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Seniors hall of fame

Older citizens who volunteer will be honored at Hall of Fame breakfast

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Northeast Broward – Five citizens, influential in Northeast Broward, have been tapped for the Senior Hall of Fame along with six other residents of Broward County. They will be inducted at a May 10 breakfast at Diamante's in Tamarac.

Chosen this week by a committee headed by County Commissioner Chip LaMarca, the new honorees are State Rep. Gwyn Clarke-Reed, 72, Deerfield Beach; Broward North Auxiliary President Josephine D'Espies, 89, Lighthouse Point; CEO of Broward Health North Pauline Grant, 62, Parkland; NE Focal Point volunteer Bill Giroux, 76, Pompano Beach; and former Wilton Manors City Manager Dr. Bob Levy, 70, Plantation.

Also named were June and John McCarthy, 60-plus, of Coral Springs; Judge Art Birken, 64, Plantation; Sandra Harris, 71, Fort Lauderdale; Margaret Reilly, 78, Tamarac; John Primeau, 60, Cooper City.

Clarke-Reed serves a state house district that encompasses much of North Broward and before that was a Deerfield Beach City Commissioner for 12 years. She was the first black woman to be elected president of the Broward League of Cities. In Deerfield, she initiated a summer employment and mentoring program for youth. As a state legislator, she works in areas of health care, affordable housing, youth

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Noah learns a little bit about the trombone at the "Petting Zoo" which took place last weekend at St. Andrews School. The event was sponsored by the Boca Symphonia and the Allegro Society. Young children get to "pet" and play instruments of their choice with a little instruction from members of the Symphonia orchestra. See related story on page 11. [Staff photo]

Playing the numbers at Internet cafes may be numbered

Pompano Beach -- The news that Florida legislators are seeking to shut down internet cafes and gaming arcades is not sitting well with the elderly residents who frequent them.

Last week the State House voted 108-7 to approve a bill that would ban electronic games used in internet cafes and gambling arcades.

State Rep. Gwyn Clarke-Reed, a Democrat from Deerfield Beach, was one of the seven House members to vote no on the bill.

"They lumped everybody in the same pot. The senior arcades are legal. They got thrown into the same category as the internet cafes," Clarke-Reed said.

She said she is for shutting down the internet cafes if the monies are not going to charities as they said. "It could be there's a need to regulate them. More needs to be looked at in (the way of) regulation."

A bill just like the House bill has

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Dining event inspires costumes, foods to match

By Marty Lenkowsky

PELICAN WRITER

Lighthouse Point – Looking to buy some moonshine? Well you can, right here in Lighthouse Point.

It's all part of this city's 8th Annual "Dinner Under the Stars" to be held Saturday, April 6 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. at Frank McDonough Park, 3500 NE 27 Ave. Tables are still available to purchase for this year's event, said Parks and Recreation Director John Trudel. Each table seats 10 and costs \$100. "The city furnishes the tables,

chairs and entertainment," he said. Individual seats cannot be purchased.

For newcomers to this fun event, Frank McDonough Park might easily be mistaken for a preview of Halloween. People decorate their tables with a theme and dress to fit that theme. In years past, themes have included pirates, college sports teams, the Roaring 20s, tailgate parties and even a clam bake.

Lighthouse Point resident Kim Hill has purchased three tables for this year's event. Her theme will be "moonshiners." She said her

guests will dress like "moonshiners and rednecks." Their decorations will include a still, a deer target and horseshoes.

"It's all about hanging out and being silly," Hill said. The folks at her tables will be eating the part as well enjoying Southern favorites such as barbecued ribs and collard greens. Trudel said during a past Dinner Under the Stars, people at the clam bake table enjoyed lobster, crabs, clams and other seafood delicacies.

During last year's event, Hill said

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Blanche Ely Tigers off to ESPN Invitational in Maryland April 4

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – As their classmates enjoyed a vacation, players on the Blanche Ely High School men's varsity basketball team spent spring break getting ready to play on a national stage.

Fresh off its second 7A State Championship in a row on March 2 against Evans in Orlando, 58-50, the Ely Tigers have accepted the invitation to play at the ESPN National

High School Invitational, in North Bethesda, MD, April 4 through April 6.

"Playing on this level – it's huge. It's a national stage. You're playing against the top teams in the nation," said Melvin Randall, Ely's head coach.

Ranked the #6 team in the country by ESPN, Ely lost in the first round of last year's invitational to New Jersey's St. Benedict's Prep, 67-61. "We let it get away from us. We couldn't throw a rock in the ocean," said Randall.

Ely's overall record this season was 27-1. The team's only loss came against St. John Bosco, from California, 72-62, on Dec. 22 during the Chick-fil-A Classic Championship in Columbia, SC.

At this year's invitational, they'll face Prime Prep Academy, ranked #3, in the

first round. The game will be televised on ESPN U at 12 p.m. on April 4. If they win, they'll advance to the semifinals on April 5, 2:30 p.m. The final is April 6, 1:30 p.m.

Randall says last year's

team was one of the best he's ever coached but he expects this year's to do even better. "They've made a lot of improvements. They've worked extremely hard and created their own identity."

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her table theme was *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, complete with singing and dance routines.

For those who want to dance and listen to good music, the Low Tides, a local classic rock band, will entertain. The city provides the band. Participants bring their own food and beverages.

Prizes will be awarded to the table with the best decorations. Trudel said there's plenty of room as the park can accommodate up to 25 tables. "It's always a fun atmosphere," he said. As many as 150 to 160 people have attended in the past, he said. The last day to reserve a table will be Wednesday, April 3. Trudel would like to sell more tables for the dinner event. He can be reached at 954-784-3439.

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Challenge to dish TV requirements wins a review by FCC

By Judy Wilson

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Deerfield Beach

— Twenty five residents in Century Village East have had the \$100 permit fee for installing satellite TV remitted after a protest was filed last month with the Federal Communications Commission.

In response to a petition for a ruling on the fees filed by Serge DeRose, a homeowner in Berkshire B, the FCC has ordered the

Dish customers win moratorium; final ruling could cost

city to suspend attempts to enforce its restrictions on the installation of satellite TV equipment. The letter was dated March 8 but not received here until the 14th. Fees collected after the 8th have been returned.

Said DeRose, "People were saying I'm crazy, but

now I am very proud of what we achieved."

DeRose and his neighbors, the 22 unit owners in Berkshire B, did not receive the refund. Their satellite dish antennas were installed in March 2011.

In December of 2012, a city building official inspected the installation and cited the dish owners for violating the Florida Building Code by failing to obtain a building permit.

Additionally, this year the city told the dish owners that

a new electrical code requires upgraded wiring. DeRose estimated the cost to each unit at \$420, an amount he claimed "unreasonable" under FCC rules.

The FCC is continuing its investigation of the situation and during this time the city must suspend all attempts to enforce its rules.

After building official John Donohue cited the Berkshire unit owners, DeRose and two others met with city officials to get a clear understanding of their problem. At that time,

they were told the already-installed dishes were subject to new standards pursuant to the electrical code and ordered corrective actions or the possibility of \$200 per day penalties.

According to the city's public information officer Rebecca Medina, no further action will be taken by the city until a final ruling by the FCC is received. If the ruling favors the city's permitting process, the refunded amounts will be due again.



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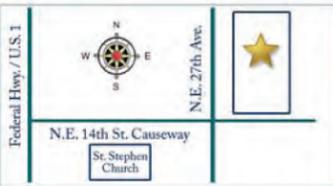
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Seniors take on latest technology at LHP Library

By Marty Lenkowsky

PELICAN WRITER

Lighthouse Point - If you think computers and today's advanced electronic gadgetry are strictly for the youngsters, guess again because you are 100 percent wrong. The Lighthouse Point Library's iPad workshop is living proof of that.

The workshop meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m., and all attendees are of retirement age. In fact, instructor Bill Borough himself is 88 years old and a WWII U.S. Navy veteran. He served in the Pacific and is a retired graphic artist living in Deerfield Beach.

Today's class was comprised of only women; however, once in a while a man does show up. "They're out playing golf," jokes 20-year Lighthouse Point resident Elizabeth Westbrook who describes herself as a "winter bird" South Florida resident.

Westbrook simply loves her iPad. "Everything I do on this I do on my laptop," she said. "I love the face time. That's the best thing about it."

Everyone in the class agrees the small size of their iPad makes it easy to use and transport. They find it more convenient than their laptops and said it's a "must" if someone does a lot of traveling. As an instructional tool, Borough hooks his iPad up to a wide



iPad workshop instructor Bill Borough explains an app to student Virginia Hayden.

screen TV mounted on the wall. His personal iPad screen appears on the TV displaying a beautiful waterfront picture of Portofino, Italy as his wallpaper. With the Italian port city as a backdrop, he shows the class his various apps and how to open them. He showed the class how to open a free Broward County

Library app they can use to download books onto their iPads.

Borough said he and another man usually do the course together. Unfortunately, his teaching partner was out due to personal illness. Through the music app on Borough's iPad, Frank Sinatra's crooning

voice played from the TV's speaker system.

Eighty-two-year-old Virginia Hayden is no stranger to computer technology. She also has a laptop. "I pay all my bills online," she said. "My daughter taught me how."

Yet, she particularly enjoys using her iPad. "I love this one the most," she added. "I learn better on this." Hayden said her daughter, whom she describes as being very good with computers, bought her the iPad for Christmas.

Borough said he finds himself using his own iPad more and more each day. "It's so convenient to check my email," he said as he walked around the classroom patiently answering questions posed by his students.

The setting for the iPad

workshop could not be more appropriate. The class is conducted in a room with technology-based art on the walls. One is a painting depicting a tiny baby pounding a computer keyboard. Another picture displays a laptop next to a cup of coffee. Another picture features a keyboard with the word "help" highlighted.

Ruth Sepanski uses her iPad to watch Indiana University basketball games. "Because I'm from Indiana," she proudly adds.

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Highwaymen artists showcase their work at Sample-McDougald

By Michael d'Oliveira

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Pompano Beach – This city's historic Sample-McDougald House was home to one of Florida's historic artistic groups last Friday and Saturday – The Florida Highwaymen.

On Friday, a few of the surviving members of the original Highwaymen group were on hand at Sample-McDougald at a special reception before the art show and sale on Saturday.

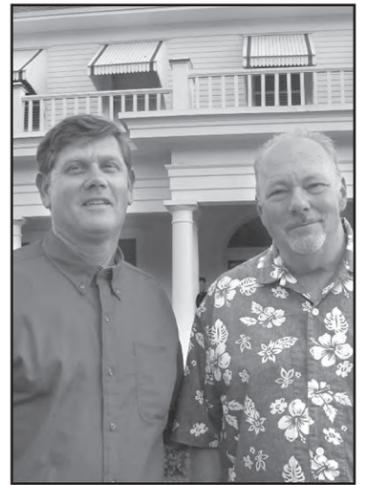
The show highlighted two of the biggest changes from the 1950s and 60s, when The Highwaymen sold their work



Al Black stands with one of his paintings, a piece of work that would have fetched \$25 to \$35 back in the 1950s and 60s but today sells for hundreds more. "Now, we don't have to sell out of the back of our cars," he said.



A member of The Highwaymen, Doretha Hair was married to Alfred Hair until his death in 1970. She said her husband was the driving force behind the group and his death ultimately led to its members going their own separate ways. Hair stopped painting when her husband died but recently picked up a brush once again. "It was nothing I planned. It just happened," she said.



Peter Williams, president of the Pompano Beach Historical Society, left, and Dan Hobby, executive director of the Sample-McDougald House Preservation Society.

Sold originally for \$25 to \$35, today a Highwayman painting goes for a minimum of \$500 to \$600 with some selling as high as \$4,500.

In the pre-civil rights days, white-owned art galleries rejected The Highwaymen's unique style of painting Florida's natural beauty. Without a traditional outlet to sell their work, The Highwaymen marketed their art on the highways of Florida.

"Now, we don't have to sell out of the back of our cars. Now, we can't sell enough," said Al Black, one of the original Highwaymen who also served as salesman for the group. [Photos by Michael d'Oliveira]

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Ivan Lozada has lived at Lighthouse Inn South for four years. "I like the staff. They take good care of my room and me. The food is good and always fresh. Ribs, chicken and meat loaf are my favorites. They bake the cakes and pies right here too, but butter pecan ice cream is still my favorite. I often walk the beach with my friends and I like bingo."

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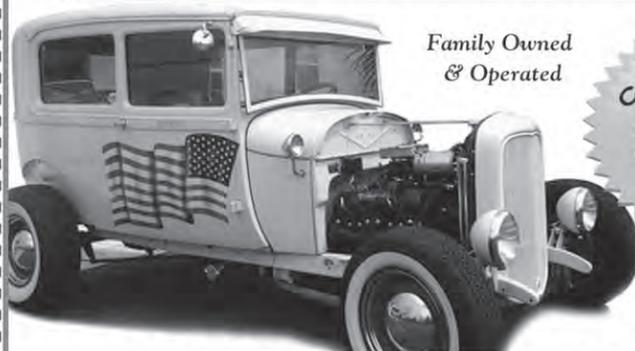
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League of Women opposes House Bill 7033 that would allow politics to influence the judicial system

Tallahassee - This month, the League of Women Voters of Florida alerted Floridians to a legislative proposal that would further weaken the firewall intended to shield the judicial branch from political influence.

According to the League, during every session since 2011, some form of legislation has surfaced that seeks to undermine or politicize the effectiveness of the judicial merit selection process.

This year, House Bill 7033 would expand political control over the majority of members on each judicial nominating panel by subjecting them to removal at any time without cause.

In stark contrast to this type of legislation, voters overwhelmingly rejected a proposed constitutional amendment on the November ballot that would have added another layer of political influence over court appointments. According to an expert from the Brennan Center for Justice who participated on the Wednesday conference call, similar scenarios are playing out across the nation.

"When voters have a chance to weigh in on the issue in recent

elections, they have uniformly rejected attempts to politicize courts," said J. Adam Skaggs, senior counsel in the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice at the NYU School of Law. Deirdre Macnab, president of the League of Women Voters of Florida, said the organization is disturbed that the clear message from Florida voters is being ignored. "If lawmakers were listening to voters, they would be looking for ideas for strengthening Florida's merit selection system. They would be working to strengthen protections against political influence over the courts--not promoting further encroachment of the political branches in the judicial merit selection and retention process," Macnab explained. "This, in fact, is a slap in the face of Florida voters after their decision on Amendment 5 in 2012."

House Bill 7033, which emerged as a committee bill out of the Civil Justice Committee, seeks to further increase political control and influence over what is supposed to be a nonpartisan merit system for selecting judges.

Originally, the nine-member commissions responsible for providing the Governor with a slate of the three most-qualified applicants for each opening were comprised of three members appointed by the Governor, three members appointed by The Florida Bar, and three non-lawyer members elected by

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Letters

Spot on, dear reader, turtles do not suckle their young

To the editor,

I enjoy reading *The Pelican* whenever I can. Part of my job as a college professor is correcting students' papers; therefore, I am very picky about what I read. I have found so many errors lately in printed publications that I have learned to just sigh and thank God that there ARE printed publications. However, the error of your reporter in the March 18 *Pelican* was enough to make me laugh and grimace at the same time, as in his first paragraph he describes baby sea turtles as "tiny mammals." Good heavens! Hello, editors! Look up the definition of mammal! Can you imagine a sea turtle nursing its [many] young? Yikes!

Other than that, I enjoyed the article and the important information given about helping the baby turtles.

Sincerely,
Karen Nagy

Heavenly Pizza owner opens door for Easter

To the editor,

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God Bless!
Phil Kassees

Closing arcades will put seniors in their rocking chairs

[See related story on page 1 "Playing the numbers at Internet cafes may be numbered"]

To Our State Representatives,

I've been reading and hearing about the threat to the quality of life caused by penny arcades.

I am eighty-seven years old and love to spend a few hours of my humdrum life at one.

I sit with other elderly folks and talk and laugh and have this time away from my little (lonely) Century Village apartment.

If you close these establishments I guess I will have to get a more comfortable rocking chair to sit on in front of my television set.

Unfortunately, folks of my age group find it difficult to enjoy most of the programs on television these days. The programming is aimed at the younger generations. The language and the situations that they embrace is not of our preference.

I've tried spending an afternoon at a movie theatre. Unfortunately, most of their films are not suitable for me.

I am not really an "old crank" but am distraught over the possibility of being housebound because of your actions.

We who use these facilities know how much of our finances we can afford to use. We spend a few hours of our uneventful lives with our contemporaries and the pleasant folks that run the place.

I read the local newspaper and was pleased to see that Rep. Jim Waldman can appreciate that these arcades are a safe, pleasant way for seniors to spend their time. I thank him for being so thoughtful.

Please take all of the above into consideration before you take away our escape from a life of boredom.

Helene Wayne
Deerfield Beach

Call 954-783-8700 or send your letters to the editor to mdpelican@yahoo.com

City may foot part of bill for facade improvements hoping to fill storefronts

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Wilton Manors

– Business and property owners looking to give their storefronts a new coat of paint, new signage, new lighting or new awnings may soon be able to get this city to help pay for it.

City staff members have proposed the Business Enhancement Grant Program, which would reimburse property owners or their tenants for expenses related to improving the outside of their building.

“We’re trying to spur people to look at their properties,” said Randy Welker, economic development coordinator.

The goal of the program is to provide an incentive for private owners to make changes that will have a positive effect on the streetscape and ultimately attract new tenants to fill empty storefronts.

Applicants who owe money to the city, through fines, taxes, fees or liens, are prohibited from receiving funds and tenants who apply must get their property owner to sign-off on the project. New construction projects will not be allowed to receive money. Only one grant will be given per tenant or property owner.

If approved by city commissioners, the program would cover 50 percent of the cost of improvements up

to \$1,000. So, if a business owner spent \$2,000 the city would pay up to \$1,000. Welker said \$7,500 is earmarked for the program and it would be brought to city commissioners at their April 9 meeting.

And they seem likely to vote in favor.

“Let’s spend it,” said Commissioner Tom Green.

Commissioner Scott Newton said it’s important that the city require applicants to have some skin in the game and contribute their own money. “If they don’t buy into the product they’re just taking something from the city,” he said, adding that it has to be a give and take situation. “I

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Ely Tigers

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And while 2012’s trip to Maryland was more like “a field trip” Randall said this year’s team is taking it a lot more seriously. “It was a great experience and a disappointing loss, but we learned from that.”

Senior Dallas Cameron, who was on last year’s championship team, also has his sights set higher. “It was an honor to get invited but we want to go out there and make some noise.”

Top town officials will be named Tuesday

Hillsboro Beach – The town commission will meet Tuesday, April 2, 8:45 a.m. to select a mayor and vice mayor. The procedure precedes the regular meeting at 9 a.m.

Elected without opposition in March were current mayor, Dan Dodge, Vice Mayor Claire Schubert and Commissioner Javier Garcia. First elected in 2003, Dodge has served as mayor for two years. Both mayor and vice mayor are chosen by nomination from the commission and approved by a 3-2 vote.

MadHatter’s Tea Luncheon

Deerfield Beach – The Democratic Women’s Club of Northeast Broward will hold its 10th Annual MadHatter’s Tea Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at DoubleTree by Hilton, 100 Fairway Drive. The guest speaker will be former state senator Nan Rich, Democratic candidate for the 2014 Florida gubernatorial election.

Attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite hat and compete for prizes in the hat contest. Items from local businesses will also be raffled. Ads, in the event’s journal, will also be for sale. RSVP via email at maggie_davidson@comcast.net or call 954-942-8711.



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Code questions answered

Pompano Beach – Mario Sotolongo, code compliance supervisor for Pompano Beach, will be at the Tuesday, April 2 meeting of the Pompano Beach Highlands Civic Improvement Association. At the meeting, held at 7 p.m. at Highlands Park, 1650 NE 50 Ct., Sotolongo will provide an update on code compliance programs in Pompano Beach and answer questions from the public. Visit www.pbhighlands.org for more information.

Circus Bar charity tournament

Pompano Beach – The 16th Annual Circus Bar Charity Golf Tournament will take place Saturday, April 20 at the Palm Aire Oaks Golf Course, 3701 Oaks Clubhouse Drive. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. and the tournament starts at 1 p.m. Cost is \$125 per player. The cost includes golf shirt, goodie bag, alcoholic refreshments, buffet and raffle prize opportunities. Funds raised from the tournament will benefit the Children's Health Foundation. Call 954-973-1483.

Model train swap meet

Deerfield Beach – The South Florida Railway Museum of Deerfield Beach will host a model train swap meet at the historic Amtrak/Trirail station, 1300 W. Hillsboro Blvd., on Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be three operating model train layouts, museum displays of railroad memorabilia and vendor tables for model trains, accessories and railroad memorabilia. Admission and parking are free. Call 954-448-8935.

Kerry Laundry Mart is all about customer service with play room, free WiFi, and 140 machines

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

"Customer service is my mantra," admits Katrina Humbles owner of this state-of-the-art laundry which welcomes patrons with many new features seldom found in other self service laundromats. "Please call me Katrina," she says in a pleasant Irish brogue. "We opened officially at 3560 N. Andrews Ave., Oakland Park, on January 14, 2012, and we were so lucky to get Tracy Wilson back. She had actually worked here before the entire plaza went bankrupt.

"She and her two grown children came back to work for me. I couldn't be happier. They're hardworking, pleasant and they know the business and many of our customers. That's important because this a real family neighborhood business. We do everything in our power to keep our customers happy."

"We're open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. so we have three shifts. Tracy's son Reggie takes the night shift to keep customers feeling safe. He walks our ladies to their cars, helps them stash their laundry and waits until they are locked in before he walks away."

Eager to list the many amenities in her business, Katrina says, "We have 64 washing machines and 64 driers. Our 80-pound machine, which washes up to 8 loads at one time, is seldom found in laundry mats. We have six, 60-pound machines which wash six loads at one time. These heavy duty machines are our busiest because they are discounted frequently and those with large families take advantage of our sale promotions."

Kerry Laundry Mart offers wash and fold service, dry cleaning for very competitive prices, alterations plus an internet café with computer stations and free WiFi. Very soon the owner hopes to have a small café with coffee, doughnuts and muffins.



Katrina Humbles manages to straighten up the childrens' playroom every time she passes. [Below] Guy Laieta is a boxing trainer who washes his own gym clothes twice a week while working on his laptop. He says, "The service is awesome here."



In the meantime, there are a variety of vendor machines for those who are hungry and thirsty.

This petite, Irish lass is very promotional. She says, "We do free raffles at every holiday. Our next will be May Day. I have a mailing list of over 1,000 patrons and I text them often to alert them to weekly specials on the machines. We're trying to shift some of our busy weekend business to quieter weekdays and these promotions seem to be doing the trick. Customers take advantage of the sale prices and the five dollar wash

coupons offered frequently."

No quarters needed here. Every customer gets a free card which starts up the machines. When they check out, they pay with either cash, debit or credit card.

Katrina hopes to become an American citizen. She migrated from Ireland just three years ago to join her family in South Florida and says "I'm a certified dental hygienist in Ireland and I'm waiting to be accredited here. I hope to eventually work in my profession. When that time comes, I'll turn over even more responsibility to Tracy, but I'll always be around."

Tracy beams at her boss. "I love her," she says. "She is so considerate and polite to me and all of our customers. She's unbelievable to me. I've never worked for anyone like her and I thank God for bringing her into my life."

The next promotion on the agenda is a yard sale during which Katrina

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will sell off all of the left over clothing. "All money made at this sale will go to a local charity. We are all part of a neighborhood and we want to be a good, giving neighbor," she explains. "The new owner of this plaza is great. He has revived it, made it a very attractive and important part of this area where he is creating jobs, good will and hopefully attracting new tenants."

During this interview, Katrina, who moves swiftly, managed to check on customers and straighten the children's playroom. She paused to chat with Debby Burns who was busy at the iron press, ironing shirts and

pants. Burns said, "I'm here every week. I like it here because it's so clean, light and airy and you never have to wait for a machine. The help and the owner are great."

Guy Laieta was doing business on his laptop while his laundry was spinning around. He said, "The service here is awesome. I'm here twice a week. I'm a boxing trainer and my wife can't keep up with my gym clothes so I wash and dry them myself. I don't mind because I'm working while they are washing."

These happy customers make it clear, it might be worth leaving one's own area to use Kerry Laundry Mart because of the service and the amenities.

Call 754-200-4043.

House bill

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those six appointees. The independence of the commissions was seriously undermined in 2001 when the Legislature voted to give the Governor all nine appointments, requiring only that four members of each panel be selected from names submitted for consideration by The Florida Bar. The Governor already has full discretion over selection of a five-member majority on each panel.

"It should be apparent what the purpose of allowing removals without cause is," explained Peter Webster, a former judge

on Florida's First District Court of Appeal. "It clearly is intended to diminish the independence of the nominating commissioners, and to increase the likelihood that they will nominate people who are philosophically aligned with the Governor-- even if they are not the most qualified for the position."

According to Webster, HB 7033 would increase the likelihood that judges will decide high-profile or politically charged cases based on considerations other than the law and the applicable facts.

HB 7033 does not yet have a companion bill in the Senate, but Macnab warned that is no guarantee it won't advance.

"We know from experience how easy it is for bad ideas like this to catch a ride on other legislative

vehicles late in the process and thus bypass the process for scrutiny and public input in committee," Macnab said. "Let me be very clear. Today we have a system that needs strengthening, not weakening. We cannot afford to be silent as lawmakers make a sham out of what was once a national model for appointment of judges based solely on merit."

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Briefs

LBTS resident to be honored

Fort Lauderdale – Robert M. DeCamillo, a Lauderdale-By-The-Sea resident will be given the Robert S. Graham, M.D. Lifetime Achievement Award by Sunshine Cathedral, 1480 SW 9 Ave., Fort Lauderdale, on Saturday, April 6 at 6 p.m. In 1992, DeCamillo became a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit MCC, which eventually became the Sunshine Cathedral. He has served as a board member and eucharistic minister. In 2003, he was the design architect for the chancel renovation that houses the organ pipes. Currently DeCamillo is a governor of the Sunshine Community Foundation where he plans to contribute his time and talent for the benefit of the Sunshine Cathedral. Visit www.sunshinecathedral.org for more information.

Canoe Race registration

Wilton Manors – The 22nd Annual Island City Canoe Race will take place Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m. at the Colohatchee Boat Ramp, 1975 NE 15 Ave. The race consists of a seven-mile relay around the city. The race is split into three divisions: men’s, women’s and co-ed. Each team that enters must have 10 members and the co-ed teams must have at least three men and three women. Participants must be at least 16 years old. The cost to enter is \$150 per team. Deadline to register is May 3 at 5 p.m. To register, visit www.wiltonmanors.com/parks or call 954-390-2130.

Painting party

Wilton Manors – The Island City Painters will meet Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Art Gallery 21, 600 NE 21 Ct. The group offers local artists the opportunity to have their work critiqued and reviewed by other artists. A \$5 donation to the Central Area Neighborhood Association, the group hosting the workshop, is requested to participate. The Island City Painters will also meet April 13 and 20 at Art Gallery 21. To join, call 954-292-3475.

Judy Knoebel volunteers her executive skills almost every day of the week and loves the challenges

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By Phyllis J. Neuberger

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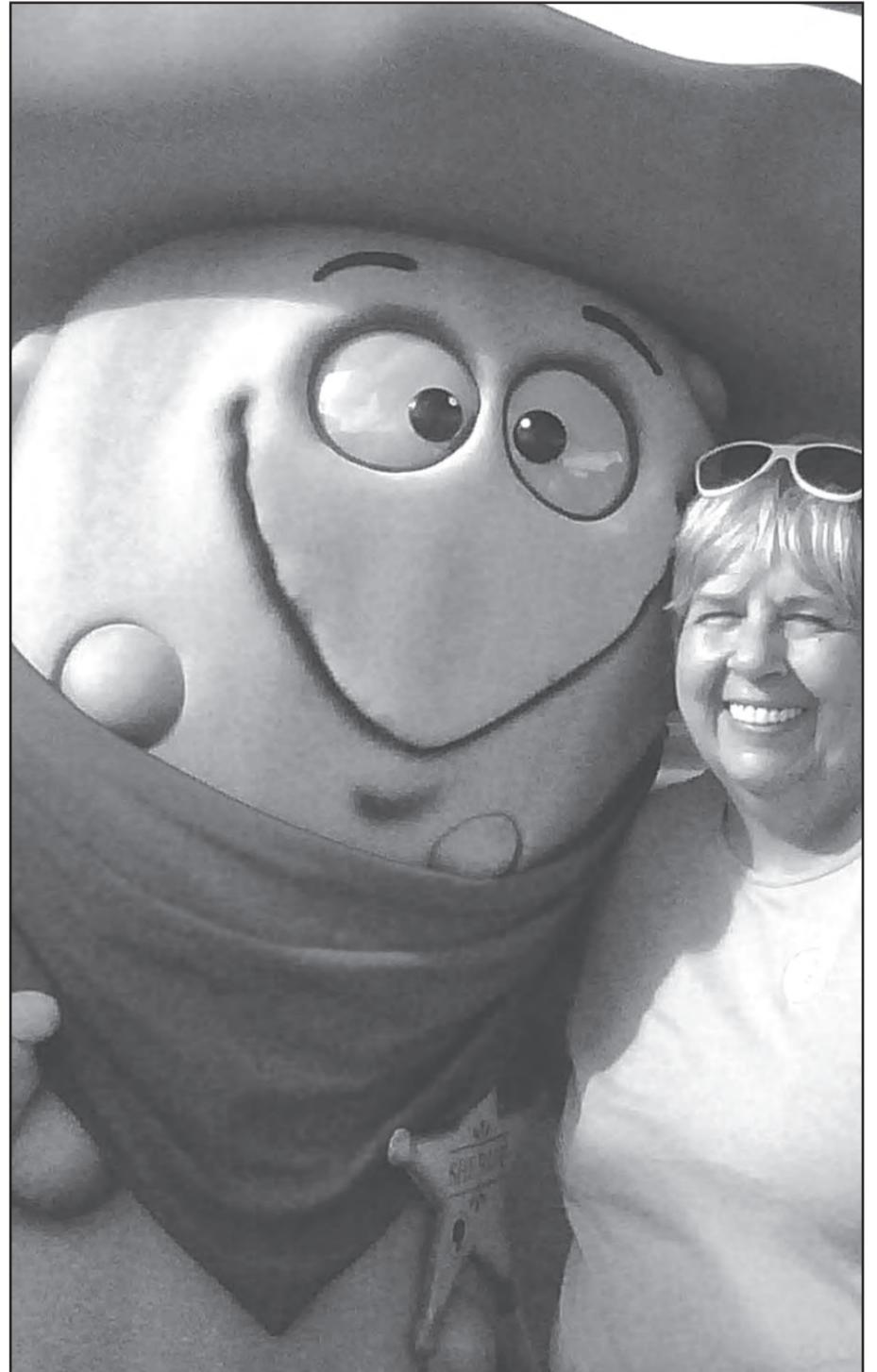
How does a newly retired, successful business woman spend her free time in a city she barely knows?

Judy Knoebel seems to have found a perfect answer to making new friends while utilizing her talents. Having spent much of her successful 31-year career with AT&T in New Zealand; Brussels, Belgium; Geneva, Switzerland, and Atlanta, GA., choosing to settle down in Pompano Beach meant starting over in a new world.

“Volunteering was a way to make new friends and get the feeling of really living in the area. It works well for me, and like most volunteers, I receive more than I give.”

The Pelican interviewed Knoebel when she had just returned from the barely opened, Hillsboro Lighthouse Museum where she is the manager. The museum is located at 2700 North Ocean Blvd. in Pompano, in a 400-square-foot space that will display more than 100 years worth of artifacts. There will also be an education room where public programs will be organized. “This is an incredibly exciting time for the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society as we finally found a place that will allow for our continued growth,” said society president Art Makenian.

Knoebel says, “We hope to be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. three days each week if and when I succeed in getting enough volunteers to keep it open.



The Green Market brings smiles to many faces, including volunteer Judy Knoebel’s mascot who roams the market on Saturday mornings. [Photo courtesy of Judy Knoebel.]

Just today I had visitors from here and from Minnesota. We will also open by appointment for group visits and for passport stamping.” She explains that members of the U.S. Lighthouse Association visit lighthouses around the country and like to have their passports stamped as they do so. We will be showcasing historical artifacts, letters, maps, documents and history of the lighthouse, its keepers and its famous lens. I became involved with this preservation group just two years ago when I helped with data entry. Now I’m a dedicated member of the

Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society.”

As she began her new life, Knoebel’s first volunteer choice was The Bonnett House in Fort Lauderdale, where she has now volunteered for 12 years as a greeter and tour guide.

“As I drive six visitors around in a golf cart type vehicle, they and I enjoy the 37 acres of nature and watching the people and the monkeys,” she says.

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Boca Symphonia brings classical music to its highest level

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Boca Raton - Last Saturday afternoon at St. Andrews School auditorium in Boca Raton, the Symphonia presented two magnificent pieces, Ottorino Respighi's "The Birds" and a phenomenal performance of Mozart's Concerto in G for flute.

The performance was a dress rehearsal for the following Sunday. But on this morning, children and media were allowed to sit in on the conversation between world-renown conductor, Philippe Entremont, and members of his orchestra.

As is expected, prior to the performance, Entremont spared a few moments of gaiety with his musicians to

lighten them up a bit. While we could hear the laughter engendered by his humor, Entremont's jokes could not be discerned.

What could be discerned was the caliber of the musicians, whose names will be found in programs of the Florida Grand Opera, the Palm Beach Opera and small chamber groups in the area where these fine musicians are finding additional work.

"The Birds" is a nature walk in musical ornithology with excellent performances by the woodwinds and string musicians regaling the dove, hen nightingale and cuckoo.

Jennifer Grim completed this woodland atmosphere on her gold flute.

Her performance of Mozart's "Concerto in G Major" belied the rumor that



Perfect! Jennifer Grim and Phillippe Entremont relax after a run-through of Mozart. [Staff photo]

Mozart called the flute, "... the instrument he could not bear." But as rumor continues, when he heard flutist Johann Baptist Wendling perform the concerto in 1778, he gained a new appreciation for it. Rumor aside, it was Mozart whose opera "The Magic Flute" remains one of today's most performed operas.

Grim revealed her complete control and love of her instrument throughout the three movements offering the purest tones regardless of the level of the register.

What is particularly delightful with this concerto are the continuous taunts and responses between the flute and the orchestra.

It is impossible to not re-engage with the joy of life while hearing this performance.

The Boca Symphonia 2014 season will offer its Magnificent Maestros series that is worth the trip. Look for Alexander Platt conducting Rossini, Shostakovich and Schubert. Entremont returns in February to conduct Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Beethoven's Symphony No. 4.

A Broward icon, James Judd will take his baton to the podium to conduct Barber, Haydn and the glorious Beethoven Violin Concerto in D major. In April Gerard Schwartz conducts an evening of Mozart.

For tickets, call 1-866-678-4201.

Petting zoo for instruments

Another aspect of open dress rehearsals is the effort of the Boca Symphonia to introduce young children not only to the sounds of an orchestra but also to the specific instruments that are played to produce those sounds.

During the intermission, families went to the lobby of the auditorium where children could "pet" instruments, try them out and get a little advice from the performers.

Susan Courey, a member of the Allegro Society, which is one of the support groups of the Symphonia, explained that the event was one way to encourage young children to study music.

The next event where children can meet the orchestra and visit instruments will be April 20 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Call 561-376-3848 for reservations.

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Obama win prompts new Democratic club here

By Judy Vik

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Oakland Park – A group of area activists has formed a new Oakland Park Democratic Club and will apply to the Broward Democratic Party for a charter.

The group was energized by President Barack Obama's re-election victory in the state of Florida, according to Robert Muniz, the club's acting president.

Muniz is a project manager for a national wireless firm. Before starting the Oakland Park Democratic Club, he worked with OFA (Organizing For America) for presidential and local campaigns since 2008. He was recently elected as area manager for the Broward Democratic Party, covering Oakland Park, Wilton Manors and Lazy Lake.

The club is open to all registered Democrats and is seeking new members. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale, 3970 NW 21 Ave., Oakland Park.

The club's main objectives are to start building the party infrastructure in the city, staffing all city precincts with leaders and to providing a venue for local Democrats to share ideas among themselves and with local leaders at the

front of progressive causes.

At the April 15 meeting, representatives from the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization will discuss the county's forecasting and planning for the Oakland Park Boulevard corridor for the coming decade.

State Rep. Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed will speak at the May 20 meeting.

Other officers are Barbara Ruge, acting vice president; Lisa Heary, acting secretary; and Gary McClellan, acting treasurer. They're all members of the Broward County Democratic Executive

Committee.

Ruge brings years of local activism with the Sierra Club and with women's causes. Heary also worked with OFA. McClellan has been active for years in Democratic circles.

Board members of the new club are Harrison Grandwilliams, Kathy Hunter, Joyce Magee and Mitchell Stollberg. Grandwilliams and Hunter are members of the Broward DEC.

Grandwilliams was deputy director for Broward Sheriff Scott Israel's successful election campaign in November. Hunter and Mcgee were active in the

Obama re-election campaign. Magee uses her background in writing and editing to review club publications. Stollberg, membership director, served on the board of North Andrews Neighborhood Association and directed volunteers for Tim Loneragan's successful campaign for election to the Oakland Park City Commission.

Club events are regularly posted at www.facebook.com/OPDemFL. Membership forms can be downloaded. Memberships are \$15/year per person. Email robertmmuniz@outlook.com.

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Little known agency supports programs for Broward's at-risk children and families

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Non-profits that provide services for kids aging out of the foster care system are eligible for \$1.5 million in grant funding being awarded by the Children's Services Council [CSC], an agency supported by the two cents on the dollar taken from every property owners' real

estate taxes. Also being awarded currently is \$634,000 to organizations that give support to family-members raising children they have not legally adopted.

For the individual, it is a small amount of their total tax bill, but in Broward County it raises almost \$60 million annually. The money goes to government agencies and non-profits that provide services to children and their families. The latest award, \$2.1 million in total, has been enhanced with a donation from the Jim Moran Foundation.

According to Andrew Leone, a spokesperson for the Council, most people are unaware of the agency even after receiving their tax bill. And although \$60 million sounds like a lot of money, according to Leone it does

not cover the gaps in services that exist here. "This is a big county. There is huge need," he said.

Because public dollars are at stake, any entity receiving funds from the CSC gets a thorough review and must demonstrate its sustainability, that is, it cannot be solely funded with CSC money. Members of the Council are highly placed officials – a member from the school board, county commission, judicial system, Department of Children and Families, the health department, the school superintendent and five others appointed by the governor. It is these people who decide how the money is spent.

The CSC aims to fund programs that offer preventive measures which may be hard

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On Sunday, pro-surf races take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. followed by an awards ceremony from 2 to 4 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. A portion of sales from food and merchandise throughout the three days will benefit autism research.

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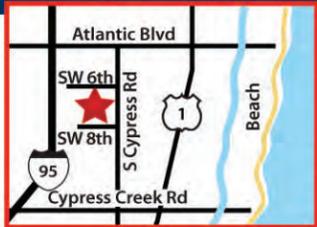
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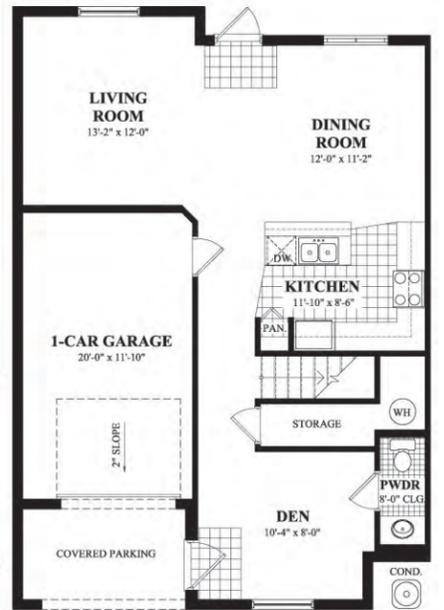
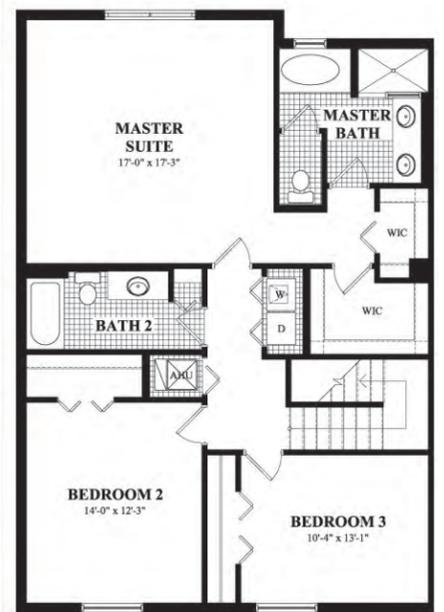
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passed out of committee in the Senate, "which is not good," said State Sen. Maria Sachs, a Democrat from Delray Beach. She is vice chair of the Gaming Committee. Sachs has filed an amendment to the bill so that senior and children's arcades, such as Chuck E. Cheese, are not affected.

"The intent was to get rid of internet cafes, but they've thrown a big net and now they want to get rid of anything to do with gaming, even games of skill," Sachs said Thursday.

Sachs said it was lobbyists for the large pari-mutuals and other gaming interests as well as Baptist church folk who spoke in favor of the legislation at the committee. "They say they are gambling and that's illegal," she said. "It's a fine line. In my opinion these are games that seniors, children and families enjoy. No money is exchanged. They have an evening out that's safe, local and easily accessible."

To follow the law, she says the arcades would fall within the exception if no money is exchanged, patrons get coupons and the arcades are regulated and taxes. Until the Department of Justice releases the results of its investigation into internet cafes, she said she can't say what they were doing that is allegedly illegal.

"The mission of our committee is to study the problem and the issues and study which are legal and which are not. Can I say that our senior arcades are not gambling? No, of course not. We will study these issues and in the end we will have an answer."

"It's really, really sad. For the senior citizens, it's like their life," said Michelle Towben, manager of Johnny's Rec Room on Copans Road, reacting to the proposed legislation. "We're like family to them," she said.

Now she's getting letters from customers unhappy at the thought of the pending legislation. One lamented that she would just get a more comfortable rocking chair to sit on in front of her television set.

Customers come to Johnny's with their oxygen tanks, on walkers and in wheelchairs. "This is their social life. It gives them something to do," Towben said.

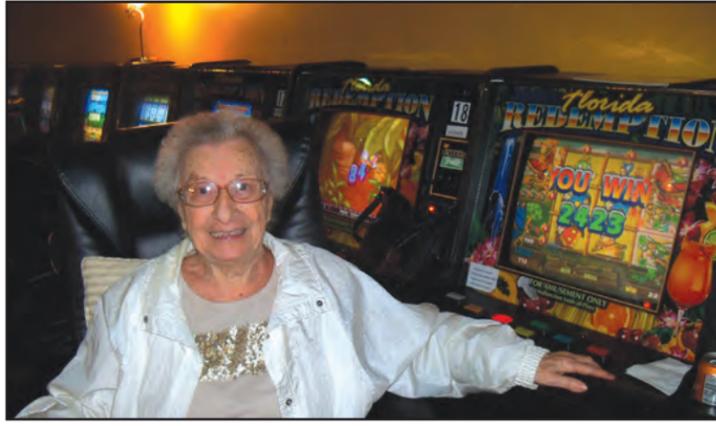
The bills are apparently a reaction to recent charges of racketeering against Allied Veterans, the largest Internet café company in Florida.

Jennifer Carroll, Florida's lieutenant governor, resigned last week because of previous ties to that company.

Towben says arcades like Johnny's aren't the same. The internet cafes are sweepstakes and pay off in cash. At the senior arcades, players receive gift cards as prizes for playing games of skill.

The gift cards awarded at Johnny's are for Publix, Wal-Mart and Visa credit. Players who don't earn enough points for a gift card can accumulate points for future use. The skill involves knowing when to hit the hold or stop button. The minimum wager is eight cents per play.

"Where else would people like me go?" Stella Kerrigan, a 93-year-old resident of Leisureville, asks. She comes



A beaming Adeline Aforismo, 90, of Pompano Beach wins a jackpot of \$24.23 at Johnny's Rec Center. She and her husband, a stroke victim who can't speak, are regulars at the arcade. "My husband would be lost if we couldn't come here," she said. [Staff photo by Judy Vik]

to Johnny's three to four times a week for a few hours. "I just enjoy it. We all know each other. We're like a family."

And she says the free meals are delicious. Brunch is served at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday and breakfast, lunch and dinner every day. On

Fridays and Saturdays, there's live music from 7 to 10 p.m.

Without the arcade, "We'd all drop dead or hibernate in our houses and lose our minds," Kerrigan said.

Rita Coleman, 86, of Palm-Aire is another regular at Johnny's, meeting her

friends there and making new friends and winning occasionally.

"If I had to stay home, I'd go out of my mind," she says.

On Monday, she won a \$41 bonus. "I push the buttons and hope for the best. I lost a few bucks here and there, but I don't spend my Social Security. If I couldn't go there, I'd go insane," Coleman said.

With family scattered all through the U.S., she says, "It's important to have human contact." Coleman said she has contacted legislators urging them not to close the arcades.

"We have fun here, and we don't spend a lot," said Gail May of Margate, another regular at Johnny's. "We need our game rooms. It's a great place to meet people."

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system."

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after school and reading readiness programs, summer employment for teens, agencies that address special needs kids, drowning prevention programs and Swim Central, the South Florida Hunger Coalition, Family Central and Children's Harbor.

The Kinship Initiatives eligible for the \$634,000 will help people taking care of family members get the social services they need. Some benefits are not available to relatives who have not legally adopted children and Kinship provides assistance in helping them get the paperwork filed that gets them assistance.

Money for the kids aging out of the system comes through the *It Takes a Village* initiative and assists them with housing, job training and opportunity, transportation.

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Knoebel

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“Monkeys?” she was asked. With a laugh, Judy responds. “The story goes that there was a monkey bar on the beach in the 50s. When the bar caught fire, the monkeys settled in Birch State Park and the Bonnett House. The monkey population at the Bonnett House is diminishing because of inbreeding and poaching.”

Being a history buff, Knoebel was drawn to the Pompano Beach Historical Society where she now has been a member for over 10 years, serving as treasurer for the past seven years. She can be found at the Green Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., every Saturday. The Historical Society began the Green Market, featuring produce from local farms and home made products, about 10 years ago. Now, the society has a co-sponsor, the CRA and a new location at Cypress and Atlantic where 40 vendors sell their wares every week. Visitors enjoy music, special

events and shopping. Judy sits at the Society’s table which sells a few historical products from the Society and farm bureau nuts, jellies and jams-all from Florida farms.

She says, “We are currently revitalizing our oral history program to capture the memories of our pioneers before we lose them all. I’m helping by taping interviews. These people are a wonderful resource for early city history.”

Dan Hobby, executive director of Pompano Beach Historical Society and Sample-McDougald House, says, “Judy is the personification of the saying that if you want to get a job done, give it to a busy person. She is always on the go, from one good cause to another, and when she takes on a task you can be sure that it will be completed. We’re extremely fortunate to have her involved with the Pompano Beach Historical Society and the Sample-McDougald House.”

Knoebel also sits on the Pompano Beach Historic

Preservation Board. She says, “Our main focus is to identify, document, and register historic buildings and places to make sure they don’t disappear. We just did the Ali building and the fire museum. The group is also focusing on developing an historic map so that visitors to Pompano Beach can drive around and see each historic sight on the map. Members meet monthly each bringing input on assigned aspects of the preservation goals.”

Still another recipient of this volunteering lady is Insight for the Blind where Knoebel has given over 1,500 hours in the past eight or nine years. “Every Friday morning I’m at the office at 1401 NE 4th Ave. in Fort Lauderdale from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. I am a reader and recorder of magazines and books. I also monitor. Whenever I hear people with radio voices, I try to recruit them, and it’s satisfying to later hear about their successes at Insight.”

Matt Corey, president and CEO of Insight writes, “In

the true spirit of volunteerism, Judy is always eager and willing to do what will help us the most and does so with a smile. I know that she is involved with many charities, so we feel lucky that Insight is where she shows up every Friday morning at 9:30.”

Two years ago, Knoebel was honored for her service and given an engraved medal during Insight’s 35 years of producing Talking Books for the Blind. Insight is the largest all volunteer studio in the United States recording materials for children and adults. Insight has grown from a single booth, recording studio to a facility with six sound recording studios and 13 reviewing booths, recording specified books and magazines in both digital and analog formats requested by

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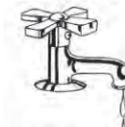
In addition to all of this, Knoebel has written the newsletter for Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art for years. She still loves to read to pre-schoolers at Education Station in Beacon Light Shopping Center. This is done in conjunction with the Broward Library System’s Prime Time Reading Program. In her limited spare time, this consummate volunteer reads, communicates on the computer and meets with friends for lunch, dinner or book club. Thank you for raising the bar on volunteerism, Judy Knoebel. The things you do for the community make a big difference.

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Film premier at Blanche Ely High School touches on familiar problems

By Michael d'Oliveira

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Pompano Beach – It's a real coup for a high school to premier a movie before it hits the big screen. But that's what happened at Ely High School this week.

"The Magic City" may be fictional, but its story hit home to its student audience.

Many of its themes: bullying, economic recession, crime, drug abuse and suicide are problems common in many communities.

R. Malcolm Jones, the film's writer and director, chose to screen the film March 20 in the Blanche Ely High School auditorium.

"This school is one of the pillars of the community," said Jones about choosing

Ely. "I graduated from Plantation. We were football rivals, so I know how much spirit this school has."

Set in the abundant sunshine and urban decay of Miami's Liberty City, the film centers on two sisters, Tiana and Nia, played by Latrice and Lashalle Jackson, who are living with Aunt Georgia, their foster mother, played by Rita Wells. When Aunt Georgia dies the girls, afraid to be sent back into the foster system, hide the body in a bathtub they keep replenishing with ice.

Along the way, they enlist the help of Amiya, a girl dealing with her own issues of loss and an attempted suicide.

To keep their secrets safe, Tiana and Nia turn to crime.

The film also touches upon Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

[PTSD] as experienced by Tru, played by Jamie Hector, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served in Afghanistan. "PTSD is very real in the hood [and] as black people we tend to not go seek help," said Jones.

After the screening, Jones and cast members Latrice and Lashalle Jackson and Taj Collins were part of a panel that discussed the film. Also on the panel were Pastor Nicky Lewin, substance abuse counselor Cynthia Oliver and Kirk Brown, senior vice president of programs at HANDY [Helping Abused Neglected Disadvantaged Youth].

Said Oliver. "I grew up on the streets of Miami. So I know about the secrets in this film," she said.

Brown advised students who find themselves in some kind of trouble to seek out an adult they can trust. "Choose the adult wisely," he said.

He also told these students they had the power to make bad situations better, even a fellow student who is hungry.

"One in six students in Broward is homeless," said Brown, an Ely graduate.

"If you hear their stomachs making noises in the class room, don't laugh. Stop them in the lunch room and do something good for them. Everybody has the ability to be a hero."

But in the end, "The Magic City" is about choices more than anything else.

The film's climax shows Tru and Nia each faced with a decision: resort to violence or find a peaceful way of resolving their anger and hatred.

"You can achieve anything as long as you keep love in your heart," said Jones.

The Magic City is expected to be in local movie theaters this fall.

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(Answer appears elsewhere in this issue)

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Show shock
- 5 Crime scene barrier
- 9 Make thirsty
- 14 Do ___ others...
- 15 Pop the cork
- 16 "La Boheme", for one
- 17 Castle, in chess
- 18 At all
- 20 Remove, in a way
- 22 Wicker material
- 23 Not quite right
- 24 Nine-to-five grind
- 26 Sly stratagem
- 27 Elmer, to Bugs
- 30 1996 film starring Geoffrey Rush
- 31 100 bani, in Romania

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- 32 Chicken Little, notably
- 34 Campus speaker
- 37 Beretta or Browning
- 38 Old-time anesthetic
- 39 Lethargic
- 40 Writer's bottom line?
- 41 Kyoto cash
- 42 Renter's document
- 43 Auction signal
- 44 Slinky shape
- 46 Merlin's forte
- 48 Hosiery mishap
- 49 Trade-show setup
- 50 Exigencies
- 54 Soon
- 57 One way to run?
- 58 Discontented look
- 59 Enthusiasm
- 60 A or B, on a 45
- 61 Rigatoni relative
- 62 Rip apart
- 63 Think, old-style
- 8 Draw in
- 9 Like a church mouse
- 10 Pal of Tarzan
- 11 Billy Burke sci-fi series
- 12 Words to live by
- 13 Start of a Kramden laugh
- 19 Get the picture
- 21 Major pipeline
- 25 Bronze finish?
- 26 Popular pie nut
- 27 Off one's rocker
- 28 Spicy stew
- 29 Throwing a fit
- 31 Stand for 34-across
- 33 Fight off
- 34 Off the leash
- 35 Well aware of
- 36 Swamp stalk
- 38 Carriage driver
- 40 Good for growing, as soil
- 42 Unlawful opportunist
- 44 Fresh, as lettuce
- 45 Prevention amount?
- 46 Instant lawn
- 47 Brewer's supply
- 49 Tree trunk
- 51 Bahrain big shot
- 52 Bygone bird
- 53 Distort, in a way
- 55 Part of MYOB
- 56 Football position

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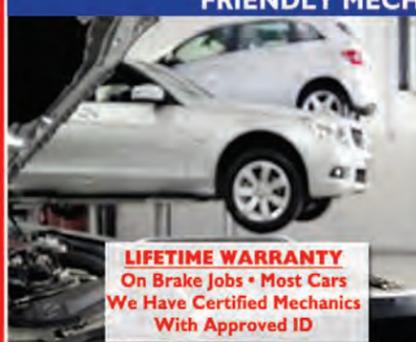
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Solution to Sudoku

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development and senior services.

D'Espies began her volunteer work at the Coral Door Thrift Shop in 1990. When the shop closed, she continued to dedicate her time to Broward Health North and works five to six days a week, 12 hours a day as president of the hospital auxiliary and buyer for the hospital gift shop. Through her efforts, over \$600,000 has been raised to buy emergency and operating room equipment.

Besides her demanding job as CEO of Broward Health North, Grant volunteers with multiple non-profits, especially the Areawide Council on Aging, United Way Committees and the John Knox Village Board, and the American Lung Association. Her leadership skills set a positive example for others to follow. She is always available to advise friends and associates regarding health and welfare issues.

Giroux has given 12 years to the NE. Focal Point serving on the CASA, Inc. Board of Directors. He has headed up special committees, most notably the Cuisine of the Region fundraiser and the annual Focal Point Auxiliary fashion show. He first became involved when his mother attended the Focal Point's Adult Day Care Center and now continues to donate items for the Center's "wish list."

Levy, is now town manager of Pembroke Park and has been dedicated to helping Broward's senior residents for over 20 years. He is presently 3rd vice president of the Areawide Council on Aging Board of Directors. In Plantation, he serves as a councilman. Dr. Levy organizes local blood drives and raises funds to save the lives of retired greyhounds. He also serves on the BSO Regional Domestic Security Task Force.

The **McCarthy**s are volunteers who have for the past 20 years meshed their healthcare business with the local social service arena. She is active in the Elder Service Resource Network, Impact Broward and the Aging and Disability Resource Center, provides educational sessions for seniors and volunteer organizations. He devotes his talents to Hospice Care, delivers medical equipment and is involved in charity events benefitting the elderly.

Judge Art Birken has been a member of the Area-wide Council on Aging Board since 1982 and has volunteered his knowledge

of the law to serve Broward's elderly population. He is an ardent advocate for animal adoptions and works closely with the Humane Society and Greyhound Protection League. His interpretation of legal guidelines has become a valued resource for the staff and board of the Council.

Harris has served as executive director of the Broward Legislative Delegation for last decade and shares his knowledge with professionals and grass roots activists who have needs relating to government. She volunteers for Broward Days, the groups that brings county concerns to the legislature and served on the board of ChildNet where she has spearheaded a graduation ceremony for teens making educational progress. She participates with NBC-6 Forever Families and is a graduate of Leadership Broward where

she co-chairs committees for subsequent classes.

Reilly volunteers at the NW Focal Point Senior Center three days a week and knows every client by name. Since 2000, she has averaged 15 hours a week serving snacks, playing games and chatting with clients. The staff there say her patience and compassion knows no bounds.

Primeau serves on a dozen boards in Broward including Women in Distress, United Way, Barry University Advisory Council, Memorial Healthcare Systems and the Broward Partnership for the Homeless. An officer for Florida Community Bank, Primeau also served as mayor of Davie in the late 70s.

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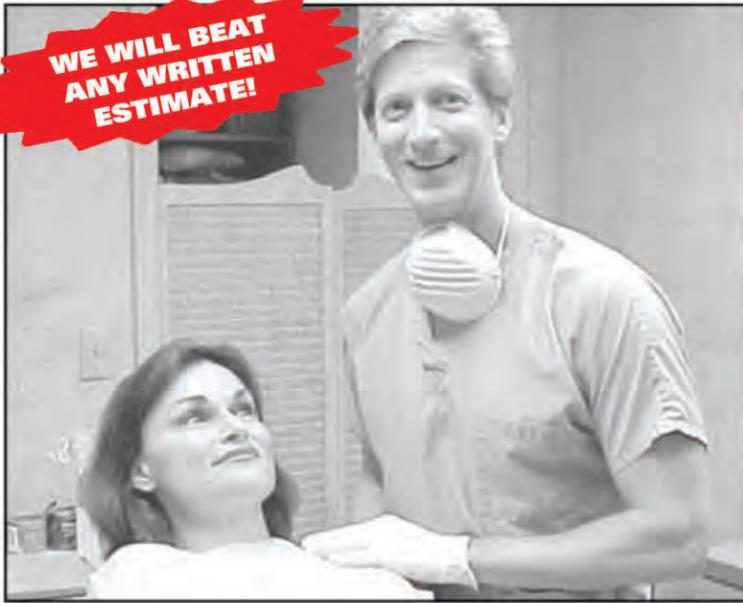
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Lacrosse clinic promotes this action-filled sport

Deerfield Beach – The Florida Youth Lacrosse Association will hold a free lacrosse clinic Saturday, April 6, noon to 1:30 p.m. at Westside Park on the soccer field.

This event is open to boys and girls ages 6 to 14 and is an excellent opportunity to learn about the fast-growing, action-packed sport of lacrosse. Participants will be shown basic skills and participate in drills taught by local high school coaches coordinated through the Indoor Sports Complex.

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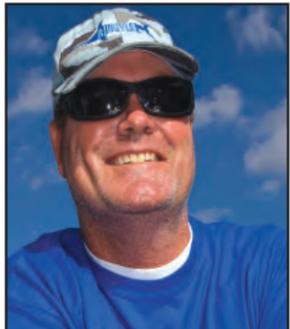
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Ocean stirs up good fishing this weekend



Capt. RJ Boyle is an experienced angler in South Florida. His studio is located in Lighthouse Point. Call 954-420-5001.

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

The water this weekend might be a little bit choppy but RJ Boyle says that's a small price to pay for some good fishing.

"The fishing should be very good because the ocean is stirred-up," said Boyle.

Dolphin, sailfish, cobia and even some sharks are ripe for the catching.

"There have been numerous reports. Gaffer dolphin is between 600 and 800 ft.," said Boyle. "The cobia bite on the wrecks is going to be good as we approach this full moon," he added. And the sailfish bite, he said, is good at about 150 ft.

And for shark enthusiasts, a trip a few miles north to Lake Worth or farther is in order. "If you get a chance to venture to the north, there's been a lot of shark fishing on the beach."

For those who do go, Boyle suggests chartering *Permitted*,

run by Capt. Greg Bogdan out of Sailfish Marina. "People I sent up there come back raving," said Boyle.

And not only is the fishing good, but anglers who go might get treated to a show. "Black tip spinner sharks jump and spin in the air when you hook 'em," said Boyle.





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<p>Saturday, March 30</p> <p>Low 5:04 AM High 11:19 AM Low 5:25 PM High 11:58 PM</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 2</p> <p>High 1:49 AM Low 7:54 AM High 2:05 PM Low 8:23 PM</p>	<p>This Week's Tide Tables should not be used for navigational purposes.</p> <p>Boaters should confirm tables with the Coast Guard Weather Station Information taken from www.saltwatertides.com</p>
<p>Sunday, March 31</p> <p>Low 5:55 AM High 12:08 AM Low 6:18 PM</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 3</p> <p>High 2:52 AM Low 9:02 AM High 3:13 PM Low 9:32 PM</p>	

Ladies! Let's Go Fishing hosts fishing classes for women anglers



Lila Harber and Diana Hunt from Ruskin; Adriana Mejia from Miramar, and Ellen Bolen from Washington, D.C., display their catch from *Lady Pamela II* at the South Florida "Ladies! Let's Go Fishing!" University, April 20-22.

SPECIAL TO THE PELICAN
Lady anglers are invited to tackle fishing skills at the

South Florida "Ladies! Let's Go Fishing!" University offered specifically for women.

The weekend conservation-minded university, held in conjunction with support from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission,

[FWC], emphasizes hands-on skills with techniques such as releasing, knot tying, de-hooking, bait rigging, spin casting, gaffing grapefruits, cast netting, trailer backing, boat handling and more.

The Women's Fishing University is scheduled for April 12-14 at the I.T. Parker Community Center in Dania Beach.

Women will learn, practice and participate in this sport, while enjoying the waters surrounding South Florida.

Activities launch Friday night with a networking meet and greet at 6 p.m., including a master chef appetizer contest.

On Saturday, classroom

presentations begin at 8 a.m., with beginner and advanced sessions on topics including fishing basics and conservation including a presentation by the FWC and lunch provided by Pollo Tropical.

Other fishing classes include techniques for offshore, inshore, bottom and fly fishing conducted by local experts.

A "Dress for Fishing Success" fashion show is planned followed by hands-on skill practice where ladies learn the art of fishing directly from the pros.

Sunday, the ladies board charter boats at approximately 7 a.m. for an optional half day fishing trip followed by a filet demonstration. The women typically catch and/or release sailfish, mackerel, tuna, wahoo, snapper and more.

Registration starts at \$99 for the first 20 who sign up, then \$135 after.

Registration includes instruction, use of equipment, hands-on training, networking reception and fundraisers, meals, goody bags and more.

The Sunday Fishing Adventure, with tackle and bait provided, is additional. No equipment or experience is necessary. Membership is not required however there is a South Florida chapter available to continue the fishing fun.

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