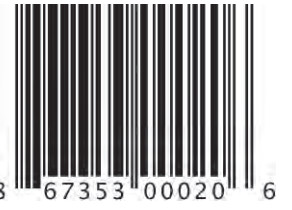


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## Mayor says she has been verbally abused by city manager; asks for help

By Judy Vik

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**Oakland Park** – Mayor Sara Guevrekian has pleaded with city commissioners to help resolve her 10-month impasse with City Manager David Hebert.

In remarks at the end of the Feb. 6 commission meeting she said,

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## Herz and Hudak spar on some issues; agree on others in debate

By Judy Wilson

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**Deerfield Beach** – The District 1 debate came off without a hitch Tuesday night.

Preceded by some uncertainty when candidate Michael Hudak at first announced he would not attend and then agreed to, the question/answer session effectively presented the candidates' differences.

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## "I'm burning mad;" residents demand more for District 4



Velma Flowers urged her fellow Dist. 4 residents to speak out more on the issues that impact their community. "We need to do this." See story on page 11. [Staff]

## Cities going after e-scooters; Oakland Park latest to ban them

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**Oakland Park** – This city is the latest in Broward County to take steps to prohibit electric scooters.

Commissioners unanimously agreed last week to approve a ban on the vehicles. Hillsboro Beach commissioners took similar action last week.

State law currently prohibits e-scooters and other personal mobility devices unless allowed by a city.

Fort Lauderdale is the only city in Broward County that allows the scooters and commissioners there agreed last week to let them continue to operate on sidewalks. They will address reducing their speed. They are now allowed to operate at 15 mph.

Commissioners in Fort Lauderdale also voted Feb. 5 to add a temporary ban on e-scooters during events like Spring Break.

Since Fort Lauderdale began allowing the e-scooters in November, the city says riders have rented scooters 322,541 times. About 4,000 people use the scooters every week.

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## World War II veteran turns 100



Charles DiMatteo celebrated his centennial last Friday. See story on page 14. [Courtesy]

## Sewage spill numbers increase: 50 million gallons released; city says canals safe

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

**Pompano Beach** – The number of gallons of raw sewage that spilled into the city's canal system in January was estimated at 39 million gallons. But on Tuesday, City Manager Greg Harrison said the number is closer to 50 million.

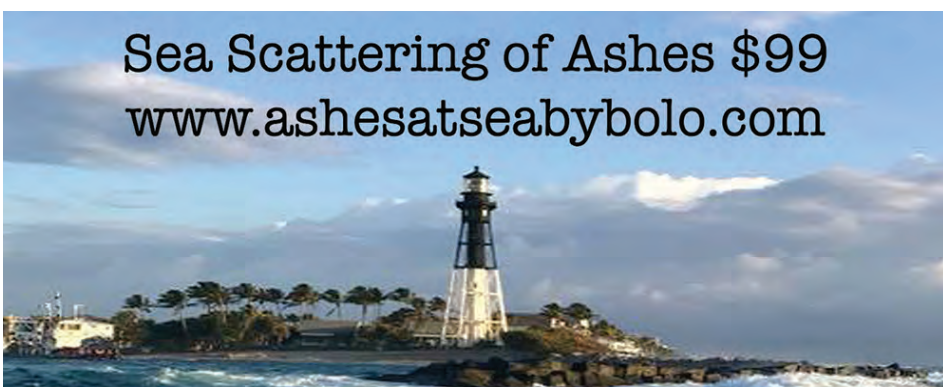
Harrison said the revision will not impact the city's plan to clean up the canals.

"One gallon is too much," he said.

The spill was caused by a Florida Department of Transportation [FDOT]

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# It's official: Vance signs as town manager in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

By Judy Vik

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**Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** – Commissioners on Tuesday approved a contract with their new town manager, Bill Vance, that pays him \$150,000 a year.

The three-year agreement also gives Vance four weeks of annual vacation.

He is required to live within 15 miles of the town and will be provided relocation expenses not to exceed \$6,000. Vance will report to work on March 19. Bud Bentley, the current town manager, plans to retire in April.

Vance has a wide variety of municipal management experience. His latest position was as city manager in Pickerington, Ohio from 2010 to 2018. He led several economic development efforts, including offering city grants to business owners on their historic main street to revitalize exteriors of commercial properties.

He modified the approach to code enforcement, calling on staff to take a more cooperative approach with property owners over violations, resorting to notices of violations and fines only after approaching the property owner in a friendly manner and giving them reasonable time to correct the violations. Prior to his post in Ohio, he



Bill Vance. [Courtesy]

was town manager in Lady Lake, Florida from 2004 to 2009.

Commissioner Buz Oldaker was first to explain why he ranked Vance his first choice.

“I had over 50 questions. We got through 30, and he gave thorough answers. He didn’t flounder, and he looked me straight in the eye.”

Oldaker said he also was extremely impressed with how Vance handled hurricanes [Jeanne and Francis] in Lady Lake. “We have a new

manager and a new public works director. He’s very well prepared.”

Vice Mayor Elliot Sokolow said he didn’t have 50 questions for the candidates. He had four or five, and most had been delineated in the background provided by consultant Connie Hoffmann.

“I wanted a feel for them personally and to see if they would blend with town staff,” Sokolow said.

Mayor Chris Vincent said he liked that referrals for Vance were consistent, all noting he was a critical thinker.

“At this time the experience Mr. Vance has and brings to the table is perfect for Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. He has the vision to keep moving forward,” Vincent said.

Commissioner Randy Strauss said all three finalists were gentlemen with impressive resumes

and similar abilities and experience.

“We need to look to the future,” Strauss noted. “Our town is great. We have to look at five to 10 years down the line.”

Strauss said he selected David Strahl as his first choice and had enjoyed a discussion with Strahl about a future vision for the town.

However, with Oldaker, Vincent and Sokolow all choosing Vincent as their first choice, Strauss said, “I would not be disappointed with Mr. Vance as manager. He has excellent communication skills, and I was impressed with his knowledge.”

Commissioner Edmund

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# NW CRA Committee members like Gillis Park design revisions

By Judy Vik

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**Pompano Beach** – Reacting to concerns over a proposed concept for Annie Adderly Gillis Park, the design team came back before the Northwest CRA Advisory Committee Feb. 4 with revised plans.

This time, the committee agreed the plans for the park at 601 Martin Luther King

Bldv. should move forward to the design phase. Designers from Cartaya & Associates and Keith & Associates were on the design team.

At the committee's request, a playground has been removed and replaced with exercise equipment.

Among the proposed additions are three shade structures, one over exercise equipment and others over open lawn and a gathering



The proposed changes to Annie Adderly Gillis Park. [Courtesy]

very flexible.

“As your needs evolve, you don't have to change a thing,” Teen Won, architect with Cartaya & Associates, said.

The park contains 27,000 square feet for people, vendors and food trucks. Seat walls and smaller gathering spaces were added. A sign is proposed at the entrance.

Royal Palms, which can grow to 30 to 40 feet, will be planted along MLK and Northwest 6 Avenue. Sabal palms and other shade trees also are proposed.

Committee chair Whitney Rawls asked if park access is planned from Northwest 7 Avenue.

Woon said that would be a security issue, adding, “If we control access, police can monitor the area better.”

Capital Improvements Manager Horacio Danovich said city code requires a certain amount of lighting, and the park will have “full coverage with no dark spots.”

Danovich said he will come back to the committee with costs for their additions.

Shade structures are very costly, he said. A structure installed at the beach cost \$175,000 a few years ago. Now, he said, “We're looking at \$200,000 to \$250,000 for shade structures.”

The electronic sign will cost \$75,000 and Royal Palms can

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space.

Plans call for the large Christmas tree, installed during the annual “Light Up MLK event” to be placed

at the corner along Martin Luther King Boulevard, or in a more central location visible from MLK.

The park is designed to be

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# Mayor

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“Because of this untenable situation” she has not had an agenda briefing or city business-related discussion with the manager since April 2018.

She asked City Attorney DJ Doody about filing a grievance against Hebert for professional incivility and was told that no such procedure existed.

“As an elected official, I have even less of a voice than an employee,” Guevrekian said. “I don’t know what to do,” she said. “I need assistance.”

According to the mayor, problems between the two began in November 2017 and have become more dysfunctional since then.

“My experience continues to be [the victim] of verbal abuse, and I don’t wish to be alone with the city manager,” she said.

As she began her remarks, Vice Mayor Mathew Sparks, seated next to the mayor, stood up and left the meeting.

Guevrekian provided a timeline of her encounters with the manager and shared it with the city clerk, attorney and commissioners.

In her statement read at the meeting, the mayor said the city manager had “unleashed

his hostility and unbridled rage” during their meetings. Such treatment, she said, is totally unacceptable under any circumstance.

She continued that Herbert has demonstrated “which topics can be discussed, which questions will be tolerated and what commentary is allowed.”

She said Hebert has yet to acknowledge that his behavior is unacceptable and needs to be corrected.

The mayor provided this timeline:

**November 2017:** Private agenda briefing. The manager disapproved of questions being asked, jumped to his feet, waved his arms in the air, pointed his fingers in my face and yelled accusations at me for “attacking staff.” My response was, “The tone of this exchange has become completely irrational. This is

not how I conduct business. This is never going to happen again.”

**April 2018:** Private agenda briefing. The manager became increasingly enraged during our conversation and ultimately went berserk. His reaction was similar to his reaction in November, yet escalated to a much more intense level.

“He yelled at me and pointed his fingers in my face while disparaging my concerns. His forcefulness drew me to my feet, with my palms raised and facing him, in a defensive posture. He declared that he has high blood pressure and he declared the meeting over.”

Guevrekian said she responded as she had in November, adding that she then stopped scheduling agenda briefings.

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# Mayor

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produced more harm than good.”

**Dec. 13, 2018:** Once again, during an encounter with the city manager outside of city hall, I was berated and subjected to his hostility and verbal abuse. The city manager took the liberty of leaning in toward me, on the balls of his feet, with his fingers pointed in my face, his teeth clenched and exclaimed: “We work so hard and we have to listen to you?” Then stormed away.

Guevrekian’s said she

would not be “intimidated out of doing my job . . . I will no longer attempt to resolve this impasse quietly “behind the scenes” simply because it has become apparent that keeping silent would likely perpetuate others to [be] beholden to accepting this type of behavior in the workplace.”

Guevrekian said her complaint should be entered as public record but that she did not wish to engage in dialogue with commissioners.

Commissioner Michael Carn said, “You have brought us into the decision-making realm. You have asked for help, that implores comment. You have lost confidence in

the city manager, and that’s actionable. To splash this out on the table is not in the best taste.

“We’re a collegial body here,” Carn continued. “I’m not going to vilify you. To have a blowup or blowout with the manager doesn’t rise to the level I’m used to.”

Carn said he thinks there is resolution to this personal conflict.

“Have I ever had a steam up with Mr. Hebert. Yes, you bet I have. But we left the meeting shaking hands. If you feel threatened, we have protection for you,” Carn said.

He implored, “Please, please, let’s not compromise all this great momentum we have going.”

Guevrekian responded, “I hope that anyone who knows me knows that I do not grandstand. I’ve exhausted any method I could think of, and there’s no procedure [to resolve this].”

Commissioner Jane Bolin said, “First, you have been heard, and this needs to be resolved. I believe it can be.” She suggested they look for a third-party mediator, noting, “there are professionals that do this all the time.”

“Your heart is for Oakland Park. I don’t doubt that the manager’s heart is for Oakland Park,” she said.

Guevrekian called on Herbert for comment. He paused for a moment and then said he had none.

The meeting adjourned.

*City Manager David Hebert claims he’s attempted to address the mayor’s concerns. read the story in the next column.*

# City manager says efforts to appease mayor ignored

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**Oakland Park** – City Manager David Hebert says he doesn’t know what Mayor Sara Guevrekian wants.

After the mayor’s comments about their impasse at last week’s commission meeting, he consulted with the city attorney and human resources director and they agreed to follow Commissioner Jane Bolin’s suggestion to have a mediator brought in.

An email to the mayor with the offer “has gone unanswered,” he said Tuesday. “I don’t get the sense she wants this resolved. If she isn’t willing to find a solution, this will wear on the people involved. I am at a loss over what else can be done.”

Asked if this is a personality clash or something more, Hebert said, “I don’t know what it is or what she’s suffering from. I’m clearly the target.”

Although reluctant to discuss the matter publicly, Hebert contradicted Guevrekian’s claim she

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Anne Siren, publisher

## Flag Ball Dolphins win national championship; 10U Jaguars second



National Champs, the LHP Dolphins. First row [left to right] Patrick Stiffler, Jack Campbell, Jake Booth, Brent Fardette III. Second row [left to right] Toren Green, Jaden Johnson, Ty Cannon, Hudson Hall, Logan Andrews, Jake Weiss. Back row [adults] Doug Campbell, Dan Stiffler, Brent Fardette, Mark Booth and former All-Pro Chicago Bears kicker Devin Hester. [Courtesy]

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Lighthouse Point** – The Dolphins and the Jaguars, two flag ball teams that had never competed outside their own intramural league, came home with the championship title and second place in the Battle Orlando National Flag Ball Championships.

Held in mid-January, the tournament attracted 180 teams from flag ball organizations across the U.S., Mexico, Canada and Panama.

The 12U Dolphins defeated Hendersonville Civitan Music City Mustangs [13-6] for the title after winning four tournament games in two days.

The 10U Jaguars placed second losing the championship game to the Castle Rock Bills out of Colorado.

Said flag ball mom Petrine Hinirichsen, "The coaches had a plan and the kids executed exactly as they have been taught. Their composure never broke."

Hinirichsen said two of the Dolphins' opponents, teams from Colorado and Tennessee, had players taller and bigger than the referees.

The Dolphins started the series with a loss to the Mustangs [18-7] but recovered and went on to defeat the Coconut Creek Chargers [21-6] and the Lakeland All Out Sports [14-12] on point after touchdown conversions.

On Sunday, they took a [7-0] win over All Out Sports on strong defensive play, setting up the championship game against the Mustangs.

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## Gerald "Jerry" Meehan remembered as father, friend and dedicated to non-profits

Mr. Gerald "Jerry" Meehan, 82, of Fort Lauderdale passed away on Feb. 7 at Holy Cross Hospital after a brief illness. He was born in Omaha, Nebraska, son of the late William F. and Katherine Kanefit Meehan.

Mr. Meehan was a resident of Fort Lauderdale for 40 years. He graduated from the University of Nebraska Omaha in 1958 where he played baseball and was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Upon graduation, Mr. Meehan became a teacher at Boys Town in Omaha. During this time he also served as a reservist in the Air National Guard.

He spent his career in the non-profit industry, first as the executive director of the American Heart Association of Brevard County then as the executive director of the American Heart Association of Broward County.

He later served as the executive director of the Broward County Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, before retiring.

Mr. Meehan is survived by his two loving sons, Jeff and Jamie [Mala], whom he shared with former spouse Dixie Meehan, and grandsons Austin and Shane.

Mr. Meehan also leaves a sister, Judy Gammel, niece Katherine Gammel, and nephew David [Andrea] Gammel, all of Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Meehan was also proud to have two grandnephews, Grae and Daniel Gammel, also of Omaha.

Mr. Meehan was a lifelong Rotarian and an active member of the Rotary Club of Pompano Beach.

He enjoyed playing softball in the Pompano Senior Softball League and playing tennis and socializing with his many friends at Bay Colony Club, his home for his entire residence in Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. Meehan's many amazing friendships are a testament to his caring way and his sense of humor. His favorite time, however, was spent time with family, and he was so good at it – he truly was the best father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, and uncle. A funeral mass will be held Saturday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4595 Bayview Drive, Fort Lauderdale.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mr. Meehan's name to the Rotary Club of Pompano Beach, P.O. Box 94, Pompano Beach, FL 33061. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Kraeer Funeral Home, 200 West Copans Road, Pompano Beach. 954-784-4000. Sign the online registry book at [dignitymemorial.com](http://dignitymemorial.com).



Gerald "Jerry" Meehan. [Courtesy]

## Traffic update for Hillsboro Mile

**Hillsboro Beach** – For next week, partial closure, one lane of traffic, from Southeast 10 Street to approximately 1125 Hillsboro Mile, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Traffic will be controlled by automated flagging system.

Partial closure from approximately 1063 to approximately 1073. All traffic from 1063 and addresses to the north must travel north.

Complete road closure for sanitary sewer and force main installation from approximately 1063 to approximately 1051. No Access except for emergency vehicles.

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all residents living at 1057 must initially travel south but that may change if the work progresses to the south entrance;

all residents living at 1051 and all addresses to the south must travel south.

One lane of traffic from approximately 1051 to approximately 1039.

## Deerfield Beach District 2 debate

**Deerfield Beach** – In the Deerfield Beach, three candidates are running to be the next city commissioner in Dist. 2: the incumbent, Gloria Battle, former commissioner Ben Preston and Terry Scott. The District 2 forum will be held Saturday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1060 SW 3 Ave. [SMK Avenue]. The forum will be hosted by *The Pelican*. The election will be Tuesday, March 12.

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# Laura Durant, group therapist, reviews her book *Shhhhhhh Listen*, Feb. 16 at Temple Sholom in Pompano Beach



Phyllis J. Neuberger wants your suggestions about people making a difference. Send your recommendations for this column to [pelicanfrontdesk@gmail.com](mailto:pelicanfrontdesk@gmail.com)

**By Phyllis J. Neuberger**

PELICAN STAFF

Laura Durant, a licensed clinical social worker and

psychotherapist, has been practicing individual and group therapy since 1985, mainly in Marlboro, New Jersey and in hospice settings in South Florida since moving here in 1998.

"I retired in 2017 but continue to facilitate groups for seniors at Temple Sholom and John Knox Village. Those who attend love the sessions and often bring friends who become regulars, too. This work [Step by step to aging gracefully] is my heart."

She began to write her book, *Shhhhhhh Listen*, three years ago while recovering from a bone marrow transplant. "It took me three years because



Meet Laura Durant, author of "*Shhhhhhh Listen*," on Saturday Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at Temple Sholom where she will review her book and sign copies. [Courtesy]

worker was to create a group focused on the challenges of the healthy aging population. The seniors, whose identities are not revealed, shared a glimpse into their most amazing stories.

"Many times the unexpected insights from peers eased their way to emotional healing. The book emphasizes how we learn to listen differently as we change over time. My personal journey, as you will see, is also shared throughout these pages and influenced the way I hear and support the groups.

"The reciprocity was and still is a treasured gift. My hope is that there is something for everyone interested in heartwarming stories that may well stir personal memories and for the social worker/psychotherapist to use and enjoy."

An attractive and friendly woman, Durant stimulates the seniors in her groups to share their concerns and how they deal with them.

She believes that listening to the thoughts, fears, successes and failures of others often leads group members to understand and deal with their own problems. Above all, the seniors in her groups know that they are not alone and they seem to leave each session with a lighter step.

Rita Fleming, the Temple president, said that Durant "has had a tremendous impact on our congregation."

"She's brought people together to be able to express themselves about their concerns, their joys and their changes in life as it goes on, because we're all faced with changing situations and she approaches everything with joy and understanding," Fleming continued. "Everyone leaves feeling so much better."

"In My Shoes" meets the

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chemo treatments slowed me down but I'm in total remission now and my mind is clear."

Her motivation for writing this book is described on the

back cover.

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# One of Broward's first distilleries set to open in Oakland Park

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

**Oakland Park** – When most people sell their house, it's to buy a new one.

"We sold our house to buy a still," said Bela Nahori, co-owner of ChainBridge Distillery, 3500 NE 11 Ave., which makes fruit brandy and vodka.

Nahori and his wife, Katie, sold their home in August to help finance the family business that also includes his sister, Monika, and parents, Bela and Agnes.

His parents soon followed suit by selling their home in November. "It was a big decision," said Agnes.

"They've been really helpful. They gave up everything," said Nahori of his parents.

The decision to start ChainBridge was made three years ago when Nahori, Monika and his parents, who are immigrants from Hungary, were living in Ohio; Katie is



The ChainBridge family - Katie, Bela, Monika, Agnes and Bela in front of the still. [Staff photos]

from Ohio.

But opening the distillery has taken longer than expected, thanks, in part, to the partial government shut down that kept ChainBridge's labels from being approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Without the labels, Nahori can't open

But once the labels are approved, which Nahori hopes will be soon, he expects to open the tasting room and start selling.

Customers who come will be able to sample the fruit brandy and vodka but the tasting room won't be a bar. Nahori said the state



The tasting room. ChainBridge won't be able to serve full glasses of fruit brandy and other spirits but customers can enjoy samples and buy by the bottle.

prohibits him from selling liquor in glasses the same way breweries sell pints. So, the tasting room will be strictly that – for tasting.

And there will be plenty to taste.

In addition to vodka, Nahori will offer pear, apple and plum brandy made from "one

hundred percent real fruit."

Before it gets put through the still, fermenters and the rest of the distillation process, Nahori and his family prepare every piece of fruit. That includes removing any cores, dirt, leaves, stems or

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## Gillis

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range from \$1,000 to \$50,000 each, depending on the size.

Committee member Shelton Pooler noted that the NW CRA Advisory Committee had recommended the budget for park improvements be increased to \$450,000 from \$105,000. The CRA Board, made up of the city commission, didn't approve its request.

Rawls asked if the city could help with the funding since "this is a city park the CRA is upgrading." He asked if Parks and Recreation could pay for signage.

Danovich said the city is about to start the budget season, and he could ask that funds for these improvements be added to the CIP. "Until money is available, we can't do the project," he said.

Pooler reminded the committee that the CRA budget called for an additional \$300,000 for security, and the committee recommended those funds be moved to park improvements. "The sheriff doesn't need help," he said.

Danovich said the CRA Board would have to make that decision, adding, "We'll let you know what's available."

Some \$160,000 budgeted for security has already reallocated to relocate tenants in the Grisham Hotel, which the CRA recently purchased.

Pooler said if funds that large are being reallocated,



Gillis in a photo taken to celebrate her 95th birthday. [Courtesy]

the committee should be informed beforehand.

"This is the park our community has been awaiting," said Jay Ghanem, committee vice chair.

"Let us work on the budget and look at the pricing and then see what our options are," Danovich said. "I would rather work our way through

the process and not wait until July [and budget discussions] in order for it to be completed before the next Christmas season."

"This project is a project of parity," Rawls said, noting that the fire fountain at Atlantic and Dixie cost half a million dollars. "This community wants this project," he stressed.

Rawls urged staff to communicate to the CRA Board that "this is something this community wants."

### Gillis left a legacy of good works and a thriving family

Annie Adderly Gillis was born in 1912 in Osteen, near Orlando, the daughter of Edward and Annie Vaughn Demps. She spent her childhood in Geneva, Florida, also near Orlando. In 1934, at the age of 22, she moved to Pompano Beach to live with her oldest sister, Elizabeth.

The sisters shared a home with no indoor plumbing, and it wasn't until the 1950s that they were "blessed with electricity."

Annie met and married the Anthony Adderly Sr., and

they had seven children. They are Thelma Fullins, Cyrus Adderly, Anthony Adderly Jr., Ola Mae Hewett, Clinton Adderly, Ralph Adderly and Leroy Adderly.

Decades later, Annie married Vasco Gillis after her marriage had ended with Anthony Adderly.

She had 25 grandchildren, including Pompano Beach City Commissioner Beverly Perkins; 51 great-grandchildren and 61 great-great grandchildren.

In 1934, Annie became a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, where she served for 77 years. She was president of Sanctuary Choir, member of Missionary Society, aide to Pastor Eddy Moise, board trustee and member of the Stewardess Board. She baked the communion bread for more than 48 years. In 2010, she was officially named the Church Mother.

When Annie was not conducting church business, one of her favorite pastimes was designing and making stunning, high-fashion hats. She also was well known for her mouth-watering pink

cakes, her collection of more than 200 elephants, and showing off the results of her green thumb in her award-winning garden. Elephants were her favorite symbol of good luck, and her collection of more than 200 elephants shared tables and wall space with family photos in her home.

She was the family matriarch and an example of all that was good, according to her descendants. Family members return to Pompano Beach annually to recognize her birthday.

A program for her 95th birthday celebration included Annie's most memorable moments. One was when Pompano Beach flooded in 1948, and her children used the family boat to ride throughout the northwest community, rescuing people from their homes.

Annie died on Feb. 20, 2011, and her "homegoing celebration" was held at Bethel A.M.E. Church. She is buried at Pompano Beach Cemetery.

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## Wilton Manors joins national little libraries movement

**Wilton Manors** – Arneris McAfee wishes she could take credit for the love of reading a boy in her neighborhood has developed.

She's just glad she can help quench his thirst for books.

McAfee, who works at the Wilton Manors Public Library and is a member of the Friends of the Library, is one of the volunteers who help keep the city's three little libraries stocked with books.

Hagen Park, Island City Park Preserve and Mickel Park each have one, all provided through the Friends of the Library.

"[The one at Mickel] is near my house and it's very



Constance Ruppender [left] and her husband, Manfred, who built the little library at Hagen Park, with Arlene Lancaster, president of the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library. [Staff]

interesting to put items in there and see what people like. I was filling it up once

a book, leave a book" is a common utterance associated with the little libraries.

The first little library was created in 2009 by Todd Bol in Wisconsin. Now, there are 75,000 registered little libraries in 88 countries.

"The idea is to make books available in neighborhoods for people who might not be able to come regularly to the library," said Arlene Lancaster, president of the Friends of the Library, who fills the little library at Hagen Park.

One person who used one of the little libraries, said Paul Kuta, Friends of the Library vice president, ended up going to the actual library because of it. "Now he's a regular library user. Those are the stories I love and that motivate and move me to see that they get the books that they want."

-Michael d'Oliveira

and an 11 or 12-year-old boy and his sister came by and he was telling me how he loved the little library. That was just really sweet," said McAfee, who tries to keep a balance of books for younger and older readers.

The books are free and others are encouraged to take as well as give books. "Take

## Tennis center gets new clinics

**Deerfield Beach** – The parks and recreation department is introducing tennis clinics coached by certified instructor Jim Tierney.

Adult development clinics will be held at the Pioneer Park Tennis Center, 222 NE 2 Ave., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Clinics for young players will be held Monday and Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. for ages 5 to 8, and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 9 to 12.

For more information about tennis programming and to reserve a spot in one of the ongoing development clinics, call 954-480-4422 or visit [www.deerfield-beach.com/dfbtennis](http://www.deerfield-beach.com/dfbtennis).

## Quilts of Valor

**Pompano Beach** – United Way of Broward County's MISSION UNITED is seeking interested veterans to participate in the Welcome Home Ceremony and Quilts of Valor Presentation on Thursday, March 21 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center, 50 West Atlantic Blvd. The ceremony consists of honoring each veteran by wrapping them with a hand-made quilt.

All wartime deployment veterans who have not previously received a quilt are eligible to apply at [unitedway-broward.org/qov2019](http://unitedway-broward.org/qov2019). The deadline to apply is Friday, March 1. The Journey Home Ceremony and Quilts of Valor Presentation is free and open to the public. Veterans, family, friends and community supporters are invited to attend.



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# Scooters

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Officials in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea recently banned the devices, and signs announcing the ban are placed at the town's entrances.

Two bills concerning e-scooters have been filed in the state legislature calling for the vehicles to be treated like bicycles. If the bills pass, local governments will have no control over their operation.

In line with the current state statute, the city ordinance in Oakland Park will prohibit the operation of motorized/electric vehicles on city sidewalks and also prohibit businesses from renting the shared mobility devices unless approved by the city.

The ordinance provides for the future ability for the commission to establish an approval process for the shared mobility devices if it so chooses.

Riders use a smart phone app to rent the dockless scooters and leave them on sidewalks when their time is complete.

"The issues are pedestrian safety and where they're allowed to park. The scooters are being left on sidewalks or in the roadway," said Jennifer Frastai, engineering and community development director in Oakland Park.

With this ordinance, if the motorized/electric vehicles are seen in the city, the operator can be issued a traffic infraction. If the shared mobility devices are spotted, it's a code enforcement violation and the device can be impounded.

Companies will be put on notice that the devices aren't allowed in the city. It's their responsibility to notify the users.

"If someone takes a scooter from another city to Oakland



Lauderdale-By-The-Sea municipal services employee Doug Johnson with some of the 40 scooters the town has impounded. [Courtesy]

Park, the scooter will be subject to impoundment," said City Manager David Hebert.

"Would we give them so many days to pick them up?" Commissioner Michael Carn asked.

"Most cities provide notice. We will work closely with the companies," Frastai noted.

Commissioner Tim Lonergan said, "This is a good first step."

### Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

In LBTS, four operators of shared mobility devices licensed in Fort Lauderdale have been issued cease and desist notices. They are Gotcha, Bird, Lime and Bolt.

Violators are being charged an administrative fee for removal, impoundment and release of each unit.

At their Jan. 22 meeting, commissioners approved a resolution supporting continued prohibition of e-scooters on streets and local control over operation of e-scooters on town sidewalks

and sidewalk areas.

Abandoned units are being removed from the right of way and placed in storage. The town is charging impound fees of \$25 during normal hours, \$50 after normal business hours and \$100 on holidays.

If the owner fails to pay fees and collect an e-scooter within 30 days an additional storage fee of \$30 will be assessed.

If the owner fails to pay fees and collect an e-scooter after 60 days, it becomes abandoned property.

The town currently has about 40 seized scooters in a public works building near town hall, most owned by Lime.

During discussion of the issue, Commissioner Randy Strauss said he was being asked if scooter drivers could ride through LBTS on their way from Fort Lauderdale to Pompano Beach.

The answer was no,

although the town manager quipped that they could be carried in a backpack. However, the scooters are also illegal in Pompano Beach.

In the resolution, officials in LBTS urged Florida legislators to leave in place the statutory ban on e-scooters operating on streets and to continue to allow municipalities to decide whether to allow shared e-scooters and dockless mobility programs to operate on municipal sidewalks.

### Legislation on scooters

Two bills addressing scooter regulations already have been filed in the State Senate and House [SB 452/HB 453] for the legislative session that begins on March 4.

These bills address regulations at the state level and may place limits on cities ruling on this matter.

Commissioner Jane Bolin said, "I appreciate how expeditiously this is in front

of us. With two bills in the legislature, this is a classic situation where we will lose our power."

"Dockless vehicles are unappealing," said Mayor Sara Guevrekian. "I am not in favor of dockless vehicles."

Russ Klinet, the city's lobbyist, said the bills treat the devices as bicycles. There is no grandfathering provision. So if they pass, "it's a total preemption and local governments will have no control."

He said he will meet with State Rep. Chip LaMarca, [R-Lighthouse Point] who serves on the government operations subcommittee and State Sen. Perry Thurston [D-Fort Lauderdale], who serves on the transportation committee, and relay the commission's views on the proposed legislation.

### Pending in Tallahassee

The House Bill [HB 453] filed by State Rep. Jackie Toledo [R-Tampa] provides for regulation of motorized scooters to be controlled by state and federal law. The bill provides that the operator has all rights applicable to a bicycle rider and is not required to have a driver's license.

State Sen. Jeff Brandes [R-St. Petersburg] filed a similar bill, SB542. His bill also authorizes a county or municipality to regulate the operation of for-hire motorized scooters. The bill authorizes the county or municipality to require the person offering the scooters be licensed and exempts motorized scooters from certain registration, insurance and licensing requirements.

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# Perkins to Harrison: 'That's not true'; residents demand more in district

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

**Pompano Beach** – At a meeting held Monday at the E. Pat Larkins Community Center to discuss CRA issues, City Manager Greg Harrison was criticized by Commissioner Beverly Perkins and several residents for not attending.

At Tuesday's commission meeting, Perkins brought the issue up again.

"He assured me he would be there . . . You could have at least called me. I received nothing from you," she said to the city manager.

Harrison shook his head as Perkins spoke.

He then responded, saying Perkins only told him of the event the day of and that she said the meeting was "no big deal." She claimed he was told about it the Thursday before.

"I told you I was going to see my daughter and my new grandson," responded Harrison.

At that point, Perkins inferred that Harrison was lying.

"That is not true. I know you like to look good for television, but tell the truth. You said, 'I'm going to stop by,'" she said.

"I am telling the truth . . . You misunderstood . . . I understand why you're doing



Pastor Jacques Dumornay of First Haitian Baptist Church of Pompano Beach asked city officials to take more action on lighting. [Staff]

it here on the dais, for the folks tonight," he said.

Commissioner Tom McMahon, who was in attendance, said that Harrison

told him he would not be able to attend, and he relayed that information to Perkins.

"You don't have to like the city manager to respect him. To call him a liar in a public forum on TV I think is shameful. It's disgusting," said Vice Mayor Barry Moss. "I call it what it is," responded Perkins. "That's your opinion."

Moss and Perkins have

repeatedly attacked each other on the dais over the last several months.

## "Empowerment meeting"

Perkins called the Monday CRA meeting an "empowerment meeting" and said she plans to hold them regularly – the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the E. Pat Larkins Center. Each month, a different city department or issue will be discussed. Code enforcement will be the topic for March.

At Monday's meeting, city officials talked about several projects in Dist. 4, including the Innovation District, a redesign of Annie Adderly Gillis Park, improvements to Martin Luther King Boulevard and a possible new workforce housing development for secretaries, administrative assistants,

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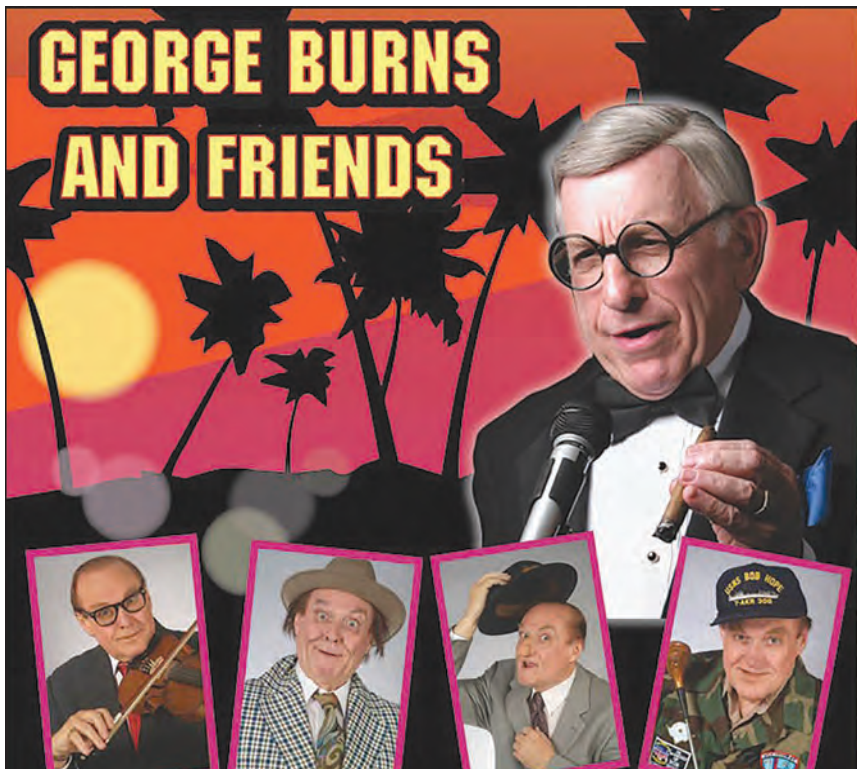
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# Strolling busy intersection reveals need for safety, appearance upgrades

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach** – A walkabout Saturday by a few residents of Deer Run will give city staff information and ammunition in their efforts to improve the neighborhood.

Also surveyed for safety and accessibility features was the intersection of Powerline Road and Hillsboro Boulevard where a traffic study estimates 71,000 motorists pass through daily.

## Vance

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Malkoon also selected Strahl as his first choice, but he said he could go with Mr. Vance “happily.”

“All three are very qualified, and there isn’t a wrong answer here,” Malkoon said.

In his presentation to the commission, Vance said he is “employee friendly” and a firm believer in providing a high level of customer service. He will have an open door policy and “will immediately go to someone’s house or place of business to assist in whatever challenge they have.”

Town Attorney Susan Trevarthen advised the commission to work toward consensus on their first choice. They did that and selected Vance unanimously with Strahl the second choice.

Planning Director Eric Power said the intention of the walking tour was to get ideas for both short term [such as landscaping] and long-range improvements such as façade upgrades. He asked that they be proactive in their comments.

The brightest destination in the tour was the Shoppes at Deerfield, purchased three years ago by Weingarten Realty for \$96 million. Since then, the developer has brought in new tenants: Chick-fil-A, Chase Bank, First Watch Café and Smoothie King. It is anchored by Publix, Panera Bread, the Cinopolis Theatre, TJ Maxx, Ulta, Marshalls and U Fit. Coming soon to an outparcel is an Outback restaurant. Parent company Bloomin’ Brands is also building a



Ellyce Plotkin, Kathy Maggi, Dist. 4 Commissioner Todd Drosky and Jay Peltz mark areas of concern on maps of Deer Run and the Powerline/Hillsboro intersection. [Staff]

location at Sample Road and Federal Highway in Pompano Beach.

The center’s façade was also brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with new color and design

elements.

“As neighborhoods improve, so does the quality of retailers,” said Economic Development Director Kris Mory.

The mall is surrounded by strip centers, the oldest of which need facelifts.

Mory said a concern in the strip shopping centers is the multiple building owners that don’t coordinate facades or strive for higher-end tenants.

A lowlight of the tour was a two-block strip center on Hillsboro Boulevard, east of SW 34 Avenue. There they found many code violations in the landscaping, attempts to create dedicated parking spaces and general maintenance of the buildings and parking lot. None of the businesses are ADA compliant.

“At some point,” Mory said, “the owners will have to play together [to create change.]”

There are eight property

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# Sewage

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contractor who punctured a 42-inch sewage pipe.

On Monday, the city rescinded its advisory "that no one come in contact with or irrigate with canal water." According to officials, "all surface water samples collected and analyzed for fecal coliform by the City of Pompano Beach and Broward County are well below the

target level of 800 Colony Forming Units/100mL." The city will no longer be testing.

But that news didn't sit well with some residents who attended Tuesday's commission meeting.

Melanie Webster, who lives in Garden Isles, said she thinks the problem is much worse.

Webster said she hired Pace Analytical to perform a test of fecal coliform and the results showed the levels above 8,000, not below 800 as the

city stated.

"This is a huge concern. Our canal, which is east of the G-57 gate [located behind the Dunkin' Donuts on Atlantic Boulevard], has E. coli in it. And you feel that the levels are safe?" asked Webster.

Mayor Rex Hardin said the city's results were performed by Broward County and asked Webster to give the city her results.

Stephen Grzybek, another Garden Isles resident, said two-thirds of the water he

scoops up from his canal is sludge and fecal matter. He showed the commission a jar of it.

"As you can see, we have a problem," said Grzybek.

He asked if the city's testing includes heavy metals, pesticides and other toxins that may have been released with the raw sewage.

Harrison said the city is testing for those items.

Tracy Martin, who also lives in Garden Isles, asked about the remediation plan and

expressed her concern about the fecal matter that is still stuck to seawalls. "It doesn't seem to be going away," she said.

City Manager Greg Harrison said the remediation plan covers the canal system from the point of the accident, Northwest 15 Street and I-95, to Lettuce Lake.

Asked by Hardin for a timeline, Harrison said new information would be provided each week.

Jason Whitman, an environmental consultant for the Florida Department of Transportation, said samples are currently being taken of the sediment on the floor of the canals. Once the results come back next week, he said officials will have a better idea how to proceed with the mediation plan.

"That's the frustrating part of this. Everything takes time," said Hardin.

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# World War II veteran celebrates 100, "looking for 200"

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

**Pompano Beach** – World War II veteran Charles DiMatteo celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Feb. 8. But he's not done yet.

"Now, I'm looking for 200," he joked.

After reading a proclamation in honor of DiMatteo's centennial, Mayor Rex Hardin called it a joyous occasion – one celebrated by DiMatteo's friends and family at Galluppi's on his birthday.

It was a well attended surprise birthday party; one that featured cake, cupcakes, presents, Glenn Miller's "In The Mood" and other World War II era classics.

"We never thought we'd have so many people. It's amazing," said Audree Byrnes, DiMatteo's stepdaughter.

"This is fantastic. This is wonderful. This is something you dream about," said DiMatteo.

"Your life is a testament to everything that's good about this country," said Hardin to DiMatteo.

Born in Boston, DiMatteo was drafted into the Army Air Corps in 1942 and served as a radio operator and marksman.



Charles DiMatteo receives a birthday hug and kiss, one of many on the occasion of his centennial. [Staff photos]

During the war, he flew over "The Hump," the nickname given by the Army Air Corps to the Himalayas. The Allies used the air route to transport supplies from

India to China to assist the Chinese in their fight against the Japanese.

He took part in 16 missions under fire in Burma, China, India and other parts of South



A ring of cupcakes surrounded DiMatteo's cake.

and Central Asia. On one mission, he was seriously wounded and hospitalized.

In a speech given on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives on Feb. 5, Congressman Ted Deutch recognized DiMatteo and

his centennial. [Deutch's entire speech can be viewed and read at congress.gov]. The speech is a part of the official Congressional record. DiMatteo was also presented with an American flag that flew over the Capitol Building on Jan. 19.

After the war, DiMatteo worked as a railroad claims agent and ran a wholesale produce business. "His fruit baskets were legendary in the area and he was referred to as the "Basket King,"" said Deutch.

Deutch also recognized DiMatteo's community service and contributions,

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# Meeting

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restaurant workers and other lower income individuals.

But many residents who attended were highly critical of CRA officials and want more done.

"There's nothing to bring children back [once they graduate college]," said one woman. Another woman disagreed, saying that she and others earned degrees and came back to the city.

One man asked how much in CRA money was spent in the Northwest since 2009.

CRA Director Nguyen Tran said he did not know.

Tran was then criticized for not knowing. "It could be

going in somebody's pocket," said one man. Said another, "Ya'll need to shape up or ship out. I give you an F. You came here ill prepared."

Residents also criticized the CRA for buying foreclosed properties owned by residents.

Ronald Thurston said people don't want to live in apartments. They want the single family homes preserved. "We want the picket white fence."

Tran responded that the CRA is not buying properties owned by homeowners. "I'm not interested in those properties." One woman responded that Tran wasn't interested in Pompano Beach at all.

Vincente Thrower defended Tran and said he can't be

blamed for "the mess RMA left behind." RMA was the company that previously managed the CRA. "We can't jump on him."

Thrower also urged everyone in attendance to come to commission meetings and let their opinions be known.

Velma Flowers agreed. "We need to do this," said Flowers, urging her fellow residents to action. "I'm just burning mad."

Perkins also urged residents to attend meetings and back her up. "There's not a lot of people who look like you and me at city hall making decisions . . . I'm just one vote. I need everyone in here to support the cause."

As a response to criticism

leveled against the city that Dist. 4 isn't "getting its fair share," Harrison talked about job creation Tuesday and the city's investment in Dist. 4.

He said hundreds of businesses and over 1,000 jobs have opened in Dist. 4 over the last two years. He also stated that 33 percent [\$72 million] of the 2016 to 2025 capital improvement budget will be allocated to Dist. 4. Also, 29 percent [\$51 million] of the GO Bond money approved by voters is set-aside for Dist. 4.

"It's not gloom and doom in Dist. 4 or the other districts," said Harrison.

Perkins dismissed his report, "The paper you just handed to me, I can't go back to my community and deliver that to them and say, 'Are you all happy with this?' No, they're not. The numbers that

you read just now, that does not impact the community where I live . . . that means nothing to my district."

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# Manager

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hadn't had a meeting with him since last April.

He says they met in a budget session with Assistant City Manager Ana Alvarez and Finance Director Andrew Thompson.

And in September, the two met with City Attorney DJ Doody.

Hebert says the mayor has asked him not to call or email her.

He said the catalyst for this situation came in April. After a lengthy evening meeting between the two of them about the agenda, "she complained about a new nature trail that had opened," Hebert said.

The commission had agreed to name the trail after John Stunson, the former city manager who died in 2016.

The renaming was at the request of his widow and family. The vote to name the park for Stunson was 4-1 with Guevrekian casting the only dissenting vote.

She asked Hebert for the name of the staff person who wrote the inscription on a plaque, calling it "revisionist history."

Hebert refused to provide the staff person's name and told her the commission had made the decision, and "it was finished. It was no longer a subject I was going to talk about."

Hebert said the nature trail is in the mayor's neighborhood, and "she took pride in working on it. With [Stunson's] untimely death and the naming of the trail after him, she took umbrage at it, and I don't think she let that go."

He added that city staff should not be concerned with one dissenting vote. "They're the policy makers. It's resolved, and I move

forward."

At the last commission meeting and in an interview with *The Pelican*, Guevrekian said she doesn't want to be alone in a meeting with Hebert.

"I can happily give her agenda briefings by phone or e-mail; we have had meetings with other staff present. That's been offered. I don't know what else can be done."

During his annual review on July 18, "her comments were glowingly positive," Hebert said. "What has transpired [since] to [cause] so much vile, I don't know."

"Am I troubled by this? Yes. Do I let it consume me? No," he said.

Hebert said if newspapers reported every time an elected official was unhappy with a city manager, "that's

all you would report. Look at Hallandale and Fort Lauderdale.

"I don't understand her end game. If there were something I can do [to resolve the situation], I'm happy to engage it. In the meantime, there are a lot of good things happening in the city. Anyone who has seen the transformation can see how focused I am on the job at hand."

He said the mayor has not been open to his actions or the city attorney's.

"I don't know what she wants," Hebert repeated. "She doesn't avail herself of the myriad of options offered for an agenda briefing. Does she want the nature trail name changed? The name is on the archway she drives by every day."

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## This Weekend

**2/15, 16 & 17 – 36<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Coleman Italian Festival.** St. Coleman, 1200 S. Federal Hwy. Rides, games, entertainment, food, arts and crafts, corn hole tournament and more. Tickets and wristbands for rides and games will be on sale. [italianfest.org](http://italianfest.org).

**2/15 – Music at Mickel Concert Series: Big City Dogs.** 7:30 to 9 p.m. Mickel Park, 2675 NW 7 Ave., Wilton Manors. Rock band Big City Dogs

performs as part of Music at Mickel. Blankets and lawn chairs permitted. Food trucks. Shuttle service every 10 minutes from St. Clement Church, 225 NW 29 St. 954-390-2134.

**2/15 – Broward Symphony presents “Invitation to The Dance” Bizet, Offenbach, Berstein and more.** 7:30 p.m. Bailey Hall at Broward College, 3501 Davie Road, Davie. Admission is \$10. 954-201-6884.

**2/16 – Old School Music Celebration with Grammy winner Deniece Williams [Let’s Hear It For The Boys].** 7 p.m. Lauderhill Performing Arts Center, 3800 NW 11 Place, Lauderhill. Also performing are Howard Hewett [The Second Time Around] and The Old Skool Gang. 954-777-2055.

## Art

**2/16 – Art Walk Wilton Manors.** 5 to 8 p.m. Various artists showcase their work in businesses along Wilton Drive. [wmae.org](http://wmae.org).

**2/16 – Matices exhibit opening reception.** 6 p.m. Claudia Castillo ART Studio, 2215 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors. Art of Rafael Carabano. On display Feb. 8 to March 8. [rafaelcarabano.com](http://rafaelcarabano.com).

## Auditions & Theatre

**2/20 – Broward Women’s Choral Group seeks women singers.** 10 a.m. to noon. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3970 NW 21 Ave., Oakland Park. Held every Wednesday. Call before attending. 954-942-8711.

## Books

**2/16 – Book signing for “Shhhhhhh Listen.”** 7 p.m. Temple Sholom, 132 SE 11 Ave., Pompano Beach. Author Laura Durant will sign copies of her book. RSVP. [info@templesholomflorida.org](mailto:info@templesholomflorida.org).

**2/22 & 23 – Oakland Park Friends of the Library Used Book Sale.** 9 a.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday. Oakland Park Library, 1298 NE 37 Street, Oakland Park. 954-630-4370.

## Children & Teens

**3/1 – Free Movies on the Lawn – Stuart Little.** 7 p.m. East end of Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach. 954-786-4111 or [pompanobeachfl.gov](http://pompanobeachfl.gov).

## Classes & Lectures

**2/16 – CPR Training.** 9 a.m. E. Pat Larkins Center, 520 MLK Blvd., Pompano Beach. Pompano Beach Fire Rescue Department offers CPR classes. 5-minute sessions occurring every 15 minutes. 954-786-4695.

**2/22 – Line dancing.** 1:00 to 3:p.m. Center for Active Aging, 227 NW 2 St., Deerfield Beach. \$4 per class. Held every Friday. 954-480-4449.

**3/2 – “About Boating Safely.”** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spanish River Park HQ Bldg., 3001 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Hosted

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**2/25 – Dining with Pride at Chili’s.** 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. 6302 NW 9 Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Present the event flyer and 20 percent of the bill will be donated to The Pride Center’s Florida AIDS Walk team. Visit [pridecenterflorida.org](http://pridecenterflorida.org) to download a flyer.

## Food & Fun

**2/15 – Taste of Oakland Park.** 6 to 9 p.m. Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 N. Dixie Hwy., Oakland Park. Local restaurants and bars provide samples of food and drinks. Advance tickets are \$15 and \$20 at the door. Tickets at [oaklandparkfl.gov/535/Taste-of-Oakland-Park](http://oaklandparkfl.gov/535/Taste-of-Oakland-Park).

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**2/16 – Fabulous Soup Luncheon and Fashion Show.** 11:30 a.m. Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach. Home made soups, garden salad, desserts, gift baskets, raffle prizes and silent auction. Hosted by Pompano Beach Garden Club. Funds raised benefit the garden club. Tickets are \$25. Email Edie Kappler rbkappler@comcast.net or call 954-943-2699.

**Games & Activities**  
**2/22 – Swinging Fridays – Jazz on the Boulevard.** 7 to 10 p.m. Ali Cultural Arts, 353 Martin Luther King Blvd., Pompano Beach. Swing dance classes followed by a jazz

concert featuring various jazz artists and bands. Cost is \$7. pompanobeachfl.gov/events/display.

**Health & Fitness**  
**2/23 – Introduction to Buddhist Meditation: The Power of a Focused Mind.** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kadampa Meditation Center Fort Lauderdale, 4342 E. Tradewinds Ave., Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. Tickets range from \$20 to \$35. meditateinfortlauderdale.org.

**2/27 – “Farm to Table” Healthy Living Awareness event.** 7 p.m. Chabad Lubavitch of Fort Lauderdale, 3524 N. Ocean Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. RSVP at 954-568-1190. chabadfl.com.

**History & Tours**  
**2/16 – Historic Butler House tours.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 380

E. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach. Guided tours of the historic Butler House, home of pioneers J.D. and Alice Butler. deerfieldbeachhistoricalsociety.com.

**2/21 – Actor and historian Mitchell Kramer portrays Ben Franklin.** 6 to 8 p.m. Spanish River Library Mezzanine, 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton. Visit bocalibraryfriends.org to register. Sponsored by Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library.

**Music**  
**2/20 – “Country Royalty: Hank Williams & Patsy Cline Tribute.”** 7:30 p.m. Lauderhill Performing Arts Center, 3800 NW 11 Place, Lauderhill. 954-777-2055.

**2/23 – South Florida Gay Men’s Chorus ensemble Tropical Wave.** 3 p.m. St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 1111 East Sample Road, Pompano Beach. “A toe-

tapping, finger-snapping performance.” Reception will follow the concert. \$10 donation is suggested. gaymenschorusofsouthflorida.org.

**Theater**  
**2/21 to 3/10 – New City Players presents Lorraine Hansberry’s American classic A Raisin in the Sun.** Vanguard Theater, 1501 S. Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Tickets are \$35. 954-591-0818.

**2/23 & 24 – “Rockin’ at the Hop” featuring the music of the 50s and 60s.** 8 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Pompano Beach Cultural Center, 50 W Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach. Adults are \$24.50. Children are \$15. 954-545-7800.

**Speakers & Programs**  
**2/19 – Gumbo Limbo Eco-Watch Lecture Series: “Birding South Florida.”** 7 to 8:30 p.m. Gumbo Limbo Nature

Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Birder and author Brian Rapoza, Tropical Audubon Society, will share his experience and expertise in migratory bird identification. Photo presentation included. RSVP at 561-544-8615.

**2/20 – Scams, Credit Card Fraud, & Opportunity Crimes seminar.** 12 to 2 p.m. Independence Hall Senior Living Community, 1639 NE 26 St., Wilton Manors. Hosted by Wilton Manors Police Department and State Attorney’s Elder Task Force of Broward County. Lunch provided. RSVP by 2/15 at 954-831-8525.

**2/27 – Former Congressman Ron Klein and attorney Emma Collum, executive director of Ruth’s List, Broward, will speak.** 7 p.m. North Broward Democratic Club meeting. Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach. 954-683-7789.



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**Deerfield Beach** – A new event has been added to the annual Pioneer Days celebration, a parade watch party in the Cove Shopping Center, 130 NE 21 Ave.

The party gets under way at 10 a.m. on Saturday with free face painting, snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy and games for the entire family.

The parade will travel south

on Northeast 6 Avenue to Hillsboro Boulevard [SR 810] and head east on Hillsboro Boulevard to Ocean Drive [SR A1A].

It will then turn north on North Ocean Drive [SR A1A] and curve east onto Northeast 2 Street then head down south onto Southeast 21 Avenue [S Ocean Way] and end at Southeast 3 Street.

The celebration continues all weekend at the beach with a carnival, arts and crafts exhibits, entertainment and on Saturday, 9 p.m., a fireworks display.

Free parking and trolley pick-ups are available at The Cove Shopping Center and St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 380 S Federal Hwy., throughout the weekend.

Parade road closures:

Federal Highway [US1] will be closed at SE 10 Street and NE 2 Street

Hillsboro Boulevard eastbound will be closed at NE 2 Avenue

Hillsboro Boulevard westbound will be closed at A1A

A1A will be closed at NE 7 Street and SE 3 Street

Detour route:  
Hillsboro Blvd traffic west of SE 5 Street will be rerouted to Dixie Highway

Northbound Federal Highway traffic will be rerouted to Dixie Highway

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Northbound A1A traffic will be rerouted to Camino Real in Boca Raton

Southbound A1A traffic will be rerouted to SW 14 St in

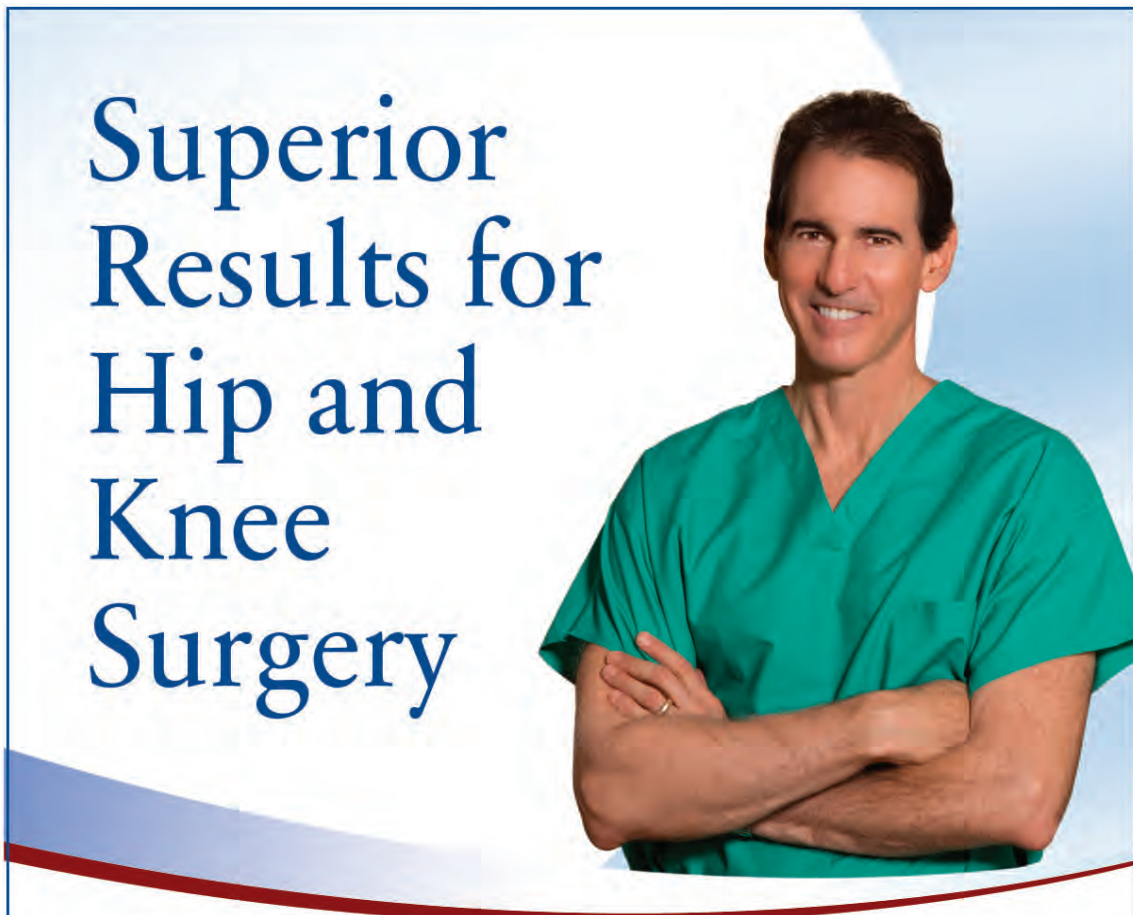
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Road closures will begin at 9 a.m. and BSO will reopen the roads as the parade passes.

Residents of Little Harbor will have a dedicated traffic lane allowing for an exit out of the community during the closure and will be routed through the adjacent shopping plaza.

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# Debate

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Hudak, a human resource officer with SHL Pharma, and Dan Herz, an investor and owner of a beachside motel here, gave candid replies to questions offered up by the audience.

The evening was moderated by Dr. Bill Longstreth and presented in the style of the famous Lincoln/Douglas debates of 1858.

It was sponsored by We the People of Deerfield Beach, Inc.

Voters on March 12 will choose between Herz, critical of the current administration and how finances are being managed, and Hudak, who believes the city is more financially healthy than that it has ever been. Hudak is also a supporter of City Manager Burgess Hanson and the job the city commission is currently doing.

Here are some of the important points made by the candidates. [Comments in quotes may not be word for word].

Hudak to Herz: "You said in October of 2017, because of a city ordinance restricting the use of property on the island, you would sell your motel to the entity with the most money, like a sober home owner."

Herz: "In 2003, voters set height limits on the beach at five stories, which was brilliant, but they also restricted a building to no more than 40 percent of the lot. As a consequence,

developers cannot afford to build here. I would sell to an entity that would offer the most money – a drug rehab or sober home."

The performance of City Manager Burgess Hanson is one of the defining differences between the candidates.

To the question is the city manager capable, Herz responded that \$900,000 was mistakenly paid out over the years in benefits to retirees no longer eligible for the funds, that the city had paid \$1.7 million for six "slivers of sand," and there was no "backup plan when the recycling contract was not renewed."

Hudak responded that the benefit package misappropriation began in 1985, before the current city manager discovered it in 2013.

The error could not immediately be remedied because the pension plan lacked verbiage that required legal steps before making changes.

Regarding the beach, Hudak said he supports the citizens' rights to the beach and the recycling issue was an opportunity for residents to be more educated about the environment.

Hudak sums Hanson up as "a capable individual, an honest man. How does he rate against other city managers? "I get glowing reviews from people I have to trust."

Herz urges annual reviews of Hanson. "I basically feel he is not doing his job. There are serious things wrong . . . we have to look to the top."

Herz is critical that the city continues to hold March municipal elections instead of putting local issues on November ballots. The upcoming election is costing the city \$75,000, he said. Turnouts in March are historically low, 14 percent in the last election here.

Hudak says the \$75,000 is not a deal breaker for him. Local issues on the long November ballots can be overlooked by the voter. The district 1 seat can have a tremendous effect on the residents, he said. He pointed to the large crowd at the debate. "You all found this election important or you would not be here."

**On their leadership styles**  
Hudak – "As a director of human resources, I have to unify employees. I respect those on the dais . . . I don't call them out, I don't berate. I work to create unity."

Herz – "My style is friendly doses of confrontation. The dais is a good ole boys club, but it wasn't until I was personally attacked that I changed my style."

Hudak – "We agree to disagree on this. It is important to be respectful of the people on the dais."

## On budgets and bonds

Herz – "The budget process is a point of contention for me. We have the highest reserves in history, \$28 million. It would be better if some of that were in our pockets . . . we did a bond and the project costs are through the roof. Luckily we can still address that."

Hudak replied that general fund reserves of 10 to 15 percent are necessary. He pointed to the high cost of hurricanes and that cutting mileage lacks long term vision.

Both men agree that the estimated costs of the buildings, included in the \$40 million bond sold last year, seem excessive. As example is the \$521 a square foot estimate for the Center of Active Aging campus now in design. Hudak said technology

may be driving up those costs. A system to track the clients in the center may not be needed he said, "The cost is higher than it should be. It can be reduced."

Herz agreed saying, "We can't afford a state-of-the-art facility. The cost rose from \$7.5 to \$12 million. And what marketing efforts are being made to increase its use?"

## Some other questions posed Tuesday on which the candidates agreed

Medical marijuana dispensaries which are allowed here may become a liability if the use of recreational marijuana is some day approved by the state. This won't be good for tourism or the economy. The dispensaries will become retail outlets for the drug, the

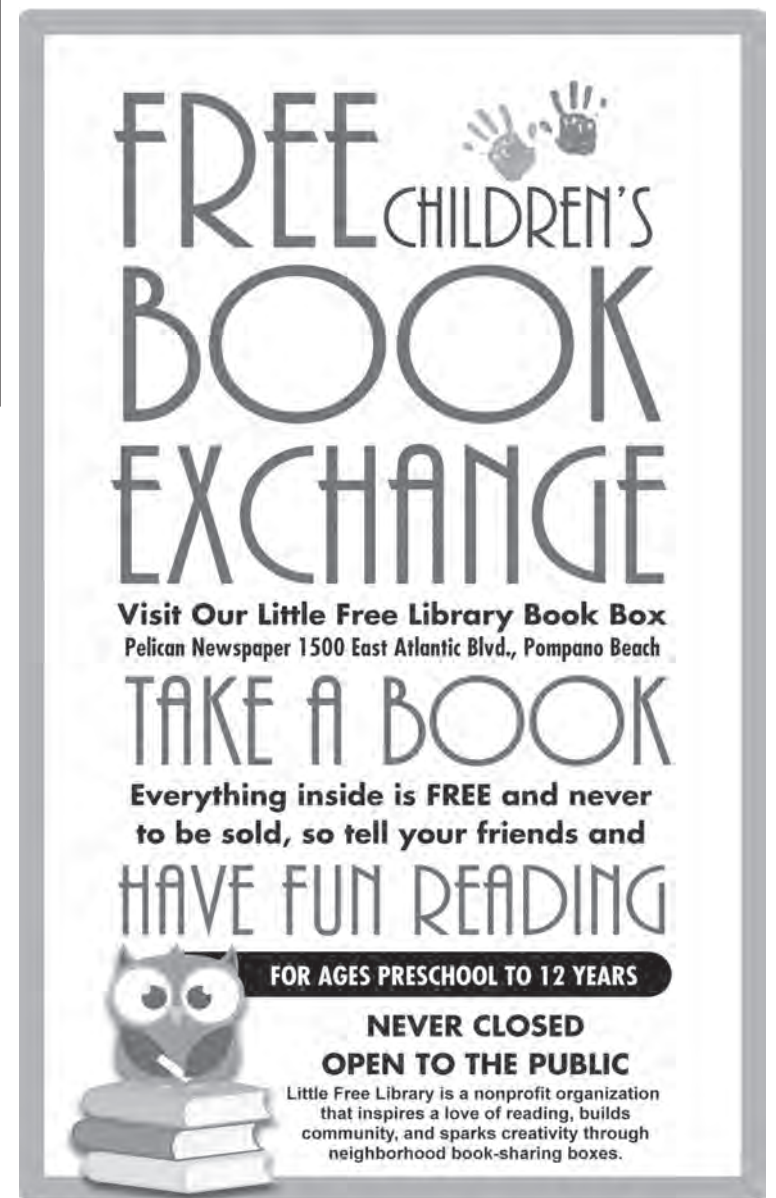
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**ACROSS**  
 1 Tough spot  
 7 Rob Roy ingredient  
 13 Hard hit to the shortstop, perhaps  
 15 Tropical malady  
 16 Boom box feature  
 17 Bringing to mind  
 18 Witness  
 19 Cricket's cousin  
 21 1966 song, "Ain't Too Proud to \_\_\_"  
 22 Stable parent?  
 24 Ale holder  
 25 Twofold  
 26 Light on one's feet  
 28 Varnish resin  
 29 Have a hunch  
 30 Crop up  
 32 Beginning  
 34 Smoking evidence?  
 35 Heavy drinker  
 36 Top-notch, to a Brit  
 39 Civil rights target  
 42 Hard to find  
 43 Caustic cleaner  
 45 Prepare to be dubbed  
 47 Light bulb unit  
 48 Wrangler product  
 50 Jodie Foster's alma mater  
 51 Mess up  
 52 Battleship part  
 54 Dog-scolding word  
 55 Foodstuff  
 57 Hardy novel, "Far From the \_\_\_ Crowd"  
 59 Period of occupancy  
 60 Devour greedily  
 61 Pioneer product  
 62 Male or female  
**DOWN**  
 1 Blood bank supply  
 2 Family history  
 3 Time gap  
 4 Gosh!  
 5 Gaggle greeting  
 6 Albacore and bluefin  
 7 Copier company now owned by Ricoh  
 8 Blockhead  
 9 Furniture wood  
 10 Chicago newspaper  
 11 Filmmaker  
 12 Dicker over price  
 14 Snitch  
 15 Doc  
 20 Thumbs-up vote  
 23 Polished  
 25 What will be  
 27 Go ballistic  
 29 Part of a portfolio  
 31 Bearded antelope  
 33 "Royal Pains" network  
 36 Color in a Hawthorne title  
 37 Military duty?  
 38 More than enough  
 39 Handle differently?  
 40 Pelican or puffin  
 41 Motley assortment  
 42 Workout wear  
 44 Sail off course  
 46 Bookkeeper's book  
 48 American finch  
 49 Street talk  
 52 Hackman or Wilder  
 53 Advantage  
 56 Spring mo.  
 58 Mafia boss

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# Debate

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candidates said.

Repair of the Southeast 15 Avenue Bridge should be done as quickly as possible. No studies needed. Herz said it could have been repaired in two or three weeks. Hudak said it needs to be brought to 2019 standards with sidewalks and lighting and that the city does have to follow certain processes.

Both candidates agree that residents must be informed

about contaminating recycled materials. Herz called for an audit report on the contamination. Hudak says education is needed to reduce the 33 percent contamination rate.

The rebuild of the chamber of commerce building in Sullivan Park is a topic the candidates say needs to be thought out carefully. Residents surrounding the park should be brought into the process.

And they agree that beach development needs to be monitored. "It's naive to think

that 40 percent won't affect us," Herz said. Hudak said, "I enjoy the look and feel of our beach [the way it is]."

They also agree that economic development is a primary concern and that the quality of local schools is essential to attracting residential growth.

### Number one complaint

Asked about the most common complaint they are hearing from the public, Herz said code enforcement and Hudak said sober homes.

Herz said he would take a hard look at Calvin Giordano, the company now managing Deerfield's code compliance department to "see if it is time to bring it back in house."

Hudak said the city needs to work at state and federal levels to control sober home operations.

### Closing remarks

In closing Hudak said, "As your city commissioner I

will fight to bring the right businesses to our city, work to unite the dais, treat everyone with respect. I have decided I will no longer sit back and let someone else deal with our problems."

Herz said, "I will not

vote for any new taxes or to outsource anymore city functions. I will never be a puppet of [Mayor Bill] Ganz and Burgess. I have a record of standing up for citizens. My opponent is a continuation of make no waves."

## Deerfield's Annual Black Heritage Banquet has soul food, music and awards

**Deerfield Beach** – Six "Hometown Heroes" will be honored at the city's annual Black Heritage Banquet Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Oveta McKeithen Recreational Complex located in the Dr. Leo J. Robb, Jr. Memorial Gymnasium, 435 SW 2 St. Doors open at 6 p.m. The evening includes a speaker, food, live music and awards in the following categories: business/professional, community service, educator, athletic role model, community organization and the Emmanuel Knowles Humanitarian Award. Soul food is on the menu and guests are encouraged to wear African attire. Tickets are \$30 and available at the Johnny Tigner, Sr. Community Center at the McKeithen Complex. Space is limited. For more information, call 954-480-4481 or visit deerfield-beach.com/bhb.

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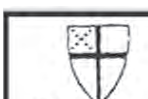
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The second place LHP Jaguars [front row, left to right] Gavin Ganter, Sean Nowlan, Mason Donaghue, William Knight, Fisher Nieman. [Back row, left to right] Gavin Sturgis, Sterling Wible, Joe Paden, Brody Fardette and TJ Ganter. [Courtesy]

# Flag ball

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Coach Brent Fardette's strategy - running the ball in the first half and using 30 mph wind gusts in the second half to play more aggressive offense.

At the half the score was 6-6. Quarterback Jake Weiss connected with receiver Jaden Johnson for the TD.

In the second half, with the wind in their favor, Weiss found Logan Andrews on a 55-yard touchdown play. Hudson Hall caught the point after touchdown, and the Dolphins won it [13-6].

Other Dolphin standouts were Toren Green on defense, Ty Cannon, Brent Fardette III and Jack Campbell. In the tournament series, Jake Booth and Patrick Stiffler performed well.

Assistant coaches are Dan Stiffler, Taylor Mulkey and Mark Booth.

The Jaguars had a similar opening game experience, losing it decisively. Said their coach Kerry Nowlan, "We were bummed out wondering if we should have come [to the tournament]." But the team rebounded and "played amazingly."

The U10 team came back to defeat the Rutherford, Tennessee Patriots [24-6], the Littleton, Colorado Buccaneers [8 - 6 and 25-12]. In the title game, they took a 35-0 loss to Castle Rock.

The Jaguars were undefeated in regular season play, taking their division with 7 wins.

Both teams practice and play at Frank McDonough Park.

They will be recognized at the next city commission meeting Tuesday, Feb. 26.

# Durant

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second and fourth Monday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. at Temple Sholom, 132 SE 11 Ave. in Pompano Beach, while "Tell Us A Story" takes place the third Monday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. Call the temple office at 954-942-6410 for more information.

Durant is a widow with two married children and three grandchildren. Her family and

her groups are her passion. Meet the author tomorrow, February 16 at 7 p.m., at Temple Sholom, She will review her book. She stresses that guests are not obligated to purchase her book, priced at \$12.99. She will autograph copies.

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# Upgrades

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owners in that center making conformity difficult, Mory said.

The swales along the two major thoroughfares, Powerline Road and Hillsboro Boulevard, are also an issue. Building owners are responsible for the grassy areas between the sidewalks and the curb, Mory said. In many cases, the swales are unkept.

The strip center anchored by Ross Dress for Less on North Powerline Road is another that is lack luster and needs a better grade of retail mix, she said.

In answer to a question about the existing zoning which controls business uses in that area, City Manager Burgess Hanson said the city is considering creating an "overlay district" which generally is more restrictive but can attract higher end tenants.

Information on Weingarten's website puts the average income of the area at \$74,200 and the population within three miles at 127,500.

On the southeast corner of the Powerline Road intersection is a 7-Eleven which has long needed to improve its exterior. That may be happening. "They have recognized the need to change," Mory said of the world's largest convenience chain.

Tom Plaut, chair of the city's planning and zoning

board, said the homeowners' association in Deer Run dissolved years ago and is one reason the community may suffer from neglect in some areas.

He was enthusiastic about the tour calling it "a great idea. I have lived 35 years on the same corner [in Gates of Hillsboro] but never saw some of the businesses we passed today."

Ed Patterson, a 14-year-resident of Deer Run, said he joined Saturday's tour because "I am interested in what is going on."

Ellyce Plotkin thought crosswalks set apart with decorative bricks would make them safer and attract users.

Dist. 4 Commissioner Todd Drosky said several good ideas came from the tour: emergency call boxes in the parks, more bike racks and the suggestion that the

city establish a commercial maintenance division. "It's a good idea that can be expanded on . . . we can pass new ordinances if we have to," he said.

Power asked those present to be on the lookout for illegal dumping. Always an issue.

And to the question what type of business is most needed in the area, the group agreed that upscale restaurants would fill a big void.

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## Deerfield Beach candidate forums

**Deerfield Beach** – In the Deerfield Beach, three candidates are running to be the next city commissioner in Dist. 2: the incumbent, Gloria Battle, former commissioner Ben Preston and Terry Scott. The District 2 forum will be held Friday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1060 SW 3 Ave. [SMK Avenue].

**The forum will be hosted by: THE PELICAN NEWSPAPER 954-783-8700**

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# Distillery

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completely unworthy pieces; only the edible part of each piece of fruit can be distilled.

The blueberries are especially labor intensive because each has a little stem.

“From cleaning the fruit to bottling, it’s just us [family members] now [no employees],” said Nahori.

And he’s already working on new kinds of fruit. In the future, Nahori wants to make gin, rum, whiskey and fruit brandy in other flavors, including strawberries, mango, banana and beets.

“We’re going to make beet spirits. That’s our next spirit.”

In that respect, he wants to be similar to nearby craft beer brewery Funky Buddha and “try new things.”

Nahori also hopes for a



Pears are one of the fruits used to make fruit brandy. [Courtesy]

similar level of success many breweries have experienced.

But, unlike beer, he said fruit brandy isn’t well known here. “In Europe, it’s a sipping drink. It’s not really common on the East Coast. It’s more popular on the West Coast and



Three of ChainBridge’s fermenters. Bela Nahori, co-owner, said getting the sugar and PH levels right requires constant work. [Staff]

in Eastern Europe.”

And like the Széchenyi Chain Bridge [where ChainBridge got its name] in Hungary, which spans the Danube River and links both sides of Budapest, Nahori wants to be a bridge

to introduce fruit brandy to South Florida.

Located in the city’s Culinary Arts District, it’s one of the first distilleries in Broward.

Nahori said he chose to open in Oakland Park

because of the Culinary Arts District. Now, he hopes more businesses will follow.

For more information, visit [facebook.com/chainbridgedistillery](https://facebook.com/chainbridgedistillery).

## Gibbons’ improbable run ends

**Fort Lauderdale** – Cardinal Gibbons High overachieving boys soccer team finished without a loss in regular-season district play.

But their surprising run ended Feb. 6 with a 1-0 loss to King’s Academy in the first round of the Class 2A FHSAA playoffs.

The Chiefs were eliminated despite having outplayed the Lions [10-10-2], according to coach Rafael Ferreiro.

“Unfortunately, last night we were on the losing side,” Coach Rafael Ferreiro said. “It was one of those games where we were firing on all cylinders – dominating possession and creating chances.

“But the ball just didn’t want to go in. Credit to King’s Academy for holding off the barrage of chances that we had.”

Gibbons, indeed, outshot the Lions by a 23-3 margin.

“I couldn’t be more proud of my team and putting the soccer program back on the right track this season,” Ferreiro said. The Chiefs rebounded this year from last season’s 3-8-2 record.

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## Fishing report

### Green poop bait?



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several hours at a time when trolled behind the boat. This weekend, give them a shot for dolphin and wahoo. If you look inside a pack of bait and you see the poop is red or dark, the bait is probably not

that good. We finally have some great weather, so come down to the shop and pick up some green poopers.

-RJ

## Bill would regulate shark fin sales in Florida

State Rep. Chip LaMarca [Dist. 93] is one of a dozen legislators that are co-sponsoring a bill that regulates the sale and distribution of shark fins and ray parts.

If approved, House Bill 99 will amend Florida Statute 379 which already regulates commercial uses of the marine animals' parts. The bill directs the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission to adopt the revisions to the statute.

While selling shark fins is not a big industry in this state, it is devastating shark populations around the globe. LaMarca's legislative assistant Corey Staniscia said more than 70 million sharks are taken each year for the trade of fins alone.

The Florida law does not make shark fishing illegal but requires the fins be used only for personal use, not offered for sale or barter.

Staniscia said when locally scoured fins enter the market place, the flow of illegal fins is masked. Twelve U.S. states have already adopted legislation similar to what HB 99 proposes.

The bill will be reviewed by three legislative committee. The sponsor is Kristin Jacobs [Dist. 96].

-Judy Wilson

## US 1 improvements meeting

Deerfield Beach – US 1 from Sample Road to the Palm Beach County line is scheduled for enhancements this year.

A \$6.5 million project will add bike lanes and sidewalks, modify some turn lanes, upgrade a traffic signal and lighting at NE 2 Street, add ADA curb ramps and resurface the highway.

Interested members of the public can view the road design on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 5:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro Technology Center,

50 Technology Lane. A presentation of the project will be held at 6 p.m.

The project will go to bid in August and is anticipated to be

complete in August of 2020. It is one of the road priorities set by the Metropolitan Planning Organization in 2015.



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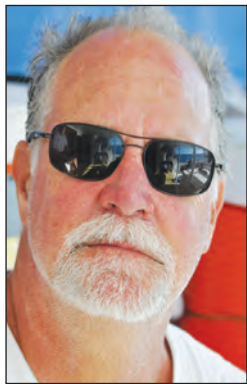
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## Catching the Ocean View

# Two Georges 9th Annual Billfish Tournament is won by Sir' Reel



By Jim "Chiefy" Mathie

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Deerfield Beach – The conditions were a little choppier than forecasted, but that didn't stop 20 boat crews from fishing the Two Georges at the Cove 9th Annual Billfish Tournament on Feb. 2.

According to Captain Skip Dana, "the bite was slow," however, his boat, *Sir' Reel*, owned by Joey Accardi, won the event by catching and releasing three sailfish.

With only a total of 13 sailfish caught all day by the boats, it's a good thing the *Sir' Reel* Fishing team was three-for-three on their catches.

Captain Dana ran north and



fished in 140 feet to 160 feet of water off the Palm Beach Inlet.

The 53-foot Hydra Sport Custom Boat *Suenos*, with quad 425 hp Yamahas and a crew of 11, slow trolled with live baits the entire day.

Two of the sails hit the google eyes and one was caught on a herring.

While the day started out a little bumpy, it calmed down in the afternoon.

His crew included Bluewater Movement, Inc. Fishing Tournament owner

Jamie Bunn, who got to fish this event instead of running one . . . and he took the First Place Top Angler Award.

The best part of this day is that it raised \$25,000 for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County [Jim & Jan Moran Unit, located in Deerfield Beach].

This event has raised over \$400,000 since it's inception and owner Steve Scaggs, since he purchased Two Georges at the Cove, has raised \$200,000.

1st Place: Sir Reel [3 Sailfish]

2nd Place: Gallant Legacy [2 Sailfish]

3rd Place: Chips Ahoy [2 Sailfish]

Top Angler 1st Place: Sir Reel - Jamie Bunn

2nd Place: Chips Ahoy - Ed Skiko



3rd Place: Gallant Legacy - Cameron Sousa

Trophy Fish: Kingfish - Shaka [West Clemente] 21.1lbs.

Dolphin - Skip Jac [Jack

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# Centennial

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including his involvement in the Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW] and Disabled American Veterans [DAV] organizations.

Paul Spera, a former commander of VFW North End Post 144, located 40 miles south of Boston, presented DiMatteo with a certificate of recognition from the national VFW office. DiMatteo also served as commander of Post 144 before he retired here.

Spera thanked DiMatteo and the other men of his generation for taking over the post after they got back from World War II and keeping it going for later generations.

He said the post has raised \$300,000 for charitable causes over the years, thanks to men like DiMatteo, including a recent \$10,000 donation to Coast Guard personnel and their families.

DAV Chapter 133 Commander Jerry Toomey, former commander Chuck McLaughlin and DAV member Lorraine Ahern presented DiMatteo with a special DAV shirt pinned with replacement medals; the ones he earned that were stolen from him.

“He’s become the pride and joy of the chapter,” said Ahern.

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### Solution to Crossword:

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Wednesday, February 6 • 11am-1pm

Broward Health North, Classroom 7 & 8

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### Heart Healthy Lecture & Cooking Demonstration

Wednesday, February 20 • 12pm-1pm

Broward Health North, Classroom 7 & 8

Discover dishes that are good for your heart health. Learn how to prepare healthy recipes that are nutritious and delicious. Enjoy a cooking demonstration and sample featured dishes. Seats are limited and reservations are required.

### Heart Health Screenings

Wednesday, February 13 • 7:30am-9:30am

Broward Health North, Classroom 7 & 8

In recognition of February as American Heart Month, Broward Health North will provide heart healthy screenings including glucose and cholesterol checks to patients, visitors and staff.

### Preventing & Managing Heart Disease – Panel Discussion

Wednesday, February 27 • 9am-10am

Broward Health North, Conference Center

Broward Health North is hosting a Q&A panel discussion featuring experts Kenneth Herskowitz, MD, cardiac surgeon, Andre Landau, MD, interventional cardiologist and Paul Rondino, MD, cardiologist. The event, aimed at raising awareness about heart disease for the community and staff, will take place from 9am-10am in Broward Health North's Conference Center.

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