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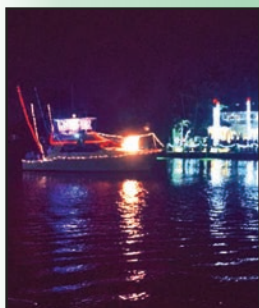
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“As water reflects a face, so a man’s heart reflects the man.”
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DBHS students bring Christmas joy to local kids

By Rachel Galvin

Every year, Deerfield Beach High School (DBHS) students from the Academy of Finance collect toys for their Little Bucks Holiday Toy Drive and bring them to local schools. On Friday, Dec. 13, the students went to Deerfield Park Elementary school and interacted with the kids, as usual. Santa, Mrs. Claus and some elves even came along to hand out gifts to the kids. This was their 17th year.

“We had 41 kids here from the Academy of Finance,” said group sponsor/teacher Frank Pizzo. “I want to thank the chaperone, Ms. Davis, the guidance counselor, for her help and her interaction with the kids. We collected [319 toys surpassing the 250 goal]. We also will be giving to Deerfield



Beach Elementary and Park Ridge Elementary [and Cresthaven]. We will separately be delivering to the [Center for Active Aging] on Wednesday.

“It’s nice to see the kids giving back. Some of the kids used to go to school here. They interacted, did crafts, made Christmas trees, gingerbread men, sang songs and got presents from Santa,” said Deerfield Park Elementary Pre-K teacher Amy Tinker.

Elf Bianey Rubio said, “I really enjoy the event. I want to be an elementary school teacher. It’s nice to be around kids.”

“It is nice to be with the kids and see the smiles on their faces. Some are more timid. It is nice to see them warm up. I like the experience,” said Jeremiah Cemoin, who has been in the group for two years but was Santa for the first time this year.

“This is still my favorite event,” said Mrs. Claus a.k.a. Davia Molina, president of the group, who has been involved for four years. “It warms your heart and makes you happy knowing they’re happy and you made their week. It’s good to give to others, especially kids.”

- 1) DBHS students, pictured, brought holiday spirit to kids at Deerfield Park Elementary on Dec. 13. Photo by Aniah Porter.
- 2) Waiting to open presents.
- 3) Elf Bianey Rubio & reindeer Demi Paige.
- 4) Santa, Jeremiah Cemoin, & Mrs. Claus, Davia Molina, enjoyed participating in this year’s event.



Alternative 2 for expansion of old Chamber building is the option preferred by the CRA Board.

Sullivan Park Phase II; Hillsboro SAND Update

By Diane Emeott

Four distinct visions for Sullivan Park Expansion, Phase II were creatively presented by Kirk Olney, senior landscape architect of the design firm Bermello Ajamil & Partners, Inc. at the 7 p.m. Dec. 10 Deerfield Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) meeting.

Alternative 1 had expanded green space but no building for a community center, CRA offices or an interactive children’s learning center.

Alternative 2 had a one-story minimalist approach—and overwhelmingly seemed to be the option neighboring Riverview Road condominium owners generally liked best.

Alternative 3 and Alternative 4 both showed an elevated public facility over parking. Alternative 3 has the parking tucked under the building, so it’s a story over parking. Alternative 4 also has the structure over the existing parking lot on its east side. (There is uncovered parking on the west side of Alternative 4).

All options presented were

roughly the same size in terms of square footage ... Around 4500 sq. ft.,” explained CRA Director Kris Mory.

Alternative 2 was selected for further design development.

CRA Board Member Michael Hudak, representing District 1, which contains the CRA District, at first championed Alternative 4. He said he liked the idea of a children’s interactive learning center there and would like to tie it in to Deerfield Beach Island, Sullivan Park, and maybe even the new Underwater Camera at the Pier.

Following Board Member Ben Preston’s comment that the most important thing is to make sure people who live near there are comfortable with it, other board members, including Hudak, came to a consensus to give staff direction to bring back more information on Alternative 2, such as a feasibility study, cost estimate, eventually allowing vetting of a firm.

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Dodie Keith-Lazowick of Keith & Associates is recognized for helping students at Deerfield Beach Elementary School. (Pictured with her colleagues, the mayor and city commissioners.)

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Cocktails with Santa

By Diane Emeott

Area movers and shakers took an evening to chill out under the Banyan tree at the Historic Butler House last Thursday, Dec. 12 at the annual Cocktails with Santa event. The house was festively decorated inside and out for Christmas.

The Mad Platter served up pigs in a blanket with blue cheese mustard, artichoke dip, a meat and cheese charcuterie, spicy meatballs and mini turkey sandwiches. Bad Santa took drink requests, including wine and mixed drinks. A duo, Meritt and Moreau, performed opera and more, while guests

mingled and enjoyed a little down time from the holiday hustle and bustle.

Among those stopping by were Mayor Bill Ganz and Commissioner Michael Hudak. President of Deerfield Beach Kiwanis Club Joe Santiago. Historian Amie Kay Tanner was out back with a fun group including Hudak, Jane Schafrann and Perry

visiting with Frank Beaton of Boca Raton Rotary Club, secretary of Deerfield Beach Rotary Club Valerie Hackett and president of Deerfield Beach Kiwanis Club Joe Santiago. Historian Amie Kay Tanner was out back with a fun group including Hudak, Jane Schafrann and Perry

Victor, Bill & Debbie Rollo and Gabriela Gamperl.

Gamperl and Debbie Rollo were pictured beside some of the artwork created by students in their "Young Art & Music Program." The free classes, in which they pair students with an artist and composer to study, are held

the first four Thursdays of the month from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. at the Old School House. Classes are open to Deerfield students ages 10 to 18. For more information, call 954-304-0195.



Sam and Lisa attend Cocktail Party.



Mayor Bill Ganz (C) talks with Keene Guy (L) and Lu Vencel (R).



Andy Johnson and Ellie Cade of Historical Society greet guests.



Historian Amie Kay Tanner (R) is pictured with Bud and Suzanne Omiatek.



Frank Beaton, Valerie Hackett, Emily Lilly & Joe Santiago.



Fun group: Amie Kay Tanner, Jane Schafrann, Commissioner Michael Hudak, Bill (seated) and Debbie (standing R) Rollo.

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Cocoa & Cookies with Mrs. Claus At the Wyndham Resort

By Rachel Galvin

Mrs. Claus left the North Pole to catch some rays here in the Sunshine State by going to a special event held at the Wyndham Deerfield Beach Resort on Sunday, Dec. 15. There, she took time to read with Boys & Girls Club kids from the Jim & Jan Moran unit. Kids did arts & crafts at "Santa's Workshop." They enjoyed holiday treats and hot cocoa and participated in sing-a-longs. Their parents could have adult beverages. "This event was open to the public and we invited the Boys & Girls Club. We had just

employees [and their families] last year. We have collected toys all month long. The kids will get them tomorrow," said Ashley Brown, director of Special Events. "This event is pleasant. It's refreshing. It brings back the joy of Christmas for the kids. I brought 10 kids aged 7 to 13. The kids who came to this event get first choice on presents. We will be raffling off the bike we received," said B&GC Program Manager Maurice Cohen, who added, "Mrs. Claus is doing a great job. The kids are coming out of their comfort zone."

"It is wonderful that the Wyndham organized something to get the kids together. It's great to get people together to celebrate the holidays," said one of the parents, Lilly Verenzuela, who is also an employee at the Wyndham. "This is the second one we have had here," said Claude Dubois, general manager. "The event is really to support the Boys & Girls Club and also for the kids to have a good holiday experience." In the lobby of the Wyndham, there was a large size Gingerbread house made from real gingerbread with cookies

and other treats tacked on with glue made by the chefs.

The Wyndham Resort is located at 2096 NE 2 St. in Deerfield Beach. For more information, visit www.wyndhamdeerfieldresort.com.



Mrs. Claus reads with kids from the Boys & Girls Club, Jim & Jan Moran unit.



Making arts & crafts.



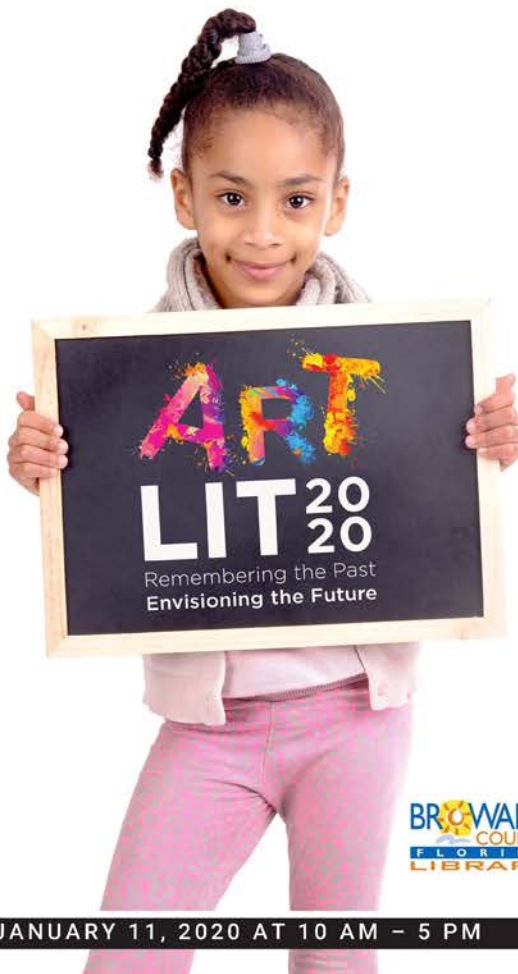
Wyndham GM Claude Dubois with his mother-in-law Ann Marie Natele & his children Francesca and Henri.



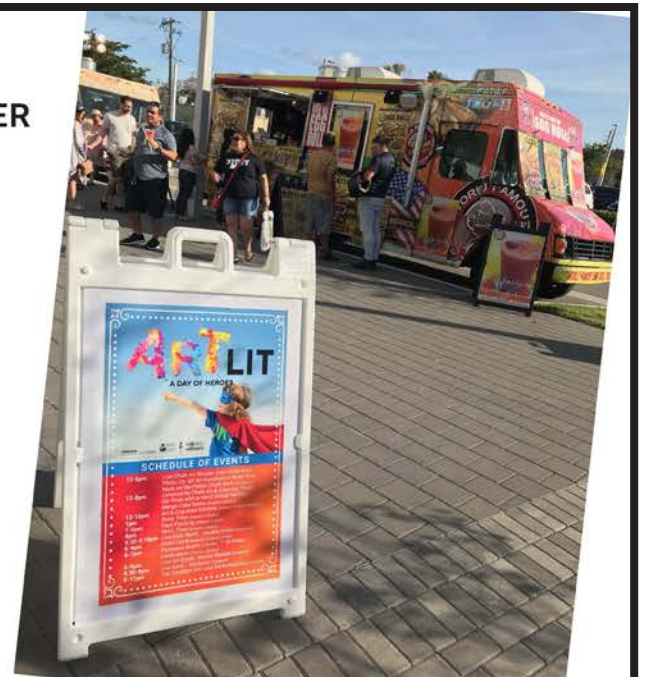
Making a gingerbread house out of real gingerbread. Chefs David da Costa & Michael Demchak.

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LHP Commission mtg. — Dec. 10

By Carol Porter

To begin the Dec. 10 Lighthouse Point City Commission meeting, commissioners heard from Tim Hogan and Ozzie Alvarodiaz, of Florida Power & Light (FPL), who came to talk about FPL's Storm Secure Program, which supports underground power lines. They spoke about how FPL wanted to replace the overhead lines with underground lines, and FPL wanted to work its way through Broward County. Both of them said they wanted people to get in touch with FPL to follow up with them about this project, and they were trying to reach out to many communities to communicate with them. Both men spoke about how well these lines performed during Hurricane Irma and Matthew. They also spoke about the easement process, permitting and other issues associated with underground lines.

Commissioners asked if AT&T and Comcast could also be included in the underground process, and Hogan and Alvarodiaz said

they would look into it. Mayor Glenn Troast said he had been in touch with legislators in Tallahassee about these issues and still was following up with them, and asked Hogan and Alvarodiaz to follow up with the commission.

Representatives of Currie Sowards Aguila Architects then spoke to the commission about proposed plans for the fire station, public works building, community center and library, and showed a series of drawings and sketches for each of these buildings. Speaking about the fire station, they described the station in great detail, pointing out where fire and administrative people would be housed, etc., as well as a memorial to 9/11.

The new fire station would likely have three bays, as well as have meeting rooms and classrooms. The community center would also have rooms for programs, meetings, classes and more. The public works building would have a director's office, staff rooms and other rooms. The library, they said, would have a few improvements, with a new second floor and additional rooms.

The presenters said that

the numbers were mostly at budget but could be lower depending on some of the designs of the buildings. They said that the community center would go out to bid first, and the other buildings would be completed by the summer of 2020.

They also spoke about the fact that the buildings and plans would go through the Development Review Process, the Planning & Zoning Board and the Community Appearance Board, as well as the commission review.

Commissioners emphasized that the other boards and agencies would be designing the project, and that the commission would review it, but not be the final designers of the project.

Commissioner Kyle Van Buskirk said the commission looked forward to weighing in on the process. Commissioners thanked the consultants for their input and they looked forward to seeing them at future meetings.

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Remember, if you see anything suspicious call 911 immediately.

Deerfield Beach

Dec. 4: A man and a woman reported their vehicle was stolen while the man was doing yard work. The incident was reported at 361 SW 15 St.

Dec. 4: A man was arrested for stealing \$344 worth of merchandise from Walgreens at 1041 E. Hillsboro Blvd.

Dec. 5: A man reported

that someone entered his vehicle parked at 120 SE 7 St. and stole a backpack with several items.

Dec. 5: A woman working at Deerfield Beach Storage at 950 S. Powerline Rd. reported that someone drove a truck over a chain link fence causing about \$1,000 in damage.

Dec. 6: A woman reported that a neighbor cut down about \$3,000 worth of bamboo

plants on her property at 812 SE 9 Ave.

Lighthouse Point

Dec. 9: A credit card was found near the tot lot at 3500 NE 27 Ave.

Dec. 7: Police responded to an alarm call at 2730 NE 40 St. The perimeter was found secure.

Dec. 7: A resident found a machete on the grass across the street at 2622 NE 26 St. It was brought to the police department and placed into evidence for disposal.

(This is a partial list. For Deerfield Beach Crime Watch in full, visit www.DFB.City and click on "Sign Me Up" to receive the city wide report.)

Environmental services closing early

On Friday, Dec. 20, the Department of Environmental Services, located at 200 Goolsby Blvd., will be closed at 2 p.m. They will resume normal business hours on Monday, Dec. 23. Should you require any assistance during these hours, please call 954-480-4373.

New time for Pompano Commission meetings

The Pompano Beach City Commission passed a resolution on Tuesday, Dec. 10 modifying the time of day when regular city commission meetings are held.

In an effort to provide an opportunity for more residents to attend and participate in commission meetings, the City of Pompano Beach returned to its former practice of holding one day meeting and one-night

meeting per month.

The commission meeting held on the second Tuesday of every month will now take place at 1 p.m. The meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of every month will take place at 6 p.m. Therefore, residents have an opportunity to attend day or night meetings. The new time will be effective Jan. 14, 2020.

City commission meetings

are web streamed live as well as available to watch any time via the meeting archive on the city's website at www.pompanobeachfl.gov. Meetings will continue to be broadcast live on Comcast Ch. 78 and rebroadcast every weekday at noon, every Thursday and Friday evening at 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m.

DB facilities/services closed for Christmas

All city facilities in Deerfield Beach, with exception of the Deerfield Beach International Fishing Pier, will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas. The Deerfield Beach Aquatic Center will be closed Tuesday,

Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25. The Aquatic Center will reopen Thursday, Dec. 26 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The City of Deerfield Beach will not be providing any garbage or recycling collection services on Wednesday, Dec. 25. All other collections

during that week will remain as scheduled and there will be no changes in service for the New Year's holiday.

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Hillsboro Beach talks possible property purchase & more

By Carol Porter

At the Dec. 17 Town of Hillsboro Beach commission meeting, commissioners first approved an item related to the Town's **procurement code**, giving the Town Manager permission to engage in the

bid process without Town Commission oversight, if he had to do so. Town Manager Mac Serda told the commission and residents present that the revised code would give him the ability to engage in a better bid process, engage

in competitive pricing and provide exceptions when the Town issued bids. Serda explained that sometimes he and staff needed to go ahead and buy items, and getting commission approval would delay the process. He said that the ordinance was the second time the commission was seeing the item as it had come up at the last meeting. He also said that the pricing was still lower than what it was in other places. Commissioners unanimously approved the item.

Commissioners then had discussion about the possibility of **buying the property next to Town Hall**, an item

that had come up at past meetings. Mayor Deb Tarrant said that the commission had carefully considered the item, and staff had also worked hard on running the numbers for what it would be like to buy the land. Tarrant said that everyone was all in agreement that the Town must remain the pristine community that it always had been, and must maintain its independence from the other communities. The land purchase would also make it easier for the Town to get sand for its beach. She said that they had to buy the whole parcel of land but the eastern portion could be sold.

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Florida Representative Chip LaMarca speaks at Dec. 17 meeting.



The Poisoner's Garden

Did you ever want to write a paperback novel where the bad guy poisons someone with something incurable and untraceable? You need not look further than your own backyard.

The most common poisonous or toxic plant families are *Solanaceae* (potato/tomato family), *Apocynaceae* (Oleander/Frangipani family) and *Anacardiaceae* (Poison Ivy family). Not every member of these families is toxic and some can be processed to eliminate the toxin (Cashew Nut). Some have safe parts (Mangoes), while some have the toxins bred out of them (potatoes and tomatoes).

Castor Bean, *Ricinus communis*, the source of castor oil, is a common weed in disturbed areas. It is sometimes grown as an ornamental plant, especially the red leaf variety. However, its seed, resembling a mottled brown tick, is highly toxic. One seed, if unchewed, would likely pass through a person causing no harm, but chew that same seed and the result could be deadly.

Angel's Trumpet, *Brugmansia* species, are beautiful tropical flowering plants with 6 in. trumpet-shaped flowers of pastel yellow, white or pink. The tea

from the boiled flowers is a powerful hallucinogenic but calculating the correct dose is a little problematic. Sometimes you get high, sometimes you get dead.

The Desert Rose, *Adenium obesum*, is a beautiful shrub with a thick bulbous trunk and variable flowers of reds, pinks and white. It is a common potted plant or dry garden specimen. The sap of this little beauty was used by African hunters to tip their arrows with a heart attack producing toxin.

The Manchineel tree, *Hippomane mancinella*, is a Florida native tree that you don't see that often and for good reason. The fruit, nicknamed "the little apple of death" by the Spanish conquistadors, causes severe abdominal upset and burning in the mouth and throat. Just standing under the tree in the rain can cause skin burns.

The Rosary Pea, *Abrus precatorius*, a common flowering weedy vine, is the source of one of the deadliest toxins known. The seed, where the toxins lie, is a small hard red pea with a single black dot. Again, if swallowed whole, is likely harmless. Just don't chew it.

E-mail jerry@treezoo.com with questions.



The Therapy Room

By Dr. Julia Breur, Ph.D., LMFT

Defining Your Inner Child

Your inner child is part of your personality that still reacts and feels like a child. If your inner child is happy and healthy, there usually is a part of you that feels and reacts to life in ways only a child would or could. The challenge is to learn to know, accept, connect and take care of your inner child in order to experience more curiosity, joy, wonder, spontaneity and creativity as an adult.

Ellen's Inner Child:

Ellen, age 27, began seeing me for therapy because she said she was drinking too much alcohol and becoming depressed. In the past, she enjoyed meeting friends on weekends and enjoying a glass or two of wine, but, lately, she was drinking a bottle of wine by herself almost every evening.

Ellen's parents died in a car accident when she was 10 years old. She

then moved to Virginia from Florida to live with her maternal grandparents. Adjusting to this new life was difficult. She missed her parents and cried herself to sleep most nights. She especially missed her mother's kind voice and her constant hugs and kisses. Ellen's grandparents hired teenagers to watch her if they went out to dinner or visited friends. One of those teenagers told her she was a loser because she lived with her grandparents, and that made Ellen feel embarrassed. After speaking with a teacher about this bully, she felt better and continued to do well in school and dreamed about returning to Florida one day.

Ellen and I also spoke about her excessive alcohol intake and the physical and mental debilitation and damage it can cause. We discussed her thoughts, feelings and behaviors relating to alcohol and she realized that drinking excessive alcohol was not good for her and causing depression.

Ellen's favorite holiday as a child was Christmas. She re-

called that her mother pointed out to her that South Floridians wore sweaters, boots and coats around Christmas when the outdoor temperature went below 70 degrees. She remembered how they would both giggle when they saw someone who was not a South Floridian during the Christmas holiday wearing shorts and a T-shirt when the temperature was that low.

Ellen is working at caring and nurturing her inner child. The sad truth that her parents died when she was 10 years old hurt her, and then living with grandparents at a time when they wanted to live their lives without the burden of caring for a child was yet another tough reality we talked about.

The other day Ellen caught herself giggling while seeing a person wearing shorts and a T-shirt in the 65 degree south Florida weather while she was wearing a sweater, boots and a coat. The giggling made her feel child-like. Ellen's inner child is now helping her adult self move forward in many good ways and she realized — change is possible!

Ways to reconnect with The Inner Child:

• **Laugh more often:** Laugh out loud like a child would do. It will keep you healthy! According to the Mayo Clinic, laughter increases oxygen to

the heart, lungs and muscles, as well as increase endorphins released by the brain which improve mood and reduce physical pain.

• **Play:** Not a round of golf or a tennis match ... Play for the simple pleasure of playing. Have a fun conversation with a friend, buy a sketchbook and colored pencils to draw like you did as a child, play a board game, toss a football or Frisbee on the beach, be creative and explore the art of play again. When the inner child is engaged in playing, answers to unrelated concerns can be revealed.

• **Be open to possibilities:** As children we had to be open to meeting new people and having new experiences. We lose that openness as we age, and we become protective of our time and energy. The inner child lives for new experiences so expand your comfort zone, be open, be curious and be kind to what you normally would not take notice of or invest in.

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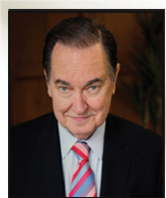
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Cal Thomas

Gifts that keep on giving

Thanksgiving and Christmas seem to come earlier each year. Though the dates remain the same, the promotions from advertisers don't.

Christmas decorations are appearing before Halloween. Merchants can't wait for Thanksgiving to end so they can promote "Black Friday,"

itself beginning days and even weeks before the day after Thanksgiving.

Catalogs fill my mailbox, all promoting stuff for which I have no room and little interest. Does anyone remember what they received last Christmas, if it wasn't a big-ticket item like a car?

OK, how about five years ago? Stuff wears out, goes out of style, or is eventually discarded. "Where's the real stuff in life to cling to?" goes the song lyric.

One answer is in a catalog worth having. It's produced by the international humanitarian organization *World Vision*. Not only do they offer to construct water pipes from wells bringing clean water to villages in impoverished countries, but they also provide goats to poor families in Africa and other places that produce milk and income.

It's not only overseas where help is needed. According to *World Vision's* website, "One in five children in the United States lives in a family strug-

gling with poverty." How can this be in the richest country on earth with so many social service and public assistance programs available? There are many causes of poverty, a lack of an adequate education, unemployment, underemployment, addiction, familial abuse. *World Vision* offers help to those in need until they provide for themselves.

How does it work? *World Vision* explains: "By engaging churches and organizations and providing a way for manufacturers and businesses to share excess resources with people struggling with poverty. In 2018, we were able to reach more than 4 million people, including 2.2 million children, through our various

U.S. ministries."

What could you buy or give that would have such an immediate impact on so many lives?

World Vision also has education resources. The goal is not to sustain people in poverty, but to help them reach financial independence, something especially conservatives who dislike big government should support: "At *World Vision* Teacher Resource Centers, they get to select free items a few times per year to stock up on school supplies, classroom materials, books, games and incentives to keep students engaged in lessons. This ministry impacted 288,829 students and teachers at 788 schools nationwide in 2018."

How often do politicians equate true compassion with the number of people not dependent on government?

There are also traditional child sponsorship programs, some with a new twist in which the child gets to pick his or her sponsor.

The point is what gives the most satisfaction? Is it toys for children who may already have enough or is it changing another life, not only with toys or money, or goats, but sending a message that another human being cares about them? Sometimes that is motivation enough for people who feel abandoned, unloved and unwanted.

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By Kathy Richards

A very sad day in Deerfield Beach

For 57 years, the *Observer* newspaper has been available every Thursday for all residents to read and find out what is going on in our city — sports, city meetings, local activities, including a column once written by the now late publisher David Eller.

Mr. Eller was a unique gentleman who loved to talk about his youth growing up in Deerfield Beach. His favorite memories were of his family who settled here in Deerfield Beach and first lived in tents along the riverbank.

He talked about this very property that Century Village

is built on and told me that it had once been a dairy that supplied milk, but, when the need for more production became necessary, they moved it further up north and put the property up for sale.

He told me that he played baseball with one of the owner's children and actually produced a picture with the two of them. He said that everyone thought the N.Y. Yankees baseball team might buy the property for spring practice, but decided to move elsewhere. The property then became Century Village, a metropolis of 8,500 apartments, which the local residents were not very happy about.

He also spoke about his travels to Africa and had many trophies to prove it.

He talked about the local residents, and his family hired many of them, but on the condition that they would get an education. His father was the first police chief to hire a black policeman.

Much of what he told me can be found in the Historical Society records. He loved his city and the people and, when he passed away a couple of years ago, a very bright light went out.

For 14 years, it has been my privilege to write about Century Village. The paper was delivered to all high rise buildings and there were

several green boxes in various places where the garden apartments could pick one up. I wrote about the politics of the village, the good things and the bad things. I gave praise where praise was due. I wrote about many of our residents and fought for the handicapped. Sometimes, I even snooped around and gave the readers some good news that hadn't been announced.

And now it is time to thank everyone who helped me and encouraged me and wish them well.

Editors came and went, but the Vice President, Jim Lusk, remained through sickness and health. He was the glue that held this all together. A

final thank you to Rachel, Franki and Denae, who are at the office when I come in, because you are the top dogs. Good luck to all and, despite this, have a very happy holiday.

[*The Observer's* last issue will be next week].

Kathy Richards is a resident of Century Village (CVE). *The Observer*, this column, and the author of the column are in no way affiliated with, endorsed by, or work in collaboration with COOCVE, CVEMM or *The CVE Reporter*.

Pompano cheerleaders earn participation awards

By Gary Curreri

Alicia Solon is in her fourth year as a cheerleader for the Pompano Eagles team that cheers in the American Youth Football League.

Solon, 13, of Pompano Beach, was one of an estimated 800 cheerleaders who competed in the recent American Youth Football League Cheerleading Championships (AYFLC) at the Watsco Center at the University of Miami. The two Pompano Eagles teams — 9U and the Junior Prep teams, each scored participation awards.

"You have fun while you do it," said Solon, a member of the Junior Prep squad. "Competitions like this help me improve. You have to have a lot of trust in each other and we build that through practice every day.

"I love cheerleading be-

cause I get to show what I can do," Solon added. "It gives me a lot of energy."

Solon, who said she'd like to cheer in high school and maybe in college too, also said she'd like to prove the doubters wrong who say cheerleading is not a sport.

"It is a sport because we work hard, just as hard as the football players," said Solon, an 8th grader at William Dandy Middle School in Ft. Lauderdale. "We have to lift each other up and that is a weight."

Pompano Eagles cheerleading coach Sharique McDonald brought two squads to the competition.

"The girls keep me on my toes every day," McDonald said. "Every day, I learn something new from their little generation. I have to try and keep up just to stay in tune

with them, but they keep me on my toes all of the time."

She appreciates the daily improvement and dedication with the squads.

"That is like the best feeling ever," McDonald said. "One of my girls has been cheering with me since she was 9 and couldn't speak English when she first started. That was her first time cheering and, each year, she has excelled and pushes herself. They listen to my directions, and you can see they want it. The girls are what matters to me."

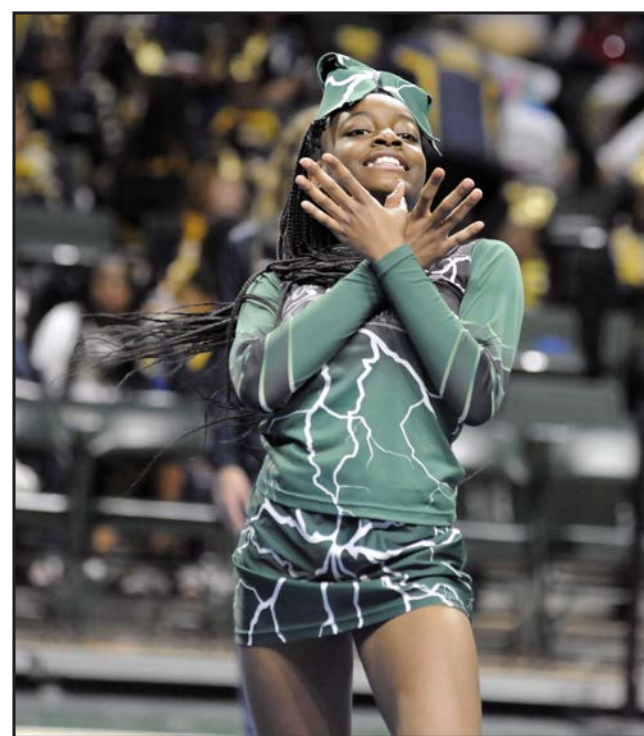
McDonald also said there is a lot of focus that goes into the sport.

"You have to have a lot of discipline, and you can't give up on yourself because you are going to take it to a whole new level with the stunting and tumbling, and your body is literally breaking down,"

she noted. "You get bruised at practice and girls hit the ground hard and they get right back up and say, 'I am going to do this.' You can't top that. The football players can't top that and they have equipment."

Pompano Beach's Selena Sanchez, 6, who is a 1st grader at Pompano Beach Elementary School, received the prestigious Lisa Gager Spirit Award from the AYFLC. Gager was with the Sunrise program and passed away a little more than a decade ago, and the award was started in her memory for what she did in the cheerleading community.

"It is my first year as a cheerleader," Sanchez said. "I like when we jump so high. And when we cheer at a football game, I like when people say we are good."



Alicia Solon, a member of the Pompano Beach Eagles Junior Prep Division Team, competes in the American Youth Football League Cheerleading Championships at the Watsco Center at the University of Miami. Photo by Gary Curreri

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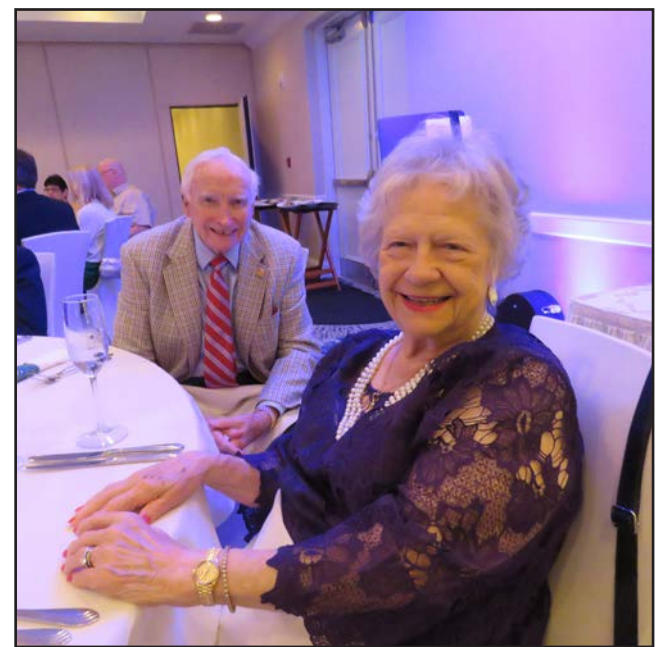
By Rachel Galvin

On Dec. 11, the Rotary Club held its annual holiday event for members and guests at The Wyndham Deerfield Beach Resort. Dinner included a delicious salad, a choice of a succulent NY Steak or macadamia nut encrusted grouper followed by Key Lime cheesecake. Champagne and other drinks were available too. Santa (Stan Roever) & Mrs. Claus (Judy Mudd) arrived

after guests participated in a sing-a-long orchestrated by Larry Reynolds, who is a member but also proficient on the guitar. The Claus' helper handed out numbers to everyone and there was a drawing of numbers at the end to determine who received special prizes. Santa gave all good Rotarians a goody from his sack as well. It was a wonderful way to ring in the holiday season.



Rotary president Kirsten Charlson with daughter Katie Truesdell.



George and Miriam Patterson enjoyed the evening.



(Above) Beth & John Diprato bookend former commissioner Joe Miller & his wife Carolyn.

(Left) Santa & Mrs. Claus brought a few reindeer to the Rotary holiday party this year.

Happy Holidays Deerfield Beach!

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As District 1 City Commissioner, I want to personally thank the Eller family for continuing The Observer.

I looked forward to my weekly edition and will miss The Observer greatly.

— Mike Hudak

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Holiday Boat Parade



By Nicole McDermott
The Greater Pompano Beach, Margate and Lighthouse Point Chamber of Commerce was honored to present the 57th Annual Holiday Parade presented by Joey Accardi Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram Subaru. Sixty decorated boats kicked off the holiday season floating up the Intercoastal on Friday, Dec. 13.

This year's Grand Marshal was Broward Special Olympics, with several athletes participating in the parade.

Voting for fan favorite is open on the Greater Pompano Beach & Lighthouse Point Holiday Boat Parade Facebook page.



Boats from afar photos by Tim Hinson.



"My Toy" boat dressed as a swordfish.



Broward Special Olympics was the Grand Marshal this year. Pictured: Ryan Ruch, manager – Sports Training and Competition, Special Olympics Florida - Broward County, with athletes Lee Scharf, Cameron Clark, Greater Pompano Beach Holiday Boat Parade Chair Rhonda Bunker and athlete Michelle Canazaro at the Captain's Briefing on Dec. 11.

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By “Cinema” Dave
<http://cinemadave.livejournal.com>

“Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” **1 Corinthians 13: 6-7**

When I accepted the plaque for 20 years of service with *The Observer*, I admitted that “Flicks” has been a labor of love for me. I also became aware that I would not be writing this column for another 20 years. Like Dwyane Wade’s final year with the Miami Heat, I was hoping to have **#OneLastDance**.

This columnist came to the revelation that the world had changed more than I have. (Case in point — does anyone know what the word “Flicks” means?) I am still the shy 10-year-old Davy from Huntington, Long Island, who

moved to Deerfield Beach with his parents and Chrissy the dog in 1973. I live with chronic grief over the loss of my dad and my dog, yet I am sustained in my Christian belief that real love is eternal. We will meet again for a grand family reunion with my New York and Alabama families and dearly departed friends that I have written about in this column.

With decades of show business training, I am comfortable when the spotlight is thrust upon me. Actually, I am a private person and not emotionally demonstrative. I like having the separation from shy Dave Montalbano to

Cinema Dave — that “swashbuckling journalist and information scientist.” The meek Montalbano is a working man with a deep love for his family, friends and pets, while Cinema Dave attends premiers, festivals and gets his picture taken with movie stars, music legends and American heroes.

Since 1999, our community has survived wars, rumors of wars, the 2000 Presidential Election, multiple hurricanes (with Hurricane Wilma being the most devastating), political corruption, shootings and my personal battles with a pesky puppet — Sinister Simon.

See Flicks, pg. 13



Santa Claus meets “Cinema” Dave.

Hearts of Hope for Hope Town

The art club students at Deerfield Beach Elementary School (DBES) are well on their way to achieving their goal, which is raising \$1,000, for the Hope Town Primary School in Abaco, Bahamas, which was destroyed by Hurricane Dorian.



they have, that they have a voice and, through their art, they can and will make a difference,” said Devine Clark, who added, “Over the years, we have given money to schools to rebuild their art program and buy much needed art supplies so their students can get back to creat-

Each year, since 2005, when Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, the students have participated in “Projects with a Purpose” spearheaded by their art teacher SuzAnne Devine Clark. The students create art, usually small clay pendants, raise donations by selling them and give the money to a worthy cause.

catastrophic.

“There are many students and staff who have friends and family in the Bahamas, and immediately we knew we needed to help and that is how this year’s Project with a Purpose began,” said Devine Clark.

Over the years, they have raised money for organizations such as the Believe in Tomorrow Children’s Foundation, Food For the Poor, The United Way and numerous schools that have been destroyed by hurricanes in Haiti, New Jersey, South Carolina, the Florida Panhandle, the Florida Keys and, most recently, the Abacos in the Bahamas.

Dollars for Dorian- Hearts of Hope for Hope Town was underway. The art club students began making small heart necklaces and ornaments with the design of the Bahamian flag cut out using heart shaped cookie cutters. They glazed them with the colors of the Bahamian flag. The turquoise blue striped color on the top symbolizes the sky, the yellow strip in the middle symbolizes the shining sun, the blue strip at the bottom symbolizes the ocean and the black triangle represents the people.

When Hurricane Dorian ravaged the Bahamas and stalled over the Abacos for two days as a Category 5, the effects it left were

“It is important for me to teach my students the power

ing masterpieces as soon as possible. We know the importance the arts have on children, especially after a traumatic experience. We have seen the positive effect visual arts has on social emotional learning and how teaching our students empathy, kindness and citizenship is vital to raising students with positive character traits. We all have the power to help another person, and it has become my mission to have my art students use their creative power to help others.”

If you would like to purchase a heart pendant or ornament to benefit the Hope Town Primary School, please contact SuzAnne Devine Clark at devine-clark@browardschools.com. The art club students are selling the hearts for \$5 each.

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Bella Rose CBD grand opening

By Diane Emeott

More than 25 people arrived at Bella Rose CBD on Friday night, Dec. 6 by 6:15 p.m. to celebrate the Grand Opening of this new shop in The Cove Shopping Center in Deerfield Beach. The cocktail party event, featuring wine, cheese and crackers, and cookies and brownies, continued until 8 p.m. with additional people arriving throughout the evening.

The shop had been open for about three weeks, after meeting stringent requirements to do business in the City of Deerfield Beach.

“For every product we sell, we had to produce a certificate of analysis. It took a long time, months [to get the approvals],” said owner Joel Bartels, who co-owns the shop with his wife Tracy. He said their inspiration for opening an all-hemp and CBD product shop was “a lot of people we know are suffering with rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn’s disease and Cancer. We want to help

people get better without any side effects.”

He said this is the first business like this that he has owned. Previously, Bartels ran a furniture store in Boca Raton called Past Perfect, which he sold in 2005.

Products offered at Bella Rose include CBD oil, edible gummies, creams, tinctures (held under the tongue) and capsules. The CBD can be put in food or in soap. Some people drink it in tea using the water-soluble product, which can be put in any drink — except alcohol. The full spectrum of products they offer contain .3 percent THC, the legal limit allowed by law in all 50 states.

No medical marijuana prescription is required to purchase and take these products, or send them through the mail, said Bartels. However, as another service offered by the shop, they will be bringing on board a doctor to do examinations for a medical



Grand opening crowd on Friday night, Dec. 6.

marijuana card. Dr. Dana Dameron, D.O. (Doctor of Osteopathy), a Nova Southeastern graduate, will take appointments on Thursdays. Customers are encouraged to set up an appointment to see the doctor.

Helping customers

The night of the Grand Opening, owner Joel Bartels and vendor Max Surprenant were helping customer Wilton Cassibry, 25, find the right product for his back pain. Cassibry said he had fractured a C-1 vertebra that initially

caused neck pain. Because of the past injury, he now has back stress, he said.

While Cassibry was looking for some type of a balm, the experts recommended hemp seed oil or a soluble to be dissolved in a drink (not alcohol).

Bella Rose, located at 1644

SE 3 Ct., in Deerfield Beach, is open Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and closed on Sunday. For more information, call 954-708-2224 or visit www.BellaRoseCBD.com.



Owner Joel Bartels (L) and vendor Max Surprenant (C) help customer Wilton Cassibry (R) find a product to help his back pain.



Girls Olivia Wojtecki (L), Brenna Vicente (C) and Kendall Bartels (R) attend Bella Rose CBD Grand Opening.



Bella Rose CBD decorates for Christmas in The Cove Shopping Center.



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Through Their Eyes exhibition

Thursday, Dec. 19, 4 to 7 p.m.
Historic Ali Cultural Arts Center
353 Martin Luther King Blvd.
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Pompano Beach's young artists submitted artwork that reflects their view of the world through their eyes. Artwork was submitted in digital form, and staff provided assistance to those that needed help in digitizing their artwork. The public is invited to this free reception to see the artwork.

Marine Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 19, 6 p.m.
City Hall
150 NE 2 Ave.

Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Deerfield Beach's mayor and city commission created the Marine Advisory Board and tasked its members with identifying programs, regulations and actions to encourage a healthy, and friendly, marine environment for the city's residents and visitors. The Board will make recommendations to the mayor and city commission. *For further information, please contact the city's staff liaison to the Board, Patrick Bardes, at pbardes@dfb.city.*

Food Truck Round Up

Friday, Dec. 20, 6 to 10 p.m.
Pompano's Old Town
41 NE 1 St.

Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Come out on the third Friday of every month, right at the corner of Atlantic Blvd. & Dixie Hwy. Enjoy great Food Truck dining, full bar, live entertainment and so much more! *For questions about how to become a vendor, please e-mail info@gourmettruckexpo.com.*

Holiday Family Day

Saturday, Dec. 21, 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Sample-McDougald House
450 NE 10 St.

Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Miss Christmas Joy reads *Twas the Night Before Christmas* with activities and gifts for the children. Free for children under the age of 12.

Pompano Green Market

Saturday, Dec. 21, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
41 NE 1 St.

Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Presented by the Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) every Saturday in November through April, located on the corner of Atlantic Boulevard & Dixie Highway (Old Town Pompano). Providing the best and freshest local fruits and vegetables, juices, baked goods, seafood, gourmet teas, and coffees and other food items, as well as orchids, plants and health-related products and services from local businesses. Come out, shop and experience all the market has to offer, such as free yoga from 10 to 11 a.m., live music, special events, cooking demonstrations and workshops. *Vendor Inquiries: greenmarketpompanobeach@gmail.com.*

Vintage Fair

Sat, Dec. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Festival Marketplace
2900 W. Sample Rd.

Pompano Beach, FL 33073

Many vendors with great vintage items, handcrafted items, re-purposed and salvage. Look for the big tent on the corner of Sample Road and 27 Avenue in the Festival Marketplace parking lot. Free entry for customers. A rain or shine event.

Gold Star Annual Toy Drive

Sunday, Dec. 22, 3 to 6 p.m.
American Legion Hall
820 SE 8 Ave.

Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Food, games, toy giveaway and bounce house. *For more information, call Stan Coven at 954-263-7100 or Robert Graham at 754-367-2520.*

Winter Wonderland Toddler Time

Sunday, Dec. 22, 9:30 a.m.
Sky Zone
1834 SW 2 St.

Pompano Beach, FL 33069

Kids walking to age 5 can jump for 90 minutes, give Woody and Buzz Lightyear letters for delivery to Santa, enjoy sugar cookies and chocolate milk, create holiday crafts and get temporary tattoos! Parents do not need to purchase a ticket as only kids 5 & under will be permitted to jump at that

time. \$11.99 per toddler. Price does not include SkySocks, which must be worn and can be purchased for \$2.99 per pair. Capacity is limited.

Movies in the Park — The Grinch

Friday, Dec. 27, 7 p.m.
Community Park/Multi-Purpose Field
1700 NE 8 St.

Pompano Beach, FL 33060

The City of Pompano Beach Parks & Recreation Dept. invites you to the first ever Movies in the Park. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and come enjoy a featured presentation at the park under the stars on the fourth Friday of every month at Community Park. This is a free, family – friendly event. *For more information, call 954-786-4111.*

Save the Date:

Heavenly Orchids

Monday, Jan. 13, 12:30 p.m.
Emma Lou Olson Civic Center
1801 NE 6 St.

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Free photos with Santa

Get your free photo with Santa at the Pompano City Centre, located at 1955 N. Federal Hwy. Bring your camera and get ready to feel festive. Santa will be there Thursday, Dec. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., as well as Friday, Dec. 20 to Monday, Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and even Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Some 411 respondents to a month-long survey of residents and Sullivan Park users revealed that "Community Center" and "Park Entryway/Open Green Space" were the uses people most wanted to see. Some responded online, others via tablet interviews at Sullivan Park.

In other CRA business:

Undergrounding of wires — A feasibility report for installing underground lighting along the S-Curve, from Bru's Room at North Ocean Drive and NE 1 Street, extending north through the S-Curve along A1A and NE 4 Court was made by Bill Barbero of Carnahan, Proctor & Cross (CPC).

Bollards — A prototype for a new beach lighting bollard that is sea turtle friendly was to arrive at CRA offices the week after the CRA meeting. According to Capital Projects Manager Mark DiMascio, the bollards, which would be amber in season and white out of season, are supplied by a multi-billion-dollar company that distributes nationwide, so there are no worries about a mom and pop supplier going out of business, as in the past.

Priorities — In asking the Board to prioritize projects, Mory advised that the undergrounding project was probably going to be a little bit faster than developing Sullivan Park Design Alternative 2. She said they could move forward with both projects and make a business decision

at a future meeting regarding which one to fund first.

The next Deerfield CRA meeting is slated for Monday, Jan. 13, 2020.

Audits

A special commission meeting was also called at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 10, before the CRA meeting, to approve a new five-year contract with Marcum LLP, with an option to renew for an additional year after that.

Marcum, which has audited the city's financials for the past five years, was represented by Manager Brandon Lopez. Also attending the meeting were Brett Friedman of RSM and Enrique Lierema of CFLG in Miami, which is expanding its business northward after opening an office in Boca Raton. The three firms were each asked a question by Vice Mayor Todd Drosky, who sat on the Audit Committee. He and two other colleagues ranked the firms, with Marcum ranking highest.

In a separate matter involving audits at the end of the Dec. 3 commission meeting, City Manager David Santucci said he would be attending a Dec. 12 Joint Legislative Auditing Committee (JLAC) meeting where they would be discussing the possibility of a forensic audit for Deerfield. This goes back to Mayor Bill Ganz' issues with then City

Manager Burgess Hanson regarding Barwis' use of city fields allegedly without a formal contract, a reported lack of renewal of Level 2 background checks, and questions about COLA and Longevity pay, with Hanson resigning. Assistant City Manager Kara Petty resigned a few weeks later. CFO Hugh Dunkley has also since left the city.

The next Deerfield Commission meeting is slated for Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020.

Hillsboro sand

On Dec. 11, the City of Deerfield Beach and Town of Hillsboro Beach were slated to have a calendar call before Broward Circuit Court Judge David Haines to set a date in the New Year for trial. A joint motion has been filed to go to trial over beach renourishment issues involving the two municipalities. Lead legal counsel for Deerfield Beach is Attorney Jamie Cole of Weiss Sorota Helfman Cole & Bierman. Deerfield's City Attorney is Anthony Soroka, also of Weiss Sorota. For Hillsboro Beach, Tim Perry (and previously Ken Oertel) of Oertel, Fernandez, Bryant & Atkinson and Cindy Laquidara of Ackerman, LLP, are lead counsel. Hillsboro's Town Attorney is D.J. Doody of Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A.

As of press time, Deerfield



BSFR District Fire Chief Matt Pellitteri (L) recognizes James Hall (5th from L) with commission.

Beach's motion for summary judgment is scheduled for hearing on Jan. 29, 2020. There is a Case Management Conference scheduled for the same day to set the trial date.

Presentations

The following presentations were made at the Dec. 3 Deerfield Commission meeting:

- Dodie Keith-Lazowick of KEITH (& Associates) was recognized by CRA /Economic Development Director Kris Mory and Mayor Ganz for generous donations to Deerfield Beach Elementary School (See picture, pg. 1). Keith said she heard from her sister, Deerfield resident Celeste Willard, that some of the kids were unable to afford a school lunch. She took it upon herself to reach out to Deerfield Beach Elementary School Principal Drew Gerlach to see what she could do to help kids in need.

Principal Gerlach directed

Dodie's donation to the "Student Recognition Program" — to reward and motivate students to do their best via special awards and other motivational methods. Keith has also contributed to a makeover of the school Butterfly Garden as part of the upcoming "Apple Day of Service" planned for early next year.

- Firefighter James Hall was recognized as BSFR Employee of the Month by District Battalion Chief Matt Pellitteri (pictured above). About eight years ago, Hall befriended a group of military veterans who visit Deerfield's beach daily. Hall has sat with them and appreciated all of them for their service. For the past three years, at Beach Fire Station No. 75, he makes them breakfast every Veterans Day. He does this kind act at his own expense! They all have become good friends and will continue this practice. Hall is a great humanitarian for this act, said Pellitteri.



BSO Deputies of the Month are recognized by Captain Rodney Brimlow (R) and Mayor Bill Ganz (2nd from R).



Clergy Corner

By Pastor Tommy Boland

Listen to Linus

As a little boy growing up, and still to this day as a husband and father of four, of all the television specials that have aired during the Christmas season, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* is my favorite. When I was a boy, my mom and I would search the *TV Guide* (younger readers may be surprised to learn that one actually had to consult a magazine or newspaper to see what would be on TV) to see when the Christmas special would air so we would not miss it. Today, we just pop in the DVD and watch it anytime we want . . . frequently during the Christmas season.

Even when this program first aired in 1965, our culture was consumed by materialism, even during the Christmas season, causing Charlie Brown to be deeply concerned that the Christmas season had been separated from the Christmas "reason." From his sister Sally's letter to Santa (requesting "\$10s and \$20s"

if her Christmas wish list was too complicated), to Snoopy entering his garishly decorated dog house in a Christmas decorating contest, commercialism was edging the Christ out of Christmas. Charlie Brown's disillusionment hit rock bottom when Lucy and the cast of the Christmas play sent Charlie Brown out to get "the biggest and shiniest aluminum Christmas tree you can get" as the centerpiece for their presentation.

The segment of the show that always caught my attention — and this was decades before I became a Christian — was when Linus responded to Charlie Brown's despairing question: "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?" Linus' words were taken directly from the King James Version of sacred Scripture:

And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

(Luke 2:8-14 KJV)

And with that being said, Linus picked up his blanket and shuffled off the stage, stopping by his friend to say, "That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown." Linus said it all! That is what Christmas is all about: the Christ Child, the only true reason for the season, the greatest gift the world has ever been given. And this precious gift is available to all those who will but place their trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in

him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Early on in my Christian walk, I was instructed to *personalize the Scriptures*. Here is how you apply this instruction to **John 3:16**. When you come to the word "world," insert your name: *For God so loved . . . you!* Think about it this way. God so loved you that He sent His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, into this world to die for your sins so that He could have an intimate, personal and loving relationship with you for all eternity. That's right, with you!

Jesus was like no other child ever born into this world. He was supernaturally conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary, as **Isaiah 7:14** promised: *The Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.* This would be "the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes" that Linus spoke of — a babe that was God clothed in human flesh.

Jesus, that little baby in the manger, was born to die. That manger, which is so much a symbol of Christmas, always stood in the shadow of the cross, where God's justice would be fully satisfied by God's only Son.

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Obituaries

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BUCARIA, Dorothy, 93, Dec. 8. Kraeer Funeral Home.

HONEYMAN, Edward, 65, Dec. 11. Broward Burial and Cremation of Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

KEBBA, Anne, 97, Dec. 10. Kraeer Funeral Home.

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GESTRO, Guillermo, 78, Dec. 15. Kraeer Funeral Home.

GORENSTEIN, Melvin, 90, Dec. 16. Star of David Memorial.

LARAR, Josie, 82, Dec. 13. Star of David Memorial.

LIPOFF, Beatrice, 94, Dec. 11. Star of David Memorial.

RERECICH, Genevieve, 88, Dec. 15. Kraeer Funeral Home.



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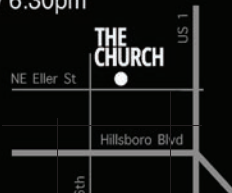
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LHP

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After the presentation about the Bond, Public Works Director Chuck Schramm asked commissioners to waive the bid process and approve the purchase of two Ford F-250 pickup trucks using the Florida Sheriff's Association statewide purchasing contract. He declared one public works vehicle as surplus property. Commissioners unanimously approved Schramm's request.

Parks & Recreation Director Becky Lysengen asked for commission approval for a resolution approving a grant agreement between the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Lighthouse

Point for the renovation work at Dan Witt Park. Lysengen noted that the grant being requested was a matching grant. Commissioners unanimously approved Lysengen's request.

Commissioners then approved a resolution appointing **Cori Olympio as the new Finance Director** for the city. Olympio had replaced former Director Frank DiPaolo. Mayor Troast congratulated Olympio on her appointment and said that he, and other commissioners, had been seeking someone who had a CPA background just like DiPaolo's. Other commissioners congratulated Olympio and the resolution was passed unanimously.

At the end of the meeting, residents had some comments

about hedge heights and code enforcement within the neighborhoods and asked the commission to look into some of these issues. Commissioners thanked city staff for the great job they had done with the recent holiday celebration, Lighthouse A'Glow.

Commissioners also spoke of the **upcoming meeting** on Jan. 14 and asked that it be held earlier so that most of the commission could attend the Taste of Lighthouse Point. They made a motion to cancel the 6:30 p.m. meeting on Jan. 14 and then made a motion to schedule a meeting for 5 p.m. on Jan. 14. It passed unanimously.

As it was the last meeting of the year for the City of Lighthouse Point, the commissioners wished everyone a happy Christmas and a very happy 2020.

Hillsboro

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The land could give the Town some public access to the beach, but that had to be worked out during the process. She said that the Town was considering how to do fire rescue services but that probably was not on the table at this time.

Rep. Chip LaMarca spoke briefly at the meeting before the residents did, and said that he wanted to offer his own support in the process, and that the Town might be able to rely on the state, but it might take a long time to get some help from the Federal government. LaMarca also said that the residents would pay for most of the costs themselves to keep the beach pristine, and he agreed that the Town could get an access point for public beach access.

Serda got into some particulars about how the process could take place and said that the price tag for the property at this time was about \$13 million dollars, down from \$16 million dollars. If the commission was able to come up with the funding, he said, that would take the land off the market and put it into the Town's hands for their use. Serda said that the entire process would take about nine months to a year. Serda also said that the Bond Counsel and the Finance Director were present to offer insight into the process.

Finance Director Stephen Bloom also weighed in on the purchase at the meeting. Bloom spoke about the costs on the property, and how it would cost with ad valorem and non ad valorem property

taxes. He talked about the possibility of a special assessment on residents, a process which had taken place in the past and could take place over 30 years, saying it would not be a large assessment to residents.

Town Attorney DJ Doody said that the Town had the ability to cancel the consideration of the property on or before Sept. 30 of next year, due to the due diligence part of the contract which gave the town leeway to examine the property. If the property was not up to the Town's standards or other issues came out, the Town could back out of the process.

Bond Counsel Mark Raymond said that the Town would need to adopt the wording for a General Obligation Bond very soon if they decided to put the item on the March 2020 ballot. He also spoke about the special assessment language that could be considered by the commission, which was similar to what was put before residents in 2009. Raymond also noted that the Town residents would be noticed about the special assessment language, and there would not be anything placed on the ballot in March if the Town decided to do that.

After the commission and staff spoke, residents gave their input. Residents raised a number of concerns about the possible land purchase. Many were worried about how it would impact the pristine beach and community they had come to know and love. Some said they were worried about the possible sale of a part of the land and what kind

of residences would be on it. They also were worried that opening public access would change the character of the community. Some thought the process was being rushed and wanted the Town to take more time considering the process. Others worried about the cost of the sand to be put on the beach.

After some further discussion, commissioners took a vote and decided to pull the item about the General Obligation Bond and simply put a special assessment before residents. The vote passed unanimously. Commissioners said they would give staff direction on how to prepare the special assessment.

They also unanimously approved a resolution related to the environmental monitoring of the property, which would give them time to examine any issues associated with it. The resolution would give the commission another way to make sure the property was a good deal for the Town.

Mayor Tarrant asked the Town attorney if the commission could consider wording related to recreational marijuana. Doody said that item was going to be before the legislature during the next legislative session and the state would have oversight on something like that, not the local communities.

Tarrant thanked everyone for their input that day, and said she looked forward to the next year and working on the issues with residents. Tarrant also praised everyone for dealing with the hard issues in front of the Town in recent months, including the water and sewer project and others.

"The commission has stepped up to the plate on tough calls," said Tarrant.

This was the last meeting of the 2019 year.

Flicks

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This column is older than actress Bailee Madison, Dwayne Wade's NBA career and the Marvel Comic's "The Infinity Wars Saga."

Considering that major media have hired syndicated columnists from either New York, Chicago or Los Angeles for over a decade, I am proud to have claimed the title "the longest standing film columnist in Broward County." My intention was to write a film column that was not uppity or snarky, unless I thought my column was Saturday matinee popcorn eating fun.

Then, I would report on a film and let the ticket buyer decide the value of seeing the movie. After all, some people love Madonna and some people love a King Kong movie. Both are entitled to their opinions.

This column has outlasted Blockbuster Video and Border's Bookstore. It seems appropriate that a column titled "Flicks" closes in 2019. People do not go to movie theaters the way they did in 1999. Yet, I am thankful this year to share the communal experience watching *Captain America* battling the Mad Titan Thanos at the Ft. Lauderdale Museum of Discov-

ery & Science Autonation IMAX screen — A battle reminiscent of David versus Goliath, a mythic story that is close to this writer's heart.

At my age, my heart is a current concern. Given the sedentary lifestyle of being a swashbuckling journalist and information scientist, my medical doctors have prescribed more walking and swimming, which I will be doing in my free time, since I will not be writing a weekly column. After next week, "Cinema" Dave has no plans for public publishing, but I have learned by writing "Flicks" that writing is my innate talent, so, given my Christian belief and faith, my writing has been "born again." It seems appropriate to end my penultimate column with Merry Christmas!

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Thomas

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than that for people without resources and without hope. It will make for a Christmas that is not only merrier for the

giver and receiver, but it will truly be a gift that keeps on giving for perhaps generations to come.

(This year marks Cal Thomas' 35th year as a syndicated columnist. Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaeditors@tribpub.com. ©2019 Tribune Content Agency, LLC.)

Linus

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Throughout the month of December, I pray that you and yours will listen to Linus and have a very merry, Christ-centered, hope-filled Christmas season. Perhaps you will take some time to share this glorious gift of hope with someone who does not yet know the real reason for this Christmas season. You will not be sharing a cleverly invented story, like the ones created by Dickens or Dr. Seuss, as charming as they are; you

will be declaring the irrefutable truth of the good news of the birth of Christ, the one that Linus initially shared with an



estimated 15 million families on that night in 1965, and to hundreds of millions more in all the years since.

That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.* That's what Christmas is all about: that God so loved you.

From the Boland family to yours: We wish you a very merry, Christ-filled Christmas!

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- 01 Sean O'Dell represented a client who was initially offered \$8,327.21 for damages due to Hurricane Irma. After a review of the facts and calling in a roofing architect, Sean was able to secure a settlement of \$85,000.00.
- 02 Lou DePrima was referred to an exclusive boutique Key Largo resort damaged by Hurricane Irma. The resort had been completely remodeled less than two years prior including new metal roofs on all of the buildings. The insurance company had sent out an adjuster who estimated the claim damage at \$40,000 which was below the deductible. Lou proved the interior damage to the interior and openings in the roofs. The carrier increased their offer which was still not enough to cover damages. After a 6 hour mediation, the claim was settled for over 1/2 million dollars for damages only.
- 03 Jude Amilcar represented a home in Royal Palm where a A/C leak flooded the house, a large insurance company paid our client \$3,200 the claim settled \$55,000 new money.
- 04 A Parkland client tried to file their insurance claim on their own but was only paid roughly \$1,400.00 due to the damage sustained by Hurricane Irma. Once Mike Carr represented & re-opened the claim he was able to recover an additional 1.2 million dollars for the entire claim. The insured was able to replace their roof and the interior damages to the dwelling. They were more than satisfied with the results and now this insurance company on all represented claims recognizes Horizon's power due to the large dollar amount that was paid for the homeowners settlement.
- 05 Jude Amilcar represented a home in Fort Lauderdale where a fire caused severe damage. A large insurance company paid our client \$2,500 the claim settled \$299,500 new money.
- 06 Kevin Craig represented a beach-front home in Islamorada, FL which had damage from Hurricane Irma. Citizens Insurance originally paid \$64,748.02, the claim settled at just under \$500,000.00.
- 07 On a home damaged by Hurricane Michael in Panama City, the insurance carrier only wanted to pay \$240,000.00. Maria Martin-Culet was able to get policy limits of \$477,590.00.
- 08 David was called out to a roof leak denial in Parkland Florida in April. The insurance company deemed the damages to be under deductible. The field examiner recorded the date of loss in favor of the carrier and not the insured, and as a result the claim was denied. The insurance company said the roof was 'old age' and not covered due to wear and tear (a very common response they give). In summary after numerous inspections and meetings with licensed engineers, David overturned the decision and recovered \$165,000 for the policyholder to get a full roof replacement, new screen area, fencing, and interior room repairs.
- 09 A homeowner contacted Maria after their insurance paid \$19,000 for damage from Hurricane Michael. She was able to get them an additional \$78,000.
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HURRICANE IRMA CLAIMS

If you have a Hurricane Irma claim and you feel you were under paid, denied or failed to file—
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CORRODED PIPE AND PLUMBING CLAIMS



While there has been a lot of talk about hurricane claims; plumbing claims are significant! As the average age of South Florida homes have increased; so has the possibility of developing a slab leak or corroded drain line back-up. Without basements, plumbing is under the slab and the lines are usually enclosed in a black plastic sleeve to prevent water leaking directly into the ground. When a break occurs in the pipe; the water is forced up the sleeve and usually empties on to the floor of a home a few inches above causing damage to drywall, baseboard and flooring. **THIS IS A COVERED INSURANCE LOSS!**

The other issue today is the corroded drain line which has even been advertised on TV recently as "Class Action Suit" which it really is not; in fact, it's an insurance claim. Rather than delay your claim for a long time through attorneys who may charge you a higher fee; Horizon Public Adjusters can get the same results quickly.

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