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Bury power lines, says ad hoc group

By Judy Wilson

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Hillsboro Beach – Commissioners wrestled with the pros and cons of burying the town’s power lines this week. It’s a reoccurring issue, one that was priced out at \$2.7 million several years ago, \$5.4 million two years ago, and now is estimated to be as much as \$9 million.

While the board tried to reach a consensus among themselves as to whether residents would accept such an expense, Town Manager Mac Serda

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Controversial earmark divides commission

By Michael d’Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Districts 4 and 5 are about to receive a controversial earmark.

On Tuesday, commissioners voted 4-2 to earmark \$1 million, from the sale of a property at 1841 Powerline Rd., for Districts 4 and 5. The property sold for \$1.5 million and about \$320,000 was spent on costs related to the sale. Dist. 4 Commissioner

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Labor of love



Vietnam War veterans Chuck McLaughlin [left] and Bob Martin sort through a collection of soiled, ripped and faded American flags. They and other veterans at American Legion Post 142 in Pompano Beach want people to donate their old flags so they can be properly retired. See story on page 6. [Staff]

Misinformation fueling outcry over halt of recycling program

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – Residents here are reacting to a temporary ban on recycling on social media and by placing angry calls to city hall. Much of their consternation is caused by misinformation, Rebecca Medina-Stewart, the city’s communications director, said this week.

While residential single-stream recycling was suspended July 9, the facts behind the decision are not well-known, she said.

The situation came about when the city commission by a 3-2 vote rejected a contract from Waste Management to dispose of recycled materials at a rate almost double what the city currently pays.

Mayor Bill Ganz cast the deciding “no” vote calling Waste Management’s pricing tactics the result of its monopoly in the waste-disposal business.

“We all have to watch the city’s pocketbook,” Medina-Stewart said. “We have to do what is right by the taxpayers.”

On social media, residents are blaming the city administration for the situation. In fact, City Manager Burgess Hanson had recommended the commission sign a four-month agreement with Waste Management while staff researched

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BSO makes 55 arrests so far in Pompano prostitution crackdown

By Michael d’Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Prostitution is called “the world’s oldest profession,” and the Broward Sheriff’s Office [BSO] is trying to make it a less popular one.

In an interview with *The Pelican*, BSO Captain Timothy Irvin II said that 55 prostitution-related arrests, 30 women and 25 men, have been made since June. “We don’t discriminate [based on gender]. Everybody goes to jail.” The arrests are part of a special operation targeting prostitution in this city.

Irvin said the prostitutes are not from South Florida, but are attracted here by the warm climate and beaches. “It’s definitely a problem, but not

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Action tabled on government offices at Oakland Park Square

By Judy Vik

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Oakland Park – After much discussion and two failed motions at its Monday meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board tabled an amendment that would allow government offices at the proposed Oakland Park Square project.

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LBTS spends \$1.2 million on parking expansion; payment for VFD to increase

By Judy Vik

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LBTS – Commissioners on Tuesday agreed to a \$1.2 million contract with State Contracting to expand the A1A parking lot and improve segments of Bougainvillea Drive and Poinciana Street.

When finished, the former Majestica Apartments, purchased by Lauderdale-By-The-Sea in 2016, would become an additional 30 spaces.

The work will be done in two phases.

Phase 1 construction of the A1A lot starts immediately and is scheduled for completion in about five months at a cost of \$522,928.

Work on Phase 2 would start in May 2019 and be completed in about five months at a cost of \$665,955.

Business owners in the area were adamant that they want the work done in two stages rather than all at once, said Municipal Services Director Don Prince. The busy season was also not an acceptable time.

By doing Phase 1 now and delaying Phase 2, the town will have the use of the spaces during the high season, Prince said, on the site of the former.

If the entire project was constructed at once, a significant number of spaces in the A1A lot would be needed for staging equipment.

Prince also noted that by locking in the Phase 2 price now, exposure to cost increases is limited and drainage structures and materials for Phase 2 can be ordered at today's prices.

The 2018 Parking Fund Budget includes \$850,000 for the A1A Parking Lot project, including improvements to Bougainvillea and Poinciana.

The vote to approve the agreement was 4 to 0. Mayor Chris Vincent was absent. Vice Mayor Elliot Sokolow presided at the meeting.

Fire department wants increases in incentive pay

This town's Volunteer Fire Department [VFD] is requesting a budget of \$824,437 for the new fiscal year. That's a \$15,647, or 1.9 percent, increase over the current operating budget.

The budget includes an increase in incentives for command staff, from \$90 to \$120 per 12-hour shift. Incentives for drivers were increased from \$45 to \$75 per 12-hour shift. Stipends for associate [out of town] members are increased from no pay to \$45 per 24-hour shift after they complete the minimum

requirement of two 24-hour shifts per month.

The fire chief's salary will increase from \$27,258 to \$40,000, commensurate with an increase in his hours.

The VFD is asking for \$343,000 to make improvements to the fire station including additional parking, concrete driveway restoration, sidewalks, extending the existing canopy and making the building ADA accessible.

The proposed budget also includes \$16,000 to replace an aging Ocean Patrol ATV and \$27,123 to purchase and install an apparatus to remove toxic vehicle exhaust.

The budget will be formally approved in September.

Pompano to regulate vaping like smoking

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Many restaurants and other public establishments already prohibit vaping.

Now, city officials here want to ban vaping in public places, including parks, the beach, and anywhere smoking is already prohibited by the state. Vaping would be allowed in businesses that sell vaping products.

Vaping, or e-cigarettes, have become more popular over the last few years. They work by heating liquid into water vapor, which is then inhaled and exhaled by users.

On Tuesday, commissioners unanimously voted in favor of the restrictions. Commissioners will vote again on the issue at their July 24 meeting.

If passed, it would also be illegal to sell vaping products to anyone under 18 years of age. The penalty for violating the law would be a maximum fine of \$500 and/or a maximum imprisonment sentence not exceeding 60 days.

Individuals who vape in public places would be fined \$100 for the first offense, \$150 for the second, and \$250 for the third

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Power lines

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had his own problems: finding the answers he sought from Florida Power and Light.

Going beyond the cost of the project, Serda presented other pitfalls: obtaining a 10-foot right of way along A1A and getting cable providers to also bury their lines. "If the right of way doesn't exist, the money doesn't matter," he said.

"It's not been easy to figure the steps to take. The further it gets, the more convoluted it is. But this is worth taking to a decision point."

The discussion was prompt-

ed by the investigations of a local ad hoc committee headed by Ocean Club resident Rene Males. Among its findings, only 19 percent of underground power lines went out in Irma, last summer's tropical storm, compared to 69 percent of the above ground lines on "hardened" poles.

The revelation is changing minds at FPL, Males said.

Males said the cost to bury power lines is about \$500 a linear foot. Obtaining the 10-foot of right of way FPL requires for the project is another expense.

The benefits are several: more reliable power, safety, aesthetics, real estate values,

lower maintenance.

The south end of the town's three-mile A1A corridor narrows and has less easement space. So the committee is asking the commission to consider burying the lines only on the north end, one-half to one-third of the town.

What they have ascertained, Males said, is that the power company will not do individual properties even if requested by several contiguous owners.

Two years ago, the commission agreed that FPL would do an \$18,000 easement study, then canceled the contract when the utility began hardening its infrastructure by replacing the town's wooden poles with concrete.

Another consideration commissioners said is the residents agreeing to the

expense. One woman in the audience said her building is owned mostly by snowbirds. She predicted they wouldn't want to pay for a service they use only part time.

Males, however, said he and his committee members are willing to bear the expense at their homes. He estimated the cost for a condo dweller such as himself living in a 65-unit building at about \$2,000.

Mayor Deb Tarrant told the commission, "We should come to a consensus." But with so few answers to so many questions, the board was hesitant to move forward.

The Town of Palm Beach is putting its power lines underground, Serda told the commission, but it has been a long, involved process.

Later in the discussion

Tarrant referred several times to Palm Beach's project and said, "We need an advocate who has done this before."

At the manager's suggestion the town, like Palm Beach, may need a master plan to go forward. Tarrant said, "We don't need a master plan. We're three miles of straight road."

Serda said he will meet again with FPL officials later this month to seek clarification of the issues but he continued to express his frustration with the process so far.

"I can't find a captain to steer this ship and I just keep running it aground," he said.

Budget meeting

Pompano Beach – A budget presentation and workshop will be held on Monday, July 16 at 9 a.m. in the city commission chambers, 100 W. Atlantic Blvd. Officials will discuss the proposed 2019 budget. The public will be allowed to give its input.

After the meeting, the commission will recess for 30 minutes and reconvene in the city manager's conference room in city hall for discussions on the proposed capital improvement projects and the 2019 recommended operating budget. If more time is needed, the commission will meet on July 17 at 9 a.m. in the city manager's conference room.



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Deerfield Beach's Muddy Waters crew determined to continue what late owner JByrd started: food and fun on island time

By Judy Wilson

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Deerfield Beach – “We just want to do things as Jay would have,” says Beth Lowery, referring to the late owner of the iconic JByrd’s Muddy Waters Restaurant and Raw Bar.

Lowery, 49, inherited management of the Key West-style eatery that is always in “island mode” in May, after Jay Arney’s unexpected death at age 63. She says the restaurant was his passion; his staff and his customers his best friends.

And the hundreds of seafaring treasures that hang from the ceiling and on the walls reflect what Arney loved best: A swashbuckling, nautical lifestyle.

To casual observers, little has changed at Muddy. The longtime cooks are still producing a menu with 80-plus items along with daily lunch and dinner specials. The servers, many of whom have worked there for years, remain upbeat and friendly.

Arney bought Muddy Waters around 1999 when it was a small restaurant and bar and proceeded to, over the years, expand it one store front at a time. Lowery joined his team in 2012 as a part-time bartender.

Within a few weeks this biology major from northern California was promoted to bookkeeper. “Jay taught me more in a couple of years than I ever learned in college,” Lowery says. “By 2012, he was a success. I wasn’t there for the hard part.”

“Some of his staff have been here for 16 or 17 years. Jay always felt responsible for supporting so many families. That makes a big difference in how things run.”



Beth Lowery, now at the helm of Muddy Waters. [Staff]

The signature look of Muddy Waters is in the hundreds of objects that decorate the restaurant. Most of them generate a story. The wooden canoe hanging above the small

bar was made by a friend of Jay’s. The laminated high-tops were made by Jay himself and are embedded with “pirate’s booty.”

Nautical artifacts of all

kinds fill every nook and cranny of the restaurant because Lowery says, “We could never pass up a hard sale or even stuff at the curb.”

Photographs of local fishermen showing their catches of the day take up a good deal of the wall space.

Sand and sea murals by the artist, Cosmic, decorate the building’s façade and some interior walls. With the passage of time, some of the murals’

luster has been lost so local artist McKenzie Harbough is doing the restorative work and adding her own fanciful designs. Like everything else at Muddy Waters, the murals tell tales of JByrd’s life.

Lowery has made one major change inside Muddy. The carpeting has been replaced by wood-like tile flooring.

Running a restaurant of this

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Board suggests residential use at Oak Tree golf course

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Oakland Park – This city’s Planning and Zoning Board on Monday recommended changing the land use designation of the former Oaktree Golf Course to allow up to 405 homes.

The golf course at 2400 Oaktree Lane has not been operational for years.

The applicants were Blackwood Partners, LLC and Blackshore Partners, LLC and the Pulte Group.

The property consists of 140 acres in seven parcels. The developer was previously proposing six units per acre. Now the request is for 2.88 units per acre, the lowest density in the area.

Land use attorney Dennis Mele said 71 percent of the

units will be single-family; 29 percent townhomes.

A 60-foot-wide greenway is planned around the property, and turn lanes and signalization will be added at major intersections.

An entrance at Northwest 44 Street will be for residents only. The public entrance is at Prospect Road. The entrance at Northwest 21 Avenue has been dropped from the plan.

If the city commission approves the amendment, it goes to the county and to the state before coming back to the commission for a second reading.

If approved, the plan comes back to the board to be rezoned as a PUD [Planned Unit Development].

Mike Flynn, president of

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Recycling

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other options.

This week, Medina-Stewart urged residents to go to the city’s website for information including the FAQ Sheet which answers commonly-asked questions.

“The end of the world is not happening just yet,” she said. “Give us a chance to work it out.”

In the meantime, a video has been shot with Mayor Bill Ganz explaining his vote and that should be on the city’s website by Monday. Beginning next week door hangers will be hung on garbage cans explaining that the blue bins can also be used for garbage and recyclables, but both cans will be collected and disposed of as garbage.

The city’s first directive to residents was to not put out the recycling carts with garbage overflow as they would not be emptied.

But rather than have residents requesting and paying for an additional brown garbage cart, officials decided

to put the blue carts back on the curb.

Commissioner Todd Drosky, who sent a newsletter in his district explaining the commission’s decision said this week, “I remain committed to restore recycling as soon as possible. I have been contacted by many residents who concur that recycling is more than just being good stewards for the environment, but is engrained in us as a way of life.”

Recycling programs across the country are experiencing financial declines due to an international market place that has vastly changed.

Glass and plastics are no longer valuable goods. Contaminated products, such as soiled Styrofoam food containers that are frequently thrown into recycling carts, add hugely to disposal costs. And China, the world’s largest purchaser of recyclable products, shut its door.

So for the last few years, cities have not made a profit on recyclables, a major shift from when the programs first began.

“What we did was rip the

band-aid off [a losing proposition],” Medina-Stewart said.

“My hope is this will turn out better for us, even if we have to go with a limited recyclable contract. We could be trailblazers in Broward County . . . We may be getting to change the culture.”

To stay informed of this changing story, check into the city’s website and Facebook pages frequently. For recycling info log onto dfb.city/recyclefaqs.

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Anne Siren, publisher

Commentary

When it comes to recycling, we were fooling ourselves; but then again, no one told us

A recycling program that doesn't protect the environment or serve the marketplace is nothing more than a placebo: Makes us feel better but doesn't really do a world of good.

Turns out a large part of the problem is the uneducated consumer – you and I.

But the major fault lies with the people in the recycling disposal business.

Were we told that glass was no longer a valuable commodity? And that plastic bags clog up the machinery? Or that the cost of processing recyclables has risen dramatically because so many of us discard food containers with leftovers still inside?

The failure to educate the public to the facts of this fast-changing industry should be the job of the companies that make money from it. So far, the solution has been when markets go south, to simply raise rates.

The single-stream, all-in recycling, so proudly touted, is no longer viable.

There are products that can be reused and bring a price worth the cost of processing. We need to know what those products are. We need to know when the market shifts and a recyclable becomes garbage again.

But we need to be told. Then, the responsible people among us will stay educated on this whole recycling effort – and become aware of what's in and what's out.

Deerfield Beach city commissioners took a bold step in rejecting Waste Management's contract and temporarily halting residential recycling. But the truth is, there won't be much of an impact on the environment.

Much of what was being thrown into the big blue bins ended up in the landfill. We only thought we were recycling.

Continuing a process that neither helps the environment nor is fiscally responsible is to ignore the facts.

Looking for better ways to manage waste products is to accept responsibility for "saving the planet."

Deerfield Beach, we believe, is moving in the right direction. Recycling may never again be as easy as it has been, but a more realistic approach is certainly better in the long run.

-Judy Wilson

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Give us your tattered flags, say Pompano Beach veterans

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – When Navy veteran Bob Kuntz sees a tattered, torn, dirty, or faded American flag still fluttering atop a pole, he stops and asks the owner to replace it.

"Usually, they will say they will, but they don't always do it. But I'll keep going back." He said he's been to one place four times. "The flag should be in top condition. It's representing our country."

At American Legion Post 142 in Pompano Beach, you'll find differing opinions on the politics of the day, but the sentiment that the flag is sacred isn't up for debate. "Whenever you see the flag, you have to realize how many guys gave their lives for it; we shouldn't take it lightly . . . the flag has got to be respected," said Fred Gilbert, an Army veteran who served in the Korean War.

"There's no respect for the flag anymore.

People don't understand anymore," said Don Carney, a Marine Corps veteran who served in Vietnam.

Although some hold on to their flags for their own reasons, some flags need to be given a "proper retirement" as required by the U.S. Flag Code. Ready to receive those flags are members of the American Legion,

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 133 and Marine Corps League #1058, who ask that old flags to be donated to Post 142.

There are three flag drop-off boxes at Post 142, 171 SW 2 St.

They are accessible at any time. But, said Chuck McLaughlin, a Marine Corps veteran who served in Vietnam, there's a backlog of over 500 flags that he and other veterans are now determined to dispose of properly.

"We're going to give them the proper retirement," said

McLaughlin. "Anyone can bring a flag [for proper disposal]."

On Tuesday at Post 142, veterans prepared to retire 100 flages.

The U.S. Flag Code states that old flags should be disposed of in a dignified manner, preferably by burning them. One method involves first cutting the flag into pieces [individual stripes and the blue field] and burning them separately. After, the ashes should be disposed of in a dignified manner. McLaughlin said the ashes would most likely be buried at sea "with the help of fair winds and following seas."

But the flags won't be completely destroyed.

The stars will be cut out of the cloth flags and given out to certain individuals. "Just a small token of our appreciation. Instead of killing the flag, we're keeping it alive," said McLaughlin.



Legion members lay these damp American flags out to dry in preparation for properly retiring them. The U.S. Flag Code allows for the burning of flags as a way to retire old and faded flags.



The stars on some of the flags will be cut out and given to Legion supporters as tokens of appreciation.

Islamic Center in Pompano Beach will host community meeting

Pompano Beach – The Islamic Center of South Florida, 1641 NW 15 St., will host a meeting to discuss its rezoning plans for its property here.

Members of the public are invited to attend. The meeting will be held at the Islamic Center on Wednesday, July 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The presentation will be open to the public for questions.

Members of the Islamic Center want to rezone their property from RM-12 [Residential] to Community Facility. The purpose is to allow for the operation of a school in an existing building on the property. The issue will go before the city commission on July 24.

The Broward Supervisor of Elections urges all citizens to register for the Aug. 28 primary and Nov. 6 elections. Deadlines for Aug. 28 is July 29. Deadline for Nov. 6 is Oct. 8. For vote-by-mail forms, call 954-357-7050, ext. 2.

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Free Health and Financial Wellness Fair

Pompano Beach – On July 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the City of Pompano Beach will host the Health and Financial Wealth Fair at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St. Local hospitals and medical providers will be conducting free screenings: glucose, blood-pressure and spinal. The Big Red Bus blood mobile will be in the parking lot.

In addition, free 30-minute financial seminars will be held on topics such as social security, long term care, and home ownership/mortgages. A \$25 gift card will be raffled away at each financial seminar. The Pompano Beach Health and Financial Wellness Fair will also have health and life insurance representatives on site, as well as door prizes and free items throughout the day.

Attend a yoga or food demo or watch the on-stage performances, including Dixie jazz. Bella the Clown will be on hand to do face painting for children. For more information, call 954-786-4626.

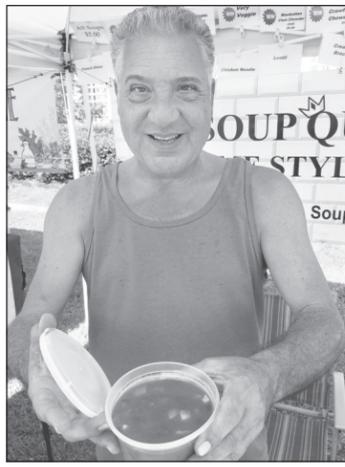
City on the hunt for existing art

Pompano Beach – City officials are looking for an already existing sculpture to place somewhere in the city's Innovation District. "There is no theme; however, the city is seeking symbolic connectivity for the community within the Art and Historical District. The artwork should be significant in size. Artists must submit a pre-existing artwork for purchase. The City of Pompano Beach will only purchase unique works of art," reads the city's advertisement. The budget for the purchase is \$25,000. The deadline to submit is Wednesday, Aug. 1. Contact Laura Atria, public art program manager, at 954-786-4310 or laura.atria@copbfl.com to ask questions or apply.

Palm Aire Farmer's Market held every Tuesday

Pompano Beach – Those looking for a taste of India, Venezuela, Mexico, Greece and other cultures can satisfy their palette at the Palm Aire Farmer's Market. Held every Tuesday from 2 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot of the Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36 Ave., vendors sell barbeque, fruits, vegetables, soups, honey, jams, humus, cheese, Arepas, and more. Frank Altieri, the market's organizer, said he lives in Palm Aire and thought a farmer's market here would be a great fit for the neighborhood.

-Michael d'Oliveira



[Top] Frank Altieri of Soup Queen and founder of the Palm Aire's Farmer's Market, Camilo Quinones of Crafted House, and Sara and Alex Martinez of Fresh Meal 365. [Bottom] Jari Vasicko of Mediterranean Delight, Landon Jordan of Untitled.Cookie.co and Joann Damelio, Anna Cama and Marina Cabrera of Nonna's Sauces. [Staff]



Pitch begins by county to raise support for new sales tax; congested intersections high on fix list

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Hillsboro Beach – A team from Broward County came to town this week to explain the advantages of a one-cent sales tax for transportation.

The town will benefit because improvements could be made to the intersection of A1A and Hillsboro Boulevard. The shuttle service, which now costs \$60,000 a year, would be offered free to the cities.

The bottleneck at Hillsboro Boulevard is a serious issue with Mayor Deb Tarrant who has requested both studies and action from the Florida Department of Transportation, so far with no results. And only eight percent of the shuttle riders are Hillsboro Beach residents, meaning residents of Deerfield and Pompano Beach are riding on the town's dime.

The Penny for Transportation resolution is on the November general

election ballot in all Broward cities. A penny tax for transportation and local infrastructure projects failed in 2016.

This time around those projects are being reviewed and refined. So far, 73 intersections have been marked for improvements and a plan has been developed to expand the fiber optic network to improve signalization. Also in the plan are improved school safety zones, expanded bus routes and more bus

shelters, bike lanes, sidewalks and improvements to major thoroughfares such as Broward Boulevard, State Road 7 and University Drive.

When the public is surveyed, traffic congestion and lack of public transportation are the two things most talked about, Assistant County Administrator Gretchen Cassini told the commission. Broward County is 67th out of

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New chamber executive is feeling the energy and is up for change

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – Former tennis professional Denise Jordan has been named executive director of the Greater Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce.

“I so am thrilled to be here at such a good time, I have to contain my excitement,” Jordan said. “If we can put

business front and center, we are going to do so much good for the community.”

With a varied career in leadership, sales and fund raising for non-profit organizations, Jordan comes to the local chamber as it transitions from being a traditional organization to meeting the needs of a technology-driven membership.

“Chambers used to own the



Jordan

director. In 2006, a group of investors hired her as chief marketing official for City View Racquet and Spa at the 59th Street Bridge in Long Island City in New York.

When the recession hit in 2008, she came to South Florida where she headed the national office of the March of Dimes in Fort Lauderdale and then the American Parkinson’s Association in Deerfield Beach.

She believes her years as a professional athlete gave her the skill sets for management.

“You have to think on your feet, be agile, be resilient and execute,” she says of her former life. She still plays tennis, doubles, with a men’s group in Highland Beach. Her best shot, her serve, is both fast and tricky, she says.

Jordan will be guiding the chamber through a year of transition.

Having recently sold its building on E. Hillsboro Bou-

levard, its board of directors headed by Betty Masi, will be looking for new quarters. And Jordan will be looking for new members hoping to offer them solutions to the challenges that face them.

“There’s an atmosphere here for energy and change,” she said this week.

Jordan has lived in Hillsboro Beach since coming to the area.

Now she is focused on Deerfield Beach.

“There is an underrated pool of talent here,” she said. “We are going to leverage that and make this a city someone wants to move to.”

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information,” Jordan said. “Now you can get that anywhere. We need to build an organization that, at its core, is solution-based.”

And the questions she will ask a prospective member will include, “What are your expectations of the Chamber? What can we do to help you?”

Jordan played on the tennis circuit from 1989 to 1991 and then went to work in real estate. In 2000, she was hired by the U.S. Tennis Association and became its executive

Culinary kitchen manager suggested

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – The Northwest CRA Advisory Committee voted July 2 to recommend Gladys Cameron, CEO of Around The Dinner Table, as operations manager for the commercial kitchen facility at the Larkins Center.

Cameron was among six applicants for the position. The committee ranked her first after presentations at a recent committee workshop.

The culinary kitchen incubator program is aimed at developing the commercial kitchen.

The goal is to make it a resource where emerging bakers, culinary artisans, food service providers and food truck owners can rent spaces to prepare food and grow their culinary businesses.

The program has three components: encouraging new entrepreneurs, getting children excited about culinary careers and providing some income to the city, according to Dahlia Baker, program manager.

Cameron has been an active participant in the Pompano Beach community for more than 30 years.

She has conducted summer youth cooking programs at the NW Branch Library for three years.

She was also involved in the Recipes of Love Youth Bake Off Competition at the Ali Cultural Arts Center. A similar event is planned at Larkins Center as a Christmas Bake Off.

Cameron helped to organize



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Along with the music of Bach, Handel, Saint-Saens, Mozart and Delibes, a commissioned composition by Italian composer Lorenzo Turchi-Floris, will be played.

The concert series continues Friday, July 20 at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, Boca Raton, 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 21 at the Broward Center, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Aug 5 at Sunrise Civic Theatre, 2 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 10 at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.

The performance at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center includes cabaret seating and refreshments.

Ticket prices begin at \$20. For more specific information, call the Symphony office at 954-335-7002 or email info@sota.org.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Deerfield Beach Historical Society honors Leola Brooks as a Proud Pioneer at annual dinner

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

It comes as no surprise to learn that Leola Brooks, born and raised in Deerfield Beach, was recently designated a Proud Pioneer by the city's historical society.

The outstanding woman was born on June 15, 1926 to Bernice Poitier and James Blatche, Leola was the third of 13 children.

Emily Lilly, of the Deerfield Beach Historical Society [DBHS], says, "Leola Brooks: "It is impossible to use just a few words to describe

Miss Leola. From daughter, educator, wife, friend, sister, godmother, mentor, and board member, this wonder of a woman has done it all . . . and isn't slowing down yet, even at her "young" age!

"She was born and raised in Deerfield Beach and has contributed greatly to the growth of the city as a staunch supporter and friend. We are privileged and blessed to have her in our lives . . . and we love the energies, humor and talents she shares with us."

Leola lives in Boca Raton, with her husband Emery, a retired U.S. Army sergeant and officer in the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. Their one son, Benny Dykes, is deceased. Leola says, "I feel I have many children because so many of my former stu-



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Leola Brooks was honored as a Proud Pioneer at the Deerfield Beach Historical Society's annual dinner/dance held at the Hilton Doubletree.

dents have called me 'Mom.'"

Leola is a retired elementary school teacher with 30 years of service in Palm Beach County Public Schools.

She has served as director/principal and teacher at Mount Olive Christian School in Delray Beach. She has earned many awards, including Teacher of the Year in Palm Beach County. Her church and community involvements are legend.

"After an accident a year ago, I gave up driving," she explains, "and that has changed my life. I need others to drive me to my ministries that include home and hospital visits, street, jail and prison ministries and more. I am a lifetime member of NAACP, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, DBHS and still try to be of help to all

of these organizations."

Leola has a B.S. from Florida Memorial College of St. Augustine, now Florida Memorial University, and an M.S. degree from Indiana University.

Asked how she happened to go to Indiana to earn her M.S., she says, "It's an interesting story. Integration of schools was about to happen. I realized that as a black woman teaching in a black school, having attended a black college, I would have a hard time getting a job in a white school. So to better my chances, I went to the University of Indiana. After getting my Master's from an all-white university, I was hired to teach at J.C. Mitchell Elementary School in Boca. That year Palm Beach County honored

me as Teacher of the Year. I was speechless. I was forced to retire to take care of my mother who lived for 10 more years. But I later taught and became principal of a church school in Delray Beach."

Leola is still going strong in her ninth decade. She says she's willing to work to stay active. She exercises for 30 minutes five days a week, reads the Bible and many books, does puzzles to stay alert, and visits the sick to bring cheer to them. "I volunteer at the Historical Society and all of my organizations if I can get a ride and if I'm needed."

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Vaping

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and subsequent offenses. Per state statute, only the state legislature is allowed to regulate tobacco use and sales. State statutes don't include any mention of e-cigarettes. Deputy City Attorney Tracy Lyons said that the missing language means the city can regulate e-cigarettes.

In material provided in support of the restrictions, city officials cited a WebMD article, "The Vape Debate: What You Need to Know" by Regina Boyle Wheeler.

In the article, Kenneth Warner, a tobacco policy research-

er at the University of Michigan, was quoted as saying the danger of secondhand vapor isn't zero but "it's probably very low."

The article also cited a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 2015. According to WebMD, "Researchers surveyed 2,500 Los Angeles high school students who had never smoked. They found that kids who used e-cigs were more likely than non-users to smoke cigarettes or other tobacco products over the next year."

But when it comes to putting restrictions on adults vaping, resident Deanna Lyons said the city should concentrate on "more important"

issues, such as illegal drug use. "Isn't there more to worry about than vaping outside? I think it's ridiculous," said Lyons, who vapes. She added that vaping helped her cut back on smoking cigarettes and she might be in favor of banning vaping in children's parks, but not at the beach.

One man, who asked only to be identified as AJ, said there is a difference between small e-cigarettes and large e-cigarettes. The latter usually creates a bigger plume of smoke.

Adam Fayad, owner of Vapor 'N' Smoke in Pompano Beach, which sells e-cigarettes and products, said the city's vaping restrictions "will

affect people's lives. It's just to make life miserable by making rules . . . let them stop alcohol [being served if

they're worried about people's health]. We'll know who to vote for [based on who supports this]."

Kitchen

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the Community Back to School Fun Day, now in its 15th year and serving more than 1,200 students with backpacks and school supplies. She and her husband have served on and chaired many Tiger Trail Festival committees.

In other NW CRA news, the committee met for a special session at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11 for a presentation of the conceptual design of a Complete Streets vision for Atlantic Boulevard/Dixie Highway.

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Charlotte Burrie Center Groundbreaking

Pompano Beach – Officials here recently broke ground on the Charlotte Burrie Community Center, 2669 N. Federal Hwy.

The future center is on 1.07 acres and will feature 48 parking spaces, a Porte-Cochere [drop off], lobby/pre-function area, receptionist

desk, administrative office, conference room for 8 to 10 people, large assembly space for 250 people, warming kitchen, fixed platform stage, dressing rooms and two activity rooms.

A few years ago, members of the Cresthaven Civic Association spoke at a city commission meeting and presented a petition that raised \$500 to fund the center. They requested the new community center be named after Commissioner Charlotte Burrie.

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Crackdown

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a localized problem. I think [prostitutes] take advantage of the traffic Pompano gets . . . Your Dixie Highways, your Powerline Roads. Definitely the main roads.”

It can also be a repetitive endeavor with the same woman being arrested multiple times.

“We did an operation on Tuesday and got the same girl on Wednesday.” Light penalties make it easy for offenders to be back out on the street soon.

Asked if the prostitutes being picked up by BSO were tied to human trafficking, Irvin said no.

“We’re definitely looking for it but we haven’t seen that.” He stated that most prostitutes on the street are older. Women who are victims of human trafficking, he said, tend to be younger and are usually confined to a controlled atmosphere, such as a hotel room or house. The men who bring them here don’t usually allow them to walk the streets.

But he did say that many cases of prostitution are tied to drug use.

“Almost 100 percent of them have some kind of dependence issue. They’re victims of that,” said Irvin.

Former Dist. 4 commissioner Edward Phillips said drugs are a problem but he also tied prostitution to homelessness.

“The prostitution problem is twofold. It’s a problem, yes,

but it’s also exacerbated by the homeless issue. The more homeless persons who come into the area, the prostitution problem seems to grow . . . It has gotten out of control,” said Phillips. “We’ve had a stomach full. We have to do some creative thinking.”

Community activist Vicente Thrower also tied prostitution to homelessness and sober homes. “I think it’s bigger than that. This has to do with homelessness and sober housing.”

He said many sober homes, which are residences for recovering drug and alcohol addicts, attract prostitutes. Thrower added that Broward County needs to be more pro-active and provide more transitional housing and mental health services for individuals who are homeless. In particular, he said the county’s homeless center, located here

on Blount Road, should be one place where transitional housing is built.

At a July 2 forum, Dist. 1 Commissioner Michael Sobel also said the city needs to get creative with its homeless problem. Sobel and Dist. 3 Commissioner Rex Hardin, mayoral candidates, disagreed on how the city has handled its homeless problem. Hardin said the city had taken a leadership role in trying to fix the problem.

Sobel said the city has done “virtually nothing.” They also disagreed on the number of deputies BSO has dedicated to help homeless individuals. Sobel said there are four. Hardin said there are two. According to Major John Hale, district chief of BSO in this city, there are two.

Hale said 17 deputies are trained to respond to homeless issues, such as crisis interven-

tion and connecting individuals with substance abuse and mental health counseling resources, but that only two deputies are dedicated full time to the homeless population.

Irvin said he doesn’t expect the operation to get rid of all prostitution in this city. Instead, the realistic goal is to get it down to a minimal level

where it doesn’t significantly impact the quality of life for this city’s residents. But, he said, BSO needs the community to “see something, say something” and be its eyes and ears. “We have to do it together.”

To report prostitution or any other crime to BSO, call 954-786-HELP [4357].

Free trees tomorrow

Pompano Beach – Free trees and plants will be distributed to residents tomorrow and again on July 21, by the City of Pompano Beach.

The give-a-way takes place at the city’s nursery, 1000 NE 3 Ave. from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days.

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Exchange Club distributes \$80,000 to children, veterans and more

Lighthouse Point – The Lighthouse Point Yacht Club set the scene for the Exchange Club of Pompano Beach to host its yearly charitable distribution luncheon.

This year, the club raised nearly \$80,000 with 100 percent of those funds used to help local charities, community organizations and veterans groups.

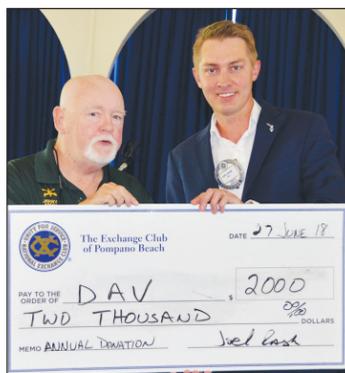
The club's biggest beneficiary was the Children's Healing Institute, which provides child abuse prevention services in Broward and Palm Beach counties, for \$39,604 over the year.

Other organizations that received funding were the Broward Children's Center, \$16,000; Woodhouse, \$3,000; First Tee Golf of Broward,

\$1,500; Honor Flight, \$1,000; Tomorrow's Rainbow, \$1,000; Our Father's House Soup Kitchen, \$1,000; Sample McDougald House, \$1,000; Crockett Foundation, \$1,000; Forgotten Soldiers, \$1,000; Dynamos, \$1,000; Freedom Fighters Outdoor, \$500; Kids Can Do it Karate Program, \$500; James Suh Memorial Scholarship, \$1,500; Disabled American Veterans, \$2,000 and several others who were not in attendance.

President Joel Rask presented all of the organizations with their checks and let them briefly talk about how the contribution would help them with their programs and benefit the community.

The Exchange Club of



Joel Rask and Disabled American Veteran's representative Jerry Toomey.



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and national levels for their service and fundraising programs, such as their annual 150 Charity Dinner, car show and bowl-a-thon events.

Persons interested in learning more about this organization, becoming a sponsor of an event, or making a donation, can go to exchangeclubofpompanobeach.com.

-Exchange Club of Pompano Beach

Pompano Beach is a 501(c)(3) service organization that focuses its efforts on child abuse prevention programs, student recognition and

scholarships, Americanism and Veterans organizations and community service. The club has also won several awards this year at the district

Purple Heart recipients

In honor of Purple Heart Day [Aug. 7], *The Pelican* wants to feature local U.S. military veterans who were wounded and received the Purple Heart. Veterans who are interested in being part of *The Pelican's* story should call Michael d'Oliveira at 954-783-8700 or send an email to editor.pelican@gmail.com.

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Square

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Government offices are currently approved as conditional use.

In introducing the item, Planning Supervisor Alex Dambach said, "The city is considering a large project, Oakland Park Square, and one of the considerations is to relocate city government offices there. This would support that effort." Resident and former mayor Steve Arnst said, "This should never have come to you. You're putting the cart before the horse. Why would

you do this? If the commission decides not to move city hall, if you do this any governmental office could go in there. This is a ploy to get city hall over there. This needs to be tabled until there's some action by the commission."

Board Vice Chair Caryl Stevens agreed with Arnst, questioning why the item was on the agenda.

Dambach said governmental offices are permitted in almost all the city's commercial districts. The Dixie Sub-Area under discussion is near city hall and the post office. "We would have no objection if you changed it to allow only

municipal government offices," Dambach said.

"Are we doing this so city hall can go over there [to Oakland Park Square]?", Stevens asked. "We're trying to make the area welcome a true mixed-use project. Yes, this will enable city hall to relocate if an agreement is reached," Dambach said.

"This is like we're streamlining the process," said board member Mark Zaden.

"This is not just streamlining. It's eliminating a step, and the step is us," said Board Chair Jack Doren.

At that, board member Toby Lawrence moved to recom-

mend denial of the amendment. The motion to deny failed by a 3-2 vote.

Doren said he supports the idea of moving city hall, "but I want it done right."

Stephen Scott, assistant director, Engineering and Community Development,

suggested that "since there's a lot of uncertainty and a lot of things we might want to clear up, the board may want to table the item until their next meeting."

The board agreed with only Stevens dissenting. The next P&Z is July 23.



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Tax

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67 counties in transportation spending, Cassini said. Sixty-two of these counties have some form of surtax.

The tax is collected on most consumer items excluding groceries and medicines. It is a preferred way to raise money because visitors pay it along with the residents.

Cassini urged the commission to submit a request for the A1A/Hillsboro improvement to the Metropolitan Planning Organization which is working with the county to get voters on board with the tax.

What is being presented is a 30-year plan to improve transportation in the county, but Cassini said the projects will be on a fast track for the first five years so the public will see the impact of the new spending and "the return on their investment."

Another advantage of the tax is it will be a dedicated source of revenue necessary to obtain federal and state matching grants.

Broward County is experiencing a "Silver Tsunami", Cassini said, a major increase in the over-60 population. People will need public transit so they can age in place, she said.

Broward is also experiencing significant growth. Sixty-four households move here daily. By the year 2040, it is projected 235,000 more residents will be added to the current population of \$1.9 million. Some 12.8 million visitors come here each year.

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Muddy

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size is “not an easy job,” she said.

“And it’s not always fun, but we are a family here. People come here year after year straight from the airport or they send us postcards telling us when they’ll be back.”

Arney was a big supporter of local events and that’s a tradition Lowery wants to maintain.

Muddy is open seven days a week. BBQ is cooked outside the front door the first Saturday of every month. There’s a lot of outdoor dining and veranda swings and in this area, pets are welcome.

Potentially, there’s a party every day at Muddy.

Monday is t-shirt day. Wear a Muddy t-shirt or hat and get a free drink. It’s also Irish Day with traditional choices like shepherd’s pie.



The playful design of artist McKenzie Harbough decorates the entrance to Muddy Waters.

This past Monday, four t-shirted patrons were at the bar enjoying lunch, and presumably a free liquid refreshment. One creative customer had refashioned her t-shirt into a cardigan. It was just a normal Monday, Lowery said.

Tuesday is for Parrot Heads. Margaritas, pina coladas and strawberry daiquiris are \$4.

On Caribbean Wednesday, fish tacos are \$5, mojitos and rum runners, \$6.

Thursday is karaoke night and the house is usually full. One draw is the \$6 Long Island iced tea.

Friday features beer-battered fried fish and on Shrimp Out Saturday, shrimp served several ways are 99 cents each. The sangria and mimosas are special, too.

Prime Time Sunday offers a \$5 Bloody Mary and prime rib dinners starting at \$17.

Happy hour is 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; 4 p.m. to closing time on Sunday and Monday.

The atmosphere at Muddy is best described by Arney himself whose words are on the front of the voluminous menu: “Sit back and enjoy our unequivocal, unique atmosphere and slip into Island mode . . . Relax for the next piece of time and let us captain the helm . . . you just enjoy the cruise!”

Of her new responsibility Lowery said, “I am hoping for the best. We’re just trying to continue what Jay put in place. I’ll never meet anyone like him again . . . He was charming, tough, strong willed. He could talk to strangers like they were friends.

“But for me, I think when you do the best job you can, success happens.”

Wilton Drive Streetscape meeting

Wilton Manors – The public is invited to ask questions and give input on the planned changes to Wilton Drive. The outreach meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the city hall commission chambers, 2020 Wilton Drive. State officials plan to reduce the number of lanes on Wilton Drive from four to two; one in each direction. Along with the lane change, additional landscaping, benches, widened sidewalks and trees will be added to the sides of the street.

“The construction of the roadway reconfiguration is expected to take about a year. After completion, the landscape/streetscape phase of the project will commence. While it might seem logical to do them both at the same time, Wilton Drive is a state road and state rules don’t allow for these two phases to happen simultaneously. The good news is that the state and Metropolitan Planning Organization are paying for the lane elimination, with the city being responsible for the streetscaping,” reads a city email. For those who can’t make the meeting, comments can be sent to plandi@wilton-manors.com.

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Oak Tree

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Oak Tree Estates Homeowners Association said, "We're in support of this plan. We have gone through a collaborative effort with Pulte. With the density reduced, we now have acceptable density. It's been a long road, but we support this."

"Our main concern is traffic," Flynn added. "We will be interested in seeing how the mitigation plan works [with Broward County]. We will be paying attention."

Flynn, a 28-year resident, said he was sad to see the golf course close in 2007. "But the golf course is unusable open space. This will have use for us and the surrounding community."

The conceptual master plan includes a buffer of lakes and green areas between this development and Oak Tree Estates. Construction is estimated to take three to four years.

"I think this is great," said Jack Doren, P&Z Board chair. "You have been very negotiable, and you've come up with a win-win. I'm glad to see new development on the west side and the quality we're seeking."

'Live-work Unit' definition approved

In other business, the P&Z Board recommended approval of an amendment to

the city's code that clarifies the definition of "Live-Work Units." According to the new language, Live-Work Units are space that contains both residential and commercial uses in the same unit; however, residences cannot be on the ground floor." Unlike a Home Occupation designation where a business can't service clients, occupants of Live-Work units can. This type of development is part of a national trend where business owners don't need to rent or buy a business location.

Alex Dambach, planning supervisor, described them as "a new variation of an old concept" and added, "We're looking at development that promotes pedestrian travel."

The new Live-Work Units are to be in the Dixie Mixed Use area in the Downtown Mixed Use District.

The board voted to recommend approval of the ordinance and asked that staff examine parking issues and the potential occupancy variations.

Earmark

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Beverly Perkins originally wanted \$500,000 of the money for the districts. She changed her request after Dist. 1 Commissioner Michael Sobel suggested the entire \$1 million.

Perkins said she had been waiting for the money to be available for at least a year to "earmark it for the Northwest community." Perkins said she would come up with a list of ways to spend the money.

"I just don't know," said Dist. 2 Commissioner Charlotte Burrie.

"Why not?" asked some members of the audience in response. Many applauded when Sobel said he was in support of Perkins. Said Sobel, "It's a show of good faith to a [Northwest] community not always treated fairly . . . It's about time."

But Dist. 5 Commissioner Barry Moss called the earmark a "slippery slope." One that could set a

"dangerous precedent." Moss said city land sold in any district should benefit the city as a whole.

Dist. 3 Commissioner Rex Hardin agreed.

Perkins then accused Moss of being the author behind a July 6 memo sent to the commission from City Manager Greg Harrison.

She alluded to the phrase "slippery slope" which Moss had used weeks earlier

regarding the same issue.

She said that made her believe he was behind the memo.

"I've used that phrase before. It's not original. I certainly did not write that memo," responded Moss.

Moss asked Harrison, "Did I write the memo?"

Harrison replied, "no."

In the 4-2 vote, Hardin and Moss dissented.



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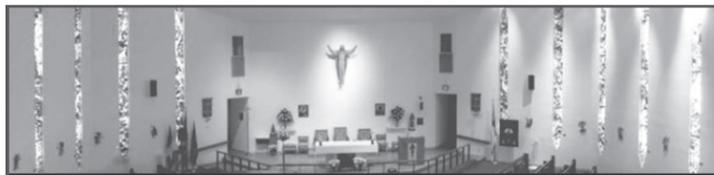
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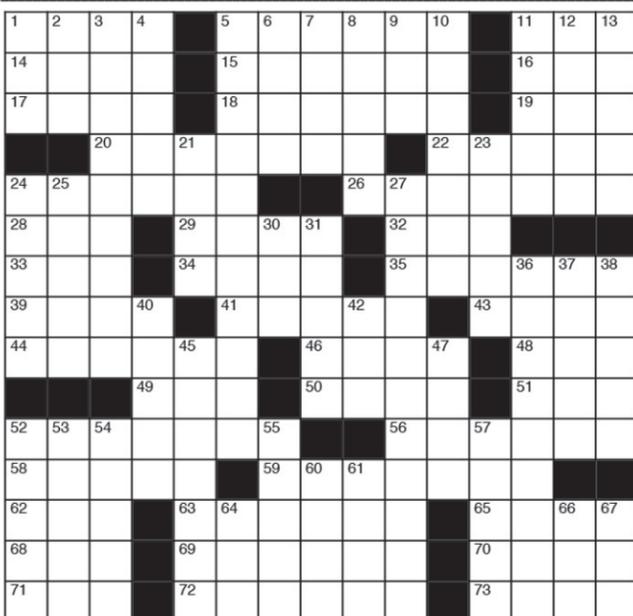
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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke



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ACROSS

- 1 Perched on
- 5 Horse's gait
- 11 Wine vessel
- 14 Ticked off
- 15 Mustang, for one
- 16 Campfire residue
- 17 Gardening moss
- 18 Forcible removal
- 19 Play for a sucker
- 20 Do a voice-over
- 22 Coastal cove
- 24 Pirate's prosthesis
- 26 Yachting event
- 28 Civil War general
- 29 Monopoly card
- 32 URL ending, sometimes
- 33 Victorian, for one
- 34 Orchestral reed
- 35 Thistlelike plant
- 39 Assists
- 41 Join together
- 43 Not prerecorded
- 44 Balance on the brink
- 46 Senate stretch
- 48 Janitor's tool
- 49 Did a 5K, say
- 50 Himalayan monster
- 51 Presidential nickname
- 52 If _____ you don't succeed...
- 56 Reel man
- 58 Erik Estrada series
- 59 Mediterranean hot spot

- 62 Large vase
- 63 Type of collision
- 65 Tiler's measurement
- 68 Herbal brew
- 69 Baltimore ballplayer
- 70 Trellis piece
- 71 Electric fish
- 72 Money handler
- 73 Fiery heap

- 6 Bluish hue
- 7 One of the Seven Deadly Sins
- 8 Carafe size
- 9 Hydrogen's number
- 10 Orbital point
- 11 Olympics event
- 12 Strong point
- 13 Letter before iota
- 21 Make over
- 23 Birth-related
- 24 Kilt fold
- 25 Bone-chilling
- 27 Cedric the _____
- 30 Long, long time
- 31 Supreme Being

- 36 Likewise
- 37 Conjure up
- 38 Biblical outcast
- 40 Comics page offering
- 42 Casual top
- 45 Hearing range
- 47 Coal source
- 52 Like some angles
- 53 Cube root of 27
- 54 Important exam
- 55 Woody route
- 57 Understand
- 60 Fan-club favorite
- 61 Field mouse
- 64 Before, of yore
- 66 Corn serving
- 67 Consumed

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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. No charge to attend. 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. 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 2 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. BocaRatonStampAndCoinClub@gmail.com.

Miniature Club, Les Petits Collecteurs, on the first Wednesday of the month, 6:45-9 p.m. at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 NW Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Guests & new member welcome. Call ahead, 954-725-1270.

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 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 Westside Kiwanis meets on the first Tuesdays and third Saturdays

monthly at 8:30 a.m. at the E. Pat Larkins Community Center, 520 MLK Blvd., Pompano Beach. Call 954-733-2386.

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. 954-942-1639.

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. 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.

Dance
Wednesdays - Ballroom and Latin Dancing at 6 p.m. at Art Serve, 1350 E. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale Call Michael Brewer at 954-805-3470.

Shell lure



Oliva porphyria Linne [Tent Olive], 1758 is the king of the olive family. It grows to the largest size and is stately in shape and pattern. Although not rare, it is difficult to obtain as it lives in deeper water far away from the shore line.

Most specimens come from off the coast of Mexico and south beyond Panama. Its pattern depicts cities of tents. The shell is two tone cream and chestnut brown. Some specimens have a purple tinge to the base.

The Tent Olive is incredibly consistent in color with virtually no variation.

It grows up to 5.5" in size but 3.5-4" is the common size. The price skyrockets for the larger shells from \$80 to over \$200 or more for a 5" specimen. Pictured specimen is slightly over 3.5."

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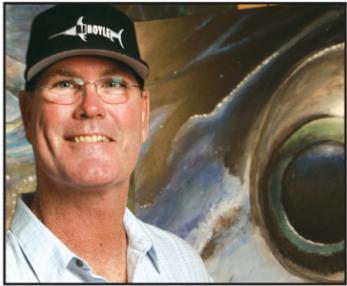
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Fishing report



R.J. Boyle has "Gone Fishing This Week." Check out this column next Friday.

Last weekend we caught a beautiful swordfish weighing 340 pounds.

This is a great time to catch a big sword off our coast.

This Saturday, July 14 is the Jim Allen Memorial swordfish Tournament. The weigh-in will be located at Lighthouse Point Marina from 4 to 6 p.m..

Come down and check it out. If you are interested in fishing the tournament, sign-up will be located at Bru's Room, 235 S. Federal Hwy., in Pompano Beach from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday evening.

For more information, call 954-420-5001.

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Nick Noon [left] and John "Barfs Ridge" Barfield. [Courtesy]

Boating class July 21

Pompano Beach – The Pompano Beach Power Squadron offers a full day safe boating class from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 21 at Pompano Beach Sail & Power Squadron, 3701 NE 18 Terr.

The class includes instruction on docking, safety, emergencies, rules and navigation.

Completion of the program is required for a Florida Boaters Education Card. The cost is \$30 for Broward County citizens and \$65 for others. Costs covers boating textbook, certificate and education card. Visit pompanosafeboating.com or call 754-444-1470.

Scores

Pompano Beach Nine Hole Women's League - July 10

A Group:
 1st place (tie): Alicia Wynn, Ellen Fraser, 48
 2nd place (tie): Susana Rust, Susan Dimond, 50
 B Group:
 1st place : Kathy Gardner, 51
 2nd place: Carol Metevier, 54
 3rd place: Maureen Zolubos, 55

Pompano Beach Men's Golf Assn. July 4

1st Place - Gary Gill, Henry Lesburt, Val Rapoport . . . 60
 2nd Place - Bill Delaney, Bob Mascatel-

lo, Joe Patchen . . . 64
 3rd Place - Albert Holcomb, Lance Naiman, Don Worrell . . . 65*
 *(Back 9 Score = 28 vs. 29)(Blind Draw)

Pompano Beach Mens Golf Assn. June 27

1st Place . . . Dave Dowling, Jim Greeley (Back 9 Score = 63), Pete Strychowskyj [(Last 6 holes Score = 41) . . . 123*
 2nd Place - Jim Foster, Bob Mascatello, Jerry Schucart . . . 123
 3rd Place - Jim DeCicco, Gary Gill, Don Worrell . . . 123
 4th Place - Lance Naiman, Joe Patchen, Dennis Rooy . . . 129

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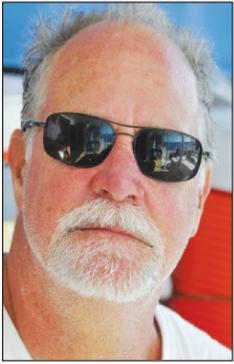


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Catching the ocean view: Lots of lobster this summer



By Jim "Chiefy" Mathie

PELICAN WRITER

The local reefs are loaded with spiny lobster and this is great news for divers getting ready to participate in the annual mini season. Lobster bags should be full as the reports are favorable for a great year.

Held on July 25 and 26, mini season gives recreational divers a chance to take home those tasty crustaceans before the pros hit the reefs at the

opening of regular season on Monday, Aug. 6.

After Hurricane Irma last year, the spiny lobster industry in Florida took a substantial hit. According to Tom Matthews, a research administrator for the Florida Wildlife Commission Institute in Marathon, 300,000 lobster traps were destroyed or lost during the hurricane.

This resulted in a 33 percent drop in the lobster harvest from the previous year, resulting in a significant loss to the \$54 million industry. The challenge since the hurricane has been to replace those lobster traps which cost around \$35 each. Keep in mind, 90 percent of the commercial landings of spiny lobster are in the Florida Keys.

Locally, after Hurricane Irma made landfall in Cudjoe Key last September, the reefs

were impacted tremendously. New areas of the reef were uncovered and favorite spots in the reef were destroyed. Debris covered parts of the reef and many areas were significantly different after the storm.

The visibility in the water was terrible as the sand turbidity made the ocean white instead of blue.

But there was a silver lining. About a month after the storm, the spiny lobsters were everywhere in this area. As a recreational diver, we were easily getting our daily limit of six-per-person-per-day until the end of the season on March 31 because they weren't being captured in the traps in the Florida Keys. This year promises to be as good as last year.

And the diving conditions

SEE LOBSTER ON PAGE 24



Susie Maniscalco [pictured above on the dive boat *Lady Go Diver* last year with Jim "Chiefy" Mathie] is a regular visitor to South Florida from Oregon and is part of the "Chiefy" crew. [Courtesy]

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Lobster

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couldn't be better.

A flat ocean, 84-degree water temperature, gentle currents and top-to-bottom visibility has been our diving scenario for the last month.

If you haven't done so already, my advice is to scope out your favorite spots as well as get yourself and your dive gear wet. There is still time to get your gear serviced if there are issues.

If you're new to mini season or just want to be part of some great events, stop by Bugfest in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea starting on Tuesday, July 24 at 6 p.m. at the Plunge Beach Hotel, 4660 El Mar Drive, in the Octopus Bar.

My free seminar opens the show and I'll be giving away five copies of my book *Catching the Bug - 2nd Edition*



[Above] Andy Rubin, Chuck Van Buskirk, Chiefy, Roger Soles and John Strunk after a successful hunt on the reefs. [Below] Catching the bug involves going after them in their native habitat. [Courtesy]



- *The Comprehensive Guide to Catching the Spiny Lobster.*

Immediately following the seminar will be the kick-off party with live entertainment.

There are plenty of events throughout the week and prizes awarded for the Great Florida Bug Hunt contest. It's time to Catch the Bug!

Ocean Conservation Day

Oakland Park – Food, fun and a free movie are part of the 2nd Annual Stoked On Salt Ocean Conservation Day today, July 13, from 4 to 10 p.m. at Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 N. Dixie Hwy.

Over 50 ocean and marine conservation groups will attend to discuss important environmental issues and problems that can be addressed at the local level: lionfish, sharks, ocean debris, water quality, coral reefs, ocean safety, and more.

There will also be arts and crafts, culinary shows, entertainment by the Caribbean Waves Steel Drum Band, local artists, an art contest and a free movie – “Deep.” Visit stokedonsalt.com/ocean-conservation-day.html for more

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