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Library cultural center or theatre? It's still up for grabs

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - City commissioners came to no clear consensus on what, if anything, they want built on the second floor of a library planned near city hall as part of a civic campus.

Carrie Blake from consultants Webb Management said the second floor cultural center could be designed as multi-use space with dedicated seats and moveable seats or space with no dedicated stage.

Blake noted the merits of a cultural center include the ability to accommodate a wide range of programming and its support of the civic campus and

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Divers at Osborne Reef collect tires that have been bouncing on the ocean floor, damaging reef and coral since 1970. A new group of young environmentalists, Blue Water Initiative, has begun its efforts to remove the killer tires. See story on page 3. [Photo courtesy of Blue Water Initiative]

Northwest group wants more explanation about transit corridor

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - County commissioners have moved forward an amendment to this city's land use plan that would redefine 269 acres in the northwest as Transit-Oriented Development, or TOD, a mix of residential, business, entertainment and industrial use.

The idea behind the TOC is that it

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Keyes named to head up Lighthouse Point Library

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Lighthouse Point - Up until this week, the biggest thrill of Christy Keyes life was meeting Dolly Parton last October at the Hard Rock Seminole Casino.

But Tuesday trumped it. Keyes, 41, was officially appointed the head librarian at the Doreen Gauthier Library by Mayor Fred Schorr who said her ability to understand the needs of a community library earned her the job.

"She has done an outstanding job managing all facets of our library," the mayor said, "and understands the uniqueness of our hometown library, but also the challenges and opportunities it presents."

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The Doreen Gauthier Lighthouse Point Library welcomes its new library director, Christy Keyes [at left], who said accepting this position was even more thrilling than meeting Dolly Parton. But unlike Parton's song, "Working Nine to Five," Keyes plans to continue the great tradition of the library no matter how many hours it takes. [Photo courtesy of Keyes]

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New mixed-use zoning recommended for downtown Oakland Park

By Judy Vik

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Oakland Park - The city's planning & zoning board approved 4-1 on Monday a change in the land use code that will create mixed-use zones on Commercial Boulevard. Board member Andrea Voss dissented.

The city commission will vote on the ordinance establishing the new district on June 20.

The new district is intended to spur revitalization of East Commercial Boulevard on the north side between North Andrews Avenue and Northeast 6 Avenue.

Harris Hamid, director of Engineering and Community Development, said there are three possibilities for the area:

1. Create a "commercial village" to spur redevelopment and revitalization of the area.

2. Retain the current buildings, working with owners on improvements and appearance.

3. Leave the area as is and provide diligent code enforcement.

The area consists of approximately 100 lots, each about 100 feet deep. It is currently a mix of single-family homes, commercial, office and retail.

The proposed district would be more restrictive, and prohibited businesses would include gas stations, building supply stores, auto repairs, boat and marine motor sales, dry cleaning and propane sales.

The current R-1 zoning on 51 Street, allows five dwelling

units per acre. The ordinance proposes up to 10 dwelling units per acre with commission approval. Currently, five story buildings are allowed but this would be changed to three stories or 36-foot building heights. If the developer provides incentives, such as more green space, water features or public art, the number of units could go as high as 20 per acre.

The ordinance doesn't trump single-family home rights, Hamid said, since those rights are grandfathered in.

Several residents said the city should concentrate on improving what is already in the area.

"This whole thing is ridiculous," resident Deb Wojcicki said of proposed plans for redevelopment. "The economy doesn't support it." She said the second option was best.

"Give us help fixing up our properties."

Nancy Dombroski, a resident for 54 years, said her biggest concern was building height. She looks at a billboard from her home now, and I-95 took her view of the sunset.

She said her preference would be two-story buildings that enrich the area. She also prefers less concrete and less modernistic designs. Brick, she said, would be "warm and cozy."

"It's nice to have a vision, but lately the city's vision is very blurred," said resident Bill Sears. "You will need money to carry out this plan."

Sears said enhanced code enforcement would be a very good thing. He said he was leery about incentives. "Leave it the way it is but improve the landscaping and help the individual property owners

improve their businesses," he suggested.

Property owner Cindy Wong said Commercial Boulevard has deteriorated over the years. She would like to see the area updated.

Don Lampasone, a general contractor, said he supports

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A community calendar of Broward County. Email events to siren2415@gmail.com

5-12 - Free car safety seat check from 9 a.m. to noon at Pompano Beach Fire-Rescue Station #24, 2001 NE 10 St. Call 954-786-4510 to schedule an appointment.

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FAU student leads effort to raise tires that are damaging coral reefs

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - "Do what you can with what you have where you are." These words of President Theodore Roosevelt have powered a group of ocean divers, a law student at the University of Florida and several other groups to save an ocean reef named Osborne.

They began their project in December 2009.

Last Saturday, the divers, boat captain and other volunteers aboard commercial fishing boat Longfin churned into the Caliban Canal at Alsdorf Park with a bounty of 31 tires. All had been resting on the ocean floor since the 1970s.

These tires were once part of an artificial reef made up of more than one million rubber tires.

Building artificial reefs in the 70s was as common as bell-bottom pants and sideburns.

Both seemed like good ideas at the time.

But Osborne Reef and another one built in Deerfield Beach, have since become environmental nightmares.

Osborne Reef is located



Treads from the Past - These tires, gathered from the ocean floor, will soon be exhibited in an art show to represent an ill-conceived idea. [Staff photo]



Still at Sea - The trove of tires are hoisted onto the boat after divers had tired and floated them to the surface.

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The Planted Aquarium Store offers fish owners products, guidance

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Oakland Park - When it came to freshwater fish, Henry and Miryam Tomassini always had trouble finding answers to their questions.

So, after years of learning the ropes about freshwater fish, plants and aquariums, they opened The Planted Aquarium Store at 3230 NE 12 Ave.

"We made a lot of expensive mistakes based on what people were telling us," said Miryam.

Now, they say they're here to help their customers avoid some of the same mistakes they've made in the past.

"We like the teaching aspect and we've used the products that we sell," said Henry. "We practice what we preach."

Opened in October of last year, The Planted Aquarium Store recently expanded its hours of operation and held its official grand opening on May 5.

During the grand opening, Juan Pena bought about 10 fish. It was Pena's second trip to the store, one made all the way from his home in Miami.

He said he drives all the way to Oakland Park because of the staff and the selection.



Henry Tomassini and his son, Ethan, get a customer's fish ready for transport [Staff photo]

"The only other [store like this] I know of is in Orlando," Pena said.

Along with the dozens of varieties of fish, The Planted Aquarium sells live black worms, plants, filters, fish food, nets, medicine, gravel, aquarium decorations and anything else needed for aquarium set-up and maintenance.

"We carry a lot of the exotic stuff," said Miryam.

Asked the benefits of a freshwater tank over a salt-

water tank, Henry said the two have their challenges but freshwater can be less expensive. "The plants pull out a lot of the excess nutrients naturally."

Although Henry still has his full-time job as a sales manager at a car dealership in Fort Lauderdale, Miryam's sole work focus is the store. "I work for her," he joked.

"I've been into fish since I was a little girl," said Miryam,

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Deerfield Beach city workers rewarded for reporting crimes

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach - In an effort to stop the spiraling increase in crimes against property, BSO is enlisting the help of the city's workforce - and paying a \$100 bonus if they provide info leading to an arrest.

The 'reward' money comes from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, \$5,000 for this city's first effort to initiate B.O.L.O. (Be On The Lookout).

And the cops are eager to spend the funds. "The more we pay, the more crimes we

solve," said Det. Greg Brown Tuesday as he led a workshop for parks and recreation employees on how to spot and report suspicious activity.

Brown told the assembled employees that their surveillance will be successful because criminals are not expecting someone in a city truck to be on the lookout. The people engaged in illegal acts are looking for a police car, not a maintenance truck, Brown said.

When workers see a crime in progress, they should call 911 and give as much information as to the location and what is taking place as they

can. When describing the incident to police, it is important to give good information on race, age, gender, height and weight, identifying marks and clothing the suspect is wearing. For vehicles, the model, year, body style and license plate is invaluable information.

But for these 'undercover operatives', law enforcement issues them the same strong message as it does to the public: Do not intervene. Wait for the police to arrive.

Employees in parks and recreation and the environmental services department who go through the one-hour BSO session, are eligible for a \$100 reward if their information results in an arrest. Part 1 crimes eligible for the award are burglary, robbery, theft, vandalism and drug activity. According to BSO, Deer-

field Beach District 10 has seen a spike in residential burglaries in the past two years, a majority of them occurring during the day. Employees who work in the field are often in good position to be an extra set of eyes. In this city, residential burglaries rose from 323 in 2009 to 499 in 2011. Burglaries of homes and vehicles account for 41 percent of the crimes committed here. Robbery and auto theft another 12 percent.

Other South Florida cities are doing something similar with their personnel in the field.

In Royal Palm Beach, the trash collectors have teamed up with the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office to be that extra set of eyes on the street. In Chicago, private waste collector Waste Management, who provides service to many Bro-

ward County cities, is working with law enforcement on a Waste Watch program aimed at reducing crime.

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a.m. to 12 p.m. at Recycling Drop-Off Center, 401 SW 4 Street, Deerfield Beach. Cost is \$10 for one to five boxes and \$20 for six to ten. 954-480-4379.

5-12 - Free live music during Music By The Sea from 7 to 11 p.m. in front of Athena-By-The-Sea, 4400 N. Ocean Drive, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

5-12 - "Prisoner of 2nd Avenue" will be performed at the

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Anne Siren, publisher

Neither the text message nor the mascara is worth the kill

By Anne Siren

PUBLISHER

Death stats should be taken seriously

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is estimating that 32,310 people died on the nation's highways in 2011. That's down from 32,885 deaths the previous year.

That beats the 2005 figures of 43,510 deaths on the road nationwide. Part of that reduction is directly related to seat belt laws and education.

In 2005, people were killed about every 13 minutes.

But whether a person is killed by a car every 13 minutes, or every 13 hours, the residual pain, expense and injury to the victim's family for generations is incalculable.

The victim could be a father who no longer returns to his family, or it could be a child causing grief that is inconsolable and never ending.

And what about the guilt of the driver whose life is forever changed?

The automobile has become an enemy tantamount to war.

During World War I, 1914-1918, the United States lost 234,000 men and women. That was over a four-year period. So if the numbers are right, that will put automobile deaths in 2011 just under World War I fatalities over the same period.

So maybe we should take a lesson from the military.

Soldiers are taught to be vigilant and constantly on the lookout for the enemy.

Good rules for the rest of us as we drive our cars day and night on the streets and highways. We can learn from the military.

Like soldiers, we should be sober, vigilant and always on the lookout for the enemy.

Often we are foolish enough to assume that as long as we are using safety procedures, we are safe.

Not so.

The enemy driver has other things on his or her mind other than our safety like texting, a phone call, a late appointment, an in-car argument, alcohol, make-up, gulping down food, that anything-at-all that makes a driver distracted enough to become an unintentional killer.

Most of us have failed in the care of other drivers at one time or another.

It's hard not to sound preachy about this issue. I have been guilty of all of the above at one time or another.

Never forget that we sit behind the wheel of a multi-ton-vehicle that maims and kills with neither discretion nor remorse.

The power is yours.

Pull over to focus on the mascara, the phone, the texting and the food to let the rest of us get on with our day.

Smart drivers pull over to text and answer calls; what's your safety IQ?

The Broward Regional Emergency Medical Services Council is reaching out with a strong public education campaign "Take 5 to Stay Alive. Don't Text and Drive" to urge drivers to take a break from driving and pull off the road to send or receive text messages or take a call.

The Take 5 Kick-Off event will take place May 11 at 9 a.m. in the same location as the 3rd Annual James Malcolm Advance Life Saving Competition, where extrication teams from across Florida will compete using hand and hydraulic tools in an exciting technical showdown.

Meet "Take 5 to Stay Alive. Don't Text and Drive" campaign spokesperson Gabby Chaves, an 18 year old Western High School honor student and Formula race car driver.

The statistics are startling. Texting drivers are 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash. It's time to take action now. The Broward Regional Emergency Medical Services Council is reaching out with a strong public education campaign "Take 5 to stay alive. Don't text and drive." It's simple to do and can save lives. Take a break from driving and pull off the road to use your cell phone.

Directions: From Griffin Road, take Anglers Avenue south to first light. Make a left onto Gulf Stream Way and follow the road past the



Meet "Take 5 to Stay Alive. Don't Text and Drive" campaign spokesperson Gabby Chaves, an 18 year old Western High School honor student and Formula race car driver

Tri-Rail Station, Courtyard Hotel and IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame. Make a right at the four-way intersection where GulfStream Way meets the Bass Pro Shop parking lot. Follow the

Haitian Flag Day Community invited to pay tribute and remember lives lost

Pompano Beach – Forest Lawn North Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens will honor Haitian Flag Day on Saturday, May 19 from 4 – 4:55 p.m. at 200 West Copans Road in Pompano Beach. The community is invited to join in paying tribute to the lives lost during the 2010 earthquake and honor the resilience of the country of Haiti.

"We are honored to pay tribute to the people of Haiti by honoring Haitian Flag Day," said Lauren Pechacek, manager of Forest Lawn North. "One of the primary symbols of Haitian freedom, the Haitian flag has come to embody the nation's spirit of freedom, unity and individual liberty."

Refreshments will be provided. Please call 954-784-4000 for more information.

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Free Memorial Day celebration

On Sunday, May 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Senior Helpers will host a free Memorial Day celebration at 2881 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. There will be coffee and donuts, arts and crafts, volleyball and a sing-a-long. Senior Helpers is a company that provides companions for seniors. RSVP by May 15. Call 954-707-5030.

School Board redistricting meeting

The School Board of Broward County has initiated the process for preparing a new School Board district map based on the 2010 Census data. Redistricting is the process of redrawing the lines of districts from which public officials are elected to balance the populations of the districts and ensure residents have equal representation on the School Board. The next meeting will be held on May 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Monarch High School, 5050 Wiles Road, Coconut Creek. Call 754-321-2300.

Citi Centre sold for \$15 million, 100,000 sq. ft. of vacant space available

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - The recent news that the Citi Centre mall, located on Federal Highway and Copans Road has been sold to Sterling Organization, a real estate investment firm based in Palm Beach at a \$15 million price, has given struggling shop owners there new hope.

Diamond Rocks owner Gonzalo Perez is hoping Pompano Citi Centre's new owners can reverse the shopping center's fortunes.

Perez, whose jewelry store has been at Pompano Citi Centre for 23 years, says the mall has seen better days but



The Pompano Citi Centre, located at Copans and Federal Highway, currently has 100,000 sq. ft. of vacant space.

than give better [rent] deals."

Serling purchased Citi Centre from Faison, a real estate firm based in North Carolina.

In addition to Citi Centre, Sterling also owns retail locations in Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, Illinois and Florida, including the Royal Poinciana Plaza in Palm Beach and Mall of the Americas in Miami.

Cynthia Albini, manager at Perfume Collection, is also optimistic. "I really believe the new owners will turn it around. This mall has a lot of potential."

Lauren Burford, director of marketing for Sterling, said the company purchased 393,156 sq. ft. of the 908,000 sq. ft. Citi Centre, which includes Chase Bank, Lane Bryant, Foot Locker, Game-Stop, Panera Bread, GNC and Chili's. Lowe's, Macy's and Sears own their own buildings.

According to Burford, about

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he's hopeful things will turn around with the new owners.

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Sunny, a full deli with sandwiches, hot dishes offers fresh produce, priced lower than the big markets

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - People who have found out about Sunny, the new deli and produce market located across the street from the post office at 677 N. Federal Hwy. have already turned into loyal customers. Leroy Goulbourne is one who stops in everyday for either a sandwich or the hot plate of the day and says, "I love the place. It's a family business and they make me feel so welcome. The food is great and the prices are really reasonable. Today I'm having a tuna sandwich and a cold drink to go."

Greg Donelson who works for the Southgate Insurance Agency in the same plaza says, "Aldo's Cuban sandwich is a little slice of heaven. I'm here at last four times a week. Their hot meals are wonderful. Today I'm getting the hot dish which is pork, black beans and rice. I wouldn't miss the Tuesday special, a Peruvian dish called Aji De Gallina. It's made with shredded chicken, cheese, egg and potatoes."

Sunny is the Pacheco family business with Aldo Sr. buying the fresh produce, Aldo Jr. running the deli, and charming Shessy handling the front and helping wherever she is needed.

Shessy, who was the billing manager of a mid sized law firm in Aventura, says, "We just opened in February of this year and things are going quite well as people discover us and tell their friends about our deli and fresh produce. This is our first family business. We liked the location and we decided to take the plunge. We're close to Pompano Beach High School so we've had a few teachers and students stopping in for sandwiches, hot meals to go and of course to shop our fresh produce. Most of the produce comes from local farms and is priced much lower than the area supermarkets. Out of season items come from our distributor."

Aldo Jr., who worked at a well known Boca deli for five years, joined the interview. "I know what people like," he says, confidently. "The secret recipe for my sandwiches is love. I've always wanted to show people a



Sunny, a new full deli and produce market, is located across from the 6 street post office, in the 600 plaza strip off of Federal Highway. Pictured are the owners, Aldo, Sr., Aldo Jr. and Shessy Pacheco. [Below] Customer Leroy Goulbourne stops in everyday to pick up a freshly made sandwich or hot plate of the day and says the prices are very reasonable. [Photos by Phyllis J. Neuberger]

proper sandwich. It's all about blending the right amount of salt, pepper and other ingredients that result in a perfect combination.

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He adds, "My sister, Shessy and I are the soup makers. We offer three to four different soups weekly including cream of asparagus, chicken noodle, New England clam chowder and cream of broccoli."

Salads are made to order and include chicken Caesar, chef, cobb and salad platters. "We cater for parties and business events," Aldo Jr. says. "In fact, we already have a few orders for Memorial Day picnics."

Breakfast sandwiches are very popular in a choice of ham, bacon or sausage with egg and cheese on either a bagel, a wrap, toast or English muffin. Shessy says, "A breakfast sandwich, plus a cup of freshly brewed coffee is catching on with customers who sit



down to enjoy it, as well as those who take it on the run. "Some customers call ahead," Shessy says, "and they pop in, pick up their order and head for work with no time lost."

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For more information and to register, call Gene Cain at 954-557-0582 or email auxcain@hotmail.com. Starting time is 8:00 a.m. The cost of all materials including lunch is \$45. Space is limited.

The ABS program meets all the requirements for the Florida's Boater Education Identification Card which is now required for all boaters born after Jan. 1, 1988. New and experienced boaters are welcome. Topics include the identification of navigational aids, elementary boat handling, required safety equipment, and the rules for using the local waterways.

Correction

In the May 4 issue of The Pelican, in an article "Pompano Beach Officials May Start Charging Fees for Dog Par," an error was made due to incorrect information provided at the meeting.

Costs for monthly maintenance at the park is approximately \$1,600 per month--not \$30,000 per month as was reported in the story. The Pelican regrets the misinformation.

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New priest at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church shifts focus from maintenance to mission and outreach

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By Phyllis J. Neuberger

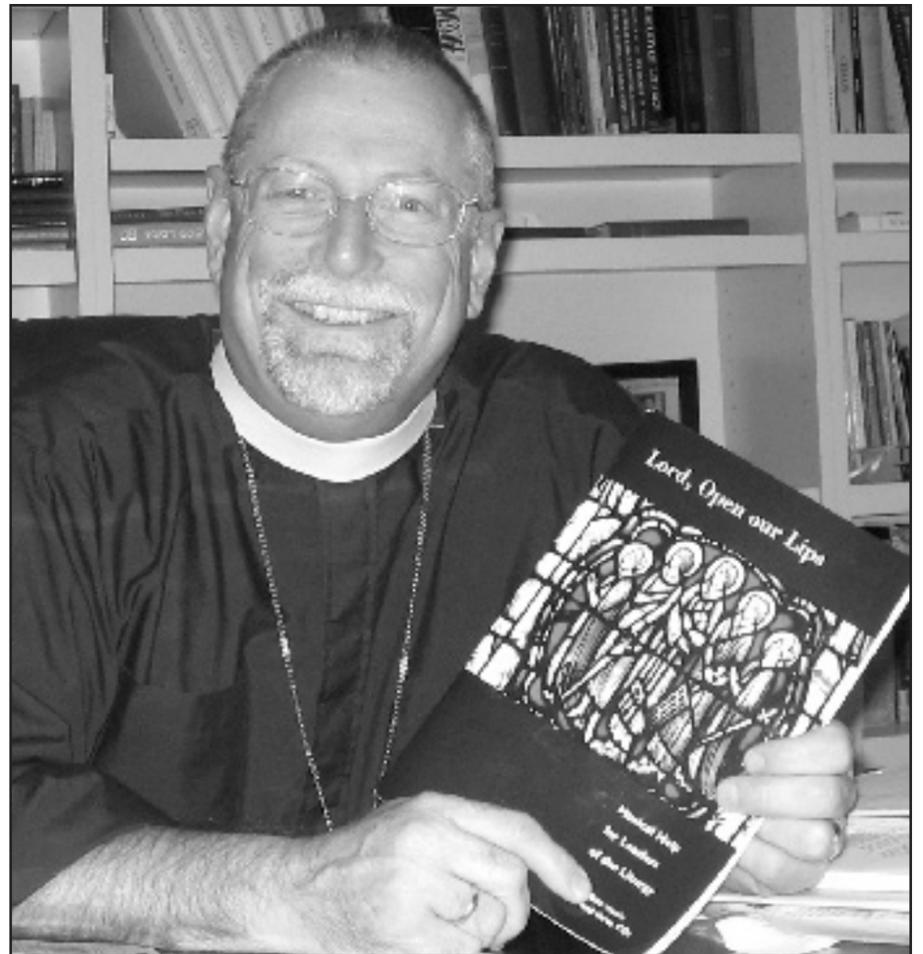
PELICAN STAFF

The Rev. Mark Andrew Jones, who prefers to be called Fr. Mark Andrew, is the new, totally approachable interim pastor at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church at 1111 E. Sample Road in Pompano Beach.

"I began my job here on Oct. 1, 2011, and I must say I have received a very warm welcome from the staff and the parish," he told The Pelican. "I've always felt a spiritual tug," he says as he relaxes and tells the tale of his switch from being a practicing attorney to becoming an Episcopal Priest.

"Before coming here, my day job was assistant vice president for Human Resources at Nova Southeastern University. Nights and weekends I was assistant priest at the Chapels of St. Andrews in Boca Raton. My old friends tease me about switching from law where my practice focused on employment and labor law, to ministry, saying, "You must be working off your sins."

He continues. "I was a Roman Catholic until I met Diane, my wife. Meeting her changed my life entirely. I was received in the Episcopal Church and I've been comfortable in it ever since, which is almost 30 years. Even in my practice, clients told me I had a calling to the priesthood. However, becoming a priest is a long process,



Fr. Mark Andrew became the interim pastor at St. Nicholas Church in Pompano Beach in October of last year. He has stimulated many of his parishioners to become active volunteers within the church and in outreach to the community [Photo by Phyllis J. Neuberger]

between church approvals and further education. For me, it became a reality in 2010 so I'm a baby priest at 54. Diane and our two sons have been incredibly supportive of me and my vocation. Diane is my best friend and a gift from God."

Fr. Mark Andrew finds his ministry to be a gratifying experience. He says, "I see my job as being out in the world helping people see that all life and all labor are sacred. The gospel of Jesus Christ is a love that respects the dignity of all of God's creations. I act with the belief that love is all encompassing and ultimately all powerful as opposed to the ways of the world where might and money make

right and fear is a way to manipulate people."

Since I arrived, we have begun to reorient our focus from maintenance to mission," he explains. "We want to be more active in the community. We participated in the recent Unity in the Community Pompano Beach event, and it was inspiring to see everyone interacting, having fun and discovering neighbors and each other. Our congregation was thrilled with it and stimulated to do more. We will be enthusiastically working for the next event."

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Fr. Andrews was very sad to learn that St. Laurence is running out of money.

He says, "I hope that service clubs and the community will reach into their coffers to help St. Laurence Chapel financially because it meets a very important need."

On January first of this year, St. Nicholas became a multicultural parish with the addition of Padre Jose Sanchez and the Latin and Portuguese ministry.

"We have plans to expand our governing vestry to include our new brothers and sisters," Fr. Andrew says. "We now offer worship services in three languages. Our parish has accepted the change very well because we accept the wonder and beauty of diversity. We hope we are a good example of unity in the community."

The new priest has only been on deck for six months, but he will be the priest-in-charge for at least two years. Right now he's exploring how St. Nicholas can help meet the needs of the homeless

population and to help those speaking English as a second language adjust to their new home and do well here.

He says, "We want to provide a safe place for everyone, including the less fortunate. I want to explore after school tutoring, create a place for people to relax safely and enjoy entertainment and fellowship."

He continues, "We'd love to experience more of the sounds and foods of the Portuguese and Spanish. We hope to be a venue for artists. Our parish is planning to have an international music, art, and food festival here at the time of the Feast of St. Nicholas which is

in early December."

St. Nicholas has launched a new concert series as an outreach ministry to the cultural community.

The first concert on April 28 featured the acclaimed classical violinist Mei Mei Luo. It was a resounding success. The next musical event will be on June 9, featuring cellist, Phillip Lakofsky; Flutist, Elissa Lakofsky and Soprano, Ada de Luque. Fr. Mark Andrew says, "We're delighted to be blessed with great sponsors and giving benefactors like Lighthouse Point Animal Hospital, the law firm of Fragomen, Del Ray, Bernsen & Loewy, a leading immigra-

tion law firm based in Miami, as well as Florida Shores Bank, Portley & Sullivan attorneys, The Pelican and Red Fox Diner.

Here's what some members of his parish think of Fr. Mark Andrew:

"I like the fact that he has expanded the outreach of our church by connecting to the community in a variety of ways." Leslie Goulet.

Chancellor Bill Sullivan and Judy Sullivan are very active in the parish. Judy says, "Fr. Mark Andrew is extremely dynamic and very motivating. He has a lot of wonderful ideas which he is acting on. He's taken on a huge chal-

lenge. We know that he can meet it. I'm all for the merging of the three cultures in our church."

Patty MacDonald serves on the vestry, manages the thrift shop and chairs the fund raising committee. She says, "Fr. Andrew is a welcome addition to our church. His energy is contagious, and we see that he is stimulating more of our congregation to become active volunteers."

To Fr. Mark Andrew the expression Maintenance to Mission means deeds rather than words. The Pelican welcomes him to the community and wishes him well in his focus of outreach.

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Kathleen Cannon, Pompano resident, named United Way president

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - Kathleen Cannon has been a longtime contributor to the United Way but now she'll be on the other end - deciding best how to allocate the money others give.

Cannon, a Pompano Beach resident, has been named the United Way of Broward

County's new president and CEO.

Cannon said she was attracted to United Way because of the various charities and organizations it funds. According to Cannon, United Way of Broward County helps support 54 different agencies and 68 different programs, ranging from education to health-related issues.



Kathleen Cannon
United Way president and CEO

"This group is making a macro difference," she said about United Way.

Cannon, who has spent her professional career as a social worker in the non-profit sector, previously served as the vice president and COO of Broward House, an organization that helps individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

"Kathleen has served Broward House admirably as our vice president and chief operating officer for the past eight years. All of us join our board of directors in expressing our gratitude for her many

contributions to the agency. Kathleen poured herself into this agency in a most remarkably dedicated way," said Angelo Castillo, president and CEO of Broward House, in an email.

In a press release, Lynne Wines, chairman of the board of directors for United Way of Broward County, said Cannon's experience made her the right woman for the job. "Her outstanding reputation and leadership philosophy make her an exemplary choice for this position. We are excited to embrace Kathleen's vision and business acumen as United Way continues to further its mission - to positively effect change in people's lives."

Asked if there was a certain direction she wanted United Way to take, Cannon said the organization recently started an initiative focused on helping returning veterans find employment and access to other programs designed for them.

With all the work ahead her, Cannon is confident she can keep United Way's old and new programs going. "I'm walking into a terrific staff, great involvement of volunteers and a lot of things in place."

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Tires

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about one mile off Sunrise Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale in 60 to 65-feet of water.

And in its 40-plus years underwater, the steel straps that held the million tires in place have failed and the tires have been sweeping the coast ever since.

Osborne Reef has faded from the memories of many South Floridians, but local divers remember it well.

Jimmy Massey, 27, who grew up in Lighthouse Point is president of The Blue Water Initiative, or BWI.

He and his brother Mike are divers. Jimmy remembers that Mike once referred to Osborne Reef as "hog heaven," referring to the hogfish that lingered on and near the reef.

But he says, "The reef never worked. Marine life never took hold, and today the area is an ecological disaster that presents a persistent and unmanaged threat to live reefs in the area." That's his direct quote from the latest issue of the Osborne Reef Bulletin, 2012.

For two years Jimmy, Mike and others have been preparing to fix the problem. Those years were spent seeking permits from county and state agencies for the right to make the retrieval attempt.

BWI, now a 501 C-3, works with the University of Florida where the group has found assistance securing permits

from Chelsea Sim, a UF law student.

Jimmy, who has financed the project so far, is a student majoring in biology at Florida Atlantic University. There, he has found support through workshops and seminars.

To Jimmy, time is the enemy of the fragile coral and living reefs continually battered by the maverick tires of yore.

BWI is not the first group to tackle Osborne.

Teams led by Nova Southeastern University extracted 1,600 tires in 2001. From 2007 to 2009, U.S. Army and Navy divers removed 73,000 tires.

"We wanted to form this company, prove ourselves and get the ball rolling," Jimmy says.

The company is seeking



Just Before They Popped the Beer – Home from the sea aboard the 39' Longfin, members and volunteers of Blue Water Initiative. Pictured are Chelsea Sims, Tom Anderson, Michael Pisitelli, Alex Arnisen, Stephanie Crawford, Mike Massey, Richard Grimaldi, Morgan "Jimmy" Massey and John Bundy. [Staff photo]

funding to continue the rescue of Osborne Reef.

"It just started as a conversation about research and ended with a labor project," says Jimmy. "My brother's company, Southern Diving, provides the technical work and the actual diving."

But this is not the end. It's

only the start of educational projects, searches for grants and other funding that will eventually clear the ocean of these killer tires.

"They have neutral buoyancy. When they are picked up by hurricanes, the tires act like a washing machine, killing off the reefs and coral that are in their way," Jimmy says. BWI's 31 tires may pale

in comparison to the 2007 to 2009 retrievals, but to Jimmy, this weekend's retrieval was a milestone.

The goal is to bring 100 tires ashore. The first 100 won't be recycled. They will be sent to Miami where German artist Hannes Dend has plans for an ecological-inspired sculpture.

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Aquarium

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who loves turning her family's hobby into their business. "It's an awesome experience being able to run your own shop and interact with people as a business owner.

And city officials are glad the Tomassini's have brought their hobby/business to Oakland Park.

"Little by little, we're filling up the street," said Siegi Constantine, executive director of Oakland Park Main Street. "It fits here very nicely."

Henry and Miryam chose downtown Oakland Park because they liked the neighborhood feel. "It's a nice location and the shop had a decent size," said Henry.

Oakland Park Mayor Anne Sallee said although the city



Miryam Tomassini shows a customer some of the fish The Planted Aquarium has to offer.

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Downtown

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the city's interest in revitalizing the area. "That's very exciting to me." But he said it will take 10-12 years for redevelopment. In the meantime, he suggested streetscapes and free landscaping, painting and cleaning up the area. "Then everyone will win."

"The potential of an overlay district is a powerful tool," P&Z Board member Diane Wendt noted. "It trumps zoning." Still, she was concerned about traffic. "If you're going to put mixed used there, you have to have parking and a reasonable way to enter and exit the area."

Board member Michael McDermott asked why the increase to 10 dwelling units per acre.

Hamid said increasing density would entice developers. He said traffic studies would be done with any proposed development and developers would pay educational impact fees for any impact to public schools.

Voss said she was concerned at the number of people that could be living on one acre with the increase to 20 units per acre.

Wendt said she felt drive-throughs should not be allowed, and board members agreed and added an amendment to the ordinance. The board also wants roof structures not to exceed 15 feet rather than the 25 feet allowed in the ordinance.

"This is an incredible effort to try to improve an area and how to go about it," said Board Chair Jack Doren. "I think this provides a guideline and has some viability."

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Overdue water bill causes city to close beach hotel

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea - The 147-room Lauderdale Beachside Hotel was closed down May 3 after the owner failed to pay the water bill to the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The hotel, at 4660 N. Ocean Drive, re-opened on Monday. The hotel was ordered closed when the water was shut off. About 40 rooms were occupied at the time.

"The hotel was shut down over an outstanding water bill of over \$50,000, which has now been paid in full," said Remo Polselli, owner. The exact amount of the bill was \$52,840.88, he said.

He said the guests were accommodated at other properties in the community aided by Chamber of Commerce officials. Some of them were relocated to the Little Inn on El Mar Drive, which is owned by the same company.

Dorothy Hacker, general manager of the nearby Away Inn, said, although she expected some, no guests from the hotel came to her hotel. Hacker said this was

not Polselli's first closing, and when it happens it brings down the reputation of the town. "Hoteliers know their responsibilities," she said.

She said she felt sorry for the employees. "They were doing everything in their power. It's sad to be placed in their situation. Guests weren't happy. Wholesalers weren't happy. Nobody wants to move. A lot of people were upset," she said.

Commissioner Stuart Dodd addressed the situation during this week's commission meeting, saying he was both happy and sad.

"I'm sad that the closure of our other anchor hotel over something as simple as payment of a water bill has caused major disruption for a number of our visitors. I'm happy that hopefully the guests will have had a much better experience at the places that stepped up to accommodate them."

Dodd urged town staff to unleash the code department to inspect hotels and motels rather than concentrate on residential properties. He said the priority should be hotel and motel inspections.



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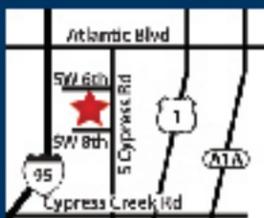
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Library

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downtown development goals. Second floor placement would require signage and visibility and might require a freight elevator.

Architect Alejandro Silva was scheduled to unveil the master plan for the civic campus on Thursday at the Pat Larkins Center.

Commissioner Charlotte Burrie said she would like to see Silva's plans before making any decisions on the second floor.

Of the choices shown, Burrie said her preference would be for a 5,000-square-foot auditorium and flexible format stage areas. Estimated cost is \$6 million.

Neil Fritz with the CRA said there is still a month to give direction before plans are brought back to the commission.

Vice Mayor George Brummer said he resented the fact that commissioners got material just before the workshop and hadn't had a chance to look at it. And he resented the fact that several pages of the report could not be read due to printing problems.

"I think we're getting lip service," Brummer said. "Either we have a theater here or not. What do we have that distinguishes us from anyone else? Either we have a theater or forget about it... A cultural area with a theater and exhibit banquet hall distinguishes us."

Brummer said a banquet hall that would seat 300-400 is also needed. "Now we're called on to make decisions with inadequate information. We need to know costs to build and maintain [a facility.]

We're competing with other cities that are moving while we're sitting still and continue to dillydally."

Burrie said thought a theater is needed for the performing arts with better acoustics than currently available. She picked the consultant's choice with the most space. Brummer said if the commission wants a second floor they can worry about what to do with it later. "Don't try to put a theater there. Don't say make this temporary until something else happens. We should decide now what we want even though it may take seven to 10 years. At least there's a plan."

"I would rather have nothing than have something inadequate and incomplete that doesn't fit the bill. I don't think that would do the city justice," he said.

Commissioner Rex Hardin asked what it would take to make sure a building gets used. "It seems like not much happens at the amphitheater. I wouldn't want to wind up with a white elephant."

City Manager Dennis Beach said a center would have to be staffed, and it won't pay for itself. Like the recreation department, the city would have to add money annually. "You build it and hope it creates economic development," Beach said.

Consultant Duncan Webb said such facilities don't make money, but his firm could recommend how they should be operated.

Hardin asked what it would take to build a free standing theater. Webb said he is working with a client on a 450-seat theater in Michigan for \$13 million.

"But we don't think [a

theater] would be busy enough soon enough in Pompano," he said. "And having a dark theater on Main Street is like having a corpse in your living room. The key is having a facility with the lights on and people coming and going."

Hardin said he saw no reason to build a full-scale theater and favored one on the

second floor.

"Are we going to build another albatross like the amphitheater?" Commissioner Woody Poitier asked.

Mayor Lamar Fisher said the commission needs to see costs and Beach said staff will provide financing alternatives.

Commissioner Barry Dockswell said, "We're not ready to take this on. I don't

think we have a good handle on it, how we would fund it, how successful it would be. Either there is no second floor or we put in a second floor shell. We don't know what we're doing. We haven't even decided if this is a performing arts center or community center. This is a mish mosh. Nothing gives me confidence we know what we're doing."

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LBTS board heeds commissioner and approves beach nourishment

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea - After hearing an impassioned plea from Commissioner Mark Brown, commissioners agreed the town would participate in Broward County's plans for beach nourishment.

The vote at Tuesday's commission meeting was 3-1, Mayor Roseann Minnet dissenting. Vice Mayor Scot Sasser, who has adamantly opposed the project, was absent.

Commissioners added a couple of caveats to their approval. One is that the county pay for any damage to the town's roads and portals. And they asked that the town's costs - \$356,000 - be spread over three years.

The project will provide beach nourishment from the Hillsboro Inlet to Port Everglades. Two fill areas are proposed for nourishment: northern LBTS and Pompano Beach and southern LBTS and Fort Lauderdale.

Town Manager Connie Hoffmann had put together a

possible position statement to go to the county, but Brown said he couldn't support it.

"The statement is very convoluted because this commission hasn't taken a very clear position on this issue yet," Brown said. "I think it's time we take a stand for or against this issue so the county can proceed with permit applications, and they know where we stand," Brown said.

"There is no asset in our town more valuable to the economy and the security of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

than the beach. The beach is the economic engine that drives this town. It's our only defense against natural disaster.

"Billions of dollars of property are located on the beach, and sand is the only barrier to protect the buildings," Brown added.

In response to commission fears that LBTS was being overcharged, Eric Myers, county natural resources administrator, recalculated the figures and lowered the amount from \$442,000 to \$356,000, a number based on volume of sand the town will receive.

Brown said he felt the new figure was fair. "We raised some concerns we were being overcharged," he said.

"We're spending a million dollars to widen sidewalks on West Commercial. Is it going to do more to boost the economy to widen sidewalks than to widen the beach, the single most important asset we have? I don't think so," Brown said.

Brown called disruptions caused by the project "the price of progress."

Myers estimates the project will take 30 days in the north end and 70 days in the south.

This proposed beach nourishment has been in the

works for years and likely will not be offered for another 30 years Brown noted. "We won't be able to change our minds in a couple years. It's now or never."

Commissioner Stuart Dodd said he is in full support of the project, noting the recalculated cost based on volume of sand is much more equitable.

"It's safe to assume that if nothing is done, the Fort Lauderdale beach will disappear and so will our beach in the south part of town," Dodd said. Commissioner Chris Vincent said he was originally against this project but has had second thoughts after talking with residents and people at the county.

Minnet said she understands the importance of supporting the project for the town's neighbors. But she said she has talked to a lot of residents who don't support it. Her concern is that it is the county determining costs.

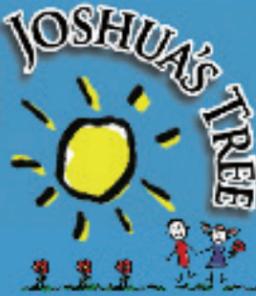
Brown countered that sometimes the job of commissioners is to do what their constituents want, and sometimes the job is to lead. "Let's stop giving all these mixed signals. This is one of those times to show some leadership up here."

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In addition to chicken, pork, cheesy potatoes, macaroni salad and other dishes, Kiwanis also served Burgoo. The dish gets its name from the signature stew served during the Derby's two-week-long festivities. Also pictured are, from left, Linda Hagen, Felicia Mamma, Caren Morin, Cathy Cerniglia and Jennifer Dibono.

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5-14 – Arboretum tour guide class from 6 to 8 p.m. at Constitution Park Arboretum, 2841 W Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach. Cost is \$25. Class also on May 21. 954-234-1002.

5-15 – Oakland Park Garden Club meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center, 1098 NE 40 Court, Oakland Park. 954-630-4511.

5-15 – French class chat session from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Galt Ocean Mile Library, 3403 Galt Ocean Drive, Fort Lauderdale. 954-537-2877.

5-15 – Children's story time from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Jan Moran Collier City Library, 2800 NW 9 Court, Pompano Beach. 954-968-3820.

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class from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Jan Moran Collier City Library, 2800 NW 9 Court, Pompano Beach. 954-968-3820.

5-15 – Literacy class from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Jan Moran Collier City Library, 2800 NW 9 Court, Pompano Beach. 954-968-3820.

5-16 – Jazman Mason book signing at the Collier City Library, 2800 NW 9 Court, Pompano Beach, at 7:30 p.m. Free refreshments will be served.

5-17 – Pompano Beach Chamber Breakfast at 7:45 a.m., Broward Health Imperial Point, 6401 N. Fed. Hwy., Fort Lauderdale. \$10 members; \$15 non-members. Call 954-941-2940.

5-17 – Hurricane Preparedness Seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. at Jarvis

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5-18 – Free jazz concert during Mother's Day Jazz-By-The-Sea from 1 to 4 p.m. at El Prado Park, 4500 El Mar Drive, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

5-19 – Gold Coast Youth Orchestra concert from 7 to 9 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 2331 NE 26 Ave, Pompano Beach,

5-19 – Pony rides at Sand & Spurs Equestrian Park, 1600 NE 5 Ave., Pompano Beach, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$3 per ride. 954-786-4507.

5-19 – Flotilla 37 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will hold free vessel safety checks each day until May 25 at Pioneer Park Boat Ramp,

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Reward

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During the seminar Tuesday, Det. Brown warned that no one should go into a building where they see what could be a crime being committed, or pick up an abandoned gun. The safety of the witness is more important the catching the criminal, he said.

Concluding the session, Police Chief Pete Sudler said, "We are asking for your help. There is \$5,000 in reward money. I hope it is gone by the end of the year."

Employees in the environmental services department received their B.O.L.O. training on Thursday.

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TOC

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be built along major transportation lines and in Pompano Beach, the FEC railroad which one day will have passenger service and the county bus terminal on Dixie Highway fulfill that requirement. The corridor is bound by Atlantic Boulevard and NW 5 Street with a jog north to NW 10 Street; NE 5 Avenue to I-95.

The amendment was sent to state agencies April 24 for review and within 30 days comes back to the county where it can be reviewed for up to six months before local zoning can be applied. The process takes about a year.

Although the NW Community Development Agency has been 'selling' the TOC concept to groups in the Northwest, a core of longtime

residents remain resistant. Beverly Perkins, Ernestine Price and Carmen Jones are among the leaders of a loose knit organization they call the Concerned Citizens of the NW CRA. Their meetings attract 30 to 40 people at a time, they say.

Among their complaints is that the city commission that acts as the board of the CRA, ignores their suggestions and hasn't made the TOC understandable to the residents. "Everything they have brought to us is not what we asked for," Perkins said.

Perkins and the others recall Martin Luther King Boulevard (Hammondville Road) in its prime when the strip was lined with thriving businesses: a Dairy Queen, Doc's Hot Dog Stand, the Loveland movie house, a gas station, fish market, drugstore, sandwich shop and BBQ restaurant. These businesses

were all in walking distance of their neighborhoods, they point out.

Today the strip is bare, but those who manage the NWCRA have plans for it they say that will bring business back to Northwest downtown. Kim Briesemeister, a principal in Redevelopment Management Associates, or RMA, the consultants hired to redevelop the Northwest district, says the TOC is instrumental to business growth there.

Already in design is the 731 Building on the corner of MLK and 7th avenue has been "100 percent leased" to small business operators. Ground breaking for the 4,000 sq. ft. building should be in August, and it could be open for business this time next year. That parcel is already zoned for commercial use, but many other parcels in the proposed TOC need to be redesignated so they can be developed. Said Briesemeister, "This is the small business they talk about. I am baffled with the discontent."

Over the last 20 years the NW CRA has acquired more than 200 properties in the target area at a cost of about \$25 million. Said Chris Brown, another RMA principal, "There are only a few sections left to be assembled." He has \$3 million in his budget to buy the parcels of land.

To charges by Concerned Citizens that these purchases turn people out of their homes, Brown said "I have not bought any property that was not for sale."

Perkins and the others wonder what effect the TOC will have on their properties. One of her group, Barbara Boynton, said RMA has hired people from outside the community to promote the TOC. "It's designed not to get our input. Our community is not involved in CRA meetings."

Jones said she suggested the area needed a medical center that would tie in with Blanche Ely, a magnet school for medical studies, and an assisted living facility, but

said she feels she was pushed away by RMA. "RMA goes to some church groups and shows them pretty pictures," she said adding that others in the community are not privy to the information.

She and the others say they want to meet with Mayor Lamar Fisher and the RAM staff to get input on the proposed new corridor. "We need help understanding what they are doing."

Mayor Fisher said this week that would be fine with him. "I am using my efforts to come together as a community so we can move forward. So far, the mayor said, his efforts to reach out and have a strategic planning meeting have been unsuccessful.

Briesemeister too said she offered Jones an explanation of the CRA's finances, but no meeting ever took place.

The Concerned Citizens also question how CRA funds are being spent and Price, in a May 1 letter to the mayor, asked for an explanation of operating expenses from 2009 to the present, a breakdown of project costs, budget line items for 2012 and the CRA's Strategic Financial Plan.

"If he answers, it will begin to put confidence into people," she said.

Thursday, the mayor said all that information is being delivered to Price this week.

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5-19 – Island City Canoe Race at 10 a.m. at Colohatchee Park Boat Ramp, 1975 NE 15 Ave., Wilton

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She will assume her position May 14. Dr. Jarmon's experience includes executive positions with housing authorities in New Orleans and Louisville, KY, at the Louisiana Land Trust and with Providence Community Housing.

Following Hurricane Katrina, she coordinated a massive redevelopment campaign to revitalize public

housing in New Orleans.

Jarmon received her doctorate of philosophy in urban and public affairs from the University of Texas and was awarded a coveted Yale Fellowship from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, one of only 21 in the nation.

Housing Authority Chairman Keith Emery said, "The Deerfield Beach Housing Authority is rated as a high performer by HUD. Dr. Jarmon's extensive experience in housing authorities nationally supersedes our expectations. HUD is extremely happy with our decision to employ Dr. Jarmon as our new Executive Director."

She was chosen from 60 nationwide applicants.

Dr. Jarmon fills the position vacated in January when Pam Davis resigned after 20-plus years here to become executive director of the Gainesville Housing Authority.

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Manors. Free food and refreshments served after. 954-390-2130.

5-20 – Cellist Matthew Allen performs at 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 11 SW 11 St., Fort Lauderdale. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Call 954-463-2450.

5-21 – Book discussion of The Good Earth from 2 to 4 p.m. at Galt Ocean Mile

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5-23 – The North Broward Democratic Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach. Call 954-786-4111.

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6-7 – The Wilton Manors Business Owners Roundtable meets June 7 from 8:30 to 10

a.m. at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive.

6-9 – Junior Bass Tournament for ages 12 to 17 at Quiet Waters Park, 401 S. Powerline Road, Deerfield Beach. Cost is \$75. 954-985-1980.

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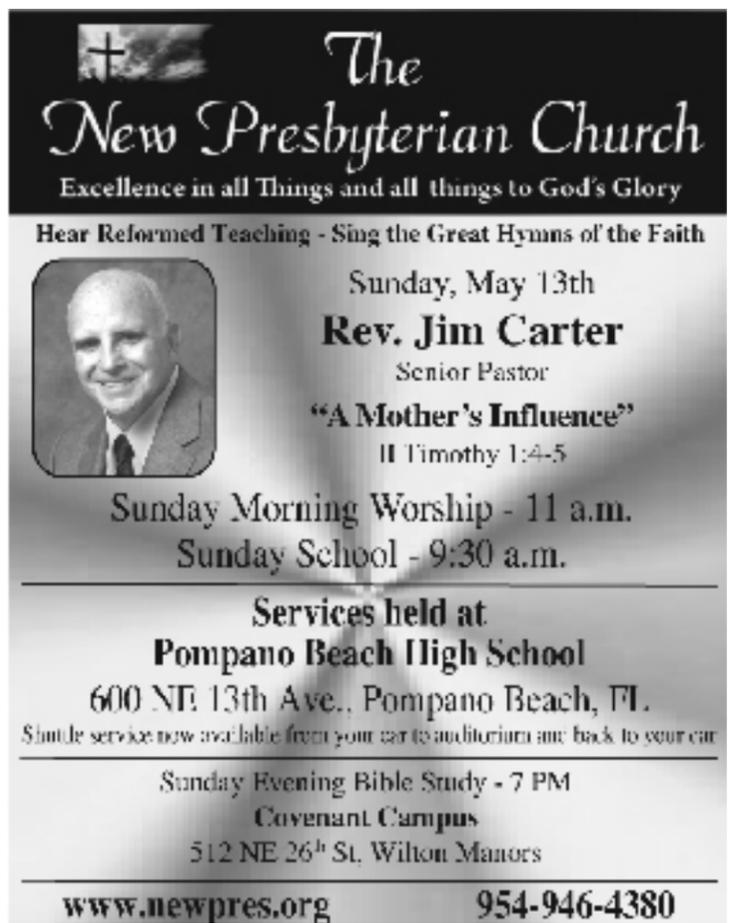
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Dr. Paula Hedglon is having a Mother's Day special for the month of May



The whole family gets adjusted at Hedglon Chiropractic Center! Here, the Rodriguez family poses for a photo at Dr. Paula's office.



The staff of Hedglon Chiropractic Center: Kaitlyn, Kelli, Dr. Paula, Marily, and Michelle.

Paula Hedglon sees chiropractic care as an ongoing way to stay healthy. Walking down the long hallway at her chiropractic center in Pompano Beach, visitors can read testimonials from patients who have watched their health improve, but many of them talk about additional benefits that were surprises. They are what Dr. Hedglon calls 'miracles.'

One patient, 44, came because she could not move her neck. After a neck scan and an x-ray, Dr. Hedglon saw in her neck a bone fusion.

"When the spinal bones go out of alignment, it causes nerve interference in the spine. I adjusted her neck with a 'toggle.' After three months of care she went back to her primary physician. She could not only move her neck, her doctor told her that her kidney, atrophied since birth, had regenerated and was growing."

Another patient with Bell's Palsy, was unable to open his mouth on the left side for a year and a half. After one adjustment he was able to open his mouth.

The testimonials are real; the patients include their photographs for all to see. Dr. Hedglon has her own philosophy as to these "miracles," a word she uses freely in her practice.

"The body can replicate and heal itself if there is no interference with the brain. This is healing from the inside out.

The brain sends messages through the spinal cord and then to the organs. My job is to clear the way for the messages."

She says "stress" is the biggest interference in healing, and stress presents itself in three forms: physical, chemical and mental.

God does the healing," she says. "I just adjust, or move the bone that is causing pressure on the spinal cord"

Prior to completing her chiropractic degree, Dr. Hedglon taught upper grades at St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic School in Pompano Beach. She earned her degree in education at Florida State University.

She earned her degree in chiropractic care from Life Chiropractic College, Marietta, GA. in 1985.

But this small, quiet-spoken woman makes no claims on her part other than releasing the body's own innate healing ability.

Her personal faith emanates a quiet confidence in her chosen profession.

The days begin at Hedglon Chiropractic Center with meditations and prayer, and the atmosphere reflects a calm and settling comfort for patients.

She builds strong relationships with her patients through her skills of caring.

Dr. Hedglon is not alone with her philosophy. There are a growing number of chiropractors like Dr. Hedglon who have chosen the philosophy of Dr. James M. Sigafoose, a

recognized leader in "natural healing."

"More and more people want to stop living on drugs. We help them realize that the body has its own healing experience," she says.

Her practice is for the whole family, and she encourages parents to start their children early with the world of chiropractic healing.

"We see a lot of families.

This is my mission, from womb to tomb," she adds.

Children are welcomed at Hedglon's Center. They also benefit from the experience.

She explains that children aren't always aware of something being wrong with their bodies. They can have traumas that impact their well-being and go for years or a lifetime accepting an issue that could be healed.

"The first trauma is birth," says Dr. Hedglon.

She recounts the story of a newborn whose father, a Broward Sheriff's Office deputy, was a regular patient. When it was apparent at birth that his child was unable to nurse because he could not move his head, the midwife recommended chiropractic care.

"When I adjusted the baby, he was able to move his head and nurse. Then the whole family continued the care,

coming twice a week at first and then weekly," she says.

"Every muscle in the body, including the sucking reflex, is controlled by a nerve. Without the connection, the muscle cannot do its job."

"It's good to set up regular checkups for the entire family—like people do with the dentist—to maintain a body that is able to continually heal itself," she says.

Dr. Hedglon's introduction to chiropractic care came to her from her great uncle, Dr. Frank Fasulo, a pioneer in chiropractic care. He graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1947. When Hedglon's brother, Armand, was injured in a fall and hit the back of his head, Dr. Fasulo took care of him using chiropractic adjustments. Today, Hedglon's brother is also a chiropractor, practicing in Margate.



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The Pompano Beach Kiwanis Club Westside meets the first and third Saturdays of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the E. Pat Larkins Community Center, 520 MLK Blvd., Pompano Beach. 954-782-8096.

The Deerfield Beach West Kiwanis Club meets the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 9 a.m. at Westside Park, 445 SW 2 St., Deerfield Beach. 954-54-732-9883.

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The Deerfield Beach West Kiwanis Club meets the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 9 a.m. at Westside Park, 445 SW 2 St., Deerfield Beach. 954-54-732-9883.

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Next public tour of Hillsboro Lighthouse set for May 19

SPECIAL TO THE PELICAN

Pompano Beach - The next public tour of the Hillsboro Lighthouse will be held May 9 starting at 8:45 a.m.

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In honor of Armed Forces Day, any person in military uniform will be admitted free on the shuttle boat. For all others, round trip boat

transportation cost is \$15 per person (free to Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society members).

USCG regulations require that in order to climb the Lighthouse, visitors must have flat shoes with rubber soles and closed toes. No sandals, flip-flops, or shoes with heels are allowed inside the Lighthouse. Children must be accompanied by an

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Lighthouse

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adult and must be a minimum of four feet tall to climb the tower. No pets are allowed.

The light beam from the Hillsboro Lighthouse can be seen 28 nautical miles out to sea, making it the most powerful lighthouse beam in the world. For more information, visit www.hillsborolighthouse.org/tours.html.

The Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) was formed in the fall of 1997 for the purpose of preserving the historic Hillsboro Light Station in its original form for the safety, enjoyment,

and education of the public. The primary goals of the society at its inception were the restoration and repair of the Hillsboro Light's original Fresnel lens and its reactivation in the lighthouse beacon for the safety of the mariners on our waters; the opening of the Hillsboro Lighthouse and its grounds for the education and enjoyment of the public; and the continued support of the community in maintaining the lighthouse for future generations. Information about how to give, volunteer, or donate artifacts for display in the museum can be obtained by calling HLPs at 954-782-3313 or email historian@hillsborolighthouse.org.

Broward Property Appraiser's Community Outreach event

SPECIAL TO THE PELICAN

Deerfield Beach - The Broward County Property Appraiser's Office hosts a series of community outreach events each month throughout Broward County. This month, May 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., office employees will be at Deerfield Beach City Hall, 150 NE 2 Ave.

Deputy appraisers will be available to assist with homestead, senior and other property tax exemption applications, as well as answer questions on property taxes. They are also accepting applications for portability.

The outreach program is designed to provide convenient and accessible service to the residents of Broward County. All outreach events are open to the public. 954-357-5579

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the month from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The breakfast benefits the Parish. 954-263 8415.

Mondays

Play ping-pong from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors. Cost is \$1. All ages

can participate. 954-390-2130.

The Gold Coast Toastmasters Club meets on the second and third Monday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Denny's, 3151 NW 9 Ave., Fort Lauderdale. 954-895-3555 or 954-782-9951.

Tuesdays

Deerfield Beach Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 12 p.m. at the Deer Creek Golf Club, 2801 Deer Creek Country Club Blvd., Deerfield Beach. 954-630-9593.

Pompano Beach Lighthouse Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at Galuppis, 1103 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach. 954-972-7178.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 142, 171 SW 2 St., Pompano Beach, has Bingo on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Food is available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 954-942-2448.

A Yoga class is available for all levels at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 10:30 a.m. until noon. The cost is \$7. 305-607-3520.

Zonta International meets on the third Tuesday of the month at Duffy's Diner, 401 N. Federal Hwy., Deerfield

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Wednesdays

The Wilton Manors Kiwanis Club meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at 2749 NE 14 Ave., Wilton Manors. 954-561-9785.

The Oakland Park Kiwanis Club meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Peter Pan Diner, 1216 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Oakland Park. 954-566-9957.

The Pompano Beach Kiwanis Club meets Wednesdays at noon at the Riverside Grille at the Sands Resort, 125 N. Riverside Drive, Pompano Beach. 954-444-4815.

The Greater Pompano Beach Senior Citizens Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Emma Lou Olson Community Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach, at 10 a.m. 954-943-7787.

The Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group meets Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the NE Focal Point Alzheimer's Day Care Center, 301 NW 2 Ave., Deerfield Beach

Thursdays

The Rotary Club of Oakland Park/Wilton Manors meets every Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Tequila Sunrise Mexican Grill, 4711 N. Dixie Hwy., Oakland Park. 954-491-6158.

The Deerfield Beach Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Thursday at the Deerfield Beach Hilton, 100 Fairway Dr., Deerfield Beach 954-242-6083.

If you cannot locate a Pelican call 954-783-8700

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Today is the last day to sign up for the Saltwater Shootout based out of Hillsboro Inlet. This tournament series is the most fun and competitive on the water today.

The actual tournament starts Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. with check-in at Hillsboro Inlet Park. The Bimini start, which is sure to give you butterflies, starts promptly at 7 a.m.

Boats of all sizes and shapes will hit the throttles and speed to their secret spot, hoping to

win money in this tournament that is hard to stay away from. In a time where fuel and expenses are so high, it is nice to fish a tournament where

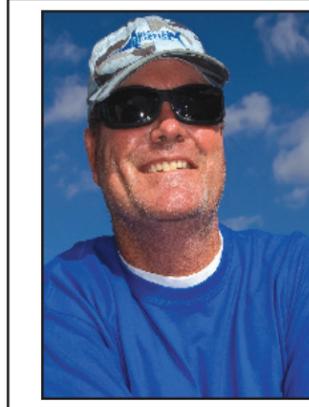
you can recoup your entry and expenses by catching a nice fish.

That is why so many people enter. The weigh-in

is at Hillsboro Inlet Park and scales open up at 4 p.m. If you don't fish make sure you come by the inlet and watch this weigh-in. It is so exciting to see all the fish come to the scale.

People are a few cocktails and trying to guess weights. At the same time the top teams cross their fingers as boats pull up and unload fish. Everybody wants to win something and most people do.

Don't miss this tournament and make sure you get ready for the next one.



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Saturday, May 12 High 2:10 AM Low 8:29 AM High 2:36 PM Low 8:55 PM	Tuesday, May 15 High 4:58 AM Low 11:20 AM High 5:57 PM Low 11:46 PM	This Week's Tide Tables should not be used for navigational purposes. Boaters should confirm tables with the Coas. Guard Weather Station www.saltwatertides.com
Sunday, May 13 High 3:06 AM Low 9:30 AM High 3:39 PM Low 9:56 PM	Wednesday, May 16 High 5:49 AM Low 12:07 PM High 6:28 PM	

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Pompano Beach artist gives airport transportation a humorous flair

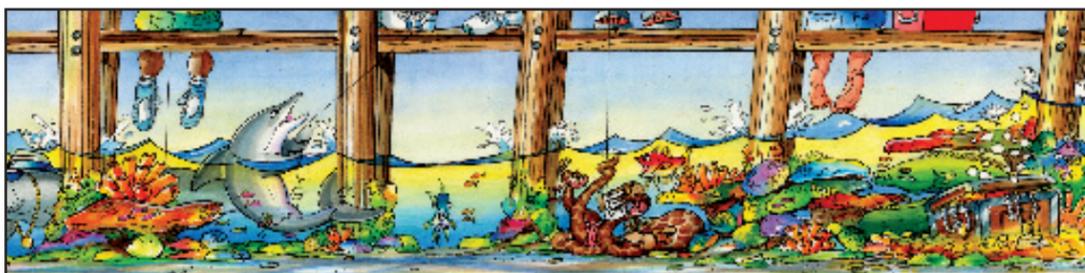
By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - Dwight Hoffman's whimsical sea creatures will be among the first things travelers at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport will see as they board a bus for the airport's rental car center. His

colorful graphic that covers three sides of a bus is titled "Giant Aquarium with a Pier" and is a humorous look at life both above and beneath the water.

Hoffman won the commission over 24 other artists in 2010. This week, 23 buses with his design are



Hoffman's "Giant Aquarium with a Pier."



Artist Dwight Hoffman.

looping the airport. A graduate of Florida State University in fine art, Hoffman paints what he knows: south Florida landscapes and people. An avid snorkeler and lobster fisherman, he grew up in these waters and remembers diving beneath Anglin's Pier tugging the lines of fishermen above him to give them a thrill.

A serious watercolorist, when he heard about the call for a design to "shrink wrap" the buses, he turned on his funny bone and created three humorous sketches. The one

he liked the best - South Florida animals in various garb waiting for the bus - was not selected nor was his third idea, alligators emerging from a bus that was actually an egg.

The design that was chosen is of a pier with just the feet of fishermen dangling below it and under the water an assortment of sea life with seductive eyes and luscious lips and outfitted with beach wear and snorkels.

Until 2008, Hoffman was an architectural illustrator for 28 years. When the real estate market crashed, he turned back to fine art exhibiting in art shows and looking for commissions. He is an unusual watercolorist in that his work is very precise and detailed unlike most watercolor works which tend to be impressionistic. "I've been told I draw too right," he said this week. "I'm trying to loosen up."

More important is finding time for his new found career. In this slow economy he has taken a desk job to support his wife Diane and their daughter working long days which leaves him little time for painting. "The thing I do best, is what I do least," he said ruefully.

Despite his late start exhibiting his work, Hoffman, 57, has won a number of awards for his work including best in show from the Gold Coast Watercolor Society, the Miami Watercolor Society, the American Artists Professional League in NYC, and at the 38th annual Florida Watercolor

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Fine Food and Wine Festival offers fine food and fine prizes too

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - Some will show up because it's one big chance to win a ride on the Goodyear Blimp.

Others will arrive for the camaraderie.

Those who know the history of this annual event simply refuse to miss it.

It's about tasting food and sipping wine from the top chefs in Broward County.

Imagine dozens of chefs in one evening trying to outdo each other.

In this city, it's called the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce Fine Food and Wine Festival.

Save the date of May 22 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for

the Festival at the Sheraton Suites, 555 NW 62 St., Fort Lauderdale. Membership in the Chamber is not a requirement, but tickets are. And now's the time to order them at discounted prices. Prior to the event, tickets are \$60. At the door, it's \$70.

To get a head start on the fabulous food, VIP tickets, \$85, are still available. And those who wish to invite friends can buy four tickets for \$200.

Be sure to bring along some extra cash or some plastic to take part in the raffles that will include that coveted Blimp ride for four that offers a thrilling look at the city's vista from a bird's eye view. The Pompano Beach

Chamber of Commerce

The history of the Chamber in Pompano Beach reaches back in time to the 40s when Pompano Beach Rotary Club members saw the need for local business owners to work together for a more productive city that would eventually benefit all business owners.

Today, that remains the goal from the Moms & Pops to the big corporations like Isle Casino, this city's largest employee.

The Chamber contributes to the economic development of Pompano in other ways as well. Chamber member Elaine Fitzgerald, a local hotelier, volunteers as chair the Chamber's tourism task force. Fitzgerald's tenacity is

readjusting the South Florida tourism limelight to cast its shine on this city that offers the clean beaches, an inlet to the ocean, an airpark and easy access to hundreds of South Florida venues.

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Society Exhibition.

His 'bus art' earned him \$15,000, a grant from the Broward Cultural Council and the Broward County Aviation Department. It was a Public Art and Design Project.

This week, the Pompano Beach resident received accolades for his work at a reception Thursday at the Rental Car Center at the airport where the buses were revealed.

"I was sad when I was done with the project," Hoffman said this week. "I had these characters in my head... they were a blast."

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