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Candidates to debate, Feb. 20

Pompano Beach - The Cypress Civic Association of Pompano Beach will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at

the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6th Street, Pompano Beach. This is an opportunity to "Meet the Candidates" for the upcoming mayoral election. All interested residents are invited to attend.

Pompano candidates forum

Pompano Beach - Candidates for the mayor and city commission seats will attend "Meet the Candidates Night" on Monday, March 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the E. Pat Larkins Center, 520 MLK Blvd. A panel made up of members of the event's sponsors, The Greater Pompano Beach Democratic Club, NAILS and Small Biz CEDC, will ask questions of each candidate. Audience members will also have an opportunity to meet and greet those running for office. Call 954-353-6396 for more information.

Mixed-use project fails, city sets cap for hotel

By Michael d'Oliveira

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Wilton Manors - Developer Robert Jolley walked away from Tuesday's commission meeting with new hope that he and his hotel partners could build a hotel on the city's public parking lot at Hagen Park.

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Busy shovels mark improvements on MLK Boulevard in Pompano Beach. In on the fun are CRA co-director Kim Briesemeister, County Commissioner Chip LaMarca, Pompano Commissioner Rex Hardin, Vice Mayor George Brummer, CRA co-director Chris Brown, Mayor Lamar Fisher, Commissioners Charlotte Burrie and Woody Poitier.

Holdouts still persist in MLK streetscape improvements

By Michael d'Oliveira

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Pompano Beach - Robin Jackson says the city made her street [Northwest 7 Terrace] much more pedestrian friendly, and she's looking forward to the Community Redevelopment Agency [CRA] doing the same for Martin Luther King [MLK] Boulevard.

"It brings value to the neighborhood, it really does," said Jackson, who added that she can now let her granddaughter rider her skateboard around the neighborhood without worrying about her going into the street.

On Feb. 7, the city held its official groundbreaking ceremony for the Northwest [NW] CRA MLK

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US 1 "focal point" gets a redo, but it needs major work

By Judy Wilson

STAFF WRITER

Deerfield Beach - The city's signature waterfall got a sprucing up this week. Maintenance crews did major work at the southwest corner of US 1 and Hillsboro Boulevard, installing a sprinkler system, clearing massive amounts of dead palm fronds and noxious exotic plants, installing lights, adding red rock borders and laying sod.

The clean up involved replacing 40-year old irrigation pipes, a situation city crews discovered once they began digging, and replacing a sidewalk. "It's a focal point and we are trying to clean it up," said Bob Harbin, parks and recreation department superintendent. "It was a major task."

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Voters asked to decide dates and process of elections

By Michael d'Oliveira

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Oakland Park - Along with five commission candidates, voters in this city will be asked to decide on six referenda questions in the March 12 election.

The city's Charter Review Board approved the first four questions unanimously but the last two, moving municipal elections from March to November and eliminating numbered seats, have fostered disagreement.

On moving elections from March to November, one side says holding them in November will save the city tens of thousands of dollars and increase turnout. The other side says moving the date would mean city

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Fire system delaying use of Deerfield Island Park boat dock

By Judy Wilson

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Deerfield Beach - A 170-foot dock at Deerfield Island Park has been ready for boaters since November but remains closed under orders from the county fire marshal. Broward County Parks and Recreation Director Dan West said the issue is a fire suppression system not included on the original plans. The system could cost as much as \$200,000, about half

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Youth of the Year



Otto McCullough, Youth of the Year from Thomas D. Stephanis Boys and Girls Clubs, accepts the proclamation from Pompano Beach Mayor Lamar Fisher. [Staff photo]

Sightings

A community calendar for Northeast Broward County. Send your event information to mdpelican@yahoo.com

Art

2-15 – Island City Artwalk from 7 to 10 p.m. along Wilton Drive in Wilton Manors. Businesses host local artists and many serve food and refreshments. Hearts on the Drive also takes place at the same time. Visit www.islandcityartwalk.com.

2-19 – Life drawing classes every Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. at Rossetti Fine Art Gallery, 132 SW 15 St., Pompano Beach. Fee is \$125 for four sessions. 954-907-0629.

2-20 – Our Art-By-The-Sea presents Batik on Rice Paper with Watercolors from 7 to 9 p.m. a Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Community Church, 4433 Bougainville Drive, Lauderdale-By-The-

Sea. Tammy Seymour will demonstrate the process of creating rice paper batiks. 954-594-0444 or 954-785-7408.

2-20 – ArtHall's Black History Month event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Business Resource Center, 50 NE 1 St., Pompano Beach. Music, art, networking and refreshments. 954-586-1111.

2-21 – Life drawing classes every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Rossetti Fine Art Gallery, 132 SW 15 St., Pompano Beach. Fee is \$125 for four sessions. 954-907-0629.

Auctions, Sales

2-16 – Pompano Beach GreenMarket from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corner of Cypress Road and Atlantic Boulevard. Held every Saturday. 954-292-8040.

2-16 & 17 – Wilton Manors Green Market from

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors. Held every Saturday and Sunday. 954-592-0381.

2-17 – Deerfield Beach Green Market at 8 a.m. at The Cove, Hillsboro Boulevard and the Intracoastal. Held every Sunday. 561-239-1536 or 561-299-8684.

Books & Lectures

2-20 – Author's Reception featuring Mae Silver at 6 p.m. at Pompano Beach Library, 1213 E. Atlantic Blvd. 954-357-7595.

2-20 – Too Hot to Hide: Remarkable Women of Fort Lauderdale at Pompano Beach Library, 1213 E. Atlantic Blvd. Mae Silver will discuss her latest book detailing women's history in Fort

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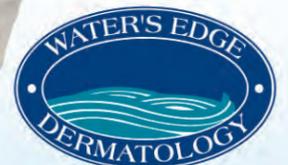
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Children's Piano Competition draws tri-county contenders

By Anne Siren

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Pompano Beach - About 130 young pianists will arrive early morning at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, Feb. 23, with their music in hand.

For 18 years, the city has offered young children entrance into the competition which has since become the largest piano competition in the state.

Organized by the Broward County Music Teachers Association, students adhere

to repertoire standards established by the association.

The juried event is judged by piano professors chosen from statewide schools and universities.

Matthew Reichenberger won the 2012 Advanced II level with his performance of Chopin's Ballade in A-Flat Major. This year Reichenberger returns to open the evening recital with Chopin's Barcarolle.

He will also remain to watch his brother, Jonathan, who won the 2012 Advanced

I level, compete for the top prize.

Both Reichenberger pianists are students of Maria Gomez, who calls the Pompano Beach competition "good and democratic. It really helps the kids reach for higher musical goals." Democratic because beginner students are invited to compete.

Bob Luptak, owner of Steinway Piano Gallery in Boca Raton, has been a part of the musical event for seven years and is the benefactor of

the \$500 "Young Steinway Virtuoso" award which encourages students to attend summer camps or programs to enhance their studies.

This year, cellist Cellist, Iris van Eck will emcee the event.

van Eck is the founder of Chameleon Chamber Music series at the Leiser Opera Center in Fort Lauderdale.

She was assistant principal cellist in the Florida Philharmonic for 18 years, principal cellist for the Florida Grand Opera where

she remained for about eight years. She appears as soloist with various orchestras in the United States and Europe.

Sponsored by the City of Pompano Beach and local business owners, the event takes place on Feb. 23 at the Emma Lou Olson Civic center, 1801 NE 6 St.

The winners' recital is at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Competition begins at 8 a.m. Visitors are welcome to view the judging. Call 954-786-4111.



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Redo

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The city has budgeted \$5,000 this year to maintain the area which is also highlighted by a wading pool and small deer statue. Because of its location, it could be considered the city's official entrance but it is not an impressive one. In recent years the growth behind the coral rock waterfall has resembled a jungle and the grass around it was parched. Litter dotted the area which is now enhanced by two large power boxes, a sign reminding residents of paper-shredding events and a bus stop.

This week's work is the "best we can do with what we have," Harbin said. "It needs a major facelift."

Ruth Blacketer who headed the city's now defunct Beautification Committee, remembers former City

Manager Larry Deetjen wanted a better image there and her committee members worked to bring an idea forward. She said that at the time JM Family was going to pay for the improvement.

Deetjen said that at the time there was interest from the private sector in the corner. "Today a fire station would never be located on a busy intersection where response times are critical. The concept was to leverage private investment . . . to upgrade public land."

Another plan for the corner was drawn only a few years ago Blacketer said, but no work was ever done. Again her committee did major research to bring ideas to the city.

In their research they found their committee underfunded when compared to other cities. Boca Raton for example had \$100,000 for beautification projects and

"this was back in the 90s," she said.

IWS wins plea for promotional wall graphics

Deerfield Beach- Island Water Sports, described by Mayor Peggy Noland as "an iconic business on the beach," got permission to have advertising placards on their building at the A1A "S" curve. The six wall panels will have a limitation: no logos of the companies who place them there to promote surfing as a way of life will be allowed.

Store owner Linsey Cottrell appeared before the city commission Tuesday to ask that a variance received in 2009 allowing the wall panels with only images be amended to also allow a message and a logo. Cottrell argued that the

panels "organically advocate a nautical lifestyle and bring an authenticity to our business." Founded here 40 years ago by Cottrell's parents, Island Water Sports sponsors the city's surf camp and supports a number of youth events and school charities. According to Cottrell, without the words or logos, companies would not be willing to erect the panels. Putting similar art in the display areas which would cost her business about \$18,000 a year she said.

Noland said, "I've always been a supporter of your company. The signs are not offensive." Commissioner Joe Miller, who represents the beach, suggested a compromise: eliminate the logo but allow the wording which espouses a surfing life.

Vice Mayor Bill Ganz favored sticking with the limitation established by the Community Appearance Board. "The code allows a sign up to 100 square feet. You have a graphic display of 267 feet. Your signs are more like billboards. I don't see how we can allow [the request]."

Miller's motion to accept the panels with words, but not logos, was approved by the commission 4-1.

Home repair funds available for moderate income residents

Deerfield Beach – The city has \$300,000 in federal and state money for residential home repair and will begin accepting applications Tuesday, Feb. 19. Home repairs must contribute to the health and safety of occupants or address code violations. Applications will be taken until the funds run out.

To be eligible, incomes must fall within certain levels, ranging from \$38,150 for a one-person residence to \$49,050 for a family of three to \$71,950 for a family of eight.

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Holiday pool hours

Deerfield Beach – The aquatic center, 501 SE 6 Ave., will have reduced hours Monday, Feb. 18, President's Day. City offices will be closed all day, but the pool will be open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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March 12

Who votes? Registered voters in Pompano Beach, Oakland Park and Deerfield Beach will vote for local commissioners and referenda. See page 6.



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Florida Water and Land Conservation Amendment topic of Democrats

Terry LaPlante, Legacy Campaign South Florida field organizer, will discuss an amendment for voters to pass on the November 2014 ballot.

The meeting is set for Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach.

LaPlante will discuss the Florida Water and Land Conservation Amendment that Florida's Water and Land Legacy proposes to put on the November 2014 ballot.



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The meeting is free and open to the public. Call Joanne Goodwin, 954-783-8232.

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\$1 million will buy community center



From left - City Commissioner Ben Preston, County Commissioner Chip LaMarca, City Commissioner Joe Miller, Deerfield Mayor Peggy Noland, County Mayor Kristin Jacobs, Deerfield Vice Mayor Bill Ganz.

By Judy Wilson

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Deerfield Beach – It took some time, but an \$1 million county parks grant has officially been accepted by the city for a community center in the Tedder/Highlands/Tallman Pines neighborhood. The two-acre parcel was annexed into the city years ago, but the county continued to maintain the small shelter and playground known as West Pompano Beach Highlands Park.

Now, a 24,000 square-foot recreational building will be built on the site at Northeast 44 Street and 5 Avenue.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Bob Harbin hopes to have a proposal by next week from an architect that will enable him to establish a timeline, and costs, for the project.

When preliminary drawings are complete, Harbin said he will hold a community meeting to get

residents' views.

Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs has been trying to funnel funds for West Highlands Park since before she was elected to the commission. At the time, around 1996, she chaired a committee of unincorporated neighborhoods and set her sights on the Highlands. Plans were drawn with a community center too big for the site and

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Anne Siren, publisher

We favor keeping local elections on the March calendar



Who votes?

In Oakland Park, Tim Lonergan faces Layne Walls for Seat 5. Sara Guevrekian, Ruben Jean and Steven Arnst are seeking Seat 1.

In addition to electing commissioners, Oakland Park voters will be asked several questions regarding its city charter. One question voters will face is whether or not the local elections should move from March to November.

We think voters should weigh the savings of moving local elections to November against some other factors. This year the March 12 election will cost taxpayers about \$67,000. Are those savings worth it? In November, the ballots are long with many referenda, state questions, county, state and congressional elections, and every four years there will be presidential elections.

Voters should remember that the people they elect locally have the most immediate and continuing impact on their lives. These contenders for local office are often lost in the long ballots. Local leaders determine taxes; they can change and add laws, and they can donate tax dollars to charities and spend funds on myriad projects.

Local leaders should be carefully studied, questioned and researched. Allowing a weak or unethical person to take the helm could end up costing much more than an election. Careless votes by elected officials can encumber a city for years or bring on lawsuits that are inordinately costly to the taxpayer.

We believe local elections are worth the cost. Oakland Park has shaved the cost of its local elections challenging some of the supervisor of elections' practices. All cities should do the same.

In other cities . . .

In Pompano Beach, all registered voters will choose the city mayor. Mayor Lamar Fisher is seeking his third term. Fisher faces David Baumwald. In District 4, Commissioner Woody Poitier faces two challengers: Joseph Wells and Ed Phillips. In District 2, Commissioner Charlotte Burrie will face Thomas Terwilliger.

In Deerfield Beach, Mayor Peggy Noland faces former mayor, Jean Robb. In District 3, the candidates are Donna Capobianco, Caryl Berner and Richard Rosenzweig.

Next week, *The Pelican* will publish candidate profiles.

Nothing trivial about ashes on the go says local priest

By The Rev. Mark Andrew Jones, BSG

COMMENTARY

I was prominently featured on the front page of the *Sun Sentinel* and the *Pelican Newspaper* last year for offering "Ashes-to-Go" at a local Tri-Rail Station in the early morning hours of Ash Wednesday, 2012.

This year I was joined by seven lay ministers of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in the offering of Ashes-to-Go on both the north and south bound platforms of the train station. The growing movement of offering Ashes-to-Go is not without criticism, however.

My Ash Wednesday sermon directly responds to criticism heard around the country, explaining – at one point – that: "Only God understands our hearts; so we must never be quick to judge others, and certainly not those, who ... have the moral courage to step out of the crowd and accept public prayer and the sign of the Cross.

This church – God's House – will not be a place of judgment. No, this church, the assembled Body of Christ at St. Nicholas, is dedicated to being an Easter people of prayer and worship, to being people of the Resurrection who offer God's gracious and loving forgiveness as hope for all people, excluding none – not even those who at this point in their faith journey give little thought to God.

Last year, on Ash Wednesday, our senior warden and I were at the local Tri-Rail Station, offering Ashes-to-Go. We were surprised by the media coverage; but – more importantly – we were deeply moved by our spiritual encounters with harried and hurried commuters, who took the time to turn aside, to pause, reflect, and pray, and to receive ashes in the form of a cross on their foreheads, while hearing words that can penetrate one's soul: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

This week, between 6 and 9 a.m., I was again at the Tri-Rail Station, this time accompanied by seven parishioners serving as Lay Ministers, enabling us to offer Ashes-to-Go on the North as well as on the South-bound platforms. And, once again, we were deeply moved."

In some quarters, Ashes-to-Go is a controversial practice. Some priests (mostly from outside this diocese) suggest – in effect – that the growing movement to offer Ashes-to-Go trivializes what should otherwise be a profound experience. Others argue that the Sacraments and sacramental rites, such as the imposition of ashes, should primarily be for the church and in the church. And virtually all who are opposed to Ashes-to-Go charge that it is a theologically shallow exercise of cheap grace.

Now this is a discussion worth having.

It is certainly true that living in a culture where "perception" is often treated as reality, we need to be on guard against the temptation to bolster ours or someone else's image in order to create a potentially misleading good impression. But this is as true for us here inside a church on Ash Wednesday, as it is for those who stopped on the train platform this morning for Ashes-to-Go. Today's Gospel challenges all of us to exam our motives; because even "doing good" can degenerate into mere religious or social posturing.

The imposition of ashes is a visible and public act of piety. This morning, after returning from the train station, each and every Lay Minister joyously reported experiencing what it means to be blessed and to be a blessing for others.

Ashes-to-Go is just a small part of the Church's invitation to a Holy Lent. It's just a small invitation; but, with that said, the Church needs to meet people where they're at.

Receiving ashes with the words that "You are dust and to dust you shall return" is a sobering message. This realization alone is the first step toward examining our relationships with loved ones, with neighbors and colleagues, with the created world around us, and with God. What we do today, what we begin with the receipt of ashes and those haunting words, our reflections on our own mortality, and the meaningfulness or meaninglessness of our lives, as well as our witness of bearing a cross on our forehead that prompts others to engage in similar reflections, all of this, will help us over the course of the next 40 days of Lent and beyond into the Eastertide to be open to accept the grace of God of which St. Paul speaks today.

Ashes-to-Go will not fully prepare people for Easter; nor will this full liturgy in which we are now taking part. It all comes, and only comes, by living authentically and honestly before God and our neighbors. This Church invites everyone to come here for that purpose. We invite people to pray and worship with and among us without insisting that people be anything other than who they are and where they are in their faith journey.

Let's first be honest and authentic. Doing so, we believe, will naturally lead to the assessment of one's relationships with those we love, with neighbors and colleagues, and with God.

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Letters

Beach fire station a slow build

To the Editor;
I moved to Pompano Beach Sept. 2011 and noticed work beginning on the new fire station #11 between N. Riverside Drive and A1A. I have biked by it two or three times and have watched it progress. It "appears" it may be done in a few more months?

I find it interesting to note that the 102-story Empire State Building was built in 409 days: 3/17/1930 to 5/1/1931 and the two-story fire house is at approximately 518 days and counting! Wonder what kind of contract this it? Cost plus?

Michael C. Jaros
Pompano Beach

Deerfield's Murphy second best U.S. boxer in his class

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – All-round athlete and community service volunteer Jordon Murphy took second place in the National Silver Gloves Championships in Independence, MO. earlier this month. The 13-year old Murphy boxes in the 75--pound weight division and went into the tournament as the Florida and regional champion, winning in Tampa and Washington, D.C.

Taking on eight boxers from around the country, Murphy defeated two

opponents before falling to Malik Nelson of New Jersey. He is the Number Two-ranked boxer in the 12 to 13-year-old division.

A resident of Deerfield Beach, Murphy attends Lions Creek Middle School where he is on the track team and maintains a 3.4 grade point average. He also wrestles for the Police Athletic League [PAL] team and plays Little League baseball.

It was at the PAL gymnasium here five years ago that Murphy's boxing talents were discovered. Coached by Steve Collazo he began winning tournaments

almost immediately.

He has completed 500 hours of community service volunteering at local events.

BSO Deputy Butch Santy, who heads the PAL program and escorts Murphy to his tournaments said, "Jordon has been in the program since he was eight years old. It has been a pleasure to watch him grow as a person and as a boxer. One constant about Jordon is his desire to win and his willingness to put in the hard work to be one of the best boxers, pound-for-pound, in the country."

Murphy will be recognized at next month's commission meeting.

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Business matters

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Briefs Legislative town hall

Fort Lauderdale – Voters will have a chance to talk to members of the state legislature at a town hall-style event on Monday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW 5 Ave. Guests include Senator Chris Smith [D-Fort Lauderdale], Senate Democratic Leader, Senator Jack Latvala [R-Clearwater], chair of the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee, and Mary Ellen Klas, Tallahassee bureau chief for The Miami Herald. WLRN Radio's Senior Anchor/Reporter and host of The Florida Roundup, Phil Latzman, will moderate. To reserve a seat, visit www.wlrn.org.

Learn about Remarkable Women

Pompano Beach – Mae Silver, author of "Too Hot to Hide: Remarkable Women of Fort Lauderdale" will discuss her book on Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pompano Beach Library, 1213 E. Atlantic Blvd. The book details women's history in Fort Lauderdale. Her book also shows how white, black, and Seminole women often worked together to solve community issues. In the Feb. 8 issue of *The Pelican*, it was incorrectly written that the event takes place at the Beach Branch Library. *The Pelican* regrets the error. Call 954-357-7830.

Hellenic Foreign Car Repairs services Mercedes and BMW cars exclusively

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Mike Petrakis, owner of Hellenic Foreign Car Repairs, has been located at 41 SW 5 Ct. in Pompano Beach since 1974. He and his associate mechanic, Jim Erkul, work their magic on two brands, Mercedes and BMW cars.

Petrakis says, "I'm a Greek, and Jim was born in Turkey. Where but in a melting pot like America, would you find a Greek and a Turk working well together?"

Mercedes Benz automobile was first marketed in 1901 and is one of the best known and established vehicle brands in the world.

BMW (Bayerische Motoren Werke) or Bavarian Motorworks is headquartered in Munich, Bavaria, Germany. In June 2012, BMW was listed as the #1 most reputable company in the world by Forbes.com.

Petrakis says, "All of my life I have been involved with cars and mechanics. The cars have undergone many changes in the 40 years that I have been working on them. Safety has improved 100 percent. High-end cars, such as the two brands we service, have air bags in the front, on the sides and on top. Sensors in the cars dictate which air bags will activate if a collision occurs. The passengers in these cars are so much safer with these air bags which are triggered as needed immediately at the collision site. The stability control on slippery roads keeps these cars from losing traction.



Mike Petrakis, owner of Hellenic Foreign Car Repairs, says while he prefers the Mercedes for longer trips, the BMW is his choice for city traffic. [Staff photo]

These amazing improvements as well as other conveniences were made possible when computers were installed."

He continues, "We provide top service and repair specializing in the workings of these two brands. We do continuing education on the technology of the newer models so that we can diagnose and repair any problems that occur."

Hellenic offers A/C, tune up, factory maintenance, computer diagnosis, and front end work, and the owner claims that he and Jim are kept busy all the time. "I

chose to focus my business on these two cars because that's where I had the most experience. I came from Greece in 1970. I worked in New York for one year and then came to Florida. I worked for the Mercedes dealership in Pompano Beach and in several independent shops while I learned the English language and the ways of America."

Asked which of the two cars he prefers, he says, "They're very much on a par. I drive a Mercedes for its comfort and reliability. When I take a long trip I prefer a

Mercedes. If I'm going to be driving in traffic, I drive a BMW because of its high performance and precision of driving. It responds quickly to the driver's demand."

Mike says his customers prefer him over car dealers for two reasons. "They speak directly to me when describing a problem, and I'm the one who will fix it. And second, our prices are about 30 percent less than the dealers for obvious reasons. We accept any extended warranty and are equipped to do exactly what the dealer would do. We like to have our customers make appointments so that we can give them our full time and attention."

Although it is not part of his normal business, Mike will accommodate a customer who wants to sell or buy a car if he, Mike, knows the car's history and value. He claims that these two cars are becoming more and more popular with customers because of their advanced technology."

He says, "In the last 10 years we have seen more cars with over 100,000 miles and even 200,000 miles than ever before. This is best explained by the fact that they continue to perform better for longer because of the car's construction and technology. Average ownership now is five or six years. It used to be two or three years. The cars cost less to maintain so drivers are keeping them longer. I've been doing my work for over 50 years. I still enjoy it and find it

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Passion for "Big Lebowski" drives "Over the line!" bowling event

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Mark Pollack says four hours of unlimited bowling and shoe rental for \$15 is definitely a deal "The Dude abides."

Pollack has taken his love of *The Big Lebowski*, the 1998 Cohen Brothers film about fictional unemployed slacker and avid bowler/pot smoker Jeffrey "The Dude" Lebowski, played by Jeff Bridges, and translated it to the "Over the Line!" bowling event; Sunday, Feb. 17 from 8 p.m. to Midnight at Diamond Strike Lanes, 2200 N. Federal Hwy.

For years, Pollack and his friends have been endlessly quoting the film. "All we do is walk around quoting that movie."

The event's title comes directly from a scene where

one character steps "Over the line!" during a league bowling game, much to disapproval of Walter, a Vietnam Veteran and "The Dude's" constantly screwing-up companion.

"This is not 'Nam, this is bowling. There are rules," Walter informs the offender.

Pollack says it's that kind of campiness and "whacked-out dialogue" that makes it such a great film. "Even the most mundane or regular dialogue is humorous because of the placement. It's just random things being said at random times."

And it's "The Dude's" love of bowling – displayed in one scene where he listens to a tape of bowling alley noises under a poster of President Richard Nixon bowling – that makes it the perfect theme for a bowling event. "How can you bowl without [quoting] that movie?"

And like "The Dude," Pollack's big into "Strikes and gutters . . ." Said Pollack, "[I'm] passionate about bowling. It's the only sport I really like."

To encourage as much embracement of the Lebowski theme, Pollack will be awarding prizes to those who are "best dressed" as "The Dude" or any of the other characters in the movie.

There will also be a vinyl record and CD swap and live music courtesy of three bands: The Shakers, who play a mix of rock & roll and punk; The Mobile Homies, a combination of rock & roll, punk and country and Los Bastardos Magnificos, a combination of punk and country.

"Over the line!" repeats third Sundays Visit www.blindspotpresents.com for more information.

Chair of affirmative action will speak at Democratic club

Jasmin Shirley, newly appointed chair of the Affirmative Action Committee of the Broward Democratic Party, will speak at the Democratic Women's Club Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach.

Shirley is vice president of Community Health Services of the North Broward Hospital District d/b/a Broward Health. She oversees the day-to-day operations of Community Health Services division which is inclusive of fourteen primary care centers, three school-based health centers, a home health and hospice agency, an infusion company, urgent care centers, physician practices and related operations.

Shirley was featured in the "2006 Women in Medicine," published in Florida Medical

Business (September 2006), and received an award in 2006, from the "Top Ten Women in Medicine,"



Shirley

State of Florida. She served as the chairperson for the 2006 and 2007 March of Dimes WalkAmerica which raised \$1.1M and \$1.2M respectively; and was recognized in 2005 as a March of Dimes Women of Distinction.

Shirley received her masters of science in public health with an emphasis on epidemiology and administration from the University of Miami.

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Black History at ArtHall

Pompano Beach – ArtHall’s celebration of Black History month offers the community a cultural collection of paintings at its artist reception on Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 5:30 7:30 p.m. at the Business Resource Center, 50 NE 1 St. Ras David Williams and LaVaughn Wright present their art and music will be provided by guitarist and composer Eugene Grey. Adimu Men of Excellence will also perform. ArtHall is the third Wednesday of every month. Call 954-586-1111.

Salad Luncheon and Chinese Auction

Lighthouse Point – The Garden Club of Lighthouse Point hosts its annual Salad Luncheon and Chinese Auction at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul’s Education Hall, 2700 NE 36 St. Cost is \$10 for non-members and includes lunch, dessert and coffee. There will be raffles, a silent auction and garden boutique plants for sale. There will also be programs: “Waterwise Gardening,” and “Salads from Your Own Backyard.” Reservations are required by Feb. 19. Call Inger Jones at 954-942-9310.

Volunteer Nancy Crockett teaches knitting and crocheting every week at the Lighthouse Point Library

Making a Difference



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By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Meet Nancy Crockett, a smiling pleasant lady, who spends her life in a wheelchair, but does not indulge in a pity party.

“I have such tremendous upper body muscles, I could arm wrestle a football player,” she quips, adding, “These muscles come from pushing myself around.”

“I’ve been knitting since I was six years old. At that early age my hands were turning in. Cerebral Palsy (CP) had begun to rear its ugly head. My great aunt Bert figured out that if I learned to knit, my hands would eventually turn back out and it worked. I’ve been knitting and crocheting ever since.”

At this point, Nancy removed a big bag hanging on the handle of her chair to show some of her work. She held up a simple scarf being made by beginning students and then displayed some of her own beautifully crafted sweaters, berets, slippers and crochet edged towels. “I can’t produce enough of the

slippers,” she says. “Every time I think I’m ready to put them on ETAY, the website for hand made items, some one seems to want to buy them. They are triple strand knit with rug backing on the soles to keep feet from sliding.”

Asked how she prices her products, Mary says she checks retail stores that carry upscale hand knits. “I charge much less than they do and so far I’ve had no complaints.”

Christy Keyes, library director, considers Nancy a yarn artist. She says, “Nancy does such exquisite work. She is very gentle in her instruction and she really enjoys watching her students grow and succeed. Recently one of her students completed knitting her first scarf and she paraded around the library showing it off. We all got a

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[Top] Nancy Crockett, dedicated volunteer, teaches crocheting and knitting weekly at the Doreen Gauthier Lighthouse Point Library. [Photos courtesy of Christy Keyes.]

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challenging.”

Married with one daughter, Mike’s hobby is working in the shop when it’s closed. “That’s when I tackle the most difficult jobs that require concentration. My philosophy is “Where there’s difficulty, there is opportunity for success.” No car leaves our shop until it is right. We are proud of our name and our work.”

Brett Snyder, Miami, says he’s been bringing his Mercedes to Mike for 10 years. “Mike takes time to solve complex problems and he knows these cars inside and out. He takes pride in his work and he makes me feel like a member of his family. I have a 1979 Mercedes 6.9 and a 2004 Mercedes CL 5S. I love them both.

Jerilyn Caesar, Pompano, is on her fourth Mercedes and says, “Mike has checked out every one of my cars before I bought them. He’s the best. He’s a master mechanic as well as being honest and fair in his charges. I’ve been a proud customer for years.”

Meta Berk, owner of Mercedes Showroom in Pompano Beach, says, “We’re a business that has used Mike’s services for about 30 years. We sell used Mercedes and BMWs, but before we offer them, we have Mike check them out and fix anything that needs fixing. His knowledge of and workmanship on these German cars is the best. When he says they’re ready, they are ready.”

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Republicans Have Heart

The February meeting of The Pompano Beach Republican Club is Thurs, Feb 28, 7 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St. The Club will be collecting items for America’s Moms for Soldiers. These items are needed: beef jerky, Slim Jim’s, wet wipes/baby wipes, Chapstick, granola bars, snack size Chex mix, chips, Doritos, nuts, powdered drink mix, Q-tips, gum, disposable razors, foot powder. For a complete list of items, visit www.americasmomsforsoldiers.com.

Dena Espenschied, Field Representative for American Majority Florida is the guest speaker. American Majority is a nonprofit, nonpartisan grassroots organization that trains thousands of activists and candidates each year to be the catalysts for change in their local communities. Dena will discuss pension reform on the local level, including successful results seen in San Diego and San Jose, California in 2012. Call 954-786-7536. Refreshments will be served.

Democratic Club meeting

Pompano Beach – The monthly Palm Aire/Cypress Bend Democratic Club meeting will be held Monday, March 4 at 7 p.m. at the Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36 Ave.

The special guest speaker will be Jacob G. Horowitz, attorney with the law firm of Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol. Horowitz concentrates primarily on local government matters, serving as the assistant city attorney for Pembroke Pines, Tamarac, North Lauderdale and other municipalities. “Political Obstacles for City Government” is the topic of the night. Light refreshments will be served. Call Ashley Protheroe at 786-877-1644 or Jeannie at 954-973-6081.

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Lauderdale from 6 to 8 p.m. Her book also shows how white, black, and Seminole women often worked together to solve community issues. 954-357-7830.

2-21 - Local author Deborah Sharp will speak at 11:30 a.m. at Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. Cost is \$25. Lunch included. 561-865-9756.

Business 2-21 – Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce membership breakfast from 7:45 to 9 a.m. at Broward Health Imperial Point, 6401 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale. Cost is \$10 online, \$15 at the door for members and \$15 for non-members who RSVP and \$20 non-members at the door. Call 954-9412940.

2-28 – Wilton Manors Business Association networking luncheon from 12 to 1 p.m. at Rosie’s Bar & Grill, 2449 Wilton Drive. 954-567-1320.

3-6 – Business With a Twist networking event from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the

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 **VOTE** **Who votes?** Registered voters in March 12 Pompano Beach, Oakland Park and Deerfield Beach will vote for local commissioners and referenda. See page 6.

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As his quest alongside the bird catcher Papageno nears its end, Tamino comes to know who the real villain is in this story.

The Queen of the Night, a role that requires a soprano to sing several F's above high C, is one of the most iconic characters in opera, will be undertaken by soprano

Jeanette Vecchione, a virtuosa of the coloratura category. After debuting the role with the Vienna State Opera, her Queen of the Night at the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées in December 2011 not only commanded standing ovations each night, but turned her into a YouTube sensation, generating thousands of online views. The Juilliard School graduate has been described as "a rising star ... [with] easy high notes, which she used flawlessly," by the Chilean newspaper El Mercurio.

Cuban-American soprano Lisette Oropesa makes her FGO and role debut as Pamina. A graduate of the Met's Lindemann Young Artist Development Program, Oropesa has performed with the Met numerous times and is scheduled to return there

next season as Gilda in a new production of Rigoletto. Florida Grand Opera has selected her as this season's Walter and Ida Olson Artist,

awarded to an outstanding American artist each year.

Our hero, Tamino, is sung by Andrew Bidlack, a former

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Rocky Road Historical Group to meet Feb. 17

Pompano Beach – The Rocky Road Historical Group will hold its annual Black History Month program on Sunday, Feb. 17 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the E. Pat Larkins Center, 520 Martin Luther King Boulevard. Alfonsa McIntosh, Freemans Funeral Home, O.C. Phillips Barber Shop, John Lees Shoe Shop, McMillion Barbeque, Sunshine Health Center and Shamrock Service Station will be honored with the Frank & Florena Ali Entrepreneurs Award. A table of eight costs \$250. Individual tickets are on sale for \$35. Call 954-943-6511.

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Crockett

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kick out of her.”

Nancy has been teaching for two hours every Wednesday from 12 to 2 p.m. for the past two years. “I have between two to eight ladies every week,” she says. “Some are regulars and others come back to learn a certain new technique. Just last week a lady came in to find out how to attach two sides using knitting needles. Another

woman wanted to learn how to cast on which is a first step. Some return over and over until they are ready to do more sophisticated creations on their own.”

Librarian Rosemary Wilson says, “Nancy is a wonderful addition to our volunteer team. She gives all the time in the world to her students and they love her for it. Some have even come in with half finished projects they started long ago, and she helps them complete them. We’re so glad we have her.”

Nancy enjoys being a volunteer teacher although she has taught professionally and may do it again some day. “What’s important to me,” she says, “is seeing the students enjoy learning. I get great satisfaction. There’s camaraderie here and friendships are formed. Everyone is welcome. I have never had a male student, but men do knit and they are welcome. Keeping hands busy is a great stress reliever. The repetitive motion is very soothing and kind of makes your mind go blank and your troubles slip away.”

One of her students, Bess Antonelli, says, “I was so lucky to find Nancy who is very patient with those of us who have a hard time mastering knitting. I want to make a blanket for each of my two new great grandchildren who are expected in May. I hope my crocheted blankets will be ready before they are.”

Although she is now retired, Nancy had a 20-year successful banking career and says, “I was a teller until my CP made it impossible for me to stand or walk. When I became a wheelchair person at 42, the bank made me a customer service rep. When working became too difficult, I stopped and worked part time as a tax preparer to supplement my income.”

She sighs and says, “Recently I lost my mother who was my best friend. I am really challenging my limited physical ability to close up either her house or mine. This is also a very emotional time because my mother was my biggest cheer leader. She made me think I could be independent and I am. She was a much loved, Eucharistic Minister at St. Gabriel, and a dedicated volunteer. She taught me to give back wherever I could.” “I moved to Florida from

Massachusetts after earning a B.S. degree from Worcester State College as a qualified French and English teacher. I could never get a job teaching because of my CP.”

Though life has dealt this woman some tough cards to play, she continues to keep teaching and learning. Thank you Nancy Crockett for sharing your skills with the community.

Patriotic concert

Pompano Beach – The New Presbyterian Church 100 Voice Concert Choir and The King’s Brass, directed by Dr. John L. Wilson, present A Patriotic Spectacular concert on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. at Pompano Beach High School, 600 NE 13 Ave. The concert will also feature the Pompano Beach High School ROTC Color Guard in a salute to liberty. A pre-concert in the courtyard at 1 p.m. will feature the New Presbyterian Brass Quintet. The concert is free but an offering is suggested. 954-448-5083.

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Elections

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candidates would get lost in the mix of state, county and national elections.

“City government is a unique level of government,” said former mayor Layne Walls, who is running for Seat 5 against Tim Lonergan. She voted against moving the elections when she was a member of the Charter Review Board.

She’s also worried that future elections will become partisan fist fights. “If they move [to November] there’s no way that [political] parties won’t get involved.”

Local elections of municipal officials is a non-partisan vote in Florida. Candidates who identify their political parties in advertisements or public announcements could be charged with ethics violations.

Bill Sears, Charter Review Board member, voted for the move.

Sears said past turnout has been “pathetic” and the cost is too much, “especially in this day and age.” According to the city clerk’s office, the city has budgeted \$67,000 to pay for the election but the exact figure won’t be known until after the votes have been cast.

In the 2011 city election, 3,865 of the city’s 22,715 registered voters cast ballots.

In the November 2012 general election, 25,408 voters were registered and 16,084 went to the polls.

“Our numbers are so small that if we can add even a thousand people, that’s huge,” said

Joanne Darling, Charter Review Board member. She also thinks the money saved could be put to better use. “I’d love an extra police officer. That’s a lot of money to me.”

Voters will also be asked if they want to have citywide elections for all candidates. Such a move would mean that candidates would not seek election for a specific seat, rather, the top vote-getters would be elected as commissioners.

Those in favor say that since the seats aren’t tied to a geographical boundary there is no need to have them. If the referendum passes the top vote getters in the next election will be elected. Presently winners are elected based on the top vote getter for each seat.

Commissioner Suzanne Boisvenue said some people are confused by the current system. She said the city-wide process will be easier to understand, and voters can choose their favorite

candidates overall.

Sears prefers numbered seats because it eliminates the need for unchallenged candidates to mount campaigns.

By keeping the seats, Sears said, a candidate will only have one or two opponents to raise money against. But by opening it up, every candidate will have to raise more money to run against everyone else.

The other four referenda will ask voters to decide on: filling the position of vice mayor if a vacancy occurs, the elimination of ineffective language, making the city manager approve public improvement contracts under the rules of the city’s procurement code and requiring commissioners with a voting conflict to disclose that conflict.

Visit, www.oaklandparkfl.org for a sample of the Oakland Park ballot.

Record Rack sells classic formats in new location

By Michael d’Oliveira

Pompano Beach – Vinyl’s reign as the dominant music format ended long ago but Record Rack has always been a place for vinyl lovers to get their favorite sounds.

But vinyl isn’t near as dead as it might seem, says Record Rack owner Ritchie Siegrist. In fact, it’s making a bit of a comeback.

“When we went from vinyl to CDs it was a drastic change. We sacrificed quality for availability. Now, the appreciation is coming back,” said Siegrist from his new location at 2205 E. Atlantic Blvd.

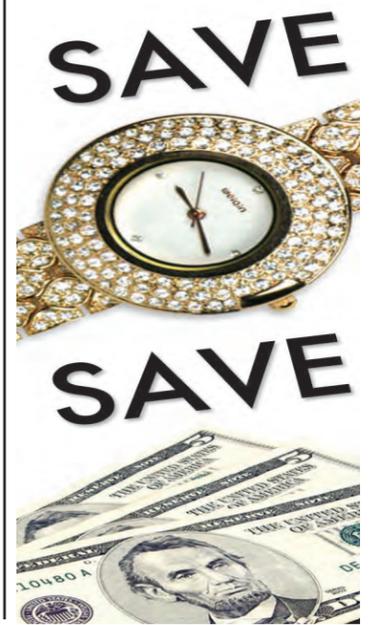
Previously located at the Harbor Village Shops, Siegrist opened Record Rack 11 years ago and moved into

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his new location last month.

He compares his new set-up, long rows of albums, to the way old school record stores used to be organized. And the new location has exposed him to new customers. “I like the fact that I’m right up on the highway.”

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Jolley, whose past projects include Island City Lofts on Wilton Drive and a townhouse development on Dixie Highway just south of the city, said he intends to enter into negotiations with the city at some point in the near future. Jolley declined to provide the name of the hotel group.

Leigh Ann Henderson, assistant city manager, said the city could enter into negotiations with Jolley without sending out another Request For Proposal [RFP].

Jolley's optimism rose when commissioners unanimously rejected a residential development proposal by IBI Group, an international architecture and engineering firm with offices

in Pompano Beach.

Mayor Gary Resnick said the commission appreciates that IBI had \$18 million in financing and was serious about building but its proposal was "not close enough to what we want."

What commissioners really want is a hotel.

"Maybe we need to go back to the drawing board," said Commissioner Ted Galatis, referring to the RFP the city advertised last year. Only IBI submitted a bid. IBI's representatives said they looked into a hotel proposal but found that it wasn't financially feasible.

"I don't think you're ever going to get a hotel. You have to do what the market supports," said Patrea St. John, IBI's vice president and member of the city's planning and zoning board.

IBI's \$4.5 million mixed-

use development was planned to include between 120 and 280 residential units, 13,000 sq. ft. of retail and restaurant space, a rooftop pool and garden, 1.2-acre plaza and between 300 and 620 parking spaces; including a possible four-story parking garage.

"It's an opportunity to extend the Wilton Manors brand as a place to live, work and play," said Kevin Greiner, senior planner at IBI. Commissioner Scott Newton worried that developers would be unable to provide enough parking during construction, parking that businesses near Hagen Park depend on.

The proposal was also rejected by the special committee formed to review it. Members of the committee said the project wasn't good enough to justify building it on a piece of public property.

Sal Torre, president of the Westside Association of Wilton Manors, said he would like to see the city build its own parking structure.

But resident Paul Kuta likes things just the way they are and says a development on the parking lot will destroy the space used for the city yard sales, green market and other community gatherings.

"Cities all over South Florida are trying to cobble open land together to create town centers for a variety of community events. We already have one in Wilton Manors. Yet our city commission seems determined to destroy it by repeatedly authorizing RFPs for high-rise, mixed-use private development on publically-owned land adjacent to our city hall and stealing a portion of Hagen Park," said Kuta.

Record

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Along with vinyl, Siegrist sells CDs, cassettes, DVDs, eight-track cartridges and new and used turntables. He also refurbishes old turntables and will help customers set up their new turntables.

One thing you probably won't find at Record Rack though is an appreciation for the digital age of music.

"The worst [format] is MP3. I almost feel sorry for the new kids [who have never heard music on vinyl]." But now, he says, a lot of those kids have discovered vinyl's quality and they're coming into his store to get it. "At first the kids were getting into their parents collections. Now they're just going for the quality," he said.

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Dock

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of what the dock cost to build.

When the project began back in 2011, funded by the Broward Boating Improvement Program and the Florida Inland Navigational District, plans were approved by the Deerfield Beach Fire Department. When the city contracted its fire/rescue service to the county, a new set of requirements were imposed on the project, namely a pumping system that will protect not only the dock, but a house on the island and some outbuildings.

The county has hired a consultant to draw up a revised plan and the cost being estimated is between \$100,000 and \$200,000. The additional expense will be paid by the county, West said.

West is resigned to adding the system, acknowledging that it will be safer for the wildlife officer that lives there, but adding it probably won't be effective on the dock since only firefighters can operate it and they have to be transported to the island by boat. "By the time they got there it would probably be too late," he observed this week.

Dan Yaffe, chair of the county's Marine Advisory Committee, has less patience with the situation. "The dock is concrete and aluminum," he pointed out. "There is no fuel pump, no overnight stays. It is intended for people to tie up small boats for a few hours, enjoy the island and move on."

The dock is a boater's only access to the wildlife and mangrove preserve. Located in the Intracoastal Waterway at the Hillsboro Canal across from Sullivan Park, the 53-acre sanctuary has nature trails, an observation platform, boardwalk, playground and picnic areas. The county does run a boat over on weekends between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and offers educational expeditions October through May.

Yaffe said if the fire system must be installed it could be another year before boaters can enjoy the natural terrain. One obstacle encountered during construction was a coral outcropping that had to be removed, but which has given boaters more navigable water he said.

Yaffe points out funds for the Broward Boating Improvement Program come from vessel registration fees, not from ad valorem taxes. "My agency has satisfied the terms of the contract," he added, inferring it is now up

to the county to compete the job.

West said he would like nothing better. "We are trying to get this project done. It is such neat island." The best he can hope for, he said this week, is that the new fire marshal BSO Capt. Bill Boss will "concede" that the original plans are okay. Boss could not be reached for comment by press time. He was not fire marshal when the fire suppression upgrade was added to the dock project.

Property tax exemption filing assistance

Deerfield Beach – The Broward County Property Appraiser's Office will be available to answer questions about property tax exemption on Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Deerfield Beach City Hall, 150 NE 2 Ave. Another session will be

held Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pompano Beach City Hall, 100 W. Atlantic Blvd. Appraisers will assist with homestead, senior and other property tax exemption applications as well as answer questions on property taxes. Portability applications will

also be accepted. Documents required to file a homestead exemption include: a current Florida driver's license, Florida identification card, current voter registration card or declaration of domicile. Non-US citizens must also provide proof of permanent residency. Visit www.bcpa.net or call 954-357-5579.



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The Breakfast for the "Big" House benefit will be held on Friday, March 1 at 7:30 a.m., and will take place at the John Knox Village dining room, located at 651 SW 6 St.

What makes this event unusual and fun are the Table Waiters & Waiter Teams - some of Pompano Beach and Broward County's finest civic and political leaders who work for "tips." This year celebrity waiters include Pompano Beach City Commissioners Rex Hardin and Barry Dockswell, Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs, as well as other community leaders.

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Children & Family 2-22 & 23 - Broadway for Kids and Grown Ups at 7 p.m. at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Tickets are \$15. RSVP at 561-447-8829.

2-26 - Free Pirate adventures from 12 to 3 p.m. at Pompano Citi Centre, corner of Copans Road and Federal Highway. Music, games, treasure hunt, pirate bounce house, costume contest and arts and crafts. 954-943-4685

Clubs, Charity & Civic Organizations

2-21 - Wilton Manors Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. at city hall, 2020 Wilton Drive. 954-566-9019.

2-25 - Retired Educators meeting at 12 p.m. at Stratford Court, 6343 Via de Sonrisa del Sur, Boca Raton. Speaker is attorney Jeffrey Devore. He will talk about immigration and naturalization. New members welcome. 954-255-6360 or 561-483-5445.

2-28 - Cocktails for a Cause from 7 to 10 p.m. at American Social, 721 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. Event benefits Broward Children's Center. Appetizers, cocktails, door prizes and giveaways. Cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

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This week, Hazel Armbrister was honored for her years of work in preserving Black history in Pompano Beach. Through years of activism, Armbrister, a retired teacher, also convinced the city to save an historic building on Martin Luther King Boulevard. The Ali Building, built in 1933, was home to the city's first Black-owned business, a hair salon and a barber shop. Pictured are Commissioner Woody Poitier, Hazel Armbrister and Mayor Lamar Fisher.

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Wilton Manors - The Wilton Manors Business Association Business Expo will be held Monday, March 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hagen Park Community Center, 2020 Wilton Drive. Free vendor space is available. Door prizes and refreshments will be available. To become a vendor, call 954-257-8788.

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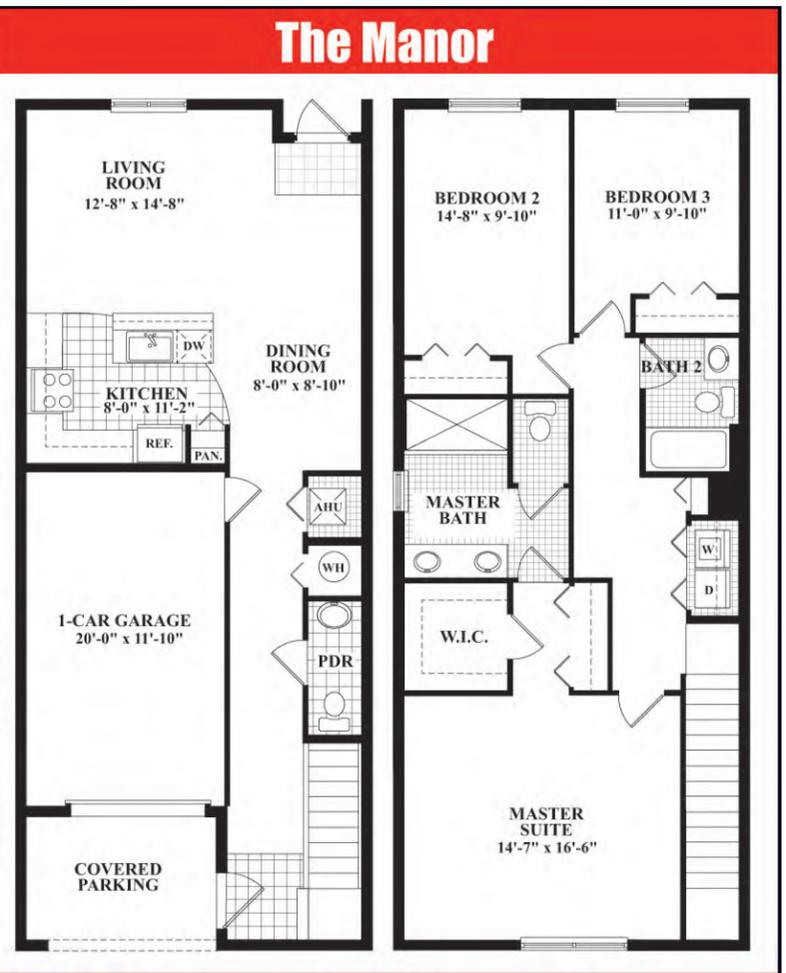
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Education & Self Development

2-23 – African & African-American Stories with Sista Idya from 2 to 2:45 p.m. at Beach Branch Library, 221 Pompano Beach Blvd. Sista Idya will highlight the many aspects of Black History Month with storytelling filled with audience participation via call and response, creative movement and chanting. 954-357-7830.

Events & Activities

2-15 – Studio 54 party at 7 p.m. at Copy This, 2157 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors. Memorabilia, interviews and stories from Sal Defalco, former bartender at Studio 54. 954-563-7181.

2-16 – Gold Coast Derby Grrls take on the Bradentucky Bombers at 6 p.m. at War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8 St., Fort Lauderdale. Visit www.ticketmaster.com for tickets.

2-27 – Taste of the Beach from 6 to 9 p.m. at El Prado Park, 4500 El Mar Drive, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. Local restaurants serve food and beverages. Live entertainment and silent auction. Tickets are \$30. 954-776-1000.

3-3 – Bingo at St. Henry's Catholic Church, 1500 S. Andrews Ave., Pompano Beach. Doors open at 12 p.m. Bingo begins at 1 p.m. Regular games plus three-part jackpot game. Door prizes and

refreshments. 954-785-2450.

Health & Fitness

2-16 – Reiki class from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Lisa's Healing Center, 4301 N. Federal Hwy. Suite 4, Pompano Beach. Cost is \$100. RSVP at 954-782-6564.

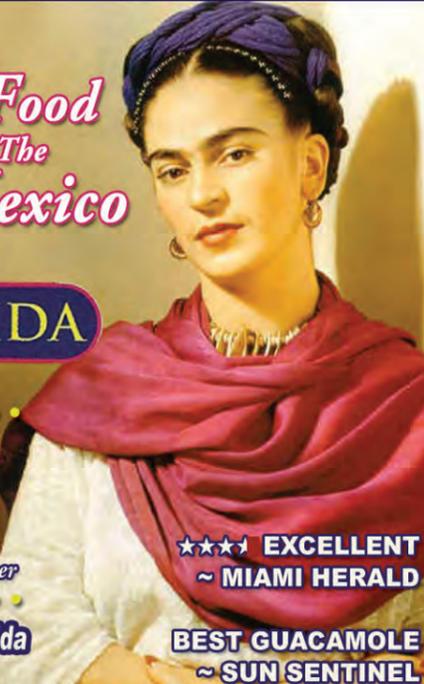
2-19 – Gambling . . . Recreation or Risk? from 10 to 11 a.m. at NE Focal Point Senior Center, 227 NW 2 Street, Deerfield Beach. 954-480-4446.

2-19 – Seniors, Dating & Sex with Dr. Kate GeMeiner from 12 to 1 p.m. at NE Focal Point Senior Center, 227 NW 2 Street, Deerfield Beach. 954-480-4446.

2-20 – Alzheimer's Care-giver Support Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at NE Focal Point, 227 NW 2 St., Deerfield Beach. Group meets every Wednesday. 954-480-4449.

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Music

2-15 – Delray String Quartet performs at 7:30 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 333 Tarpon Drive, Fort Lauderdale, and on Feb. 17 at The Colony Hotel, 525 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Tickets are \$35. 561-213-4138.

2-17 – Passionate Piano Featuring Pianist Catherine Lan at 4 p.m. at Steinway Piano Gallery, 7940 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. 561-998-7784.

2-17 – New Presbyterian Church 100 Voice Concert Choir and The King's Brass present "A Patriotic Spectacular" at 2 p.m. at Pompano Beach High School, 600 NE 13 Ave. An offering is suggested. 954-448-5083.

2-21 – Mostly Mozart at 7:30 p.m. at Lynn University's Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Hear letters from Mozart's life and performances of his works, including Fantasy in D minor performed by Roberta Rust. 561-237-9000.

Politics & Government

2-28 – Greater Pompano Beach Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. at E. Pat Larkins Center, 520 Martin Luther King Blvd., Pompano Beach. 954-867-8629 or 954-971-1062.

2-28 – Pompano Beach Republican Club meets at 7 p.m. at Emma Lou Olsen Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach. Items for America's Moms for Soldiers will be collected. Refreshments served. 954-786-7536.

3-4 – Palm Aire/Cypress Bend Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. at Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36 Ave., Pompano Beach. Refreshments served. 786-877-1644 or 954-973-6081.

Theatre & Film

2-16 – Kiss Me Kate at 8 p.m. at Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36 Ave., Pompano Beach. Dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets for dinner and show are \$30 and \$20 for just the show. Feb. 17 show is at 2 p.m. 954-786-4590.

Upcoming

2-24 – Hazardous waste disposal event at Wilton Manors Municipal Complex, 2100 N. Dixie Hwy., from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 954-765-4999.

3-9 – American Association of University Women Pompano Beach Branch Annual Scholarship Fundraiser

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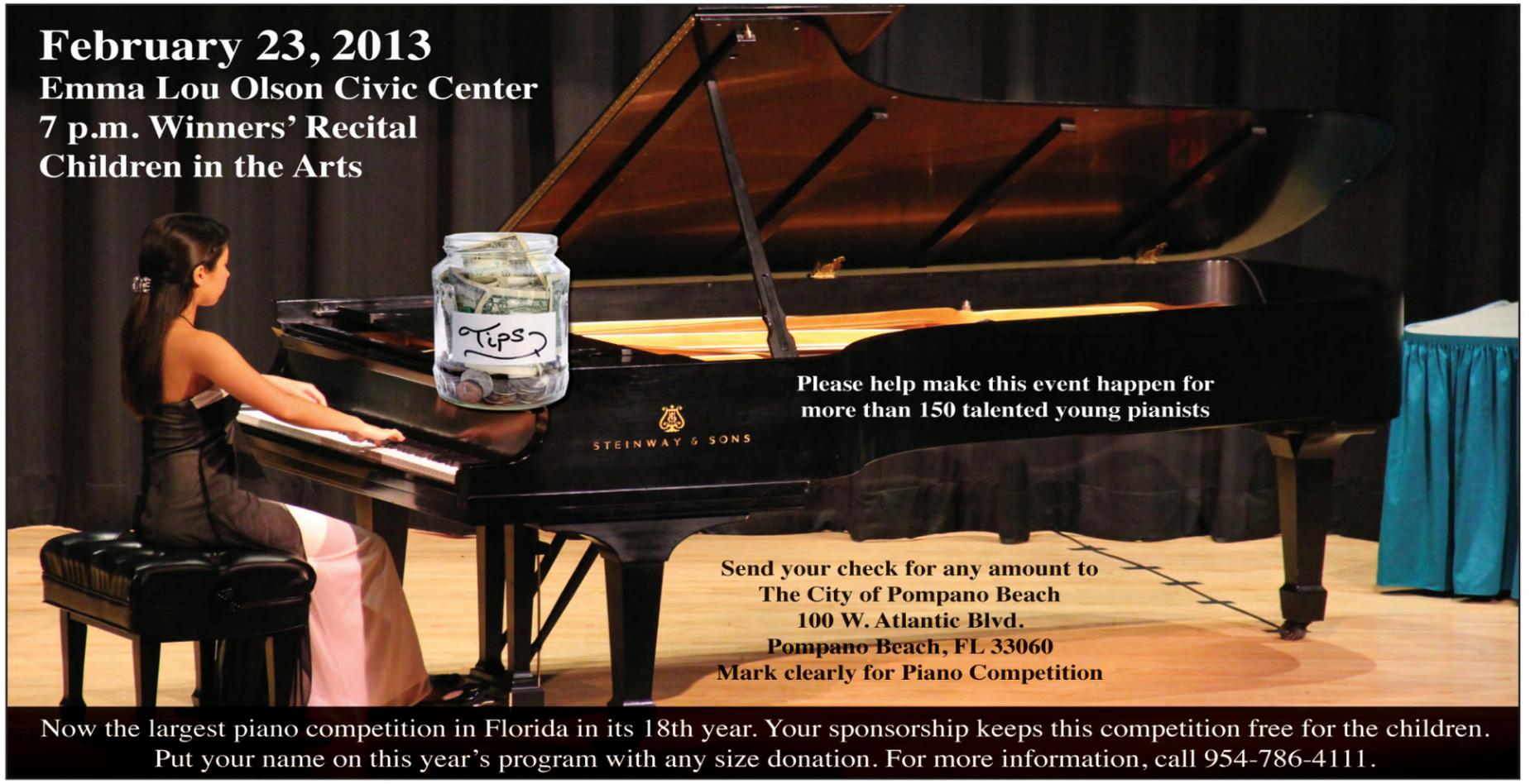
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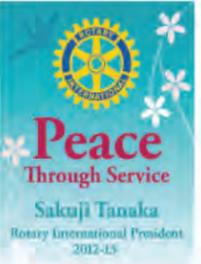



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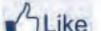
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Pompano Rotarians bring traditional golf tournament back as fund-raiser

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Simona Niculescu recently stood before a room of Rotarians to announce the person who agreed to open the meeting with a prayer.

“I asked,” she said. “And he said ‘Yes.’ That’s what Rotarians do.”

Since the mid-fifties, members of the Rotary Club of Pompano Beach have been saying ‘Yes.’

They say ‘Yes’ to children through Kids in Distress, The Boys and Girls Club, Horses and the Handicapped and Woodhouse.

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They say ‘Yes’ to persons caught up in bad times through the Salvation Army, Rebuilding Together and Lifenet4Families.

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In the last three years, this local club has delivered \$165,000 to the local community.

It’s not a club of zillionaires who simply write checks; it’s a club of working men and women with families who share a love for the community in which they live and work.

This month, Rotarians are resurrecting their annual Golf Classic April 20 with an 8 a.m. scramble, and they need sponsors, volunteers, raffle prizes and golfers.

Toby Smith, club secretary

says, “It’s going to be fantastic. We are playing the new Greg Norman course. We’re giving away a \$10,000 Easy-Go, four-seater, street legal electric vehicle. It’s a great way for local golfers to take a look at us and our club and join us supporting these charities.”

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To help, play or get more information, call Co-chair Gene Pridemore at 954-868-

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Magic Flute

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FGO Young Artist and recent San Francisco Opera Adler Fellow. He last joined FGO for the 2010-2011 production of Don Giovanni, where he brought a "smooth tenor voice" to the role of Don Octavio, according to South Florida Classical Review. Former FGO Young Artist

Jonathan G. Michie, a South Florida favorite, returns home in the comedic part of Papageno. Praised for "vocal mastery and theatrical panache" by the San Francisco Chronicle, Michie joined FGO last season in to sing in Roméo et Juliette as Mercutio.

In the role of Sarastro is Jordan Bisch, described by the Dallas Morning News as a "beautifully chocolaty yet

well- focused bass."

Buchman joins forces again with conductor Andrew Bisantz, following a smash-hit with FGO's most recent Rigoletto. This production of Die Zauberflöte was built by New York City Opera in 1988. Miami performances of Die Zauberflöte are sponsored, in part, by Funding Arts Network, and Fort Lauderdale performances are sponsored, in part, by Funding Arts Broward.

maintained the green area at a cost of \$50,000 a year. Jacobs' spokesperson Marcia Monserrat said the county has been working with the city for five years to transfer the park parcel. The city took control of it January 31 and will now maintain it and in the future staff the community center. The park will likely be renamed, Harbin said.

Tuesday night, Jacobs and County Commissioner Chip LaMarca came to the commission meeting with a gigantic \$1 million check for photo op purposes.

Jacobs said, "It is exciting to have this dream realized." And Deerfield Beach Mayor Peggy Noland said, "It is nice to see our Broward County tax dollars coming back."

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costing \$1.8 million. When residents rejected it saying they would prefer a basketball court and water feature, the plans were shelved. Meanwhile the county



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Edited by Margie E. Burke

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(Answer appears elsewhere in this issue)

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

- ACROSS**
- "Coffee Cantata" composer
 - Completely bungle
 - Ho-hum
 - Canyon call
 - Former Italian money
 - Unsocial sort
 - Cast off
 - State with conviction
 - Put into words
 - Office assistant
 - Laundry measure
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 - Atomic process
 - White as a sheet
 - Bikini top
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| 36 Auction unit | 61 Like Glinda of Oz | 8 Tip off | 39 Type of sweater |
| 37 Bygone ruler | 62 Bona fide | 9 Talk big | 41 Lobbed explosive |
| 38 Sticky stuff | 63 Fairy tale opener | 10 Powerball, for one | 42 "Atlas Shrugged" author |
| 39 Batman's hideaway | 64 Pro's foe | 11 Aardvark snack | 43 Ready to go, perhaps |
| 40 Gymnast's goal | 65 Place for a bracelet | 12 Get a look at | 44 Desire |
| 41 Aquifer's yield | 66 Must have | 13 Slip up | 49 Close watch |
| 42 Varnish ingredient | 67 Twiggy digs | 21 Below par | 50 Property divider |
| 43 _____ to riches | | 22 _____ of Man | 52 Screen symbol |
| 44 Not very often | | 25 Not quite spherical | 53 Out of here |
| 45 Football team count | | 26 Act servile | 54 Kind of china |
| 46 Manage without help | DOWN | 27 Place to get a bite | 55 A whole bunch |
| 47 Hard to understand | 1 Ballpark beverage | 28 In fine _____: fit | 56 Blue-pencil |
| 48 End of the Greek alphabet | 2 Crowning point | 29 Break open | 57 Eggs in a lab |
| 49 Bamboozles | 3 Stylish | 30 Position | 58 Russell Crowe film, "Cinderella _____" |
| | 4 Innkeeper | 31 God-fearing "shortly" | 59 Antlered animal |
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RJ Boyle goes bottom fishing, catches tiles galore



RJ Boyle and Benji Rosenblum, Joey Gushue and Max Rosenblum from Calvary High School with the day's catch.

By RJ Boyle

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Lighthouse Point – Earlier in the week, my cousin Fred Gushue and I decided to charter a boat for the afternoon with a few boys from the Calvary High School baseball team. We went down to the Hillsboro Inlet fishing fleet and met up with a long time customer and friend, Capt. Tom Oberender, who is running a boat named “Texas Wireline.”

We had heard through the grapevine that the grey tilefish were biting so we decided to give it a shot. Grey tilefish make for excellent eating and would be perfect for dinner as long as we could catch them. Tom had a spot picked out about a mile south of the inlet so we loaded up the crew and headed offshore.

I still get butterflies in my stomach every time I leave



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the inlet. I have had so many great catches out of Hillsboro Inlet and this would be no different. We set up in 400 feet of water with two rods rigged with five hooks and a four-pound lead at the bottom.

For bait we used cut squid on each hook. We free-spoiled the line until it hit the bottom and before we were able to lock the reel up the rods began to bounce.

We left the rig down for a second and then began to reel. The rods bent over and we all smiled as we brought the fish to the boat.

Tiles!

Tom had put us on to the mother lode as he has done time and time again with charters from all over the world. What was surprising about this catch was the size of the fish. Grey tilefish on average off our coast range from one to three pounds. The tiles we caught on this trip were all between two and five pounds.

We caught fish non-stop for a few hours and decided to go in early as we knew we had a lot of filleting to do.

The mate on the boat used to work as a chef so he made short work of all of the fish. As I pulled out of the parking lot I glanced at the lighthouse and thanked God for another productive trip.

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Low 5:43 AM	High 2:04 AM	High 5:02 AM
High 11:45 AM	Low 8:22 AM	Low 11:13 AM
Low 6:07 PM	High 2:09 PM	High 5:11 PM
	Low 8:51 PM	Low 11:32 PM
Saturday, Feb. 16	Tuesday, Feb. 19	This Week's Tide Tables should not be used for navigational purposes. Boaters should confirm tables with the Coast Guard Weather Station Information taken from www.saltwatertides.com
High 12:20 AM	High 3:04 AM	
Low 6:31 AM	Low 9:23 AM	
High 12:27 PM	High 3:10 PM	
Low 6:58 PM	Low 9:49 PM	
Sunday, Feb. 17	Wednesday, Feb. 20	
High 1:09 AM	High 4:05 AM	
Low 7:24 AM	Low 10:21 AM	
High 1:15 PM	High 4:13 PM	
Low 7:52 PM	Low 10:43 PM	

MLK

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streetscape improvements. Plans for the \$11 million project include 60 new parking spaces, landscape, lighting and sidewalk improvements and entryway signs for MLK and Historic Downtown Pompano. About \$7 million of that money is supposed to be spent on MLK with the rest going to Downtown.

Work will start this month on replacing a water main under MLK Boulevard. Once that is complete, at either the end of May or beginning of

June, work can begin on the surface improvements. The whole project is estimated to take about a year to complete. The water main is being replaced to ensure that capacity is sufficient enough to handle new development.

Officials hope that the streetscape improvements, the renovation of the Ali Building, 357 Hammondville Road, the 731 MLK Boulevard retail building and the new bus terminal at the corner of Dixie Highway and MLK will help revitalize the area and attract new development.

“Making property values go up. That’s what it’s all

about,” said Carlton Moore, liaison to the Northwest Community Redevelopment Agency [NW CRA] Advisory Committee.

But not everyone has signed-off on the project.

According to Horatio Danovich, CRA engineer, seven [out of a total of 80 property owners along MLK] didn’t give the city permission

to make sidewalk improvements in front of their property.

“Their property values will increase because of it,” said Danovich.

Moore said CRA officials hope making the groundbreaking will help win over the last holdouts. He compared the process to dating. Sometimes, he said, it takes

more than one night out to impress someone and forge a meaningful relationship.

If the city can’t get permission from these last few property owners it will be forced to build around their properties. But, said Danovich, if the owners change their mind after funding is spent they will probably either have to pay for their own improvements or leave things the way they are now.

Whitney Rawls, NW CRA Advisory Board member, said the planned improvements “have been a long time coming. The community is in dire need of removing blight.”

But, he added, the challenge now is to make sure the improvements don’t increase property values to the point where current residents “get priced out of our own community.”

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costing \$1.8 million. When residents rejected it saying they would prefer a basketball court and water feature, the plans were shelved.

Meanwhile the county maintained the green area at a cost of \$50,000 a year. Jacobs’ spokesperson Marcia Monserrat said the county has been working with the city for five years to transfer the park parcel. The city took control of it January 31 and will now maintain it and in the future staff the community center. The park will likely be renamed, Harbin said.

Tuesday night, Jacobs and County Commissioner Chip LaMarca came to the commission meeting with a gigantic \$1 million check for photo op purposes.

Jacobs said, “It is exciting to have this dream realized.” And Deerfield Beach Mayor Peggy Noland said, “It is nice to see our Broward County tax dollars coming back.”



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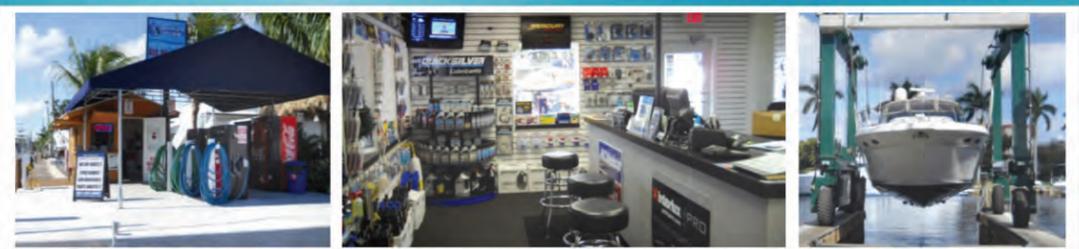
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Mr. Squeaky Car Wash owner Richard Sasso, said the time and effort to display the latest Mr. Squeaky sign was well worth it. "It took about two years of total effort to get the sign finally built. The first step was to meet with the City of Pompano Beach zoning department to ensure the sign met with their code. The zoning and development



Richard Sasso, owner of Mr. Squeaky, recently debuted his new sign on West Atlantic Boulevard. [Photo courtesy of Mr. Squeaky]

services departments at the city reviewed the drawings for the proposed sign on multiple occasions. Each time it was reviewed, the city advised that the sign did in fact meet all of the city's code requirements."

"I am very grateful to the many departments and staff members who reviewed the proposed sign and ultimately granted their support for it being built," said Sasso.

"On a typical day since we

installed the sign in January, both long-time and new customers give us a thumbs up," he added.

It appears the hard work and expense has paid off for Mr. Squeaky Car Wash.

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