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CRA Committee needs more data before renewing security contract

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach -- Members of the East CRA Advisory Committee are asking for more detailed reports from the security firm hired last year. The firm's unarmed security guards were tasked to keep the East CRA district free from panhandlers.

The \$100,548 annual contract is up for renewal.

Instead, the committee has recommended to the CRA board that the contract with PSC [Professional Security Consultants] be extended month to month pending further review.

CRA staff recommended hiring PSC last year when residents reported an increase in panhandling and loitering in the East CRA district. PSC was already working in the NW CRA District.

Committee member Rafael Katz said the current reports lack information. He cited reports that read, "Removed a homeless person sleeping on a corner. Multiple." or "Removed a panhandler from the entrance of a store. Multiple."

Just writing "multiple" isn't enough, Katz said. He asked if it was the same person moved repeatedly or numerous people.

"This isn't a homeless issue," Katz said. "These people aren't homeless."

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Follow the Cross



Acolyte Festival of the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida in Pompano Beach. See page 18.

"We'll work it out," commission tells first responders worried about pension benefits

Fire fighters on job without contract

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Lighthouse Point – Concerned that the city's first responders will desert over pension disputes, city commissioners sought to reassure them Tuesday night.

With union negotiations with the fire department unresolved, Commission Vice President Earl Maucker said, "We care for our police officers and fire fighters. There is no strategy to prevent them from getting what they deserve."

Maucker added rumors that the city wants its veteran employees to leave - those who stand the most to gain or lose depending on how the negotiations fall out - are "not true." Maucker said. "We're going to figure it out. We will come up with an agreement that is workable."

Integral to the fire union contract is the city's pension plan. Last month, the pension plan actuary

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\$16 million bond discussed for infrastructure, storms

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Lighthouse Point – Looking at a possible \$16 million bond issue for infrastructure improvements, commissioners are wondering if they can get the public's support in the November election.

The projects are currently being lumped together: a new three-story

fire station with a CAT 5 emergency operations center, a new and larger public works facility, a second-floor addition to the recreation building in Dan Witt Park and completion of the library's second floor.

It was after architect Merrill Romanik presented her drawings showing these improvements that Commissioner Kyle Van Buskirk

suggested breaking the projects into separate ballot items. "Let the residents decide," he said.

Commission Vice President Earl Maucker expressed concern about "ballot fatigue" since voters will be asked to decide many state and local charter amendments. But he supported

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Art

Niki Lopez confronts a painful past with "These Eyes" at Ali Cultural Arts

By Brady Newbill

PELICAN WRITER

If the eyes are really the window to the soul, as the saying says, than it must be the role of the artist to illuminate the soul so the rest of us can see inside.

In her solo exhibition "These Eyes," on display now through May 26 at Ali Cultural Arts in Pompano Beach, Niki Lopez opens the windows to her soul with strength, honesty, and an enchanting visual style that both confronts and embraces the scars left by a traumatic past.

Lopez calls these scars "Elephants," wounded parts of the soul that stand out in a person's life like an elephant in the room.

In her acclaimed ongoing series "What's Your Elephant?" Lopez invites and encourages her audience to join her in confronting their biggest hurdles to psychological and spiritual happiness.

"What's Your Elephant' is a cathartic experience for me and the viewer," said Lopez.



Niki Lopez discusses her art that evolved from trauma at her recent exhibit opening at the Ali Cultural Art Center, 353 MLK Blvd., Pompano Beach. Call 954-786-7876 for hours. [Staff photo]

"As a child, my mother joined a cult and I was brought into that world against my will and ended up a victim of molestation." This troubled upbringing remains a constant inspiration for Lopez' work. She was 25 years old when she fully recognized the manipulative forces behind her surroundings and found the strength to leave. At the opening reception of "These Eyes," Lopez shared insights into how this shaped her work

as an artist in the years that followed, during a fascinating and intimate discussion with the artist.

"I was raised thinking that
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Sen. Thurston envisions MLK building as a business center

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - State Sen. Perry Thurston [De., Dist. 33], who offered a proposal to develop a CRA-owned building as a center for entrepreneurship.

Thurston is offering \$500,000 for the vacant building at 335 MLK Blvd. which is owned by the Community Redevelopment Agency [CRA] and is connected to the Ali Cultural Arts Center.

His plan includes housing his District 33 State Senate office and his law firm in the building.

The NW CRA Advisory

Florida Senator Perry Thurston, Democrat, Dist. 33



Committee Tuesday voted in favor of pursuing the project. The proposal will go before the CRA Board.

“When I ran for office, I said I wanted to relocate to Pompano Beach,” Thurston said.

“It’s a vibrant area and would bring people to the area.”

His plan is to create the Perry Thurston Center for Business & Entrepreneurship. Other than his offices, the center would include virtual offices for local small business owners.

“With the help and aid of a professional law firm and Florida Senate staff, local entrepreneurs could quickly realize their dreams of owning their own businesses while also receiving direct support, resources and access to programs on how to do business with state, county and municipal agencies,” he wrote in a letter to the committee.

The plan places the property on the tax roll with TIF

revenues marked for the NW CRA.

Thurston estimates construction costs for build-out at about \$295,738. He would request some CRA assistance for cost of plumbing and HVAC [Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning].

City Commissioner Beverly Perkins told Thurston, “I think it’s disrespectful to come and speak about this proposal and not bring it first to the district commissioner. The appropriate way would be to discuss it with the district commissioner.”

Thurston apologized for missing that step and said he would meet with her.

Chris Brown, co-executive director of the CRA, said the building needs to be appraised.

Oakland Park Candidate drops campaign

Scott Rivelli, one of six residents who had opened campaign accounts to run for Oakland Park City Commission, has suspended his campaign because of family obligations. He said he will revisit the opportunity in 2020.

Two commission seats are on the ballot in the Nov. 6 election.

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Seafood Festival back for 34th go around for three days of temptations

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN WRITER

Pompano Beach – Vonnice Michau usually only attends one day of the Pompano Beach Seafood Festival – a three-day affair April 27 through 29 at the Pompano Beach Pier.

But, after winning a three-day pass to the event, she said she plans to make the most of it. “I go every year. I was pretty excited because I only go the one night. But this year I’m going to make sure I stick around and catch everything.”

Michau, who lives in Tamarac, said she enjoys every aspect of the event, from the food to the music to the vendors who sell arts, crafts, clothing, sunglasses and other items. This year’s event will feature 150



The Big Draw - Paella, seafood, entertainment and crowds are the annual fixen’s for the Pompano Beach Seafood Festival, a signature event for locals and tourists. Dates this year are April 27-29 at the beach.

vendors and 20 food vendors, including Papa Hughie’s Seafood World.

“We spend the whole day there. Now, I can split it up. I don’t have to get burned-out doing everything [in one day],” said Michau.

Music

Now in its 34th year, the Seafood Festival offers up a variety of bands and entertainers for attendees looking to enjoy performances or background music with

their food and South Florida weather.

This year’s headliner is JJ Grey & Mofro, an American Southern soul rock band from Jacksonville. Other performers include The Chili Peppers tribute band; Crazy Fingers, a Grateful Dead

tribute band; and Jaded, an Aerosmith tribute band.

“JJ, we think, is going to be really good for us this year. They’ve got a much younger following,” said John Good, the Seafood Festival’s owner and organizer.

Along with the music and food, the other not-so-good constant of the Seafood Festival the last several years has been construction.

The redevelopment of the city’s beachfront streetscape and the building of the 663-space Pier Parking Garage required Good to rearrange his layout.

This year is no different with the rebuilding of the pier and the development of Pompano Beach Fishing Village.

But, just as in years past, Good said construction won’t

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Van Buskirk saying, "Maybe that's what we do."

"Breaking it down is the way to go," President Jason Joffe said. And Mayor Glenn Troast said public meetings to explain the projects will be needed.

Romanik said she is on track to present the project designs and the costs at the commission's second meeting in May. A resolution putting the issue on the November ballot must go to the supervisor of elections in June.

What the commission saw Tuesday is a new, three-story fire station built where Dixon Ahl Hall now stands. It will house vehicles and equipment, contain the EOC, a multi-purpose community room, offices, conference room, sleeping and eating quarters and fitness room. The new building comes in at 21,000 square feet.

Mayor Troast said he had

concerns the space set aside for the EOC will not be adequate given the number of city personnel who would occupy it in the event of a major storm.

The recreation center at Dan Witt Park would be renovated to make room for 150 people on the first floor. Added

Tuesday's deluge brought water into public works building

would be a covered patio, and a second story built for parks and recreation offices, restrooms, a teen center and a press box. Total square footage, 9,712.

Recreation Director Becky Lysengen said the additional space could be revenue-producing if it provided new programs and/or was rented out for private functions. Commissioner Maucker asked her to estimate what the revenues could be with the additional space.

Last year's summer camp program brought in \$27,000,

she said.

Commissioner Van Buskirk said of the new rec center, "This is a standard we deserve. It's time we move up and add things for our city."

Public Works would get a new 4,519 building for vehicle parking, administrative offices, repair

shop, restrooms, conference room and break room. The current facility has flooding issues and on Tuesday after a major deluge, water was again in the building. Size of the new structure is 4,419 square feet.

Public Works Director Chuck Schramm said his employees "would be thrilled if there is no water when it rains." The new building "checks all his boxes," Schramm said although there will still be drainage issues at Dan Witt Park.

Mindful of the voters,

President Joffe said, "Public Works facilities are in the worst shape of all. But it is not a facility used by the residents."

Commissioner Van Buskirk said, "We have an infrastructure problem. Without a good facility they can't fix other things in the city."

Librarian Cristy Keyes' request that the second floor of the library be completed was addressed by Romanik. Major work for that project is adding stairs and an elevator.

One resident already sold on the bond issue, Matt Donoghue, told the commission, "We come across like a poverty-stricken city. That's ridiculous. Ninety-nine percent of residents don't know the public works building floods. If they knew what is going on, it would be an easy sell. Why do we always limit ourselves...? We shouldn't do the bare minimum and then have needs 10 years down the road."

Security

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They're vagrants. Our heart goes out to the homeless, as it should, and we want to help them."

But he said the vagrants don't want help. "They don't want services. They don't like rules."

Katz also said McNab Park reeks of urine, "and it's unacceptable." He asked PSC for reports of each incident.

"We want you to be the conduit and the messenger," Katz continued. "Track[the incidents] so we can see what's going on. Maybe we need 10 more PSC or five more BSO deputies. Let's track this from this month to next."

Committee member Judy Niswonger said PSC personnel need identification "so people know to come to you."

Committee chair Jack Rogerson said he also wasn't happy with the current reports. "Is the homeless problem better or worse?" he asked. "Are there benches that should be removed?"

Niswonger asked about the protocol when PSC guards can't deal with a question or situation.

Rodney Wright, PSC supervisor, said the answer is never "I can't do that. We look at the situation, and if we can't deal with it, we find someone who can."

Wright said PSC currently provides two guards each day, one working from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the other from 3 to 11 p.m.

Rogerson urged better reporting and said if it's the same people over and over, they need to get BSO involved.

"Where are the places with the most problems and what can be done to improve the situation?" Rogerson asked.

He said he was ready to terminate the contract with PSC.

Kim Briesemeister, CRA co-executive director, said the committee needs to be specific in what they want PSC to do. "We need to understand where the hot spots are. We need to have data," Briesemeister said.

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Rep. Deutch statement on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day

Washington - Congressman Ted Deutch [FL-22], a member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council and Co-Chair of the Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Anti-Semitism, issued the following statement commemorating Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah):

“On this Yom HaShoah, we solemnly remember the six million Jews who were slaughtered during the Holocaust and the attempted extermination of centuries of European Jewish heritage.

“More than 70 years after the Holocaust, Jewish communities still face deep-seated hatred and deadly violence around the world. Tragically, Jews still experience anti-Semitism, from petty vandalism to violent attacks, including last month's horrific murder of a Holocaust survivor in France.

“Holocaust education is still deeply relevant and necessary to teach our children how hatred and indifference can lead to systematic genocidal murder. Commemorating Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Yom HaShoah, keeps this history alive and reminds us to combat anti-Semitism in all its forms, wherever it may appear.

“Our government shares this obligation, and I urge President Trump to quickly appoint a new Special Envoy to combat global anti-Semitism.

“Part of Holocaust remembrance is also speaking out when atrocities happen to other communities in other parts of the world. Whether Syrians under attack by chemical weapons and barrel bombs, or the ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya people, we must push ourselves as individuals and a nation to speak out and take action to prevent genocide. This serious responsibility to act when our conscience demands it falls to all of us.”

-Cong. Ted Deutch



Deutch

Oakland Park

Clinic for immigrants set at Oakland Park Library

An immigration legal screening clinic is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library, 1298 NE 37 St.

Participants can receive free consultation to determine if they are eligible for immigration relief and legal representation. They should bring documents related to their immigration case and criminal record.

For more information, call Americans for Immigrant Justice at 305-573-1106, ext. 1109.

Deerfield Beach

“Concert for Hope” Sunday benefits Relay for Life

A concert to benefit Relay for Life Sunday, April 16, features local stars Steve Minotti and Friends and “America’s Urban Cowgirl” JD Danner. The music gets underway at 2 p.m. at the historic Butler House, 480 E. Hillsboro Blvd.

The event is being coordinated by TJ Eagen who said, “This is an afternoon of music and hope that celebrates cancer survivors and the memory of those who died from this disease.”

Danner, a songwriter and singer, has shared her music with U. S. Troops and cut “Hometown Heroes,” an album as a tribute to the men and women in the armed services.

Minotti, a resident of Deerfield Beach, is a well-known and popular face at local cabarets and festivals. He is the entertainment chair for the Deerfield Beach/Lighthouse Point Relay for Life and donates his talents to a number of good causes.

Admission is a \$10 donation to the American Cancer Society. For more, call Eagen at 954-592-3150.

-Judy Wilson



“America’s Urban Cowgirl” JD Danner

Tillman charity run benefits veterans and their families

Broward College will host the Pat Tillman Honor Run April 21 from 8 to 11 a.m., a family-friendly 4.2-mile charity run.

The run takes place at Broward College South Campus, 7200 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines.

This is one of 30 Honor Runs held nationwide and the only one in Florida.

Pat Tillman, an Arizona State University alum and a professional football player, enlisted in the U.S. Army in the wake of 9/11. In April 2004, he died serving with the 75th Ranger Regiment in Afghanistan, and his memory lives on today through the work of the Pat Tillman Foundation.

Proceeds benefit the Tillman Scholar Program which awards scholarships to post-9/11 veterans and their spouses and is open to everyone, including applicants from Broward County.

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Major aquatics center under discussion for old Goodwill building

By **Katina Caraganis**

PELICAN WRITER

Wilton Manors – The former Goodwill building on Oakland Park Boulevard will be renovated to house Hammerhead Aquatics after commissioners unanimously approved a zoning change at their meeting Tuesday night.

Hammerhead USA is a non-profit USA swim program located at Sunrise Middle School in Fort Lauderdale.

John Grzeszcack, swim coach and leader at Hammerhead Aquatics, said he is looking to put Wilton Manors on the map as a wellness orientated destination.

“The design and redevelopment of this facility will significantly improve the community by creating a public amenity beneficial for all ages,” Grzeszcack said.

The aquatics center would be open seven days a week closed only for large swimming competitions and corporate rentals.

In addition to renovating the current building, Grzeszcack plans to add a 9,264 square foot addition for a total of 30,945 square feet.

The property, located at 550 East Oakland Boulevard, was zoned light industrial, and businesses in the area are characterized by sales, storage, repair, processing, wholesaling and trucking

activities, according to Community Services Development Director Roberta Moore.

Commissioners agreed to change zoning on the property to general business.

Should the developer choose not to move forward with the project, the new zoning remains in place.

Renovations to the building will include:

- 9,512 square foot 50-meter pool
- 1,740 square foot bathrooms/locker rooms
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- 1,183 square foot flex space
- 109 square foot gift/pro shop
- 1,853 square foot patio
- 500 square foot outdoor kitchen
- 5,300 square foot rooftop deck
- 1,103 square foot office
- 410 square foot assembly area

Commissioners were concerned about a variance the planning and zoning board

gave for parking.

Moore said 151 parking spaces would generally be required for a project of this size, but developers were granted a variance, so the project will require only 35 parking spots.

Moore said there would be no way to meet the parking space requirement unless the existing building was demolished.

Vice-Mayor Justin Flippen said commissioners need to keep residents at the forefront of their minds in decision making for this project.

“I don’t want to punish the entrepreneurial spirit, but we have to think of the residents,” he said.

Commissioner Julie Carson agreed, saying she was “stunned” the facility would only have 35 parking spaces.

“This is about health. I don’t want to lose sight of the importance of having a state of the art facility here,” she said. Mayor Gary Resnick asked that the appropriate city staff appeal the parking variance.

“I would like to add conditions,” he said.

Commissioner Scott Newton also brought up concerns about noise and music levels that could come with hosting large swim meets and corporate events.

“I think it’s a great thing for the community. There’s nothing to regulate how many swim meets they could have per year,” he said. “I get everyone wants to make money. I have to be cautious

of the neighbors surrounded by this project.”

Newton said he wasn’t sure the project was ready for commission approval yet.

“My personal thought is they should go back to planning and zoning. I need assurance they won’t disrupt neighbors 32 weekends per year,” he said. “I want good quality things in Wilton Manors. The swim school is. I need to focus on quality of life for residents.”



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Bruce Garber's Transportation Service gets thumbs up from satisfied repeat customers for reliability and reasonable prices

by Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

"It was just three years ago that I put my first ad in the Pelican that launched a very successful new career for me," says Bruce Garber who is the licensed owner of a one man transportation service.

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Bruce Garber enjoys transporting customers to all air ports and cruise ports.

doctors, grocery stores or even parties. I like longer runs. I like driving and I get pleasure from the many people I meet."

And they seem to get pleasure from him.

Maria Komen from Boca says "We're snowbirds from Chicago and we spend a lot of time going and coming from airports and cruise ports. Bruce is always there for us, on time. He's a good

driver. He's reasonable and very friendly. This past holiday he gave me a fragrant candle for a gift. I thought that was very sweet. We will keep using his service."

Carol and Joe Chisholm agree. She says, "Bruce is

always on time. He makes the trip from the cruise port go by quickly because he's fun and a good story teller. His charges are very reasonable and we recommend using his service."

Sharon and Fred Peterson are enthusiastic about Garber. Sharon says, "He's wonderful, on time, reliable and an excellent driver. You get excellent service from Bruce Garber for the same price you would pay for Share A Ride. He's taken us many times to airports in Miami, Fort Lauderdale and to the cruise ports."

Garber likes his life and says, "I'm now doing two to four trips every day. I'm always busy even on the weekends when I handle security and the front desk on the night shift at a very upscale condo on A1A. This job, the Pelican, referrals and repeaters keep me on the go constantly and I like every minute of it."

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Police chief calls for end of PROMISE compact with teens in Wilton Manors

By Katina Caraganis

PELICAN WRITER

Wilton Manors – City commissioners are being asked to decide whether to terminate an agreement with the school board that keeps students accused of misdemeanors out of jail. The action was requested by Police Chief Paul O'Connell.

The program, called PROMISE (Preventing Recidivism through Opportunities, Mentoring, Interventions, Supports and Education) was initiated by the School District in 2013 after a similar program was launched in Miami-Dade.

Its basic premise is that minor misbehavior by students shouldn't necessarily result in an arrest if the situation can be dealt with in a different way. Those offenses include disorderly conduct, gambling and possession of marijuana.

If a student is found to have committed any of these infractions, the agreement dictates

it must be handled through the school system first. It could result in some sort of school mandated punishment, a meeting with the student's parents or nothing.

This can happen up to four times per school year before law enforcement is notified.

Vice Mayor Justin Flippen asked that discussion regarding ending this agreement be tabled saying he didn't feel he could make an informed decision without more information.

"Absent additional backup, I did not understand the desire or necessity to terminate a program that is designed to avoid kids going from the school house to the jail house. The program, in its conception, is supposed to put in place mechanisms that might avoid that direct school house to the jail house route," Flippen said.

Since the shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, there

have been concerns raised about whether the school district did enough to help accused shooter Nikolas Cruz.

"The demographics impacted by terminating the contract would be unfair. To my knowledge, no other existing partners in this contract have terminated their contract. The school board is not getting rid of this program. Why is it being recommended the city of Wilton Manors be the first and terminate the contract? I don't know if this is a knee jerk reaction" Flippen said.

Mayor Gary Resnick said he would like to hear more information as well before making a final decision.

"I'm open to having a discussion about it. I want to hear what the chief has to say and what others have to say. I do know a number of cities refused to sign it so I wanted to get perspective on it," he said.

Chief O'Connell was not immediately available for comment.

\$3.75 a month will provide a plan to combat flooded neighborhoods

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – With a reduction in the monthly fee and one "no" vote, this city's new storm water fund was approved by the commission Wednesday.

Homeowners got a small break when the cost was reduced to \$3.75 a month from \$4.

Commissioner Todd Drosky voted no "to represent the minority," he said, residents who are already paying to maintain storm water controls such as in The Waterways in the city's far southwestern sector.

And resident Danielle Londerer said the county requires her to manage the storm water at her business location and collects a fee.

Such private measures, however, are dependent on the city's system, Environmental Services Director Tom Good said.

Agreeing that the storm water management plan

"has to go forward," Drosky said the neighborhoods with private systems shouldn't pay the same rate as those without the service. Todd said he will continue to work with staff to find a solution for a "complex problem."

A dozen people spoke pro and con the ordinance enacting storm water management; the need for it was not disputed, only the financing.

Pointing to the city's healthy reserves, speakers said the city could finance the system from its operating fund without incurring the cost of new employees and equipment.

Dan Hertz reiterated his belief that the city can afford to set aside \$2.5 million each year, enough to manage water runoff.

That notion was contradicted by Mayor Bill Ganz who reminded the audience that reserves hit a historic low in

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New state law puts man with history of gun violence in jail

Guns and ammo confiscated

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – Broward Sheriff’s deputies arrested a Deerfield Beach man April 5 after he refused to surrender his firearms and ammunition following an incident in which he fired shots at a friend as he drove away from his house.

It may be the first arrest under the state’s new Risk Protection Order [RPO] which went into effect March 9.

Jerron Smith, 31, was taken into custody after detectives went to his home at 218 SW 3 St with a court order requiring him to turn over his guns and ammo. When he refused, deputies obtained a search warrant, found his firearms and

arrested him under the state statute.

Removed were an AR-15, a .22 caliber rifle, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, a bump stock and other weapon-related items.

He remains in jail. Bond is set at \$100,000.

BSP detectives sought the RPO based on Smith’s arrest for attempted murder on March 29.

The incident occurred when Jackson Levon, who described himself as Smith’s best friend, went to Smith’s home to return a cell phone and found Smith outside appearing agitated and holding firearm.

Smith made threatening comments and as Levon drove away, Smith fired into his vehicle.

Smith was arrested and released from jail two days later.

Smith had been arrested two times previously for aggravated assault.

In February of 2017, he threatened to shoot a woman parked in his driveway. When deputies arrived, Smith barricaded himself inside this home. He eventually responded to SWAT and K9 units. A large number of weapons were seized along with ammunition.

The State ultimately declined to prosecute the case, and Smith filed a motion for the return of his firearms.

Because the RPO was not in effect, the judge granted his motion.

Two years ago, Smith was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon when he threatened Kron Givens with a knife. According to Givens’

statement, Smith was known to brag about having a license to kill and to be carrying a firearm.

In that incident, Smith threw down the knife, but BSO deputies making the arrest found a loaded gun in the pocket of his shorts. A nearby witness standing outside with his three young children gave a sworn statement about the event.

“The newly signed law is clearly proving its worth to law enforcement and the public,” Sheriff Scott Israel said.

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Flooding

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2012 of \$7 million, and the commission took criticism. Since then, the fund has made a slow climb to its current \$25 million. The reserves are set aside for emergencies, Ganz said, such as the cleanup after Hurricane Irma which cost \$14 million.

Others opposing the new fee said private enterprise could handle management and repairs to the aging system for less than the city. One of them was Janet Nederlander who said the city has not shown what is causing the flood problems. "Is it blocked drains, bad drains? Figure out what is wrong, then fix it. Hire an expert. You don't need to buy equipment. Hire it," she said.

Vice Mayor Gloria Battle countered the idea of privatization saying emergency repairs to the drainage system in her neighborhood by an outside firm cost \$100,000. "It's been my experience contracts escalate," Battle said.

Heavy rainfall Tuesday gave the drainage issue momentum. Several residents spoke of flooding that made neighborhood streets impassable.

Good said every district in the city has some flood issues but the older neighborhoods east of I-95 are most severely affected. Storm water management will be a division of his department.

It will become active in 2019 with a budget of around \$2.2 million, a figure that fluctuates moderately over the next five years.

Good said having a storm water management plan - one of his first objectives - will address flood control, water quality and pollution, climate change and sea level rise and government environmental mandates. Federal rules on water quality are becoming stricter, Good said. "There will be consequences for violating [them.] The goal is to make all waters swimmable and fishable."

Additionally, improved storm water systems have a positive effect on mold and disease, tourism and property values, he said.

Making the motion to approve the ordinance, Commissioner Joe Miller said, "We're letting people be underwater... we can't kick this can down the road again. And if anything can lower tax millage, a diversified financial system [fees not based on taxes] may do it. It is time we have a steady stream of money to fix our aging storm water system."

The monthly residential fee of \$3.75 is at the low end of the fees imposed by the 22 Broward cities that charge residents to maintain drainage.

Making a Difference

Florida Grand Opera Young Artists get standing ovations at John Knox Village tribute concert



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By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

The Young Artists from Florida Grand Opera [FGO] were welcomed with loud applause and a standing ovation when they arrived on stage in the auditorium of John Knox Village [JKV] on April 7. The packed house was filled with residents who are opera buffs and those new to this classical art form. Residents who enjoyed their first exposure to opera were quickly enthralled with the voices they heard and for that reason some will attend full operas for the first time this season. And that's the main idea for these FGO Ambassadors who make rare public appearances beyond participating in actual operas.

This year's concert was a tribute to the late diva Dr. Harriet Mertz, arranged by impresario and host for the evening, Sam Townsend. Young Artist concerts, now sponsored by the JKV Activities Department, were introduced to the Village by Townsend and the Diva, both generous financial supporters.

Justin Moss, an opera icon himself, was on hand to explain the story behind each aria in exquisite detail and to introduce the artists.

JKV resident, Paul Loree welcomed the audience and spoke about the FGO and the 8 to 12 young men and women selected to be Young Artists each year. They are chosen from over 700 applicants hoping to be part of this outstanding program, highly recognized by the opera world. He turned the mic over to Sam Townsend, who then introduced Justin Moss.

Howard Lubin, an accomplished pianist, took the stage to accompany the performers at the piano.

Performing were Simon Dyer, bass; Dominick Corbacio,



Bass Simon Dyer, accompanied by Howard Lubin



Baritone Benjamin Dickerson



Sopranos Evan Kardon and Jessica Jones



Soprano Mary Beth Nelson



Tenor Benjamin Werley and Jessica Jones



Soprano Evan Kardon, Pianist Howard Lubin, Tenor Dominick Corbacio, Baritone Benjamin Dickerson, Tenor Benjamin Werley, Soprano Jessica Jones. [Seated L-R] Soprano Mary Beth Nelson, Impresario and JKV resident, Sam Townsend and Bass Simon Dyer. Photos by Marty Lee



Tenor Dominick Corbacio tenor; Mary Beth Nelson, mezzo-soprano; Jessica Jones and Evan Kardon, sopranos; Benjamin Dickerson, baritone; and Benjamin Werley, tenor. Composers Mozart, Donizetti, Rossini, Korngold, Gounod, Strauss,

Verdi, and Puccini would have been pleased by these Young Artists' renditions of their works.

The reception that followed was hosted by JKV. The VIP party in the Hibiscus Room was hosted by Townsend, assisted by Carol Frei.

About the FGO program and the Young Artists

Founded in 1984, Florida Grand Opera's Young Artist Program has gained worldwide recognition as one of the leading operatic training programs in the United States. The program provides talented young singers with an opportunity to refine the skills developed during formal music

education, targeting those areas necessary to develop a successful career in opera.

The selected artists receive extensive coaching and instruction during the 6-8 month residency. Under the guidance of a staff of working professionals, Florida Grand Opera's Young Artists study with renowned artists and teachers from every aspect of the world of opera while gaining valuable performance experience. Singers receive individual coaching sessions and participate in master classes and seminars given by acclaimed guest artists. Special classes in audition techniques, light choreography, dance, tax and personal finance, and

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These eyes

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where I was at was protected, and if I leave then I am going to die," said Lopez at the reception. "So at some point for me there was a lot of things I was going through that I didn't even know I was going through. It's the environment I was raised in."

Lopez's expresses what that realization was like for her and how it led her to develop her independent world view in the context of her strict and manipulated upbringing.

With "These Eyes," Lopez hopes viewers are able to relate to ways that their upbringing has shaped their world views and recognize any "elephants" that may be harmful to their spirits, whether it be traumatic stress from abuse or subconsciously instilled racial biases. "The



Surrounded questions and statements relating to fear and trauma, Niki Lopez shares the images of her art. [Courtesy]

power of sharing and bringing these issues to the fore is an important part of the healing process," she said. "We all have 'elephants,' and we need to challenge them."

"These Eyes: A Retrospective Exhibition" explores these themes and shares the personal journey of the artist Lopez through multimedia sculptures, traditional paintings, and experimental interactive installation that



allows guests to become a part of a mutual growth. The exhibit opened on April 6 with a reception and artist discussion with Lopez, and will remain on display at Ali Cultural Arts in Pompano Beach through May 26. For more information, visit aliarts.org.

Young opera

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The highly competitive program accepts 8-12 artists from over 700 applicants each year and has trained more than 150 young professionals who now appear on the stages of the nation's leading operatic and theatrical organizations.

During their residency, Young Artists perform recitals and concerts for the community and outreach programs for students, inspiring a new generation and gaining valuable experience and feedback.

Perhaps most importantly, the Young Artists perform featured and supporting roles in mainstage performances as well as study appropriate leading roles in the season's repertoire.

Graduates of the program who have returned in leading roles in FGO productions include Sarah Coburn, Rachele Gilmore, Leah Partridge, Elizabeth Caballero, Jonathan Michie, Andrew Bidlack, and Tom Corbeil.

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She meticulously cleaned and scrubbed the house her father built for the family while her brothers and sisters performed all of their assigned chores, which included tending to the vegetable garden out back where the family grew much of the food they consumed – especially during the Great Depression when poverty and despair swept over the nation.

But Clara and her close-knit family persevered through the difficult times by working hard and staying together.

The laughter and excitement that radiated from living in such a large family was often held in check by a disciplinarian father who was as kind as he was strict. And although the kids were required to make sure they finished their assigned chores, they often spent their days playing games together. In the summer her brothers would run around playing



Clara Conte's 100th birthday last week was full of balloons, family and friends. At Right, Clara with her late husband, Mederic and daughter Sylvia Beaudoin, 1948 [Courtesy]

kick the can while the girls would take off their shoes and socks to stomp on the grapes that her father used to make homemade wine that was shared with the local police

chief during prohibition. Eventually Clara met her future husband Mederic at a local dance hall when they were just teenagers. The couple were married



in 1937 and had four children: two boys and two girls who were spread out over 24 years starting with their daughter Sylvia in 1938 and ending with their son Alan in 1962 with Vincent (1950) and Helen (1952) sandwiched in between.

Clara always worked very
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Seafood Festival

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negatively impact the event. "We've spent a lot of time over there meeting with the construction crews. We've got everything well coordinated."

Festival proceeds boost local clubs, charities, schools

Various local organizations will also receive a financial benefit from money raised by

the Seafood Festival. They are Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Beach Fishing Rodeo, Pompano Beach High School, Pompano Proud, Rotary Club, Soroptimists, Women in Financial Services, Blanche Ely High School, Exchange Club, and the Boy Scouts.

Event parking is available at the garage, located at North Pompano Beach Boulevard and Northeast 3 Street, and at the parking lot at North Pompano Beach Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard.

Tickets are \$10 for April 27, 5 to 10 p.m.; \$20 for April 28, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and \$15 for April 29, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at pompanoseafoodfest.squarespace.com or at the event.

A pass for all three days is \$30 and only available for purchase online.

Clara

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hard at home, cooking and cleaning and taking care of her family. But she was an extremely ambitious woman who also pursued a full-time job to help support her family.

Her first job was in a factory for the U.S. Tire & Rubber Company where she worked along the assembly line stitching up the soles of sneakers.

In the late 60s Clara began working as the executive chef in a nursing home where she cooked breakfast, lunch and dinner for 300 patients. Her food was so good that many of the doctors and nurses stopped bringing their bagged lunches to work so they could enjoy Clara's delicious culinary creations.

Unfortunately her career as

a chef was sideswiped when Clara was badly injured in a car accident on her way to work, suffering a broken arm, a broken leg, and a punctured lung.

Her husband Mederic – who was driving her to work that day – was not so lucky and did not survive the accident.

Having to recuperate from such a severe accident at age 53, her doctor recommended that she consider moving to a warmer climate to assist with the rehabilitation of her injuries. So Clara bought a house in Pompano Beach in 1972 and enrolled her youngest son into Crystal Lake Middle School next to the mushroom farm on Third Avenue.

During this time Clara and her son would often visit the brand new Pompano Fashion Square on Copans Road where she would enjoy a slice of pizza at Orange Julius.

Clara began working at the Ruth-David Women's Clothing store on Federal Highway in 1975 where she served as the top salesperson for over 35 years.

Always a workaholic, she finally decided to retire from the company in 2010 at age 92 because she wanted to spend more time with her friends and family.

Not only did she establish many friendships with her customers and coworkers over the years, but she also assembled an impressive collection of stylish fashion apparel that she continues to enjoy to this day.

Her sense of style is only matched by her sense of humor as she has been able to laugh away the trials and tribulations that occurred during her 10 decades of living in the United States.

From worrying about her husband serving in the military during WWII to witnessing the Japanese invasion of Pearl Harbor – from having to endure the assassination of JFK to the sorrow and despair of 9/11 – Clara has endured much heartache on her journey.

Clara has demonstrated an extremely strong will to carry on in the face of the numerous challenges she has experienced over the years by maintaining a positive attitude. Her stoic ability to move past all of the nonsense with a shrug and a smile has helped her friends and family draw strength from the poise and grace she consistently displays.

Her determination to work hard and succeed has served as an inspiration to everyone who has had the pleasure of meeting her.

Her passion for cooking delicious food and serving others has always played a major role in her family's happiness throughout her life. In the 60s she would cook great big pots of meatballs in marinara sauce that her children's friends would devour with delight.

In the 70s she prepared homemade pizza and Stromboli that would feed the teenagers who stopped by after school each day.

In her spare time she enjoyed dancing at the Elks Club and playing casino games at The Isle in Pompano Beach.

The South Florida sunshine has proven to be a gift that Clara has thoroughly enjoyed since she arrived in Pompano Beach over 45 years ago, and she continues to bask in the warmest of rays that continue to shine upon her during these her Golden Years.

-Alan Beaudoin



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Coastal Cocktails will showcase Deerfield's hidden, environmental gem

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – Friends of Deerfield Island Park have labored for three years to “bring value to” this wildlife habitat in the Hillsboro River. Now, they want to share their passion for the island with others by hosting a party there Friday, Apr. 27.

Says Friends founder and president Ira Wechterman, “People who have lived here for years don’t know about it... no one has an inkling of the development and direction of this park.”

Coastal Cocktails will be the first, planned public event on the island other than the nature tours held by Broward County naturalists. The evening begins at 5:30 with launches at Sullivan Park taking guests to the island where they will enjoy island music, wine, beer and light refreshments and learn of the island’s future, which may be as a small research center.

A highlight of the evening will be the silent auction. Local photographer Scott Martin is contributing a black and white photograph of a Deerfield Island trail and several photos of Everglades birds to this fundraiser.

Swallowtail butterflies visit the island’s butterfly garden.

[Below] A Deerfield Island Park nature trail photographed by Scott Martin will be auctioned at the Friends of Deerfield Island Park Coastal Cocktail party Friday, Apr. 27.



Already the Friends have achieved much on the 53-acre island. They obtained an \$85,000 grant from JM Family Enterprises to build an ADA - compliant boardwalk and to restore the caretaker’s dwelling as an education/research center. They have cleared underbrush and erected a kayak stand. And

maybe most importantly, were among the voices that halted a plan by the state to plant a sea oats nursery there. “This is a wonderful educational space,” Wechterman said. “Why would the Florida Inland Navigational District [FIND] want to destroy that?”

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Cocktails

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The island is home to armadillos and gopher tortoises as well as numerous migrating and indigenous birds and butterflies.

It has been designated a Critical Wildlife Area by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.

The island became a mission for Wechterman after he retired from his dental practice in the northeast.

Gazing down on the heavily wooded tract from his Hillsboro Cove condo and wondering what he would do with the rest of his life, Wechterman saw his future.

He formed the Friends of Deerfield Island with residents of his condo.

Others, including party chair Pat McGonigal, a resident of Deer Creek, have now joined and membership is around 80. "Not enough," Wechterman says to accomplish all he wants the island to become.

Owned by FIND, the island is managed by Broward County naturalist Katie Hendrickson, who also chairs this city's Marine Advisory Board.

Tickets to the party are \$20 and the number sold will be limited to 100 due to the logistics of shuttling guests to the island.

To reserve a place at the party, call McGonigal, 954-892-9443. First launch leaves Sullivan Park, east side of Hillsboro Blvd. and the In-tracoastal Waterway, at 5:15. Last shuttle back is 9:30.

The Wick Theatre holds Annie auditions

Wick Theater is searching for children to star with Sally Struthers in its fall production of *Annie*.

Auditions take place on April 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Location: The Wick Rehearsal Hall, 2313 NW 30 Place, Pompano Beach.

The Wick will be auditioning young ladies, of all ethnicities, ages 5-13, with strong performing skills, to portray Annie and the orphans.

Audition applications are still being accepted by emailing, Amy@thewick.org. This is the only way auditions will be scheduled. Audition materials will be sent for preparation and accompanist will be provided. No walk ups will be accepted.

Emmy winner, Sally Struthers has already been signed as Miss Hannigan for the production, which will be part of The Wick's sixth season. The show will run Nov. 29 to Dec.23 and will be directed by Norb Joerder.

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Stop the Bleeding Coalition research indicates that 35 percent of pre-hospital deaths from mass casualty events result from blood loss, and many are preventable.

According to Broward Health President/CEO Beverly Capasso, a former trauma nurse, tourniquet training is an invaluable skill for everyone. Classes take place Wednesday, April 25, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Broward Health Medical Center Main Entrance Access to Atrium Conference Room 1600 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale.

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Pensions

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recommended the city raise the fire fighters' contribution to 22 percent of their pay in order to keep the fund solvent. It's a figure they say they can't live and has led to predictions they will leave the city en masse if it is imposed.

But all the commissioners and Mayor Glenn Troast took Maucker's position.

In explaining the delay, Commissioner Mike Long said, "It's a process governed by laws," and Commissioner Sandy Johnson said she agreed. "We are limited in what we can say. Everyone needs to be patient with us."

Commission President Jason Joffe said, "Our first responders are invaluable, irre-

placeable, a part of our family. There will be a fair pension. But this has gone on too long. The uncertainty is causing a cancer. The cure needs to be found, and soon."

Addressing the police officers and fire fighters in the room, Joffe said, "Your family is not giving up on you. Don't give up on us."

Mayor Glen Troast, a member of the negotiating team that includes Commissioner Long, City Administrator John Lavisky, police representative Chris Merk and fire-fighter Mike Palmisano said, "There is no decision to raise the rates to 22 percent. There have been hiccups in the process, but we will get through this problem."

Troast did add a caveat: "Probably not everybody will be thrilled about [the out-

come.]" The fire department contract expired October 2017. The police contract comes up for renewal this October and members of that department are reportedly looking for jobs elsewhere.

Employees of both police and fire departments want the city to join the Florida Retirement Fund which would cut their contribution to three percent of wages. It is the transition that presents obstacles for the negotiators, although in recent years both Wilton Manors and Oakland Park made the switch from a self-funded plan to the Florida fund.

A blog, backthebluelhp.com, that follows the issue is being circulated to Lighthouse Point residents.

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Board appointees names

Commissioners made appointments to three town boards at Tuesday's meeting.

At their March 27 meeting the commission agreed to name the same people to both the Board of Adjustment and the Planning & Zoning Board since the Board of Adjustment seldom meets.

Named to both boards were: John Lanata, Helene Wetherington, William Ferrante, Cari McCormack and Debbie Danto.

Alternates are Alan Bluestein, first, and Bernard Petreccia, second.

Named to the Audit Committee were Kenneth Brenner, Jeffrey Whyte and W. Patrick Murphy.

In other business, the commission named Vice Mayor Elliot Sokolow as the town's representative to the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Commissioner Buz Oldaker was named the town's representative to the Broward League of Cities Board of Directors with Commissioner Edmund Malkoon as first alternate and Commissioner Randy Strauss as second alternate.

Strauss was named the town's representative to the Hillsboro Inlet District and Malkoon the representative to the AMR Review Board.

-Judy Vik

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5/10 -11 -Bonnet House Museum & Gardens offers two-day drawing workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with artist instructor Nia Nakis. Cost \$180 for members and \$200 for non-members. All classes are taught in the covered courtyard. Class space is limited to 25. Register at <http://www.bonnet-house.org/> or contact Linda Schaller at (954) 703-2606 or lindaschaller@bonnethouse.org.

Arts & Crafts take place at N.E. Focal Point senior center, 227 NW 2 St., Deerfield Beach from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 954-480-4447.

Delray Art League Ex-

hibit at the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, 140 NE 1 St., Delray Beach, features artwork by different artists every 3 months. Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Call 954-673-8137.

Auditions

The Broward Women's Choral Group seeks women singers. Rehearsals are Wed., 10 a.m.-noon in Fort Lauderdale. Call 954-951-6789. Or contact info@bwccchoralgroup.org.

The Fort Lauderdale Symphonic Winds will be accepting new members during the months of April and May. There are openings for clarinet, percussion, saxophone, bassoon and trumpet. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at American Legion Post 222 in Oakland Park. For more info, call Jim at 954-647-0700. (www.ftlwinds.org).

Books

4/11 - Oline H. Cogdill, will speak about the ethics of reviewing books at the Women's National Book Association (WNBA) at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach, on Wednesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. Members, Free. Nonmembers, \$10. Questions - email programs.

Shore beauty



This spot on the sand is on the Hillsboro Inlet. To the north lie the historic Hillsboro Lighthouse; Coast Guard buildings and the Hillsboro Club. The photographer, Donna Friedman, enjoys this spot with her family. She is active in beach cleaning activities and a member of Oceana.org and the Sierra Club. "I hope others will strive to keep our beaches and oceans clean and safe for marine life as well as us for future generations," says Friedman. [Send Shore beauty shots to siren2415@gmail.com.]

wnbasofla@gmail.com. Call 561-266-0194.

4/12 - Library Lecture series The Joys of Travel with Thomas Swick. Friends of Wilton Manors Library at 7 p.m., 500 NE 26 St., Wilton Manors. Free. Open to the public. Happy Hour at 6:30 p.m. info@friendsofthewiltonmanorslibrary.org

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At Acolyte Festival, praise of servants and leaders as one in the same



Acolytes, priests and church members parade towards Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach at the annual Acolyte Festival.

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN WRITER

Pompano Beach – The annual Acolyte Festival is about celebrating the Episcopal Church's acolytes, individuals who are servants and who assist during religious ceremonies. But at this year's Acolyte Festival, held April 7 at St. Martin Episcopal Church in Pompano Beach, discussion focused on acolytes as church leaders.

"They are the leaders of the church. They light the candles, they carry the crosses at the start of the service . . . they play an essential role in everything we do," said Father Michael Sahdev of St. Phillip's in Coral Gables.

Episcopalians from churches across the entire Diocese of Southeast Florida, from Stuart to Key West, came to the festival. It's been 10 years since the event was held at St. Martin's.

The celebration rotates annually throughout different churches in the Diocese,

Pam Sahdev, Broward youth coordinator and Father Sahdev's mother, likened the

Acolyte Festival to a "family reunion among the Diocese."

Father Sahdev noted the new roles of acolytes. Their roles are changing; acolytes are taking on leadership roles beyond the church, specifically the March For Our Lives rally held in Washington, D.C. on March 24 which was organized as a call for stricter gun control laws nationwide. "Now, they're leading outside. It's one of the reasons I see how blessed we really are."

Tyler Benting, president of the youth commission, was one of the acolytes who went to D.C. for the rally. He said this festival happening so soon after the rally helped to "keep the fire alive" in him and others who want to see change occur. "All of us are in the pursuit of peace."

In his sermon, The Rev. Bernard J. Pecaro of St. Martin's, also spoke about acolytes as leaders inside and outside the church. He said seeing the rally and other instances of youth speaking out on gun control reminded him of the Vietnam War and civil rights protests of the 60s

and 70s.

He also spoke about Dr. Martin Luther King and how King's love of Christ made him a good servant. "He did it for the love of Jesus. He saw injustice against God's children, and he had to speak out," said Pecaro. "Acolytes, . . . you are servants."

Along with reaffirming their dedication to serve, these acolytes participated in workshops.

There were also games and a procession down part of Atlantic Boulevard and part of Southeast 28 Avenue.

Those in the procession carried crosses and banners as St. Martin Senior Warden Father Charles Bolick and Sunshine Junkanoo, a Bahamian band in colorful costumes played "I'll Fly Away" on trumpets, drums, and tubas.

Passing motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists who didn't know better might have confused the procession with an out-of-season Mardi Gras celebration.

During the procession, Bolick joked, "I want my funeral to be like this."



Acolytes from St. Martin carry the banner for the saint who is best known for the account of his using his military sword to cut his cloak in two, to give half to a beggar clad only in rags in the depth of winter. Conscripted as a soldier into the Roman army, he found the duty incompatible with the Christian faith he had adopted and became an early conscientious objector.

Fort Lauderdale

Spring Fling at Bonnet House

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens will host a special Spring Fling celebration Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. The day's activities include live music by the Gold Coast Youth Orchestra and FPAN Florida Public Archaeology Network talking about Archaeology here in Florida.

The Gold Coast Youth Orchestra will be performing excerpts from their upcoming concert. Two separate performances take place at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

FPAN will be onsite throughout the day answering questions and hosting special talks on Florida archaeology.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to tour the historic house museum filled with a delightful collection of art and personal treasures from the Bartlett family as well as explore the nature trails filled with native plants, trees and an occasional monkey or swan all at a discounted rate. Adults are \$10 and children 12 and under are free.

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Plein Air Art Show & Sale to benefit the Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse

“Pat Anderson’s Plein Air Art Classes at the Pompano Beach Parks” offer original watercolors and acrylics created with Anderson’s instruction. Students the tour to the Lighthouse every month coordinated by the Hillsboro Preservation Society and paint on the grounds of the lighthouse on the ocean and among the cottages, Barefoot Mailman statue and friendly volunteers.

Artists use the prototypes of the patented Leaf Bar tables that wrap to trees, painting what they see as they see it.

On the following Monday artists paint the scene at the Hillsboro Inlet Park Pavilion located at the Lighthouse Museum.

Volunteers hosts tours of the museum /gift shop and Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society members tell the tales of the 111-year-old lighthouse.

Artists culminate the classes with an exhibit of “Discover Fresh New Artists” with all original paintings \$200 each. \$100 to the artist directly and the rest benefits the non-profit Hillsboro Lighthouse Museum and Gift Shop in appreciation of all the volunteers.

Anderson will also exhibit her originals offered in the flip-thru rack.

The reception is Monday, April 16 4 to 5pm at Skolnick Community Center, 800 SW 36th Avenue, Pompano Beach Palmdale 33069, 954-786-4590.

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Learning Library, 6 to 7:30 p.m. 2800 NW 9 Court, Pompano Beach. 954-357-7670.

Island City Book Club meets on third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Richard C. Sullivan Library, 500 NE 26 St., Wilton Manors. Call 954-390-2195.

Classes

4/16, 25. Oasis – Introduction to Computers: Learn the basics of Computing with this hands on class. No prior knowledge of computer use is necessary. Jan Moran Collier City Learning Library, 6 to 7:30 p.m. 2800 NW 9 Court, Pompano Beach. 954-357-7670.

Writing workshop at Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36th Ave, Pompano Beach with Marjory Lyons. Classes are 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call 954-249-1333.

Clubs/Groups

4/16 - Retired Educators Social Club meets at noon at Stratford Court, 6343 Via de Sonrisa Del Sur, Boca Raton. David Papier will discuss travels to Brazil. Call 954-255-6360. Free and open to the public.

Community Presbyterian Church of Deerfield Beach hosts Prime Timer Senior’s in Briggs Hall weekly on Wednesdays. Meditation, exercise, Bible study, guest speakers, trips and lunch. At

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the church, 1920 SE 5 St. 954-427-0222.

Camera Club of Boca Raton meets on second Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. No charge to attend. Call 561-271-0907.

South Florida Depression Glass Club meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Wilton Manors Woman's Club, 600 NE 21 Ct., Wilton Manors. Join the members to learn more about Vintage Glass & Pottery that is made in America. Call 954-649-9547.

Gold Coast Fly Fishers South Florida chapter of Fly Fishers International hosts meetings on the last Tues-

day of the month to discuss outings of fly fishing in South Florida at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 142, 171 SW 2nd St. Pompano Beach. Call 954-299-0273.

The Boca Raton Stamp & Coin Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Stratford Court Auditorium, 6343 Via de Sonrisa del Sur, Boca Raton. Email BocaRatonStampAndCoinClub@gmail.com.

The Broward Shell Club meets monthly on second Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach. Call 954-296-5633.

Exchange Club of Pompano Beach meets on Wednesdays 12 to 1 p.m. at the Lighthouse Point Yacht Club. 954 732-7377

Kiwanis Club of Pompano Beach meets every Wednesday 12-1 p.m. Seaside Grill: Lighthouse Cove Resort, 1406 N. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach.

Pompano Beach West-side Kiwanis meets on the first and third Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. at the E. Pat Larkins Community Center, 520 MLK Blvd., Pompano Beach. Call 954-733-2386.

Pompano Beach Woman's Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Pompano Beach Woman's Club, 314 NE 2nd Street, Pompano Beach. 954-245-7824.

Lauderdale by the Sea Garden Club meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 9:15 at Jarvis Hall, 4505 Ocean Drive, LBTS, open to men and women to learn

about plants, flowers, nature, conservation and all related matters. No garden necessary. Visitors welcome. 954-942-1639.

Events
4/15 - 26th Annual Ukrainian Montage. An afternoon of ukrainin folk dance and song featuring the Ukrianian Dancers of Miami. 2 p.m. Amatur Theater at Broward Center. Call 954-660-6307.

Relax and Unwind with Adult Coloring, last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 to 7:30 at the Northwest Branch Library, 1580 NW 3 Ave., Pompano Beach. 954-357-6599.

North Regional/Broward College Library offers adult coloring, fitness programs,

group jigsaw puzzling and classes in English and Spanish. 1100 Coconut Creek Blvd., Coconut Creek. Call 954-201-2601.

Gardening
Orchid Care classes at Bonnet House Museum & Gardens. Cost of each class is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Call 954-703-2606.

Green markets
Saturdays - Green Market - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Old Town Pompano, 41 NE 1st Street, at the corner of Dixie & Atlantic.

Music
4/28 - Youth orchestra performs at Pink Church, 2331 NE 26 Ave., Pompano Beach. 7 p.m. 954-501-0401.
4/28 - The Broward

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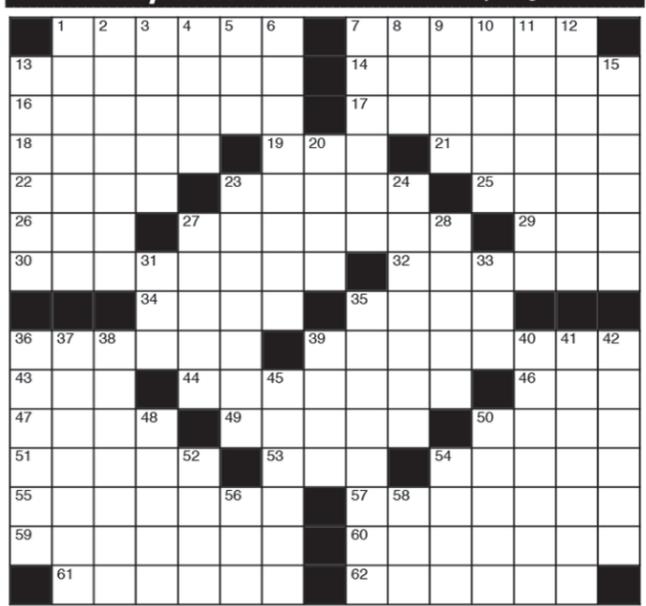
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ACROSS

- 1 Magician's word
- 7 Teases playfully
- 13 Finish on top
- 14 Bar fixture?
- 16 Bookstore section
- 17 Bahrain or Dubai
- 18 Positive end
- 19 Back of the boat
- 21 Waterwheel
- 22 Stem joint
- 23 Radio station sign
- 25 Audition for a part
- 26 Word before card or stick
- 27 First or second, e.g.
- 29 Colorado native
- 30 Darkroom apparatus
- 32 Nursery need
- 34 When repeated, title of a Jim Carrey movie
- 35 Have ___ on (claim)
- 36 Nonessential organ
- 39 Nerve ending
- 43 You-here link
- 44 Word for word
- 46 Poetic "before"
- 47 Kauai keepsakes
- 49 Angler's basket
- 50 Pekoe and oolong
- 51 Debate topic
- 53 The whole nine yards
- 54 Montana mining city
- 55 Associated with riffraff
- 57 Skating exhibition
- 59 Leading lady
- 60 Mouth sores
- 61 Prefix with day or year
- 62 Long-haired

DOWN

- 1 You or me
- 2 Update, as a kitchen
- 3 Give the slip to
- 4 Of sound mind
- 5 Quirky behavior
- 6 Poisonous flowering plant
- 7 Stupid person
- 8 Garment border
- 9 Opposed to, hillbilly-style
- 10 Uproar
- 11 Recurrence of an old problem
- 12 Fill to excess
- 13 Derby winner's strut
- 15 Library patron
- 20 Event for exhibitors
- 23 Like some vegetables
- 24 Groundbreaking
- 27 Bay window
- 28 Defamatory text
- 31 Pub pint
- 33 Nile viper
- 35 Remiss
- 36 Northwest Indian
- 37 "Blue Hawaii" star
- 38 Free time
- 39 Film spool
- 40 Starts getting molars
- 41 Elocution
- 42 Stitches over
- 45 Wall Street worker
- 48 Hefty wrestlers
- 50 Pachyderm projections
- 52 Cast forth
- 54 "Well done!" in Italy
- 56 NY to RI direction
- 58 Aries or Taurus

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4/29 - The Broward Symphonic Band - Sousa Concert. 2 p.m. Bailey Hall., 3501 Davie Road, Davie. 8 p.m. 954-201-6884.

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4/14 - TRAIL MAINTENANCE. Work with fellow hikers to clear debris and trim the verge at a remote location in the county. Specifics to be announced, see our meetup website or Contact Florida Trail Assn.: Fred Davis, 561-779-0273. Public/Moderate.

4/21 - OKEEHEELEE PARK WALK. Meet at Okeehetee Park South, 7500 Forest Hill Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL. Assemble at the Hiking/biking Trails Parking lot. Walk around the newest part of the park. 7:30 a.m.

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4/22 - SHORT HIKE ON APOXEE WILDERNESS TRAIL, 3125 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach, FL. Alan Collins will walk about 5 miles on trails in

the wet prairies and tropical hammocks. Bring plenty of water. Walk starts at 7:30 a.m. Contact Florida Trail Assn.: Alan Collins, 561-586-0486. Public/Leisure.

4/28 - HIKE IN APOXEE, 3125 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach, FL. Joe Rosenberg will lead you through around 9 miles in this urban wilderness off Jog Rd. 8:00 a.m. Bring plenty of water. Contact Florida Trail Assn.: Joe, 561-85-1954. Public/Moderate.

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4/18, 25. Closing the Gap: Through Health & Fitness: Get Healthy "Inside and Out" with our 12-week fitness and nutritional program. Guest Speakers and Demonstrations. (Pre-Registration requested.) Jan Moran Collier City Learning Library, 6:30-8:00 pm. Jan Moran Collier City Learning Library, 6 to 7:30 p.m. 2800 NW 9 Court, Pompano Beach. 954-357-7670.

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Classes

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Recreation

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Play Bridge - Bridge Games. New Season night games \$7. Monday 7 p.m. Friday 7p.m. Pompano Bridge Club, 180 SW 6 St., 954-943-8148. Pompanobridge.com.

Scrabble - Free. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Emma Lou Olson Civic Center. 954-786-4111.

Bingo - St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 1111 E. Sample Rd., Pompano Beach. Thursdays 1 to 4 p.m. and Sundays 2 to 5 p.m. Call 954-942-5887.

Bingo every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 142, 171 SW 2nd Street, Pompano Beach. p.m. 954-942-2448.

Bingo - Tuesdays at St. Martin Episcopal Church at 11:30 a.m. 140 SE 28th Ave, Pompano Beach. Call 954-941-4843.

Knitting and crocheting instruction at 1 p.m. at Temple Shalom, 132 SE 11 Ave., Pompano Beach. All levels invited. Call 954-942-6410.

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Nature

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Gumbo Limbo Nature Center 1801 N Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton –Learn about behaviors of fish, sting rays, and other marine life during these free daily feeding presentations. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Call 561-544-8605.

Theater

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available at www.ccpompano.org or by calling 954-545-7800.

Through 4/22 – New City Players present Clybourne Park at Vanguard Theater, 1501 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Pulitzer prize-winning story about race, real estate and Chicago. Tickets \$35. Call 954-650-5938.

4/19 – 5/13 – Wick Theater presents Jerry’s Girls. Tickets \$80 to \$89. 7901 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Call 561-995-2333.

Tennis

4/14 - Mixed Doubles Tennis Championships. City of Lighthouse Point. \$30/person. Sign up. April 6. Call 954-946-7306.

Tours

Butler House tours Deerfield Beach – The historic Butler House is open every Saturday for tours, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 380 E. Hillsboro Blvd. Admission is free; donations accepted. 954-429-0378 or

history@Deerfield-history.org.

Sample-McDougald House – 450 NE 10 St., Pompano Beach, the 1916 Sample-McDougald House is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Daily historic tours offered with general admission Tuesday – Saturday from 12 – 4 p.m., on the hour with the last tour entry at 3 p.m. \$10 per person. Members and children under five admitted free. Call 754-307-5446.

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Sundays

Bingo every Sunday at 2 p.m. Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 1111 E. Sample Road,

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Mondays

In Your Shoes – Second and fourth Mondays at 10 a.m., free discussions for adult men and women, led by professional facilitator at Temple Shalom, 132 SE 11 Ave. 954-942-6410.

Tuesdays

Rotary Club of Oakland Park/Wilton Manors meets on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Caruso’s Restaurant, 4165 N. Dixie Hwy. from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Oakland Park. Call John Michael at 954-275-5457.

Pompano Beach Lighthouse Rotary Club meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. at Galuppi’s on the Green, 1103 N Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach. Call 954-

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Pompano Beach

Fourth game rally keeps Boyz from tournament shutout



Jay Tacher and Ernie D'Angelo turning a double-play.

Last weekend the "Mello Pompano Boyz" over 70 softball team and Manager Tony Di Pierro headed west on I-75 to play four games in the Florida Half Century Tournament at Punta Gorda.

The Boyz were up two hours before sunrise to drive the 180 miles for an early double header.

They had no time for a

warm up or batting practice, and looked as if they needed a second cup of coffee and a 30-minute nap. They were blown out by an all-star team from the Villages.

The Boyz did play better in a second game loss to a team from Bradenton.

After a good meal, a movie and a good night's sleep, the team hit and fielded better the next day in another loss to a team from Fort Myers.

Determined not to go home, 0-4, The Boyz rallied in the last inning against a Tampa team coming up with four runs to win 18-17. Key hits came from Jay Tacher, Mike Shea, Jimmy Ritacco, Ernie D'Angelo, Jim Mills and Dale Edwards. Gary Jackson supplied the winning hit.

As the Boyz of Summer headed back home they

thought about the days "When I Wore A Younger Man's Clothes," an appropriate lyric in Billy Joel's Piano Man.

Their consolation prize? They had been out exercising, having fun and playing hard, while most people their age were on the couch watching the Master's Golf Tournament.

-Rob Glassberg



Mike Shea makes the overhead catch



Jay Tacher, Ron Losey, Bob Elkins, Gary Jackson, Scott Swedo, Bob DiMatteo, Mike Shea, Dale Edwards, Jim Mills, Jim Ritacco, Ernie D'Angelo and Coach Tony DiPierro.



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A Group
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3rd place: Meryl Friedman 52
B Group
1st place: Diane Constantino, 50
2nd place: Jill Goldfarb, 60
3rd place: Barbara Long, 61

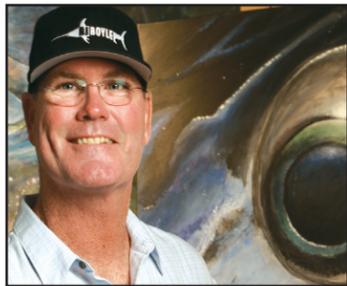
Pompano Beach Nine Hole Women's League

March 27 - Game: Odd Holes Only
A Group:
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2nd place (tie): Susan Diamond, Deborah Cushman, 20
B Group:
1st place: Marilyn Giusti, 19
2nd place: Rosemarie Eaton, 20
3rd place: Meryl Friedman, 22
C Group:
1st place: Barbara Long, 21
2nd place: Jill Goldfarb, 22
3rd place (tie): Marlene Williams, Sheila Tyler, 23

Youth football, cheerleading sign-ups

Bison Football and Cheerleading Registration now open! Register today or join us at the Oveta McKeithen Recreational Complex, 445 SW 2nd St., on Saturday, April 14 or Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at one of the city's registration open houses. For more information please visit: dfb.city/bisonfootball

Fishing report



Beware of Storms!

Earlier this week we ventured out to the swordfish grounds roughly 15 miles offshore.

For several hours the weather was beautiful, but we noticed as we looked to the west that storms were building.

We took it on the chin on the way in, but we felt confident as our safety system was in place.

As the summer arrives this stormy afternoon weather pattern will become more consistent. The unfortunate part of fishing offshore is that we must head west through the storms to get home. If you notice the weather deteriorat-



John Bassett Jr. gives a 'thumbs down' on this trip. [Courtesy]

ing, it is always wise to use the buddy system. We will contact boats fishing offshore and team up for the scary ride in. We make sure that all rods, antennas and anything pointing upward is laid down on the boat to prevent direct lightning strikes.

Always travel to and from the offshore grounds monitoring Channel 16 for safety. Another safety tip is to have your tow boat numbers accessible

as well as all safety equipment such as rafts, life jackets and epiirbs [emergency position-radio beacon] within reach. Having your safety equipment hidden beneath tackle boxes in your console is going to do you no good in an extreme sit-

uation. You should be able to have all safety calls and gathering of all safety equipment prepared within 30 seconds. Are you ready?

-Stay safe!

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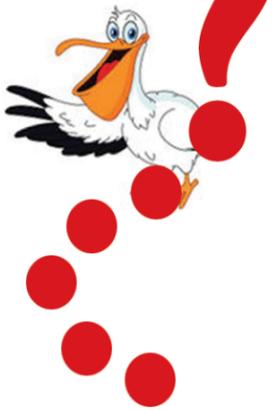
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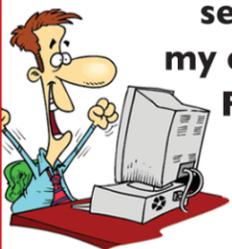
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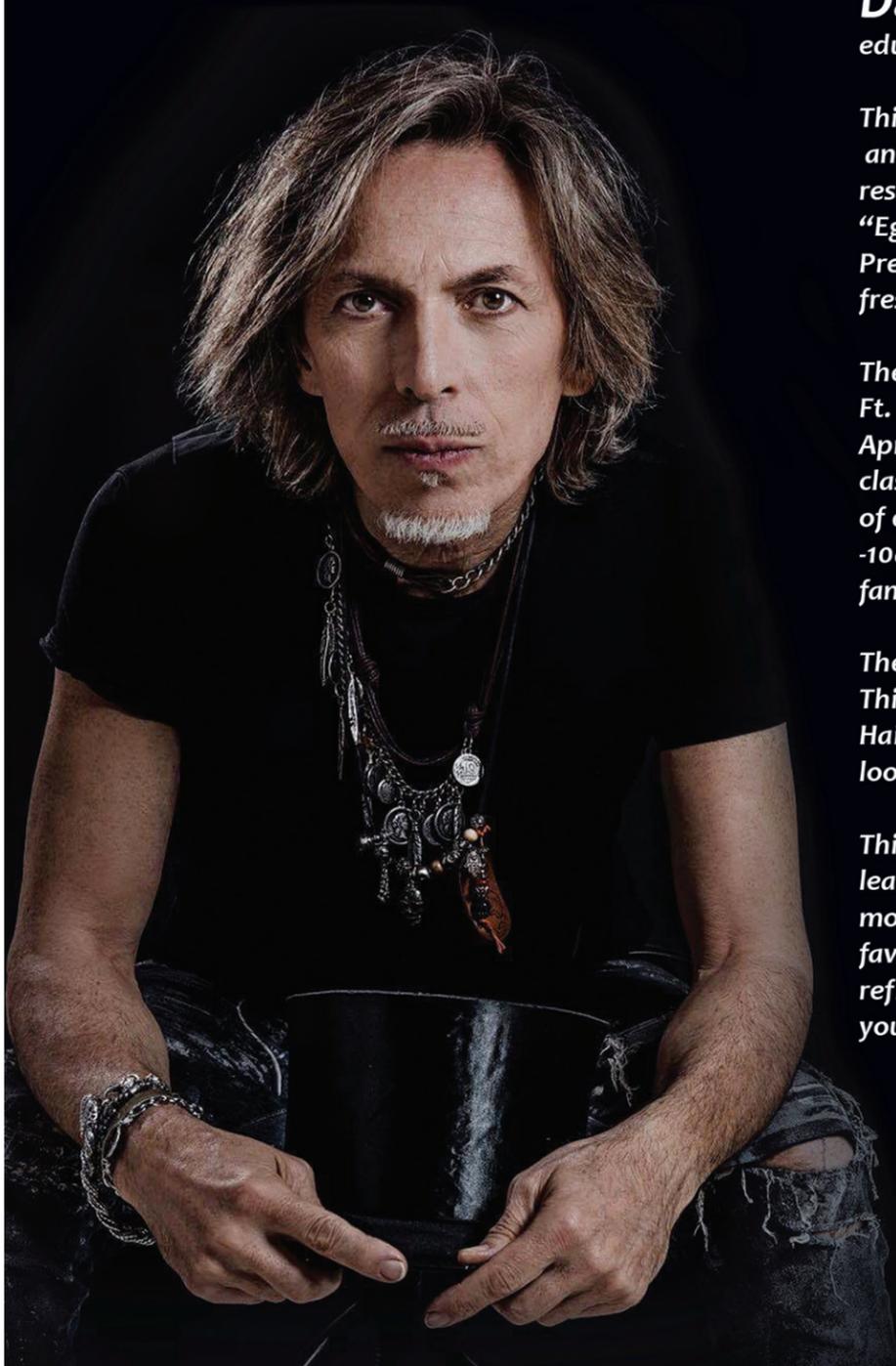
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Models needed. Apply in person by April 20.

Calendar

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Wednesdays

Nights at the Observatory - 7 to 10 p.m. Buehler Observatory. Broward College, Central Campus 3501 SW. Davie Road. Davie. Experts guide you in locating the moon, stars and nebulae (weather permitting). Free and open to the public. Call 954-201-

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Thursdays

Agape Cafe - opens its doors to all who are hungry every Thursday between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. at St. Martin Episcopal Church, 140 SE 28 Ave. The public is welcome at the table. Call 954-941-4843.

Fridays

Rotary Club of Pompano Beach meets on Fridays at noon at Galuppi's on the Green, 1103 N Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach. 954-786-

3274.

Volunteer

Broward Center for the Performing Arts seeks ushers to welcome patrons and help them find their seats. The Center offers a three-hour course for training. Call 954-468-2684.

Writers

4/28 - Award-winning journalist Jeff Klinkenberg will present a free talk about "The Most Interesting Floridians I Have Known" on Saturday, April 28 from 11a.m. to noon at the Deerfield Beach Percy White Library, 837 E Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. Writing his way up and down Florida from Key West to Pensacola for almost 50 years has earned Klinkenberg the Florida Humanities Council prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award for Writing for 2018. His topic is Florida history and the people who make it fascinating.



Last month at Pompano Beach City Hall, Linda Hunter, Leila Moavero, Emma Ellington, Hazel Armbrister, Sharon Stone Walker, Joanne Sterner, Joanne Richter, Barbara Herring and Pompano Beach Mayor Lamar Fisher honored women past and present. The mayor had presented Sterner with a proclamation honoring Women's History Month. Sterner accepted the award on behalf of the Broward County Women's History Coalition. [Staff photo]

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HOW TO SOLVE:
Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

(Answer appears elsewhere in this issue)

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