happy to help the young station. "Music solves a lot of problems in the world," he said.

He recalled one day when he walked into a school where 200 fourth-graders were seated on the floor listening to an a cast member of the Florida Grand Opera discuss an opera and perform some of its arias. "There was not a sound from the children," he said.

Hinkley knew he was a fan of opera at a very early age when he announced to his father that he really liked the music of "The Lone Ranger."

"My father told me the music was from an opera," he said.

And it is: it's from Rossini's "William Tell."

The Pelican met up with Hinkley and Dr. Claire Crawford, major gifts officer of Classical South Florida Radio, at Christina's Restaurant in Pompano Beach this week to find out more about this holiday musical series.

Upcoming programs will include today's "A Mexican Baroque Christmas with the Rose Ensemble," featuring two centuries of festive Christmas music from the great cathedrals of Puebla and Mexico City. That will be followed on Monday with "Nochebuena: A Spanish Renaissance Christmas," a "regal" retelling of the Christmas story.

On Dec. 16, listeners will enjoy a special broadcast "Lesson and Carols" from the Washington Cathedral.

The programs also include a day of Elizabethan music, Hanukkah music, the St. Olaf Christmas Festival and on Christmas Eve, the two-hour live production of "Nine Lessons and Carols" live from King's College in Cambridge.

The series tops off with a Jan. 1 broadcast of the annual Vienna's New Year's Day concert from Der Musikverein in Vienna.

Classical South Florida is all classical all day, and most of the funding comes from listener donations.

Dr. Crawford explains that the regular monthly donor is especially dear to this non-commercial radio station.

The station's \$5.6 million budget is sustained by a combination of foundations

and donors. "We love it when someone pledges \$10 a month," says Hinkley.

The non-profit station 501(c)(3) depends on listener tax-deductible donations to keep these holiday programs, the Saturday opera from the Met and other classics on the air. To contribute or to find

out more about this station, call 954-522-8755. To find out more about this year's holiday series, tune in to 89.7 on weekdays at noon or for the repeat of the program at 9 p.m.

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The City Yard Sales spaces (indoor /outdoor) will be available to purchase for the Dec. 10, Jan. 14 and Feb.11 sales starting today. Last year, the yard sales hosted from 60 to 90 vendors. Tables are available for rental. Call 954-390-2115 or 954-390-2130.

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Admission is free. The Concert will follow the regularly scheduled, casual (come as you are) "Saturday at Six" church service held in historic Briggs Hall at 6 p.m.

FiddleWorks is a Christian Youth Music Program at Community Presbyterian Church. Call 954-427-0222.

Have a 'Snow Day' in Oakland's Pastorius Park

Oakland Park - Children are invited to join Santa at Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 N. Dixie Highway, tonight at 6:15 p.m. The event includes the Holiday Tree Lighting, an "Elves' Workshop," a snowboard challenge and lots of refreshment from the kitchen of Mrs. Claus. Call 954-630-4500.

Outsource

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The proposal calls for one full-time inspector and a half-time inspector. In addition, Calvin Giordano provides code program supervision and administrative management.

The move to a private sector vendor was made after the town's code supervisor left in October, and the code officer has announced his intent to leave in January.

In Broward County, four other cities, including Pompano Beach, contract with Calvin, Giordano for code services.

"We contacted city representatives in those cities and found that they all are very pleased with the service provided," Bud Bentley, assistant town manager, wrote in a report to commissioners. "Pompano Beach switched

from using BSO (Broward Sheriff's Office) to Calvin Giordano for code enforcement last winter and reported greater productivity and improved customer service with Calvin Giordano in place."

Staff to negotiate For building services

In other business, commissioners unanimously agreed to affirm the recommended ranking of firms and authorize staff to negotiate a contract with CAP Government for building services.

If negotiations are not successful, commissioners OK'd negotiating with the second-ranked firm, M.T. Causley.

CAP has agreed to use the town's new fee schedule, so smaller jobs will be less expensive, Town Manager Connie Hoffmann noted.

Broward County wants to continue providing the service, but hasn't modified its

fee schedule, Hoffmann said. Their policy is not to compete against private firms.

Parking services issue tabled

At the suggestion of Commissioner Birute Ann Clotney, commissioners tabled until March, and after the Jan. 31 election, making a decision on ranking firms that responded to a request to provide parking services.

The vote was 3-2, Commissioner Scot Sasser dissenting and Mayor Roseann Minnet recusing herself from the vote.

"This is controversial and not an easy decision," Clotney said, recommending tabling the matter for the new commission to decide.

Five residents spoke against privatizing services, lobbying to keep town employees in the jobs. Two spoke in favor of the change.

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Lois Baker, writer, board member of H&H was woman of 'generous spirit'

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Lois didn't know a stranger, she exuded kindness, and her generous spirit was felt by all whose lives she touched. Lois was an accomplished writer, photographer,

columnist and publicist. Lois was a civic minded woman, and as a lifetime Jr. League member, she was involved in every conceivable type of charity work.

Before moving to Hillsboro Beach in 1991, Lois and her family lived in Ridgewood, NJ. There, Lois was a founder and board member of the Volunteer Bureau, member of Project Pride, she worked with the Jr. League Children's Theatre, The Depot (a

women's exchange), Family Counseling board member, FCSA, Red Cross board member and Chairperson of "Jazz in the Park" the annual Red Cross fundraiser. Lois wrote a weekly column for the Ridgewood News called "Around Ridgewood", she volunteered at the Forum School, a program for developmentally disabled children. Lois was one of the initial collaborators of the *Forum Feasts* cookbook, which raised over 1 million dollars for the Forum School before it ended publication. Lois also worked at Becton Dickenson in Archives and was the writer and editor of "The Echo" the newsletter for BD retirees.

Upon arrival in Hillsboro Beach, Lois once again rolled up her sleeves to find worthy causes, where she could contribute her formidable talents. She joined Horses and the Handicapped, a local riding program for children afflicted by various disabilities. Lois was a board member, responsible for H & H publicity and fundraising events. She volunteered as a horse sidewalker, stable mate, speaker and recruiter of volunteers. Lois continued writing and had articles published in the *The Pelican*, and also volunteered to help edit the weekly publication. She penned a sustainer column for the Jr. League of Boca Raton newsletter.

Lois enjoyed doing oral history interviews and taking pictures for the Historical Society of Boca Raton. She was an avid reader, and loved spending time reading and reviewing monthly selections with her book club group. Lois was an enviable woman. She was a complete joy to be around, always happy and full of life, she worked tirelessly for the benefit of others. Her family, friends and volunteer work were her life's blood, she wasn't whole without them. Lois, you left this world a better place. You are sorely missed.

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"We have reached the point where we cannot ship out the donated equipment and supplies fast enough and desperately need some storage space," said Steven Wolf, president of Pompano

Has Heart. "We are hoping that someone in the Pompano Beach community will assist us by providing a storage container, an unused garage, any place that is dry and the supplies can be secured."

Over the past year, Pompano Has Heart has been supplying donated wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, canes and medical supplies to two hospitals in Haiti and has adopted an orphanage housing 17 young children. Most recently Pompano Has Heart shipped to the orphanage a used van for transporting



Pompano Has Heart has provided, with the help of John Knox Village, wheel chairs, crutches, walkers and canes to help the disabled in Haiti. (Photo by Thorny Dumervil)

the children. The van was filled with electrical supplies, two generators, ceiling fans, a microwave oven, school supplies, donated clothing and food.

"In addition to helping those in Haiti we are also assisting programs in need in our own backyard," Wolf said. "We

have made donations to help with back to school backpack programs, Christmas In July, SOS Children's Village, feeding the homeless, Toys For Tots and the upcoming Unity In The Community Day."

Anyone who can assist Pompano Has Heart with

storage space should contact the organization by email at pompanohasheart@gmail.com or by calling 954-654-3757.

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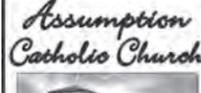


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City Manager John Stunson said a garage will need to be where the activity evolves. "Will it be 38th Street or 34th Court? It's not evolved yet," he said.

"I don't want to spend on parking until we know something is going on," Shank said.

"Once the redevelopment train starts, it gets faster and faster," Brown said, suggesting they look at surface parking lots first.

Sallee said a number of business proposals have come to the city and been rejected because there isn't enough parking, but she added, "We don't have anything to support a parking structure yet."

In the northern area near Jaco Pastorius Park, RMA recommends going ahead with phase two of park expansion and working to attract a quality multi-family developer. County funds are already approved for the park expansion north of the community center.

Brown suggested making some public improvements and using some the improvement funds for developer incentives.

Commissioner Shari Mc-

Cartney couldn't envision development in the current market. "What sort of money are we talking and what decade are we talking about for this?" she asked.

Kim Briesemeister, another RMA principal, said the rental market will pick up first, and it takes 24 to 36 months from land purchase to turning the key.

"All we're asking is for you to be receptive, maybe think about putting utility lines underground. Leave the door open," she said.

Shank and Boisvenue said they were opposed to a rental development.

Boisvenue said she didn't think this was a priority. She preferred to talk about the Kmart site on Oakland Park Boulevard "where someone is

interested."

Brown said the Kmart site is important and could be the beginning of a Riverwalk. "If it's a Walmart (that comes there), they need to put a restaurant at the back of the building, and let's cut a deal for the first phase of Riverwalk," he said.

"If we can't stop it, this is a perfect opportunity to move the building closer to the street, behind huge berms with parking behind," Boisvenue said.

Asked by the Pelican about the talk about a Walmart, Justin Proffitt, senior planner, said nothing has yet been filed with the city. "It seems like a lot of speculation," Proffitt said.

At the south gateway to the downtown, Oakland Park Boulevard and Main Street,

Brown said he has been in discussions with the Catholic Archdiocese which owns one building. He sees this area as a perfect site for a culinary school and urban hotel.

At a January meeting, commissioners will consider negotiating another contract with RMA for a second phase and plan implementatio

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By RJ Boyle

Pelican angler

On our first drop on Wednesday for swords, we hooked what we thought was probably a 80-pound fish.

The swordfish tapped the bait 6 to 8 times very lightly without committing to eating the bait. Jeff Schatman who was driving the boat at the time said its probably a rat (small swordfish), and I

agreed.

As we fought the swordfish we didn't notice anything out of the ordinary until the fish was about 600 feet from the surface.

At that point the line went slack as the fish began racing for the surface.

Big swords usually swim the bait up, so at that point we figured we might have a decent one on.

We chased the fish around

on the surface for almost an hour and never got a good look at it. The fish then sounded down to 1,000 feet and stopped.

We knew at this point it was going to be a nice one. We slowly inched the fish back up, and as we got close she rose up and jumped on the leader 50 feet away from the boat, and boy were we surprised at what we saw.

We fought her for another hour or so and had two friends from a nearby boat jump on our boat to assist us.

Chris Zidar and Scuba Mark hopped on our boat and were key in helping us catch the big sword. In total it took us nearly four hours to catch the fish.

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Final public hearing on new county districts

The Broward County Commission is expected to choose one of four maps outlining the new commission voting districts Tuesday, Dec. 13 following a public hearing that begins at 5 p.m.

County staffers have drawn composite maps using three concepts presented earlier in their discussions. For the two commissioners representing northeast Broward, there are few changes.

Dist. 4 commissioner Chip LaMarca of Lighthouse Point could lose a portion of his south beach constituency if the southern district line is drawn at Broward Boulevard. LaMarca would prefer that not happen according to his aide Ryan Saunders.

A possible change for Kristin Jacobs, Dist. 2 commissioner from Pompano Beach, gives her a portion of eastern Coral Springs not now in her district.

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Saturday, Dec. 10 Low 1:32 AM High 8:01 AM Low 2:00 PM High 8:03 PM	Tuesday, Dec. 13 Low 3:28 AM High 10:03 AM Low 3:58 PM High 10:12 PM	This Week's Tide Tables should not be used for navigational purposes. Boaters should confirm tables with the Coast Guard Weather Station Information taken from www.saltwatertides.com
Sunday, Dec. 11 Low 2:10 AM High 8:41 AM Low 2:38 PM High 8:45 PM	Wednesday, Dec. 14 Low 4:10 AM High 10:44 AM Low 4:42 PM High 10:59 PM	

Boca driver charged in fatal car crash near Lighthouse Point

Crime report

Compiled by staff

A Boca Raton man faces several charges, including DUI/manslaughter, after he crashed his Jeep into a police car, which resulted in the death of his passenger. The impaired driver and officer suffered only minor injuries.

The fatal two-vehicle crash occurred approximately 11:45 p.m. Thursday near Copans Road and Federal Highway in Pompano Beach. Broward Sheriff's Office traffic

homicide investigators said Gary Costa, 43, was traveling north on Federal Highway through the intersection at Copans Road when he lost control of his 2000 Jeep, struck the concrete median, and hit a Lighthouse Point patrol car that was stopped in the left-turn southbound lane.

The impact caused the Jeep to tip over onto the passenger side. Costa's front female passenger, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was partially ejected and pinned by the vehicle. She died at

the scene. BSO detectives have identified the 26-year-old woman, but they are not releasing her name until they have notified her relatives of her death.

Pompano Beach Fire Rescue paramedics transported Costa and the Lighthouse Point Officer Mark Riemer to North Broward Medical Center, where both were treated and released.

In addition to the DUI/manslaughter charge, Costa was booked at BSO's Main

Jail on one count each of DUI with property damage, failure to use due care, and

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