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City manager wants to extend RMA's consulting agreement

Sobel calls for termination of board attorney

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - A contract between the CRA and RMA for consulting/professional services was removed from the agenda of the CRA Board Tuesday.

The matter will be back before the board at its May 15 meeting.

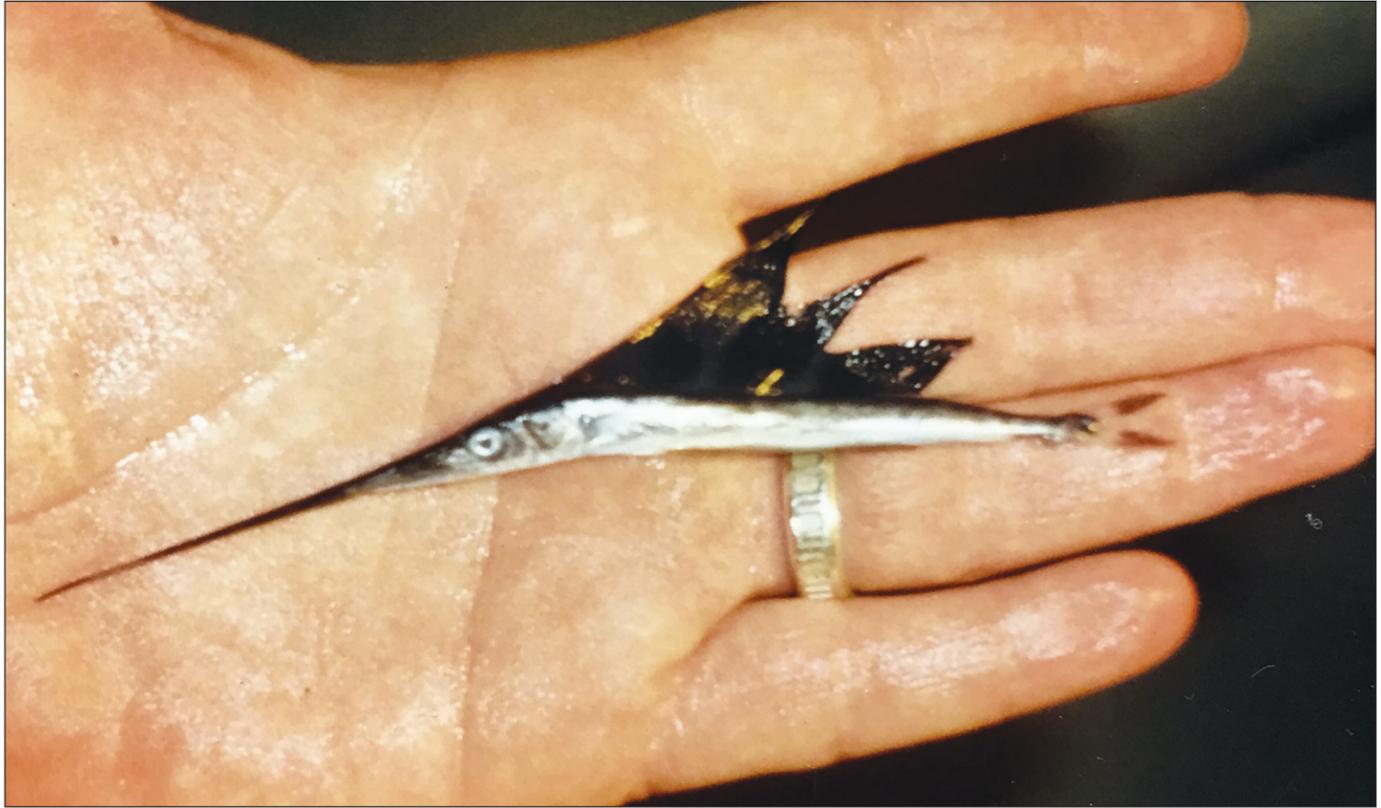
In late January, RMA submitted a letter ending their management arrangement with the CRA effective Feb. 1 with a 90-day transition period.

CRA executive director Greg Harrison now says that 90-day transition period is being extended another 90 days.

In a report to the board, Harrison wrote that city staff has been preoccupied with city business, including the massive undertaking of educating the public about the citywide bond issue.

"Since RMA provided over 25 employees to the CRA for nine years consisting of full and parttime redevelopment experts, the transition will take more time than anticipated to complete. To effectively transition

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Pictured here is a juvenile sailfish captured by Pelican Angler RJ Boyle 15 miles offshore on a weedline. Boyle and buddies were swordfishing, night drifting along when they began to see these baby sailfish swimming everywhere through their underwater light. Said Boyle, "You never know what you are going to see way offshore. We released this beauty back into the water."

Moms want support from Norcrest parents when they ask commission for School Resource Officer funds

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Lighthouse Point- Danielle Burns and Susan Kang are rounding up parents whose children attend Norcrest Elementary School, hoping to make a presence at the next city commission meeting, Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.

Their issue? The lack of a full time BSO resource officer at the school where students living in this city are assigned. Norcrest now shares an officer with Cresthaven and Palm View elementary schools.

"We promote our city as a great place for families," Burns said. "We need to make our public schools safe. It's our moral, ethical obligation."

Norcrest has an enrollment of 832 students; about 20 percent live

in Lighthouse Point. The school is located just west of US 1 in Pompano Beach.

Elementary school resource officers [SRO] are not funded by the School Board and most cities kick in the dollars, not necessarily one per school. Because it has no school within its boundaries, Lighthouse Point does not contribute to this safety factor.

Annual cost for one officer is about \$150,000.

"I encourage anyone who feels [the contribution] is the right thing to do, to come out to the meeting," Burns said.

Kang agrees. The mother of a 6-year-old who has been in Norcrest since pre-kindergarten, Kang didn't realize the resource officer she sees at morning drop-off was shared with other schools. She fully supports Burns' efforts. "People look at the schools when

they purchase a home," she said. "In light of everything that is happening, this is a good cause."

Norcrest PTA President Margie Hedelund says her parents are very responsive to the school's needs.

After the Margery Stoneman Douglas shooting, 100 of them came out to a safety meeting and while the PTA raised \$17,000 last year for academic enrichment, the law does not allow it to pay for school district employees.

But the city of Lighthouse Point has been pro-active for Norcrest in the past, Hedelund said.

Several years ago, the commission lobbied the school board to make Norcrest the designated elementary school for Lighthouse Point students. Before that, public school students

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City manager gets 21 percent salary hike

Harrison will assume duties of CRA director

By Anne Siren

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Pompano Beach – This month, city commissioners, with the exception of Commissioners Beverly Perkins and Mike Sobel, raised the salary of City Manager Greg Harrison from 192,500 to \$239,912.

Harrison took the position in Feb. 2017 after serving as assistant city manager under former manager, Dennis Beach.

The raise was not on the agenda, and was brought up at the end of the meeting by Ed Beecher, human resources director.

Beecher noted that Harrison's salary was below the average scale for managers of cities the size of Pompano Beach. Delray Beach City Manager, where the population is about half that of this city, was earning 19 percent more than Harrison, Beecher said.

Accolades for Harrison came from city employees, union representatives and business owners.

Dirk DeJong, chamber leader, board member of the Sample McDougald House and CEO of Furman Insurance called Harrison a "great city manager with a passion for the city."

Perkins said she would not support the increase and wanted to know why this was being done. She called for a public meeting to discuss the item fully.

Beecher explained that the increase was based on the city manager's evaluations in late November.

Perkins was not satisfied. "We never have enough time to evaluate employees. My issue is the procedure; we have to be open and more transparent," she said.

Commissioner Rex Hardin countered. "The commission evaluates the city manager on a daily basis. You got a problem with the city manager, you kick him or her on the butt."

Hardin added that Harrison would be taking over the additional responsibility of the CRA.

RMA, the firm hired to direct the CRA, resigned its duties earlier this year after complaints surfaced regarding District 4 not

getting much attention. Last year, when it had been disclosed that RMA, under another corporation had purchased land within the CRA, there were outcries.

RMA owners, Kim Briese-meister and Chris Brown maintained that they had followed the state laws by disclosing the purchases to then city manager, Dennis Beach. Other CRA board members said they had not been informed of the land purchases.

Sobel called the discussion of Harrison taking over the duties of the CRA director "... disingenuous. We are going to discuss at our next meeting to extend the RMA

contract. I'm not sure that's a genuine factor."

Said Fisher, "Actually it is genuine. It's a pay-as-you-go."

Mayor Lamar Fisher called Harrison a "... great city manager. I fear losing him," he said.

Resident Vincente Thrower agreed that if Harrison was taking over the CRA duties, he should get the increase. "So if he [city manager] is taking over the daily operations of the CRA, that means we are cutting back and rolling back the dollar amount we are spending on RMA," he said.

"It's a service contract as needed," Fisher said.



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Pompano Chamber CEO, Ric Green, resigns "to pursue other opportunities"

By Judy Wilson

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Pompano Beach – Ric Green resigned as CEO of the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce Saturday. He could not be reached for comment, but Chamber Executive Board Chairman Tim Hogans issued a statement Tuesday that read, "Ric Green resigned from the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce after 11 years of service and has decided to pursue other opportunities. We wish him well in future

endeavors." Green came to the chamber after stints with Winterfest Fort Lauderdale, other event/public relations positions and as editor of the *Deerfield Beach Observer*.

In February of 2017, he effected a merger with the Margate Chamber of Commerce and late last year with the Lighthouse Point Chamber.

Jeanne McIntyre, a chamber board member and past chair, has worked closely with Green throughout his tenure here.

Explaining one of Green's

missions, she said chambers across the county are taking on ideas that will move the needle in the educational community.

"Business and economic growth are symbiotic to a vibrant educational system. Ric got it," McIntyre said.

"He co-chaired the K-12 Workgroup as part of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and was key in spearheading the educational component of the chamber and was a voice for action in our community," she said.

Green also served on the board of the Broward

Education Foundation.

Other board members were not willing to speak for the record. But one said Green had a series of disputes with chamber members and his staff.

The Chamber's food and wine event, normally a big fund-raiser, reportedly lost money after it was postponed due to Hurricane Irma.

The new date conflicted with other events and did not attract as many supporters as in the past.

Norcrest

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attended Deerfield Beach Elementary, Norcrest or Cresthaven.

At a meeting held at Norcrest after the Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting, Pompano Beach Mayor Lamar Fisher, Lighthouse Point Commission President Jason Joffe and Mark Nakier, the school board's cadre [oversight person] stressed safety for the area.

She says the session was "very positive."

Nakier reportedly said if the two cities could cooperate on funding a resource officer, he or she would make Norcrest the model for such a collaboration.

Of the two city officials at the meeting Hedelund said, "I have the impression that they got it."

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Dune restoration lies with planting the proper vegetation, say commissioners

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – Commissioners agreed Wednesday that a pilot program planting the beach dune in low-lying plants should be funded next year. They came to their conclusion at a workshop led by conservation biologist Katie Hendrickson, chair of the Marine Advisory Board [MAB].

Hendrickson presented a “compromise” solution to the windblown sand on Ocean Way that is costing the city \$80,000 to clean up each year. The best solution, sea oats, grow tall enough to block ocean views and once in the ground, cannot be removed.

Hendrickson suggested low lying plants such as persia and morning glory; ground covers that hold down the sand to some extent.

The MAB report said the other option is a permanent two-foot wall west of the dune but only Commissioner Bernie Parness supported the idea. Parness said the wall would not obstruct views and the beach could be accessed every 20 feet or so.

The critical area is the 1,000 feet south of the Wyndham Resort. It is also the area that civic activists from the Save Our Beach [SOB] organization are adamant about keeping free of plants. Their representative, attorney Tom Connick, said the SOB's are concerned with only 1,300 linear feet out of 5,700, less than 20 percent of the beachfront. “They want this unique area to stay as it is,” Connick said.

But ocean engineer Ron Coddington who is a resident

told the commission, “You do not have a sustainable beach . . . sea level rise is not stopping. And there will be stronger and more frequent storms. You can compromise and plant something that doesn't work . . . those plants won't catch the sand like the tall grasses. [The small plants] may keep people happy, but they won't keep the sand off the sidewalk.”

In his final pitch, Coddington said, “[That] twenty-five percent of the beach is 100 percent of the problem.”

Commissioner Todd Drosky asked about planting sea grape and Hendrickson said that would be possible.

Vice Mayor Gloria Battle lobbied for only a natural vegetation solution saying she preferred morning glories, but agreed other species should be

tried.

Among the citizens who spoke was Sacha Ramon who said, “I understand the view issue, but we want to save the beach.” A young mother, she added, “We just want it to be there for our kids.”

Commissioner Joe Miller noted that compromise is not the best way to go, “but it is something.” He suggested testing various plants to see what works best without resorting to sea oats.

Mayor Bill Ganz said he favored a pilot program using plants that could be removed, but he noted, “Just putting something in place doesn't always meet the goal. But doing nothing is not an option.”

Commissioners also discussed new state legislation that adds a more complicated

process to retaining privately-owned beaches for public use. Traditionally, owners of private beaches who had allowed public use, had to continue that practice.

Now after July 1, those owners can rope off their section of the beach and cities will have to go through a complicated process to maintain the public's right-of-way.

Here about 10 percent of the beach is privately owned, the largest section belonging to the Cove Beach Club condominium.

Said Commissioner Drosky, “I am a huge proponent of the beach as public land. Whatever we can do to affect that, I'm for it.” He suggested making those acquisitions part of the MAB's Beach Management Plan.

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New law requires generators in multi-family buildings

By Katina Caraganis

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Wilton Manors – All newly constructed multi-family residential dwellings must have emergency generators on site to operate elevators in case of a significant power outage city commissioners decided recently.

Commissioner Tom Green requested the ordinance

because of Hurricane Irma.

Green lives in the Metropolitan and said one of his neighbors on the third floor who is in a wheelchair had to be carried down two flights of stairs to a friend's condo to ride out the storm because the building had no power and the elevators were not working.

"I don't ever want to see that happen again," Green

said.

According to the ordinance, all newly constructed multi-family residential buildings must have at least one public elevator that is capable of operating on an alternate power source for residents to use over a seven-day period following a power outage.

The generator must also be capable of powering any connected fire alarm system in the building. The alternate power supply used to operate the generator must also be able to provide emergency lighting to interior lobbies, hallways and other portions of the building used by the public.

Additionally, there must be a written emergency operation plan which details the sequence of operations before, during and after a natural disaster.

The plan must include a safety plan for evacuation, maintenance of the lighting supply; the water pressure;

the electrical supply to the elevators; maintenance of the alternate power source; identify the fuel source to be on hand or procured and provide for the health, safety and welfare of residents.

The owner or manager of the building must keep a record of any contracts for alternate power equipment.

Green said this ordinance does not apply to nursing homes which are governed by state statute.

Commissioner Julie Carson asked city staff to research what the cost to a developer would be to implement the ordinance.

Mayor Gary Resnick agreed.

"I'm in favor of this. It's very important. I would just like to understand a little more about the cost," he said.

Commissioner Scott Newton said he believes this ordinance should apply to buildings that undergo substantial renovation.

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Anne Siren, publisher

What's Green and Growing? The Pompano Beach OASIS Reuse Program, that's What.

On Feb.21, the OASIS Reuse irrigation program turned on the sprinklers for its 900th customer. Not only will this customer save water and money, she can irrigate any day of the week. In short, her landscaping will stay green all year 'round and, she's helping to conserve our finite drinking water supply.

Planning ahead, Pompano Beach officials have consistently invested in upgrading water treatment facilities and expanding reuse throughout the city. OASIS water is highly treated and continuously tested to ensure all quality and safety standards are met, using state-certified plant operators.

As drinking water supplies become more expensive and more challenging to get, the expansion of reuse for irrigation helps conserve drinking water. In fact, because of the OASIS reuse program, Pompano Beach residents have saved more than 10 billion gallons of drinking water.

"OASIS water is a safe, cost-effective and environmentally friendly way to keep green where it belongs—in our lawns and in our customer's pockets," said Randy Brown, Pompano Beach utilities director. "Our OASIS customers save money, have green lawns and are doing something good for the environment, too."

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Residents can find out if OASIS is available in their neighborhood, the many benefits of reuse and sign up all on the website iCanWater.com. It's a matter of filling out a few forms while the city does the rest of the work. That includes hiring a plumber, getting necessary permits and completing an inspection process. There's lots of information on the website, but customers can call or email for more information.

"It's great that I can water any day of the week even during a drought" said Maria Osgood, the 900th customer.

OASIS water reduces the city's demand on drinking water resources and reduces the amount of wastewater that has to be disposed of. This will indefinitely delay expensive system upgrades that are necessary to handle increased demand. Those costs are passed to customers.

For more information on the OASIS program, visit iCanWater.com, or call the OASIS hotline at (954) 324-8394.

Safer designs for school parking lots will work as long as the drivers remember safety behind the wheel

To the Editor,

Many parents might not realize that the parking lot is a very dangerous place, and some may contend that it is the most dangerous area at school

According to the National Safety Administration, traffic fact of 2008, many pedestrians have stated that the parking lot is the area in which most pedestrians under the age of 12 have become injured while at school. These facts have led many to conclude that the parking lot is considered the highest area of risk on a school campus.

The designs to the new schools have sought to address this issue by making larger lots, more efficient ingress and egress, separate loading zones for busses and parent pickup and walk-through zones for children.

While these measures address some of the underlying problems, they do not address the scenario where a parent is in a hurry to get to work or some business meeting. That parents speed through the pick-up/drop-off zones with no regard for the posted speed zones.

Parking lots at schools are dangerous. Rules must be followed and safety habits must be developed for school safety.

-Frederica M. Brown-Hicks

Fix hole on A1A, says reader

To the Editor,

I am a concerned and longtime resident of Pompano Beach who has lived here since 1976. I'd like to extend my wishes for doing such a great job in bringing our city into the 21st Century with all of the new improvements--parking facilities, fire departments, the beach area, new pier and restaurants.

However I must complain about a particular problem that has existed for quite some time at the northeast corner of A1A and Northeast 2 Street. There is a gaping hole in the street/curb that is not only unsightly but a serious hazard to pedestrians.

Now that the bond has passed, it behooves the city to have this taken care of. There can be no excuses to not have this repaired. If we want our fair city to be a destination site, we must make certain that it is well maintained.

-MH
Resident

Do the turtles outrank the humans? asks one reader

To the Editor,

I have a condo in Deerfield Beach. For many years my husband and I would go to the public parking lot across from the ocean on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.

There was live music and dancing. There would be many couples there having a good time dancing. Since they have restricted the lighting, the last time we went was well over two years ago. The parking lot was so dark I tripped on a divider, as it was not visible.

It appeared that there was no music as the DJ had to work from a flashlight, and you could not see him until you were close.

There were not more than three or four people there.

This was enjoyed mostly by senior citizens, a lot from Century Village. I am sure most people feel as I do that it is unsafe. I have not even attempted to go since then. I do not even know if it exists any longer.

What a shame that the turtles are more important than people. If it is still in existence, I wish someone would take a ride by and see for themselves.

- Sincerely,
J.F.

Deerfield Beach

State will be dropped from Hillsboro's beach lawsuit

This city has won a round in the lawsuit with Hillsboro Beach over its beach groin system.

Its attorney Jamie Cole challenged Hillsboro's complaint which named the State of Florida as the plaintiff and Circuit Court Judge David Haines ruled in favor of the city and dismissed the lawsuit.

Attorneys for Hillsboro Beach can amend the complaint which is likely to delay the trial until January. It had been set for October.

The two-year old lawsuit alleges that this city's beach groin system is responsible for Hillsboro's ongoing beach erosion and asks that the system be removed or reconfigured to prevent such damage.

-Judy Wilson

CRA Board offers \$265,000 to settle Thrower lawsuit with city's CRA

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach -- City commissioners, acting as the board of the Community Redevelopment Agency, have offering to settle a lawsuit with former CRA Advisory Board member Vincente Thrower for \$265,000.

Thrower is seeking \$483,000 in attorneys' fees and costs he incurred defending himself against allegations that he took unlawful compensation while serving on the board. He was acquitted of the charges.

Three weeks ago, City Attorney Mark Berman, CRA attorney Claudia McKenna and outside counsel met with Thrower's attorney and agreed on the settlement figure.

The CRA Board vote was 4-2 with board members Barry Moss and Michael Sobel voting no.

The commission will consider the offer at its next meeting on Tuesday, April 24.

The item, added to the CRA Board agenda on Tuesday explained by this statement: "Both the city and the CRA recognize the importance of encouraging public service

and protecting their volunteers who serve on advisory committees from personal financial jeopardy."

Greg Harrison, CRA executive director and city manager, said the funds for the settlement will come from the city's general fund and not the CRA.

McKenna said the CRA Redevelopment Trust Fund restricts how dollars can be spent.

Three residents spoke in favor of the settlement.

Whitney Rawls noted that when volunteer committee members are caught up in nefarious lawsuits and acquitted, "the city is duty bound to alleviate legal costs. I hope the city can put this to rest and make Mr. Thrower whole," he said.

"If the courts have deemed this individual not guilty, the obligation runs to the city and CRA to cover [legal] costs," said Pastor George Rich. "It's right and righteous."

Jocelyn Jackson said, "I would like for the city to be fair and do the right thing by Mr. Thrower."

Harrison described Thrower as "a bright young man who has a lot to offer the

community."

Moss described the issue as "outrageous." He said he had just received the materials on the settlement hours before the meeting. "I have no way of knowing if this is the right thing or the wrong thing. We haven't heard a word from our attorneys. I don't know where this stands in litigation. I can't possibly support it. I don't know anything about it.

"It's our obligation to be informed, and we aren't," Moss said. "I don't know who our outside counsel is." He suggested tabling the matter until a shade session could be held with the city attorneys.

Board Chair Lamar Fisher said the matter was time sensitive because of an upcoming court hearing.

McKenna said the board had an earlier shade session on the litigation. Another session would have to be announced and scheduled. She recommended the board approve the agreement and offered to meet with any board members prior to the commission meeting.

"The outcome of litigation is uncertain. I can't make predictions, but I will discuss

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Oakland Park

Restaurant approved for old nightclub site

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Commissioners approved on Wednesday the new "Bahama Breeze" restaurant bar at 3339-3347 N. Federal Highway. The location is the former site of the Solid Gold adult entertainment nightclub. That building will be demolished.

The applicant, Orla, Inc./ Alberto Micha Buzali, proposes constructing the restaurant on the one-acre site zoned B-1 or General Business. The area is in the Federal Highway Mixed Use Business and Entertainment Overlay District.

The district was established by ordinance in 2006 to encourage redevelopment opportunities for existing business owners.

Redevelopment compatible with adjacent residential neighborhoods is encouraged. The district does not prohibit freestanding, single-story commercial uses, such as this proposed restaurant.

City code required the applicant receive use approval for a new restaurant/bar.

Code also requires conditional use approval if the restaurant will be open between midnight and 5 a.m. They plan to be open only until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. They will not be open past 1 a.m., according to Linda Nunn, the applicant's attorney.

The area is predominantly commercial with a residential area across 20th Avenue to the west. Customers will be able to enter or exit from Federal Highway. Those exiting to the rear can only go left on 20th Avenue.

The applicant intends to exceed parking requirements with an off-site parking agreement to use an adjacent parcel at the rear of the site behind the Wendy's restaurant and Polo Tropicale.

At its March 12 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval for use and conditional use applications by a vote of 5-0. Conditional use approval included a condition to limit hours of operations to 1 a.m.

The applicant also received approval for three variances.

The first variance was for a reduction in front yard setback. A 50-foot setback is required in the Overlay District, but that would

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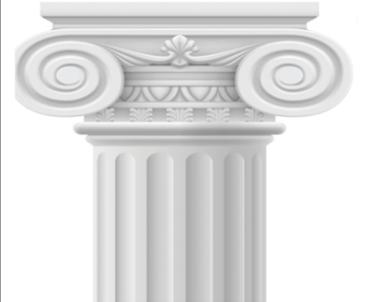
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Apiary opening delayed

Deerfield Beach – The grand opening of the Deerfield Beach Bee Apiary scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 21 has been delayed until Saturday, June 2, 9 to 11 a.m.

The apiary will be located at the City Campus, SW 4 Street at MLK Blvd. The public is invited.

For additional information contact the Department of Sustainable Management at 954-480-4391.

Coral Ridge hosts dinner and more for homeless persons

The annual “No Strings Attached” homeless event takes place April 25 at Coral Ridge Church, 5555 N. Federal Hwy. at 5 p.m.

Over 100 homeless will be entertained with dinner, followed by gifts from fresh clothing to haircuts. Although the church opens its doors to the homeless offering food and clothing every Saturday, this is the big annual affair. For further information call 954-771-8840.

Lighthouse tours

The Hillsboro Lighthouse is open for tours May 12 with shuttle boats transportation to the lighthouse from 9 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.

Boats will launch from Alsdorf Park, 2974 NE 14 Street, Pompano Beach on the north side of the park. Parking is available.

Registration/check-in starts 30 minutes prior to the first sail time and remains open until the last boat returns.

The boat leaves the Alsdorf dock towards the lighthouse at each sail time. The boat leaves the Lighthouse dock to Alsdorf Park approximately 30 minutes later for an approximate 1 hour round trip. A current Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society membership or a \$35 per person transportation fee is required. For more information, call 754-322-4326.

Hollywood finds Intervault; Shoots film inside its secure storage facility located in Fort Lauderdale

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Bill Gilchrist, owner of Intervault, is excited about being in a movie. “This is the third time Hollywood has come to our door,” he says. “This time, the mobster movie, *American Lion*, includes some great scenes inside and outside of our vault. I think it was our gold door that brought them to us.”

Continuing, he says, “We were invited to the movie preview at the Sober Cinema in Fort Lauderdale. The mob characters in the movie said the reason that they used the vault is because it is the safest place in town.” With a laugh, he added, “right before they shot two guards and robbed another mobster’s box. I’m still trying to get the fake blood out of the carpet.”

The next showing of the *American Lion* will be on May 15, at the 66th International Film Festival in Cannes, France. Gilchrist will hear how it is received and he assumes it will be released in the U.S. sometime after the Festival.

Intervault located at 3562 N. Ocean Blvd. [A1A] in Fort Lauderdale is in its 36th year of doing business. The non bank-affiliated storage facility is a 9-R federally-rated vault. Gilchrist says, “Most banks have a federal bank vault rating of 4 or 5, so our rating speaks to the security we offer our customers in both our structure and procedures. We are built to handle 250-mile winds, and we can be totally



The famous gold door is a seven-ton John Tann, made in Great Britain and installed at Intervault 35 years ago. [Courtesy]



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under water without a drop of water in the vault. We have guards and high tech security offering secure storage of valuables and computer back-up records.”

Gilchrist says his first career was as an administrator, and he taught a course in the stock market in an adult education department of the University of Miami. He says, “A friend of mine was on the board of directors of a Swiss bank and I followed his model when I

opened Intervault. We offer storage boxes in a full range of sizes from 3’x5’ with 24” depth to 15’x30’x24” depth. We have lockers for large items such as paintings, silver service and other treasures. Storage is sold on an annual basis, but we have clients who have been with us since we opened. We have privacy rooms so that they can remove, replace and add.”

Asked how often clients visit, he replied, “On average

once or twice a month.”

The famous gold door is a seven-ton John Tann made by the British vault door company. Gilchrist says, “We bought and installed it 35 years ago when we first opened. It is the only one around as far as I know.”

Storage access is available from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday; Sat. 11 to 4 p.m.

For further information, call 954-565-7233.

Lasagna Bake-off Dinner Fundraiser for Matias

Herman and Jessica Bermudez are hosting a Lasagna Bake-off dinner to raise funds for their son Matias who was born with a severe form of Spina Bifida [Myelomeningocele], bilateral hip dysplasia, tibial torsion, Metatarsus adductus, hammer toe, partial paralysis of lower extremities including urinary and bowel control. Jessica says, “We are raising funds to help pay for out of pocket treatment and expenses. We hope to give him a chance to walk and have continence. He



is a bright and happy boy.”

The Bake-off dinner happens April 21, at 6:30 p.m. in Jarvis Hall, 4505 N. Ocean Drive, Lauderdale-by-The-Sea. To enter, bring your

best ready-to-serve lasagna to the event. The winning lasagna will be based on taste, presentation, creativity and quality.

Two prizes will be awarded;

Matias Bermudez is the beneficiary of the Lasagna Bake-off dinner. [Courtesy]

one on best overall product and one on most creative. To enter, bring two [2] standard lasagna size pans no later than 6:15 p.m.

The event includes prizes, raffles, silent auction. \$25 for adults; \$10 children.

RSVP 305-877-7818.

To make contributions by check: Special Needs Trust Benefit of Matias Bermudez, 6278 N. Federal Hwy. #480, Fort Lauderdale, Fl. 33308 or visit www.gofundme.com/treatments4matias

Restaurant

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require pushing the building back to the location of parking. The applicant sought reduction to a 10-foot setback.

The second variance request was for side yard setback where the requirement is 20 feet. The applicant sought a 7.6-foot setback on the

northern property line.

The third request was for a variance from city code to exceed the maximum service area permitted for an outdoor dining area. Code allows 25 percent; they asked for 38 percent.

The area will be on a covered enclosed porch facing Federal Highway and away from the residential area.

The city's Board of

Adjustment recommended approval of all three variances.

The commission vote was 4-0 on all five requests. Commissioner Matthew Sparks was absent.

"I'm appreciative that this scale of restaurant wants to locate in our city," said Commissioner Michael Carn.

Addressing the reduced front setback request, resident

Steve Arnst said something should be done to prevent a car from careening in to the restaurant. He said distracted drivers are texting and talking on the phone, noting that Oakland Park Boulevard and Federal Highway, near the site is one of the top five sites for accidents in the area.

Nunn said the restaurant will be set back 10 feet, and the area will be landscaped.

"We can't design to control bad driving," she said.

"This product is far better by leaps and bounds than what is there," said Commissioner John Adornato.

"What's there now is less than desirable. This is extremely desirable. This is my kind of redevelopment," said Vice Mayor Sara Guevrekian.

Lawsuit

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the litigation with you and provide records," she said.

"This surprise item involving \$265,000 of precious taxpayer money exemplifies the lack of process. It's complete lunacy to spring this on us," Sobel said. "It's utter craziness. We're selling our souls right now.

"Mr. Thrower is an amazing guy. He should have gone to

law school," Sobel said. But he added "That doesn't negate the need for transparency here.

"The case has been mediated. That's no excuse for pushing this through at the last minute without public meetings and advanced notice," Sobel said. "This isn't about what's right or righteous. It's just the opposite. This is wrong."

When the shade session information is made public Sobel said he will give strong

consideration to having this investigated by the FBI, the inspector general or the state attorney general.

He said the alleged court trial is no basis for presenting this issue with no time for board members to prepare for it. "Something smells fishy in Pompano," he said.

In response to Sobel's comments, board member Rex Hardin asked McKenna, "If we move forward with this, are we doing anything illegal?"

McKenna responded, "No. You're not breaking the law by considering the ILA.

You're talking about settling the lawsuit and are asking the city commission to settle the lawsuit." She said the board needs to decide if it's in the best interest of Pompano Beach to resolve this or go to trial.

"It's time to put this matter behind us and move forward," Fisher said.

Board member Beverly Perkins asked if the settlement funds would go to the attorneys or to Thrower.

"They will reimburse him a percentage of what he has paid out of pocket. That's between his lawyers and Thrower. That's not a public matter. You can ask Mr. Thrower what he will receive," said McKenna.

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This year's theme is "Reclaiming God's City;" keynote speakers are former NBA Miami Heat center and Hall of Famer Alonzo Mourning and NBA Hall of Famer and analyst, Tony Massenburg.

The prayer breakfast is open to the community. \$20 donation. Call 954-224-7777 or visit mayorsprayerbreakfastpompano@gmail.com.

Democrats host state chair April 25

North Broward Democrats meet April 25 at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach, at 6:30 p.m. Speakers are Terrie Rizzo, chair of the Florida Democratic Party and Asrielle Stubbs, community engagement director. The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Call 954-786-4111.

Volunteers wanted to plan 2018 boat parade

The Greater Pompano Beach & Lighthouse Point Holiday Boat Parade is the longest running boat parade in the nation. This year marks its 56th year.

The parade is planned for Friday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.

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By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Quilting, an early American art form, is alive and well. In 2018 quilters continue to create amazingly beautiful wall hangings and bed covers. And just like their predecessors they enjoy being part of a group where ideas, recipes, beauty tips and even complicated feelings are shared.

In Lighthouse Point, the Doreen Gauthier Library that offers classes in everything from computer education to investing, has encouraged the art of quilting.

Beautiful examples of the quilters' work decorate the walls of the children's story hour room.

Director Christy Keyes says, "The quilters handmade donations touch not just those who receive their gifts, but anyone who sees their work. Their children's book panels in the library are art pieces that patrons of all ages love. Our quilters have a wonderful community of sharing and giving."

Recently, two enthusiastic volunteer snowbirds, Joanne Mahony and Merrily Sparling invited the Pelican to Dixon Ahl Hall to talk about what they do and see them in action. They have been quilting in the library since 2008. Quilts-in-progress are spread out on large table tops.

Joanne says, "There are usually about five of us, but this year the two of us are it. We bring our sewing machines and work uninterrupted. I'm putting eyes into this stuffed dog covered in a fabric imprinted with books. His name is Dewey, and he's going to be a gift to the library."

Finished with Dewey, she returned to her hand made sewing kit. "We call these things UFOs meaning unfinished objects."



Quilts decorate the walls of the children's story hour area.

While chatting, Merrily sewed a quilt section by hand. She explains, "We call this a quilt sandwich because it's made up of three layers." She began quilting in 2008 and says, "I always liked to sew. After visiting a quilt

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Merrily Sparling says she was "hooked" on quilts after her first visit to a quilt shop.



Joanne Mahony puts the finishing touches on the quilted dog, Dewey, who will be a gift to the library. [Photos courtesy]

Deerfield Beach

Supporters come out for concert, but Relay for Life is postponed



Christina Fink and Mike Lubin enjoying both the music and the beverages at Sunday's Relay Concert.



Long time supporters of Relay are Kiska Dawes and Shannon Booty.

Steve Minotti and Friends were in concert Sunday at the Butler House to raise awareness and funds for the annual Relay for Life event at Quiet Waters Park. But this week the date, originally set for Apr. 28 and 29, was moved to Sept. 22 and 23.

A spokesperson for the American Cancer Society, beneficiaries of the event, said it is being renamed to the Northeast Broward Relay. Local volunteers said a fall event will give them time to more "fully engage the community."

Highlights of the Relay are



Past chair of the event, Nona Breitenstein and Lumenaria Chair Sherry Reardon. Breitenstein has been involved with the charity for the past eight years.

survivors, caregivers and team members walking continuous laps around a track. At dark, a Lumenaria display – candles lit in memory of cancer victims - lines the walking path.

There is music and food and

despite the seriousness of the cause, plenty of fun for the participants.

To learn more, go to Relay for Life Deerfield Beach Pompano Beach.

-Judy Wilson

Summer camp scholarships are due May 11

Pompano Beach will begin the application process for scholarship opportunities for recreational summer camp programs at Highlands Park, Mitchell Moore Park, McNair Park o Sports of All Sorts camp at Pompano Beach Middle School. Applications will be accepted on Friday, May 11 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center located at 1801 NE 6 St. Each qualified family will have an opportunity to be awarded one, three-week scholarship worth \$105 for the summer camp session of choice:

Session I: June 11th - June 29th; Session II: July 2nd - July 20th; Session III: July 23rd - August 10th

Parents will be responsible for a \$25 non-refundable registration fee and \$45 for field trips at the time of registration. To qualify, bring legible copies of the following information at registration:

- Copy of proof of City of Pompano Beach residency
- Copy of valid photo ID of the application's signatory
- Copy of filed 2017 income tax return of the application's signatory listing the participant as a dependent (W-2 forms will not be accepted); other proof of income may be accepted and/or verification of the participant's free or reduced lunch status for the 2017-2018 school year.

For more information call 954-786-4111 or visit the City's website at www.pompanobeachfl.gov.

Car crash in Pompano results in two deaths

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN WRITER

Pompano Beach – A late night April 15th car ride involving children between the ages of 12 and 14 resulted in the deaths of Chayanna Nesmith, 12, and Anaija Johnson, 13. Johnson died at the scene of the crash and Nesmith died at Broward General Health Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale. The other individuals had various injuries.

According to the Broward Sheriff's Office [BSO], the two girls and five others were traveling in a stolen 2007 Toyota. Shortly before 3 a.m., the driver, a 14-year-old male, lost control of the vehicle as it was headed westbound on Northwest 15 Street. The crash occurred at the 1200 block of Northwest 15 Street at the railroad tracks.

"The vehicle exited the roadway, striking a palm tree and the metal pole of the railway's crossing arms before rolling over and landing upside down on the CSX railroad tracks," reads the BSO report.

BSO is still investigating the crash.

Firefighters support Autism Awareness

Oakland Park – Oakland Park Firefighters' Benevolent Association is supporting Autism Awareness Month during the month of April by wearing and selling T-shirts.

"Having an 8-year-old son with autism, I've seen first-hand the challenges that parents, teachers, and first responders face when trying to

care for an autistic child," says Firefighter Chris Youngblood, organizer of the fundraiser. "By our department wearing the t-shirts for the month of April, we will help spread awareness and raise funds for a good cause."

Proceeds from t-shirt sales will benefit Autism Speaks, an organization that promotes solutions for the needs of individuals with autism and their families, increases understanding of autism spectrum disorder, and promotes advancements in

research.

Oakland Park Firefighters' Benevolent Association also sponsors local sports teams, conducts a vehicle extrication demonstration at Youth Day and participate in fire prevention demonstrations throughout the year.

Short-sleeved shirts are \$16 and long-sleeved shirts are \$22. They can be purchased by calling 561-441-9842. To learn more about Autism Speaks, go to www.autism-speaks.org.

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Shiff Construction wins bid to build Cresthaven Civic Center; Will be named for Vice Mayor Charlotte Burrie

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – A \$5 million civic center, named for Vice Mayor Charlotte Burrie at 2699 N. Federal Highway was awarded to Shiff Construction and Development in a 5-1 vote, Commissioner Mike Sobel dissenting.

Tammy Good project manager for the center, said it is designed with 48 parking spaces on the 1.77-acre lot. The center will contain offices, a lobby assembly space and a fixed platform stage.

Several persons in the audience encouraged the commission to approve the bid.

President of the Cresthaven Civic Association, Michele Kerrigan said she found that many times the Emma Lou Olson Center was full and her groups were denied. “Every year we get residents who ask when this will be built. At every meeting I say, “I don’t know. Right now we are meeting at a bar, which can be fun, but it’s not an appropriate venue for our meetings.”

Don Boehl reminded commissioners that the money for the center has “ . . . been there for years. One location got put down. Now there’s a gas station there. We need this place; you’ve been promising this for years and Charlotte’s worked hard for

this. I appreciate what you do.”

Rhonda Eaton, an announced candidate for District 2, said, “I know some will speak against it because it’s too much money. Cresthaven needs a civic center. Highlands has a nice one; a lot of other communities have them. Emma Lou is over crowded. Let’s get at least four ‘yes’ votes.”

Said Vice Mayor Charlotte Burrie, “I fought for the community center in Cresthaven. It was the residents who wanted to name this for me for which I am very humbled.”

Burrie added that this center will be for everyone, the



Proposed civic center to be named for Vice Mayor Charlotte Burrie at 2699 N. Federal Highway. Shiff Construction, a Pompano Beach business will construct the building. [Courtesy]

young and the elderly.

“I have said this before and I’ll say it again, everyone focuses on the beach, the beach,

the beach,” she said.

Commissioner Sobel said he had some problems with the center. “There are a number of

things about this project that disturb me. There have not been any studies to determine

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RMA contract

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this agency with the current amount of activity underway, we will need to extend the master consulting agreement for 90 days, or until Aug. 1," he wrote.

The existing RMA contract is in place until 2020, Claudia McKenna, board attorney noted. She said the board voted three times not to terminate the contract.

"The board supported Mr. Harrison's position that he wanted a transition period. You are only paying for services provided," she noted.

Board Vice Chair Charlotte Burrie reminded the board that a recent professional evaluation of city staff concluded they were working

at 150 percent capacity.

"Our personnel don't have the ability to run a CRA just like that," she said.

"We need this thing explained, not just shut down the CRA. We've destroyed RMA quite enough," Burrie said, "and it was very un-Christian of us."

"If the manager says he needs 90 days to do the transition, let's let him do the transition so the CRA stays up and running," Burrie said.

"Have you heard of such a thing as multi-tasking?" board member Beverly Perkins asked Harrison. "I don't think we should use the bond as an excuse. You have a full staff and assistants. Why is the transition taking so long?"

Board member Michael Sobel called for specifics on pending projects and for the strategy for economic growth

on the west side.

He questioned the staff's vagueness in requesting RMA's consultancy.

Sobel said when he asks Harrison about the need for RMA, "he says it's complicated. We need their expertise and technical support."

Move to terminate board attorney

Minutes later, during the time for reports, Sobel moved that the board terminate board attorney McKenna, noting she came to the board at the recommendation of RMA. He said Mark Berman, now city attorney, should come back as legal counsel. Perkins seconded his motion.

Burrie reacted, "I'm totally amazed. Firing people during reports? Where did this come from? Did anyone talk to her? This is absurd and appalling to treat people in the city this way. Are we czars of Russia? Can't we be grown up about it?"

Board member Rex Hardin agreed. "There's something called professionalism. The way some of our

commissioners behave is appalling. I'm ashamed at the reputation our city is getting. Don't make our city a laughing stock. If we continue down this path, people will leave this city. Let's bring a sense of decorum back to this body. It's embarrassing."

"It would be a shame to terminate Ms. McKenna," Board Chair Lamar Fisher said.

The motion to terminate her failed by a vote of 4-2 with Sobel and Perkins voting yes.

In his remarks, Fisher said RMA served as consultants to the board and to make recommendations. "Each year we approve a plan and financing. It's disingenuous to say there's no plan."

In other CRA news, the board:

Approved a contract for purchase of property at 119 S. Federal Highway for \$1.025 million. The property, owned by FLOPRO, LLC, is on the northwest corner of Federal highway and SE 2 Street.

The tenant, Tiles of Pompano, has a month-to-month lease arrangement. The

board also approved a lease arrangement so they remain in the building.

This parcel, along with other properties in the block that the CRA already owns, brings the assemblage to just over one acre, "a good size to attract a mixed-use development," Adriane Esteban, project manager with the CRA, wrote in a report to the board.

Approved an amendment to a license agreement with Blooming Bean Coffee & Roastery, Inc. changing term of agreement from three years to five years. Provides first right of refusal for option to lease space after term ends. Reduces percentage fee to 8 percent for the term instead of 12.5 percent. The agreement allows the licensee to install signage on the front of the space.

Blooming Bean serves coffee and snacks from a three-station kiosk in the West Gallery of Bailey Contemporary Arts. Sales have increased since they began operations in September 2016 but not enough to enable the business to reinvest in itself.

In other action, the board supported the Pompano Beach Historic Preservation Board's efforts to initiate the process of obtaining listing of the Ali Cultural Arts Building on the National Register of Historic Places. The building has been listed on the Local Register of Historic Places since Aug. 16, 2016.



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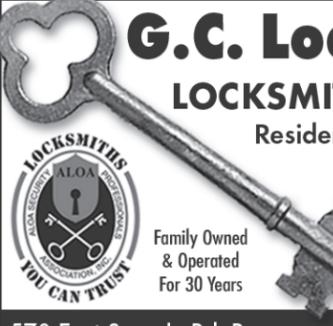


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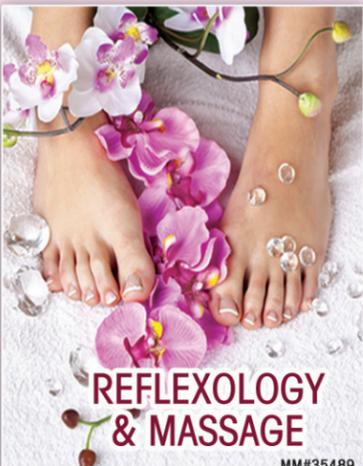
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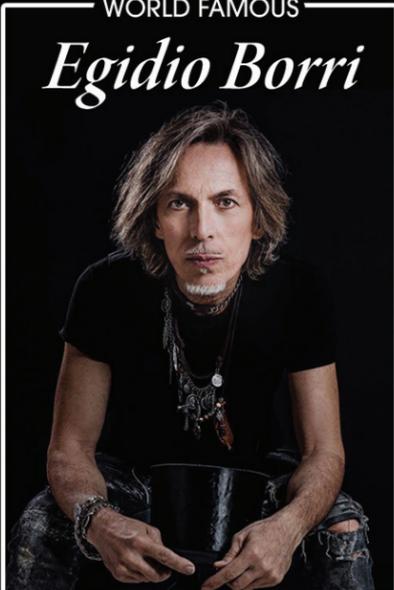
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Cuisine lineup features old favorites and a few new faces

Apr. 25 event is at Hillsboro Club

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – “Tom Da Baker” is continuing the Italian traditions of the former owner of Joseph’s Pastry. But he is expanding his “brand” by participating in the annual charity event “Cuisine of the Region,” now in its 18th year.

It’s a first for the long-time bakery and new owner Tom Garguill is an enthusiastic entrant in the event that supports the N.E. Focal Point CASA. Says Garguill, “I see it as a good opportunity to introduce people to our Italian breads. We will probably bring samples of our chocolate cherry and semolina.”

Bread is a new item at Joseph’s. Garguill purchased the store in February 2017 and then experienced “boot camp” with the former owner who shared his pastry recipes. “He taught me everything in 40 days,” said Garguill, a former electrician who began his career baking birthday cakes in his kitchen.

He now jokes that he is “Tom Da Baker.”

The business at 788 S. Federal Highway has become a family affair with his wife and sister-in-law behind the counters.

Among the goodies he plans for the Cuisine are his triple chocolate ganache cake, a sponge cake filled and topped with cream and frosting, bite-size cookies, a traditional Italian cassata cake, a

confection assembled with sponge cake, ricotta cheese, chocolate chips, candied fruit and often surrounded by strawberries.

Another newcomer to the Hillsboro Club venue is Luigi Di Roma, also located in the Village Mart Plaza. The eatery, formerly Frank and Dino’s, has a reputation for hugely popular happy hours along with fine dining.

Other participating restaurants, most of whom are making repeat appearances, are Barracuda’s, Café Med, Casa Maya Grill, Darrel & Oliver’s Café Maxx, Deerfield Beach Café, Edible Arrangements, JB’s on the Beach, Kilwin’s of Deerfield, Le Val de Loire, Le Vinois Bakery, The Melting Pot, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Oceans 234, Olympia Flame Diner, Sticky Bun, Sylvain’s Café, Tamarind Asian Grill, Taverna Kyma and Tradition.

Event Co-Chair Joan Gould says tickets to the historic

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Cuisine of the Region guests dine under colorful umbrellas with the Hillsboro Lighthouse as a backdrop.

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Deerfield Beach



Rendering of proposed brewery in The Cove Shopping Center

CRA approves facade funds for brewery

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach - Plans are brewing to redevelop an

empty Cove Shopping Center building into a craft beer/restaurant location using \$207,000 in Community Redevelopment Agency

[CRA] funds.

The CRA Board approved the project last week. The two-story, 20,500 square-foot building is vacant. The former owner renovated what had been a storage facility and planned to develop a medical complex there.

The new owners, 1500 SE 3 Ct. LLC, presented drawings for a rustic, industrial-design building façade that uses wood-look porcelain and copper materials. They term the architectural features, “modern coastal.” It is on the

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Cuisine

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party on Wednesday, Apr. 25 at the Hillsboro Club, are going fast. Guests will be limited to 350.

Gould shares the role of Cuisine chair with Jessica Shuler. Of the large committee that coordinates this major event Gould says, “Every one of them brings a special talent to this process. It’s something we work on all year.”

Nancy Smith chairs the silent and live auction which is being held in the newly-renovated Sea Room. Among the items are golf foursomes, artwork, weekend vacations, restaurant gift certificates and baskets of cheer.

Other committee members are Kenny Benko, Linda Doyle, Andrew Eisele, Joan Fink, Bill Giroux, Cathy Giroux, Tina Haskin, Jonathan Inverso, Terry Murchie, Debbie Robins, Richard Sales, Tony Santos, Jane Schafrann and Susan Williams.

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Quilts

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shop I was hooked. We usually have a few quilts in construction. To keep from cluttering up our homes, some of us have quilt racks. I made a wedding quilt for my daughter that took seven years to complete and it's now a prominent wall hanging in her home."

"We work on a quilt off and on sometimes for years," says Merrily. "We don't sell them because people would be unable to pay us for the endless hours we put into a quilt. The only commission I ever accepted was from a woman whose husband was killed in the

9/11 attack. I made a wedding quilt for her with their wedding photo appliquéd in the center. Other quilters helped and we never accepted any money. I never met the woman but she wrote me a lovely thank you note and said she was thrilled."

When it starts to get hot in Florida, Joanne returns to the family cabin in Maine for almost six months and says, "I'm part of a very large group of quilters there. A quilter I admire most is almost a mathematician in her precise interpretation of the wildlife surrounding us in Maine. She has just produced a book showing us how to copy the quilt she made. I treasure her book. She is a true artist."

The two ladies are joined by other snowbirds when they land in Florida. Joanne

says, "We welcome other quilters and we are very willing to include beginners. To be a quilter one must have patience, vision, a love of fabrics. It doesn't need to be complicated. It's a very satisfying pastime. Why does an artist paint? Same reason as we do. To create the ultimate beauty in our products."

Asked what they do with their quilts, they say they give them as gifts, offer them as raffles for worthy charities, decorate their own homes and those of their families and when disasters like hurricanes, floods strike, they have sent quilts. They also enjoy them for their original purpose as bed covers.

When she's not at the LHP library, Joanne makes teddy bears with her knit-

ting group at St. Gabriel's Church in Pompano Beach. She adds, "The other knitters make lap robes for children in hospitals and hospice patients."

The library quilters meet from October to May on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

On the second Friday of every month they go to Stitchcraft in Boca Raton to make pillow cases for children in hospitals. Merrily says, "We usually have about 12, including a few men, and in assembly type fashion, we fold, iron and sew."

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Brewery

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southwest corner of the center facing SE 15 Ave. and will also contain a bike shop and yoga studio.

Renovations to the building will include an outdoor, covered seating area and walkway.

CRA Director Kris Mory said \$100,000 of the renovation money will come from the CRA's façade program; the remaining \$107,247 for the patio/walkway, will come from the beach enhancement account. The transfer requires board approval.

Registered agent for 1500 SE 3 Court is John Whelchel, Jr., a real estate executive in Boca Raton. The corporation was formed in October of last year.

In other CRA business, the board approved a revision in the contract to buy the Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce building at 1600 E. Hillsboro Blvd.

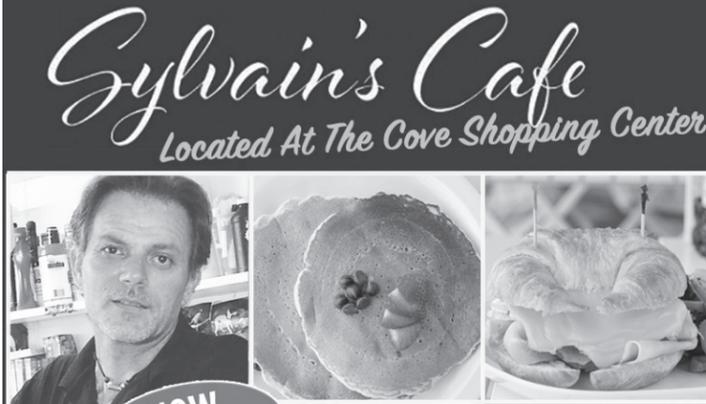
An environmental audit found asbestos in the ceiling paint used in the banquet area. Plans are to demolish the building so the asbestos needs to be remediated, Mory said.

The cost, \$9,120, will be split between the chamber and the CRA.

The real estate closing was expected this week. The CRA is paying \$550,000 for the property.

The board also approved spending \$45,711 for eight security cameras at Sullivan Park, which is just east of the chamber building. Community service aides will monitor the closed-circuit system. Since the waterpark opened two year ago, vandalism there has been a concern.

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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., Deer-

field Beach from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 954-480-4447.

Delray Art League Exhibit 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@bwcchoralgroup.org.

The Fort Lauderdale Symphonic Winds will be accepting new members



Lighthouse Point - Police activity at Bone Fish Mac's drew crowds to raise funds for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

Kristen Kiss, a member of the Lighthouse Point Mom's Club donated on behalf of the club, \$1,500. "We love our officers; we support and appreciate them. They know us, and they know the names of our children, Kiss said. Pictured are Lighthouse Point Patrol Commander Michael Oh, Jane McLaughlin, Thomas Michaud, Mayor Glenn Troast and Lighthouse Point Police Chief Ross Licata. [Staff photo]

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

4/23, 25. Spoken Word Poetry Corner: Come and Share your poetic talent, All are welcome to this night of mellow moods and good vibes. Jan Moran Collier City Learn-

ing 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

4/25. 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,

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Pompano Beach tightens zoning and land use on Atlantic Boulevard; now it's up to developers

By Anne Siren

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There were days in early Pompano Beach when crossing the Intracoastal Waterway [ICW] on Atlantic Boulevard meant swinging the bridge 45 degrees to accommodate boats and back again for cars.

Traffic was thinner on the Boulevard, and the ICW was referred to as a ditch.

There were more homes on the Boulevard than there were businesses.

Zoning and permitting had not yet entered the common vocabulary.

That was about the turn of the century.

A century later, traffic on both the land and water has increased with high tech bridge openings on the half-hour leaving traffic stalled for blocks.

Zoning as a word has evolved as a czar, determining where we can live, eat, dine, buy a car or get a tooth pulled.

Enter the ETOC, a zoning tool in place that will wield changes to Boulevard and its contiguous neighborhoods.

Zoning's power is so ubiquitous that there are pamphlets warning buyers to check local zoning before purchasing properties.

But without zoning, developers might have had full power to build anything at all on the Boulevard.

Briefly, the East Transit Oriented Corridor, thankfully condensed to ETOC, will allow hundreds of residential units built on the Boulevard; change zoning to prevent unwanted businesses, like car dealerships or anything auto-related on the Boulevard.

Jennifer Gomez, assistant development services director explains, "The ETOC is a designated area where the city is proposing major land use plan and zoning code changes to implement a district that allows mixed use development with commercial uses on the first floor, primarily along US 1 and Atlantic Boulevard, and residential units on upper floors. The ETOC provides the connection between the east Atlantic neighborhoods, the Beach area and the Downtown district at Atlantic Boulevard and Dixie Highway."

Without the ETOC, developers would have a much wider scope.

Says Gomez, "The city is

Complete Streets - [Right]

Few cyclists exercise their rights to use the bike lane on Cypress Road. The measured width is about 48 inches, but as shown at right, drivers do not always honor the space relegated for bicycles. Similar bicycle lanes were scheduled for McNab Road where dozens of children ride their bikes to and from school. Protests from the neighborhood residents kept the lanes off the street. [Below] Complete Streets work in Toronto as evidenced by the combination of pedestrians, bikers, vehicles, buses and "Don't laugh," says Horacio Danovich. "A trolley is not out of the question." [Staff photo]



Complete Streets in Toronto - Street parking, wider bike paths and sidewalks illustrate the compatibility of safer streets in an urban setting. While a trolley is not on the books for Atlantic Boulevard, it's not completely off the table for the future. [Courtesy]

taking the lead on this effort to ensure that the planning for the district is not done on a piecemeal basis by individual developers seeking their own comprehensive plan amendment and rezoning to planned development."

Businesses, workers, customers

ETOC also creates what is now called "Complete Streets" or "Safe Streets," an oxymoron to many, but by definition, streets that offer safer passage for public transit, cars, pedestrians and bicycles in a singular corridor.

Florida has ranked number one in both pedestrian and cyclist deaths for several years and continues to hold the dubious title.

If Pompano Beach officials hold FDOT [Florida Department of Transportation] or its own departments to the true mandates of safe

streets, bicycle paths on Atlantic will not duplicate the 45-inch lanes [Safe Streets recommend 10 feet for bike lanes] on Cypress Road.

[See top photo]

True Safe Streets include wider sidewalks for pedestrians; painted and generous bike paths on the streets; heavy foliage through landscapes abutting the sidewalks and on medians.

How we got to where we are

Pompano was once a farming area where names like Sample, Blount, McNab and others took advantage of the soil and climate to grow vegetables, beans, peppers and pineapples.

The East Coast Railroad, built in 1896 by Henry Flagler opened up shipping for the farmers.

Winter visitors soon arrived to live in the famous Kester Cottages on the beach and on and near

Atlantic Boulevard.

Kester built the Farmers' Bank on Flagler Street, now Historic Downtown. A Florida land boom brought the racetrack, now the location of Isle Casino.

Farmers were millionaires. The Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce was built at 2200 E. Atlantic Boulevard, where it stands today.

Farmland was sold for commercial businesses and homes.

Tourism and fishing abounded and winter snowbirds came with heavy wallets to empty in stores, restaurants and on sports.

In effect, the horse was out of the barn, and urbanism had its foothold.

And here we are

Horacio Danovich, city project manager sees ETOC as the major hope for the city and the Boulevard. "This is not a new idea at

all. This is the way it used to be," he says. "In an urban environment, you can walk."

Danovich sees the Boulevard as a busy urban city area where young people who cannot afford to buy houses, will be able to buy smaller units and loft-style apartments on the Boulevard.

The ETOC allows for 2,399 additional residents units and a reduction in commercial square footage from 38 million square feet to 7 million square feet.

These units will be constructed on the Boulevard on the upper floors of commercial shops and businesses; 360 units will be affordable housing.

"And jobs!" Danovich exclaims. "There will be jobs here on the Boulevard. Many people who live here will be



Businesses, restaurants, offices and shops will be mixed with residential units above their spaces [mixed-use]. Proponents of ETOC support the idea as fewer cars will be on the streets, leading to less carbon infiltrating the environment and big savings on vehicles and the fuel, insurance and maintenance that accompany them. Urban forests, a collection of naturally occurring or planted trees that grow within a city and are part of the ETOC planning. The Pompano Beach Urban Forest department released the following, stating that urban forests filter air, water, sunlight; provide shelter to animals; and recreational areas for people. Urban forests moderate local climate, slow wind and stormwater, and shade homes and businesses to conserve energy. They are critical in cooling the urban heat island effect, thus potentially reducing the number of unhealthy ozone days that plague some residents in peak summer months.

ETOC

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able to walk or bike to work.”

Those jobs will arrive with new restaurants, shops, day care and other businesses.

ETOC heights

On either side of the Boulevard are residential neighborhoods; these zonings are also subject to change to protect the neighborhoods with heights decreasing by intervals.

Buildings on the Boulevard, referred to as the Core, will be zoned for heights of up to 105 feet. Behind the Core is the Center [up to 55 feet] and Edge [Up to 35 feet].

The ETOC has already attracted developers who are buying land. Just east of the Atlantic Bridge, St. Martin Episcopal Church has been sold to a developer with ETOC plans to build commercial space with residential

units above the businesses.

The ETOC runs on Atlantic Boulevard to Dixie Highway.

ETOC will require some patience

There will be serious issues as this huge change begins to stir.

Residents in neighborhoods abutting the Boulevard are concerned about cut-through traffic.

Says Danovich, “It will be challenging in the beginning. But reliable mass transportation will mean no cut-through traffic. Growth in Florida is inevitable. People are coming, and they will continue to come.”

Gomez says developers will be required to perform traffic studies to determine if the project “would generate significant traffic. Since cut-through traffic already exists, looking at this issue as sites redevelop will enable the city to understand and address both existing cut-through traf-



Safe Streets work in Boston with the additional five-foot space separation from vehicles.

fic as well as the potential increase.”

Gomez adds that residents should know that this is not a government project.

“The city has merely adopted regulations to encourage redevelopment. The pace of redevelopment is contingent on many economic factors.

One private developer has applied under this new zoning district,” Gomez said.



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Clubs/Groups

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 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 Tuesday 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 BocaRa-

tonStampAndCoinClub@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

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-tic.

Music

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

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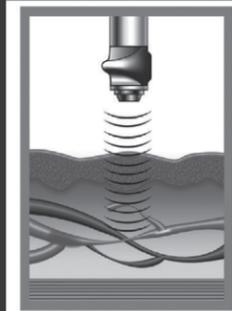
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4/29 - The Broward Symphonic Band - Sousa Concert. 2 p.m. Bailey Hall., 3501 Davie Road, Davie. 8 p.m. 954-201-6884.

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Hikes 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. Contact Florida Trail Assn.: Paul Cummings, 561-596-

4423. Public/Leisure. **4/22 3rd Annual OCEAN TO LAKE HIKING TRAIL. (OTLHT)** Complete 63 miles of the OTLHT in 8 days this month. Details from the Florida Trail Assn. Contact: Scott Lunsford 561-441-1251 Public/ Moderate.

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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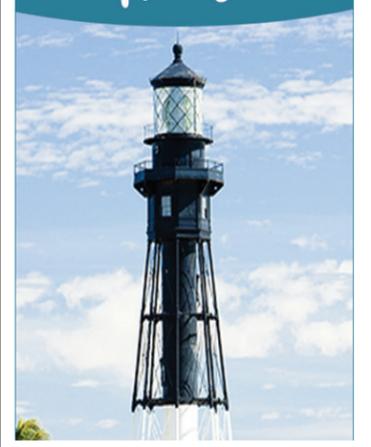
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A local developer planning to build 88 residential units on the former Center for Spiritual Living Center property will not pursue the development after all.

Larry Baum, the founder of Stellar Homes Group, said this week he has decided the 4.9-acre parcel at Northeast 15 Avenue and Northeast 26 Street is too valuable for residential units.

Instead, he said, he will look at other options including a shopping center or a hotel.

Baum said he is committed to bringing something to

Wilton Manors.

In December 2016, city commissioners tentatively approved a land use change for the property and Baum's housing project received approval from the Broward County Planning Council in 2017.

Baum initially looked to build 100 units, but ultimately reduced the number to 88 at the request of Commissioner Julie Carson.

Residents of the area opposed changing the land use to residential fearing it would change the character of the neighborhood. Supporters

however said it would have a positive impact because of its proximity to the Tri-Rail Station.

While a number of residents were afraid approving the change in land designation would change the character of the neighborhood.

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Burrie building

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a need. This project was on the unfunded list of the GO Bond in 2017. [The Center] was suddenly removed from the GO Bond list in 2018 and totally funded for \$5.6 million.”

Sobel pointed out that the funding had been pulled from money that had already been approved for other funds “. . . at least five city infrastructure projects that had been approved by previous commissions and fully funded for \$1.3 million. Somewhere along the way somebody decided behind closed doors in the dark of night said ‘Let’s make a decision to unfund those projects . . . to

fully fund [the Burrie Center].” Sobel added that the project “smacks of favoritism,” lacks strategic planning and pointed out that times have changed since the center had been discussed 15 years ago. “There have been no studies of need, and if they were done, they have not been provided in the backup.”

Sobel added that he had issues regarding the name of the project.

“I admire and appreciate the years of service [Vice Mayor Burrie] has given to the city, and I enjoy working with her. But wrong is wrong. Even criticizing this project based upon the fact that it is named in her honor makes it look like I am criticizing the vice mayor. Nothing could be farther from

the truth. No sitting public official should ever be allowed to have a building named after [him or her]—especially while they are sitting in office and while they are running for a higher office. I thought it was against the law in Florida.”

Sobel added that a state constitutional amendment could be on the November ballot to “prohibit” naming buildings or other structures [for a person] unless the person is no longer living or has left public office.

Sobel said that Burrie’s name on a city building could be construed as an endorsement or a political contribution

“I think Mr. Berman [city attorney] has to file a \$4.5 million in-kind contribution on behalf of the city to comply with the Florida election laws,” he said.

Burrie did not suffer from a loss of words.

“That’s a lot of words intertwined with a lot of other words,” she said. “When I got

in, the first thing my people wanted was a civic center. I put it on a wish list with Manager Hargett. Money was there. I don’t know where it went, but the money was there.

“As far as this naming of this building after me and me seeking higher office—filing for mayor is not until the first week in June. Yes, I have opened up a campaign account [for mayor]; so has Mr. Sobel and so has Commissioner Rex Hardin.”

Burrie pointed out that both the late Mayor E. Pat Larkins and the late Vice Mayor Herb Skolnick were still in office when buildings were named in their honor.

“The city has a history of doing that,” Burrie continued, “so whether the legislature passes this [law] or not—sorry Mr. Sobel, but this is a pro-active law and not a retro-active law. So you can’t change it.”

The item was approved.

Calendar

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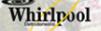
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verse, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mickel Park Concert Pavilion, 2675 NW 7th Ave., Wilton Manors. Free; food and beverages will be available for purchase. Call 954-390-2130.

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Theater

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

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, Pompano Beach. 954-942-5887.

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 Sholom, 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 954-253-6251.

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 954-201-6681.

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.

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4/28 - Award-winning journalist Jeff Klinkenberg

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"Almost every day I read on the front page of the major newspapers stories that are exactly parallel to *A Class Act*. The world of industrial America is poisoning our world. And it is the powerless individual who is rarely able to find justice. I am afraid that all too often, Lady Justice really is blind," said playwright Norman Shabel.

Dates: Now through May 13
 Times: Multiple times Wed-Sun
 Tickets: \$21.50-\$25.50 www.ccpompano.org or call 954-545-7800
 Pompano Beach Cultural Center is located at 50 West Atlantic Blvd, Pompano Beach

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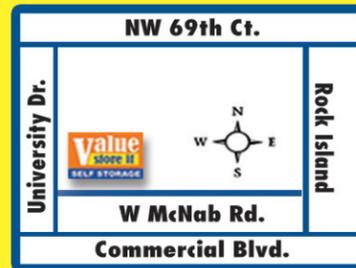
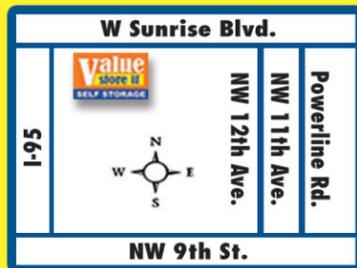
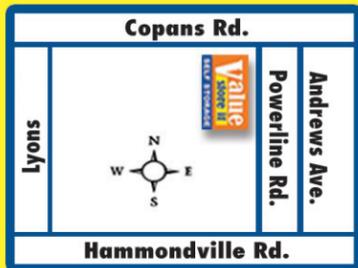
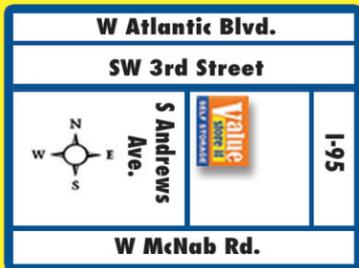
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12 five-foot tall pompano statues were unveiled. Each of the Painted Pompano sculptures has been individualized by artists in a variety of styles and finishes.
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VISUAL ARTS



A Class Act

April 18 - May 13

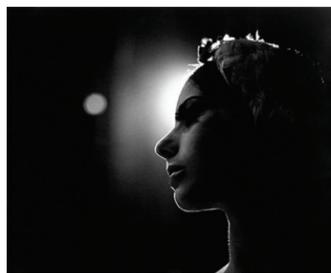
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VISUAL ARTS

Exhibit runs through April

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VISUAL ARTS

Featured artists
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