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LHP candidates debate Jan. 18

Lighthouse Point - Four candidates for two city commission seats will debate Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m. at Dixon Ahl Hall, 2220 NE 38 Street, in a public meeting hosted by the LHP Gardens North Condo Association.

Dr. David Kluge said the debate will be moderated by Barbara Murtha who will present some pre-prepared questions. The public can submit questions at the meeting. All candidates will respond to each question.

Gardens North has held a candidate debate forum each election year for the last decade. This is the first time the board has moved the event to a public facility and opened it to all interested citizens.

Running for Seat 3 are incumbent Commission President, Susie Gordon and challenger Becky Lysengen. For Seat 1, incumbent Commissioner Tom Hasis faces challenger Earl Maucker. Commissioner Mike Long, Seat 2, is unopposed. The election is Jan. 31.

City to talk ethics Jan. 11

Pompano Beach - Robert Meyers, former executive director of Miami-Dade will discuss and answer questions regarding the newly implemented Broward County ethics code. The meeting takes place at 9 a.m. at Pompano Beach City Hall, 100 W. Atlantic Blvd.

MLK celebrations begin in Broward



The Young Pompano Beach Cowboys prepare for last year's big parade.

Volunteer committee and Pompano create events to celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

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Pompano Beach - It was April 4, 1968 when Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Yet his message continues to inspire many to carry on to make his dreams for acceptance and equal opportunities a reality for all people. In Pompano Beach, a prayer breakfast, a basketball tournament and an 'I Have

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Flotilla volunteers salvage donated building suffering from 'greenhouse effect'

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - Members of Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 34 are engaged in a non-maritime rescue of their new headquarters in Alsdorf Park.

The 2,000 square-foot building that will become the flotilla's new headquarters was discovered in

November to be so full of mold that resourceful and hardworking volunteers had to remove all the walls and ceilings and this month will start the process of rebuilding the interior.

"It had suffered the 'greenhouse effect.' Every porous substance had mold," said Flotilla Commander Richard Leys. "Everything had to come out, down to the studs."

The modular structure, divided

Davis and Crawford resign housing authority posts

Director taking over troubled Gainesville agency

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach - Deerfield Beach Housing Authority Director Pam Davis has been hired to head Gainesville's housing authority, an agency that has been given poor marks by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and with a multi-million dollar shortfall. She will remain at her job here until the end of the month and assume her new duties Feb. 6.

Davis was chosen unanimously by the authority's board of commissioners at a salary of \$127,000 and given a \$7,200 annual car allowance. HUD has rated the Gainesville Housing Authority the worst performer of its 52 agencies in north and central Florida.

Davis has been under fire here for more than a year, attacked viciously by blogger Chaz Stevens and audited

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Pier parking lot closed for remainder of year

By Judy Wilson

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Deerfield Beach - The fishing pier parking lot closed

this week so that demolition of the east end of the pier and all the structures - restaurant, restrooms, bait shop- can begin.

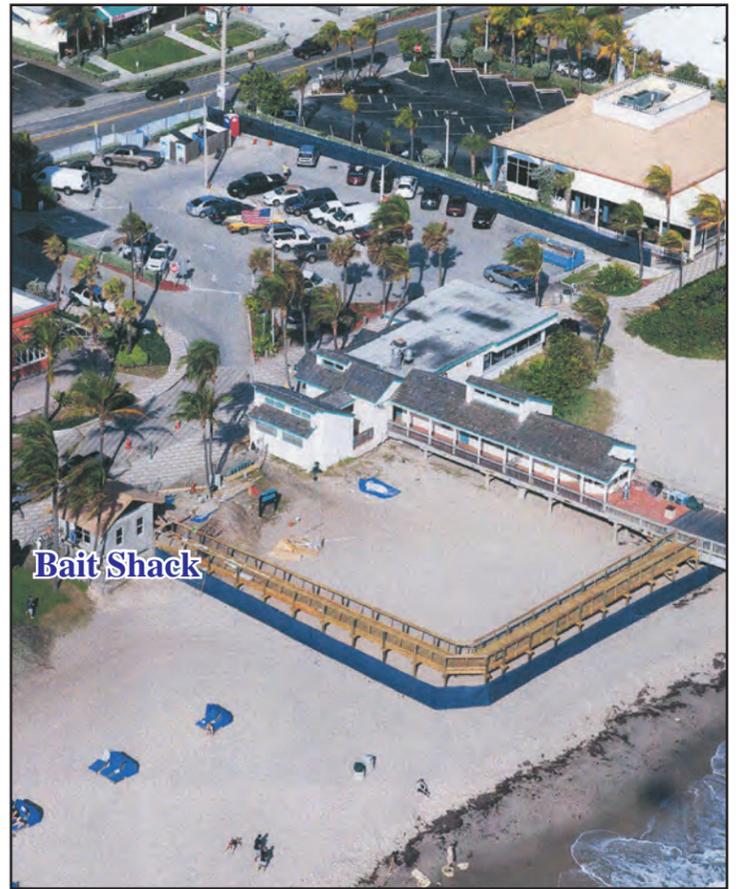
Access to the pier is now 50 feet to the south where Stiles Construction has built a bait shop and an L-shaped ramp. Selective demolition has already begun according to Assistant City Manager Keven Klopp and within days

equipment will be in place to remove the buildings and about 100 feet of pier. The parking lot will become the staging area for the project. No parking is being provided for pier users, who will have to find alternatives until the project is completed late this year.

The pier redesign is a project of the Community Redevelopment Agency, or CRA.

In other news, the CRA purchased the Riverview Restaurant property in December for \$2.1 million. The acreage is adjacent to Sullivan Park on the Intracoastal Waterway and will be used to enhance and enlarge the park. According to Klopp, no further discussion with the owners of the chamber of commerce building, also sought by the CRA to complete Sullivan Park, has occurred. The chamber board of directors

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Two scuba divers trying for longest underwater swim

By Judy Vik

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Lauderdale-By-The-Sea - Inspired by the recent record-breaking dive by Allen Sherrod off local waters, two more divers will attempt to break the record for longest underwater swim this week.

Andrew Cohen, 21, an instructor at Gold Coast Scuba in LBTS, and his best friend Julian Morrison, 23, of New York are aiming for 70 miles in a 20-24-hour period.

The current record is 66 miles, held by Neal Watson of Fort Lauderdale, who made the swim in 1978.

They plan to start in the Gulf Stream 15 miles east of Key Largo at 3 p.m. today, Jan. 6, and expect to arrive at LBTS about 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7. They will be picked up by boat and swim to the beach at the Windjammer Resort near the Datura portal.

Cohen was on Sherrod's rescue team when he broke the record for the longest saltwater scuba dive, 48 hours and 13 minutes. "After that I looked up other records and read about Watson. That sounded like something for me and my best friend to try," Cohen said as he prepared for the adventure.

The attempt is expected to

take between 17 and 20 hours. A crew of divers, working in three shifts, will assist by performing a full gear exchange every hour to one-and-a-half hours. This time Sherrod is helping with tank exchanges, 21 of them in 15-foot deep water. "Crew is the most important part," Cohen said. A crew chief, deck hand and captain will be on two boats that will run back and forth getting tanks filled.

Asked by a prospective volunteer how the exchange would work, Cohen said, "The support team is going to be in the boat, and when we run low on air, we send up a buoy. Two divers come down with fresh gear and do a full unit exchange. Then you return to the boat and get the old setup ready for the next switch-a-roo!"

Cohen and Morrison, who attended Pine Crest School

in Fort Lauderdale, do a lot of recreational diving. "We figured why not take it to the next level for a good adventure," Cohen said.

Andrew says the recent cold weather won't deter their effort. One of their sponsors, Henderson Wetsuits, had donated wetsuits.

"This dive is important to bring attention to our ocean, our playground for awesome adventures such as this," Cohen said. Our Gold Coast is an area of spectacular reef systems and sea creatures that need to be protected. The "Biorock Project," a new artificial reef in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, is the first of its kind. Please get involved and support our goals of living in a beautiful environment above and below the water."

A celebration is planned for 8 p.m. Saturday at Southport Raw Bar, 1536

Cordova Road in Fort Lauderdale.

Cold, seas postpone Chick-fil-A ocean swim

The Pompano Piranhas and Chick-fil-A have cancelled the ocean swim scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 7 due to inclement weather and high seas. The event will be rescheduled.

Sightings

A local calendar for events, meetings and more in North Broward County. Please email calendar items to siren2415@gmail.com or fax to 954-783-0093.

1-7 - Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Prayer Breakfast at the E. Pat Larkins Center, 520 MLK Blvd., Pompano Beach, at 8 a.m. Cost is \$12 per person. 954-871-6353.

1-7 - Auditions for The Girl Choir at 10 a.m. at 3347 NW 55 St., Fort Lauderdale. 954-533-9227.

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Winners announced in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea holiday decorations

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LBTS - This town always brightens up for the holidays, and 2011 was no different. The contest, sponsored by the LBTS Property owners Association has announced its winners.

Judges were Rosalie Malkoon, Linda and Dennis Ritchie, Susan and Ed Gambon, Arlean and Sam Damurjian, Ruby and Bob Schuyler, Christine and Paige Vincent, Vice Mayor Stuart Dodd and Penny Dodd and Event Chair Cindy Geesey.

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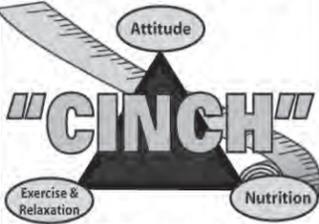
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Impasse hearing on agenda for fire fighters

Oakland Park - The only meeting for January for the Oakland Park City Commission is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Among the items on the agenda is an impasse hearing for the city and Metro Broward Professional Firefighters Local 3080 Union.

The city and the union have met 10 times to negotiate re-openers for two articles, overtime and hours of duty and retirement. The city is seeking cost savings in pension benefits and/or overtime and hours of duty. The parties have been unable to reach agreement, and the city declared impasse.

The commission will conduct a public hearing and resolve outstanding issues.

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Apartments planned at Wilton Manors' Center for Spiritual Living

By Michael d'Oliveira

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Wilton Manors - About a year after G Resorts gave up on building at the Center for Spiritual Living in Wilton Manors, another developer has set its sights on the property.

Richard Coker, the Fort Lauderdale attorney representing the developer, said his client wants to build an apartment complex and estimated official plans would probably be submitted to the city either in late January or February.

"I really don't know what the final proposal is [going to

be]. The concept plan is being refined right now," he said. "That always comes down to engineering and design goals."

Current plans include 115 units, a rental office and fitness center. Coker added that the development would include townhouse-style units on the perimeter and apartment-style units inside.

Originally, G Resorts, a gay-themed hotel, was planning on building on the six-acre Yawt property, a trailer park located next to Colohatchee Park. Commissioners unanimously approved the plan but developers were unable to

secure the site. G Resorts plans for the four-acre Spiritual Living property included 87 hotel rooms, 26 timeshare units, space for retail, a banquet hall, a theater and 525 parking spaces.

The proposed location drew criticism from residents and Commissioner Scott Newton, who said he was only against the hotel being located in a residential neighborhood. Since then, G Resorts has set its sights on the former Gibby's restaurant site on Northeast 12th Terrace, off Oakland Park Boulevard.

According to Coker, the Center for Spiritual Living, 1550 NE 26 Street, has signed

a contract agreeing to sell its property if the city approves the developer's plans.

To John Fiore, president of the East Neighborhood Association, or ENA, an apartment complex is an improvement over the hotel but he still thinks it's too dense.

Fiore, who said he was only speaking for himself, said the board appreciated the developer meeting with ENA and taking the neighborhood into consideration.

He said he's also concerned about the amount of traffic that would be created on NE 15th and NE 24th Street.

Currently, the property

is zoned as a community facility. City Planner Peter Dokuchitz said developers would have to get approval by commissioners to change the land use from commercial to planned unit development. "Its up to the commission whether they want to designate them [as flex units]," he said.

Len Wright, member of the board of trustees for the Center for Spiritual Living, said the church doesn't know exactly where it might relocate to but that its members want to stay local.

"We will be staying in the area." He declined to provide how much developers offered but according to the Broward County Property Appraiser, the property has an assessed value of \$3.4 million.

Sightings

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1-8 - Pancake breakfast hosted by Benevolent Patriotic Order of DOES Drove 142 at the Elks Lodge, 700 NE 10 St., Pompano Beach. From 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. 954-725-5192.

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Hopefully, Davis is moving to an agency that appreciates her talents

By Judy Wilson

COMMENTARY

Not to be a Pollyanna, but things do have a way of working out.

Last June, Mayor Peggy Noland went on a rampage and wanted to replace the entire Deerfield Beach Housing Authority Board of Commissioners until she found out she didn't have authority to do so.

The inference that something was wrong there was upsetting to the people at the agency, but Authority Director Pam Davis had already been through a lot. Attacks by a local blogger were both racist and accusatory, and he kept at it, requesting massive amounts of public documents in an attempt to prove his points.

Prompted by his comments, a private auditor hired by the city to look into housing matters in another department swept through Davis's domain too demanding copious amounts of material.

Most recently, Cong. Allen West, alarmed by newspaper accounts of the agency's accusers, called for HUD inspectors to return and re-audit Davis' work records.

It involved lot of time, trouble and undoubtedly taxpayer money – all because one person with an axe to grind set off a chain of events that could have been very damaging.

Deerfield Beach's Housing authority withstood the assaults although the toll on its employees, commissioners and especially Davis may not yet be fully realized.

But here is the good news: Davis, with her name apparently cleared, has been hired by the City of Gainesville to run its housing authority. The people there are very glad to get someone of her experience and reputation to help them overcome past mistakes and a big deficit.

We say, "Good for her."

When all the pressure was being applied, Davis never (at least not publicly) lost her cool. She stayed the course when there must have been days when the course seemed too hard to handle.

Now she has landed a job that will be challenging and may test her skills, but she gets to live in Gainesville, where as I remember it from a thousand years ago, the leaves turn golden in the fall and the air for at least a few months is crisp and clear. And there is a Spring, kind of.

Additionally, she will have all the amenities that university towns offer: culture, education, conversation and in this case, Gator football.

So congratulations, Pam. Sometimes the good guys win.

If they don't ask, don't tell

By Judy Vik

COMMENTARY

LBTS -- Commissioners and business people in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea spend endless hours debating how to entice more visitors and businesses to the downtown.

Parking is one hassle that repeatedly comes up. Are there enough parking spaces? How much should be charged? Why are so many tickets written? Some retailers complain of visitors who vow never to return after being hit with a ticket at a special event.

"The worst thing on Christmas Day is to get a ticket. People walk on the pier, enjoy the restaurants and then if they get a ticket, it leaves a sour taste," said restaurant owner Louis Marchelos. "We could let people pay the meters but don't have enforcement. Don't give out the tickets."

This topic came up in discussions with our businesses regarding marketing the town, Mayor Roseann Minnet said. "This will certainly help with the idea that LBTS is not very friendly to people who park in town," she said.

On Nov. 29, commissioners agreed to permit free parking on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's "in the interest of promoting the community spirit and enjoyment of major holidays for residents and Town visitors..."

But instead of promoting the free parking as another reason to come to town, they seem to prefer the decision be kept quiet in hopes the town can generate more revenue.

Since this issue first came up at a commission roundtable discussion last June, the town installed seven additional pay stations and removed about 200 single space meters. The pay stations make it easy for the town to waive parking fees on specific holidays, Bud Bentley, assistant town manager, wrote in a report to commissioners.

"If we approve this, you won't be advertising (the free parking) to people coming into the town, will you?" Commissioner Birute Ann Clotney asked. "People will be feeding the meters?" "The pay stations get blocked and will say free parking," he said. On the single-space meters, typically a decal on the back of the meter indicates hours of enforcement. As the decals are changed, the town will change them to indicate the days that parking is not enforced.

"Currently, we do not have a Holiday Parking Policy, so every user should be paying on every holiday," Bentley wrote. "In practice, parking enforcement officers do not usually work on holidays, so we do not enforce parking violations." Residents with parking permits can park for free at town meters.

He said staff believes "a better practice would be to adopt a policy and let our visitors know the holidays that are exempt from parking fees."

"Three out of 365 days won't affect our budget," Vice Mayor Stuart Dodd said, moving to approve the staff recommendation to waive parking fees for New Year's, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The motion passed 4-1, Commissioner Scot Sasser dissenting.

Staff surveyed other beachfront communities and found that Deerfield Beach enforces parking every day except Christmas, and Pompano Beach enforces parking every day. Parking is not enforced on 10 holidays in Fort Lauderdale.

During public comments, resident and motel owner Arthur Franczek said the move would have a big impact on tax revenues.

"Giving a pass on 10 of the busiest days of the year is a terrible idea. It's not a good idea to give anything out for free." (The resolution called for three free days, not 10, Minnet clarified.) He said he didn't know until then that parking was free on July 4. He has been feeding the meters.

Instead of leaving it to the visitor to figure out the parking rules, how about posting a friendly sign on the pay stations that says in big bold letters: "Welcome to Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. Happy New Year. The parking's on us."

New bills coming to the Florida Legislature on education

Opinion from AAUW,

Many changes have come before the Florida Legislature and its committees in the past few weeks. There are bills and committees working to find the minimal amount that can be given per capita for student education. Florida is already at the bottom.

Districts will be forced to give their money to for-profit or investor-run charter schools. This will force closure of public schools. Charter schools are encouraged to expand, adding more students and grades, while they do not have to be evaluated by FCAT. There is a meager evaluation process being proposed, but the stricter one has been eliminated.

However, research has shown that a large number of charter schools have failed. There is a proposal in committee to limit how much enrichment can be added to the curriculum, while money for textbooks and other supplies are being cut severely. Teachers are being encouraged to go on a merit pay system, when there is no money for merit pay.

More and more state tests are being pushed on public school children, to the point that it is often impossible to find time for curriculum – only test-taking skills. Ten years of Texas research (which our system is based on) has shown that standardized testing is a failure in public schools.

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Letters Instructions on AEDs are easy to follow

To the editor,
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Michael Cooks
Pompano Beach

Housing authority

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by HUD more than once after Mayor Peggy Noland asked all the housing authority board members to resign and Cong. Allen West called for an investigation. But sources in Gainesville say they vetted Davis and found that the queries produced no evidence of wrongdoing.

Although the mayor appoints board members, the city does not control the activities of the agency. Noland did replace two board

members last year when their terms expired and filed a vacancy.

With Davis departing, board attorney Bill Crawford, Jr., has also submitted his resignation saying in a two-page letter that laid out his accomplishments that his 18-year tenure included a "perfect record" of never having violated any state or federal discrimination laws. Crawford also has been subject to Stevens' blogging attacks.

The board is meeting today (Jan. 6) to appoint an interim director and take up several items including one submitted by Commissioner Michael Weiss who is asking that Sylvia Poitier's name be removed from the Business Skills Center that houses the

authority.

Poiter, a former city commissioner here, has been convicted on four counts of falsifying public records and is due to be sentenced next week. "I don't believe her name should be there (on the building). Do we want this image for the housing authority? What message this send?" Weiss said.

Davis was hired to direct Deerfield's housing authority 23 years ago when it was in trouble. It now enjoys a healthy reserve account and manages two apartment buildings and a townhome complex. Davis's salary here is \$115,000 a year with an additional \$25,000 stipend to manage the townhomes.

The board's concerns about charges that she was

guilty of nepotism, bid rigging and procurement violations were allayed late last year after a page-by-page review of a long list of questions prepared by Commissioner Weiss.

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starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$60. 954-786-4131.

1-9 - Palm Aire Democrats meet at 7 p.m. at the Herb Skolnick Civic Center, 800 SW 36 Ave., Pompano Beach. Speaker is Howard Finkelstein, chief public defender. 954-975-3772.

1-9 - Earn a Florida Master naturalist certification. Classes begin Jan. 9 and continue through Feb. 6. Cost is \$225. Call 954-357-8115.

1-10 - Awake The State rally takes place at 4 p.m. at 2131 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. Info at www.awakethestate.com.

1-12 - Florida Trail Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at Fern Forest Nature Center, 201 Lyons Road South, Coconut Creek. 954-609-4727.

1-13 - Friday talent social at Sol Children's Theater from 6 to 8 p.m. at

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Help Me Howard at Democrat meeting

Pompano Beach - Howard Finkelstein, chief public defender of Broward County will speak to Democrats at the Palm Aire Democratic Club, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Herb Skolnick Civic center, 800 SW 36 Ave., Pompano Beach. Free and open to the public. 954-973-3772.

A matter of balance

Northeast Focal Point, 227 NW 2 St., Deerfield Beach begins an eight-week workshop for seniors who want to learn strategies to manage falls. This free class is designed for anyone concerned about falls, interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength, anyone who has fallen in the past and anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns. Call 954-480-4460.

Democratic women to meet

Democratic Women will meet to celebrate the 39th Anniversary of Roe v Wade Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach. Frankel is the former Florida House leader and West Palm Beach Mayor. She is a candidate for Congress.

Dr. G's Individualized Weight Loss Program will help folks shed those unwanted holiday pounds

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

For the hundreds of people who promised themselves to lose weight in the new year, Dr. G's weight loss and wellness program has arrived in Deerfield Beach and just might be the way to do it. Visit Dr. G's spotless new suite of offices at 77 S. Federal Hwy., next to Petsmart, to learn more about this individualized, medically designed and supervised weight loss program. There's even an early discount of 50 percent being offered for this week only before the grand opening on Saturday January 14. Weight loss coach, Vivian Dasilva says, "This office offers trilingual speakers of English, Spanish and Portuguese."

Unlike most weight loss programs where one size fits all, Dr. G's offers a medically supervised program tailored to fit each client's individual needs, taking into account blood work, EKG, metabolic rate, body composition, and behavioral history. There are currently 54 clinics open or under development in nine countries. The Deerfield clinic is the newest clinic to open in South Florida.

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Vivian Dasilva, on site weight loss coach at Dr. G's newest Deerfield Beach location, 77 S. Federal Hwy., explains the medically supervised, individualized weight loss program to an interested client.



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Weight loss

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herbal supplements to reduce appetite, carb and sugar cravings, and anxiety eating. The result for the patient is feeling full faster and increased metabolism.

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Dr. G's develops a realistic exercise program to help burn more calories than will be consumed.

Once a weight loss goal has been reached, this program, with its wellness team, has created an individualized maintenance program, designed to insure continued success.

Vivian DeSilva, wellness coach, says, "We weigh patients in once a month, but if a patient becomes

impatient, he or she is welcome to stop by every two weeks. We offer a four-month and a one month program. The four-month program is the best for those wishing to achieve permanent weight loss."

F.W. Pearce, Boca Raton says he heard about the franchise and decided to join the program. "I was excited and pleased to lose 25 pounds in the first four month program. I kept it off for one year and decided to lose 10 pounds more which I did. I'm now leaner than I've ever been. This program teaches proper nutrition and it helps one adjust to a new lifestyle. I like Dr. G's so much I opened a franchise in August here in Boca and it's going very well." Having been overweight all of his life, Pearce is now practicing what he preaches.

Marie Keel, music teacher in Miami Dade Schools, is another success story who recommends the program. She says, "This program gave me

the confidence and self esteem I never had. I was overweight and no diet seemed to work until I tried Dr. G's. That was six years ago. In less than a year my weight dropped from 167 to 110. The program stopped my cravings and gave me the energy to start going to the gym. I ended a bad relationship. It was while exercising that I met my future husband. We eventually married and now we have a new baby. I did gain way too much during my pregnancy so I'm back on the program and have lost 45 pounds. I'm in training with fire rescue and hope to do a career switch as soon as a job becomes available. I recommend the program to everyone."

About Dr. Charles Goldsmith

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1-14 – MLK State of the Dream Banquet at 6:30 p.m. at the E. Pat Larkins Civic Center, 520 MLK Blvd., Pompano Beach. 954-871-6353.

1-16 – MLK Parade begins at 8 a.m. at Mitchell Moore Park, 901 NW 10 St., Pompano Beach. Line-up at 8 a.m.

1-16 – MLK Celebration at 10:30 a.m. at Blanche Ely High School Gymnasium, 1201 NW 6 St., Pompano Beach. Speaker is William McCormick. 954-254-1170.

1-18 – History At High Noon with special guest John Cutrone, director of the Jaffe Center for Book Art at Florida Atlantic University, at the Old

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Call to artists MLK activities include parade, breakfast, sports, more

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Artists in all media are invited to submit a sampling of their work to be considered for inclusion in the March 11th Lighthouse Point Arts Exhibition. The Arts panel will view artists' work January 26th from 2 to 5 p.m. at the LHP Yacht & Racquet Club. 2701 NE 42 St. Lighthouse Point.

Call Nancy Cohen 954-806-4749 or Becky Cerino Days 954-376-0538.

Dress it up this year

NE Focal Point Auxiliary's 14th Annual "Red Carpet Fashions" takes place Jan. 25 at 11:30 a.m. at the Lighthouse Point Yacht & Racquet Club. Sondro at the Cove Shopping Center and Jos. A. Bank at the Shops at Boca Center are providing women and men's fashions. Tickets are \$50. Call 954-480-4460 or rwilliams@deerfield-beach.com.

The NE Focal Point CASA, Inc. is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization. The Auxiliary plans to purchase a new transportation van with the proceeds.

New board announced at Deerfield Chamber breakfast

North Broward Hospital will host the Deerfield Chamber's Breakfast 'n Deerfield from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Board chair, Kiku Martinson will share her vision for this year and announce the new board members. Attendees will get a jump start on the chamber's newest dining expo with complimentary start up kits packed with coupons from restaurants and other business owners. Breakfast is \$16. Call 954-946-5452.



The Blanche Ely High School band continues to add to the musical celebration.

A Dream Banquet' are on the calendar for January to celebrate this man and his legacy. The highlight event on January 16 is a big parade followed by a celebration at Blanche Ely High School.

It takes a dedicated committee of volunteers, co-partnering with the City of Pompano Beach to make it happen. Joyce Jackson, retired Recreation Manager with the city's Parks and Recreation Department for 27 years, heads up the committee of 20 active volunteers. "I think I've been involved with the parade for 30 years," she says. "Now that I'm retired, it's one of my volunteer activities along with the Yuletide Parade and my church, Word of the Living God Ministry."

Some of the event

sponsors are Metro PCS, Carr Builders, 3-G Graphics, Sunshine Health Center, Pompano Lighthouse Rotary and Acosta Dental. Jackson says, "We began to plan and coordinate in August and now the reality is upon us. We expect thousands of people from all over Broward County to line the parade route, and we anticipate between 800 and 1,000 people at the Blanche Ely celebration.

The Parade

All churches, civic organizations, businesses, fraternities, sororities, the Masonic family and residents of Pompano Beach are invited to participate in the parade. The parade will feature the Blanche Ely H.S band and cheerleaders, Monarch H. S. R.O.T.C., Blanche Ely H.S.

Making a Difference



Phyllis J. Neuberger wants your suggestions about people who are making a difference. Call 954-783-8700.

R.O.T.C., local churches, day care centers, businesses, fraternal organizations, Mayor Lamar Fisher and other City Officials.

Participants line up at Mitchell Moore Park, 901 NW 10th St. at 8 a.m. The parade kicks off at 9 a.m. and proceeds South on NW 8th Ave. to MLK Blvd., East on MLK Blvd. to Ether Rolle Ave.; North on Esther Rolle to NW 15th Street, West to NW 6th Ave. to Blanche Ely High School. There, the celebration begins at 10:30 a.m. Mr. William McCormick, Jr. is the featured speaker.

Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.

Richard Carr remembers seeing the shooting event on television. "I was horrified," he says. "Things began to change drastically after that."

Carr, owner of Carr Builders, has lived in the Pompano area since 1990 and is a member of the volunteer committee. He says, "We do business here and like to help out the community. I've had a carpenter apprenticeship program for the city, worked on the Sample McDougald House, and for this event, I've been working on the parade and the banquet."

Reverend Gary McCleod of Mount Sinai Baptist at 3105 W. Atlantic Blvd. is another member of the volunteer committee. "I was about 10 years old living here in Pompano when MLK Jr. was killed. Pompano Beach was still somewhat segregated.

His life, and yes, his death had a definite impact. Our schools slowly became desegregated. Others things began to open up. It's greatly improved since then, but things in NW Pompano can still be greatly improved."

McCleod added, "Our celebration is both a tribute and a rallying point because we are bringing everyone together. Our prayer breakfast on Jan. 7 will feature speaker Rev. Eric Jones, Jr. who is also the Mayor of West Park, Fl. the newest city in Broward County. We have ministers, priests, rabbis and community members attending. It's a true fellowship gathering."

Dale Gibson, owner of Sunshine Health Center, is

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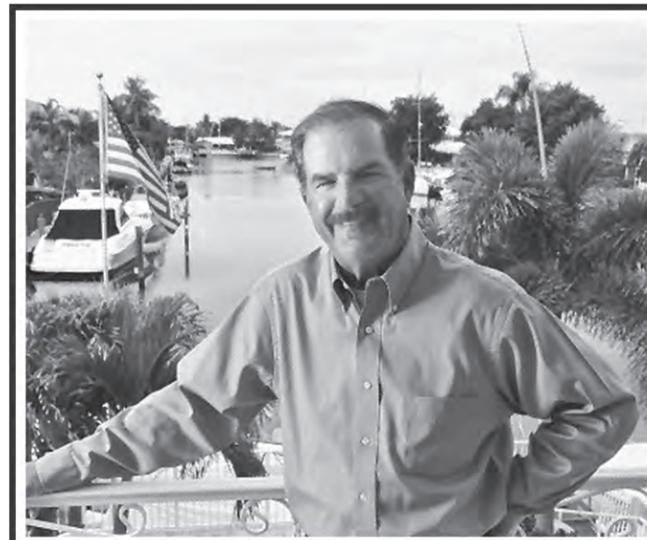
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MLK

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another volunteer on the planning committee who says, "My responsibility on the committee was fund raising. It has been such a tough year, economically, but we managed. As a minority business owner, I wanted to participate so we've become involved. I think MLK's death participated a real discussion and brought about eventual change for all African Americans. I believe having this celebration each year is very important to our children. The fact that they are not in school raises their curiosity and we then have

the chance to give them the history. They are excited to celebrate. They love the parade. We teach them in the schools, the churches, our homes who this man was, what he stood for and what he has accomplished."

Hazel Armbrister remembers. "My mother and I watched in horror on television the night that Dr. King was killed. It was unbelievable. And we're still dealing with the same issues. There are opportunities open now that weren't then, but the widest door has not opened. I think I have more access to resources than I did then, but that's not true for everyone in Pompano. We need employment opportunities for

people who are not college educated or have not been exposed to a different way of living. Education is the key, but there are still those who need to be given the chance to use it. The businesses that might give them the opportunity aren't here. I've lived to see Pompano Beach move from a farming community that served everyone to urbanization. We are one of the last places between Miami and Boca to assimilate. The lessons of Martin Luther King are still to be learned."

Mrs. Marguerite Luster says, "When I learned of Martin Luther King's death I couldn't believe it. People were running out of their

homes into the streets of Pompano wondering what to do. We've made progress, but a lot more must come. The missing key is unity and love for all mankind. He wanted a better place for our children to grow up in. In some ways it is, but we still need better education and more jobs and equal chance for promotions. When I first came here, I couldn't get a job as an office clerk. I ended up as a computer technician for 21 years with the Harris Computer Division. I'm still active because I want to see that all children, white and black, can work and live together in the same community."

Mrs. Cloretta Williams,

a former committee member, had this to say. "I have a dream" is still in the works. Some of Dr. King's dream has been accomplished, but there still needs to be much improvement and more advantages for many of us."

Even as the City celebrates Dr. King's life, it is clear there is much more to be done to truly fulfill his dream.

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Blanche Ely High School jumps from C to A grade

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Since schools in Broward County started getting letter grades in 2003, Blanche Ely has never gotten a grade higher than a C. But last school year, students, parents, teachers and administrators decided to skip

a B and go right to earning an A. The rating was determined by the Florida Department of Education.

“We always had what it takes. [This year], we just prioritized each student,” said Principal Karlton Johnson. “When I made the announcement, everyone was running around excited.”

He credited everyone involved with the school, from students to guidance counselors to teachers to janitors with making a difference. “Everyone pitched in. It took a team effort to accomplish this goal.”

In particular, Johnson said the school’s focus on individual learning, reading

and guidance counselors working more closely with teachers was key to the improvement.

“Our reading coaches would come around to the classrooms and provide different strategies for our students,” said Kimberly M. Williams, social studies teacher. She also credited

parents. “We introduced parents to how to work with their children at home. Our parent universities, I believe, helped a lot with our achievement as an A school,” she said. “That was a vital part of how we excelled.”

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Sightings

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School Museum, 232 NE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach. Free. 954-429-0378.

1-18 – Our Art By The Sea meets at 7 p.m. at Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Community Church

Friedt Family Fellowship Hall, 4433 Bougainvillea Drive, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. Lee Sky will discuss Woodworking. Admission is free. 954-594-0444.

1-22 – Pro-Choice Coalition Rally at 2 p.m. on the corner of Broward Boulevard and Andrews

Avenue.

1-19 – Meet local artist, Louis Mezian at a wine and cheese event held at the historic Bulter House, 380 E. Hillsboro Boulevard, Deerfield Beach, from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. 954-429-0378.

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Pompano Kmart to close; Whole Foods may move in

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Robert Jean doesn't know if he'll be able to find another job.

Jean, a Kmart employee for three years, learned last week that his store, 2421 N. Federal Hwy. in Pompano Beach, will be one of those closed down. "I don't know where [I'll find another job] because the United States [economy] is done," he said.

Sears Holding Corporation, which owns Kmart, announced in a press release that between 100 and 120 Sears and Kmart locations would be closing nationwide. So far, only 80 have been revealed. The Kmart in Pompano was the only Broward location on the list. Sears stores in Stuart and West Palm Beach are also slated to close.

Florida made the list 11 times – the most of any state.

The announcement came after Sears and Kmart reported a combined quarterly loss of 5.2 percent and a 2.6 percent loss for the entire year. Kmart's other existing Broward locations are in Oakland Park, Davie, Hollywood and Pembroke Pines.

Ric Green, president/CEO of the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce, said that over the years various high-end companies have

inquired about moving into the space. "While we're always sad to see a business close for any reason in the Pompano Beach Lighthouse Point area, we are confident that this will be a location that won't be vacant long."

Pompano Beach Mayor Lamar Fisher shared Green's optimism, saying Whole Foods contacted him about

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Flotilla

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– donated a month of nights and weekends to clean up the mess. Now, \$4,000 worth of chemicals will be needed to kill any remaining mold and probably \$10,000 worth of dry wall and ceiling material.

Leys thinks it will be June before Coast Guard boating classes can be given in the building and the flotilla will have a base to call home.

The back story here is the length of time it took flotilla members to acquire a new base after a barge they used for years was taken out of service. In short, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea officials offered in 2009 to donate the building

and Leys went before the Florida Inland Navigation District, owners of Alsdorf Park on NE 14 Street, for approval. In June 2010, the flotilla ran into a snag when it was discovered their lease for Alsdorf Park was out of date and it was November of 2010 before that was resolved. Two months later, Leys began the process of local approvals and those were completed in May 2011. Then site plans were submitted to the building department and finally ok'd last September. As the building was being prepared for removal to Alsdorf Park, the mold was discovered.

Is Leys sorry the flotilla ever pursued this 'gift horse?'

"No," he says. Not at all."

He is also philosophical about the delays and says they were caused for "a variety of reasons." Today the flotilla's new base has been relocated to the northwest corner of the park and this month interior restoration will begin. It will put a dent in the budget, Leys said, \$14,000 for materials that he hadn't planned to spend.

The labor, again thanks to flotilla volunteers, will be free.

Volunteers R. Don Banas, Dr. Joe McGee, Spyros Vlahos and Paul Sacks don air masks as they demolish the moldy interior of a modular building donated to CG Auxiliary Flotilla 34.



Grants will improve launching and parking at Alsdorf Park

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - The city has received a \$91,757 grant from the Broward County Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) to design, engineer and permit improvements to Alsdorf

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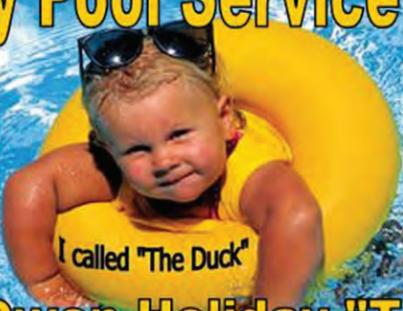
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Bike sharing program debuts in Pompano

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - Mumball Lane didn't wait until Jan. 1st to start fulfilling her New Year's Resolution to get more exercise. New Year's Eve was more appropriate.

That's when Lane, a Pompano Beach resident, started participating in the Broward B-cycle bike-sharing program. "It's a fantastic idea. I have a bike at home but I saw the program and I said 'I'm going to start [exercising more] today,'" she said. "I think it's a great thing for Broward County. It's more of a cosmopolitan approach."

The county launched B-cycle on Dec. 14. in Pompano, Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood.

According to the B-cycle website, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Dania Beach and Hallandale Beach are scheduled to get stations soon.

Pompano has four stations operating: Hillsboro Inlet, 2700 N. Ocean Blvd.; Aquatic Center, 798 NE 18th Ave.; North Ocean Park, 3490 NE 16th Street; Pompano Beach City Hall, 188 SW 1st Street. A fifth station, McNair Park, 949 NW 27th Ave., is listed on the website as unavailable.

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New Year's resolutions: Boogie at Jazzercise in Fort Lauderdale

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Fort Lauderdale – Serious health resolutions are becoming realities at Jazzercise of Fort Lauderdale, 412 E. Oakland Park Blvd, Fort Lauderdale. On Jan. 7, the public is invited to the dance exercise studio for its grand opening from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Owner Darlene Marcroft is offering free dance exercise classes to give clients a taste of the fun that can be part of a healthier lifestyle. Classes are scheduled at 9 and 11 a.m. with snacks and drinks at noon, followed by a 2 p.m. class.

For those who sign up on Saturday, discounts and give-a-ways are added in for a bonus. There is no joining fee for Saturday sign-ups and the first month is free. And to sweeten the pot, each new member will receive five passes for friends.

The 3,000 sq.ft. center includes a child care room, a “forgiving” laminate floor, state-of-the art sound system, separate changing rooms, large bathroom and plenty of parking.

Testimonials regarding results from Jazzercise include success and fun.

Says Richard Stieff, a Jazzerciser since 2008, “I’ve lost 60 pounds with Jazzercise. I enjoy the cardio exercise, the variety of current

music, and the strength training with weights that helps me build muscle for maximum calorie burning and muscle building to support my weight loss. I am very excited about the new Jazzercise fitness center that provides 18 opportunities to work out every week.”

Stieff joined Jazzercise at its former location in Wilton Manors.

A 60-minute Jazzercise class offers a fusion of jazz dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing and Latin-style movements set to a variety of popular music. Each class includes a warm-up,



Jazzercise of Fort Lauderdale opens its new facility Jan. 7 to the public for free classes, give-aways and fun.

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Brown way ahead in campaign funding for Jan. 31 election

By Judy Vik

STAFF WRITER

LBTS – In the race for Commission Seat 3, latest campaign treasurer’s reports show Mark Brown again leading opponent Edmund Malkoon in campaign fundraising and spending.

The two are vying for the commission seat now held by Birute Ann Clotney. The election is Jan 31.

Reports for the period Dec. 10 to Dec. 23 show Brown with \$2,195 in contributions for a total of \$18,471.74. His total expenditures are \$8,714.79.

Malkoon reported \$450 in contributions and \$325.25 in expenditures.

Both candidates received contributions from Commissioner Chris Vincent, Brown in this filing period and Malkoon earlier. Charles Curtis, fiancé of Mayor Roseann Minnet, also contributed to both candidates.

Brown’s former employer, former Congressman William Hughes (D-NJ), contributed \$250 to his campaign as did Hughes’ wife Nancy.

Candidates’ forum

LBTS – The candidates will present their campaign platforms at a meeting set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at Jarvis Hall, 4505 Ocean Drive.

The League of Women Voters will moderate the event with Mark Brown and Edmund Malkoon, candidates seeking Commission Seat 3 in the Jan. 31 election.

Questions for the candidates should be submitted to Carol Smith, League of Women Voters. Her email is cssmith@att.net. Indicate questions are for the LBTS forum.

The forum will be televised and shown on Channel 78 and on the town website.

UOT event

LBTS – Candidates for Commission Seat 3, Edmund Malkoon and Mark Brown are invited to speak at a general membership meeting of Unite Our Town at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at Assumption Catholic Church Hall, 2001 S. Ocean Blvd.

This will be the final membership meeting before the election on Jan. 31. Mayor Roseann Minnet and Vice Mayor Stuart Dodd, who were re-elected unopposed, also are invited to speak. All are welcome.

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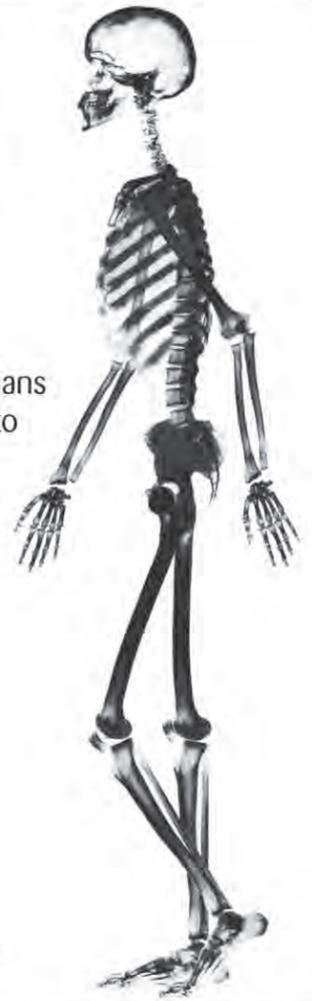
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Pierre
Pierre, Anna La Guerre, 63, of Pompano Beach, passed away Dec. 19, 2011. Funeral services will be held Sat., Jan. 7, 2012, 10 a.m. at First Haitian Baptist Church, 333 NW 3rd Street, Pompano

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Saladie
Joseph, Saladie, 86, of Sarasota, passed away Dec. 29, 2011. Funeral services will be held Sat., Jan. 7, 2012, 11 a.m. at Saint Sanctuary Church, 1304 E. Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach.

Davis
Davis, Moses, Rev., 72, of Pompano Beach, passed away Jan. 1, 2012. Funeral services will be held Sat., Jan. 7, 2012, 11 a.m. at Word of the Living God, 390 NW 31st Ave., Pompano Beach.
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Meetings
Gold Coast Toastmasters – Meet in the second and 4th Mondays of each month at Panera Bread, 1762 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale from 7 to 9 p.m.. Call 954-895-3555.
Zonta International meets on the third Tuesday of the month at Duffy's Diner, 401 N. Federal Hwy., Deerfield Beach at 11:15 a.m. 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. Activities focus on the general welfare, health, education and security of senior citizens. We welcome people of all ages.

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Ely

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McArthur High School in Hollywood also jumped from a C to an A. High school grades are based on FCAT scores and student performance, college readiness in reading and mathematics, overall graduation rate and other factors.

Calvin Lamar, a 9th grade guidance counselor at Ely for 14 years, says students face the same problems they've had in the past but with more distractions than ever before.

"You spend a lot of time to get them to re-focus. You've

still got to stay on them. Believe it or not, they really want to be in a structured environment," he said.

For the ones who need help staying focused, Lamar says he tries to get them to think about the future. "I tell them to look inward and ask [them] 'where do you want to be after high school? College? Trade school? Military?'"

Steve Woloszn, English department team leader, has been at Ely for 21 years and seen the schools ups and downs. He said that recently faculty has also been able to focus more on what it needs to do as teachers. [Over the last few years] there have been several changes but

we're stable now."

And he's seen a change in students.

"They seem a little more determined, a little more focused. [Principal Johnson] has an honest care for the kids and wants to see them succeed. They feel that and it contributes to the atmosphere."

Ely's sister high school, Pompano Beach High School, an all-magnet school, has been an A-rated school for many years.

K-Mart

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moving there. A call to Whole Foods was not returned in time for publication.

According to the Broward Property Appraiser's Website, the mailing address of the company that owns the Kmart store, PKKRC Pompano Beach, is in Hoffman Estates, Illinois, which is where Kmart's corporate headquarters is located.

Randy Roffman, an assistant manager, declined to comment. "They're not letting us say anything," he said. Sears Holding Corporation also declined to comment.

Pompano Beach resident Gretchen Riedel is a regular customer at the Pompano store. "I'm kind of bummed. I buy my boys' tennis shoes here a lot. They tend to be

Lighthouse Point candidates build war chests for Jan. 31 election, Gordon leads

Lighthouse Point – Commission President Susie Gordon continues her strong money-gathering position as she seeks to retain her seat on the dais. Gordon raised another \$750 in a reporting period that ended December 23 bringing her campaign account to \$4,250. Largest donors were Bateman Gordon Insurance, \$500; Jack Prenner, who hosted a campaign kick-off event and W. Duden Brown, \$250.

Her opponent Becky Lysengen reported \$2,400 in her campaign account, \$2,300 of it raised in December. Among her contributors are Laraine Schorr, wife of Mayor Fred Schorr, \$200; Commissioner Sandy Johnson, \$100; Judy Sullivan \$100; and Peter Wright, \$250.

cheaper." She said after Kmart closes she'll probably do more shopping at Target or Walmart. "I'm also sad to see another empty building in Pompano," she said, calling it a sign of the times.

Another customer said she was very disappointed to hear about the closing because

Kmart is a lot more convenient for her than Target or Walmart. "God only gave me these two legs and this bike."

Fredrick Dolce was disappointed for another reason. He drove all the way from Tamarac hoping to find sale. But no such luck. "We still spent a lot of money anyway," he said.

Sightings

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Zion Lutheran, 959 SE 6th Avenue, Deerfield Beach in the chapel. Featured on this program are Farrenc, Fasch, Doppler, Vinee, and Chaminate. The South Florida Chamber Ensemble (SFCE) is six musicians from the brass, woodwind, string and percussion families. Call 954-803-

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2-4 - The Boca Raton Symphonia "Saturday Night" concerts at 8 p.m. at Parents' Association Performing Arts Center, Pine Crest School, 2700 St. Andrews Road, Boca Raton The program includes Hayden, Beethoven and Barber. Tickets at 561-376-3848.

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to John Fiore, parks and recreation liaison to the MAC, the grant is intended to be matched with a similar amount from the Florida Inland Navigational District, or FIND, or the design phase of the project.

Once the design is completed, funds from MAC and FIND, again shared 50/50, will be available for constructing a launching ramp for large boats and an additional 22 parking spaces on the 10-acre site at NE 14 Street.

MAC funds come through the Broward Boating Improvement Program which obtains its dollars from recreational boater registration fees, Fiore said. FIND funds come from property taxes and in South Florida where the Intracoastal Waterway is almost fully bulkheaded, can be used for projects that make the waterways more accessible, rather than for dredging.

These same funds are being used to upgrade the boat ramps in Deerfield's Pioneer Park and to build docks at Deerfield Island Park.

Most of the MAC grants are aimed at improving boating for the "Bobby and Betty boater, the family with the 20-foot rig, two kids and a dog," which comprise 80 percent of local boaters, Fiore said. Nowadays, however, the family boat is often 32-foot long behind a truck and trailer measuring 65 feet. Few public launch areas can accommodate these boaters, Fiore said.

The situation at Alsdorf Park on a sunny weekend can be chaotic with trucks and trailers parked in every one of the 80 existing parking spaces. There are now three boat ramps. The new one will be wider, longer and flatter to handle larger vessels.

Funds from FIND become available Oct. 1, 2012, Fiore said. Grant application deadline is April 1.

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Bikes

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Holiday Park, and is scheduled to get four more. Hollywood has five with two more on the way.

"I worked closely with [Dist. 2 County] Commissioner [Kristen] Jacobs [who spearheaded the program] in making that a reality in our city. There were some issues dealing with right-a-ways but we were able to work those key points out and move forward," said Pompano Mayor Lamar Fisher.

"Bike-sharing provides an environmentally sustainable and inexpensive mobility option to complement the use of public transportation, walking and ridesharing as alternatives to single occupant vehicle use," said Jacobs in a press release. "It allows individuals to have the benefits of bicycle use, when needed, without having to purchase a bike, store it, or bring it into town or on their vacations."

Wilton Manors Commissioner Tom Green said he'd like to see Wilton Manors get one or two stations; one at city hall and the other near Five Points. "I think it would be a great to get people riding around the bikes more."

Lane, an annual pass holder, said she's been able to get a lot of free rides taking short trips from station to station. For annual pass members, the first half hour is free. Annual passes are \$45, a 24-hour pass is \$5 and a 7-day pass is \$25. The first half hour, except for annual pass holders is \$.50.

For 24-hour and 7-day pass customers, the cost of the second half hour and every half hour after is \$3. Annual members pay \$1 for the second half hour, \$2 for the third half hour and \$4 for every half hour after that. The max anyone is allowed to spend per day is \$65. The cost to replace a lost or stolen bicycle is \$1,200.

The program is funded through a \$311,000 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation and a partnership with Humana, Trek Bicycle and Crispin Porter.

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Physical education for middle school kids will be eliminated as a requirement, creating more obesity, having kids without electives and kids, with too much energy, who will no longer have a place to use it. That will create more behavioral problems, creating the illusion that the schools are at fault – not the government - for coming up with a plan that is anti-student.

Those students with learning problems, who have remedial classes in addition to regular classes, and those from families that are poor and can't afford outside sports will be the worst affected. They are the ones who need it most. Medical care and public hospital care is being cut.

Millions of dollars have been returned to the Federal government, while people struggle. Our government is punishing people who are poor or struggling. There is already a huge prison population (1 of 7) in Florida. This

is increasing with the use of for-profit prisons. When all other doors are closed, crime remains open. We are creating a new slavery. Is this really the future we want?

Sightings

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Outdoors

1-12 – Nature Tots is a one-hour program for children ages 2 to 4 at Fern Forest Nature Center. Meetings are on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Topic this day is "Worms." Cost is \$5 per session. Fern

Forest is located at 201 Lyons Road South, Coconut Creek. Call 954-357-5198.

1-13 – Hayride at Quiet Waters Park, 401 S. Powerline Road from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 per person. Call 954-357-5100.

Theater

1-7 thru 1-29 – The Producers, the Tony Award comedy comes to the Tamarac Theatre of Performing Arts, 7143 Pine Island Road, Tamarac Square West Shopping Center. Tickets \$25 Call

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Hot Tomatoe

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rabbit cacciatore.

“We pride ourselves on making great-tasting home-made food. Even straightforward items like our Pasta e’ Fagioli soup with ham hocks is made from scratch. It takes 5 hours to make and we offer a vegetarian version as well,” says Bianco who is sincerely preoccupied about offering

healthy, seasonally adjusted flavorful fare to his customers.

With regards to appetizers, a perfect starter to share is the Italian Antipasto with prosciutto di Parma, salami, capicollo, artichoke, provolone, mozzarella, marinated mushrooms, olives, eggplants, roasted red peppers and fresh basil.

Traditionalists will also lap up the eggplant rollatini, the Mediterranean salad and the



New owner Tony Bianco and Executive Chef Enzo Addario show off the delightful Hot Tomatoe Osso Bucco.



Fish lovers will greatly enjoy the grilled wild caught salmon topped with roasted garlic and sundried tomato cream sauce. [Photos by Malcolm McClintock]

fried calamari with Diavola sauce.

On the entrée front, “our Linguini Calamari with either marinara or white wine sauce is delicious while the Vongole version with clams is extremely popular as well,” says Executive Chef Enzo Addario. Meat and poultry lovers will enjoy veal and chicken in a variety of preparations such as Marsala with mushrooms, Francaise with lemon butter sauce, Parmigiana with cheesy tomato sauce and Sorrentino with white wine Pomodoro.

“We have a good balance of fish and meat dishes. For example, the wild caught grilled salmon and the yellow tail snapper are excellent while our Osso Bucco is out

of this world!” adds Bianco. “And since we are happy to accommodate guests with dietary preferences, we offer a wide range of organic, gluten-free and vegetarian options as well.”

“We strongly encourage guests to take their time and not feel rushed in any way,” says Bianco who wants his customers to feel at home in this supremely quaint trattoria.

In keeping with a long established tradition, Hot Tomatoe will continue to offer its monthly “3-Wine Nights” (next one on January 10th!) whereby guests enjoy a complete 3 course meal paired with 3 specifically selected wines. Most regular entrées are in the \$16 to \$20 range

with slightly more expensive options in the specialty section. A daily early bird menu is available.

The bar menu offers 12 dishes at \$6 apiece and Happy Hour beer and wines are half price.

House wines by the liter are \$26 with a selection of Italian whites and reds. There is weekly live entertainment and plenty of free parking.

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