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Pompano Beach named in sewer spill complaint; talks with county continue

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – This city and two other entities are being charged with six environmental violations arising from the 52 million gallons of raw sewage that spilled into the city’s canal systems on Jan. 4.

A hearing scheduled for March 28 was continued until Thursday, April 25 to give the parties more time to meet with county officials.

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Speeders on West Hillsboro Boulevard making it a high-risk zone

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – What eases the flow of traffic in rush hours – synchronized signals – is causing Hillsboro Boulevard to become a

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Liana Weintrob squeezes orange juice at Sunday’s Bean & Pepper Jamboree. Held every year at the Sample-McDougald House in Pompano Beach, the event promotes local agriculture and teaches children that food products, such as oranges and vegetables, are grown on farms before they are placed on supermarket shelves. See more photos on page 19. [Staff]

Hotel denies lodging to veteran with service dog; director of operations apologizes

By Michael d’Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – When Bill Powell’s drive from Orlando to Pompano Beach ended Saturday night, he hoped his next stop would be the hotel room he booked.

Instead, he said he had to find alternate accommodation because The Forum denied him lodging due to his traveling companion – Gemini, his golden retriever service dog.

“I can’t stress enough how humiliating it is as someone with a disability,” said the Marine Corps veteran and former law enforcement officer. “It was a remarkably distressing and humiliating experience.” Powell has been diagnosed with PTSD [Post Traumatic Stress Disorder].

According to Powell, staff members at The Forum, 600 SW 3 St., asked him for documented proof he needed a service animal.

See **SERVICE DOG** on page 9

Local champ brings home gold medal



Lee Scharf, Pompano Beach resident and athlete, won the unified one-mile ocean swim at the World Games in Abu Dhabi in March. See story on page 25.

‘Text to 911’ service now available

Broward County launched its \$140 million “Text to 911” emergency service this week.

The text 911 service is designated for any emergency covered under traditional emergency phone calls, including victims of an active shooter, medical emergency, domestic violence or home invasion.

See **TEXT TO 911** on page 21

Butterfly garden program aims for 150 habitats

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea – This seaside town and its garden club are encouraging home, condo and business owners to create butterfly gardens throughout the community.

The town is a member of the National Wildlife Federation [NWF], which encourages cities across the

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'The IRS will never call'; police chief warns of scams

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea – In past weeks, the Broward Sheriff's Office here has received numerous calls about telephone scams.

Some residents have fallen for the schemes, Capt. Thomas Palmer reported at last week's commission meeting.

One of the most common is from callers alleging they are the IRS. "One resident succumbed to the fraud and gave \$10,000 in gift cards and wired additional funds.

"The IRS will never contact you by telephone," Palmer said. "If you are ever contacted by the IRS, you'll get a nice little letter in your mailbox."

Palmer urged residents who believe they may have been scammed to call BSO.

Another scam a resident reported was from a caller claiming to be from a detention facility. He said the resident's grandchild was in custody and asked for gift cards for bail.

The resident sent the cards, and the caller took the funds from the card.

"If it sounds too good to be true or the hair on the back of your neck stands up with the call, contact us," Palmer said. "We're more than happy to verify if the call is legitimate. No government agency will accept gift cards."

The calls usually come from overseas, and the callers constantly change numbers, so the cases are challenging.

Palmer urged residents to be cautious, adding that he enjoys it when the scammers call him. "They usually say they will issue a warrant for my arrest and are going to call the local sheriff's office. I just say 'Really' and hang up."

Commissioner Randy Strauss said some of the scammers claim they're from FPL. If residents get those calls, he said they should call back the number on their FPL bill, not the number the caller gives them by phone or email.

-Judy Vik

Removing store that sells puppy mill dogs is difficult, despite the city's code

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Oakland Park – Despite "misperceptions" voiced by the public at a recent commission meeting, City Attorney DJ Doody said the city is enforcing an ordinance banning the retail sale of puppies that aren't from animal rescue organizations.

During the March 20 commission meeting, half a dozen people asked commissioners why the city wasn't enforcing its ordinance and shutting Puppy Collection, 4001 N. Federal Hwy., a store they said was selling the outlawed dogs.

After commissioners dealt with other business for nearly two hours, Doody said the

city is enforcing the ordinance through code enforcement but the ordinance doesn't allow it to close the business.

The commission adopted an ordinance in December 2017 to prohibit retail sale of dogs and cats by private, for-profit entities that don't engage in animal rescue operations.

Since then, the city has proactively taken steps to administer the ordinance through its code enforcement process, Doody wrote in a memo to city officials.

The city issued its first warning notice to Puppy Collection, Inc. in June 2018. Notice was issued to GenPath, Ltd., owner of the building.

The landlord was informed the tenant was operating in violation of city ordinance.

After two inspections, the city found the business not in compliance and a hearing was set for Oct. 16, 2018.

The magistrate found that GenPath was in violation of the ordinance.

The order was entered against GenPath as code enforcement penalties are enforced against property owners.

Puppy Collection removed its dogs off the showroom floor and held them in the employees only area which made proving the violation more difficult, Doody wrote.

"At the hearing, city staff provided excellent testimony and presented well-researched evidence, including Puppy

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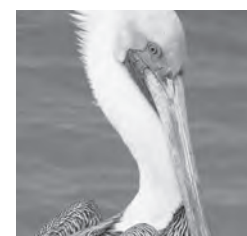
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Committee wants stoplight at MLK and NW 18 Avenue

By Judy Vik

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Pompano Beach – As residents and officials celebrate getting a traffic signal at Martin Luther King Boulevard and Northwest 27 Avenue, another location is already being eyed.

Now a stoplight is needed at Martin Luther King Boulevard and Northwest 18 Avenue, Commissioner

Beverly Perkins told the NW CRA Advisory Committee Monday.

Horacio Danovich, CIP director, agreed.

“A design team working on Phase 3 of the MLK Boulevard resurfacing project said we have to do it. There’s only a pedestrian signal there now.”

The Florida Department of Transportation stopped plans for the signal because the

county did its traffic analysis and said it doesn’t qualify.

“This area will be highly populated by the senior community with senior housing and a senior activity center going in,” said Danovich, who “vigorously objected” to the county’s comments.

“If we don’t move on it today, when the seniors are there, we’re too late,” he said.

“The way to prove it qualifies is the number of accidents,” Danovich said.

“Now all we can do is revisit data. The county says there have been only three accidents in five years at the intersection. But those are only the ones reported. We

have to double-check the statistics and check with BSO on what they see. Their voice is strong.”

“We need the community to stress the need,” said Committee Chair Whitney Rawls.

“We did that with County Commissioner Mark Bogen on the need for the light on 27th. Now we have two commissioners serving Pompano Beach. If we need to write a letter to commissioners to add fuel to the fire, I will do that. Broward County Transportation is slow to act.”

“The time to move is now. Don’t wait for five people to get killed,” said Shelton

Pooler, a committee member.

Another member, Veronica Thomas, suggested a town hall meeting for people who cross the street. Children try to cross at that intersection, she said.

“This fight won’t be yours alone,” Phyllis Smith, who lives in Collier City and heads the civic association there, told Perkins. “I will fight for this light.”

LBTS opposes bills controlling regulation of vacation rentals

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea – Commissioners last week approved a resolution urging the Florida Legislature and the governor to oppose bills that preempt all local regulations of vacation rentals.

Senate Bill 82 would remove the protection of grandfathered regulations and require any existing or future ordinance to apply to all residential properties.

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"I get judged"; fundraiser aims for awareness of 'invisible disabilities'

By Michael d'Oliveira

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Pompano Beach – When Kendall Miller uses a service meant for persons with disabilities, some people assume she's taking advantage.

"I get judged or people don't believe me," said Miller, a Pompano Beach resident and freshman at Florida Gulf Coast University.

She often gets judged because her disability, which leaves her prone to blackouts and unable to exert herself physically for extended periods of time, is one that can't be seen.

"People don't know what I go through."

To raise awareness about "invisible disabilities," Miller started the Water Balloon Bullseye Invisible Disabilities Awareness event three years



Larry Mellgren, past president of Pompano Beach Lighthouse Point Rotary, watched his recently departed water balloon sail towards the bullseye. Cardinal Gibbons students Nathan Alexis [right] and Leon Downey hold the sling. [Staff photos]



Kendall Miller [second from right], founder of the event, with her service dog, Melvin; Devon Roosna, chair of the event [far right]; Ted Seay, Melvin's trainer; and Mary Miller, Kendall's mother.

ago. Held Sunday at Four Fields Complex, local politicians, business owners and

community leaders, including Mayor Rex Hardin and Exchange Club of Pompano Beach President Jon Saluk, exposed themselves to a water balloon barrage.

Along with selling water balloons to hurl at human targets via sling, there were auction prizes, a corn hole tournament and CPR classes. The money raised

benefits New Horizons, an organization that trains service dogs. It also benefits a scholarship in the name of Daniel Cucchi, a former BSO detective in Tamarac who committed suicide in 2015. New Horizons is the organization that trained Miller's service dog, Melvin, a golden doodle.

"He helps me with long distances," said Miller. But even with a visible sign, some still don't see the "invisible disability." Bill Powell, a Marine Corps veteran with PTSD [post traumatic stress disorder], said some people still assume there's nothing wrong with

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Beach lot owner sets up camp to protest club's use of her property

By Judy Wilson

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Deerfield Beach – Kristina Clothier has set up a campsite on two beach lots she owns seaward of the Berkshire Beach Club. She gained access to her property Sunday, March 31, via a beach right of way just south of the club.

It was a well-planned move. Clothier rented planks that she and her son laid in the sand in order to drive her 35-foot Winnabago onto her property. Once there, they rigged up a tent with camo curtains, set up a generator, propane tanks and waste disposal system.

When morning came, time-share owners at the Berkshire Club, 500 N. A1A, had an unexpected view.

And an unexpected visitor. To prove her point about private property, Clothier had taken a dip in the Berkshire pool.

“If I can’t go on their private property, they can’t go on mine,” she said.

The Berkshire Club website advertises a private beach as one of its amenities when



Kristina Clothier chats with a beachgoer outside the compound she has set up on her property east of the Berkshire Beach Club. The beach access used by Clothier to gain entry to her sand is now closed to vehicles. [Staff]

the beach in fact belongs to Clothier whose dad bought it in the 80s.

She said she’s pitched camp in an effort to get the city or the club to buy her property.

The appearance of Clothier’s RV has not gone unnoticed.

Tuesday night, resident Michelle Peterson urged city officials not to “give our taxpayer money to another person trying to extort money from the city.”

supplies.

After a year of negotiating, the city purchased the lots for \$1.7 million.

A few years earlier, the city paid another beach lot owner \$2 million so that it could expand and renovate the fishing pier.

Peterson said the issue is between Clothier and the Berkshire Club.

“The city should stay out of this dispute and not let our tax dollars be wasted again.”

Clothier said this week her angst began with the pier sand purchase.

“Why not pay us and get it over with?” she said. Her land is zoned 09; recreation vehicles are allowed. She is realistic about the fact there are limited potential buyers for her sand.

Clothier said she has not put a price on her property but wants “something fair and

reasonable for all parties.” As for Berkshire’s involvement, she said a letter she wrote suggesting a business partnership was “rudely dismissed.”

A time-share visitor at the Berkshire Club recalled the earlier incident involving the six sand lots. Not willing to give his name, he pondered this new situation.

“Why didn’t the city go to eminent domain for the other beach properties at that time?”

Mayor Bill Ganz was a commissioner when the city purchased the six beach lots in 2016. The sale was encouraged by the late Jean Robb, mayor at the time, Ganz said, against his wishes.

When a suggestion was made that the city attempt to acquire other privately-owned beach lots, Ganz remarked

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Letters

Don't 'throw away' millions on preserving 'unsightly' McNab House, says resident



A concept rendering of the McNab House developed into a restaurant. [Courtesy]

Dear Editors;

It's inconceivable to me that the East CRA would even consider spending citizens' money on a sentimental dream of the Pompano Beach Historical Society, which they cannot afford.

But it's downright appalling that they would spend our money on favorable consultants to put together a glossy, distorted, environmentally unattainable presentation to sell this fiscal fiasco.

The concept that this unsightly, non-historic house will be turned into an unsightly, non-historic restaurant – if it does not transfer into rubble – will become a destination attraction once moved to McNab Park, and therefore an asset to the community and business district on E. Atlantic Boulevard, is absurd.

This is a proposal to throw away \$2,700,000 plus with no end in sight, for a small, special interest group, while ignoring the larger special interest group, called the residents of Pompano Beach and those who utilize the facilities at McNab Park.

I can only hope that those with the power of spending our money will recognize this project as a sentimental, bottomless pit, in which to throw our money.

And I would like to believe that the Ocean Wave mural at McNab Park, the incubator to Pompano's Art in the Park projects, holds intrinsic value to the entire population of Pompano Beach and our visitors.

Sharron Chiappetta

Save the Historic McNab House

Commissioner Tom McMahon

GUEST COLUMNIST

Pompano Beach's rich cultural heritage dates back to 1908, and is the second oldest city in Broward County. Over the decades, there have been countless historic buildings demolished and replaced with new construction. While new development is essential for a community's success, the history of a community contributes greatly to its personality. Historic preservation provides a link to the roots of the community and its people. Overall, historic preservation adds to the quality of life making for a more livable community.

The McNab House, an iconic, 1926 historic structure made of yellow brick located on the south side of Atlantic Boulevard and 17th Avenue is one of the oldest homes in Pompano Beach and had been in the McNab family for generations. The McNab family has generously offered to donate their beautiful, historic 3300 square foot home, to the City of Pompano Beach for future generations to enjoy. This is a unique opportunity to save some of our city's history.



Tom McMahon.

The donation of this home was first offered to the Pompano Beach

Historical Society in April of 2017. The McNab Family had decided to downsize and sell the property so the family worked with a developer to see if they could donate the house before it was demolished.

In April 2017, the Pompano Beach Historical Society Board voted to do everything they could to help preserve this pioneer family's home. The board created a committee to save the house, seeking locations to move this historic home. After meeting with moving companies, the committee determined that moving it to another location in the city was not an option due to utilities and trees in the median on Atlantic Boulevard.

The committee then came up with a plan logistically and geographically fitting which is to move it a few blocks east of its current location to McNab Park. Coincidentally, the McNab Park land was originally owned by the McNab Family who donated it to the City in 1949, making it the ideal place to relocate the house.

The Pompano Beach Historical Society brought the conceptual plan of the move to McNab Park to the City where consultants also assessed the feasibility of the move. The City had concerns that turning the historical house into a museum would incur long term, ongoing costs to operate the historic home. The Historical Society then came up with the idea to make it a restaurant for everyone to enjoy, similar to the popular Sundry House in Delray Beach. This plan would not only work from a logistical standpoint but could become a landmark gathering space for the community, unique place for visitors and improve an underused park. The plan also calls for lush landscaping and botanical gardens around the house for residents and tourists to enjoy. The Sundry House concept has space for weddings and events with a small bed and breakfast.

The City of Pompano Beach has an incredible, once in a life time opportunity to preserve a piece of its history and save the McNab House from demolition.

Tips on attracting butterflies

Butterflies and native flowering plants have co-evolved over thousands of years and depend on each other for survival. Native plants provide butterflies with nectar and also serve as host plants for their caterpillars.

You'll have the most success at attracting butterflies if you plant both native nectar plants as well as caterpillar host plants.

Some plants serve both purposes.

1. Plant for continuous bloom. Butterflies need nectar throughout the adult phase of their life span. Plant your wildlife garden so when one plant stops blooming, another begins to provide nectar continuously.

2. Plant natives. Native plants are the best way to attract butterflies because they offer food sources butterflies evolved with. You can supplement with non-invasive blooming annuals that provide nectar, such as zinnias and sunflowers, or herbs that serve as host plants such as parsley and dill.

3. Avoid herbicides and pesticides. These chemicals will kill butterflies and other beneficial insects in both adult and larval phases, and herbicides kill off native plants that butterflies and caterpillars need.

4. Provide a place to rest. Butterflies need sun to warm their wings for flight. Place flat stones in your garden to provide space for butterflies to rest and bask in the sun.

5. Provide cover. Butterflies need cover from bad weather. Plant dense patches of wildflower and shrubs or build a brush pile to offer shelter.

6. Give them a place for puddling. Butterflies often congregate on wet sand and mud to partake in "puddling," drinking water and extracting minerals from damp puddles. Create a puddling area by mixing coarse sand and organic compost in a shallow pan and adding water to create mud.

Making a Difference

Women of Purpose honored at Pompano Beach Cultural Center



Phyllis J. Neuberger wants your suggestions about people making a difference. Phyllis' book, *China Dahl*, is available on Amazon.com. Send your recommendations for this column to pelicanfrontdesk@gmail.com

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

The Tiger Trail, Inc. was founded in 1995 to celebrate those who have contributed to Pompano Beach through service and economic empowerment. The event held on March 30 at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center was its first Women of Purpose breakfast, co-chaired by Elizabeth Phillips and Gladys Cameron.

A handsome, complementary souvenir journal was given to guests at



The Women of Purpose recipients with local politicians and community leaders. [Photos courtesy of Elzie Fuller]

the packed event. The journal introduced each honoree with her photo and a short biographical sketch.

The program, preceding breakfast, began with a prayer by Pastor Anthony Campbell.

Mayor Rex Hardin then welcomed the guests and expressed his gratitude to the Tiger Trail for honoring and hosting this Women of Purpose Breakfast. He said, "You have brought a sense of inspiration and pride to Pompano Beach."

Ed Phillips, Tiger Trail Festival chairperson, said, "As we recognize national women's month in this nation, I would like to take a moment to recognize and appreciate some extraordinary ladies in our community, who in their own way, have made very positive efforts to make the

lives of others more fulfilling and rewarding.

"These courageous women have dared to forge new roads to create a world where future possibilities are limitless. Their stories are an inspiration for us all."

State Rep. Perry Thurston welcomed the elected officials in attendance. Lature Mohorn sang a solo and Jocelyn Jackson performed a Praise Dance.

Awards were presented and Elizabeth Phillips closed this very successful event with thanks to her co-chair, Gladys Cameron and the Tiger Trail Festival Committee who made the event possible and the guests who were so generous with their support.

The women honored are: Beverly Perkins, Dawn Richards, Phyllis Saxon



Carolyn Mann, a Woman of Purpose.

Smith, Carolyn Mann, Delbert Mohorn, Monica Riberio, Kim Duncan, Dahlia Baker, Vatina Ballard, Nakenya Robinson, Charlotte Burrie, Mary Phillips, State Rep. Patricia Williams, Jassman Lesale, Gladys Cameron, Shelly Bartholomew, Sandra King and State Representative Patricia Williams.

Honorable Achievers are: Alice Chattman, Mary Jones, Cherolyn Davis, Ludie Saintil, Peggy Carter, Cynthia Floyd and Angeline Flowers.

Carolyn Mann, an account executive with *The Pelican*, was one of the honorees. We

are proud of our own and want to thank her for the many outstanding volunteer projects in which she has participated.

"You have brought a sense of inspiration and pride to Pompano Beach." - Hardin

Since 2013, Mann has served as president of Unity in the Community, a very successful citywide event. She is active in the Pompano Lighthouse Rotary Club, New Presbyterian Church, Broward Republican Executive Committee and she plays the flute in the Fort Lauderdale Symphonic Winds.

Born and raised in Johnson County, Indiana, Mann attended Purdue University where she earned a B. S. degree in Agriculture. She worked for 14 years in horticulture before making a career change.

Mann has been an investment advisor representative with Primerica for 20 years. She's quick to say that she enjoys the freedom of working for herself because it gives her time to volunteer.

She and husband, Tom, moved to Pompano Beach in 1992. She traces her life motto, which is "make a difference," back to the seventh grade when her home economics teacher asked the class to write an essay about life goals.

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Committee caps renovations for Annie Gillis Park at \$450,000

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – The estimated cost for improvements to Annie Gillis Park will be around \$600,000 and could be more.

That's according to Horacio Danovich, CIP and Innovation District director, at the NW CRA Advisory Committee Monday.

Danovich said he felt comfortable that figure would cover all the proposed improvements, permitting and provide a little contingency if something unexpected occurs. "The market is extremely hot these days, and contractors are very busy," he said.

The NW CRA has \$150,000 in its account for the project. Danovich said there are funding sources he can tap into.

He will finish up the plans and put the project out to bid to get exact numbers.

"It's important to act very rapidly," he said, since construction prices keep going up.

Asked by a resident why the costs are so high, Danovich said it's because of the products they're using, the design, landscaping and concrete.

"The cost is \$6,000 for each light fixture, and concrete for sidewalks is now \$8 per square foot."

"This is a passive park on steroids," said Committee Chair Whitney Rawls.

He suggested that \$250,000 budgeted for security in the northwest area should be used instead for the park improvements.

Nguyen Tran, CRA director, said some of those funds already have gone to pay for the relocation of Grisham Hotel residents to make way for development.

Rawls suggested they set the budget at \$450,000 and the committee unanimously



At last week's commission meeting, the proposed sculpture [pictured above] was rejected by the city commission. The sculpture, which would have been placed in Annie Gillis Park, is unrelated to the city's plans to redevelop the park. [Courtesy]

approved.

MLK building ready for occupancy

A 1,000 square foot building at 737 Martin Luther King Blvd., acquired by the Community Redevelopment Agency [CRA] in 2013, has been renovated and is ready to be sold or leased.

The buyer or lessee will be required to hold the title for

three to five years.

A member of the NW CRA Advisory Committee will serve on the selection committee and help rank the firms that apply to use the building.

Annie Adderly Gillis Park sculpture rejected

After Commissioner Beverly Perkins expressed her opposition to a piece of public

art last week, the rest of the commission followed suit and voted against approving it.

"Chat" by artist Shohini Gosh, is a sculpture that depicts three African American figures.

The artwork would have been placed at Annie Adderly Gillis Park. The city has budgeted \$25,000 for the project.

Perkins said the sculpture doesn't relate to the African American community that surrounds the park.

She also said the figures in the sculpture don't look like the people in that community. "We don't look like that. They look like they're from outer space. It's just not a good look."

The Public Art Committee recommended the sculpture to the commission.

Laura Atria, public art program manager, said the committee plans to choose another piece of art to submit to the commission.

CRA board seeks security firms; committee not happy with current services

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Six companies want to provide security services in the Northwest and East CRA Districts and the CRA Board will consider those proposals April 16.

The applicants can't be revealed yet due to confidentially agreements, Kim Vazquez, project manager said.

A five-year contract with PSC [Professional Security Consultants] is coming to an end. PSC was paid \$300,000 annually for work in the northwest and \$75,000 for the east. The company's employees, who wear yellow shirts, provide extra patrol services.

The intent was to provide

extra eyes and ears on the street and to report incidents, but not make arrests.

A new addition to the requirements is for personnel to wear body cameras.

The selection committee included an assistant city manager, two CRA staff members and code enforcement. Broward Sheriff's Office representatives attended.

The fact that no one from the NW Advisory Committee was included did not sit well with the committee.

"The chance to speak on this by this committee has been overstepped. It's important that we play a part in it," said Chairman Whitney Rawls. "It would be nice if we didn't just spin our wheels on any issue and then be overstepped."

Not everyone in the audience thought the added security services were needed.

"What they're doing you can get from COP [Citizen Observer Patrols] for free," said resident Tundra King, a retired police captain.

"It's a total waste of city money," King added. "You need to reallocate funds to something that's working."

Rawls responded "PSC is largely ineffective because they didn't get support from BSO for years. The city manager needs to step up and say, 'BSO, do your damn job.' If the next firm can't get support from BSO, they won't be effective."

"BSO doesn't do community policing," said Nguyen Tran, CRA director.

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Firefighters fire up the grill



Firefighter Ryan Murray cooks pancakes at the recent Volunteer Firefighters Pancake Breakfast at Jarvis Hall in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. Along with the pancakes, the event featured fire trucks and safety checks of fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and child car seats. [Courtesy]

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Service dog

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When Powell tried to explain that the law doesn't require him to provide documentation and that the ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act] requires he be given lodging, he said a manager declared that The Forum's policy is to not allow service dogs.

"I told him he is essentially breaking the law. He said, 'It doesn't really matter. It's Forum policy' . . . I continued to stress to him the ADA is very clear. You can't break the law because it's your policy to break the law."

In addition to being illegal, Powell added that asking for paperwork is also useless because there's no standardized government form to prove a dog is a service animal. He said it's very easy to go online and print out fake documents.

According to Florida Statute 413.08 and the ADA, public establishments cannot deny service or accommodation, including lodging, to persons with service animals.



Bill Powell and Gemini. [Courtesy]

Under state law, a service animal can be a dog or miniature horse that is trained to perform tasks to assist an individual with a disability, including a "physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability."

Under the ADA, only dogs can be considered service animals.

Powell said Gemini is trained to help him cope with his PTSD. Whenever he begins to experience an episode of PTSD, he said Gemini senses it and is trained to get his attention and help alleviate any anxiety or other negative effects of his condition.

Under state and federal law,

persons with service animals are not required to provide documentation to prove the animal is trained.

A public establishment may only ask two questions: "Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability? What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?"

Powell said he was not asked those questions by the staff but asked and answered them anyway because he wanted to satisfy the law.

"That would be ludicrous for me not answer the two questions."

Ralph Button, The Forum's director of operations, said he talked with his staff and the company attorney and determined that Powell should have been allowed to stay at the hotel.

Going forward, he said staff will ask individuals with service dogs to fill out a form with the two questions that can be legally asked. "[We'll] take the word of the individual."

He also apologized to Powell.

"We were ignorant of the law, and we're resolving it. I can't change the past but I can apologize and try to make it right."

He suggested possibly

offering Powell a free stay or some other compensation.

As a Baptist, Powell said he expected more of a Christian establishment.

Although The Forum is a hotel, it's also a ministry.

The company's website states that it is a part of "OneHope . . . an international ministry that presents a Biblical message of purpose and hope for children and youth around the world."

Powell said he expects all public establishments to know and follow the law. "But above any other business, I would expect that a Christian business obey the laws. As a Christian myself, I found it very much the opposite of what we believe."

Added Button, "I also am a Baptist and, as a Baptist, I would say no one is perfect."

The incident, said Powell, could have forced him to sleep in his car or drive back home. As of Tuesday, the hotel's hold on his credit card was still in place.

"Thankfully, I am blessed to have been able to afford another hotel room that night," he said, referring to The Westin Fort Lauderdale.

He praised that hotel staff for accommodating him and Gemini and for their "compassion and

professionalism."

Ironically, Powell traveled here to attend an event designed to raise awareness for persons with "invisible disabilities."

The event's founder, Kendall Miller, has a circulatory disease and said she's often judged by others because it doesn't look like she's disabled. [See story on page 4].

It's an experience they've both encountered multiple times.

"I believe there'd be a different reaction if I was in a wheelchair," said Powell.

Powell said he has contacted an attorney about possibly filing a civil suit against The Forum.

Free parking on Wilton Drive

Wilton Manors – Parking is free along Wilton Drive until Sept. 30. City officials instituted the free parking to help Wilton Drive businesses struggling with construction. Officials estimate construction will be finished by the end of August of this year. The free parking is available 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is good for four hours maximum. Parking fees kick in from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m.

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Butterfly

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country to help homeowners create small gardens and habitats for butterflies, birds and other natural wildlife.

Now, through “Butterflies-By-The-Sea,” a local team aims to create at least 150 new butterfly habitats.

With the town’s year-round population of 5,000, it needs that number to become a certified butterfly wildlife sanctuary. So far about 20 are certified.

Broward is the first county to be certified as a community wildlife habitat by the NWF.

Allison Zack, an LBTS resident and Lauderdale-By-The Sea Garden Club member, is leading the team effort, along with members Gail Matonik, Chris Villata and Carol Smith, Town Commissioner Edmund Malkoon, former Commissioner Mark Brown and Steve d’Oliveira, the town’s public information officer. Serving as advisor is Rose Bechard-Butman, outreach coordinator with NatureScape Broward.

The garden club launched this effort in November by sponsoring an “Environmental Awareness Day,” working with the town and NatureScape Broward. The event featured speakers on butterfly gardens, sea oats, sea turtles, manatees and staghorn coral. About 60 people attended.

The town commission approved \$2,500 for the awareness day and butterfly project.

Because of the adverse impact of development, fewer and fewer places exist for native plants, trees, butterflies, birds and wildlife to thrive.

Native plants thrive here, and what is planted determines which butterflies are attracted.

For example, the passion flower attracts the zebra longwing, the state butterfly. Butterfly weed attracts the monarch and queen



Allison Zack, team leader of butterfly project, in the butterfly garden at town hall, working with Mike Walker of the town’s Community Standards Department. [Staff]



Mark Brown at Corniche garden, a certified wildlife habitat.

butterflies.

The largest certified butterfly garden on private property here is at the Corniche Condominium, where an area which previously had a “kind of a raggedy look” has been transformed.

Landscapers took out the grass and restored the area to a natural dune state, according to Mark Brown, a Corniche board member.

Brown, also part of the butterfly project team, enlisted the help of the Youth Environmental Alliance [YEA]. They bused in 100 volunteers from a Miami company.

“They were overjoyed to work with something this big,” Brown said. Lee Gottlieb of YEA enlisted the volunteers, and Kristen Hoss, YEA executive director, picked out the plants.

The Corniche condo paid for the plants and mulch.

In a tour of the garden, Brown pointed out the beach sunflowers, golden creepers and sea lavender that were planted. The morning glory and heliotrope, he said, grew on their own.

When he was a commissioner, Brown added the butterfly garden project to the long-term planning list and suggested working to get the town certified as a National Wildlife Habitat.

“Turtles, butterflies and birds need a habitat where they can live, eat and raise their young,” Brown said.



Volunteers who planted the butterfly garden at Corniche condominium were part of Project ROC, a collaboration between Youth Environmental Alliance and HandsOn Broward.

“This is what it takes to do that in this environment,” he said, looking down on the garden from a second floor patio.

“I’m proud of what we’ve done here. I hope it sets an example for the rest of the town and others get involved. We try to sell the town as environmentally sensitive, and we do a lot to protect the reefs and beach. This is another part of that effort.”

While in office, Brown led the effort to plant sea oats. At last count, 100,000 sea oats had been planted “and we’re still going strong.” Recently, 110 fifth-graders from Pine Crest School planted 5,000 sea oats near the Windjammer Resort.

Corniche was one of the first condos to plant sea oats – 1,000 of them – and a two-foot dune was the result.

Corniche didn’t lose any sand during Hurricane Irma.

Pollinator gardens planted in a pot

Butterfly gardens don’t have to be large to qualify for this

program. Pollinator gardens can be planted in a pot.

Condo residents are encouraged to add a pollinator garden to their balconies.

“Those who have an open balcony could add the pots up to the ninth floor,” Allison Zack said. That’s as high as butterflies can fly.

Two varieties of plants are included that provide nectar. Water is added in a small saucer with enough sand to keep it moist.

Zack, the butterfly project team leader, is a certified Florida Master Naturalist and a National Wildlife Federation Habitat Steward.

She and her husband, Mike Violante, volunteer to help with coastal dune restorations here. She is also a grant writer for YEA which provides funds for school educational programs and coastal dune restorations. She is an active member of both the LBTS and Lighthouse Point Garden Clubs.

YEA has installed more than 155 pollinator gardens

at more than 102 locations in Florida. It has planted more than 44,000 sea oats and diversity plants, many along the coast here, to help restore coastal dunes.

At a recent commission meeting, where Zack presented commissioners with pollinator gardens, she said, “We’re just getting started.”

Businesses that support the club’s efforts are NuTurf in Pompano Beach, Alexander’s Landscape & Nursery in Davie, Lowe’s and Home Depot. Once a home or condo butterfly garden is completed, it can be registered online with the National Wildlife Federation. Registration fee is \$20.

The garden club is selling the pollinator gardens for \$25, which covers the cost of materials. They’re available at the LBTS Green Market at El Prado Park on Sundays or by contacting Zack at agzack1@yahoo.com.

Tips on attracting butterflies can be found on page 6.



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Local parks pay homage to the gopher tortoise

In the midst of the sea turtle season [March 1 to Oct. 31], that blissful time of turtle birthing, there are some gopher tortoises that have never left and pine for some attention.

Thanks to Broward County Parks, these Gopherus Polyphemus will get their due honor from Saturday, April 6 to Sunday, April 14 at three local parks, starting tomorrow at Deerfield Island Park.

The celebration runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes a walk-through burrow to experience the gopher tortoise lifestyle.

Rick McKenzie, former Broward County Parks aide, says this tortoise can engineer a burrow 20 feet deep and 40 feet long.

“The gopher tortoise lives in dry sandy areas, which is also a place open to lightning



The gopher tortoise prefers a dry habitat. [Courtesy]

fires,” says McKenzie. “When that happens, the tortoise finds refuge in the burrow.”

And so do other animals that live in these habitats. A common burrow-mate for the tortoise is the indigo snake, the largest non-venomous snake in North America, and like the tortoise, it is

also labeled as a threatened species.

Other animals that seek the burrow in a fire are raccoons and rats.

McKenzie explains that fires are important to maintain the dry habitat. Without a natural fire every five years, park officials create controlled

burns.

“Otherwise, the dry area would eventually become a forest, not conducive for the tortoise.”

Other activities planned at Deer Island Park are crafts and educational games. And don't miss story time with Ira Wechterman and Odessa the tortoise.

On Wednesday, April 10, visit the island's research lab with Katherine Hendrickson who will discuss the future of this tortoise.

Deerfield Island Park is located at 1720 Deerfield Island Park, Deerfield Beach. Call 954-357-5100.

The celebration at Fern Forest Nature Center offers a tortoise walk, April 10 at noon and 3 p.m. On April 14, spend the day at Fern Forest with presentations, walks and crafts.

Fern Forest Nature Center is located at 201 Lyons Rd. South, Coconut Creek. Call 954-357-5198.

Tortoise celebrations are also scheduled at Long Key Natural Area & Nature Center, 3501 SW 130 Ave., Davie. Call 954-357-8797.

-Anne Siren

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Complaint

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“Maybe we can resolve this issue without a hearing,” said W. Gail Custode, the county’s enforcement program coordinator.

The notice of violation came after a “series” of complaints, Custode said. It charges the City of Pompano Beach, Prince Contracting and the Florida Department of Transportation [FDOT] with six violations of Broward’s environmental codes.

The sewage was released when Prince Contracting drilled into a 42-inch sewer pipe in the C-1 Canal while doing work for FDOT. The spill was not contained until Jan. 10.

At the beginning of the spill, the biggest complaint was the amount of time it took the city to notify residents. The spill occurred on a Friday and residents weren’t notified until the following Monday.

Now, three months later, the county wants to determine who had the primary responsibility to provide the contractor with the information on the location of the pipe that was pierced.

If the contractor who drilled into the pipe was aware of its exact location, the spill

**“The breach occurred on FDOT and Broward County roadways. This was not our right of way, not our road, and not our responsibility.”
- Harrison**

could have been avoided. City officials have repeatedly said they provided that information.

“There are multiple players responsible,” Custode said. The task now is to “investigate the incident to determine who is the responsible party.”

“Pipes can be in unexpected places because of obstacles. It’s important to do the research.”

In February, City Manager Greg Harrison responded to each of the six counts, saying in essence “This was not our project, not our road and not our right-of-way . . . For Broward County to include Pompano Beach, who had no responsibility and no control over the spill, is perplexing and insulting.”

The counts, in brief are:

Count 1 – Discharging untreated sewage into the

C-1 Canal and downstream receiving waters.

Harrison’s response, summarized: “Crews working on behalf of FDOT breached a sewage transfer pipe owned by the city. The breach occurred on FDOT and Broward County roadways. This was not our right of way, not our road, and not our responsibility.”

“Survey maps were readily available to FDOT and its contractors. If they failed to conduct due diligence which resulted in this health-threatening mistake, that is a violation on their part.”

Count 2 – Causing pollution by the release or discharge of untreated sewage so as to harm or have the potential to cause harm to human health, animal, plant, aquatic life or property.

Harrison: “Pompano Beach vigorously disputes count 2 for the same reasons.”

Count 3 – Discharging untreated sewage into the C-1 Canal and downstream waters. Introducing settleable substances that will form putrescence, sludge deposits, deleterious substances and odors as to pose a danger to the public health.

Harrison: “Count 3 continues with the same flawed logic. Responsibility for this resides with the FDOT

and its contractors. Pompano Beach did no digging. Pompano Beach did not fail to provide any requested information. Upon being notified of the spill, there was little the city could do until crews stopped the flow of the discharge.

The city had no control over the discharge, the direction of the flow or its final destination.”

Count 4 – Discharging untreated sewage into water or soil, which caused odors constituting a nuisance.

Harrison: “When notified of the breach, we immediately visited the site to determine if there was anything to be done. We did what we could to reduce the impacts to our residents and the environment.”

Count 5 – Failure to take water samples on Jan 5, 6, and 7 after the sewage spill occurred.

Harrison: “City staff focused on how to stop the flowing sewage and did not take samples until Monday.”

Count 6 – Failure to include in the city’s wastewater plans a method of notification to residents and businesses impacted by the spill.

Harrison: “City will amend its Wastewater Continuity Service Plan to include a provision for a method of public notification.”

According to the hearing notice, after hearing the evidence, the hearing examiner may assess a civil penalty of up to \$15,000 per violation per day as well as administrative costs.

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Quilts of Valor; veterans receive “welcome home” quilts

By Michael d’Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – When retired Navy pilot James Hughes was wrapped in his Quilt of Valor recently, it was the kind of “welcome home” his wife believes he should have received 50 years ago.

“They never got their parade,” said Reeda Hughes of her husband and the millions of other veterans who were deployed to Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War.

“I got hit a few times but was never shot down, thank God,” said Hughes, who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and flew 200 missions over North Vietnam; many over North Vietnam’s capital, Hanoi.

Instead of a parade for their heroism and sacrifice, Reeda



Beverly DeCrane wraps her son, Marine Corps veteran Eric DeCrane, with the quilt she made him in honor of his service. [Photos courtesy of Downtown Photos]



Quilter Barbara Barron and U.S. Navy veteran John “Jack” Savko.

says the veterans were met with protesters who blamed them for the war.

With the quilts, the organizers of Journey Home Ceremony & Quilts of Valor Presentation sought to give Hughes and other veterans a much warmer welcome home.

“It was wonderful. It was very emotional, very touching,” said Hughes, whose father was an Army Air Force pilot who died in World War II and whose son is a Navy pilot who flew missions in the Balkans.

As a family of veterans with “three sets of wings,” James and Reeda said they

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By Malcolm McClintock

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To wit, the menu is replete with tantalizing favorites such as the always popular



Proprietor Joe Biondo is always ready to prepare a fresh, hand-tossed NY style pizza. [Photos by Malcolm McClintock]

fried eggplant rollatini with sliced ham and ricotta, or the delightful Italian sub with genoa salami, mortadella, capicola, imported ham and provolone.

"Our Philly cheesesteak is also out of this world," asserts Joe who greets all his customers with a warm smile and inimitable personality.

"Believe me, if I don't like it then it's not on our menu."

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Outside Dining Area

Porsche dealership still using neighborhood for test drives, says resident

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Quenton Thompkins doesn't want to see his neighborhood used as a test track anymore.

Thompkins, who lives off Northwest 3 Avenue, says the nearby Champion Porsche dealership, 500 W. Copans Road, is using his neighborhood to conduct test drives at high speeds.

"They drive like they're on 95 or something. It's becoming a problem."

Thompkins brought up his concerns at a commission meeting in January.

"People have been complaining but no one is doing anything," he said.

In response, city commissioners directed Major Wayne Adkins, chief of the Broward Sheriff's Office in Pompano Beach, to contact the dealership. "Let them know our residential areas are not for test drives," said Mayor Rex Hardin.

"They assured us they would not use 3rd Avenue for testing [when they moved to their current location]," said Commissioner Beverly Perkins.

"We'll address the dealership ourselves. Give them fair warning," responded Adkins.

But, Thompkins told *The Pelican* last week, the test drives

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Disabilities

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him, even when he's with Gemini, his golden retriever service dog.

"They'll assume that I'm training the dog and that I don't need the dog . . . I believe there'd be a different reaction if I was in a wheelchair."

Powell said Gemini helps him focus on her whenever he's about to have a PTSD-related episode. "She'll nudge me or paw at me."

But not everyone suffering from PTSD or other "invisible disabilities" can get a service dog or wants one.

They may not feel like they qualify for one or they may not want the attention a service dog brings, said Powell.

That's why Powell, who lives in Orlando, drove to Pompano Beach last weekend to attend and support Miller's event.

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Quilts

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appreciated the celebration of service.

Presented by the South Florida Coalition of Quilts of Valor Quilters, a group of volunteer quilters, and MISSION UNITED, United Way of Broward County's veteran support organization, the Journey Home ceremony March 21 recognized veterans from wars and conflicts, including Iraq, Afghanistan, World War II and Korea.

"A welcome home matters," said Sherrill Valdes, a licensed clinical social worker who worked for the Veterans Administration for 32 years as a therapist and supervisor.

She added that each quilt

"It was a very touching moment. Our bond as warriors has never been stronger. Every stitch that these wonderful ladies make binds civilian and warrior alike."
- Rosenblatt

is also a "thank you" to each individual veteran's family. They, too, make sacrifices when loved ones serve at home and overseas; 44 veterans received quilts that day.

Dr. Sid Rosenblatt knows what it's like to sacrifice as both a soldier and as the father of a soldier.

He remembers his son, a Vietnam veteran, coming home from the war. "It's been a long road. He was messed up," said Rosenblatt, a World War II Army veteran.

But he also remembers the ceremony where he received his Quilt of Valor and the one where his son received his.

"It was a very touching moment. Our bond as warriors has never been stronger. Every stitch that these wonderful ladies make binds civilian and warrior alike," said Rosenblatt.

Those bonds are exactly why each quilt is made, said Stormy Chevis, coordinator for the South Florida Quilts Coalition.

"It's more than just sewing together patches. It is the joy and journey of creating something beautiful and gifting it."

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Biondo's

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Malcolm McClintock holds an MBA and has lived in Thailand, Spain, France, Mexico, Canada and the US where he has developed a deep appreciation for world gastronomy.

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4/6 – The Coast Guard Auxiliary in Boca Raton will offer a one-day class “About Boating Safely” from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Spanish River Park HQ Bldg. The class is \$5 for teens [12-19]. For others, the cost is \$35. For questions or RSVP, call 561-391-3600 and leave a message.

Clubs

4/16 – South Florida Depression Glass Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Wilton Manors Women's Club, 600 NE 21 Court, Wilton Manors. Learn more about Vintage Glass & Pottery that is made in America. For additional information, call 954-649-9547.

4/9 – 7:30 a.m. Deerfield Beach Chamber hosts Coffee & Connections at Ocean 234 N. Ocean Blvd., Deerfield Beach. 954-427-1050.

4/15 - The Pompano Beach Garden Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach and is open to the public. The program “Flowers and Plants of the Everglades” presented by Tim Amann from the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. Call with any questions. 954-253-9938.

4/15 – 1 to 4 p.m. Rehabilitation of Imperiled Wildlife, Dr. Renata Schneider, DVM., Lighthouse Point Garden Club, Dixon Ahl Hall, 2220 NE 38 St., Lighthouse Point. c.caroline.steffen@aol.com.

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Events

4/6 – 7:30 p.m. Oasis-Beginner's Guide to the Cloud: This course will introduce the cloud and some of the popular services for file storage and backup, entertainment, and Productivity. Jan Moran Collier City Learning Library, 2800 NW 9 Court, Pompano Beach. 954-357-7670.

4/12 - Stranahan House's annual Pineapple Jam: A Party in Paradise for Preservation on from 6 to 10 p.m. at Stranahan House, 335 SE 6th Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Tickets \$150. Call 954-524-4736.

4/13 – Tour the Hillsboro Lighthouse. Take the shuttle from Sands Harbor Marina, 125 N. Riverside Dr, Pompano Beach. Boats depart on the hour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$35/Individual or \$50 for family or group of 4. Wear closed toed shoes to climb the lighthouse. Children must be 4 feet tall and accompanied by an adult. People with physical difficulties or health conditions need to consider the effort of climbing the small spiral staircase. For more information visit www.hillsborolighthouse.org. Call 954-242-3988.

4/13 – Celebrate spring at Community Park from 9 a.m. to noon. The free family event includes photo booths, bounce house and egg hunts. 954-786-4111.

Hikes

4/28 Apoxee Wilderness Trail, 3125 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach. Alan Collins will walk about 5 miles on trails in marshes and tropical hammocks. Walk starts at 7:30 a.m. Bring water. Contact: Alan Collins, 561-586-0486.

Music

4/6 - Broward Women's Choral Group performs Join us at the Oscars: Favorite Songs from the Movies. 7 p.m. at Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36 St., Pompano Beach. Tickets \$10. 954-942-8711.



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UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Puppy mill

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Collection's website claims which led to the magistrate's finding of violation," Doody said.

The magistrate allowed for a 45-day compliance period before daily fines of \$125 started running on Dec. 1, 2018.

The hearing to certify the fine and lien was held on March 5. Puppy Collection owners said they were moving out of their location and GenPath promised to initiate eviction proceedings. However, the firm remains at the property.

In providing evidence against Puppy Collection, the Broward Sheriff's Office sent two undercover detectives to purchase a dog and prove the store and landlord continued to violate the ordinance.

The fine continues to accrue at \$125 per day. "The city will continue to vigorously pursue the matter," Doody said.

Puppy Collection has filed a lawsuit against the city challenging legality of the city's ordinance. It initially sought a preliminary injunction against the city to prevent enforcement of the ordinance. The court denied the preliminary injunction.

The lawsuit is presently at the discovery stage and no trial date has yet been set.

"The city will continue to vigorously pursue the matter." - Doody

Among those addressing the commission during the public comments on March 20 was Don Anthony, communications director of the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida. He asked, "Why pass an ordinance you refuse to enforce?"

Donna Watson said the store owner sells sick puppies, and has 26 pages of bad Yelp reviews. She said she had emailed commissioners about the store and received "vague, different answers."

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Suicide prevention to be discussed at civic group

Pompano Beach – Mental illness and its impact on the community is the topic at the Wednesday, April 10 Cypress Civic Group at 7 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Center, 1801 NE 6 St. Joel Smith, program director for FISP [Florida Institute for Suicide Prevention] will address the conditions of depression, helplessness, hopelessness, alienation and trauma that negatively impact quality of life and lead to at-risk behavior and suicide. FISP supports more than 50 HOPE Sunshine Clubs, in secondary school locations, to create a pro-social opportunity for students. Membership renewal applications will be available before the meeting begins. The meeting is free and open to the public. Email cypresscivicassociation@gmail.com for more information.

Tax prep for city residents

Oakland Park – Residents can have taxes prepared for free through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance [VITA] program at the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library, 1298 NE 37 St. IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers provide free basic income tax return preparation and determine an individual's eligibility for special tax credits. Before going, call the library at 954-630-4370 to find out the list of items needed and the times available.



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Bean & Pepper Jamboree celebrates city's agricultural history

Pompano Beach – The Bean & Pepper Jamboree was held at the Sample-McDougald House Sunday. The annual event is a celebration of the city's agricultural history and featured farm products, pony rides, activities for children, food and more. "That's what this is all about," said Mayor Rex Hardin during his proclamation. "Agriculture."

In addition to providing a good time, the event's organizers also aimed to teach children that food comes from farms, not the grocery store. [Staff photos]



Emma Blanchard, 8, paints at the Pompano Beach Historical Society's table.



[Above] Al Hajducko and Beverly Wright help out at the Farm Bureau's produce table. [Below] The Old Time Jammers, part of the South Florida Bluegrass Association, provided music.



Kieran Caban, 8, paints at artist Pat Anderson's table as his mother, Amanda Caban, watches.



Shaun Williams of The Guild provided a blacksmith demonstration.

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Pompano High baseball team starting from scratch, gaining steam

By **Concepcion Ledezma**
PELICAN SPORTS

Pompano Beach High School first-year baseball coach Anthony Clevinger had no illusion about the task ahead of him.

Not only was he facing the task of rebuilding a very young Tornadoes team – two years removed from a state final four appearance – he didn't even know where the school was located.

"I had to GPS it," recalled Clevinger, a former Pompano Beach resident now living in west Boynton Beach.

"I didn't have the luxury of having four D-1 potential college players like this team had last year," said Clevinger, who took over for Joe Giummule, who accepted a coaching and faculty position at Taravella High School.

The Tornadoes were coming off a 17-7 season, reaching the second round of the Class 5A state playoffs. The previous season, Pompano Beach had an historic run, reaching the state final four to finish with the school's best-ever mark of 27-4.

Along with the departure of Giummule, Pompano Beach lost nine seniors, leaving Clevinger almost no foundation as a starting point.

"First of all, I came into the job late," said Clevinger. "So I couldn't do fall ball. Practically no one knew anybody."

The first taste of game action was in the preseason.

Fielding an inexperienced team with only three seniors, none of whom were regular starters, the Tornadoes stumbled out of the gate.

After a 1-5 start, Pompano has won four of its last five games, most recently a 7-5

victory over District 14-5A rival Pine Crest to end the month of March with a three-game winning streak.

"The main emphasis is development of the young players," Clevinger said. "I'm having to rely on young guys who are now getting their first experience at the varsity level. I'm having to start five sophomores. I don't have a lot of depth, so I'm having to do a lot of mixing and matching."

Despite the constant change of lineup "depending on the game" the coach, however, is encouraged by the progress of his sophomore-junior-dominated squad.

"We've been in every game, except a [12-0] loss to Cardinal Gibbons," said Clevinger, who is also hands-on with the junior varsity team. "You have to go there and develop the pipeline."

Leading the young varsity squad is junior infielder/pitcher Riley Skeen, who leads the team with two



Anthony Clevinger. [Courtesy]

home runs and a .375 batting average. Skeen teams up with fellow junior Matt McCrory in splitting duties on the pitching mound.

"They're both the 1-2 guys on the mound. Matt did a great job in the game against Coral Springs Charter [an 8-7 loss]."

Despite the loss, McCrory had scattered three earned runs in six innings of action. It was the Tornadoes' last loss before the winning streak.

In the Tornadoes' recent victory against Pine Crest, Skeen was hot at the plate, going 4-for-4 with two runs batted in and two runs scored as Pompano Beach battled back from trailing 3-1.

McCrory went 2-for-5 while knocking in three runs; and Addison Nguyen, the only senior who has started this season, went 2-for-3 and scored two runs.

"Addison is electric, the emotional leader of this team," the coach said of Nguyen, who co-captains the team along with Skeen. "He's really vocal out there, and does a good job of covering ground from the outfield."

Nguyen leads the team with four stolen bases, with Kevin Connors right behind him with three.

The coach is also very high

on sophomore Ryan Cayuso who excels at catcher and fills in as-needed at third base.

Cayuso is the team's RBI leader with seven. Skeen and junior first baseman/designated hitter Jordan Camps both have six runs batted in.

Junior Blake Thomas also fills in at pitcher as needed, and has responded with a 2-0 record with a 1.83 earned-run-average. He is second on the team in strikeouts with 15. McCrory leads the pitching staff with 24.

Clevinger is joined by assistants Chris Jumich [pitching coach], Dan Rainieri [infield coach] and Mike Rand, Jr. [catchers/strength conditioning].

The Tornadoes play Taravella in a 7 p.m. today non-district matchup.



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Edited by Margie E. Burke

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by Margie E. Burke

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36 Object of devotion

38 Luggage attachment

39 1996 presidential hopeful

40 An eco-friendly home might use them

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46 Inconsequential

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49 Ultimate goal

50 They get you nowhere

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56 Nose-in-the-air sort

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67 Prepare to propose

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7 Genetic double

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10 Traveler's mailing

11 Without further _____

12 Playfully shy

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30 Produce anew, as tissue

31 Downhill ski run

32 Embellish

33 Well-built

35 Sun shade?

37 Retro light source

41 Rouse to anger

42 Idle chatter

43 Grazing ground

44 Comic book soldier of old

48 "I am the _____"

49 "Walrus" singer

50 Old Scratch

51 Nary a soul

52 Avenger maker

53 Quite a bargain

55 Singer of the 1999 pop hit "Thank You"

57 Little bit

58 Polished off

59 Stocking stuffer?

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Meghan McCain, Wilton Manors Commission and Pride Center honored

Fort Lauderdale – The diverse LGBTQ [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning] community hosted its fifth annual Diversity Honors celebration at Seminole Hard Rock Café last week.

Top honors went to Meghan McCain, co-host of ABC's The View.

Said McCain, "When I got the invitation, I had to ask them if they were sure they wanted a 'straight' Republican female."

The applause confirmed the legitimacy of the invite.

McCain, eldest daughter of Cindy and the late Sen. John McCain, is recognized as a



Mayor Justin Flippen and Timo Pierpont. [Staff photos]

champion of gay rights and equality.

Stuart Milk, another



Commissioner Paul Rolli.

honoree, is founder of the Harvey Milk Foundation, an international group that focuses on human rights. Stuart is the nephew of Harvey Milk, the first openly gay elected American politician. Harvey Milk was

assassinated in 1972.

Milk and McCain presented awards to Army Captain Jennifer Peace and Staff Sergeant Patricia King. Both spoke for the right of transsexual individuals to join the military.

Other honorees included the entire city commission of Wilton Manors, Mayor Justin Flippen, Vice Mayor Tom Green and commissioners Gary Resnick, Julie Carson and Paul Rolli.

Congressional representatives were Senator Ted Deutch and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

Also honored were Phil

Wilson, founder of Black AIDS Institute; Tony Lima, executive director of SAVE, a political advocacy group for equal rights, and Robert Boo, CEO of the PRIDE Center at Equality Park in Wilton Manors.

Among the numerous entertainers, it was Debbie Holiday who got the audience moving with her father's [Jimmy Holiday] 1969 top hit, "Put a Little Love in Your Heart."

Text to 911

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Officials ask that individuals in an emergency situation only text as a last resort if they are unable to call. "CALL if you CAN, TEXT only if you CAN'T." The text system can also be used to assist the hearing impaired or those with speech disabilities.

Deerfield Beach Assistant City Manager David Santucci said the texting system won't reveal the texter's exact location because it connects the text to the nearest cell tower. So, texting the exact address is most important. Also, texts should be in English and in plain and concise language. Videos cannot be sent to the system. "Use only when voice is not an option," Santucci said, adding the upgrade to the 911 system is a requirement of the state.

-Judy Wilson

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Hillsboro Mile closures

Lane closures along Hillsboro Mile [A1A] for the week of April 8 are:

Partial closure 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. [one lane of traffic] for force main installation from approximately 1160 to approximately 1141. Traffic will be controlled with an automated flagging system.

Partial closure [one lane of traffic] for wellpoint installation from approximately 1073 to approximately 1085. All traffic from 1073 and addresses to the north must travel north.

Complete road closure for sanitary sewer and force main installation from approximately 1063 to approximately 1073. No access through the closure except for emergency vehicles.

All residents living at 1073 must travel north, all residents living at 1063 and addresses to the south must travel south, and all residents living at 1069 must initially travel north but that may change [the property manager will be notified] if the work progresses to the north entrance.

Partial Closure [one lane of traffic] for road restoration from approximately 1039 to approximately 1063.

These traffic impacts are a projection of the following week's construction progress and may be subject to change.

Walk-Thru Wednesdays offered for permitting

Oakland Park - This city's Building & Permitting Division devotes every Wednesday to allow residents and contractors to drop off completed [residential] permit applications from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. and pick them up by 4:30 p.m. at 5399 N. Dixie Highway, Suite 3. Three permits are allowed per customer in the areas of structural and zoning, electrical, plumbing and mechanical. For information on permits accepted, call 954-630-4350.

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that it would become “a gold rush.”

There are about half a dozen more such parcels south of the pier.

City officials were not commenting this week. “There is an active investigation being conducted by BSO and code enforcement. We are taking this seriously and hoping for a timely resolution,” City Manager Burgess Hanson said.

Pam Newton, Berkshire’s manager, also refused to

comment. “This is between the city and Ms. Clothier. We are just watching to see what happens.”

The lots are valued by the county property appraiser at around \$760,000. Her taxes for 2018 are \$5,216.

Clothier said lots of beachgoers stop by her compound to discuss the issue. Most of them, she said, are supportive.

Asked how long she intends to stay in her beach vacation digs, Clothier shrugs. “I am going to license the RV in Florida. And I am not here to create trouble. I am trying to be obstructive, but not obnoxious.”

Test drives

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are still occurring.

“They’re still rolling around,” said Thompkins, who added that the test drives don’t occur when BSO is

present in the neighborhood.

He wants BSO to step up its presence.

“It’s about time they did it again.”

The Pelican contacted Champion Porsche but the dealership did not respond by press time Thursday.

Rentals

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In 2011, the legislature passed a law preventing cities from passing new restrictions on vacation rentals.

Cities with ordinances already on the books prior to 2011, such as LBTS, were grandfathered in.

In 2014, the legislature revised the preemption and allowed cities to change their rules for vacation rentals so long as they didn’t make them more restrictive than state rules.

With the new legislation, the town could no longer enforce its minimum stay requirement or impose occupancy, licensing and inspection rules

specific to vacation or short term rentals.

House Bill 987 is a companion bill with similar restrictions.

The bill passed the Business & Professions Subcommittee on Tuesday by a vote of 10-5.

In its resolution, the Town Commission finds:

1. That the use of residential properties for transient vacation rental occupancy has had profound and negative impacts on the character and stability of our residential neighborhoods.

2. That regulation of land use issues, particularly at the local neighborhood level, is a function best suited to local governments that are uniquely situated to understand the individual and collective

needs of their residents.

3. That Senate Bill 824 and House Bill 987 infringe on the town’s home rule authority.

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Local champ, Lee Scharf, brings home the gold from World Games

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Lee Scharf, 41, is a busy man.

In his day job at Publix No. 1036 on McNab Road, he bags groceries.

But when he's not working, he enjoys collecting gold in the form of medals.

**"Lee was born to compete."
- Fisher**

Last month, Scharf brought home the gold from the 2019 Special Olympics World Games [March 14 to 21] held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The event brought 7,500 athletes from 190 countries together for the competition.

Lee's gold event was the unified one-mile ocean swim.



Ann Scharf with her gold-medal winner, Lee. [Staff]

His mother, Ann, a retired teacher explains. A unified event means that another trained athlete without special needs participates with each athlete.

Scott Moore, recreation manager for the city, has known Lee for 30 years.

"He's the most decorated athlete in this city," says Moore. "He's brought home more than 500 gold medals."

Lee's accomplishments have been acknowledged at city hall; he was a recent grand marshal for the city's Yuletide Parade, and former mayor, County Commissioner Lamar Fisher, presented Lee with the key to the city.

"Lee was born to compete," said Fisher in a recent interview. "Lee can do anything he puts his mind to. I look forward to seeing him soon."

The nearly three-week trip took athletes to Abu Dhabi where they stayed at the

"He's the most decorated athlete in this city. He's brought home more than 500 gold medals." - Moore

Grand Hyatt Hotel. While there, host families provided tours and transportation to practices. Five physicians accompanied the U.S. team to the competition.

Ann says the trips are free for athletes because the founder of Special Olympics, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, wanted nothing to deter athletes from competing. Shriver died in 2009.

Lee and other Special Olympic athletes train at pools in Pompano Beach and Plantation.

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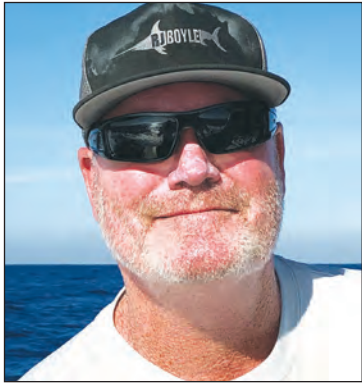
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Fishing report

Giant swordfish caught



Pictured here is a 657-pound broadbill swordfish caught on Tuesday.

This is by far one of the biggest swordfish to hit the scales ever in Florida.

Captain Ryan Goldman and his crew of Eric, Gerard and Rob from New York who are big-time tuna fishermen, landed this fish in three hours and 30 minutes.

The fish ate a bonito bait in 1,700 feet of water. Goldman said that the fish was so erratic, swimming all over the surface.

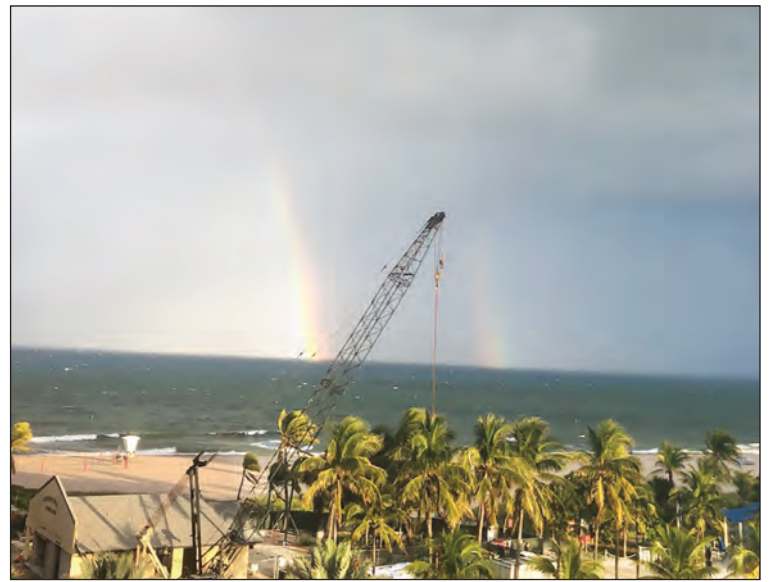
They constantly had to chase the fish down. Congrats to this crew for landing this life-changing fish.

If your dream is to catch a giant sword, now is the time.

*Get tight,
RJ Boyle*



Double rainbow off beach



Vicky Kaye recently took this photo of a double rainbow off of Pompano Beach. Kaye, who took the photo from the top of the city's parking garage at the beach, said she "was in awe of the beauty coming from the ocean into the sky."

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Earth Month Beach Cleanup this Saturday

Deerfield Beach – This city kicks off Earth Month with a beach cleanup Saturday, Apr. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will gather at the chickee hut across from the Fire Station located at 71 SE 21 Ave. Materials including gloves, bags and water will be provided. Parking passes for the duration of the event will be available to the first 30 volunteers. For more information on the Earth Month series of activities, visit dfb.city/earthmonth.

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Security

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“We could get rid of this.”

Tran said he is working with the city attorney’s office so the security personnel can issue citations. BSO says they can’t make an arrest if they didn’t see the incident occur. “We want a way to document the incidents. With body cameras, police could make an arrest,” Tran said.

Commissioner Beverly Perkins said, “I’m not happy with BSO. When we had our own police, it kept crime down. These guys in yellow shirts, it doesn’t work.”

Perkins also criticized a selection committee made up only of staff.

Committee member Shelton Pooler said, “When it comes to making a deal, we do a

good job of paying a whole lot of money, but we don’t get what we’re paying for and we aren’t getting good deals.”

Committee member Veronica Thomas said PSC is only on MLK Boulevard. “It has nothing to do with residents. It’s only about businesses and the CRA. They’re not going through the community. How can anyone justify paying that much to walk up and down MLK? They need to police the neighborhood, not just MLK.”

The patrol area can be modified with the new proposal, Tran said.

He said PSC employees have been effective at some “hot spots,” and serve as a crime deterrent with their yellow shirts.

After press time Thursday, the East CRA Advisory Committee was scheduled to discuss the RFP for security services.

Speeders

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speedway that, since January, has been the scene of four deaths.

The third major accident happened Saturday when a woman and her granddaughter were killed in a crash in the 4300 block of Hillsboro Boulevard.

“Four deaths in three months is not acceptable.”
- Drosky

The city’s major east-west thoroughfare is the scene of “excessive speeding,” Assistant City Manager David Santucci told the commission Tuesday. Off peak hours, the road is a “straightaway,” he said.

BSO has added patrols and observed the speeding times

and the locations. It will add patrols and “slow down” signs, Santucci said, and may ask that the signals be reset during off-peak hours to create more traffic stops.

Vice Mayor Todd Drosky said the issue needs a “long-term look.”

Devices, such as speed tables, may divert the speeders off the main road and onto neighborhood streets where they continue their reckless driving.

“Four deaths in three months is not acceptable,” Drosky said.

The Saturday fatalities occurred when 17-year-old Breanna Free-Baker and her grandmother Robin Underwood were killed when a car, driven at a high rate of speed by a 21-year-old woman, crossed the median and drove head-on into their car. Free-Baker’s mother was hospitalized.

Two other vehicles were struck and those passengers were injured.

On March 12, 19-year-old Thais Haug was killed when a speeding driver hit the car she was riding in around 4 a.m. in the 3300 block of Hillsboro Boulevard.

The driver is in custody. Four other teens in Haug’s car were hospitalized.

In January, bicyclist Nina Syskova was killed when she was struck by a car in the 4100 block of Hillsboro Boulevard.

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5pm - 6pm

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Singer from Naples Italy

6pm - 7pm

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