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Walmart puts former Kmart site up for sale

By Judy Vik

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Oakland Park – The former Kmart site on Oakland Park Boulevard, which was slated to become a Walmart, is back on the market.

Walmart acquired the property at 670 E. Oakland Park Blvd. in 2012 for \$11 million with plans to build a superstore. They fought the city for years in order to obtain necessary approvals and proceed with development.

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Pier won't be open July 4th

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – City officials here have revised an earlier prediction that the city's fishing pier would be open in time for July 4th fireworks.

Construction on the pier is 90 percent complete and bright blue shade structures are now in place.

"The fishing pier will be done on schedule, but the problem will be public access," Jack Rogerson, chair of the East CRA Advisory Committee said at a meeting last week.

Horacio Danovich, CIP engineer,

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Despite objections, CRA committee recommends moving McNab House; CRA board votes Tuesday



At next week's Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Board meeting, April 16 at 5:30 p.m. in commission chambers, Pompano Beach city commissioners [acting as the CRA Board] will vote on the proposal to move the McNab House, located on Atlantic Boulevard, a few blocks east to McNab Park. If a location for the house is not found, the developer who bought the property will demolish it to make way for a mixed-use development. Those against moving the house to the park say the existing green space should be preserved. [Staff]

By Judy Vik

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Pompano Beach – A proposal to move the McNab House, 1736 E. Atlantic Blvd., four blocks east to McNab Park, 2250 E. Atlantic Blvd., drew spirited debate at the East CRA Advisory Committee meeting last week.

Committee members unanimously recommended the city move the house, built between 1924 and 1926, to the park. Plans include turning the

McNab House into a restaurant and building two small hotels.

Ultimately, city commissioners will decide what happens to the house at the Community Redevelopment Agency [CRA] Board meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the commission chambers.

The East CRA meeting turned contentious when resident Sharron Chiappetta interrupted the discussion numerous times from the audience. Finally, John Rogerson, advisory chair, had her escorted from the room.

But Chiappetta had time to voice her views. "I can't see how this house means anything to the city. It's always been unattractive. I don't know how we got to this point. This house is not significant in any way except to the family and the people of the historical society. I own land south of there. If the CRA has money burning a hole in its pocket, I'm willing to talk to anyone about affordable housing with commercial space."

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Mayor says 'work ethic' was the issue that led to city manager's resignation; interim manager chosen

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – City Manager Burgess Hanson resigned last week at the request of Mayor Bill Ganz. His abrupt departure from city hall to "live

a better, healthier life" indicated a sudden decision.

He selected June 1 as his effective date, but cleaned out his office over the weekend. Tuesday night, city commissioners put him on administrative leave until that date. He

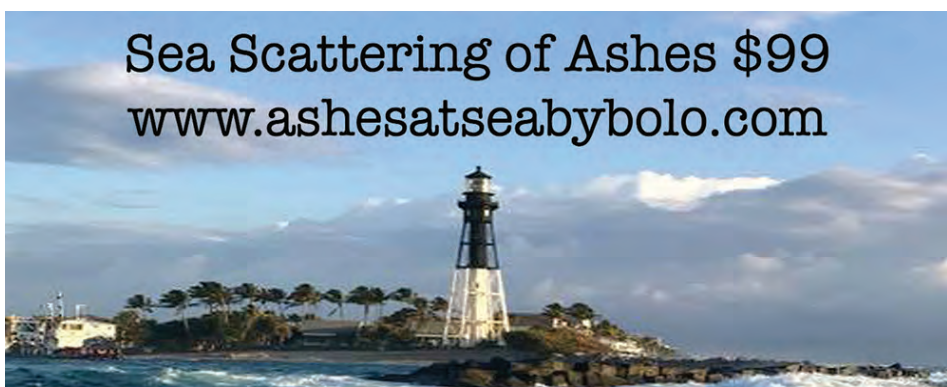
will be paid through May.

Explaining his actions, Ganz said he had noted a "Change in the work ethic [at city hall], but it didn't rise to the drastic need for change."

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Veteran chosen as interim city manager

By Judy Wilson

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Deerfield Beach – David Santucci, 41, was unanimously chosen as interim city manager Tuesday in the wake of Burgess Hanson’s resignation last week.

Santucci has been an assistant city manager since 2016 and came here in 2011 as purchasing manager.

He is a summa cum laude graduate from Florida Atlantic University, a U.S. Marine and a combat veteran of the Iraq War.

As an assistant city manager, Santucci was responsible for a number of city departments including law enforcement, purchasing, construction, facilities, fire, emergency management and the clerk’s office.

Before the vote, Commissioner Ben Preston asked the commission to delay Santucci’s appointment until next week’s commission meeting after resident Joe Hines reported Santucci had been involved in a 2016 court case. Hines said the case had been dismissed.

Hines gave no further information, but the Pelican’s research shows that a Ronald Archey filed a complaint in



David Santucci, interim city manager.

the U.S. District Court on August 2016, naming the City of Deerfield Beach.

In the complaint, which claimed discrimination, Archey named Santucci as his “director.”

The case was dismissed on grounds Archey failed to plead the elements required to hold the municipality liable and failed to plead facts sufficient to state a claim.

At first not willing to move forward with Santucci’s selection, Preston rethought his position saying, “unity is important . . . a unanimous vote gives him confidence.”

Moving to accept Santucci, Commissioner Bernie Parness said, “I believe in the court system. If there are no grounds, the charge is dismissed. You are innocent until proven guilty.”

Mayor Bill Ganz said about the complaint, “It’s unfair to disparage someone . . . if new information comes to light we can change [the appointment].”

Most of the commissioners said they had met with Santucci over the weekend and found him to be qualified.

The other person mentioned as a candidate for the interim position was Hugh Dunkley, the city’s finance director.

Earlier in the discussion Parness said, “We need someone to take the helm now. We need someone in charge.”

City officials will review cat euthanasia policy

By Michael d’Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – “I am not going away and neither are they until the killing of innocent and healthy cats stops,” said resident Belkis Laue to city commissioners Tuesday.

The “they” she was referring to were the dozens of residents and non-residents standing behind her, most of whom wore red shirts. They gathered in the commission chambers to protest the city’s policy of euthanizing feral cats.

“One shot to the stomach. I will never forget those words,” said Laue, describing the city’s procedure for euthanizing cats. “Euthanize is a terrible word and it shouldn’t be associated with Pompano Beach,” said resident Linda Lucchese.

Instead of euthanizing cats, Lucchese and others advocated that the city adopt a TNR [Trap Neuter Return] policy. Under TNR, each cat caught is sterilized to prevent it from reproducing and then released back where it was found. The city, activists said, should adopt the county’s policy of TNR.

Resident Sandy Casey argued that TNR works better because it’s more humane. If the city initiated a program to spay and neuter cats, she said, residents here would take the initiative to catch stray cats and help reduce the population.

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Property owners mixed on proposed McNab Park development

By Michael d'Oliveira

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Pompano Beach – The relocation of the McNab House to McNab Park is a move that may benefit nearby property owners.

Community Redevelopment Agency [CRA] officials have proposed moving the nearly 100-year-old house, currently located at 1736 E. Atlantic Blvd., to the park, 2250 E.

Atlantic Blvd.

Once moved, the house would be located on the north end of the park fronting Atlantic Boulevard and converted into a restaurant.

The park, which has a tennis court, playground, shuffle board courts, a small building used by community groups and a basketball court, would be replaced with the house and hotel rooms.

Officials also want to build

an inn to provide lodging, a gazebo, new landscaping, fountains and space for community events. The estimated cost would be \$2.7 million and the project would take two to three years to complete. The chamber of commerce building would also be demolished. Chamber officials are in negotiations to sell it.

But not every nearby property owner is sure it's a move that should happen.

Ken Arnold, owner of Arnold Chiropractic and multiple properties on the block west of the park, has mixed feelings.

He said he's not sure if he would benefit from losing

the park, but he likes the idea of turning the house into a restaurant. He's also not sure it should come at the expense of green space.

"We just had a G.O. Bond to get more green space because we don't have enough park areas, and the city voted on it . . . You get a house, a restaurant, but you lose the green space. That's my dilemma," said Arnold, who is a member of the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Arnold added that he thinks the former library site, 1213 E. Atlantic Blvd., would be a good location for the house.

CRA Director Nguyen Tran said the house is being moved

with CRA money and can only be moved to a property within the CRA. The old library site is not within the CRA.

Elaine Fitzgerald, member of the Economic Development Council and owner of Beach Vacation Rentals, supports the project. The headquarters for her business is on the block west of the park.

"I love the idea of botanical gardens, a restaurant and a unique home preserved . . . and it's still a public park that everyone can enjoy. I'd like to see the amenities preserved."

Asked if she thinks the project would benefit her property, Fitzgerald said she doesn't think there would be a negative or a positive impact.

"We're trading one kind of park for another kind of park. Either way, it's an asset."

Pompano Beach Economic Development Council Chair Thomas DiGiorgio, who owns multiple properties on the block west of the park, said he hopes the redevelopment will result in a benefit to him and the surrounding neighborhood.

"I think any revitalization in general helps the overall neighborhoods, not just the immediate adjacent properties." In particular, he hopes the vagrancy problem is solved and the area attracts at least some tourism.

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Nikki's Orange Kitchen receives third closure in recent days

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Inspectors from the Florida Department of Professional Regulation ordered Nikki's Orange Kitchen closed three times in the past two weeks. Each time inspectors cited numerous violations for live and dead roaches on the premises.

Owned by Nikki Marchelos, the 150-seat restaurant, on the ground floor of the Plaza at Oceanside condominium, 1 N. Ocean Blvd., was cited March 27 by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants for operating with a license that expired Dec. 1, 2018.

On March 28, an inspector found 20 live roaches and 19 dead in the kitchen area.

Other violations included: Food debris/dust/soil residue on dry storage shelves and near soda boxes.

Raw meat stored over ready-to-eat food in reach-in cooler. Raw chicken was over cut cantaloupe in glass cooler.

Cooler interior was soiled with accumulation of food



Due to violations, Nikki's Orange Kitchen was closed three times. [Staff]

residue at cook line.

During an April 2 inspection, 14 live roaches and 28 dead roaches were observed.

A tracking powder pesticide was used next to a range oven.

Cutting boards were stained/soiled.

The restaurant was temporarily closed.

On April 3, an inspector found 16 live roaches and 31 dead roaches. The facility was temporarily closed again.

During an April 4 inspection, roach activity was present. Eleven live roaches

and 23 dead roaches were found.

The state DPR posted the closed sign at Nikki's with a notice that is it a second-degree misdemeanor to deface or remove the notice.

A valet stand was moved in front of the sign, so it was difficult to see from A1A, a property association board officer said.

Marchelos and her restaurant were also in the news in December when she had an American flag mural painted on a restaurant window without first

getting permission from the association board. When the board insisted the painting be removed, she accused them of being unpatriotic and took the matter to Channel 7 and its "Help Me Howard" program. The flag painting remains.

The board has recently had complaints from residents about the restaurant's loud, live music.

"It would be best for everyone involved if she would take her business elsewhere," said Stephen Purkiss, president of the Plaza at Oceanside Property Owners Association.

Marchelos did not respond to multiple attempts to contact her.

Two other local restaurants closed and re-opened

Inspectors from the Florida Department of Professional Regulation recently ordered two other local restaurants temporarily closed.

The Asian Buffet & Grill at 240 S. Federal Highway,

Deerfield Beach, was ordered shut on March 25 after 15 violations were found. The restaurant was inspected based on a complaint.

During the March 25 inspection, inspectors observed 34 fresh rodent droppings and six dry droppings. Gnaw marks were found on corn on the floor near the back door.

Other violations included food temperatures and over stacking of food.

Notre Dame Restaurant at 4859 N. Dixie Highway, Pompano Beach, was ordered shut on March 20 after inspectors found 10 violations.

Inspectors found 24 fresh rodent droppings and many dry droppings. Clean glasses, cups, bowls, plates, pots and pans were improperly stored. Container with flour was contaminated with rodent droppings on top of lids.

All three restaurants have been re-inspected and have re-opened.

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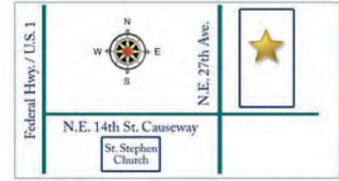
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Cats

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TNR supporters also said it would put an end to pets being euthanized.

“One [TNR] is humane and it works and the other is cruel [euthanasia] and it doesn’t work,” said Casey.

In response, city commissioners voted to direct city staff to come up with new ideas to deal with the cat problem. “We do not want to be known as the city that kills cats,” said Commissioner Beverly Perkins.

Public Works Director Robert McCaughan, who stated that his department oversees the animal control officers who euthanize the cats, explained the city’s

current policy.

On Laue’s “one shot to the stomach” comment, McCaughan said it was a regimented, humane medical procedure using sodium pentobarbital. The animal control officers, he said, can’t deviate from the procedure.

He said officers typically ignore stray cats. “We investigate stray dogs but not cats . . .

However, we get complaints and that’s where we have this issue.”

He said he understands the concerns over the welfare of the cats but said other concerns must be taken into account.

A yacht, he said, had to be repainted after a cat walked over the deck while a new coat of paint was drying.

Some audience members scoffed aloud at the mention of the yacht.

McCaughan also stated that cats trip alarm systems in warehouses and the owners are fined for false alarms.

One woman, he said, complained that feral cats were the cause of a flea infestation in her yard and her grandson was unable to play in it.

“We also have the community that is looking for help,” said McCaughan.

In February, animal control officers told *The Pelican* that they scan each captured stray for a chip to ensure it’s not a pet

McCaughan said that animal control tries to determine if each cat is a pet before euthanizing it. Kittens, he said, are taken to Broward County’s no-kill shelter.

Some members of the audience scoffed at McCaughan’s statement on

trying to determine if each cat is a pet. The city has been accused of not taking the proper steps to make sure it doesn’t euthanize pets.

Years ago, city officials determined that euthanasia was preferable to releasing cats because of the risks of disease and injury faced by felines that live outside.

PETA [People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals] also supports euthanasia.

“The lucky ones [cats] are taken to well-run open-admission animal shelters, where they either find a well-screened, permanent home or are painlessly euthanized in the arms of professionally trained, compassionate people,” reads an excerpt of PETA’s website.

McCaughan also said that catch and release isn’t effective by itself because the owner of property where a cat is found often doesn’t want the cat returned.

One woman, who asked to have to have her name withheld from publication, said groups and individuals who TNR cats don’t go into the areas “where the help is most needed.”

She identified the area west of Dixie Highway between Sample Road and Cypress Creek Road as a big problem. “There are thousands of cats everywhere . . . I’ve asked rescue groups to join me [in that area] and no one will join me.”

Permits to allow for the management of cat colonies to care for stray cats are available but McCaughan said no one has applied yet.

Resident Diana Heinz said the city should make it mandatory to keep cats indoors.

She also suggested that wealthy, well-known cat and animal lovers should be lobbied for donations to help establish a shelter.

Commissioner Andrea McGee said the activists and organizations need to work together to solve the problem. “There has to be compromise.”

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An uncertain journey: With two genes for Alzheimer's disease, Henry Gould is an eager participant in research to find a cure

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – Henry Gould agreed to be tested for the APOE4 Alzheimer's gene in order to take part in a trial that is exploring the benefits of an investigational drug to treat that dreaded disease.

So, he underwent the cheek swab test and discovered what most people would not want to hear: he had not one, but two copies of the gene; one donated by each of his parents.

While familial Alzheimer's is rare, less than five percent of patients, the more common kind, sporadic Alzheimer's may be influenced by the genes Gould carries.

According to Dr. Jim Galvin who heads up the FAU study, having one copy of APOE4 increases one's risk for Alzheimer's threefold; with two copies one is 16 more times likely to develop the disease.

Only two percent of the population carries two copies of APOE4.

But many people with the gene do not get Alzheimer's at all he said.

At age 75 and with no



Henry Gould volunteering at a food giveaway at the Center of Active Living in Deerfield Beach. [Courtesy]

symptoms of memory impairment, he was unfazed.

"I've always been a little quirky," Gould said with a mischievous smile.

The trial, called The Generation Program, is being sponsored by Novartis, Amgen and Banner Alzheimer's Institute at a dozen locations around the country.

Here, it is being done at FAU's Comprehensive Center for Brain Health in Boca Raton. When he learned he had two genes for

Alzheimer's, he underwent rigorous tests: two EKGs, an MRI, two PET scans and ultrasounds to determine his whole-body health. He passed with flying colors.

All the volunteers in the program have an APOE gene; Gould is the only participant with two. "I'm a rare bird," he says.

"I said I would do it [the trial] without a thought of the consequences. Now it has become an obligation. I can make a difference."

He has begun the double-blind study. Neither he nor his researcher knows if he is getting a placebo or the investigational drug. It's a regimen he is committed to for five to eight years. Regularly he will be given cognitive testing and more medical checkups.

Gould doesn't know if his parents' APOE4 gene was ever activated. His dad died at 58 of heart disease. His mom, who lived in Deerfield Beach, lived to be 90.

In the last two years of her life, she did have dementia, but was never diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

While familial Alzheimer's is rare, less than five percent

of patients, the more common kind, sporadic Alzheimer's, may be influenced by the genes Gould carries. One or two copies of the gene may play a role in late onset Alzheimer's. It is still an unknown.

"I don't think or worry about it . . . I don't obsess," Gould said. "I'm not a Henry Penny kind of guy."

Gould came to Miami in 1983 and became a print broker. Ironically, a big part of his business was printing pharmaceutical brochures for distribution to doctors.

He and his wife, Joan, began coming here in 1984, in part to be near his aging mom. They bought their first

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Anne Siren, publisher

Letters

Why will Pompano do anything to accommodate the developer?

To the editor:

I am all for historic preservation.

But I do not understand the monetary aspects of this McNab homesite, historical society, Pompano and CRA involvement.

The McNab family offered to donate the house "structure" to the historical society in April 2017.

Why didn't the historical society, Pompano and CRA purchase the property with the structure on it then and preserve not only the house but the historical site and the trees.

Records show the developer paid \$1,070,000 for the home site. There will be additional cost to move the house. [An estimated \$350,000].

The idea is to move just the historic home "structure" to McNab Park and make a restaurant out of it.

A historic site and structure seems better than a historic building moved to a park and leasing the building to private entity to run a private business from public funds and removing the park of public enjoyment.

Pompano seems to do anything to accommodate the developer.

We the residents of Snug Harbor, only a few blocks south of this development, are concerned. We wonder what they are going to build. Will they build one bed/one bath units? Will they remain in the price range of the current housing market in the neighborhood?

Angelo Bruno
Pompano Beach

Compost items accepted at community garden

Pompano Beach – The Patricia Davis Community Garden, 1089 NW 6 Ave., accepts compostable items. Items can be dropped off Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Acceptable items include coffee grounds, banana peels and other non-cooked biodegradable items. Items not accepted include meat, cooked items and weeds. For more information, text 754-265-8511.

Opinion

Urged by BOLD Justice, officials commit to more housing for those with mental illnesses; higher standards for nursing homes



Filling the pews at St. David's Church in Davie are congregants from 21 churches in Broward County. They came this week to focus on the needs of those persons with mental illness and for seniors living in nursing homes. [Staff]

Local elected officials respond with commitments to needs of those with mental illness and those in nursing homes

By John Geer

COMMENTARY

It was a 'no-nonsense' night this Monday at St. David's Catholic Church in Davie.

Shouts of "Caring, not crisis" and "Seniors count, and seniors count on us" rang out from BOLD Justice [Broward Organized Leaders Doing Justice] members.

Over 1,400 persons, representing 23 local congregations, shared goals of demanding official action and commitment on mental health and nursing home safety issues.

And they got it.

BOLD Justice is a non-political organization. Its purpose is to address community problems in Broward County through a self-sustaining multi-ethnic organization rooted in religious congregations.

Broward Sheriff's Office officials and elected officials stepped up to the plate on every issue.

Assistant State Attorney Maria Schneider committed to continue "unannounced" inspections of county nursing homes to ensure safety of residents in addition to the current practice of announced inspections.

BSO Sheriff Gregory Tony cleaned up a problem left by his predecessor, but not without some drama. The issue is the training of the remaining half of the Broward deputies in Crisis Intervention Training [CIT] that was committed to but unfunded by his predecessor.

Sheriff Tony initially declined to commit to the funding but later came back to the podium and agreed to make the money available. His agreement was followed by loud cheers and a standing ovation.

Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich had committed in a pre-meeting to increase housing for persons with mental illnesses but did not commit to a specific number; Broward County Vice Mayor Dale V. C. Holness agreed to spearhead a proposal to provide permanent supportive housing to 200 additional people living with mental illness.

Bold Justice members will conduct follow-up meetings with officials over the next several months to track progress on these commitments.

Soon the organization will be looking at the coming year's challenges and identifying issues where safety and justice can be improved. They will meet regularly to evaluate, research and discuss issues [and solutions] where improvements can be made and seek out government officials who can make things happen.

Learn more about BOLD Justice at boldjustice.org.

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Dr. Dan Meirson offers treatment for serious skin conditions and cosmetic dermatology for women and men

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

When it comes to dermatology, count on Dr. Dan Meirson who treats all skin challenges from skin cancer to cosmetic dermatology.

In practice since 1991, his state of the art office is located in suite 100 at 1166 W. Newport Center Drive in Deerfield Beach.

An honors graduate from the University of Michigan, Dr. Meirson attended medical school at Ohio State University where he received many honors in medicine, surgery, anesthesiology and dermatology.

He interned at the prestigious University of Chicago; followed by his residency at New York University Medical Center.

He holds a fellowship in mohs micrographic surgery from Baylor University Medical Center in Houston.

Skin cancer treatments

Dr. Meirson says, “A large focus of our practice is skin cancer. Be sure to see a dermatologist as soon as possible when any eruption or skin changes occur.

“With Mohs surgery, we



Dr. Meirson's practice covers a full spectrum of treatment for skin problems.

have almost a 99 percent chance of cure. I do Mohs micrographic surgery right in our office. We provide

consultation and treatments for a broad spectrum for patients with skin issues including acne, eczema,

dermatitis, psoriasis, rosacea, hair loss, warts, actinic keratoses, spider and varicose veins, common skin infections and complex skin disorders.

Programs for aging skin

Continuing, he says, “Our cosmetic dermatology includes treatment for brown spots, aging skin, moles, facial wrinkles, marionette lines, frown lines and crow's feet.

“We use the finest fillers available including Botox, Radiesse®, Belotero® and Juvederm®.”

Dr. Meirson uses the latest Xtrac® laser to treat psoriasis. This laser is the latest therapy for patients with psoriasis. Many patients have had remarkable clearing of their disease with this therapy.

Author and lecturer

Dr. Meirson is often called to consult at Broward Health North. He has served as president and legislative director of the Florida Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgeons, president of the Broward County Dermatologic Society, and vice president of Palm Beach Dermatology Society.

Advice for sun lovers

Florida's wonderful sun can be tough on skin.

Dr. Meirson says, “Enjoy the sun in small doses. Always use sun screen, SPF 30 or higher. Reapply every two or three hours. Wear a hat, sunglasses and cover arms and legs whenever possible.

“Many of us have settled in Florida because of the sunny weather and to participate in golf, tennis, boating, swimming in year ‘round high temperatures.

“Those same advantages often create many of the problems I treat. Be careful. Respect the power of the sun.”

What patients say

Jean Tibetts says, “This practice is the very best. Super doctor, caring staff, spotless office, recent equipment, large waiting room. Professional best describes everything. And they listen to the patient. How unique.”

Beverly Anderson gives Dr. Meirson a five star rating and says, “Great staff. Cleanliness was exceptional. Overall a wonderful experience in a doctor's office and that doesn't happen often.”

For an appointment or more information, call 954-782-7701 or visit Meirsondermatology.com

Wilton Manors Business Group sets new goal for town hall meetings

Fort Lauderdale – Tim Moffitt, president of the Wilton Manors Business Association [WMBA], welcomed members this week at the Fort Lauderdale Grand Hotel for a “Meet & Greet.”

Moffitt announced that the group will host a town hall meeting in the near future.

“We want to know what your concerns are and what

we can do to represent you at city hall,” he said.

WMBA also plans a health and wellness expo in October.

This 30-year-old group promotes business in Wilton Manors, Oakland Park and Fort Lauderdale. Members meet monthly on second Mondays at 6 p.m. at various venues. For more information, call 954-358-4567.



Frank Hasenwinker and Hillary Saporta. [Staff]



Ida Jolie and Dr. Requel Lopez.



Tim Moffitt and Michael Sobel.

Town requesting TDC funds to improve, expand visitors center

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea – This town and its chamber of commerce will ask Broward County for help in making the visitors center here “bigger, better with better funding.”

Debbie Hime, town special projects coordinator, and Ann Marchetti of the chamber plan to go before the Tourist

Development Council [TDC] Thursday, April 25 at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitor's Bureau at 10 a.m.

The town currently provides \$60,000 annually to fund the center at 4201 Ocean Drive. The chamber manages the center and contributes \$20,000 each year, as does the TDC.

This proposal, supported

by the town commission, calls for the TDC to increase funding for the center with a multi-year agreement.

The center is the only freestanding one in Broward County. It's near the border of LBTS and Fort Lauderdale.

The proposal calls for TDC funding of \$168,000 with \$83,000 for operating expenses and \$85,000 for staff.

A one-time expense from TDC of \$31,000 would cover building renovations [\$18,000], a new street marquee and building signage [\$8,000] and other expense TBD [\$5,000].

That brings the total expenses for the first year to \$199,000.

In 2018, staff and volunteers welcomed more than 10,000 visitors to the

center. In the first three months of this year they have welcomed 3,500 visitors.

The center currently has two paid staff, Veronica Pietronuto and Lisa Johnson, and long-time volunteers, including Ron Piersante [22 years], Gary Burnett [20-plus years] John Frasene [15 years], Chris Villata

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Manager

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He also referred to the need for trust between the manager and the commission.

"Recently, that trust has been broken," Ganz said. "I became concerned information told to me was not accurate. Information contradicted what I had been told."

Among his concerns, Ganz said, were contradictions about Deerfield Beach Little League's agreements with the city and the Level 2 background checks required of all little league coaches.

The mayor said he found that those background checks had expired as well as agreements and permits that allow the league to use city fields.

A more concerning issue, the mayor said, was that Hanson had received a "payment he shouldn't have" and had neglected to repay the amount with interest as he had told Ganz he would.



Burgess Hanson. [Courtesy]

Sources later told *The Pelican* the misdirected money came about when all city employees received a 3 percent COLA increase in their paychecks and Hanson was incorrectly included. At the time, he reported the overpayment.

The mayor said he asked Hanson several times if he had made the repayment and was told it would be made.

When the two met last Friday morning, Hanson had still not made the remuneration. Ganz said he asked for Hanson's

resignation at 4 p.m.

Hanson had been with the city for 18 years, 10 as city manager.

He took the position when the city was at its lowest financial ebb in many decades and oversaw a return to fiscal stability and an increase in bond ratings.

The improved ratings made it possible for the city to float a \$16 million general revenue bond that will buy a renovated city hall, recreation building, Active Aging center and street improvements.

At \$185,000 plus benefits, he is one of the lowest paid city managers in Broward County.

In 2015, Hanson was recruited for the city manager's job in Ocala but agreed to stay on when he was given a \$19,000 raise and allowed to live outside the city in Palm Beach County where he and his wife keep horses.

The background checks for little league coaches is a function of the parks and recreation department which has been without an executive director almost a year.

Little League president

Jason Siracusa said he thought the checks were made by the department for fall baseball. When they were asked to provide info for spring baseball, he was surprised. "I thought the badges were good for a year," Siracusa said.

With their official duties done, commissioners commented on the need to restore confidence in the residents.

"There is no greater challenge than to create an atmosphere of unity among the commissioners, staff and the community," Commissioner Preston said. "We will be better than before. We were elected for the tough moments."

Commissioner Michael Hudak said, "This is an opportunity to move forward from a difficult situation."

Vice Mayor Todd Drosky said, "The sky is not falling. This organization is bigger and better than one person. You know we are headed in the right direction."

The search for a new city manager will take months not weeks, Ganz said.

Currently five cities in Broward are seeking to fill

the top management position. Weston is advertising the job at \$225,000 to \$275,000 a year.

"This has not been easy," Ganz said of the evening's agenda. "It's been painful. But no individual is better than the city."

Assistant City Manager David Santucci was chosen as interim city manager. [Read that story on page 2].

Isle Casino meeting

Pompano Beach – Plans for the redevelopment of Isle Casino will be discussed on Tuesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36 Ave. Owned by Eldorado Resorts, the 223-acre Isle Casino site, 777 Isle Of Capri Circle, will be redeveloped in partnership with the Cordish Companies, a real estate development firm. According to the Cordish Companies website, plans include "new upscale retail, dining, and entertainment . . . a corporate office campus, residential and a hotel." Vice Mayor Barry Moss, who represents Dist. 5, will host the meeting. Isle Casino is located in his district.

Spring Fling

Pompano Beach – Arts and crafts, a photo booth, bounce houses, games, music, an egg hunt and more will be part of Spring Fling on Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at Community Park, Multi-Purpose Field, 7201 NE 8 St. Ages 1 to 3 will be able to walk through Spring Valley and find their hidden Easter eggs at any time throughout the event. The 4 to 9-year-old egg hunt begins at 11 a.m. For more information, call 954-786-4111.

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Repaving begins in Newport Center

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Aquatic Center to close for maintenance

Deerfield Beach – The Aquatic Center, 501 SE 6 Ave., will be closed Saturday, April 20 through Sunday, April 21 for maintenance. It will reopen Monday, April 22. For more information, call 954-420-2262.

Immigration clinic

Oakland Park – Residents here can receive a free consultation to determine if they are eligible for any immigration relief and legal representation at an immigration legal screening clinic. The clinic will start at 9 a.m. tomorrow, April 13, at the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library, 1298 NE 37 St. Attendees are advised to make sure to bring all documents related to their immigration case. Services also are provided in Spanish and Creole. To learn more about the free clinic, call 305-573-1106, ext. 1109.

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By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Interviewing Bernice Riback, president of the Hadassah chapter in the Wynmoor community, is to face a rush of enthusiasm.

“It’s in my blood . . . these are my sisters; this is my family,” she beams.

The Wynmoor chapter of Hadassah began in 1995. Riback has been chapter president for six years and is proud to say, “We have 800 members, and about 300 are actively involved. We meet twice a month for our board and general meetings. We’re always fundraising for good causes. We even charge \$5 for coffee and a bagel at our general meetings.”

With a hint of pride, she adds, “In fact, so far in 2018-19 we have raised over \$15,000. We just had a luncheon on the 15th of this month. Over 191 attended and \$4,600 was raised.”

In the United States, those good causes that are recipients of the group’s generosity include stem cell and other medical research, the fight against anti-semitic activity and a youth camp.



Bernice Riback, president of Hadassah, Wynmoor chapter. [Courtesy]

“In Israel, this group supports medical research, building a new hospital, and promoting peace with the Palestinians.”

In 2012, Bernice and her husband, now deceased, visited Israel.

She says, “It was a real thrill to tour the Sarah and David Weitzman Tower, the magnificent hospital that we helped to build.”

She shares a little of her personal history. “We moved into Wynmoor 15 years ago from New Jersey and fell in love with this community. I remember visiting Florida when my mother was

president of a Hadassah chapter. She predicted that one day, I would follow in her footsteps. Whenever I take the gavel I feel as if I have my mother on one shoulder and my husband, who was so proud of me, on the other.

“Now I’m a widow with many activities. I play mahjong, canasta and I love to travel. My next trip is to the Carolinas with my special other to visit his family.”

Thank you, Bernice Riback, and your generous Hadassah chapter for your time, energy and financial contributions to the community.

About Hadassah

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1860, Henrietta Szold founded Hadassah in 1912 after visiting pre-state Israel with her mother.

They saw Jews living in camps without proper plumbing or sanitation. Horrified by the sight of starvation and disease, she returned to the United States and founded this Women’s Zionist Organization of America in 1912.

She motivated Jewish women to end the deplorable conditions she had seen. Its original mission was “Healing of the Daughter of my People.”

The first act was to collect money and send two nurses to Palestine in 1913 to provide pasteurized milk to infants and new mothers and to eradicate trachoma, an easily-cured eye disease that was robbing thousands of sight.

Today, with 330,000 members, associates and supporters, Hadassah remains committed to Jewish continuity and building a better world through medicine and healthcare advocacy and communities of women.

Bringing advanced medical care to all, regardless of race, ethnicity or nationality, earned Hadassah a nomination for a Nobel Peace Prize in 2005.

Hadassah also contributes its medical and social expertise as a member of the U.N. Economic and Social Council as a non-governmental organization.

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Quilters at St. Stephen Lutheran Church keep the warm tradition alive



[Front row] Sherry Walters, Marlene Derynda, Lucille Capece, Marilyn Gallese. [Back row] Rita Roemer, Pat Belanger, Nancy Anderson, Carol Greenwood, Pastor Bob Schaefer, Julie Barfield, Kathy Leone, Lynn Vatrál, Betty Ellinger. Not pictured are Diane Moss and Jocelia Travisano. [Staff]

Pompano Beach – Last year, a group of 12 to 15 individuals put together small squares of cloth that eventually became 1,033 quilts.

The group, mostly women, is called Threads of Love; they meet on Wednesdays at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 2500 NE 14 St. Kathy Leone became the leader of this group after her mother convinced her to join.

In fact that's where she learned this historic tradition. "Each of us works on

specific jobs," she says. "There are square cutters and machine sewers. And we all teach each other."

And those other jobs include sewing a backing to each quilt. Once the backing is attached, quilters add knots, hand stitch a cross in one of the corners and add a Saint Stephen tag.

Leone says she has made friends for life through Threads of Love.

But they have made others friends through this quilting service: friends they may

never meet.

For the past 30 years, St. Stephen quilts are made and distributed to diverse groups such as Atlantic Shores Rehab Center; Joe DiMaggio Hospital; Women in Distress and the Moose Lodge.

Last year they distributed 956 quilts.

Thread members create kennel quilts to comfort animals caught in disasters "They are never sold," Leone says. "We also sent quilts to victims of the recent California fires."

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City's first church keeps strong footprint in changing neighborhood

By Judy Wilson

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Deerfield Beach – This city's first settlers – five white families and about 40 African-Americans – formed their first congregation in 1902.

They worshiped in a shelter near Hillsboro Boulevard and Dixie Highway made from palmetto fronds. It was just six years after Henry Flagler brought in workers to build the Florida East Coast Railroad.

The worshippers were both Baptist and Methodist. A few years later, the faiths went their separate ways. The African-American Baptists regrouped as the First Zion Missionary Baptist Church and built the city's first church in 1908 on land they bought on Southwest 1 Court.

Today, a modern structure built in 1967 is there, distinguished by its stained-glass windows, old brass bell and an historic marker.



The historical marker in front of First Zion Missionary Baptist Church. [Staff]

First Zion holds the distinction of being the city's first church. It is perhaps the oldest in Broward County.

To the north of First Zion is the Jim and Jan Moran Boy's & Girls Club, a sprawling

campus built in the late 90s.

The two institutions are separated only by a right of way and utility easement.

They've been good neighbors, the church members for many years

cutting back the trees that hang over the right of way from the Boys & Girls Club property.

Now, a large expansion planned for the Boys & Girls Club on the south side of its building at 27 S. Dixie Highway appears to impact Zion's ability to expand in the future.

Last week, spokespersons for both interests addressed the city commission.

Commissioner Ben Preston said when the Boys & Girls Club goes forward with its expansion, it will eventually

impact what the church is planning, to extend its north wall to provide more dining space.

"First Zion is historic. Like the Boys & Girls Club, it has expansion ideas to take into consideration," he said. "The church should be given the utmost consideration."

The unused road between the two properties is Southwest 1 Avenue and several owners are involved along that right of way.

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Obituary

Stephen J. Attis, diver, researcher honored the ocean with his life's work

Attis, Stephen J. - The family and friends of Stephen J. Attis celebrate his wonderful life while grieving his passing on April 1 at the age of 60.

Born in the Bronx, New York on Dec. 25, 1958, Mr. Attis was the devoted son of

Catherine "Midge" Attis and the late Stephen E. Attis. He is survived by his beloved fiancée, Jane Fawcett, sisters, Deborah Martin [Bill] and Laura Attis [Andy Gesner] and brother, Brian Attis [Maria].

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the life of a young woman involved in an auto accident.

As a SCUBA diver, Mr. Attis turned his love of SCUBA diving into a passion for protecting Florida's maritime history and oceanic resources.

He was the president and founder of Vönē Research a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose motto is "Diving to Make a Difference!" He enlisted volunteer technical divers to identify, recover and preserve maritime artifacts.

The team also worked to conserve the local coral reef system with monitoring, protection and restoration projects.

The Vönē team collaborated with governmental agencies to provide research, conservation, preservation and education with respect to historical and archaeological resources.

Mr. Attis' work on the *Copenhagen* and *Half Moon* shipwrecks was recognized by the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources and the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research.

Vönē Research divers located the missing ketch anchor of the *Copenhagen* and placed it back on the popular shipwreck site in addition to locating a WWII torpedo with a U.S. Navy Explosive Ordinance Disposal Detachment.

Services are Sunday, April 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Horizon Funeral & Cremation Services, 4650 N. Federal Hwy., Lighthouse Point. Come to share stories and rejoice in his life well-lived.

A mass celebration will take place at St. Coleman's Catholic Church, 1200 S. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach on Monday, April 15 at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery North.

as a teenager when his father was transferred with Southern Bell, Mr. Attis became an avid SCUBA diver and boater. He helped his father build a family home in Big Coppitt Key.

Mr. Attis was employed by AT&T for 37 years. He was a fourth-generation employee of the telecommunications company.

He served as an executive board delegate for the Communications Workers of America Local 3104, and chaired the Safety Committee, Job Steward.

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McNab

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Atlantic Properties, LLC. bought the property earlier this year and plans to build a mixed-use development, consisting of 300 residential units along with commercial space.

Moving the house is estimated to cost about \$350,000 and would come from the CRA budget.

Former mayor Kay McGinn has stood in opposition to the move, which would remove green space, a playground, tennis courts and a meeting room available for community use.

McGinn also contested the number of police calls that had been brought up at a CRA meeting.

The park has been a respite for homeless persons.

One CRA official said the calls from the park had amounted to "hundreds" over a year's span.

McGinn stated that only 60 to 80 had been complaints. The remaining calls were officers checking in.

She added, "You don't lose parks just because you have a vagrancy problem. We have children in the neighborhood who play basketball at the park. The tot lots are being used. If you destroy a park, you're asking kids to leave. There's no reason to destroy a park."

Said Nguyen Tran, CRA

director, "On the issue of calls for service to BSO, some of the calls were from Professional Security Consultants employees calling the sheriff. There were 500 calls for service. Deputies were at the park 580 times in a year."

That fact was not relevant to East CRA Committee Chairman Jack Rogerson, who said, "This is an attempt to save the house. Moving the house and solving the homeless issue are not connected."

Resident Kay Johnson also urged, "Let's save the park. Don't let developers ruin our city. Commercialization is overtaking the park. It doesn't always have to be about money. The park is used by many community groups."

One resident said, "McNab Park shouldn't be sacrificed to save this house. Put it somewhere else, such as Community Park or where the library was."

The Pompano Beach Library at 1213 E. Atlantic Blvd., closed in November 2017 to move to its location at 50 W. Atlantic Blvd. The property remains vacant.

Glenda Clark, granddaughter of pioneer house owner Robert McNab said, "Years ago we tried to talk to the city. My sisters and I wanted to have a bed and breakfast right where it was. We're too old to do that now. My sister lived there until last February. There were so many

vagrants and homeless. It was impossible for us to stay there. We offered the city the house before we sold it."

The property where the house is located is made up of two parcels sold in December. The parcel on Atlantic Boulevard sold for \$1.07 million. The adjacent parcel sold for \$1.8 million.

Resident Victoria Berquist supports the plan.

"I sold my house and chose Pompano because they're doing all the right moves. This is an incredible value. [McNab Park] is not the only park. There are a lot of parks in the city," she said.

Another resident urged the CRA members to "... save the house and activate the park so people can enjoy it."

Irene Reidich, a resident since 1934 and a member of the historical society said, "McNab House is part of our history. We need to save it and preserve it. Keep the house part of our history as long as possible."

But others wanted to save the park.

"It's the only park with a sports facility east of Federal Highway. It's wrong to take a park for commercial use," said a resident.

Committee member Fred Stacer said, "The move would potentially take care of the second problem [the vagrants in the park.] If we can take care of another problem, that's a positive thing."

Tran said there is no other

location in the CRA district to move the house.

"The best location for us is the park, where a restaurant is the highest/best use. A historic house converted to a restaurant has a quaint feeling. The house is beautiful. It's a very special yellow brick. It's a huge part of Pompano's history we can reuse and have the public involved.

"We will get charrettes [public meetings] going," Tran said. The property will still be a public park owned by the city."

McGinn asked if the house could go somewhere else.

"Now we have it [the McNab House] in the CRA budget," Tran responded. "We can do it now."

"Are we in favor of moving the house or not?" asked Rogerson. "Whether there's a

bed and breakfast will come back to this committee."

RMA co-executive director Chris Brown, a consultant on the project directed a comment to McGinn.

"You're beginning to malign my company again," he said.

Brown owns property adjacent to the McNab Park.

"Is there still a conflict of interest?" Brown asked, addressing the claims of a conflict of interest.

"We own a building on Southeast 23 Avenue. We resigned because a former commissioner [Dist. 1 Commissioner Mike Sobel], who is in the room, maligned us and treated us with disrespect and falsehoods.

"Why are we doing this? It's an economic development initiative," Brown said.

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Park

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“Maybe some big developer’s going to come in and buy us all up and we’ll make a bunch of money. But I’m not sure that’s going to happen.”

Much of the land surrounding the park is vacant. At a recent East CRA Advisory meeting, Kim Briesemeister, principal with RMA, which is a consultant on the project, said additional parking was being sought.

RMA is one of those property owners. It owns an office building on the block east of the park.

Other nearby owners include County Commissioner Lamar Fisher, Hollywood Pines, LLC. and Singleton



Officials want to move the McNab House to McNab Park and convert it into a restaurant. [Courtesy]

Realty, LLC., Fisher, the former mayor here, owns multiple properties, including the office of Fisher Auction Company, on the block west of the park. DiGiorgio also owns multiple properties on that block. A message left

with Fisher was not returned in time for publication.

Hollywood Pines, LLC. owns vacant lots on the block directly south of the park. *The Pelican* was unable to determine who owns the properties. But Douglas Hill was listed as the registered agent. A message left with

Hill was not returned in time for publication.

Cynthia Peters, Glenda Clark and Jennifer Simon are listed on documents for Singleton Realty, LLC., which owns multiple properties on the block southwest of the park.

Cynthia Peters, Larry Peters, Glenda Clark and Jennifer Simon are listed as the sellers of the property where the McNab House is currently located. The property was sold in December to New Capital Resources, which plans to develop the property, and several adjacent properties, into a mixed-use development.

Jeffrey Wachs is listed as the registered agent for Singleton. A message left with him was not returned in time for publication.

Arboretum sale this Saturday

Deerfield Beach – Each year, this city celebrates Earth Month in April with a series of events in honor of Earth and Arbor Day. The next Earth Month event is Green, Grow, Bloom: an Arboretum Celebration, on Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. Friends of the Arboretum are hosting the event; a native plant sale and tour of the Arboretum. For more information, contact Constitution Park at 954-480-4494. For more information on the Earth Month series of activities, visit dfb.city/earthmonth.

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Teams composed of two players pay \$40 to enter the competition and are encouraged to challenge one another, i.e. Rotary challenging the Deerfield Beach Kiwanis Club; BSO taking on the firefighters.

The event also includes fun for the spectators with craft beers, wine, food trucks and music. Chairing the event is Christina Fink. She can be reached at fink@browardschools.com. Registration is due by May 1.

Walmart

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At the April 3 commission meeting, City Manager David Hebert said, “There was a posting on a real estate broker’s website, and we have confirmed it is valid regarding the former Kmart property. The property appears to be available to interested parties. No price was attached.”

“It seems to be in play.” - Hebert

Hebert said Walmart or any subsequent developer would have the right to develop the site based on a development agreement commissioners already approved.

He added that he’s been getting calls regularly about

why nothing has happened at the site.

“I don’t know what Walmart is looking for, but it seems to be in play. I wish I could get into the mind of Walmart and answer those questions, but I can’t.”

He promised to keep “a close eye” on the property and keep commissioners apprised of any developments.

The history

It took Walmart years and eventually a hearing before a special magistrate in order to receive necessary approvals to proceed.

Commissioners approved a site plan for the 133,233-square-foot superstore in 2015 but did not approve the plat.

Without plat approval, development plans couldn’t go forward.

At the time, then commissioner Shari McCartney said, “We passed the difficult part and denied the part that’s ministerial. We denied the part we don’t have a right to deny. That’s crazy.”

State law provides for conflict resolution proceedings when a property owner believes action taken by a governmental entity is unreasonable or unfairly burdens the use of the owner’s property.

Walmart requested relief after commissioners denied the plat and denied a request to waive undergrounding of power lines on the property.

A special magistrate recommended the commission approve both the plat and the waiver request.

Commissioners approved the requests in late November 2016 by a vote of 3-1, with

then commissioner Sara Guevrekian casting the only dissenting vote. Then mayor John Adornato and Commissioners Michael Carn and Matthew Sparks voted yes. Tim Lonergan again recused himself from voting because his employer did business with Walmart.

At the hearing, Walmart argued it couldn’t agree to underground utility lines because FPL would not approve the undergrounding.

According to the Katz & Associates realty website, platting is completed. The site is restricted to a discount store and wholesale membership/warehouse club, grocery store/supermarket, pharmacy, dollar, general or variety store.

A Katz Realtor did not respond to an email about the listing in time for publication.

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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 - 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.

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.

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Ongoing - "PENTA." 6 to 9 p.m. BaCA, 41 NE 1 St., Pompano Beach. Art

exhibition celebrating Bailey Contemporary Arts' Fifth Anniversary. 954-284-0141.

Through May 3 - Claudia Castillo Art Studio, 2215 Wilton Manors Dr., Wilton Manors presents Under Pressure by Hugh Williams. Reception April 20 at 6 p.m. Free and open to the public. 954-274-7047.

Call to Artists - Doing Business as an Artist Deadline: April 26. Graduates of Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute (AEI) are invited to submit work for the 11th annual *Doing Business as an Artist (DBA)* exhibit, which will showcase an array of South Florida's artists and their interpretation of the theme: TEXTURED. For more information and to apply, visit the ArtServe website.

ART Mondays. 2 to 5 p.m. Herb Skolnick Civic Center,

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Cultural Center presents William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*



Hermia and Lysander have escaped to a forest. [Courtesy]

Pompano Beach - It's a production specifically geared to elementary and middle school-aged children. The Shakespeare Troupe of South Florida is bringing Shakespeare's most popular comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to the

Pompano Beach Cultural Center on Saturday, May 11 at 7 p.m. "A *Midsummer Night's Dream* is a great introduction to Shakespeare," said Phyllis Korab, cultural affairs director. "The play involves magic, fairies, mistaken identities and lots of action. It's a colorful and lively presentation where children will discover that Shakespeare is fun."

The play begins with the people of Athens entering a moonlit forest and falling under the spell of the fairies who inhabit it. These merry wanderers of the night make mischief as two boys fall in love with the same girl and friends turn against each other.

The play is performed by seven actors from the Shakespeare Troupe of South Florida; complete with sets, costumes, props, sight gags and sound effects.

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Italian Festival brings wine, song, dance and spaghetti to beach

Deerfield Beach – The first Italian Festival on the Beach, hosted by Rotary of Deerfield beach, was held Saturday.

Located in front of the Wyndham Deerfield Beach Resort, the event featured dancers, music, singing, wine, pizza, a spaghetti eating contest and plenty of residents and visitors to take part in the festivities. [Staff photos]



Christina Fink, president of Rotary's night division, one of the contestants in the spaghetti eating contest. [Left] Pino Coniglio performs *Speak Softly, Love*, more popularly known as the theme song for *The Godfather* films.



Roberta Albuquerque dances with Ritio Giamattei, performers who were part of the Pulcinella Italian Orchestra.



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Zion members have maintained the easement for the last 15 years. Making Southwest 1 Avenue an access road for the club's addition will "box us in," he said. "We had no idea this was going on," Times said of the club's building plans. "We've been there 117 years."

Another property owner, Octavia McDougald, said she supports the club's expansion and is looking for alternative ways to resolve the issue.

"The kids walk through the church property now to and from the club," she said.

If the road were to open, traffic, the children's safety, and the liability are her concerns.

On last week's agenda was abandonment of a utility

At its peak, First Zion had probably 300 members. Today, there are 150.

easement and vacating a right of way, both on land within the Boys and Girls Club boundaries, Eric Power, director of development, told the commission.

Approval of those items would have no effect on the church's future, he said.

Preston and Pastor Times asked that the item be tabled to give the parties involved an opportunity to find common ground. "The minute the Boys & Girls Club goes ahead, it stops the church from doing what they want. Everyone is amenable to resolving this," said Preston.

Commissioners did approve the easement and right of way abandonments on first reading. The matter will be up for further consideration on Tuesday, April 16.

Power, however, had more bad news for the church members. A water line running beneath Southwest 1 Avenue cannot be removed so any building expansion by the church to the north will be "impossible" he said.

Hall said the extension would not go beyond church property. The concern is it would encroach on the 15-foot setback requirement if the club builds on the right of way. The congregation has withstood other restrictions from the city. Deacon Hall said it wanted to fence in the adjoining lot but that permit was refused.

Vacant land for additional church parking is also being sought for the redevelopment of Dixie Highway.

But in most ways, First Zion has withstood the test of time. In all its years, only 11 pastors have led this flock. The newest, and youngest, is Times who was chosen three years ago. In pleading his case for the appointment, Hall says Times asked the selection board to "make use of what you have."

Instead of conducting a far-reaching search, the board picked one of its own.

A member of the large Poitier clan, Times also manages the Rahming-Poitier Funeral Home in Deerfield Beach.

Getting younger people into the congregation is a challenge, Hall said. At its peak, First Zion had "probably 300 members." Today, he says there are 150, a respectable number since "old-time" religions are losing members to the newer, evangelical institutions.

Aware of changing times, Deacon Hall says his once all-black neighborhood has become 20 percent Brazilian, 15 percent Cuban. So along with progress, a changing demographic is influencing church membership.

But First Zion maintains three choirs and holds weekly Sunday School, Bible study and Sunday services. And for special events, its sanctuary overflows.

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Pompano Beach – As the city continues to grow into a hub of arts and culture, few things are more reflective of its past, present and future than the annual Pompano Beach Seafood Festival.

The festival will take place April 26 to 28, with nearly 30 bands playing on three stages.

The landmark event, now in its 35th year, is changing scenery a bit this time around, moving from the beach to Pompano Beach Community Park & Amphitheater. But its spirit remains intact.

Organizers say the move will offer more space and better parking.



Andrew Morris performs at last year's festival. [Courtesy]

A variety of beverages will be on tap to wash down the array of seafood, and it all comes with three full days of music with a little something for everyone.

“Last year was a huge success,” said Festival Manager Kyle Good.

“JJ Grey & Mofro brought in one of the larger crowds in recent years on Saturday night and created an ideal environment that had festival goers on their toes listening to every note.

“JJ concluded the night with ‘Hey Jude’ and hearing the crowd sing along was one of my favorite moments in the Festival’s history.”

Good added that this year’s

lineup features Zach Deputy, whose crowd-pleasing one-man-band blends calypso and jazz to kick things off on Friday night.

Saturday night is for classic rock favorites and Seafood Fest veterans like “The Guess Who” and “Foghat,” while things wrap up on Sunday with reggae-pop legends “Inner Circle.”

“For fans of country music, returning this year are both the ‘Andrew Morris Band’ and ‘Shane Duncan Band,’” said Good. “Both artists incorporate high energy country along with Southern Rock and have become a

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Auditions

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

Through 4/13 – Book sale. **Lighthouse Point Library at Dixon Ahl**, 2220 NE 38 St. used books, CDs, records, audio books. Prices begin at \$1. 954-946-6398.

Classes

The Coast Guard Auxiliary in Boca Raton will offer a

one-day class "About Boating Safely" on April 6, 2019, from 9-5 in Spanish River Park HQ Bldg. The class is \$5.00 for teens (12-19). For others, the cost is \$35. For questions or RSVP, call 561-391-3600 and leave a message."

Clubs

South Florida Chapter of American Needlepoint Guild meeting. 10 a.m. Imperial Point Colonnades, 2156 NE 67th St., Fort Lauderdale. Meets first Wednesday of every month. 954-401-2800.

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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.

Easter Sunrise Services

Pompano Beach - Lost & FOUND Christian Church of Pompano Beach holds its 21st Annual Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 a.m. at Hillsboro Inlet Park. 2700 N Ocean Blvd. A Continental Breakfast and children's Easter Egg hunt will follow the service. Call 943-0040.

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

-Sunrise Services are planned at Anglin Square (Commercial Blvd at the Ocean) April 21 at 6.30 a.m. traditional service with live music and dance. Restaurants on the square will be open for breakfast following the Service.

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4/20 – Spring celebration -11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Weaver

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Easter week activities are 'egg-stroinary'

Deerfield Beach – Easter events here begin with the Flashlight Egg Hunt Thursday, April 18, 6:45 p.m. at Constitution Park, 2841 W. Hillsboro Blvd. This event is for participants 18 years of age and older. An egg hunt wristband is required and registration is open. The "egg-citement" continues Friday, April 19 at the Egg-Stravaganza at the Oveta McKeithen Recreational Complex, 445 SW 2 St., 6 p.m. for children under age 12.

Easter festivities wrap up with the Annual Easter Egg Run on Saturday, April 20, at the Middle School Athletic Complex, 501 SE 6 Ave., 10 a.m. Children ages 10 and under can come out to enjoy face painting, bounce houses and of course, an egg hunt. All events are free for Deerfield Beach residents. The Flashlight Egg Hunt is \$2 for non-residents.

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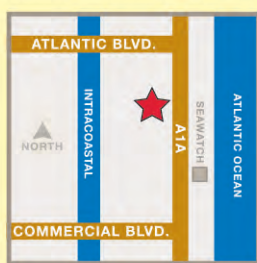
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Broward Children's Center honors Gothier family



Late last month, AND Fish Kitchen & Bar located in the Marriott, Pompano Beach, hosted a private reception where the Gothier family of Lighthouse Point was honored along with Charles Medical Group and the Ultimate Fighting Championship Athletes of Hard Knocks 365. Mayor Rex Hardin presented awards and gifts to the honorees for their support of the Broward Children's Center. Broward Children's Center is a Pompano Beach non-profit whose mission is to provide quality healthcare services to infants, children and young adults with special needs. For more information, visit beckids.org. Pictured [left to right] are Bea Neids, Lea Schroeter, Anna Nordmann, Shearyl Gennaro, Bonnie Ducharme, Marlene Coppola and Lisa Gothier. [Courtesy]

Gould

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property in 1989 and became two of the city's most visible volunteers. Additionally, he has served on a city's planning and zoning board.

Joan is the other component to this uncertain journey. The Generation Program requires participants to have a study partner who will stay the course and provide support.

She was already a recruiter for several other FAU Schmidt School of Medicine studies and was lining up volunteers for the Generation Program. Naturally, she asked if her husband would be interested.

Aware that his mother had experienced some form of dementia, he signed on without giving it much thought. "It's a huge commitment," Joan said.

"I think what he is doing is very, very brave. It's the ultimate altruism. He has no idea what he's taking, the placebo or the real deal. Maybe when the study is

"I think what he is doing is very, very brave." - Joan

complete in eight to 10 years, he'll know."

But the constant checkups and mental monitoring along the way could be beneficial.

When people hear about Gould's willingness to be tested for Alzheimer's they often say they wouldn't want to know if they have the gene. Joan says, "Although they haven't found a cure yet, early diagnosis is beneficial."

Gould had the opposite reaction. When he discovered he was a "rare bird" he told everyone - family and friends. "He's been an open book," Joan Gould says. "He's thinking that forewarned is

forearmed . . . he's not afraid of it."

[The Generation Program is still seeking volunteers for its FAU trial. Those 60 to 75 years of age with no memory impairment are eligible to sign on for genetic testing. Only those with the APOE gene can take part. Volunteers can withdraw from the program at any time. The promotional brochure urges readers to "Do something unforgettable." And it adds, "After decade of research, we believe we may be close to finding something remarkable. Something that could be remembered for generations to come. And you could help make it happen." For further information, call the Comprehensive Center for Brain Health at Florida Atlantic University, 561-297-0164.

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Pier

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said Thursday he does not have a set schedule on when the sidewalk work will be done. It is being constructed by New Urban Communities.

While staff had earlier considered building an alternate route to allow pedestrians on the pier, that plan has been scrapped.

“Fireworks will be launched from a barge. Indeed, the city planned for a July 4 pier grand opening. However, the city is compelled to provide a safe passage in and out of the pier.

“Until the developer finishes the sidewalk at the western end, the area is considered unsafe for pedestrians and the city prefers not to open it to the public,” Danovich said.

Asked when completion was initially scheduled, Danovich said, “The pier had a substantial completion date of March 15

This date was achieved. The additional work [construction of the bait and tackle shop] extended the original completion date to May 31.

“The bait and tackle shop is still in permitting. Construction should be done by the end of May as planned.

“The area is considered unsafe for pedestrians.” - Danovich

The shop will not be open until the pier is open to the public. “

Construction is still going on at the nearby Oceanic restaurant. “Oceanic says they will be open in June, but I wouldn’t be making a reservation,” Rogerson said. “They will open this summer. We don’t know when.”

Rogerson noted that New Urban’s owner Tim Hernandez has just had a fourth amendment approved to his contract, extending completion time for other parcels until Dec. 20.

Initially, all the projects were to be completed by June 2019, Rogerson said.

“In the past six years, the Hampton Inn, Cultural Arts Center, Pier Garage have all been completed, and all we have is one restaurant so far,” Rogerson said.

“At the end of this year, he will again breach his contract,” Rogerson predicted. “The last three parcels won’t meet the timeline. The development agreement has been extended four times with no penalty to the developer.

“It’s too late to change bus drivers,” Rogerson said. He called for a motion to recommend penalties if Hernandez again doesn’t meet the deadlines and it was unanimously approved.

Asked if there are penalties in Hernandez’ contracts with the city, Danovich responded, “I am not aware of the city commission approving any penalties, yet. Formal action is necessary.”

Resident Jim Massey of Riverside Drive said, “There’s value in these buildings being there. The environment needs to get finished or the whole thing doesn’t work. Tolerance of delay, delay, delay has to stop. That’s a valuable corridor for Pompano Beach. Termination is the solution. Permanent guarantees are the solution. Penalties aren’t the solution.”

Hernandez is responsible for five parcels, including Alvin’s Island Retail, BurgerFi, Kilwins, an Italian restaurant, an event/catering facility, a hotel, various shops in the garage. In addition, he is responsible for Beach House and Oceanic restaurants and Lucky Fish.

Permits have not yet been issued for BurgerFi, Kilwins and the Italian restaurant.

Oakland Park Square gets more units, more heights

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Oakland Park – Developers of Oakland Park Square last week were granted 47 additional units and will be allowed to build to heights of 68 feet in their mixed-used development that will include city hall offices.

Integra Real Estate can now build 87 units on the Dixie Highway site. The original height limitation was 36 feet.

With these changes, commissioners moved closer to developing the two vacant lots at Northeast 38 and 39 streets.

The proposed development also includes residential apartments, live/work units, retail/commercial space and a parking facility with at least 343 parking spaces.

Broward County has established flex units so the number of dwelling units can be increased “to allow efficient municipal adjustments to further city goals.” Zoning regulations permit 45 dwelling unit per acre.

The city’s planning and zoning board unanimously recommended approval of Integra’s requests at its March 5 meeting.

The 87 units will be built on the north lot. The south lot allows 54 dwelling units, but being proposed are 11 “live-work” units.

Broward County allots each city a “pool” of flex units. Oakland Park has 748 available.

“This is a no-brainer,” said resident Jack Doren. “This is a perfect use of flex units. It will bring people downtown and provide foot traffic to restaurants, other businesses and events.”

Michael Kaufman, a board member at Eastside Village, a townhome development on Dixie Highway said, “This is really exciting and will create some energy in Oakland Park.” His community has requested a traffic light on Dixie between Prospect Road and Northeast 38 Street to calm traffic.

Commissioner Michael Carn said he favored “getting this pre-development work out of the way.” He added, “I look

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forward to the coming days when we can start living our dream. I have a good feeling about the project and what it means to our city.”

“I’m excited about the

live/work units and seeing residential units come to the downtown,” said Vice Mayor Mathew Sparks.

In approving the additional building height, commissioners have allowed for an additional 50 parking spaces, which will cost Integra another \$1 million

The city’s planning and zoning board recommended approval of the request by a vote of 4-1.

“The height is necessary for us to put together this proposed development program,” said Nelson Stabile, a principal with Integra.

Resident Steve Arnst requested the parking remain a free public amenity.

Commissioner Tim Lonergan asked how many parking spaces will be for city hall and if parking would be free to the general public.

City Manger David Hebert responded that “discussions are in infancy, and plans will come back to the commission for approval.”

“We understand how critical parking is for events,” said Stabile. “Parking will be available 24/7 for citizens.” The lots have been used in the past for event parking.

In a related development, commissioners approved an agreement between the city and The Goldstein Environmental Law Firm, P.A. to assist the city in preparing and entering into a Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement for an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the property at 3855 N. Dixie Highway.

Resident Steve Arnst criticized the expense “for just filling out forms for us.” He said the service should have gone out to bid.

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Broward Women's Choral Group to perform at library

Oakland Park – The Broward Women's Choral Group performance at Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library, 1298 NE 37 St., will be held on Saturday, April 20 at 4 p.m. The program will be "Join us at the Oscars: Favorite Award Winning Songs from the Movies." For more information, visit bwcchoralgroup.org.

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After merger, Republican club calls first meeting

Pompano Beach – The Pompano Beach Republic Club and the Fort Lauderdale Beach Republican Club have merged to form the East Broward Republican Club. The first meeting, a "Pizza and Politics" social co-hosted by the Broward Young Republican Club, will be held on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Stingers on the Beach, 1201 S. Ocean Blvd. Broward Republican Executive Committee Chairman George Moraitis will be the speaker. There is no cost for members to attend. Non-members may attend for \$10 or join the club for \$25. For more information, call 954-729-0292.

Former governor will speak to League of Women Voters

Margate – Bob Graham, former governor and U.S. Senator, will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Broward County. The meeting will be held at noon on Saturday, April 27 at the Carolina Golf Club, 3011 N. Rock Island Road. Graham's topic will be "Democracy Starts in Your Neighborhood." He will also answer questions and sign copies of his book, *America: The Owner's Manual*, after his presentation. Tickets are \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members. Reserve tickets at lwbroward.org. The reservation deadline is April 19. For more information, contact Bonnie Gross at bonnielgross@gmail.com or 954-895-4556.



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City schedules public meetings for G.O. Bond projects; input requested

Pompano Beach – City officials here have scheduled meetings for each of the G.O. Bond projects approved by voters in March of 2018. During that election, voters approved borrowing \$180 million to pay for upgrades to parks, public safety and infrastructure.

Officials said recently that they want residents to attend the meetings and offer input on each project. At their April 23 meeting, commissioners will vote on \$17 million in bond money to build three fire stations.

G. O. Bond Projects - Public Presentations						
First Public Outreach Meeting						
Month	Date	Day	Project Name	District	Event Location	Time
April	15th	Monday	McNair Park Renovations	5	McNair Park Civic Center	6:00 PM
	17th	Wednesday	McNab Road Improvements and McNab Road Bridge	1,3	Public Library - Cultural Center	6:00 PM
	18th	Thursday	Open			
	22nd	Monday	Fire Station #114 and Fire Station #52	5	Skolnick Center	6:00 PM
	24th	Wednesday	Collier City Neighborhood Improvements	5	Collier City Civic Association	6:00 PM
	29th	Monday	Mitchell Moore Park Improvements	4	E. Pat Larkins	6:00 PM
	30th	Tuesday	North Pompano Park Improvements	2	Highlands Civic Center	6:00 PM
May	1st	Wednesday	Youth Sports Complex - Centennial Park - Amphitheater (Update Only)	2,3	Emma Lou Olsen Civic Center	6:00 PM
	2nd	Thursday	Terra Mar Drive Bridge - Ocean Rescue/Lifeguard Stations (Update Only)	1	Emma Lou Olsen Civic Center	6:00 PM
	6th	Monday	Fire Station #61	4	E. Pat Larkins	6:00 PM
	8th	Wednesday	Ultimate Sports Park	4	E. Pat Larkins	6:00 PM
	9th	Thursday	Open			
	13th	Monday	Fire Emergency OPS Center	1,2,3,4,5	Public Library - Cultural Center	6:00 PM
	15th	Wednesday	Dixie Highway Improvements	1,2,3,4,5	Public Library - Cultural Center	6:00 PM
	27th	Monday	Holiday			
	28th	Tuesday	Public Safety Complex - Kester Park Improvements	3	Emma Lou Olsen Civic Center	6:00 PM
	29th	Wednesday	Palm Aire	5	Skolnick Center	6:00 PM
June	30th	Thursday	NE 33rd Street Improvements	2	Highlands Civic Center	6:00 PM
	3rd	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Construction	4	E. Pat Larkins	6:00 PM
	4th	Tuesday	SE 5th Avenue Bridge Improvement	3	Emma Lou Olsen Civic Center	6:00 PM
	5th	Wednesday	A1A Improvements	1	Emma Lou Olsen Civic Center	6:00 PM

Bowling tournament benefits children, veterans

Pompano Beach – NFL Alumni and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 133 will host Caring for Kids, a bowling tournament, on Saturday, June 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Diamond Strike Lanes, 2200 N. Federal Hwy. The cost is \$100 per player. Teams of four are allowed. The money raised benefits the Broward Children’s Center and helps train veterans as service officers who then help their fellow veterans apply for and receive the benefits they are entitled to due to their service in the military. To sign up, call 954-547-3652.

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Seafood

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Shaw Davis poses before his set at last year's festival. [Courtesy]

staple of the festival over the years."

Also returning will be big-band reggae giants "The Resolvers," warming up the crowd for "Inner Circle" on Sunday evening.

"For fans of Jimi Hendrix and soulful Rock N' Roll, be on the lookout for 'Shaw Davis & The Black Ties,'" said Good.

"Shaw grew up in Pompano Beach and is booked for

over 100 gigs throughout the country, yet he calls our festival his favorite performance of the year."

There will also be dozens of seafood vendors as well as an arts and crafts marketplace and several bars onsite. Individual day tickets are available starting at \$15, with 3-day passes on sale for \$35. For more information, visit pompanobeachseafoodfestival.com.

Fishing report

Drift on top and bottom!



Drift on top and bottom!

This is a catch from the *Fish City Pride* earlier this week. Many of their catches were filled with kingfish and snapper.

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minutes. It's a great time of the year to catch a mixed bag while drifting and it is relaxing!

Have Fun!
RJ Boyle

Easter Egg Hunt

Oakland Park – The Oakland Park Firefighters' Benevolent Association will host its free annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20 at Royal Palm Park, 1701 NW 38 St./Park Lane West. At approximately 9:45 a.m., the Easter Bunny will arrive at the park in the fire engine to start the egg hunt at 10 a.m. Children ages 12 and younger are invited to attend and should bring their own basket or bag to hold the eggs.

For more than 26 years, the Oakland Park Firefighters' Benevolent Association has hosted the Easter Egg Hunt free of charge to children living in Oakland Park with complementary refreshments served by Sal's Towing. Call 954-630-4550 for more information.

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Six golden eggs planned for spring festival

Pompano Beach – On Saturday, April 20, families will be on the hunt for the six golden eggs hidden at Weaver Park, 800 NW 20 St. Velma Flowers, Spring Festival chair, says the event is free and the day will be full of music, games, food and refreshments. The fun begins at 11 a.m. For more information or to help sponsor or volunteer, call 754-245-5517.



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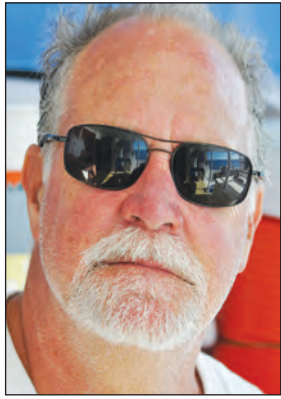
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Catching the Ocean View

Targeting lionfish in April is good for the reefs and for your appetite



By Jim "Chiefy" Matthie

PELICAN STAFF

The Chiefy Crew has dedicated April to targeting lionfish and here's the nice benefit; they taste great.

Our theory is "Eat 'em to Beat 'em," so we're doing our part to improve the underwater world.

For underwater hunters, the month of April is slow. Lobster season ended March 31. Grouper and hogfish season doesn't reopen until May 1. This makes April the perfect month to target lionfish. So, grab the pole spears and Zookeeper® containers for safe harvesting of lionfish.

This is an invasive species with few natural predators. Lionfish have a ferocious



Mike Mitson does his part by ridding the ocean of one less invasive predator. [Right] The more coolers get filled with lionfish, the more native fish species will be able to populate the waters off South Florida and beyond. [Staff photos]

appetite, eating many juvenile reef fish, including baby grouper and snapper. If lionfish are left to thrive, our fish resources will dwindle.

Lionfish are now found in the Caribbean, Bahamas, Gulf Coast and Atlantic Coast. Taking them off the reef is good for the environment and, as we said, they are great to eat.

Lionfish can be found on the reef and quite often in the same habitat as spiny lobster. Seeing lionfish just above a

reef is an indication lobster may be in the area. Unlike most fish, they don't swim very fast, so they make an easy target.

However, they do have 18 venomous spines for protection, and getting stung by these spines is agony. Where you are stung will swell immediately and become red. While no one has been known to die from these spines, the effects last a few weeks.

There are special harvesting



tools designed to make spearing lionfish easier and safer. The pole spears with three or five barbs are modified specifically for lionfish and we usually collect them in a lionfish Zookeeper® device.

This allows the diver to place the catch directly into the protective tube. Some divers will trim the spines underwater after getting them on the pole spear. I prefer using the Zookeeper® and then getting the lionfish on ice in the boat. We trim the spines back at the dock before we filet them.

Cooking them is easy as they are a pure white filet with a somewhat flaky texture.

They have a freshwater, sweet flavor so they are a great eating fish, whether fried, baked, sautéed or prepared as ceviche.

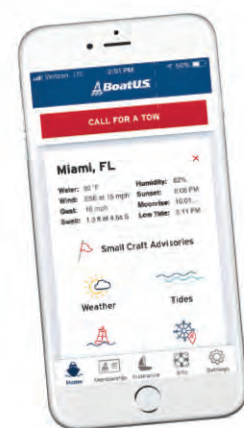
There's even the *Lionfish Cookbook*, available from reef.org, now in its second edition. The book gives you great information on how to catch, handle and prepare lionfish. If you're not a diver, you can buy lionfish at Whole Foods, as all 26 Florida stores carry them.

Do your part divers and non-divers. Harvest and/or eat lionfish. Remember, April is the best month to hunt them, before hogfish and grouper season opens on May 1.

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PRA Business Events acquires Konzept Events

Oakland Park – Community Redevelopment Agency board business Coordinator Neysa Herrera recently announced an update on businesses in the CRA. Herrera reported that Konzept Events, at 3451 N. Dixie Highway, had been acquired by PRA Business Events, Inc., a business event planner.

Konzept Events team will operate as PRA South Florida and continue to specialize in event design, transportation solutions, entertainment and a wide variety of interactive activities and experiences unique to the South Florida, Caribbean and other adjacent markets.

Konzept Events' leaders Hillary Smith and Angie Nelson will continue in leadership roles within the PRA system. Smith will serve in the newly created role of executive creative director, and Nelson will assume the role of general manager of PRA South Florida.

PRA advised that the acquisition will create new job opportunities in Oakland Park, Herrera noted.

Art gallery opens

In other CRA news, Inchoate Art Gallery, a new business at 321 NE 44 St., is a working gallery and art studio that facilitates growth and promotion of South Florida artists.

'Your Poem is a Screenplay' workshop

Pompano Beach – Interested in filmmaking? The Pompano Beach Cultural Division's next session of its film series, Montage, is Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at Bailey Contemporary Arts, 41 NE 1 St.

These monthly events provide a platform for emerging filmmakers to engage a local following. Montage will feature curated film screenings, industry networking events, workshops, artist talks and panel discussions. The film series will take place on the last Thursday of each month and will rotate among the city's cultural venues. Tickets for all events are \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

On April 25, Well-known poet, writer and teacher, Richard "Byrd" Wilson, will introduce "Your Poem is a Screenplay." In this workshop, Byrd will lead attendees through the process of seeing their poems as a part of a bigger process. He will navigate them through various screenplay writing

techniques, tricks of the trade and the confidence to see their poems turned into something big screen worthy. After the workshop, Byrd will perform and engage in audience lead discussions about the feelings, thoughts and the implications that his poetry evokes.

Tickets for this session can be found at baileyarts.org.

Free parking on The 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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Tornadoes upset Taravella, 4-3, with high energy and dominance

By **Concepcion Ledezma**

PELICAN SPORTS

The tone was set even before the game began, according to Pompano Beach High baseball coach Anthony Clevinger.

With host Taravella entering in with an 11-3 record against the Tornadoes' modest 4-5, Clevinger thought the mood of the opposition was a little too loose.

"They were warming up without the ball . . . some of the [Taravella] players were diving, catching and throwing imaginary balls . . ." Clevinger said. "Our boys took exception to that, and they got fired up."

Facing their former coach, Joe Giummule, the Tornadoes played "the game of the season" in a highly anticipated, non-district contest Friday.



Pompano's Matias Muñoz went 2-for-3 at the plate, including an RBI single in the 4th as the visiting Tornadoes shocked perennial powerhouse Taravella, 4-3, in non-district game Friday. [Courtesy]

The heavily favored Trojans dropped to 11-4 while Pompano Beach improved to 5-5 following a 1-4 start this season.

"This is definitely the game of the season for our guys, no question about that," Clevinger said. "As a young team [one senior starter], we still have a lot of work to do, but this should be a springboard to the rest of the season."

Taravella, which is currently atop the District 14-9A race at 6-1, couldn't launch offensively with Blake's assortments of off-speed pitches.

During Blake's three innings of work, the teams battled to a scoreless tie. Pompano then drew first blood when an RBI single scored Ryan Cayuso for the 1-0 Tornadoes lead in the fourth inning.

Taravella answered in the fifth on Nathaniel Slotkin's bases-loaded double to give the Trojans a 3-1 lead.

But thanks to a passed ball, the Tornadoes closed the gap to 3-2 with Drew Storm scoring from third in the top of the sixth inning.

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Behind the stellar pitching of starter Blake Thomas [three innings, one hit], middle reliever Matt McCrory [three innings, three strikeouts, no walks] and closer Riley Skeens [one inning, two strikeouts], Pompano Beach kept Taravella's potent offense off-balance.

But they needed a last-inning rally to pull off a 4-3 upset over Taravella.

The deciding run was scored in the top of the seventh inning. McCrory scored what turned out to be the winning run when a chopper to second base resulted in a wild throw to first base. Skeens then took

the mound and proceeded to shut down the Trojans and earn the save.

Giummule, who led the Tornadoes 44-11 in two seasons, including a Class 5A final four berth in '17, said he was not surprised to see the resilience of his former team.

"We played two district games earlier this week, and that was Pompano's first game of the week," he said. "We had to be conscious of our arms because we have another district game on Monday . . . I was happy for Pompano. They deserved to win. They came with a ton of energy and found a way to win."

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Center

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[14 years] and Trish Michael [five years].

“We have over 80 years of volunteer experience and paid experience,” Hime said. “We have a building in a prime spot for Broward County beaches and A1A.”

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“It’s a great idea.” - Sokolow

expense will be to maintain the building and property, Hime said.

The center will continue to operate rent free and with additional paid staff. The town would probably have to give up the LBTS brand sign.

“It’s a great idea,” said Vice Mayor Elliot Sokolow after

Hime’s presentation to the commission.

For more information on the center or to apply to be a volunteer, call 954-776-1000.

Visitor Center employee nominated for courtesy award

Veronica Pietronuto, an employee of the Visitor Center, has been nominated for a Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau SUNsational Service Courtesy Award.

The awards recognize the most helpful and courteous hospitality industry employees in the county.

Nominees will be honored during the bureau’s National Tourism Appreciation Day luncheon May 8 at the Broward Convention Center.

Tornadoes

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Pompano’s Gennaro Caianiello singled in the tying run with one out in the seventh; McCrory then scored the go-ahead run on the throwing error to first by the Taravella second baseman.

Skeens, a right handed junior, then proceeded to retire three batters in the bottom of the seventh to complete the upset. He struck out two, but needed a big grab by centerfielder Kevin Connors to start things off with the first out.

The game ball was awarded to third-base coach Mike Rand, Jr. He was struck on the side of his helmet by a foul

ball that halted the game and required medical attention.

The game was delayed for 20 minutes during that first inning, but the coach refused treatment and chose to remain in the game.

“He showed the spirit of our team there,” Clevinger said. “He wanted to stay, not wanting to let the team down.”

History of Deerfield Country Club

Deerfield Beach – Bob Parton, Jr. will speak about the history of the Deerfield Beach Country Club during History at High Noon on Wednesday, April 17 in the city commission chambers, 150 NE 2 Ave.

During his presentation, “From Dairy Farm to Country Club,” Parton will speak about the club’s founding in 1962 to its sale in 2014 and final farewell party. Admission is free but donations are accepted. For more information, visit deerfield-history.org or call 954-429-0378.


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