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Deerfield gains more favorable recycling terms; service begins again Sept. 3

By Judy Wilson

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Deerfield Beach – City commissioners were set this week to sign a contract with Waste Management that gives the city better options than were offered by the company in July when recycling here was abruptly halted.

Mayor Bill Ganz, who cast the

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Code allows government offices in new Oakland Park Square

By Judy Vik

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Oakland Park -- City Commissioners have voted to allow government offices as a permitted use in the Dixie Highway Downtown Mixed Use District.

The vote was 4-0 at the Aug. 1 meeting. Vice Mayor Sara Guevrekian

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Deutch here with message for Democrat voters

By Judy Wilson

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Deerfield Beach - "We do have a message," Congressman Ted Deutch [D. Dist 22] told a largely partisan audience Monday at Century Village East.

Cong. Ted Deutch takes a selfie with supporter Faye Adam during his campaign stop at Century Village East Monday.

To critics who complain the Democratic Party is short on ideas, the four-term congressman said, "If

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Late-breaking: Complaints filed against Hardin and Eaton; McNeil withdraws -Page 13

Redevelopment, gentrification, consensus top issues in mayoral debate

By Judy Vik

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Pompano Beach - Three of four mayoral candidates in the Nov. 6 election faced off in a forum Saturday, sponsored by the Pelican and hosted by Hopewell Baptist Church.

Commissioners Rex Hardin and Mike Sobel and political novice Debresia Lesane addressed a myriad of topics ranging from why they should be mayor to concerns about gentrification and overdevelopment.

A fourth candidate Cynthia Floyd was unable to attend due to a personal commitment.

In introductory comments, Lesane said she was born and raised in

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District 7 school board candidates to face off in Aug. 28 Primary

The School Board of Broward County is composed of seven districts, several of which, including District 7 will be on the Aug. 28 Primary election ballot. District 7 covers schools in Pompano Beach, Deerfield Beach, Margate and Coconut Creek and is currently represented by Nora Rupert. She is being challenged by Hubert St. Clair and Mike Olbel.

Rupert's focus is on high-risk kids, mental health issues and school safety

By Judy Wilson

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Nora Rupert, 54, wants to be elected to a third term on the Broward County School Board representing Dist. 7 which includes the cities of Pompano

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Olbel wants strong communication; a focus on multi-cultural students

By Anne Siren

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Mike Olbel, 33, is a candidate for the Broward School Board, Dist. 7.

Olbel is a first generation citizen of parents who migrated from Haiti.

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Olbel

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He recalls a childhood, being the youngest of five sons, where his parents worked "several low-paying jobs to make ends meet."

And he is proud to claim a BS in criminal justice from University of Dubuque [Ohio] and a masters degree from Iowa State University in business management after his graduation from Pompano Beach High School in 2004.

This is the first time Olbel has made his run for a seat on the board.

Olbel's background in the community includes 15 years in social service, business and education. He has served as an advisory board member for the Pompano Beach Boys and Girls Club.

As a grant writer and executive director of Community Based Connections, Inc., a registered Florida non-profit, Olbel has raised funds to promote after-school programs, juvenile second chance programs and early prevention programs.

He is the recipient of the STEM Speaker Award and has helped raise funds for an after-school program in District 7 that focuses on debate, STEM and coding.



Olbel

To Olbel, it's just a matter of being there.

He says, "We need more community presence with the school board members. People need to know and communicate with their school board member; District 7 is a forgotten district."

All schools in District 7 serve multi-cultural students who speak native languages at home and struggle to learn English at school, he said.

That should be addressed, says Olbel, with town hall meetings to discuss issues with language, low readership and community participation. Some of those meetings should be held at familiar gathering places like churches and community centers for parents and caregivers.

And school board members should offer night meetings for parents who are unable to attend the standard day meetings. "We need to be community-oriented to meet with parents, board members and teachers," Olbel said.

Olbel is a believer that all schools should prepare students for a global experience.

"It's important that we have multi-language opportunities in our school," he adds. "English-speaking students will also benefit from learning the languages of their fellow students from different countries. From my own experience at Pompano Beach High School,

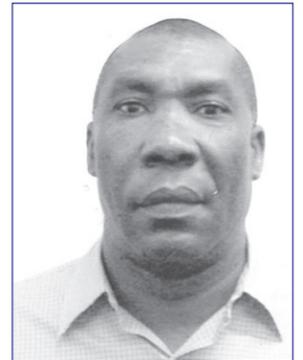
we had that option.

Olbel says he can use his talents on the school board to:

Add more resources through business partnerships; encourage businesses near schools to adopt the school and create avenues for career opportunities.

And he adds that this school board has not been a good steward of tax-payer dollars. "I will bring financial accountability to the board. Tax dollars must be used for what they were meant to be used at the time we agreed to use them," Olbel said. "The prime example is the \$800 million bond, passed in 2014; projects are incomplete and many have not even been started." Olbel is married to Kristenia, a Fort Lauderdale police officer. They live in Pompano Beach with their son, Mikelage.

Hubert St. Clair makes second try for District 7 seat



St. Clair

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Beach, Deerfield Beach, Coconut Creek and Margate.

A resident of Coconut Creek, she is married to husband Eric and has three adopted children.

She holds a communications degree from Florida Southern College and an alternate education certification from FAU. She began her career substituting at Broward County public schools. That led to a fulltime position teaching reading to at-risk 9th grade students at Piper High School. She is certified to teach ESOL, gifted, ESE and Ell students.

She was elected to the



Rupert

executive board of the Florida School Boards Association and serves as treasurer. In 2015 she received the UNA/USA Distinguished Advocate for

Education Award.

She currently serves as chairman of the Broward County School Board

Priorities

• Resolving mental health issues among young people is a high priority for Rupert along with safety at local schools. She says there is a six-month wait for young people to receive counseling services at Henderson Mental Health Center. She now serves on a board appointed by the governor to address mental health issues. The state is contributing \$5.1 million toward that effort.

Rupert is particularly proud of the fact District 7 had 13 under performing schools when she was elected in 2016. Now there is only one, Deerfield Beach Elementary, which was just two points off the mark in the last testing period.

The improvements have come

about, she says, because she has involved the community bringing in mentors and tutors from Wynmoor Village and Century Village East. Some schools in her district have taken on new programs: Coconut Creek High is now a magnet school offering health science, IT, court reporting, automotive technology, culinary arts.

Sanders Park Elementary opened a communications and broadcast magnet program last year and Blanche Ely High has partnered with Emory Riddle Aeronautical University to teach aviation, aerospace and engineering for college credit.

Two have won the Magnet School of America Award.

Working with a dental office, she obtained \$300,000 in free care for 600-plus children. "That was a thing of joy for me," she says. "When you butt up against the administration, you have to go to the commu-

nity."

Rupert takes credit for the state's first cyberbullying law passed here in Broward County.

She is also on a state task force aimed at reducing school testing.

Rupert says when the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas occurred, the school system had no plan in place for emergencies. Neither school board members nor the public could get information from the administration. "We need a ground game for basic emergencies," she said.

She is not a fan of School Superintendent Robert Runcie saying he is not accountable to the taxpayers, citing a glaring example: the \$800 million bond issue of 2014 that floundered and has still not put the promised school improvements in place. "I am hopeful the delays are now being dealt with," she said. "We have asked for a compressed timeline [on the improvements]."

Her classroom experience with at-risk kids has made this population her focus. "We have dropped the ball on advocacy here," she says.

Identifying the kids with problems – some of them gifted – is essential.

Rupert points to the school board's successes in the areas of safety, a prime public concern. A network of 10,000 real-time surveillance cameras have been upgraded; 2,500 more cameras will be installed.

The district will meet the state law requiring an armed safety officer at every school and has improved "code red" active assailant training for staff and students. A private security firm has completed a security risk assessment and implementation of those findings will begin. Doors and gates will be locked throughout the school day. The Sandy Hook Promise Foundation will implement violence prevention programs at schools across the district.

Across the county, the district is adding STEM programs in high schools, the Cambridge International Program at Dillard and Monarch High, an engineering and plant science course at Plantation Middle. Forty elementary schools now offer a dual language program. A grant from a robotic foundation has put robotics education and competition in 113 district schools; more will be added this year.

But the Key to advancing all programs is the "teacher in the classroom," Rupert said.

Rupert said her goal for the next four years is to make sure the board's promises come to fruition. She cites her intent: "Promises made; Promises kept."

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Debate

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Pompano Beach, graduated from Ely High School and studied physical therapy. She wants to end gentrification and unite the city through economic growth.

Hardin said he has lived in Pompano since 1963 and is a Pompano Beach High School graduate. He has served as District 3 commissioner for 12 years.

“Economic development is key, especially in the Northwest,” Hardin said. “We have some good plans, but part of the key is not over-development. Pompano Beach needs to stay the quiet town it is with quality development. Without quality of life we’ve failed.”

Sobel, serving his first term as commissioner in District 1, said he is running for mayor “not to earn income but out of a sense of public service and devotion to my family and to my residents.”

“Pompano Beach is not the sleepy town it was five to 10 years ago,” Sobel said. “We need someone with the capability of understanding and negotiating multi-million dollar contracts in the best interests of residents. Smart growth is critical.”

“People over politics,” Sobel said to applause from

Pompano Beach candidates for mayor share ideas



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-Lesane



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-Sobel

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Lesane: “I’m a revolutionary, a unifier. I’m determined, capable, passionate. I will be the voice of all the residents. I’m the only candidate who has the best interests of residents at heart. My greatest attribute is empathy. Officials haven’t come up with solutions for us.”

Hardin: “I’ve been on the commission for a number of years. I’m a past president of Rotary, past president of McDougald House Preser-

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his supporters.

Pelican publisher Anne Siren posed the questions starting with **why the candidates are qualified to be mayor.**

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vation Society and have led these organizations to make change. I'd like to take my leadership skills and lead the city to greater prosperity. The mayor doesn't work alone. He has to work with five others. He needs to build consensus, to identify problems and find solutions with staff. I can lead teams forward and make things happen."

Q. How can we maintain quality of life and how does this apply to seniors and children?

Sobel: Affordable housing and smart development [are needed.] It means having a handle on the homeless/vagrancy problem. We have vets who don't know what benefits

they have. I have tried to do something about that, and will hit the ground running when elected. Quality of life means our children go to top schools. Families look for places with the best schools. It's a Pompano Beach problem, and we need to do something about it."

Q. What are the top concerns?

Lesane: "Taxation without representation. Gentrification. Now we get change without a choice. Taxpayer dollars are spent on one side of town, at the beach. We have no choice but to rent homes that should have been rebuilt and to go to schools built with asbestos. Everyone in every district should have the same future."

Q. You say you want to move this city forward and achieve consensus. Are you

talking about on the dais or in the city, and is there consensus?

Hardin: "Before we do anything, we need to have consensus of residents. We have had a focus on economic development in the Northwest and have tremendous opportunity now with the Innovation District in the CRA. This will be a driver for jobs. As mayor, I will have meetings throughout the city to find out what's important and educate residents on what's going on."

Turning to the topic of gentrification, Hardin said the NW CRA invested in homes, creating homes in Canal Pointe, across from Hopewell, in the area that was the impoverished Carver Homes. "That was a worthy project and did create quality, affordable housing."

Sobel: Gentrification is a concern and an issue. "We

have programs where developers can skirt supplying affordable housing by paying into a fund."

Q. The city recently sold a building in Northwest Pompano Beach for \$1 million. The District 4 commissioner asked that the money be used in District 4. Do you agree?

Hardin: "I voted no. The property on Powerline Road was purchased three to four years ago. Revenues come from all areas. It's bad public policy to earmark public funds for one area. We should allocate resources where we need them."

Sobel: I voted for it. Commissioner Perkins asked for a half a million. I suggested the whole million [go to the northwest.] The northwest has been deprived of equity and fairness for a long time. In this sale, the funds went to the operating fund. In this one

instance it was appropriate.

Lesane: "Our mayor is an auctioneer. Selling land has been sport. It's obvious what side of town needs the most attention. The city should be judged by how it treats the lowest."

Q. Despite a bond approved for \$180 million, the city is still proposing an increase in taxes, fire assessment and debt payments. How can we stop this upward movement?

Hardin: "The bond is going for recommended capital improvements. More people will be employed on these projects. The budget provides for needed services, including additional community service aides [to address the homeless situation] and five new park rangers to deal with those causing disruptions in parks."

Sobel: "There has been no evaluation of city departments and no real budget cuts for years. I'm voting against the increase in millage and fire assessment."

Q. The city recently took over East Atlantic and Dixie. Was that a good idea?

Hardin: This is a critical part of the redevelopment plan. The roads are narrowing so people can get across the street."

Sobel: "The new philosophy is that they're not interested in moving traffic. The goal is to calm traffic and focus on pedestrian walkways." He voted against the re-design.

Q. [from an audience member] to Hardin: Why did you buy 15 web names in the name of Sobel, and have you recorded the purchase as a campaign expense?

Hardin: "I haven't recorded the purchase as a campaign expense because it wasn't a campaign expense. If Commissioner Sobel wants a domain name all he has to do is call me. Would I do it over? Probably not. I didn't set up a website. There was no evil intent. We should be talking about the future of the city. This detracts from what we should be talking about."

Sobel: If it benefits a campaign, it is a campaign expense. Denying me access to residents is not the leadership, integrity and quality we want."

Asked if she wanted to weigh in, Lesane said, "Enough. That back and forth is too much."

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Anne Siren, publisher

Letters

To the Editor,

I'd like to see a follow up investigative story about the hookworm attached the Pompano Beach beaches.

Please publish, or reference, the Pompano Beach city ordinance which relates to "pets on the beach."

There is a posted sign at the entrance to the beach on North 16th and Ocean Boulevard which says "No Pets Allowed," yet there are scores of dogs on the beach every day. I questioned an officer who was patrolling the beach (on an ATV) about why he did not hand out tickets to folks with dogs; his comment was, "without a complaint, they do not take any action."

Does this mean the city is aware of the extreme violation of their rule and is ignoring or not enforcing the law?

Will it take another outbreak of an illness before the city enforces laws on the books?

*Sincerely,
Mark Satchell*

St. Clair in second try for Dist. 7 seat

The third candidate in the Dist. 7 School Board race is Hubert St. Clair, 57, a resident of Winston Park in Coconut Creek.

St. Clair was educated at FAU where he got a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, Nova SE where he earned a Master's in public administration and at Grand Canyon U. in Phoenix where he received a Doctor in Education degree in organizational leadership.

St. Clair has raised only \$1,030 for his campaign and says he does not obtain money from anyone. He has no website and has received little press.

He ran against Nora Rupert in 2013 receiving 3,000 votes to her 10,700. In that attempt, too, he spent almost no money.

St. Clair says he is running because School Superintendent Robert Runcie has failed to secure Broward County Schools and he will make sure the schools are "safe places for our children."

He says, in an email to the Pelican, that he will get the best qualified teachers, address the real problems of the public schools, fix the system so that it works for the residents, students, teachers and employees of Broward County Schools.

He also says it is imperative to "stop corruption and develop a sustainable democratic organization free of dictatorship and manipulation of employees."

He is married to his wife Elonne who is a nurse and has one son, a student at FAU.

St. Clair is currently unemployed.



St. Clair

Oakland Park

Fraudulent email solicits funds for ill boy

This city's website has a warning to residents about a fraudulent email that requests donations on behalf of a child and includes unauthorized use of the city's logo.

The city's Information Technology Services staff and Broward Sheriff's Office are investigating the source of the fraudulent activity.

"Please be sure to delete/ignore any emails soliciting donations that have fraudulently pasted the city's logo, an unknown email account or other unverified city information," the warning says.

The email solicits funds for a three-year-old named Danny, who needs surgery on a tumor. Donations are sought to Fundly.

Numerous warning signs indicate this is a fraudulent email, according to the warning. The email includes, no name, telephone number or street address, as well as requesting donations be made via a third party site.

The city has created an email address: spoof@oaklandparkfl.gov for residents to send emails appearing to originate from the city that they suspect are fraudulent or inauthentic.

Residents are urged to send the original email as an attachment (do not forward) so the city has access to the embedded technical information available only in the original email. City staff can then forward these emails to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

Residents also are reminded to never enter personal or financial information into a site they were taken to by a link.

-Judy Vik

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Candidates: John Denis Cavanaugh, John Geer, Andrea Leigh McGee,
Donald Sidney McNeil

5 p.m. at St. Martin Episcopal Church,
140 SE 28 Ave.

Sept. 15 - District 2 forum

Candidates: Rhonda Eaton and Tom Terwilliger
5 p.m. at St. Nicholas Church, 1111 E. Sample Rd.

Sept. 22 - District 4

Candidates: Carmen Dixon Jones, Beverly Perkins and Ed Phillips
7 p.m. at Hopewell Baptist Church, 890 NW 15 St.

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Business matters

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Pompano Beach Library seeking Friends

The books, the computers, the programs and the librarians are busy these days with patrons at the Pompano Beach Library, 50 W. Atlantic Blvd.

Now they need some Friends of the Library. A "get together" meeting is planned for Aug. 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to learn about the Friends, a volunteer group that supports the programs offered in all departments, from children to computer classes. Interested volunteers are welcome. Call 954-357-7595 for details.

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By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

This family-owned business, Ted Conner Landscaping, Inc., is located at 1560 NW 24 Ave. in Pompano Beach.

Jason Conner, co-owner and general manager, is proud of the company's 41 years of delivering satisfaction to its long list of customers, its consideration of their 80 employees and the 25 full service, fully equipped trucks on the road and ready to fill customers' needs.

Jason grins and says, "I've been involved since I was a toddler and able to help clean equipment."

A graduate of Cardinal Gibbons High School, he went on to graduate Northeastern University in Boston. Added to his financial knowledge is his membership in ISA [International Society of Arborist Culture]. He is a certified arborist.

"My father and I are best friends." He says. "We have combined the best of the old school and the new school. He respects my knowledge as an arborist and welcomes the additional services we are able to offer. This is my 15th year as general manager; I love it. I like being outdoors, meeting new people and using my financial background and my creative training in landscape."

Asked about weather that surely must create challenges for a landscaper, Jason says, "If it rains, we're basically shut down. We work six days a week from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and we're professional jugglers keeping customers and employees happy in Broward County and a few in South Palm Beach and in



Pausing for a photo in front of one of their 25 trucks are [left] Jason Conner, co-owner and general manager with Ansel Davis, landscape maintenance manager. [Courtesy]

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Joey Accardi says, "We have been using Ted

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By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Debbie Divich is a teacher/librarian at Ramblewood Middle School in Coral Springs.

She says, "I work with sixth, seventh, and eighth graders teaching them how to use a library. I tell them researching on Google is just the beginning. I teach them to go way beyond that to find and use the many library resources that exist."



And this teacher is an active member of the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society [HLPS]. "My art and television production students visit the



[Left] Volunteer Debbie Divich visits a lighthouse in Scotland. [Top] This avid reader is pictured at the nation's Library of Congress. [Courtesy]

Hillsboro Lighthouse; they have made several movies to persuade our legislators to create permanent funding for this landmark. So far their movies have not succeeded, but we keep hoping," she says.

Her enthusiasm, energy and willingness to go that extra mile is keeping that hope alive.

After teaching in Miami for 14 years, Divich moved to Lighthouse Point in 1999.

That's when she found the lighthouse.

"I rode my bike around the lighthouse, but I couldn't get near it. I asked around and found out about the HLPS and joined," she says. "We're all volunteers, really dedicated people who put our hearts and souls into keeping the famous light shining. I've become very

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involved. I've written a few grants. As media coordinator, I contact the press and do everything I can to keep the Lighthouse image out there."

In March, Divich and Chris Doone produced a successful fundraising gala, Dinner Under The Stars, at the lighthouse

The event raised almost \$18,000 that will go to repairs and maintenance of the lighthouse.

She says, "We seated 283 guests and 20 volunteers, all celebrating our 111th Anniversary.

Tickets were \$112 per person. Members, guests and local celebrities entered on a red carpet and wined, dined and danced under bright stars and a full moon. They viewed artists at work and bid for top notch raffle prizes.

The evening highlight was the invitation to climb the 176 steps to the top where they had an opportunity to view the Fresnel lens with Ralph Krugler, HLPS historian.

No more than six guests could enter the small motor room at a time, and only two could climb the narrow ladder up to Ralph and the brilliantly glowing, Second Order Lens.

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Art Markenian, who is the club's inspiration as well as the brains and muscle behind the repairs had this to say. "Debbie Divich and Chris Doone managed all of the organizational details and decisions including guest registration, planning and logistics, menu, caterer, the

DJ and music. They both did an amazing job, especially considering they have full time jobs."

They are already working on the March 22, 2019 gala.

"Last year we sold out by February," Divich says. "This year we would like to sell out before Christmas. My mom and sisters flew in from Indiana to help take tickets, set tables, tend bar and clean up. We bought plates, linens and flatware this year because they were the same price as renting. Of course this means making time to wash, dry, prepare linens so that all of this stuff is in shipshape for next year."

Divich admits putting in hundreds of hours but says, "It was worth it. I love this place. It's not going to fall into disrepair on my watch."

Does she have time for a personal life? She laughs. "I have two rescue kittens. I like to paddleboard and read. I'm an obsessive reader. I take vacations every year and visit a lighthouse in every vacation.

Thank you, Debbie Divich, for your dedicated efforts to preserve this historic landmark.

New members to HLPS are welcome. Call Linda Peck at 954-942-2102.

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Deutch

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we are in the majority, special interests, large corporations and the wealthiest Americans will have to step back on their effort to cut Medicare by half a trillion dollars.”

The Democrats have to win 30 seats in November to gain that majority.

Deutch, 52, faces opposition in the Aug. 28 primary from Jeff Fandl, 49, of Coconut Creek, who is running as a progressive liberal. Fandl has experience in the insurance industry and favors a single-payer plan for the American Healthcare Act.

In the race for campaign funds, Deutch is approaching \$1 million as of the June 30 report.

Fundl has \$15,000.

Political observers see Deutch as gaining momentum in Congress. He is a member of the Climate Solutions Caucus, the ranking Democrat on the Middle Eastern Sub Committee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the ranking Democrat on the House Ethics Committee. He is the co-sponsor of the Udall-Deutch constitutional amendment to remove big money from politics.

If they have the votes, Democrats will reopen Medicare’s ability to negotiate drug prices Deutch said.

Moving on to the infrastructure, he said the country needs to invest in its roads and bridges which will put people to work in good-paying jobs.

And continuing the message Deutch said, “We should not turn on the poor . . . we’ve always been a country of immigrants. And we should take care of our veterans. We want to restore faith in our government.”

When several people said resources for veterans were not always available and asked about privatizing the agency, Deutch said

the answer is to make sure everyone has access to VA services, not taking the agency private.

To people who complained that felons who have served their time have difficulty getting voting rights restored, Deutch reminded them that an amendment on the Nov. 6 ballot restores those rights except for those convicted of murder or sexual assault.

He favors changing the federal laws on medical marijuana so states like Florida where voters legalized the drug can operate more freely “to reduce suffering.” The federal government has also prohibited research into the effects of medical marijuana and that too needs to change

he said.

Deutch spent the early days of this campaign dealing with the aftermath of the Stoneman Douglas High School massacre. This week he said, “I have never seen resolve like that of the survivors and the grieving families.”

The community he represents is one that makes him proud Deutch said. “I am grateful for the veterans and the retired teachers who have served us . . . and

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Complaints filed against Hardin and Eaton; McNeil withdraws

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - City Commissioner Rex Hardin said earlier this year he was “. . . glad it was over” when the Florida Ethics Commission [FEC] fined him \$1,300 for misuse of campaign funds.

That charge went back to 2014.

This month, Hardin, who is now running for mayor, has again become a target of the

Florida Ethics Committee by failing to report expenses for purchasing websites using the name of his opponent, Mike Sobel.

A Pompano Beach resident filed a complaint in May asking the FEC to investigate those omissions.

Said the resident, “Approximately 14 domain names were purchased by Mr. Hardin on April 11 that include Mr. Sobel’s name. It appears Mr. Hardin was

seeking to sabotage Mr. Sobel’s ability to obtain a domain name for his own campaign needs.”

The resident added that no expenses for the domains were included in Hardin’s campaign reports.

On Saturday, Hardin answered a question about the websites, posed by an audience member at a candidates’ forum hosted by *The Pelican*.

Hardin responded that the

domain websites were not part of his campaign. He called the discussion of the purchases a “distraction” from the issues they should be discussing.

A spokesperson from the FEC said this newest investigation is ongoing and by law, Hardin was notified of the complaint shortly after it had been received.

The earlier charges stem from the 2014 election when, among other complaints Hardin was accused of “. . .

profiting from campaign funds.”

That profit came when Hardin outsourced campaign material to third-party printers. Hardin is the owner of Cypress Printing .

According to the Inspector General’s Office [IOG], Hardin “. . . marked up the printing [from wholesale printing] by 307 percent” and in another case, charged his

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Commissioners approve reduced millage rate; property values rise

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Oakland Park -- Commissioners have recommended a budget of \$89.7 million, a decrease from this year's \$109.5 million or an 18.1 percent decrease. The general fund budget is \$53 million.

Commissioners approved a preliminary millage rate of 5.9985, down from 6.0985. This is the fifth consecutive reduction in millage.

The city continues to see an increase in property values, Andrew Thompson, financial

services director, informed commissioners. The property tax base has grown by 10.8 percent since last year, the second highest growth rate in the county.

With the change in millage rate, the median, homesteaded single-family resident would see an \$8.45 increase in city taxes.

The city has three non-advorem special assessments. The recommended budget proposes no change in the fire assessment at \$199 per residence, no change in the solid waste assessment at \$217 per unit or the storm water assessment at \$84 per resident.

The fire assessment fee generates about \$5.7 million. Average fee in the county is \$257.

The proposed stormwater budget includes funding for a study of Cherry Creek to see if dredging is recommended.

The recommended budget is a fiscally conservative

plan, consistent with the city's adopted fiscal policies, according to City Manager David Hebert's budget message.

The budget continues goals of the city's strategic and business plan.

The proposed budget calls for \$2.6 million in unassigned

fund balance or 23.6 percent of operating appropriations.

Infrastructure: The budget provides an aggressive Community Improvement Program with continued focus on infrastructure and

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Budget

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securing long-term investments. The program provides for continued inflow and infiltration reduction; and implementation of streetscape projects that promote pedestrian and bicycle mobility and sustainable roadways. Streetscape projects include improvements to NW 10 Avenue from Park Lane West to Prospect Road and design of NE 11 Avenue improvements from 37 to 39 Sts.

Smart growth redevelopment and community ap-

pearance: Provides for projects that will deliver walkable and sustainable neighborhoods.

Public safety: The budget accommodates a 2.63 percent increase over last year for Broward Sheriff's Office for police services. Fire Rescue provides overtime funding and major financial commitment related to City Police & Fire Pension Plan to the Florida Retirement System.

Parks, Leisure Facilities and Activities: More improvements to Stunson Nature Trail; funding for restoring and growing the city's tree canopy; and continues the city's roster of events.

Oakland Park Image: Continues POP-star program and emphasis on landscape and beautification.

Public hearing dates

Sept. 6 - Adoption of tentative millage rate and tentative FY 19 budget; first reading of solid waste commercial rates ordinance.

Sept. 12 - Adoption of the fire, stormwater and residential solid waste assessment rates.

Sept. 20 - Adoption of final millage rate and final FY 19 budget, CIP, compensation plan, and fiscal policies; second reading of solid waste commercial rates ordinance.

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was absent.

The action helps pave the way for city hall offices move to the proposed Oakland Park Square development.

The city is currently in negotiations with Integra Investments over a proposed \$45 million investment in the downtown, according to consultant Renee Mille. She said the development could result in \$250,000 in annual tax revenues.

The public-private partnership would include residential units, live-work units, retail and parking. The development is proposed on West Dixie Highway on both sides of NE 38 Street, west of Funky Buddha.

Even with this amendment approval, the commission must still decide whether to move the existing administrative offices, and when.

The current proposal calls for a 15-year lease for city hall with two five-year options for renewal.

"This is not about where City Hall should be located. This won't automatically move city hall," Jennifer Frastai, engineering and community development director, explained. "This provides greater leverage. This is a great opportunity to move the project forward."

Frastai stressed that no actions or decisions have been made yet on the current city hall building.

"This doesn't mean city hall is moving or has to move," Miller added. But with this decision, the city "can negotiate from a position of strength."

Staff recommended approval of the ordinance.

During public comments at the P&Z meeting, former mayor and commission candidate Steve Arnst said he disagreed 100 percent. He said government offices are allowed now by conditional

use. "This is all about moving city hall." But with the change to permitted use, he said, "You lose control. This is not needed. If this is what it takes to make this deal, it's a shaky deal."

With this change, he said, "Immigration or any government agency could come into the downtown. They would have that right."

Speaking at the commission meeting Arnst added, "This puts the green light for the city hall move. Staff and the city manager have put a full court press on this. It's well enough left alone."

"It's clear to anyone outside this room this has already been decided," said resident Jeff Helyer. "Mixing government with other businesses is a bad idea. I don't want to see city hall in a condo. It's clear the city has decided on this

path, and no amount of logic can persuade you."

At the July 18 city commission meeting, former mayor Layne Walls also urged commissioners not to approve the change. "This is not something you need to do. Don't give away your control. It's there for the protection of the city," she said.

Mitch Rosenwald, a commission candidate, said he's for development of the lots but said city hall as the primary anchor is not the right use. "It doesn't make sense to rent city hall. It's a bad precedent. You will be at the mercy of the landlord."

"I support this project," said Commissioner John Adornato. "I'm supportive of moving city hall there."

"For 13 years we've been waiting and wondering what's going to happen

with those lots," said Commissioner Michael Carn. "I like this business plan. I wholeheartedly support this item and this project."

"I absolutely support this project. This is a great first step, and I like thinking outside the box," said Commissioner Matthew Sparks. "I don't mind moving city hall across the street while we decide what to do with this city hall."

Mayor Tim Loneragan said he supported the ordinance.

During discussion at the July 18 meeting, City Manager David Hebert said, "This developer is interested in moving forward with a sizable investment."

If conditional use approval was required, "it creates substantial risk for the developer," Hebert said. "I'm trying to eliminate as much risk as

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8/21 - **The Pompano North Beach Alliance** will host a community forum with Broward County Sheriff's Office Aug. 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Pompano Beach Library, 50 W. Atlantic, Pompano Beach.

The event includes safety and crime prevention tips. The free event is open to the public for questions, 954-357-7595.

Libraries

8/29 - 6 to 7:30 pm. Oasis: Introduction to Computers Learn basic computer skills including using the mouse and the keyboard, while working with Microsoft Windows 7 and 10. Jan Moran Collier City Learning Library, 2800 NW 9th Court, Pompano Beach. (954) 357-7670.

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Theater

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8/25, 26 - **Dixie's Tupperware Party** at the Wick, the off-Broadway show that won the 2008 Drama Desk. Tickets \$55. The Wick Theatre, 7901 N. Fed. Hwy., Boca Raton. 561-995-2333.

8/29 - 9/2 - **When a Baby Cries** by Benita Alane Cornick, is about the redemptive power of new life and is part of the company's new playwright series. Evening performances (7 pm) Wednesday-Sunday. Tickets are \$28

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- 5 Central region
- 10 Make a trade
- 14 Bearded Smurf
- 15 Hopping mad
- 16 Brazilian soccer legend
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- 18 Headlight gas
- 19 Glasgow gal
- 20 Cookbook entry
- 22 Aussie hopper
- 24 Lends a hand
- 26 Pinball error
- 27 Theater feature
- 31 Avoid litigation
- 35 Hobbyist's buy
- 36 Roof overhangs
- 38 Staircase post
- 39 Dot on a map
- 41 Errand runner
- 43 Pore over
- 44 Lavish spread
- 46 Whoop it up
- 48 Eden evictee
- 49 CPA's type of year
- 51 Till holder
- 53 Medicinal plant
- 55 Hockey venue
- 56 San Francisco icon
- 60 Wildflower locale
- 64 "Carmen" highlight
- 65 Theatrical whisper
- 67 Hefty horn
- 68 Boxer's prize
- 69 Iced tea flavor
- 70 Arab leader
- 71 Japanese wine
- 72 Put into office
- 73 APR part

DOWN

- 1 Trade punches
- 2 Scene attempt
- 3 Sweeping story
- 4 "Flashdance" song
- 5 Assortment
- 6 Anger
- 7 Like many a cellar
- 8 Weasel cousin
- 9 Federer's sport
- 10 Painter's problem
- 11 Get tiresome
- 12 "The Sun _____ Rises"
- 13 Money in Mazatlan
- 21 Peak discoverer Zebulon
- 23 Country crooner Campbell
- 25 Really enjoy
- 27 Watercraft for one
- 28 Children of Japanese immigrants
- 29 Road reference
- 30 Send to a specialist
- 32 Twitter posting
- 33 Shove off
- 34 One to respect
- 37 Cut, as ties
- 40 Intensify
- 42 Army unit
- 45 Folklore tidbit
- 47 Pickup shtick
- 50 Setting
- 52 Yamaguchi, e.g.
- 54 Painter's prop
- 56 Vehicles for hire
- 57 Nevada's _____ 51
- 58 Swindle
- 59 Frosty coating
- 61 Defunct Russian parliament
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- 63 "Silver" or "soft" ending
- 66 Elmer, to Bugs

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Westminster Academy football team rebuilds at an out-of-town retreat

By Concepcion Ledezma

PELICAN SPORTS

After guiding Lakeland Victory Academy to four consecutive state appearances during his four-year run, Coach Tommy Lewis had to start from scratch at Westminster Academy [WA].

Despite enduring an 0-8 mark in his first year with the Lions, Lewis's joy of coaching and impacting others never wore off.

"Yes, we struggled on the field from a competitive standpoint, but when I see the big picture I see the by-product of doing things right," Lewis said. "I'm talking about being great husbands and fathers . . . and we were still able to send a couple of our players to college."

One difference for Lewis this year is being able to promote camaraderie with his players during the summer months. Following a successful spring game, a 14-7 victory over Somerset Academy of Pembroke Pines last May, the coach held a series of off-season conditioning programs. That included a week-long retreat in Lake Placid the first week of August.

"It's all non-contact; it's an opportunity to get everyone

together and just talk base: offense, special teams and defense," Lewis said, while adding it wasn't all football business, "but they also did some slip-and-slide and played some beach volleyball.

"This was something I didn't have a chance to do when I came in last year... it's a good way for the guys to bond."

Even with the warm get-together, WA still faces some uncertainty on the field as it prepares for first live-action test in a 7 p.m. preseason matchup against Palm Glades Academy at home on Aug. 17.

With no experienced quarterback returning from last fall, Lewis is taking a long look at senior Bradley Hedba, a 6'3" 200-pounder the coach refers to as "old schooled."

"He played quarterback for us last spring," the coach said. "He did a good job for us. What I like about him is that he's a good athlete, reminds me a bit like Tim Tebow, hard-nosed, and he'll come at you dropping his shoulders."

Lewis was pleased with his production in the spring game, going 4-for-7 for 56 yards. He also had six rushes for 40 yards, including a 12-yard touchdown run.

"He hadn't played football

in a few years, and the guys from the team encouraged him to come out, telling him there was no quarterback returning," Lewis said. "He still has a lot to pick up and catch up on, but his hitting covers up mistakes. He brings a certain toughness that everyone loves and respects."

Blake Thifault (5'11" 180) is another incoming senior player who had a solid spring game and plays both linebacker and strong safety.

The Lions should also benefit from the emergence of Lewis's adopted sons Micah and Tobias Lewis, both incoming eighth-graders.

Micah started at running back and linebacker in the spring game, contributing an eight-yard TD run in the third quarter. He's coming off a season where he was selected to the Southeastern Football Conference last year. Tobias started for the Lions as a defensive back, where he is expected to grow with the rest of his young teammates.

Another intriguing member of the Lions football team is Chinese exchange student David Zhu, (6'1", 225), who had his moments excelling at linebacker; despite his lack of experience, he was selected as an honorable mention on the

all-conference team, along with fellow returner Donovan Lassiter.

"Last year was the first time he has ever played football," Lewis said. "He just soaks everything in. He's always working hard, whether it's in the weight room or on the field. He's one of our rising juniors."

Lassiter (5'8" 145), a receiver/defensive back, is the other junior expected to contribute with his knack for the big plays.

"He's very fast, coming off a track season where he was on the 4 X 100 relay team," Lewis said. "He's getting some reps at quarterback, and he's definitely going to help us with his kickoff and punt returns."

On special teams, Matthew Romero, who converted both of his point-after-touchdown kicks in the spring game, is expected to both kick and punt for WA.

The Lions will open their season at home, Aug. 24,

against their spring opponent Somerset in a game set for 7 p.m. kickoff.

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New contract

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deciding vote rejecting Waste Management's first offer, indicated he would vote for the new contract. He called the current recyclables market the "new normal" that all cities are facing.

"I am certainly not happy with the staggering increase in the processing fee. But we do have more flexibility and control, which we did not have in the original proposal. Like many of the residents I can't imagine our city not having a recycling program."

Commissioner Bernie Parness also voted no. This week he said, "We felt by saying 'no' they would renegotiate," Parness said of Waste Management. "I still have more studying to do of the new contract, but I am leaning that way . . . It will take education and cooperation from the public."

Assuming the new contract was approved Thursday night, recycling will restart here

Sept. 3.

Under the new agreement, the city can drop service to multi-family residences and commercial properties. And it addresses an expensive issue: the level of contaminated materials that were in the city's recycling bins.

Cities pay extra if contaminated products are more than 10 percent of the materials coming to the processing plant. Under the original formula, that figure was hard to calculate and alarmed Deerfield's board because the contamination rate here was as high as 50 percent.

The new terms allow the city an 18 percent contamination rate for the first six months without penalties.

Despite the new terms, the cost of recycling is estimated to be an additional \$300,000 in 2018-19. Waste Management has raised the tonnage fee from the current \$51 to \$96 due to the declining market for recyclables worldwide.

Waste Management owns the only recycling facility in Deerfield Beach. Other

options are in South Broward and Palm Beach County and the cost and time to haul the materials would be more expensive than Waste Management's fees.

The company is offering 120 hours of educational outreach as to what can be recycled and what cannot. It will also contribute \$15,000 for environmental initiatives each year of the five-year contract.

The city is adopting the slogans - "Know Before You Throw," and "When in Doubt, Leave it Out" and will educate the public on its website with a newly-created character, Ricky the Recycling Ranger, beginning in October.

An educational initiative using printed materials begins Monday, Aug. 20.

In order to control the quality of recycled materials, the blue bins will be audited for contaminants. Violators will be given notice and a new ordinance will allow enforcement.

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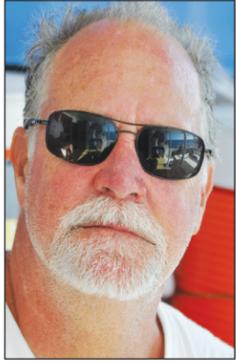
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Public art in all the right places adds a sense of place for cities



By Jim "Chiefy" Mathie

PELICAN WRITER

Public art can take many different forms: sculptures, paintings and the trending and very popular murals on buildings. It gives a community an identity or a "brand" if it is being marketed.

Deerfield Beach started adding bronze deer sculptures around the city several years ago. The idea was to identify the community with the origin of the city's name, as the presence of deer must have been frequent in the past.

Now, to be consistent with the City of Deerfield Beach efforts to become a nautical destination, public art is being used to highlight its marine features.



Artist Mike Savlen created this mural at the Deerfield Island Parking Garage depicting a marlin. [Courtesy]

This is especially portrayed on the eastside such as at Island Water Sports with its iconic shark smashing into its façade. The recent upgrades to Flanigan's and

the Whale's Rib make use of multiple marine features such as waves and fish. These compliment the two metal, ten-foot tall fish sculptures at the entrance to the International Fishing Pier.

There's even a new addition to the Deerfield Island parking garage. Instead of just a sign on each end that says public parking, they've added colorful murals.

The south end has a marlin and the north end has a yellow fin tuna, both created by artist Mike Savlen. According to owner Bill Bodenhamer, this came about because folks were driving around looking for public parking.

What better way then adding a few nautical theme

murals to an area surrounding the S-Curve and pier instead of a sign that just says public parking?

In Pompano Beach, there are fish sculptures of Pompano installed in strategic locations throughout the city.

Even the eastern end of the soon-to-be replaced Pompano pier will be shaped in a similar design, effectively reminding us of our unique location. After all, Pompano is a fish, so it's good to remind folks where they live, work and play.

Pompano Beach's parking garage is covered in huge sails on the outside, highlighting its presence

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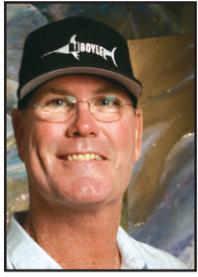
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Fishing report



RJ Boyle's Fishing report

On Saturday, we fished the Nickel Swordfish tournament. Our crew consisted of Bouncer Smith, John Bassett, John Barfield and myself.

A dozen boats fished, but we were lucky enough to catch the only fish, 558 lbs.

We caught the fish on the Buoy rod 400 feet off the bottom.

The fish raced around the surface for an hour, and this seemed to gas her out a bit. Once she settled in, we worked her up and closed the deal.

-RJ



Campaign targets

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campaign \$500 for “ . . . time he spent designing his campaign mailers” [and] another “ . . . \$50 for “ . . . delivering them to the post office.”

In District 2, Terwilliger files claim against Eaton on false residency

Tom Terwilliger hopes that his third run for the District 2 seat will be a charm. And it could be if his charges of fraud against his opponent, Rhonda Eaton, leave him unopposed.

Terwilliger claims that Eaton falsified her residency in the city when she filed for the District 2 election Nov. 6.

Terwilliger says there is ample evidence that she has lived in Boca Raton up until a few months ago.

He has filed his complaint with Florida Secretary of State, the Division of Elections, the city and Broward Supervisor of Elections.

The city and the Supervisor of Elections require an oath from a person as to residency. Without a complaint, the oath is taken as true.

Terwilliger's claim is that Eaton's oath was fraudulent.

Eaton responded to the complaint. “As a long time activist and resident of Pompano Beach, I am fully qualified to run for Pompano Beach Commission District 2. I moved back to my Cresthaven home in Pompano during the first half of last year and can produce documentation that

demonstrates this,” she said.

But it turns out that there are two versions of the city charter: on-line and hard copy.

And there are some discrepancies

The on-line copy of the charter requires that all candidates must live in the city for one year prior to “qualification,” which was June 22.

That's Terwilliger's claim: Eaton moved from her home in Boca Raton on October 17, 2017. That would not be enough time for qualifying residency.

But the hard copy of the charter requires a one-year residency prior to the “election,” Nov. 6 as opposed to “qualification period.”

Using that version of the charter, Eaton has fulfilled her residency.

A city spokesperson said this is a “first,” but she had been advised that “at this time, it is not the purview of the city to determine eligibility or disqualification of a candidate.”

As to investigating the veracity of a candidate's oath or Terwilliger's claim, this spokesperson said that it would be done by the state and the county supervisor of elections.

McNiel drops District 1 campaign

Don McNiel has removed his name from the Nov. 5 ballot for the District 1 seat. He says his reasons are based on “the discord and undercurrents of obstruction” at commission meetings.

McNiel, a retired Navy, Coast Guard and Delta pilot, making his first run for office, said he is throwing his support to McGee and Hardin in the November election.

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Junior Tennis championship goes to USA and local player who posts perfect record



USTA Coach Jon Glover and his players Bruno Kuzuhara, Victor Lilov and Evan Wen pose with their trophies after winning championship in Czech Republic. (Courtesy)

Bruno Kuzuhara of Coconut Creek, a junior player at Dillon Tennis Center in Oakland Park, was undefeated in singles and doubles play over the weekend at the ITF World Junior Team Championships in the Czech Republic at which the American team placed first.

All the players are age 14 or younger. Bruno is 14.

Prior to this competition, the United States team first had to qualify and won the North/Central American Zone in

Mexico City a few months ago.

In the finals in the Czech Republic, the U.S. team defeated Peru, Thailand and Russia. In the first round of playoffs, the U.S. defeated Australia, then Paraguay and finally the host nation Czech Republic. The U.S. last won in 2012.

Bruno is the only player in the history of the event to win a singles match in the finals, 6-0, 6-0.

He eased past Czech player Oldrich Vejsicky. Bruno also

came back to win the doubles with partner Evan Wen.

“Bruno is an all court player,” said Mike Bennett, who has coached him at the Dillon Center since he was four years old. “He is an aggressive topspin baseliner, who looks for the short ball to finish the point or attack the net.”

Bruno is home schooled through Florida Virtual School.

-Judy Vik

Ocean View

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near the ocean. Anyone can build a concrete structure intended to provide public parking, however, in using sail sculptures or fish murals, both Pompano Beach and Deerfield Beach are creating nautical themes.

Lauderdale-by-the-Sea placed nautical sculptures depicting the ocean reef and marine life. This has reinforced their desire to be known as “The Shore Dive Capital of

Florida.”

All three cities have been active in wrapping those utility boxes along the swale areas with pictures of marine life. Instead of looking at ugly gray electrical or cable boxes, they highlight the beauty of the nautical life.

Public art has the power to transform the image of a community, and this is something we can all applaud. Let’s keep adding those fish murals, sculptures and marine life pictures to our communities.

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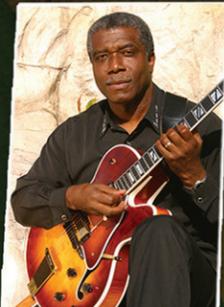
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